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Editorial

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It's not often that the word "tolerance" is thought of in conjunction with college students. As accepting as a college campus can be, there still exists a small but vocal group that often sounds out with a collective voice that is louder than the competing voice of reason. It's ironic that an institution harboring so much diversity can be a center for intolerance and the perpetuation of stereotypes of bigotry.

The Maine Campus commends the students of The University of Maine for not falling prey to attitudes of intolerance in welcoming guest speaker Jenny Boylan to our campus. More than that, students and residents in the community extended a warm welcome to Boylan on this, her second visit.

Too often, individuals with alternative lifestyles or those who have to deal with issues that have a stigma attached — as in Boylan's case — are ostracized socially. The negative social attention garnered by people who deal with unpopular and unglamorous life issues often complicate their dealing with those issues. Way to go, students and community members, for displaying compassion and the willingness to learn from someone who has travelled a different path through life.