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Alumni decry cuts at UMaine

Loss of majors could cost millions in gifts

By Tyler Francke
MEC Staff

At least a half-dozen significant donors have voiced concern about proposed cuts to university academic programs. The cuts could result in the loss of as much as \$3 million in charitable gifts, according to University of Maine Foundation President and CEO Amos Orcutt.

These donations are in the form of bequests — money that would go to the foundation following the donor’s death — that were left to the language, music and theater programs at UMaine, the majority of which have been recommended for elimination. The university would retain instruction, minors and low-level classes in these areas, according to the interim report released by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group.

Established in 1934, the foundation manages a collective pool of more than 1,200 individual endowments to the university and invests it in stock options and bonds. UMaine uses the earnings from the investments to fund scholarships, research programs and supplement faculty salaries. The foundation also solicits new donations in the form of gifts and bequests, which are then added to the collective endowment. The foundation has contributed more than \$75 million to UMaine since 1934, according to its Web site.

The foundation is overseen by an independent board of trustees — mostly comprised of UMaine alumni — and is generally not involved with university activities or decisions. Orcutt said his knowledge of the proposed cuts comes mostly from reading newspapers.

“We’re far removed from the university,” Orcutt said. “But our donors have heard about the proposals and are expressing some of their concerns, which I have passed on to President [Robert] Kennedy, the provost and the deans, when appropriate.”

Most donors have questioned if UMaine can continue to provide a well-rounded education without foreign languages, music, music performance and theater majors, Orcutt said, and whether students can go elsewhere in the university system

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Former UM president dies at 79

By Lisa Haberzettl
MEC Staff

Frederick E. Hutchinson, the University of Maine’s 16th president, died Wednesday in Bangor at age 79.

A UMaine alumnus with a degree in agronomy — a now-extinct major on the study of using plants as food, fuel and fiber — Hutchinson served as UMaine’s president from April 1, 1992, until his retirement in 1997.

The Hutchinson Center in Belfast, which opened in 2001, is named after the former president. The center brings UMaine classes and outreach programming to Midcoast Maine.

“Fred Hutchinson was a great advocate for improving educational aspirations for Maine people,” Gov. John Baldacci said in a statement. “His dedication to opening up educational opportunities for Maine families will remain through the legacy of the

Hutchinson Center in Belfast.”

Hutchinson became president during a turbulent time at UMaine. The university was proposing a 4 percent budget cuts for all academic departments. Hutchinson was concerned about



Hutchinson

how the cuts would affect students and held open forums to get input from deans, faculty, students and community members.

Throughout his presidency, Hutchinson tried to remain in touch with the students. On his first day, he and his wife, Dione, ate breakfast at Stoddard Commons with approximately 40 students from various organizations.

In his last semester at the university, Hutchinson took part in a raffle to trade places with a student

for a day. Tickets were sold for \$1, and money went to an administration-chosen charity. As a result, Hutchinson studied and worked as a senior anthropology student for a full day in April 1997.

Hutchinson was a native of Atkinson, Maine and the first in his family to attend college. He earned his doctoral degree from Pennsylvania State University and returned to UMaine to work

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Dissent in the shadow of Fogler



Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty

Kalie Hess and Yann Dupuy, two organizers of Wednesday’s Reclaim Your Education rally, address the crowd of more than 250 students, faculty and staff.

Students, faculty rally in opposition to academic cuts and the elimination of majors

By Mario Moretto
MEC Staff

More than 250 students, faculty and staff attended a rally at the foot of Fogler Library at the University of Maine Wednesday before marching to the offices of President Robert Kennedy and Provost Susan Hunter in Alumni Hall.

The rally, named Reclaim Your Educa-

tion by organizers, was held in response to proposed academic cuts that would result in 16 fewer majors and 80 fewer faculty positions at UMaine by 2014. Among programs recommended to be cut are foreign languages, music, theater and women’s studies. The cuts would save the university more than \$12 million by 2014, a large chunk of the projected \$25 million budget shortfall.

Many speakers at the rally advocated overturning or changing the proposals. Others, frustrated by what they perceived as a slight to the university’s academic programs, advocated for abandoning the proposals altogether in favor of cutting payroll and staff at the administrative level and chanted “Chop from the top.” throughout the rally.

“This is not only an issue for the de-

partments that will be cut,” said Alexander Grab, a professor in the history department. “All of us are going to lose a lot from these cuts.”

Chairman of Theater and Dance Tom Mikotowicz said the process was rushed, and that the administration is “unaware of the damage it would inflict” on students.

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Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty

Devin Higgins of the Cycling Club tunes a bike in front of Memorial Union. The club is offering \$15 tuning services until 4 p.m. today.



UMaine hosts summit on education’s future

By William P. Davis
MEC Staff

More than 200 people gathered Tuesday at the University of Maine’s Wells Conference Center for a summit on advancing higher education in Maine, which focused on innovation and heightening cooperation between departments and public and private enterprises.

The eight-hour summit, called Advance Maine, featured a keynote speech by UMaine alumnus and innovator Doug Hall, who said the University of Maine System needs to break down

the walls between universities, schools and departments to promote new kinds of thought. Hall, who started UMaine’s first-of-its-kind innovation engineering program, said products must be meaningfully unique.

“The relay race between departments isn’t going to do it,” Hall said. “Multidisciplinary programs is where the big win will be.”

Hall said the private nature of Mainers is antithetical to the expansion needed to drive innovation.

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Rowe: Keeping grads in Maine is key to growth

By Michael Shepherd
MEC Staff

BLAINE HOUSE 2010

RACE TO THE GOVERNOR’S SEAT

Steve Rowe has talked to college students throughout his campaign. When he asks them what they need to stay in Maine after graduation, they usually give similar answers.

“They say, ‘A job that pays a

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System considers portals

Service would be a centralized hub for student resources

By William P. Davis
MEC Staff

Students and staff are questioning whether a Web portal proposed by the University of Maine System is necessary when campuses are suffering academic cuts.

The portal, listed as a high priority in the system’s New Challenges, New Directions restructuring plan, would serve as a single access point between various online resources, including MaineStreet, Blackboard, WebCT and e-mail, in a manner similar iGoogle. It would not replace any of those services, but would create an interface from which to access them all.

The NCND report lists the investment at \$1 million at least, but costs could stretch into many millions depending on the software the system chooses. A cost estimate by the system office calculates the five-year cost to be between \$3.2 million and \$8.1 million.

An example of the type of service being considered is CampusCloud, which was previewed in November for the board of trustees by Interfusion Solutions, and would have cost the system \$7 million over five years if implemented. The service — which is no longer under consideration, according to Rebecca Wyke, vice chancellor for finance and administration — would have been funded through a \$20 per-

student fee. Wyke said the system was looking at other ways to absorb costs that didn’t involve a separate fee for the portal, but that the portal’s cost will be part of future budget cycles and that the portal’s funding source has yet to be identified.

In interviews with The Maine Campus, system Chancellor Richard Pattenaude has talked enthusiastically about the portal, saying it would reduce the amount of time students spend waiting in line to talk to administrators, even to the

sign into the different online services but not combine interfaces “may be a more realistic solution due to our financial situation”.

Gregory’s sentiment was echoed by others who found the idea promising, but too costly.

“We need better ways to communicate and share information between campuses,” but there is no need to spend millions to do so, said Benjamin Goodman, a board of trustees member and UMaine student.

Audrey Minutolo, a UMaine alumna and lecturer in the English department, registered her dissent in an e-mail to Pattenaude.

“Your description of the portal sounds ideal, but given the university’s proposal of cutting majors in women’s studies, foreign languages,

and the performing arts, a new UMaine portal seems untimely, to say the least — in fact, a slap in the face of those of us concerned about these majors being cut,” Minutolo wrote.

Rebecca Dyer, former nonvoting student representative to the board of trustees, said the portal demonstrated at the November meeting was promising, but said she was also concerned with the possibility of a high price tag.

“I think it’s important to know if students would be willing to pay additional money as part of their tuition and fees for the service,” Dyer said.

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living wage, that is sustainable and that is meaningful to me’ and then I hear ‘affordable housing’ and ‘affordable health care’ over and over again,” said the Democratic candidate for governor from Portland. “Unfortunately, I’m finding one of the state’s biggest exports is smart, young people.”

Rowe believes the University of Maine System has an unsustainable cost structure, leading to budget and program cuts system-wide.

“Quality public higher education requires a substantial public commitment of resources,” Rowe said. “We cannot cut our way to academic excellence in our universities and community colleges and we must find the structure that works best for Maine and its people.”

Lack of state funding has caused high tuition cost in the system, according to Rowe. He said increasing the number of out-of-state students has been an area studied by state officials as a way to bring money into the university system, along with more traditionally proposed methods.

“I believe that we must continue to find operational and administrative efficiencies,” Rowe said. “We also must improve our use of distance learning.”

Maine’s seven public universities and seven community colleges are the cultural centers of certain communities, Rowe said. He didn’t have a specific answer to questions about changing the structure of the system, but said “we’ve got to make changes.”

“I think we need to foster this sort of innovative, collaborative spirit of sharing resources and finding, again, administrative ef-

ficiencies in the systems,” Rowe said.

Rowe advocates the use of public-private partnerships in many areas, including education and health care. The candidate lauded UMaine for its partnerships in research and development, but said the system can do more to better suit Maine’s job market.

“We also need to make sure we align our academic and skill-building programs to Maine’s future workforce needs,” Rowe said. “We must increase the quality of education at all levels and we must support that quality with adequate financial support.”

Rowe, an attorney, served as a state representative from 1992-2000 and as speaker of the House in his last term. In 2001, he became the state’s attorney general, a position he served until 2009, when he announced his candidacy.

“My particular experience as attorney general has been eye-opening in the sense that I saw a lot of the problems that hold our economy back, such as substance abuse, domestic abuse, mental health diseases and disorders.” Rowe said these problems are largely preventable.

Rowe said he wants to redirect state funds within the Department of Health and Human Services to community-based preventative measures and prenatal health care.

“We’re heavy on hospital-based curative care and we’re light on community-based preventive care,” Rowe said. “I would like to, as governor of this state, work with the health care providers in this state to transform Maine to a community-based primary care system where we save money, help bring health care costs down and we have healthier people.”

Maine’s Dirigo Health, the state’s subsidized health program, has been “a success in many ways,” Rowe said, including better quality and reduced cost. He does not believe that Dirigo Health can be sustainable due to its current funding mechanism.

Rowe said the state must change Dirigo Health’s funding mechanism and lauded President Obama’s signing of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 as a “monumental” bill that “leaves room for states to build” upon it.

“Maine needs to do that,” Rowe said. “We need more competition in the private health insurance market and ... we need to convert our system to one that is focused on keeping people healthy.”

The candidate said his approach to financial planning is how he differs most from Gov. John Baldacci, who Rowe served as attorney general under for six years.

“We have to start thinking longer term and putting a long-term plan for this state together. We’ve got terrific challenges ahead,” Rowe said. His vision for Maine is a place where “more of our young people can stay in Maine and find their economic futures here.”

The candidate also announced his opposition to Baldacci’s January budget cuts, instead proposing an increase in the cigarette tax to help fill budget gaps and promote healthy lifestyles amongst Mainers.

“It makes sense to levy a tax to help pay for the public cost that we see — the health care costs and other costs we see — down the road,” Rowe said. “There’s no intention by me to discriminate against anyone except to encourage everyone to practice healthier lifestyles.”

Lincoln man charged with 20 UM burglaries

Staff Report

A Lincoln man has been charged with 20 counts of burglary in connection with incidents of theft at the University of Maine, according to the UMaine Police Department.

Police allege Harold Emery, Jr., 19, stole GPS devices, iPods, cash, cell phones and prescription medicines from unlocked vehicles in the Steam Plant and Hilltop parking lots.

Emery was arrested in Lincoln on an outstanding arrest warrant unrelated to the burglaries. UMPD and the Lincoln Police Department worked together on the case after a series of similar burglaries broke out on campus and in Lincoln, said UMaine spokesman Joe Carr.

“These are crimes of opportunity,” William Flagg, a detective with UMPD, said. “The simple step of locking vehicles when we leave them will significantly reduce the incidence of these burglaries.”

Flagg said UMaine and Lincoln police coordinated their efforts to find the suspect after connecting the dots between the burglaries and finding out where the stolen items were sold.

During the past two to three months, there have been 35-40 similar burglaries on campus.

“He has been charged at this point with 20 of them,” Flagg said. “We feel strongly that we have disrupted the group that were doing most of the car burglaries here on campus.”

Flagg said UMPD expects to charge one or two other individuals in connection with these burglaries in the near future.

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University of Maine System board of trustees member Benjamin Goodman spoke to the crowd as well, instructing them on what he said was the most effective way to make their voices heard.

“These cuts go too far,” Goodman, also a UMaine student, said into a megaphone. “I hear you loud and clear, but the rest of the board needs to hear you.”

The board of trustees must ultimately approve the elimination of any major or department. Goodman said contacting board members was a way for students to “put the pressure where it is most constructive.”

Though neither Kennedy nor Hunter were present at the rally, Dean of Students Robert Dana addressed the crowd, urging students to provide suggestions to the administration.

“They are frustrated, concerned and worried,” Dana said. “Some of these students have to work through their anger to get to the other side, toward a solution.”

“It’s not our job to figure out the cuts, to propose solutions,” said Yann Dupuy, a French instructor who organized the rally with students Kalie Hess and

Danielle Laliberte. “The students’ job is to raise their voice and ask questions, to be involved in the process.”

To that point, Dupuy lamented the lack of student involvement in the restructuring process spearheaded by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group, which issued the recommendations several weeks ago. He said the university should have offered more than one solution to the budget gap and let them choose what course is best.

“We are simply asking for teachers to be able to teach, and students to be able to take classes,” Dupuy told the crowd. “And everyone is acting like this is some radical request.”

After a 30 minutes of rallying at the library, a group of approximately 80 protesters marched into Alumni Hall to bring their opposition to the president and provost. Students sang the Maine Stein Song outside the president’s and provost’s office, and renewed their chanting of “Chop from the top.”

Students left their signs — sporting slogans such as “Don’t wager my major” and “Our Money, Our Choice!” — at the president’s office, and passed around a sign-in sheet to demonstrate their numbers. The rally dispersed shortly after.

Hunter and Vice President

for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron spoke with the handful of students still waiting after the rally ended.

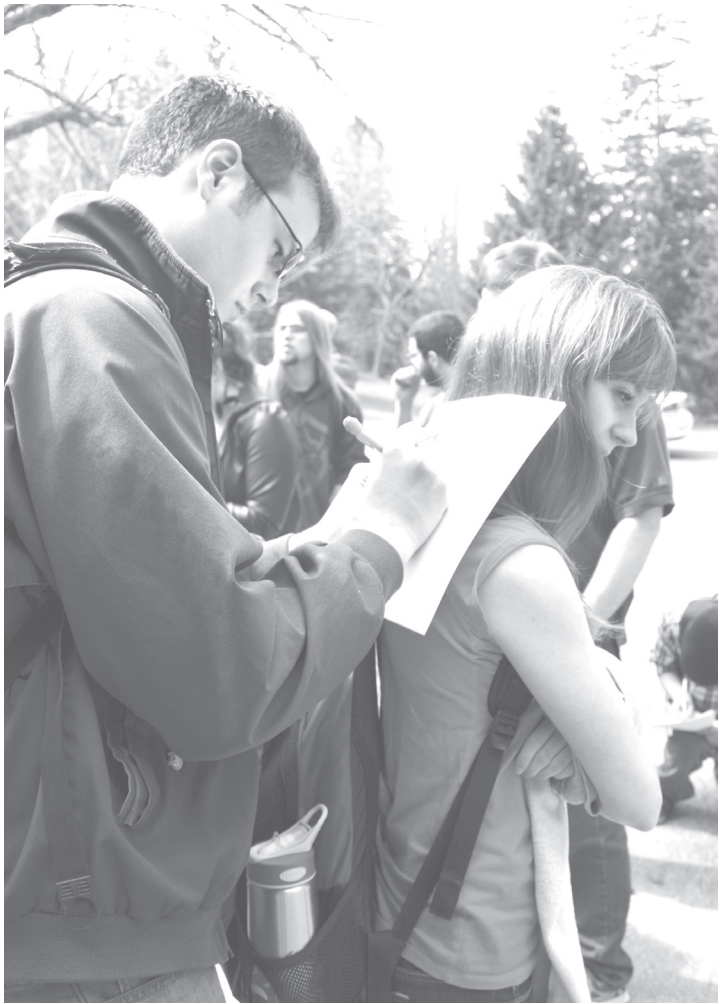
“We know that you have a lot of concerns,” Hunter said. “We are grappling with this in every way we can.”

“No one goes into my line of work and wants to eliminate academic programs,” Hunter said, adding that “there has been an erosion of state appropriations, so the money has to come from somewhere.” The provost stressed that the process is ongoing, and that the administration is considering student and faculty input in its decision-making process.

Dupuy said that while students may have been impassioned, the protesters rallied in good spirit.

“I would not consider them angry,” Dupuy said. “People want to be listened to. We just want a dialogue. We want the process to be more open.” Dupuy also decried the administration for giving students and faculty so little time to react to the proposal.

APPWG will issue its final recommendations to Hunter today, who will work on the proposals with Kennedy before sending them off to the chancellor’s office and, ultimately, the board of trustees.



Staff photos by Rebekah Doherty

ABOVE: Students and faculty march to Alumni Hall to voice their opposition to proposed academic cuts at the offices of the Provost Hunter and President Kennedy.

BELOW: Anders Beal, with help from Amy Becker, lists his name on a sign-in sheet that will be delivered to Kennedy.

Police Beat

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



Branch break-in

A 4-foot-long tree branch was thrown through a window on the north end of the Canadian-American Center sometime between 5 p.m. April 6 and 7:22 a.m. April 7 when a custodian found it. The estimated damage is \$200.

Residents in it together

A resident assistant in Somerser Hall reported the odor of marijuana coming from a third-floor room to Public Safety at 12:10 a.m. April 4. An officer responded and found the two underage room residents in possession of 26

unopened cans of beer and a marijuana-smoking device. Resident Matthew Ouellette, 19, was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor. Resident Michael Barrio, 19, was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Three smoking men

An officer on foot patrol detected the odor of marijuana and investigated a second-floor room of Androscoggin Hall at 10:50 p.m. April 6. Inside the room, the responding officer found three 19-year-old males who smelled strongly of marijuana and seemed to be

impaired. No marijuana was found during the room search. The three were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Two smoking men

An RA in Aroostook Hall reported the odor of marijuana coming from a first-floor room to Public Safety at 1:20 a.m. April 5. An officer arrived and found two males inside the room. Both smelled strongly of marijuana and seemed to be impaired. They were referred to Judicial Affairs.

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GSS approves \$617K budget

By Michael Shepherd
MEC Staff

The University of Maine's General Student Senate unanimously passed the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 at Tuesday's meeting.

All 30 of 34 senators in attendance voted "aye" with no debate to the \$617,505 budget proposed by Vice President for Financial Affairs Justin Labonte, which features a \$268,500 allocation to student entertainment, an \$87,516.40 allocation to Student Legal Services and \$37,641 to UMSG's office budget.

Labonte projected student activity fee revenues for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters to be \$716,455.12, which means \$98,994.52 will not be allocated next year. Labonte said that number was \$2,155.55 less than last year. He praised the budget as conservative and said much of the money allocated to clubs will not be spent, so UMSG can expect more return than projected.

"There shouldn't be any financial problems next year," Labonte said. [It is] "better to allocate the budget and not spend it than to not allocate it at all."

Student Body President Brian Harris announced in the first regular meeting of GSS that a new Web site, umainesg.com, has been finished by UMSG webmaster Ed Ropple, and would go live Friday. The template for the Web site, Harris said, was set up last semester, but the site was not completed.

"I dropped the ball at the beginning," Harris said. "Since then, we've just been working to get content. The tech manager wrote the whole Web site himself. Now the content is just about there and we're working on getting logins for the sena-

tors."

Sen. Ryan Gavin pressed Harris during the meeting on what he sees as a slow-moving process toward building the Web site. He said previous delays on the project make him skeptical of Harris' projected date.

"The problem is that we pay [the webmaster] \$1,000 a year and there's no product," Gavin said. "We were told last semester there would be a product before the end of the year, and then we were told...three months ago that month, and again and again and again. Last week, we were told last Wednesday, and that didn't happen."

Ropple said many people have been slow in getting content on the Web site, but said it will be finished by the Friday deadline.

"Barring any unforeseen problems, it will be fully operational again Friday," Ropple said.

Gavin added that a Web site would increase UMSG's visibility on campus, as he said students only come to meetings when "there's a big issue" at stake.

"If we want to reach out to people effectively, we need to reach out in a method students know how to use," Gavin said. "If they're not coming here to us, we need to communicate with them."

Gavin said a new Web site would be a far more effective way for students to get copies of UMSG minutes and agendas than the system currently in place.

"We don't have an efficient system to be able to pull out a copy of anything for anybody," Gavin said. "So it would be extremely efficient and we've been pushing and pushing and it just hasn't happened."

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The Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center honored Maine Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner David Littell Monday in the University Club. Left to right are: Professor Jonathan Rubin of the School of Economics, Littell and former Maine State Sen. Mary Cathcart.

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to attain high-level instruction in these areas.

Orcutt would not name any of the donors who have bequeathed money to the arts, nor would he be specific about the amount the university could lose, saying only that it was more than \$1 million and could be as much as \$3 million.

"The thing to keep in mind is that these donors don't have to give to the university," Orcutt said. "If their interest is music, theater and languages, and if we don't have those programs, they can give to another school or charity."

Alumni Richard and Anne Collins are members of the foundation and have served in a number of leadership roles across campus. The Collins Center for the Arts was named after the couple following their \$5 million donation to the building's restoration project that was completed in February 2009. They are also involved in raising money for the renovation of Memorial Gym.

"I'm very concerned about the future of higher education in Maine," Richard Collins said Wednesday. "All these cuts are, in many ways, hurting our younger people."

Collins said he understands the financial pressure UMaine is under and hopes the financial situation will be a platform issue in the gubernatorial race.

"I think the administration needs to be looked at," Collins said. "At the end of the day, the university's mission is education." Collins said that presidents and high-ranking administrators may not be needed at every university in the system and that Maine probably has more public universities than its population needs.

Collins said he believes UMaine is still committed to the arts, but financial issues have put restrictions on that commitment.

"Key decisions need to be made about what's critical, what's important and what's just nice to have," Collins said. "It's a difficult situation. It needs to be dealt with. It should have been dealt with years ago."

Despite questioning some of the university's decisions, Collins said he and Anne will remain unwavering in their support of UMaine.

Todd Saucier, CEO of the Alumni Association, said he has

received more than 40 responses from alumni regarding the proposed academic cuts but painted a less bleak picture than Orcutt. The association is an independent, non-profit corporation that manages relationships with

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Richard R. Collins
UMaine benefactor
Class of '59

alumni for the university. Saucier said most of the alumni who called graduated from programs suggested for elimination and were looking for more information about the criteria the working group had used.

"We do fundraise, but the primary job of our organization is relationship building," Saucier said. According to Saucier, only six alumni — who earned degrees in public administration, economics or vocal performance — said they would stop giving to UMaine if the proposed cuts were approved.

"People act out of their emotions sometimes, but that's fine," Saucier said. "Part of my job is to listen and answer as many questions as I can." Saucier added that a few alumni have commented positively on the working group's recommendations. He would not comment specifically on the amount alumni have threatened to withdraw.

Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Eric Rolfson has had a similar experience as the head of the Office of University Development. The development office also raises funds for the university, but — unlike the other two organizations — it is a part of UMaine. The three groups have helped raise \$125.8 million for the university since 2005 as part of the philanthropic endeavor Campaign Maine.

Rolfson said donors to the development office, who are mostly alumni, have either been very disappointed with the proposed cuts or understanding of the financial strain the university and the state of Maine are under. Rolfson said most who talked to him were of the first group, but less than five said they were so upset they would not support the university anymore.

About 90 percent of outside contributions to the university come from individual donors, according to Rolfson. He said the

long-term effects on charitable giving to UMaine will depend on the outcome of the budget cuts.

"People invest in success," Rolfson said. "If we're able to make some cuts, reinvest in other areas and come out a stronger

group's criteria for making decisions, both tuition and nontuition revenue generated by each academic program were taken into account for the group's recommendations. Vice President of Administration and Finances Janet Waldron said the group "definitely looked at the revenue implications," but some donations — like bequests — would have been difficult to account for.

"If they don't know for sure that people are thinking about giving a gift, they wouldn't know to include it," Waldron said.

Orcutt was in agreement. "I'm sympathetic to the university's position," he said. "They have to make these decisions today, and they can't base them off of what could happen in the future."

institution, that will yield additional investment. If we come out as a weaker institution, it will decrease investment."

According to the working

In other GSS business...

- Gatcombe announced Sens. Rebecca Dyer and Charles Hastings have left GSS. "I will spend the next month completing my honors thesis and preparing to graduate in May. This is a fantastic organization and I was disappointed that I needed to make this decision, but ultimately academics are my first priority at the University of Maine," Dyer wrote in an e-mail. Hastings wrote, "Being a senator bears a great responsibility and with that comes commitment. For two years I served as a senator but the time has come where I can no longer

live up to my commitment. I must now focus on my final year of school and continue to work forward."

- Second-year parks, recreation and tourism student Benjamin Fournier was sworn in as a senator.

- GSS allocated \$1,283 to the Cycling Club for road races later this month in New Hampshire and Connecticut.

- GSS created the position of financial office assistant and approved a three-year contract for Amy Grant to fill the position. Grant will be paid just over \$20,032 in her first year, starting July 1.

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

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In the State of Maine, if you are under the age of 21 and it is determined that you were operating a motor vehicle with any amount of alcohol in your blood, you will lose your license for one year for the first offense and two years for the second offense. Add an additional 180 days if you have a passenger under 21 in the vehicle with you at the time of the offense.

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Tessa Prest-Berg, of the campus organization Lifelines promotes its upcoming Hike for the Homeless event happening Saturday. The group plans to hike through parts of Orono and Veazie to raise money for the homeless in the area.

Locals help homelessness take a hike

By Sara Breau
For The Maine Campus

The outdoors is more than just a place to get fresh air. It is also a retreat from the busy routines of careers and classes. Tessa Prest-Berg is using this love for nature as a gateway to introduce her beliefs and passion for service to others.

Prest-Berg, a University of Maine graduate, will be participating in the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter’s 15th annual Hike for the Homeless April 10. The hike is organized to help raise money through donations and pledges and to boost awareness about the increasing percentage of homeless people living in Bangor and the surrounding community.

The hike is an annual fundraiser sponsored this year by local sponsors Bangor Daily News, WLBZ-2, Bangor Savings Bank, Eastern Maine Community College, Sutherland-Weston Marketing Communications and Trans Tech Industries Inc. of Brewer.

“I think just bringing awareness to the issue is so important, because before I looked into it after hearing about the hike, I had no idea what an issue it is here,” Prest-Berg said. “You wouldn’t expect it in a small town like Bangor.”

The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter has provided overnight shelter to approximately 449 people in the past year, according to executive director Dennis Marble. He said that added up to “about 11,800 cumulative nights” in the past year.

An additional estimated 1,500 local low-income people have visited the shelter for basic services including daytime shelter, referrals, crisis containment or simply a hot meal.

This is Prest-Berg’s first year participating in the hike, but she is by no means a novice to the concept. She has been giving back to the community

through service for years, volunteering at Manna Ministries Inc. and working with Meals on Wheels affiliate, Meals for ME.

Prest-Berg is a full-time employee at Lifelines Ministry on campus, an organization focused on its beliefs of ministering the community by helping wherever there is a need. Lifelines uses outdoor activities such as rafting, hiking, sledding and rock climbing as common ground to connect with others and to help them grow as individuals and leaders.

“Basically the Lifelines mission statement is to use the outdoors to grow people and their relationship with God and each other, and to grow in leadership and character,” Prest-Berg said. “It’s about using the out-

saw the word ‘hike’ I was excited and knew I wanted to do it,” Prest-Berg said. “When I saw that it said Hike for the Homeless, I was hoping that it would be like a hike up a mountain, then I heard that it starts in Veazie, which is still cool.”

Mountain hiking or not, the opportunity to do an outdoor activity that would benefit other members of the community was too good for Tessa to pass up.

According to the Hike for the Homeless Web site, participants can begin at one of four locations in Bangor, Brewer, Veazie or Hampden. The hike will end at the Bangor Waterfront with a cookout, raffle prizes and information sessions about further volun-

donate,” said Prest-Berg.

She attributes much of her motivation to help others from her desire to live what she sees as an active Christian life.

“When I was growing up, there were the Christians who just went to church every weekend and I was like okay. Then when I got deeper into it and read the Bible a little more I was like, hey, it’s way more than just going to church,” Prest-Berg said.

Since feeling out her personal beliefs regarding Christianity, Prest-Berg has become a member of the Lifelines Ministry and taken a more active role in reaching out and spreading the word within her community.

“The whole thing about Lifelines is that we want to be outdoors and help people,” Prest-Berg said.

She added that with the hike, she can “basically do what Jesus did, and help the homeless.”

Prest-Berg spent her day tabling outside Starbucks in Memorial Union on April 7. People could stop by for information about the hike or make a donation.

Because the shelter also offers support services, they see more than just people looking for a bed. In the past year, more than 2,000 people have stayed at or visited the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter for support, Marble said.

Prest-Berg is hopeful raising awareness about the issue will lead to a decline in the number of homeless in the greater Bangor area.

“When I looked into it, it surprised me, just the fact that there’s so many homeless in Bangor and I don’t ever see them,” Prest-Berg said. “I didn’t even know about it, I think I just walk by them a lot of times and have my blinders on. This is an opportunity to take the blinders off.”

Hutchinson from Page 1

as a professor, dean and vice president. He later worked at the U.S. Agency for International Development and as a provost for Ohio State University, according to a statement from UMaine.

“Fred Hutchinson was a friend and mentor who exemplified the University of Maine experience,” said President Robert Kennedy in

a statement. “He often spoke of the great opportunities that came his way only because he was able to earn a UMaine degree, and he was deeply honored to serve as the university’s president. Fred Hutchinson was a distinguished leader whose example will continue to inspire UMaine students and others for many years to come.”

Hutchinson is survived by his wife and two daughters. Funeral arrangements are currently incomplete.

Summit from Page 1

“The problem is, Maine is 28th in the nation for innovation,” Hall said. “We should be leading in this. It’s in our soil. It’s in our air. It’s in our water.”

Hall’s business-centric message was echoed by Laurie Lachance, president of the Maine Development Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to developing sustainable and long-term economic growth in the state. Lachance said universities can produce attractive graduates who are more likely to stay in Maine if programs are closely tailored to what businesses are looking for.

Lachance cited the risk management and insurance program at the University of Southern Maine, which was created in 2008 at the behest of the insurance industry, as an example of public-private cooperation that yielded good results. The insurance industry raised and donated more than \$600,000 to cover the costs of starting the program.

Lachance said universities should ask one question: “How can I do things differently today that can help Maine tomorrow?”

“Partnering with industry is one of the most promising [solutions], because you directly tailor to their needs, and they’re will-

ing to invest in that,” Lachance said.

Lachance also said businesses are less likely to come to Maine because of high energy costs and taxes.

“The cost of doing business in Maine has gone way above the U.S. average and it’s something our companies can’t sustain,” Lachance said.

But, she said, lower taxes — which would mean less revenue for the state and a shrinking state appropriation for the university — should not result in higher tuition. Between 1999 and 2008, the percent of their income Mainers spent on tuition at a public university rose 15 percent — from 21 percent to 36 percent — while the national average rose only 8 percent.

“Turning to tuition is not really an option at this point,” Lachance said.

Board of trustees member and student Sen. Benjamin Goodman praised the message of public-private collaboration.

Goodman said getting representatives from all seven universities in the same room was a huge step and stressed a need for better communication between the campuses.

Gov. John Baldacci opened the summit by touting UMaine’s energy resources and the research and development at the university.

GSS from Page 3

The senate also unanimously passed An Act to Amend the Employment Policies of University of Maine Student Government, Inc. a sweeping amendment sponsored by Labonte which eliminates the problem of suspending pay for SG employees from the policies. Labonte said employees now cannot work without first being deemed eligible.

“It kind of outlines what you need to do to be an employee and what requirements you must

meet to be an employee,” Labonte said. “It kind of tightens up everything.”

The resolution, Gavin said, was motivated by an incident earlier this year when Vice President of Student Government Nyssa Gatcombe was not paid during roughly the first month and a half of her term due to complications arising from GPA requirements for SG employees.

“The process itself really hasn’t changed, but the questions about who’s eligible, how do you check eligibility [are clarified],” Gavin said. “It streamlines the process.”

Portal from Page 2

Gregory said the portal was considered a higher priority at other campuses that do not use the FirstClass e-mail system, which is unique to UMaine. The portal may include abilities such as instant messaging and group message board, which are already available to UMaine students through FirstClass but don’t exist or are largely ignored in the system’s Gmail-based e-mail service.

The system will pay Columbia, S.C.-based Collegiate Project Services \$68,000 to help gather student opinions and find a vendor for the portal.

Dyer said CPS was hired after the board’s student representatives expressed concern about the high priority of the project and that student input wasn’t being solicited. The project has also since been delayed, Dyer said. The original timeline projected project approval by January 2010 and launch by June 2011, but the report from CPS now isn’t due until the board’s May 18 meeting.

Since the firm was hired, it has conducted focus groups and solicited student feedback through a 13-question survey asking students what they would look for in a portal and what services they most frequently use.

CPS was unavailable for comment.

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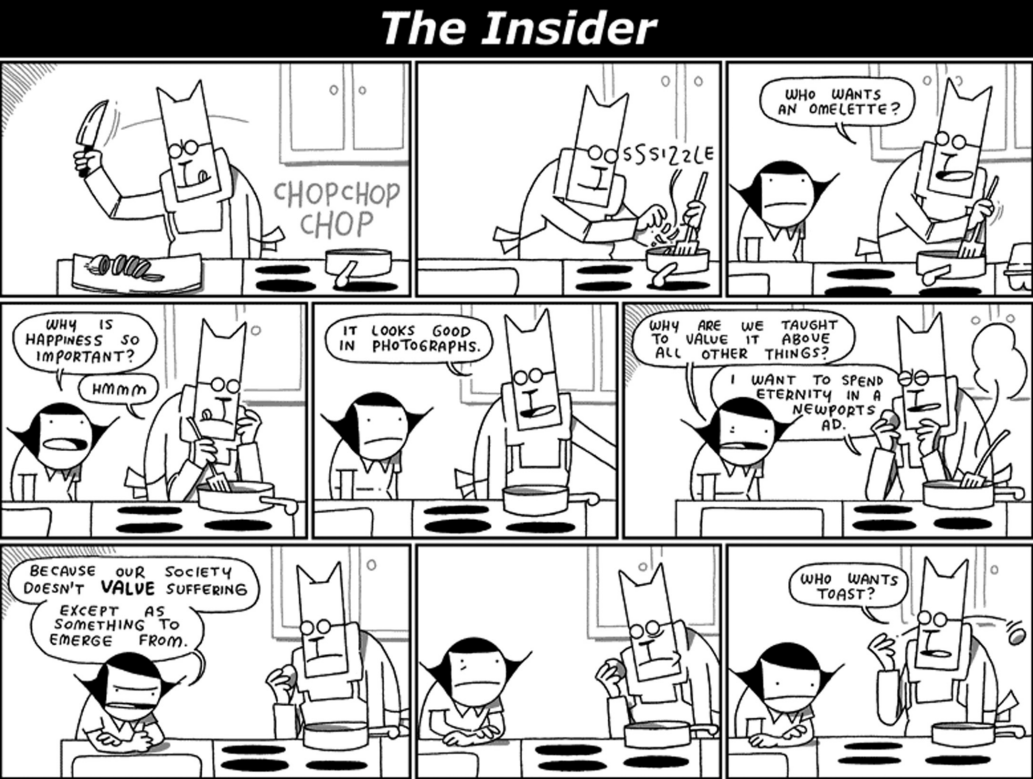
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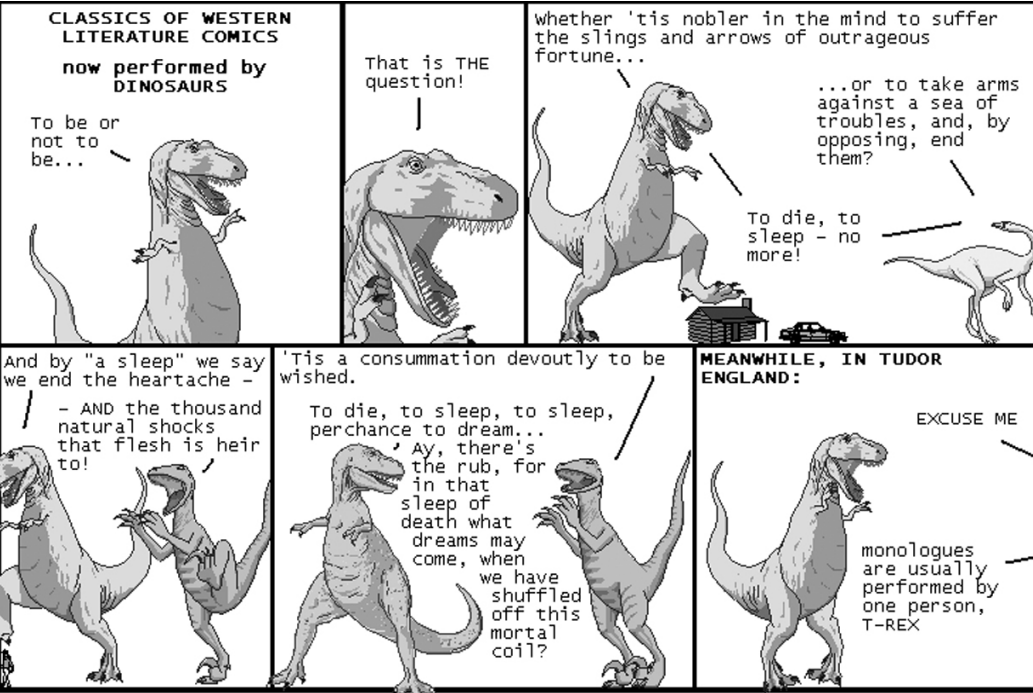
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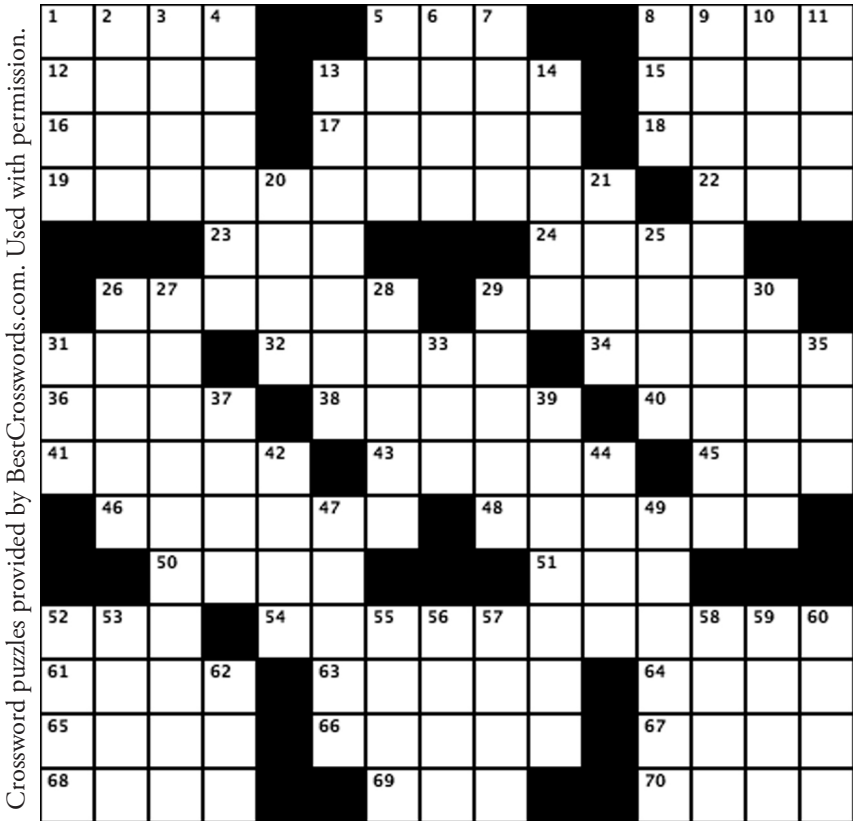


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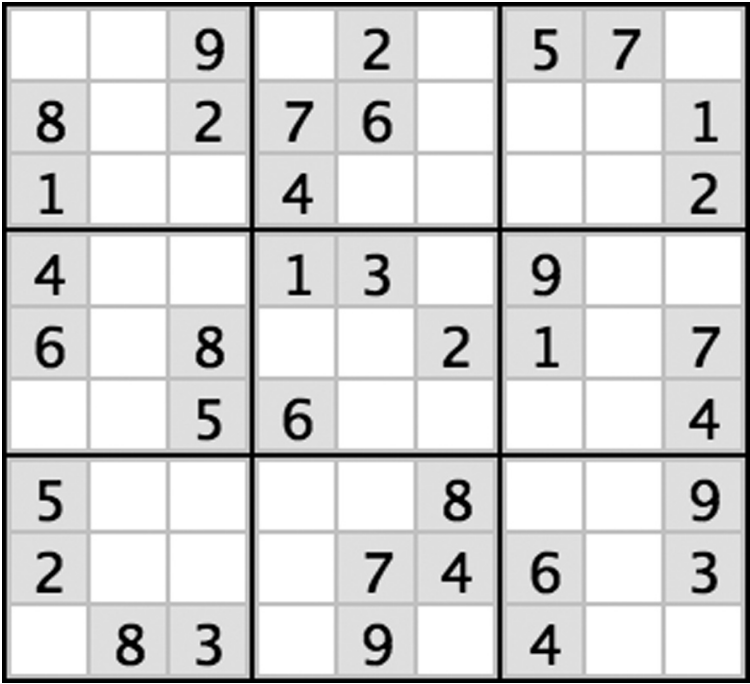


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| 5- Back talk | 2- Biblical birthright | 30- Therefore |
| 8- Water, abroad | 3- Singer Sedaka | 31- Ad ____ |
| 12- Between ports | 4- Peril | 33- Half a fly |
| 13- Swellings | 5- Lounge | 35- ____ Paulo, Brazil |
| 15- Respiratory organ | 6- Brain wave | 37- First name in country |
| 16- Drops from the sky | 7- Heating fuel | 39- Raise a grade? |
| 17- New York city | 8- Long-sleeved linen vestment | 42- Corker |
| 18- "Venerable" English monk | 9- State in NE Australia | 44- Hit with an open hand |
| 19- Ancient language of Gaul | 10- Go back, in a way | 47- Rings of a chain |
| 22- Aurora's counterpart | 11- A long time | 49- The Muse of astronomy |
| 23- Cornerstone abbr. | 13- Arctic gale | 52- Land in water |
| 24- Frond plant | 14- Smell | 53- Lecherous look |
| 26- Actress Mason | 20- Kind of prof. | 55- Dues |
| 29- Anew | 21- Dweeb | 56- Moon of Jupiter |
| 31- Darlin' | 25- Actual | 57- Med school subj. |
| 32- DuBois' "talented" group | 26- Related to form | 58- Dull resonant sound |
| 34- Valleys | 27- Wind speed measuring instrument | 59- Decoy |
| 36- Baltic feeder | 28- Licorice-like flavoring | 60- Children's author Blyton |
| 38- Ascends | | 62- Draft org.; |

Sudoku Puzzle



- Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
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There is only one correct answer.

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Word Search

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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an Ogden Nash quotation.

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Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You seem to be rather irritable because of stress and exhaustion. Avoid getting into controversies. You are predisposed to health problems and even accidents. You should avoid long trips and business meetings.

Taurus - April 21 to May 20 - In the morning, you could face serious difficulties working with one of your business partners because of a disagreement over a major investment.

Gemini - May 21 to June 21 - Unexpected events will prevent you from keeping your schedule. Don't anticipate much from a recent business venture, for you may be disappointed. You are advised to postpone major decisions and avoid acting on impulse.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - You will start a new activity that could bring you material benefits if you can control your criticism. You are advised to be more flexible and understanding with your colleagues and loved ones. Any argument may turn into a fight.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - An older person in the family might fail to keep a promise regarding money. Don't complain; the reasons may be objective. You are advised to be more flexible today with your friends and family.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 - Your recent efforts at work will start bringing benefits. Relationships may be affected by the tense atmosphere. You are advised to postpone meetings with friends and avoid driving, for you may be accident-prone.

Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 - Your loved one might criticize you for no real reason. Keep calm and avoid an argument. You may want to pay more attention to family and especially your loved one. Keep your temper when talking to an older person in the family.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You may be involved in a scandal at work because of rumors spread by an older woman in your circle. Don't fight back. Everything will go back to normal shortly. In the afternoon, you may receive an unexpected sum of money.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Avoid driving today, unless you absolutely have to — you may be prone to car accidents. If you have to drive, be careful and make sure you have checked the car's technical condition.

Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 - You will have a busy time today with a lot of problems to solve at work. Your co-workers won't be very supportive. Keep your temper or you may say things you don't really mean, and later regret it.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - You will be impulsive because of misunderstandings with your boss. Be careful with what you say.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Before noon, you may receive a long-awaited piece of news regarding a trip that you may make soon. Your loved one may feel the timing couldn't be worse. After a heated argument, you may decide to postpone the trip or cancel it altogether.

EDITORIAL

UMS decision: A portal to nowhere?

The Issue: The University of Maine System's plan to purchase a portal that would streamline access to online student resources such as MaineStreet, FirstClass and WebCT.
What We Think: The system has confused its priorities by pursuing an expensive investment in the midst of severe acadmic cutbacks.

The online multimedia resources for students at the University of Maine are a serious problem. Students are expected to utilize MaineStreet, Blackboard, WebCT, FirstClass and their University of Maine System e-mail account in different ways for different professors and classes.

The whole setup is frustrating, disorienting and a huge waste of time and resources. The editorial board thinks the system is right to rank streamlining and simplifying this jumbled mess as one of its top priorities in its New Challenges, New Directions restructuring plan.

On the other hand, we can't even remotely agree with the system's decision to spend as much as \$8 million over the next five years on something as non-essential as this portal. The system is doing nothing but creating more convenient access to resources that already exist — a luxury the system should not be pretending it can afford.

Would a new portal be useful? Sure. Would it make students' and faculty's lives easier? Probably. Is it a good investment for a collection of institutions that has been announcing cuts in all departments and continually expressing its budget woes? Absolutely not.

We understand the cost for this portal — however much it ends up being — is minimal in comparison to the system's total budget. Millions of dollars in cuts would still have to be made, with or without this new program. But we think the system's interest in pursuing a project like this shows it has confused its priorities.

Students across the different campuses have been under the impression that public universities in Maine are academic institutions. However, in the past few weeks, the system has been purportably forced to plan sweeping academic eliminations and restructuring at the same time it is looking to purchase a new, multimillion dollar toy.

More convenient access to WebCT will not placate the hundreds of people who protested on the steps of Fogler Library Wednesday afternoon. We urge system leaders to invest in students' educations, which is why they came to college in the first place. If students want cool technology, they can use Twitter.

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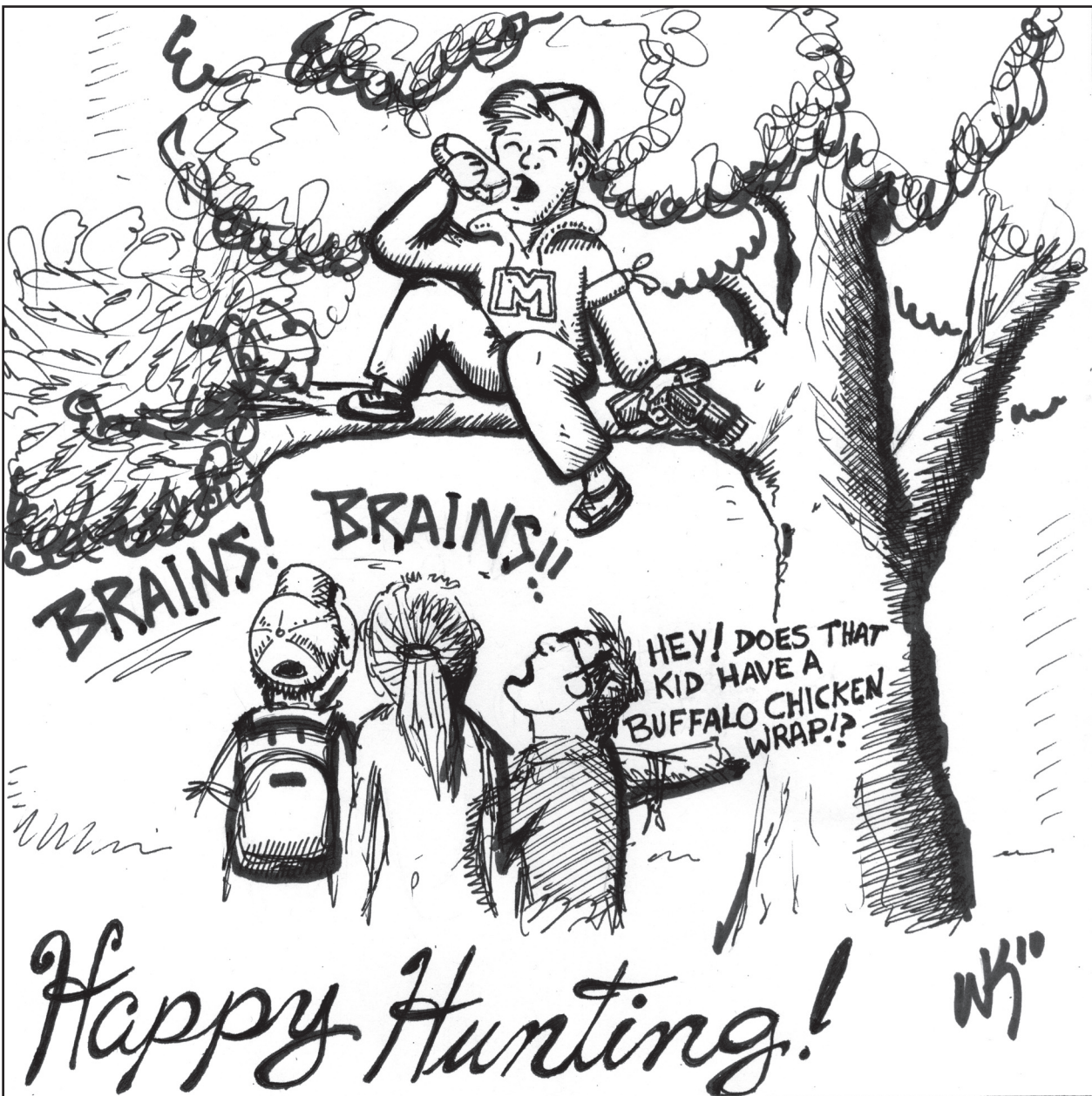
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Technology: How much is too much?

I love Facebook. I can't get enough of it. It lets me feel connected to friends who are miles away, lets me have in-depth discussions with acquaintances on common topics, and keeps me informed on everything from the night's TV shows to the earthquake in Haiti.

The same goes for Twitter. I can get lame jokes from celebrities and the weird musings of my friends all beamed straight to my computer screen. Why should I care what Rainn Wilson of "The Office" is doing? I don't know, but for some reason, the site is fascinating.

Usually, both sites are full of links — things to read, watch, listen to, play. Social networking sites are a treasure trove of distractions, gold mines of information you didn't know was interesting until you've clicked it.

We live in an age of mass media consumption that leaves me wondering one thing: How much is too much?

Often, I will sit down at my computer just to do my normal routine of "checking." I have to check my FirstClass, Facebook, Twitter, work e-mail, Gmail account and various blogs all before I actually do anything on my computer. By the time all of this is taken care of, I've probably wasted an hour or more.

Even after it's all checked, I feel like I am still behind. Facebook does a great job of reminding me that even when I've seen all my notifications, messages, invitations and requests, and read all of the items in my news feed, I've still missed 300+ posts in my live feed. If it's been a few hours since I last checked Twitter, then I'm sifting through page after page of old posts until I see where I left off.

I sometimes wonder what my life would be like if I cut my ties to all these



**KEGAN
ZEMA**

**STYLE
EDITOR**

Web sites. My schedule is so consistently swamped that each precious minute I waste with eight browser tabs open could be time spent doing things I truly enjoy.

If somehow my laptop only allowed me to do necessary things — like check my e-mail for classes and work — I could have tons of free time each week. This is part of the reason I don't have a smart

thought can put things into perspective.

I would lose contact with some friends, but an occasional wall post is hardly a strong connection in the first place. Blogs and tweets offer a way to see celebrities and artists in a unique and personal way, but do these methods actually bring you closer to knowing the real Lady Gaga?

I'm not about to toss my computer out the window or cancel my accounts, nor am I suggesting others do so. But we should think about the time we spend each day consuming online media and reconsider how valuable that information truly is in the big picture.

As people rush out to buy their giant iPhones — oops, I mean iPads — it seems the global trend is to get more complicated and more cluttered.

I love this generation and all of its

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phone: I already waste enough time on the Internet as it is.

I can't help but wonder if my life could even be simplified at this point. I would have to call my close friends if I wanted to stay in touch. I would have to read newspapers — and not just their Web sites — to know what's going on in the world. I would only have the music of my favorite musicians to judge them by, not their blogs or tweets.

There are clear pros and cons to this Luddite world, but even visiting it in

techno-madness. When it comes to being addicted to Internet media and applications, I am as guilty as anyone and in need of a heaping helping of my own advice.

I just hope people can pull themselves away from their laptop computers, MacBooks, Droids, iPads, iPhones or Blackberries long enough to go outside, read a book or play an instrument — without tweeting about it as it's happening.

Kegan Zema is style editor for The Maine Campus.

Letters to the editor

The thrill of victory, the agony of budget cuts

University of Maine men's basketball coach Ted Woodward being a finalist for the Skip Prosser Man of the Year award does not allow students who want a degree in a foreign language to attain it. We need to think about why someone comes to a university and spends thousands of dollars every year — for an education.

As entertaining as watching or participating in a sporting event may be, it does not contribute to one's future success in the workplace. Some may argue sports foster a necessary sense of teamwork and competition. However, that sense of teamwork and competition is useless if one does not have the education to complement it.

We should drop to Division II or III and place less emphasis on athletics. If athletics are so important in securing donations from alumni and others, as some have suggested, then make those contributions the only source of funding for the Athletic Department, other than self-generated revenue.

That way, those people who are only interested in the sports of the university get what they want as long as they make their contributions, while the university can spend our money on what we paid for in the first place.

William Johnston
Student

Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: Scarcelli: UM drives industry

Only after substantial funding from the Department of Defense for war-related projects did AEWC reach its current position. Thankfully, the arts and languages don't rely on war-monger Susan Collins for finances to advance their fields.

Unfortunately, people are attempting to decimate the arts and languages at UMaine. Maybe we could start an Arab language course, apply for a \$10 million war grant from Susan Collins and save the rest of the language majors.

— Reader

RE: Athletics are key to any university's success, notoriety

Instead of athletics, maybe if we concentrated more of our resources on academics, people in other states would know our university for that instead.

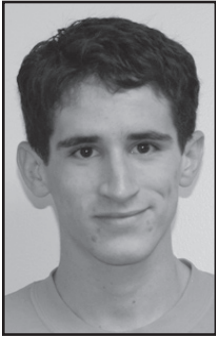
I don't fault the sports teams and their coaches for wanting the best for their programs. I fault university management and the donors who would rather see their names on a stadium than a lab.

If only medical researcher Jonas Salk was as famous as Tiger Woods. Maybe Salk should have screwed around more.

— Horace Greeley

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Cure to UMaine’s budget woes is raising tuition, not cutting sports



UMaine Athletics loses money because not all sports sell tickets. But athletics bring culture to our school, as well as donations.

JONATHAN ZAPPALA

While it is sad that University of Maine students enrolling after 2014 will not have access to all the majors that exist right now, we cannot cut our Division I athletics program, which is the university’s most important recruitment tool and the biggest unifier for students.

A large portion of students would say having a national powerhouse hockey team was a big influence on why they came here and why they have pride in their school. Our school pride has already been low enough in the years I have been here, in both academics and athletics.

If we lose more of our sports teams and our Division I status, more students will choose to go to other universities in the system, like the University of Southern Maine — or go out of state. That would mean even less money coming in, leading to more programs being cut. This would be a perpetual cycle until UMaine becomes a small liberal arts and engineering college. Simply put, killing athletics would lead to the end of UMaine as the state’s flagship university.

Boise State University is a prime example of how athletics bring students to a school. They have had a football program that has put them on the national map for the last three years. For the spring 2010 enrollment, they saw a 4.1 percent increase from the year before, translating to 724 more students. That may not sound like much, but that pays for quite a few more faculty members’ salaries.

Students from around the country are now choosing

to go to BSU because they have heard of the school. Coming from Ohio, I never would have heard of UMaine unless I had heard of the hockey team’s success — the reason I chose to come here. Like BSU, the University of Northern Iowa has seen athletic success in football, and after big upsets in the NCAA Tournament this year, it should expect to see a rise in applications as well.

Our football team may spend \$1.2 million per year, most of which I imagine is the 63 scholarships they have to provide, but they can also lead to more students coming to UMaine. It looks like the team will go back to the playoffs next year and make a strong run at a national title. If we can get on the national map for football, like hockey does, we could expect to see the same rises in enrollment other universities with strong football programs have.

The Athletics Department should be expected to lose money, because not all sports sell a lot of tickets. But athletics is the culture of the sports to our school, as well as donations from wealthy alumni.

Athletics has high academic standards for its student-athletes, with the field hockey and men’s cross country teams leading the way and consistently posting top conference GPAs. When teams achieve high academic success, they become another advertisement for academics at UMaine.

If we were to lose our Division I status but retain football and men’s hockey at the same level, we could be OK, but almost all of the players for the other athletic programs would go elsewhere, losing hundreds of UMaine students and the tuition they pay.

The way to fix our school’s economic problems when the state is giving less money is to raise in-state tuition and cut the amount of money given to faculty research. According to UMaine’s Web site, students from out of state pay \$14,250 more per year than in-state students.

By my calculations, the state gives \$8,900 for every resident undergraduate student, which leaves non-resident students footing a bill over \$5,000 more. Closing that gap would bring another \$39 million into the university and effectively solve our budget problems.

Jonathan Zappala is a senior psychology student.

Emergency deception: Center lies to women with Web site

ASHLEE SIMPSON

Most people agree it would be immoral for a cigarette company to print on their packages, “Smoking will absolutely not cause cancer.” This kind of deliberate misinformation is unacceptable, and most of us would be disgusted to find out we are being lied to.

However, misinformation is exactly the tactic used by crisis pregnancy centers, and, in particular, the center in Bangor known as First Step Pregnancy Resource Center. Pregnancy centers are non-profits established by pro-life advocates that offer resources to persuade pregnant women to give birth rather than have an abortion.

First Step’s Web site states the organization is committed to providing women with “accurate, up-to-date information you need to make decisions about your unplanned pregnancy and sexual health.” However, First Step drops this promise by publishing blatant lies on their Web site regarding emergency contraception, also known as EC or the morning-after pill.

First Step lists EC as an “abortion procedure” for women in their first trimester of pregnancy. This is false. EC is not the abortion pill, nor does it cause abortion.

The Web site further states, “Depending on where you are in your menstrual cycle, the estrogen will either inhibit or delay ovulation, or it may alter the lining of your uterus, preventing implantation of a fertilized egg.” The good news is First Step has its facts straight here; this is exactly what EC does. Unfortunately, it fails to mention the medical definition of pregnancy is when a fertilized egg implants itself into the uterine lining.

Therefore, EC does not terminate a pregnancy, but rather prevents it from ever happening when regular birth control fails or is not used. If a woman takes EC and she is already pregnant, the pill will do nothing to affect the pregnancy.

The site also says, “Testing has not yet been done to

determine the safety of this procedure.” This little statement amazes me. First, taking a pill is not a procedure. Furthermore, EC has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

First Step’s Web site also includes lies about condoms, saying, “A recent review by the Centers for Disease Control determined there is no clinical proof condoms are effective at all in preventing HPV and chlamydia, they don’t provide complete protection from genital herpes and syphilis, and only provide an 85 percent reduction of risk for HIV/AIDS.”

On the CDC’s Web site, there is a fact sheet for condoms that states, “Laboratory studies have shown that latex condoms provide an effective barrier against even the smallest STD pathogens.” First Step thinks it can simply make up studies to scare people into abstinence.

It thinks the only way abstinence is not the best choice is when marriage is involved. Once again, First Step is trying to pass off its beliefs as medical fact.

These deliberate lies and misleading statements work to take away the right a woman has to an informed choice — something First Step claims to believe in. First Step makes up information and tries to pass it off as medically accurate even though it is not a licensed medical provider.

These false claims and lies are a common tactic used by crisis pregnancy centers to hide the truth about all options for women. Do not let these lies spread any further. Educate yourself, and then tell your friends the truth about EC, abortion, birth control and other reproductive health issues.

If you don’t like being lied to, check out an actual medical facility that gives accurate information, so you can make an informed choice: mabelwadsworth.org.

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Epidemiologist finds avenue for AIDS prevention



MADELYN KEARNS

COLUMNIST

Public speaking has never been my strong suit. I’ve stuttered and jittered through just about every presentation I’ve had since kindergarten, whether it was before my mother or an audience of complete strangers.

All the remedies, from picturing onlookers in their underwear to specially timed breathing, proved useless in every fumbling nightmare before the classroom, my voice barely audible over the shuddering paper my hands could never seem to calm.

Elizabeth Pisani has everything I lack when it comes to speaking in public. Watching the epidemiologist — a specialist in the branch of medicine concerning distribution and prevention of

Could morals really be the last thing standing in the way of the abolition of AIDS — a disease that has crippled generations for decades?

disease — strut across the stage during a speech filmed in February, sharing her research and opinion to a room of unknown attendees with candor, it’s easy to conclude the woman has a way with talking. Perhaps it was out of admiration for her speech talents alone that I watched her 20-minute lecture on HIV prevention and politics — or maybe, her theory is just that compelling.

Could morals be the last thing standing in the way of the abolition of a virus that has crippled generations for decades?

Pisani, who has been studying HIV and AIDS for organizations such as the World Health Organization, World Bank and UNAIDS, insists this is the case across the globe, where junkies, sex workers and gay men continue to be the most susceptible to HIV and AIDS and the least likely to receive help to prevent or treat it.

The lack of aid for these groups,

Pisani argues, is because society’s moral compass hampers methods of prevention, such as clean needles, to be dispensed across the board.

“The science tells us, for example, that making clean needles universally available to drug injectors can more or less wipe out HIV transmission in this group. The ideology tells us that providing such services for injectors is tantamount to condoning an illegal behavior that wrecks lives,” Pisani wrote in an article for CNN.

She notes that people do stupid things, but they do them for rational reasons. Citizens living in a Third World economy, where they make as little as \$.25 an hour in factories, will most likely opt for prostitution, which pays around \$10 an hour. This may not be the most moral employment choice, but it is the more financially sound one.

The same thing even happens in this country, where minimum wage is hardly enough to live on. Going into the sexual trade may seem like the only option they have in their situations, but it puts them into high risk for HIV.

Pisani’s arguments are sound, but should tax dollars really be spent on supplying drug addicts with clean needles — an act that seems counterintuitive when compared with the nation’s goal of sobriety? Would it be as though we were the ones injecting the drugs into the arms of struggling abusers nationwide?

Perhaps, to some extent anyway. But when consulting the alternative of a world still largely riddled with a difficult, deadly disease, a clean needle dispenser or two seems to be worth it for the immense decrease in risk for AIDS. There is no scientific evidence that proves the availability of clean needles will cause an upsurge in addiction, just as the availability of free condoms does not cause an increase in sex. This common misconception, fueled by assumptions rather than fact, is best left to “MythBusters.”

Being a good talker is not necessarily an honest attribute, but it is a powerful tool to gain access to society’s psyche. Usually, people can only talk the talk, but on rare occasions, a lobbyist emerges who can also walk the walk for the good of mankind. One of these lobbyists is Elizabeth Pisani. Now that she has spoken, it is time to listen and cast our vote accordingly.

Madelyn Kearns is a sophomore mass communication student.

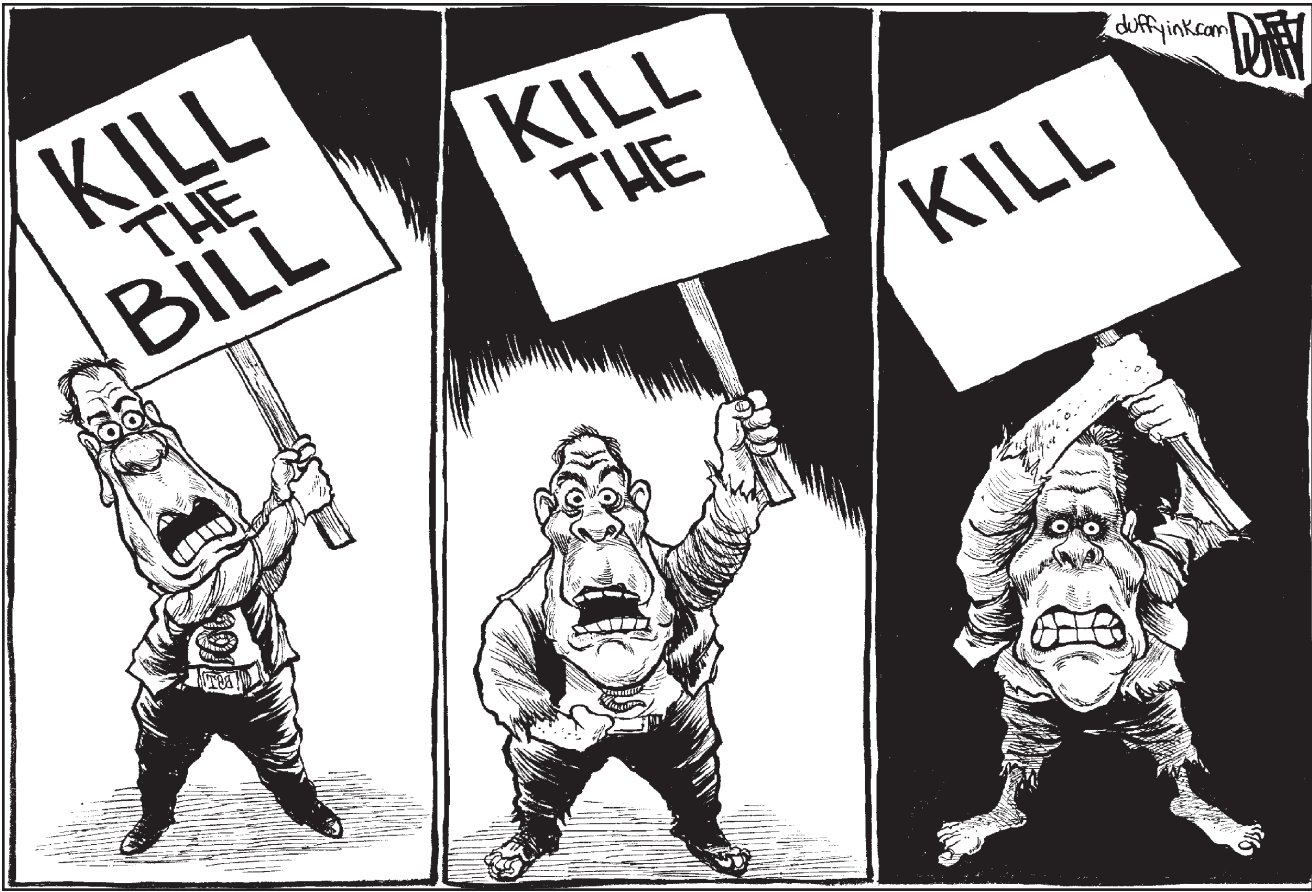
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Maine Masque goes Greek

Solid acting propels tricky adaptation

“Eurydice,” written by Sarah Ruhl, is a somber, tragic love story. This kind of material is challenging for any student-run theater group to put on. The Maine Masque’s production, however, is a worthwhile experience.

Theater Review

Kyle Kernan

In the actual myth Eurydice is Orpheus’ new bride. She dies and falls into the underworld. Orpheus pursues Eurydice to her new home and uses his musical talent to persuade the ruler of the underworld to release his bride.

In Ruhl’s version, directed by senior theater student Anthony Arnista, Orpheus uses music to reconnect with Eurydice. After Eurydice dies, Orpheus — played by third-year theater student Sam Watson — sings “Wagon Wheel” by Bob Dylan. This poignant moment in the play is one of many songs that Arnista infuses in the play to contemporize and freshen it up.

However, it feels a little out of place for Orpheus to say, “I wrote this song for you Eurydice,” however because we all know that Bob Dylan wrote it. I suppose Watson sings it well enough for me to forget such things. Watson plays Orpheus like he’s an empty shell after he loses Eurydice. He’s almost too somber in an already somber play. If he had more vigor and fight in him to find his wife he would be the stand out in this production.

The play is about loss and the cathartic steps taken to resurrect the dead. It is a testament to how we use music in stories to give life to the dead and what we’ve left behind.

From the beginning we see

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Eurydice, played by Mandy Fahey, acts scared as she is surrounded by talking rocks after entering the underworld during the play “Eurydice” at Hauck Auditorium on Wednesday night.

Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty

Eurydice rises from the depths of hell

By John Shannon
MEC Staff

In Hauck Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, the stage is lit with work lights as stagehands scurry around the set applying last minute touches. Crewmembers stand in semicircles, discussing the ins and outs of the production. On a table near the center of the audience, multiple laptops and binders lay open with scripts, poaster art, photos and lots and lots of sticky-notes.

It is the eve of opening night, and director Anthony Arnista and crew gather to work out the fine details for the Maine Masque’s production of “Eurydice.”

Written by Sarah Ruhl — a protégé of Pulitzer Prize winner Paula Vogel — “Eurydice” takes the Greek myth of Orpheus and

tells it from the female point of view. As Eurydice descends into the depths of hell, she learns of love, loss and the power of memories forgotten and retained. When Orpheus eventually comes to save her, she must decide whether to take a journey back to the living or stay with all that she has gained.

Arnista explains that when he first read the play while backstage during a previous production he simply couldn’t put it down. He compares the experience to reading beautiful poetry.

“I honestly never read anything like this,” he said. He soon began to campaign for Maine Masque to put on the show.

“I fell in love with the show instantly,” said set designer Tricia Hobbs, who designed both “Eurydice” and the recent “Savage in

Limbo” at the same time. These two shows were her first time designing after working in the scene shop for the past year. While “Savage” had an intimate setting, “Eurydice” has a much more vast and unique quality to it. A mix of Surrealist art and Greek design, the set is meant to show both our world and the underworld, with as little set changes as possible. This ambiguity gives the set an unnatural, dreamlike feeling, and is all too fitting for the play’s subject matter.

“A big part of the play is memory, and how we decide to interpret and utilize it,” Arnista said.

Arnista looks pale and overworked, but when asked about what drew him to “Eurydice” and what it’s all about, his eyes light up with a spark. The answer comes out as a stream of con-

sciousness three minutes long, jumping from subjects pertaining to memory, to dreams, to hope and to love, and eventually ending upon the human experience.

Ruhl’s writing provides a framework for those who stage her script, but also allows for vast interpretation.

“One of the great joys and challenges here was digging through the text and finding multiple ways of doing things,” Arnista said, describing his directorial process. “Experimenting and collaborating, seeing what works and how it all fits. Art is collaborative. I don’t have all the answers, nor do I pretend to.”

His actors have worked hard to nail down their characters. Hobbs said that with such strong

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15 bands in 2 days for first Dimestock



Staff photo by Betsy Caron

Jimmy Nicolas and Keagan Rae of Funk Shway toot their horns at The Rack at Sugarloaf Mountain.

By Kegan Zema
MEC Staff

It’s time for a crash course in the local music scene. Fifteen bands will grace the two stages at The Dime this weekend for two days of nonstop music. Dubbed Dimestock, the festival is set to be both a meeting of the minds for local musicians and one big party.

Tim Taylor, owner of The Dime, said he has been planning to do something like this since he opened the bar. He compiled

the lineup from bands that had brought the best crowds to his bar previously.

“It’s the start of something new,” Taylor said. “We wanted to make a place where everybody can go and see a majority of the bands in the area. I think it’s going to be a really good showing of quality music.”

According to Gerard, guitarist and vocalist from Restless Groove, Taylor said Dimestock originally started as a way for all of the local bands to meet each

other in an open forum.

There will be music from 5 p.m. until the bar closes around 1:30 a.m. Gerard said the two-stage set-up will give patrons a choice of who they want to see.

“If you go out to the bar and you don’t like one band you can go upstairs and you’re likely to like the other one,” Gerard said. “There’s not too many bands you can see two bands at the same time.”

Both Gerard and Taylor said there will be a vast array of genres.

Dimestock Schedule

April 9, 2010

DOWNSTAIRS STAGE

5:00 - 6:30 2 Days Later

6:45 - 8:00 Most of Us Can Stand

9:00 - 10:45 Raw Chicken

11:00 - Close Frank & the Red Hots

UPSTAIRS STAGE

5:30 - 6:45 Hampden Mtn Boys

7:00 - 8:45 Suit Mullet

9:15 - 11:00 Funk Thrust

11:15 - Close Restless Groove

April 10, 2010

DOWNSTAIRS STAGE

5:00 - 6:15 The Sweet Terror

6:45 - 8:00 2 Days Later

8:45 - 10:45 Smells Like the 90’s

11:00 - Close Chaos Sauce

UPSTAIRS STAGE

5:30 - 6:45 Mudseason

7:00 - 8:45 Hangtime

9:15 - 11:15 The Running Gags

11:30 - Close Bootiddy

2 Days Later and Smells Like the ’90s will be serving up some nostalgic covers, while bands like Restless Groove and Funk Shway will be layering on thick, heavy grooves. Even bluegrass band Raw Chicken will be taking the stage for a little country-tinged

romp.

“There’s a lot of great guitar players from what I see,” Gerard said. “I’ve never seen so many good guitar players in one area in like six years, so it’s pretty cool.”

Keagan Rae, trumpet player in

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Thursday, April 8

New Writing Series - Eileen Myles
Soderberg Auditorium, Jenness Hall
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Student Chamber Jazz Ensemble Concert
Bangor Public Library
6:30 p.m.

Concert Band / Symphonic Band
The Collins Center for the Arts
7:30 p.m.

Eurydice Maine Masque Production
Hauck Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
\$7, Free with MaineCard

Are You An Idiot? Trivia Night
Bear’s Den, Memorial Union
8 p.m.

Friday, April 9

Dimestock The Dime, Old Town
5 p.m.
\$10/day, \$15 two-day pass

Planetarium Show: Hubble Vision
Jordan Planetarium
7 p.m.
\$3

Kickin’ Flicks: “The Lovely Bones”
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
7:30 & 10 p.m.

Opera Workshop
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 to 9 p.m.

Eurydice Maine Masque Production
Hauck Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
\$7, Free with MaineCard

Cherryholmes
Collins Center for the Arts
8 p.m.
\$32

Saturday, April 10

Dimestock
The Dime, Old Town
5 p.m.
\$10/day, \$15 two-day pass

Eurydice Maine Masque Production
Hauck Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
\$7, Free with MaineCard

Sunday, April 11

Eurydice Maine Masque Production
Hauck Auditorium
2 p.m.
\$7, Free with MaineCard

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CD: Jakob Battick & Friends

Spaced-out, down-tempo epics define Bangor native's album



Courtesy photo

By Kegan Zema
MEC Staff

If dreams had a soundtrack, it might sound something like Jakob Battick & Friends. Battick, a Bangor native now residing in Gorham, creates drearily poetic music that is so long and drawn-out, it seems to put listeners in a trance. His latest release, "Heavy the Mountains, Heavy Are the Seas," encapsulates his spacious sound with four lengthy epics.

He seems to be picking up where his previous band, Mt. Moon, left off. Their folksy work "A Burial In Seven Births" was a perfect predecessor to Battick's darker and more mature sound. With his latest release, Battick has kept the excruciatingly down-tempo feel, dragging out his songs to the eight- and 10-minute mark.

The opener, "Always Returning / Never Returning" begins with five minutes of instrumental buildup before launching into a melancholy polyphony for another five minutes. The sound seems to spiral down the rabbit hole as Battick

growls and howls in breathy, drawn-out choruses.

"Nine Brothers and the Wolf" is the album's most concise track. Hypnotic arpeggios push this track along as Battick draws out each syllable for the most dramatic effect. His voice will occasionally drop to a demonic growl as he strains himself, only to return to a soft croon.

Generally Battick's production is exquisite, yet this track does get hindered by some clipping on the bass. Overall, Battick does a great job at embracing any imperfections and letting the more crisp instruments shine through.

Lyricaly, Battick has always been a crafty man. "All That Really Lasts" is the most lyric-driven and is probably the best track on the album. In it he wails, "When I'm far and alone / A song can bring me home / Now that everything's changed / These songs they are my home."

While most of Battick's tracks seem to go in one direction, building the whole time, "All That Really Lasts" ebbs

and flows. Listeners are able to navigate its sonic peaks and valleys through varied instrumentation. The end is spectacular as well, with a messy, multi-tracked trumpet line thanks to Mark Dennis.

Dennis adds vocals, drums and guitars to the album as well, with Joanna Moyer-Battick and Ryan Higgins adding vocals. Battick's friends, no matter who they happen to be, always provide a strong supporting cast.

The closer, "A Silent Prayer," is probably the weirdest of all tracks. It is often dissonant and the drum work is oddly sparse in the beginning. Halfway through, it explodes into Battick's clearly defined sound. He allows for a perfect bit of feedback just before the first hit, giving listeners an amazing split-second treat before being assaulted.

Battick's music is sleepy and depressing, but so beautiful. He is a sonic artist who crafts emotional landscapes. "Heavy the Mountains, Heavy Are the Seas" lets listeners enter his twisted world, even if it is only until they wake up.



Courtesy photo

Family bluegrass band Cherryholmes will bring their award-winning tunes to the Collins Center for the Arts on Friday.

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the father, played by Karl Livonius, explains his longing to be alive with his daughter, Eurydice. He says he can still read and write as he refuses to forget his past life. This defies the conventions of the underworld, as people live in lethargic states of oblivion.

It's only ironic that the father gets reacquainted with Eurydice in the afterlife. Their relationship is similar to father and infant, as Eurydice has no memory of her father or how to live. The father uses stories to reinvigorate her memory.

Mandy Fahey, a fourth-

year theater student, plays Eurydice with childlike innocence. I'm not sure if she is a young woman or older woman in the play. She reminds me of Alice in Wonderland, lost in a strange world that's distant from her own.

As her father helps her remember, she is barraged by a chorus of stones with the rules of the underworld, which includes not having a room or a bath or anything that a real person would want.

The stones are the most animated and vivacious of the characters. Ryan Jackson as the Big Stone, Gavin Pickering as the Loud Stone and Allison Smith as the Little Stone are amusing and distinct chorus members.

The set, designed by student Tricia Hobbs, is the most impressive aspect of the play. It is marked by hard, triangular edges without any soft surfaces, reinforcing the lifeless, discomforting underworld environment of the play.

The Lord of the Underworld is played devilishly by third-year English education student Kirsten Johansen. Her entrance is marked by a hardcore song that blares in the audience's faces. This is an intimate play between the audience and actors.

The play runs today, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and free with MaineCard.

FILM: 'The Ghost Writer'

Polanski delivers a dark political thriller despite legal woes



RP Films

By Kyle Kernan
MEC Staff

Recently, Roman Polanski has been recognized more for his personal life than his excellent abilities as a director. Polanski has been in the spotlight recently after being arrested in Switzerland at request of U.S. authorities for unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor in 1977. He is currently facing extradition back in the states.

Polanski's situation may have directly influenced his latest film, "The Ghost Writer." It has a nihilistic and solemn message about contemporary politics.

The film is based on a successful novel, written by Robert Harris, who collaborated with Polanski on the screenplay. The film retains the book's fictional story of former British prime minister — Tony Blair, instead named Adam Lang — and the ghost writer who writes his memoirs. Pierce Brosnan plays Lang and Ewan McGregor plays the ghost writer.

In the movie, contemporary politics is shrouded in suspected

conspiracies. The conspiracy that Blair was a CIA mole, acting out America's interests in England, is an interesting possibility.

McGregor plays the everyman in way over his head. His character's name is The Ghost; his name is not given in the film. He represents us — the anonymous, innocent bystander, isolated and helpless from the truth. McGregor is captivating, his desperation to find the truth intoxicating.

He falls into the ghost writing position after the previous ghost writer drowns. As McGregor's Ghost investigates the circumstances of the previous writer's death, he begins to realize things are not what they seem.

Polanski blends the thriller with subtle, edge-of-your-seat suspense and darkly comedic moments. A strong supporting cast, including Kim Cattrall, Tom Wilkinson, Elli Wallach, Timothy Hutton and James Belushi, play distinct and amusing individuals who give the film a peculiar ambience.

Most of the scenes are staged in Lang's office. Half the room

is a giant window, which reveals a bleak and dreary beach with deadening grass on sand dunes. The other half is a sophisticated, clean-faced interior.

There is something wrong and foreboding with Lang's past, which is represented through the stark world outside. The antiseptic world on the inside represents the posturing and feigned normalcy that Lang is trying to keep. This contrast is symbolic: the shadows from the world of secrets always loom over you.

Olivia Williams gives the strongest performance as Ruth Lang. She has a paranoid and suspicious intensity in every scene. She's a sexy seductress who stalks the dreary, rain-hampered world of the sand dunes constantly. This is similar to Blanche Dubois' taking baths in "A Streetcar Named Desire" — both take odd actions to purify and purge their sins away.

"The Ghost Writer" ranks with Polanski classics such as "Rosemary's Baby," "Chinatown" and "The Pianist" — it's that good.

Grade: A

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material and a cast willing to dive straight into it, the emotional effect has really come through.

"After seeing the ending multiple times during rehearsals, it still gets you," she said.

Amista, a first-time director who has been a part of many productions at UMaine and in the surrounding area, said he has learned an incredible amount from the experience.

"I've grown to appreciate and respect tech guys even more than

I already did. They work around the clock to get everything working," he said. "Overall, it gives me a far more complete view of the process."

He said the play has improved his way of communicating with actors and crew members, and will surely help him with working under other directors in the future.

"I honestly hope people leave the show feeling something, anything, even if it's anger," Amista said. "That's what art is supposed to do. But you always have some doubts."

"Anxiety can always find its

way in, especially now that this may be one of the last shows we put on," said Amista, alluding to the recent reports of UMaine possibly cutting the theater major, amongst many others.

But even with the possibility looming, the show must go on. Back in the dress rehearsal, Amista resumes conversation with his crew, channeling their efforts into providing the University of Maine with a night out at the theater.

"Eurydice" runs in the Hauck Auditorium today through Sunday, April 11. Tickets are \$7, free with MaineCard.

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Funk Shway, said his band loves playing The Dime — he enjoys the free beer. He is excited the event is shaping up to be "a big deal."

"The Orono scene has been really tight this year," Rae said. "Everybody has been willing to play with everybody."

Taylor said he was excited to showcase all of the talented musicians in the area.

"I'm completely behind the live music scene and want to see it grow," Taylor said. "I can't imagine this would be anything but good for it. Some people come out to see one band that they like

— hopefully they'll stay for the whole thing."

Tickets are \$10 per day or \$15 for a two-day pass and are available at The Dime or through band members.

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Men’s championship game not the best ever

ESPN, as usual, has cast a line into the sports media waters and pulled up a dispute that wouldn’t have been there had they not stocked it themselves. Why? Any legitimate sports critic who thinks this year’s men’s NCAA championship game between Duke and Butler is in the discussion for “best ever” has to be kidding themselves.

Not only is Duke the worst national champion in the past decade or so, but they also almost lost the game to the worst championship contender in a long while. That is not to take anything away from either of the teams who each earned their place in the game, but



Michael Pare

both were recipients of an extremely lucky path to the finals.

First, take Duke. Even though they were undisputedly the lowest of the four number one seeds, they were placed in a cupcake bracket that only got easier when Villanova was upset by an overachieving St. Mary’s team. In the Final Four, they dodged another bullet when West Virginia upset Kentucky in the Elite Eight, which pitted Duke against just the kind of athletic, poor shooting team that they were designed to beat. In that game, the Mountaineers were clearly hampered by their lack of point guard play with starter Truck Bryant — sidelined for the tournament with a broken foot — and the Blue Devils capitalized on their inability to make plays and feed the post.

On the other side of the bracket, Butler was underseeded which allowed them to play

Syracuse before Arinze Onuaku could come back healthy. In the Final Four, they were granted a huge homecourt advantage by playing a shuttle ride away from their campus and had the fortune of playing a Michigan State team that was without their leading scorer. If they had been matched up against Ohio State or Kansas, they would have been run out of the gym, but Butler had the biggest obstacles in their path removed by some other Cinderella hopefuls.

The entire 2010 tournament, highlighted by the championship game, was a microcosm of this year’s unstable college basketball season: replete with number one seeds playing down to competition, watered-down power conference teams, and fundamental basketball rising to the fore where talent failed.

Certainly this year’s national championship was a very

entertaining game, but for it to be called the best ever, I’d like to have my cake and eat it too. To me, Duke winning this year felt like Argentina winning the gold in the 2004 Winter Olympics. The USA, like this year’s talented squads, came in with too much cockiness and not enough leadership -- and lost to solid, mistake-free basketball teams.

Would anyone argue that Argentina over Italy was the best Olympic game ever? No, because there wasn’t elite talent on the floor. Look no further than Kansas and Memphis in the 2008 national championship for a game that had both great talent --with eight future NBA players on the court -- as well as great basketball.

As far as Duke vs. Butler goes, I had a great time watching the game, but it was decidedly not the best championship ever played.

UPCOMING GAMES

SATURDAY, APRIL 10
Track and Field
at University of New Hampshire
in Durham, N.H.
11 a.m.

Softball
vs. Binghamton University in Orono (DH)
Noon

Baseball
at University at Albany in Albany, N.Y. (DH)
Noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
Softball
vs. Binghamton University in Orono
11 a.m.

Baseball
vs. University at Albany in Albany, N.Y.
1 p.m.



Staff photo by Amy Brooks
Joey Martin cradles the ball as Thomas College’s base runner beats out the throw.

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door in the ninth.

“Even against a team like this, if you throw strikes, you’re going to win,” Mercurio said. “Hopefully our pitchers saw that throwing strikes makes the games a lot easier.”

Bazdanes and Bilodeau have been starters through the first part of the season but used Wednesday’s game to adjust to the relief roles they will take through the conference schedule.

“They’re not having that 30-

minute start time like they normally do,” Trimper said.

Lee was responsible for UMaine’s first 13 runs and was replaced after just a third of an inning.

All but one UMaine hitter stepped into the batters box a second time in the first inning and each starter scored at least once. Sophomore center fielder Taylor Lewis tied the school’s single-season record for triples (8) in his second at-bat of the inning.

Thomas senior Payton Austin retired two of the first three batters he faced after replacing Lee to stop the bleeding and

held the Black Bears in check for two more innings before UMaine senior catcher Myckie Lugbauer doubled in the fourth and eventually scored on a wild pitch. Lugbauer was 2-for-5 with three runs scored in the game.

UMaine freshman second baseman Robbie Trask’s first career hit came on a two-run homer, which ignited the sixth inning rally. Freshman third baseman Tyler Patzalek’s first career home run was a three-run shot in the same inning.

“It was a game we could have a lot of fun with,” Mercurio said.

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season and were primed for a Big Ten title and Final Four run. That was until their best player, Robbie Hummel, tore his ACL at the end of the year. Purdue loses their best defender in Chris Kramer, but with a healthy Hummel paired with JaJuan Johnson and E’Twaun Moore, they will contend again in 2010-2011.

4. Georgetown – The Hoyas are an enigma, but the talent is there. Superstar center Greg Monroe says he will be back for his junior season and guards Chris Wright and Austin Freeman form one of the top backcourt duos in the country. Georgetown made a run to the Big East title game and were a sexy pick to make it to the Final Four, but fell flat on their face, getting upset by Ohio University in the first round. While the talent may be there, this team could be your next national champion or out on the first weekend of next year’s tournament.

5. Michigan State – As long as Tom Izzo is the coach of the Spartans, Michigan State will be considered a program capable of making a deep run in March. Injuries decimated the Spartans this season, including the injury in the second round to point guard Kalin Lucas. The Spartans have been to the Final Four two years in a row even though they were not picked by many to advance that far. If Lucas comes back healthy they will have one

of the best floor generals in the nation and Draymond Green and Durrell Summers continue their ascent toward stardom. Michigan State will be a Final Four threat.

Sleepers: Ohio State and North Carolina

Ohio State won the Big Ten this season and was one of the top teams in the nation all season as Evan Turner led the way. The National Player of the Year will most likely take his immense talent to the NBA though, leaving the Buckeyes off some people’s radars. They return a wealth of talent including David Lighty, Jon Diebler and William Buford and welcome the nation’s second-rated recruit in Jared Sullinger. Without Turner, it will be extremely tough because he was the team’s do-it-all player, but they have plenty of talent to make some noise in the Big Ten.

North Carolina had high expectations this season with a top-ranked recruiting class joining a talented group of holdovers from the 2009 title team. However, losing four starters who are all on NBA rosters was a tough task for the Tar Heels to overcome. While an NIT run is not what most people would say a success, learning how to win and getting more games under their belt was key for this young group. Freshman Jon Henson came on strong and has the makings of a superstar and

if Ed Davis stays for his junior year they have a strong nucleus returning. Couple that with the nation’s top incoming freshman in Harrison Barnes, as well as future NBA players Reggie Bullock and Kendall Marshall, and Roy Williams has all the players to run his up-tempo offense to the fullest.

Player of the Year: Jimmer Fredette, BYU

The obvious candidates such as John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins, Wes Johnson and Turner will almost certainly declare for the NBA Draft, so that depletes the field a little. Fredette is no slouch though. The sweet-shooting guard was the main reason why the Cougars were excellent this season. He is testing the waters for the NBA Draft, but will probably return to school for his senior season and a run at a Final Four.

The chance any of this plays out is highly unlikely since 1.3 million people beat me in ESPN’s Tournament Challenge and my pick to win it lost in the Sweet 16. Also, the way this college basketball season played out with all of the upsets, parity and influx of talented freshman, who knows what is in store in 2011. All I know is Duke was probably the weakest champion in the past 10 or so years and would not matchup well against past champions (Just had to get a closing jab in at the Blue Devils).

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arms due to their fear for their own safety, which allegedly resulted from threats made to them by other teammates. They would practice firing the weapons on a nearby farm with one another.

But in June 2003, Dennehy disappeared out of nowhere. His mother and then-stepfather became concerned when they did not get a call from him on Father’s Day. On June 19, they filed a report with the Waco Police Department that Dennehy was missing.

After several weeks of searching, police discovered a badly-decomposed body in a gravel pit in Waco. The autopsy revealed it was indeed Dennehy and the death was ruled a homicide due to gunshot wounds to the head. Police then arrested Carlton Dotson thanks to an informant in Delaware who told them Dotson admitted to a cousin he had shot Dennehy after an

argument. Dotson is currently serving a 35-year prison sentence.

At the time, Dave Bliss was the head coach of the Bears. There were multiple allegations against him involving this case, one of them that he told players to lie to police and fabricate a story that Dennehy was a drug dealer. There are many more details about Bliss and the rest of the tragic events, but the fact of the matter is the situation was a complete mess.

But Scott Drew has been a savior to the Baylor basketball program. He has managed to make this disaster seem like distant history. He has restored a sense of pride and respect for the program, while at the same time building a team that can compete with anyone in the country. Most importantly, he has brought honor to a program that was in shambles less than seven years ago. Although he may not receive recognition in the form of an award, Drew has earned the admiration of his peers and many others.

Rugby

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at Morse Field this weekend against the Central Maine Strippers and the Colby College Rugby Club.

At the game, refreshments will be served to raise money for the program, and if you want to join this hard-hitting bandwagon, the club welcomes all new members. Just travel down to Lengyel Field any day from 4 to 6 p.m. to see if you can have what it takes to hang with the UMaine Rugby Club.

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"It was a game we could have a lot of fun with."

UMaine baseball senior catcher Joe Mercurio

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2008 title game ranks higher than 2010

Duke, Butler matchup was great, but not the best

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Baylor's program rises from the ashes

Now that college basketball season is officially over, it's time to talk about post-season awards. Ohio State's Evan Turner was the obvious choice to win National Player of the Year. However, the award for National Coach of the Year was not as easy. The Naismith Committee chose Syracuse's Jim Boheim over New Mexico's Steve Alford, Kentucky's John Calipari and Kansas State's Frank Martin. I hate to say it, but I think they dropped the ball on that one. There is nobody who deserves to be honored more than Baylor's Scott Drew. It's a shame he wasn't in the discussion.

This year's Baylor basketball team lost to the eventual national champion, Duke, in the Elite 8. They finished the year with 28 wins and only eight losses, and reached their highest ranking in school history at No. 10. But none of these accomplishments tell the story of what the program has overcome. Just seven years ago, they dealt with one of the most tragic events in college basketball history.

Patrick Dennehy was a junior forward for the Bears who had transferred to the school from the University of New Mexico. He had become close friends with former teammate Carlton Dotson, something that eventually cost him his life. The two friends purchased fire-

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Mike Brusko



Tony Patane takes a swing in the first inning of Wednesday's game against Thomas College at Mahaney Diamond. The Black Bears scored 13 runs in the first inning and won the game 20-0. Patane had five hits to lead UMaine who begins conference play on Saturday at Albany.

Staff photo by Amy Brooks

First inning onslaught paces Bears

UMaine scores 13 runs in the first, Mercurio, Patane lead squad to shutout over Thomas College

By **Steven McCarthy**

MEC Staff

University of Maine senior catcher and designated hitter Joe Mercurio had never hit a grand slam in his life.

Mercurio teed off on a first inning pitch by Division III Thomas College of Waterville starting pitcher Eric Lee Wednesday afternoon to fuel a 13-run frame that was just a hint of things to come in a 20-0 trouncing of the hapless Terriers.

"It felt good," Mercurio said of his long drive over the left field wall. "It was up a little bit, so I didn't have to do much with it."

Mercurio came a triple shy of hitting for the cycle in a four-hit, five-RBI game, and senior shortstop Tony Patane was 5-for-6 with a double and two runs scored, as UMaine (15-13) extended its winning streak to eight games. It was Mercurio's first four-hit game of the season.

"The pitching's not up to the caliber we're going to see this weekend," Mercurio said. "But if everybody has a good approach and does the things they're supposed to do, then you can get something out of this game. I think a lot of guys did."

UMaine is unbeaten in four meetings all-time with Thomas (6-11). The Black

Bears used the game as a final tune-up before their America East Conference slate opens this weekend with a three-game set at the University at Albany.

"It gives me an opportunity to play some of these guys that have been working so hard," UMaine coach Steve Trimper said.

The Black Bears scored once in the fourth inning and rallied for six more in the sixth to account for much of the onslaught. Even senior pitcher Joe Miller got a chance with the bat in the eighth inning.

Trimper was able to work seven pitchers for a maximum of two innings each. The pitching staff held Thomas

to just four hits, with just one surrendered after the second inning. Freshman Chris Bernard earned the win in his first career start, allowing three hits through two innings.

Sophomore right-hander A.J. Bazdanes followed Bernard and struck out the side on 10 pitches in his only inning of work. UMaine pitchers faced the minimum in five innings. Kyle Benoit allowed the only walk surrendered by the Black Bears in his first of two innings. Keith Bilodeau, Justin Latta and Ben Orvis combined for three perfect innings before Nick DeVries shut the

See Baseball on **11**

Rugby club takes first in UNH tourney

Black Bears win March Massacre 7's, host Saturday round robin at Morse Field



Courtesy photo

A **University of Maine** player attempts to snare the rugby football out of the air in a recent match. The squad is hosting a round robin tournament Saturday at noon.

By **Jesse Scardina**
For The Maine Campus

The string of success continues for the University of Maine men's club rugby team, as they placed first at The March Massacre 7's Tournament. The team ran through the competition at the University of New Hampshire, giving up only three tries on the day, which included a shutout in the championship against North Shore Rugby Football Club.

The success in the first tournament of the spring comes off another fall season which saw the club make the playoffs.

The team sent two squads to the tournament in hopes to maximize the amount of play for each member. With a solid group of rookies joining in the winter months, this was their first chance to make an impression.

One member who used this opportunity was Valerian Poticny. He had a handful of tries throughout the day and stepped up in the championship game along with captain Ken Harvey, who scored two tries.

Poticny, who played rugby at Kings Edgehill Athletic Prep School in Canada, said the competition at UNH wasn't too formidable.

"Our first two games were hard, but the rest of the games were pretty easy and we dominated," he said.

Jason Smith, the vice president for the squad, pointed to the work on defense and in the trenches as the key to UMaine's triumph.

"Tokuo Nagao [Scrum-Half] held the play together, controlling the flow of the game and making some crucial tackles," Smith said. "Roy Hubbard, Mike Orsini and Nyasha Millard played hard in the trenches, stopping the other team's offense in their tracks."

Millard mentioned the balance of the team, with at least eight different players scoring throughout the day.

While the A-Team was stampeding to a championship, the B-Squad showed they were nothing to mess with. Fielding a team with mostly inexperienced players, the squad still made the lower bracket championship.

"This [tournament] shows us that we have a promising future, and we hope to get back to the UMaine rugby team's winning ways of a couple years ago," Millard said.

Poticny also expressed the potential for the young rugby squad.

"We have a pretty good team. I think we need to get in shape and work on plays, rucking, and line-outs," he said.

Both teams are looking to continue the winning ways

See Rugby on **11**

Duke, Butler could meet again in 2011 title game

One year ago, the University of North Carolina men's basketball team was celebrating their second national title in four years. After a mass exodus of players to the NBA, the Tar Heels didn't make the NCAA Tournament and had to settle for second place in the NIT. Meanwhile, their hated neighbors on Tobacco Road, Duke University, captured their fourth national championship on Monday night, showing how full-circle college basketball can go in a matter of 365 days.



Adam Clark

As Duke escaped Monday night's championship game with a 61-59 over underdog Butler University, the two could see themselves in the same situation when the 2011 Final Four heads to Houston. There will be several underclassmen who declare for the NBA Draft in the coming weeks, but here is a look at next year's season.

1. Duke – Who would've thought a one-dimensional team without a true inside game would be able to win a title? Well, Duke took advantage of a soft bracket and just kept on

winning behind their trio of superstars – Jon Scheyer, Kyle Singler and Nolan Smith. Gone will be Scheyer to graduation and possibly Singler to the NBA, but the Blue Devils welcome the top point guard recruit Kyrie Irving as well as transfer Seth Curry. Will the Blue Devils cut down the nets again? Who knows, but if they can do it with a sloth-like center in Brian Zoubek patrolling the paint this season then anything is possible with a dynamite backcourt combo and one of the game's greatest coaches.

2. Butler – The Bulldogs aren't a mid-major level team despite playing in the Horizon League. They have a potential NBA lottery pick on their team, exceptional role players and one of the best young coaches in the game. They only lose one starter off their squad and with their unexpected run to the championship game, it will only help their recruiting efforts. If sophomore Gordon Hayward doesn't head to the professional ranks where he could be a potential lottery pick and coach Brad Stevens turns down lucrative offers from other big schools, Butler will be a powerhouse next year.

3. Purdue – The Boilermakers returned their entire starting five heading into this past

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