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Tuition increases at UMaine among lowest in region

By Jamison Cocklin
Asst. News Editor

The percentage increase in tuition and fees at public four-year universities in New England for the current academic year, including the University of Maine, was among the lowest in the nation, according to a report released last month by the College Board.

The report, “Trends in College Pricing 2011”, compared tuition, fees and costs of room and board over the last decade at thousands of public four-year, public two-year and private four-year institutions across the country in order to provide an overview of the cost of higher education in the United States.

“The data in this report confirm the widespread perception that published college prices are rising more rapidly than the prices of other goods and services,” said the report.

The College Board’s findings

on lower tuition increases at flagship universities in New England are striking, considering public higher education has been confronted with a host of challenges including decreasing state appropriations, budget shortfalls and declining enrollment.

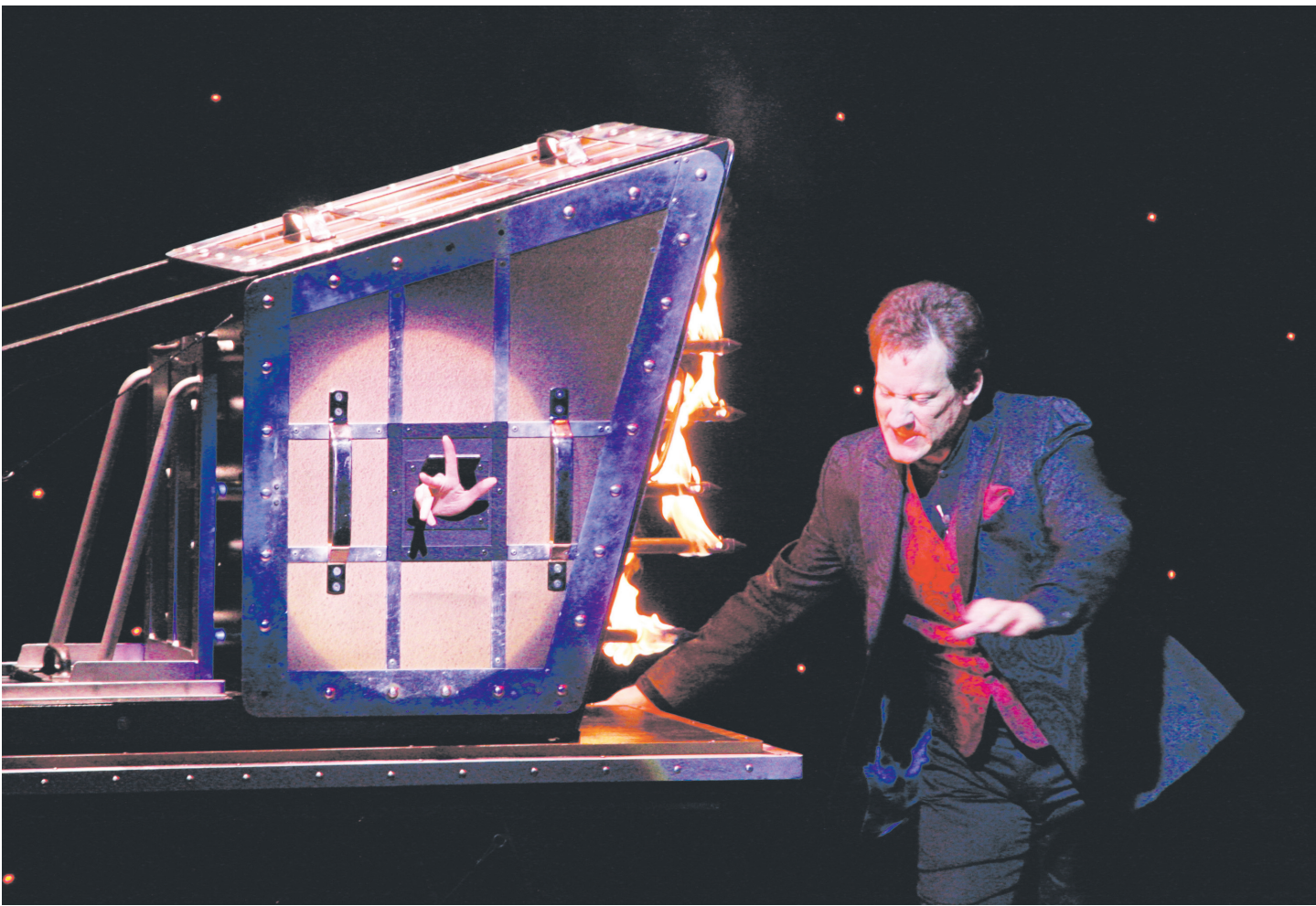
Nationally, according to the report, in-state tuition and fees at public four-year institutions averaged \$8,244 for the current year, an 8.3 percent increase from last year.

In 2011, out-of-state students at public four-year institutions paid an average of \$17,131 nationally for tuition, fees, and room and board. Rates for out-of-state students are up 6 percent from the 2010-2011 year.

In New England, the increase for tuition and fees from last year ranged from a low of 2.5 percent at the University of Connecticut — just under UMaine’s 4.4 per-

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‘Masters of Illusion’ stun CCA audience



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

“Masters of Illusion Live!”, a touring magic show based on the award-winning TV series, performed an exciting show at the Collins Center for the Arts on Sunday afternoon. **See B1 for full story.**

County to vote on table games

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

BANGOR — In addition to a state ballot flush with gambling proposals, Penobscot County voters will decide on a gambling expansion closer to home on Nov. 8.

Representatives of Hollywood Slots, the Bangor racino owned by Pennsylvania-based Penn National Gaming, have said the authorization to add 14 table games would demand 89 new employees.

A “yes” vote on the special referendum question would allow the gambling expansion; a “no” vote would deny it.

A fiscal note on the bill that sent the issue to referendum, signed in July by Gov. Paul LePage, projects more than \$3.2 million in additional annual revenue for Maine, including more than \$90,000 for the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund.

Dan Cashman, a Hollywood Slots spokesman, said the company is projecting \$8 million in increased revenue due to table games.

“I think it’s important,” Cashman said. “It becomes more of a complete gambling experience.”

Todd Gabe, a University of Maine economics professor, said Hollywood Slots’ projections seem in line with national standards.

In a fact sheet given to the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce in advance of his participation in a panel presentation, Gabe wrote that Hollywood Slots took in \$61.5 million in slot machine revenue in 2010, which was its best year.

In a 2010 interview with MaineBiz, Hollywood Slots General Manager John Osborne, said table games would generate \$8 million in direct revenue and \$6 million in accompanying revenue in the first year.

Assuming \$74 million in total annual revenue after adding table games, the \$8 million in new revenue from the games would account for nearly 11 percent of all gambling revenue.

Gabe said this meshed with American Gaming Association statistics showing American ca-

sinos outside of New Jersey and Nevada make 12 percent of their revenue from table games.

“For this type of work, 11 and 12 percent are identical,” Gabe said. “That projection seems pretty realistic.”

On the statewide ballot, questions 2 and 3 will decide whether Calais and Biddeford will see racinos, and if a Lewiston group will be able to revitalize a defunct mill by building a casino.

Hollywood Slots has been fighting those proposals: It and Penn National have given more than \$640,000 in contributions to a political action committee (PAC), Penobscot County for Table Games & Jobs, aiming to defeat the statewide casino questions and pass the Penobscot County question.

Jim Melcher, a political science professor at the University of Maine at Farmington, predicted the Penobscot County question will pass, mostly because of a “geographical, territorial, what’s-good-for-me” battle to make Bangor’s

casino the best tourist attraction possible.

Cashman said the threat of the Lewiston, Biddeford and Calais facilities is real. He said 30 percent of Hollywood Slots’ customers may move to those areas, as well as a 2010 voter-authorized casino in Oxford, if questions 2 and 3 pass.

“Having these other issues on the ballot really helps Hollywood Slots with their effort to get table games,” Melcher said.

There are no PACs opposing the Hollywood Slots question, but Indian Island resident Wayne Mitchell, the Penobscot Nation representative to the Maine Legislature, may be the question’s harshest opponent.

He said Hollywood Slots has “devastated” Penobscot High Stakes Bingo games, held every six weeks on Indian Island.

In 2005, when Hollywood Slots opened in Bangor, Mitchell

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Not all permits in hand for Grove, official says

‘There’s no way’ development will be built by fall, head of Maine construction firm claims



Christie Edwards • The Maine Campus

Water pipelines are under construction at the future site of the Grove at Orono on Route 2, set to be finished by fall of 2012. The Grove at Orono will house more than 600 people, more than the University of Maine’s two largest dormitories combined.

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

Construction workers are clearing an Orono plot of land for the arrival of a massive housing complex, but the town’s code enforcement officer said the company has not yet requested permits for all the structures.

And citing the looming arrival of a harsh winter, the head of a major Maine construction firm said it is “virtually impossible” that North Carolina-based Campus Crest Communities will have students living at the The Grove at Orono by its estimated September 2012 deadline.

Campus Crest earned Orono’s approval for the complex at the 175 Park St. lot in February 2010. Plans for the complex include a mixture of townhouse-style buildings with either four or six apartments and three-story buildings with 12 apartments each, as well as an outdoor pool and auxiliary buildings.

Parcels of land were swapped between the town of Orono and the Orono Land Trust, and the land The Grove will be built on was rezoned to accommodate the approximately \$25.3 million project.

On Sept. 12, William Murphy, Orono’s code enforcement officer, said he anticipated receiving all construction plans in the coming two weeks. On Friday, he said he had received townhouse plans but hadn’t received plans for the pool and clubhouse.

However, Campus Crest has not yet requested the permit to build the townhouses. Murphy would have 30 days after it requests them to review plans before deciding whether to grant a permit.

Karl Ward, president and CEO of Brewer-based Nickerson & O’Day Inc., said he has driven to Orono to look in on the project.

Since no road has been paved to access the site, he said construction crews must still be in the land-clearing stage.

When he learned the scope of the project, which will include 21 residential buildings, he was dubious of the projected completion date and said a date in the fall of 2013 would be more realistic.

“It’s terrible starting a project this time of year,” he said. “If someone were asking me to bet for or against their odds [of finishing The Grove by next fall], I would say, ‘Hell no.

See Grove on **A4**

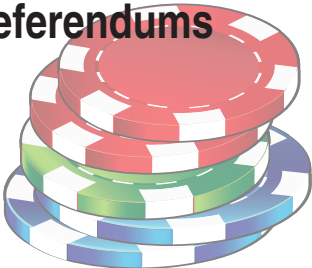
Bear’s Den, a year later

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Former employee mum on departure

Staff report

Steven Weinberger, former assistant vice president for Human Resources at the University of Maine, left Maine to join former UMaine President Robert Kennedy on the Connecticut Board of Regents.

Weinberger joined the recently created board as its head of human resources for a pay raise of \$21,285 from his UMaine wages and benefits of \$153,715 in 2010.

Weinberger's departure from UMaine was first reported by the Hartford Courant in Connecticut on Oct. 12. His last day at UMaine was Oct. 14.

UMaine spokesman Joe Carr posted a farewell message to Weinberger from Janet Waldron, UMaine's vice president for administration and finance, on the FirstClass Announcements & Alerts conference on Oct. 14.

In the message, Waldron said Tamara Mitchell was appointed as Weinberger's temporary replacement. Mitchell was the director of organizational development for the University of Maine System and was the executive director of Human Resources at the University of Maine at Fort Kent before that.

"Steve will return to say his goodbyes later this year as the university joins with the Town of Orono to host a joint send-off celebration for him and his wife Maria, currently the assistant town manager," Waldron wrote.

Carr wrote in a Nov. 3 email that "Mr. Weinberger's departure was completely routine, it included the appropriate period of notice and it is wholly without acrimony."

Two Maine Campus reporters have tried to contact Weinberger. Earlier attempts for comment were made in October, when it was learned he had taken the job in Connecticut, and were not returned.

More attempts were made last week. Although receptionists at the Connecticut Board of Regents office said Weinberger had started working, he did not return requests for comment.

Kennedy began serving as the interim president of the Board of Regents after stepping down from the UMaine presidency in June. He is earning a \$340,000 yearly salary with a possible \$25,000 yearly performance bonus. He will not know until January 2012 if his appointment will be permanent.

Kennedy is currently under contract with UMaine to return to Orono to teach in January. Kennedy told The Maine Campus in September 2011 that he is working with university and system officials to change that contract if necessary.

Bear's Den hits one-year mark

By Chris Chase
Staff Reporter



Christie Edwards • For The Maine Campus
Dee Wilbur, a Bear's Den employee, pours a draft beer Saturday night. The Bear's Den celebrates the one-year anniversary of its renovations on Nov. 9.

The Bear's Den will celebrate its one-year anniversary on Nov. 9. It reopened last year after much-needed renovations.

With a whole year now on the books, management within Black Bear Dining feels the changes to the décor and menu have been for the better.

"I think the expansion of the Bear's Den to include lunch and coffee has been helpful in getting people into the Bear's Den," said Kathy Kittridge, director of dining operations. "One of the challenges we found in doing some surveying previous to the renovation was that some people wouldn't go in there because they thought it was a pub and they were under 21."

Those who remember the Bear's Den of old may recall the wooden floors, dark walls and uncomfortable chairs that harkened to pubs of yesteryear.

Walk in now and you'll encounter a patterned tile floor, brighter paint, comfortable chairs and booths and a large case displaying an array of goods. In addition, more electrical outlets were added to make the space friendlier to students who wanted to use their laptops to study while eating.

The design itself was also influenced by the original class of 1944, who insisted the popular booths be added and made sure the changes preserved the heritage of the space.

The physical changes weren't only cosmetic. Previously, all food had to be carried over from the Union Marketplace kitchen, as the Bear's Den had no food-preparation equipment; now, most food is prepared on site, speeding up the process and making it easier for the staff.

"That's sort of how the menu evolved," Kittridge said. "We tried to make it self-sustaining within that space."

"It was hard to find the right menu items," said Al McAvoy, assistant dining service manager for the Marketplace. "We just wanted something that was a little bit different. The arduous part was how do we welcome a wide variety of people here."

The items on the menu now include more specialty items, such as tortas, quiche and crab sandwiches, as well as specialty coffee roasted by a local company and served only at the Bear's Den.

"Those things make this place a destination," McAvoy said. "We needed to give it an identity, a personality — something that made people want to be here."

According to Kittridge, an improvement in sales show that the Bear's Den is definitely a place people want to be now.

"It definitely has a popular lunch following," said Glenn Taylor, the directory of culinary services. "I think it has developed a niche. I think it finally has an identity — that was the focus, really, on this whole process."

The customers aren't just students. McAvoy said faculty, deans and people from the surrounding community stop in to enjoy the Bear's Den.

"I think we're in a comfortable place right now, but I do see, probably, some changes as we go along," McAvoy said. "You have to change it up to keep it interesting."

One of those changes will be the addition of nachos and wings to the menu, a decision reached through feedback from students on campus.

Another change will be an all-you-care-to-eat spaghetti dinner taking place on Wednesday nights.

"The class of '44 remembers that they used to have this tradition of this big gathering of spaghetti dinners," Taylor said. "So we're doing it as a kind of tribute."

For now, the changes will remain light, as Black Bear Dining feels it has hit a good balance in what the Bear's Den is doing for UMaine.

"I think what we've done is reinvented it," McAvoy said. "I think the traffic in and out of here every day speaks for itself."

Loan repayment changes to aid students

By Matthew Soucy
Staff Reporter

New regulations crafted by the Obama administration and the Department of Education aim to provide relief for college students facing potentially heavy student loan burdens.

President Barack Obama unveiled a plan, titled "Pay as You Earn," that will relieve students of any remaining federal loan debt 20 years after they are due and allow for consolidation of separate federal loan payments with a 0.05 percent reduction in the interest rate.

The "Pay as You Earn" program changes Department of Education regulations currently in place but in reality just alters current plans.

"He's [President Obama] changing the Income Based Repayment program," said Connie Smith, associate director of Financial Aid at the University of Maine.

The Income Based Repayment program [IBR] allows borrowers to reduce their monthly loan repayments to no higher than 15 percent of their annual income and forgives student debt that has not been paid 25 years after a student's loans are due.

"These students' IBR program will be reduced to 10 percent of their discretionary or yearly income," Smith said. "Then they would be reduced from 25 years of payments before relief to 20 years."

Federal loan borrowers are already allowed to consolidate government-based loans into one payment.

The Obama administration has said the consolidation option will potentially provide 1.6 million borrowers with more manageable monthly student loan payments.

The new regulations will apply to all students who take out federal loans starting in 2014.

Students with private loans will not receive any assistance through this program.

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According to Peggy Crawford, director of Financial Aid at UMaine, students shouldn't expect to see

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Peggy Crawford
Director of Financial Aid
University of Maine

significant changes in their loans, but they need to be aware of the options that are available to them.

"We're talking about what is really a potentially small pool of students affected," she said.

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Smith added that for borrowers with smaller debts, the program may not have any impact, but for students with heavy debt burdens, it may provide a great deal of relief.

"A student with \$25,000 to \$30,000 in student loan debt is going to pay that off within that 20 years usually," she said. "So I think this is going to be a really good program for students who have a high amount of loan debt."

Eligible borrowers will receive notification from the Department of Education and must apply for the program between Jan. 1 and June 30.

"There are still a lot of unanswered questions in the whole scheme of things," Crawford said. "This is good; it's not bad. The administration is bringing the issue of student loan debt to the forefront because it is a big issue facing the nation."

Overall student loan debt in the United States passed the \$1 trillion point this year, with 56 percent of college graduates earning a diploma with \$22,000 to \$26,000 worth of student loan debt.

In a recent report by the Project on Student Debt — which "works to increase public understanding of [increasing student debt] and the implications for our families, economy, and society" according to the organization's website — Maine graduates have the second highest average debt in the United States at \$29,983.

The report also states that 68 percent of Maine graduates leave college with some type of student loan debt.

"We have to start somewhere," Crawford said. "This is a good place to start and we can go from there."

Longtime UM spokesman to leave in December

Staff report



Carr

Joe Carr, director of University Relations for the University of Maine, is leaving Dec. 2 for a leadership position at Providence College, according to a statement from UMaine President Paul Ferguson.

Ferguson announced Friday

afternoon Carr will become an assistant vice president at Providence College in Rhode Island, where he will help lead a new communications and marketing division as part of a reorganization effort.

"His steady hand and deep commitment have been instrumental in advancing the institu-

tion's image and he has worked with colleagues around UMaine — especially in the Dept. of University Relations — to advance the university's mission through strategic communications efforts," Ferguson wrote.

A Hermon native, Carr has worked at UMaine for 18 years. He is a Providence College alum-

nus. Ferguson wrote that he will be naming an interim leadership team to search for Carr's replacement.

Carr has functioned as the main campus media contact and university spokesman for his entire career at UMaine and has called home hockey games for WABI-TV in Bangor for the past 13 years.

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cent increase — to a high of 11.5 percent at the University of New Hampshire.

UMaine boasted the lowest rates of any New England flagship campus, where in-state students paid \$10,588 in tuition and fees for the current academic year.

"I think what's interesting is the challenges we face in Maine are nearly universal, yet we've been able to keep tuition increases down," said UMaine spokesman Joe Carr. "In a general sense, it's a given that the top priority for us at UMaine will always be to curb tuition increases. During the budget process, it becomes a matter of directing your resources to keep tuition costs as low as possible."

The report also noted that, in the last decade, tuition and fees for in-state students at public four-year universities increased at an average rate of 5.6 percent per year beyond the rate of inflation.

Such an uptick stands in marked contrast with those at

both private nonprofit four-year institutions, where tuition and fees increased by 2.6 percent per year, and public two-year colleges, which increased by 3.8 percent per year in the last decade.

University of Maine System spokeswoman Peggy Markson attributed the comparatively low increase in tuition and fees at UMaine and other universities in the system to "a [budget] foundation that required [reductions] in staff, faculty and programs; efficiencies and economies to reduce costs; as well as understanding and cooperation from bargaining units as contracts were negotiated to preserve the long-term interests of the system and its valued employees."

In 2009, the University of Maine System faced a \$42.8 million deficit over a four-year period.

According to Markson, the

system has reduced the shortfall to \$10 million and curtailed tuition increases in large part due to the New Directions and New Challenges initiative, which called for major restructuring, budget cutbacks and a comprehensive review of academic programs at all

member institutions.

"We've also worked hard with all the campuses to bring ideas forward that promote the best possible decisions for each individual campus," Markson said.

In this way, Markson added, resources were shifted to offset significant tuition increases while preserving the quality of education at each of the system's seven campuses.

The College Board's report was released after the Maine Heritage Policy Center, a conservative think tank, released a report in October saying that employee compensation at UMaine significantly increased over the last eight years while tuition and fees increased disproportionately.

The College Board's report, coupled with a response from members of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, contradicts the center's findings.

"Since 2008, the Board of Trustees has moved to reduce costs and control tuition increases," wrote board members in a response to the center's findings on employee compensation at UMaine.

"Since 2009 there have been no cost-of-living increases for employees and the university workforce has been reduced by 7 percent since 2007 through

the elimination of 397 full-time equivalent positions," the response stated.

The board noted that in 2011, they approved the "lowest weighted average tuition increase in 10 years", with comprehensive student charges rising just 3.3 percent for in-state undergraduates throughout the system.

The College Board's report also showed how out-of-state students at public four-year institutions across the country continue to pay the steepest price for higher education, although rates in New England were comparatively lower than national rates.

The cost for out-of-state tuition and fees in the 2011-2012 academic year was \$26,308 at UMaine — an increase of \$1,136 from the previous year, but still the lowest of any flagship in New England, according to the report.

Out-of-state students at the University of New Hampshire saw tuition and fees increase by \$1,578 in 2011 for a total of \$28,570, the highest of any public four-year institution in New England.

The Maine Campus

We got the scoop.

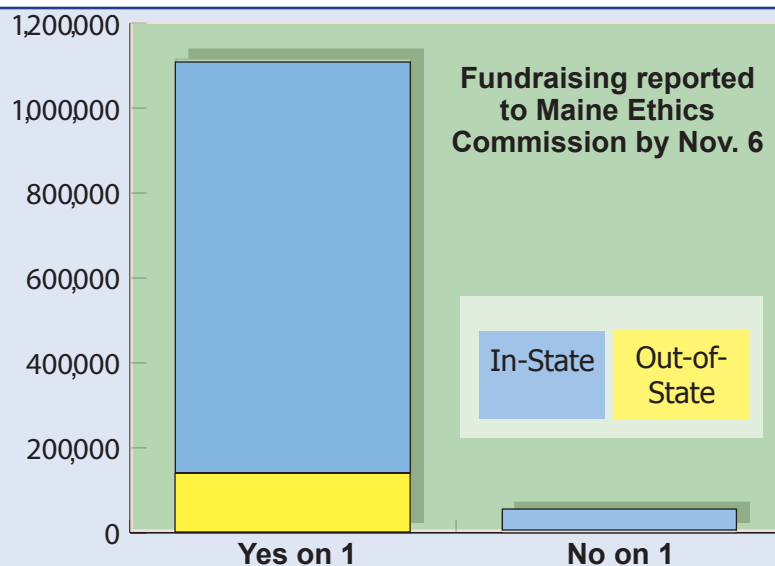
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Question 1

The top five states for voter participation in 2008 general elections all allow same-day registration.

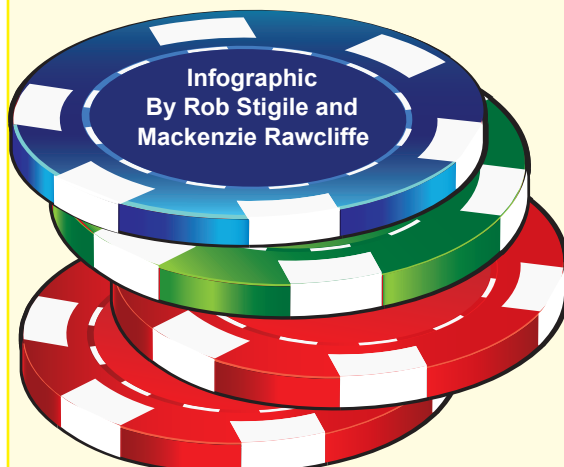
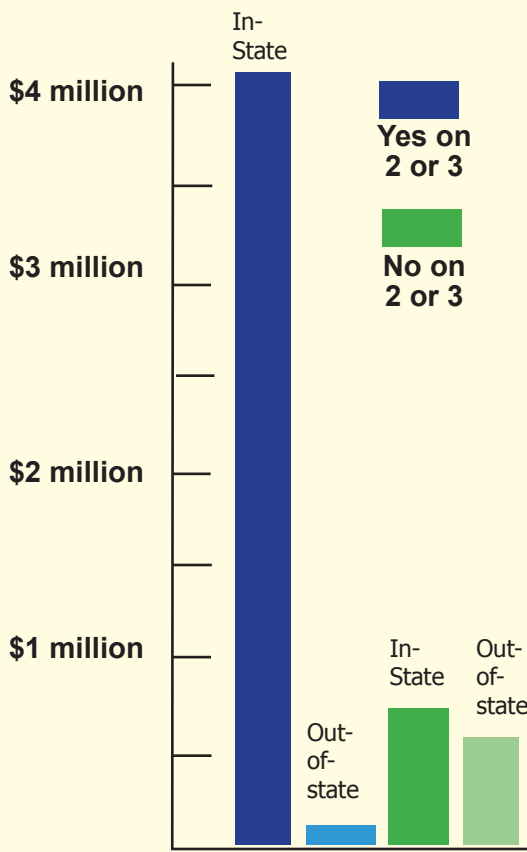
State Name	Voter Participation	Voters using Same-Day Reg.
1. Minnesota	73.1%	18.6%
2. Maine	70%	6.8%
3. Wisconsin	69%	14.6%
4. N.H.	69%	7.8%
5. Iowa	67.2%	2.9%



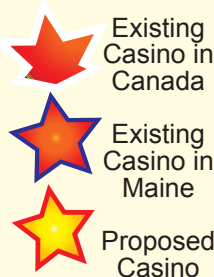
As of Nov. 6, groups organized in support of Question 1, which would continue Maine's longstanding tradition of allowing voters to register on Election Day, had received a total of \$1,115,356.28 in donations. Maine citizens, businesses and organizations made 353 of those contributions, while 27 donations came from out-of-state sources. The most profitable group, Protect Maine Votes, raised a total of \$657,971.64 — \$285,000 of which came as cash transactions from Donald Sussman, husband of Maine congresswoman Chellie Pingree.

In contrast, those groups opposing the measure received \$48,032.50, all of which came from 15 donations by in-state sources. Of that total, The NO on 1 — Secure Maine's Ballot campaign raised \$36,950, a figure more than six times higher than that of the Maine Heritage Policy Center, which received the second-most donations. Additionally, only the NO on 1 PAC received contributions from citizens — the campaigns from the Maine Heritage Policy Center and the Maine Republican Party to this point have both been funded entirely by those organizations.

Fundraising Reported by Nov. 6



Questions 2 and 3

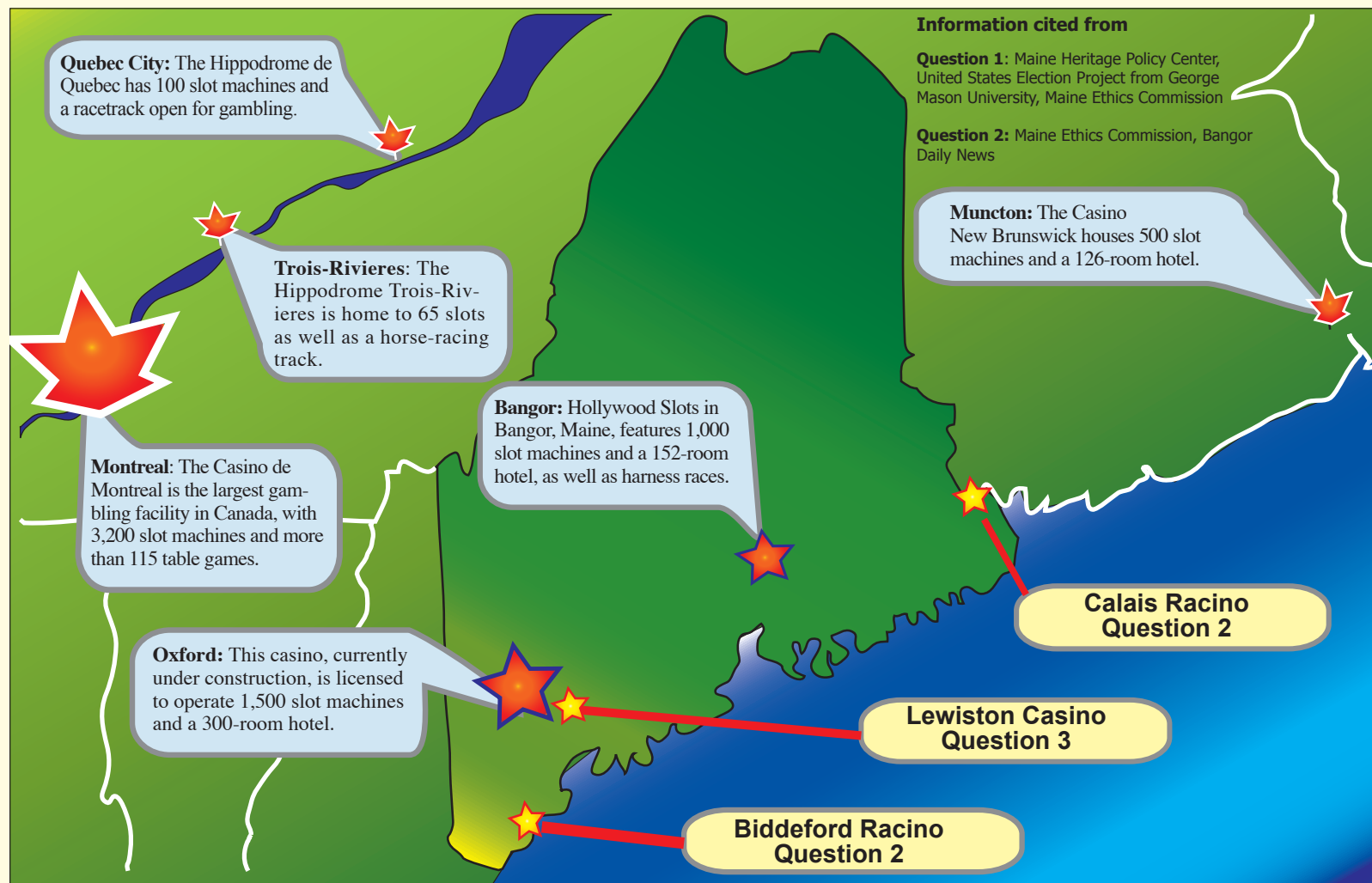


At the moment, two casinos are licensed to operate in Maine, with one in Oxford currently under construction. Across the border, five more facilities featuring slots, table games and racetracks are open for business, with Canada's largest gaming location calling the city of Montreal home. If both Question 2 and Question 3 are

passed, the number of gambling parlors in Maine and the surrounding Canadian provinces will rise from seven to ten.

To the south, legislators in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts are debating bills that, if passed as currently written, would add another five facilities to that total. Last week,

members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives passed a bill that would allow for the creation of two casinos in the state. Additionally, Massachusetts's lawmakers are considering a measure that would permit three resort-style casinos, one each in the western, eastern and southeastern regions of the state.



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Police Beat

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

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

Check-booked

The University of Maine Police Department arrested Aaron Collingsworth, 18, of Hermon at 1:34 a.m. Nov. 1 for operating under the influence. Collingsworth was stopped at a safety checkpoint set up on Rangeley Road for Halloween. He appeared intoxicated to officers and failed field sobriety tests. He was taken to the UMPD station, where his blood alcohol content was measured at 0.10 percent. Collingsworth was taken to Penobscot County Jail in Bangor.



Checkered past

UMPD arrested Frank Scura, 19, for violating his conditions of release at 12:53 a.m. Nov. 1. Scura was stopped at the Rangeley Road checkpoint, and officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle. Scura, who is not allowed to consume or possess illegal drugs as a bail condition from a previous arrest, was in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Penobscot County Jail in Bangor. According to Maine Campus archives, Scura was arrested by UMPD on

Sept. 11 for operating under the influence with a blood alcohol content of 0.11 percent and was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Checkmate

UMPD summonsed Nicholas Fitzpatrick, 18, for possession of a useable amount of marijuana after he was stopped at the Rangeley Road checkpoint at 11:51 p.m. Oct. 31. Officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle, and a search turned up 1.25 ounces of marijuana, a pipe and a grinder. Fitzpatrick was also referred to Judicial Affairs.

Checkpoint of no return

UMPD summonsed Nathan Baker, 19, for possession of a useable amount of marijuana at 1:03 a.m. Nov. 1 after he was stopped at the Rangeley Road checkpoint. Officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and Baker turned over

a marijuana pipe. Officers warned him for an expired inspection sticker and vehicle registration. Baker was also referred to Judicial Affairs.

Deforestation

UMPD received a report of an intoxicated female on the first floor of Somerset Hall at 9:55 p.m. Nov. 1. The 18-year-old female was transported to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor for medical treatment. She was with Gregory Forest, 18. Officers learned Forest was in possession of a useable amount of marijuana, for which he was summonsed. Both students were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Dude, you're missing a Dell

UMPD received a report of a theft at 1:06 p.m. Nov. 2 from the Stodder Hall Graduate Student Center. A Dell computer tower was stolen between 2 p.m. Oct. 26 and 1 p.m. Oct. 31.

Grove from A1

There's no way."

Nickerson & O'Day was founded in 1952. The company built the University of Maine's Hilltop and Wells commons, as well as Jenness, Gannett, Rogers and Holmes halls. It built the Bangor Daily News building and Dick's Sporting Goods at the Bangor Mall.

No foundations have been poured if there isn't a road for concrete trucks to use, Ward said, and pouring concrete correctly in winter is time-consuming.

He launched into a litany of steps that could be taken to ensure concrete poured for foundations is set correctly despite frigid temperatures, describing temporary radiant floor heating systems and a method of wrapping the exterior of a building in plastic and heating trapped air.

Ward cautioned that each process is expensive: A radiant floor heating system, for example, can cost \$5,000 per week for an average-sized building.

"I'm very surprised to see they haven't built the road in," he said. "It's inexplicable why they've lost the last 60 days of good weather."

Ward said he was upset to hear that companies from Alabama and Iowa had contacted Murphy to ask about Maine permit requirements — signals that they are looking to secure contracts with Campus Crest to help build The Grove.

"It's disheartening for me to

hear that they would intend to subcontract a large portion of this work to out-of-state companies," he said. "There is no faster vehicle for pumping money into the regional economy than construction."

He added that Nickerson & O'Day, which only employs Maine residents, has not been approached by Campus Crest.

He also speculated on the financing of the company, which is partially funded by a construction loan from TD Bank, saying interest rates on construction loans are generally high.

"That's something I'm sure they're quite concerned about," he said. "There's going to be a tremendous amount of pressure to put bodies in those rooms as soon as possible — paying bodies."

Murphy said Orono does not restrict winter building.

"All we require is that the work be done according to the code," he said. "If they want to work in the middle of winter, that's up to them."

Murphy said approval for Campus Crest to build sewer connection lines was given on Nov. 3, and he expected other permits to be sent out soon.

Ten of Campus Crest's 32 Grove complexes are in Texas. Most of the rest are grouped in the Southeast and Midwest. Including Orono, six Groves are slated to open in fall 2012.

The Grove at Orono will have 620 beds, meaning it will house more students than UMaine's two largest residence halls combined.

Hollywood from A1

said the tribe made \$2 million in revenue, which went to fund assisted living programs and summer camps for children.

In 2010, Mitchell said Bingo brought in only \$80,000.

He said it's no surprise Bangor officials are supporting the

racino's transformation to casino.

"All they're thinking of is this new civic center downtown. That's their holy grail," Mitchell said. "Anything to do with Hollywood Slots, I vote 'no.'"

Some city councilors and businesspeople have endorsed the gambling expansion. Charles Longo, a Bangor city

councilor, said the \$65 million replacement of the Bangor Auditorium and Civic Center is the "No. 1 thing we look to" when considering Hollywood Slots as a positive area player. Tax revenues paid by the racino are covering the new arena's construction costs.

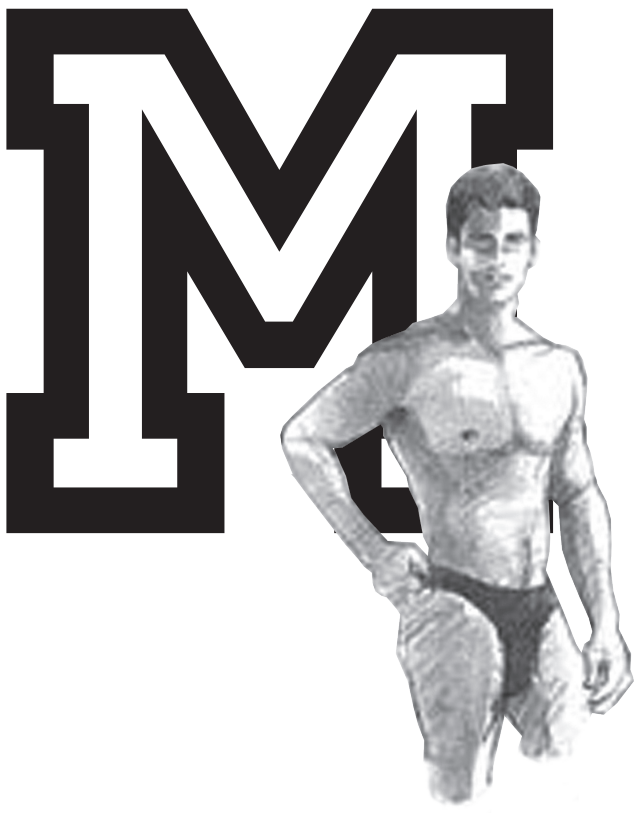
"I fully support table games for Penobscot County," Longo said. "Any tools, within reason,

we can provide Hollywood Slots to stay in Bangor and thrive — we should do so."

Moreover, Melcher said that given Maine's economy, opposing casinos has become politically difficult.

"I think it's easier to argue against casinos before they're here," he said. "In this economy, there don't seem to be a lot of ideas [to create jobs]."

University of Maine Briefs



Signs on campus damaged due to vandalism

The University of Maine Police Department is investigating a series of incidents that have occurred on campus since Oct. 26. According to UMaine spokesman Joe Carr, UMPD has reported 5 instances of vandalism after signs at Cutler Health Center, Cumberland Hall, Aubert Hall, Oak Hall and Libby Hall were allegedly kicked and damaged. In all, the estimated cost of the damage is \$1,200 and UMPD has recovered some physical evidence related to the vandalism. Police are asking anyone with information on the incidents to contact the department at 581-4040.

UM Computer engineering students win competition

UMaine computer engineering students recently placed first and second in the Northeastern United States region in an international programming competition. They also placed in the top 100 among 1,500 other teams from around the world.

Three teams from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering participated in the fifth International Programming contest in late October.

The first place team consisted of Jason Monk, Aaron McCollough and Forrest Flagg. The second place team consisted of Gabriel Noblesmith, Alexander Arseneau and Corey Birdsall.

Participants had 24 hours to solve 15 questions dealing with topics like optimization, spatial movement and other computer algorithms. Teams are ranked on the number of questions solved and the time taken to solve them. UMaine's first place team answered nine of those 15 questions correctly, while its second place team answered 8 correctly.

UM to receive research grant for red tide study

The University of Maine will receive a \$201,000 grant for research on red tide in the Gulf of Maine, according to a university press release.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant covers funding for the first year of a three-year project by the UMaine School of Marine Sciences to study early detection methods for red tide, the name for outbreaks of toxic algae blooms.

The research will explore cost-effective ways to properly detect the spread of red tide in the Gulf of Maine. The

NOAA has pledged a total of \$574,028 over the next three years.

Former National Security Advisor to present UM Cohen lecture

Retired U.S. Marine Gen. James Jones, who served as the first National Security Advisor in the Obama administration, will visit the University of Maine on Nov. 17 to deliver the William S. Cohen lecture.

Cohen, a Bangor native who represented Maine in the U.S. Congress for 24 years and served as Secretary of Defense in the Clinton administration is also expected to participate, according to a UMaine press release.

Jones, a Vietnam veteran, has served in various leadership roles with the Marine Corps during his career, including seven years as a brigadier general and four years as a general. In 2007, he retired after 40 years of service with the military.

His tenure as National Security Advisor took place from Jan. 2009 to Oct. 2010.

The lecture will occur at 10:30 a.m. at the Collins Center for the Arts and it will cover matters related to international policy and commerce.

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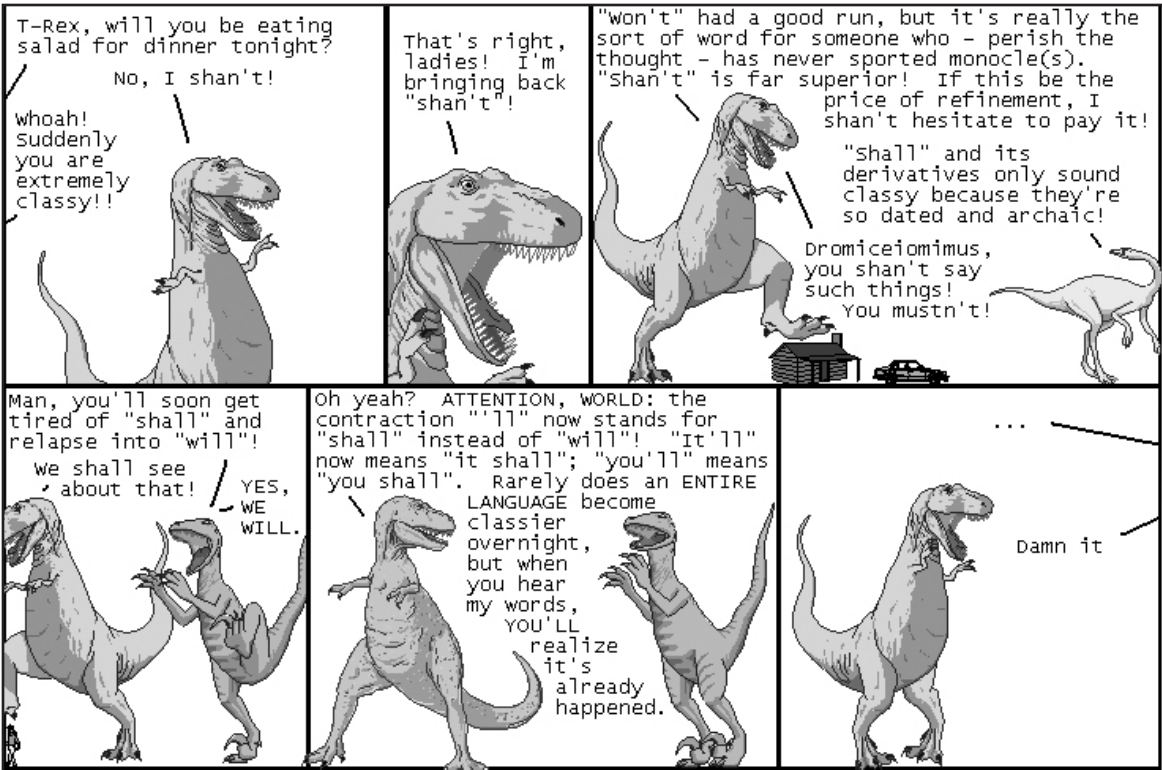
Ben Robie, a senior survey engineering student, tests out the slackline after setting it up on the mall in late October.

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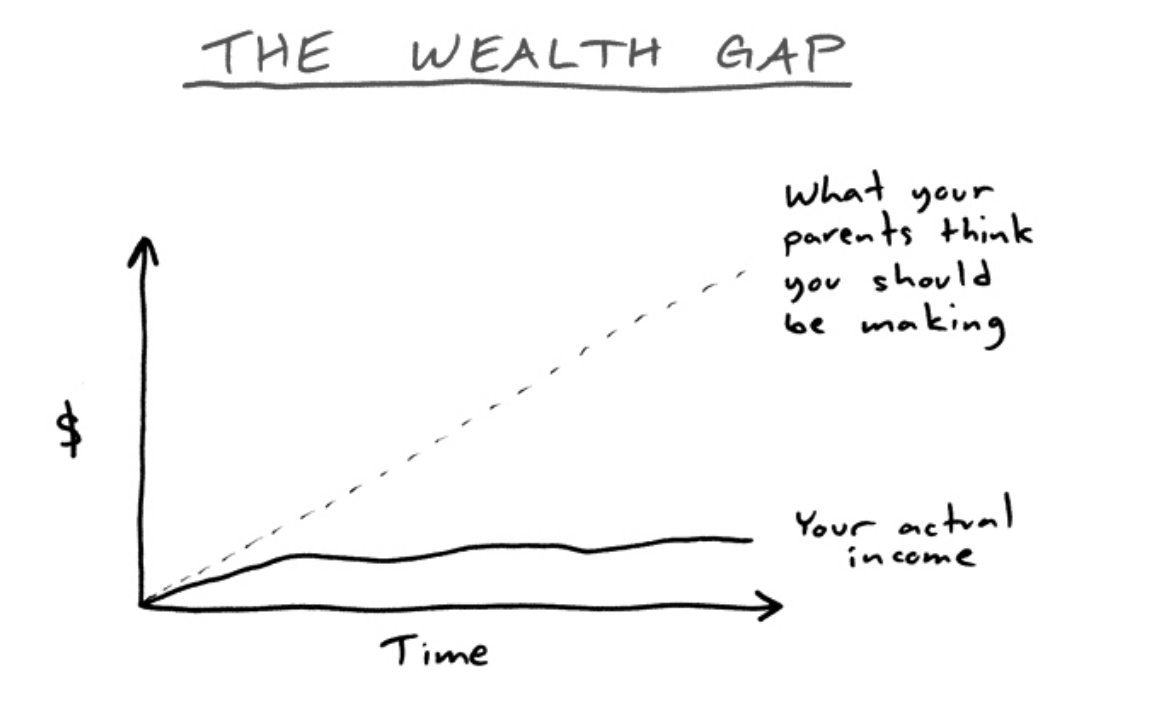
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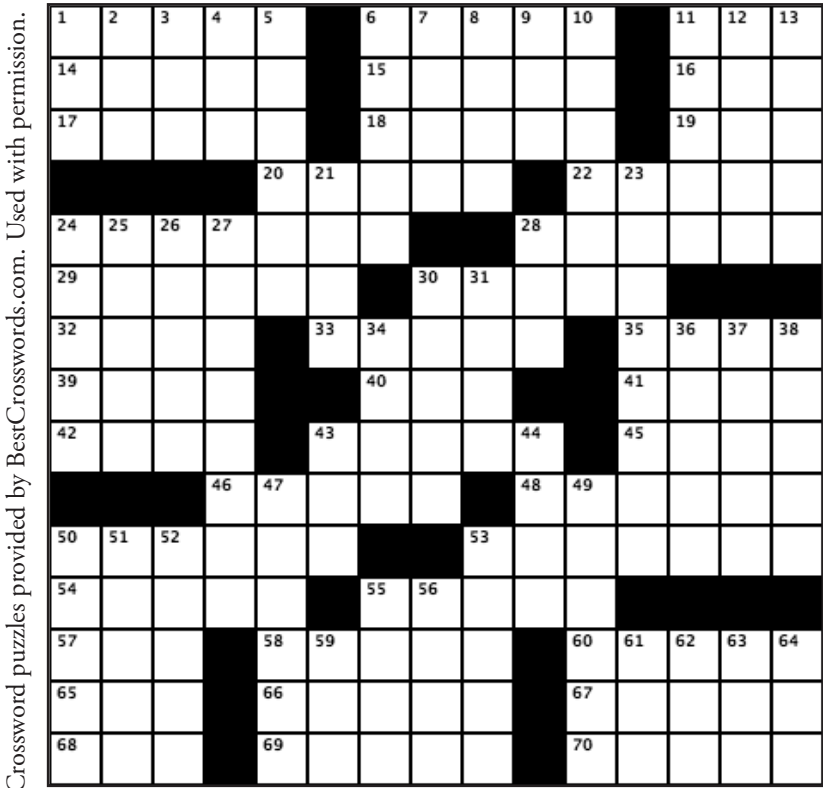
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Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

Across

- 1- Damp;
- 6- Pale bluish purple;
- 11- Purse;
- 14- Academy award;
- 15- Embed;
- 16- Afflict;
- 17- Itty-bitty;
- 18- Sift;
- 19- Madrid Mrs.;
- 20- Cordage fiber;
- 22- "See ya!";
- 24- Roof flue;
- 28- Cure;
- 29- Yield;
- 30- Seaport in the Crimea;
- 32- Biblical garden;
- 33- Head lock;
- 35- Box;
- 39- Pearl Mosque city;
- 40- ___ little tea-pot.;
- 41- Kemo ___;

- 42- Bump into;
- 43- Paces;
- 45- A party to;
- 46- A lot;
- 48- Learned person;
- 50- Stellar;
- 53- Bantu language;
- 54- Remains;
- 55- Metal-shaper;
- 57- Blubber;
- 58- Claw;
- 60- Collection of maps;
- 65- Competitor of Tide and Cheer;
- 66- Gnu cousin;
- 67- Model Camp-bell;
- 68- Affirmative reply;
- 69- Gritty intro;
- 70- Object;

Down

- 1- Witty remark;
- 2- Sugar suffix;
- 3- Bump off;

- 4- Japanese hon-orific;
- 5- Irritating;
- 6- Indistinct;
- 7- Indigo;
- 8- Peter Fonda title role;
- 9- 6th letter of the Hebrew alphabet;
- 10- Grommet;
- 11- Moistened while cooking;
- 12- Broadcast;
- 13- Quite bright;
- 21- Dispatched;
- 23- Collecting;
- 24- Fatty part of milk;
- 25- Barrier;
- 26- Grenoble's river;
- 27- Menacing;
- 28- "Treasure Is-land" monogram;
- 30- Arabian repub-lic;
- 31- Quickly,

- quickly;
- 34- Baptism, e.g.;
- 36- White-and-black bearlike mammal;
- 37- Bubbling;
- 38- Oscar de la ___;
- 43- Letters on a Cardinal's cap;
- 44- Roasting rod;
- 47- Attach firmly;
- 49- Let go;
- 50- Analyze;
- 51- Fur scarf;
- 52- Small hand drum;
- 53- Jitterbug dance;
- 55- Bed support;
- 56- ___ Blanc;
- 59- Boxer Laila;
- 61- ___ kwon do;
- 62- Actor Herbert;
- 63- ___ Darya (Asian river);
- 64- Highly re-spectful way of addressing a man;

Winter Wonder

- BLACK ICE

BLIZZARD

BOOTS

CARNIVAL

CHRISTMAS

COLD

EGG NOG

FIREPLACE

FIREWOOD

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FREEZE

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SLIPPERY

SNOW CASTLE
- SNOW PLOW

SNOW SHOVEL

SNOW TIRES

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SOLSTICE

SOUP

STEW

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Word Search

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Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a hidden message.

Sudoku Puzzle

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- 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

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Aries - March 21 to April 20 - Don't let children hold you back from doing things you enjoy. It's time to consider putting money into long-term investments.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - You need to be inspired and have your spirits lifted. You may be angry if someone tries to take credit for something you did.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - One sided attractions are likely. You may be sensitive concerning friends and their situations. You should sit down with someone you trust and work out a budget that will enable you to save a little extra.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Try not to get into disputes that will lead to estrangement's. Older relatives may make unreasonable demands. Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Educational pursuits can bring interesting, helpful people. Don't let anyone take credit for a job you did. Try to make amends by planning a nice dinner for two.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - You will be appreciated for the competence you exhibit and for taking on responsibilities. Daydreaming will be your downfall. You may be looking through rose colored glasses.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - You are best to concentrate on work. Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests. Don't believe everything you hear.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Organize social events or family gatherings. Be cautious and use your head wisely in situations that deal with the use of machinery or vehicles.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - You need to spend some time getting to know this person all over again. You could overreact to emotional situations regarding your relationship.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - You've been hurt before and could be again if you don't play hard to get. You will be able to make favorable changes in your living quarters. Read some books on self awareness.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Organizations may cost you more than you can afford. Direct your energy into physical entertainment. It will be all around you.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Be considerate and avoid being overly opinionated, or arguments will ensue. Make sure any presentation you have is ready. Secret activity is evident.

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No on 3, yes on county question safe bet for area

All bets are on for this year’s state ballot, and the stakes are far higher than ever before.

With two of the three statewide questions vying to place casinos and racinos around the state of Maine, the prospect of easy money is poking and piquing the economic psyche of Vacationland residents. The proposed gambling establishments also offer another benefit, perhaps more appealing than the capital itself — jobs.

With the state employment rate at approximately 7.5 percent, a mere whisper of permanent occupational opportunity offers to connect the ends which refuse to meet in this recession. At last, a solution has been granted to the suffering Pine Tree State in the form of brightly-colored chips, spinning wheels and pull levers.

But will adopting a subculture in which everything relies on risk dispense the stability that Maine is banking on? Will we, as Mainers, be forced to fold before the game even begins, when the economy eventually makes positive progress?

To gamble correctly — if there is such a practice — one must be cautious not to pour all the chips into one game. This mindset must be adopted by voters on Election Day when faced with Question 3 — the measure vying for a casino to be built in Lewiston.

Whereas Question 2 encourages racinos or casinos to be built in areas that make geographic sense in their separation across the state, Question 3 wishes for a casino to be erected close to another — Lewiston is just 20 miles away from the casino currently being constructed in Oxford.

Thus, when it comes to Question 3, we implore Mainers to vote “no,” because allowing this measure to pass alongside Question 2 — which requests that two racinos be installed in both Biddeford and Washington County — is simply too close, too much and too late.

The fact that Maine cannot fiscally handle five casinos, as divulged by Gov. Paul LePage, only reinforces our argument that a “no” on 3 is a bet made for the better.

Also, Lewiston could potentially halt passage of tourists and gamblers making the long haul to Bangor’s established racino, Hollywood Slots Hotel and Raceway.

For citizens casting their vote in Penobscot County, a referendum will also appear on the ballot that would allow for table games — roulette, blackjack, poker and craps — at the Hollywood Slots location. Voters in this area are urged to let the referendum, known as LD 1418, pass, as it is far more logical to pump resources into a system assured to work than unloading on a location more likely to lose traffic and money for credible operations.

LD 1418 would offer approximately 100 more jobs in the Bangor area, becoming an uber racino in the process as well (other racinos in Maine would not offer table games).

And as far as wagering goes, wouldn’t it be more feasible to put money on the proven champion than the wild-card rookie?

The answers for Question 3 and LD 1418 should be left to the cards. A casino in Lewiston just isn’t a smart venture — it cannot be afforded and its proximity to other establishments of its kind promises only deficit, rather than prosperity. LD 1418 is the royal flush added to an established jackpot system.

Counting cards is entirely appropriate when taking gambles such as these. Vote “no” on 3 — and “yes” on LD 1418, if you are allotted the choice — to be Fortune’s overlord, not her fool.

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Opinion



Protect Yankee ingenuity in Maine, vote yes on 1

For decades, Mainers went to the polls to pick their governor during the September of presidential election years.

In every case until the Franklin Roosevelt era, the party that carried the governor’s mansion in September would carry the White House in November. From coast to coast, nearly everyone was uttering the now-famous phrase: “As Maine goes, so goes the nation.”

For such a small state, Maine has had a key role in defining the national political scene thanks in part to leaders like James G. Blaine, Margaret Chase Smith, George Mitchell, Bill Cohen and Ed Muskie. From taking on Joe McCarthy to championing the Clean Air and Water acts and establishing peace in Northern Ireland, Maine’s finest statesmen have set a grand example for the nation.

But it hasn’t just been the men and women Mainers chose to send to Washington and Augusta who set the examples — it has been Mainers themselves. Since Mainers adopted a bill in 1973 allowing eligible residents to register to vote and cast their ballot on election day, Maine has consistently led the nation with one of the highest percentages in voter turnout.

In fact, according to nonprofit organization VOTE, during last year’s Republican wave, Maine had the highest midterm turnout in the nation with 56.52 percent.

But Maine’s perpetually high voter turnout and status as a national leader is on the line tomorrow. Despite the high number of same-day registrants in 2010 who were crucial in propelling them to power, State Republicans acted quickly to lift a law that has, for years, made it easier for college students, working families and the middle class in general to vote.

The Republican Party’s crackdown here in Maine is, as extensively profiled this summer by Rolling Stone, part of a national effort to disenfranchise traditionally democratic-leaning voters. Backed by the wealthy Koch



BEN GOODMAN

POLITICAL COLUMNIST

brothers, Republican legislatures continue to erect barriers for voter participation.

On Tuesday, Maine has the opportunity to decide if it wants to relinquish its status as a leader in civic engagement participation.

Once and for all, Mainers will decide

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whether the slogan truly is “As Maine goes, so goes the nation,” or instead “As the nation goes, so goes Maine.”

The most entertaining part of the voting rights debate over the last year has been Maine Republican Party Chairman Charlie Webster’s supreme failure to provide any reasons behind the true motives and agenda running his party’s efforts to make it harder for working families to vote.

The ludicrous fight hit close to home this summer when Secretary of State Charlie Summers was given a list of 206 University students who had allegedly committed serious voter fraud. Just like all of the evidence and arguments provided by the brothers Charles, the list held no water. All but two of the students on the list were cleared of any wrongdoing.

The real reason that Mr. Webster has been

unable to articulate an actual position or clear set of reasons for attacking our fundamental right to vote is that he knows most Mainers see the repeal of same-day registration as nothing more than a partisan attempt to fix something that isn’t actually broken. The fact remains that neither Mr. Webster nor any group of Augusta Republicans came up with the decision to push elimination of this tool on their own.

A scary trend has emerged in Republican-controlled state legislatures across the nation. ALEC — the conservative American Legislative Exchange Council — has actively pushed proposed copies of legislation championing radically conservative ideas that are out-of-touch with the vast majority of Americans.

Certainly, our legislative process works best when a variety of stakeholders propose solutions to our problems. This session,

Republicans in Augusta have repeatedly shown that they are willing to simply mandate one-size-fits-all ideas handed down by Washington lobbyists — creating more problems rather than actually solving any.

Tomorrow’s vote could be one of the last chances to reaffirm Maine’s place as a leader in civic participation and as a state with bold leaders like Ed Muskie and George Mitchell, who create innovative solutions to our problems, and do not simply follow the lead of out-of-touch Washingtonians.

Let’s make Tuesday night the night that historians call the start of the revolution to protect the vote. Let’s ensure that that we always appropriately approach our problems by protecting Yankee Ingenuity and the Maine Way, not the Washington Way.

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Performers, potential audiences get slighted by poor promotional alliances



A healthy cultural scene in this isolated part of America not only benefits starving artists and homeless persons, like yours truly; it allows students to rally together and work toward a common goal.

BRIAN RAY

Because I’m working my way toward a degree in starving artistry and homelessness, the opportunity for me to attend a fairly priced performance by up-and-coming musicians in the Bangor area is something I yearn for and cherish rather deeply.

But in recent weeks, something has been preventing venues from filling up. An Oct. 20 gig at the Collins Center for the Arts, headlined by energetic R&B artist Janelle Monáe, was met with only a third of the theater’s capacity. An even worse turnout occurred during the Holy Ghost! gig in Bangor on Oct. 30.

I’ve noticed that certain student-run organizations on campus, such as Student Government and the Division of Student Affairs, have been primarily responsible for promoting concerts that are in or around the University of Maine area. This gives me the impression that these departments hold some sort of responsibility for the low turnouts as of late.

I can’t be the only one curious as to why low attendance keeps occurring and how we can prevent it from recurring.

The Janelle Monáe concert should have had a high turnout due to her mainstream breakthrough in the music industry but, from what I saw from backstage at the CCA, a sizable chunk of the audience left as soon as the headliner went on stage.

I can only assume this was because attendees, especially younger ones, felt restricted when they were in a venue with the immovable constraint of seats. Considering the energy of Monáe’s performance, it must have been disappointing to not be physically able to channel that energy and release it back.

One of the university’s responsibilities — aside from the promotion of upcoming campus events — is to determine which venues on campus are available for use. I’m guessing the problem with the Janelle Monáe show had something to do with the fact that the sports venues normally used for

such events — namely Alfond Arena and the Field House — were not available at the time.

There must be another alternative that Student Affairs can turn to if they are not able to acquire a venue in which attendees can stand or move about freely.

This can be done in several ways. The arena proposal slated to arise during the upcoming state election could solve the issue; the long-since abandoned Stewart Commons building could be repurposed; even the possibility of holding outdoor events is an option. Perhaps there is an even better alternative we can turn to that hasn’t been discovered yet. It’s all a matter of being able to think of something and put it into action.

Based on what I heard from people who knew about the Holy Ghost! gig but did not attend, the lackluster turnout was attributed to a concerning amount of confusion held by potential attendees who had no idea whether the show was being held on campus or somewhere else in the Bangor area.

This brings to light a serious communication problem between event organizers — who wish to bring new and exciting groups to Bangor — and student-run institutions of the university, whose job is to assist these outside promoters in transforming northern New England into a cultural hub.

In the case of Holy Ghost!, the disappointing turnout makes West Market Productions look unprofessional to tour managers who may have an interest in bringing bands they work under into a welcoming place.

If the university really wishes to benefit from musicians who go out of their way to come up here, then a stronger alliance must be formed between UMaine and the organizers who want to book performances.

If successful, there would be a mutual exchange taking place. Effective student-led promotions successfully attract students to Bangor for future events, making the town a more prestigious place. Then organizers like West Market Productions attract more performers to the university, making our campus a more prestigious place. It’s a win-win situation.

A healthy cultural scene in this isolated part of America not only benefits starving artists and homeless persons, like yours truly; it allows students from many educational backgrounds to rally together and work toward a common goal.

In this case, it’s ensuring that the show will go on. Bangor is showing true promise that it will be known for something other than the bath salts epidemic. As neighbors and students, it’s up to us to make good on that promise.

Brian Ray is a fourth-year English student.

Columnist: Maine casinos risk economic and ethical health of state communities



ERIN McCANN

You don’t feed Twinkies to a malnourished child.

Sure, they may temporarily deter starvation, but they are high in sugar content, saturated fat, carbohydrates and sodium, and they’re deficient or low in just about every nutrient. Scurvy, beriberi and rickets, among many other diseases caused by nutrition deficiencies, would be observed in this child.

All foods are not created equal. And all jobs are not created equal. When you have a malnourished state economy, impulsively adding any job will not necessarily effectuate long-term economic health.

This Tuesday, Mainers will vote on whether to allow the creation of three casinos and racinos in Lewiston, Calais and Biddeford.

Voting “yes” on questions 2 and 3 would give Maine a total of five casinos or racinos.

Maine already has Hollywood Slots in Bangor, and the casino in Oxford County is under construction. Adding any more is, simply put, too many casinos, too soon.

Chris O’Neil, the spokesman for Mainers Against a Rotten Deal, the statewide campaign against adding three more casinos, said in an interview with the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, “The question is no longer ‘casinos yes’ or ‘casinos no,’ the question now is ‘casinos how many? Casinos where? Casinos how big? Casinos benefiting whom?’”

In a 2001 report funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, researchers examined eight communities with casinos. The populations of these communities ranged from 22,385 to 396,685 people.

The majority of the communities experienced a significant increase in certain crimes, specifically drug violations, assaults and credit card fraud, compared with control communities. Also observed in several communities were significant increases in prostitution, sexual assault, robbery, motor vehicle theft, larceny and arson.

Furthermore, the majority of the examined communities with casinos saw a significant increase in bankruptcy per capita compared to the control communities.

In 2004, the National Institute of Justice released a report exploring the link between gambling and crime among the arrestees, finding a positive correlation. They found that compulsive and pathological gamblers were more likely to sell drugs, and

more than 30 percent of pathological gamblers had admitted to robbery in the past year. Many confessed their crimes were to pay for gambling.

Proponents of the casinos cite state revenue generated from tourists, which would supposedly provide scholarships for University of Maine System students.

I can speak with relative certainty that tourists will not be flocking to a Lewiston casino.

Rather, low- to middle-income Mainers will prove to be the recurrent customers; those individuals who have happened upon financial hardship and are clutching a naive optimism of reversing their fiscal misfortune.

This is how our scholarships will be funded and this is where state revenue will be primarily generated — from the shallow pockets of our own citizens.

Casinos ultimately leave Maine malnourished and deficient in personal, financial and economic health.

Casinos are another word for redistribution of wealth, essentially a tax on the poor and the middle class. They are not limited to economic stimulation. They stimulate addiction, bankruptcy, crime, desperation and penury. They create a culture of squandering and indulgence. This inordinate number of casinos for the small state of Maine will effectuate a transition of community demographics and a shift in societal and ethical values.

Mainers are innovative, assiduous and entitled to more than what they’re being presented with. Maine’s unemployment rate is 7.5 percent, compared to the national average of 9 percent. These are indeed difficult times, but this does not necessitate welcoming a shortsighted, imprudent proposal of three casinos without considering the long-term effects of such a decision.

Casinos are perennial establishments that do not close their doors when the economy is back on its feet. The vote to create three additional casinos in this state is impulsive and insular. Thus, I urge Mainers to vote “no” on questions 2 and 3 this Tuesday.

Casino communities will ultimately leave Maine malnourished and deficient in personal, financial and economic health. We deserve better, long-lasting jobs that will provide economic health and sustainability for Maine families and Maine communities.

Erin McCann is a fourth-year biology student. Her columns will appear every Monday.

Western promises: Arab Spring revolts riddled with Western influence, globalization reigns

PARDIS DELIJANI

The revolts in the Arab Spring have demonstrated and exposed many components of the revolutionary process.

Predominantly, this historical period has allowed the concept of globalization to affect the outcomes of uprisings. Throughout these revolts, the world has witnessed various countries using their influence to alter the political climate in the Arab Spring.

One stand-out example is the United States using its influence to persuade Mubarak to resign in order to have a say in the aftermath of the revolution.

The revolts sprouting in the Arab Spring triggered an opportunity for states to manipulate an incoming regime to suit their interests. The ousting of former Egypt leader Hosni Mubarak is a prime example of American intervention employed to maintain a critical ally in the Middle East — Egypt — for the sake of regional stability.

The United States, along with other Western countries, simply couldn’t risk the absence of their influence and inter-

has evolved into an environment for government meddling.

Globalization has affected how countries attempt to influence and press their interests onto others in hopes of maintaining or increasing command and control over the international domain.

The uprisings in the Arab Spring have given countries the perfect opportunity to achieve foreign policy initiatives. The events have given observers the chance to witness how distorted globalization is truly becoming. Boundaries have ceased to exist, even when it came to the authority of government.

With the interference of Western countries, and international organizations touting liberal agendas increasing, it’s fair to wonder if globalization will cause the majority of countries to follow a similar system of government.

The United States, like other Western countries, has already been pushing states in the Middle East and Africa toward a democratic-based system. Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt and potentially Libya will hold or have participated in elections in one form or another. If the goal of “state building” is successful within these countries, globalization will be taken to a

new level.

It will apply not only to the extension and integration of other countries, but the domestic issues of other countries as well. This seems to be done primarily through the molding and manipulation of vulnerable countries to fit the criteria within the interests of the dominating state.

The Arab uprisings provided the perfect opportunity for Western nations to broaden and implement their authority onto other countries. As a result, it has proven the advantages and disadvantages of an integrated world.

It has also shown that, as mankind moves forward, globalization will not be bound by any sort of limitation.

Pardis Delijani is a fourth-year international affairs student.



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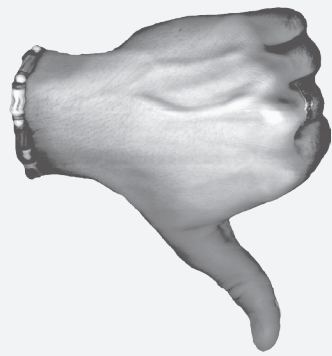
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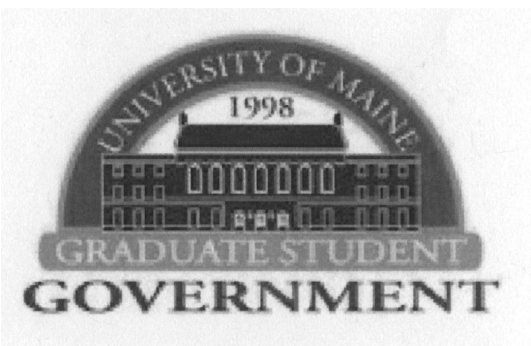
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This year’s referendum election will be held on Nov. 8. Voters must be 17 years or older to register and may be required in some instances to present photo identification or proof of residency, such as a piece of mail. Only those 18 years and older 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

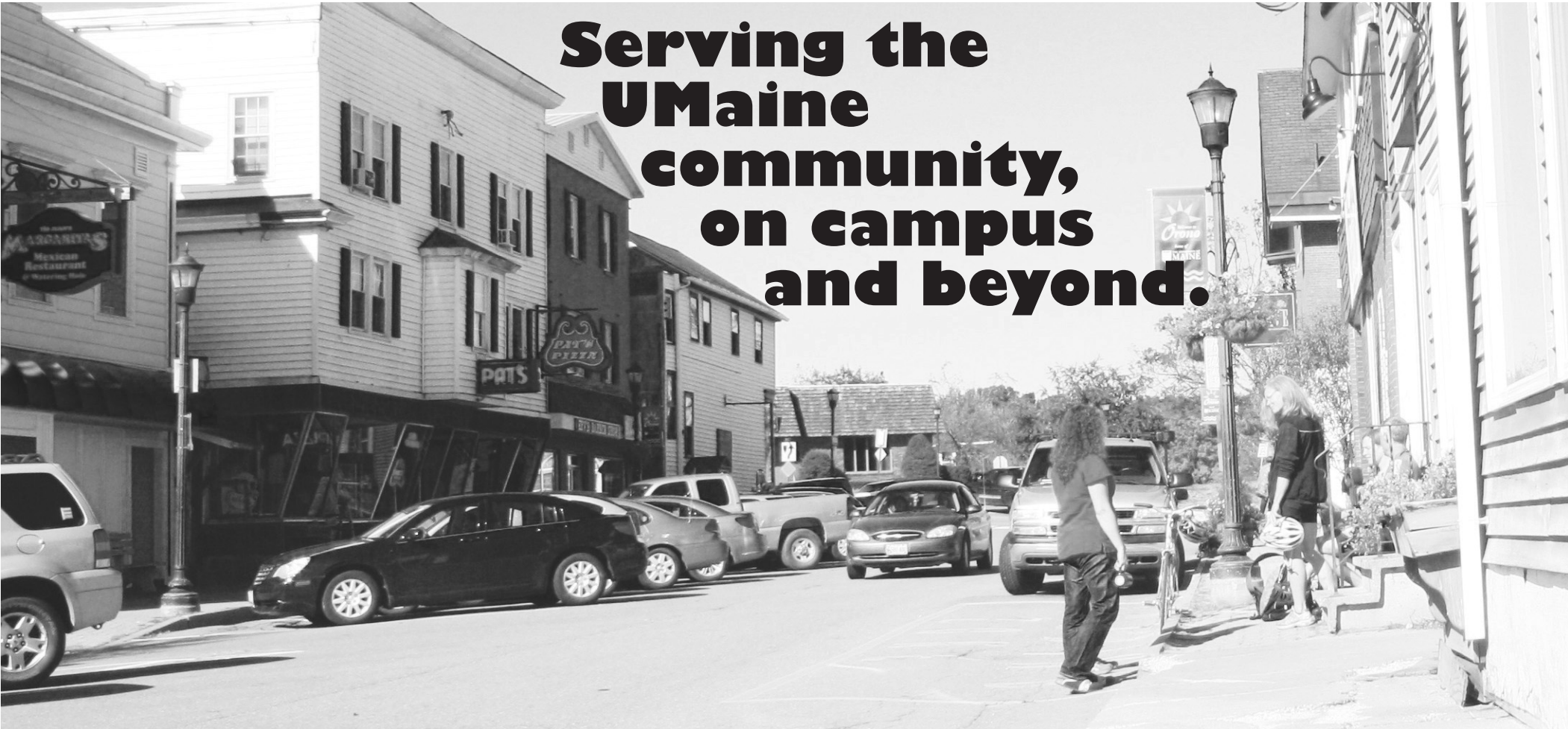
Town Office or at the Orono Senior Citizen Center, located at 10 Birch Street. UMaine students living on-campus vote at the Memorial Union. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots can be obtained by going to the town office or calling 207-866-2556.

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Ireland’s best bring classical music to Minsky Recital Hall

Irish Chamber Orchestra’s tour brings group to UMaine

By Hillary Nason
For The Maine Campus

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, the Irish Chamber Orchestra performed a captivating show at the Collins Center for the Arts.

The Orchestra is recognized as one of Ireland’s finest cultural assets. This show is part of their “Imagine Ireland... A Year of Irish Arts in America” tour, an initiative of Culture Ireland, which spanned from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.

Gerard Korsten, music director of the London Mozart Players and principle conductor of the symphonic orchestra Vorarlberg Bregenz, conducted the concert.

Before the orchestra began playing, Collins Center associate Adele Adkins celebrated the new Steinway piano that renowned pianist Leon Fleischer was to play during the concert. Adkins thanked the University of Maine and a private donor for paying for the piano, as well as Mark Bodwell for putting on the concert.

The night kicked off with “Symphony No. 96 in D major” by Haydn, the first written piece of the twelve London Symphonies, also known as the Miracle Symphony, nicknamed in accordance to the falling of a chandelier at the original performance. The whole audience managed to dodge the chandelier’s fall.

“When [Schnabel was asked] why he didn’t [play encores], he always replied, ‘I thought applause were a receipt for your work, not a bill.’”

Leon Fleisher
Pianist, Irish Chamber Orchestra

Pianist Leon Fleisher took over the show from there with “Concerto (for piano) and Orchestra No. 4 in B flat minor, Op. 53” by Prokofiev. The four movements, Vivace, Andante, Moderato and Vivace, made up the concerto.

It is the only piano concerto out of five that Prokofiev wrote for somebody else. His commissioner, Paul Wittgenstein, was also a pianist and lost his right arm

during World War I. The piece was developed so that Wittgenstein could play piano with only his left hand.

Before playing the last movement, Fleisher stopped to say, “My teacher, Artur Schnabel, was one of the great [pianists] of the 21st century. He never played encores. When he [was asked] why he didn’t, he always replied, ‘I thought applause were a receipt for your work, not a bill.’”

One of the truly great pianists of our time, Fleisher dedicated a lifetime to music. He suffered for almost four decades with a neurological disorder called focal dystonia, which af-

See Orchestra on B3

Making magic at the CCA



The Masters of Illusion
bring a variety of performers to the Collins Center for the Arts, entertain with diverse, exciting acts

By Kayla Riley
Copy Editor

The Masters of Illusion troupe, featuring talented performers from all over the country, presented a magical show at the Collins Center for the Arts on Sunday afternoon.

As Gob from “Arrested Development” often reminds us, acts performed by magicians are “illusions,” not tricks. The Masters of Illusion proved this adage and worked a full crowd, from their skillful dance moves to feats of

seemingly fearless “escapologists.”

The performers of Masters of Illusion get their inspiration from the award-winning television show of the same name. While the entire troupe features 16 people of various talents, those featured in each show vary from city to city.

The University of Maine was lucky enough to host Kalin & Jinger, Farrell Dillon, and Kevin James, among others, who treated patrons to rings of fire, slight-of-hand tricks, two white

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Woodman’s Bar and Grill
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5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
\$5 per class

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Art @ Noon Gallery Talk
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12 to 1 p.m.

Penobscot Theatre Presents “The Marvelous Wonderettes”
Bangor Opera House
7 p.m.
\$20

Kickin’ Flicks Presents “Captain America”
Collins Center for the Arts
8 p.m.

Karaoke Night
Woodman’s Bar and Grill
10 p.m.
21+

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Frank and the Redhots help Rock the Vote in the Union

By Derrick Rossignol
Style Editor

Music and politics often go hand-in-hand, and they did so again on Thursday night when local favorite band Frank and the Redhots performed in the Memorial Union as part of Rock the Vote, an event put on by UMaine UVote.

UMaine UVote is a student initiative to raise student interest in and awareness of elections, both local and national. In order to promote awareness for the upcoming local election, UVote recruited Frank and the Redhots to perform in hopes of luring in potential voters to inform them about the issues.

“[UVote] invited Frank and the Redhots and pretty much any political organization here on campus to come together and try to get the word out that the voting’s next week, and [to also present] the ballot measures to the people on campus,” said Matthew Hosmer, a member of the Maine branch of No Labels, a bipartisan political organization that aims to solve political problems.

“[We are also telling] people

where they can vote [depending on] where they live and basically bringing awareness to voting,” Hosmer said.

Next to the stage were tables covered in information about questions in the upcoming vote, like same-day voting, among others. Forms outlining arguments for either position on the issues were available, so attendees could be properly informed by perspectives from both sides and make educated decisions.

“We had some samples of the ballot, and the actual [proposed] changes to the law as given out by the [Maine] secretary of state,” Hosmer said.

Since playing their first show at The Dime in Old Town on Halloween in 2009, Frank and the Redhots have played in many venues in the Orono area, including Woodman’s Bar and Grill, Bear Brew Pub and The Roost.

The crowd was small when the band took the stage at 7 p.m., but as the night carried on, patrons from the Bear’s Den walked across the dining hall, drinks in hand and ready for some music. The small initial crowd was still into the music

and was a good audience, a true testament to quality over quantity.

The band started playing without much introduction, letting their music speak for itself.

Frank and the Redhots’ set

lasted about two hours and included a mix of original songs and covers. The band typically plays songs by artists like Phish and the Grateful Dead, as well as a host of original tunes that share a similar vibe. At least a

third of a Frank and the Redhots set is comprised of originals.

Between songs, band members occasionally threw in a short blurb about the election, like, “Voting rocks” and “Go vote.” They would then launch

into another song that likely featured an extended jam, during which members showed off their supreme musical ability and proved they are more than

See Vote on B3

Paul Perkins
• Asst. Photo Editor

Frank and the Redhots perform in the Memorial Union at the “Rock the Vote” event Thursday night, which was held to encourage students to vote Nov. 8.



Illusion from B1

tigers, out-of-nowhere goldfish and more.

Masters of Illusion Live was a delight for those who frequent magic shows, DVR David Copperfield and have gotten by on basic gags and run-of-the-mill “woman-cut-in-half” illusions. The show was separated into several short, individual acts, which spanned two hours and showcased everything from talented escapologists who would have made Houdini proud to clever card tricks and disappearing acts.

Dynamic disappearing duo Kalin & Jinger opened the show after the lights dimmed and dramatic music drew the full crowd’s attention to the stage. A panel of minute blue lights dotted the back of the CCA. Suddenly shrouded in darkness, it became anyone’s guess what would come next.

Within moments, it became obvious that Kalin & Jinger are no strangers to the spotlight. Leaping across the stage in sparkly spandex amidst a fire-ringed hoop, Jinger charmed the crowd, while her partner commanded attention with the booming voice of an old-time ringmaster.

Jinger spent most of her time on stage crawling into a small space and mystifying the masses by popping up in the audience or in an unexpected corner of the stage. Kalin & Jinger’s powerful chemistry was enough of a distraction for the scrutinizing eyes of the crowd, as they struggled to figure out how either of them managed to escape a locked and bolted cask.

“Think of it as the ultimate keg party,” Kalin said.

Mark Kalin and Jinger Leigh, or Kalin & Jinger as they are known on stage, are an unstoppable couple who have been practicing magic together since the ‘90s. Now running entertainment company Majikal Productions and juggling the demands as traveling stage performers, the couple remains strong as they travel from city to city, wowing one crowd after another.

The surprisingly funny Dillon was as unassuming as magicians get, with a few colorful thimbles and cards as his

main act. He kept throwing out one-liners in a way that made the audience wonder if they’d accidentally attended a stand-up act.

At one point, Dillon boldly enlisted the help of an embarrassed male audience member who had to tie him up in a straitjacket. Dillon was then faced with the task of removing it while balancing on a makeshift surfboard, which was really a wooden plank atop a large wooden tube.

“I’m crowning!” Dillon said as he pushed his way out of the straitjacket. “That was a joke for the ladies.”

Much of Dillon’s humor sailed over the heads of the kid-heavy audience, but his self-effacing demeanor and easy stage presence charmed magic-lovers of all ages.

During one of many disappearing acts, a beautiful, ornately-dressed woman slipped behind a curtain into a large metal cage, only to be spun around and the curtain lifted seconds later to reveal two breathtaking young white tigers.

James deserves mention as well — not to be confused with the “King of Queens” star. He wooed the crowd with a Charlie Chaplin doll come to life and a slightly macabre “woman cut in half” illusion with a titillating twist.

James, like Dillon, wasn’t afraid to add a touch of humor to his mostly magical act.

“When I was a kid, I always wanted to be a doctor, but my parents pushed for me to be a comedian. Now I’m going to live out my dream,” James said as he donned a white doctor’s coat and began to perform highly unorthodox “surgery” on stage.

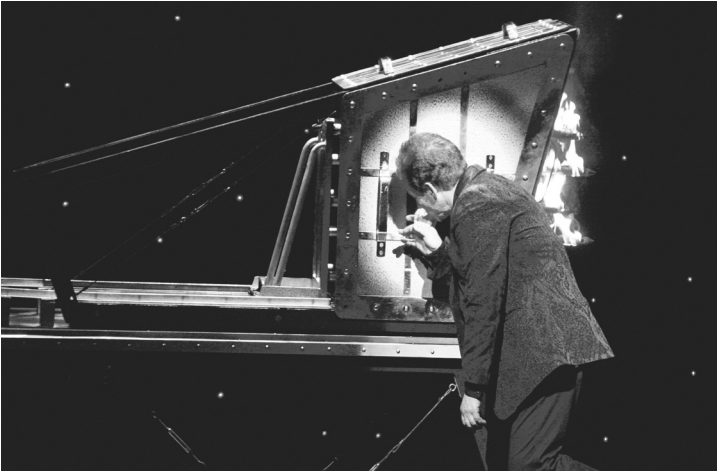
His most magical moment arrived rather anticlimactically, with his creation of confounding, confetti-like snow using only paper and water.

“I wish I was up there!” cried a young child a few rows away from where the action was.

Darren Romeo had the honor of finishing the successful show with a flourish.

He walked across the stage dressed in black with a headset on and immediately began belting out a catchy tune. Mid-song, he shifted parts of a complicated contraption containing a beautiful woman inside.

At the end of the song, Romeo warned the audience of



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor
Mark Kalin and Jinger Leigh, a husband and wife team of award-winning magicians, perform at the Collins Center for the Arts on Sunday afternoon as part of a “Masters of Illusion Live!” performance.

his trade.

“I’m a singing magician,” he said. “You should be scared.”

When a random audience member shrieked at him inaudibly, Romeo didn’t miss a beat, replying, “College town. Drinking people.” Fellow illusionist Dillon returned to the stage briefly with Romeo, dubbing him the “Justin Bieber of magicians.”

After more singing and snazzy moves involving more contraptions, Romeo got serious and addressed the audience. He talked about his hero, Harry Blackstone, a famed magician who died in 1997. He played a short clip of a show in which Blackstone’s wife handed him a business card Romeo had given Blackstone when he was 11.

It read: “Hello Mr. Blackstone, I am 11 years old, and I want to be a famous magician. I would love to meet

you before or after the show.” The front of the business card read, “Magic Darren.” Romeo has been practicing magic actively since age 9 and for him, this meant more than a dream come true. He pointed out Blackstone’s wife, Gay, in the crowd. She rose to thunderous applause.

“And now, as Mr. Blackstone would say, I’m going to give you something you’ll remember on your longest day,” Romeo said as he performed the final, fantastic act, involving a floating light bulb which required no electricity to shine brightly.

Romeo then flung the light bulb dramatically over the shocked heads of unbelieving audience members.

The Masters of Illusion performed a show that will not soon be forgotten by attendees young and old; even the most skeptical believed in magic — at least for an afternoon.

New Sonic game a fitting tribute to classic titles

Column

2011 marks the 20th anniversary of “Sonic the Hedgehog,” the 1991 Sega Genesis game that propelled its titular character to eternal gaming glory. The blue blur is one of gaming’s biggest icons and for good reason. From video games to comics and cartoons to toys, Sonic was all over the pop culture scene in the ‘90s.

He also holds a special place in my heart. I fondly remember playing “Sonic 2” as a kid with my brother, my mother buying me his comics and me running home from the bus to play “Sonic Adventure 2: Battle” on GameCube. The early Sonic titles are some of my favorite games. Heck, I originally only wanted a Nintendo DS when it was first released so I could play “Sonic Rush.” Unfortunately, the Sonic games in the past few years haven’t been great. “Sonic the Hedgehog” for the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 is quite possibly one of the worst games of all time.

Since then, Sonic has turned into a wolf, went sailing and even tried his hand at tennis. Nearly every Sonic game from 2006 to 2009 was bad, save “Sonic Rush” and “Sonic Rush Adventure” for the DS. Thankfully, 2010 was a good year for Sonic.

Sega released “Sonic the Hedgehog 4,” a throwback to the old Sega Genesis games. The game received mostly positive feedback, with the only major complaints centered around the iffy physics.

Later that year, “Sonic Colors” was released for the DS and the Wii. “Colors” was a game where Sonic would get the help of aliens to transform into different versions of himself, the different incarnations giving him different abilities. I thought it was a little too gimmicky, but the game was fast. And that’s all that Sonic is about.



Insert Coin Here
By Alex Tranchemontagne

So how is Sonic’s newest game, “Sonic Generations”? For starters, the game is a tribute to Sonic’s past. The game levels are divided into three sections — Genesis Era, Dreamcast Era and Modern Era. Everything about this game screams fan service.

“Generations” basically splits the gameplay into two sections, the first being Classic Sonic — the old, fat and short Sonic from the ‘90s we all remember fondly. His levels are platform-heavy and while they are fast, they don’t focus on speed. You can get all the power-ups from the old games, a great touch.

One complaint I have with this game is its length, or lack thereof. It only boasts nine acts, but they each have a classic level and a modern level. The main game only took me a few hours to complete. On the bright side, ten bonus missions are available for each act.

Modern Sonic is the newer, taller, green-eyed Sonic most people don’t seem to like. I felt these stages were a lot more fun than the classic ones. In these zones, you can move incredibly fast and the level designs are nearly flawless. Flying by all the beautiful backgrounds gives an amazing feeling.

This game is beautiful. Each landscape is incredibly detailed with vibrant colors. The music is also fantastic. The soundtrack features original tunes, remakes of older songs and orchestral versions of series classics. You haven’t lived until you’ve listened to the remade soundtrack from Chemical Plant Zone.

Overall, Sonic Generations is a fantastic game. It’s one of my favorite games in a long time. It’s a shame that it only has eighteen main levels, although the bonus levels do give the game some beef. They aren’t that fun, but you do not have to complete the bonus missions if you don’t want to.

Seeing all of Sonic’s best moments of the past twenty years in one game is incredible. In a recent interview, Sonic’s creator said he would like to reimagine Sonic once again for his next game. We can only pray that he continues to move forward and doesn’t fall back into old habits.

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MOVIE REVIEW: ‘Tower Heist’

Murphy, Stiller fall further into insignificance in lame flick



Universal Pictures

By Kayla Riley
Copy Editor

For as long as movies have been made, American moviegoers have been obsessed with fast-paced crime flicks. It’s hard to say whether it’s the thrill of watching a fictional character commit an unspeakable act or the instant adrenaline rush that comes from it that is most enthralling.

One thing is certain — it’s not the wilting talents of aged duo Eddie Murphy and Ben Stiller.

If “Tower Heist” appears at face value to be a watered-down “Ocean’s Eleven,” it’s because it is. In trying to pull off a high-octane, clever crime comedy, director Brett Ratner fell further than the jump from the Empire State Building.

“Tower Heist” has even managed to make the lovable Alan Alda a villain. Long after his marvelous “M*A*S*H” days, Alda has become Arthur Shaw, a ruthless, wealthy businessman from New York City who has a monopoly on outrageously-priced apartments.

Stiller is Josh Kovacs, an Average Joe who realizes he and his equally average friends and coworkers are pawns in Shaw’s Ponzi scheme. Kovacs rounds up his group of underdogs and embarks on a plan to rob Shaw’s high rise.

Audiences have had the respite of not seeing Stiller’s face on screen since the desperate sequel “Little Fockers” in 2010, but for some reason he has been

dragged back into the limelight. While his ridiculous roles in the early-2000s “Zoolander” and “Dodgeball” used his limited comedic talents wisely, “Tower Heist” exploits them, resulting in an over-the-top Stiller and overly disappointed viewers.

Murphy, on the other hand, has made his personal mark on Hollywood by donning fat suits, making fart jokes and lending a voice to an animated donkey in the drawn-out “Shrek” saga. His efforts may not be the classiest or most memorable, but least he’s honest about the quality of his contributions to the trade. His exaggerated acting style is surprisingly effective in a movie that has so little else going for it.

Stiller and Murphy’s ragtag group of wannabe criminals is made up of familiar faces, from Matthew Broderick as Mr. Fitzhugh and the only-slightly-less-attractive-than-his-brother Casey Affleck as Charlie. Gabourey Sidibe attempts to step out of her “Precious” box as a rogue housekeeper named Odessa and shows off decent comedic timing in scenes with Murphy.

This film makes an attempt at blending the action and comedy genres, a venture that the “Ocean’s” series had great success with. Movies such as the classic “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” starring funnyman Steve Martin and Michael Caine, and “The Italian Job” have shown audiences that this hybrid is possible, but must be done carefully.

“Tower Heist” doesn’t know any better, and even with the help of Téa Leoni as an ass-kicking, name-taking federal agent, it collapses under the hefty weight of its own plot.

With all of that said, this film could be found enjoyable. It would require a specific mindset and lowered expectations, at least for the discerning moviegoer’s eye. There are little glimpses throughout the movie, mostly during scenes that are meant to reach comedic gold, that make suggestions at success. Stiller and Murphy have set a certain bar for themselves as actors and if history has told audiences anything, it’s that these fellows are good at getting a laugh at any cost.

While Stiller is meant to be the central character — the belittled everyman standing up to the big kahuna — he fades into the background, along with his receding hairline, while Murphy works desperately to keep a sinking ship from taking on more water.

Perhaps Ratner should stick to producing such cinematic classics as “Santa’s Slay,” while Stiller might be better off watching “There’s Something About Mary” on DVD if he’s feeling nostalgic. Murphy deserves credit here for his honorable attempt at punctuating an otherwise poorly-executed crime-comedy-catastrophe with laughs.

Grade: C

CD REVIEW: Cartel, ‘In Stereo’

Georgia pop-punk band’s latest EP a satisfactory hold-over

By Alex
Tranchemontagne
For The Maine Campus

Cartel is a band from Georgia that formed in 2003, best known for their hit single, “Honestly,” from their 2005 debut album, “Chroma.” The band is also known for playing a 10-day series of concerts in New York City in 2007.

Since then, Cartel have released two albums that did fairly well on the charts.

Recently, things haven’t been as good for singer Will Pugh and fellow bandmates. Bassist Jeff Lett quit the band and Cartel left their record label. Many thought Cartel had broken up, but that was not the case.

Cartel decided to carry on without replacing Lett, with lead singer Will Pugh taking over on bass. Since then, the band has been on the road and earlier this month, they released a new EP, “In Stereo.”

“In Stereo” is a five-song EP that delivers everything fans have come to expect and then some — powerful vocals, pounding snare drums, legendary choruses and an overall tight feel.

What is even more astonishing is that Cartel recorded this EP all on their own, opting to work in it without a producer.

The record opens with lead single “Lessons in Love.” The opening guitar riff immediately demands attention, but ultimately it is a bit of a mystery why this track is the single. It is a great song, but it lacks the super-catchiness other Cartel singles have.

The next song, “American Dreams,” is one of Cartel’s best songs since “Honestly.” The choruses from the track aren’t that catchy, but the in-



Wind-up Records

fectious verses shine thanks to Pugh’s voice.

The opening verses are impossible to resist tapping your feet to. The track has staying power and will likely be in frequent rotation on iPods for years to come.

I mentioned these choruses haven’t been catchy, but I only

with them.

The album’s final track, “Something to Believe In,” sounds like a standard Cartel song, and I mean that in the best way possible. Slower verses lead to the faster bridges, which transition into a flat-out amazing chorus.

The only downer was “Conduit,” whose guitar riff doesn’t arouse much excitement but boasted an interesting lead guitar.

Cartel was one of my first and favorite bands I saw live, so I may be biased when I say this EP is one of the best I’ve heard in a long time. While most EPs are uninteresting or concept-heavy, “In Stereo” is great for fans who want more material from Cartel while waiting for their next album.

Grade: B

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an average college band.

It’s doubtful many were there for voting information and then stayed for the concert, but regardless, a fair amount of people ventured over to the tables by the stage between or during songs and collected voting information.

When the two-hour set concluded, the band received uproarious applause before the crowd began to filter out. Attendees were able to see a good concert, but many of them left more politically informed and more aware of their voting situation.

One of the best ways to create change is to vote, since it is one of the small ways students are able to impact policy and other issues affecting them.

As Hosmer said, “[Voting is] only once a year, but it’s very important.”

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fectured two fingers on his right hand. He fought depression for years before he started playing concertos written for only the left hand. His comeback inspired the making of the Oscar-nominated documentary, “Two Hands: The Leon Fleisher Story.”

After a 15-minute intermission, Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin’s “Termon” was played by the Uillann piper Padraic Keane, which he performed on his grandfather’s pipes.

According to The American Ireland Fund, “Termon” is an expression of the Irish people’s solidarity with sufferers of the

9/11 attacks. It is representation of the rich bond shared between the United States and Ireland.

The last piece played was “Symphony No. 7 in A major, Op. 92” by Beethoven, recognized by Beethoven as one of his best works. This piece is the seventh of nine symphonies written by Beethoven in Vienna in the spring of 1812. It was first performed in Vienna at a charity concert in December 1813.

The Irish Chamber Orchestra has recently performed with esteemed musicians, including Alison Balsom, Steve Mackey and Jorg Widmann.

In keeping with tradition, Fleisher did not play an encore, ending the performance on the high note he intended.

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Van Halen reunites, others should

Column

A few days ago, the Grammys confirmed on Twitter that rock legends Van Halen will reunite to perform at the Grammy nomination concert at the end of the month. The not-so-subtle tweet that raised suspicion read, “Who do u predict the reuniting band will be @ #GRAMMY - noms?” Does this hint make u wanna ‘Jump’ & ‘Dance the Night Away’?”

The band previously reunited in 2007, without their previous bassist, replaced by Eddie Van Halen’s son, Wolfgang. That incarnation of the band toured, earned over \$90 million and had fans salivating.

Still, not all music fans looking for reunion news were as pleased to hear about Van Halen’s re-emergence as they would have been hearing the same thing about other classic acts.

There are more than a few bands who should come back to take care of unfinished business, the most prominent including:

Blind Melon

The ‘90s one-hit wonder released the song “No Rain” in 1992, which helped their self-titled debut album to sell over 4 million copies. Their next record, “Soup,” was a classic case of the sophomore slump that saw the band ex-

perimenting with horns and other cacophony that didn’t mesh with the psychedelic rock sound they established on their first album.

Unfortunately, Blind Melon didn’t get a chance to properly follow-up the disappointing disc, since lead singer Shannon Hoon died of a cocaine overdose a few months after its release. The band did reunite in 2006, replacing Hoon with a new singer, Travis Warren. The new incarnation of Blind Melon released an album in 2008 that failed to recapture any of the charm and intensity of their first record.

If it were possible to reanimate Hoon’s corpse and get him back in the studio, it would be fascinating to see what sort of true follow-up to the failed “Soup” album the original Blind Melon would record. Who knows in what direction Hoon would have taken the band after suddenly having life breathed back into his lungs after being six feet under for the past 15 years.

LCD Soundsystem

They only stopped making music earlier this year, but I miss them already.

After performing a kick-ass, three-plus-hour concert in Madison Square Garden earlier this year, James Murphy disbanded his most successful musical project, hinting at little possibility for a reunion.

Murphy and company were hot right out of the gate — their self-titled debut climbed to No. 20 in the U.K. charts, their second reached No. 46 in the United States and their final album hit at least No. 10 in both countries.

What makes LCD Soundsystem’s departure hurt so much is the fact that they were still on top of their game. Their 2010 and final album, “This is Happening,” is

as good as anything the band has released. The unrealized potential that would have gone into their next release will never see the light of day, and few things hurt more than a missed opportunity.

Still, LCD Soundsystem left the game when they were at the top and avoided wearing out their welcome. Their welcome would have probably been valid for at least a few more years, though.

Simon & Garfunkel

Don’t get me wrong; both Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel have gone off and been successful in their own right, Simon more so. Regardless of all the fantastic songs Simon has written solo, it is easily argued nothing he has produced is as good as anything he made with his curly-haired partner.

Like LCD Soundsystem, the worst thing about Simon & Garfunkel’s disbanding is they had just released their best and most iconic album, “Bridge Over Troubled Water.” That album saw them hit their stride creatively and filling every square-inch of sonic space.

They recently released a documentary as a bonus with a rerelease of the album that follows the strange steps they took in recording to get the sounds they were looking for. They did things like drum in a certain hallway to achieve the ideal echo to dropping a bunch of drumsticks to get the right sound.

It would be fantastic to see them reunite and keep taking the road they were on when they recorded “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” but both artists probably think they’re too good for each other now and too established by themselves to relive the past and fulfill some obsessed fan’s fantasy.

It would be fantastic if they did, though.



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3 prime time MLB manager jobs up for grabs

Sox, Cards and Cubs search for skipper

Column

Three of the original 16 MLB teams are now searching for managers after a 2011 season that brought mixed results.

The St. Louis Cardinals won their 11th World Series title, the Chicago Cubs made it three years without a play-off appearance, and the Red Sox...well, let's just say they had a bad case of the hiccups.


Regardless of the clubs' finishes in 2011, next season's outcome relies heavily on those hired during the offseason to fill out lineup cards. The manager is an essential part of a team's chemistry and overall administrative operations. In the case of these three teams, they've got some searching to do.

In 2011, the Cardinals starred in one of the wildest rides to glory Major League Baseball has ever seen. In late August, St. Louis stood 10 and a half games behind Atlanta in the wild card chase. Just one month later they blew through the league's top team, Philadelphia, en route to a mind-blowing, seven-game World Series victory against the Texas Rangers.

In a bitter twist to the team's sweet exit, longtime manager Tony La Russa called it quits after 33 seasons managing in the big leagues — a tenure which included three World Series titles. The 67-year-old, who managed over 5,000 games in his career, went out with a bang after leaving a legacy in the city of St. Louis, and by leaving, left the Cardinals to look for a new manager for the first time since 1996.

St. Louis is expected to talk with former Cubs second baseman and Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg in the near future about taking the reigns over for the league champions. Another potential replacement could be former Red Sox manager Terry Francona.

If Sandberg is hired, there is a good chance the Cardinals could repeat in 2012, but only if they're



By Liam Nee

able to hang on to nine-time All-Star first baseman Albert Pujols, which looks increasingly doubtful.

The Cubs finished the 2011 season in fifth place in the NL Central with a record of 71-91 — yet another disappointing year for a franchise that has seen all but luck for the past 103 years.

Thus far, the biggest move in the 2011 offseason has been Chicago's acquisition of former Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein. The 37-year-old was hired as the new president of baseball operations for \$18.5 million over five years. One of Epstein's first moves was firing the club's short-term manager Mike Quade, who took over Lou Piniella's position when he retired midway through the 2010 season.

Coincidentally, the thought of the Cubs winning the World Series next year fits perfectly, because it's 2012 and the world is supposed to end anyway, according to the Mayans. Next step for the Cubs: find a replacement for Quade.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Epstein and the Cubs will soon interview both former Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Mackanin and former Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux. Along with the Cardinals, the Cubs are looking into Francona — an interesting move, which would reunite Epstein and his former manager.

The Red Sox had one of the most pathetic seasons the league has seen last season and are surrounded by rumors of clubhouse indecency and chaos.

The exits of both Epstein and Francona leave the Red Sox with an important vacancy with no manager and rookie general manager Ben Cherington.

Find me a reason why Boston shouldn't be panicking right now. They've got a lot of work to do, and for Red Sox Nation, there's no Epstein to rely on for pulling a successful season together at the last second.

Like the Cubs, the Red Sox have reportedly pursued both Mackanin and Maddux.

This offseason, the managerial candidacy pool is realistically small. There is a good chance that the three hired for the positions in St. Louis, Chicago and Boston will have been interviewed by each of the other two teams.

Players, owners pitted against themselves in NBA lockout

Column

It's a known theory in sports: The cohesion and chemistry of a team are as vital as the members that make up the squad.

There are exceptions to this rule, of course. For example, the early-2000s Los Angeles Lakers, with Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal, managed multiple championships with a tumultuous squad, though most of the time things are accomplished only if there is cohesion in the club.

Cohesion is the exact opposite of what is going on in the current NBA lockout.

With the first month of the season cancelled, NBA team owners and commissioner David Stern met with the NBA Players Association (NBAPA) on Saturday in hopes of narrowing the gap on the biggest disagreement: basketball-related income (BRI).

What always made these



By Jesse Scardina

lockout negotiations fishy were the agendas of different owners. Owners of the Lakers, Miami Heat, Chicago Bulls and other large-market clubs don't have as many quarrels with the current system because their teams can still make a profit.

Teams like the Sacramento Kings, Milwaukee Bucks and Cleveland Cavaliers want a juicier revenue-sharing system, so that some of the money profitable teams make can trickle down to the teams who have trouble drawing fans.

This rift has existed since the lockout commenced — 130 days and counting — and hasn't affected much of the negotiations until now. A number of owners are still pining for players to take just 47 percent of the BRI; the rest of the owners are content with a 50-50 split with the players.

A 50-50 split with owners has never been an option for the NBAPA. Forced to move down from their perch of 57 percent of the BRI before the lockout, the players have already conceded 4.5 percent — or about \$150 million per year in salaries — and refuse to budge more, especially with other restrictions to the system that the two sides already have negotiated, like the midlevel exception and shorter contracts.

To make matters worse, news spread last week that head NBAPA players' representative

and accept a deal. That thinking is going astray, though, as the NBAPA leaders said they won't even show the proposal to the rest of their union.

"As the president and for our executive committee, we have a responsibility to be gatekeepers and be leaders," Fisher told ESPN.com. "Our job is to take a deal to our players that we're comfortable presenting and that we feel will get passed, and will receive the votes to get basketball back up and running. And at this point, we don't have a deal to propose."

Apparently, the deal would allow players to receive between 49 and 51 percent of the BRI, but even NBA pundits found the logistics of how the players would receive 51 percent extremely confusing. NBAPA attorney Jeffrey Kessler told ESPN.com that to get the 51 percent involved "the wildest, most unimaginable, favorable projections and we might squeeze out to 50.2 percent."

With this game of chicken continuing on either side, both within their group and against the opposition, it appears neither is willing to budge.

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Derek Fisher had a secret meeting with Stern to try to make a deal. Though all parties vehemently denied the claim, the damage had been done.

A solution doesn't seem to be getting any closer, as threats of the NBAPA decertifying would drag the lockout even longer than the negotiation sessions.

A decertification would allow players to file an anti-trust lawsuit with the NBA, which would take months to resolve in court. While it would be the last resort, the owners proposed another deal for the NBAPA, with a deadline of Wednesday.

The owners believe setting the date a few days away will allow the players to over-think it, panic at the loss of paychecks

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booked for tripping.

An uneventful third period saw no scoring, and the Black Bears' uninspiring night came to a close.

"[It was a] disappointing result, obviously," Whitehead said. "We didn't get out of the gate the way we wanted to. BC was the better team in all facets, all three positions. We've got to put it in the books now."

"Their top guys outplayed our top guys," Whitehead added. "There are no excuses for us; we had an opportunity to come in and knock off the No. 1 team in the country and they beat us soundly."

In Durham the next night, the top line for the Black Bears came ready to play, but it still wasn't enough, as UNH senior goalie Matt Di Girolamo was solid in net for the Wildcats.

Abbott led the charge back with two goals, but they weren't enough to overcome the three-goal deficit accumulated earlier in the game.

"[This was a] huge win for us," said UNH head coach Dick Umile. "I thought Maine is as good as they played. Matt was on his game [and] made some key saves. I think he gave us the opportunity to win."

Di Girolamo made 31 saves, including a barrage of shots late in the game.

"It was a good hockey game — didn't like the result — but I thought our team played well," Whitehead said. "The effort and focus was there. We played with a lot of purpose after falling behind, but to give a good team like UNH a three-goal lead is difficult."

UNH sophomore center Nick Sorkin excelled for the Wildcats, scoring one and assisting on another, while Abbott put in both goals for the Black Bears.

The Wildcats controlled the pace of the game early on, and it

paid off when UNH took the lead just over 3 minutes into the first period, with freshman center Jay Camper picking up his first collegiate goal off a beautiful pass by sophomore forward Kevin Goumas.

UMaine freshman center Stu Higgins had a good look at the net midway through the period, but the shot was deflected wide. The Black Bears got another chance with a rocket by senior defender Ryan Hegarty, but Di Girolamo got his right pad on it to keep the score 1-0 heading into the first break.

The score didn't stay 1-0 for long, as UNH snagged their second goal of the game just 25 seconds into the period. For the second-straight night, the Black Bears allowed a goal in the opening 30 seconds of the middle period. Junior forward Dalton Speelman beat Ouellette toward the red line, increasing the Wildcats' lead to 2-0.

"I don't know if there's a pattern there or not, but I don't think so," Whitehead said about the early goals. "It was a nice play behind the net by a couple good players."

Speelman almost found his second goal, firing a shot off the post early in the second period.

The Wildcats picked up their third goal on the power play, their first special teams goal of the game. After senior defender Will O'Neill was booked for interference, the Wildcats scored less than 30 seconds into the power play, with sophomore center Nick Sorkin connecting on his fifth goal of the season.

The Black Bears got one back, when O'Neill found an opening to junior center Kyle Beattie, who fed Abbott for his team-leading fourth goal of the season.

UMaine had a great opportunity for a second, but Di Girolamo stretched across the crease to make a beautiful save on senior center Brian Flynn's one-timer.

The Black Bears brought the

deficit down to one after Abbott's second goal, 5 minutes into the final frame. After junior defender Matt Mangene gained possession, he found junior forward Joey Diamond, who laid the puck off beautifully to an oncoming Abbott to one-time it past Di Girolamo.

"I thought our top five really responded," Whitehead said. "I thought they were out-played [at

UMaine continued to pile on the pressure. With 9 minutes remaining in the game, they had the chance to tie it up with a power play. But, after senior forward Stevie Moses was tagged for hooking, the Black Bears weren't able to find the net, with their best look coming from the stick of Hegarty, who pushed it wide.

Ouellette helped keep the

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Tim Whitehead
Head coach
UMaine men's hockey

BC]. I did not think they brought their game — they were upset with themselves. I thought tonight they played very strong. Spencer, in particular, showed some great poise tonight."

"We knew that to give our team a chance to win we had to play good," Abbott said. "It was on our shoulders."

Throughout the entire period,

Black Bears in the game, stopping a nifty one-two by freshman forward Grayson Downing.

UMaine couldn't punch one in during the final minute when they pulled Ouellette.

The Black Bears return to the Alford next weekend to take on the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Both games on Friday and Saturday start at 7 p.m.



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Junior center Kyle Beattie picked up an assist in the University of Maine's 3-2 loss at the University of New Hampshire.

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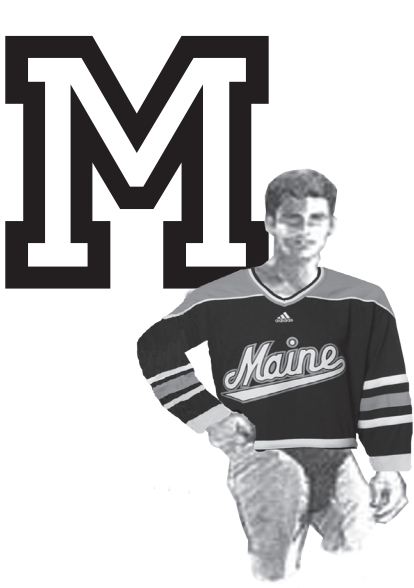
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University of Maine Sports Briefs



7 UMaine field hockey members recognized by America East

Seven members of the University of Maine field hockey team were recognized by the America East Conference for their outstanding regular season.

Senior midfielder Stephanie Gardiner and senior forward Kelly Newton were named to the AEC First-Team, while Gardiner was also named the conference's Midfielder Player of the Year.

Sophomore midfielder Alexa Binnendijk, senior midfielder Jocelyn Mitchell and freshman midfielder Holly Stewart were named to the Second-Team, while Stewart was also named

AEC Rookie of the Year. She was joined on the all-rookie team by midfielder Zoe Berkey and defender Annabelle Hamilton.

UMaine swimming and diving open conference play

The University of Maine swimming and diving teams opened up conference play on Saturday in a duel meet against Stony Brook University and Boston University.

The women's team picked up a 156-146 win over Stony Brook, but fell to BU 187-108.

The men's team dropped decisions to both teams, falling to Stony Brook 187-113 and the Terriers 207-87.

Final preparations for men’s basketball



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Sophomore forward Alasdair Fraser helped propel the University of Maine basketball team to a 79-56 win over the University of Ottawa in their last exhibition game before the regular season.

Black Bears trounce Ottawa in last exhibition before regular season begins

By Charlie Merritt
For The Maine Campus

Sophomore center Alasdair Fraser’s 21 points, 12 rebounds, and five blocks were too much for the University of Ottawa as the University of Maine men’s basketball team coasted to a 79-56 win in Saturday’s exhibition game in the Pit.

Fraser was constantly grabbing rebounds and showed an impressive ability to finish from either side of the rim. He had six points and seven rebounds in the first half but exploded in the second, scoring 15 more points including an eight-point spurt in a 90-second span.

“When I score a lot, I tend to score in bunches,” Fraser said. “Once I got going, I kept getting the ball.”

Fraser showed a soft touch with a face-up jumper and a good back-to-the-basket game, consistently spinning off his defender to get to the rim. He looks like a different person

compared to last season. “[My Scotland team] went to Bosnia and played in the under-20 European championships,” Fraser said. “I worked on my diet a bit so I could slim down. I have lost like 20 or 30 pounds.”

UMaine jumped to an early lead on the Gee-Gees by way of senior guard Gerald

back left and hitting a fall-away jumper from the extended elbow.

UMaine’s early run was capped by a pass from senior guard Andrew Rogers as he split two defenders to get into the middle of the zone and zipped the ball to Fraser, who finished with an authoritative dunk to put the Black Bears up

er Pollard remained in sweatpants during the exhibition.

“We had a lot of guys out today,” said UMaine head coach Ted Woodward. “It was nice to give some other guys a chance to step up, and I thought we did a solid job having everyone help and contribute with only nine guys in uniform.”

The Black Bears looked to their seniors to pick up the slack on Saturday, when they had to use different rotations than usual. McLemore finished the day with 19 points on 5-10 shooting from behind the arc, and senior guard Raheem Singleton proved to be too much for the Gee-Gees to slow down in transition, as he scored 20 points to go along with seven assists. Freshman guard Justin Edwards also tallied 11 points, four assists and two blocks on 4-5 shooting.

Saturday’s game marked the end of the preseason for the Black. The regular season tips off at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Alford Arena against the University of Maine at Machias.

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Ted Woodward
Head coach
UMaine men’s basketball

McLemore’s pretty shooting stroke. With just under 9 minutes remaining in the first half, Maine led 26-11 with 11 early points from McLemore. UMaine’s first two buckets came from the San Diego-native as he hit a deep three and, two possessions later, started to drive right before spinning

by 15. UMaine had five players who didn’t suit up on Sunday, as some needed to rest after the Black Bears’ busy schedule. That made Fraser’s contributions more important. Key contributors junior center Mike Allison and freshmen guards Noam Laish and Xavi-

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blasting a shot past senior goalie Brittany Fleck.

UMaine senior midfielder Jocelyn Mitchell had a look at the net, but her bullet was deflected before it could reach Cerda.

The Terriers put the game out of reach with less than 5 minutes remaining, having scored their third goal of the game. Van Oosterom grabbed her second goal of the game before McLeod could double-up just over a minute later, sending the Black Bears packing.

A late corner by Gardiner was the last attempt for the Black Bears to get on the scoreboard, but Cerda continued to come up big, as she had the entire game.

The door abruptly slammed shut for a UMaine field hockey team with high hopes this season. The quick exit in the conference tournament will be the lasting memory for the Black Bears for now.

Seven members were recognized by the conference for their spectacular season. Along with the Midfielder of the Year award, Gardiner, along with senior forward Kelly Newton, was named to the conference first team, while Mitchell, sophomore midfielder Alexa Binnendijk and freshman Holly Stewart were named to the conference second team.

Stewart was also named the AEC Rookie of the Year and is joined on the all-rookie team by freshmen midfielder Zoe Berkey and defender Annabelle Hamilton.

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ries, which was more than the Black Bears’ 168 yards of total offense.

Senior running back Roosevelt Boone brought the ball all the way to the Towson 43 on the second-half kick return, giving the Black Bears excellent field position. Hood took advantage and led the Black Bears to a touchdown, rushing eight times on the 11-play, 43-yard drive, capping it with a 1-yard run with 10 minutes left in the third quarter. Hood would go on to finish with 85 yards on 23 carries. UMaine was back in the game after the play, bringing the score to 20-16.

However, Towson answered back immediately, with Enders getting in on the ground game with West and Dameron. They were able to run for yet another score on a drive dominated by the Tiger running game, with a play-action pass to Dameron that gave them a 26-16 lead after a missed extra point.

“They were playing aggressive and were playing the run,” Enders said. It was a great play call.”

“I was just worried that I wasn’t going to be open by the time the ball got to me,” Dameron said, referring to the long hang time when Enders had to throw it diagonally from the opposite side of the field.

Enders finished with 40 yards rushing and 84 yards passing on six completions.

UMaine looked to score

again on another promising drive that got them to almost midfield, but Smith was intercepted for the second time of the day. On the final play of the third quarter, Towson defensive back Kenton Powell created the turnover, giving the Tigers prime field position.

“We shot ourselves in the foot too many times, whether it be busted routes or dropped passes, turnovers or penalties,” Smith said.

With the ball on UMaine’s 26-yard line, Enders and West went back to work, with West bursting for a 23-yard run, setting up Enders’ 2-yard run to give the Tigers a 33-16 lead.

A deep completion from Smith to Aultman brought the Black Bears back into it at 33-23, but it was the closest UMaine would come.

Because of the UMaine running attack, each drive they went on not only gained yards but also drained the clock. This was a problem for UMaine, especially as the fourth quarter progressed. On Towson’s final scoring drive of the day, they were able to suck over 5 minutes off the clock. Dameron, West and Enders ran the ball on all 10 plays, which covered 75 yards, and ended with a 4-yard rush by West that gave Towson a 40-23 lead.

The Black Bears had not given up yet. Smith displayed his ability to find the open man and move the ball efficiently, hitting five different receivers as he marched the team down the field. Smith hit Williams for a 3-yard touchdown pass to get UMaine within 10 with 3 min-

utes to go in the game.

Smith finished with 256 yards on 26 of 41 passing and two interceptions.

However, the on-side kick failed, and Towson ultimately used their running game, which UMaine was unable to stop. Cosgrove elected not to use his three time-outs to stop the clock with the Towson run game going strong. The clock wound down to a final score of 40-30.

A lot was said after the game about the run game and the incredible work of the Towson offensive line. Towson ended up gaining 334 yards on the ground due to their good work.

“Having a great [offensive] line makes a good running back,” Dameron said. “They have gained experience [from last year] and they have gotten to where they are now.”

“I can’t say enough about that [offensive] line. It is easy to have a balanced offense when you have a good line. They’re a great bunch of players,” Enders said.

Cosgrove gave credit to Towson as well and had praise for redshirt freshman running back Hood.

“We got beat by a good football team today,” Cosgrove said. “Towson played a solid football game. We had some life when we were down by 10 at that moment [early in the fourth quarter]; if we score [a field goal or touchdown] we’re within one score.

“David played well; he is a hard worker,” he added. “He did have that turnover, but he kept fighting and playing hard after that.”

Smith and Cosgrove also looked at what happened in

this game and what needs to be done before next week’s game.

“We need to take down the things we did, watch film tomorrow to figure out what we did, and come back ready for [the University of Massachusetts],” Smith said.

“I think our guys might have been in awe of the opportunity that was presented. This game wasn’t any different to me, but I’m not 19, 20, 21 years old,” Cosgrove said. “Towson was coming off a loss. They didn’t like losing at home, and now we’re coming off a loss at home, and we don’t like it. We’re going to look for the same response next week that Towson had this week.”

UMaine will play their Senior Day game against the 5-4 University of Massachusetts Amherst at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at Alford Stadium.



Paul Perkins • Asst. Photo Editor

Senior quarterback Warren Smith and the University of Maine football team lost their first Football Championship Subdivision game of the season, falling to Towson University 40-30 Saturday afternoon.

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Eagles.

In terms of results, things didn’t get better for UMaine on Saturday when they fell to the Wildcats 3-2. But the Black Bears played better during the second and third periods of the game. It seemed the squad found a sense of urgency they hadn’t displayed during any game up to this point in the season.

After a schedule any team would find challenging, UMaine’s record dropped to 3-4-1 and 3-3 in conference play. They failed to pick up any points in Hockey East and dropped to fourth in the conference.

BC remains in first place after an up-and-down weekend, as it followed up its win over Maine on Friday with a 4-2 loss to the University of Massachusetts the next day.

No, this is not a misprint; the Minutemen earned their first conference win against the No. 1 team in the country after they were stomped on 7-3 by the University of New Hampshire the night before.

BC’s 1-1 weekend brought their record to 8-2 and 6-1 in HEC, and the Eagles’ 12 points put them ahead of the pack in Hockey East.

The Minutemen improve to 2-4-2 and 1-4-2 in the conference, and jumped a couple of spots in the standings to seventh place.

What a difference a weekend made for UNH, after beating up on the Minutemen as previously stated. The Wildcats followed up a strong performance by surviving a late onslaught from the Black Bears.

UNH jumped to fifth place with two huge conference wins. Their record rests at 4-4-1 and even in conference at 3-3, after the team started the season 0-3 and scored one goal in that stretch.

The Wildcats have scored 25 goals since that span and it looks like the woes that plagued them early on in the season are no longer an issue.

Speaking of issues, it is hard to give the last-but-not-least title to the only undefeated team remaining in the country — especially when they’re the second-place team in Hockey East. But, this is just how it worked out this weekend — I told you it was a crazy one.

Merrimack College was pushed to its limit by Northeastern University two nights in a row. The Huskies continue to cause problems for their opponents but can’t seem to get the result they’re looking for.

The Huskies tied the Warriors, ranked seventh nationally, 1-1 on Friday night as Northeastern earned a crucial conference point on the road. Merrimack needed a third-period goal and an overtime clincher, as they were pushed to an extra period again by the Huskies but prevailed 3-2 on Saturday night.

Northeastern rests at eighth in Hockey East as their record dropped to 1-5-2, all in conference. But their record does not indicate the type of hockey the team is playing this season. The Huskies are not an easy out, and they will pull some wins together.

The biggest story resulting from this series is the Warriors’ improvement to 7-0-1 and 5-0-1 in Hockey East. They are now the only unbeaten team remaining in the country. Merrimack’s 11 points in HEC leave them one point behind first-place Boston College.

Depending on how you look at it, it seems there are one or two things certain about the conference at this point: The top two teams are rock solid so far, and the rest of the conference is a crapshoot.

Despite their loss to a young Massachusetts team, BC is as good as advertised and will not be going anywhere. Merrimack will be right there with the Eagles every step of the way. Only four points separate the rest of the teams from spots three through eight; not one team is separating themselves from the rest at the moment.

There has not been a more exciting and energizing year of play in Hockey East in some time because, quite frankly, anybody who says they know what will happen on any given night is full of crap.

It is becoming a season where fans are beginning to expect the unexpected at every turn.



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Men's basketball preps for season

Black Bears rout Ottawa in final exhibition

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"It's a tough league. Every team has a chance to win."

UMaine men's hockey senior forward Spencer Abbott

COLUMN

NBA lockout gets rockier

Sides still miles apart on biggest issue

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Hockey East in for a wild ride

Knuckle-puck Time

Coaches around the Hockey East Conference say it's compelling.

Fans say it makes the games exciting.

Writers, including myself, trying to pen a column on the conference call it a pain in the butt.

"It" is the high level of competition, from the top of the standings to the bottom of Hockey East.

Every weekend there seems to be a new upset to write about, throwing off the balance of the conference. This weekend was no exception, as it provided the same excitement that has been on display in Hockey East all season long.

The University of Maine faced a daunting weekend of play as they traveled to play the top-ranked team in the country, Boston College, on Friday, and then to Durham, N.H., to play their archrival, the University of New Hampshire.

BC trampled the Black Bears on Friday night in a game that wasn't close at any point, as UMaine struggled against the high-octane special teams of the

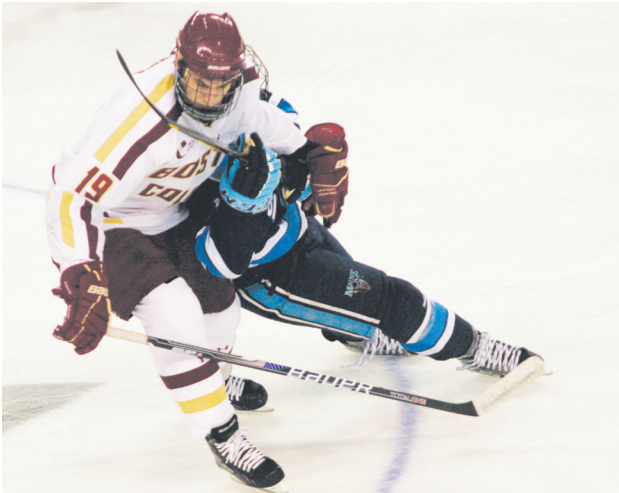
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By Matthew Soucy

A weekend worth forgetting

UMaine men's hockey drops 2 games in Hockey East with rout by Boston College and 3-2 loss to UNH



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

Left: Boston College handed the University of Maine men's hockey team their worst loss of the season Friday night in a 5-1 rout in Chestnut Hill, Mass
Right: The Black Bears' comeback failed against the University of New Hampshire, as the Black Bears lost 3-2 Saturday night.

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

In a weekend to forget for University of Maine athletics, the men's hockey team couldn't separate themselves in Hockey East, getting outplayed and out-hustled by Boston College on Friday night in a 5-1 rout before coming up short in a comeback attempt at the University of New Hampshire, ultimately falling 3-2.

After the defeats, the Black Bears fall to 3-4-1 on the season and 3-3 in Hockey East.

"It's tough in this league. Every team has a chance to win," said senior forward Spencer Abbott. "Coming on the road this weekend, we knew it was going to be two tough games. I think we deserved a better fate [at UNH]; we had a couple bad breaks."

It was a big Friday for BC junior forward Chris Kreider, who scored one goal and helped on two others for a three-point day.

The Eagles were all over the Black Bears from the start, picking up the lead midway through the first period. On the Black Bears' first power play, Kreider broke through for a fast break and tied-up sophomore goalie Dan Sullivan, beating him, stick side.

The Eagles added a second goal 2 minutes later, just after gaining a man advantage. Once the 20 seconds of four-on-four hockey finished, the Eagles gained the upper hand after sophomore forward Kevin Hayes followed up a rebound to squeak the second goal past Sullivan.

The Black Bears had another chance to bring the game closer

heading into the first intermission with a power play in the final 2 minutes, but UMaine couldn't come close to the net, bringing their two-goal deficit into the next period.

It didn't take long for BC to put the game out of reach, scoring 30 seconds into the second period to go up 3-0. Sophomore center Bill Arnold buried it past Sullivan, as Kreider picked up his second assist of the game.

The Black Bears fought right back, scoring a minute later when sophomore forward Jon Swavely found the net past junior goalie Parker Milner.

"We had the 1-2-2 forecheck going, and I stepped up on the red line, picked a pass off and came in 3-2," Swavely said. "[Senior forward] Theo Andersson made a

great drive to the net, I just kept going far side and [junior forward] Klas Leidermark had a nice pass back to me — pretty easy goal."

BC squashed any momentum built by the Black Bears' goal, scoring again to bring the lead back to three 45 seconds later, as the Eagles third line found their way to the score sheet.

Junior forward Steven Whitney put in the fourth goal for BC off assists from junior center Pat Mullane and freshman forward Johnny Gaudreau. It was Mullane's team-leading ninth assist.

"We bounced right back and got a highlight-reel goal, and then they scored, and that was the back-breaker," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead. "We had the chance to grab momentum, but we lost it there."

After letting up his fourth goal, Whitehead pulled Sullivan in favor of sophomore goalie Martin Ouellette. Sullivan was also pulled last year at BC after allowing four goals.

"Obviously it wasn't his best night, but it's not like we were carrying the play. It's a group effort," Whitehead said. "I'm not going to lie and say he was playing good, but it's a group."

The goalie change didn't bring much difference to the Black Bears' play, as Ouellette couldn't keep the Eagles out of the nest. Senior forward Barry Almeida scored his fifth goal of the season on a power play after UMaine junior defender Mike Cornell was booked for tripping.

See Hockey on **B4**

UMaine football suffers 1st loss to FCS opponent

Black Bears fall to Towson, in 3-way tie with Tigers and UNH for CAA lead



Paul Perkins • Asst. Photo Editor

The University of Maine football team is in a three-way tie for first place in the Colonial Athletic Association along with the University of New Hampshire and Towson University.

By Joe Sturzl
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine football team fell to Towson University 40-30 on Saturday afternoon at Alford Stadium as penalties, turnovers and a monstrous 334-yard Towson rushing attack got the best of the Black Bears.

With 7-2 records overall and 5-2 records in the CAA, UMaine is now tied with Towson and the University of New Hampshire are now tied at the top of the Colonial Athletic Association.

"Penalties and turnovers have not been part of us this season, but we have dipped in that direction lately," said UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove.

Tigers running back Terrence West played a large role in Towson's second drive, running for 37 of their 66 yards on the drive. With the running game going so well, Towson was able to use play action to gain yards on the passing play.

Towson quarterback Grant Enders, who also had a good day on the ground, completed a 14-yard pass to receiver James Oboh and a 9-yard pass to receiver Tom Ryan. These were two of Ender's six completed passes on the day, as the Tigers ran at will for most of the game. West scored on an 8-yard touchdown run, giving the Tigers a 7-0 lead. He finished the day with 183 yards on 21 carries.

Freshman running back David Hood filled in for in-

jured senior back Pushaun Brown and had a formidable day rushing the ball. Hood started off UMaine's running attack on their first scoring drive, which included their second penalty on the day.

But UMaine was able to overcome this one using a 22-yard pass to junior receiver Maurice McDonald, who was injured later in the game. Smith was also in on the run game during this drive, with an 8-yard touchdown run to tie the game up 7-7.

After a Towson three-and-out, punter R.J. Peppers was able to pin the Black Bears on their own 5-yard line. Hood fumbled, giving the Tigers an excellent chance to score again.

Towson running back Tremayne Dameron capitalized on the short field, scoring on third-and-goal from the two, putting the Tigers up 14-7. Dameron finished with 109 yards on 19 carries.

alty pushed UMaine back 10 yards and Smith threw his first interception on the day, being picked-off by defensive back Alex DiSanzo.

West, Dameron and the Tigers looked to use this interception to score again, but UMaine sophomore defensive back Kendall James intercepted the ball and gave the Black Bears possession.

Hood and Smith picked up where they left off, looking to finish the previous drive with a score. Another penalty pushed them back, and UMaine had to punt the ball.

On Towson's next drive, West did all the work setting up the next score with one rush of 48 yards. Dameron ran the rest of the way with a 19-yard rush to cap the drive. Senior defensive back Trevor Coston, who finished with 11 tackles for the day, blocked and returned the point-after attempt for the second time this season, leaving the score 20-9.

Wanting to score again before the half, Smith used freshman receivers DaMarr Aultman and Williams on the next drive. They were his primary receivers for the game as well, with Aultman gaining 117 yards on eight catches and Williams gaining 47 yards on seven grabs.

UMaine was able to get to the Towson 16, but the field goal attempt was blocked, and the score remained 20-9 going into the half.

At halftime, Towson already racked up 172 yards on 23 car-

See Football on **B5**

UM field hockey ousted by BU in conference semis

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

The University of Maine field hockey team chose an awful weekend for its offense to struggle, and were knocked out of the America East Conference tournament in a 4-0 loss against Boston University were at Memorial Field on the University of New Hampshire campus Friday afternoon.

The Black Bears were shut out twice this season, both times at Memorial Field, with the first shutout at the hands of UNH. UMaine finishes the season at 16-4, while the Terriers improve to 11-8.

Five minutes into the game, the Terriers took the lead, scoring off a penalty corner that ended with forward Jacinda McLeod

knocking the ball into the back of the cage.

UMaine senior midfielder Stephanie Gardiner — recently named AEC Midfielder of the Year — had a great chance to even the score early in the first half, but BU goalie Valentina Cerda denied Gardiner the goal. Cerda finished the game with seven saves.

Cerda came up big on a couple of penalty corners, rejecting two bids by UMaine defender Lelia Sacré.

The Terriers started the second half as they did the first, finding their way to the scoreboard within the first 5 minutes to double their lead.

The second goal, like the first, came off a penalty corner, with midfielder Nicole van Oosterom

See Field Hockey on **B5**



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

Senior midfielder Stephanie Gardiner and the University of Maine field hockey team had an early exit from the America East Conference tournament, falling to Boston University in the semifinals on Friday, 4-0.