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# The Maine Campus



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## VP predicts tuition hikes, layoffs in 2011

**Tyler Francke**  
Staff Writer

The University of Maine is facing a \$5.9 million budget gap for the next fiscal year, which Vice President of Administration and Finance Janet Waldron said will require layoffs, reductions in university personnel hours and a projected 5.5 percent tuition hike for graduate and undergraduate students.

The \$5.9 million gap is separate from an estimated \$25.2 million gap in the budgets of fiscal year 2012 to 2014, which administration plans on correcting with a number of cuts across all areas of the university. The university's estimated total budget shortfall over the next four fiscal years is \$31.1 million, according to Waldron.

Waldron hosted two budget forums this week, with more than 70 people in attendance

at each, to explain the pressing economic concerns for the next fiscal year and the university's plans for balancing the budget. President Robert Kennedy and Provost Susan Hunter joined the audiences of mostly faculty and administrators gathered at Wells Conference Center.

The \$5.9 million gap stems from shrinking state funding, lower student enrollment and reduced funding from endowments and the University of Maine Foundation, Waldron said.

"Part of the reason [revenue] is down is because our outgoing classes are exceeding our incoming classes," Waldron said.

According to data provided by the university, total credit hours taken at the university dropped 2.7 percent in the fall semester of 2009. Before 2009,

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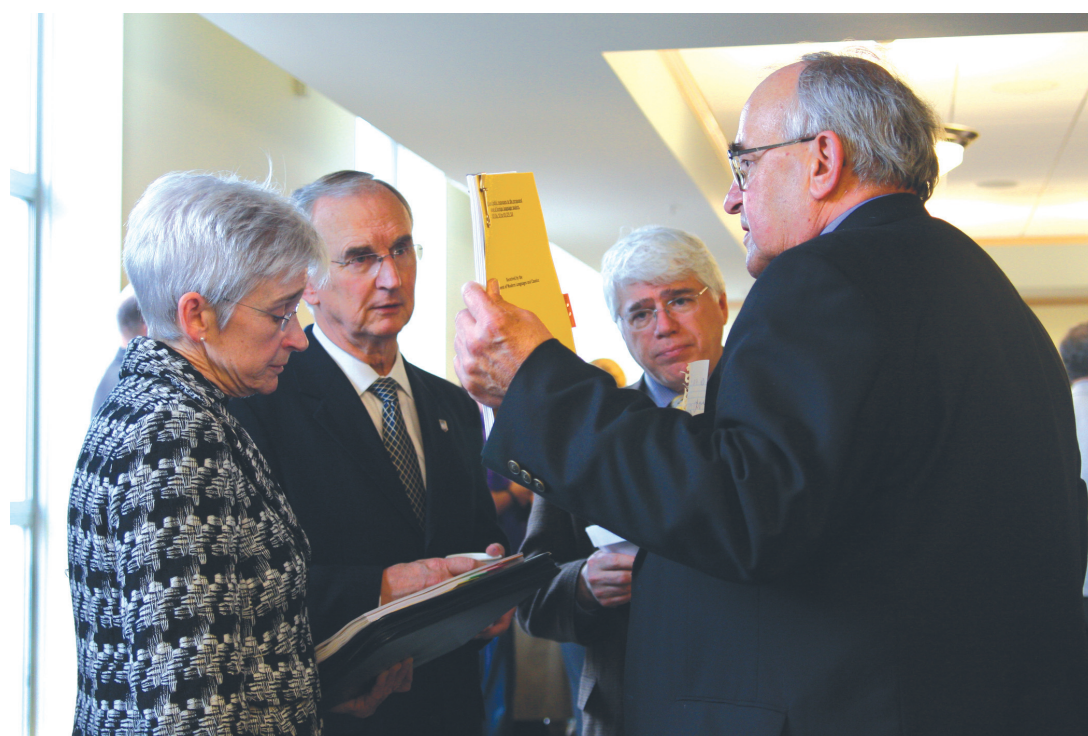
## Hundreds attend forum to discuss academic cuts

**By Mario Moretto**  
News Editor

More than 200 people, mostly students, attended an informational forum at Wells Conference Center on Monday to discuss the proposed changes released last week that would include the elimination of majors in foreign languages, women's studies, theater and music at the University of Maine.

The deans of UMaine's five colleges were all present to answer questions about the proposals issued by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group, as were President Robert Kennedy and Provost Susan Hunter. The proposals are part of a university-wide effort to tackle a projected budget shortfall of \$25.2 million, and would save the university more than \$12 million between 2011 and 2014, according to a statement issued by the university.

The recommendations would eliminate other majors as well, and combine some departments to form broader programs. Ultimately, the changes



Photos by Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor

**TOP:** Approximately 15 people picketed the forum with signs, which had slogans such as "Chop from the Top." **See Page 2.**

**ABOVE:** Provost Susan Hunter, from left, President Robert Kennedy and Dean of Students Robert Dana talk with Raymond Pelletier, chairman of the Department of Modern Languages and Classics, at the forum.

would result in 16 fewer undergraduate majors, six fewer master's degree programs, 80 fewer full-time faculty and the

complete dismantlement of the Department of Public Administration. All changes would be in place by fiscal year 2014.

The recommendations were the response by the deans to an

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## Police charge student in wall-scaling break-in

UMPD alleges student entered Union; student says he needed to finish essay

**By Mario Moretto**  
News Editor

University of Maine Police have charged a second-year philosophy student with criminal trespassing and criminal mischief for breaking into the Memorial Union on March 29. The case was also referred to Judicial Affairs.

According to Detective William Flagg, Michael W. Gibson entered through the roof of the Union around 4 a.m. before falling into Room 325S, breaking some tiles in the suspended ceiling. Gibson said that while he knew it was wrong to enter, he went into the Union any-

way to work on an essay for the Rezendos Ethics and Technology contest that was due at noon the same day.

"The winner gets \$2,500 and a statue and all this cool stuff," Gibson said. "I was like, 'I'm not missing out on all that,' so I turned into Spider-Man and climbed up the Union."

Both crimes are Class D offenses, and each carry a maximum penalty of one year in

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Gibson

## Obama visiting Portland today

Staff Report

President Barack Obama will visit Portland's Expo Center on Thursday to tout the new health care reform bill in his first trip to Maine since winning the presidential election.

The visit was announced March 25 by Democratic Rep. Chellie Pingree.

University of Maine sophomore and Maine College Democrats President Benjamin Goodman said he and several other students would attend the event, and was looking forward to hearing Obama speak about the health care bill.

The Portland stop, as with most presidential events, is expected to draw some protesters. UMaine College Republicans President Ben Keller said he would rally outside the Expo during

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The Maine Campus file photo

Barack Obama, seen here at the Bangor Civic Center in 2008, hasn't visited Maine since assuming the office of President.

## GSS decries proposal to cut majors

Resolution introduced to senate through undergraduate petition

**By Mario Moretto**  
News Editor

General Student Senate on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution to express student displeasure with recently proposed academic program cuts that would eliminate several majors by the end of fiscal year 2014.

The resolution was brought to senate through a rarely used procedure that allows students to force a senate vote on a resolution if they gather signatures of support from at least 250 undergraduates. The resolution garnered 311 signatures.

More than 15 students addressed GSS in the beginning of the meeting during General Good and Welfare, a portion of the senate's agenda where students may address senators on any topic for up to five minutes. President Robert Kennedy, Provost Susan Hunter and Dean of Students Robert Dana were present for the student's speeches and the roll call vote to pass the resolution.

Mary Callaway, co-chair of Student Women's Association, was one of the students who addressed the senate as administrators listened. Women's studies, her major, is one of those tentatively slated to be cut.

"It's not something you see everywhere. It's unique and shows that the university cares about women's issues," Callaway said. "I really think that by eliminating this major, we're showing the rest of the world that we don't care what happens to the hundreds of women in Maine who are raped every year."

Another student, who moved to Maine from New York in 2002, spoke in defense of the Modern Languages and Classics Department, as well as the music programs that might be eliminated.

"This state is what my mother, a lifelong New Yorker, would call 'Wonder Bread white,'" the student said. "Please don't promote a culturally isolationist attitude at the University of Maine."

Khera Morris, a non-traditional student, offered a more practical reason to continue offering majors in foreign languages: She said many graduate-level programs require fluency in a foreign language.

"Why are we not preparing undergrads for MFA or Ph.D. studies?" Morris asked. "We need to promote this to make you competitive in whatever field you're in."

Earlier in the meeting, University Singers —

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# GSS passes resolution in approval of single-stream



President Robert Kennedy, left, speaks with Sen. Benjamin Goodman, center, and others after Tuesday night's General Student Senate meeting.

By Michael Shepherd  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine's General Student Senate unanimously passed resolutions decrying departmental cuts and mergers proposed by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group and touting university-wide single-stream recycling at its Tuesday meeting.

During General Good and Welfare, a part of senate's weekly agenda in which students may address senate, approximately 15 students gave short speeches in opposition to the proposed cuts to academics published by APPWG last week before senate passed a resolution decrying the recommendations (See Page A1).

Later in the meeting, the senate unanimously passed another resolution, "An act to strongly encourage Facilities Management to adopt Single Stream Recycling," sponsored by Sen. Christopher Knoblock. Single-stream would allow all recyclables to be placed in single containers, compacted on campus and then shipped away to be sorted and recycled. Currently, recyclable materials are sorted on campus at the Depot Recycling and Redemption Center.

Speaking in early February, Green Team president Gregory Edwards said the plan was conceived to save the "university

money in labor costs by outsourcing the labor-intensive sorting process." The system has already been used on a trial basis at Hill-top Commons and has met the approval of Properties Management, the department responsible for the maintenance of non-academic buildings.

Critics of single-stream have raised concerns that the switch could result in job losses at Facilities Management, including student jobs, specifically in the depot. Facilities Management, the department responsible for maintenance of academic buildings and Memorial Union, has yet to take a stance on single-stream, arguing that more research needs to be done before the system is adopted or discarded.

Knoblock's resolution was amended in the Administrative and Academic Policy Committee to recommend Facilities Management "retain student jobs associated with recycling in some capacity."

Knoblock said the new system would save nearly \$100 per ton of recycled material — a savings he projected unofficially, based on current recycling totals, to be \$65,776 during one year. Knoblock said total recycling costs at the University of Maine in 2009 were \$119,467.85.

Sen. Nate Wildes said he would have supported the resolu-

tion with or without the amendment.

"It's a service to students that students could actually use," Wildes said. "I hate sorting my recycling. I know everyone does. This is a solution to that problem."

Sen. Ben Goodman said the amendment is what clinched his vote.

"I said that I wouldn't vote for it unless there was something about jobs," Goodman said. "I think it's the model type of resolution. These are the things that Student Government should be doing."

Gavin, though supportive of the bill, said he wasn't sure if Facilities Management would be any more supportive of the change because of the senate resolution.

"I think they're very set in their ways," Gavin said. "I think we need to be more forceful than that and actually cite some statistics, [saying], 'This is what we need to do and why.'"

"He's absolutely right. We can't force them to do anything," Knoblock said. "We clearly showed that we have enough of an active student voice with all the students coming in to talk about the budget cuts and it's nice to see that the senate, as it represents the students, is interested in sustainability as well as cutting costs."

## In other GSS business...

- Second-year business student Katie Foster was narrowly elected as the nonvoting student representative to the University of Maine System board of trustees. Foster received 13 votes, second-year economics student Nathan Kinney received 12 and Sen. Alex Price received seven. Two votes were discarded on procedural grounds after two senators failed to write their names on their votes as is required.
- GSS created a special budget line for "flags" and allocated \$300 to it. Sergeant-at-arms Sen. Derek Jones said he could get a large American-made U.S. flag for \$269.93, which the senate encouraged him to do.
- GSS unanimously allocated \$1,200 to the Maine Society for Microbiology and \$1,430 to the Student Women's Association.
- A resolution to amend the employment policies of Student Government was sent to the Policy and Procedures Committee for review.
- Vice President for Student Entertainment Joseph "Pat" Nabozny told senate he had booked a famous comedian from a major cable network for October, but kept the comic's name confidential. "It always says in the contract that until the show is advanced, you're not supposed to talk about it."
- The Student Social Work Organization and Veteran's Association were granted final recognition with no opposition from senators.
- Two representatives from UMaine's Rotaract Club presented a two-minute slideshow of their Spring Break volunteer trip to New Orleans, where they planted trees and helped rebuild the house of a woman whose husband left her after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

# Students picket APPWG forum



Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor  
Gregory Brousseau and Joshua Stanhope protest at the APPWG Public Forum.

By William P. Davis  
Editor in Chief

Approximately a dozen people protested with signs and slogans Monday as students and faculty met with administrators to discuss proposed academic cuts, at one point chanting, "Students first, hear our voice, it's our school, it's our choice."

Kalie Hess, a second-year romance languages student, organized the protest. On Sunday, she and other students made signs with slogans like "chop from the top" and "If you're going to run my education like a business, I'm taking mine elsewhere." Some protesters had helped make signs the night before; others showed up and picked up a sign. At least two protesters showed up with their own signs.

The picketers encouraged students to sign a petition noting discontent with the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group report's suggestions, which they used to force General Student Senate to consider a resolution, gathering 311 signatures. Senate rules allow a petition with 250 student signatures to force a vote on a resolution. GSS unanimously approved "An Act to Express Student Dis-

pleasure with Recent Academic Program Cuts Recommended by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group" at its meeting Tuesday night.

Hess said the protesters were told to remove the sticks from their signs before entering the building, and were told they couldn't enter the conference rooms with their signs, but said the administration and security didn't interfere with the protest. The picketers stood in a lobby area on the second floor of Wells Commons, as it was raining heavily outside.

UMaine Public Safety Police Chief Noel March said it was standard policy to make sure nothing that could be used as weapons — such as the sticks of picket signs — is allowed in such events, and said that the number of public safety personnel — four when the event started, which was reduced to three — was standard as well. March said policy was to have at least one public safety officer per 250 people, and estimated the crowd at 300 people.

The suggested cuts were "obviously a very emotion-filled topic," said Dean of Students Robert Dana, but added: "Civility and respect are the order of the day."

## Correction...

The Maine Campus welcomes corrections or clarifications to its articles. Please e-mail all such content to [eic@mainecampus.com](mailto:eic@mainecampus.com). Errors in opinion articles will be corrected on the opinion pages.

In the March 29, 2010, issue of The Maine Campus, articles on Pages A1 and B6 incorrectly stated that the University of Maine currently has 15 Division I teams — one above the number needed to maintain Division I status. UMaine has 17 Division I teams.

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## Break-in from Page 1

prison, Flagg said. Gibson has been given a court date of May 13, at which he will enter his plea.

Gibson said he tried every door in the Union and tried to get the attention of a janitor to gain entry before climbing up the wall outside the entrance by Union Central. Once he was on the roof, he said he tried to enter several “hatches” he found, finally finding one that was unlocked.

According to Gibson, when he opened the hatch it was dark inside. He tried to carefully lower himself in before falling through the ceiling of the copy room. Gibson said he took a minute to collect himself, made his way to the Computer Cluster and began to work before being spotted by a custodian.

According to Flagg, the custodian detained Gibson and called the police. Flagg said Gibson was cooperative when police arrived and issued the summonses.

“You just make things worse for yourself when you lie,”

Gibson said. “So I was totally honest about it.”

When Gibson was asked how he felt about the potential for jail time, he said it was “totally worth it,” but that he wasn’t worried.

“I’m going to get off pretty free,” he said. “I’ll probably just pay a fine or something.”

Gibson plans to represent himself in court. He said he would read the laws and look for semantic loopholes that might set him free.

“True philosophers don’t need lawyers,” Gibson said, adding that “semantic battles are fun.”

“I’ll look at [the laws] and then I have to [ask] ‘What will happen if I plead guilty? What will happen if I plead innocent?’ I don’t know what to do. I haven’t thought about it yet. It’s on May 13, so I have time to think about it.”

Gibson said that after the ordeal, he finished the essay at Fogler Library by 11:55 a.m. — five minutes before deadline.

*Editor’s note: Gibson has written freelance articles for the news section of The Maine Campus and is a frequent contributor to the opinion section.*

## Layoffs from Page 1

UMaine had experienced an annual increase in total credit hours for at least nine years.

Pending approval by the system’s board of trustees, which will probably review the issue in May, tuition for the next academic year will increase 5.5 percent for all students. Waldron said student fees and room and board costs will also increase by about five percent if the board approves the measure.

For undergrads living on campus, this would translate to a \$926 increase for in-state students and a \$1,706 increase for those from out of state. Waldron said the tuition increase is less than the 9.6 percent tuition increase last fall, and she would like the increase in future years to stay around five percent.

According to Waldron, the university is looking to reduce costs in all areas to cover the shortfall. The largest portion — \$2.96 million, or about half of the total budget gap — will be addressed in salaries and wage reductions, while the other half will come from reductions in personnel benefits and operating costs. Most of the 74 positions affected by the university’s plan will come from expected retirements and resignations of staff whose positions will not be replaced, Waldron said.

Waldron projected 15 employees will receive “work year reductions,” which means a cut-back in weekly hours or working fewer months out of the year. Furthermore, two faculty members, five salaried professional personnel and one hourly wage worker will need to be laid off.

Waldron said the layoffs were “unfortunate, but necessary,” and she added that the numbers presented are subject to change.

“This is all based on a set of assumptions,” Waldron said.

“As with any assumptions, there will be change involved.”

In an interview after the presentation, Waldron stressed that the largest number of reductions have been made in the professional classification of university personnel, which includes administration.

“To the extent that we could cut administration, it has been cut,” Waldron said. “We have worked very hard to cut administration, and we will continue to work very hard.”

Waldron said the shortfall does not take into account a tentative budget restoration by the state legislature, which would feed more than \$3 million back into the general university budget. UMaine Spokesman Joe Carr said the measure still needs to be voted on to be approved.

“I think it’s a case of the Legislature understanding the financial need the university has,” Waldron said. “We certainly hope it will happen.”

UMaine has faced preliminary budget shortfalls of approximately \$10 million in fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Waldron said this is a case of conservative estimates and prudent financial management.

“You don’t want to come in under budget and have to make cuts again,” Waldron said. She explained that they have dealt with the budget shortfalls in previous years with the same methods they intend to use this year, such as positional eliminations and reducing administrative costs, where possible.

The university will continue to expand into research areas after securing more than \$100 million in grants this year, reduce energy expenditures and evaluate all sales and services to assess potential opportunities for growth. Waldron said the university recently completed a \$150 million campaign to solicit private gifts.

The vice president’s presentation is available online at [umaine.edu/admin\\_finance/](http://umaine.edu/admin_finance/).



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Members of General Student Senate stand and applaud after unanimously passing “An Act to Express Student Displeasure with Recent Academic Program Cuts Recommended by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group.”

## Resolution from Page 1

UMaine’s coed choral group — performed “Ave Maria.” Drew Albert, assistant conductor of the singers, said, “We know that with you on our side, we will help protect arts and music in Maine.”

“I’m very proud of this group,” Kennedy said after the resolution had passed, referring to the senators and the students who spoke. “They were saying things without exception that are important for us to hear.”

Kennedy said the testimony he heard from students at the GSS meeting and the informa-

tion forum held Monday have already influenced his assessment of the proposal, which would eliminate 16 undergraduate majors, six master’s programs and the Department of Public Administration. Kennedy will adjust the proposal to reflect information gathered from e-mails, comment cards and face-to-face time with the public before bringing the proposals to the University of Maine System board of trustees.

One member of the board of trustees, Sen. Ben Goodman, said he debated whether he would vote for the resolution because he would have to vote on the final recommendation after it was approved by Kennedy.

“I find it sad that the flagship institution

would not offer language, a strong vibrant music program, and other things,” Goodman said. “There are other ways and different ways where we can move forward. This senate is going to stand with our student body.”

Dana and Hunter both said they were impressed by the professional, articulate manner in which students expressed their concerns.

When asked what effect he thought the resolution would have on the final academic changes, Student Body President Brian Harris said he thought the administration was listening.

“Having such an outpouring may have them look to cut costs elsewhere, outside academics,” Harris said.

## Obama from Page 1

Obama’s remarks, joined by students from Bates and Colby colleges, as well as the University of Maine at Farmington and the University of Southern Maine.

“We want to get out there and rally for constitutionalism and a return to constitutional conservatism,” Kelleher said. He said he wanted to focus on “getting back to operating the way government should.”

“The [health care] bill doesn’t actually operate within the confines of the Constitution,” Kelleher said.

Hundreds waited for hours in the rain Wednesday to get tickets, the Portland Press Herald reported. The first person in line arrived at 12:45 a.m. and waited close to 11 hours until doors opened.

*The Maine Campus will live blog Obama’s visit this afternoon at [mainecampus.com](http://mainecampus.com). The president is set to speak at 3:35 p.m. Be sure to check the site for stories and photos.*

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### Bad week for Wranglers

A Jeep Wrangler parked in the Steam Plant Parking Lot was burglarized sometime between March 20 and 26. The rear canvas top was unzipped at the back and someone entered the vehicle, removing \$75 from the glove compartment. The case is under investigation. A second Jeep Wrangler soft-top was slashed open while parked in the Hilltop Lot from March 25 to 26. The owner reported the incident at 5:04 p.m. March 26. An interior panel was also slashed. The total damage was estimated at \$500. No items were reported stolen.

### Locked and lost

A men's mountain bike spray-painted blue and silver was stolen from the Gannett Hall bike rack sometime between 9 a.m. March 25 and 3:30

p.m. March 26. The lock was cut from the bike, which had an estimated value of \$100. The case is under investigation.

### Stolen stereo

A student reported that someone unlocked her vehicle parked in the Hilltop Lot, entered it and stole the stereo from her dashboard sometime between 7 p.m. March 28 and 9:30 a.m. March 29. The stereo is estimated at \$200.

### Illegal rearrangement

A student called police to report that someone had entered her vehicle and rearranged personal items in her glove compartment sometime between 1:45-3:45 p.m. March 27 while the vehicle was parked in the Belgrade Lot. It was not a forced entry and no items were reported stolen.

### Detrimental dishwashing

A student's iPod was stolen during the five minutes he stepped out of his room to wash dishes in the bathroom on the first floor of Cumberland Hall on March 27. He said he does not know who stole it. The iPod is valued at \$200.

### Spotted

A group of students walking at the intersection of Long Road and Rangeley Road advised officers on patrol at 8:32 p.m. March 26 that someone was operating a vehicle traveling on Rangeley Road without a driver's license. The students pointed to a vehicle traveling within eyesight. Officers followed and pulled over the vehicle, identifying the driver as Erica Clark, 19, Orono. She did not have a license and was issued a summons for operating a vehicle without a license.

### Harmful words

Police received report of graffiti on a second-floor room door of Oxford Hall at 4:20 p.m. March 26. "Fat Asses" had been written in black marker. Custodial staff responded to clean it. The case is under investigation.

### Tennis court to student court

Apatrolling officer saw a maroon Pontiac Grand Am parked with its lights on at the tennis court parking lot and decided to investigate when he saw movement inside the vehicle at 12:40 p.m. March 27. The officer approached and could smell marijuana and referred the subjects to Judicial Affairs.

### Oxford Hall call

An RA smelled marijuana on the second floor of Oxford Hall and called police at 1:23 a.m. March 27. Officers responded to the room in question. The people were no longer in the room, but officers found them in the first-floor lounge area. Officers confiscated a small amount of alcohol from the group. Only one of the three students appeared intoxicated. He was identified as Quintan Morgan-Drain, 18, Orono. He said he had not been drinking, but officers determined with a field sobriety test that he was intoxicated. He was charged with possession of liquor by a minor.

### You know where it went

An RA reported possible use of marijuana on the first floor of Aroostook Hall at 11:58 a.m.

March 27. Police responded and spoke with four people in the room in question. They all admitted to smoking but no marijuana or contraband was found. They were referred to Judicial Affairs.

### A hour too late

Police responded to a report of the odor of marijuana on the third floor of Knox Hall at 1:36 a.m. March 28. Officers located the room, which smelled heavily of burnt marijuana. The resident told officers he had smoked an hour earlier, but he did not have any contraband on him. He was referred to Judicial Affairs.

### That's not my name

An officer traveling on Flagstaff Road observed a male stumbling outside Murray Hall at 1:26 a.m. March 28 and decided to have a look. He approached the male and detected the smell of an intoxicating beverage. At first, the male gave him a false name and date of birth. He was then correctly identified as non-student Travis Quint, 19, who was visiting a friend in Gannett Hall. Quint was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

### A tricky situation

An officer on foot patrol on the fourth floor of Cumberland Hall found a noisy room and decided to investigate at 10:43 p.m. March 26. When the officer approached the door, he heard someone inside the room say, "Take a shot." The officer knocked and resident Jacob Trickey, 19, answered the door. Police confiscated a partially full bottle of Captain Morgan Rum and a can of Natural Light. Trickey was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. No others in the room were charged.

### Denial is still going to get you sent to Judicial Affairs

Officers on foot patrol in Androscoggin Hall smelled burnt marijuana and narrowed the origin of the odor to a first-floor room at 11:38 p.m. March 26. The four people inside the room denied smoking, but officers observed signs of marijuana use in all of them. The resident would not consent to a room search and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

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assignment from the provost to draft a plan for a 20 percent cut in funding to their college.

Dana Humphrey, dean of the school's engineering college, said he hoped a 20 percent cut would not be the final outcome of the prioritization and restructuring process in his college.

"I hope we will not see equal cuts everywhere," Humphrey said. "I had hoped engineering would see less cuts than the other colleges."

Dean Jeffrey Hecker of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said he hoped the impressive showing at his discussion — easily the most well-attended at the forum with more than 100 people present at any time in the three-hour session — would result in a final recommendation of smaller cuts to his college as well. He said that more than 50 percent of the university's credit hours are taken through the college, and that every student at UMaine takes courses in liberal arts and sciences. For these reasons, Hecker said an across-the-board 20 percent cut would disproportionately affect his college.

Discussion sometimes became heated. In the conference room where Hecker discussed the cuts with students and faculty, the comments were mostly born of frustration and anger.

"Cutting the music department from seven majors to one is like having an ice cream store with only one flavor," said one student. "Who the hell wants to go to that store?" Other students decried the proposed cut of the modern languages and classics department as a slight to culture and a poor move on the part of the university.

Hecker said the decision to cut majors was the result of assessing whether a department could offer a major if faculty who retired were not replaced — the primary means by which the proposal saves the university money. The answer for the departments that might hit the cutting block, Hecker said, was "no."

"[The university] has had to make decisions that no one wants to make," Hecker said. He said faculty salary takes up 95 percent of the college's budget, making it the only place cuts can be made.

Kennedy told students that while the budget crisis the university has been handed is severe, "I promise you we will do the best we can."

Around 3 p.m., professor Beth Wiemann, chairwoman of the music department, led a more than 80 music performance and education students and faculty into the center to speak with Kennedy and Hunter.

Adrian St. Pierre, a sophomore working toward a double major in music education and

performance, said she thought that if students remain composed and respectful, the administration will listen to their plea not to cut the performing arts.

"New information has come to light today, in this forum. We will spend the next several weeks going over it," Kennedy told the students and faculty. "I will remember your presence here today."

"I feel like the provost and president really do care," said Elizabeth Graham, a sophomore music performance student. "I just hope they listen."

But some students said they felt their concerns were falling on deaf ears. Several protested the proposed cuts with signs near the entrance to the conference center. An online petition, "Keep UMaine's Language Majors" — sponsored by the modern languages and classics department — had amassed 638 signatures by Tuesday evening.

"It seems to me that their minds are already made up," said Virginia Sand, a senior French and Native American studies student. "This whole process makes me so discouraged for the future."

Keegan Burdette, a first-year modern languages student also said student's presence was futile.

"The deans are just here to console us," Burdette said. "They are not listening to us. They're just trying to make it look like they're listening."

"We're taking comments seriously," said Gail Werbach, professor in the College of Public Policy and Health and APPWG member. "I don't have a crystal ball. In the end, it's the president's decision. It's about making choices between worthwhile programs. I don't envy the deans for having to make this kind of decision in their own colleges."

After they have finished gathering public input, the group will draft a final report with recommendations for the provost by April 8. Hunter will review the recommendations and deliver the report to Kennedy, whose approval is needed before any official changes are made. Ultimately, the approval of the University of Maine System board of trustees is required to eliminate any programs.

APPWG was created by Kennedy last year to make recommendations for realigning the academic programs at the university to "show strong support of our highest priority degree programs funded by a reduction in those ranked as our lowest priorities," as stated in the president's charge to the group. The group worked for seven months creating criteria to evaluate degree programs and formulating courses of action based on the information gathered by the provost and the deans.

The full report can be found at [umaine.edu/achievingustainability](http://umaine.edu/achievingustainability).



EDITORIAL

# Standing up for students

**The Issue:** The passage of a GSS resolution denouncing APPWG’s proposals to cut UMaine academics.  
**What We Think:** Senate should be commended for representing students, and students for their involvement.

General Student Senate on Tuesday hosted a group of undergraduate students who voiced their concerns about the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group’s recommendations to eliminate several University of Maine programs, including foreign languages, performing arts, women’s studies and public administration.

Between student speeches, senate unanimously passed a resolution to express student displeasure with the proposed cuts. President Robert Kennedy, Provost Susan Hunter and Dean of Students Robert Dana were in attendance.

To the casual observer of Student Government, this may not seem remarkable. But Tuesday’s meeting contained two key departures from senate business-as-usual.

First was the utilization of General Good and Welfare, a portion of the agenda in which any student may address the senate for up to five minutes. At most GSS meetings, not a single student speaks.

Second, and perhaps most important, this resolution did not originate in the bowels of a senate committee. It didn’t even come from a senator. Using a little-known procedure to force a vote, 311 undergraduate students signed a petition to bring the resolution before GSS.

It is important to note the General Good and Welfare agenda item and the petition-to-resolution process are always available to students as a means to bring an issue to senate’s attention. Even if students don’t think a comment to senate or a petition-driven resolution will effect real change, these are valuable tools in the pursuit of starting conversation and creating public dialogue.

After the resolution passed and the last student spoke his piece, Kennedy said the information he heard from students at senate and at the information forum held Monday in Wells Conference Center has already affected his consideration of the proposals.

Students may never know whether people in power will actually take their concerns into consideration. When the final cuts are made, many could feel as if their opinions and the passion they showed for their majors were ignored.

The only thing students and faculty members can do is make sure that if their concerns are not reflected in the final outcome, it is not for a lack of making their voices heard. UMaine community members cannot always guarantee someone is listening, but nothing can stop them from continuing to shout as loudly as they can.

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## Is it Black Bear hunting season?

On Tuesday, the University of Maine announced eight layoffs for fall 2010 as part of an effort to close a budget gap of \$5.9 million. I will lose two of the most committed teachers I’ve ever had. This comes after a proposal to eliminate all modern languages, all musical performance, public administration and women’s studies programs and downsize several schools.

We’ve been asked to reduce these meaningful human pursuits into pure numbers for ranking purposes. On top of that, spending \$7 million a year on the luxury of playing and watching sports may not seem like a priority. In fact, it may be infuriating.

Yet, according to a front-page story in the March 29 issue of The Maine Campus, we’re spending at least \$10 million, per year on athletics. Revenue including gifts, corporate sponsorships and ticket and merchandise sales brings in more than \$4.5 million, while payroll and benefits for its army of 85 staff members exceeds \$5.2 million. Add in maintenance and other expenses and you’ve got a \$7 million dollar deficit.

So why don’t we hear about sports cuts? The answer is, they’ve already happened.

According to the Bangor Daily News, Athletics has trimmed \$2 million over two years to account for budget deficits. The department has already eliminated the volleyball and men’s soccer teams. It’s cutting an additional \$300,000 next year — bringing the department’s cuts to about 20 percent of its 2008 budget.

These cuts are in line with other proposals campus-wide. In fact, the \$2.3 million has gone a long way to keep UMaine’s cuts from being even worse.



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Perhaps that’s why UMaine Athletics is conspicuously absent from the interim report that mandated the deans of UMaine’s academic colleges cut their costs by 20 percent: Athletics has already slashed its budget by the requested amount and will likely exceed its fair share in upcoming years.

For some, this is not enough. If UMaine took the radical step of eliminating its sports program entirely, the numbers are seductive. Even if UMaine kept its hockey team but lost everything else, it would pocket somewhere around \$6 million to spend on departments that train teachers and social workers, or keep Maine fluent enough in other languages to secure foreign investments. It could better fulfill its fundamental mission of educating students.

But the same could be said for cutting any struggling academic program with low enrollment. We say every kind of knowledge will add some value to the world; this is a reasonable argument. And to be intellectually honest, we need to include athletics.

Money spent on games may seem like a waste, but eliminating endeavors based on productivity is a dangerous impulse that weighs value on a scale of taste.

If you don’t like sports, you’ll say cut sports. If you don’t like orchestral music, you’ll say cut music. That’s not an answer to a budget crisis; that’s a high school cafeteria. One can make equally compelling cases for the usefulness — or uselessness — of marching bands, painting, poetry, geology, basketball or any other human endeavor that doesn’t make someone rich or take care of the poor.

If making money is a requirement for keeping programs, we begin to treat education as a business, emphasizing the bottom line over higher ideals.

The administration, in their plans for trimming academic spending, has asked us to support exactly this. Instead of figuring out who to starve so that other may eat, we should unite to simply say our state needs to allocate more money to education. This means raising taxes, tuition or both.

It’s not a sexy answer. Entire social movements have organized to slay the tax dragon. We complain with every paycheck. We vote for candidates who promise to give us that money back at the expense of public education. Even if we agree our taxes are too high, we can tell legislators what our priorities are for the money they have.

On Wednesday, Gov. John Baldacci signed a budget that cut an additional \$8 million in funding to the University of Maine System. I watched Monday as dedicated students organized to tell Jeff Hecker, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, what they think of the hand he’s been dealt. Where was the protest in Augusta to share our frustration with the dealers?

*Eryk Salvaggio a senior new media student.*

## Letters to the editor

### Future students will miss out

In three semesters, I will be graduating with degrees in both Spanish and secondary education. My time at the University of Maine has been great for many reasons, one of which is its amazing foreign language department. Not only have I become bilingual, but I have learned about new cultures from their literature and film. I have become more well-rounded by taking courses from the incredible selection the Spanish program offers.

I want future students to have the same opportunities I’ve had. I am disappointed and saddened by the university’s proposal to make such drastic cuts. It seems like a step backwards, especially with the growing populations of immigrants in our country who do not speak English. Learning another language can open up so many doors for a student.

I want to become a high school teacher to share my wealth of knowledge in languages with my students. Some of these

students may continue to study the language in college. If these changes go into effect, future students will have to go out of state to study Spanish, unless they can afford to pay the hefty price of private school. Maine would become the only state to not offer a Spanish major at any of its public universities.

As the state’s flagship university, UMaine should allow its students the freedom to choose from a multitude of majors. I would not have applied to this school if there had been no foreign language department. In a world where learning another language could be the most important thing a student can do, these cuts don’t make sense.

**Fallon Sweeney**

University of Maine third-year student

### The case for public administration

The University of Maine is hurting economically. However, eliminating the public administration department is not a

good way to solve this problem. In these modern times where public opinion of government is plummeting, we need more people with a good education in government, not fewer.

This university is the only one in the state to offer a genuine master’s in public administration, a nationally recognized degree that is in demand across the country. What are you saying to your students and the residents of Maine by cutting this critical program from their flagship university?

The process for developing these recommendations was far from open and transparent. As a student, I want to believe that I have the opportunity to be heard; asking for public comment after a draft report has been written is not this opportunity.

I urge university officials to think long and hard before they decide to eliminate such a crucial department.

**Jacob Baker**

Master’s of public administration student

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# UM LISTENS TO STUDENTS

ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT WILL TAKE OPINIONS INTO ACCOUNT, AND THEN ACTUALLY DOES IT

*Suggestions include beer and streaking*

**By Ritchie Cunningham**  
*The MaineCrapus.com Staff*

University of Maine students were shocked Wednesday to find their recommendations taken into account, as university President Robert Kennedy announced sweeping keggers and broad-based streaking.

“Yeah, man, this is the life,” said third-year new media student Jacob Riley. “This is all I ever asked for.”

Responding to student displeasure at the recommendations from the Academic Programs Prioritization Working

Group, which would lead to the elimination of many majors and faculty, the administration asked students to list their priorities for the UMaine.

“The top priority of an overwhelming majority of students were not academics,” Provost Susan Hunter said. “The students wanted us to focus on extracurricular activities such as drinking and concerts.”

When asked about his opinion on APPWG’s proposal, which recommends cutting 16 majors and 80 faculty



Paul Hodges • Photo Editor

University of Maine President Robert Kennedy cheers on a student as she does a keg stand in his College Avenue home.

## English department hires ghosts to close budget gap



Peter Mitchell • Assistant Photo Editor

A particularly grotesque ghost teaches ENG 101 to terrified first-years.

**By Jimmy Monroe**  
*For The MaineCrapus.com*

Professor Angus Verruckt of the University of Maine’s English department has proposed a revolutionary new plan for the university to fill faculty positions

with the dead as part of an effort to stem budget shortfalls.

Verruckt first came up with the idea in 2007, when he discovered that an odd knocking under his floor was, in fact, the spirit of the late Charles Dickens.

“It was a complete surprise,”

Verruckt said. “I had never expected to meet Mr. Dickens — certainly not underneath my floor — but having done so, I was sure I had discovered an opportunity that this university could not af-

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## The Basement: The hottest bar you’re not supposed to go to

**By Martin Riggs**  
*For The MaineCrapus.com*

Orono’s newest bar, The Basement, located on College Avenue, will open next week. The Basement is unlike any bar in the area because patrons under 21 are allowed entry and first-year students are encouraged to come in masses.

In order to make it affordable for everyone, the new bar will serve only warm beer from a keg and Orloff Vodka.

“I think it’s just really awesome that we only serve keg beer. I mean, it might get a little foamy, but that’s the charm of

it,” said Derek Pelletier, co-owner of the bar. “We made the decision to go with Orloff because not only is it delicious, it really has mass appeal. The fact that it comes in a plastic bottle is just icing on the cake.”

The idea for The Basement came after students decided there was something missing in Orono, according to Pelletier. The bar is co-owned by 30 males who came together for their interest in kegs, front-yard football, barbecuing and getting a higher education, Pelletier said.

Finding a location for the bar was difficult, Pelletier said.

They considered properties in Old Town and even making an offer on the Bear Brew, before it was bought.

“We knew we needed somewhere accessible to everyone, something easy to get to. It couldn’t be too far from campus so students could walk,” said Ben Brown, a co-owner. “It’s a little far from the freshman dorms, but we’re looking into maybe providing a shuttle.”

If funding allows, the shuttle would be an express from the Hilltop Complex to the door of The Basement.

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## Anthropologists and athletes at odds over bones

**By Roger Murtaugh**  
*For The MaineCrapus.com*

Members of the University of Maine anthropology and athletic departments got into a heated debate Tuesday, March 30 when 60,000-year-old Neanderthal remains were found underneath the 50 yard line on the football field.

The bones were discovered Tuesday morning during a demonstration of ground-penetrating

sonar technology for an anthropology class.

“We can’t have some Indiana Jones wannabes digging around in our football field. We’ve got practices and games,” a spokesperson for the athletic department said.

The field is in constant use by the UMaine athletic department as well as by other local high schools.

The athletic department would have to find another location to

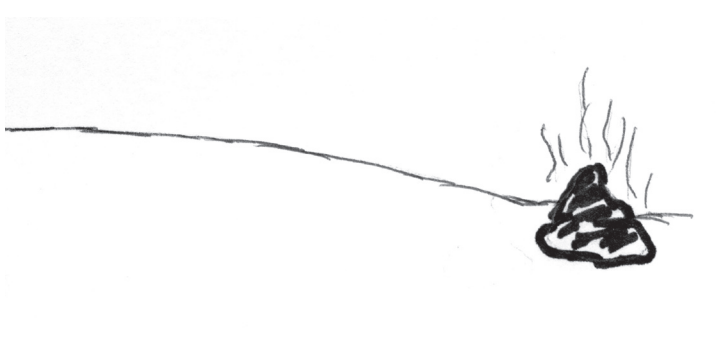
house all events that take place on the football field, costing them rental fees and transportation expenses. The university would also lose the business that comes with other groups wanting to use the football field.

“Athletics are a fundamental part of this university, and while we understand the desire of the people from South Stevens to dig

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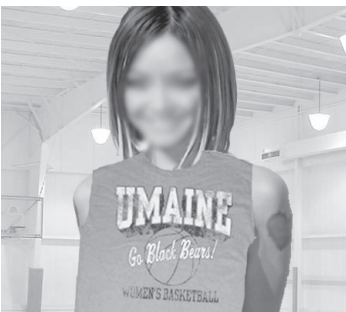
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Basketball player has hot, steamy sex with Tiger Woods



# Police Beat



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

**Chair Lift**  
A student whose car was parked in Hilltop Lot reported a vehicle burglary at 3 a.m. March 28. The student had vacated the car at 2 a.m. and left the rear side doors open. Upon returning at time of report, the interior console and back seats had been removed. Scattered debris was found at the site. There are currently no suspects.

**UMaine’s Dump List**  
An Androscoggin Hall resident reported an offensive odor in the lobby of the building at 11 p.m. March 26. When police arrived to investigate, they discovered a plastic bag with unknown contents in the corner of the dormitory’s elevator. Soon after finding the bag, the unknown material was confirmed to be fecal matter. The police have developed a few leads, and are currently in the stages of questioning.

**Furries in the Woods**  
Police received reports of violent howling noises coming from the woods located behind the Student Recreation and Fitness Center at 3 p.m. March 26. Upon investigation, figures in what appeared to be animal costumes were seen darting through the trees. The officer in charge suspected the use of hallucinogenic substances. Police caught one of the costumed people, who denied the use of any illegal substances.

**Hot Pockets**  
On March 24, police received reports from a concerned cashier that students were loitering in Hilltop Market at 11:45 p.m. When officers arrived, three of the alleged shoppers ran from the venue. After police appre-

hended the suspects, one of the students, Tyler James, proceeded to splash his beverage on one of the officers and made another escape attempt. While running, frozen food items, including a half-eaten pepperoni Hot Pocket, were discarded from his coat pockets.

**I Think I Can**  
Police received a complaint from a York Hall resident about disorderly conduct of an intoxicated individual at 1 p.m. March 27. According to the caller, the person appeared to be urinating on the side of the complex. Police tracked the source of the complaint. As the student, John P. Fitzgerald, 19, began to fall to the ground pleading with the officers to not press charges, his backpack split open and 27 empty Pabst Blue Ribbon bottles were exposed. The student claimed he had no idea how the bottles got into his bag. He was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

**Rumble on the Stillwater – or – Paddle Battle**  
Staff members working in the Maine Bound building reported that two canoes had been taken by force at 9 a.m. March 24. The suspects ran to the Stillwater River and immediately set off into the water. Police arrived on the scene to find the students in the middle of the river. They claimed they wanted to have a man bonding trip, like in the movie “Deliverance.” The students were taken into custody and questioned. The canoes were returned to Maine Bound.

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ford to pass up.”  
Verruckt emphasized the advantages of this system from a financial point of view. “Obviously, deceased faculty are much more economical to maintain. I mean, it completely eliminates the moral obligation on the part of the university to supply a living wage.”  
The university also stands to save money on its health care expenditure. “It is much cheaper to provide health insurance for the dead,” said independent insurance adjustor Billy Tell. “Sta-

**“You mean the ones we have now are actually alive?”**

Thomas Goodwinter  
Junior  
History Student

tistically speaking, a very small number of expensive medical procedures are performed posthumously.”  
Certain technical difficulties have arisen, but Verruckt is confident that these can be resolved.  
“I have already spoken with the IT people, and they are working out a way to adapt the slide projectors so that they can be run through a Ouiji board. Of course, it will be some time before the instructors will actually be able to lecture, as such,” said Verruckt. “Most of the candidates who are up for consideration can only sort of gibber. But how many students actually listen to lectures anyway? I don’t think we should let this get in the way of a great opportunity.”  
Verruckt said he had expected initial resistance to the idea from students, but that he had found them surprisingly supportive. An informal survey conducted by The Maine Campus supports this conclusion. Many students are surprised the question of whether to hire dead faculty is still even being raised at this point.  
“What?” asked Thomas Goodwinter, a junior history student. “You mean the ones we

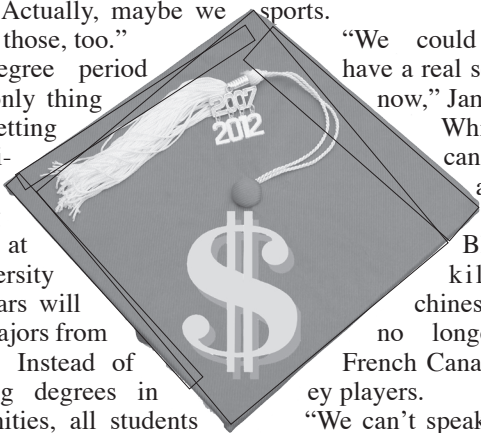
have now are actually alive?”  
Henry Kartofelkopf, a professor of law, said this is a common misconception.  
“A person is not dead, legally speaking, until a certificate has been issued. So all of our faculty members at the moment are alive, despite evidence to the contrary,” Kartofelkopf said.  
The administration remains cautious, but Verruckt is hopeful the first dead instructors may be hired as early as next year. Other schools in the state, including the University of Maine at Misyery Gore, have already begun the revolutionary hiring process.  
Results there have been largely positive, said UMMG spokesperson Paul Juxen, though he did cite one setback when a knocking in the ceiling which had been thought to be the shade of Argentine author Jorge Borges turned out to be a case of bad plumbing. Juxen directed blame at Borges’ teaching assistant, Laura Dommheit, for failing to notice this earlier.  
“He was teaching 20th Century Literary Existentialism. How was I supposed to tell?” Dommheit said in defense.  
Kartofelkopf said difficulties like this, though, were isolated incidents and should not be cause for concern. Others are not so sanguine. UMaine professor of economics, Lawrence Geld, expressed concern about the outsourcing of work to the astral planes.  
Geld withdrew his objections when famous economist John Maynard Keynes assured him he had been studying the matter carefully since his death in 1946 and was certain that proposal would have no ill effects.  
More likely to pose difficulty is the problem of finding eligible faculty interested in returning from the great beyond to teach classes. While Verrucht says that a few, such as Dickens, Keynes and political science expert Ivan the Terrible, have already expressed interest. The great bulk of the dead remain unmoved.  
Lord Byron, in an interview held during a séance Monday evening, remarked “I may have done some questionable things in life, but I deserve better than an eternity of introduction to college composition.”

# Six-year degree program effective immediately

By Waffle P. Beckenheim  
For The MaineCrapus.com

The University of Maine class of 2010 can forget about May’s graduation ceremony this year. With budget cuts at the forefront of most debates on campus, the administration has voted to solve the deficit by keeping students in school as long as they can.  
The traditional four-year program to obtain a bachelor’s degree has been extended to a six-year stint. The extra two years will allow the university to collect more tuition from students to overcome the budget crisis. The plan goes into effect immediately.  
“The economy’s pretty bad right now, anyway. I doubt kids want to leave and find a job,” said President Robert Kennedy. “Ha, good luck with that.”  
If students stay for six years instead of four, the university will receive \$8,000-\$10,000 more from in-state students and \$20,000-\$24,000 more from nonresidents. These prices will

probably increase as inflation takes its toll.  
“We encourage students to take out more loans to cover the extra cost,” Kennedy said. “There’s no way we can give more scholarships than we already do. Actually, maybe we should cut those, too.”  
The degree period isn’t the only thing that’s getting longer, either. Even keeping students at the university for six years will not stop majors from being cut. Instead of maintaining degrees in the humanities, all students will be required to choose a minor in engineering or sports.  
“We’ll have the best Division I sports teams ever,” said UMaine Athletic Director Blake James. “I mean, with a sports degree, we probably won’t have all that money disappearing from athletics.”  
Classes like football practice, ice-skating and the basics



of swimming will be added to the curriculum. UMaine will be the first university in New England to offer a degree in sports.  
The school hopes to add at least four more teams with all the new students with minors in sports.  
“We could probably have a real soccer team now,” James said.  
While UMaine can now train athletes to be Black-Bear-killing-machines, they will no longer recruit French Canadian hockey players.  
“We can’t speak their language,” said Tim Whitehead, UMaine’s men’s hockey coach. “Without French classes on campus, we don’t know how to yell at the players in a way they understand.”  
“The Swedes are out, too,” Whitehead added.  
As the sports program takes off with the new recruits, the engineering department is pre-

paring for the overwhelming increase of students.  
“Engineering is a very practical degree,” said Habib Dagher, director of AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center. “Plus, we get all the grants from the government. Let’s be real.”  
Students formerly focusing on degrees in the humanities are weary of the switch.  
“I’m a little intimidated by playing football or hockey, and I’m not very good at math,” said William P. Davis, editor-in-chief of the former student newspaper The Maine Campus. “All my formal training is in tabloid writing. I’m not sure how well I’m going to hold up.”  
Others are worried about the extended stay at the university.  
“I worked hard to be on the top of my game,” said former Student Body President Owen McCarthy. “I have 10 jobs lined up after my supposed graduation this May. What am I supposed to tell them? I can’t come because I have to play hockey and do math?”

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in the dirt and look at old bones, we just don’t believe it’s a practical situation,” said Athletic Director James Blake.  
The anthropology department argues that the knowledge to be gained from this discovery far outweighs the inconvenience of excavating the football field.  
“The discovery of these bones is critical to understanding the prehistoric history of Maine. This discovery could reshape what we know about what took place in prehistoric times,” said archaeologist Heidi Bergen. “This is the first Neanderthal skeleton ever discovered outside of Europe.”  
The discovery would not only provide crucial information about prehistoric life in the state of Maine but it would also allow opportunities for anthropology students and the Hudson Museum.

The argument over which course of action should be taken continued into Wednesday morning with an open forum at Wells Conference Center to hear both sides and gather student input. The meeting was attended by proponents from both sides, giving the two groups equal opportunity to voice their opinions and plead their cases. The discussion quickly turned into a bombastic argument about which side was in the right and which department should be given precedence.

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Tim Blackfoot  
UMaine Men’s Hockey coach

“What are we supposed to do for our games and practices?” asked football benchwarmer Shane P. Goodall. “It’s not fair to make us give up our field to let the brainiacs dig in the dirt. The football field is not a sandbox.”  
Other supporters of the athletic department argued that allowing the anthropologists to excavate the football field would be taking away a critical part of the UMaine community.  
“If we allow a hole to be dug in the football field, it might as well be a hole in the community itself,” said hockey coach Tom Blackfoot. “We’re already losing our hockey arena to those Indie punks.” (see page B8)  
“What are they thinking? This is the find of the century, and they don’t want us to excavate because it will mess up the lines

on the football field,” said Astra Lopithecus, a third-year anthropology student who was present at the discovery.  
Several other students from the anthropology department voiced their desire to excavate the Neanderthal skeleton, claiming it to be an once-in-a-lifetime archaeological find.  
A group of radical Christian fundamentalists protested during the event. The group claimed that the bones couldn’t possibly be 60,000 years old because accord-

ing to their interpretation of the chronology written in the Bible, the whole of the world is only 6,000 years old.  
“The Bible says God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Neanderthal,” one of the protesters shouted.  
The final decision regarding the proposed dig site will be announced in two months, according to a statement released by the Lobster Insitute. The upcoming weeks will allow adequate time for both sides of the argument to be considered.  
“We understand that both sides have valid arguments and various reasons for their positions but no decisions will be made without full consideration to what is going to benefit the university as a whole,” said Bob Campus, a spokesperson for the university.

## Bar from Page B1

Brown said the College Avenue location sold itself. It’s conveniently located in a large house, so the owners can live there as well.  
To prepare the interior for a commercial property, the owners had to do a lot of renovations, according to Pelletier. They went with concrete walls, which are not only aesthetically pleasing, but easy to clean after a crowded night.  
“Man, the concrete walls are just beautiful. We were considering painting them, but decided leaving them gray, which really makes The Basement authentic,” Brown said.  
The Basement will have two ping-pong tables and possibly a pool table. Brown said the other owners are unsure if pool will distract customers from the dance floor, which will be the main focus of the bar.  
The dance floor, also concrete, will double as a lounge area, because no chairs will be provided. Brown said they don’t want people sitting in their bar, just “getting down with the music.”  
“Us guys will be the first ones on the dance floor,” Brown said. “We love to express ourselves through the art of dance.”  
Brady Hobbs, another co-owner, said they considered putting in air conditioning, but the heat adds to the authenticity and overall ambience of The Basement.  
“Yeah it might get hot, but who doesn’t mind a little sweat,” Hobbs said. “Plus the



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Brady Hobbs holds up the funnel for a patron of his secret bar The Basement.

ladies look good when they’re glistening.”  
The music will be strictly techno and hip-hop, played from the iPod booth, where only the owners will be allowed. Hobbs said this is due to the owners having better taste in music than anyone else in the world.  
The wooden bar will occupy the entire length of one wall and was handcrafted by five of the owners, which saved them

money, according to Pelletier. To eliminate long waits at the bar, customers have the option of buying a red Solo cup upon entry, which they can fill up all night.  
“What a bargain!” Hobbs said.  
Red Solo cups will be an icon at The Basement, according to Brown. He said no other cup compares in durability or flair.  
Due to the projected success,

females will be given priority in entry, as long as no males accompany them. According to Brown, no other local bar owners or males wearing backpacks, especially North Face, will be allowed entry.  
“I’m so excited to go to The Basement,” said Mandy Dyer, a first-year education student. “I see the owners at Hilltop all the time, and they’re so cool, so that means obviously their bar will be cool too.”



EDITORIAL

# Idiot: PB&J sandwiches are better

**The Issue:** We heard a guy in the Union say tuna fish sandwiches are better than peanut butter and jelly.  
**What We Think:** We could write a book about how stupid that guy is; peanut butter and jelly is amazing.

At the University of Maine, we firmly believe everyone should be entitled to their own opinion. Except for you, Mr. Tuna Fish. Clearly, fish is not “brain food” after all, because you have obviously been eating a lot of tuna, and you are a freaking idiot.

It is the opinion of this board that the wrongness of your asinine statement should be shot down in the most efficient manner possible. Tuna fish does make good sandwiches, of course, but to say it is better than PB&J is akin to intellectual suicide.

PB&J is absolutely delicious, affordable, easy and, best of all, mercury-free. And unlike with tuna fish, there is no risk of salmonella poisoning. Plus, it’s PB&J guys, come on.

You are an imbecile, Mr. Tuna Fish. We know what you look like, and if we ever see you again, you’ll be getting real close with those tuna you love so much. Because you’ll be swimming with them. Like, underwater and stuff.

# Health care? More like, ‘Who cares?’



*This bill does nothing but give health care to people who don't have it and obviously don't want it. If they really want health care, they can get it themselves.*

JOHNNY P. AMERICA

Welcome to the Liberal States of America. What is wrong with this country these days? Everyone knows our nation was founded on strong, conservative values and Christian principles, and it was these same ideals that have made us the most powerful thing in the history of the world even. Except – maybe – for the T-Rex.

But, as I’m sure you’re aware, this all changed on January 20, 2009, soon to be known in the history books as the Day America Died – DAD, for short. That was the day our once-proud republic inaugurated Barack HUSSEIN Obama II as our 44th president, leaving an indelible stain on our previously untarnished history.

BHO, who was “born” in a “hospital” in “Hawaii” in “1961,” seems to have made it his personal mission from God (or should I say from Satan?) to tear down everything that made America great.

Since his first day in office, he has made it clear he only cares about four things: blabbering about “global warming,” destroying traditional families and killing babies.

This year, our “elected” commander in chief has added another goal to his list: enslaving free Americans to the tyrannical policy that is the health care reform bill. America spoke, and your representatives ignored you.

This bill does nothing but give health care to people who don’t have it and obviously don’t want it. News flash, people: If they really want health care, they can just get it themselves. It’s not hard to get health care; even Canadians have it.

But now that BHO has pulled the wool over the eyes of the nation enough to wrapped our nation’s health care system up into a totalitarian regime, health care will be much more difficult to get.

Think about it: Every time the government takes something over, it gets worse. Ever heard of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Not so much fun.

I’ve had enough of this; I need to get out of here before the Obama-Nation goes even more into the toilet. I’ll go to Cuba. It will be nice living under Castro; at least he admits to being a Communist.

*Johnny P. America is a sophomore women's studies student. He is NOT a famous conservative radio host.*

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# Give me utensils or give me death

The word “wrath” doesn’t even begin to define the disdain that flares in me every time I think of the university’s most recent travesty. Overcome with immense displeasure, I stand perpetually scowling every conscious moment, pondering how our joke of an administration could commit such a heinous act of disservice.

UMaine, you can take away my money, my sobriety, my impeccable figure, but I will simply not stand for your snatching the last shreds of decency I possess: my fork, knife and spoon.

It’s no secret the budget belt is getting snug around good ole’ Big Blue, but the university’s intention to slowly wean us off of eating utensils over the next four years is the boldest display of corruption since Watergate.

As we all know, administration plants to cut costs with operation “Hands On,” which demands the gradual disengagement of all dining implements until they become no more by 2014.

Rocketing prices in the disposable utensil industry and university claims of not nearly enough demand for such products because of the rising popularity of finger foods like popcorn chicken and cheese puffs are used to justify the decision to slice eating accoutrements out of existence.

Even metal utensils will be removed from dining facilities and used to make the university’s latest on-campus eyesore: a memorial to commemorate the accomplishments of the



PATSY P. AGGRESSION

CRAPUS STAFF CUSTODIAN

comedian known as Carrot Top.

“The university has had to make decisions no one wants to make,” Dean Jeffrey Heckler stated in a forum on Monday in response to angry and frustrated students.

And students have every right to be concerned. In the aftermath of this

Starting in May, one less unit of disposable utensils will be ordered monthly. As pickings become slimmer and slimmer, the competitive instincts within the student body will crescendo to the point where Huck Polar, an elementary education professor, insists aggressive tendencies will take over.

“I have seen this type of policy reconstruction turn bloody before,” Polar told me. “Who could ever forget Hospitality, Ohio?”

The incident to which Polar refers took place in June 2008, when a small subject group of second graders in Hospitality were put in an isolated community for a month-long study on pack mentality, sponsored by Hostess Snack Foods. As their utensils became

*In this Arm-and-hand-ageddon, we'll be reduced to savages. Stripped of our etiquette and dignity, it will only be a matter of time before we regress into living underground and walking on all fours.*

Arm-and-hand-ageddon, we’ll be reduced to savages. Stripped of our etiquette and dignity, it will only be a matter of time before we regress into living underground and walking on all fours. By 2014, if everything goes according to the plan, our school will be more likely to be featured on Animal Planet than in the Princeton Review.

A rough timeline has been set to document the administration’s plan.

scarcer over the weeks, the aggression climbed to a freakish level. The study started with ten children. Only three survived.

Let this cautionary tale be a reminder to the administration of the importance of utensils. The next life they save could be yours.

*Patsy P. Aggression cleans The Maine Crapus office and does a pretty darn good job.*

# Letters to the editor

**Two “Thumbs” way, way down**

The so-called “Thumbs” section in the March 25 edition of The Maine Crapus was atrocious. To put it bluntly, I am horrified. As an avid “Thumbs” follower, I have never before encountered an issue in which I disagreed with every single choice. “Thumbs” is the lifeblood of this newspaper. Every Monday and Thursday, I skip over the biased, irrelevant joke you call a front page to get to the opinion section. On the 25th, I regretted even picking the paper up.

For starters, in what world does pie trump cake? You’re telling me some sloppy mess dropped in a dry, crumbling crust beats the fluffy, frosted goodness I buy in a Pillsbury box? I don’t think so. Cake is versatile; instead of being limited to a standard pie plate, you can make muffins, round cakes, rectangles, or square. The choices are virtually limitless. And any crumbs that drop from cake are easily cleaned up, not smeared all over the place. I can eat spoonfuls of left-over frosting for weeks, but Cool Whip? Sorry, but no.

It goes without saying: Emus are far more interesting than ostriches by their name alone. Emus are from Australia, ostriches from Africa; which place is cooler, mate? Emus’ plumes are not only far more fluffy, but they mate for life. Wikipedia reports male ostriches “typically hiss and use other sounds to claim victory over a harem of two to seven hens.” If you’re going to condone chauvinistic, polygamous mating rituals in your “Thumbs,” go for it, but don’t factor me into your readership.

You dishonor the memory of the great Dr. Seuss by giving a common lunchmeat priority over his creative genius. The man wrote “The Cat in the Hat” using only 236 different words, for goodness’ sake. I challenge you to do that in your redundant, verbose editorials. Not only that, but Geisel illustrated political cartoons and nobly bore his own wife’s suicide. His talent and grace cannot be overstated, and his roast beast, immortalized in the Christmas classic “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” cannot even be compared to a less-than-mediocre lunchmeat.

Stalactites vs. stalagmites: This is a no-brainer (just like you). Stalactites drip down, hanging from the roofs of caves like the clingy, slimy things they are. Stalagmites rise from the floor of caves, reaching toward the sky rather than the depths. Their crystalline tiers reflect their industrious building, adding on to the cave rather than bringing it down. Let’s think about what kind of what kind of cave formation we would rather have in our society.

A lazy rephrasing of the cliché “hugs, not drugs” is hardly worth my time, so I’ll end with this. “Thumbs” has shown promise in the past and was indeed the sole reason I opened The Campus during my years here. Better than any article were the simply stated, yet utterly significant, one- to two-word opinions formulated by your deep-thinking staff. Stop demeaning virtuous, moral behaviors and figures, and I may once again consider you. The ball is in your linguistic court, Mr. Editor.

**June P. Lozerston**  
Senior English student

The attitudes and views expressed in the bullcrap section are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of The Maine Crapus or its staff. Especially the conservative ones.



# Giant Sudoku

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## Last week’s horoscopes

### How did they measure up?

**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.



ZOMG I  
<3 Ke\$ha  
lololololol

I've had a change of heart. Ke\$ha, the artist I formerly bashed due to her skanky attitude and musical thievery, is now my favorite musician of all time. What has caused me to see the light? The error of my ways was helpfully pointed out to me by some friends of mine on the Internet.



**The Skeet Report**

By **Former Douchey Music Snob**

At the request of multiple commenters, I have been completely re-evaluating my life over the last few months. Thanks to their insightful musings on how pathetic my life is, I have made some big changes to make sure my life is now headed in a more Ke\$ha-filled direction.

Thanks to the comment left by Darwin, I have dropped out of college. According to him, it was puzzling how I even got accepted into college after writing my previous piece, and upon reflection it is clear to me the acceptance procedure at UMaine is a flawed system. I will thus voluntarily remove myself from this institution because I am a “f---ing retard.”

Also, I didn't realize it before, but “everyone rapping sounds the same.” I learned there is actually no way to differentiate flow, style, rhythm, inflection, breathing or rhyme style amongst any artist in the hip-hop genre because all rapping is identical. Unfortunately, I had been buying and listening to hip-hop for many years when I simply could have listened to one rap song a bunch of times for the same effect.

To further my life-transformation, I have decided to only like bands that are really popular and on the radio all the time. This way I can avoid

See Ke\$ha on **B6**

# Obscure local band makes awful music



**Electric Wolf** are as indie as it gets. The band, comprised of (clockwise from top) Christian Christmas, Jeans Henderson, Dirk Pastaface and Domnic Pompadour, is completely out of touch with reality.

**By Johnson Johnson**  
*Awesome Editor*

Electric Wolf are so indie and unknown even the members of the band have never heard of themselves. Their music is so weird and out there it is barely listenable yet hundreds of “fans” brag to their friends about how much they like it. Their debut album was printed strictly on vinyl and can only be found in the lead singer's uncle's garage. These local kids are so hip and trendy, it's dangerous.

Front man Dirk Pastaface can usually be found brooding in his one room apartment. Analog instruments litter the dingy floor — his lumpy mattress is covered in three different broken acoustic guitars. He is clad in tattered flannel and peers through thick framed Ray-Ban eyeglasses.

“I've been doing a lot of striving lately,” mumbled Pastaface while lighting a cigarette. “Like, I have been striving for the perfect sound but I just can't get it. I have been striving to create something beautiful but so far everything I have created has been utter filth.”

Their debut album, “Garden of Dreams

and Lies,” is characterized by grainy tracks like “Love Buffalo” and “Scarface: The Movie: The Song.” It opens and closes with 12 and a half minutes of guitar feedback and a marimba playing one note every 46 beats. The instrumentation is inconsistent and all of the vocals were run through a children's karaoke toy.

Pastaface described their sound as post-neo industrial non-conformist classical lo-fi electronic opera funk.

“Usually we will just show up in my mom's attic, take painkillers, listen to Iggy Pop, watch Jersey Shore and then stumble around until the stuff we knock into is an instrument that makes noise,” Pastaface said.

The band's founding members — Pastaface, guitarist/keyboardist/telephonist Jeans Henderson and drummer/roller-skater Christian Christmas — met in high school on the debate team. Back then, Henderson said, they were all clean-cut gentlemen.

“We used to sing barber-shop songs on the bus to our debate team meets,” Henderson said. “Eventually, that passion evolved into the band we have today. At first our sound was a little rough — stuff

like my Metallica riffs mixed with Christmas' Charlie Parker-style drumming and Pastaface's lyrics about different Einstein theories. It was a mess.”

Bassist Dominic Pompadour joined the band by accident after he delivered a pizza to Pastaface's apartment.

“I didn't even know I was a member until last weekend when I was told to deliver a pizza to the grange hall,” Pompadour said. “They took the pizza and handed me a bass. I don't even know how to play.”

The band has been building a lot of buzz on blogs from Brooklyn to Saskatchewan. One blogger — who remarked he has never heard their music — said they are destined to be the next Gavin DeGraw or Bon Iver. On IndieCrap.com they were predicted to be bigger than Jesus or The Beatles.

“I don't own a computer,” said Pastaface. “I have heard that some people like our music, but I could really care less. Do you think Mark Twain had a computer? No, but he is still an author. Also, computers are something that steal your soul.”

See Wolf on **B6**

# ‘All Star’ pep band

Smash Mouth to live in Alfond and play at hockey games



**Edward Cullen** • *The Maine Crapus*

The UMaine Pep Band becomes a distant memory as Smash Mouth comes to the foreground, replacing them at sporting events.

**By Chet Chester**  
*'90s Editor*

They may have lost to Boston College, but next season the University of Maine hockey team will all be “All Stars.”

Vice President for Student Entertainment Slick Ricky and Director of Sports Bands Fred Potatoskins have announced '90s rockers Smash Mouth will be replacing the UMaine Pep Band.

According to Potatoskins, the band's laidback blend of easy rock and roll is just the thing to spice up the sports program.

“We always used to play ‘All Star’ so we figured we'd just take it to the next level,” Potatoskins said.

Ricky said student entertainment approached the band about doing a show but their manager begged them for more. Apparently the band's career has been on the rocks ever since their

appearance in the movie “Rat Race.”

“They were pretty desperate, I guess,” Ricky said. “They offered to pay us to play but we decided to give them this gig instead.”

According to Ricky, the band will be living in the locker rooms in the Alfond Arena — a step up from their ratty towels and beds under the boardwalk in

See Smash Mouth on **B6**

# Timberlake tries to save the arts

**By Wooly Fredrick**  
*For The Maine Crapus*

Amidst a firestorm of outrage at the proposed cuts to the university budget and hundreds of voices clamoring for their majors to be heard, one man's soothing and seductive falsetto broke through the anger and disappointment. In a press release Wednesday, the newly crowned King of Pop, Justin Timberlake, announced he would be embarking on a benefit tour to save the arts at UMaine, beginning with a free concert here on our own campus.

“What a lot of people don't understand about my incredibly successful dance floor hit ‘SexyBack’ off my four-time platinum album ‘FutureSex/LoveSounds’ — available on iTunes and in such fine retail stores as Wal-Mart, Best Buy, that run-down K-Mart over there and that one Virgin Megastore that is still open — is that this nationwide phenomenon of declining music programs in public schools was exactly what I was talking about,” Timberlake said. “‘Bringing sexy back’ was just

my catchy way of saying ‘Restore respect for and emphasis on the humanities in America's public liberal arts institutions,’ since I obviously couldn't do so in so many words and still get the ladies to rock their bodies.”

Timberlake has an admirable resume as a philanthropist, most notably for his creation of the “Justin Timberlake Foundation” in 2001. The foundation was started in an effort to help fund music programs in schools around the country. Last year, his work with Shriners Hospitals for Children made him the most charitable celebrity in the United States, as deemed by a review whose existence is slightly baffling.

In his press release, Timberlake, also made repeated references to his time in “The Mickey Mouse Club” as proof of his longtime dedication to music and the sincerity of his fight with comments including but not limited to, “Do you guys even remember the Mickey Mouse Club? Seriously though, did you guys see me on the Mickey Mouse Club?”

See Timberlake on **B6**

# goat!

Thursday, April 1

**Goat Fair**  
First Floor, Memorial Union  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Your Beard and You**  
Goat Hall  
3 p.m.

**Billy S. Goat presents: “Bahh”**  
Fogler Library  
4 to 5:30 p.m.

**Goats on Parade**  
Pavilion Theater  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
\$7, free with MaineCard

**American Goat Idol**  
Goat's Den, Memorial Union  
8 p.m.

Friday, April 2

**Horns and Stuff**  
Bangoat Room, Memorial Union  
12 p.m.

**Goat Worlds**  
Wingoat Hall  
7 to 8 p.m.  
\$3, free with MaineCard

**Goats on Parade**  
Pavilion Theater  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
\$7, free with MaineCard

**Kickin' Flicks: “Hope Goats”**  
The field  
8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

**Karaoke: Goat Songs**  
Goat's Den, Memorial Union  
9 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

**Goats on Parade**  
Pavilion Theater  
2 p.m and 7:30 p.m.  
\$7, free with MaineCard

**Van Goat Exhibit Banquet**  
Art Hall, with all the art stuff  
7 p.m.

**Goats: The Broadway Tour**  
Collins Center for the Arts  
8 to 10 p.m.  
\$47

Sunday, April 4

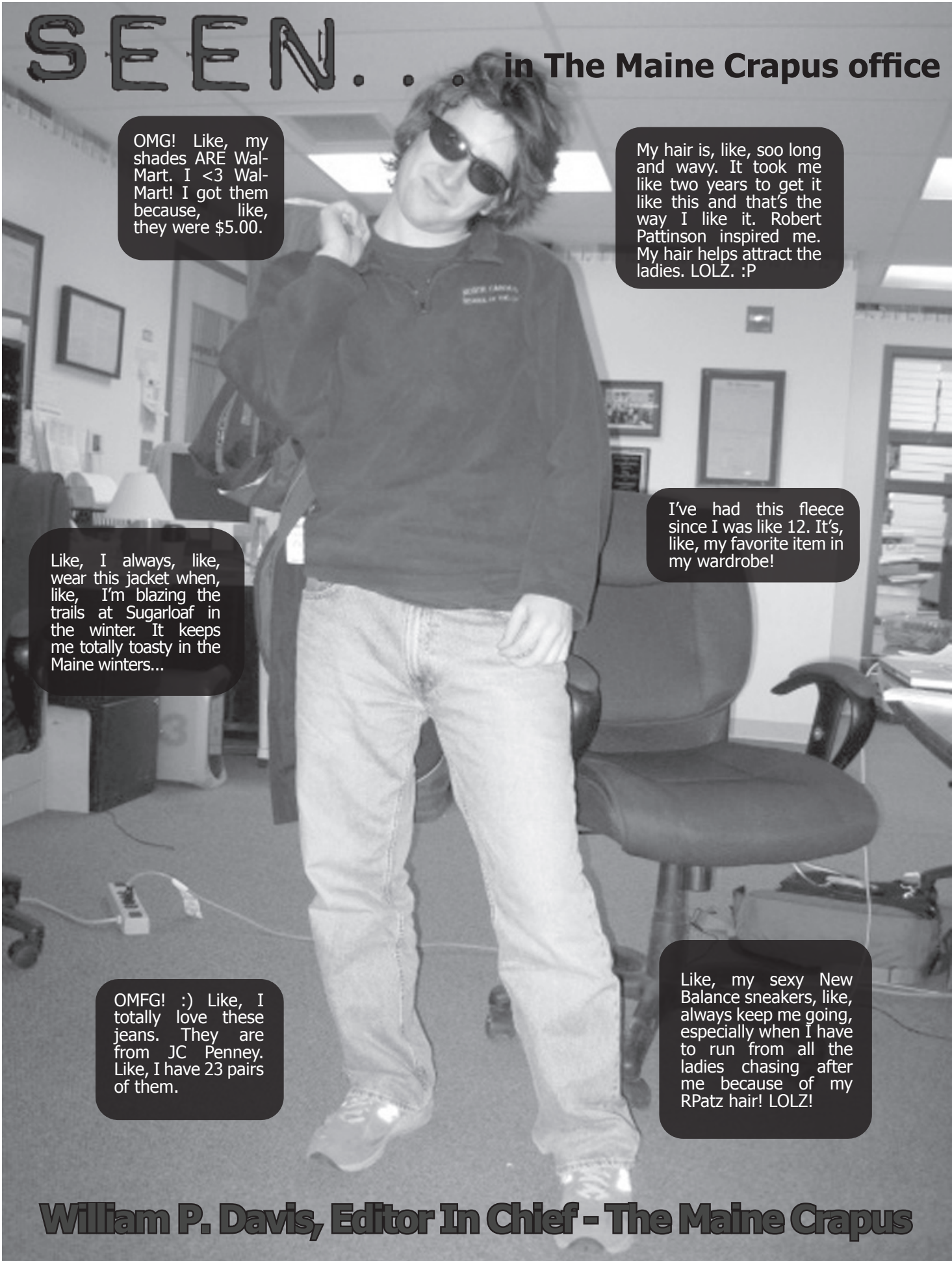
**Live from The Met: “Goatlet” - Rebroadcast**  
Collins Center for the Arts  
1 p.m.  
\$24

**Goats on Parade**  
Pavilion Theater  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
\$7, free with MaineCard

**Strange Goats**  
Wingoat Hall  
2 p.m.  
\$3, free with MaineCard

A more comprehensive list of postings is available at [mainecampus.com/calendar](http://mainecampus.com/calendar). To submit your event, invite [calendar@mainecampus.com](mailto:calendar@mainecampus.com) via iCal or Google Calendar.





**ROBOTS! ROBOTS! • The Maine Crapus**  
**Justin Timberlake** has planned a trip to UMaine after hearing about the arts programs possibly being cut. He promises to bring plenty of sexy with him.

### Timberlake

from Page B5

and “Hey dudes, have I ever mentioned I was on the Mickey Mouse Club? I’ve been pretty famous for a long time.”

Timberlake has set the UMaine show to take place at 8 p.m. May 8 on the mall following commencement so as to keep from countering his message to preserve academia. In the event of foul weather, the

stage will be moved into the Field House, a regular campus venue for major acts like recent performers The Roots. Timberlake says he is in the process of recruiting musical performance students to play the string section in “LoveStoned/I Think She Knows Interlude” and claims the University Singers have been asked to do the backing vocals when Timbaland awkwardly enters the end of “What Goes Around Comes Around.”

“And that’s exactly the kind of message I want to send to President Kennedy,” Timberlake said. “Approving cuts as major and destructive as these will only hurt the enrollment and prestige found at the University of Maine, subsequently undermining the economy of a state that is already mired in financial woes. ‘What Goes Around Comes Around.’”

Following the show, Timberlake and any willing students will embark on a world tour with

99.9 percent of the proceeds going directly to the deans of the University of Maine to be spent as they see fit. Timberlake ended the release expressing satisfaction that at least current students have had the opportunity to take an array of upper level language courses.

“I don’t want to be taking care of anybody when I’m out clubbing in Barcelona or Paris. Besides, it’s better to be able to understand when a people are mocking yours,” he said.

### Smash Mouth

from Page B5

Long Beach, Calif. — and will be fed scraps of pizza leftover from the games.

“With money so tight lately we couldn’t afford to treat them like real human beings, so we adopted this method,” Ricky said. “Let’s be honest here

— they spent all their money on hair products and sunglasses and now they are paying the price.”

Potatoskins said they offered Smash Mouth to replace the marching band — by putting the band on platforms attached to ATVs — but athletic director Chad Brochill said they would tear up the field.

Lead vocalist Steve Harwell

said the band was ecstatic to be offered a gig in front of real people again.

“We’ve been playing in front of cardboard boxes and pieces of trash for the last few years,” Harwell said. “I think that we might be finally able to put all the strings on our guitars!”

Potatoskins said while the pep band usually has repertoire of up to 80 songs, Smash Mouth

pretty much has three hits. He doesn’t see this as a problem, though.

“They aren’t just going to be playing ‘Walkin’ on the Sun,’ ‘I’m a Believer’ and ‘All Star,’” Potatoskins said. “I mean, primarily it will only be those three songs over and over again, but I think I am going to try and teach them to play the ‘Hey Song’ and possibly ‘Shoot That Bear.’”

## Go ‘Back to the Future’ this spring with fanny packs

This just in — the hot new trend for spring is unisex. Males and females alike can reap the benefits of being the baddest thing around town. Fanny packs are back in a big way and are the perfect accessory because they are not only affordable, but can be worn with everything.

According to Urban Dictionary, a fanny pack is “an invention of the 1970s in which one would store essential items like: hand lotion, credit cards, make up, tampons, sunglasses, band-aids, keys, moist towelettes, a watch, mini-binoculars, Polaroid instant film, hard candy, a compact, and maybe a rattle for your baby. The items would be stored in a pouch that attached to the hips by long interlocking straps, or, in the most horrid circumstance, Velcro.”

There are many different types of fanny packs that are both wearable and fashionable. A favorite is the canvas fanny pack, which often comes in an array of colors from basic black to pink. An advantage of this material is that it’s easy to clean if it gets messy — just throw it in the washer and you’re good to go. Canvas fanny packs are good if you’re trying to send fun and casual vibes. This material goes best with denim, particularly jean shorts on men. Cargo shorts work as well. For an extra stylish outfit, you can wear a turtleneck



**Trend Watch**  
*By Fashion “Pants” Stephens*

tucked in.

Nylon fanny packs are another option for fashionistas everywhere. The nylon is light and airy, making it great for summer months. My favorite way to wear a nylon fanny pack is with a muscle tank, or anything Ed Hardy, thus creating the perfect outfit full of style and class. The nylon varieties usually come in smaller sizes than canvas fanny packs, so you may only be able to fit your Blackberry, MaineCard and car keys in there. Nylon always looks best in neon colors, particularly bright pink hues and highlighter green.

For the high rollers out there, leather fanny packs are for you. Dressier than canvas and nylon, leather gives off a classy vibe while remaining downtown-cool. Leather should be kept to brown and black, which go with most colors. Wilson’s Leather always has great ones, or you might even be able to find a gem or two at TJ’s. If you’re feeling extra daring, you can wear your leather fanny pack with your leather jacket to really set you apart from the other hipsters.

A few things to remember about fanny packs is that they should be worn in the front or the back, nowhere else. Wearing them in the front is convenient, making it easy to access your fruit roll ups and walkman. However, wearing your fanny pack in the back is cool too. Trust me, this trend is going to blow up this season, so make sure you get on the ball and go and get your fanny pack today. You don’t want to be the only one in the Union who’s not rocking the fanny pack trend.

### Wolf

from Page B5

Electric Wolf’s influences are vast and unique, according to Christmas. He mostly listed inanimate objects such as blenders and couch cushions as influences but musically there are a lot of different elements found in their music.

“I used to own every Kraftwerk album ever made,” Henderson said. “I didn’t want to be influenced by them, so I burned all the CDs before listening to them.”

The band could at least agree that they all loved the song “Toxic” by Britney Spears, but they never wanted to sound anything like that.

Their live show illuminates a side of the band that could never be captured in their recordings. It is customary for them to play shows completely in the dark — besides a Mickey Mouse night light plugged into Henderson’s effects board. The band sulks over their instruments, punctuating their performances by bursts of energy and rage.

For their fans, the live shows are an interactive experience. “Oftentimes they will forget the lyrics and music to their songs, so they just have audience members go up on stage

and play whatever they want,” said Shirley Shortskirt, one of their biggest fans and part-time girlfriend of Christmas. “One time they didn’t even show up and had a high school ska band play their set under their name. It was one of my favorite shows to date.”

The band’s future is uncertain as of now, but Pastaface says he has some plans. He wants to move to Nashville to get famous as a country-western act and then completely change their sound to trick listeners.

“People will be like, ‘I’m gonna go to Wal-Mart to get this Kenny Chesney-type album,’ but joke’s on them, it’s actually us,” Pastaface said.

“I’m really focused on my pizza delivery job right now,” Pompador said. “I mean, I’d like to learn how to play an instrument before I devote my life to music.”

According to Henderson, the band is still about just having a great time making something with his friends. He said getting big would be great, but he would rather just live in obscurity for his whole life.

“For me, it’s all about the music and the art,” Henderson said. “I mean, even if I am the only one who hears my music for the rest of my life, I will still consider it a success.”

### Ke\$ha

from Page B5

being a “pretentious, music-snobby college kid,” as commenter Christy described me. Why should I try and scour the less-traveled musical paths in an attempt to define my taste from a vast sea of genres when I can get told what to like when and how much?

Just weeks ago I was squandering all hours of my pathetic existence by trash-talking about Ke\$ha, with no other hobbies or engagements. After I had learned to accept Ke\$ha into my life, a void needed to be filled. I could no longer stay up until the early hours of the morning plotting her demise mischievously in my dimly-lit cave of a room. Naturally, I needed a hobby. I thought, “WWKD” — What would Ke\$ha do?

That night I cracked open a

fifth of Goldschlagger, dusted my cheeks with glittery powder, donned a crooked, cocky half-smile and thumbed my way to the 103 Ultra Lounge. Immediately I knew this is what I had been missing in my life. I haven’t been sober for two weeks straight and it has been great. Ke\$ha’s carefree attitude has completely changed my life around. Now instead of wasting my time trash talking her, I am in a constant haze of alcohol.

In short, I apologize for my actions. They are inexcusable and wrong, but I was naive and foolish. I am sorry for any grief I may have caused by saying otherwise. Let me make it clear now, and forever more: Ke\$ha is the greatest musician who has ever lived or will ever live. Better than Beethoven, Bach, Elvis and The Beatles all rolled into one. All other music is inferior to the awesome scope of her talent and creativity. Long live the Queen of Pop Music!





**Strumpina McSexalot** poses for a photo in the UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center recently. The women’s basketball player recently admitted to an affair, albeit a brief one, with Tiger Woods.

**Woods**  
*from Page B8*

graphed head shot and a set of golf clubs he has used professionally. Woods could not be reached for comment by press time. Actually, we haven’t tried yet – we

just figured we wouldn’t be able to reach him.  
Not everyone on the basketball team is against McSexalot.  
“I’m happy for her,” said coach Wendy Dodgett. “She’s getting so old, and she doesn’t really have a future in basketball. I think this scandal will get her lots of op-

portunities for the next step.”  
“I believe her,” said another of McSexalot’s teammates who asked to have her name withheld (but she didn’t say anything about her number: It’s 42, look her up on the team’s Web page). “Strumpina does not lie about stuff like this. Besides, she’s always been a cougar.”

**Timmy D.**  
*from Page B8*

athleticism is what makes him so appealing to people like myself and your grandfather.  
As the star player and leading scorer for the San Antonio Spurs, for Tim needs to step up and carry his team in the battle for playoff position. With fellow All-Star Tony Parker missing the last three weeks due to a broken bone in his hand, the burden is even more on Tim’s shoulders. Duncan has responded by averaging 11.4 points and 8.8 rebounds over the last five games. That’s almost a double-double. He also carried his team with 13 points and 12 rebounds in a loss to the NBA’s worst team: the New Jersey Nets. But don’t

blame my man Timmy: He was 6-for-15 from the field. Add “The Most Clutch Player in the League” to the list.  
Sure, Duncan is starting to feel the ill effects of aging, but it hasn’t changed his game one bit. I can still remember him as a young player in the NBA using the backboard like it

likely be forced into retirement within the next few years. His minutes-per-game average is lower than it has ever been and it’s only a matter of time before he hangs it up. It will be a very sad day in the basketball world when we lose him, a day I am not looking forward to. There will

**If you like watching paint dry, you will love Tim Duncan’s game.**

was going out of style and taking charges while only getting dunked on occasionally. That’s the Tim we all know and love and that’s the Tim we continue to be treated to every time he takes the court.  
The only negative about Duncan’s age is that he will

be no more of his old school moves, less than average free throw shooting and uninterested facial expressions. Fortunately for the true Duncan fans, he will be enshrined in the basketball Hall of Fame so his legacy can live on forever. Thank you, Tim.

**Packers**  
*from Page B8*

department and to the school. It just didn’t work out though.”  
The 15 head coaches and each of their assistants will not receive any severance pay, but instead be treated to the first concert at Alfond Arena which is slated for June.  
Kennedy said that during his decision-making process, he

also contemplated cutting a few of the sports, but “it wasn’t fair to cut a few and not the others. It’s just all or nothing.”  
The Facebook group that helped eliminate the athletic department does not quite have 150 members, but Page said he is determined to get that number up.  
“We are about 20 people short, but I’m sure we can find those people out of the 12,000-plus students that attend the uni-

versity,” he said. “I mean come on, none of them probably like sports anyway.”  
Page and members of the group are expected to utilize the housing at Alfond Stadium as soon as the field goal posts are removed on Sunday afternoon.  
“It’s a great day to be a Black Bear,” he said. “Well, maybe that’s not true since we don’t have a mascot anymore, but it’s a great day to be a student whose voice was heard!”

# Sports turn athletes, fans into meatheads

Following a rash of amateur speculation that the presence of sports programs on the UMaine campus is creating a micro-society of what theorists are calling “meat-heads,” a study was conducted by an elite group of neuroscientists that, shockingly, verified their claims.



In the study a group of 100 fans and athletes underwent numerous brain scans to determine the effects of their immersion in UMaine’s sports culture. The author of the study, Dr. Brian Beeper, explained in somber tones that the results of his research were undeniable, likely detrimental, and completely irreversible.  
“It is much like the effects of cirrhosis on the liver which occurs when causes such as alcohol abuse or chronic liver disease replace healthy tissue with scar tissue,” Beeper said. “Similarly, the consumption of UMaine sports is causing a degeneration of healthy gray matter into what appears to be edible meat products.”

It is unclear as yet when the physical ramifications of this research will be felt on the afflicted individuals — the number of which is estimated to be in the tens of thousands — but it is already being felt in the UMaine community.

Several students, hoping in vain, to reverse the harmful effects of their athletic indulgence are doing so in radical ways. One of them, former hockey fan Jeremy Prue, leads a group of rebels called the “icebreakers” whose mission it is to make hockey fail at the university. Prue had gotten his hands on the study before it was published this week, and has been implicated in several stunts aimed at hurting the hockey program earlier this year, from attempting to melt the ice with a blow torch to cutting the break lines in the Zambonis.

“I’m just disgusted,” Prue said. “I have been going to these games for four years thinking that I was having a good time and supporting my school, but all I’m really doing is watching a bunch of Salisbury steaks smack into each other and slap a puck around while my brain turns into ground beef.”

“I don’t feel any different,” the dejected engineering major added, “but who is going to give a job to a meathead?”

Another protest movement led by Philadelphia University class of 2009 graduate Zachary Whited is trying to take his distaste for UMaine athletics to the media. Whited has teamed up with Swanson Broth to put on a giant concert in the newly renovated Alfond Stadium called “Beef Stock.”

“I never even went to school here,” the outraged 23-year-

old said. “I went to a football game and a few basketball games with my friends this year and now they lay this on me? Maybe I can’t save myself, but I have a little brother who is dumb enough already, he doesn’t need his cerebellum to turn into a flank steak. We’re gonna rock the meat away.”  
While Whited and Prue have emerged as the voice of the fans, however, the athletes themselves have yet to be heard from—and there is good reason.

“It seems that actual participation in the sports has a much greater effect on the conversion of the brain matter, and indeed on the body’s other organs as well,” Beeper said.  
Several UMaine football players, who wish to remain anonymous, recently reported feeling abdominal pains Cutler Health Center. They were examined and transferred to Boston Medical Center where exploratory surgeries revealed a new organ growing in the players’ thoracic cavity — a ruminant stomach.

“It all makes sense now,” said one player. “I have just been craving open pasture and green vegetables for the last few months and couldn’t understand it. I’m trying hard to come to terms with it,” the fledgling livestock said.

“But I wish somebody could have steered me away from sports sooner. At least now I can digest grass so I will save on food and lawncare costs.”

The university itself is trying to absolve themselves of what is clearly a dire situation and has refused to make a public statement until more facts come out. In the absence of their support, an unlikely hero has come to the athlete’s aide — PETA.

“These people are being treated like pieces of meat. It’s only natural that they would turn into meat themselves,” said a PETA spokesperson. “These poor kids could be studying, practicing a productive hobby like gardening or knitting, or supporting social causes by commenting on student news articles with their free time.”


Many of you may have heard the tragic story of Brandon McGowan, a former UMaine football player and current safety for the New England Patriots. His brain has been so ravaged by his participation in university athletics that he has forgotten how to speak properly. The class of 2004 graduate became famous in the local community when he stated his school as “the U of Maine” on live television. Little do his supporters know that he only did so because he has lost the ability to pronounce words with multiple syllables like University or his name — Hence the nickname “B Mac.”

The jury is still out as to why UMaine is being affected more than other schools, but thanks to the groundbreaking research of Dr. Beeper we will hopefully soon have an answer.




# Tip your waitresses.

# Athletes of the Week



**RuPaul** – Drag Racing


In her first collegiate start, the 50-year-old drag queen from Atlanta, Ga., had a record-setting day in the 10-3 win over Reann Ballslee in the drag show. RuPaul was fierce in a hot pink body suit and strutted the “race way” in 6-inch heels. RuPaul broke the record for highest score received in a single show.



**Miss Piggy** – Boy Chasing

This prima donna pig from Hollywood doesn’t let anything stand in her way when it comes to chasing members of the opposite sex. She tackled the most sought after male in the world, Kermit the Frog, during the first annual Boy Run. She prevented five other girls from scoring with Kermit






**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**  
**Miss Piggy tackles her dream man**  
RuPaul kills it on the runway; remains queen  
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**SCOREBOARD**

<b>Men's Basketball</b>	55	6	UMFK
<b>Women's Basketball</b>	500	9	Hard Knocks
<b>Men's Hockey (Sat.)</b>	50	0	John Bapst

<b>Women's Hockey</b>	1	100	Men's Hockey
<b>Women's Soccer</b>	25	3	Redskins
<b>Club Football</b>	12	6	Woonsocket

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**UM athletes and fans observed**  
PETA protects students from mistreatment  
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*"I have just been craving open pasture ... for the last few months."*  
UMaine football player

# Old-school Timmy D. deserves all the praise

If there is one thing I can appreciate in the game if basketball, it is undoubtedly great fundamentals. Is there anything better than a guy who can set screens and bank a 17-footer off the glass with mediocre consistency? Clearly, the answer is no.

In an era with guys like LeBron James and Kobe Bryant — two extremely athletic, flashy and talented players — it's a breath of fresh air to watch the greatest power forward of all-time: Tim Duncan. Who wants to watch windmill dunks, skilled ball-handling and pull-up jumpers when you can watch Duncan rip down 11 rebounds and shoot 5-for-12 from the field? I'll take the latter. If you like watching paint dry, you will love Tim Duncan's game.

Duncan has earned himself the nickname "The Big Fundamental," and no other player is more deserving of the title. Some of the other nicknames he has obtained throughout the years are: "The Worst Good Player Ever," "The Big Stagnant" and "Tim-I'm-So-Unathletic-That-You-Won't-Ever-Sce-Me-Duncan." But Duncan's lack of flare and

See Timmy D. on **B7**



Cleveland

# ATHLETICS eliminated at UMaine

Budget shortfall made up with sports cuts; Kennedy cites Facebook group as major deciding factor

By **Stewie Griffin**  
*Sports Editor*

Last week, the University of Maine proposed \$12.2 million in budget cuts, eliminating 16 majors and 80 faculty members by 2014. The athletic department was slated to shave their budget by \$300,000 as part of the proposed plan.

On Wednesday afternoon, UMaine President Robert Kennedy announced they will eliminate all 15 varsity sports teams and cut the entire athletic department to make up for budget shortfall, citing a Facebook protest group as the chief influence in his decision. The cuts are effective immediately.

Last season, UMaine eliminated volleyball and men's soccer due to budget constraints.

"It's a tough day to eliminate sports because they are such a big part of our culture," Kennedy said. "The Latin program is really important, though, and we feel like the 500-plus student-athletes and surrounding community that love sports are just not enough to keep the athletic department."

The Facebook group titled, "I Bet I Can Find 150 People In Favor of Cutting Sports at UMaine," was created on Monday, and the points brought up by several members aided Kennedy in his decision.

"These kids know what they're talking about," Kennedy said. "They have an excellent economics background and certainly know how sports budgets operate. Heck, when I step down as president I might even make the group's creator the president of UMaine."

Diamond Dallas Page, a former WCW wrestler and now a liberal arts student at UMaine, created the group because he felt "sports add no academic value and nothing to the college experience."

"Leadership skills, team skills and social skills as well as staying in physical shape are overrated aspects of life, especially during your college experience," Page said.

In Wednesday's press conference in Alfond Arena, Kennedy also proposed



Mayor Adam West • The Maine Crapus

Tents fill the turf at Alfond Stadium after President Kennedy announced the elimination of sports. The stadium will now be used as housing for students, instead of as a football stadium that has seen several NFL players play on.

an idea for what to do with the existing athletic facilities.

Mahaney Diamond, Alfond Stadium and the field hockey facility underwent multi-million dollar renovations in 2008, replacing their grass surface with a new FieldTurf surface.

"I know we just updated the facilities due to generous donations, but I think it just doesn't make sense with the budget shortfall," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said that the facilities will be used for several activities and will hope to attract a more "granola, hippyish population to the campus."

Alfond Arena, where the two-time National Champion men's hockey team played, will be turned into the world's

largest indie rock arena. Alfond Stadium will be used for student housing. Over 500 tents will be provided by the university to provide students with a free place to live.

Mahaney Diamond, where the baseball team currently calls home, will have several purposes. Around each base as well as the pitcher's mound, drum circles will be set up. The two dugouts at Mahaney will be transformed into hookah bars, something Page proposed on the Facebook group wall. The outfield will now be a meditation area for all students as well.

"These changes are great," Page said. "No more jocks around and all of these stupid sports games which I don't under-

stand. Now UMaine will be a relaxing environment where all of my people can relax and have a good ole hippy time."

Kennedy also said that the field hockey facility will be used as additional housing.

Coaches at UMaine were disappointed in the president's decision but understand the times are changing.

"That's the nature of the game," said UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove of the cuts. "We have a good product at UMaine, we are a Division I institution and have had success. We even have generous donors such as Harold Alfond and Larry Mahaney who give millions to our

See Packers on **B7**

# Currier lays the smack down on Masters, party turns into a brawl

By **Peter Griffin**  
*For The Maine Crapus*

The University of Maine track and field teams are reeling in the wake of injuries to their top performers and allegations of misconduct levied by the NCAA after a team-bonding event got out of control this past weekend.

"I'm really flabbergasted by the whole situation," said head coach Mark Lech. "I mean, don't they know by now that wrestling is fake?"

Lech's comments came in reference to a viewing party for World Wrestling Entertainment's 26th annual extravaganza known as "Wrestlemania." The party was supposed to unite the team as they prepare for a grueling outdoor track schedule that will see them head to the University of New Hampshire four times this season.

By the start of the show, it was clear that tensions were running high.

"New Hampshire sucks!" one athlete shouted for no reason other than to make this article work. The comment prompted freshman hurdler Arthur von Marschall, a Milford, N.H., native, to instigate a battle royal as sports entertainment's grandest showcase blared in the background.

Several of UMaine's finest runners, jumpers and throwers were involved in the scrum as issues that have built over the course of the year boiled to the surface, causing several teammates to battle each other for supremacy.

All 100 pounds of sophomore Corey Conner rained hell down upon all 100 pounds of senior Corey Bean as the two grappled for distance supremacy and exclusive name rights. Surprise interference by Allie Conner spelled disaster for Bean, who was too weak to lift the multiple-time America East champion's foot off his chest as she went for the pin.

An argument nearly one year in the making also led to fisticuffs as Bangor native

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Meg Griffin • The Maine Crapus

Riley Masters and Dave Currier duke it out in a wrestling ring on Sunday evening. The two track and field stars were involved in a track team brawl and the extent of their injuries is unknown.

# UMaine student admits affair with Tiger Woods

By **Chris Griffin**  
*For The Maine Crapus*

A nontraditional University of Maine student made national headlines this week after coming forward with accusations of a steamy affair she purportedly carried on with professional golfer Tiger Woods last fall.

Strumpina McSexalot, 37, a member of the UMaine women's basketball team, first broke the news at a press conference Tuesday. An emotional McSexalot alleged Woods and she engaged in a hot, sexual relationship for a period of seven hours in November.

"It was, like, the best affair I've ever had with a, like, world-famous athlete," McSexalot said in her prepared statement. "Well, it was kind of also the only one. I guess I'm just trying to say it was, like, really good."

McSexalot told the gathering of media, students and perverts that Woods had allegedly contacted her after seeing a photo of her playing at a game on the Web site of The Maine Crapus.

"[Woods] thought my, like, picture was sexy, I guess," McSexalot said. "I was, like, totally sweating balls that day."

McSexalot said the affair was consensual and "really, super hot." She alleged Woods asked her to keep their relationship secret and promised he would come back for her someday. McSexalot became the 138th woman to allege be-

ing a mistress of Woods since November.

When asked why she didn't come forward earlier, McSexalot said, "I like, kind of forgot about it. I was really, like, drunk and stuff when it happened." McSexalot added she "like, remembered" when other women across the nation started coming forward.

The accusation immediately caused a storm of controversy in the university community, particularly among student-athletes.

"I'm shocked," said Rachel

**"I'm shocked. I mean she is so old. I don't know what Tiger was thinking."**

**Rachel Jones**  
Sophomore  
Women's Basketball

Jones, a sophomore teammate of McSexalot. "I mean, she [McSexalot] is so old. I don't know what Tiger was thinking."

"A lot of us are confused," added another teammate who asked to have her name withheld. "Most of the girls on the basketball team have got it going on way more than Strumpina. She's fugly."

McSexalot told The Maine Crapus in an interview that she wants nothing from Woods but a written apology, an auto-

See Woods on **B7**