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Candidate shares plans for lifelong education

Michael Shepherd
Staff Reporter

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RACE TO THE GOVERNOR’S SEAT

Eliot Cutler, an independent candidate in the 2010 Maine gubernatorial election, believes Maine’s current system of post-secondary education is destined to fail.

“We’re a state of 1.3 million people. We have 14 separate campuses — seven community college campuses and seven university campuses,” said Cutler, a Cape Elizabeth attorney, in a February telephone interview. “The [University of Maine] system and the community college system don’t communicate with each other.”



Cutler

Cutler said the system is undermining itself because many community college credits are non-transferable within the University of Maine System. He said functions and programs in the two systems are being duplicated — a serious problem for a fiscally challenged state.

“We need to merge the systems. They ought to be under the same governing board; they should be under the same executive. They should be much more closely coordinated with [the] K-12 education system in Maine,” Cutler said.

An increase in economic activity is the only way to keep college graduates in Maine, according to Cutler. He said Maine is “the oldest state in the nation and getting older,” and expressed worry for the economic future in Maine if the trend continues.

“You increase the level of economic activity by tearing down the barriers that are keeping it out, and in Maine, right now, we have a cost of living and doing business in this state that is keeping out investment and that has to change,” Cutler said.

Cutler said Maine’s Legislature has been building a wall of costs for decades. He blamed Democrats and Republicans in Augusta for being unable to reverse course.

“When someone looks at Maine as a place to start a business or invest in a business, he or she looks at Maine and sees high cost of electricity, high cost of health insurance [and] high cost of delivering public services. And by the time you add up all of those costs, you end up with a cost structure that makes it very discouraging,” Cutler said. “I want to lower the price of living and doing business in Maine.”

Cutler does not want to close university campuses — an option he considers as a last resort because of community impact in smaller university communities statewide. He does, however, want to rethink the usage of com-

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Budget: Athletics loses \$7M a year

Amount spent on educational instruction drops 6 percent since 1987

By Tyler Francke
Staff Writer

The Educational and General Base Budget reports, which detail the projected annual budget of the University of Maine, reveal the athletic department is

losing millions of dollars annually. Other financial documents indicate the university is spending less of its budget on educational instruction now than it was in previous decades.

In the current fiscal year — which runs July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 —

athletics is projected to cost the university \$7.3 million more than the revenue it brings in.

Athletic Director Blake James said the athletic department is subsidized by the university, but that the projected loss of \$7 million sounded high. James said

he thought the actual loss would be closer to \$5 million.

“We try to generate about half of our own budget,” James said in reference to UMaine athletics. “We generate some-

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On the cutting edge



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Hank Kay digs an axe into a chopping block during this year’s University of Maine all-day Woodmen’s Meet on Saturday. Teammate Raibonne Charles looks on in the background after completing his block of wood.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Students gathered in Balentine Hall on Sunday to make signs for The End of Academic Apathy Protest.

UM plans response to APPWG report

By William P. Davis
Editor in Chief

Students and faculty have been organizing their response in preparation for today’s public information forum on the recently released proposal for restructuring the university’s academic offerings.

The Academic Program Prioritization Working Group’s in-

terim report suggests eliminating 16 majors — though not necessarily eliminating the classes associated with them — and 80 faculty to save more than \$12 million between 2011 and 2014.

The End of Academic Apathy Protest, as the event is called, was started on Facebook by second-year romance languages student Kalie Hess to encourage students to attend the forum.

“Initially, I wanted people to show up,” Hess said. Then, the Facebook event swelled to more than 400 confirmed attendees in just three days.

Sunday, Hess and others made roughly a dozen signs. Hess said she plans to have picketers outside the Wells Conference Center, where the forum will be

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Health care bill includes student loan overhaul

By Mario Moretto
News Editor

Buried in the health care reconciliation package passed by Congress on Thursday was another far-reaching overhaul of the federal student loan system.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act “eliminated the middlemen of student lending,” said Mark Brewer, professor of political science at the University of Maine. “Virtually all federally guaranteed student loans would be provided directly by the federal government.”

The system of student loans that has been in place for years has had the federal government guarantee against default of student loans issued by third-party banks.

Under the system passed last week, the Department of Education’s Federal Direct Loan program will originate all new student loans starting next year. Third-party banks

will still be retained by the government to service the loans. The bill also allocates \$2.55 billion in federal funding to historically black and minority-serving colleges, as well as \$2 billion to community colleges for job training.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated this shift will save roughly \$61 billion during the next 10 years, \$40 billion of which will be redirected to increasing federal Pell Grants for low-income students. By the 2019-2020 academic year, Pell Grants will have risen from \$5,550 — the current Pell Grant cap — to \$5,900, and will be issued to more students.

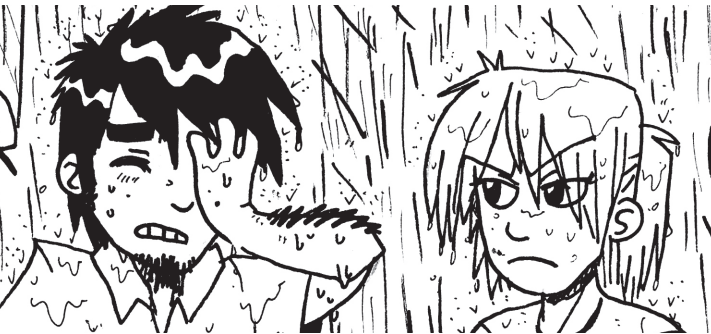
Dean of Students Robert Dana said shifting student loans to the public sector will probably decrease interest rates.

“Any time you can reduce the middleman, it’s all for the better because rates will be

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Community responds to proposed academic cuts



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University budget cuts hit athletics



Rebekah Doherty, Assistant Photo Editor

The Progressive Student Alliance called for environmentally friendly utensils to be used in the University of Maine dining facilities.

Legendary student org disbands

By Michael Shepherd
Staff Reporter

The Progressive Student Alliance, once one of the University of Maine’s most visible political student organizations, officially lost status as a Student Government-recognized organization at a Feb. 23 meeting. The group had nearly 50 members at its peak in February 2004, according to documents provided to The Maine Campus by Vice President of Student Organizations Samantha Shulman. The group’s last annual update, required by Student Government for recognition, was filed on Oct. 27, 2008. The update indicated the group then had 10 members — the minimum number for official recognition.

The group was founded in 2004 by UMaine students Sarah Bigney and Tracy Allen on the principles of encouraging accountable government, young adult participation and political awareness, and progressive ideals, according to a 2004 update.

“PSA could do anything,” said alumnus Jeffrey Hake, former staff writer for The Maine Campus, president of PSA from 2006 to 2007 and a member from 2005 to 2008. “I remember being amazed by the passion about the issues. You could feel it when you walked into the room.”

The group took up a number of causes on campus during its time as an organization, including the push for the 2008 switch by Dining Services to eating utensils and takeout containers made from biodegradable plastics. The group engineered a 2006 campaign to include more Fair Trade coffee — a method of purchasing coffee through which farmers receive more money — on campus.

PSA also organized a month-long boycott in 2005 of the Taco Bell formerly housed in the Memorial Union Marketplace, protesting the food chain parent company’s policies to-

ward the workers’ pay.

“I would suggest they were the most active organization [on campus],” said former UMaine Associate Dean of Students Angel Lored, who advised the group from 2005 to 2009.

When Hake took over as president in 2006, the group had 13 members, down from 29 the previous year. He said that was

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Angel Lored
Former Associate Dean of Students

because of a lack of leadership, the fact that isn’t as progressive as some might think and bureaucracy on the part of university administration.

“It was just a matter of there being too many people in administration. I’m not trying to blame administration for the downfall of PSA, but that was part of it,” Hake said. “There were some lows with leadership, including myself.”

Lored said Hake was a good leader, but PSA was rendered unnecessary by competing groups with specialty issues.

“I think that as the bigger issues developed, they got involved in other things,” Lored said.

Marcienne Scofield, a fourth-year ecology and environmental sciences student and treasurer of the unrecognized organization in fall 2009, agreed. She cited the Student Women’s Association and the Green Team as examples of groups that drew members away from PSA.

“I don’t think there was ever a problem with leadership,” Scofield wrote in an e-mail. “It seems like some people that were inter-

ested in PSA managed to find another more niche group tailored to their interests.”

At the beginning of 2008, Scofield wrote, there were only four members who regularly came to meetings. In 2009, there were two — Scofield and Tyler Keniston, who briefly served as president of the unrecognized organization.

“I think the problem began two years ago when a significant number of the members graduated and there were very few undergraduate students left to continue the group,” wrote Scofield.

If PSA can ever obtain enough interest to secure compliance with student government regulations, they will be starting with \$955.12 of leftover grant money from 2006. Joseph Labonte, UMaine vice president for financial affairs said the original grant was worth \$1,701.29 and was spent to its current balance between 2006 and 2007. Labonte said Student Government must hold the money for PSA as long as it is inactive.

The grant was secured by former PSA treasurer Gabrielle Berube, Labonte said. The origin of the grant is unknown and Berube, former copy editor and writer for The Maine Campus, could not be reached by press time.

The group came together in 2003, Bigney said, as UMaine Students for Howard Dean, the former governor of Vermont and a Democratic presidential candidate in the 2004 primaries.

When Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts beat Dean in the primary, the group decided they wanted to stay together to work on non-partisan issues, according to co-founder Bigney, a 2007 graduate of UMaine.

Bigney said UMaine may be too politically apathetic to support such an organization, but is not alone nationwide.

“It’s a problem lots of colleges are having — lack of skill [with organization], lack of knowledge, apathy,” Bigney said.

Office promotes travel with study abroad fair

By Maddy Glover
Staff Reporter

When University of Maine students consider studying abroad, the Office of International Programs wants their decision to be well informed.

The office holds a fair every semester to “make students aware of the opportunities there are to study abroad,” said graduate intern Andrea West. “It’s also an opportunity for students to get linked to resources.”

The study abroad fair will be held Wednesday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. The Honors College Study Away Symposium will run concurrently across the hall in the FFA Room, and starts at 12:15 p.m. The symposium will feature eight Honors College student speakers presenting their experiences abroad.

“They’ll talk about their personal experiences — whether it be academic, cultural, dealing with language — their experiences living in a community that’s foreign to them,” West said of the peer-oriented presentations.

West and OIP peer advisor Allison Rusk explained how students tend to have misconceptions about studying abroad.

The fair “is an opportunity to dispel some of these myths. The idea is that it is possible to study abroad,” West said. Students tend to have concerns about cost, language proficiency and graduating on time.

Rusk, who studied in England at the University of Reading in 2008, stressed the importance of studying abroad as a form of professional development. She said the workplace is increasingly global in scope and that many employers want workers with foreign language skills and international cultural awareness.

“I definitely recommend going, just because I think there are study abroad options for everyone,” Rusk said. Students who attend the fair “can see it’s possible if you just find out what programs work for you.”

The fair will include representatives from direct exchange programs — where students pay normal tuition and fees to UMaine while paying room and board to the host institution — and other study abroad organizations approved by UMaine.

UMaine senior Clare Jaquith will speak about her year of study in Austria at the symposium.

“Participating in the Salzburg [Austria] Program was great because they are a very established program that cares so much about the students and their welfare,” Jaquith wrote in an e-mail. “My German ability improved tenfold after spending a year immersed in the language.”

West encouraged all students with an interest in studying abroad to attend the fair.

“It will be like ‘information central;’ any questions you have will be answered,” West said.



Patrick Locke for The Maine Campus
Members of the Muslim community gather to worship the mosque in Orono. The Islamic Center of Maine completed renovations at the location in January.

New mosque in Orono brings in larger crowd

By Lauren Fleury
For The Maine Campus

Area Muslim community members wanting to practice their religion previously had to do so in a small modular home on Park Street in Orono. In order to allow room for those who wish to worship, the new Islamic Center of Maine was built. The new center is the first freestanding mosque in the state and was completed in January.

The larger capacity of the building is much more welcoming and people are filtering in from all over the state to attend services.

The first mosque in Orono was built in 1997 and could not accommodate more than 60 people. The new mosque can hold up to 300 people.

“It’s hard to track down all the Muslims in the area, but we’re finding more and more Muslims showing up. The sheer size of the building is even more noticeable,” said Ishmail Warsame, a UMaine graduate student.

The new mosque serves as far more than just a religious center.

“It’s more convenient for the community,” said Amhed Abdelmajeed, director of experiential education at Husson University. “It is also more accommodating for the activities we want to host.”

Activities hosted by the mosque include monthly potlucks and a faith camp for children held during school vacations. Eid prayers happen twice a year to celebrate Ramadan.

The general prayers are held daily at 12:30 p.m. and services for men and women are held evenings at 7:30 p.m.

There are 200 - 250 people regularly attending services in the center, which provides an educational opportunity for those who don’t know much

about the Islamic religion. Jenan Jondy, an active member in the Muslim community, encourages those with questions to come. The center offers Sunday school for children and is the hub of many outreach programs that educate the public about the Islamic faith.

“It’s all about familiarity with your neighbors” Jondy said.

The center offers a number of opportunities for anyone who is interested. Islamic 101 — Islamic lessons for adults — is a program offered by the center and is free of charge.

“I would like people with questions about Islam to come to the source,” Jondy said. “I just like people to stop in the mosque and see what it’s about.”

The Islamic Center of Maine is now a large building of 5,600 square feet, while the old building was approximately 1,700 square feet. The new mosque has many interesting architectural components, including a large dome in the ceiling that increases the resonance of prayers. The carpet’s horizontal stripes help to keep the rows of praying people aligned.

With construction of the building complete, expansion will continue through the coming months. A driveway is still in the planning stages and will be completed by the end of spring. With enough donations, landscaping will be done within the next couple months as well.

Funding for the new mosque came directly from donations from the Muslim community. Various fundraisers have been held, such as community dinners, and individuals have also donated. Plans to build the mosque began about three years ago, and construction began September 2009, and a well-attended open house was held March 6.

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Institute gets claws on research for lobster industry



Courtesy photo
A scuba diver observes a lobster in its natural environment. The Lobster Institute’s goal is to conserve and enhance the lobster industry through research and education.

By Kaileigh Deacon
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine’s Lobster Institute is looking forward to a substantial donation from an Isleboro lobsterman. Joshua Conover bought a new lobster boat and wanted to raffle off his old boat as a creative way to sell it. The goal was to raise \$12,000 for the Lobster Institute by donating 10 percent of the first 100 tickets and complete proceeds from any tickets sold after that. This type of fundraising is considered gambling, so the raffle was stopped and the money raised was returned. Conover is now planning to sell his boat and donate 10 percent of the proceeds to the institute. Authorities did not take legal action against either the institute or Conover and instead told them to stop the raffle.

For 22 years, UMaine has been home to the Lobster Institute. The institute, located at 210 Rogers Hall, was created in 1987 by three organizations — the Maine Lobsterman’s Association, the Maine Import and Export Association, and the Lobster Pound Association — to help create industry rules and generate research on topics of interest and need.

The institute originally only covered Maine but has since expanded to cover from the Long Island Sound up to Newfoundland.

The Lobster Institute is a privately funded organization that gains its operating funds from fundraising events, donations and will bequeathals. The university assists the institute by providing the office space and partial salary support. Research is done at the institute by professors from UMaine and abroad.

“The wonderful thing about working with the university [is that] there’s all this talent just waiting to be used, so we pull them into as many research projects as possible,” said Cathy Billings, associate director for communications and development.

The institute uses a multidisciplinary approach with research in areas including sociology, anthropology, food sciences, and veterinary and animal science. These diverse fields allow the institute to gather information about what is going on in the different aspects of the lobstering industry.

“We act as a liaison between the industry and the university,” Billings said.

Several faculty members from these departments have conducted research beneficial to the institute.

James Acheson, an anthropology professor and board member of the Lobster Institute, is one of the faculty members whose research has benefited it. Acheson helps the Lobster Institute look at the lobstering community’s rules and industry-related legislation. Acheson is presently working

on a National Science Foundation project to find out why the rules and regulations are more effective for lobstering than for the rest of the fishing industry.

Students also take part in the work done at the Lobster Institute. The multidisciplinary approach allows students from a variety of majors to apply their interests to projects. Students working on capstone projects and graduate students use the institute for schoolwork.

The institute and the university have a relationship that allows for mutual benefits. The institute gets to pull from the diversified staff, and the university is home to an institute that plays a key role in the Maine economy.

Bob Bayer, director of the institute, said being associated with UMaine allows the staff to collaborate with university researchers and work on issues they wouldn’t normally get to work on.

The annual Canadian/U.S. Lobstermen’s Town Meeting, hosted by the Lobster Institute, allows lobstermen from up and down the Eastern Seaboard to get together and discuss topics associated with the industry. This year’s event was held March 26 to 27 at the Regency Hotel in Portland.

“The great thing about this event is that it’s [involving] the actual people out there doing the work,” which allows lobstermen to discuss issues related to the industry, Bayer said.

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held, for the entire length of the forum.

She wouldn’t typify the response by students, saying: “It’s affecting a lot of people in different ways, so they’re responding in a lot of different ways.” But, she added, “People are generally very surprised by the cuts the university is trying to make.”

In a APPWG conference folder on the FirstClass e-mail system, community members wrote about their experiences in departments with proposed cuts. Some were faculty who questioned the rationale for cutting majors, such as Tina Passman, an associate professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Classics, who wrote: “What is the economic value of a language? What is the economic value of a culture? What is the economic value of ‘feeling at home’ in the place you inhabit? Perhaps it is much the same as the economic value of clean air and water, of security within your neighborhood, of

knowing you are valued for who you are.”

Others were alumni, sharing why their degree was important to them. Ted Nokes, an alumnus of UMaine and director of bands for MSAD 46 — which includes Dexter — wrote that his son was currently an undergraduate student majoring in music performance.

“I know he will be allowed to finish under the time line for implementation, but the problem reaches into the future. As a band director, I would never recommend to any student that they attend a school for their music education degree if that school did not also offer the opportunity of performance degree,” Nokes wrote.

After the report was released, Beth Wiemann, chair of the music department, sent an e-mail to music students asking them to attend the forum or write to administrators.

“These are still only suggested cuts. But, we do need to argue our case to keep the programs, and make the case compelling,” Wiemann wrote in her e-mail.

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munity college and university campuses.

“There’s a lot we can do with the resources we have that make a lot more sense than what we’re doing,” Cutler said.

Cutler proposed the idea of magnet high schools throughout Maine, such as an agricultural sciences school in potato-rich Aroostook County, a foreign language school in the largely francophone Fort Kent, an economics school in densely populated southern Maine and a marine sciences school in coastal Machias. All magnet schools, the candidate said, could be housed along with university campuses in those areas.

“You [would] begin to open up greater, broader possibilities that make more economic sense and make more educational sense,” Cutler said.

Cutler said his plan for education reform — which also includes free preschool, a transition to merit pay increases for teachers, longer K-12 school days and an integrated “K- through lifetime system” — is his first priority and a proposal he says one would never see from the Democratic Party. Cutler said the leadership of the party is bound to the Maine Education Association and teachers unions.

“They can’t free themselves from what the union wants. Now, you can’t reform public education in the state of Maine unless you free yourself from the obligations to the teachers’ unions,” Cutler said.

Cutler has a long résumé in federal government, though he has never before run for elected office. He started his career as a legislative assistant for former U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, who also served as Maine’s governor and U.S. Secretary of State.

He served under former Democratic president Jimmy Carter as associate director for natural resources, energy and science in

the White House Office of Management and Budget from 1977 to 1980.

“I was the one who basically redirected the investment program in the energy department into alternative technologies — solar, wind and so forth. In 1980 and the early ’80s, a higher percentage of total electricity in the United States was being generated from alternative technologies than it is today,” Cutler said.

A longtime Democrat, Cutler registered as a Republican briefly in 2006 in opposition to Gov. John Baldacci’s performance. He said Baldacci’s approach to state budget issues doesn’t make sense.

“You can’t [balance a budget] by giving, which is what this governor proposed to do in his supplemental budget. The only way you can do it is by a bottom-up evaluation of every program in the state and figuring out what works and what doesn’t work and throwing out what doesn’t work,” Cutler said. “It’s tough work and you piss off a lot of people, but if you’re not willing to break eggs you shouldn’t be governor.”

Cutler switched back to the Democratic Party for a short time in 2008 to vote for Barack Obama in the Democratic primaries. Cutler contributed \$4,500 in separate donations to the Obama campaign, according to OpenSecrets.org, a Web site that monitors monetary donations made to politicians.

Cutler said Democrats and Republicans “are starved for new ideas,” leading to increased reliance on special interest groups. Cutler feels confident in his chances, joking that Nov. 2, the day of the election, will be “Independent’s Day” in Maine.

“I don’t come into this with the obligations and wrapped up in the dogma of the two parties. And I think the two parties have demonstratively failed,” Cutler said. “Look, I have more experience than anybody in this race. In politics, in government, in business. It’s not as though I’m a neophyte.”

Dryer sparks small fire in Memorial Gym



Justin Fisk for The Maine Campus
The Orono and Old Town fire departments responded to a fire in Memorial Gym on Friday afternoon.

Staff Report

A section of Long Road was temporarily blocked off by emergency vehicles Friday, as Orono and Old Town firefighters responded to a fire at Memorial Gym. Six trucks and one ambulance responded to the call. Officer Bill Mitchell, of UMaine Public Safety, and the University Voluntary Ambulance Corps were also on the scene.

After noticing smoke, a

UMaine employee on the scene called 911 and attempted to put out the fire with an extinguisher, according to Lt. Bryan Hardison of the Orono Fire Department. The building’s fire alarms began going off and the building was evacuated within minutes.

“The person on the scene did a great job,” Hardison said. The employee’s name was unavailable as of press time.

By the time firefighters arrived at the scene, several rooms at the gym were full of smoke,

but the fire was mostly out. Two Orono firefighters climbed to the roof of the gym to examine the vents and make sure the fire hadn’t spread.

“The fire could easily have gotten into the walls and crawl spaces,” Hardison said. “They had to check out the roof for a precautionary measure.”

Although the fire was small, Hardison said it is the standard policy of both the Orono and Old Town fire departments to send any available vehicles to

respond to a call for a building the size of the gym. Hardison said if a spark from the fire had gotten into the walls or air ducts, it could have consumed part of the building within 15 minutes.

The conflagration originated in a clothes dryer on the first floor, said Kevin Sirois, an Orono firefighter who was at the scene. The cause was either a mechanical issue or accidental overloading, according to Hardison. No foul play is suspected.

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Missing plates

An owner of a motorcycle parked in front of Boardman Hall on March 25 reported at 6:30 p.m. that his license plate had been stolen. The motorcycle had been parked there from 2-5:45 p.m., and he found the plate missing upon his return. There are currently no suspects.

Took the tools

Police received report of a car burglary in Hilltop Lot at 4 p.m. March 25. A student had parked in the lot at 11 p.m. March 23, and upon his return to the vehicle at noon March 24 found a \$30 wrench set had been stolen from his unlocked tool box in the truck bed. There are currently no suspects.

Open-door policy

A student who had left his or her unlocked car in Hilltop Lot reported a stolen GPS at 3 p.m. March 25. The car had been parked in the lot between March 23 and the time of the report. The Garmin GPS is valued at \$300. There are currently no suspects.

A student whose car was parked in Hilltop Lot reported a vehicle burglary at 2 p.m. March 25. The student had parked their car and left it unlocked at 8:30 p.m. March 24 and returned to it at the time of the report. A BlackBerry, valued at \$450,

was stolen from the car. There are currently no suspects.

A student whose car was parked in Hilltop Lot reported a burglary at 10 p.m. March 23. The student had parked his or her unlocked car in the lot that morning, and found a buck knife, valued at \$10, missing from the console upon return. There are currently no suspects.

Swiped Schwinn

Police received a report of a stolen bike at 6:37 p.m. March 23. The student had locked the bike with a cable lock in the bike rack in front of Gannett Hall between 1 and 6:30 p.m. March 22. The lock appeared to have been pulled apart. The bike is a blue Schwinn Cobalt model and is valued at \$150. There are currently no suspects.

Smelling smoke

A Cumberland Hall resident assistant reported a strong smell of marijuana coming from a first-floor men’s room at 11 p.m. March 23. Officers investigated the room, and although they were unable to find evidence, they noticed a strong odor throughout the room. The subject, a 19 year-old student, was referred to judicial affairs.

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where in the \$5 million range from ticket sales, the athletic store and multimedia. We want to maximize revenue as much as we can.” James added that the amount the athletics department brings in depends on how teams perform in the season.

The budget for fiscal 2010 projected the athletics department would generate about \$4.5 million in revenue, falling far short of its expected \$12.2 million in expenditures. This discrepancy would be covered by revenue in the general university budget, the vast majority of which comes from tuition and state appropriations.

It is common for Division I athletic programs to receive university subsidies, and the amount of these subsidies has grown in recent years, according to a national analysis done by USA Today in January. If the 2010 budget provides an accurate estimate, UMaine is in the 25 percent of higher learning institutions that receives the largest percentage in university subsidies.

The university’s priciest athletic program is the football team, which cost almost \$1.2 million this year, according to the report for fiscal 2010. The men’s ice hockey team was budgeted about \$900,000, while the women’s and men’s basketball teams are both projected to cost the university more than \$500,000.

“We’re evaluating our situation,” James said. Last year, the athletic department was forced to suspend the university’s volleyball and men’s soccer programs, and this year another \$300,000 must be trimmed off next year’s budget by May, James said (see Page B6).

“We’re not considering cutting any other sports,” James said. “Never say never, but I don’t see us cutting more teams.”

UMaine currently has 15 Division I sports teams and must retain at least 14 to stay in Division I athletics.

Beyond the numbers, James said the value of UMaine athletics is immeasurable.

“There are so many values,” James said. Athletics “brings the campus community together, unifies students and alumni, and it raises awareness of our campus nationwide.” James also said graduated student-athletes are generous financial supporters, such as former basketball player Richard Collins who, with his wife, donated \$5 million to the renovation of the

Collins Center for the Arts.

The bulk of sports teams’ operating costs comes from coaches’ salaries and benefits. James said budgeting for coaches’ salaries is troublesome because the athletic department must set the amount before it knows how much revenue the teams will bring in. James does not think UMaine coaches are overpaid.

“I think our coaches do a great job working within their means and giving athletes a first-class experience,” James said. “I’m satisfied with the budget we have, given the financial challenges our state is going through. We get great support from the university and alumni.”

In the wake of the Academic Programs Prioritization Work Group’s report released last week, which recommends drastic academic changes, some critics on The Maine Campus Web site have suggested athletics, not academics, should take the brunt of any cuts.

There appears to be a historical trend in the financial documents from decennial accreditation reports indicating student education has been slipping on the university’s priority list. These reports made by UMaine, which were prepared for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, show the university has steadily decreased its allocations for academic instruction from its peak of 28.3 percent of its budget in fiscal 1987 to only 22.7 percent last year. Instead, the university has spent more on research, which rose about 5 percent in the same time period, as well as institutional support (2 percent) and student services (1 percent).

Susan Hunter, vice president of academic affairs and provost, said although she had been involved in preparing the most recent accreditation report in 2009, she was not aware such a decrease had occurred.

“I would have thought we would be spending more on instruction now,” Hunter said. She said the cost of many factors that affect instruction, such as benefit rates and health insurance, have increased this decade.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron could not be reached for comment by press time.

The university’s Educational and General Base Budget reports from fiscal years 2006-2010 are available for student viewing at the Fogler Library Reserve Desk. The university’s accreditation reports from 1988, 1999 and 2009 can also be found at Fogler in Special Collections on the third floor.

Smutty, lewd and proud of it: Site sees growing UM fan base

By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus

BarstoolSports.com is a self-proclaimed “smut” Web site that features girls, sports, a daily game of Guess That Ass, candid pictures sent in from readers and American Idol.

According to creator David Portnoy, this combination is the key to the site’s success and the reason it has nearly 25 million page views per month. Portnoy refers to himself as “El Presidente” on the Boston-based blog, whose motto is “by the common man for the common man.” It is one of the most-read Web sites in Boston.

While the site focuses on Boston, it has become popular across New England, including at the University of Maine.

Drive Time, a radio program on UMaine’s station, 91.9 FM, quotes the site frequently and recorded an interview with Portnoy, while a Facebook group started by UMaine students is rallying for Barstool to throw a concert on campus.

“Never in a million years would I have imagined the success,” Portnoy said.

Originally, Barstool Sports was a four-page black-and-white newspaper geared toward fantasy sports and gambling. Portnoy said he always knew he wanted to do something on his own after college.

He attended Michigan State as an education student because he couldn’t pass the foreign language required to graduate in the liberal arts program.

“I took Spanish III in high school and I got flunked back to one. My accent does not work,” Portnoy said. “I have some sort of weird Boston anti-Spanish accent.”

While he completed student-teaching and all requirements of the education school, he knew it wasn’t for him, but it was the only way he could graduate. After college, he got a sales job, but eventually quit and jumped into creating Barstool Sports.

The newspaper was originally available in PDF format until a reader approached Portnoy about changing the format to make it easier to read online.

“He said, ‘If I build you a site, will you do it that way so I can read it easier?’ So he built it,” Portnoy said. “I was like, ‘Huh, this is kind of cool. I can just write stuff in without having to know any codes or stuff like that.’”

From there the current Web site version was born. Portnoy said the first two years there were no girls on the Web site; it was sports-oriented.

Now, the Web site has much to do with females. Daily features include Wake Up With, pictures of a different female every day; Guess That Ass, where a picture of a female’s behind is shown, and readers are supposed to guess what celebrity it belongs to; and Local Smokeshow of the Day, where readers nominate a local girl as attractive and her pictures are posted.

“Obviously I love looking at pretty girls. But I’m starting to feel like a pervert since I’m getting old,” Portnoy said with a laugh.

“The best stuff on the blog always leads to somebody trying to sue us. Always. That’s the nature of it. The better the blog, the more unhappy they are.”

David Portnoy
Creator of BarstoolSports.com

The Web site also covers Boston sports, the NCAA basketball tournament and out-of-the-ordinary news stories. Portnoy said one of his favorite things to write about is candid pictures readers send in of weird things they see, such as a funny car or a person with an unusual outfit. Portnoy said they try to give people content they won’t find anywhere else.

“I’m good at determining what’s funny. I have a good funny radar,” Portnoy said. “Generally if I think it’s funny, other people do.”

“Barstool Sports is the perfect combination of intellect, immaturity and wit for the 21-to-35 male demographic,” said Kevin Ryan, a 2009 UMaine grad, who is currently in the race for a coveted intern position with the site.

While the site focuses mainly on Boston, states from all over New England are featured. Portnoy often refers to Maine as “the dirty dirty” on the Web site.

“I dated a girl from Maine, from Lewy town, for like three years. It’s just different people up there. I don’t know if you can put it in the paper, but I feel like all people do in Maine is play pool and have sex,” Portnoy said. “It’s cold and there’s nothing going on up there. The dirty dirty.”

While the site is intended for men, it is gaining a strong female following.

“It was never written for girls. It’s still not written for girls. We’re happy they read it, but we’ve never made any conscious attempts to widen or broaden what we do,” Portnoy

said.

Portnoy said often girls first hear of the Web site through Smokeshow of the Day, and want to see if their friends are featured. He thinks girls may also read it because it offers an unfiltered view into the mind of a guy.

Portnoy said they receive some Smokeshow of the Day nominations of UMaine girls, but not as many as other New England schools, like University of New Hampshire or University of Massachusetts. He said he can tell by nominations how strong Barstool’s presence

is at a school. UMaine’s following has only picked up recently.

To reach his readers on college campuses, Portnoy created an event — Barstoolapalooza — which is a combination of a typical Barstool party and a concert by up-and-coming Boston-based rapper Sam Adams. The event will travel to six New England colleges.

“It’s totally taken a life of its own. Every college wants it. We only have six shows booked,” Portnoy said.

He said they recently had problems with organizing the event at UNH and received e-mails from UMaine Student Government saying, “Let’s just steal it from UNH.” The e-mail was posted on the site.

UMaine student Dan Downey created a Facebook group, “Bring Barstoolapalooza (Sam Adams) to UMaine,” which has 1,114 members. Despite the student response, five of the six shows are booked, and Portnoy doesn’t think Stoolapalooza will be visiting Orono.

“I doubt we’re coming to UMaine unless it’s an added show. It’s so late in the game. While we have the Facebook group and all that, we can’t just show up in Maine and be like, ‘Hey, we’re ready to throw a concert.’ We need the people who have the facilities on board,” Portnoy said. “I haven’t had any of that yet from Maine.”

Portnoy said he doesn’t know what to expect of the tour, but he’s looking forward to it. Barstool Sports is known for the parties it throws in Boston,

but those are largely alcohol-based, which isn’t possible on a college campus. That is why he decided it needed something else, and recruited Adams.

“It’s great. I’m psyched we’re doing it. I don’t know if I’m going to survive it. I haven’t been in that lifestyle for quite awhile,” Portnoy said. “I feel like I’m a roadie or something.”

If the tour proves successful, Portnoy said he will consider doing it again in the future, and would love to come to UMaine.

“The bigger we’ve gotten it hasn’t changed at all. We’ll still say anything. It’s getting harder to do that. More and more people read it. More and more backlash. More and more people paying attention,” Portnoy said. “But I think people respect it a little bit.”

He said because the content and writing is so over the top, there are people who take it literally and threaten him with lawsuits. Portnoy said the Web site is supposed to be humorous, and that it’s the “literal police” who take the writing out of context.

“The best stuff on the blog always leads to somebody trying to sue us. Always. That’s the nature of it. The better the blog, the more unhappy they are,” Portnoy said. “Somebody somewhere was the brunt of the joke, and they’re not happy with us. But it comes with the territory.”

The Barstool Sports franchise is growing, as a New York City-specific page was added in addition to Boston’s page last year. The New York site has similar features and content, while covering New York sports teams and news.

“If New York doesn’t work, I don’t even want to think about it. I’ll probably just cry. I don’t know what I’ll do,” Portnoy said.

According to Portnoy, the business model includes expanding to other cities, potentially Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago. Next, he wants them to be everywhere, possibly even Barstool Orono.

As “El Presidente” of a hugely successful Web site, Portnoy says the key to success is diving head-first into things, instead of waiting around. After college, his friends wanted to create something with him, but no one was stepping up, so Portnoy quit his job and did it on his own.

“There’s a very big difference between talking about doing something and actually doing something, and if you do it, you never know where it’s going to lead,” Portnoy said.



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A Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. truck tipped over onto the guard rail on the Broadway exit of Interstate 95 Thursday afternoon after swerving to avoid another car. An SUV then hit the utility truck. Both drivers walked away from the scene with minor injuries.

Loans from Page A1

lower,” Dana said. “We’ve got to have lower student loan rates. The burden is preposterously high right now.”

Dana said the new system

would make applying for and receiving loans easier. He simply said: “Less hassle, less bureaucracy, less interest equates to better.”

Brewer is taking more of a wait-and-see approach.

“I think it’s too early to say how this will affect students,”

Brewer said. “Proponents have been saying all along that it will benefit students by making it less onerous to apply for and get loans by eliminating service agencies like Sallie Mae or Nelnet. That will depend on how the program is implemented. I’ve heard some

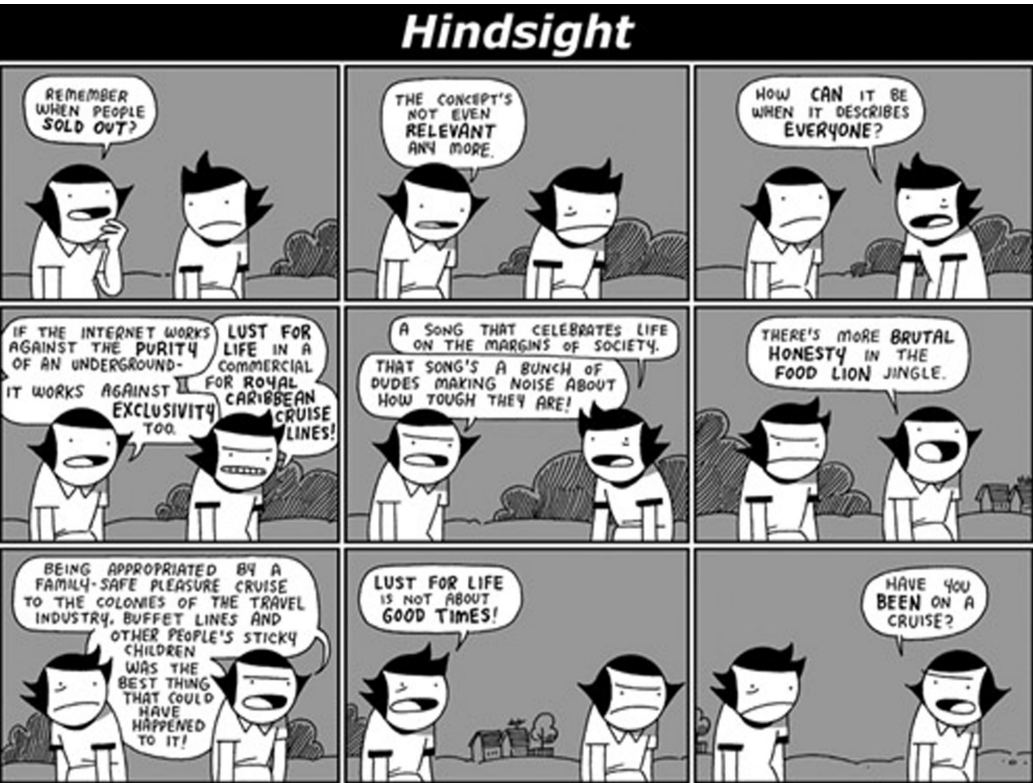
people argue that it will result in lower interest rates, but there’s no guarantee that will happen.

“The one thing you can say for sure is that the servicing costs of these third-party institutions is probably going to disappear,” Brewer said.

Diversions

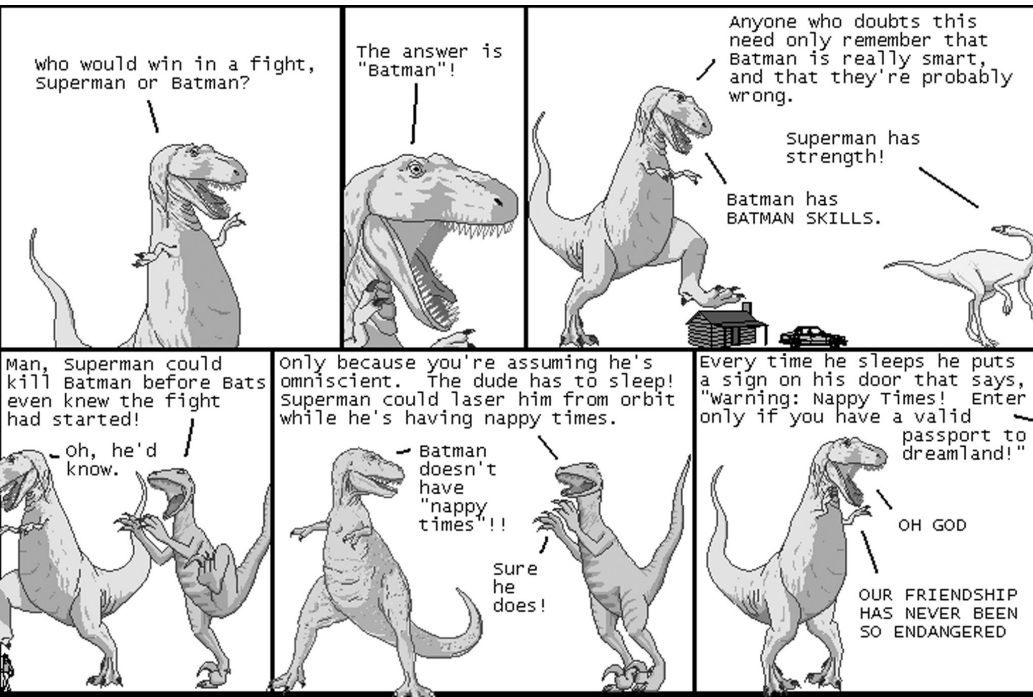
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By Dorothy Gambrell

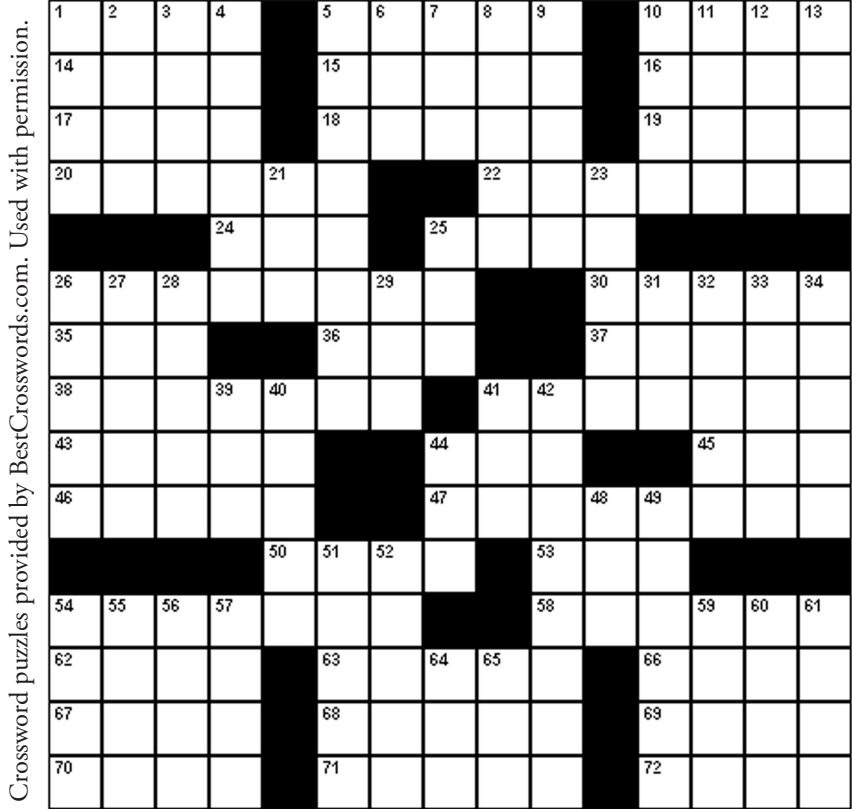


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



Crossword Puzzle

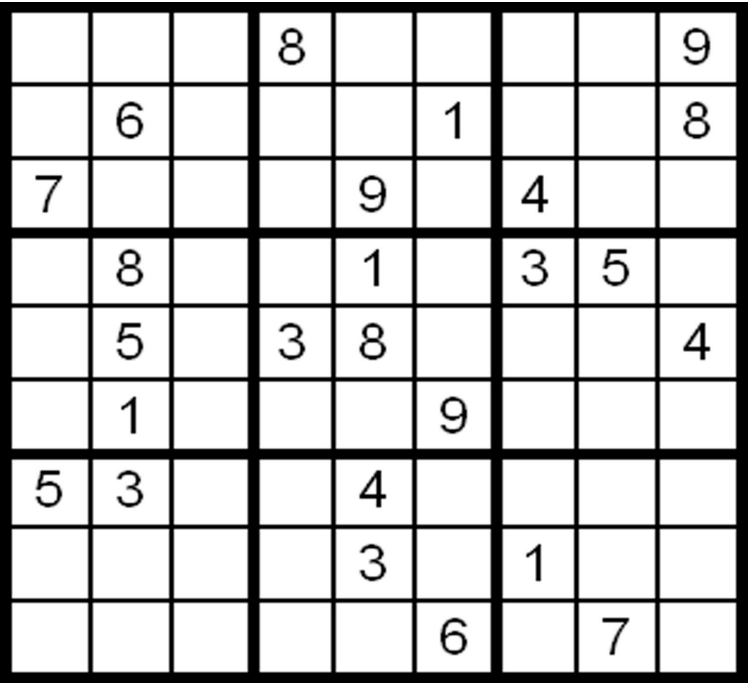


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Answer key in sports

- Across**
1- Tailless amphibian
5- Old enough
10- Knocks lightly
14- Let ____
15- Bad lighting?
16- Peter Fonda title role
17- Worry
18- Gone
19- A wedding cake may have three of these
20- Pertaining to leaves
22- Sincere
24- Greek X
25- Gilpin of "Fraser"
26- Prosaic
30- Discharge
35- Big galoot
36- Indian holiday resort
37- Brahmin, e.g.
38- Reconstruct
41- Ragtime dance
43- Compel
- 44- Debate side
45- Shobox letters
46- Old Nick
47- Largest moon of Jupiter
50- Heroic adventure tale
53- Seine contents
54- Gilded metal
58- Emphasis
62- Switch ending
63- Island in the East China Sea
66- Sand hill by the sea
67- A big fan of
68- Concerned with a specific subject
69- Ashtabula's lake
70- At hand
71- Molars, e.g.
72- Spoils
- Down**
1- Petty quarrel
2- Other, in Oaxaca
3- Explorer Tasman
4- Pluck tiny arachnids from the dog
5- Atomic research center
6- Brother's title
7- Horned viper
8- Overcharge
9- Computer key
10- Ballet skirt
11- Et ____
12- Hammer end
13- Shrivelled, without moisture
21- Eureka!
23- Bridget Fonda, to Jane
25- Monetary unit of Burma
26- Hospital rooms
27- Musical drama
28- Pardon
29- "You've got mail" co.
31- Beetle juice?
- 32- Lauder of cosmetics
33- Spirited horse
34- Conical native American tent
39- Eggs
40- Compact
41- Man-mouse connector
42- Person without equal
44- Links org.
48- Sun ____-sen
49- Unlawful killing
51- Draw a bead on
52- Forest clearing
54- Blood vessel
55- Sea eagle
56- Roster
57- Heath
59- Architect Saarinen
60- Agitated state
61- Goes out with
64- Common article
65- Drunkard

Sudoku Puzzle



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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Word Search

Spring

- ALLERGIES
APRIL
BASEBALL
BEES
CROCUSES
CYCLAMENS
DAFFODILS
DANDELIONS
EASTER
EQUINOX
FLOWERS
FROGS
GOLF
GRASS
GREEN
GROWTH
IRISES
- LILIES
MARCH
MAY
NEW LEAVES
PLANTING
RAIN
RENEWAL
ROBINS
SEASON
SNOWMELT
SOFTBALL
SPRING BREAK
SPRING CLEANING
TULIPS
WARMER
WET

Find and circle all of the Spring words that are hidden in the grid.

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

Horoscopes

- Aries:** After a long period of disillusion in the social and sentimental departments, you will be surprisingly successful. This sudden change will make you think. You are advised to take advantage of these favorable circumstances.
- Taurus:** You will be very enthusiastic and able to make future plans for new activities. You may consider making a new investment, initiating a new business project or leaving on a trip. You are advised to make the best out of these favorable auspices, since you can succeed in any field.
- Gemini:** Today is a favorable time for business. You have good chances of improving your family budget. Relationships are favored today. Teamwork and joint ventures will also go well.
- Cancer:** You will be concerned about recent financial difficulties. You can be financially successful with the help of your business partners. You are advised to remain cautious in order to avoid trouble with the authorities. Consider an older person's advice.
- Leo:** In the morning you will make a decision that will change your schedule for the whole day. You are likely to start preparing for a party. You may tackle financial issues, but you are advised to avoid getting involved in speculations.
- Virgo:** You will have pleasant meetings with friends and relatives. In the afternoon you might be facing minor health problems. You will feel very well again in no time. You are advised to remain level-headed.
- Libra:** Today is a favorable time for you to work out daring long-term projects. You are advised to postpone a long trip in the interest of your family, which you were supposed to make today. You will have a great time visiting your friends together with your loved one. You are advised to remain level-headed.
- Scorpio:** You can successfully deal with business activities and complete actions initiated a long time ago. You will be in a good disposition and capable of making inspired decisions. Communicate more with your friends and loved one, and make sure you keep your promises.
- Sagittarius:** People will greatly appreciate your reliability, and will seek your advice. You can make long-term plans, including investments. Take advantage of today's favorable context in order to solve important issues. Make sure you don't neglect your family duties.
- Capricorn:** Future plans and financial investments are favored today. You might receive the payment for a job you have completed recently. You are advised to spare yourself and pay more attention to your need for rest. Consider your loved one's advice.
- Aquarius:** You will manage to make a change in your love life. Now you have the necessary self-confidence and strong will to take action. In the afternoon you will have a pleasant meeting with friends. You are advised to give others a chance to speak.
- Pisces:** You will be very successful in business. It's a good time for concluding contracts and signing official documents. Relationships with business partners should be very good. You are advised to arm yourself with patience. You'd better not expect immediate results, for you might be disappointed.

EDITORIAL

APPWG: An opportunity, squandered?

If one could buy stock in the University of Maine, it would have sunk to new lows after the release of the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group's report on Wednesday, which called for the elimination of 16 majors and 80 faculty. Despite cuts, administration insisted UMaine's commitment to education will remain unchanged.

The university has said the proposed restructuring will not affect current students, even those in programs that are cut. This is a lie. Students whose degrees are eliminated after they graduate will suffer when their degrees no longer carry the weight they once did; students who want to continue their studies with a graduate program will have to seek a new university; faculty disillusioned with the school will flock to greener pastures long before programs are phased out.

Second-guessing the academic areas marked for elimination is fruitless. All academic pursuits have merit — a point the group that produced this report should be reminded of — which is why this editorial board will not dignify the process of identifying departments or majors that are better or worse than others. Some cuts must be made, but we suggest exploring other cost-saving measures that do not have the potential to academically or culturally sterilize the state.

Less academically destructive solutions to budget shortfalls have been proposed at other universities, and APPWG would do well to take notice. One example is in our very system, at the University of Southern Maine, where a design committee recommended combining the university's eight colleges and schools into five, saving an estimated \$1.38 million a year and leaving academic offerings unaffected.

But this administration — which has shown a willful disregard for community opinion in other university decisions, such as the recent tobacco-free initiative — is, to be honest, unlikely to be convinced of its ignorance. Despite the almost certain outrage of students and faculty at today's open forum, the APPWG report is unlikely to see major changes before it is presented in final form to Provost Susan Hunter in 10 days.

What Hunter, President Robert Kennedy and the University of Maine System board of trustees do with the report after April 8 can't be predicted, but none of the three have the reputation of listening to their constituency.

As USM President Selma Botman wisely said in an interview with The Maine Campus, "You have the chance about once every three generations to remake a university. This is our chance."

Restructuring the University of Maine could define the state as a leader in public education or as an academic and cultural wasteland, and so this board has a question for the administration: How do you want to be remembered?

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UM community: Prioritize this

RE: Plan would eliminate 16 majors, 80 faculty

Are you kidding me? We're keeping sports programs, which add zero academic value to the school, but we're getting rid of majors? No big deal; the arts can be cut. No one needs them anyway. Let's all just get drunk and go to some sports event and be unruly and inappropriate. No one needs culture anyway. We're from America, we can be as elitist as we please.

Cutting these majors from the university is disastrous. I'm a business student, and I can see this. I have taken some of the women's studies classes here on campus, and they're not a joke like some would believe. I studied harder for those classes than some of my business ones. For prospective students, these programs can be a deciding factor in their school decision.

What's more important to our futures, sports or education? Why not follow in the steps of Northeastern and Hofstra universities and eliminate our football program? It bothers me that UMaine has put education on the back burner for sports. I know I'm not the only one that feels this way, and I hope our voices are heard.

— Laura

There needs to be another option aside from eliminating some of the core programs at the University of Maine. The members of the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group may feel the university can do without these programs and they might seem excessive or extra to what someone "should have" in an education, but I feel they are completely wrong in their decisions.

When I went down the list of the one



Readers Speak

Best of Web comments collected from mainecampus.com.

department and the majors being proposed to be eliminated by 2014, I was shocked by the vast number and the ones chosen. It seems that the liberal arts are clearly being targeted, something we, as a student body, should not stand for. These programs enrich a person's life and education in a unique way and add a sense of richness to often lifeless and predictable classrooms. Culture is being removed from the curriculum, and who's to say this might not create a domino effect and spill out onto the campus, leaving us without the well-rounded education we came to college seeking?

Martin Luther King Jr. summed up my thoughts on the matter beautifully, "Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education." In enacting this proposal, we would be removing the aspect of our college that breeds character in our students. In most classes, you listen to lectures, memorize figures and ideas and watch slides and videos displayed before you. In the programs proposed for elimination, students are given the opportunity to think for themselves, grow independently and challenge themselves on things they might have never thought of before.

There needs to be a different way to work with the budget cut. I am afraid to see what happens to the university and its students in the aftermath of these proposed changes.

— Eric Lynne

Coming from someone who worked as a professor at the University of Maine, I think the university is extremely top-heavy when it comes to administration. UMaine has deans supervising deans. Unfortunately, that is the way it is in Maine education, even in the K-12 school system. I doubt it's ever going to change. We're in the worst economic situation since the Great Depression, and if it hasn't changed yet, it's not going to. The idea of trimming the administration won't work because of the politics of the school systems.

As far as sports are concerned, UMaine has only one sport that is self-sustaining. We all know what that is: men's ice hockey. Basically, hockey is the reason there's basketball, football, soccer, volleyball and all the other sports we lose at. Even if UMaine decided to cut some smaller sport programs, it wouldn't save academics any money. It wouldn't be small athletic cuts; both men's and women's sports would have to go bye-bye.

Finally, it's just plain and simple economics. If UMaine is paying five professors more than what the enrollment of a particular academic program makes, the program is losing money, and it has to go. I wish that a dean or someone at the top would get eliminated, but it's not happening. And truthfully, these particular programs have been losing money at UMaine for years.

— Rick John

Letters to the editor

Cutting public administration is absurd choice

I hope the University of Maine decides not to completely cut the Department of Public Administration. You would think they would have pride in themselves for having the oldest program of the like in the country. Also, it is a relatively low-cost program compared to other majors; I wonder how much money this is actually going to save UMaine.

Competent government seems to be desperately needed at this time of such polarizing politics. Why would you cut the major that gives students practical training on actual policy? There's a need for making government work, instead of just the philosophy and ideals.

Also, something that is more important to everybody is the diversity being cut out if this proposal goes through. The UMaine community

wouldn't be the same if they cut the cultural arts: languages, theater, music, etc.

Dustin Greenlaw
Student

APPWG report misses the mark

The recent report published by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group has done more damage to the University of Maine than the cuts and changes it proposes ever will. No high school senior looking at any university who is considering not just the cutting of programs, but the elimination of an entire department, will feel confident and secure paying tuition to be there.

The greatest mistake of all was publishing this report suggesting cutting dozens of jobs without any mention of where the growth and development of programs at the university will happen. Where was

the APPWG-esque group tasked with looking at growth?

This interim report will not inspire confidence in the employees of the university. A failing business that does nothing to aggressively detail the system for recovery and growth loses the confidence of its shareholders (the students) and inevitably falls into bankruptcy.

I fear this is the situation the APPWG report has placed UMaine in, by failing to look at opportunities for growth in our academics. The university has missed an enormous opportunity to rework our vision and energy toward the future; instead, APPWG has done nothing more than alienate current and prospective students and faculty, assuredly risking enrollment for next fall and years to come.

Nate Wildes
President, class of 2012
Student senator

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Should the university eliminate more of its athletic programs?



It would be a poor decision for students if the administration were to cut more sports programs, as some have suggested they should.

ADAM CLARK

Last week, when the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group recommended \$12.2 million worth of cuts to academic programs, resources and personnel, many students were up in arms about the changes. The plan would eliminate 16 majors and 80 faculty members by 2014.

In addition, six fewer master's degrees will be offered and seven other majors will be merged into three.

The first argument respondents posed on The Maine Campus Web site was that the university should be eliminating athletic programs instead of academics. A commenter named "Laura" said the athletics department adds "zero academic value to the school." It seems anyone who is not interested in sports points to cutting them instead of cutting programs that do not have enough enrollees to make it worth the university's while to keep.

Last year, the country fell into an economic recession. The nation is starting to recover, but it is still feeling the effects. Last spring, the athletic department made cuts, eliminating two sports programs — volleyball and men's soccer. Now, the athletic department has been asked to shave its budget again, cutting at least \$300,000 before the 2011 fiscal year begins in July.

The logical argument for those who dislike sports is to just keep eliminating athletic programs. The University of Maine is known for two things: a top-notch engineering program and a national powerhouse in men's hockey. Other universities such as North Carolina and Duke have great academics, but the first thing that comes to mind when they are mentioned is their men's basketball teams.

In college, academics should be the top priority, but schools have to have a secondary appeal. Eliminating more sports programs would be detrimental to the UMaine experience and landscape. Imagine having Alford Arena, Alford Stadium and Mahaney Diamond sitting on the campus unused because of budget cuts. If UMaine didn't have another attractive element in addition to academics, the school wouldn't be as appealing and would lose what many think of as the chief entertainment on campus.

There is a flaw in the argument that sports teams add no academic value. The ancient Greeks advocated having both a healthy body and a healthy mind, so as to be physically and intellectually strong. That same message should be sent today, and eliminating sports would send the opposite message.

Student-athletes not only get in great physical shape, but they acquire skills that cannot be attained in a classroom. Leadership and time management are two of the chief skills gained in playing sports. Athletes develop into well-rounded people instead of bookworms who never leave the library or acquire social skills needed in the real world.

UMaine athletics has taken cuts and will continue to do so, but it's not fair to cut all sports, as some are advocating. A large portion of the department's operating budget is self-generated. Coaches don't only focus on the product they put on the field, but instead spend a lot of their time fundraising — a critical part of their sports existence.

It is never a good thing when programs have to be cut — academic or athletics. But cuts are a part of today's world. I am sympathetic toward those who may be forced to switch schools or majors because their programs are being changed, but the idea of eliminating sports is a short-sighted one.

All parts of the university are suffering, including athletics, which has had to deal with cuts across the board. However, with the football, baseball and field hockey teams having their facilities recently upgraded, eliminating those sports is unreasonable. There will be budget cuts, and people will certainly be affected. However, sports are a sanctuary away from academics, providing student-athletes necessary skills to be successful after college.

Adam Clark is sports editor for The Maine Campus.

If languages are cut, say "adios" to the future of culture in Maine



The administration is so shortsighted it views the liberal arts as useless and aims to perpetuate such unenlightenment in future generations.

JEREMY SWIST

The Philistines are taking over. A new Persian empire of ignorance is threatening the strongholds of our Greek inheritance. A utilitarian tyrant, whose planned abdication shows he admits failure, is trying to drag this institution down to hell with him.

This is shameful. To recommend this state's flagship university should no longer grant degrees in foreign languages is downright asinine. The administration that has hijacked our education is so shortsighted it views the liberal arts as useless and aims to perpetuate such unenlightenment in future generations of Mainers.

They force me to spell out what they plan to destroy. I'll start with French. Not only are we closely tied to Québec, Maine has a responsibility to the Franco-Americans who make up 30 percent of its own population. Our Centre Franco-Américain has championed this commitment for 40 years. Without French, its mission will fail.

To eliminate Spanish is to tell this country's fast-growing Hispanic population its culture should be wiped out so as to become "proper Americans." A friend of mine was looking for a place to live in Rumford for a paper mill internship. A local waitress warned him of streets to avoid because "that's where all the Hispanics live." Such ignorance doesn't serve to integrate; rather, it isolates minorities in ghettos. Sound familiar?

German, the first cousin of English, is more important than many realize. Not only is it our greatest European trading partner, Germany gave us the modern language of history and philosophy. You might as well do away with those two majors if nobody can read Hegel and Nietzsche.

Anyone wishing to study languages who cannot afford to go elsewhere would be flat-out of luck. All others

would be discouraged from attending Maine schools, let alone working here, which would negatively affect the state's already dismal economy. Worse, language teachers who feel devalued by this anti-intellectualism may leave the university and no one would even want to come here to replace them. Retiring professors may be replaced by adjuncts who would only teach enough to satisfy those silly general education requirements.

Language majors exist because it takes a full college term to develop fluency and an understanding of the cultural and literary traditions of each tongue. Even English students need foreign languages in order to gain perspective on their own tongue.

According to Phi Beta Kappa, who in the past saved the Latin major from perdition, UMaine should no longer be considered a legitimate university if it becomes bereft of languages, and it has threatened to withdraw its chapter from the campus.

No graduate student in the humanities can be taken seriously without a strong background in languages. As an aspiring ancient historian, I need to master Latin, Greek, French and German. I could not fulfill that dream if I came here five years from now. Not only history, but also international affairs and business cannot survive without training their students to communicate in the new global century.

"Americans are derided for their lack of knowledge of languages," said professor Tina Passman, one of the only reasons classical languages — the former cornerstone of education — still exist here. "I can't understand keeping Maine in the dark ages this way."

We owe our civilization to Greece and Rome. The wisdom of Plato and Virgil, even the Gospel writers, would soon be lost, as philosophy scholars rely on translations rather than truly understanding the ancients.

In 2001, an assistant to Robert Kennedy, the provost at the time, attempted and failed to exterminate German and Latin. I wouldn't be surprised if he flunked Latin in his youth. He must still have a vendetta against the liberal arts. The elimination of language majors from Maine's brightest beacon of hope can only perpetuate the same backwardness and provincialism that passed Question 1. But as they say, "If English was good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for me!"

Jeremy Swist is a junior Latin and history student.

Report cuts off UM's head: Oh, the humanities!



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Last week's proposals to trim the fat off of the University of Maine's already lean steak were met by rumbles in the belly of hungry faculty and students. On the cutting end of the budgetary knife: women's studies, public administration, theater, music and languages.

Public administration will be shipped to the Augusta campus, where students can learn from the same policymakers who screwed up everything in the first place. Given Maine's current crisis, you might think they'd get those kids as far from the capitol as possible.

Unless our state has decided its flagship university is for nothing more than vocational training, the humanities are still important.

Women's studies, a controversial and maligned major, will cease to exist. It has always been a graduate pursuit in the guise of an undergraduate degree, though both will get the axe.

If history were taught properly, there would be no need for the department to compensate. But with more women in college than ever before, the department has become a victim of its own success.

Where the program has tried to reinvent itself — GLBT studies, for example — it simply runs into political minefields that make it an easy target, regardless of the vast need for GLBT support and perspectives in policy and education.

Teachers, social workers and other areas need people trained to teach and respond to underserved populations. If we want to turn our backs on educating and empowering struggling Mainers, the women's studies program is a fine place to start.

The music performance and

theater programs, some of the favorite scapegoats of number crunchers, will also be eliminated. Any committee that targets them for cuts is probably incapable of being convinced otherwise.

Training an army of bassoon players may seem like an inefficient way to reap economic awards, but not when graduates leave the state in droves for brighter cultural horizons. Essentially, we train people for affluent careers so they can get bored and move.

If you love video games and cable TV, Maine will be a great place to be in 2014, when the proposed changes will take effect, assuming they are approved by President Robert Kennedy. Sadly, the educated, energetic workforce and student body that this state desperately needs tends to crave a more engaging lifestyle.

Finally, there's languages. Supporters know languages are challenging and rewarding cultural pursuits. Until you learn another language, the limitations of a native tongue are incomprehensible. But there's also a cynical, practical case for languages: money.

Rather than starving the department, truly savvy administrators should consider expanding language requirements to more majors. Imagine if UMaine churned out engineering or business school grads who spoke Chinese?

Markets are emerging, opportunities are opening and even the brightest business or engineering students won't see them if they can't think outside of the American border. UMaine knows it: On the business school Web page, there's a picture of students at the Great Wall.

Cutting language classes means cutting students — and the state — off from foreign financing for domestic products and markets for Maine exports.

No cuts are easy, but this is far worse: a decapitation. Sadly, it's expected that humanities — the fields that probe ethics, critical thinking, human culture and meaning — would take the brunt of the blade.

The report emphasizes careers, reducing education to its economic potential. Unless we've decided, as a state, that our flagship university is no more than vocational training, it's more important than ever for humanities to prove there's substance in the supposed gristle of UMaine's steak.


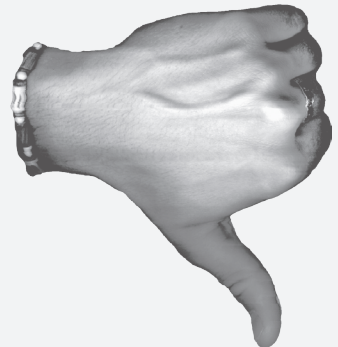
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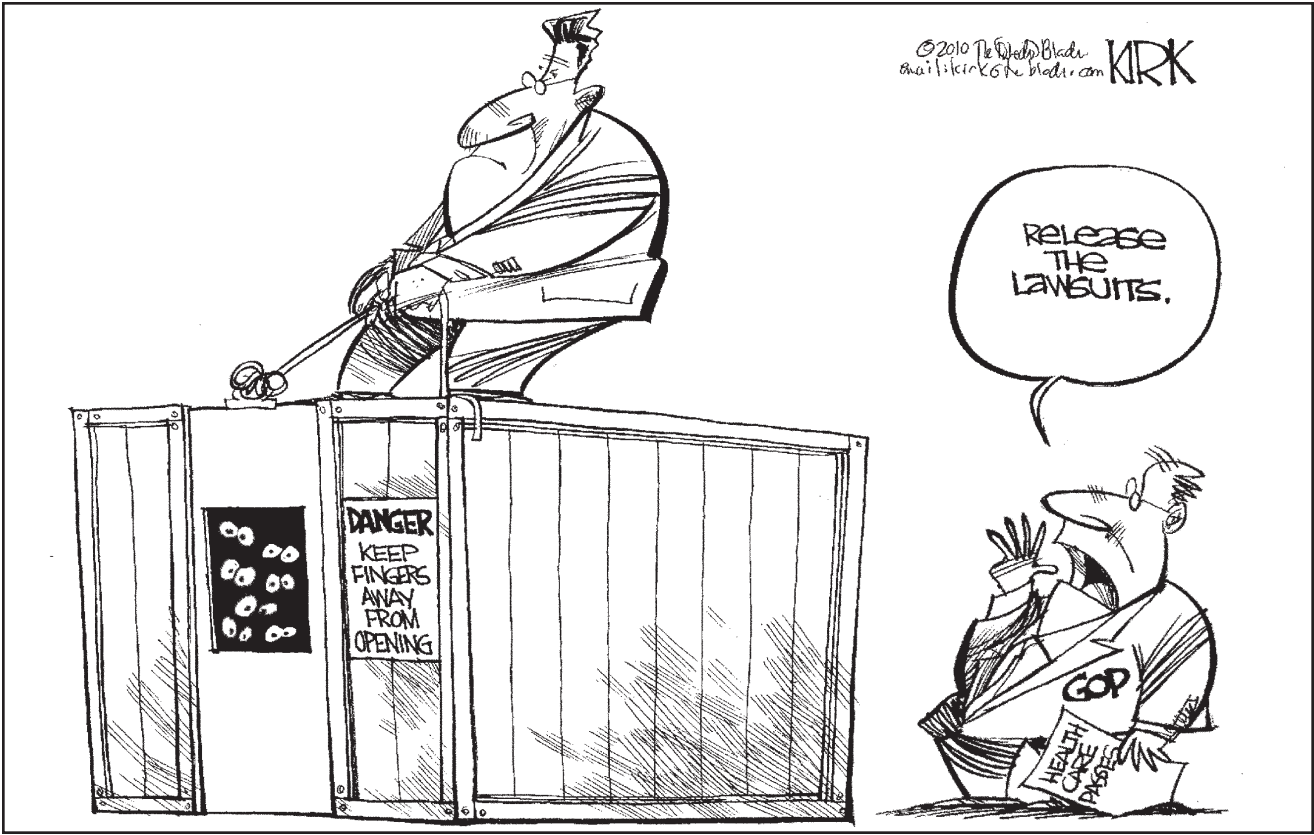
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Translation breathes life into a ‘dead language’

By Kyle Kernan
Staff Writer

Latin was the original language of intellectual discourse in a university setting, as monasteries influenced the emergence of the university. The importance of Latin in education is exemplified in Tina Passman’s translation of “Paphnutius” by Hroswitha von Gandersheim.

The associate professor of classical languages and literature’s translation was presented at Minsky Hall on Wednesday night to a modest crowd of about 40 students and faculty.

“[Gandersheim] has a great sense of humor and gives a wonderful glimpse of what these very well-educated nuns of the 10th century did,” Passman said.

Gandersheim was a medieval nun and the first female playwright, according to Passman. She was a part of a monastery that helped develop intellectual thought.

The story behind Passman’s translation of the Latin text began in the classroom. One of her advanced Latin students, Lilli Kohler Busch, said she would like to do a performance of some sort of either Gandersheim or Hildegard von Bingen, another brilliant woman of the period, according to Passman.

Passman said she was challenged to capture the insights Paphnutius gives on music. She also had to wade through the language of devout Christianity, commonplace at the time, while making the translation flow.

“All translation is interpretation into the idiom and understanding of the day,” Passman said. “That is why there are new translations of the classics every generation.”

The reading included students Jeremy Swist as Paphnutius, Lilli Kohler Busch as Thais, Megan Aydelott as Abbess, and James Brophy as Anthony.

The show went well, according to Passman and the audience was responsive. She is considering publishing her translation on the Web to make it available to any student or community group that could use it.

In light of the language degrees potentially being cut from the university, Passman said it is a terrible shame.

“It disadvantages students in Maine, especially in terms of the global economy,” Passman said. “As far as any language study goes, it takes a minimum of four years to gain basic ability in a language.”

Passman said professors at schools such as the University of Maine not only have an intimate knowledge of the language, but the culture as well.

“At our flagship university, you are getting a professor who has done in-depth research through writing a dissertation and articles, and has studied and often lived abroad, and knows the culture well,” Passman said. “Language cannot be divorced from culture, unless you are learning it from a computer program,” Passman said.

Passman feels if the university actually eliminates its language degrees, it will lose credibility as a legitimate institution of higher education. It will disadvantage students who want to consider graduate programs in fields such as

See Paphnutius on **B2**



Christina Belknap as Linda argues with the barkeep Mark (Edward Benson) in “Savage in Limbo.”

Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor

‘Savage in Limbo’ performers excel as they knock back a few, knock each other down and try to change their lives

On the backside of the program for “Savage in Limbo,” the latest production by the University of Maine School of Performing Arts, one can find a specific line quoted: “You don’t know me. ... You seen what I let you see.”

Theater Review

John Shannon

Spoken toward the midpoint of the play, it is used to highlight that the characters at hand are masters at keeping their cards close to their chests, sometimes bluffing for so long that even they forget what they hold.

John Patrick Shanley — who also wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Doubt” — weaves a tale of several characters who have found themselves at a crossroads in their lives, unhappy with the way things are, but unsure of exactly how to go about remedying the situation. Taking place over a few hours in a Bronx bar in the 1980s,

the audience gets to know Savage, played by Emma Davis, a 32-year-old virgin,

The true spectacle here is not the sets or the lighting or the attention to the details of the ’80s — although those elements are well done — but rather the emotional highs and lows.

and Linda, played by Christina Belknap, a woman with too many men in her past. The two minor acquaintances commiserate as the bartender, Mark, played by Ed Benson, looks on and deals with an eccentric love interest of his own, April, played by Moira Beale. The group is soon joined

by Linda’s boyfriend, Tony, played by Gregory Middleton, who has recently confessed to Linda that he wants to see other girls, specifically, “ugly” ones.

The production’s venue, the Pavilion Theatre, provides a much more intimate experience than the likes of Hauck Auditorium, and with material like “Savage,” the space shines. Minimal set dressing enhances our focus on the characters, and the ensemble cast does a wonderful job selling Shanley’s characters as real people right in front of us. The true spectacle here is not the sets or the lighting or the attention to the details of the ’80s — although those elements are well done — but rather the emotional highs and lows.

“Savage” displays several people dissecting each other bit by bit and exposing

See Limbo on **B2**

FILM REVIEW: ‘How to Train Your Dragon’

Dragon movie soars to new heights with 3-dimensional characters and effects

By John Shannon
Film Critic

In the modern age of animation, two studios reign supreme: Pixar and DreamWorks. Pixar often heads off the beaten path with difficult films such as “Ratatouille” or “Up,” while DreamWorks has gone for easy sells with wacky premises, talking animals and celebrity voice casts. But with their most recent efforts, 2008’s “Kung Fu Panda” and this past weekend’s “How to Train Your Dragon,” DreamWorks is starting to make serious headway toward being a studio that can do more than put out easy, forgettable products.

“Dragon” tells the story of Hiccup, a pubescent Viking living on an island called Berk. The common pastime on this island is to kill dragons, and Hiccup wants nothing more than to please his father, Stoick. His dad happens to be not just the Viking chief, but also the greatest dragon slayer his tribe has ever known. Unfortunately, Hiccup’s slight build and curious nature make him more useful in the blacksmith’s shop than on the battlefield. After building a contraption that shoots down a dragon during a raid, Hiccup goes into the woods to find his trophy. He soon discovers that while the dragon is down, he isn’t out. After a rough initial encounter, Hiccup nurses the dragon back to health, naming him “Toothless.” Through his interactions with Toothless, Hiccup learns more about drag-



Dreamworks

ons than his tribe ever has, and the two form a bond that challenges the Vikings’ way of life.

Presented in 3-D, “Dragon” is far more crisp and clear than the recent “Alice in Wonderland.” Smooth and immersive, this is the 3-D that James Cameron promised with “Avatar,” the kind that provides a real reason to see films theatrically instead of waiting for DVD. As Hiccup and Toothless soar through the air, you can almost feel the wind against your face as clouds race by and your adrenaline pumps. It is exhilarating and an experience one will treasure for some time.

The screenplay is an odd mesh of “Old Yeller” and “The Iron Giant,” and with Vikings, dragons and high-flying adventure thrown into the mix, there is plenty of fun to be had. Chris Sanders, director of the delightfully offbeat “Lilo and Stitch,” creates an epic adventure, opening the scope of the typical ani-

mated film by soaring across oceans and skies. But through all this, he never loses sight of the story, balancing action and character so well it looks easy.

The primary relationships at play are not only the one between Toothless and Hiccup, but also between Hiccup and his father. Gerard Butler and Jay Baruchel work well together, crafting a real chemistry that comes out of a strained and honest relationship. Even with Butler’s Scottish brogue and Baruchel’s Canadian accent, one can still buy them as father and son with real communication issues. Sanders doesn’t take us down the typical road films like this often do. The father/son storyline is complex and takes a few unseen turns, making it just as fascinating as the action sequences.

Rest assured, the action exhibits everything animation can do that live action can never hope to achieve. The camera can go any-

where, the action can be as large as it wants, and with some well-placed 3-D effects, the battle scenes crack like a whip, leaving viewers breathless.

Special mention must be made of John Powell’s score. His soaring themes and rousing battle marches enhance the viewing just as much as the 3-D. From the tender moments between Hiccup and Toothless to the final raid upon the Dragons’ Nest, Powell weaves music that causes an itch to hop onto iTunes and purchase the score immediately.

Ultimately, “How to Train Your Dragon” is DreamWorks’ finest picture to date. They’ve thrown the gauntlet at Pixar’s feet, daring them to do better. With Pixar’s highly anticipated “Toy Story 3” coming out this summer, it seems that next year’s Best Animated Feature Oscar will be a close race, and fans will reap the rewards.

Grade: A

Monday, March 29

“War on the Family: Mothers in Prison and the Children They Leave Behind”

Film and discussion
101 Fernald Hall
12:10 to 1:30 p.m.

Spring Bingo

Main Dining Room, Memorial Union
8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

Beyond Facebook: From Cliques to Kinship

Bangor Room, Memorial Union
12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

New Writing Series - Amy Jirsa & Rachel Perry

Soderberg Auditorium, Jenness Hall
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Chamber Jazz Ensemble

Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 31

Spring Study Abroad Fair

Bangor Room, Memorial Union
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“At Home in Maine, Part IV”

Film and discussion
Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall
12:30 to 2 p.m.

National Security Implications of Climate Change

McIntire Room, Buchanan Alumni House
4:30 to 6 :30 p.m.

Brass Quintet Faculty Concert

Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.
\$7, free w/ MaineCard

Kickin’ Flicks: “Sherlock Holmes”

Collins Center for the Arts
9 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

Maine Writers Series presents poet Dawn Potter

Writers Center, 4th Floor, Neville Hall
4:30 p.m.

Pi Beta Phi 2nd Annual Wing Eating Competition

Bear’s Den, Memorial Union
7 p.m.

Maine Channel Film Fest

Collins Center for the Arts
7 p.m.

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SEEN... On the mall

Necklaces: All my necklaces are J. Crew.

Sunglasses: These are Ray-Bans.

Sweater: This sweater is J. Crew. I'm pretty preppy, I love J.Crew and Lacoste and stores like that, but sometimes I have a more bohemian vibe.

Romper: My romper is from Old Navy. I love rompers because Kim Kardashian always wears them. I want to buy a couple for spring. I like observing people and taking in all styles and fashion from everywhere I go.

Shoes: The wedges are Old Navy. They're good daytime heels.

Bangle: It's my friend's.

Emily Fiorini, Second-year early childhood education student

The corny truth about the high-fructose food business

There are several ways to gain insight into a person's lifestyle without actually speaking to them. Perhaps some of the most telling aspects are their eating habits. What kind of foods do they consume? How often? Examine the dietary habits of a college student and one is bound to find late-night study sessions and on-the-go breakfasts interwoven throughout each bottle of Powerade or Nutrigrain bar in the cabinet.



By Jaclyn Stevens

Yet, despite a low budget and tight schedule, most students seem to be striving to achieve what they interpret to be a balanced diet. An article written and published by a health news Web site stated college students are more health-conscious than ever because they are constantly looking toward a bright and successful future. But what exactly is healthy? Although many foods wear the mask of a healthy substance, those multigrain breads and vitamin-powered sports drinks are not as wholesome as many are led to believe.

High-fructose corn syrup — a sweetener derived from corn and used in place of sugar in an alarming amount of foods — is the best friend of big names in the food industry. This way, there can be less money going in and more product coming out. Never mind the fact that high fructose corn syrup slows the metabolism and turns into fat when it's released from the liver, contributing largely to the growing obesity problem in the United States. But, since there doesn't have to be any flashy stickers on cereal boxes or fruit snacks promoting a healthy liver, companies don't concern themselves with the long-term effects of their substitute sweeteners, especially if other healthy ingredients surround it.

An unknown ingredient must be good if it has common health-friendly ingredients

with it, right? Wrong. Don't be fooled; As long as it's cheaper, big businesses will continue to squirrel it away in the ingredient lists of seemingly nutritious foods and circulate it throughout each sub-brand of their companies to save a buck. Kraft Foods, for example, has 61 brands in a variety of different categories. Everything from Cadbury chocolate to Oscar Meyer hotdogs can be traced back to the "Big K." Unfortunately, more brands means less care for the consumer.

I am what I like to refer to as a grocery shopping connoisseur, or as other people would call it, a label Nazi. A trip to Hannaford or to the Memorial Union means bringing along the reading glasses, because I scour each product label for nutritional value past the first two ingredients and well on into the 16th and 17th. Lately, it has become my goal to cut high-fructose corn syrup out of my diet.

Of course, soda is an obvious substance with high fructose corn syrup pulsing through its core, but I am surprised to find some foods I thought to be nutritious are not as hearty as I had thought. Many breads, such as whole wheat WonderBread, claim to be healthy because of wheat or multigrains, when in fact high fructose corn syrup cancels out most of the benefits. Even seemingly innocent flavored yogurts contain the high fructose monster.

Finding alternative products that do not contain high fructose corn syrup is no easy task, but it is possible. Reading nutrition labels on two brands of a product and taking an extra five minutes to compare one to the other is an effective way to make adjustments to a diet. Web sites such as <http://stophfcs.com/list.html> are great for doing research before shopping to find products free of high fructose corn syrup. <http://www.foodfacts.info/high-fructose-corn-syrup.shtml> is a list containing a breakdown of fast food restaurants and which of their products contain high fructose corn syrup.

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each other for what they truly are. While that may sound like one giant therapy session, it is quite the contrary. It is charged with sexuality and humor, and there's an underlying honesty to it all that is at times troubling and heartbreaking. "Savage" contains bold material that, as written, is tricky to navigate without coming across as cloying or unnecessarily vulgar, but as performed here, it works beautifully.

The direction and staging by Sandra Hardy is concise. The characters move and articulate enough to be interesting but not so much that it blocks vantage points from the audience or seems forced for the sake of not having 10-minute dialogues at one table. These characters are passionate and angry, and their movements enhance their internal struggling.

There isn't a single weak link within this ensemble cast,

and just as Beale delivers a one-liner and you think she might steal the show, Davis steps up her game, and then Belknap, and then Middleton. This ensemble works wonders together, providing equal amounts of humor and poignancy.

Another great effect is the seemingly constant background music. We are in a bar, after all, and the jukebox plays softly, sometimes commenting perfectly upon the action at hand. While it never overwhelms, one can't help but smile and be slightly touched as Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" plays softly as Tony declares a need for change. He is unhappy with the path he has been on, as are all the characters, and this is his moment trying to explain why he chose to go beyond the yellow brick road he has followed all his life. These subtle moments help make this a truly great production.

"Savage In Limbo" is a fine script, and the production here has charged it with life and vigor.

Paphnutius from Page B1

international business and history.

Passman has worked to maintain the Latin major for 25 years with one or two adjuncts to help.

"I am under no illusions about the popularity of Latin and classics," Passman said. "Although I was promised that

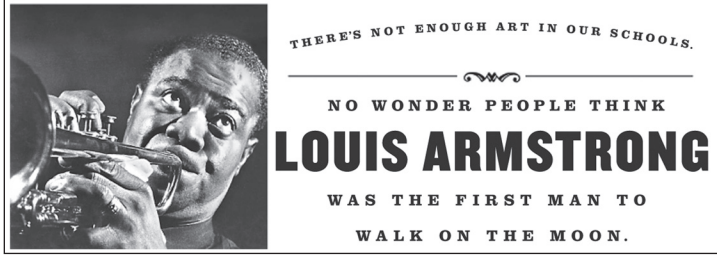
the university was committed to building the Latin and classics program when I came in 1985, that was not the case, and it never happened."

Passman feels if students have a problem with the university's new proposed cuts, they should do something about it.

The APWGG Public Forum will take place Monday, March 29, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Wells Conference center.

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CD REVIEW: “She & Him”

Sophomore album continues sunny streak from folk duo

By Kaley Roberts
Head Copy Editor

He was a legendary folk singer-songwriter and guitarist. She was a doe-eyed film darling with a soulful voice. When Zooey Deschanel and M. Ward formed She & Him back in 2006, it was a match made in indie folk heaven.

With their 2008 debut, “Volume One,” the duo proved worthy of all the hype surrounding them. The follow-up album — predictably titled “Volume Two” — is easily just as successful, and showcases a growing bond between the two artists.

Deschanel penned 12 of the 14 songs on their sophomore album, and they all have that same retro feel. Looking at her vintage-inspired clothing and ’60s hairstyles, it’s not surprising her music has both the breezy feel of The Beach Boys and seductively sugary swaying of The Chantels.

Her own songs are well-written and catchy, but the standout tracks on “Volume Two” were written by Alan G. Anderson and Milton Kelen, respectively.

Ward gets more time in front of the mic this time around, but Deschanel owns the show with her skills as a vocal chameleon. She sings like Linda Ronstadt on “Thieves” and channels Jenny Lewis for “Brand New Shoes,” and surprisingly presents a little Stevie Nicks in “Me and You.” Even with her multiple influences, Deschanel’s voice is distinctive — sweet and warm, like honey on a summer’s day.

“Ridin’ in My Car” features Ward heavily on vocals, and is one of the few true singing duets from She & Him. His soft acoustic guitar, slow drumbeats and tambourine make the song sound like something The Byrds could have recorded fifty years ago. The back-



Merge Records

ground vocalists harmonizing with Deschanel’s poppy singing is sure to make listeners picture a ’60’s girl band, complete with matching outfits and choreographed dance moves. Kitschy cute lines like, “Without one hand of the clock what good is the other,” round out the innocent retro motif. Ward even finishes off the song with a killer guitar solo that is pure old school rock ‘n’ roll.

“In the Sun,” the first single off of “Volume Two,” succeeded at enticing new listeners while staying true to the sound fans are used to. The pop piano at the start draws listeners in to the lighthearted track about young love. An echoey effect gives Deschanel’s voice a soft, ethereal feel and Ward’s guitar-playing prowess is particularly displayed. The tune’s music video features Deschanel as a sweet girl in high school swooning over Ward’s cool-guy character. The video is filled with musical-caliber dance routines that fit well with a song that induces so much toe tapping.

The other highlight is “I’m Gonna Make it Better.” With an upbeat-yet-twangy guitar and simple country-style melodies, Deschanel sounds a bit like a young June Carter Cash. The song’s simple refrain of “I’m gonna make, make it better / I’m gonna get the best, lock it up and swallow the key” is catchy enough to get stuck in your head for days.

Most of the album is fast and summery, but two of the last tracks stand out for their slower pace. Both “Brand New Shoes” and “If You Can’t Sleep” trade in the vintage beach for timeless lullaby-like melodies.

This album is a musical Swiss army knife, ready to fit any occasion. The same tracks that keep listeners’ fingers tapping on steering wheels while out driving on a bright spring day can also perfectly complement a morning with a cup of coffee and the paper, or an afternoon spent baking and singing along.

Grade: A



Patrick Locke • The Maine Campus
The Bangor Symphony Orchestra set the backdrop for a mock John, Paul, George and Ringo at the Classical Mystery Tour on Saturday in the Collins Center for the Arts.



Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor
Christina Belknap, as Linda, faces off against Greg Middleton as Anthony after he tells her he wants to date “ugly girls.”

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Burgess shakes off cold weather, leads women's team to home win

Masters picks up win in 5,000-meters

By Derek McKinley
Staff Reporter

The chill in the air over the Beckett Track and Field Complex made running conditions less than ideal for the University of Maine as they played host to the University of New Hampshire and Bates College, but the teams managed to put on their only home showcase of the year for fans willing to brave the elements.

Several changes were instituted to deal with the issues created by the body-numbing temperatures. All jumping and vaulting events were contested in the Field House, and the 3,000-meter steeplechase was cancelled because the water jump was frozen.

While the jumpers and vaulters were able to stay a bit warmer in the Field House, the sprinters and distance runners bundled up to beat the cold, hoping that the temperature would not alter their race times significantly.

"We warmed up inside for the most part today, so that was helpful to have the indoor track open," said returning senior Matt Holman, who won the 400-meter hurdles in 55.12 seconds and competed as a member of a 4x100 and 4x400 relay team. "It's Maine, so you're

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Matt Holman
Senior
Men's Track & Field

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The Black Bears stacked Holman and several others into the event, and were rewarded when freshmen Jimmy Reed and Paul Kelley rounded out the top three. In the 110-meter hurdles, freshman Arthur Von Marschall earned victory in 15.90 seconds.

Senior Skip Edwards ran an impressive 49.94 to win the 400-meter dash. He was joined by senior Troy Harris, whose time of 53.26 was good for third place.

In the field, the team was bolstered by performances from returning senior Jeff Ramos, whose jump of 6-06.75 was good for first in the high jump. Ramos was joined by freshman Jadrien Cousens, who took third with a 6-02.75 showing. UMaine also scored in the long jump when junior Drew Horner took first in the long jump with a 21-07.25 leap.

The 5,000-meter run was also stacked with UMaine runners, who managed to take the top three spots in the race. Sophomore Riley Masters finished in 14:44.22, good for the win and a good start to his highly anticipated second outdoor season. Masters was joined by freshman Patrick Mullarkey (second, 15:11.76) and sophomore Dave Currier (third, 15:13.38).

Good individual showings were not enough for the Black Bears, and the men finished third as a team with 106 points, just behind Bates' 107 points, and far short of New Hampshire's 158 points.

The women's team raced to a team victory by claiming the top spot in several events, including the javelin (Jessica Bond, 144-05); 1,500-meter run (Vanessa Letourneau, 4:41.83); 100-meter dash (Ally Howatt, 12.50); 800-meter run (Corey Conner, 2:19.92); 200-meter run (Shaniqua Burgess, 25.53); and 5,000-meter run (Allie Conner, 17:59.16). In each of these events, Black Bears took second place as well.

"Coach [Dave Cusano] tried to give us a new way to execute the 200, and this was my first time actually trying it," said sophomore Shaniqua Burgess. "[Work] my first 50 meters and [learn] to be patient, and [know] that if you're patient, the race will come to you."

The women's squad earned victory despite missing sophomore multi-eventer Jesse Labreck, who did not compete this weekend, but would likely have figured into the finish of many of her chosen events. They also put together nearly record-breaking performances even with the poor weather conditions. Multiple-time conference champion Vicki Tolton returned for the outdoor season and missed the 400-meter hurdle record by two-tenths of a second, and the women's 4x100 relay team was off by just twelve-hundredths of a second.

Field performers were equally important to the team's success, as sophomore Katherine McGeoghan won the high jump with a 5-05 jump, and throwers including sophomores Rylee Rawcliffe and Katy Grime and senior Alli Krous contributed points to the overall effort.

The women earned 137 points, which was enough to hold off UNH's 127 points and Bates' 102 points.

The teams will see action against UNH again next week as they head to Durham for a dual meet with the Wildcats. Some of the athletes will head for warmer weather for the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. Events at UNH begin at noon Saturday.

Young Bears hope to improve in '10-'11

Men's basketball loses one senior; McLemore, McNally lead UMaine returnees

By Michael Pare
For The Maine Campus

After being picked to finish eighth out of nine teams in the America East Conference, the University of Maine men's basketball team made a powerful statement by finishing the year with a record of 19-11 — good for third place in the conference.

Although Maine's resurgent 2009-2010 campaign was tempered by a disappointing quarterfinal loss to the University of New Hampshire in the America East Conference tournament, coach Ted Woodward remains optimistic about his team's future.

"We were disappointed in

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Ted Woodward
Head Coach
Men's Basketball

the game we played against UNH," he said. "But we played very consistently all season long and we only had one loss against teams under .500 in the second half of the season."

"That one game doesn't make our season," the fifth-year coach added. "You always want to win at the end of the season, but every year eight of nine teams don't."

The team that did win this year — the University of Vermont — will be depleted next season after losing a potential NBA player in small forward Marqus Blakely, while regular season champion Stony Brook University will also feel the loss of Ken Roberson Player of the Year award winner Muhammed El-Amin.

The only other America East team to make a postseason tournament — Boston University in the College Basketball Invitational — will also be losing eight seniors, so the door

will be wide open for what will be a veteran-laden Black Bears squad next year.

Junior Bernal, UMaine's starting point guard for parts of the past four seasons will be the Black Bears' only loss to graduation. Woodward has spoken glowingly of the three-time All Academic Team honoree in the past, but has high hopes the team will be able to step up their contributions once he is gone.

"Junior had another great year for us," he said. "He has been a great leader for us but we have a number of other guys that have leadership qualities, and we will continue to improve upon those with experience and maturity with the group of juniors and seniors we have next year."

Headlining that group of upperclassmen is guard Gerald McLemore, who in his sophomore season raised his scoring average from 12.1 to 14.6 points per game and earned a spot on the America East First Team. Also back next year will be forward Sean McNally, whose performance in the paint this year (10.4 ppg, 7.4 rebounds per game, 1.2 blocks per game) made him a third team selection in the conference.

In addition, UMaine will return starters Terrance Mitchell, Troy Barnies, Murphy Burnatowski, and key reserves Mike Alison and Andrew Rogers. Mitchell was the Black Bears' third-leading scorer this year at just under 10 points per game, while Murphy Burnatowski exceeded expectations in his first year being named to the America East All-Rookie Team.

Troy Barnies played a versatile role for UMaine last year, starting some games or bringing intensity off the bench when matchups called for it, and the long and athletic Mike Alison tipped in a buzzer-beating layup to give UMaine a win over Boston University in one of their best wins of the year.

Andrew Rogers backed up Bernal for much of the year and

ated revenue.

UMaine has 15 varsity sports currently and cutting one would give them the minimum number of sports required to be an NCAA Division I institution. A college or university must have 14 varsity sports — seven men's and women's or six men's and eight women's.

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Murphy Burnatowski throws down a dunk in a home game earlier this season. Burnatowski had a great freshmen season and was named to the America East All-Rookie Team. The men's basketball team loses only one senior and is expected to contend for a conference title next season.

appears to be the logical successor at point guard next year.

"You always look at addressing things internally and then you look at recruiting," Woodward said. "And we have a lot of confidence with the team we have right now. [Rogers] is a guy that plays a key role and has played every single game since he has been here, and we have guys we feel we can push through that spot for a short time and can fill that role."

Woodward was honored this year as one of 15 finalists for the Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award for his work on and off the basketball court and will be further honored next season with the first truly experienced

team he has had the pleasure of coaching at the University of Maine.

"Experienced basketball teams are the ones that are aimed for success," Woodward said.

But he won't be worrying about external expectations next year, just as he ignored the doubters this season.

"Our expectations will be ones that we dictate from within our basketball game and understanding realistically what we can achieve," he said. "With experienced teams you can build on a lot of things you have done in the past."

And next year his team will have plenty to build on.

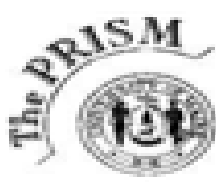
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grams and Stanford University, which has the nation's third-largest endowment fund, predicted that they will lose \$5 million in revenue over the next three years.

UMaine's current athletic budget is \$10 million, with half of it comprised from self-gener-

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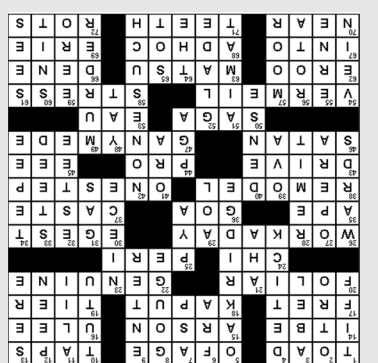
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Bears jumped into elite in '09-'10

Ted Woodward's club returns nucleus next season

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Baseball (Sat.)	5	1	Lehigh
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Softball (Sun.)	8	0	Hartford
Men's Hockey - UNH	6	2	Cornell
Men's Hockey - Vermont	2	3	Wisconsin
Men's Hockey - UNH	2	6	RIT
Men's Hockey - BC	3	1	Alaska
Men's Hockey - BC	9	7	Yale

TRACK & FIELD

Women take third, men place last

Sophomore Burgess wins three events for women's squad

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Pitching, defense make Sox '10 favorite

There are probably a lot of people skeptical about the Boston Red Sox offseason moves this year. That argument has some merit, depending on your own opinion of improving a team, but the reality is the BoSox upgraded their club more than any other team with dreams of October.



Jesse Scardina

First off, anyone hoping for the unique home run power that the recent championship Sox provided should wake up and smell the pine tar. Gone, not only for the Red Sox but most likely all of baseball, are teams built around the long ball. From 2003 to 2008, Fenway Park was the home to one of the most devastating yard-going duos in the history of the game. David Ortiz, the only everyday player from the 2004 squad is a shell of his former self, and the combo of Kevin Youkilis and Victor Martinez come nowhere near to matching the raw power of Manny and Big Papi.

The critics of the Sox hot stove selections this winter will also point to letting go the only player eclipsing 30 home runs, Jason Bay. But instead of overpaying for Bay, the Sox filtered that money into pitching, defense and productiveness.

Already equipped with one of the deepest rotations in baseball, the Red Sox signed the pick of this offseason's litter in former Angel John Lackey. Some would argue the Red Sox overpaid for an injury-prone 32-year-old, but when in this day and age do you not overpay for a quality arm? In addition to being one of the most productive starters these past few years, Lackey has also been a thorn in the side of the Yankees — a team the Sox will absolutely need to get through to hoist the hardware in October.

The Sox also added much needed help in their defense, which was toward the bottom of the league this past year. Boston gave sturdy veteran

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Athletic department to cut \$300k

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Last spring, the University of Maine athletic department made the decision to eliminate the volleyball and men's soccer programs as part of university budget cuts. This spring, the school may not have to cut a sport, but will have to shave \$300,000 from its budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The cuts are part of a proposed cut in academic programs, resources and personnel that will save the university more than \$12 million.

The cuts have not been determined yet, but will take place within a couple of weeks as the budget has to be finalized at the beginning of May.

"We were kind of ahead of the curve where we had our cuts last year with significant cutbacks including the elimination of the volleyball and men's soccer programs," Athletic Director Blake James told the Bangor Daily News. "We cut close to a mil-



James

lion last year from our budget and close to that again this year. It's just the reality of the current situation."

Many of the cuts that have to take place may be balanced by UMaine teams playing "guarantee" games. During the 2009-2010 seasons, UMaine received \$550,000 for playing at Syracuse University in football and men's basketball. In addition to the \$450,000 the football team was paid for playing Syracuse in the Carrier Dome in September, they were paid \$400,000 from the University of Iowa in 2008. The money that the teams get from the "guarantee" games goes into the school's ath-

letic fund.

While the cuts are being felt across the board, UMaine's athletic program is not the only school dealing with budget constraints. Just this past fall, two Colonial Athletic Association football members cut their program to save money. Northeastern University and Hofstra University have fielded football teams since the first half of the 20th century, but were forced to eliminate the sport.

Last year, the University of Vermont eliminated its baseball and softball pro-

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Justin Latta delivers a pitch in the top of the seventh inning against Lehigh University on Saturday afternoon. UMaine fell 4-2 in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, but took the remaining three games in the four-game weekend series. The Black Bears improve to 10-13 on the season.

UM rebounds, takes three of four from Lehigh

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Coming off last weekend's four-game sweep at nationally ranked Oregon State University, the University of Maine baseball team was looking to get back to its winning ways two weeks before America East play begins.

And they did just that.

After dropping Saturday's opener, UMaine won three straight over Lehigh University to snap a seven-game losing streak at frigid Mahaney Dia-

mond over the weekend.

It was the first home series of the year for the Black Bears (10-13), who head to the New Jersey Institute of Technology for a four-game series next weekend.

Lehigh, a member of the Patriot League, fell to 6-13.

Lehigh took the opener of the series 4-2, before UMaine reeled off three consecutive on Saturday and Sunday (5-1, 8-1, 10-9).

In Sunday's second game, Tony Patane hit an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth in-

ning to drive in Kyle Stilphen as the Black Bears won 10-9.

In a back-and-forth affair that featured plenty of offense, both teams struck for three runs in the second inning. Taylor Lewis provided a blow with a solo home run to lead off the inning.

In the fifth inning with the game tied at 3-3, UMaine scored five runs on five extra base hits.

Lehigh fought back though scoring a run in the sixth inning, two in the seventh and two more in the eighth. In the

top of the ninth inning, the Mountain Hawks took the lead on a Logan Winchester RBI single.

UMaine answered in the bottom half of the inning though, when Stilphen knocked in Lewis with a single and Patane ended the game with a single up the middle to bring in Stilphen.

Myckie Lugbauer (1-0) picked up the victory for the Black Bears. The senior right-hander pitched one inning and gave up one run.

Stilphen led the offense go-

ing 4-for-4, while Patane had three hits and four RBI.

Dan Ciccone (0-2) took the loss for Lehigh.

In Sunday's first game, freshman right-hander Jeffrey Gibbs allowed only one hit, a solo home run in the fourth inning, and struck out five batters as the Black Bears cruised to an 8-1 win.

Gibbs (2-2) went the distance in the game, throwing seven strong innings. He walked only two batters.

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Resilient Wilson makes most of postseason chance

Senior netminder steps up on big stage; led Black Bears to Hockey East finals

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

The finality of an overtime goal forces opposite extremes of emotion for the goal-tenders of a hockey game. Regardless of which end of the spectrum one is on, the game is done. They won or you won.

For University of Maine senior goaltender David Wilson, an overtime goal scored against him in last Saturday's Hockey East Tournament Final against Boston College also meant the end of his college career, and of the Black Bears' season.

Eagles senior right wing Matt Lombardi repeatedly whacked at the puck until it finally trickled out from underneath Wilson and crept across the goal line 5:25 into the extra session. No. 4 BC was practically guaranteed an NCAA Tournament berth before the game started. No. 19 UMaine needed a win to get in.

"It really set in as soon as that puck went in the net," Wilson said on Tuesday in an interview. "I haven't really recovered and I doubt I probably will for a long while. It's never going to be OK."

What Wilson needs now is the resiliency

and support that got him and the Black Bears to that fateful game at the TD Garden in Boston and into overtime.

The Black Bears trailed 4-2, 5-3, and 6-4, and then mounted a two-goal comeback in the final 5:01, completed by freshman right wing Joey Diamond's equalizer with 0:27 left in the third period.

The game was a microcosm of the Black Bears' season. They got knocked down, but never knocked out.

The 19-17-3 Black Bears started 1-5 after a pair of disappointing 13-win seasons, but came together under the leadership of junior captain Tanner House and junior assistant captain Jeff Dimmen, as well as a four-member senior class. They strung together five wins to roll into December, swept archrival University of New Hampshire at home in February and were the only U.S. college team to defeat Canadian power University of New Brunswick in an exhibition.

The Black Bears lost six of their last eight regular season games to stumble into the playoffs, and starting goaltender Scott Darling ended his sophomore season prematurely with a suspension for violating

team rules.

UMaine coach Tim Whitehead gave freshman goalie Shawn Sirman the nod for the final regular season weekend against the University of Massachusetts, but Sirman was lifted for Wilson in both losses due to ineffectiveness.

The Black Bears still managed to gain home ice for their quarterfinal series against the University of Massachusetts Lowell with help from other conference foes in the final weekend, and Whitehead entrusted the team to Wilson, a four-year backup.

"As soon as I went in against UMass Lowell game one I thought, 'This is my team now to carry'," Wilson said. "I thought, 'It basically comes back on me if I don't stop a certain amount of pucks, and it's my fault that we lose that game.'"

Much of the Alford Arena crowd did not stick around to hear the final horn of UMaine's 2-1 loss in the opener of the best-of-three series against UMass Lowell. But they came back the following night and so did Wilson, earning his

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Dave Wilson moves to his left in the net to stop a shot by a Boston College player in last Saturday's Hockey East Championship at the TD Garden in Boston. Wilson started all of UMaine's postseason games in place of the suspended Scott Darling.