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The Maine Campus



Student OK after going missing in Orono woods

Multi-agency search sparked by fraternity initiation ritual

By Michael Shepherd
MEC Staff

After more than eight hours, a University of Maine student who went missing Saturday morning during a fraternity initiation process returned mostly unharmed just before 2:30 p.m. the same day.

Joshua Gilmore, 19, of Levant, went missing behind the Sigma Chi Heritage House near the Stillwater River while searching for an artifact as part of the initiation process into the fraternity, according to UMaine Police Chief Noel March.

When he failed to return after 15 minutes, the fraternity's members went looking for him, and called UMaine Public Safety for assistance around 8:10 a.m.

Gilmore, a junior financial economics student, was later spotted walking out of the woods near the Steam Plant parking lot, the university said. He was examined by doctors at the Heritage House, the search effort's headquarters, before being transported to Eastern Maine Medical Center where he was treated for possible hypothermia, according to UMaine spokesman Joe Carr. He was released by 6:45 p.m. according to the hospital.

Gilmore's disappearance around 6 a.m. sparked a multi-agency search involving the Maine Warden Service; Maine State Police; the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department; the Orono, Old Town and UMaine police departments; and the Orono, Old Town, Penobscot Nation and Milford fire departments.

The Down East Emergency Medicine Institute assisted in coordinating the search, and the UMaine Volunteer Ambulance Corps was on hand.

Gilmore was "cut up" but fine, according to UMaine Dean of Students Robert Dana. The student never made it into the water, he said, but covered significant ground while he was missing.

"Normally, as I'm thinking about this, a person isn't going to cross a tarred road and keep going along a river," said Game Warden Kevin Adam. "I talked to [Gilmore] real briefly. This is what he did at least once."

March said a police interview with Gilmore is coming up, but his first priority was to reunite the student with his family, who were "holding vigil along with UMaine officials" at the Heritage House.

The effort involved several search-and-rescue boats from the Orono, Old Town and Milford fire departments, a Maine Department of Conservation helicopter and dogs, according to March.

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Suspect arrested in hit-and-run



Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty

ABOVE: Garrett Cheney, 20, S. Berwick, turned himself in to police in Orono on Thursday.

File photo LEFT: Orono Police comb for evidence in February at the spot where UMaine student Jordyn Bakley was killed in an apparent hit-and-run.

Police connect S. Berwick man's truck to crime site

By Mario Moretto
MEC Staff

BANGOR — Police have arrested a South Berwick man in connection with the Jan. 30 death of University of Maine student Jordyn Bakley of Camden.

Garrett Cheney, 22, was arrested at 6 a.m. Friday morning, according to Penobscot County District Attorney Chris Almy. Cheney has been charged with manslaughter, aggravated criminal operating under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in death to a person and criminal operating under the influence. Almy said Cheney turned himself in to Maine State Police in Orono after learning there was a warrant out for his arrest.

The manslaughter charge carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

Cheney's bail was set at \$50,000 surety or \$20,000 cash. Cheney posted the \$50,000 surety around 4 p.m. Friday, according to the Penobscot County Jail.

Bakley's body was found by a newspaper deliveryman in front of 15 Middle St. at 5:40 a.m. Jan. 30. The state medical examiner's autopsy found the cause of death to be multiple blunt force trauma.

According to the court affidavit, police allege Cheney parked his blue 2003 Chevrolet Silverado at 38 Middle St. around 11 p.m. Jan. 29 before heading out with his cousin, who was celebrating his 21st birthday. The two visited a

couple of bars and drank together, the cousin told police.

The affidavit states Cheney returned to 38 Middle St. at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 30, and appeared to be intoxicated, according to a witness, who also told detectives that Cheney left around 3 a.m.

Police allege that Cheney struck Bakley while driving north on Middle Street on the wrong side of the road.

"When the crash occurred, the vehicle involved got stuck in the snow bank," Almy said. "Some of the vehicle's parts were left at the scene, which the police collected."

The affidavit states that around 3:30 a.m., Cheney drove his truck off the road in Etna while traveling south on Interstate 95. Cheney was charged with operating under the influence and was found at 5:05 a.m. to have a blood alcohol content of .15 — nearly twice the legal limit. His truck was towed to a garage in Newport and later impounded by police.

On Feb. 9, Orono and state police, accompanied by representatives from the state Medical Examiner's Office and the Police Crime Laboratory, searched Cheney's truck. According to the affidavit, a crime lab report stated the debris found at the scene of Bakley's death had originated from Cheney's vehicle.

Cheney is scheduled to have his first court appearance May 20.

William P. Davis contributed to this report.

Rally aims to revitalize peace organization

By Kaley Roberts
MEC Staff

Student Organizations

Securing an end to the United States' wars in Afghanistan and Iraq was the unifying topic during a peace rally Saturday in front of the University of Maine's Fogler Library.

The rally, organized by the Maine Peace Action Committee, featured three speakers, several bands, and an a cappella performance of "Age of Aquarius" and "Here Comes The Sun" by the cast of UMaine's production of "Hair."

Students gathered around a picnic table on the mall to paint rally signs with slogans such

as "Live Love, Love Life," "I've Got Soul But I'm Not a Soldier," and "Make Love Not War."

Ron Warner of Veterans for Peace addressed the crowd of approximately 40 people. The Vietnam veteran spoke to attendees about the money the United States spends on defense, and how that money

could be better spent on education.

"Here in Maine, they're proposing cuts at [the university] while Maine taxpayers have paid \$2.8 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001," Warner said.

Warner spent last fall and winter traveling across the country, staying in different

states and talking to locals and reading local newspapers.

"Most every state was in dire financial condition and had or was about to make drastic cuts in social services," Warner said. "The total cost to U.S. taxpayers of our wars in and occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan

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Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty

Old Town, Penobscot Nation and Milford fire and rescue teams search for a missing student along Stillwater River on Saturday.

Candidate: Augusta ignores Maine people

By Michael Shepherd
MEC Staff

BLAINE HOUSE 2010 RACE TO THE GOVERNOR'S SEAT

Waterville mayor Paul LePage came from a poor Franco-American family in Lewiston. He didn't master English until he was well into his teens. His SATs were administered in French.

The Republican candidate for governor said the cuts to language majors at the University of Maine proposed by the UMaine Academic Program Prioritization Working Group on March 24 would be disastrous for the cultural future of UMaine and results from state fiscal mismanagement.

"Cutting languages is absurd," said LePage,

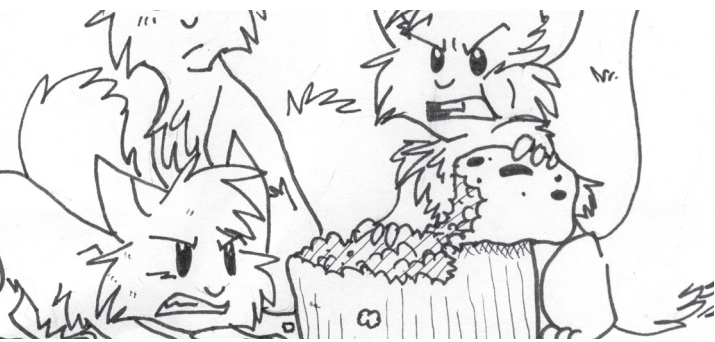


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Purpura looking to earn national team spot



Photo by Travis Hall for The Maine Campus

State Sen. Philip Bartlett spoke at the Foster Center for Student Innovation on Wednesday. As a Distinguished Policy Fellow of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Bartlett spoke to students over pizza and chips. Many topics were covered, though the most poignant being the upcoming budget cuts at the University of Maine.

State senator talks APPWG

Gorham democrat says the Legislature needs to see effect of cuts

By Stephanie Whittier
For The Maine Campus

Representing the 124th Maine Legislature, Sen. Philip Bartlett, D-Gorham, joined a classroom of students and faculty on April 14 to respond to growing concerns about the University of Maine’s recent Academic Program Prioritization Work Group’s cuts.

In a casual pizza lunch at the Foster Student Innovation Center, Bartlett emphasized the power of local government and encouraged UMaine students to make their voices heard about APPWG’s final report on academic finance prioritization.

“Given its current financial state, the legislature doesn’t want to give more money,” Bartlett said. “Prioritization is necessary. We must ask ourselves what matters most and speak up.”

Paige Case, a third-year chemical engineering student, expressed her concern for the university’s reputation, questioning the rationale behind the cuts.

“Maine is unique and draws

in people from other states because it is affordable and values undergraduate research,” Case said. “The university needs more students from other schools, so why would we cut externally funded programs that bring these out-of-state students in?”

“The more people asking these tough questions, the better,” Bartlett said. “Legislators need to be here to see the re-

“Maine is unique and draws in people from other states because it is affordable and values undergraduate research.”

ality ... see how this is affecting students and that’s why it’s important for students to reach out and bring them in.”

Mary Cathart, senior policy associate of the Margaret Chase Smith Center, encouraged students to visit the University of Maine System website, find the trustees from their specific areas and set up meetings to communicate how these cuts are affecting students’ educations.

Comparing it to campaigning for election, Bartlett explained the intricacies of gain-

ing support comes down to reading the newspaper every day, knowing what people care most about and connecting with them personally.

In 2000, the importance of direct contact became evident to Bartlett while he was volunteering for Al Gore’s New Hampshire campaign.

“If you’re not out talking to people, it doesn’t matter,” Bartlett said. “In order to be

cation being a state priority.

“Many states specifically have a higher education committee in the Senate,” she said.

“Our legislature currently has a committee for education and cultural affairs, but there is not a committee specifically for higher education.”

According to Cathart, current state education groups are so busy with K-12 and special education that there is little time to focus on organizing a higher education committee.

The lunch wrapped up with more encouragement from Bartlett.

“E-mail, write

and call your state representatives. Invite them to come to campus and set up for them to meet with you,” he said. “In order to fully understand the impact these proposed cuts will have on students and the community, it must be witnessed firsthand.”

Bartlett is one of the youngest members elected to be majority leader in the history of the Maine Senate. He is currently in his third term as senator for District 6, representing Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook.

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who has a master’s degree from UMaine. “They’ll cut their nose to spite their face. They’re just cutting the wrong thing.”

The candidate said offering a breadth of academic programs keeps native Maine students in the state for college, and cutting programs will send them elsewhere.

“The future of Maine and the future of our country is to have a well-educated, very competitive, intelligent people; and if we don’t do it, they’re going to leave and go get it someplace else,” LePage said. “Good people vote with their feet.”

LePage said there are many alternatives to academic cuts. He cited “administrative overhead” in the University of Maine System and an inefficient relationship between the university and community college systems as problems to address.

“What they should be doing is consolidating the community college and the university system into one instead of having two systems,” LePage said. “I think you can do a lot with less if you put your mind to it. I think we have to have our professors teaching [students] rather than teaching the system.”

The candidate said many areas in Maine have more than one college or university in the area — citing the proximity between UMaine and Bangor’s Eastern Maine Community College. He said programs within the two systems could be run more efficiently in the same location.

LePage said the system could be an important partner in Maine’s economic resurgence — a key part of which, he says, is innovation in traditional Maine industries.

“I’d like to bring back the paper companies. I’d like to bring back the family farms, and I’d like to see the restrictions on fishing be removed to a more common-sensical regulatory environment where we can fish,” LePage said. “I think the University of Maine System should be also a research institution to help grow the economy.”

LePage said UMaine students used to be hired for many jobs in the paper industry, but state overregulation has hurt that sector.

“The state is trying to preserve its forests rather than conserve its forests. That’s the problem,” LePage said. “I really believe that there’s room for good, environmental laws. There’s room for harvesting our forests in a good, environmental sense.”

LePage, the oldest of 18 children, was homeless in Lewiston from age 11-13. He currently serves as chairman of the Mid-Maine Homeless Center in Waterville. He said much of Maine’s homeless population is comprised of people who are mentally ill.

Many, he said, are often imprisoned for crimes, not treated for conditions and then released into the community without

proper help.

“We need to focus on getting our mentally ill people out of jail and into treatment. What we have done in this state — we’ve abandoned the whole ideal of mental illness. We treat them as prisoners. We put them in jails, we release them and they’re on the street,” LePage said.

By addressing the problem of prisoners who are mentally ill, LePage said, “you would reduce the population of people in the jails, and you would reduce the population of the homeless.”

LePage touted a five-year period in Waterville wherein taxes were not raised. He says this came through “persistence and hard work.” He said he had to work with a Democrat-domi-

nated city council and believes that reputation will follow him to Augusta.

LePage believes Gov. John Baldacci has made mostly “top down” decisions during his two terms — a problem that will not happen in his administration. He advocates further citizen involvement in government.

“I want to represent the one constituent that has been ignored in Augusta and that’s the Maine people,” LePage said. “What I’m going to do as governor is I’m going to have a cabinet meeting in a different county in a different community. And we will invite the public to attend the session. I will allow a session for people to speak up on what they think should be happening.”

LePage lamented President Obama’s March signing of national health care reform legislation, calling it “unconstitutional” and “a recipe for a huge disaster.”

“The United States of America was not built on the control or the strength of the government but the entrepreneurship, intuition, and the hard work of American people,” LePage said.

The candidate is also the general manager of Marden’s Surplus and Salvage, a Maine discount store chain with 14 locations from Sanford to Madawaska.

“What business really brings that government can lack is efficiencies,” LePage said. “From a bureaucrat’s point of view — if we’ve always done it that way, don’t change it. In business, you have to keep changing or you die.”

LePage said he collected signatures to get TABOR II onto the November 2009 referendum ballot. The bill, which would have placed caps on public spending and required voter approval of any changes to the state’s tax structure, lost by over 100,000 votes. LePage said “an enormous amount of out-of-state money” and fear tactics were used by opponents of TABOR II to defeat it.

“Everybody said that everything would fall apart and the budgets would fall apart, communities would fall apart and it was all smoke and mirrors,” LePage said. “People of Maine should not have to worry any longer because as governor, you don’t need TABOR. You have me.”

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Sex and wine combine in Orono for college television stardom

By Mario Moretto
MEC Staff

The show starts with wine. Before the camera even rolls, a new bottle — usually Yellowtail Chardonnay — is uncorked and poured.

Sarah Hinman and Josh O’Donald, hosts of The Maine Channel’s “Sex and Wine with S and J,” joke that they are sponsored by the Australian wine company. Today, Sarah tries to open the bottle, but can’t. She hands it off to Josh. They sit down on the couch in O’Donald’s Orono apartment and crack open the MacBook — their show’s camera, mic and editing center.

On the show, Hinman and O’Donald talk all things sex. They’ve tackled anal sex, cheating, friends with benefits and faking orgasms. On the heavier side, they’ve discussed consent, sexual assault and sexually transmitted diseases. They’ve also had a guest speaker from Rape Response Services of Bangor on the show.

Hinman, who met O’Donald while assisting Sandy Caron in teaching her human sexuality course, said the goal of the show is to inform people and make them more comfortable with sex, which she said is seen as taboo in most circles.

“I’ll talk about anything on the air,” O’Donald said.

“The first step to educating the community about sexuality is to talk about it openly,” Hinman said. “Maybe if we’re open about it, other people will be too.”



Joshua O’Donald and Sarah Hinman prepare to film the 19th episode of “Sex and Wine with S and J.” The show airs weekly online and on The Maine Channel, the student-run television station.

Open they are. A mix of Dr. Ruth, Dr. Drew and Perez Hilton, “Sex and Wine” is playful and sometimes uncomfortably candid.

They one-up each other in describing their own sex lives. This show is about getting it on in unusual locales. The two play off each other, throwing little verbal darts at one another as

they record.

“I’ve had sex anywhere and everywhere you can imagine,” Hinman said at the beginning of the show.

“And she means anywhere, with anyone,” quipped O’Donald, which Hinman quickly denied.

Before long, the two were reading comments from the

show’s viewers — a practice they say is common. Since the show isn’t recorded live, they have to plan who will “call in” to the show. Usually this means texting Hinman a comment or an answer to a question.

Over the course of the show’s recording, the following locations were given as “the wildest place you’ve ever gotten it

on”: on a baseball mound, in the woods, on a beach, in a high school football locker room, in the library at Johns Hopkins University, in a room with other people and on the third floor of Fogler Library. Both hosts said doing the deed in an airplane is their number one destination for the no-pants dance.

O’Donald and Hinman have

recorded about 20 episodes of the show since they began filming in October. They don’t remember exactly whose idea it was to host a show, but both said the show started in jest.

“It started out as a joke, but then we were like, ‘We should do this,’” Hinman said. “It started as this quirky little thing, but it’s so fun.”

Whether it’s because of audience interaction or the upbeat, fast-talking personalities of the hosts, Hinman and O’Donald have become minor celebrities since they started the show in October. The two both said they get recognized by strangers as S and J when they go out.

“Sometimes they don’t say it, but people look at you, and you know they recognized you,” O’Donald said.

“Or our friends will text us to say they spotted someone watching the show,” Hinman added. The show’s Facebook page has 460 fans, the only tangible indicator of the show’s popularity. But maybe a better sign of the show’s infamy is a souvenir Hinman left a bar with a few nights ago: “Sex and Wine” written in capital letters in black marker across her chest.

The two will be one of the features of this year’s Sex Carnival on April 25 at Stewart Quad. They’ll have a table and will film students answering a set of sex-related questions and compile the interviews into an episode of “Sex and Wine.”

The show’s 20-minute episodes air between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on The Maine Channel every weeknight.

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Volunteers conducted a grid search, which involved marching in straight lines. The search went in the opposite direction of where Gilmore ended up, through muddy forests, private lawns and wetlands on the river’s edge.

At least 80 student volunteers, most of them from fraternities, scanned areas of the Stillwater riverbank from the Heritage House to an abandoned mill building at the end of North Main Avenue and Penobscot Street in Orono — nearly one mile.

Benjamin Spencer, a former Sigma Chi pledge, said he went through a similar initiation process, which he said is a tradition for the fraternity. Spencer had to abandon his pledging process because of time constraints last semester, but said he plans to try again next semester.

“I enjoyed the pledge pro-

cess so much,” he said. “At no time did I ever feel in danger or anything like that.”

Spencer said he couldn’t go into the details of the pledging process because of the high level of secrecy in the fraternity, but that he would break the silence and alert authorities if he thought anyone was in danger.

“What happened with Josh has nothing to do with secrecy,” Spencer said. “It could have happened to anyone. He just got lost.”

Interfraternity Council spokesman Joel Martin released a statement Sunday thanking the UMaine community for a quick response.

“The Interfraternity Council takes incidents like this very seriously, and we will discuss the consequences of this situation. In the meantime, we want to focus on the positive reaction of the university and the community to help in the search, and for the quick response of the municipal and state agencies involved. We

are very thankful that Joshua is well and recovering with his family,” Martin wrote.

Director of Campus Activities and Student Engagement Gustavo Burkett sent an e-mail Sunday to all student organizations announcing an upcoming investigation into all new member or initiation activities.

“This investigation will begin as soon as possible and in the meantime all organizations must refrain from any and all activities that could be considered hazing or that may humiliate, degrade, or risk emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of a person’s willingness to participate. If you are unclear or question your organization’s activities, do not engage in them,” Burkett wrote.

Carr and Dana said they didn’t know of any history behind the initiation process. Dana didn’t know whether this was a case of hazing, but said the university will convene a panel to examine that after a police investigation.

“It might have crossed a



Joshua Gilmore is loaded into an ambulance on a stretcher following Saturday’s search.

line,” Dana said Sunday of the incident. “If [hazing] is, in fact, going on anywhere, it needs to stop.”

Gilmore said Sunday night he was settling back into his dorm room and declined to comment about the ordeal, say-

ing he wanted distance himself from the incident.

“I’m OK,” Gilmore said. “It’s really nothing major.”

Police Beat

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



Missing bike

A bike was reported as stolen from a bike rack outside the Memorial Gym at 10:30 a.m. April 16. The blue 21-speed Dawes bike has an estimated value of \$250. There are currently no suspects.

Alfond bike theft

Police received report of a bike stolen from the south side bike rack at the Alfond Arena at 12:30 a.m. April 16. The bike, a 21-speed black-and-silver Specialized, is missing the grip on the right handle bar. There are currently no suspects.

Hilltop getaway

An officer on foot patrol witnessed five male subjects acting suspiciously and walking into the woods near Hilltop Lot at 12:13 a.m. April 16. The officer investigated and found them to be smoking marijuana. Student Joshua Hunnewell, 19, was issued a summons for possession of a usable amount of marijuana. The other four students were referred to judicial affairs.

Knoxed out

Officers responded to report of the smell of marijuana coming from the fourth floor of Knox Hall at 1:20 a.m. April 16. When officers arrived, they

searched the room and found drug paraphernalia. Dominic Benefatte, a UMaine student, was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Intoxicated

While on foot patrol in Oxford Hall at 11:18 p.m. April 15, an officer noticed a student who appeared to be underage acting intoxicated. After investigating, the officer determined that the student had consumed alcohol. The student was referred to judicial affairs.

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since 2001 is approximately \$1 trillion.” Warner said, adding that the nation’s military spending accounts for more than 50 percent of the U.S. budget.

Warner asked the audience rhetorically why no other country in the world feels threatened enough to “defend ourselves at such a level.”

The defense budget isn’t “for defense, but to intimidate countries and support a corporate empire that rapes the world for its natural resources and exploits the people of the world to maximize corporate profits,” Warner said.

“The proper way to defeat terrorism is through the international cooperation of intelligence and police agencies and the elimination of its root causes of poverty, injustice and despair,” Warner said.

Joshua Trombley, who coordinated the event with Jamie Dandretta, said that turnout to the event was not as high as he had expected. While approximately 200 people had planned to attend, according to Trombley, the crowd topped out at approximately 40 people.

Trombley said learning about the protesting of past generations spurred him into action.

“I went to see the show ‘Hair’ four times, and that kind of inspired me to start thinking about ... protesting stuff, how large a part of the culture it was in the ‘60s and ‘70s,” Trombley said. “I realized we’ve been at war for almost nine years now, and there really aren’t any large student protests.”

Although Trombley was not a member of MPAC, he contacted group faculty representative Doug Allen before planning the rally. Trombley said the event would not have been approved without affiliation with MPAC.

Allen, speaking a short time

after Warner, recounted his experiences as a teacher during the Vietnam War, calling it “the high point of student protest.”

He went on to compare today’s student protests to those of the ‘60s and ‘70s, and while he said the energy at the Saturday rally left him hopeful, “this is a first step and not a final step.”

“I’ve been involved in peace work for about eight or nine years and more so lately — my son died in Iraq four and a half years ago,” said Mary Horrigan, the event’s last speaker. Horrigan is a member of American Gold Star Mothers, a group of women who have lost a son or daughter to war.

Horrigan said she hoped her speech would “call attention to some of the cost of this war, not only monetarily, but also physically and psychologically.”

“The proper way to defeat terrorism is through the international cooperation of intelligence and police agencies and the elimination of its root causes of poverty, injustice and despair.”

**Ron Warner
Veterans for Peace**

She spent much of her speech focusing on what she called the “propaganda machine” that goes into high schools around the nation and recruits underprivileged students who could not otherwise afford colleges, using “handsome, clean-cut, well-shaven” soldiers in uniform to convince them to enlist.

When the Bangor-based band Sam and Yuri performed a cover of The Beatles’ song “Let It Be,” rallygoers danced in front of them holding their signs. Trombley raised a sign that read “Join Us” above the crowd, inviting passersby to the gathering.

Some students who attended the rally said that they would consider joining MPAC and being more active in pro-peace activities. Trombley said getting people involved was the primary goal of the rally.

“Now I definitely want to get involved,” said Cody Miller, a first-year music education student. Miller said that he felt it was time for “a love revolution.”



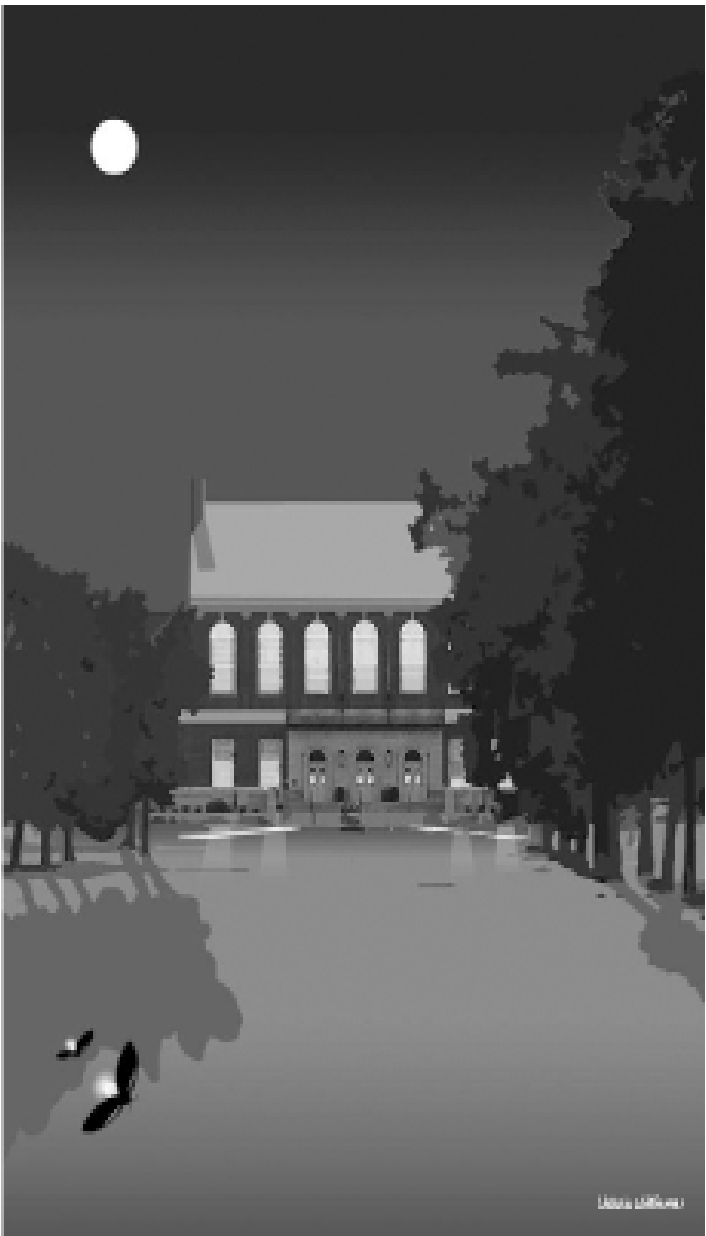
Staff photos by Rebekah Doherty

ABOVE: Students participate in the Maine Peace Action Committee’s rally on Saturday.

BELOW: Doug Ouellette, a disabled veteran, marches onto the mall in front of Fogler Library on Saturday. Ouellette, of Glenburn, has been trying to get military benefits for more than 20 years and regularly attends rallies around the state.



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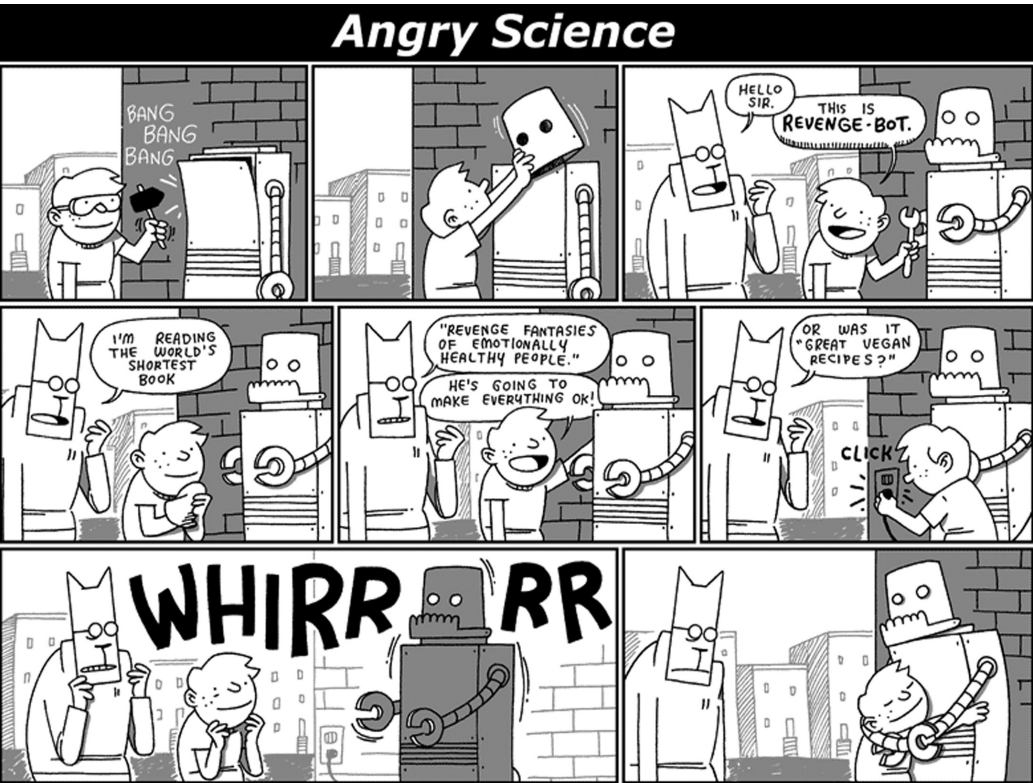


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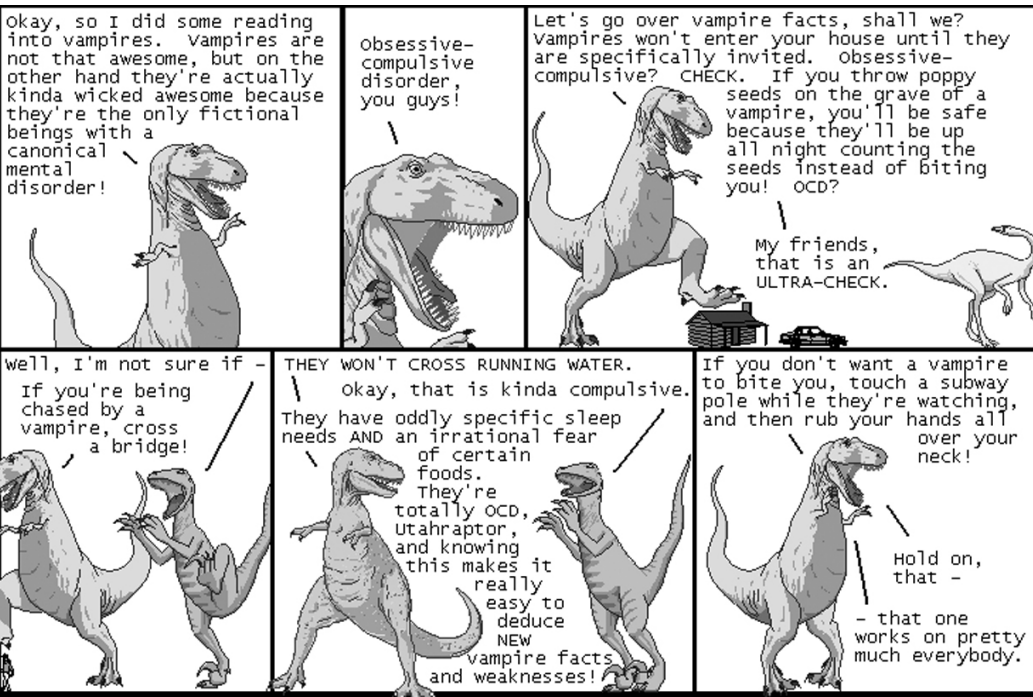
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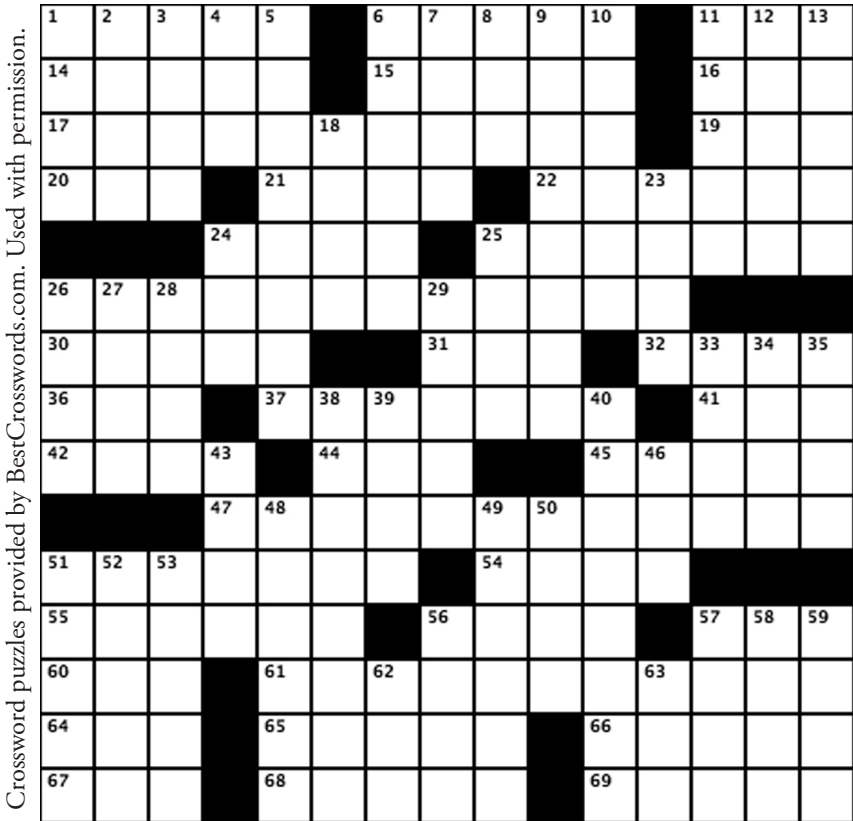


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



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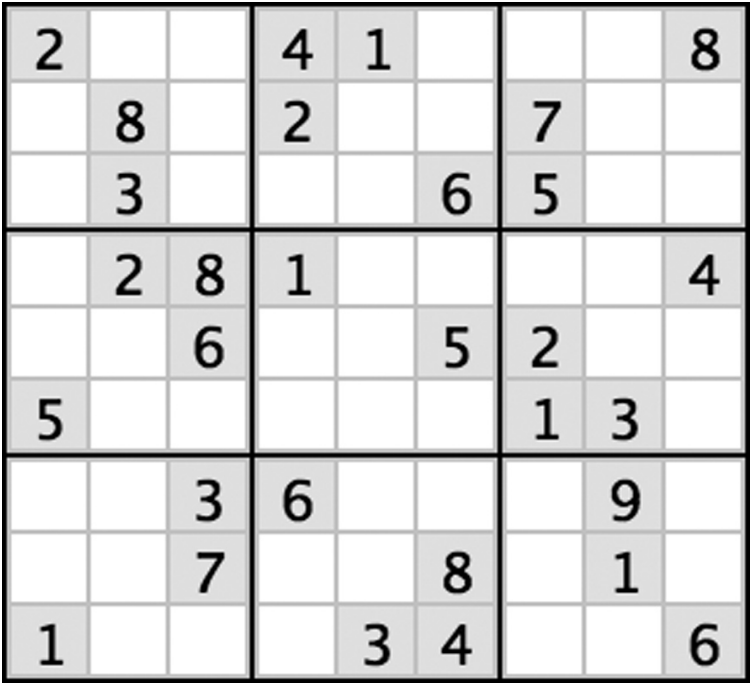


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 - 6- Begin;
 - 11- Loser to DDE;
 - 14- Wanderer;
 - 15- Fungal infection;
 - 16- Faucet;
 - 17- Arranged alphabetically;
 - 19- Loss leader?;
 - 20- Sun. talk;
 - 21- Cloak;
 - 22- Caught;
 - 24- Network of nerves;
 - 25- Unintelligent;
 - 26- Self-destruct;
 - 30- Jalopy;
 - 31- Boat propeller;
 - 32- Blind part;
 - 36- Cabinet dept.;
 - 37- Bright red color;
 - 41- Eggs;
 - 42- Consider;
- 44- Bran source;
 - 45- Month of showers;
 - 47- Uneasy;
 - 51- Cheapen;
 - 54- Italian wine city;
 - 55- Beast;
 - 56- ___ boy!;
 - 57- To and ___;
 - 60- Hi-___ monitor;
 - 61- Profit from selling assets;
 - 64- Part of TNT;
 - 65- Chopin composition;
 - 66- Come together;
 - 67- Drunkard;
 - 68- Discourage;
 - 69- Some hybrids;
- 4- Brief instant;
 - 5- Goes before;
 - 6- The ear's "stirrup";
 - 7- Air-filled rubber hoop, become fatigued;
 - 8- Black bird;
 - 9- Restore confidence;
 - 10- Pertaining to tea acid;
 - 11- Pong maker;
 - 12- Consumed;
 - 13- Club alternative;
 - 18- Go out with;
 - 23- Formicary residents;
 - 24- Balderdash;
 - 25- Asian sea;
 - 26- Mil. school;
 - 27- Exhort;
 - 28- Shipping deduction;
 - 29- Rich cake;
 - 33- Actress Petty;
 - 34- Tel ___;
- 35- Story;
 - 38- Joined;
 - 39- River in central Switzerland;
 - 40- Rare metallic element;
 - 43- Polite address;
 - 46- Trident-shaped letter;
 - 48- Located;
 - 49- Madman at the tea party;
 - 50- This, in Tijuana;
 - 51- Bar game;
 - 52- Dicembre follower;
 - 53- Be a guest;
 - 56- Adjutant;
 - 57- Fall short;
 - 58- Baptism, e.g.;
 - 59- Change for a five;
 - 62- Place;
 - 63- Oxlike African antelope;

Sudoku Puzzle



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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Medium

Word Search

Car Parts

- AIR BAG
AIR CONDITIONER
ALTERNATOR
AXLE
BATTERY
BODY
BRAKE
BUMPER
CAR SEAT
CARBURETOR
CARRIER RACK
CHILD SEAT
CLUTCH
COOLING FAN
CRANKCASE
CRUISE CONTROL
DEFOGGER
DEFROSTER
DOOR
DRIVE LINE
DRIVESHAFT
ENGINE
FRAME
FUSE
- GAS TANK
HEADLIGHT
HOOD
HORN
IGNITION
MUFFLER
POWER WINDOW
RADIATOR
RADIO
REAR VIEW MIRROR
ROOF
SEAT BELT
STARTER
STEERING WHEEL
SUSPENSION
TAIL LIGHT
TIRES
TRANSMISSION
TRUNK
TURN SIGNAL
WHEEL RIM
WHEELS
WINDSHIELD

Find and circle all of the car parts that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional car part.

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You are determined to finally solve several long-postponed issues. Your loved one will be by your side. It's a good time for to conclude contracts and sign official documents.

Taurus - April 21 to May 20 - Your friends and loved one will appreciate your drive for change and renewal. Take advantage of today's favorable auspices and try to complete as much as possible. Finances may be bad today, but this cannot prevent you from implementing your plans.

Gemini - May 21 to June 21 - You will receive a gift from your loved one, which will make you happy. Friends will invite you on a short trip. Go for it. Remain balanced and avoid eating or drinking in excess.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Today is a favorable time for you to meet with friends. You are likely to solve a financial issue for a younger member of your family.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - You are likely to enter a new stage in your social and sentimental life. You might initiate a new business or switch to a new job. Today's star pattern favors contact with younger people, communication, and traveling for a personal interest.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 - Your practical sense will help you start a new business. In the afternoon, a close family friend will offer for you to join a profitable partnership. Consider all the aspects carefully. Ask for your loved one's advice.

Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 - An older relative will offer you valuable advice regarding your attitude towards finances. Is it worth ignoring all your friends over financial interests? You should pay more attention to education and partnerships.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You will be able to overcome any difficulties and you can easily pass exams today. Your sentimental relationship will be good, provided you pay more attention to your loved one's needs.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - You are determined to make changes in your home, but your loved one may dislike your intentions. Set your priorities clearly. Try not to be stubborn and consider all opinions.

Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 - You may have to solve a lot of problems today. You could be facing financial difficulties, but you have no reason to worry. If you do something new, you are likely to succeed.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - You are likely to solving a financial issue that has been bothering you for a long time. You might be offered a new part-time job, which would help your self-confidence.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Your communication skills will help you easily solve many problems today. You can succeed in all your social and domestic activities.

EDITORIAL

Fraternity must be transparent about initiation

The Issue: A University of Maine student was found alive after going missing for eight hours during a Sigma Chi initiation rite gone awry.

What We Think: The UMaine community should be thankful for the situation's outcome, but if wrongdoing is found to have occurred, those responsible should be held accountable.

Students, university personnel and Orono community members were relieved Saturday afternoon when University of Maine junior Joshua Gilmore was found alive and unharmed, save for a few cuts, after being missing for eight hours.

Gilmore went missing after his initiation rite for Sigma Chi went awry ("Student OK after going missing in Orono woods," front page). The sudden, far-reaching response from students comprising the volunteer search party, many of whom were fraternity members, was impressive and could very well have helped prevent a tragedy. It is encouraging to be reminded again of the UMaine community's propensity for banding together in times of trouble and need for the greater good.

Although it is wonderful that Gilmore is physically no worse for the wear from his ordeal, there remain a number of serious and unanswered questions that should not be glossed over for joy of the student's reappearance.

The most important questions involve the still-hazy details of what actually occurred the morning of April 17. What exactly was this initiation ceremony? If it was a tradition, what caused it to go so horribly wrong this time? And what happened to Gilmore during those eight hours?

Hopefully, the answers to these questions will come out in the investigation of the fraternity's actions being conducted by Dean of Students Robert Dana and Student Affairs. The public's right to know the details of an initiation that could have claimed a student's life should override the history and tradition of secrecy that permeate Greek life.

Even though the UMaine community may never know all that happened on Saturday because of this culture of concealment, investigators should take the feelings and fears of a concerned student body into account when deciding what information to make public.

If Sigma Chi is found guilty of wrongdoing in this ordeal — the main issue being whether or not the UMaine's anti-hazing policy was violated — the university's punishment should be swift and severe.

The positive impact of Greek life on campus is powerful and inarguable. To preserve that reputation, Sigma Chi should be open and willing to discuss what happened to Joshua Gilmore. Otherwise, they leave themselves open to claims that they have something to hide.

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Laptop addicts: Pay attention, unplug

When I graduated high school, my grandparents gave me a check I decided would go toward a computer for college. I looked at a MacBook and other laptop brands but ultimately decided to have a friend build me a desktop computer.

Why choose a clunky, stationary computer over a more convenient portable one? It came down to my attention span. I thought it would be too tempting to play on a laptop during class rather than listen to the professor. When I got to the University of Maine that fall, I discovered I was right.

It seems people are paying less attention to their surroundings with each new app that is introduced. Instead of talking to each other, people are tweeting about each other. We can be in the same room but so wrapped up in our smartphones we might as well be alone in a cave.

Using laptops in class is no exception. Some students leave them in their dorm, and others genuinely use them for taking notes. But often, they are checking their Facebook or FirstClass, playing solitaire or — my personal favorite — completing homework for other classes.

You might envy the free time they must have after attending a lecture and writing their essay simultaneously. I would love to multi-task, too, but I don't, because I respect the time professors are giving up to help us leave college better, wiser individuals.

It typically occurs in the huge introductory level classes, with students bringing their laptops, signing the attendance sheet and zoning out the rest of the lecture. If they don't care about their test performance, I say go for it, but they are laying a shaky foundation for the rest of their college career.



KATHLEEN
MACFARLINE
COPY EDITOR

This semester, I wanted to take an elective class outside my major, which had such high demand I had to e-mail the department, talk with the department's administrative assistant and meet with the instructor before getting in.

After devoting all that time just to enroll, my classmates' behavior has been extremely disappointing. Of the more than

ing more attention to their inbox than their instructor. If they have such little respect, why even go?

The classroom can't function without participation, especially in the smaller classes. Professors aren't meant to be encyclopedias, reciting endless facts in the hopes that they sink in. They are here to help us think critically and emerge with logical responses.

Whatever students think about their professors' capabilities, almost all of them have been around longer and experienced more than we have. The wise student will learn not only from the lecture but also from the teacher's life, successes and failures.

These laptop addicts should think about how their actions reflect on them, as well as their major and, ultimately, the university. With talk of consolidating

Whatever students think of professors' capabilities, they have been around longer and experienced more than we have. Wise students will learn from their teachers' successes and failures.

20 students in the class, about half were there last Wednesday, and all but three were on their laptops, checking e-mail, playing games and surfing the Web.

It doesn't end there. One who had foregone the computer was texting on her cell phone under the desk the entire class. That left two of us listening attentively to the professor.

Classes can be boring. I know there are places we would rather be and activities we would rather be doing. But some students are wasting everyone's time by pay-

colleges and eliminating programs, they should consider what effect their attention or apathy could mean for future students at UMaine.

I do regret not having a laptop sometimes, like when I have to bolt to the computer lab to check something. But it's worth it. My computer has lasted for three years and is still going strong.

More importantly, I've actually learned something from my classes.

Kathleen MacFarline is a copy editor for The Maine Campus.

Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: Food Review: KFC Double Down: Delicious, disgusting

LOL. "The Double Down is not recommended for routine consumption ..."

Thank you for risking your life in order to get firsthand experience with this subject. I recommend you don't do any more fast food reporting for awhile.

— Jun

RE: APPWG issues final recommendations

I wouldn't be surprised if it was the administration's plan all along to withdraw the otherwise mentally handicapped recommendation to eliminate French and Spanish.

They really just wanted German and Latin done away with as they tried to do a decade ago. It's a diabolical tactic to threaten to destroy everything, then when the victims cry out, make a pre-planned concession in order to appear as reasonable people.

I cannot substantiate this claim, but it would give more credit to the administration if they weren't so shortsighted and imbecile as to seriously consider eradicating French and Spanish.

That aside, I applaud the choice to suspend, rather than eliminate, the liberal arts majors. It's still awful news, but now it's not as apocalyptic.

— J. Swist

RE: Arrest made in student's hit-and-run death

I feel bad for everyone involved. A lot of lives were ruined by this needless tragedy. It is awful, this loss of Jordyn, for her family, friends and the people whose lives she would have touched.

It is also awful for Garrett and his family that he is throwing away his life. I hope everyone is paying attention here.

If the same thing had happened without him drinking, and he had stopped and

tried to help, he would not be looking at jail time. We all need to decide drinking and driving is a bet we cannot afford to make. Protect yourself and the people around you. Don't drink and drive. Ever. All it takes is once.

Let us each honor Jordyn's memory with a commitment to never let this happen by our hand. And take the keys from our friends.

— UMaine Dad

RE: Missing UMaine student found

You'll never find those artifacts no matter how hard you try. People have been looking for them for years. They are buried out there and are extremely valuable.

The school has been trying to get their hands on these for years with no success. Someday, someone will find them, and be very rich.

— CK

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In your faith: Scientific worldview can be just as beautiful, inspiring



It takes more courage to accept we don't know everything than believing we are somehow connected to the masters of the universe and essential to its continuation.

TIM STORMANN

I recently read an article about tourists who visited a science museum in Manhattan and saw an exhibit on the evolution of dinosaurs and how they met their swift extinction. The museum visitors were offended that the theory was being propagated of dinosaurs being extinguished 65 million years ago by an asteroid, while creationism, where “men walked with dinosaurs,” was not.

The article said these faithful people challenged the asteroid impact theory, arguing dinos’ untimely end really came through Noah’s flood.

I believe people should question anything not immediately obvious to them. What bothered me about the story was not that they questioned the asteroid theory, but how unwilling these people were to accept anything that went against their previously held beliefs. They were unabashedly stubborn against the evidence.

Even more disturbing was that as the argument against their belief grew stronger, the believers became angrier. I was astounded at the sheer spite they threw at any evidence that made their beliefs impossible.

But why is their faith considered off-limits for a similar level of questioning? Although faith is ostensibly a virtuous quality to have, it seems people must abandon reason to accept it, which is the very thing that distinguishes us — although only minutely — from the rest of the animal kingdom.

I like to challenge people’s beliefs, because anything that presumes to be distinguished above everything else should be able to stand up to rigorous challenging. But in almost any scientific debate that involves faith and

science, the statement that comes from the religious camp seems to be always the same: “It’s a matter of faith.”

How is this appropriate for an academic discussion? Why is it thought that mysticism and religion is the pinnacle of faith? When one looks at the different views subjectively, which really requires more of this crucial part of our humanity? Which requires more faith?

I think the scale is tipped toward scientific inquiry and skepticism. Over the past 400 years, science has been rapidly demoting our importance in the cosmos. Newton showed the universe is bound by mathematics, Einstein showed our ventures in space are bound by relativity and the speed of light, Sagan taught we are bound to each other and the earth, with the matter of our bodies and the planet being forged in stars.

At each step, we realize if the earth or the entire solar system was vaporized this afternoon, the cosmos wouldn’t notice. This contrasts to the common views of religion that say we’re here for a divine purpose, we can commune with the universe’s prime mover(s) at will and the laws of nature can be bent because someone prays to catch their flight or get a job.

So again, which view demands more self-sufficiency? Which requires more courage? Which requires more faith? That we are specks that have recently come to understand things beyond ourselves, with no guaranteed future, or that we are the products of supreme design, with our fates written in the stars and guided by the gods?

I think it takes more courage to accept we don’t know everything — that we may be incapable of knowing the universe’s deepest enigmas — than believing we have known everything forever and are somehow connected to the masters of the universe and essential to its continuation.

To me, the idea that we are an astronomical rarity made from the evolution of the cosmos is awesome, inspiring and enlightening in a way none of the religions, faiths, holy texts, dogmas, doctrines, or spiritual ideologies humans have ever fabricated could hope to compare to.

Tim Stormann is a fifth-year financial economics and finance student.

Sex: Just don't do it, and unleash the greatness that is within you



Only an open mind is big enough to hold the secrets of the universe, which have been passed down for the benefit of those wise enough to use them.

MICHAEL W. GIBSON

How can people generate a quick wit, an aura of generosity and goodness, remarkable physical stature, superior judgment and unsurpassed intuition, among other great qualities? They achieve it through the dedicated practice of chastity.

To get as much out of it as possible, practitioners must set aside whatever prejudices they have concerning religion, good and evil, and any dogmas you hold strong to. Only an open mind is big enough to hold the secrets of the universe, and this secret has been passed down through the ages for the benefit of those wise enough to employ it.

The primary cause of the world’s problems is humanity’s lack of proper sexual education. All depravity or evil can be traced back to a root. This root is sexual vulgarity and a disrespect for what is our most potent and powerful trait — our generative sexual abilities.

All skepticism concerning Christ, Buddha, Zoroaster, or any other religious figures aside, I ask you to consider what they preached concerning sex rather than write them off as frauds. I do not intend to convert anyone — I only write to share wisdom.

“Be ye wise as serpents and as harmless as doves,” is a Bible verse from Matthew 10:16 as well as a slogan shared by other religions, cults, poets, and sages throughout history. How can this be accomplished? How does one become higher than the struggling mass of humanity?

Through the practice of sexual transmutation, anyone

can transform their life. Let me explain.

Sexual intercourse, oral sex, anal sex, masturbation, muscular orgasmic spasms, deviance, vulgarity, and other primitive actions that make a mockery out of true love-making require us to waste vast amounts of energy that we could otherwise reserve and transmute through ethical discipline into higher pursuits.

When we refrain from acting unjustly out of our sexual impulses, a marvelous greatness will begin to grow inside of us again, multiplying in its ineffable splendors, and we will become even better than what we have been striving for. A twisted mind preoccupied with sexual grossness is a wasted mind.

However, do not deny these sexual urges, because they are real and make us human. Instead, when you are conscious of thinking, desiring, or seeking out sexual fulfillment, ask yourself, “What can I transmute this sexual energy inside of me into?” You’ll find, with more experience, you’ll be able to transmute it into anything that is good.

If you commit to chastity, your health will increase, your intellect will become sharper, your conscience will shimmer with purity, you’ll feel overwhelmed with confidence, experience genuine love for yourself and others and you’ll realize that you have the power to do and be anything.

Chastity and sexual transmutation are synonyms of “the Great Arcanum” — which, if honored, will bestow upon whoever will respect and practice it the ability to become a god among men. All the great figures in history were aware of this and sought to transmute their primitive sexual urges into something great, something beyond mere fulfillment of hedonistic stimuli.

In writing this, I only wish to expose this hidden truth so we may use our extraordinarily generative sexual powers more wisely considering the sorry state of society. Spring is the time for sexual revival after the great slumber of winter. Hopefully, it will not be a depraved form of sexual revival for humanity.

Try chastity. It works, I promise.

Michael W. Gibson believes love is the highest religion.

Punishment for hit-and-run cases should be harsher



ERYK SALVAGGIO
COLUMNIST

On March 26, 2009, Tiffeny Hamlyn was driving drunk. As a result, she crashed her car into Tiffany Hamilton, a single mother, and killed her. Hamlyn drove off, sent an incriminating text message and was arrested four hours later. Her sentence? Three years in prison.

On May 27, 2008, Jason Brooks had a headache. As a result, he crashed his van into Deborah Archer, a mother of seven, and killed her. Brooks drove off without reporting the accident. He was caught a week later. His sentence? Two years.

I wasn’t friends with Jordyn Bakley, and I’m not speaking for anyone who is. But when I saw a picture Friday of Garrett Cheney walking out of the Penobscot County Jail on bail of \$50,000 surety after being accused of driving drunk and killing her with his truck as she was walking home, I was angry.

Convicted drunk drivers and their mistakes have left enormous wounds in the world, and their sentences should fit the audacity of their crimes.

This pattern of minor sentences seems likely to continue.

The idea of releasing the man charged with fleeing the scene of a crime and keeping quiet for months is astounding. If he is responsible, he’s already established a resistance to facing consequences.

Maine law has a shortage of consequences for hit-and-runs. If there’s an accident, a driver is expected to stop and provide “reasonable assistance” to the injured. Failure to do so is classified as a Class D crime, punishable by jail time of less than one year. If there is serious bodily injury, it becomes a Class C crime with jail time not to exceed five years.

There seems to be no elevation beyond that and no distinction for collisions that result in death. There are manslaughter charges, which

are a Class A crime punishable by up to 30 years in jail. But those sentences can be suspended, and precedent indicates they will be.

Consider the case of Hamlyn, who was driving drunk. If she hadn’t killed anyone, she would have had her license suspended. But the maximum sentence for operating under the influence in Maine is two years in jail, which is only one year less than Hamlyn’s actual punishment — she was sentenced to 18 years in prison, but her sentence was suspended save three years.

Three years of incarceration for the death of a single mother is a tragedy, and a six-hour layover in a courthouse for the death of Jordyn Bakley seems to indicate the courts don’t take the charge seriously.

This is not a promising pattern. It sends no warning of the consequences of drinking and driving. If anything, these sentences are a relief to serial drunk drivers in Maine: Even if your stupidity kills someone, you’ll probably be able to graduate with people in your residence hall.

Convicted drunk drivers and their mistakes have left enormous wounds in the world, and their jail sentences should fit the audacity of their crimes. A few words in Maine’s legal code could raise “failure to render assistance” in an accident that results in a fatality to a Class B crime punishable by up to a 10-year sentence. If the driver’s blood-alcohol content is over the legal limit, it should be made a Class A crime punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

This way, drivers who hit people, especially those tempted to drive away without stopping, have more incentive to help. The damage these crimes do to victims and their families is real and enduring.

By no means should we accept the current level of punishment for such offenses. It’s important, ethically and legally, to stay at the scene - in many accidents, the law will result in a simple suspension of your license.

But Maine law doesn’t punish this offense strongly enough, and driving off at the scene of a fatality is even more stomach-churning. Who’s to tell who could have been saved?

I believe people can atone for their mistakes and go on to be better people. I have met some who have done horrible things and changed for the better, who have committed their time to undoing the wrong they have caused.

But no request for forgiveness is worth a damn unless it comes with meaningful consequences.

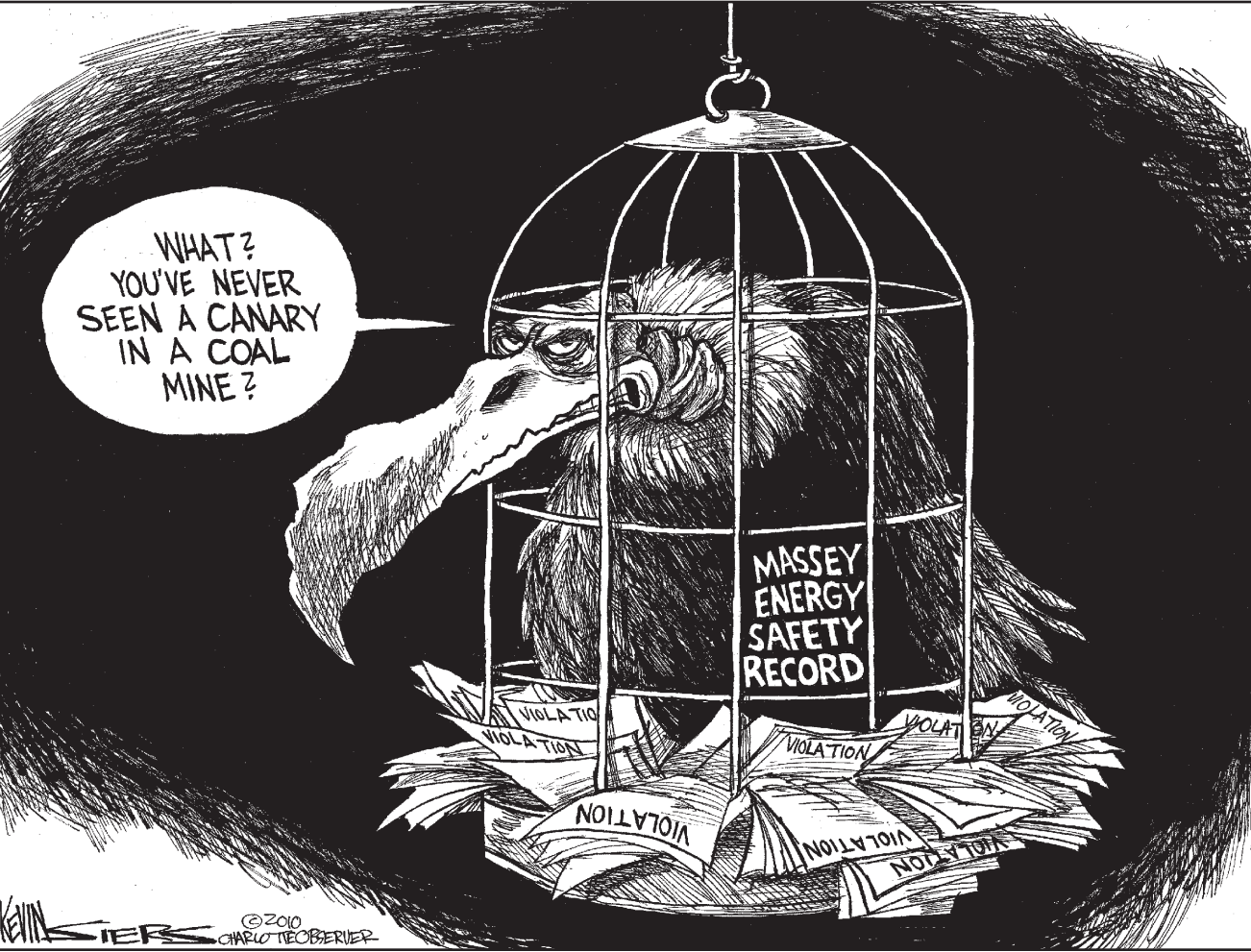
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Chastity	Hedonistic stimuli
Impressions	Recessions
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Paris, France	Perez Hilton
Cops	Robbers



ADVERTISING CLASS TAKES ON LAW FIRM AS CLIENT

A local college advertising class is taking on the law. In fact, it's an entire law firm! The creative class is spending their semester trying to help the lawyers get more business.

"We just don't get it," Brian Fats. "We really need creative help around here. All we really look forward to is their ideas and work, then they come in and make them change. It doesn't matter and basically water it down until it's either funny, not creative or interesting any way."

After submitting their first round of ideas, the class has been drowned in edits and changes, where deadlines loomed and advertising opportunities were missed. A Senior Cliff Runge commented, "It's like they are worried about getting sued or something. Talk about paranoia."

Cliff is currently being sued for libel.



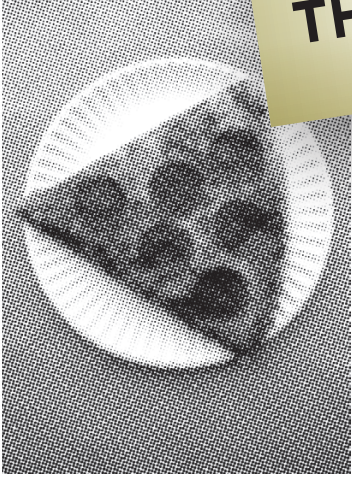
GREEK SYSTEMS COMBINATIONS

Panic struck the heart of fraternities and sororities across the nation this week when word spread that the number of unique remaining Greek letter combinations was in critical condition.

"Unfortunately, with the induction of our newest chapters, Mu Mu Mu and Psi Phi Pi, we've exhausted just about every option out there," said National Greek Board President, Henry Boggins. "There were only about 18,000 possible letter combinations to begin with, so you had to know it was coming."

The news certainly left the Greek System in a state of turmoil, as rumors began to fly immediately. Some suggested a move to a 4-letter system, while others questioned why it always had to be Greek. "I think English is a pretty good language," said Debra Boomgarden. "I mean, this is the United States, not a foreign domestic country."

ITALIAN CLASS HELPS STUDENTS ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT



What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a scary situation yesterday when sophomore Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant that they had chosen for lunch... was completely Italian-speaking.

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like we time-warped into Italy and started talking to people who spoke what? I heard Italian."

everyone during the last-minute question frenzy? Apparently, tailgating.

According to Senior Ben Higgins, eight professors (including those mentioned above) were spotted in the faculty parking lot behind the school just after noon, watching football and playing

MONEY MASCOT

CHANGING!

Sixth-year senior Craig McGrott may not be getting a lot of things, but he's the only one who knows when it comes to writing on tiny pieces of paper. He's known as the "Money Mascot" for the school.

Craig explained yesterday, "Some people are really smart. Others are just really good at tiny handwriting. That's my gift. Wanna cheat and not get caught? Just call Craig McGrott!"

While some considered the slogan gimmicky, the testimonials spoke for themselves. And there's no cheating that.



FRESHMAN JUST REALIZES HE SPENT HIS ENTIRE STUDENT LOAN ALREADY

A frightening moment happened Saturday night as Freshman Dirk Polston pulled his last \$20 bucks out of a local downtown ATM. His

AREA SENIOR GETS REALLY MAD AT STUDENTS ON SCRAPS PAPER

"They were freaking tailgating?" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal grill, coozies, Chinese horseshoes... the whole shebang! They're supposed to be helping us here... not grilling hotdogs and high-fiving."

The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great liberty.

"Did we eat too many Doritos? Maybe. Throw a little Frisbee around? Sure. But teachers deserve to have a little fun too. And it's not like it hurt anyone," said the 46 year-old Fineman. "In fact, I think the students should be thankful... I was so hungover the next day that I just gave everyone A's anyway. I think it worked in their favor."

While students are demanding answers, there's no word yet on how the school intends to respond. The matter is now in the hands of Chancellor Debra Pittman, who is rumored to have streaked through the tailgate earlier that day.



STUDENT WANTS TO RENT EVERYTHING

Junior Mick McConnelly has decided that he will no longer buy anything. Instead, he says with confidence, "I'm gonna rent."

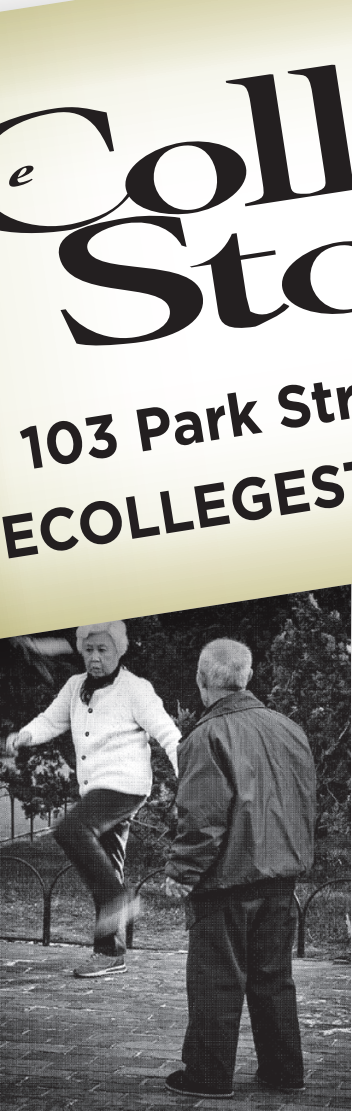
Mick tells the story of renting his apartment, which is "waaaaay cheaper than buying one", which led to renting movies, renting cars and even renting his textbooks. "Once I found out I could rent textbooks, I was like, duh, this is the future."



While Mick hasn't had much success, he's determined to find a way. The Junior is currently negotiating rental agreements for food, tuition, back massages and toiletries. "If I could rent all that, I'm pretty certain I wouldn't ever need a real job if he does? "I'll probably do it for me too."

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FACULTY FOUND TA



It was Thursday afternoon, hours before the big exam, and Professor Jay Limbaugh's office was empty. As were Professor Rick Stein's and Dr. Denise Carroll's. Where was

the school intends to respond. The matter is now in the hands of Chancellor Debra Pittman, who is rumored to have streaked through the tailgate earlier that day.

While students are demanding answers, there's no word yet on how the school intends to respond. The matter is now in the hands of Chancellor Debra Pittman, who is rumored to have streaked through the tailgate earlier that day.



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Faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great liberty.

"Did we eat too many Doritos? Maybe. Throw a little Frisbee around? Sure. But teachers deserve to have a little fun too. And it's not like it hurt anyone," said the 46 year-old Fineman. "In fact, I think the students should be thankful... I was so hungover the next day that I just gave everyone A's anyway. I think it worked in their favor."

According to Senior Ben Higgins, eight professors (including those mentioned above) were spotted in the faculty parking lot behind the school just after noon, watching football and playing



Monday, April 19, 2010



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A weekend of rock ‘n’ roll go!



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Events across the campus make UMaine a musical hotspot

By Kegan Zema
MEC Staff

This weekend, the University of Maine campus was a lot louder than usual. Bands of nearly every genre were rocking out in the Memorial Union, on the mall and in the Field House. They duked it out for the Sophomore Owls Battle of the Bands, spread the love at the peace rally and set the backdrop for a barbecue and benefit at ROC the Dog.

Some of the bands were at multiple gigs, such as Battle of the Bands winners Two Days Later, who were also at ROC the Dog. There were seasoned musical veterans, such as Sam and Yuri who played at last year’s KahBang Music and Arts Festival. For other bands, such as hardcore rockers Keep It Up Bob Dole, the weekend marked their first ever gig.

Thursday night’s Battle of the Bands was dominated by bands taking their best shot at winning some fans. Most bands combined recognizable covers with originals for the audience crammed into the North Pod of the Union.

On Saturday, protestors and music fans gathered on the mall for a peace rally, hearing

See Bands on **B2**



Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty



TOP LEFT: Singer-guitarist Colin Kolmar described his band Keep It Up Bob Dole as “mosh for peace.” Their hardcore music combined lightning fast guitar riffs, with floating vocals and textbook growls and screams. Their set, which took place in Neville Hall due to low temperatures, closed the Peace Rally on Saturday.

TOP RIGHT: *Capture the Sun* were shredders of the highest degree. Helmed by Kyle Hussey and James Hadley, their heavy riffs made for some intense, instrumental songs. At one point Hussey threw a drum stick into the audience in a fit of passion, striking one student in the head. Almost every song had a breakdown with hissing feedback and a high-hat count off.

ABOVE: Sam and Yuri stopped by to play a set at the peace rally before playing at Record Store Day at Bull Moose Music in Bangor. They played a few originals as snow flakes fluttered around their heads. Their covers of “Hey Jude” and “Come Together” by The Beatles were amazing.

MIDDLE: *Two Days Later*, featuring vocalist/guitarist James Gilmore, were crowned the victors of the Sophomore Owls Battle of the Bands on Thursday. They also performed at ROC the Dog on Sunday as students munched on hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken wings. The victory was icing on the cake for Gilmore who put together the Campus Bands compilation earlier in the year and has been gaining popularity ever since.



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Monday, April 19

Student Chamber Jazz Ensemble Concert
Collins Center for the Arts
8:30 a.m.

All-Greek Blood Drive
Student Recreation and Fitness Center
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prostitution, Immigration, and Sex Trafficking: intersections and distinctions
DPC 115
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20

All-Greek Blood Drive
Student Recreation and Fitness Center
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Second Annual Healthy High 5K
Student Recreation and Fitness Center
4:20 p.m.

Moscow Festival Ballet - Swan Lake Ballet
Collins Center for the Arts
7 p.m.
\$32

Percussion Concert
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night
Bear’s Den, Memorial Union
8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21

Student Chamber Jazz Ensemble Concert
Memorial Union
11 a.m.

The Forgotten Kin: Aunts and Uncles
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Cats: Broadway Tour
Collins Center for the Arts
7 p.m.
\$62

Jazz Ensemble
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Kickin’ Flicks: “The Book of Eli”
DPC 100
9 p.m.

Thursday, April 22

New Writing Series - Donald Revell
Soderberg Auditorium, Jenness Hall
12 to 1 p.m.

Cats: Broadway Tour
Collins Center for the Arts
7 p.m.
\$62

School Year in Review Trivia
Bear’s Den, Memorial Union
8 p.m.

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Why Mainers should think Spose really is ‘awesome’

Regardless of whether you think Spose truly is “awesome,” if you’re from Maine, you better be rooting for him.

It’s once in a great while that a musician from Maine makes it to the national stage in such a big way, and Spose has done it

by rapping about his home. His scrappy, self-deprecating demeanor may not be what comes to mind when thinking of Vacationland, but when else are you going to see a Portland Sea Dogs baseball hat on a nationally successful music video?

“I’m Awesome” is a catchy and hilarious song. Spose, a.k.a. Ryan Peters, isn’t your typical rapper by any means,



Beat Report
By Kegan Zema

See Beat Report on **B3**

Wilde Stein lets the night ‘drag’ on

Pride Week ends with hilarious, risqué event

By Kyle Kernan
MEC Staff

Drag queens with big hair and even bigger attitudes flirted with a roaring crowd in the Memorial Union on Friday night in a Drag Show featuring student queens and three professionals.

“It’s a good time — it’s our most popular activity during Pride Week,” said Danielle Steele, Student Development Coordinator for the University of Maine. The show culminates the week celebrating the GLBT community. Steele worked with Wilde Stein to plan for Pride Week after Coming Out Week in the Fall. The drag professionals, Mystic Javon, Blanche Debris and Shauna Dixon from Salem Mass., were last minute additions as the original set was forced to drop out.

All three drag queens embodied contrasting styles of sexuality and ambience.

Mystic Javon, or “The Dark

Diva,” invigorated the crowd with cartwheels on stage and seductive audience interaction with a vivacious Stevie Nicks impersonation.

Javon is host of Club Wonderland’s “Queens of Hearts Drag Show” in Salem. She performs a mix of European and American dance and hip-hop and is a trained performer and singer. Javon is also experienced in fire breathing.

Shauna Dixon’s personality is inspired by older country singers and divas such as Dolly Parton and Shania Twain. Dixon loved to flirt and tease, pretending to kiss and perform oral sex on both male and female crowd members. Dixon gave one of the most colorful and energetic performance of the night with “Man, I Feel Like a Woman.”

Blanche Debris enjoyed making people laugh. She was inspired to be a drag queen from her mother, who used to

See Drag on **B3**



Photo by Travis Hall for The Maine Campus
Kado and Lolli Pop strut their stuff at Friday night’s drag show.

SEEN... in Fogler Library

Sweater — It's from Forever 21. I like dressier, more professional clothing.

Dress — My dress is Charlotte Russe. I always try to dress different than everyone. I always get bad looks when I dress up, but I think you should express yourself.

Shoes — These are Forever 21, too.

Leggings — H & M, I read magazines like Glamour to get inspiration.

Alyssa Aaskov, second-year business student

‘Hedwig’ pops, flashes and rocks in Bangor

The smoke clears in the Bangor Opera House and the cast and crew of “Hedwig and the Angry Inch” receive a well-deserved standing ovation for their rock star performance. Hedwig, played by Scoop Sloan, dominated the stage with a well-developed character who commanded the audience’s attention.

Theater Review
Clint Snyder

The show, about a person that undergoes a botched sex change operation, is more of a one woman/man show, but the musical talents of the entire ensemble cannot be ignored.

The lighting design shone throughout the entire production, offering unique, original choices that made it feel like a real rock show. The projections, however, were sometimes distracting. When you’re trying to listen to an intimate story and giant gummy bears appear over a person’s head, the loss of focus is understandable.

The set was beautifully designed and provided the audience with an intimate, backstage feel. Unfortunately, it was not utilized well — there was not much movement across the stage throughout the show. For several of the ballads Hedwig sat down. The set provided the actors with a lot of stage business to play with, which does not happen often, besides the occasional mirror or wig check.

Director Scott RC Levy has a deep understanding of audience interaction. The audience became part of the performance throughout the play. Hedwig stepped out into the crowd and had countless humorous interactions with the audience, bringing the performance to life.

The musical quality of the piece was profound and the transition from rock tune to soft-spoken ballad blended perfectly. The song this piece has become famous for, “Wig in a Box,” was still the musical high point of the piece. The ensemble did not interact with one another a lot and seemed to watch Sloan’s performance as audience members. They stop acting and blend into the set whenever Sloan spoke.

The exception was occasional interactions between Hedwig’s boyfriend Yitzhak, played by Cornell alum Sasha Gioia Alcott. She provided some foil to Hedwig’s character. Any doubts about the cast’s acting ability were melted away by each member’s amazing musical talent, including current University of Maine new media student Chad Arsenault. Each individual’s talent was showcased by a solo at some point in the piece, proving that all members were equally strong.

Costume design was another high point for the production, providing the audience with a new, flashy outfit for Hedwig every time she came on stage and fitting perfectly with the character. The makeup synchronized with each of these well-designed outfits to help provide the total package and flash a show like this calls for.

Propelled by productions like this, “Hedwig and the Angry Inch” is bound to make its way into the list of musicals everyone recognizes immediately. This is an amazing collaboration put together by a group of people whose talents complement each other. It’s rich with levels, humor and drama. This show is everything a person looks for in entertainment: it pops, flashes and rocks.

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from the cast of “Hair,” as well as others. Guest speakers shared thoughts on the war amongst everything from proficient clas-

sical guitar from Evan Pollard — even with his hands frozen — to Paramore-like pop-punk and a Lady Gaga cover by new band Emergency Entrance.

ROC the Dog, originally started as a fundraiser for a canine medical assistant, was

a cookout/concert in the Field House. This year it was used as a fundraiser for the Humane Society. The concert featured many of the same bands as the Battle of the Bands, like Capture the Sun who delivered a rollicking set of tuxedo metal.



Staff photo by Rebekah Doherty

Allisen Donovan provided vocals to Emergency Entrance as they performed a few original pop-punk songs to open the Peace Rally on Saturday. The crowd loved their cover of “Bad Romance” by Lady Gaga and sung and danced along with the band.

Record Store Day brings new life to changing music market

By Jay Grant
MEC Staff

Each April, audiophiles and music lovers sleep while something magical happens. While it would appear no creatures are stirring — not even mice — there is actually a fat white guy flying around to drop off exclusive ten-inch vinyl and lower prices at independent record stores around the world. It is a religious holiday for the music fundamentalists and they call it Record Store Day.

Record Store Day, which took place April 17 this year, was originally conceived by local chain Bull Moose Music’s owner Chris Brown back in 2007 — a time when Tower Records filed for bankruptcy and even Sir Richard Branson was closing some of his Virgin doors. The proliferation of fast peer-to-peer music sharing and the self-destructive rigidity of the recording industry have been killing music sales since Napster developer Shawn Fanning in 1999. Brown and his partners’ initiative provided a way for the little guy to take things into his own hands by creating a day focused around independent music outlets in support of physical media and local bands

Luckily for Record Store Day organizers, the argument in favor of physical media — especially vinyl records — has become increasingly easy to make. But with digital audio technology getting better by

the day, it is difficult to suggest that somehow a CD sounds better than an iPod. In a brilliant attempt to counter piracy, many record companies have begun to bundle passwords to access high-quality digital files with contemporary vinyl releases. Now you can buy a new record and feel the sense of pride born from supporting a band and the sense of satisfaction that comes with owning something tangible. Also, there is cool artwork.

Select vinyl was marked down 25 percent, 50 percent, and in a couple cases, 75 percent at Bull Moose in Bangor. Record Store Day is much bigger than low prices, though. This year saw the limited release of highly sought novelties like a twelve-inch colored vinyl recording of Jimi Hendrix live at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. and a split seven-inch single featuring Bon Iver and Peter Gabriel.

While Record Store Day may be about independent companies, that did not mean it only offered specials to “indie snobs.” Mainstream acts like Godsmack and Owl City got in on the celebration, each offering a special single. As Bull Moose owner Brett Wickard put it, even nonscenesters grew up listening to records on their turntables — and no true music lover wants to see the end of purchased media.

Though vinyl may be seeing a resurgence, CDs were still a big deal this Record Store Day. Weezer, Paulo

Nutini, Devo and many others released special discs for the occasion. In a pro-Maine push, Bull Moose offered “Grace Potter and the Nocturnals Live in Skowhegan” and Ani DiFranco “Live at Bull Moose,” both of which were recorded in the state within the last year. Classics like Jeff Buckley’s “Grace” and The Clash’s “London Calling” were as little as \$5.

The restructuring Bull Moose underwent this past winter played a big part in what was offered. Love it or hate it — cynics have described the changes as “Borders-ification” — the new setup meant Bull Moose was the place to be this Record Store Day. With a college student’s budget, Friday’s paycheck might not see Saturday morning.

Record Store Day was not just a capitalistic adrenaline shot to the record industry’s arm — it was a day packed with free shows at various stores. Many mid-to-high-profile acts made a point of stopping in their local shop to put on a free set. Maine saw hometown heroes play at Bull Moose locations and other stores. Bull Moose in Scarborough was treated to Grace Potter, Portland to Southern Maine hip-hop artist Spose, Lewiston to Dead Season, and Sam and Yuri performed here in Bangor. Talented Portland-based drone rocker Jakob Bat-tick played with Covered in Bees and others at the South Portland Newbury Comics.

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CD/DVD REVIEW: ‘Under Great White Northern Lights’

Documentary and live album give fans an intimate glimpse



Third Man/Warner

By Kegan Zema
MEC Staff

Jack White knows how to keep his fans satisfied. The Dead Weather and all their raunchy glory have been a great companion over the last year or so, but true fans would start to miss The White Stripes.

Then ... bam. A double shot of awesome. “Under Great White Northern Lights,” a DVD documentary of the band’s summer 2007 tour of Canada and the accompanying live album, are enough to reinvigorate every Jack White fanboy.

This is the band’s first-ever live album, although live tracks such as “Jolene” have been released on various EPs. The thing about hearing The White Stripes live, as with most bands, is that it is an experience. The album does a great job of capturing the band’s vibrant, messy live show.

Jack White has admitted in various interviews — both on this DVD and the documentary “It Might Get Loud” with Jimmy Page and The Edge — that he makes things difficult for himself on stage. He puts his various instruments just far enough away from each other so he has to run to them and uses guitars that go out of tune

easily.

Amidst the noisy mess that is their live sound, the desperation can be felt. So can the crowd’s reaction — they chant along with “Seven Nation Army” and interject screams at Jack’s command.

Even as good as the live album is at capturing the band’s chaotic essence, it is still only an adequate companion when compared to the documentary, directed by Emmett Malloy. Seeing behind the scenes into the life of Jack and Meg as they travel the barren landscape of Canada is all at once fun, breathtaking and intimate.

More than anything, the documentary is an art piece. Most of it is shot in either black and white or with a red filter. The scenes feel like relics uncovered rather than a conscious attempt to make a film.

Most of the film is light-hearted and carefree. It shows the band as they hit each city setting up impromptu shows in town squares, bowling alleys and even on boats.

The most intriguing part of the movie is when the band visits the city of Iqaluit, situated just below the arctic circle. Jack and Meg talk with a group of elderly aboriginal inhabitants, swapping stories and music in

one of the most awkwardly encapsulating moments caught on camera.

The performances are spectacular. In Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jack knocks over mic stands in a seedy dive bar and screams into the wall. In their full set-up, he bounds across the stage and sings while staring straight into Meg’s eyes. Jack does everything from rollicking on the floor to storming the audience. His energy seems limitless.

The brilliance of the film comes when it gives a glimpse into Jack and Meg’s personal lives. They stroll around a barren wasteland while “We’re Going to Be Friends” plays, often holding hands and laughing. They seem more like the ex-lovers they truly are rather than the brother and sister they portray.

Just before the credits roll, Jack and Meg sit together on the bench at a piano in what looks like a church. Jack plays a melancholy rendition of “White Moon” and tears begin to stream down Meg’s face.

Jack knows what his fans want more than anything — a chance to feel like they are a part of the magic he creates. “Under Great White Northern Lights” gives fans a taste but still leaves them wanting more.

FILM REVIEW: ‘Kick Ass’

Ultra-violent flick sheds light on the superhero mentality



Lionsgate

By Kyle Kernan
MEC Staff

We all assume another skin and posture to meet social roles, don’t we? We want to be accepted and noticed, and our admiration for superheroes is a glorified desire stemming from this. America’s obsession with superheroes comes from narcissism and superficiality.

Our interest in superheroes sprouts from an extrinsic motivation for attention and power. Being a superhero to simply save people is delusional; it’s about the image. “Kick-Ass” is a mosaic of self-righteous heroics.

“Kick-Ass” is a superhero film based on the comic book of the same name by Mark Millar and John Romita Jr. It centers on Dave Lizewski, played by British actor Aaron Johnson, who spawns the identity of Kick-Ass.

Other superheroes Big Daddy and Hit Girl appear with intentions of revenge against a drug cartel headed by actor Mark Strong.

The evolution of Kick-Ass is quite amusing. After countless moments of submission from bullies and dismissals from girls, Lizewski tells the audience he’s unnoticed and disrespected. Like Peter Parker, being a superhero

would be the perfect ego boost.

After Lizewski confronts the reality of becoming a superhero, he’s left broken and bloody on the street by a couple of mug-gers who kick his ass. His injuries from the mugging give him metal plates in his body and more resistance to pain, similar to Wolverine from “X-Men.”

Later he subdues three thugs beating on another guy. After this incident is recorded, it gets a copious amount of hits on YouTube and people become infatuated with Kick-Ass.

The real stand-out in this yarn is Hit Girl, played by Chloë Grace Moretz. She’s the most badass heroine since The Bride in “Kill Bill.” She wields a double-bladed sword, slicing through limbs like blades of grass. She jumps around her adversaries like Yoda from “Attack of the Clones.”

“Kick-Ass” is so ultra-violent, it doesn’t feel campy or B-movie-like — it’s just shocking and unsettling. A thug is seen being crushed by a car compacter; another criminal is seen being blown up in a giant microwave.

Matthew Vaughn, who hailed the dynamic “Layer Cake” and was a protégé of Guy Ritchie, creates some spectacular action sequences, but some moments of actionless drag. There’s surprisingly less humor in this film

than advertised.

Nicholas Cage is a welcome addition, portraying a Batman-like get-up, who molds his daughter into a killing machine by plugging her with live rounds in the (bullet-proof vest protected) chest.

What connects these superheroes? You guessed it — social networking. It’s ironic these superheroes, such as Red Mist played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse, have elaborate social networking websites to communicate with followers. This reinforces the gimmick of the glorified identity rather than the pursuit of crime fighting.

I’m not criticizing the film — I’m captivated from its subliminal message. This film not only challenges our glorification of archetypical heroes but society’s obsessions with social roles.

Why can’t a person be comfortable or even take action in their own skin? The film’s message is that we need to assume another identity in order to take riskier or heroic actions. Somehow we don’t trust or like who we are so we become someone we’re not in order to be accepted or admired. This is the essence behind “Kick-Ass.” The real heroes have the courage to go against social conventions all together and just be themselves.

Grade: B+

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but apparently his hit struck a chord and everyone should be embracing the result. His success story is one seldom seen in today’s music industry, and he seems to know that.

To be honest, there are plenty of other acts from Maine that are probably more deserving of national attention. The state has a very strong indie rock scene and some standout metal acts. But the fact that a hip-hop artist is getting shipped out of the state should not be seen as a slap in the face to those other artists.

Spose said himself in an April 2 interview in with Vibe Magazine that had things not turned out the way they did, he would have kept paying his dues as an independent artist, making freestyles and mix-tapes and trying to gain credit on rap blogs.

“I know the formula; I’m familiar with it,” Spose said in the interview. “But I’m really enjoying flipping the script and doing it the other way.”

For many proud Mainers staying semi-local is enough. There have been the success stories over the last few years of Spencer Albee (As Fast As / Rustic Overtones), pop-punkers Sparks the Rescue and a few others, but for the most part Maine has done a good job of keeping its best talent a secret.

A native Mainer dominating the iTunes charts and getting talked up by Ryan Seacrest is something the world should be getting more used to. For many, Spose’s success is being seen as an extraordinary circumstance, never to be repeated. It should be seen as inspiration for every other Maine musician. If Spose can do it, you can too — no matter what type of music.

Like any part of the music industry, Spose’s success was

a combination of talent, business smarts and luck. He has capitalized on a new generation of rappers who haven’t grown up in the streets dealing drugs and watching their friends get shot: Asher Roth, Kid Cudi, Drake.

If other acts from Maine can carve out a niche somewhere in the music scene, national success is an attainable goal. What these artists

need though is fans at home in Maine to help propel them to the national stage. If Spose wasn’t bringing students out to the 103 Ultra Lounge a year or so ago, he wouldn’t be where he is today.

Regardless of the fact that he is a hip-hop artist, and regardless of your opinion on his talent, Spose is a hometown hero. And for that reason, he really is awesome.



Photo by Travis Hall for The Maine Campus

Shawna Dixon reaches out toward an audience member at Friday’s drag show sponsored by Wilde Stein

Drag from Page B1

be a perform drag acts in the “Mess America” pageant. Debris said that her mother always made her laugh.

Debris came up with her distinguished name when she was called “white trash” after dumpster diving at Dunkin’ Donuts. Debris had an enormous pink wig with bright clownish but feminine make-up. Her act focused on humor and poking fun at gender roles.

Debris came out during one

song with a diaper and a tray of Hershey-stained drawers, singing about relieving oneself on a desired partner. Debris would make Dave Chappelle’s sides hurt with her vulgar-themed song that puts R. Kelly to shame.

Student performers included Lolli Pop, Carpe Damn and Krystal Gaze who performed an entertaining but tame rendition of Miley Cyrus’ “Party in the U.S.A.”

Student performers were required to sign up with a drag name and song, and were chosen to perform by Wilde

Stein.

“The event gives recognition to an important part of our community. Drag queens have been a part of our community for a long time,” said Steele.

Some students in the audience came in drag of their own. Couple Jake George Lavoie, a first-year student, and Joanna Hynd, a fourth-year, reversed gender roles. Lavoie came dressed up as a girl, and Hynd a boy.

“The opportunity can be liberating for some — you can choose who you want to be identified with,” said Lavoie.

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Track and Field
Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa.
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UPCOMING GAMES

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mer program and preseason,” the 18-year head coach said.

With some starters being held out, the coaching staff will get an up-close look at players trying to assume larger roles on the team.

“What it does is it provides opportunity for younger players, which is a great thing,” Cosgrove said.

Spring unity

Following a 27-24 loss to the University of New Hampshire on Nov. 21, which concluded the 2009 season, UMaine pushed to get back to its 2008 form where they advanced to the national playoffs.

Coming into last season, UMaine had high expectations following its first postseason trip since 2002. The Black Bears graduated a bulk of their defense from that playoff squad and injuries to returning standouts Jared Turcotte and Mark Masterson made it difficult from the beginning.

UMaine limped out of the gate as they squeaked past Division II St. Cloud State 34-27 in overtime in their season opener.

After their running game proved to be unsuccessful, Cosgrove made a change at quarterback to Warren Smith and the Black Bears changed to a pass-heavy attack.

Injuries and inexperience showed throughout the year, though, as UMaine finished below .500. With 42 lettermen returning and 29 players with starting experience, the spring season will hopefully allow the team to take positive steps toward the 2010 season.

“The biggest thing is the development of a personality as a football team,” said Cosgrove of spring practice. “There’s a lot of skill development and technique development that will take place. We have a group of seniors that left us and a group of seniors that are stepping in and we’re just trying to build together as a unit.”

“We have to get back to running the football and playing great defense,” he added. “We know we can throw the football. We know we’re going to have more experienced players coming back heading into preseason camp, but we better handle ourselves well and not pat ourselves on the back.”

The spring season also gives players who redshirted last season a chance to garner attention from the coaches.

“All of these first-year players who redshirted last year and were on scout team have a genuine opportunity to compete and get on the special teams unit or even a starting spot,” Cosgrove said.

Turcotte, Masterson making progress

One of the many reasons the expectations for the 2009 season were so high was the return of All-American tailback Jared Turcotte. During his redshirt freshman campaign in 2008 he led the team in rushing with 640 yards and seven touchdowns. He also had a team-high 25 receptions for 286 yards and a touchdown.

The Lewiston native missed all of last season due to an undisclosed injury and has undergone two lower-abdominal surgeries.

“People are asking me about Jared’s situation and he doesn’t have that level of frustration about him,” Cosgrove said. “This is something that has been wearing him down because it’s the great unknown and sometimes his body has indicated that, but it’s good to see his spirits back up.”

Despite not being able to participate in spring practice, Turcotte is making positive steps

toward returning to his bruising form from 2008.

Another missing component from 2009 was senior linebacker Mark Masterson, who was expected to lead a defensive corps that lost six starters from 2008.

Masterson was the fifth-leading tackler in 2008 for UMaine, but went down with a right foot injury last fall and missed the final nine games of the season.

The 6-foot-3-inch, 223-pounder who occupies the “rover” line-backing spot was granted a medical redshirt and is back with the Black Bears for his fifth season.

“Mark Masterson was one of our expected big-play guys last year, but missed the whole season,” Cosgrove said. “He’s still not cleared to be turned loose but he’s practicing in some capacities now.”

Masterson also underwent surgery for a torn labrum in the off-season.

Quarterback battle

With rising juniors Warren Smith and Chris Treister returning in the fall, Cosgrove has two quarterbacks with starting experience.

Smith, a transfer from Iona College, took over the starting job early last season and made five starts. He threw for 1,695 yards and 12 touchdowns as the Black Bears transformed their offense into an aerial attack.

Smith broke his foot in a late-season game at James Madison though and had to undergo surgery to repair it. He is currently behind physically, but is expected to be 100 percent for preseason camp in August.

Treister stepped in for Smith and completed a school-record 40 passes for 468 yards and five touchdowns in his Nov. 14 debut against the University of Rhode Island. He followed that performance with a solid effort at UNH, where he threw for two more scores.

“It’s very much to our advantage to have two experienced quarterbacks,” Cosgrove said. “We’re going to end up with a guy who’s a proven player in the league. We’ll just let them compete as teammates and announce [the starter] when the time’s ready.”

CAA landscape changing

After the conclusion of last season, the CAA took a blow when two teams dropped their football programs due to budget constraints.

Northeastern University and Hofstra University, both teams in the CAA North Division, eliminated their teams, putting the conference in a difficult situation.

Without an even distribution of teams, the CAA ditched its division format and went to a single 10-team conference.

“It significantly alters the balance of power in the league,” Cosgrove said. “There are six teams in the south and four in the north and it really skews the traveling. Those are two bus trips for us that are no longer in place.”

Despite two teams dropping football, the CAA still has the last two national champions — Richmond and Villanova — in its conference.

“One thing it hasn’t changed is the ability of the conference,” Cosgrove said. “We’re in a challenging spot because we’re in the best division in the FCS so we have to be ready to compete.”

Notes: UMaine had its seventh spring practice on Saturday morning. They have seven practices remaining and the spring season culminates with the annual Jeff Cole Memorial Spring Scrimmage on May 1 at 10 a.m.

Gibbs picks up fifth win, UMaine, Binghamton split four-game series

By Adam Clark
MEC Staff

The University of Maine and Binghamton University baseball teams figure to be in contention for the regular season America East title and the right to host the conference tourney at the end of May.

On Saturday and Sunday, both teams showed why they are two of the favorites in the conference, splitting a pair of games each day at Varsity Field in Vestal, N.Y.

Binghamton (12-17 overall, 4-3 America East) won Saturday’s first game 3-1 and rallied to win Sunday’s final game 13-11. UMaine (19-16, 4-3) took Saturday’s second game 7-5 and Sunday’s first contest 3-1.

UMaine resumes play at home on Tuesday against Bates College for a nonconference game at 5 p.m. They open up their home conference slate on Saturday against the University of Hartford at 1 p.m.

In Saturday’s first game, James Giuletti outdueled UMaine freshman Steve Perakslis as Binghamton picked up a 3-1 win.

Giuletti (4-2) went all seven innings for the Bearcats, allowing only one run on six hits. He struck out six Black Bears.

In the bottom of the third inning, Binghamton took a 1-0 lead when Jeff Abrams scored on a balk. The Black Bears tied it up in the next half of the inning when Tyler Patzalek singled, advanced to third on a Lewis double and scored on an Ian Leisenheimer groundout.

That’s all UMaine could muster against Giuletti. Binghamton took the lead for good in the sixth inning. Henry Dunn hit an RBI triple and scored when Dave Ciochi hit a sacrifice fly.

Perakslis (2-4) went six innings for the Black Bears, allowing three runs on three hits. Patzalek led UMaine offensively, going 3-for-3 at the plate.

In Saturday’s second game, the Black Bears scored three runs with two outs in the top of the seventh and held off Binghamton in a 7-5 win.

With the score tied at 3 in the seventh, Ian Leisenheimer scored on a two-out double by Patane to give UMaine a 4-3 lead. Fransoso followed with an RBI single and after stealing second base he scored on a Mercurio single to increase the lead to 6-3.

The Bearcats responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning, before UMaine added an insurance run on a Matt Howard RBI single in the eighth inning.

Keith Bilodeau (1-1) picked up the win in relief for the Black Bears, going three innings allowing two unearned runs on three hits. Justin Latta pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up his second save of the season.

Fransoso led UMaine with three hits and an RBI. Seven different players drove in runs for the Black Bears.

In Sunday’s first game, freshman right-hander Jeffrey Gibbs escaped a bases loaded, no out jam in the sixth inning and stranded the tying run on second base in the seventh inning as the Black Bears won 3-1.

Gibbs (5-2) scattered nine hits over seven innings, allowing an unearned run and striking out six.



Staff photo by Amy Brooks
Myckie Lugbauer checks his swing in a home game earlier this season. Lugbauer and the Black Bears split a four-game series at Binghamton this weekend. They resume play Tuesday against Bates College.

With UMaine leading 3-1 in the sixth inning, Binghamton loaded up the bases. Gibbs got out of the jam unscathed though as he struck out Joel Stubbs and then Mike Danaher grounded into an inning-ending 4-3 double play.

In the seventh inning, Gibbs surrendered a leadoff single and then got two straight outs. Corey Taylor doubled with two outs and the runner advanced to third. With the potential tying run at second base, Gibbs struck out pinch hitter Jeff Skelthorne-Gross to pick up his America East-leading fifth win.

UMaine never trailed in the contest, jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Taylor Lewis drove in Michael Fransoso with an RBI single.

In the fourth inning, Tony Patane hit an RBI single to increase the lead to 2-0.

Binghamton cut the lead in half in the bottom of the fourth when Danaher hit an RBI single.

UMaine took a 3-1 lead in the fifth inning when Joey Martin drove in Joe Mercurio with an RBI single.

Patane led the Black Bears offensively with two hits.

Mike Aguilera (1-2) picked up the loss for the Bearcats. He went all seven innings allowing three runs. Aguilera struck out eight and walked four.

In Sunday’s second game, Peter Bregartner hit a go-ahead two-run single in a three-run eighth inning as Binghamton edged UMaine 13-11. The Bearcats had a five-run advantage after the first inning.

After the Black Bears took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, Binghamton sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom half, chasing starter Matt Jebb who lasted on 2/3 of an inning. Binghamton scored seven runs in the frame.

UMaine cut into the lead each inning, scoring two runs in the second and third innings and then adding three in the sixth to tie the game at 9.

In the top of the seventh, Mercurio and Lewis hit back-to-back RBI singles to give UMaine an 11-9 advantage.

Binghamton responded with a run in the seventh inning and then pushed across three more in the eighth to take a 13-11 lead.

Binghamton pounded out 19 hits in the contest, while UMaine had 18.

Justin Latta (3-1) picks up the loss in relief for UMaine. He went 3 2/3 innings and gave up four runs, three of those in the eighth inning.

UMaine was led offensively by Tyler Patzalek and Mercurio who each had four hits. Joey Martin had three RBI.

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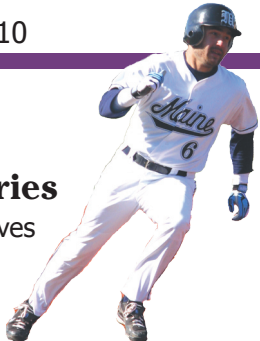
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UM, BU split America East series

Freshman righty improves to 5-2 on the mound

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Problems with the NBA

League is on the decline from last decade

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Cleveland, L.A. set up for NBA Finals run

The NBA's scheduling department does its best to make a postseason featuring the best basketball players in the world as over-wrought and unsavory as a Tiger Woods press conference, by stretching out the games over the absurdly-prolonged period of two months.



Michael Pare

But, this year, a compelling infusion of exciting young talent could challenge the NBA's established order of dominance and bring much needed intrigue to the 2010 playoffs.

The Boston Celtics, unfortunately, are neither compelling, exciting, nor young so don't expect to hear much from them in this or any other media outlet, unless you are an AARP magazine subscriber.

The San Antonio Spurs have been hobbling around on their last legs for the past two years, and smoke, mirrors, and DeJuan Blair aren't enough to keep them on the map.

The Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks have excelled with an eclectic mix of aging athletes and floppy haired superstars, but their bum knees won't hold up to the grind of the playoffs.

The Charlotte Bobcats, Chicago Bulls, Milwaukee Bucks, Miami Heat, Portland Trail-blazers, and Utah Jazz all have exciting pieces but are hampered

See NBA on B4

Ex-UM star vying for Team USA



File photo

Former University of Maine rugby star Tony Purpura avoids a Bates College player in a game last year. Purpura is hoping to garner a spot on the U.S. team for the 2011 World Cup Tournament to be held in New Zealand.

By Jesse Scardina
For The Maine Campus

As one sport's World Cup draws nearer and nearer, another sport's World Cup looms patiently off in the distance as the Rugby Union waits for 2011 to arrive, kicking off the seventh quadrennial World Cup Tournament. The big brother of American football has more significance to the University of Maine then you might originally think.

Recent UMaine graduate and rugby star Tony Purpura is vying for a spot on the U. S. squad. It seems as if he's able to keep up the tenacity and skill he's produced in the last five and only years he's played the game, then nothing short of New Zealand — the home of the 2011 Rugby Union World Cup — awaits.

"Tony is one of the best rugby players I have ever seen play," UMaine rugby coach George Criner said. "Tony was a big factor in UMaine ending up ninth in the nation last year."

It's true rugby success has followed Purpura wherever he's gone since he picked up the sport at UMaine in his freshman year. In addition to leading UMaine to national acclaim last year, Purpura currently has his Boston Rugby Club team at a 2-2 record, with both losses coming to the two top teams.

Purpura also had the opportunity to experience the game down under, while he represented New Zealand's Mid Canterbury, where they lost in the finals of the National Provincial Championship.

Purpura, who lines up at loose-head prop and tight-head prop while on the pitch, hopes

to bring his valuable experience to the World Cup team.

"Playing in New Zealand, I was surrounded by great players, coaches and experienced mentors. It was a great experience, and they are very passionate. Rugby is their country's number one sport," Purpura said.

Purpura is optimistic about his chances of making the squad, especially after excelling in the latest training camp in Houston, Texas. The next step after that is getting invited to a camp in Chula Vista, Calif.

"They e-mailed me, asking my availability for May 7 to the 9, which is the same time as the camp in California," Purpura said.

UMaine assistant coach Mark Grimes also

See Rugby on B4

2 school records broken in Labreck's 1st heptathlon

By Derek McKinley
MEC Staff

University of Maine sophomore Jesse Labreck competed in her first career heptathlon this weekend at the College of the Holy Cross. Heptathlons require athletes to compete in seven events spanning all the disciplines in the track and field spectrum except distance running.



Labreck

Heptathlon times and distances are calculated using a complex formula that assigns a numerical value to their performance. One thousand points is typically considered to be the benchmark of a good performance, though elite athletes often score well above that number in several events.

Heptathletes generally specialize in one aspect of the competition, but Labreck is highly competitive in both the sprints and the jumps, earning her an advantage over many of her opponents.

Labreck's hurdle prowess helped her to open a gap on the competition in the 100-meter hurdle race and in the overall scoring, as she came away with the university record in the event after a 13.75 second performance. The time earned her 1,014 points.

Labreck continued her dominance by jumping 5-05.25 in the high jump, good for another

er victory and 806 points.

The greatest testament to Labreck's versatility may have come in the third event, the shot put, where despite having limited experience, Labreck managed to place second behind Boston University freshman Allison Barwise with a 31-10.75 foot throw, earning her 511 points.

In the final event of the first day, Labreck returned to form, sprinting to victory in 25.39 seconds, nearly a second ahead of runner-up Barwise. That performance raked in 851 points to put Labreck's first day total at 3,182 points, giving her a 229-point cushion heading into the final three events.

The first event of day two played to Labreck's other strength, as she was able to take second place in the long jump, again trailing only Barwise with a mark of 18-01.5, adding 709 points to her total. Labreck's only struggle came during the javelin throw, another event she has only limited familiarity with. She

mustered a throw of just 57-04, tying her for 12th place out of 15 competitors and earning just 242 points. Labreck's lone misstep dropped her out of the lead and left her trailing Barwise by 19 points heading into the final event, the 800-meter run.

Though her time was a far cry from the existing record, Labreck's 2:22.57 finish was good for a close victory in the event over third place finisher Kelly Thomas of the University of New Hampshire. Labreck added 789 points to her score, which came to 4,922 points -- over 300 points ahead of Barwise in second.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey
(1988 Seoul Olympics)

100 hurdles – 12.69s
High jump – 1.86m
Shot put – 15.80m
200-meter dash – 22.56s
Long jump – 7.27m
Javelin – 45.66m
800-meter run – 2m, 8.51s

TOTAL – 7,291

Jesse Labreck
(2010 at Holy Cross)

100 hurdles – 13.75s
High jump – 1.66m
Shot put – 9.72m
200-meter dash – 25.39s
Long jump – 5.53m
Javelin – 17.48m
800-meter run – 2m, 22.57s

TOTAL – 4,922

The score was good enough to qualify her for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet later in the year, and also bested the existing record of 4,705 set by current Black Bear assistant coach Katie Souviney in 2005. Unfortunately for the Black Bears, the rest of the meet was postponed due to inclement weather and did not begin until after press time.

Banged-up Bears working toward improved season



File photo

Mark Masterson fends off two St. Cloud State players in the season-opening contest in 2009. Masterson missed nine games last season due to injury. He is expected to anchor the UMaine defense in 2010.

By Adam Clark
MEC Staff

The University of Maine football team is banged up. Several players have donned the red shirt, restricting them from full participation in practices.

The good thing for coach Jack Cosgrove and the Black Bears is they are currently in the middle of their spring practice schedule and don't open up regular season play

until Sept. 2 against the University of Albany.

"There are a lot of significant names that aren't practicing this spring and if they're practicing, they're practicing with some restrictions on them," said Cosgrove, who had 18 players undergo offseason surgery.

UMaine, coming off a 5-6 season and a second-place finish in the Colonial Athletic Association North Division, returns a cast of

veteran players in 2010, including 19 starters.

Despite several key players being unable to suit up or to only participate in a limited capacity, Cosgrove is optimistic about the season.

"We're excited to see them progressing and we're happy to see on June 1 they'll all be cleared to play as we head into our summer

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