

Fall 11-3-2011

Maine Campus November 3 2011

Maine Campus Staff

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus>

Repository Citation

Staff, Maine Campus, "Maine Campus November 3 2011" (2011). *Maine Campus Archives*. 65.
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus/65>

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Campus Archives by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.



The Maine Campus

Landfill employees fight 'falsehoods'

Despite community outrage, Juniper Ridge workers defend Casella; say waste does not pollute Old Town, Alton

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

When a truck driver brings a load to Juniper Ridge Landfill, he has to stop at the scales so the weight of his truck and where he came from can be recorded.

He must then drive under nozzles that spray his load with an odor-reducing chemical compound. If it's growing dark, he'll be able to see landfill gas burning at the top of the flare in front of him.

As he drives up the landfill's dome, he must keep a keen eye on the edge of the narrow access road.

He is 325 feet above sea level as he dumps. A bulldozer and trash compacter maneuver around him. On a clear day, he

might see Mt. Katahdin 65 miles away.

On his way out of the state-owned landfill, operated by Vermont-based Casella Waste Systems, Inc., he must drive his empty truck back under the nozzles to receive another spritz of what amounts to industrial-strength Febreze.

As Jeremy Labbe, engineer and environmental compliance manager for Casella, points out, loads can sit and stew in trucks as they're loaded before coming to the landfill. Some empty trucks smell as bad as full ones.

The driver must stop to be weighed again before leaving to determine how much was dumped — and how much his company is to be charged.

Drivers delivering waste on

Tuesday during a tour of the landfill by The Maine Campus would have seen a frenzied cloud of seagulls wheeling over Cell 7, which is being built and covered with soft-layer attracting scavengers.

Soft-layer, composed of municipal solid waste (MSW), serves two purposes. It helps keep water leaching out of accumulating waste from contaminating the earth beneath the landfill. It also prevents construction and demolition debris (CDD), partially composed of shards of wood, from poking holes in the landfill's liner as waste settles.

When waste is dumped in Cell 7, more than 3 feet of clay, sand and synthetic liners will separate it from soil.

The landfill is organized into cells. One must be filled and closed before the next can be used. Casella is building Cell 7 while Cell 6 is still being filled so the landfill won't have to turn away trucks as it transitions between the two.

It smells worse near Cell 7 than on top of the landfill. MSW has a more offensive odor than

CDD, which Juniper Ridge takes in daily, because it contains more moisture. The landfill can only accept MSW as bypass, meaning a load of waste intended for a waste-to-energy incinerator was turned away.

Labbe said he's accustomed to the smells, but he hasn't stopped noticing them.

"It's part of our job to notice any kind of odor," he said. "People are like, 'What's that smell?,' and I know exactly what that smell is."

Dan Dutile, environmental technician for Casella, said other landfills he has visited don't prioritize burying waste.

"Some landfills that are in out-of-the-way places such as this don't spend much time protecting the surrounding land from litter," he said. "They let it pile up."

Expanding waste line

The state awarded Casella a \$26 million, 30-year contract to operate Juniper Ridge in 2003.

The landfill, which straddles the Old Town-Alton town line,

was built by Georgia-Pacific as a disposal site for what Dutile and Labbe term "sludge" from its tissue mill in Old Town. That sludge is in cells 1 and 2.

Georgia-Pacific threatened to leave Old Town in 2003 unless the state took over the operating costs for the landfill. The state bought the landfill and placed it under the State Planning Office's oversight. Casella, the only bidder, won the contract to operate the landfill, and Georgia-Pacific left Old Town in 2006.

In Labbe's opinion, "there's no question" that Casella operates the landfill better than Georgia-Pacific did, but he emphasized that Georgia-Pacific only had to deal with its own sludge. It's different now.

Juniper Ridge has become a crusade for many area residents,

and in the past year, interest has been piqued.

A public benefit determination meeting about a proposed expansion of the landfill, held Oct. 24 at the Black Bear Inn in Orono, drew more than 200 people. Audience members, limited to four minutes each, combined to speak for two hours. At the end of the meeting, police officers from Orono, Old Town and Veazie were on-hand in the parking lot.

The meeting was "rowdy," in the words of Orono police Sgt. Scott Wilcox, with Ralph Coffman of Old Town memorably shouting over the audience's cheers that Casella and Juniper Ridge "need to find a new place for this s—t" housed in the land-

See Landfill on A3

"A lot of those people there are very emotional ... and they do make statements that are distorted and outright falsehoods."

Dan Dutile
Environmental technician



"Casella's not this entity out in the middle of nowhere looking to ruin people."

Jeremy Labbe
Engineer and environmental compliance manager



Beth Kevit • News Editor
A bulldozer moves dirt on top of the Juniper Ridge Landfill to make room for more waste.

Voting, gambling expansions to be decided

College GOP chapters disagree on Question 1

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

In step with state leaders in citing potential for voter fraud, the University of Maine's College Republicans announced this week that they oppose a state ballot question that would maintain Election Day voter registration.

Meanwhile, the co-chair of Brunswick's Bowdoin College chapter said the leadership of his "moderate" group decided to break with state Republican leadership to oppose the question, signaling a division in young conservatives statewide.

In a Monday news release, UMaine's chapter wrote, "Same day voter registration is a vehicle that facilitates voter fraud, which is an embarrassment to our republic," endorsing a "no" vote on Question 1.

"I wasn't sure which side to support initially," said Eric Lichtenberg, a fourth-year political science student and the approximately 100-person chapter's chairman. "I think [repealing same-day voter registration] makes the voting system more secure."

The law that has allowed Maine voters to register on Election Day since 1973 was repealed in June when Gov. Paul LePage signed a bill sponsored by Speaker of the

House Robert Nutting, R-Oakland, that prohibited registering or voting absentee after the Thursday prior to elections. It passed both houses of the Maine Legislature on a near-party-line vote.

Due to a successful people's veto effort, Maine voters will decide on the law Nov. 8. A "yes" vote on Question 1 would keep same-day registration; a "no" vote would uphold its legislative repeal. The repeal was put on hold because of the impending referendum.

In an interview last week, Maine Republican Party Chairman Charlie Webster, a same-day registration opponent, said he had support of "College Republicans across the whole state" on the issue.

He said he went to a meeting in 2010 attended by 12 members of a College Republicans chapter. He declined to say at what institution the meeting was held. Of those 12, Webster said, four planned to vote in Maine.

"Most of them vote at home, anyways — where they're from," Webster said then.

But a column published in the Oct. 21 in the Bowdoin Orient, the college's student newspaper, announced leadership of campus

See GOP on A4

Election education



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Kate Spies and Courtney Burne educate voters in the Memorial Union on Wednesday afternoon. They provided copies of the ballots and information on "No Labels," a program to find a common ground between parties. They also had a computer set up so students and faculty could register for absentee ballots.

The ballot deconstructed: How will you vote Nov. 8?

By Jamison Cocklin
Asst. News Editor

Maine voters will head to the polls on Nov. 8 to voice opinions on four statewide referendum questions included on this year's ballot.

Question 1 asks voters whether they want to repeal a law passed in June by the state legislature that would eliminate same-day voter registration and require new voters to register at least two days prior to an election.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would uphold same-day registration and a "no" vote would disallow it.

Question 2 asks voters to approve slot machines at harness racing tracks in Biddeford and Washington County.

Specifically, the Biddeford project would relocate Scarborough Downs to Biddeford, where a hotel would be built. Proponents of the project say it would create 800 construction jobs and 500 full-time jobs.

The Washington County racino would be tied to the Passamaquoddy tribe. If the measure passes, supporters

have identified Calais as the location for the facility.

Currently, there is only one racino in Maine — Hollywood Slots in Bangor. Another casino is under construction in Oxford County after voter approval in 2010.

On Election Day, Penobscot County voters will also vote on a local referendum asking whether 14 table games should be added to the 1,000 slot machines currently in operation at Hollywood Slots.

If approved, the plan is to install one roulette table, six blackjack tables, one dice table, one 3-card poker table, four Texas hold-em-type tables and one "Let It Ride" poker table, according to Hollywood Slots.

Similarly, Question 3 asks whether a casino with table games and slot machines should be built in downtown Lewiston. A "yes" vote would allow the project to go forth.

University of Maine political science professor Amy Fried attributed the rising trend of gaming-related initiatives in the state and their

See Ballot on A2

Winterize yourself

Preparation is the secret, local experts say
Page A3

Endorsement: Yes on 2

The 'preariat,' a biker's lament, the China problem
Page A6

UM football fight for first

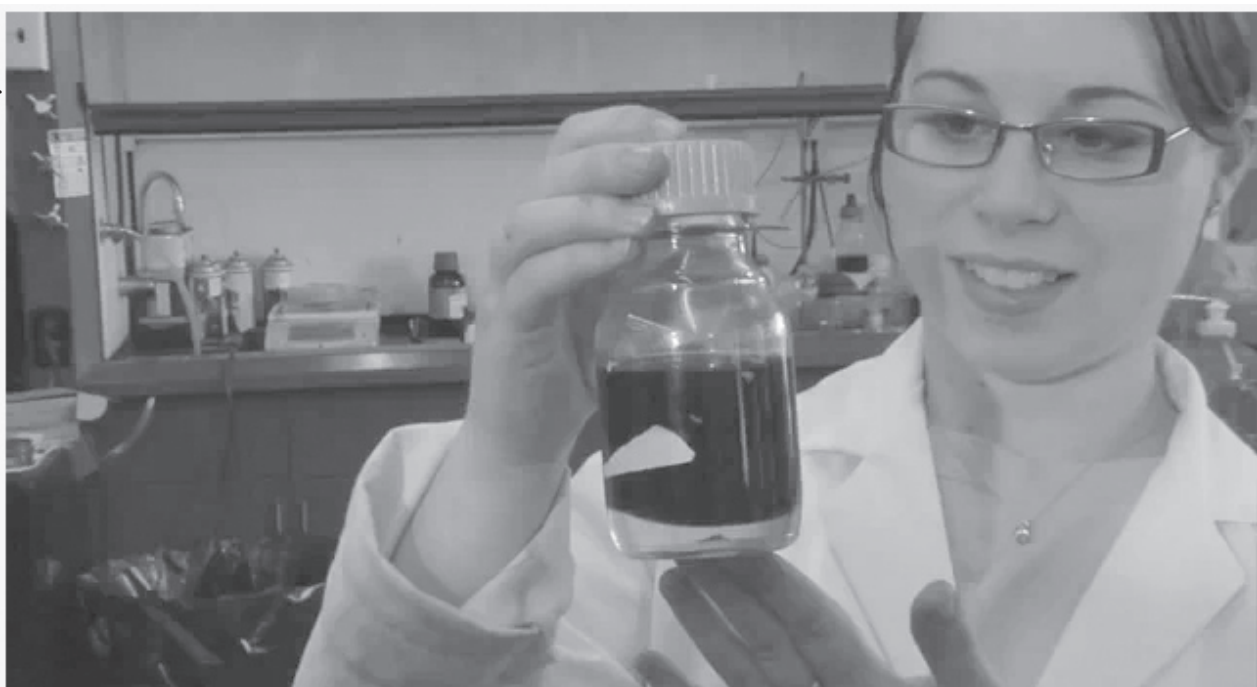
Black Bears host No. 2 Towson this weekend
Page B1

Inside

Police Beat A4
Diversions A5
Opinion A6
Style & Culture B1
Sports B6

Video screenshot courtesy University of Maine

Paige Case, a chemical engineering student, holds a container filled with oil made from wood in a University of Maine video. The process of creating the biofuel oil was developed by Clayton Wheeler, a University of Maine professor of chemical and biological engineering.



Wood yields fuel for UM team

But it won't change oil consumption anytime soon, professor warns

By Chris Chase
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine is giving wood a makeover.

Clay Wheeler, an associate professor of chemical and biological engineering, and his team of university students and fellow staff have created a process to convert wood into a biofuel.

The process involves extracting cellulose from the wood and converting it into an organic acid. Calcium hydroxide is added, creating a calcium salt. This salt is heated up to 450 degrees Celsius in a special reactor.

After all that, scientists have a small amount of biofuel.

With hundreds of tons of biomass going unused in various industries around the world, the idea of converting waste cellulose into fuel is attractive. But the process won't be commercially available any time soon, according to Wheeler.

"We still don't understand enough about the process," he said.

The engineering to make it into a large-scale operation

hasn't been accomplished yet. "We're at such an early stage, it's hard to say where it will be in the future," Wheeler added.

Wheeler predicts the process will be relatively efficient once it reaches a commercially viable stage.

"The waste products will be used to supply energy to the process," he said, explaining that by-products of char and light gasses could be recycled.

Wheeler said this research is of special interest to Maine due to the scope of the forestry industry. A product produced straight from the industry's waste could be a financial boon.

"Part of our mission is to enable the industries in the state to be more competitive," Wheeler said.

The thing that makes this

new fuel so attractive compared to other bio-fuels, such as ethanol, is the relatively low oxygen content in the fuel.

"The unique thing about this process is it makes a hydrocarbon fuel, which means that it is compatible with our existing infrastructure," Wheeler said.

"Even if we convert the entire biomass of the United States, we barely make a dent in our oil consumption."

Clay Wheeler
Associate Professor
chemical and biological
engineering

This lack of oxygen also makes it a much more viable option for aviation.

The process produces 3.2 barrels of oil per oven-dry metric ton of wood, with two-thirds of the process becoming waste products that could be recycled to produce energy.

Research is continuing in part due to a Department of Defense grant, as well as \$4 million in funding from the Department of Energy.

Even with the process us-

ing waste products, it may not be viable commercially due to how inexpensive oil is to produce.

"Fuels aren't very valuable, and biomass is expensive," Wheeler said.

"[Oil] is easy to transport too. You drill a hole. It's all automated — it just comes flowing out of the well," Wheeler said. "There's simple processing and then it gets pumped into a huge ship that gets transported at almost no cost across an ocean and pumped right into a refinery."

"Anybody who has worked up wood for a stove in the winter knows that there is a lot of work involved in processing biomass. As long as oil is cheap, biofuels are going to be difficult to make economical.

"Even if we convert the entire biomass of the United States, we barely make a dent in our oil consumption," he added.

However, he feels there will be a place for his fuel in the future.

"I know that it's unique," Wheeler said. "I know that it has some advantages over existing technologies."

GSS endorses same-day voting, citing UM impact

A yes on Question 1 would protect student voting rights, says sponsor

By Tom Frisk
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine General Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution supporting same-day voter registration at its Tuesday meeting.

Sponsored by senate President Pro Tempore Sam Helmke and co-sponsored by Sens. Ben Goodman and Chris Knoblock, the resolution states, "The General Student Senate hereby endorses a 'yes' vote on Question One of the November 2011 ballot."

"It is important to hold up voter rights in the state," Helmke said.

"This [opposition to same-day registration] is part of a national effort to try and crack down on voting rights," Goodman said. "Never before in the history of this country have we seen someone from an outside group come in and try [to] just take away freedoms."

"The largest number of voters we see are voters who register that same day," said Nate Wildes, undergraduate student chair for UMaine UVote. "This is an important matter because the largest number of voters that we see on campus are undergraduates, particularly freshmen, who come into vote that were not aware that they

needed to re-register when they moved to college.

"There were approximately 750 freshmen who voted in the 2008 election, and of that 750, over 500 of them registered to vote on Election Day," Wildes added.

The senate also allocated \$1,272.25 to the Mock Trial Team.

Sen. Kim Dao expressed concern that Black Bear Dining's relationship with students is still rocky. She said senators will hold the monthly meeting with Auxiliary Services and Black Bear Dining on Nov. 3.

Helmke described his experience in a dining hall on a buffalo chicken night, a popular meal attraction.

"The line was epically long because of the hand-scanners and their lack of effectiveness, so I would say that they need to go," he said.

Lauri Sidelko announced a pep rally on Nov. 10 at noon in the Memorial Union Marketplace.

"We have a lot of athletic teams that are doing well," she said, adding that she hopes students will attend to support those team members.

Helmke moved to postpone discussion of the Alpine Skiing Club's allocation approval to next week's meeting since no representatives attended the meeting.

"There were approximately 750 freshmen who voted in the 2008 election, and of that 750, over 500 of them registered to vote on Election Day."

Nate Wildes
UMaine UVote

Ballot from A1

dominance on this year's ballot to the success of similar referendum questions in the past, such as voter approval for the Hollywood Slots racino in 2003.

"Once gambling initiatives began to pass in Maine, this opened the doors for other areas and gambling companies to try to establish themselves," she said. "Moreover, with hard economic times, the argument

that these concerns would bring jobs carries greater persuasive power."

Fried added that voter turnout is likely to be greater in areas most affected by these gaming initiatives, like Biddeford, Lewiston or even Bangor, where opponents of questions 2 and 3 say jobs could be impacted by increased competition any new gambling facilities would bring.

Also on the statewide ballot is Question 4, which was proposed by the legislature. It would change the years in which Maine is redistricted after 2013, from 2023 to 2021 and ev-

ery 10th year after that.

Redistricting takes place every 10 years, voter approval would allow Maine to be redistricted in 2021, two years before it is currently scheduled, and then follow the 10-year schedule.

The measure would amend the state's constitution, and a "yes" vote would allow the change to be made.

Unlike the other three referendum questions, there is no opposition to Question 4, and various reports in the news media have expressed a wide array of support for the measure, as it is expected to make the redistricting

process easier in the future.

In all, questions 1, 2 and 3 have raised a total of \$5 million, according to campaign finance reports.

More than half of all the money raised, a total of \$3.2 million, has come from supporters of Question 2.

The opponents of gambling initiatives have raised nearly \$670,000, with \$250,000 of that coming from Penn National Gaming, which owns Hollywood Slots.

Supporters of Question 3, the Lewiston casino initiative, have raised more than \$365,000.

For Question 1, same-day voting registration, the majority of money raised has come from supporters, totaling \$560,000, while opponents have raised \$50,000.

Public officials in both Orono and Old Town expect modest turnout on Nov. 8. Bangor city clerk Patty Dubois said she is expecting more voters than usual for an off-year election.

"Even though it's an off-year, I think it's going to be very busy," Dubois said. "We're expecting a heavy turnout due to the nature of the questions on the ballot."

Annual Holiday Children's Book Drive

Sponsored by the UMaine Department of Education & Human Development, Old Town-Orono Kiwanis Club in collaboration with the University Bookstore

The University Bookstore is happy to be involved with this book drive again. RECEIVE 20% off any children's book purchase at the University Bookstore.

Established 34 years ago in partnership with the Old Town-Orono Kiwanis Club and the College of Education and Human Development has hosted this community project to make books available to deserving children. Club members distribute the books at the Kiwanis annual holiday party for area children.

The public is invited to join in the tradition by donating new books suitable for ages toddlers to teens. Unwrapped books may be brought to the office of College Dean Anne E. Pooler, 151 Shibles Hall, or the University Bookstore, Memorial Union, through the entire month of November.

For every children's book purchased & donated, the Bookstore will happily match the donation for the book drive. So please buy and donate often—more kids will get more books!

Thank you for your heartfelt donation!

www.bookstore.umaine.edu

How you can register to vote and cast a ballot

This year's referendum election will be held on Nov. 8. Voters must be 17 years or older to register and may be required in some instances to present photo identification or proof of residency, such as a piece of mail. Only those 18 years and older can vote in general elections. Ballots can be cast only at a polling place located in a voter's area of residency.

Due to a recently amended state law, if voters are unable to vote in person, they can obtain an absentee ballot from their local town office or city hall, or at www.maine.gov. The deadline for absentee voting is Nov. 3, unless the voter completes a "special circumstances" application that meets certain criteria. In this case, the voter can cast an absentee ballot up until Nov. 9. For more information, or if your place of residency does not appear below, contact your local town office, or city hall. **You can register to vote on Election Day at your polling place, despite Question 1's appearance on the ballot.**

Orono

Orono residents, including University of Maine students living on campus, can register to vote from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Orono Town Office, located at 59 Main Street from now until Nov. 8. Voters can cast their ballots at either the Orono Town Office or at the Orono Senior Citizen Center, located at 10 Birch Street. UMaine students living on-campus vote at the Memorial Union. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots can be obtained by going to the town office or calling 207-866-2556.

Old Town

Old Town residents can register to vote from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Old Town City Hall, located at 265 Main Street from now until Nov. 8. Voting will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 5 Gilman Falls Avenue, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots can be obtained by visiting www.oldtown.org or the Old Town City Hall, or by calling 207-827-3965.

Bangor

Bangor residents can register to vote from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bangor City Hall, located at 73 Harlow Street from now until Nov. 7. Until Nov. 3, voters can also register during early voting at the Bangor Civic Center, located at 100 Dutton Street, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Election Day, voting will take place at the Bangor Auditorium from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling 207-992-4220 or visiting www.bangormaine.gov. City clerk Patty Dubois reminds voters that the Dutton Street entrance is closed due to construction at Bass Park, so voters must use the Buck Street entrance.

LET IT SNOW



How are locals getting ready for another winter wonderland?

By Rob Stigile
Features Editor

The snowstorm that dumped up to 20 inches of the white stuff in some places and broke records throughout the state marked the first significant weather event this winter, signalling Mainers to begin the annual process of weather-proofing every aspect of their lives against the oncoming cold.

Winter could prove to be a particularly nasty season for New England this year according to several forecasting services, premonitions that underscore the need to break out the window wrap and rock salt before storms with longer-lasting effects move into the region.

The Farmers' Almanac, an annual publication that bills itself as a "compendium of knowledge" on a range of topics ranging from weather to cooking, has labeled the coming season as one of "clime and punishment," with New England facing a series of stormy, snowy months.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also predicted a possibility of heavy snowfall totals across the Northeast but cautioned that storms for this region are influenced by short-lived weather patterns in the North Atlantic, making it difficult to produce an accurate forecast.

So far in Orono, it seems residents are more concerned with falling temperatures than the impending doom of a stormy winter. Dave Stowe at Park's Hardware said that so far, the most common seasonal items purchased have been those that plug holes and prevent drafts, as well as repair pieces for wood stove systems.

"When you get the first couple of cold days, people start thinking along those lines of heating and insulation," Stowe said, adding that winterizing supplies are "selling real well right now."

According to Stowe, who previously worked at Old Town's Aubuchon Hardware store, area residents tend to think ahead when it comes to keeping warm but prepare for snow removal after-the-fact.

"In my experience, people don't pre-buy," he said. "They'll usually come in after the storms."

Of course, a strong showing from Jack Frost this year could lead to a great deal of frustration when it comes to traveling in dangerous conditions, which can take a serious toll on vehicles of all kinds.

Cheryl Murray at Murray's Service Center in Orono recommends drivers begin every aspect of their vehicles, from installing studded snow tires to replacing coolants.

Even small details play a part in maintaining a car through a New England winter. The driver of one car brought to Murray's after this last storm tried to use the windshield wipers to clear the glass, a shortcut that ended with a broken attachment point that was damaged under the stress of heavy, wet snow.

"That's a little rough on those regular wiper blades. They just can't take it," Murray said.

Aside from structural problems, winter also wreaks havoc on engine components, with falling temperatures affecting the ability of fluids to flow. Additionally, the technology used in car batteries does not hold up well in cold weather, a problem that is usually discovered when vehicles refuse to start on freezing mornings. To avoid this problem, Murray recommends changing a car battery at least every five years.

In general, she believes everyone who plans to drive this winter should at least get their car checked by a mechanic for potential problems.

"Take it to whoever you trust and have them check it out," she said. "Whether or not you take their advice — well, that's up to you."

Even for those who do not drive, winter interjects a slew of obstacles into the transportation equation. A devotee of two-wheeled pedal power, fourth-year biology student Jonathan Boisselle rides his bike from his home in Orono to the university campus year-round, snow or no snow.

"It's pretty miserable," he admitted, adding that a core group of local bike enthusiasts goes "hard out here" even in the snow and slush.

Boisselle's advice for those who plan to keep riding throughout the year ran more along the lines of lessening the inevitable irritation of cold air temperatures and sloppy road conditions rather than pursuing the impossibility of achieving actual comfort.

A change of clothes is also a good idea, considering the puddles that accumulate on warmer days and the possibility of snow sticking to riding clothes, which become soaked after a few minutes inside a warm room. Also, a weekly chain greasing using a heavy-weight lube can help keep parts from binding up and corroding. Just like on a car, studded tires are a must, as the need to lean when turning on a bike can quickly lead to a crash on icy roads.

"I haven't had a catastrophic accident, but I've definitely slipped on an ice patch or two," Boisselle said.

At the Maine Bound Adventure Center, Boisselle works as a mechanic for the campus Blue Bikes program, which lends out an army of bicycles free of charge to anyone with a MaineCard. Already, students who have checked out bikes for the semester have brought them back, and the rack in the Maine Bound basement brims with the trademark blue frames.

Working closely with this fleet of bikes throughout the year, Boisselle said the ones returned after the winter generally need extensive repairs. In particular, he said nearly all of the cables on these winter machines must be replaced due to corrosion from road salt, a problem he has encountered on his own bikes.

"It's hell on the bikes," he said.

The less masochistic still have options to make the arduous trek to campus without the use of personal automobiles, provided they live along one of the routes of the Bangor Area Transportation Community Connector. If past ridership numbers are any indication for the future, those who ride the campus-to-Orono shuttle bus should expect to find an increasingly crowded ride as the calendar rolls closer to Thanksgiving.

Don Cooper, director of public transportation planning for the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System, said a typical year for the shuttle bus begins with a jump in ridership at the start of the fall semester, followed by a lull that routinely builds back to record numbers by the end of November.

In fact, the month with the most patrons on the shuttle in both 2008 and 2010 was November, totals that have helped push annual ridership more than 10,000 rides past the initial prediction of 30,000.

Cooper attributed the swings in ridership numbers to a combination of holiday seasons when students, the shuttle's main patron segment, leave Orono to be with their families and the development of social connections throughout the year.

"It might be because students ride in the beginning of the year and then make connections with classmates who might have a car," he said.

The staff at Orono's Public Works department have been busily preparing for the upcoming season, a process that involves everything from a year-round sand sifting operation to greasing equipment as it is taken out of storage. Even before this most recent storm, Orono staffers began to prepare for the chill by affixing wind-blocking panels on the town's Main Street bridge over the Stillwater River.

Public Works Director Rob Yerxa said public safety officials called his team to action around 1 a.m. on Sunday to begin clearing the unseasonable snowfall, a process that lasted roughly 10 hours. Yerxa said this storm, which fell on still unfrozen ground, was easy to clean up compared to midseason events, which have the added challenges of mounting snow piles and chillier temperatures.

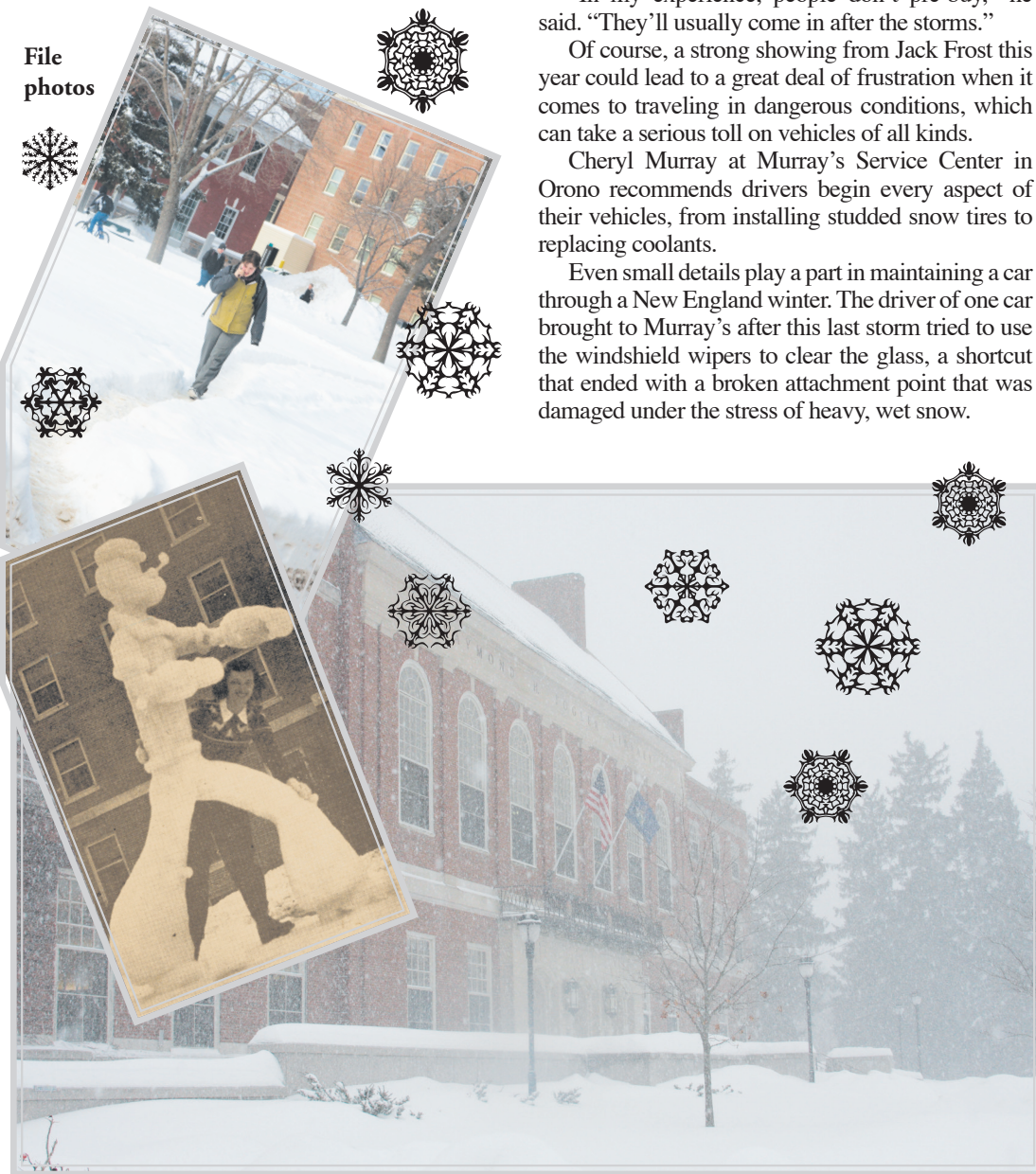
To hear Yerxa tell it, keeping the town's equipment running is no easy task.

"You're plowing along at 5 to 10 miles per hour with an 11-foot plow and an 11-foot wing scraping the ground," he said. "It puts a good deal of wear on the vehicles."

Despite the constant abuse his fleet takes in the winter, Yerxa said the average truck will last about 12 years, a lifespan he attributes to proper maintenance. Given his ability to extend the life of commercially employed vehicles, those more reluctant to embrace the impending season might want to heed some worthy advice.

"The secret is in the preparation," he said.

File photos



Landfill from A1

fill. The expansion would increase Juniper Ridge's permitted space from 10 million to 32 million cubic yards of waste. The landfill is permitted to build nine cells and reach a height of 390 feet above sea level. According to Dutile, more than 4 million cubic yards of waste are stored at Juniper Ridge.

In September 2011, Juniper Ridge took in more than 63,068 tons of waste, which included sludge, ash and CDD among other materials. According to monthly complaint records submitted to the SPO, as of September, Juniper Ridge received 17 complaints in 2011, mainly about odors, from area residents. In 2010, the landfill received 27 complaints. In 2009, it received 49.

The understanding that Casella would seek an expansion to the landfill was included in the contract with the state, Labbe said.

'Getting more radical'

Labbe has worked full-time for Casella for four years. He began as an intern while a student at the University of Maine. He graduated in 2005 with a degree in civil engineering and is now working on his Master's thesis in geotechnical engineering.

"Casella's not this entity out in the middle of nowhere looking to ruin people," Labbe said. "They're people, and they're good people."

He said he didn't attend the public benefit determination meeting nor did he attend "Living Downstream II," a lecture given by Paul Schroeder of Orono and Ed Spencer of Old Town as part of the Socialist

and Marxist Studies Series at UMaine on Oct. 27.

However, that doesn't mean he hasn't heard the vitriol surrounding the landfill.

"They're throwing out stuff that's kind of like spin," he said. "That hurts. It's like, 'Do you know what you're saying?'"

Dutile, who has worked for Casella for 10 years, said there is a "core group that is getting more radical all the time" and identified Coffman as a member of that group.

The Trash Tracking Network, of which Schroeder and Spencer are vocal members, has been fighting the landfill and its proposed expansion. The group's website, which contains links to documents related to the landfill, identifies its members as people who want "to bring transparency and accountability to the Maine solid waste industry."

The website describes Juniper Ridge as a "garbage behemoth" and displays a graphic with arrows highlighting "toxic leachate leaking into groundwater" and "toxic gases flared" at the landfill.

Dutile denies that Juniper Ridge is polluting the surrounding area. Leachate, water that collects in the landfill as waste settles, is stored in a tank until it is trucked over to Old Town Fuel and Fiber, which occupies the former Georgia-Pacific mill. The leachate is added to the mill's wastewater and treated according to Casella's contract with the state.

When Georgia-Pacific owned Juniper Ridge, leachate

collected in open pools that still exist, though now they collect storm water that runs off the landfill's plastic cover.

"If you look at the constituents in our leachate, it isn't really toxic. You can drink it and it's not going to keel you over," Dutile said.

He balked at the idea that Juniper Ridge employees would somehow endeavor to conceal truth from the landfill's neighbors.

"There isn't one [person] I know who would falsify anything nor do we offer bribes to keep anyone quiet. We're doing a job up here," he said.

'Landfill is the last step'

Casella has been accused, most recently at the Oct. 27 lecture, of seeking to bring in as much waste as it can for the highest profit possible.

And while the landfill is a business that must attract waste, Labbe, at least, is not advocat-

ing that the landfill swell to the bursting point.

"One thing I like about Maine is landfill is the last step" in the state's waste management plan, Labbe said. "Hopefully 30 years from now, we have something more clever to do with the stuff [that gets landfilled]."

Juniper Ridge spreads wood fines, produced at a Lewiston-based subsidiary from broken-down CDD, as a barrier between each day's new waste and the air in hopes of controlling the landfill's odor.

"The only issue with fines is when you mix it with other waste it produces hydrogen sulfide," Dutile said.

Hydrogen sulfide is poisonous gas that smells like rotten eggs. The gas creates complex bonds inside cells that prevent the creation of a chemical enzyme that is a major energy source. Humans produce a small amount of the gas internally, so low levels can be tolerated.

Labbe said each Casella em-

ployee at Juniper Ridge wears a sensor to detect hydrogen sulfide. Sensors have been installed around the landfill and can be monitored by computer. Juniper Ridge employees keep an eye on one area in particular after frequent complaints of odor from a neighboring resident.

Neither Labbe nor Dutile feels working at the landfill endangers his health.

Labbe added that Juniper Ridge works with people living nearby and said Casella has purchased six or seven homes over the years because prior owners felt property values fell too far for them to attract buyers.

Except for one, he said, those homes are now rented to Juniper Ridge employees, who are more willing than most to live near the landfill.

"I think there's a lot more professions with worse health issues," Labbe said.

'Outright falsehoods'

Dutile attended the Oct. 27 lecture at UMaine. Casella representatives attended a similar forum last year as well — but stayed silent.

But Dutile, who was there unofficially this year, spoke from the audience to remind students it was the university approaching Juniper Ridge that started the landfill gas pipeline project finalized last year.

"I try not to get too confrontational," Dutile said. "A lot of those people there are very emotional about it, and they do make statements that are distorted and outright falsehoods."

"I think there's a lot more professions with worse health issues."
Jeremy Labbe
Engineer and environmental compliance manager



Beth Kevit • News Editor
Jeremy Labbe, engineer and environmental compliance manager at Juniper Ridge Landfill, demonstrates the valve system on pipes that draw gas from the landfill.

According to a December 2010 contract, landfill gas will be pumped through a pipeline to the Steam Plant and used to power the campus. The hook-up for that pipeline, which is in the spot designated for the flare to be moved to in a couple of months, is at the back of the landfill, near the leachate containment tank.

The contract terms are being renegotiated since the market price for landfill gas dropped. According to the contract, UMaine is responsible for upgrading the Steam Plant to accommodate landfill gas, and Casella will refund up to \$500,000 of those costs. Casella is responsible for building the pipeline, which will be approximately 5 to 6 miles long.

As of September, no route for that pipeline was chosen, meaning Casella wasn't able to apply for permits to build it. The contract said a pipeline route would be determined by April and that construction would likely start by September.

Labbe said he was disappointed with the ways local residents have expressed opinions of the landfill, adding that he welcomes a chance to talk with "those who want to present a legitimate argument" that doesn't draw from emotion.

"Waste is a necessary part of our society," he said. "For now, landfills are part of the landscape we have to have here."

Dutile is normally reluctant to speak up, he said, because of the strong reaction local residents can have to the landfill.

He said he can't stay quiet any longer.

"We have not contaminated any domestic wells in and around the landfill," Dutile said, stressing that Juniper Ridge isn't damaging the environment.

"We're not," he said. "I can show through data collected here that it isn't."

LePage, quiet on plans, set to speak at education meeting

By Matthew Soucy
Staff Reporter

Gov. Paul LePage will be a guest speaker at this year's annual meeting of leaders from colleges and universities across the state and may shed light on the future of higher education and reforms surrounding it.

"Commissioner [Stephen] Bowen will be there, the governor will be there and a myriad of higher education professionals," Adrienne Bennett LePage's press secretary, said of the conference.

LePage will give a speech titled "Higher Education and Maine's Economy" to the Maine Higher Education Council (MHEC) during its annual meeting on Nov. 9 at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

MHEC is an organization that consists of the chief executive officers or presidents of Maine universities and colleges, as well as the commissioner of education, the chancellor of the University of Maine System and the president of the Maine Community

College System.

Other guest speakers will include Bowen, Maine's commissioner of education, who will present a discussion titled "The Interface Between K-12 and Higher Education."

Laurie Lachance, CEO and president of the Maine Development Foundation, plans to give a talk titled "The Maine Development Foundation's Employer Incentive Initiative."

LePage will have the opportunity to unravel specifics of a plan for changes to legislation regarding education, including higher education, though it appears the administration is keeping a tight seal on any proposed ideas.

"We're not going to get into any detail about policy at this point," Bennett said in a phone interview last week. "Anything that we would introduce would be coming up in January."

Though hushed about details of any higher education reform in the state, LePage is not silent about possible plans for the future of Maine's edu-

cational system.

"We're currently in the process of drafting that legislation," Bennett said.

Connecting the dots, one plan aiming to provide greater access to higher education that LePage discussed jumps off the meeting's agenda as the topic of Bowen's speech as well.

Bowen's discussion of the interface between K-12 and higher education links to LePage's thoughts on streamlining the transition between high school and college.

To do this, LePage has created what is essentially a five-year high school program, providing courses that can be transferred for college credit in hopes of lowering costs and easing students who are not confident about post-secondary education into the system.

The governor has gone as far as stating the importance of education initiatives and added that such legislation is key to improving the quality of life for Mainers as the state moves forward.

GOP from A1

chapters of the College Democrats and College Republicans both supported the "yes" position.

Robert Flores, a fourth-year English student at Bowdoin and the College Republican co-chair there, said his chapter agreed unanimously to support the decision.

Flores said Maine's lax residency laws are the reason elections are susceptible to fraud — and repealing same-day registration wouldn't go far in fixing it.



"Maine has a very liberal state residency requirement, so I think that's what would need to be changed if they actually wanted to do something," Flores said. "I don't see how it's an appropriate means to the end that the state legislature wants."

To vote in Maine, one must simply establish residency. Maine has no law requiring a specific piece of identification to register, while 14 states require photo identification, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"I'm for people voting," Flores said. "As a student, I feel that same-day voter registration works because, one, students don't have their act together, and

two, if Maine has such liberal requirements, why not take advantage of them?"

In June, Webster gave Secretary of State Charles Summers a list of 206 students, registered to vote in Maine in 2010 at four state university campuses, including UMaine. He said he combed through information for 2,300 out-of-state students, making the percentage registered in Maine miniscule.

"So, what that means is 2,100 students understand that they don't live in Maine. They're not

"Don't Trust Charlie" on college campuses in October.

Flyers with line art of Summers and Webster with the campaign's website, dontrustcharlie.com, popped up on the University of Maine's campus last week. The website was purchased Oct. 16, according to network solutions.com.

Tipping said 1,000 Maine People's Alliance volunteers are handling a large amount of canvassing for Protect Maine Votes in the days leading up to the election.

He didn't know how many were on campuses but said many were students.

"Students on campus don't have the same resources as the Secretary of State. They can't

send threatening letters, but they can put up posters, and I'm glad they're doing it," Tipping said. "The big thing is that students are being targeted."

Lichtenberg criticized the Maine People's Alliance for targeting Summers, saying he was merely investigating claims brought to his attention. The UMaine College Republicans' release called the Don't Trust Charlie campaign a "low blow."

"Charlie Webster — by all means, go after him," Lichtenberg said. "But, you know, going after a guy that's doing his job, that seems a little bit underhanded."

"It's like going after a firefighter for putting out a fire," he said.

"It's like going after a firefighter for putting out a fire."

Eric Lichtenberg
Chairman
University of Maine College Republicans

residents of the town they live in, and they vote at home," he said.

Summers investigated the 206 names, finding in September there was no one Maine election where any student voted in both Maine and their home state.

However, those students received letters from Summers in early October asking them to apply for a Maine driver's license or cancel their voting registration in Maine, writing that failure to apply for a Maine license within 30 days of declaring residency in the state is a crime under Title 29A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

According to spokesman Mike Tipping, the Maine People's Alliance started a campaign called

Police Beat

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

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

Runaway Raleigh

The University of Maine Police Department received a report of a theft at 7:23 p.m. Oct. 27. A silver Raleigh mountain bike valued at \$300 was stolen from the bike rack outside Somerset Hall between Oct. 19 and Oct. 27.

Invisible Touch

UMPD received a report of a theft at 5:37 p.m. Oct. 30. An iPod Touch valued at \$230 was stolen from the Theta Chi fraternity house between 6 p.m. Oct. 27 and 4 p.m. Oct. 30.

No smarter than the average bear

UMPD received reports of criminal mischief at Nutting and Hancock halls at 7:05 a.m. and 7:07 a.m. Oct. 30. At some point over the weekend, the signs outside the buildings were vandalized. The face of a bear wearing a party hat was spray-painted in white paint on both signs, which will cost an estimated \$200 to be cleaned.

Hustled Halo-wheels

UMPD received a report of a theft at 1:02 a.m. Oct. 30. A copper, orange and black Genesis Big Easy bicycle chained to the bike rack outside Aroostook Hall was stolen between 8:30 a.m. Oct. 28 and 1 a.m. Oct. 30. The bike was locked, but the



lock was smashed in order to steal the bike, which is valued at \$200.

Furnished room

UMPD received a report of a female in need of medical attention on the first floor of Oxford Hall at 1:10 a.m. Oct. 29. The 18-year-old female, who is not a UMaine student, was intoxicated and transported for medical treatment by the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Student Kayla Barton, 18, was summoned for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

Wait some time to raise those steins

UMPD received a report of underage drinking on the second floor of Kennebec Hall at 9:22 p.m. Oct. 27. Officers found three underage females in the room. Alyssa Coyne, 19; Jennifer Vallee, 19; and Anna Seavey, 19, of Ellsworth, were summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor. Officers confiscated a bottle of Pinnacle cotton candy vodka, a bottle of Pinnacle kiwi-strawberry vodka, a bottle of apple Pucker, a bottle of Orloff vodka and a bottle of wine. Coyne and Vallee were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Minor penalty

UMPD officers on duty at the men's hockey game at Al-

Surprise stash

UMPD received a report of underage drinking in a first-floor room in Oxford Hall at 11:36 p.m. Oct. 28. Officers found two intoxicated males, one of whom had marijuana, in the room. Brendon McDonald, 18, was summoned for possession of a useable amount of marijuana and was referred to Judicial Affairs. The other male, also 18, was also referred to Judicial Affairs.

Fool runnings

UMPD received a report of two intoxicated males walking down Rangeley Road at 10:57 p.m. Oct. 29. The two males ran when they saw officers approaching; however, due to their levels of intoxication, they were quickly apprehended. Alexander Eye, 20, and Brian O'Leary, 19, were summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption. Officers found marijuana on Eye, who was summoned for possession of a useable amount of marijuana. Both were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Preempted by empties

UMPD received a report of underage drinking on the fourth floor of Gannett Hall at 12:43 p.m. Oct. 28. Officers found three males, two 18-year-olds and one 19-year-old, in the room, along with multiple empty beer cans. The three males were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Competition
SPIFFY CLUB

The SPIFFY trading contest is back! It started on October 20th and goes to December 2nd. We've got 40 players so far but if you want to join you still can! Just go to MarketWatch.com to register an account, then search for SPIFFY CLUB in the games section (the password is SPIFFY13). Every player starts out with \$100,000 virtual money. A trophy and bragging rights go to the first place winner at our last meeting!

As of 11:30am Wednesday the top 3 players were:

- blIND - gain of \$47,975
- baileymc - gain of \$23,688
- lamarks - gain of \$23,379

Investment Tip

The bid-ask spread is an important mechanic to understand. It is a negotiation in progress between buyers and sellers. If Trader A wants to buy 100 shares of AAPL and Trader B wants to sell 100 shares of AAPL, we should have a deal, right? Well... the thing is Trader A thinks the shares are worth \$400, while Trader B believes they're worth \$401. This is where the spread comes from; a bid of \$400, an ask of \$401. If no price can be agreed upon (they can't even meet halfway) then the market's not going to move. However, let's say Trader C steps in and pays B's ask price for 100 shares. "Done!" The last trade occurred at \$401. What happens to Trader A? He/she may remain bid at \$400, retract the order, adjust the size; any number of actions. If the next ask is at \$405, then he/she may have to raise the bid to get an order through.

The Weekly Bulls & Bears

The Weekly 'Bulls' & 'Bears' describe how investors react to certain markets in a week's time. Bulls are when the Market is showing Confidence. One indicator of a Bull market is an increase in a company's stock price. Bear markets are the opposite. Bear Markets show a lack of confidence when a company's stock price is in a decline.

▲	GGC	(Georgia Gulf Corp.)	+0.33	(1.97%)
▲	EWZ	(Brazil Index ETF)	+0.92	(1.54%)
▼	WM	(Waste Management)	-3.08	(-8.94%)
▼	EGN	(Energen Corp.)	-2.91	(-5.80%)

Meeting Recap

We were visited recently by the MBS Advisory Board, right in the middle of an important pitch to increase our bond holdings no less! Members of the board gave their input, and there was a heated discussion on the selling of Apple and Goldman Sachs shares. It will be very interesting to see what changes if any may be made to the pitch, as well as the actual vote!

SPIFFY? It stands for Student Portfolio Investment Fund, and we are exactly that. A Student organized portfolio that manages over \$1.6 Million of University of Maine's Endowment Fund. We meet weekly at 6:00 on Wednesday night in DPC 115, and we are open to any undergraduate student interested in learning about the world of Investing. For more information check out our folder on your First Class.

The Great Parking Ban has begun!

You can no longer park after midnight on campus in blue and black lots.

Open the Door to your Success

- 22 Graduate Degree Programs
- Master's Programs in:
 - Bio-Technology
 - Education
 - Liberal Arts
 - Management
 - Occupational Therapy
 - School Psychology
 - Speech Language Pathology

We put your mind to work.

worchester.edu/graduate

Diversions

Hark a Vagrant

By Kate Beaton



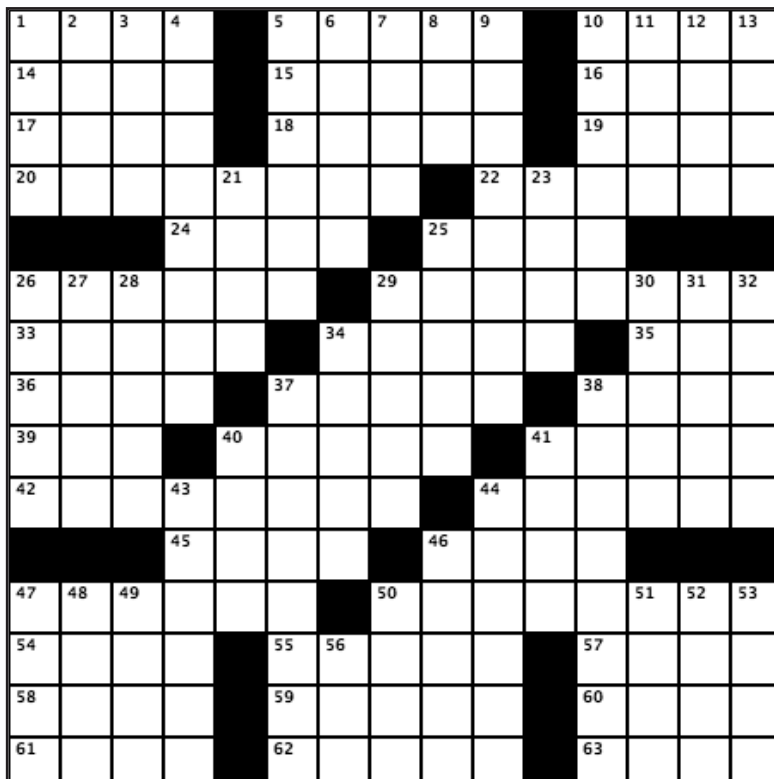
Toothpaste for Dinner

By Drew

A difficult task is a sign from the universe that you should be on the internet right now.



Crossword Puzzle



Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com. Used with permission.

Answer key in sports

- Across**
- 1- Copycat;
 - 5- ___ Mio;
 - 10- Contributes;
 - 14- Take a meal;
 - 15- Rupture;
 - 16- Intake;
 - 17- Sleep like ___;
 - 18- Commerce;
 - 19- Matron;
 - 20- Leftover;
 - 22- Land, as a fish;
 - 24- Mawkish sentimentality;
 - 25- Auth. unknown;
 - 26- Nutlet;
 - 29- Superficial;
 - 33- Juvenescent;
 - 34- Narrow openings;
 - 35- PBS benefactor;
 - 36- Corrosion;
 - 37- Fearsome;
 - 38- Roman god of war;
 - 39- Aliens, for short;
 - 40- African sir;
 - 41- Lawful;
 - 42- Cotton fabric used for bed-sheets;
 - 44- Exam taker;
 - 45- Optical device;
 - 46- Rider's command;
 - 47- Leave high and dry;
 - 50- Happening every two years;
 - 54- Come again?;
 - 55- Big cats;
 - 57- Bird of peace;
 - 58- Bang-up;
 - 59- Bring out;
 - 60- Numbered rds.;
 - 61- "Charlie's Angels" angel;
 - 62- Gives a 9.8, say;
 - 63- Dextrous, lively;
- Down**
- 1- Purim month;
 - 2- Heap;
 - 3- Grandson of Adam;
 - 4- Military unit;
 - 5- Dull;
 - 6- Twilled fabric of silk;
 - 7- Like some history;
 - 8- Acid;
 - 9- Infinite time;
 - 10- A number to be summed;
 - 11- Clock face;
 - 12- Actress Moore;
 - 13- Type of gun;
 - 21- Manure;
 - 23- Ages and ages;
 - 25- Director Kurosawa;
 - 26- Funeral fires;
 - 27- Early life;
 - 28- Charlotte ___;
 - 29- Jargon;
 - 30- Make into law;
 - 31- Causing goose bumps;
 - 32- Stickum;
 - 34- Examines closely;
 - 37- Grifter;
 - 38- Hostility toward men;
 - 40- Bingo call;
 - 41- Boxer Spinks;
 - 43- Thrills;
 - 44- Academic themes;
 - 46- Flinch;
 - 47- Love letters;
 - 48- Norse god of thunder;
 - 49- Hindu princess;
 - 50- Period;
 - 51- Bit;
 - 52- Affirm solemnly;
 - 53- ___ majesty;
 - 56- Agency of the United Nations;

www.toothpastedinner.com

Seeing Stars

- ANDROMEDA GALAXY
- APOGEE
- ASTEROID
- ASTRONOMER
- ATMOSPHERE
- AURORA
- BINARY STAR
- BLACK HOLE
- CONSTELLATION
- CORONA
- CRATER
- DEEP SPACE
- ECLIPSE
- EQUINOX
- GALAXIES
- GALILEO
- GRAVITY
- HUBBLE
- KEPLER
- LIGHT YEAR
- METEOR
- MILKY WAY
- MOON
- NEBULA
- ORBIT
- PARSEC
- PERIGEE
- POLARIS
- PROXIMA CENTAURI
- PULSARS
- QUASARS
- RED GIANT
- SATELLITE
- SOLAR SYSTEM
- SOLAR WIND
- SPACE SHUTTLE
- SPACECRAFT
- STARS
- SUN
- SUPERNOVA
- TELESCOPE
- TIDES
- UNIVERSE
- WHITE DWARF

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

Word Search

T H T F A R C E C A P S P E L F A I R S
 O R B I T S R T S P M E M I E V R E S O
 N T O D S P S A E A R I G O O T I Q H R
 S S F I R A U O T I T H L N O R O U E E
 R O T O E C N E G S T E R K U N B I C D
 A L E R M E O E P Y Y E L A Y B O N A G
 S A C E O S E N E O P R T L L W N O P I
 L R L T N H T A S U C N A E I S A X S A
 U W I S O U R S T E S F N O T M Y P N
 P I P A R T A H E C E R E L I M E A E T
 O N S P T T O N A G A L A L W B T U E G
 A D E O S L A M A W S R L Y E S E R D A
 L R D G A E I L D R S A E A T T O O N L
 U E I E E X A E A Y I L N L T I R R C I
 B T T E O X T S S I R A L O P I V A E L
 E A A R I A T M O S P H E R E O A S E
 N R P E H U E L O H K C A L B O K N R O
 R C S W Q M M U N I V E R S E S C T A G
 A N D R O M E D A G A L A X Y R O N P G

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting. Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with?

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Emotional deception will cause friction on the home front. You need a break from your daily routine. You will easily charm members of the opposite sex.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Put your efforts into being creative. Don't let your mate talk you into going somewhere you'd rather not go. Someone you live with may feel totally neglected.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - You will drive your emotional partner crazy this month. Older family members may take advantage of you by making you feel guilty.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Enjoy some socializing this month. You should get into some of those creative hobbies that you always said you wanted to do. Help elders in your family.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - Mingle with those who can help you get ahead. Self-deception about relationships is a problem. You will gain valuable insight and knowledge through the experiences you have along the way.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - Travel will entice you; however, a tendency to overspend is quite possible. Travel or short trips will probably be your best outlet. Hide your cards and learn to say no.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Take part in stimulating debates that will allow you to show off your intelligence. Arguments could prevail. Payoff all your debts before you go out and celebrate.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Curb your mood swings; they could result in loneliness. Don't be too quick to spend money. Try to be patient and understanding.

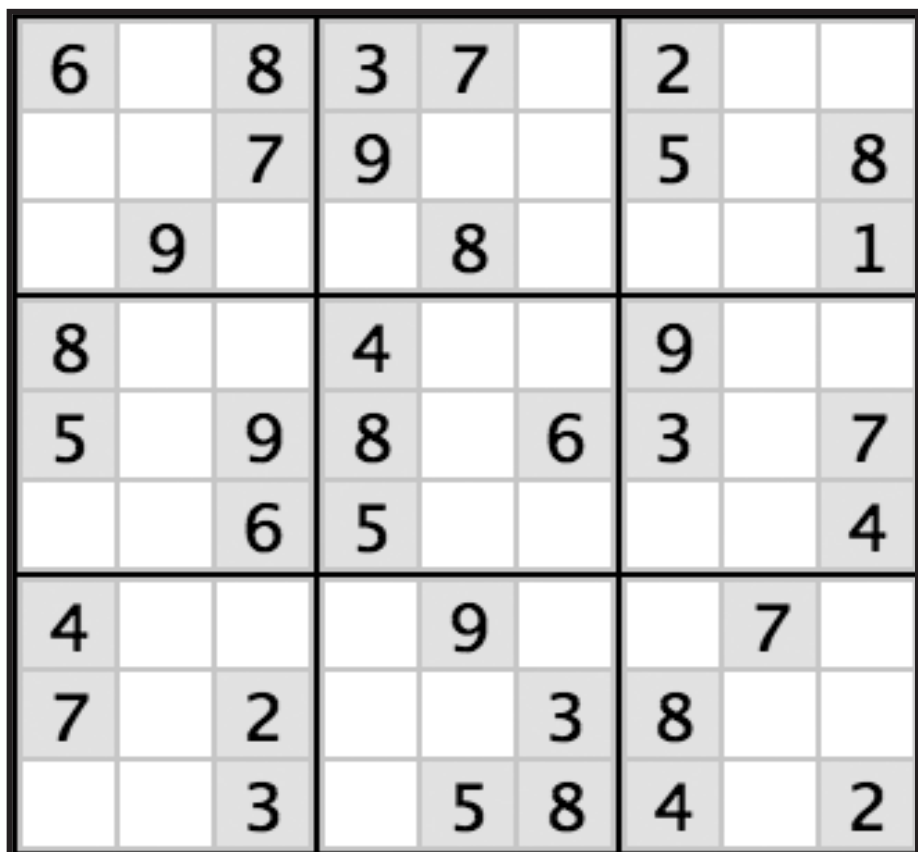
Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - Use your head and do things to your liking. Be prepared to have relatives or close friends introduce you to new and exciting individuals. Problems with financial investments could make you nervous.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Self-improvement could bring amazing results. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict. If you can't get away, make plans to do something special with friends or relatives.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You will get great satisfaction from your efforts. Heart to heart talks will clear up vague issues. One-sided relationships are likely.

Horoscopes courtesy of astrology-online.com

Sudoku Puzzle



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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Sudoku puzzles provided by sudoku.name. Used with permission.

Horoscopes

Opinion

Thursday, November 3, 2011

mainecampus.com

ENDORSEMENT

Yes on 2 offers economic hope, but needs restraint

Ofentimes, the fat lady singing happens to be Lady Luck. But when it comes to the Maine 2011 ballot, the hollow cry of the recession should trump fortune's cautionary shrill in the ears of state voters.

The second slot on the upcoming Nov. 8 ballot asks Mainers whether they would like to take a gamble in including slot machine facilities at harness racing tracks in both Biddeford and Washington County.

The development of these racinos is projected to generate nearly \$33 million for the State General Fund, as well as approximately \$18 million for other various funding.

According to the Putting Maine to Work campaign — the primary organization in favor of having the racinos instated — the facilities will create 500 jobs in Southern Maine and a comparable amount in Washington County.

As far as numbers go, the deck is stacked in favor of Question 2. During a period in the country where the financial climate is at its stickiest and most uncomfortable, any sign of monetary relief is refreshing. One-thousand new, permanent jobs and millions coming back to replenish the struggling Maine economy certainly seems like the tall glass of water the Pine Tree State is thirsting for.

Obviously, Maine could stand to reap the benefits of such an extensive cash flow and occupational influx, but can it afford to compromise past values — which have largely denied gambling facilities in Vacationland — for what could be considered the easy way out?

Past ballot initiatives touting casino intentions have been predominantly shot down by Maine voters. Question 1 in 2007, also known as the Maine Racino Initiative of 2007, failed when 52 percent voted against it.

The Maine Racino Initiative of 2007, if passed, would have allowed the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Washington County to establish a racino in their area. Question 3 on the 2003 ballot refused the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Nation their casino for the first time. Question 2 this year is the latest attempt made by the tribe to garner its gambler's paradise.

In 2003, Mainers denied a measure that would have authorized a slot machine in Sanford. Those voting on a referendum in Saco and Westbrook that same year also shot down the opportunity to make Scarborough Downs into a racino.

According to CasinosNo! — the group opposed to casinos in Maine — concerns about gambling addiction and higher crime rates, as well as the belief that casinos prey upon the impoverished or undereducated, all functioned as deterrents for voters.

Other than Question 2 in 2003 — which allowed for established race track owners to expand their gambling enterprise with the addition of slot machines, ultimately sanctioning the introduction of Hollywood Slots in Bangor — Mainers are generally assumed to be against gaming houses.

But now that the recession has hit, state beliefs have become pliable; Mainers are far more susceptible to offers hardly considered in years prior. Due to the fact that both questions 2 and 3 on this year's ballots vie to expand the tabletop trade, it's important for voters to consider where the line should be drawn.

We urge the Maine community to vote yes on Question 2 on Nov. 8, but be sure to contemplate the importance of instilling stipulations on how many casinos should be sanctioned in the state. Even though the economy is in the dumps, piling easy money into the economic pot in abundance won't remedy the issue.

Washington County deserves its racino by now and Biddeford needs the flair of prosperity just as much as any city or town in the state.

Give into the bookie's business, but be sure not to overbook at the expense of state beliefs.

the Maine Campus

The University of Maine student newspaper since 1875.

The Maine Campus is an independent student publication. It is completely produced by undergraduate students of the University of Maine. Student subscriptions are provided for free through the communications fee.

The Maine Campus is printed at the Times Record in Brunswick, Maine. Our offices are located at 131 Memorial Union. Contact us by e-mail at info@mainecampus.com or by phone at 581.1273.

All content herein © 1875 - 2010 The Maine Campus, unless otherwise noted. All rights reserved.

Editorial and Production

Editor in Chief Michael Shepherd
ejc@mainecampus.com - 213.0182

Production Manager Mackenzie Rawcliffe
Chief Copy Editors Claire Carter, Kristina King

News Editor Beth Kevit
news@mainecampus.com - 581.1270

Style Editor Derrick Rossignol
style@mainecampus.com - 581.3061

Opinion Editor Madelyn Kearns
opinion@mainecampus.com - 581.3061

Sports Editor Jesse Scardina
sports@mainecampus.com - 581.1268

Photo Editor Haley Johnston
photo@mainecampus.com - 581.3059

Features Editor Rob Stigile

Asst. News Editor Jamison Cocklin

Asst. Photo Editor Paul Perkins

Copy Editors Karlie Michaud,
Linette Mailhot, Kaylie Reese

Design Assistants Katy Hein, Nicole Levy

Web Developer John Poulin
web@mainecampus.com

Business and Advertising

Business Manager Olivia Fournier
business@mainecampus.com - 581.1223

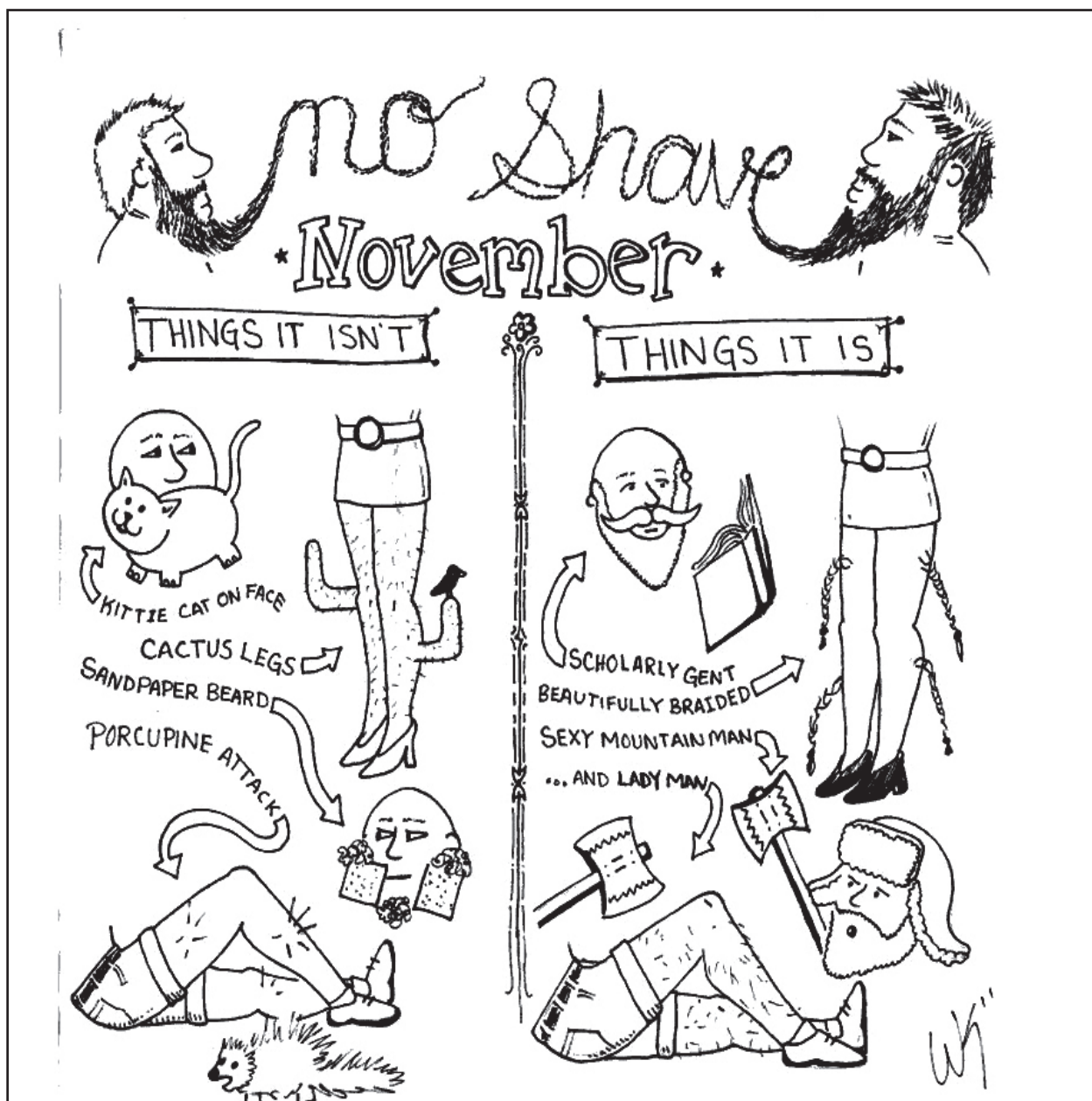
Advertising Manager Jordan Rowe
ads@mainecampus.com - 581.1215

Asst. Business Manager Erin Baylis
ebaylis@mainecampus.com - 581.1223

Asst. Advertising Manager Shelby Caret
shelby.caret@umit.maine.edu - 581.1223

Marketing Manager Christian Ouellette
business@mainecampus.com - 581.1223

For rate sheets and other advertising information, visit advertise.mainecampus.com.



Readers speak: Outstanding web commentary

All the colors of wind power should be presented at panels, not just one

Had the E2Tech event offered panelists with opposing views in addition to pro-wind supporters, the listeners at the event would have had a more complete picture of the wind incursion coming to Maine.

Maybe an event with anti-wind realists on the panel should be offered to allow the other side to be heard — there are PhDs on both sides of the aisle, you know.

Colgan asserts Maine should wean off foreign oil, but coal-burning stoves seem to be making a big comeback in the marketplace, which must be problematic. I question whether wind power has had any impact anywhere except for in theory.

Denmark has 6,000 turbines and still had to build new natural gas plants. No fossil-fueled plants have been shut down in the country and when Denmark sells wind power to Sweden and Norway, hydro is reduced to make room on their grid for no-net CO2 reduction.

The CO2 problem and climate change — the original reasons for the existence of wind power — have been largely ignored in Maine because the selling point is now jobs. The construction jobs should be fixing roads and bridges before they collapse, not building super-sized dirt roads across miles of our scenic mountains, oversized transportation lines and industrial skyscrapers with red blinking lights wasting power. How many homes could be lit with the wasted energy every night?

Professor Hunt claims that subsidies are needed for newer industries, but the subsidies are still there for all energy producers, even mature industries. That scheme needs to be evaluated. Once the greedy paws have entered the taxpayer subsidy cookie jar, they are hard to remove.

When Mainers cannot afford electricity, many may get off the grid instead of paying for expensive wind-generated

power. Europe's electricity rates are still high with thousands of wind turbines, and economies of scale still kicked in — many believe it never will.

The hidden costs of fossil fuels are real but the wind turbines have their own hidden costs, which are deliberately being ignored. The rare earth sites in China are an environmental disaster.

The huge earth moving machines use a lot of diesel fuel and run 24/7. A Cat D10 uses 43 gallons per hour, and these Terex machines use much more. The Baiyun Obo Acid Lake is 7 miles wide and growing. Radioactive tailings are piling up. China is importing coal from the U.S. in greater numbers.

Dr. High claims wind is the best environmental, economic and moral choice we can make. When I see pictures of the road building, blasting, erosion and scenic vistas spoiled with industrial skyscrapers, I must respectfully disagree. Add to that the CO2 from mining, processing, building, shipping, transportation, maintenance, repairs, replacements.

If the carbon problem began with the industrial revolution, how does expanding that solve the problem?

Please consider a CO2 evaluation of wind turbines from the specks of neodymium to the finished product standing idle on a mountaintop producing nothing. It would be helpful to separate the facts from the hype.

Mike DiCenso
Lincoln

UMS forum needed to knead out false assumptions

Last Thursday's issue of The Maine Campus (Oct. 21) made interesting reading.

On the one hand, Governor LePage praised education as an engine of economic growth. On the other, the governor's friends at the Maine Heritage Policy Center complained that total compensation — wages plus health insurance — for University of Maine System em-

ployees went up 29 percent from 2003 to 2010.

The MHPC report noted that during the same period tuition had risen by 35 percent. The implication seemed to be that hard-earned student dollars are funding the lavish lifestyles of University of Maine System workers.

Unfortunately, MHPC analysts omitted other relevant statistics. During the past decade, the overall cost of living has gone up some 28 percent — almost matching the increase in total payroll. The average cost of health care nearly doubled. The share of the System budget funded by state appropriation decreased from nearly half to just over a quarter.

Over this same decade, UMS added the equivalent of over 1,000 full-time students. Since 2007 it has cut the equivalent of nearly 400 full-time positions.

Governor LePage and his political allies seem to understand that investing in education is necessary for economic growth, but actually funding these investments seems to be a stumbling block.

We can't make the University of Maine System cheaper to operate by reducing non-instructional staff — as the governor suggested in a September letter to the Board of Trustees — unless we decide to stop doing all the things non-instructional staff do, like admitting and registering students, paying bills, monitoring scientific experiments, staffing libraries, maintaining computer networks.

Effective higher education is labor-intensive. The labor involved, at all levels, is mostly skilled, though the skills involved are various. Skilled labor costs money and cheaper is not necessarily better.

Let's stop making specious complaints and instead have an honest conversation about how best to fund necessary educational services.

Lisa Feldman
Secretary, ACSUM
ACSUM is the union representing all Clerical, Office, Laboratory & Technical workers in the University of Maine System

Have an opinion?

Email it to

opinion@mainecampus.com.

The attitudes and views expressed in the opinion section are those of their authors only and do not necessarily represent the views of The Maine Campus or its staff.

Political columnist: Correspondence costly for Chinese in political forum



China is living in a paradox — while its economy has become an unstoppable powerhouse, the country is making no efforts to progress socially.

RYAN CAMPBELL

On Nov. 1, Chinese authorities slapped outspoken Chinese artist Ai Weiwei with a \$2 million penalty for what they are calling “economic crimes.”

Weiwei, who was just released from prison in June for similar charges, has been critical of the Chinese government’s restrictions on freedom of speech and what he calls the “liberation of the mind.”

It’s no secret that China has become an economic powerhouse as of late. With open borders and efficient, effective means of production, China’s output is feeding the rest of the world.

The dependence on Chinese exports is evident in the most recent Eurozone crisis. As EU member states rush to come up with a creative solution to Greece’s downward spiral, they’ve turned to China for support, citing the fact that since China is the biggest supplier of Eurozone imports, a recession in the European states would negatively impact China’s economy.

Needless to say, China’s economy is in the driver’s seat.

But despite China’s successful experimentation with capitalism, the country is struggling when it comes to citizens’ rights. Censorship is a noticeable problem: China has yet to grant its citizens complete access to the Internet including social networking and news sites.

With the recent economic boom sweeping through China during the past few decades, many young Chinese adults are in possession of far more capital than their par-

ents and grandparents ever had. A survey by Credit Suisse revealed that the incomes of 20- to 29-year-olds grew 34 percent from 2004-2007, which is the biggest increase of any age group at that time.

The new generation of young Chinese adults has few mediums with which to articulate their thoughts and feelings towards the government. This influx in funding may be why today’s generation remains mostly apathetic towards the current political system. With money in their pockets and growing savings accounts, this young Chinese generation has little concern for political revision.

So, why change the system when it doesn’t seem broken?

The system is broken, though. If China wants to continue down its path toward progress and growth, it can’t solely pursue economic freedom. Citizens’ rights, whether or not the citizens in question realize it, are necessary for the promulgation of ideas and the implementation of creative revision of policy, and the subsequent projection of the country’s path.

Citizens need an open and transparent forum to discuss and debate the Chinese political system. Without this type of discourse, China’s progress will slow and its citizens’ and collective identity will suffer.

China is living in a paradox — while its economy has become an unstoppable powerhouse, the country is making no efforts to progress socially. This can only be done through the creation of accessible forums for discussion, debate and ultimately critical revision of the Chinese government and its policy.

The best results, in terms of a country’s progress, can only be yielded if ideas are exchanged openly and freely. China has made incredible strides since the Mao days and this is a product of critical and objective thinking.

If the current regime has learned one thing, it’s that people should be allowed to speak their minds. Ai Weiwei is on to something.

Ryan Campbell is a fourth-year political science student. His political columns will appear every Thursday.

Columnist: Bike for your right to cleaner atmosphere and a cheaper auto alternative



MACKENZIE RAWCLIFFE

I want to ride my bicycle — I want to ride my bike.

What a great protest song by Queen.

What’s that you say? It’s not a protest song? Well it could be, because I want to ride my bicycle and I think I have the same rights as car drivers to institutional planning.

I understand some people have love affairs with their automobiles, but I — though incredibly fond of my car’s penchant for starting — have much more anxiety about the whole relationship.

I am more like the jilted wife than the mistress — paranoid and looking for potholes, smelling, listening, feeling for anything out of place, any clue as to when my car husband is finally going to leave me, or at least cost me a lot of money I don’t have.

Not so with my bike, Monsieur Vélo.

He gets me where I need to go right when I need to be there, while also giving me a few minutes to feel strong, fast, capable and in control. The wind in my hair, jumping curbs with my monster tires — it really puts me in a good mood.

When traffic is backed up to Rangeley Road I laugh haughtily to myself, “Oh look at those silly sheep waiting so patiently in line,” as I zip past them and back into my slippers before they pass the police station.

That is why I like my bike, but we certainly have our little tiffs. When I get grease on my pants or catch them in my gears for a terrifying moment; when there is water on the road and my cursed front tire is spraying it in my face like a school-yard bully; or when it is just damn cold out and I don’t have the right mittens — all of these things deter me some days from riding, plus that feel-like-you-are-peeing sensation all the way home on a wet seat can be a bummer.

However, all of these problems have simple solutions (in order: leg warmers, ski masks, bundling up, bike workshops, better bike lanes that are painted, paved, shoveled etc. and seat covers — or better yet, covered bike racks) The worst thing about riding a bike, or doing anything other than driving, really, is that there is no community or infrastructure making it easier or more acceptable for me to do so.

For many, riding the bus to Bangor is unthinkable. Walking is for recreation, not transportation. And biking — what are you crazy? People who do those things are poor, fringe people, to be pitied and, if possible, avoided. It is not so hard a decision when the weather is nice, but add a little snow and rain into the mix and even someone who appreciates alternative transportation will probably cough up the money for a parking pass.

So why even try to get people out of their cars and on busses, bikes and into boots made for walking?

There are many reasons: We are a land grant university whose major research focus is sustainability; not every

student can afford to use and maintain a car; we have better things to use campus space for than more car storage; and it is simply more pleasant to see and connect with people rather than headlights and tailpipes.

Reducing car use, increasing the viability and convenience of alternative transportation and reducing internal car movement all make sense for the administration, the students and the wider community economically, socially and ecologically.

These changes are beneficial to this community because, not only will they help us to reduce our carbon emissions — which we have drastically and publicly committed to do by 100 percent in 28 years — but they will make it more like actually being “in a great place” as the slogan says. I understand that some people need cars. UMaine has a substantial commuter population

It is simply more pleasant to see and connect with people via means of public transport rather than headlights and tailpipes.

— only 40% of undergraduates live on campus and many community members are coming from over 30 minutes away. But saying that I want to reduce car use on campus is not meant to punish car users, only make biking and walking equally attractive so that those who can choose alternatives are more likely to.

This is my Black Bear Bikesterdam: If you only come to campus twice a week you pay less for a parking pass, and if you bike most days you pay even less. There should be park-and-ride areas in surrounding towns serviced by electric vans. Freshmen should not get to bring cars — they get bikes instead.

Streets should be designed to slow cars down with speed bumps, landscaping and zebra stripes. Bike lanes should exist and be differentiated from walkways and roads. Bike racks should be sufficient for the students wishing to use them and be protected from rain and snow. Parking lots inside of Rangeley, Long, Munson, Sebago and Belgrade roads should be all grass, except for the CCA lot.

Student groups could run electric golf cart taxis to raise money for their causes. When new walkways are made, they follow the steam plant pipes so they are always free and clear of obstruction. Public art will be everywhere. The Black Bear express would continue and perhaps modify its schedule to be more frequent during high use periods.

This is a laundry list of demands, but they can all be accomplished within your time here.

Think about what kind of campus you want to be on — one where everyone goes home for the weekend, or a place with staying power? That is the key to a sustainable transportation system. If you agree, let’s talk, I already have a great movement anthem picked out.

Mackenzie Rawcliffe is a graduate student studying international affairs and public administration. She is the production manager for The Maine Campus.

Demonstrations worldwide incite the rise of the precariat — a new dangerous class

GUY STANDING

What unites the Occupy Wall Street demonstrators with “los indignados” in Madrid, the demonstrators in Tel Aviv, those in Athens’ Syntagma Square, those in Cairo’s Tahrir Square and many of those who lit the fires of English cities in August?

They are all actions of primitive rebels: by people who know what they are against, not what they are for.

The USA is experiencing what is happening elsewhere — the growth of a precariat, consisting of millions of people who must survive through insecure jobs and unemployment, with insecure homes, without an occupational identity, with volatile wages, without company benefits and with fragile access to state benefits.

One in five American workers is in a part-time job involuntarily. Millions more are in temporary jobs wondering if poverty awaits, while outsourcing and working for a pittance are rising. Sixty million Americans are eligible for SNAP (food stamps). Millions of Europeans are in a similar plight.

They are anxious, alienated and angry.

The precariat emerged in the 1980s, when rich countries opened their economies to competition from emerging market economies. Most politicians thought that through high productivity and technological innovation, investment and good jobs would stay in the U.S. and Europe.

But workers’ bargaining strength was bound to decline. Capital could move to where costs were lowest, while low-income country workers were propelled into the world’s labor pool.

Almost overnight, labor supply to market economies trebled, with 1.5 billion extra workers prepared to labor for one-thirtieth of wages in America and Europe. Two fears emerged: Either workers would rush to China or wages would plunge in today’s rich countries. Neither was politically sustainable.

So, urged on by economists and the IMF, governments made a Faustian bargain, postponing painful adjustment with an orgy of consumerist pleasure.

The bargain helped create a global precariat that is the new dangerous class, a threat to all mainstream governments. Most politicians who made the bargain are now purring in retirement. Their successors are paying the price, including President Obama.

The Faustian bargain was simple. In order to retain jobs and investment, governments set out to make labor markets more flexible. The U.S. was seen as the model. Governments weakened employment security, claiming this would boost jobs, and made wages more flexible — which meant lower — while stripping workers of benefits.

More and more workers had no pensions, company-based health coverage, paid holidays, paid maternity leave, and so on. The process removed safeguards to economic security.

Governments also dismantled occupational communities. Professions and crafts lost their right to self-regulate, seeing it turned over to state boards. In 1980, only 1 in 20 American workers was subject to licensing; today it is one in every three. This shift splintered occupations into elites and a mass in the precariat, without careers to build.

An ethic of integrated community was displaced by competitive individualism; opportunistic behavior replaced solidarity. My working neighbor is my competitor, not my colleague.

For two decades, governments shielded workers from insecurity through tax credits — in the form of the Earned Income Tax Credit in America, the world’s biggest welfare scheme — and labor subsidies and cheap credit. It was the easy alternative to tackling growing inequality.

But the resultant consumption binge was crazy.

The Faustian bargain was welcomed by the financial markets and corporations, for it permitted labor costs to fall while

corporations became global. But as with every Faustian bargain, a day of reckoning beckoned. The crash of 2007-2008 was not due solely to the banks; the bargain had built

up unsustainable budget deficits and pushed millions of people into debt.

The legacy is unprecedented inequality, and a precariat, feeling their lives are going nowhere. Economic insecurity is pervasive. Many of us fear dropping into the precariat, seeing it as a matter of luck if we do not.

Orthodox economists have yet to learn. When Greece went into meltdown, the IMF, European Central Bank and European Commission, urged its government to make the labor market more flexible and to dismantle professional communities. The message was clear: Make your workers more insecure.

The latest source of precariat growth is the public sector. Again, U.S. trends are replicated in Europe. Millions are being converted from salaried service providers into insecure workers unsure whether those near them are colleagues or competitors.

Where is this leading us?

The precariat is internally divided, but it is united in anxiety, alienation and anger.

As they vent their frustration, the precariat is demanding a revival of the Enlightenment values of liberty, fraternity and equality. An agenda is taking shape, and politicians should listen, before they are swept aside as failed tail-enders to a dead Faustian bargain.

Let us hope they are.

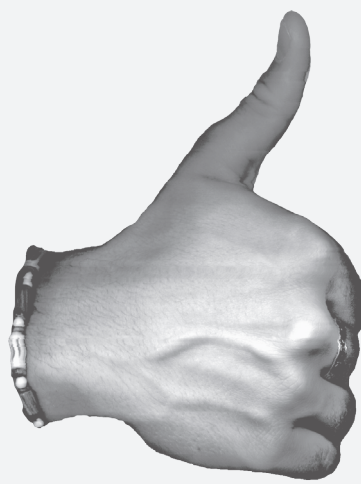
*Guy Standing is a professor of economic security at the University of Bath in England. In a public lecture, he is presenting his new book, *The Precariat – The New Dangerous Class*, at 130 Little Hall on Nov. 7.*

The Faustian bargain helped create a global precariat that is the new dangerous class, a threat to all mainstream governments.



Thumbs up / Thumbs down

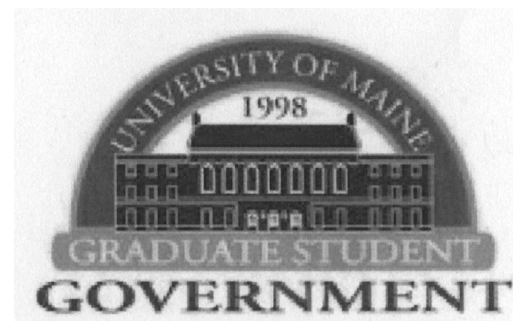
- | | |
|----------|----------|
| Burritos | Vetoes |
| Onions | Bunions |
| Lobsters | Mobsters |
| Veal | Repeals |
| Sausages | Hostages |



YOU CAN STILL REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY



**VOTE
NOV 8th**



**Serving the
UMaine
community,
on campus
and beyond.**



**The Maine Campus is piloting expanded
distribution to off-campus locations in
Old Town and Orono.**

Grab our latest editions at businesses along Mill Street in Orono, at Tim Hortons in Old Town and in locations in downtown Old Town, including Johnny's Pizza, ACME Pizza and Wings, Rite Aid and the Captain's Joint. More stops along Stillwater Avenue are expected to be added by the end of 2011.

These changes are designed to reflect our desire to be your community newspaper. With off-campus news and events, email eic@mainecampus.com or call our office at 581-1273.

Our office is on the bottom floor of the Memorial Union on the University of Maine's campus in Orono. We publish on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year, except during scheduled breaks.



Hot games for when it's cold

Best games on tap this season

By Derrick Rossignol
Style Editor

Christmas used to be the time of year when elementary school kids would beg their parents to buy them the latest expensive video game. Gaming was never much of an adult industry until recently, when the kids who played the Pokemon and Mario games grew up and still had a thirst for virtual adventure.

The video game industry has started competing with the movie and music industries in terms of sales. Within 24 hours of hitting shelves on Nov. 9, 2010, the first-person shooter "Call of Duty: Black Ops" sold over seven million copies and earned

a reported \$1 billion after a mere six weeks, staggering numbers for any type of entertainment release, considering most music albums struggle to sell one million copies for years after their release.

This holiday season, teenagers and young adults will be asking for the newest games and the selections are promising. The following is a list of the most highly anticipated games released in time to be wrapped and put under the tree.

salivating since 2003, when the first game was released for PC. Since then, it has built a huge and loyal following — hence the aforementioned sales numbers.

At its core, "Modern Warfare 3" is essentially the same as every other first-person

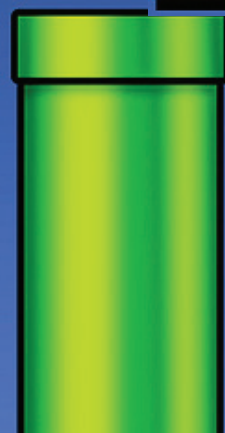
shooter, but that is like saying all

See Games on B2



Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3
Xbox 360, PS3, Wii, PC — Nov. 8

The "Call of Duty" series has had gamers



Courtesy photo from Jared Young (BlueHouseBurning) via Flickr.com
Illustration by Katy Hein • Production Assistant

New acts that please old, young listeners

Column

Your father can complain all he wants that nobody makes good music anymore, but he has no right.

If he only hears stuff like Lady Gaga and LMFAO on the radio, it's understandable that he doesn't like anything modern, since it sounds nothing like the tunes of his heyday.

The reason our elders complain about the lack of good, new music isn't because their type of songs are no longer being made, but because main-



How I Hear It
By Derrick Rossignol

stream media have changed their focus to synthesized pop music.

Good old-fashioned rock and '60s-influenced folk music is still being released everywhere. It takes a trained eye to find it nowadays is all. Those with vintage music taste can take solace in knowing the following bands exist and are currently making music:

Fleet Foxes

This Seattle-based indie-folk band has a sound that is unmistakably retro, featuring Simon & Garfunkel-like vocal harmonization and '60s-style folk.

The circumstances around the band's formation are evidence enough that they are rooted in the sounds of those before them — lead singer Robin Pecknold and guitarist Skyler Skjelset became friendly due to their mutual interest in the songs of Neil Young and Bob Dylan.

From there, Pecknold and Skjelset

decided it would be in their best interest to form a band that paid homage to their musical idols. Fleet Foxes quickly garnered popularity and released their self-titled debut album in 2008.

The band was also interested in the Beach Boys, and the sunniness from that influence was prominently showcased in their bright folk tunes.

Their most recent release, 2011's "Helplessness Blues," saw an evolution from their first album, featuring more fleshed-out arrangements on top of what is ultimately the same simplistic, folk base.

Blitzen Trapper

Despite their 2008 album "Furr" being lauded for its audacity and borrowing from a host in diverse influences, Blitzen Trapper returned to churning out '70s Americana tunes with their 2011 album, "American Goldwing."

The cover alone evokes imagery of years passed, featuring a biker with his helmet, standing in front of an open road that fades into the horizon. The cover, along with the Southern rock vibe, alludes to a time when gas was cheap and rock was pure.

From their previous album, 2010's "Destroyer of the Void," the self-titled track has been hailed as the South's answer to Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." The song includes many distinct musical sections and radical transitions that all fall under the Southern rock umbrella, despite their contrast in the context of the song.

The Coral

Interestingly, this English band started as a modern emulation of The Beatles and over time shifted to a psychedelic

See New Classics on B3

Jazz ensemble entertains intimate audience

By Alex Tranchemontagne
For The Maine Campus

On Tuesday evening, the University of Maine was fortunate to be treated to a showing of its very own Chamber Jazz Ensemble and it was fantastic.

Unfortunately, a small crowd showed up for the show, but on the bright side, they applauded rigorously, expanding the room and giving the impression of a larger audience.

The Chamber Jazz Ensemble covered songs from jazz legends, including Milt Jackson, Duke Pearson, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and Horace Silver. Throughout the band's set, Karel Lidral kept the rhythm of all the songs going on piano. Lidral is a music professor at the University of Maine.

The thirteen-piece group, consisting of Lidral and twelve students, did not have percussion, but the rhythm was effectively present nonetheless.

The opening song, "Bag's Groove," showcased each individual player's talent. In between each musician's improvisational section, they would all join in for a bold chorus. The idea of introducing and

highlighting every single person talent was interesting.

The saxophonist played with fiery intensity, each brassy note more impressive than the last. The cellist moved his fingers

up and down his instrument's neck to maintain a smooth rhythm.

The ensemble then played an Ira Gershwin composition, "Summertime." The song had

a catchy melody. They had the whole crowd tapping their feet along. The way the lead piano was incorporated into this song was interesting. Notes from the keys sounded almost

dream-like and changed the atmosphere in the room to feel more like summer and less like winter.

See Jazz on B3



The Chamber Jazz Ensemble, a musical group composed of students who minor in Jazz studies, entertained students Tuesday evening in Minsky Hall.

go!

Thursday, Nov. 3

Exhibits: "The Global Lens," "Studio Life" and "Constructions"
UMMA
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Penobscot Theatre Presents "The Marvelous Wonderettes"
Bangor Opera House
7 p.m.
\$35

Thursday College Night
Curva Ultra Lounge
9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
\$5 for 18+, free for 21+

Friday, Nov. 4

Exhibits: "The Global Lens," "Studio Life" and "Constructions"
UMMA
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Penobscot Theatre Presents "The Marvelous Wonderettes"
Bangor Opera House
7 p.m.
\$35

Roots, Rhythm and Doves
Woodman's Bar and Grill
10 p.m.
21+

Saturday, Nov. 5

Exhibits: "The Global Lens," "Studio Life" and "Constructions"
UMMA
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"V for Vendetta" film screening and Guy Fawkes Day Celebration
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
5 to 8 p.m.

Penobscot Theatre Presents "The Marvelous Wonderettes"
Bangor Opera House
8 p.m.
\$35

University Singers
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
free w/MaineCard

UMaine Hip Hop Club Presents: Heels and Hightops
Curva Ultra Lounge
9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
\$10 for 18+, \$5 for 21+

Sunday, Nov. 6

University Singers
Minsky Recital Hall
2 to 4 p.m.
free w/MaineCard

Masters of Illusion
Collins Center for the Arts
3 p.m.
\$33

A more comprehensive list of postings is available at mainecampus.com/calendar. To submit your event, invite calendar@mainecampus.com via iCal or Google Calendar.

'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington'

Games from B1

Column

Welcome the benevolent Mr. Jimmy Stewart back to the Reel Deal reviews. It's only been a few weeks since he last appeared in this prestigious space of the paper, but a day without him is a day too many.



The Reel Deal
By Kayla Riley

Before Brad Pitt, there was Stewart, one of Hollywood's most beloved actors. With an effortless charm and an often-impersonated, self-effacing demeanor, Stewart made his mark on Hollywood Boulevard and on the hearts of many moviegoers.

In "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Stewart is Jefferson Smith, the unlikely choice to replace Sam Foley, a recently deceased U.S. senator. His highly characteristic wholesomeness is what ultimately causes Gov. Hubert Hopper to choose him in hope he will be a pawn in his political scheme.

While today, sociopolitical unrest runs rampant in the United States from one occupied city to

the next, "Mr. Smith" is a welcome escape that, while not exactly lighthearted, reminds us it can be possible for the good guy to win against "the man," even if it's only on the big screen.

Due to Smith's genial ways, he is quickly manipulated by corrupt senator Joseph Paine, played by Claude Rains, and high-powered politico Jim Taylor, played by Edward Arnold. The terrible two convince him to propose a bill that would result in the purchase of land for a national boys' camp in his western home state, which is never mentioned explicitly.

What Smith doesn't know is that Paine and Taylor plan to use donated funds for a dam-building scheme that is well under way even before he dots the final "i" on his paperwork.

While Smith struggles under the weight of a crumbling political system in which he only means well, audiences cannot help but watch as he fights the good fight. Smith is easily the everyman — the 99 percent, if you will — but sadly not the type of person one is likely to find at the top of the heap in politics today.

Most of the other cast members are relatively unremarkable compared to the unforgettable

Stewart, but a lovely Jean Arthur, who also starred in "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Devil and Miss Jones," is an ideal companion for Stewart's kindhearted yet overwhelmed political naivety. Their chemistry is no match for that of Stewart and Donna Reed, but Arthur holds her own, stepping out of her comedic comfort zone and into new, more dramatic territory with success.

It has been a whopping 72 years since the controversial release of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," and the government still doesn't appreciate being criticized.

On Oct. 17, 1939, the film premiered in Washington, D.C., to an audience of 4,000 people, including 45 senators. Director Frank Capra stated in his autobiography that a few senators

charged city blocks, but rarely has a film made such a bold and powerful statement on the state of affairs in the United States. The large-scale protests have certainly earned the attention of that elite 1 percent, but Hollywood still insists on idolizing the fourth and final "Twilight" installment and Kim Kardashian's 72-day marriage rather than a well-acted social commentary.

Tying up the tension with a dramatic finish, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" will keep you guessing and cheering for the little guy until the credits roll. The legendary Capra could not have chosen a more perfect candidate for the part of Smith, as Stewart took on the role with a passion and sincerity that simply no longer exists in today's big-budget productions.

Even if you'd rather steer clear of the political drudgery that threatens to overtake our daily lives, this movie deserves at least a passing glance. With all of the hallmarks of cinematic greatness, from a winning soundtrack to A-list acting, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" provides everything a movie-lover could ask for, save for a heap helping of popcorn.

With an effortless charm and an often-impersonated, self-effacing demeanor, Stewart made his mark on Hollywood Boulevard and on the hearts of many moviegoers

yelled at the screen and walked out of the showing, but this has never been confirmed.

Countless cardboard signs and angry protestors have been crowding into emotionally-

cinematic greatness, from a winning soundtrack to A-list acting, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" provides everything a movie-lover could ask for, save for a heap helping of popcorn.

Blend of rock and rap surprisingly effective

Column

Over the past 25 years, an unlikely alliance has formed between prominent rock artists and hip-hop legends.

This amicable relationship began with memorable collaborations such as Aerosmith's "Walk This Way" featuring Run DMC, released in 1986.



Hardcore Roar
By Colin Kolmar

Anthrax and Public Enemy combined forces in 1991, this time transforming a song that was originally a rap song into a rap-metal hybrid. The practice of melding rock and rap evolved over the course of the '90s into what may be considered one

of the most influential musical styles of the decade.

Many of the most successful acts of the past decade dabbled in the rap-rock genre. For example, a staple band within the realm of rock music is the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Many people would consider their funky style of rapid-fire spoken lyricism and rhythmically driven instrumentation to be a direct result of an early hip-hop influence. Incubus also dabbled in this style during their formative years.

Rage Against the Machine took the idea of rap-rock and brought it to the next level. Zack de la Rocha was one of the original rock vocalists who spoke his lyrics without pitch. Rage Against the Machine derived a clear influence from contemporary hip-hop acts such as Cypress Hill, NWA and Public Enemy. Although the lyrics of de la Rocha were typically more eloquent than those found in "gangsta rap" songs, the sense of outrage and urban struggle were present in both styles.

During the latter half of the '90s, several more bands emerged

that incorporated the hip-hop style DJ into a conventional rock outfit. Hed PE is one band that morphed the rap-rock genre into something truly unique and interesting.

Though Hed PE formed in 1994, their most acclaimed album, entitled "Broke," was released in 2000. During a time when rapcore bands were mostly fumbling around in an attempt to leave a mark on the genre, the members of Hed PE were already experts at their craft.

Although Hed PE took some time before releasing an excellent album, some acts nailed it on the first try.

Around the turn of the new millennium, rap-rock really took off. In 2000, Linkin Park released their seminal album, "Hybrid Theory." Hybrid Theory has been described by some as one of the most important albums in music history.

Those with the audacity to dismiss the record as juvenilia from their childhood need only to hear that it sold 24 million copies worldwide, putting it ahead

of classic albums like Oasis' "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" and "Legend: The Best of Bob Marley & The Wailers" in global sales.

The genre-bending combination of electronic elements, razor-edged guitars and a disc jockey was absolutely innovative. The final product of Linkin Park's unique instrumentation was an album comprised of radio-friendly songs that sounded nothing like anything else the world had heard before. No album since "Hybrid Theory" has achieved the same result.

Since the emergence of the most popular breed of rapcore around the turn of the millennium, the genre has slowly but surely fizzled out. Most of the acts that were innovative during their heyday were forced to change with the times, times that are not favoring rapcore.

Fans of genre-bending rap-rock are still holding out for the arrival of their musical messiah. Given the trajectory of modern popular music, however, I wouldn't hold my breath.

books are similar because the protagonist always has some obstacle to overcome.

First-person shooters are largely story-based and the plots alone are interesting enough to entertain somebody watching a gamer play. "Modern Warfare 3" is set in the not-so-distant future and sees Russia continuing its invasion of the United States that runs through previous "Modern Warfare" titles. The Russians have expanded efforts to European countries like England and Germany.

Thought most gamers will spend the majority of their time playing the online multiplayer mode, the story usually is not overlooked and is a good way to polish up skills before taking it online.

Considering gameplay, several new features have been revealed, like the evolution of killstreaks, now known as "pointstreaks." Players used to earn points for consecutive successful shots, but now kills aren't the only way to increase the streak.

Also, a new Survival Mode is being introduced, which has been compared to the "Nazi Zombies" mode found in "Call of Duty: World at War," but in the new game, enemies will spawn at different, tactical locations, opposed to the fixed spawning points in "Zombies."

Super Mario 3D Land
Nintendo 3DS — Nov. 13

Nintendo's newest handheld, the 3DS, saw subpar initial sales when it was released in March, which was likely due to the astounding asking price of \$249. Gamers weren't biting, so Nintendo dropped the price to \$169, a move that brought in more customers.

A few solid games have been released for the console so far, although arguably the most popular title is a 3D remake of a 1998 N64 game, "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time." Now, a slew of original titles are to be released in the upcoming months, "Super Mario 3D Land" being one of the most anticipated.

The game's designer Shigeru Miyamoto described the game as a "3D Mario that plays as a 2D Mario game," meaning the title should feature a mix of classic side-scrolling gameplay as well as 3D environments to explore.

"3D Land" has been also been described as a mix between the N64 game "Super Mario 64" and the Wii game "Super Mario Galaxy." This likely points to the traditional environments — covered in green grass and inhabited by goombas and item boxes — and new gameplay elements introduced in "Galaxy," like special power-ups.

The game also marks the return of the Tanooki Suit, which gives Mario a raccoon-like tail allowing him to hang in the air longer and enabling him to jump across larger gaps.

Assassin's Creed: Revelations
Xbox 360, PS3, PC — Nov. 15

This relatively new series — first released in 2008 — has already become huge among gamers for its engaging gameplay and unique plot. Protagonist Desmond Miles is kidnapped by an evil organization because he is the descendant of 16th century assassins. This organization has a device they force Miles to use to access the memories of his ances-

tor — primarily assassin Ezio Auditore da Firenze — in order to get the location of valuable artifacts. This is where most of the gameplay happens.

Ezio's ability to scale buildings and stealthily murder bad-dies is returning, along with new features. Ezio will have a new item called a hookblade, which can be used to kill enemies and it reportedly speeds navigation up to 30 percent.

The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword
Wii — Nov. 20

The "Zelda" series has been huge for the video game community since its first release in 1986. Gamers have become attached to Link, the series' protagonist, as he travels around Hyrule and other lands trying to save Princess Zelda and overcome other forms of evil.

This latest installment, plot-wise, is a prequel to the series' most popular game, "Ocarina of Time." Here, Link was raised in a group of islands that float above the clouds. Link discovers the Skyward Sword and realizes there is a new world below ruled by evildoers. Throughout the game, Link learns more about why the worlds are separated and finds Zelda, here presented as Link's childhood friend, not a princess.

In combat, the game takes advantage of the Wii Motion-Plus peripheral that attaches to the Wii Remote for accurate swordfighting. The game will also feature new items and will elaborate on certain vague plot elements from previous installments in the series.

Mario Kart 7
Nintendo 3DS — Dec. 4

The "Mario Kart" series has forever been hailed as both a premiere racing game and having an outstanding multiplayer experience. Dorm rooms across the country still hold kids yelling and laughing while they play "Mario Kart 64" with each other on their old consoles, a true testament to how fun the second game in the series is.

Nintendo has updated the series a few times since then with varying levels of success. Their next effort is "Mario Kart 7," which may be the update to introduce the most new features.

The standard upgrades, including new courses and characters, are present. But most notably, drivers will now be equipped with hang-glider attachments, allowing them to soar through the air and take the race to the sky. Racers will also be able to drive underwater. It is unclear exactly what the advantages and disadvantages to each new mode of travel will be, but they will be sure to change the way drivers approach each course.

New weapons are also being introduced, like the Super Leaf and the Fire Flower. Coins, which are making their first appearance since the series' debut title on the Super Nintendo, "Super Mario Kart," will increase drivers' defense and speed. Also, newly implemented is an in-air trick system, which will reward drivers with speed boosts.

Online racing will feature up to eight players, so lonely gamers can still enjoy the intensity and excitement multiplayer "karting" brings.

The titles listed are a small sampling of what will be available this holiday season, so head over to IGN and like-minded gaming sites to find out about other upcoming releases to figure out which title belongs at the top of your Christmas list.

UMaine Football Sale

Save 25%* All Month!

Your Black Bears Football team is having a great season so show your support!

25% Off!

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE
1911 2011
Celebrating 100 Years!

www.bookstore.umaine.edu

*Cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons.

ART.
ASK FOR
MORE.

For more information about the importance of arts education, please contact
www.AmericansForTheArts.org.

MOVIE REVIEW: 'The Rum Diary'

Depp shines in failed film adaptation of Thompson novel



Capitol Records

By Richard Flora
For The Maine Campus

Based on the autobiographical novel by Hunter S. Thompson, "The Rum Diary" struggles either to be genuine or outrageous in any form. This movie is Johnny Depp's latest tribute to the late Thompson, his friend and inspiration.

The film is set in 1960 San Juan, Puerto Rico, where struggling author and journalist Paul Kemp, played by Depp, moves from New York to write for a failing English newspaper, the "San Juan Star."

Coming to his interview hung-over, Kemp meets Bob Sala, played by Robert Rispoli, a photographer for the paper. Then, shortly after, he meets Edward Lotterman — a stereotypical editor-in-chief played by Richard Jenkins — who warns Kemp not to let the rum-soaked, laid-back lifestyle of Puerto Rico get the best of him.

Kemp begins work by interviewing overweight American tourists and writing horoscopes. He is introduced to Sanderson, an American businessman from Connecticut played by Aaron Eckhart who picks Kemp as his personal journalist for a foul and shady deal he's been planning.

After his first night on the

job, Kemp goes for a paddleboat ride by himself, sneaking a few shots of rum. After seeing a few waves and splashes behind him, a beautiful woman pops out of the water. She keeps her identity a mystery, swimming off towards the shore, leaving Kemp baffled and frustrated.

Soon after, Kemp is brought to Anderson's ocean-side home and introduced to his girlfriend, Chenault, played by Amber Heard — the mysterious woman in the water. Fighting to carry on conversation with Anderson, Kemp can't help but keep his eyes focused on Chenault. In collaboration with other businessmen, Anderson forces Kemp to reluctantly sign a form promising his confidentiality.

Collaborating with Sala, his new buddy, roommate and co-worker, the duo decides to uncover these American capitalists trying to exploit the Puerto Rican people by creating a new resort on a concealed island. They also aim to empower the Puerto Rican people by releasing Sanderson's private information in the newspaper. They unfortunately hit a few snags along the way.

This film falls short of the drama and energy that originally motivated Thompson to write his novel.

Another aspect leaving much more to be desired are the awkward transitions between scenes. The plot line tends to jump around frequently, cause confusion and leave the audience wondering what the director was trying to accomplish.

"The Rum Diary" lacks the punch required to draw mass appeal and a coherent and entertaining plot. However, this film does have a few well-placed puns and sexual innuendos brightening the otherwise dark ride.

Depp does a decent job with the role and the film boasts a strong cast, but the general lack of emotion and sustenance in nearly all of the characters leaves the audience perplexed, lacking crucial emotional connectivity.

On the positive side, the film is historically accurate to the 1960s, including setting, costumes, automobiles and even the home décor. San Juan was made to look the way it actually looked. The film also features the presidential debate for the 1960 election between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon, which further establishes the setting.

The most valuable asset of this film is Depp, but, all in all, it lacks the charisma and spark needed to make a movie worth seeing. Perhaps this movie is best described as reading Shakespeare — wonderful for those of us who understand it and not so much for those of us who cannot.

Grade: C

Depp does a decent job with the role and the film boasts a strong cast, but the general lack of emotion and sustenance in nearly all of the characters leaves the audience perplexed, lacking crucial emotional connectivity

CD REVIEW:

The Decemberists, 'Long Live the King'
Indie folksters release quality outtakes on newest EP

By Derrick Rossignol
Style Editor

The indie folk pool is flooded with musical redundancy. The Decemberists, however, are prominent figures in the scene that matter.

Their latest EP, "Long Live the King," is released as a compliment to their latest studio album, "The King is Dead," released earlier this year. The album did extremely well on the charts, peaking at the very top in the United States, so to capitalize on that, "Long Live the King" is a set of six songs that were recorded during the sessions for "The King is Dead."

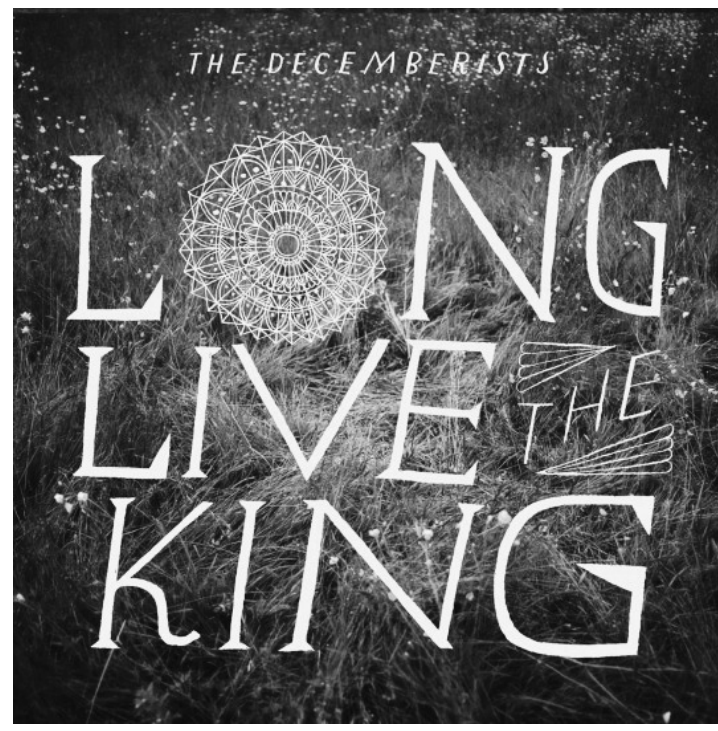
Unfortunately, this EP is supposedly the last release by The Decemberists before they go on hiatus, so it may be the last new material from the band for a while. The title, "Long Live the King," is clearly an homage to the studio album it's based on, but it might also be a reassuring nod to fans that The Decemberists won't be gone for too long.

This release is short enough to do a track-by-track analysis, but unlike most other EPs, every track in this strong collection deserves its own write-up.

The disc opens with "E. Watson," which consists solely of acoustic guitar and vocals. Backing vocals are the only element that could be considered an embellishment, but the stripped-down track is appropriately powerful. Singer Colin Meloy's voice relates the burial of Edgar Watson with powerful lyrics: "We took his body northbound / buried him facedown with a good view of Hell."

If 'Long Live the King' truly is the last taste of The Decemberists that fans will get for a while, they are left with more than enough to hold them over until the Oregon natives decide to return

"Foregone" is up next and it kicks off with a country-fried twang that, for the first few seconds, sounds entirely bluesy. That blues element is still present underneath the southern sound, albeit in an almost silent way, but the feeling is still there. Meloy's voice is not outstanding, but it fits perfectly with the instruments here.



GK Films

This isn't to say that Meloy is not a good singer, because he is. Rather, what that means is although he is no Freddie Mercury, no other singer's voice would blend as well here as Meloy's does.

"Foregone" is pure Americana in every sense of the term, and the highlight of a strong EP. This and the rest of the songs on the EP could have easily fit on "The King is Dead," and their astounding quality raises questions about why they weren't.

"Burying Davy" carries the swagger of a traditional sea shanty, which is likely because it is one, since "Davy" presumably refers to Davy Jones, the mythical ruler of the sea. The verses switch in and out with instrumental interludes featuring rambling guitar-soloing that is the perfect compliment to

the dark verses. Assuming Captain Jack Sparrow from "Pirates of the Caribbean" had an iPod, this is the type of track that would be on it — traditional pirate fare with a bad-ass kick to it.

"I4U & U4Me" takes things off the water and brings them to some patch of woods at the foot of a mountain in the Northwest. The track feels

like it's from a different time. The EP serves as a fantastic compliment to "The King is Dead," but with a few extra similar songs, it could pass as a successful album in its own right.

nature-centric, much like anything Fleet Foxes have put out, sans vocal harmonies and plus the rugged singing of Meloy. The song is an upbeat, driving affair, but without climaxing into a peak, it still manages to go somewhere. After all, sometimes it is more about the journey than the destination.

"Row Jimmy" is a Jerry Garcia-penned track, so it comes as no surprise that the song by the Grateful Dead frontman is the longest one on the EP. It's also no shock that the one song displays a variety of sounds and influences, including elements of folk, rock, jam-band, southern rock and psychedelia.

Lastly, "Sonnet" begins as another stripped acoustic number until midway through, when a bright horn section kicks in, conjuring imagery of Bob Dylan and other folksters of that time when the music itself mattered more than the pizzazz. Still, the track is pizzazz as can be as it closes the EP on the highest of notes.

If "Long Live the King" truly is the last taste of The Decemberists that fans will get for a while, they are left with more than enough to hold them over until the Oregon natives decide to return. Not only does the EP serve as a fantastic compliment to "The King is Dead," but with a few extra similar songs, it could pass as a successful album in its own right.

Grade: A-

WANTED: MUSIC SNOBS



The Maine Campus is putting together a list of the top 25 albums of 2011 and we need your help.

If you've been mentally ranking the year's best releases in your head and think the world needs to know it, send your personal top 10 or 15 albums of 2011 to Derrick Rossignol on FirstClass. With your list, please include your name, year and major.

For each release you include, a one to three sentence summary about what makes the album great or why it belongs on the list is encouraged, but not required. If you write something good enough, it could end up being printed.

Every vote will be added up and counted toward deciding what release ends up where on the final list, to be published in the Nov. 21 issue of The Maine Campus.

Why not voice your opinion and help to make a campus-wide list about the best in music this year?

Please note that any album listed must have been released in 2011 — rereleases do not count.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

New Classics from B1

folk sound. In 2002, their self-titled debut album was hailed by the British press as one of the biggest first releases by a band since Oasis' premiere effort, a band held in high regard across the pond. Songs like the lead single "Dreaming of You" were an homage to the jangly pop of '60s British Invasion groups like The Beatles and The Kinks, while sounding surprisingly modern.

Fast-forward to 2010 and The Coral's latest album, "Butterfly House," sounds more like it's being played by Neil Young disciples than the same band from eight years ago. Their newfound brand of reverb-heavy folk is pure Woodstock.

Kula Shaker

If this British psychedelic rock band's debut, "K," had any more Indian influence, the band would have taken the stage with bindis between their eyebrows.

Much like The Beatles before them, members of Kula Shaker were enamored with Indian music and culture. The band works with traditional Indian instruments, like the sitar and tamboura, alongside rock instrumentation. Two of the bigger songs off their debut, "Govinda" and "Tattva," are even sung entirely in Sanskrit.

The band broke up in 1999 but reformed in 2004 and has put out two albums since their reconvergence. Their newer material doesn't have as much Indian influence, instead exploring folkier and more traditional rock sounds.

Jazz from B1

The rest of the Chamber Jazz Ensemble's set was just as invigorating. The way each musician improvised was nothing short of brilliant.

All of the students are pur-

suing a major or a minor in different types of music degrees and, based on the skill with which they played, they should all have success.

The students came together to form an effective group. Their timing was flawless, the notes were powerful and each song had a unique and distinct

feel of its own. These students clearly put a lot of time into honing their craft.

Concerts by the Chamber Jazz Ensemble and groups like them frequently take place in Minsky Hall. A schedule of upcoming performances is available online on the School of Performing Arts' website.

maine campus mail

breaking news, alerts and e-mail editions
mainecampus.com/register

Take the **EMERGENCY** out
of emergency contraception!

Did you know? If you're 17 or older, you can get emergency contraception pills (EC) over-the-counter. **Why wait?** Carry emergency contraception in your purse, have it on hand in your medicine cabinet, and plan ahead for one less emergency.

Emergency contraception (EC) is a safe and effective back-up method that can prevent pregnancy if taken within 120 hours (5 days) from unprotected sex. Marketed under the brand name Plan B, it does not prevent HIV (the virus causing AIDS) or other sexually transmitted infections (STI's).

Mabel
WADSWORTH
Women's Health Center

Call 947-5337 today to make your appointment at Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. Or visit Mabel Wadsworth Center online to get your **Back-Up Pack** and more information about emergency contraception.

www.mabelwadsworth.org

Gustav let loose for the Red Wings

Column

I'm the first to admit that, at times, as I watched the University of Maine men's hockey team last season, I wondered what the hell Gustav Nyquist was doing and if all the buzz surrounding him was a bit too much.



By Matthew Soucy

On a side note, I have eaten my words from time to time.

Generally, a guy in the running for the Hobey Baker Award two years in a row is surrounded by hype.

Detroit is quickly catching on to what Black Bear fans already know, as the Red Wings called up Nyquist from the AHL on Monday.

The Red Wings are so excited about Nyquist's potential that they placed him on the second line and the second power-play unit in his NHL debut, a 2-1 loss Tuesday night against the Minnesota Wild.

"I'm going to give him an opportunity," said Detroit head coach Mike Babcock in a press

conference with regard to Nyquist. "He's going to play on the power play, he's going to play regular shifts. We're going to watch him play and go from there."

Not only is he getting a chance, but he played on the second line and the second power-play unit for the Red Wings — without prior NHL experience.

Nyquist logged just over 11 minutes of ice time in his debut but did not register a shot. As promised, Babcock played him on the second power-play unit and kept him in the top-six rotation. While this seems minimal, the coach isn't worried.

"What I like about him," he told the Detroit Free Press, "is he generates offense, he seems to be calm with the puck and he doesn't make you scared to death that he's out there making 'hope' plays. We think he's an NHL player."

This certainly didn't surprise UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead, who coached Nyquist during his stay in Orono.

"Detroit, of all teams, doesn't pull guys up to their top club if they can't contribute in more than one way," he said. "[Nyquist] was ready to leave — obviously we would have loved to have him stay. It was pretty clear after the season that he was ready for the challenge and Detroit wanted him to take the next step."

The step seems to have turned into one giant leap from the college level to the NHL, at least for now.

Detroit is a team that prides itself on playing team hockey and developing young prospects into

the ice. He's professional with and without the puck. He's an NHL player."

This is one hell of a compliment coming from a coach such as Babcock, who clearly holds the talented forward in high re-

gard. And it isn't the first time he praised the rookie with little pro experience.

While his style of play really ground my gears — at points, passing seemed to come at a premium when the Swedish star touched the puck — I also never denied Nyquist is one of the most naturally skilled hockey players

great in the American League. The ball is in his court now, and he'll come up and we'll see what he can do."

Being compared to Pavel Datsyuk by anyone in the hockey world ranks pretty high on the list of compliments a player can receive in the NHL.

When the man who is in his sixth season as Datsyuk's head coach — and won a title thanks in large part to Datsyuk's efforts — is the one who makes the comparison, then it jumps up a few spots higher on that list.

So when that same Stanley Cup winning coach compares a rookie who has yet to play an NHL game to his star player, it catches the attention of the fans and media and signals a great deal of potential for said rookie.

Plus, if he does become the next Datsyuk, Black Bear fans saw where it started.

"From our perspective, we're just very proud of Gustav and very excited for him that he's been able to fast-track his jump to the NHL," Whitehead said. "He performed extremely well in pre-season and getting feedback from the Detroit organization, they were very impressed with his physical conditioning, his hockey sense — everything."

"We're very proud that he developed at UMaine."

Tweets

Favorites

Following

Followers

Lists



GNYquist Gustav Nyquist

Resting up for my NHL debut tonight, not a bad day

1 Nov

complete and prepared players who can play as soon as they are dropped into the lineup without a transition period.

In the case of the Red Wings, this usually requires a minimum of a year or two in the AHL — far more than the nine games Nyquist logged in the minors this season. The last player Detroit called up who didn't log significant time in the minor leagues was a guy by the name of Johan Franzen — and he's OK, I guess.

"Nyquist is a real good hockey player," Babcock said at a press conference. "He's like Pav [Datsyuk] in that he skates faster with the puck than he does without it, creates space every time he's on

After his last season at UMaine, Nyquist tallied one goal and chipped in three assists in eight games in the AHL for Detroit's affiliate, the Griffins.

In nine games this season, Nyquist already has four goals and five assists for the Griffins. "He's got everything — skilled, fast, a real good playmaker," Griffins head coach Michael Fraser told the Grand Rapids Press. "I don't think you're one of the top players in college hockey by accident, and this kid did it for three years straight. He was a welcome addition to our team."

I've watched in a Black Bears uniform.

Nyquist's skill with the puck also served as a distraction to the fact that he is a smart hockey player who knows how to move efficiently without possession of the puck as well.

Maybe that was the problem: He was skilled to the point that I expected something to happen every time he touched the puck. That seems like a reasonable expectation to this writer.

Either way, Babcock decided Nyquist will have his chance.

"He wants the puck and he's a skilled player who doesn't scare you to death," he said. "He's good without the puck and he's been

Field Hockey from B6

field hockey career.

"I haven't really thought that it [might] be my last game, because I haven't thought of it that way — I have high hopes for us continuing on for a couple more weeks," Newton said. "But if it does cross my mind, I'd say it's definitely motivation to keep it going."

"Surprisingly, I haven't really thought about it like that," Gardiner said. "I never felt like, 'Oh, what if this is our last game?' It hasn't come across like that. It's more excitement to see what's ahead and how well we do, and I think we have good potential to make it really far."

What lies ahead is BU, who handed the Black Bears their only home loss since the school year commenced.

BU jumped ahead early against UMaine in their game in

the first week of October, scoring back-to-back goals 17 minutes into the game, 40 seconds apart.

"It's hard to pinpoint one thing, but looking back at our losses, we didn't really play our game or our style of field hockey, and getting back to playing our game and doing what we do well [is our focus]," Newton said. "I feel like it was us not playing up to our standards rather than them being better than us."

One thing the Black Bears aren't worried about is falling behind. Although they weren't able to make up deficits between BU and UNH the first time around, the Black Bears came back to win five games during the season — four of them on the road — in which they were down at least one goal.

"Even with the UNH game, it didn't hit me that we were going to lose it until they scored the third goal," Gardiner said. "I

feel like with our team and the comebacks we've had, you can't write anything off too soon."

"We've had games where we've been down a goal or a couple goals and have come back," Newton said. "What's exciting about our team is that we have that game mentality — that confidence — that we can come back."

While they will certainly adjust to what they see on the tape from the BU game, the Black Bears aren't heading into the semifinal worried about anyone except themselves.

"We need to reach our level [of play]," Gardiner said. "We've had some games where we played well, but we need to play hard the entire time and I think that will be a big factor to our success."

The Black Bears hit the turf against the Terriers on Friday at 4 p.m. If they win, they play the winner between UNH and Albany on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Hockey from B6

paign, mustering just one goal in their first three games against Boston University, Northeastern University and BC, which were all losses. The Wildcats offense finally got going at St. Cloud State University, but they still couldn't pick up a win, losing 7-5 and tying 3-3.

The Wildcats' first win of the season was nothing to sneeze at though, as they took down No. 13 Union College for their only loss of the season and followed it up with a 5-2 bounce-back victory against the Huskies.

While the Black Bears hit the road for the second time this season, Whitehead hopes the team continues to grow and learn about themselves on these road trips.

"We learned a lot on our last road trip and our hope is every



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine women's hockey team travels to the University of Providence this weekend.

time we go on the road this season, we grow and improve and learn about ourselves and our team," Whitehead said. "Win, lose or draw — we want to be a better team each weekend."

The game against the Eagles

is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m., while the border-war against the Wildcats is set for Saturday at 7 p.m.

Log on to The Maine Campus' website for live-blogging of the games.



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

Senior midfielder Stephanie Gardiner and the University of Maine field hockey team begin their America East Conference tournament run against Boston University on Friday at 1 p.m.

Cross Country from B6

For some athletes, like Lucy, the new loop, which consisted of running along campus roads, proved to be a menace for race composure.

"We crossed the road 12 times throughout the race," Lucy said. "I had to break my stride once to let a car pass by."

UMaine freshman Carolyn Stocker finished second for the Black Bears, taking 45th place with a time of 18 minutes, 55 seconds.

Head coach Mark Lech said the women's team was ready to go.

"They put in a great effort, and almost everyone had personal best times for the race," Lech said. "[Lucy] led the team, as she has done for most of the season and, like everyone on the team, had her best conference finish ever."

Senior Kourtney Bonsey followed in 54th place in 19 minutes, 19 seconds, while sophomore Rachel Wilkinson, junior Krislyn Hyatt and sophomore Monique Boutin rounded out the top six for UMaine.

The top team in the women's race was Stony Brook University, who added to their AEC dominance for their fifth-straight team title.

Lucy explained this season was a rebuilding year for the team, as they lost six varsity runners from last year.

"I was proud of the way they competed," Lech said. "They raced hard right from the beginning and never gave up."

In the men's race, Masters continued his dominance in conference. The Bangor-native went from 16th place at his freshman year conference meet to two first-place finishes in both his junior and senior years.

"I could tell things were go-

ing to click today, but I didn't want to underestimate anybody," Masters said. "I knew that the Albany guys had a lot going for them ... I just tried to put it all out there, and, luckily, everything clicked today."

With Saturday's win, Masters — a sub-4-minute miler — continues to add hardware to one of the best collegiate careers the state has ever seen.

"[Masters] defending his championship was the highlight, and as much that can be said about him can't begin to do his ability justice," Lech said.

"I could tell things were going to click today, but I didn't want to underestimate anybody."

Riley Masters
Senior
UMaine cross country

UMaine senior captain David Currier took 10th place in the race, finishing in 24 minutes, 46 seconds, and joined Masters as the only two Black Bears to receive All-Conference honors.

Shortly after, sophomore Alex Moser, senior captain Spencer McElwain and junior Taylor Phillips followed Currier, taking 18th, 19th and 21st place, respectively, within 3 seconds of each other. Moser eclipsed his personal record by over a minute.

"We ran very well, and Riley went out, did his job and won the race," Phillips said. "[Currier] did awesome ... [McElwain] did awesome on, and with [800 meters] to go, flew by me ... I just tried to stay as close as I could."

Sophomore Kelton Cullenberg, junior Pat Mullarkey and sophomore Ryan Hardiman rounded out the remaining Black Bears.

"They, like the ladies, put in a great effort and I was as equally proud of them," Lech said. "Right down the line, they all raced hard ... We were out where we needed to be right from the first mile."

Saturday's third-place finish for the men's team was the best since 2006. In the pre-season polls, the Black Bears were predicted to place third in the conference this year — staying true to their forecasts on paper. Even so, the team still believes they blew away expectations.

"We were the team that no one expected," Currier said. "We had nothing to lose."

Albany secured the men's team title.

After tying defending champions Boston University at 60 points apiece, a tiebreaker runner gave the Great Danes their first team championship in school history.

Nine points away were the Black Bears, who had five runners finish before any other team which, according to Lech, showed a great team effort.

"Most years, 69 points would win, or at least take second place — not third," he said. "It was not for lack of trying ... We just got edged out by higher placing individuals on the two teams ahead of us. There weren't enough high placing runners from other teams to displace their points."

As for next year, UMaine senior and 2009 AEC individual winner Corey Conner will be back in hopes of a strong 2012 season. Lucy believes the team will return exceptionally stronger.

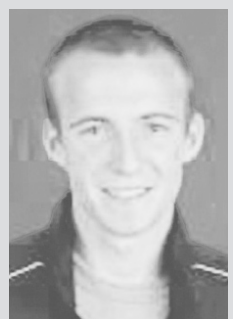
"It looks like next year should be a promising season, and I'm sad I won't be able to be part of it," she said.

Athletes of the Week



Brittany Dougherty - Women's Hockey

Brittany Dougherty (Chesterfield, Mich.) scored four goals on the week for the women's ice hockey team. She tallied one goal in Maine's game against Northeastern on Friday. On Sunday, she had a hat trick in Maine's 5-2 win at fifth-ranked Boston College.



Riley Masters - Cross Country

Riley Masters claimed his second-consecutive America East Cross Country Championship over the weekend. He set the course record in the 8K race with a time of 24:18. Masters is the first repeat champion since Maine's Kirby Davis in 2006.

NBA games you're missing tonight due to lockout:

Magic at Heat; Grizzlies at Jazz; Nuggets at Trailblazers

Sports

Thursday, November 3, 2011

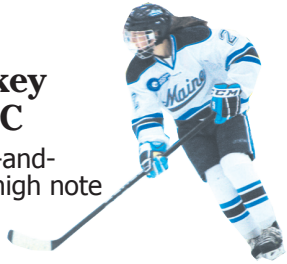
mainecampus.com

TEASER

Women's hockey upsets No. 4 BC

Black Bears end up-and-down weekend on high note

B4



SCOREBOARD

Chelsea (Tues.)	1	1	Genk	Bayern Munich (Wed.)	3	2	Napoli
Arsenal (Tues.)	0	0	Marseille	Manchester City (Wed.)	3	0	Villarreal
Barcelona (Tues.)	4	0	Viktoria Pizen	Inter (Wed.)	2	1	Lille

"I saw the finish line from 400 meters out and kicked all the way in."

Jenny Lucy, senior, UMaine cross country

COLUMN

Nyquist gets call to the NHL

Former UMaine star plays first game for Red Wings

B5



Masters tops in AEC for 2nd time

By Liam Nee
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's and women's cross country teams battled it out in Albany last weekend at the 2011 America East Conference cross country championships, taking third and seventh place, respectively.

Senior standout Riley Masters took home the individual victory for the second year in a row, pacing the 85-man field with a course-record time of 24 minutes, 18 seconds. He finished a comfortable 7 seconds before his closest competitor, Chris Burke of the State University of New York, Albany.

Just as the cold weather of Snowtober fiercely arrived in the Northeast on Saturday morning, so did the men's team. Black Bears led the entire field through the first 6 minutes of the race after the starting gun fired.

"It was inspiring to be right there with all the guys in the first mile; they were all working hard," Masters said. "We had a team goal and I just wanted to do everything I could for this team — I knew the low stick was going to be one of the things we needed."

The men's team scored 69 points, finishing behind Albany and Boston University, who tied at 60. The women's team tallied 214 points and averaged a racing time of 19 minutes, 7 seconds in the 5-kilometer race.

In the women's race, senior captain Jennie Lucy was the top finisher for the Black Bears, covering the 5-kilometer course in 18 minutes, 16 seconds to take 26th place.

"The course was very open and flat, which made it easy to see who was in front of you," Lucy said. "I saw the finish line from 400-meters out and kicked all the way in."

Albany changed the course route just two weeks prior to hosting the conference championship meet last weekend.

See Cross Country on B5



The University of Maine football team hopes to stay in first place in the Colonial Athletic Association when they host Towson University on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The fight for first place

UMaine football, tops in CAA, host 2nd-place Towson in battle for playoff position

By Joe Sturzl
Staff Editor

The University of Maine football team will put their first-place standing in the Colonial Athletic Association on the line this weekend when 6-2 Towson University pays a visit to Alford Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Towson may be coming off their second loss of the season, but a win for the Tigers this weekend would mean UMaine's second loss, giving Towson the tiebreaker for first place.

A win for either team virtually guarantees a post-season berth.

Saturday's showdown is a conference-leading matchup that not a lot of people saw coming before the season started, with UMaine and Towson coming off of 4-7 and 1-10 campaigns in the 2010 season, respectively.

Third-year Towson coach Rob Ambrose is up for Football Championship Subdivision Coach of the Year, and has built the program into a contender out of Towson, which joined the CAA in 2004.

UMaine is off to their best start in over 20 years, on the path to the playoffs for the first time since 2008 and have a chance to win the conference for the first time since back-to-back titles in 2001 and 2002.

UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove recognizes Towson's recent success and sees common ground between his team

far is to an FBS [Football Bowl Subdivision] opponent, and before last week, their only loss was to an FBS opponent."

Towson's second loss of the year came last week against a University of Delaware team that UMaine previously beat, but Cosgrove was quick to say that dwelling on the past is not in UMaine's plans for this

team pull out a victory at Villanova University last week, stopping the Wildcats inside the Black Bears' 10-yard line three times during the game.

But the overall defense will need to improve this week as Towson's offense will be a greater challenge for the Black Bears. Towson has the best rushing offense in the conference, as well as the second-best total offense in CAA play. Compared to the Villanova team UMaine faced last week, which ranks last or second-to-last in every offensive category in the conference.

"The defense played 'bend-but-don't-break,' but Villanova was able to move the ball a substantial amount of yards on us," Cosgrove said. "We have to fix the reason for bending this week. We have to fine-tune, finish our tackles and play better."

UMaine senior quarterback Warren Smith will be a key factor in this week's game, coming off a strong performance at Villanova. His play was even more impressive from the fact that he had a good game in the snow,

See Football on B4

"We have to fix the reason for bending this week. We have to fine-tune, finish our tackles and play better."

Jack Cosgrove
Head coach
UMaine football

and Ambrose's.

"They have been building within their program and have shown substantial growth," Cosgrove said. "They are relatively new to the conference, and have built their program over time. We made the playoffs in 2008, and now their substantial growth since they've joined the strongest conference in the country has brought them up to a playoff level. Our only loss so

week's Towson game.

"[The Delaware game] is gone," he said. "Each game is a game in itself, and if you put too much emphasis on the past, you get into trouble. What is important is that they've had a great season similar to ours, they have strong play when it comes to intangibles and they've been able to play at a level we're at."

The Black Bear defense was a large part of what helped the

UM field hockey has hard road to take title

Black Bears must go through BU

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

"The Miracle on Ice" wouldn't have been as fulfilling if the United States hadn't beat the Soviet Union on their way to gold.

The Red Sox' 2004 World Series victory wouldn't have been as satisfying if they hadn't overcome the Yankees on the way.

And the 2011 University of Maine field hockey team's potential run at the America East championship wouldn't be the same if the Black Bears didn't have to average their two conference losses — Boston University and the University of New Hampshire — to get there.

As final standings heading into the tournament came down to the last day of the regular season, it settled with the Wildcats occupying the No. 1 seed and hosting the entire tournament, followed by the Terriers, the Black Bears and the Great Danes of the University of Albany.

The Terriers halted the Black Bears' 11-game win streak on Oct. 9, while the Wildcats got the best of UMaine in a battle of the nation's top-15 clubs.

Since the possibility of a rematch against the Wildcats is uncertain, UMaine's focus is on BU.

"I think it was just our effort and mental focus wasn't there," said senior midfielder Stephanie Gardiner. "We weren't learning from our mistakes. It was just a lapse in the middle of the season, but it ended a 2-1 game with us playing as poorly as we did, so it puts us in a good position."

Gardiner, along with senior forward Kelly Newton, was chosen to play in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I Senior Game. However, accolade aside, neither player is ready end their

See Field Hockey on B5

UM men's hockey faces tough challenge

Black Bears travel to No. 1 Boston College before heading to hostile UNH in weekend that will shake up Hockey East

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Plenty of good can be taken away from a sweep of Hockey East rival Providence College for the University of Maine men's hockey team.

However, going on the road to face perennial powerhouses Boston College and the University of New Hampshire is a whole new beast.

"We're on the road, so they're going to have the home-ice advantage," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead. "Secondly, they're both very talented teams with a lot of elite players. We're going to have to be very sharp defensively, very clean with the puck. We have to make good decisions. We can't fuel their transition."

The No. 20 Black Bears will catch two teams at opposite ends of the spectrum this weekend. Ranked No. 1 in the country, BC has looked fantastic so far this season, sitting 7-1 overall and

first in conference at an unblemished 5-0. The Wildcats, meanwhile, stumbled out of the gate, going 2-4-1 overall and 1-3 in conference.

Eagles junior defender Brian Dumoulin leads Hockey East with eight points in conference play, while sophomore forward Bill Arnold has seven points in the conference and 12 overall — good for sixth in the nation.

While the Black Bears don't lack in scoring threats — with senior center Brian Flynn third in conference with seven points, junior forward Joey Diamond and junior defender Matt Mangene with six points in conference — the big news is the balance of scoring on the roster this past weekend.

Of the eight goals scored by the Black Bears, seven were scored by different players, with Diamond recording two in the 5-4 overtime victory over the Friars on Friday night.

"I think there are some good signs," Whitehead said. "We still

have a long way to go, but we're seeing that progress and we're working on that in practice, putting those players in situations where they can develop their skills and scoring touch."

If the Black Bears can get opponents to worry about second and third-liners, like junior forwards Adam Shemansky and Klas Leidermark, it opens up more chances for the powerful first-line to work.

"It takes time. Different players developed at different rates," Whitehead said. "It has taken us a while for some of our supplemental scorers to emerge, but I think we're starting to see that."

A major reason these players are getting their chance to shine is simply because there's ice time for them. After a deep team a season ago, the Black Bears lost many to graduation and early departures, and there was an obvious void in playing time and production just waiting to be filled.

"Another aspect of that is opportunity," Whitehead said.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor
Senior center Brian Flynn is third in the Hockey East Conference with seven points this season.

"When you lose guys like [center Tanner] House, [center Robby] Dee, [forward Gustav] Nyquist, [defender Jeff] Dimmen, [defender Josh] Van Dyk [and defender Mike] Banwell — those

guys logged a lot of ice time. These guys are now getting an opportunity to grow and expand their game through more ice time. Naturally, they have to earn it, but these guys have more of a win-

dow to show off their skills." Unlike the Eagles, the Wildcats have entertained a disappointing start to the 2011-12 cam-

See Hockey on B5