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Carson, Ortiz SG execs after 2nd vote

By Christopher Crosby
Staff Reporter

In the second Student Government executive election in 21 days, student Sen. Nelson Carson won the student body presidency by 19 votes, defeating former president-elect Chris Knoblock 614-595.

Knoblock won a General Student Senate-overturned Oct. 28 election over Carson by 129 votes.

Current Vice President of Student Organizations Anthony Ortiz defeated second-year political science student Ryan Gavin in more convincing fashion, by 114 votes. Little changed, as on Oct. 28 Ortiz also defeated Gavin by 45 votes. Turnout for the second election was drastically lower than the first — 1,326 to 2,025, respectively.

After the election, Gavin said he felt frustrated with how his opponent portrayed him.

"Very early on in the campaign, when we found out that their favorite quote was 'Ryan Gavin hates Greek life,' we knew at that point what they were trying to do and we knew we'd have a very hard time overcoming that," he said.

When asked why this statement might be made, Gavin said he believes there is an undertone in the Greek community of "them versus everybody else."

"As long as there are people ... in the organization that are willing to say anything to get elected, to smear anybody for their own purposes, and to say or do anything to reinforce a point and use their own friends, groups and affiliations, I'm not going to have anything to do with that," Gavin said. "I don't think that's representative of the UM student body, I don't think that that kind of behavior is representative of what we stand for as Mainers — I think that kind

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Beth Kevit • Asst. News Editor

Representatives from Noviy Proekt, the Russian construction corporation in charge of building infrastructure for the 2014 Winter Olympics, speak with Habib Dagher, director of AEW Advanced Structures and Composites Center, after a press conference Friday, Nov. 19.

Russian firm mulling UM tech

'Bridge in a backpack' optioned for use in 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic games

By Rob Stigile
News Editor

A Russian construction corporation and an Orono-based company signed a preliminary agreement Nov. 19 that would see the AEW Advanced Structures and Composites Center's "bridge in a backpack" technology installed in preparation for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Brit Svoboda, president of Advanced Infrastructure Technology, said the signed "memorandum of understanding" is an indicator of the international popularity the technology is experiencing. AIT is the largest investor in the "bridge in a backpack" technology so far.

Svoboda made reference to the 20 states currently considering the technology for use in roadway infrastructure and a project in Trinidad involving the system, where construction is set to begin next month. He then referenced a banner hanging behind the speakers' podium reading, "Technology Bridging

Nations."

"When we started, this read, 'Technology Bridging the Nation,'" Svoboda said. "Today, you can see it reads a little differently."

In a statement, Svoboda wrote that the demand for the technology his company has received from all corners of the globe and expressed his hope that the Sochi games will be the steppingstone needed to take the system international.

"It has been the goal of AIT to not only advance this Maine technology throughout the United States but to share this innovative and transformative technology globally," he wrote in the statement. "The response to this product has been overwhelming with calls and e-mails from around the U.S., as well as countries from almost every continent."

The agreement between AIT and Russian construction company Noviy Proekt, while not denoting any formalized specifics of a business plan, brings the UMaine technology one step

closer to the Sochi games.

With the help of an interpreter, Strategic Development Director for Noviy Proekt Andrey Andreev, said at a press conference in the AEW laboratory that his company was "very impressed with the approach to developing technologies" displayed at the center and that his team was "excited about the opportunity to apply this technology in Russia."

Noviy Proekt is the leading supplier of sand and gravel to construction projects related to the Sochi games and is heading the design and survey work for Russian Railways JSC, signaling a new application for the technology. Currently, the "bridge in a backpack" system has been used to build six structures in Maine that carry pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Total costs for construction projects to strengthen Russia's infrastructure in preparation for the 2014 games have been estimated at \$1.5 billion.

"Upon our arrival in Moscow, we will get down to imple-

menting this technology in Russia," he said.

Greg Nadeau, deputy administrator for the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, said the theme of the 2014 games — "Gateway to the Future" — is especially well suited to introduce the technology to the world market.

"The eyes of the world will be on Russia," he said.

Nadeau recalled a bridge construction site he visited only days before coming to Maine and stated that 6,000 of the nation's 600,000 bridges are replaced annually, illustrating the need for easy-to-build technologies.

"We call that 'market potential,'" Nadeau said.

Maine Department of Transportation Commissioner David Cole reinforced Nadeau's claims about the growing need in the United States for fast-paced construction processes.

"We're all having to innovate. If we don't innovate, we

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Pell Grant funding caught up in debate

By Beth Kevit
Asst. News Editor

The state of Federal Pell Grant funding for higher education is entangled in the U.S. Congress' debate over next year's budget.

On Sept. 29, 2010, Congress passed a continuing resolution that allowed government funding for a variety of programs to be extended past the budget's unmet deadline. Due to that continuing resolution, most funding was extended to Dec. 3, 2010.

With that date drawing near and no agreed-upon budget in sight, it is possible that Congress will pass another continuing resolution in order to gain more time to craft a fiscal plan for the nation that would be acceptable to both Democrats and Republicans.

Included in that budget is the education appropriations bill, which has a line for Pell Grant funding.

The Pell Grant is awarded on the basis of need. A student's award is calculated based on his or her financial situation as reported in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and can be as much as \$5,550.

Although Congress has not passed a budget, it is expected that Pell Grant funding will receive a lower appropriation than in the past.

Pell Grant funding received stimulus funding last year to supplement its appropriation, which meant approximately one million more grants were awarded in 2010 than in 2009.

Republicans in Congress do not want to continue funding the Pell Grant at that elevated level and hope to decrease it to the level it was at before the 2010 appropriation.

According to the Bangor Daily News, "It's estimated that nearly 9 million students would see their grant cut by more than

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Beth Kevit • Asst. News Editor

A construction crew works on the roof of the new AEW Advanced Structures and Composites Center's addition on Friday, Nov. 19.

Search for Kennedy's replacement ongoing

Pool narrowed to 16 candidates in latest round

By Jamison Cocklin
Staff Reporter

A nationwide search for the University of Maine's next president is nearing the finish line, as a pool of 43 applicants has been narrowed down to 16, with finalists expected to be announced by early February.

A committee consisting of students, faculty, staff, alumni and one community member was charged with the task by University of Maine System officials. The position was advertised nationally in October 2010, four months after President Robert Kennedy announced he would relinquish the post and transfer to a special four-year position this June with the University of Maine System office.

Though the process has been public and the UMaine community has been up-

dated periodically by the system office, committee members are not releasing the names of applicants under a confidentiality agreement designed to protect the candidates' personal information and their intent to obtain the position.

"The identity of the candidates is confidential until we get down to the last three or four, then they'll visit the campus and everyone will get a chance to meet them and ask questions," Tracy Bigney, human resources and organization development officer for the University of Maine System, said. "It's like any other job search — just because you're applying for the job doesn't necessarily mean you're willing to let that be known to the public."

"The process is very public, all search meetings are open to the public, with

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Courtesy photo
Twelve brothers of the recently re-colonized Alpha Tau Omega along with alumni of the UMaine chapter fraternity, pose after a February re-colonization ceremony. ATO, is back on campus after a 17-year hiatus.

Alpha Tau Omega re-colonizes at UMaine after 17-year hiatus

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

A fraternity with a near-120-year legacy on the University of Maine campus re-colonized about a week ago after a 17-year absence on campus.

Representatives from the national office of Alpha Tau Omega and the UMaine ATO Alumni Association have been working since mid-October to recruit men from across campus to re-establish a chapter of the fraternity that was first founded at UMaine in 1891. ATO has not had a chapter on campus since 1993.

Jonathan Foss, a leadership consultant for the national office, spent a month on campus conducting what the fraternity's new president, third-year financial economics student James Palen, termed a "respectful" recruiting process.

According to Foss, more than 50 students were contacted and 12 members have been initiated to date.

"One thing we've been trying to do is really bring great men together all across campus — maybe men who haven't found a fit in terms of leadership, friendship, or an organization," Foss said. "We want to be a very strong group academically, socially as well as leaders across campus."

Foss said he met with every UMaine sorority, some fraternities, student government representatives, other student groups and administrators to find people who were "kind, generous, smart and a gentleman" to ask to be a part of the new fraternity. He, along with fellow Leadership Coordinator Mickey Hart, contacted and met with students who fit the profile.

"I was very impressed with how they went out of their way to approach me versus most of fraternities that hold rush events. If I'm an incoming freshman, it's sort of difficult because you're expected to go to the house and hang out and go take the initiative to meet the brothers," Palen said. "They contacted me."

Palen said the process was a "whirlwind" and something he was skeptical of at first. However, after talking with Hart and Foss, he began to appreciate the fraternity's message and started

attending meetings regularly.

"From my perspective, I never thought I'd be a member of Greek Life. It's just something I never saw myself doing," he said. "I know I was shocked at first when they called and told me I was going to be president."

Palen said the national representatives had to choose someone who could they "entrust who will learn quickly and adapt" to lead the fraternity.

"You can't really vote because none of us really had the experience in the fraternity setting and there's nobody who's been here longer," he said.

Palen said now that he has been left in charge of the fraternity, he will continue the recruiting practices the national office started on campus.

"We're making it our interest to go out of our way to contact people and show them that we're just as interested in them as they could potentially be in us," he said. "That right there is going to be monumental to our success."

The fraternity has not been chartered yet — a process hinging on recruiting numbers and group strength that could take anywhere from nine to 18 months, according to Palen.

Foss said the goal by fall 2011, the group's 120th year on campus, would be for the group to be chartered with 45 to 50 members.

At the completion of that process, members would learn the initiation ritual, which Foss said is "a reverent ceremony."

Alumni Association President Dewey Bunker, a 1988 UMaine graduate, said the process toward the re-establishment of ATO has taken "too long," due in a large part to a different president's leadership in the early 2000s.

"I think leadership at the top of the alumni association was not very good," he said. "He wasn't a good leader. He wasn't seeing what the benefits would have been to have guys back on campus."

In January 1993, the UMaine chapter of ATO was disbanded by the university's fraternity alumni association for "hazing and underage drinking allegations," according to a Sept. 1993 article in The Maine Campus.

"Basically, the law and university policies were broken," Bunker said. "We policed it and basically closed the house."

That September, Chi Omega, a sorority, moved into the house, which is currently leased from the UMaine ATO Alumni Association, and has been there ever since. Foss said the fraternity will not be in a house until "years from now," but could move back into the house eventually.

"Some of those who are establishing may never see the house and that's fine. That's fine with us at the alumni association and that's fine with these young men," Bunker said.

Bunker said the new colony will be held to "a higher standard" than past chapters. He said all re-colonized chapters of ATO prohibit alcohol from fraternity activities.

"They know the laws. They know what our bylaws are. They police themselves," Bunker said. "It's not going to be an 'Animal House,' let's put it that way. There's no hazing."

Palen said the members of ATO do not want to be seen as "frat boys" and want to separate drastically from the 1993 group.

"We're going to stick to what [the national office] is telling us to do and we're going to play by the book," Palen said. "It would not look good for national and us in general if we were to, all of a sudden, blow up and not doing what we're supposed to be doing."

He said the fraternity, despite its size, will be heavily involved in service projects.

"Greek Life, in itself, does the most of the volunteer work on campus," he said. "We may only have 12 people, but we want to be a part of this and we want to be a big part of it."

Foss said the group has the confidence of the national office and has a unique opportunity other fraternities can not offer.

"I am 100 percent confident that these men will make a major impact," he said. "Not all of the fraternities have the opportunity to be founding fathers. When you show up again 30 years from now and that group is still on campus, that's one of your legacies."

Town of Veazie forms new tower ordinance

Proposed communication structure discussed

By Beth Kevit
Asst. News Editor

A proposed state telecommunication tower has caused a flurry of activity in Veazie this fall. The tower, intended to be part of the Maine State Communication Network, was slated to be built in the Buck Hill neighborhood until a group of the town's residents objected.

The tower would be the newest link in a telecommunication chain designed to span the state and provide an emergency communication system for state agencies such as the state police and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Last spring, the state spoke with Allan Thomas, Veazie's tax assessor and code enforcement officer, about placing the tower in Veazie. During those discussions, an undeveloped area of land in the Buck Hill neighborhood was identified as an acceptable location for the tower. However, Thomas did not bring that information to Veazie's town council.

Veazie's Buck Hill neighborhood is located between Route 2 and Interstate 95, north of Chase Road. If the tower were built on the land behind the neighborhood, it would be visible from the interstate.

When neighborhood residents noticed surveyors mapping the land behind their homes, they started asking questions.

"A number of citizens became quite concerned," said Robert Rice, a Veazie resident and professor of wood science at the University of Maine. "That's a residential neighborhood. That's an area that had been slated for a housing development."

According to Rice, the land specified for the construction of the telecommunication tower is only half of the space the tower will actually require.

Rice said the undeveloped land behind the Buck Hill neighborhood is also designated as a scenic area in the town's comprehensive development plan. Many Veazie residents are objecting to the tower, which they claim would be an eyesore.

"They say that they're afraid it will wreck their property value," Thomas said, adding that concerns about radiation from the tower were also voiced. He said any radiation emitted from the tower would be minimal.

Residents' objections and questions prompted the town council to address the issue. They discovered Veazie did not have an ordinance regulating towers. A moratorium was placed on the construction of towers until the town could draft an ordinance to address residents' concerns.

That newly drafted ordinance was the subject of an open meeting of the town planning board Nov. 15. According to Rice, more than 30 residents attended the meeting to discuss what he termed a "hybrid zoning ordinance."

The ordinance as it is currently drafted specifies that communication towers must be no more than 125 feet from the base to the tip. Towers taller than 35 feet

must be built in a specific corridor of land next to the interstate. Towers cannot be built within 1,000 feet of a home in a residential district. The town will not allow more than three communication towers to be built in a 200-acre area.

Thomas said the drafted ordinance is the result of the town's need for one, which was discovered after the state began planning to build its tower in Veazie, not to bar the state from building a tower.

"You can't just take action to prohibit some individual thing — that's a violation of the law," Thomas said. "It's high time they did address towers in general. They ought to have done it years ago."

Rice also emphasized that the drafted ordinance is not an attempt to prohibit the construction of a state-operated telecommunication tower in Veazie.

"The idea wasn't and isn't to write an anti-state-tower ordinance," Rice said. "The idea is to write an ordinance about towers that includes community values."

Rice said the new ordinance precludes the state from building its telecommunication tower in the Buck Hill neighborhood but allows it to be built in an industrial zone near Kelley Road.

He recognized the need for emergency communication and said state officials were involved in the drafting process to determine appropriate wording and reasonable restrictions.

A benefit of the telecommunication tower would be the elimination of dead spots in the communication network used by local public safety officials. Currently, communication for the area is relayed through an antenna located on top of UMaine's Hilltop Commons. That antenna could be attached to the proposed state-operated telecommunication tower, which would strengthen the system's coverage in Veazie.

"Everyone in the town, we're all sensitive to that," Rice said, explaining the danger of dead spots in the town's emergency communication system. "They [the state] have a number of valid concerns about their own system. It's an old system."

The construction of the telecommunication system would aid the state in switching its emergency communication system from an analog signal to a digital one.

Although the industrial zone on Kelley Road is being touted as a better location for the tower, Thomas said the state could still build it at the Buck Hill location if it chose to do so through eminent domain. He said one route the state could take in order to avoid the ordinance is to ask the governor for an exemption.

"I think, probably within less than a month, the state will take action to make the tower exempt from zoning," Thomas said. "If it's exempt from zoning, I just step back and let them do it."

Now that the planning board has approved the drafted ordinance, it has to pass a vote by the town council in December before it can be enacted.

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Veazie's tax assessor and
code enforcement officer

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FDA bans caffeinated alcoholic beverages due to health concerns

By Rob Stigile
News Editor

If you're planning to get sauced up this Thanksgiving break, you might want to schedule an afternoon nap before heading out the door.

The Federal Food and Drug Administration issued formal letters to four companies that manufacture caffeinated alcoholic beverages, forcing the brewers to halt production of those products and warning that further action, including seizure of the drinks, may be in the works.

Charge Beverages Corporation, New Century Brewing Company, United Brand Company Inc. and Phusion Products have been told by the FDA that the caffeine in their products is an "unsafe food additive," the result of a year-long scientific review by the agency.

"FDA does not find support for the claim that the addition of caffeine to these alcoholic beverages is 'generally recognized as safe,' which is the legal standard," Joshua Sharfstein, principal deputy commissioner at the FDA, wrote in a press release.

"To the contrary, there is evidence that the combinations of caffeine and alcohol in these products pose a public health concern."

Already, the states of Oregon, Washington, Michigan, Oklahoma and New York have banned the sale of pre-mixed, caffeinated alcoholic drinks in response to several recent deaths and injuries linked to the beverages. Additionally, several colleges have either sent letters informing the student body of the dangers posed by the mix or have banned their consumption on campus outright.

A number of lawsuits have popped up connecting the drinks to accidental deaths or cases of dangerous over-intoxication. Time Magazine reported a case in which a 20-year-old Florida man shot and killed himself after "binging" on Four Loko, a drink manufactured by Phusion Products at the center of the debate over caffeinated alcohol.

Four Loko, like many of these beverages, sports an alcohol content north of 10 percent by volume and an undisclosed amount of caffeine that has been estimated as equivalent to

five cups of coffee. Lauri Sidelko, director of the University of Maine's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, said this combination of a high alcohol and caffeine content is inherently dangerous.

"It's such an extreme, there's no way it wouldn't be dangerous," Sidelko said. "They're dangerous primarily because of the amount of alcohol and the amount of caffeine."

Nancy Fishwick, director of UMaine's School of Nursing, echoed Sidelko's concern about the potent mix of caffeine and alcohol.

"If they drink more than one bottle, they're setting themselves up for harm," Fishwick said. "They're just going to end up in way more physiological trouble."

For both Fishwick and Sidelko, the combination of alcohol and caffeine should not be the issue at hand; they see the real danger in the amount of each ingredient in one serving of these beverages.

"You feel like you're drinking one [beer] and you're really drinking three," Sidelko said.

Four Loko and Joose, like

many other brands of amped-up malt beverages, are sold in a 23.5 fluid ounce can. This large volume combined with such a high alcohol content lets drinkers believe they have imbibed far less than if they had stuck to cans of Miller Lite or even shots of Jack Daniels.

Sidelko, who described drug education programs in the United States as "terrible," said if the amount of alcohol in a drink was easier to understand, there might be fewer over-intoxication problems across the board. She said the system used in other nations of displaying the number of units of alcohol, or the amount of drinks with an average alcohol content found in one container, on the packaging would help consumers make better decisions.

"If anyone is going to make a decision, it's up to them, but they need the right information," she said, adding, "I don't care what size person you are. If you drink one of those in an hour, you will be over the limit [to drive]."

While a better understanding



Travis Hall • Asst. News Editor
A single 23.5 ounce can of Joose, a caffeinated alcoholic beverage, was on sale Sunday at Bell's IGA in Orono for 99 cents.

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Fiddles, feet, folk fill Estabrooke ballroom

'Down-home' contra dance brings together 70 members of UMaine community for traditional charity sockhop

By Jennifer Vincent
Features Editor

The sounds of fiddle music and feet stepping in time filled the Estabrooke Hall ballroom on Thursday night as approximately 70 students and community members gathered to raise money for local causes and meet new people through a popular pastime called contra dance.

Contra dance is a combination of line dancing and square dancing, set to fiddle music and facilitated by a caller, a contra dance expert who teaches and calls the steps of each dance for participants. Each contra dancer has a partner they return to throughout the dance.

The contra dance event in Estabrooke Hall was organized and sponsored by R.E.A.C.H. and the University of Maine Green Team. The two groups held a similar event in the north pod of the Memorial Union during the 2010 spring semester on Earth Day that drew more than 60 dancers. They moved to the spacious ballroom to better accommodate the dancers and the band.

R.E.A.C.H. is a group dedicated to raising awareness and funds for global issues, according to its president,

third-year international affairs student Keegan Burdette.

"Our purpose is to offer aid and relief to other countries," Burdette said.

The Green Team is a group dedicated to sustainable practices on campus and in the surrounding area, although Green Team president and fourth-year accounting student Greg Edwards said it also aims to build community.

Burdette and Edwards are friends who wanted to collaborate on a project and felt that their organizations shared a common goal.

"We're both working for better, stronger communities," Edwards said.

Burdette was the one to propose a contra dance.

"A friend and I went to one and loved it and I came back to R.E.A.C.H. with the idea," she said. "It's about getting people involved, making people aware of their surroundings and about what's outside of their surroundings."

The atmosphere in Estabrooke was lively and carefree. Some dancers

dressed up for the occasion while others kicked off their shoes for what third-year sustainable agriculture student Mary Plaisted called "down-home fun."

"I've been doing it for a year and a half," she said. "I like the feeling of community. You can come as you are and relax and dance."

Her partner, former UMaine stu-

dent Pat Lane said it is easy to learn the steps, even if it is your first time, and that there is no pressure in contra dance.

"It's a relaxed dance environment, which you don't find very often anymore," he said.

The caller broke every dance down in to individual steps for the participants, leading them through the moves slowly before adding music. Although people stumbled during the lessons, most moved seamlessly when the band began to play.

The occasional mistake might cause group members to dissolve into laughter, but they always found their places and continued the dance.

The music and glow of the Estabrooke ballroom seemed to draw people from the cold night outside. It seemed that for every dancer that left, two more came inside to shed their coats and join the fun.

Pat Lane
Former UMaine student

"It's a relaxed dance environment, which you don't find very often anymore."

"I did it a lot my freshman year [in Bangor] and it helped me get to know people in the community," Hope Hopkins, a second-year environmental science and ecology student said. "Green Team does it because it's such a positive environment and something great to do."

The contra dance raised only \$60 as opposed to the \$210 R.E.A.C.H. and Green Team raised on Earth Day. Half of the proceeds went to Green Team, which will use the money to purchase eco-friendly sparklers to promote sustainability on campus. The other half will go to R.E.A.C.H. and benefit a trip to Haiti planned for later this year.

"It seems to me that when it's a fundraiser or an event like that, other than a contra dance, there's a bigger turnout," said Molly Flanagan, a second-year marine science student.

Flanagan is a member of the Rusty Strings, a three-student folk band that has been playing contra dance events on campus and other local gigs since they formed last year.

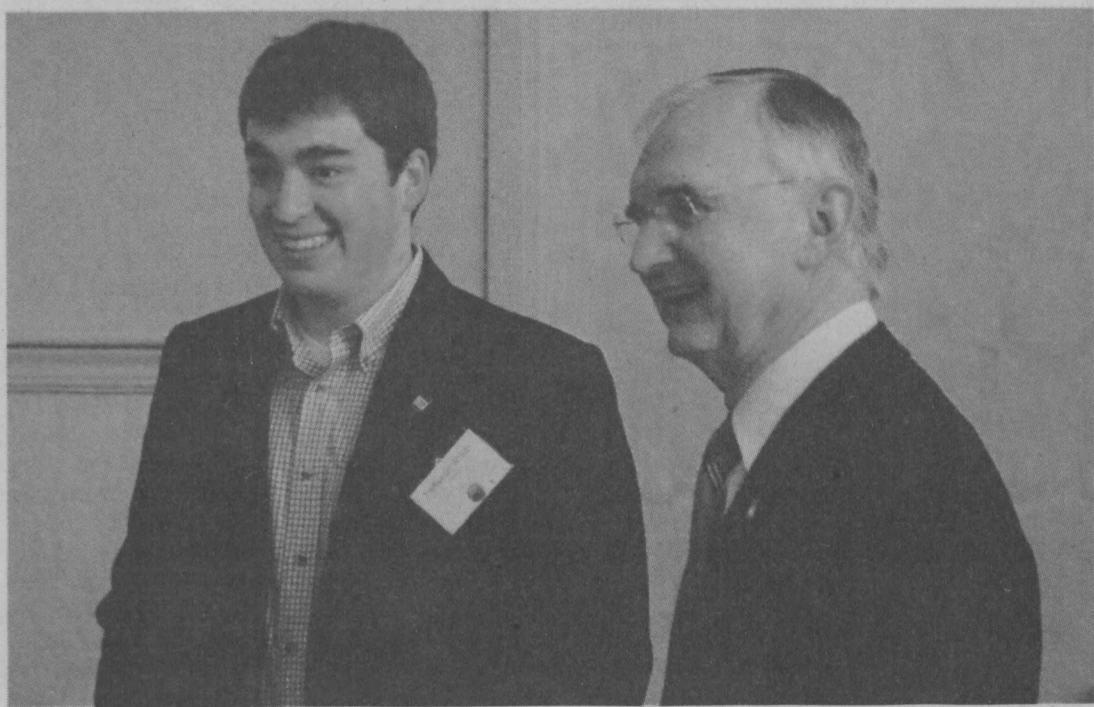
"This [contra dance] was really fun and low-key," Flanagan said. "There were a lot of students. That was the most students I've seen at a contra dance."



Haley Johnston • Staff Photographer

Thursday night's Contra Dance, sponsored by Green Team and R.E.A.C.H., attracted dancers of many ages to the Estabrooke Hall ballroom.

Inset: Keegan Burdette shares a smile with her dance partners, Daniel Sechweitzer, John Collette and Dee Wilbur as they do a dance circle during the contra dancing event held in Estabrooke Hall on Thursday evening.



Travis Hall • Asst. Photo Editor

University of Maine President Robert Kennedy, right, at an event earlier this year. At left is Nathaniel Wildes, a third-year political science student and a member of the presidential search committee.

Kennedy from A1

the exception of executive sessions," said Nathaniel Wildes, a third-year political science student and member of the committee.

"If you were applying for a job while currently employed at another one, you wouldn't want either compromised by your name becoming public," Wildes said.

The president's office costs the university \$730,915 annually and consists of five positions. Currently, Kennedy is paid \$210,405 a year according to the UMaine Office of Finance and Administration.

"The search committee has a great responsibility. It is vital that there be a national search to identify and appoint a person with the vision and skills needed to lead UMaine at this crucial

and challenging time," said Lyndel Wishcamper, chair of the University of Maine System board of trustees.

The committee has stated on its website, umaine.edu/presidentsearch, that the next president must possess leadership skills, a capacity for communication and sound fundraising experience, as he or she will be expected to accelerate development, strengthen academic quality and support the research agenda at UMaine.

Bigney said applicants mostly have backgrounds in higher education, but she said the committee has been pleased with "the mixture of different qualities."

On Dec. 10, after reference and background checks are completed, the group will meet to once again narrow the pool of applicants. Finalists will then undergo what Bigney called "thorough interviews."

One thing is certain: The uni-

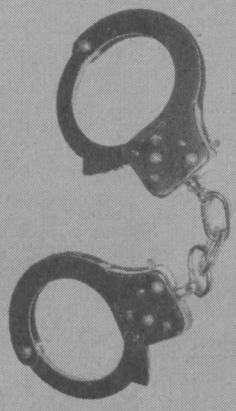
versity's next president will face a morass of financial adversity. A \$1 billion budget shortfall in Maine and declining state appropriations to higher education are sure to complicate the university's agenda. Additionally, the next president will be expected to deal with UMaine's \$25 million budget gap at the end of 2014.

Kennedy wrote in an e-mail to The Maine Campus last week that the budget will be his successor's greatest challenge.

"We have faced difficult budget circumstances. The next president will most certainly face ongoing budget challenges," he said. "But I'm convinced that UMaine's future is exceptionally bright, and the next president will have a great opportunity to guide the university at a time when our state — especially current and future students — will depend on it more than ever."

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest



Clobbered Camry

The owner of a 1995 Toyota Camry who left it parked in the AEW Advanced Structures and Composites Center's west parking lot from 11 p.m. Nov. 12 to 4 a.m. Nov. 15 reported the car had been vandalized at some point during that time frame. The car's windshield had been smashed, resulting in an estimated \$300 of damage. The University of Maine Police Department has no suspects.

Murray mutiny

At some point between 1 p.m. Nov. 11 and 1 p.m. Nov. 18, the bike rack outside Murray Hall was tipped over. A bike, still locked to the rack, was damaged when the rack was flipped. Damage to the bike is estimated at \$150.

Be prepared

UMPD conducted a traffic stop on Rangeley Road at 11:28 p.m. Nov. 18 for a car that had a license plate light out. When the officer approached the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was noticeable. The driver, Eben Jordan, 18, of Veazie, admitted to smoking marijuana prior to getting behind the wheel and turned over a glass pipe that

contained marijuana residue and a baggy containing a useable amount of marijuana. A search of the vehicle yielded four more marijuana pipes and three more baggies containing useable amounts of marijuana. Jordan was summonsed for the civil violation of possessing a useable amount of marijuana and for the criminal violation of possessing drug paraphernalia.

In a Hayes

UMPD responded to a report of the smell of marijuana on the fourth floor of Penobscot Hall at 12:12 a.m. Nov. 18. Lily Hayes, 19, was summonsed for possession of a useable amount of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

Suspended speed racer

Morgan Barnes, 19, of Cape Elizabeth, was pulled over for speeding on Long Road at 7:21 p.m. Nov. 16. While speaking with Barnes, the officer learned her license was suspended. Barnes was summonsed for operating a motor vehicle after the suspension of her license and warned for speeding.

Hancock hash

An officer on foot patrol in Hancock Hall at 12:05 a.m. Nov. 18 smelled marijuana from a first-floor room. The room's resident admitted to smoking marijuana earlier in the evening and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

Bicycles lose bouts

On Nov. 18, two separate accidents occurred between bicycles and cars on Sebago Road; however, neither was reported until later in the day. The first accident was reported at 1:36 p.m. A bicyclist crossing Sebago Road was struck by a car pulling out into traffic. No one was injured, but \$50 of damage to the bicycle was later reported. The second accident was reported at 4:35 p.m. Nov. 18. It was a similar accident. No one was injured, and no damages were reported.

Banged-up Bambi

UMPD received a report of a deer that had been injured in a car accident but had limped off into the woods. The deer was located on College Avenue and was put down.

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staff reports

Pell Grant from A1

15 percent if Congress fails to act."

A 15 percent cut to a student who receives \$5,550, the highest level of Pell Grant aid, would be a loss of \$845.

According to Peggy Crawford, the University of Maine's director of student financial aid, 3,066 UMaine students received Pell Grants for the 2010-2011 academic year for a total of \$12.3 million in aid.

With those numbers, UMaine students receiving Pell Grants could see an average loss of \$601.76 if federal funding were cut by 15 percent.

"It's not uncommon at all for financial aid funding to be part of a continuing resolution," Crawford said.

However, Crawford does not expect a mid-year change in funding. She said financial aid award packets have already gone out for the spring semester, which she referred to as a type of contract locking the university into providing a set amount of aid to its students.

While Crawford does not expect the decrease in funding to occur before the spring semester, she said any decrease in federal financial aid would impact UMaine students.

"The reality is at the University of Maine, 76 percent of our students are receiving need-based aid," she said. "We're in a poor state. That's the reality."

A decrease in Pell Grant funding would affect students throughout Maine. Martha Johnston, the director of products and relationships for the Finance Authority of Maine, said \$60.5 million in Pell Grant funding was awarded to Maine students for the 2008-2009 academic year. In that year, the funding was spread among 20,773 students for an average award of \$2,913.

"That certainly isn't an insignificant amount of money no matter where they're attending college. It plays a large role at community colleges where students are paying less," Johnston said. "At the university system, \$3,000 in Pell Grant funding is a significant amount of money."

"If the decrease in funding happens, of course nothing has

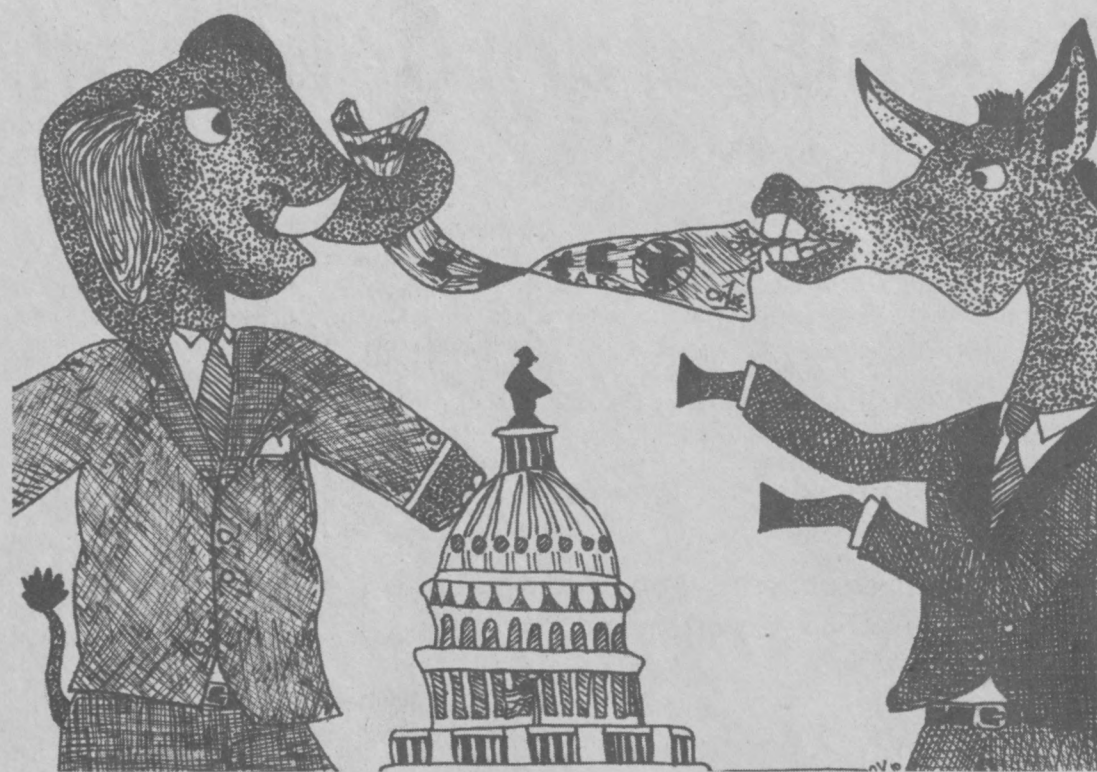


Illustration by Beth Kevit

gone through Congress yet, so we don't know what would happen. ... I would encourage students to explore looking for outside scholarships." Johnston said.

Some UMaine students, regardless of the actual amount of Pell Grant aid they receive, are worried about what an \$850 gap in their financial aid would mean in this economy.

Sarah Burke, a third-year elementary education student, is married with a one-year-old daughter and commutes to campus. She said her husband is employed as a carpenter to support their family and she also works, but her class schedule frequently gets in the way of her job.

"If I pay \$50 in gas per week, and I lose \$850, that's the same as not driving for 17 weeks," Burke wrote in an e-mail. "Seventeen weeks equals four months, which equals the entire semester. Eight-hundred-and-fifty is not just a number on a check, but my means of transportation, my attendance in class and my way of providing for my family."

Yolanda Castiglia, a fourth-year studio art student, has similar worries. Castiglia is a single mother with two children in college and a third at home. She works full-time to support her family and to pay for her schooling.

"The burden in working full-

time is that I have to get up at three in the morning to arrive at work by four, work until it's time to leave for class, go to classes during the day and three nights a week into the evening," Castiglia wrote, adding that she has to take care of her household as well. "When all of that is taken care of, I can begin homework and studying."

"If I were to receive more in the way of grants or other funding, I, perhaps, could comfortably work less hours per week while borrowing the same amount of money but able to apply some of that money toward the other expenses of going to school," Castiglia wrote.

Castiglia expressed concern that a decrease in Pell Grant funding, which does not need to be repaid, would necessitate an increase in her loans.

"I just don't want to be crushed under piling debt that will seem impossible to ever come out from under," she said.

Michael Ostromecky, a second-year mechanical engineering student, also believes he would have to take out more loans to cover a gap in his Pell Grant funding.

Ostromecky has a work study job on campus, so he would not be able to ask for more hours in order to cover the gap. Work study jobs are part of a financial aid award package; a student receives an award at a capped

amount he or she can earn while working on campus.

While Ostromecky cannot earn more than his work-study award, it would take him approximately a month to earn \$850 working 30 hours a week. He said that if the decrease in Pell Grant funding were to occur, he would start applying for scholarships and other grants in order to cover the gap.

Johnston recommended that students look at famemaine.com and take advantage of the free scholarship search. She said applying for scholarships throughout college is a good way to find free money for school that does not have to be paid back.

"If the decrease doesn't happen then that scholarship money may account for extra money that they won't have to take out in a loan," Johnston said.

Congress has until Dec. 3 to either approve a budget or to pass another continuing resolution. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-CA, has expressed her desire to see a continuing resolution passed that would cover funding until Sept. 2011 at the rates established for 2010.

However, presumptive incoming speaker John Boehner, R-OH, does not want that to happen and would rather see a continuing resolution passed that would be effective until some point in January 2011.

Four Loko from A2

of the alcohol content of a drink could help to curb over-intoxication, Fishwick said the caffeine content of these beverages could lead to unexpected cardiovascular issues. Those with an abnormal heart rhythm or an anxiety problem could face serious medical problems from drinking such high levels of caffeine, she said.

Fishwick, who described herself as "pro-caffeine," said that even those with less serious medical problems could find themselves hurting the morning after a Loko night.

"If anyone has a propensity to migraines, this should give them a good one," she said. "I imagine the hangover from one of these is unbelievable."

Sidelko and Fishwick said pointed marketing is a reason the products have become so popular. The combination of fruity flavors and elements borrowed from energy drinks has made them wildly popular with younger drinkers, much in the same way flavored cigarettes — now banned by the FDA

— appealed to a youthful palate tuned to sweet rather than bitter tastes.

"I'm sure it doesn't taste like when you're drinking a beer or hard alcohol," Fishwick said. "It's powerful marketing. It's getting people to buy alcohol who would usually not."

Sidelko said the recent FDA ruling might have an effect opposite to its intent.

"I don't necessarily think that banning something will get rid of it," she said. "It may actually just make people more interested in it."

Aside from the inherent problems of caffeine to those with pre-existing medical conditions, Fishwick said the extra energy provided by these drinks makes them dangerous to everyone. She said that usually an extremely intoxicated person would eventually pass out or go to sleep, but the pep from these energy beers keeps drinkers awake and alert — and thirsty.

"If you're drinking a lot of beer, you're going to pass out at some point," Fishwick said. "I'm not an advocate of anyone drinking until they pass out, but in this case even that safety net has been taken away."

Election from A1

of negative crap is awful."

Ortiz categorically denied allegations that he had slandered Gavin.

"I didn't run my campaign on the fact that 'Ryan Gavin hates Greek Life' ... I just tried to show I was a better candidate for the position," he said. "The Greek Life thing did not come from me."

Ortiz said he spoke with Gavin earlier in the year about his feelings on the Greek community and when he was told Gavin was not against them, he dropped the issue and told friends of his who had confronted Gavin previously to stop.

"I feel that I did get a majority of the Greek life vote because I know people in a lot of fraternities and sororities," he said.

Ortiz felt that it was his opponent who engaged in the majority of the campaign bashing.

"He was quoted in The Maine Campus questioning things I said after the [Oct. 21 campaign] debate, saying all these things and I pretty much just kept my mouth shut," he said.

Reflecting after the election, Knoblock put it bluntly said, "I've been better. It's not what I expected to happen, but such is life."

Knoblock remained unsure as to whether he'd continue being active with Student Government, adding the body "is in Nelson's and Anthony's hands — hopefully they'll do a good job with it."

"I don't have any advice for them. They ran their campaigns and after the second election, it's clear that that's what the student body wants — now it's up for them to deliver it," he continued.

He was not entirely satisfied with the efficiency of university administration.

"[The Office of Student Records] is still a mess and that needs to be fixed. Student Records needs to get its act together with getting all the right e-mails because that's something beyond [Student Government]," he said.

Gavin agreed with Knoblock's assessment.

"He lost in the end, but I don't know if you can definitively say 'I lost or I won.' As long as there were students who couldn't vote, I don't think you can call it a legitimate election, but at some point you just have to accept what you have," he said.

After complaints from students surrounding the lack of availability of FirstClass voting boxes for many, Knoblock, Carson and vice presidential runner-up Ryan Gavin contested the October results, citing other cases of election mishandling by the University of Maine IT department and the Fair Elections and Practices Committee.

The results came in around 6:06 p.m. from a third-party election company called StudentVoice, directly e-mailed to Fair Election Practices Committee chair Skye Landry, who

read the results aloud at the Wade Center in the Memorial Union. Carson, Gavin and Knoblock were in attendance for that announcement.

"I was very excited to have a second chance to prove myself to the student body," Carson said after the election. "I think the students made the right choice and I'm excited to prove to them why they made the right choice."

Carson also praised Knoblock's "honesty" and integrity" assisting in the contest of the first election, adding that Knoblock "would have done a great job." Knoblock left the room quickly, declining comment.

Ortiz was excited about being elected, calling it a "once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"I think I ran the type of campaign that reached out to the students correctly and I think that showed," he said. "I'm very excited to work with Nelson. I think the two of us are going to do some great things for the students — by and large the most important thing."

Asked if he had any regrets after the election, Gavin said he wished that he had tackled allegations against him that he thought to be lies. He accused

Ortiz of questioning his motives regarding challenging the Oct. 28 results.

"The assertion that some of my answers during the debate were lies — statements that were made by my opponent after the senate decided to redo the election from him and his fraternity brothers about me whining and wanting to do it again — I think were incorrect," Gavin said.

The election results will be reviewed by the Senate at the next meeting on Nov. 29.

Though he stressed he would not be seeking to contest the elections, Gavin reaffirmed his belief that the Student Government election process is still flawed. He said he received reports from students that did not receive the e-mail link to StudentVoice's site to vote.

"I think the message we can take away from the election that just happened tonight was although the technical issues with FirstClass were fixed, the underlying issues with masses of students not being able to vote because their name wasn't on the list, still occurred today and it needs to be fixed," he said.

The election results will be reviewed by the Senate at the Nov. 29 meeting.

The election was handled by a third-party software company, StudentVoice. According to a Nov. 8 article in The Maine Campus, the cost of the new election was estimated at \$2,500. Carson won 46.3 percent of the vote while Knoblock garnered 44.87. 6.71 percent of presidential votes were write-ins, while 2.11 percent of those who logged in chose not to vote for president.

Ortiz won 51.36 percent of the vote to Gavin's 42.76. Write-in votes accounted for 3.92 percent while 1.96 percent of voters abstained.

Michael Shepherd contributed to this report.

AEWC from A1

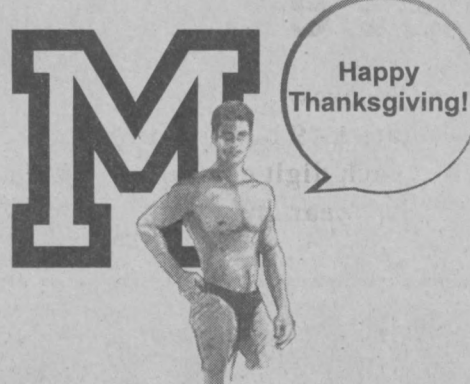
won't be able to meet our infrastructure needs," Cole said.

By using more durable technologies that incorporate composites in place of metals, which are susceptible to rust and weathering, Nadeau said some of the strain currently felt within transportation agencies

about the nation's aging roadways will be mitigated.

"The investments made by this state and the national government over the years is going to pay dividends for years to come," he said.

Svoboda joked that since the agreement was penned in Russian, "I'm not quite sure what I signed," to which Andreev quipped, "Don't worry, everything is good."



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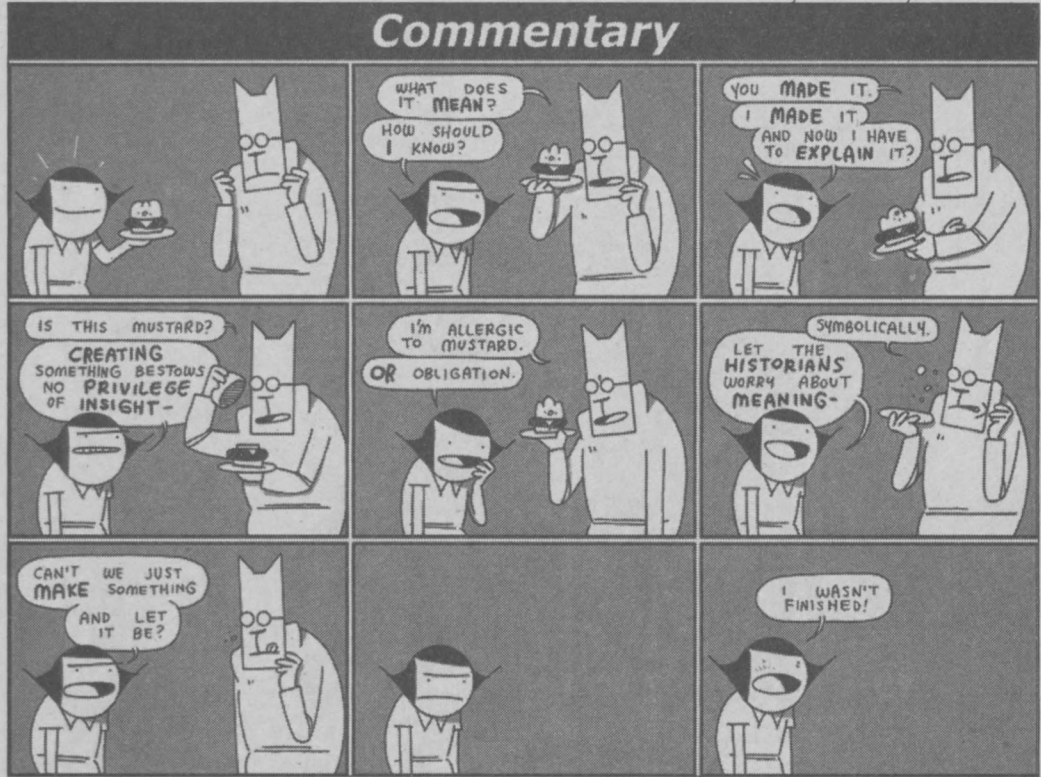
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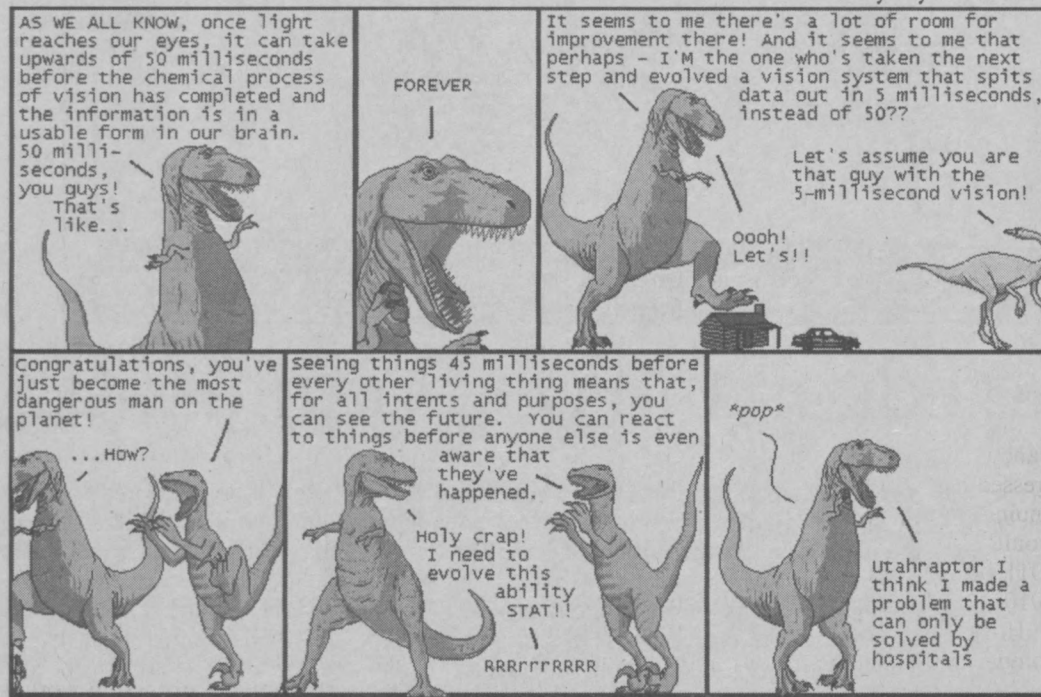
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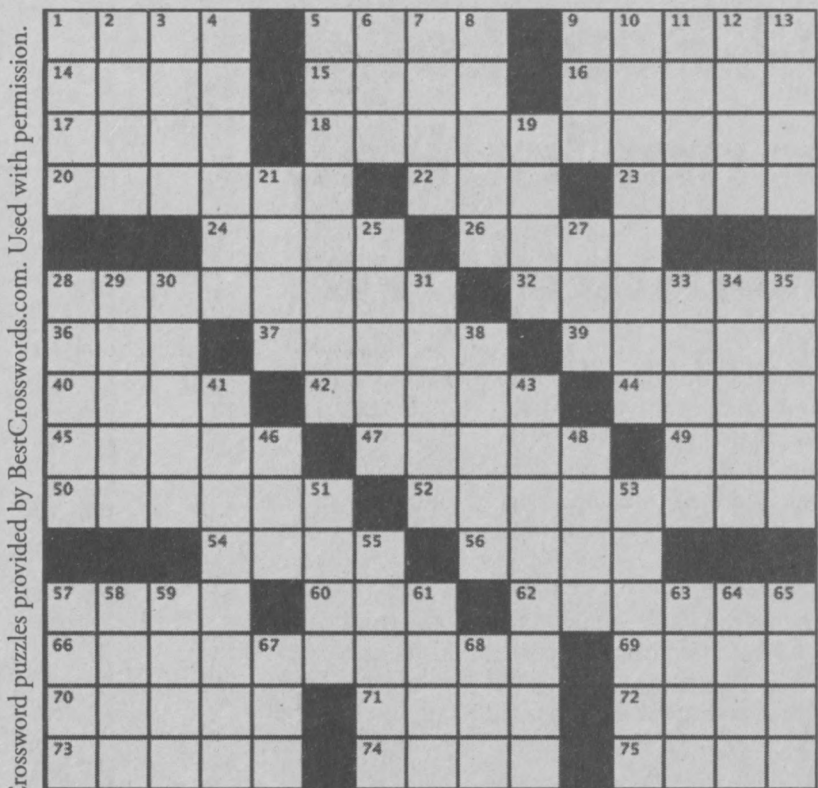


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

Across

- 1- Ridge over the eye
- 5- Old Dodge model
- 9- Flower-part
- 14- Monetary unit of Lesotho
- 15- Bridle strap
- 16- Roman general
- 17- Raced
- 18- Next largest scoop after tea
- 20- Stop the flow of blood
- 22- Cutting tool
- 23- Checked out
- 24- Goddess and sister of Ares in Greek mythology
- 26- Shed tears
- 28- Withdraws
- 32- Fix, as a shoe
- 36- Actor Wallace
- 37- Tree insect
- 39- Hybrid beast

40- Approached

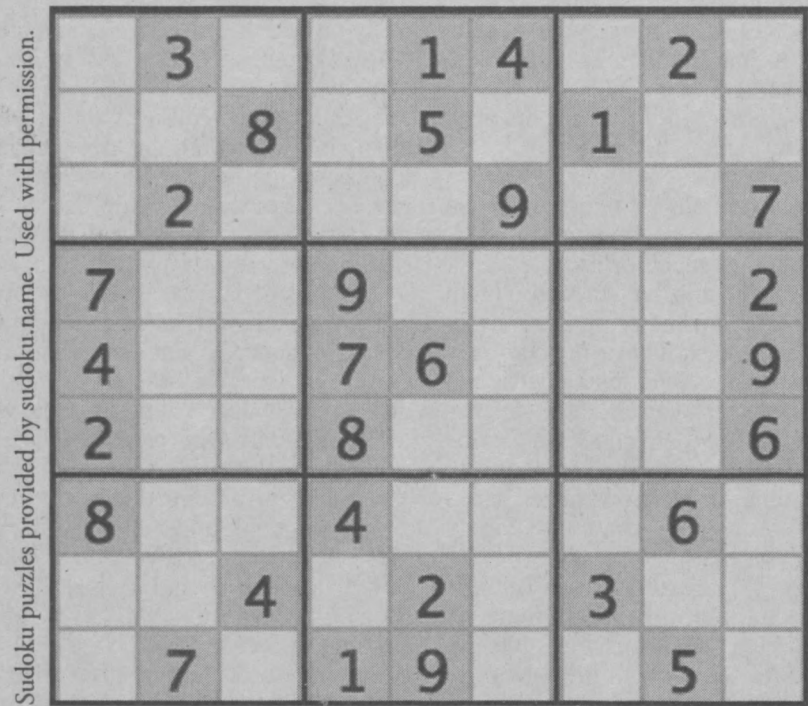
- 42- Nostrils
- 44- King of comedy
- 45- New York city
- 47- Blender setting
- 49- Pothook shape
- 50- Linux variety
- 52- Central American monkey
- 54- Author Dinesen
- 56- Neet rival
- 57- Whirl
- 60- Stutz contemporary
- 62- Understands
- 66- Decorative
- 69- Anklebones
- 70- Specialty
- 71- Mediator
- 72- Airline since 1948
- 73- Chirp
- 74- Dynamic beginning
- 75- Subsided

Down

- 1- Diner orders
- 2- Dig like a pig
- 3- Other, in Oaxaca
- 4- Frank
- 5- Television camera tube
- 6- Cry ____ River
- 7- Penpoints
- 8- Relative by marriage
- 9- Draft org.
- 10- Good digestion
- 11- Ruse
- 12- Burn soother
- 13- Ground
- 19- Large jug or pitcher
- 21- Cancer's critter
- 25- Leash
- 27- Conger
- 28- Happen again
- 29- Delight

- 30- Shy
- 31- Truth ____
- 33- Leers at
- 34- Buy alternative
- 35- Dadaist Max
- 38- Aired again
- 41- Prickly
- 43- Palace of a sultan
- 46- Small batteries
- 48- Chieftain, usually in Africa
- 51- Shipping deduction
- 53- Speaks publicly
- 55- Nairobi's nation
- 57- Lenient
- 58- Bow
- 59- Memo heading
- 61- Plains native
- 63- Room in a casa
- 64- Blueprint
- 65- Worm fiber
- 67- Bumped into
- 68- Cabinet dept.

Sudoku Puzzle



• Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each column must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Medium

Candy

Word Search

- WASHINGTON
- J ADAMS
- JEFFERSON
- MADISON
- MONROE
- J Q ADAMS
- JACKSON
- VAN BUREN
- W HARRISON
- TYLER
- POLK
- TAYLOR
- FILLMORE
- PIERCE
- BUCHANAN
- LINCOLN
- A JOHNSON
- GRANT
- HAYES
- GARFIELD
- ARTHUR
- CLEVELAND
- B HARRISON

- MCKINLEY
- T ROOSEVELT
- TAFT
- WILSON
- HARDING
- COOLIDGE
- HOOVER
- F D ROOSEVELT
- TRUMAN
- EISENHOWER
- KENNEDY
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- NIXON
- FORD
- CARTER
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Find and circle all of the United States Presidents that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quotation.

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - Friends will jump at the chance to do something without you if it sounds like more fun. You may want to make changes that will not be to their liking. Tempers could boil if someone you work with has not been pulling their weight.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Alienation may be the result of a misunderstanding. Don't give in too quickly. Your attitudes are changing rapidly.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Don't let your personal partner hold you back. Try to bend but don't give in completely. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Don't let situations get out of hand. You will be able to dazzle others with your obvious charm and your outgoing nature. Rewards, gifts or money from investments or taxes can be expected.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Get involved in groups that can offer intellectual stimulation. You may want to take a look at your direction in life. You will have to be careful not to let others find out about your intentions.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - You're on the right track and you can make money if you are willing to go out on a limb. Your self-esteem will benefit. Friends will be loyal and caring. This day was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - You will gain valuable insight and knowledge through the experiences you have along the way. You may want to plan physical activities that will help burn off some of excess energy.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Channel your energy wisely and you can score points with the boss. You will be your usual charming self and the partners you attract may be the adventurous type.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Children may be less than honest with you. You may be emotional if you allow your lover to take advantage of your good nature. Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - Deal with the needs of children. This is a great day for a trip. People trying to entice you to join in will be less than trustworthy.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction are a necessity. Don't allow personal problems to conflict with professional duties

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Chances are you split up the last time because you didn't really want to make a commitment. You can make money through your own creative efforts. Coworkers may not be on your side.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

FDA Four Loko ban not logical, too impulsive

Red Bull gives you wings, Monster unleashes your beast and Four Loko gives you a rush — to the nearest local hospital, that is.

Deemed the “blackout in a can,” Four Loko has college kids going loco and the Food and Drug Administration dashing to get the alcoholic energy drink and all others like it canned for good. In prohibition 2010, clearly the Man is coming for the florescent can.

On Wednesday, the FDA, fueled by concerns from college officials as well as numerous other state and media authorities, warned four companies about their “unsafe food additive” — the combination of caffeine and alcoholic malt beverages — giving them 15 days to reformulate their products or risk a total recall.

A duo sure to make even the most experienced of drinkers crash in the fast lane, caffeine and alcohol, with a little help from economic feasibility, form the drunkard’s ultimate trifecta, where the drinker hurtles toward wasted without a blasted, quantifiable clue. Where the cheap buzz is a college student’s wet dream, Four Loko’s funnel fantasy is a health nightmare, causing hearts to race, but not in a good way.

One 23.5 fluid-ounce can of Four Loko is said to be the equivalent of three beers, a can of Red Bull and a large espresso, and according to the FDA, causes walking blackouts, heart palpitations, anxiety, hyper-vigilance, alcohol poisoning and several other negative side effects.

It’s understandable that the FDA would seek to ban products like Four Loko and Joose, especially when the former sent nine students from Washington University to the hospital after one night of guzzling. But the FDA should really consider the fact that it’s hard to put things completely to rest when there’s caffeine involved.

An outright ban on alcoholic energy drinks is not the most effective route to resolution, especially when the only factor has to do with bodily safety. All alcohol is harmful in bulk and Four Loko’s danger lies exactly in that — quantity.

Therefore, rather than eliminating the option altogether, it’s far more logical to decrease the size of the can and the amount in an individual is serving. Shrink the proportions, hike the price and the problem will nullify.

Any type of prohibition has proved futile. People always seek more hazardous alternatives and suffer the consequences in secrecy. If the FDA is truly concerned for the welfare of young adult drinkers, they shouldn’t relegate them to mixing Red Bull and cheap vodka in tin bathtubs by carrying out a hasty re-collection.

Hotfooting the issue is only going to elongate the bootlegging and the resulting consequences won’t easily be taken in stride.

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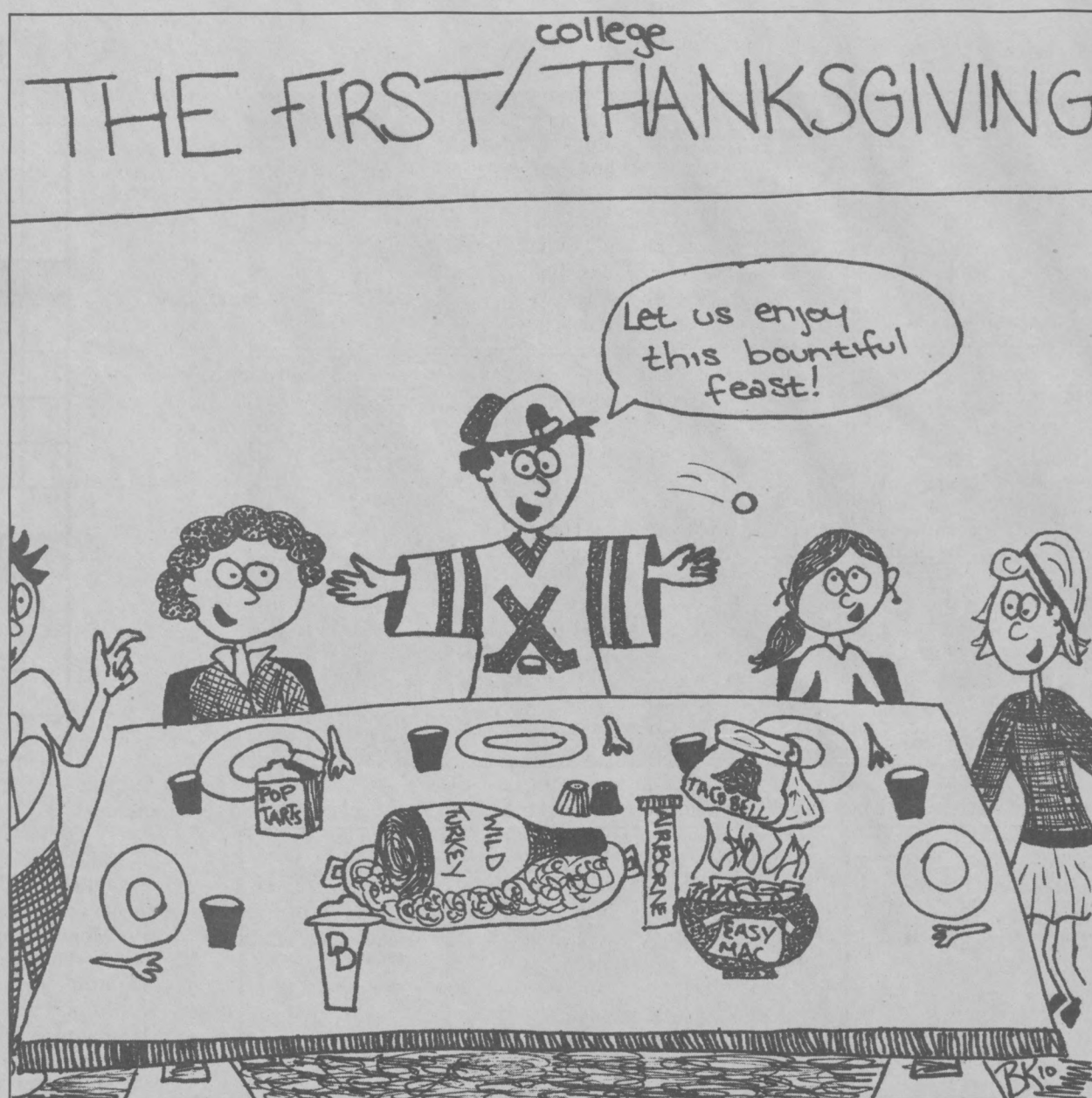
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Letter to the editor and web commentary

Casella deal continues to reek havoc

We are writing in response to the Monday, Nov. 15 story in The Maine Campus “Kennedy serves in Old Town” by Michael Shepherd on University of Maine President Robert Kennedy’s being one of five managers on the Old Town Great Works LLC.

This response comes as we also see a “Notice to bidders / manufacturers” from UMaine in the Nov. 15 Bangor Daily News, which is a request for proposals for a “... boiler ... firing natural gas and / or landfill gas.”

In The Maine Campus article, Old Town City Manager Peggy Daigle dismisses concerns about Kennedy’s involvement by describing landfill opponents as “trying to cloud the issue by being so aggressively passionate about their angst over the landfill and anything landfill-related ...” The Great Works LLC is entirely funded with Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) money that Old Town gets from Casella, the landfill’s operator. Currently, UMaine and Casella are negotiating a contract for Casella to sell landfill gas from JRL to the university. So we do not think it is much of a stretch to see a connection.

Since 2003 when JRL was created, Casella has applied for and been granted numerous licenses to bring more waste of more kinds — including much of it generated outside of Maine — to JRL. These new licenses have greatly expanded the original legally allowed waste streams. In June, Casella was granted approval to bring treated biomedical waste, at least 65 percent of it of non-Maine origin, to JRL.

Casella’s request for a huge expansion of JRL is “in the pipeline.” Juniper Ridge is already the highest point in Old Town. It is already larger than Pine Tree Landfill that we all can see from I-95 in Hampden. Casella wants to expand JRL to at least four times its current size. What will feed the landfill when it is turned into

a gas production facility? How, where and by whom will the gas be cleaned to collect the useful methane fraction and removed toxic contaminants?

The university’s involvement is with Casella and its projects is a bad choice. The landfill gas project will provide an incentive to bring as much trash as possible as quickly as possible to JRL, providing a new incentive for the expansion and its increased hazards not far from the UMaine campus. I believe that Kennedy’s involvement with a Casella-funded economic development board is problematic. I would like to see the university hold a public information meeting to update the UMaine community on the pipeline project and its negotiations with Casella as well as Kennedy’s membership on the Great Works LLC.

Chuck Leithiser and Edward Spencer,
Old Town residents

Low-cut clothing doesn’t cut men loose from blame in loss of chivalry

I will show as much or as little cleavage as I desire at any given moment, I will swear and drink and carry on in a masculine fashion if I wish. This is my body, my well-being and my prerogative. It is not my job to be aesthetically pleasing to anyone but myself and anyone I wish to be pleasing to, nor is it my responsibility to represent some socially constructed group that I was unwittingly and unwillingly placed in at birth.

Chivalry is dying, this is true. But it is not dying due to any woman’s initiative toward drinking or low-cut shirts. It is dying a death to follow with the misogyny that it is based in. Like you yourself said, we are the “fairer sex” — which is just a sugary way of saying the “weaker sex,” in all fairness.

Fortunately, your understanding of gender differentiation is dying, and so today holding a door open is not based as much

on what sack of flesh you may or may not have hanging on your chest and more on the fact that you are another human being. It’s called common courtesy now. Say what you want about that, but please don’t be so — yes, I dare say it — sexist.

Concerned in Couchland

Responding to “Columnist: Cleavage kills chivalry, cover up or keep dating a schmuck”

Promiscuous clothing promises little respect for women

If you define the feminist movement as wearing trashy clothing and embracing the “freedom” to let one’s chest hang out exposing all of one’s skin, you have seriously missed the crux of the movement.

The feminist movement was about equality, women who said “I’ve had enough of status quo,” women getting jobs, rise of the pro-choice woman, no longer staying home with children, independence from men, being successful. I am sorry, but it didn’t have to do with the shedding of integrity and self-respect.

And no one said men are studs for their self-presentation. The same argument holds for men. The author was simply exploring the specific case of women who don’t “cover up.” I am sure she would deem men with their pants at their knees somewhat parallel.

Again, self-presentation is not merely about “fashion” and “class,” as you so claim. It is about how you view yourself, how you feel about yourself. Women shouldn’t have to wear barely-present clothing to feel sexy or desirable — that is the demise of the feminist movement. We’re not talking styles. You may like bohemian; we may like European. We’re talking coverage.

Erin

Responding to “Columnist: Cleavage kills chivalry, cover up or keep dating a schmuck”

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True colors of atheism are as vibrant as those of other beliefs



It is my attempt to ameliorate the denigrated face of atheism, to shatter the stereotype coupled to its name, to show that we atheists do wear color.

ERIN MCCANN

When I say I'm an atheist if it comes up in conversation, the most common response I receive is the look of disbelief — in all its irony. If I stood in the middle of a grocery store aisle shouting profanities, I would most likely elicit a similar response. That look, that shock.

Why does the atheist have such a blackened image? Do our beliefs warrant the comment from George Bush Sr., "I don't know that atheists should be considered as citizens, nor should they be considered patriots. This is one nation under God."

America appears to be moderately tolerant towards different beliefs, yet atheism doesn't seem to fit into this irrational puzzle of anemic acceptance.

We tolerate Catholics, Christians, Jews, Mormons, Muslims, even Buddhists and those who label themselves 'spiritual,' but as an atheist, I feel like I should be donning black, muttering in a closet somewhere with "Thus Spoke Zarathustra" and a handle of vodka.

Atheists are assumed to be unstable wanderers, picking up alcoholism, depression and failed marriages like dandelions along their dark path of meaningless existence. To whom do we go for help? What is life without the belief in God? Apparently, we have nothing to hope for, nothing to believe in.

Allow me to illuminate the reality of the atheist, using myself as the example. Atheists typically know a little something about religion. I have more than a general knowledge about the Christian idea of 'God.' For 16 years, I attended Christian or Catholic schools, subsequently, from the first grade forward. Daily Bible reading was mandatory and biblical theology courses were required each semester.

Moreover, the Bible is the book which I have read most frequently and one which I continue to read. I have read and studied the book under both literalist and liberal teach-

ings. I have studied under religious fanatics and pragmatists, dissected the classics from Anselm and Augustine to Spinoza and Aquinas.

I've attended Sunday school and Jesus camps, evangelical churches and congregational churches; I've 'experienced' the holy spirit and praying in tongues. I have seen the evil religion has done in the name of God; I have seen the good deeds accomplished by religion. After all this, I am an atheist, and admittedly I am still somewhat human and the last time I checked, I was an American citizen.

In the words of Stephen Roberts, "I contend that we are both atheists. I just believe in one fewer god than you do. When you understand why you dismiss all the other possible gods, you will understand why I dismiss yours." There exists only one difference between you and me, and it depends on your viewpoint.

I see the difference as you believing in God and me not believing in god. You may perceive this as my soul willingly cannonballing into Lucifer's lair, chained in eternal perdition. That's fine. An atheist refrains from a logical response when eternal damnation enters the conversation, just as one would cease attempting to reason with someone who claims they had an imaginary friend.

The crux is that people throughout the world have different religious experiences, believe in different gods, follow diverse traditions and read different holy books. Who are we to say that the religion we were born into or the god we follow is the only path to eternal life in the next world? Who are we to consider ourselves the spiritually elite?

Ultimately, it is my attempt to ameliorate the denigrated face of atheism, to shatter the stereotype coupled to its name, to show that we atheists do wear color; we do indeed smile, and our aim in life, just as yours, is to live well, to treat others with kindness and respect, to love our families and friends, to embrace integrity and character. We live for this life and find meaning in ourselves and the world around us.

I will leave you with Ayaan Hirsi Ali's words on her recently adopted atheism, "It is not a creed. Death is certain, replacing both the siren-song of Paradise and the dread of Hell. Life on this earth, with all its mystery and beauty and pain, is then to be lived far more intensely; we stumble and get up, we are sad, confident, insecure, feel loneliness and joy and love. There is nothing more; but I want nothing more."

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Black Friday provides prime opportunities for savings and cheer this holiday season

HEATHER PILLING

The holiday season is upon us, which means people are looking for the perfect gifts for their loved ones — and not to seem cheap or unappreciative of friends and family, but we are all looking for those inexpensive buys.

When mall rushes become too crowded; online buying, complicated; random stores, obnoxious; and gift cards, too impersonal, we should turn to Black Friday.

Black Friday, a holiday in its own right, is an adrenaline rush of an experience for deal-seeking shoppers, sure to wake up your senses and put gifts in the hands of others.

Ever since I was a little girl, my mother would take me shopping on Black Friday. We would get up around 3 a.m. and drive to the city we felt had the best selection of stores with sales that year.

Standing in a line wrapping around the parking lot of a major retail store in late November weather was always my least favorite part of the adventure as a kid, but with the store workers providing hot chocolate and coffee to those waiting in line, the cold dissipated.

The doors open and people begin to push into the store, sometimes literally. The excitement and adrenaline guide us to the items in the sales flyer that are way more inexpensive than we could ever understand.

How do the companies make any money? No matter, we shop on and laugh evilly at what we think is the steal of the century.

What keeps people going on Black Friday is not the limited amount of coffee they can score from a cart rolling by at 3:30 a.m., but the cheap prices and adventure. The thrill of deals and the feeling of getting away with items that seem ridiculously under-priced is what keeps us going back year after year.

With items like laptops more than half off their usual price, DVDs at \$4 and \$10 video games, the deals are beyond desirable whether money is limited for you or not. Who doesn't like a good deal?

You can feel confident in giving your mother DVDs of the sappy movies she has wanted all year and your lover a digital picture frame they can sit on their desk at work because thanks to the Black Friday thrills, they won't cost you much at all.

For those still unsure whether you should partake in the madness, remember the days when you were a kid and your family would take you shopping during the holiday months. Your parents would send you away in the store to look at random items so they could fill the cart with gifts for you and hide them under their coats.

Well, now you are an adult and likely have a few dollars to your name. Understanding college students are not the richest folks in the world, a few dollars will still go a long way on Black Friday, so buy gifts for your loved ones this year without being sent off to frolic in the store without a purpose.

So after you are satiated with turkey, stuffing and pie, get some sleep so you will be able to wake up at 3 a.m. and enjoy some early morning shopping.

Trust me, the deals are worth the effort and once you have successfully purchased something for everyone on your list, go home and get some rest. I bet you will have pleasant dreams knowing you no longer have to worry about last minute shopping and if you forgot to get something for the neighbor's dog. The thrills and money saved will enhance your holiday season tenfold.

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Columnist: Violation of personal space a vein of contention for travelers



SARAH MANN

I look like a junkie. The insides of my elbows are peppered with bruises, stick marks and more than a little suspicious orange residue. Why, you ask?

I donated blood. It wasn't my first time, nor will it be my last, though this was the first time it involved some serious digging, and I don't mean the sexually explicit questions you are asked beforehand.

Rather, it was the kind of digging that involves a small steel pipe and a very sneaky vein. Was it my fault my veins like to slither away once spotted? As I lay there becoming a pirate map, I had to think to myself about all the times I've had my blood taken and all of the times my veins retreated "Jaws"-style.

There has been many a nurse who has rolled her eyes at me and stabbed repeatedly until the blood filling the test tube wasn't so much coming from the tube as it was collecting at the bottom of my elbow. While in this most recent moment I was semi-used to the sensation, after recalling how the first few times played out, on this day I felt violated.

I was coming in for one thing — a blood test — and instead was probed like a science experiment. While twirling a needle beneath your skin isn't exactly grounds for molestation, it's still startling.

At no point did I say aloud, "Really just do whatever you like, I mean, you're wearing gloves so it's probably fine," and then sycophantically smile away as they took 10 minutes to find a blue squiggle. The stinging gave way to a bigger issue: personal space, something we can never have too much of.

In dorms it's a war for it, on buses there's an outcry, on airplanes people pay top dollar for approximately six more inches of space and yet now it's law to violate it.

The pat-downs administered to passengers in airports have been met with an outburst of negativity. Not surprisingly, people don't want to be manhandled. You can't even sneeze near someone without a dirty look. Add an ass-grab to the end of that and see how things pan out.

The terribly serious side of things is that people with histories of sexual abuse are being

thrown into these situations and forced to relive any violation they may have suppressed. Plain and simple, this is a violation of the fourth amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure. But more than that, it's creepy.

It's handing over your body to someone wearing gloves, all because of the elusive blue squiggle. Whether it be pumping a vital life source through you, or just a hair elastic in your pocket that came up suspicious on a screen, out come the gloves to play in your personal space.

All the photos I've seen of the process involve some grumpy man's butt being squeezed by the blue plastic hands of an even grumpier-looking person. Stories of snide remarks and sexually aggressive ogling have also surfaced.

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It's unfortunate. You give any average Joe the license to cup at will and there will be those that abuse the privilege. It's unfortunate.

If I bump into someone while spacing out, my face flushes. Hell, I've accidentally brushed crotches enough times to know it's the sort of thing you internally gasp about and then walk away from.

So what is it that makes this OK? What makes that doctor unabashedly squeeze and pinch? Their degree?

Yes, the paper on the wall makes everything seem much more professional, but no one looks forward to a physical just the same. Now the people that have to full-body grope you while your luggage is at arm's distance don't have a wall with their kid's drawings on it to quell your fears.

I lay there, on the slab, looking up as people run around the track and watched my Red Cross aide play pin-the-vein-on-the-redhead. Maybe it's time for us to take up a proper argument. There's no reason to be ashamed of being uncomfortable and if that's what we're forced to feel, then that's not the violated person's issue.

The airports, like the table, are forums, and not being quiet is the first great step. The gloves need to come off on both sides.

Sarah Mann is a fourth-year English student. Her columns will appear every Monday.

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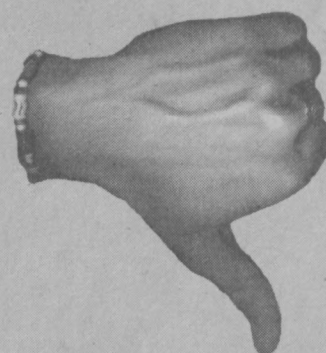
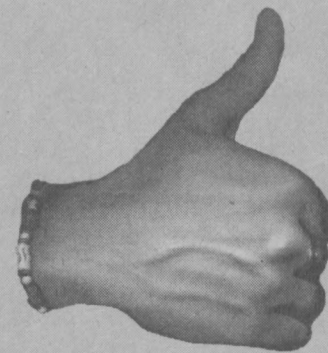
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Baby it's Chili Inside

By Kegan Zema

A meal with: Allison Jones

Symbiosis of mind and body is ever-present in the kitchen, where great amounts of personal creativity meet nutritional necessity. As the saying goes, "You are what you eat." However, a glimpse into the lives of those passionate about food reveals that who you are defines what you eat and how you make it.

The beans are rehydrating and the yeast is being reactivated in Allison Jones' bread. She walks through her small living room into the larger kitchen and dining room area where, judging by the flour-covered table, things are already underway.

Jones will be making spicy sweet potato chili, an original concoction. As she gets started, fresh cut onions, olive oil, green peppers, red peppers and sweet potato are tossed into a large silver pot and liberal amounts of chili powder, cumin and other spices are added to the mix.

The scent of the organic ingredients and southwestern seasoning fills up the well-lit room and music plays faintly from her laptop speakers on the cluttered table. Even her housemate's cat, Jinxy, is interested. Chatting in her kitchen, dark blond-haired Jones exudes a down-to-earth confidence, while her voice sounds astonishingly similar to Drew Barrymore's. With both Jones' look and her cooking, one thing is certain — she likes to keep it natural.

"I like to eat food that isn't all that processed," Jones said. "So whatever I can do to either keep things somewhat local, or to do it myself, I try to do that."

Jones has been cooking as a hobby and as a necessity — she is a picky eater — since she was a freshman in high school. Now a third-year philosophy student at UMaine, she focuses on healthy, sustainable foods by buying ingredients in bulk and making dishes from scratch.

She cooks primarily vegetarian meals, although she is casual about it — she used organic chicken stock in the chili and ate beef

jerky a few months ago when there was nothing else. While Jones was a strict vegetarian when she began college, her main focus now is on sustainable, locally grown foods.

"At this point it doesn't seem like I'm going really out of my way," Jones said. "I guess it is more complicated in stepping back from the habits I've formed."

A large portion of her ingredients come from the Natural Living Center on Longview Drive in Bangor. She can get cheap flour and spices in bulk and purchases a lot of vegetables at the farmers market.

As she adds the chicken stock, a bottle of beer, canned tomatoes and eventually beans to the boiling chili, Jones tells me how much of her cooking knowledge comes from her friend's mom. She taught Jones the art of

canning and preserving by making jam and jellies and eventually gave her a cookbook for Christmas.

A lot of Jones' cooking philosophy is based on planning. While she estimated she spends about six hours each week cooking, that can mean five hours making dinner for the whole week, or a full day of bread making that can last her a whole month. She aims to spend only about 20 minutes cooking per serving.

While the chili pot heats up — it will take about 45 minutes — Jones goes into her cupboard and shows me how she makes her own granola. By buying the oats and other ingredients in bulk, she is able to conjure up her own

See Cooking on B3

Photos by Kegan Zema

Spicy Sweet Potato Chili

Prep Time: 30 min. Cook time: 45 min.

Ingredients:

1 medium onion
2 bell peppers (any color)
2 sweet potatoes
1 cup beans (dry) or 2 15 oz cans (variety of your choice)
12 oz bottle of medium-dark beer (brown ale, stout, porter all being acceptable varieties, PBR is not)
32 oz vegetable or chicken stock (4 cups water with appropriate amounts of bouillon)
1 cup tomatoes of any variety or 16oz canned tomatoes of any variety
3 tbsp. olive (or other preferred) oil
2 tbsp. chili powder
3 tbsp. cumin
2 tbsp. garlic dalt (or fresh garlic and 1 tbsp. salt)
Sriracha (or other hot sauce) to taste
Cheese of your choice for garnish. I personally find smoked gouda particularly good

1. If using dried beans, either rehydrate over night or boil 45 mins. with generous amounts of water in small saucepan before beginning to make making chili.

2. Dice onion and put in large stock pot with olive oil, bringing the pot to medium heat and let sit for 10 mins. or until onions become translucent, meanwhile dice peppers and sweet potato adding them to the pot once finished dicing.

3. Add chili powder, cumin, garlic salt and Sriracha to vegetables in stockpot and continue cooking on medium heat 10 mins.

4. After 10 mins, add chicken or vegetable stock, beer and tomato. Bring heat up to high until the chili is boiling and then turn down heat to low, leaving chili to simmer uncovered for 45 mins.

5. Turn off heat and serve with shredded cheese on top. Pepper and salt can be added to taste.



SPA's 'Brilliant Traces' a cold, hard success

Stellar, emotional acting and appropriate set design by theater students propel the play, despite subpar dialogue

"Brilliant Traces" opened Thursday and ran all weekend in the Pavillion Theater. The two person play featured Allison Smith as Rosannah Deluce and Samuel Watson as Henry Harry. The production was solid and held up by honest performances by two fine actors.

Theater
Review
By Clint Snyder

The play is set in a small, remote Alaskan cabin. It starts with Rosannah bursting in, disoriented wearing a wedding gown and ranting until she faints from mental and physical fatigue. As the play progresses the audience learns more and more about each character's checkered past.

The set, designed by Tricia Hobbs,

was perfect for both the play and Watson's character. Henry is all about the basics and his cabin is about the essentials. There is a working sink, a stove, a bed, a gun and a table. There are lines in the play that reference his dissatisfaction with anything that does not have a specific purpose.

Smith's performance was stellar. She is comparable to a young Mary Louise Parker. She brought many in the audience to tears while describing her strained relationship with her father.

"He looked right into my face and saw nothing," her character said.

This production allowed the audience to connect the dots between her

reaction to her father and her fear of intimacy with other men.

Watson developed a strong character as well. There is a psychological power-struggle between the two

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characters that would be much less interesting if it were one-sided. Particularly moving was his monologue concerning Annabel, his daughter.

Harry's line, "You cooked my shoes," is sustained throughout the

whole play, after some footwear ends up in the oven.

One of the issues with this production was that the performance surpassed the material — a good place to be as far as problems are concerned. Much of the dialogue is ambiguous and narrative — "It was like I was an animal of flight, but I was frozen." This might be poetic and have literary merit, but it's not how real people talk. The play itself is one long exposition. The audience's attention fades out every now and then when the language becomes too flowery.

"I don't give a hoot when the storm is over," would be a difficult line for

Marlon Brando to deliver honestly, let alone a college actor. There is one scene early on, while Harry is washing Rosannah's face and hands, where the action becomes repetitive. You can only wring a rag out for so long before the audience is going to tune out.

The technical aspects, however simple, added a lot to the atmosphere of the play. The blocking utilizes the whole space, including backstage, the broken fourth wall and underneath the audience. The constant blowing wind gives you a sense of the isolation that Henry feels when this is all he hears all the time. The duo plays off each other perfectly and together the two make the production work brilliantly.

Painting the downtown

Art walk fills Bangor streets with colorful works, inquisitive patrons



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Jean MacRae admires pottery at One Lupin Arts, located in downtown Bangor, during Friday night's Bangor Art Walk.

By Dale Das

For The Maine Campus

An onslaught of art covered nearly every inch of Downtown Bangor on Friday. In an initiative organized by the Downtown Bangor Arts Collaborative, works from all over the state were on display in the picturesque part of the city.

Whether patrons were taking a coffee break at Giacomo's or getting dinner at Paddy Murphy's, groups of people with orange pamphlets mapping out the entire walk crowded the area. Within arm's reach were artists who submitted to the event, all trying to sell their wares.

"This is one of the few things that brings this community together," said one patron, who did not give his name. "I used to live in Boston. We used to have these kinds of things all the time. In the daytime we'd all go to these festivals and enjoy the art, and at night hit the discos."

The walk began at 170 Park Street with Collaborative Chair Liz Grandmaison's photography, alongside works from fellow pho-

tographers Karen Littlefield and Kathy Lena. Up Central street at the University of Maine Museum of Art, Ilya Askinazi's haunting photography and the Todd Watts' digital photography hung in neighboring exhibits.

But as one walked through downtown, the experience became more focused and individualized. Venues weren't establishments that normally display or sell art. More than 20 places, including bars, restaurants and studios, such as the Charles Inn Hotel and Epic Sports store, displayed the full gamut of local art.

Families even participated and tried to sell their works. Robert Dowling, the artist behind a large and prominent painting at the Charles Inn, is the son-in-law of Betty Overlock, a tinsel glass artist whose work was featured at the Bennett Gallery on Central street.

The turnout spoke of the community's investment in art and local business. Quite a few works sold, some priced between \$300 and \$400 dollars. Business was booming at eateries, especially those serving hot cocoa.

One exhibit that stood out was Randy

Colbath's tree trunk sculptures. From exhibits entitled, "Blind Eye" — a sculpture of a Catholic priest missing an eye — or "You Are What You Eat" — an oak stump filled with stones — it was evident the festival fostered art of all shapes, sizes and origins.

Another exhibit, by artist Lawton Mann, displayed at the Charles Inn, was an explosion of sharp colors forming demented yet stunning landscapes. The effort on part of all the vendors to exhibit the paintings was well noted — even the Central Street Café, a smaller establishment, filled its walls with paintings and gave each one its time in the sun.

Many patrons had questions for the artists. They took their time in asking the artists in-depth queries as to the origins of their work. Families and friends went out in scattered clusters up and down Central, Hammond and Main streets.

It was refreshing to see so many families spending their Friday looking at new art. It's good to know that the memory of Bangor's youthful generation will be filled with so much color.

Finding the shoe (or boot) that fits

Column

There are many grown-up and stylish shoe options for men during the winter months that are great for trekking around campus. They're all comfy, moderately affordable and pair nicely with any outfit in your closet. A thing to keep in mind when buying shoes is that they are an investment. It's generally more cost-effective to spend \$150 on a pair of shoes that will last three or four seasons than a \$60 pair that will fall apart after only one. Shirts are an item you can get away with buying the cheaper version, but shoes are worth the extra cash.



Trend Watch
By Macey Hall

Casual Boot

The most versatile of the casual boots are the suede McAlister ones. Available in a variety of earth tones, these masculine shoes pair well with denim or khakis and a plaid shirt. There are also shearling-lined pairs to keep your toes warm on extra cold days. Not feeling the \$100 price tag? My friend got a pair at Payless that look remarkably real.

I love the oiled leather ones as a more rugged option. The Maine-based brand Quoddy makes amazing shoes. These boots — and moccasins for girls — are a novelty and always sell out fast because only a select number of pairs are made each year. They look like the lovechild of a boot and moccasin, so they're more casual than other winter options: Some have laces, others have double rings to tighten the shoe like on a belt.

I love the ringed versions, as it has added hardware detail. It's major that a Maine-based brand is having a huge moment in the fashion world, so support our state.

Rugged Boot

Rugged boots will continue to be a go-to favorite for the rest of time. They'll never go out of style and are always dependable. But instead of tired Timberlands, help your wardrobe grow up this winter with similar, yet upgraded options. The Red Wing boot is the most rugged and manly boot, yet is still modern enough to wear in settings other than playing in the dirt.

They're perfect for the guy who doesn't want to wear boat shoes, but isn't satisfied with sneakers. Red Wings and other rugged boots have gotten so stylish that they're now extremely mainstream and work with lots of outfits. Darker leather typically looks more refined than lighter versions and are much easier to keep clean.

Combat boots fall under this category, and have carried over from the rocker trend for girls that we've seen for a few seasons now. Combat boots can actually be super trendy and very current, especially paired with skinny jeans and V-neck shirts.

Sneakers

Sneakers aren't exactly the ideal winter footwear, but boys will be boys. GQ maintains that the only acceptable sneakers for grown men — since this is a college newspaper, this includes you — are Sambas, Jack Purcells and Chuck Taylors. Gym or running shoes should be reserved for the gym, not worn as everyday shoes.

It's time to try out sleek, modern shoes that have a mature edge to them. I love the simplicity of Jack Purcells and that they are so classic. Chucks have a more edgy, hipster feel to them, but work for everyone as well. The gray Adidas Samba with white stripes is so fresh and so clean, and screams, "I'm cool."

Once sneakers get dirty and tired, you might as well toss them. Until then, try and limit sneaker wear to a few days per week — I know they're your favorite, but there are plenty of other options that are just as comfortable, but more mature and on-par with trends.

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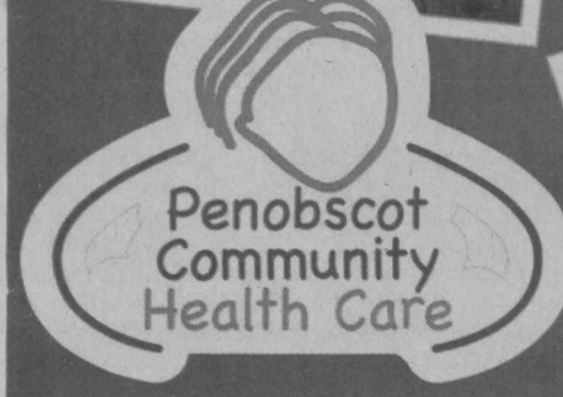
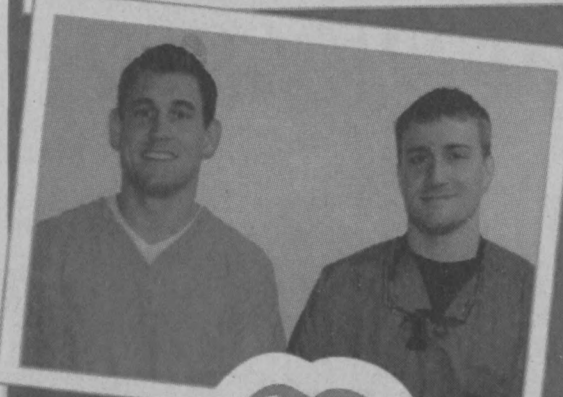
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Writers share their French connection

NWS wraps up with international couple

By John Shannon
Staff Writer

The final installment of the 2010 New Writing Series had a multicultural feel when partners Omar Berrada and Sarah Riggs came from France to discuss their work in bilingual poetics, this Thursday.

It's tricky for the New Writing Series to get foreign writers on American soil: Some refuse due to our nation's politics, while others just don't care for the hassle that comes along with traveling abroad. Luckily, Berrada and Riggs were up for the trip.

A native of Casablanca, Morocco, Berrada first went to school with the intention of studying engineering before discovering his true passion in the art of poetry. Sarah Riggs, on the other hand, was born in New York and traveled overseas to study poetry and language.

Together, the pair has translated the works of many French poets, such as Etel Adnan, Oscarine Bosquet, Isabelle Garon and Jérôme Mauche. They also help manage and edit the bilingual poetry blog Double Change. Riggs is the director of "Tamaas," an international multicultural foundation. She has taught at New York University in Paris, and previously at Columbia University in Paris with Berrada, with whom she co-translated Marie Borel's "Wolfrot."

The couple began their presentation by reading poetry the two shared with one another over the summer. It was a loose, yet intimate way to start the readings. The poems worked as observation and correspondence, illustrating a relationship that runs rather deep. Once finished, the pair took turns reading their own excerpts, explaining their processes and illustrating their

individual interests.

Berrada's poetry mixes French and English phrases, flipping between the two languages, provoking twinges of jealousy from those who are unlucky enough to only be fluent in one language. Berrada explained that he writes in French first and translates into English after the fact.

This mixture etches a unique feeling from the work, and his soft voice amplifies this. His readings sound like an old friend telling you a story in the middle of the night, using short hand communication as if you were friends for years.

Riggs then took stage and outlined her interest beyond international poetry, broaching the subject of communicational poetry as well. She has published three compilations of poetry exchanged through common communication: "28 Telegrams, 43 Post-Its," "38 Instant Messages" and most recently, "60 Textos."

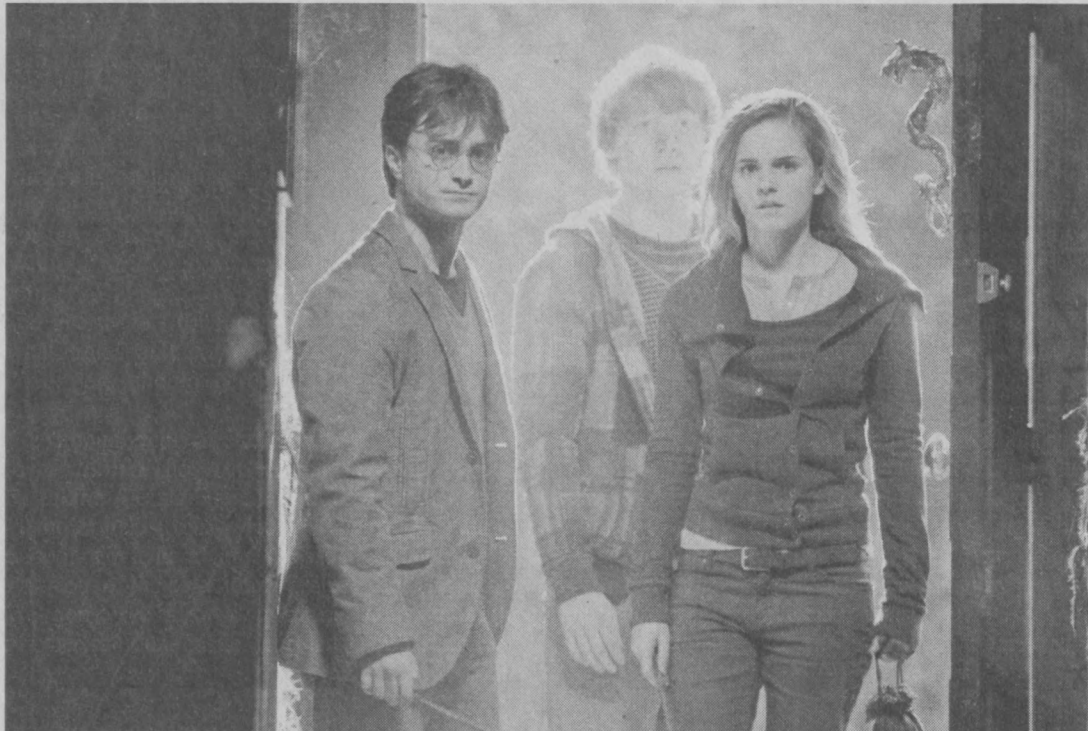
Textos — the French version of "text messages" — was the focus of her discussion at the event, having just been released this past week. Riggs is concerned with how technology affects our writing: If the constraint of 140 characters hinders that experience, or amplifies it by forcing the writer to get their ideas across more quickly. We, as a species, are probably writing more then we ever have over the course of our own history — through text messaging, Facebook, e-mail, Twitter, etc. — and it will be curious to see the effect this has on us in the future.

As the New Writing Series closes shop for the winter holidays, we can look back at another year of fascinating authors and poets visiting the campus. The line up for the 2011 New Writing Series will be announced in January.

FILM REVIEW:

‘Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows’

Part one tantalizes with action and could-be hook-ups



Warner Bros. Pictures

By John Shannon
Film Critic

It's hard to think of anything as unique or culturally significant as the "Harry Potter" franchise. Read and adored by millions of fans that literally matured at the same rate as the books' characters, the film series is a cash cow for Warner Brothers, and the films are basically critic-proof. Fans of a franchise will see any adaptation put in front of them, regardless of quality — the high grosses of the abysmal "Twilight" saga prove that. But, thankfully, Warner Brothers has spared no expense, making the Harry Potter films well-crafted beauties, and "Deathly Hallows" is on the path to closing the series better than it started.

I say "on the path" because this is very obviously only half a film. According to production notes, director David Yates and screenwriter Steve Kloves had no idea how the films would be split during production. They only knew it would have to be in order to stick with a reasonable 150-minute running time. The film ends on an incredibly dark cliffhanger, simply daring you to not buy a ticket for "Part Two." While it's tricky to review half a film (I'm tempted to be cheeky and give it an I for Incomplete), what Yates and company have done here should certainly be lauded.

Although cut in half, "Hallows" further shows its courage by taking the signature location of the Potter story — Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry — out of the equation entirely. We don't see a single glimpse of the famous castle. Instead,

we follow Harry, Hermione and Ron at large as they run from the magical world. Lord Voldemort has overthrown the Ministry of Magic, and the story is no longer about the battle of Good vs. Evil — the battle has already been won, and the good guys lost. The trio has nothing to rely on but their wits and each other, hunting down the final Horcruxes that contain pieces of Voldemort's soul in order to somehow topple his reign of pure-blood lunacy.

The problem is, Harry and company have no idea where the Horcruxes are and even then, no clue as to how to destroy them. The result, in the book, is long sections without direction or momentum. The three friends slowly grate on each other, and eventually the reader. All this existential moping could be deadly on screen and going into "Part One," I was worried how Yates would commit it to screen.

Pacing has always been the film series' Achilles heel. While the earlier films tried to be cinematic translations of the books, attempting to keep as true to the source as possible, the later films have gone with a more adaptive approach, condensing subplots or exciting material that, while enlightening Rowling's world, doesn't hold much sway over the plot. Rowling is, for better or worse, a fairly self-indulgent writer, and there isn't much room for that in cinema.

With large portions of "Hallows" spent camping in the English countryside without any sense of direction, the film becomes something of an ersatz mumblecore film, exploring these characters and building upon the strong foundations built in the previous

films, strengthening their bonds before all hell breaks loose in the final installment.

The one who benefits most from this is Emma Watson as Hermione. While fans shipped for Hermione and Ron to get together ever since the Yule Ball incident in "Goblet of Fire," the films have toyed with Hermione and Harry's relationship as well. Watson's chemistry with Daniel Radcliffe has always been a bit stronger than her chemistry with Rupert Grint, and while the film eventually sticks with the book's decision, the possibility of a Harry / Hermione hook-up is laid bare here.

How Watson plays it speaks volumes about where her character is, not just in that moment, but where she wants to be afterwards as well. Harry and Hermione would be a quick spitfire of a relationship, burning bright but fading quickly. Hermione and Ron, on the other hand, already act like a married couple: Partners for life, as best friends and lovers.

Warner Brothers have pulled off something borderline-miraculous here: an eight-part film series with impeccable casting, top-notch effects and imaginative storytelling. The fact that all these films are all worth their salt is simply icing on the cake. It's hard to think of any way this could be replicated, and to be honest, it probably won't. As a member of the generation that grew up with Harry, Ron, Hermione, Neville, Luna and even Draco, these films are something I can't help but cherish. This is a truly unique event, and as a fan, I'm glad to have been a part of it.

Grade: A

CD REVIEW:

Bombay Bicycle Club - 'Flaws'

UK foursome returns with forgettable sophomore album

By Derrick Rossignol
Music Critic

The term "acoustic" is either associated with a stripped-down rendition of a full-band song that sounds incomplete, or a strong original composition that was crafted specifically for the simple, organic arrangement.

On "Flaws," the appropriately titled second album by Bombay Bicycle Club, the line between the two is tiptoed over again and again.

With a revolving-door lineup until the band's core was solidified in 2006, Bombay Bicycle Club messed around with their name many times before settling on their current alias and winning a television competition put on by Virgin Mobile. A few concerts and EPs later, they released their debut record to a mixed reaction, and their newest effort will probably be approached with a similar sense of doubt.

Composed of reworks of previous releases, covers and original songs, the album has fewer high points than low ones. That's not to say that most of the tracks are bad — many of them are nice and listenable — but the similarity of the tracks causes them to flow into one another. As the record progresses, they begin to lose their lighthearted charm.

The album starts with a bang, beginning with the single "Rinse Me Down." Opening with a simple, punchy drumbeat and gentle acoustic guitars that arouse thoughts of the Counting Crows' hit "Hard Candy," Jack Steadman's pleasant vocals carry the feel-good song through three minutes of relaxing and enjoyable listening.

The next track, "Many Ways," is also nice but in a more melancholy way, and the lead single "Ivy & Gold" has much of the charm of the



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opener which shares similarities with the stylings of Fleet Foxes.

Following these solid tracks come five tracks of generic acoustica that don't create lasting memories. Individually, the songs are gentle and listenable but bore and fail to impress when played consecutively.

The final two tracks pick up the slack, at least a little bit, to close off the album. The title track features some simple yet lovely female background vocals that may seem minor, but the minute accent adds to the song tenfold — like how a pinch of salt improves the taste of almost anything. "Swansea" wraps up the record by presenting something new — some electronic "wa-wa-wa-WA-wa"s that give a modern touch to an album that sounds dated, despite being released less than a week ago.

For Bombay Bicycle Club, this album seems to deviate from what they are used to — their debut album drew comparisons to Franz Ferdinand

and Vampire Weekend, while this release could be likened to the mellower sounds of Iron & Wine or The Shins. That may not sound like such a bad thing, but when done without the soul or moving power that those artists infuse into their works, it falls flat.

It seems this album may have been made for the doubt's fans to enjoy, as they undoubtedly populated forums and their Facebook page with posts yearning for them to unplug themselves and reinterpret their known and loved songs.

This collection of songs should please current fans of the band, but not convert any new ones. There is a standout track or two that will get heads slowly bobbing and feet rhythmically tapping, but everything else is easily forgettable. For the casual listener, the album comes off as a sandwich where the slices of bread are the best part, while whatever is in the middle is not as satisfying as the barbs holding it all together.

Grade: C+



Courtesy photo

Jones, right, shares a home-cooked meal with a group of friends.

Cooking from B1

combinations for far cheaper than stores would charge.

Her other favorite dishes reinforce the do-it-yourself attitude. She loves Thai food, but can't afford to order it so she makes her own — typically Massaman curry or pad thai, which she said are quick and cheap. For pasta, a college culinary staple, she will make her own tomato or Alfredo sauce.

"I enjoy cooking enough so that I don't care if something turns out well or not," Jones said. "I'll do it just to have something to do with my afternoon, but a lot of it isn't that hard."

To avoid the monotony of eating the same meal all week, Jones said she tries to cook and share meals with friends as often as possible, especially during her summers in Bar Harbor. She had already let everyone know through Facebook she would have a ton of chili to share because of our interview.

In Jones' cooking, a symbiosis is formed between using natural ingredients and challenging herself in the kitchen. For instance, she bakes bread with whole wheat flour both

because it is better for you and more challenging. Sacrificing taste for healthfulness is not on Jones' menu.

However, she is not one for the holier-than-thou, all-or-nothing health food extremism. Initially, she had a goal to eventually only eat food from Maine, processed by her or by non-industrial techniques.

"In time I've both made huge steps towards that, like I've progressed in that direction, but it's no longer the ultimate end goal for me," Jones said. "I've learned to kind of balance things."

She never made the conscious decision to eat healthfully, but understands the real implications of the way people eat. One of her friends, who only ate meat and carbs, was hospitalized because he was potassium-deficient and his heart was shutting down.

When the bread dough finally rose, Jones quickly began flattening the bulbous glob onto a pan. She leaves holes with her fingers where she says the oil will collect, adding to the bread's flavor.

After the focaccia is put in the oven, we sit down to eat bowls of chili she prepared earlier. As our bowls cool, I sneak a piece of the soft, smoked Gouda

cheese when she has her back turned.

The chili is delicious. Even as a carnivore, I hardly miss the taste or the texture of meat in the dish. The chili powder and other spices blend perfectly with the vegetables and the sweet potato gives the thick soup a unique flavor.

As we both slurp up the meal, wiping strands of the melted cheese away from our faces, we discuss the wealth of information available on food. Jones' philosophic studies seem to be coming out as she ponders the positives and negatives of this reality.

She has been able to learn a ton about cooking, eating well and making positive choices to support the economy and the environment. The problem is, everyone has their own take on the same information.

But inside her kitchen, the situation is much less complicated. At the end of our meal she explains to me how, while some people will channel their passions into creating art or music, she creates food to share with her friends.

"Cooking is a means of being creative that's not useless," Jones said. "It serves a purpose."

Pickled Beet Salad

Ingredients:

Baby spinach, arugula, or mixed field greens
3/4 cup thinly sliced pickled beets sprinkled lightly with cinnamon
Goat cheese
3/4 cup worth of an assortment of cucumber, carrot and/or red pepper (whatever is available to you)
Handful of unsalted pumpkin seeds, sliced almonds, or walnuts
Olive oil, to taste

1. Fill serving bowl with green.

2. If using cucumbers, thinly slice and place on greens; if using carrots, julienne or thinly slice and place on greens; if using red pepper, cut into strips

and likewise place on greens.

3. Place pickled beets on top of vegetables.

4. Crumble goat cheese and nuts on salad.

5. Only immediately before serving, drizzle salad lightly with olive oil and toss to coat greens. Adding the oil to the salad before serving will cause the greens to wilt.

A side note: This recipe does not require salad dressing as the acidity from the pickled beets and olive oil acts as a tangy vinaigrette, which pairs well with the creaminess of goat cheese. For added involvement, make the pickled beets yourself, incorporating the cinnamon into the brine.

Garlic Focaccia Bread Sticks for Chili

Prep time: 50 mins. Bake time: 20-30 mins.

Ingredients:

5 – 6 cups all purpose flour (if choosing to incorporate whole wheat flour, use extra water and consider also using bread flour in equal proportion to substituted volume of wheat flour to maintain consistency)
2 tbsp. baking yeast (equivalent to one packet)
1 tsp sugar
2 cups warm water (lukewarm to touch, too hot will kill the yeast)
5 tsp. olive oil (or other preferred oil)
Garlic salt, or preferred topping (basil, feta, rosemary or thinly sliced onions and peppers also make good toppings) to taste

1. In a small bowl, combine water sugar and yeast. Let sit for 5 mins. Bubbles should form at surface. If they do not form, there may be a problem with the age of the yeast or water temperature.

2. While yeast mixture is sitting, measure out flour into a larger bowl. Make a well in the center, adding two Tbsp of olive oil and yeast mixture and stir until a dough forms. Dough does not have to be completely

uniform or together at this point.

3. Place dough on a well-floured surface, such as a cutting board or clean countertop. Knead dough by folding the dough upon itself with the heel of your hand for 10 mins.

4. Place dough in a well-oiled bowl. Let sit 30 mins. or until dough has doubled in size. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

5. Punch down dough and place on a well-oiled baking sheet or pan, stretching or rolling dough out across the entirety of the pan.

6. Oil the top of the dough and add garlic salt or other seasonings evenly across surface of dough. Let dough sit for 15 mins.

7. Bake on top rack for 20-30 mins. or until edges of bread begin to brown. The top of the bread should remain slightly doughy, not crunchy. Cut into breadsticks and serve fresh for best taste.

Bread sticks can be cut up and frozen for use later on. Put in toaster or oven before serving.

Women's basketball grabs first season win

Comes from behind to defeat Bryant; Smith finishes with 22

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

After giving up a halftime lead in their opening game, the University of Maine women's basketball team took their turn to come from behind and pick up their first win of the season Friday over Bryant University 74-66.

The win brought the Black Bears to 1-1, while the Bulldogs dropped to 0-3.

The Black Bears came back from a nine-point deficit at the break, outscoring the Bulldogs 43-26 in the second half to hand Bryant their third-straight loss to start this season.

The Black Bears were led by freshman Amber Smith, who doubled her high score from the season opener, ending with 22

points. Three other Black Bears also scored in double figures in the victory, with freshman and sophomore guards Ashleigh Roberts and Katelyn Vanderhoff chiming in with 12 points each and junior forward Samantha Wheeler finishing with a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds.



UMaine vs. Bryant
74-66
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Bryant, R.I.



The game was evenly contested through the midpoint of the first half, until the Bulldogs ripped off a 14-4 run to take a 29-18 lead with just over seven minutes remaining in the half.

The Bulldogs would take a 40-31 lead into halftime, led by forward

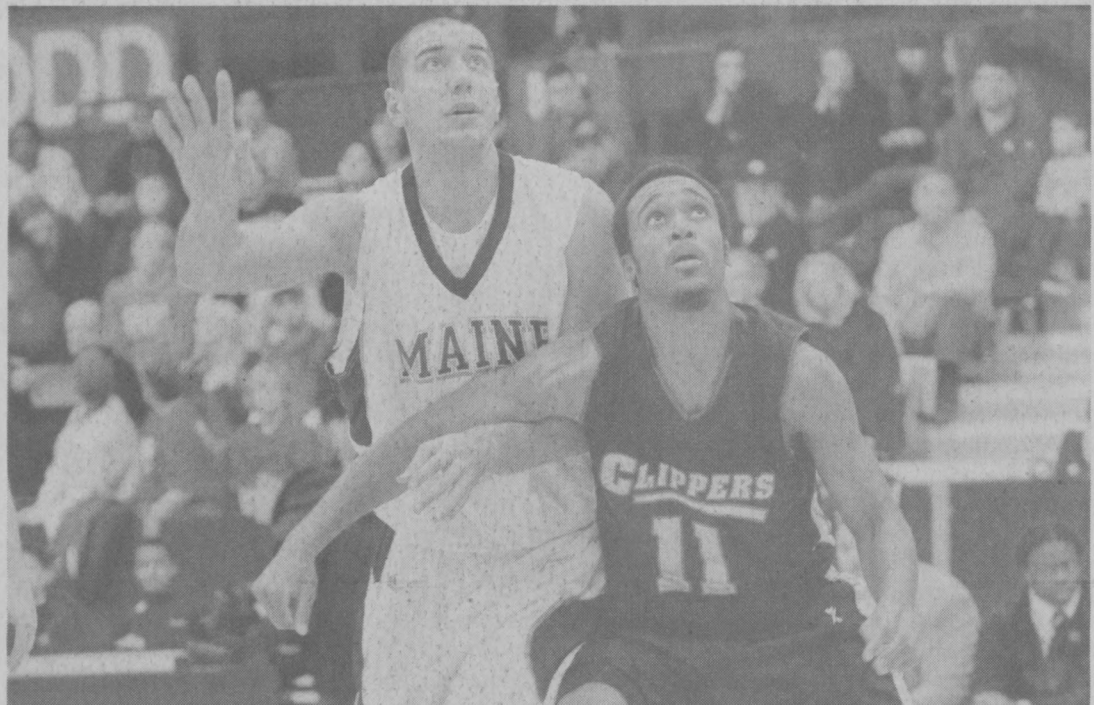
Siamone Bennett's 15 first-half points. Bennett finished with 22 points and 17 rebounds.

With more than 13 minutes remaining in the game, Vanderhoff brought the Black Bears back, scoring on three straight possessions, narrowing the deficit from nine to two.

Senior guard Tanna Ross tied the game at 50 with just under 11 minutes remaining. Vanderhoff gave the Black Bears their first lead of the second half with a little over five minutes remaining.

UMaine would not relinquish the lead from that point on, as the Black Bears grabbed their first victory of the season.

The Black Bears return to Alford Arena Tuesday night to take on Central Connecticut State.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Junior forward Svetoslav Chetinov works around a University of Maine at Machias defender looking to get the rebound. The Black Bears demolished the Clippers in a 95-44 victory at Alford Arena.

Machias from B6

home. "I really wanted to see us improve in a lot of areas tonight, and we did that," Woodward said. "After a tough game on the road at Maryland it was great to play at home in front of our own fans."

The key to the game was Singleton's smart decision making. When UMaine forced turnovers and bad shots from the Clippers, coach Woodward would instantly yell to "push it" to take advantage of UMaine's dominant speed and athleticism over UMM. With the ball always in Singleton's hands,

he finished with eight assists and just one turnover.

The 23 assists by the Black Bears led to easy buckets and a field goal percentage of 62.5 percent, including a remarkable first half of 73.3 percent. Junior guard Gerald McLemore also regained his stroke, going 4-8 from behind the arc, finishing with 13 points. The Black Bears' size was too intimidating for the Clippers, as they scored 48 points in the paint to the UMM's two.

While UMM is not an America East Conference opponent, a game like this still helps the team, Woodward pointed out.

"Every game helps moving forward. Some guys get minutes

and every bit of experience helps. The plays we go over in practice need to be run in game situations," Woodward said.

The practice will help as the Black Bears move forward on what looks to be a promising season with high expectations. Yet star forward Burnatowski does not seem to be worried.

"We're not worried about expectations; anything can happen. Last year we were projected eighth and came in third."

The Black Bears travel to Big East power, the University of Notre Dame to face the fighting Irish on Monday, and play their next home game Nov. 29 against Quinnipiac University.

Oregon, Auburn still control BCS championship destinies

Flawed system showing true colors with Big East inclusion

By Liam Nee
For The Maine Campus

College football is now roughly 40 days away from beginning its major championship bowl games. After a fantastic weekend of games, the projections are still up in the air.

No. 1 Oregon still remains the top team in the country and should remain there in the throne until the season concludes, granting them a berth into the BCS title game. The Ducks' opponent, which looked to be No. 11 Alabama earlier this year, now seems more likely to be one of the last four undefeated teams in the country. Boise State is currently No. 4 with a 10-0 record, is the most probable competitor, especially if No. 2 Auburn loses to Alabama this Friday.

The Big East conference is the only BCS conference that doesn't have a contract for their champion to compete in a specific bowl game. Instead, the champion takes hold of one of the remaining spots in the Rose Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl or Sugar Bowl. Last year's

Allstate Sugar Bowl saw Big East champion Cincinnati take on Florida in New Orleans.

This year, Pittsburgh currently leads the conference, and with two games remaining, holds an embarrassing record of 6-4. While the Panthers could be outrun by West Virginia, 7-3, for the top spot in the conference, the fact remains that both Pittsburgh and West Virginia are unranked; yet they still have a guaranteed spot in a BCS game, which looks to be against the Big 12 champion in the Fiesta Bowl.

In the last six seasons, college football has seen more undefeated non-BCS champions than undefeated BCS champions. The currently remaining 2010-11 undefeated teams are TCU, Oregon, Auburn and Boise State who, most likely, will be playing in a BCS bowl game and still have a chance at not making one at all.

Take, for instance, No. 4 ranked Boise State, who still remains a favorite for the BCS title game. Depending on how the Broncos do in their last two

remaining games against No. 18 Nevada and Utah State, they could potentially miss out on all five BCS bowl games.

BCS rules state that the top-two ranked teams, currently Oregon and Auburn, will play for the national title. They also state that the only team from a non-BCS conference guaranteed money from a BCS bowl game is the top-ranked non-BCS conference team, currently No. 3 TCU. If the season ended today, Boise State would technically finish No. 4 overall and be left out.

As long as the bowl championship series format remains, undefeated non-BCS teams will consistently draw the short straw.

While their undefeated records may not display how they would ever do against an all-time college football powerhouse school like Michigan, Notre Dame or Ohio State, they are still never given a chance to prove themselves, which could certainly occur if college football created a bracket-style playoff system.

BC from B6

said. "There's not too much distance between the boards and the back of the net. It's a little different from our rink, that's something I'll have to get used to."

Just 20 seconds into the second period, the Black Bears got an early power play opportunity, but were unable to connect on anything.

Under eight minutes into the second period, the Eagles added another, expanding their lead to 3-0. After a block by a UMaine defender, forward Tommy Atkinson snuck the shot past Sullivan, as the puck crept slowly through his legs and across the red line. Center Patrick Brown and defender Brian Dumoulin assisted on the sophomore's first collegiate goal.

The Eagles controlled the pace in the second period, but was interrupted by various penalties. After the Eagles killed off the Black Bears' second power play of the period midway through, BC withstood an onslaught of Black Bear chances during a 5-3 chance with less than five minutes remaining in the period.

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Jeff Dimmen left the game with an apparent leg injury. His status for Sunday is questionable. His injury adds to the woes in the UMaine defense, with senior Will O'Neill already sidelined with a lower body injury.

The Eagles scored on two separate power plays, as well as a short-handed goal.

"They're a good team and we didn't come ready to play," senior defender Josh Van Dyk said. "They took it to us and we played soft."

Tim Whitehead
Head coach
Men's Hockey

The second game mirrored much of the first, with very little contribution from

doughnut."

The Black Bears continued to get power play chances, yet Muse and BC foiled every opportunity and cashed in on theirs. Right after a UMaine power play completed, the Eagles scored off of the face off on the opening of their power play. Center Pat Mullan found the net for the fourth Eagle goal of the game, assisted by Dumoulin and fellow defender Philip Samuelsson.

Sullivan was relieved after letting in the fourth goal, and sophomore Shawn Sirman took his place between the pipes.

"Not his best," Whitehead said of Sullivan's performance. "He's been so consistent and so sharp for us. If a goalie makes a mistake, everyone notices. A lot of guys made mistakes tonight."

The end of the period saw more Black Bear power plays with no goals, as they went 0-7 on the power play, and ended up scoreless for the first time this season, losing to the defending national champions 4-0.

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Black Bear senior defender

the UMaine power play, while the Eagles capitalized on one of their three man advantages.

BC took the lead just two minutes into the game. Atkinson fired a shot just inside the blue line, which Sullivan deflected right to forward Paul Carey, who slid the puck passed Sullivan for his third goal of the season.

The Black Bears followed the Eagles' goal with one of their own — their first in over four periods. Sophomore defender Mark Nemec grabbed his first goal of the season off an assist from junior defender Ryan Hegarty.

Five minutes later, the Eagles regained the lead, and proceeded to bury the Black Bears' hopes with a following goal 40 seconds later. Forward Bill Arnold scored the second Eagles' goal of the game off a pass from forward Steven Whitney.

The latter of the rapid succession of goals was led by Carey and his second goal of the game. After passes from Atkinson and Samuelsson, Carey put the rebound off his own shot past Sullivan.

The Eagles added an empty goal to seal the weekend sweep, handing the Black Bears their first losing streak of the season.

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What to do with London's new stadium

\$858 million Olympic track and field venue mixed up in a questionable future

By Liam Nee
For The Maine Campus

London's Olympic Stadium, an \$858 million dollar track and field venue set to serve as the home of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games starting is expected to be completed next summer.

The arena will have an approximate capacity of 80,000, making it the third-largest stadium in Britain behind Wembley Stadium and Twickenham Stadium, homes to the England national football team and Rugby Football Union, respectively.

Although the games won't be starting until July 27, 2012, speculation has surrounded the

stadium's post-Olympic future. Premier League soccer clubs West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur for were short-listed for owners following the Olympics in an announcement on Nov. 12 from the Olympic Park Legacy Company.

West Ham United began showing interest earlier this year when new owners David Gold and David Sullivan took over the franchise. Tottenham Hotspur began registering interest on Oct. 1 when they joined forces with German electric corporation, AEG, which is the world's largest entertainment and facilities management company.

According to Senior Vice President of the International

Association of Athletics Federations and IOC member Sergei Bubka, one obligation that must be fulfilled by the winning bidder is a commitment to keep the athletics track intact with the venue. Both bids have shown interest in removing the track if or when granted possession of property.

Bubka, the world pole vault record holder, stated that, "In 2005 in Singapore, London promised to... deliver the legacy after the Olympic Games. It was guaranteed ... the track will remain."

The Ukrainian gold medalist also noted that after Berlin hosted the 1936 Summer Olympic Games, it was able to successfully use the same venue

as home for the 1974 and 2006 world cups, as well as the 2009 IAAF world championships in athletics, all while maintaining the running track around the field.

Because of this ongoing controversy, London was forced to withdraw its bid to host the 2015 athletics World Championships due to the uncertainty of a usable track by that time.

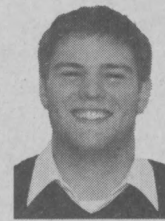
The head of London 2012 organizing committee and four-time Olympic-medaling middle distance runner Sebastian Coe has yet to comment on the situation.

Bubka says he "understand[s] business but this is money we invest in the health of the nation, the image of the nation."

Al's Turkey days tragic, unbecoming to a legend

Column

Former NBA great Allen Iverson is a player for Besiktas of the Turkish basketball league. He scored two points in his debut.



By Charlie Merritt

It saddens me to see a player as great as Allen Iverson have his career fade away like this. You hope that no matter the tendonitis in their knees, or the ridiculous toll playing a game at such a level on the player's body, they don't stop because they love the game. Or maybe all of the rumors of Iverson's gambling addiction are true and he will have to play basketball for ten bucks a day in Afghanistan to support his family because his twenty-million-dollar-a-year salary was lost on the craps table in Vegas.

No matter how an athlete ends his career, never forget what they did in their prime. Whether they end with a Super Bowl and then become a sports reporter (well played, Jerome Bettis) or get sacked so many times they literally just crumble into dust on the field (please stop playing, Brett Favre), a person's view of a player's legacy is skewed by the athlete way they exit the game.

Nobody will forget how good Allen Iverson was: MVP in 2001, scoring champion three times, NBA first team

three times, All-star MVP twice and a 26.7 career scoring average. Of course, all we remember his famous "practice" rant.

It was time for Iverson to leave the game. He was coming off of the bench for the Grizzlies and it was time for a change, a ride into the sunset. It is hard for athletes to leave the game they love, it is hard for anybody to stop doing something they love. But, athletes must learn how to leave the game so their legacy remains intact.

Maybe Jerome Bettis is the nicest man in the world — I don't know him on a personal level, so I cannot attest to that — but the way he left the game magnifies his career. Want to know how Bettis is doing? You can catch "The Jerome Bettis Show" on WPXI-TV on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Allen Iverson will never have his own TV show.

The point is athletes must learn how to end their career the proper way. The headline of the Turkish game was not the 17-point deficit Iverson's "Cola Turka" team overcame to eventually come out victorious, but his two points in a game in which he sat a majority of. If you read The Maine Campus, Allen Iverson, please read the following: Hold a press conference, read note cards someone else wrote, tell everyone you love basketball and had a great time and walk away from the game.

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Thanksgiving from B6

owner Robert Kraft is giving thanks on Thursday for that duo, no question.

The home team Lions have been the league's worst franchise during that same stretch. Recent drafts have given them a glimmer of hope, but to no surprise that hope was killed in a Week 9 loss to the Jets when franchise quarterback Matt Stafford reinjured his shoulder. It still appears that the Lions are a long way from being a relevant force.

The dichotomy between these two teams serves as a reminder to just be thankful you aren't "that guy."

Though there is reason to envy Lions fans — if my team played every Thanksgiving, it would be lights-out. My

message to you is this: Don't take this blessing for granted. Thirty other fan bases would love the permanent Thanksgiving slot that Dallas and Detroit occupy.

The sandwich game between the Saints and Cowboys is a blatant reminder. If you are a football fan, just be thankful you don't root for the Cowboys. If you are in fact a Cowboys fan, be thankful that Wade Phillips just got canned, but curb your enthusiasm, because Barry Switzer isn't walking through that door.

For New Orleans, be thankful you got scheduled to play Dallas. That's really all there is to it.

The night game is a recent addition to the Thanksgiving slate. Added a few years ago, the third and final game of the wonderful evening shows

that there are people out there who actually do care. Good people do exist. For so many years we had two games to watch while we fed, but there was nothing to supplement the post-nap assault on the leftovers.

All that changed in 2006, when the NFL did the unthinkable and actually made Thanksgiving better than it already was. Now there are three games, so even if you pass out for the four o'clock kickoff, you can atone for that error with the Jets-Bengals game, which features two clubs going in the opposite direction.

The Jets can remember to give thanks to the Lions and Browns. In back-to-back weeks both squads took New York to overtime and both teams squandered golden opportunities to win the game.

The second and third chances the Jets received in those games were enough to steal two victories that the Lions and Browns could stake a rightful claim to.

Cincinnati is a grim city these days. The Bengals entered the season with high hopes and have failed to live up to the expectations.

What is important to remember for the Bengals, though, is that this is not anything new. Be thankful you're able to draw on past experiences to give you the strength and courage to persevere through these difficult times.

As you count your blessings and reunite with family this Thursday pause briefly (just make sure it isn't while you are in line) and think of the important things in life. The things that matter.

Like football.

Senior Game from B6

carries, 78 yards).

It was Scott who turned in the play of the game. On the fifth play of the opening drive of the second half, Scott ran outside to the right and broke the first tackle; following that was a spin move that made two defenders miss while creating

tackles on the afternoon.

"We just missed tackles [on that play]. It should have been a two yard gain, then a five yard gain, then a 12 yard gain," Cosgrove said.

Maine's ensuing drive was a strong response. Pushaun Brown carried UMaine inside the red zone with tough running, including a highlight reel 25-yard run.

The drive stalled at the 19-

ek Session, who was unable to corral it.

Forced to kick it away, junior punter Jordan Waxman's punt was muffed on the other end by Scott. Initially, it appeared Maine recovered the fumble, but James Madison emerged from the pile with the ball.

"We made some big mistakes, [we] failed to capitalize on opportunities that could have changed the outcome of the game," Cosgrove said.

After junior cornerback Jerron McMillian intercepted Scott, Maine was able to tack on a Brian Harvey field goal from 23 yards out and push the score to where it would remain, 14-10.

Perhaps the most important drive of the day from either side came after the field goal. James Madison began a drive at their own 41 line and ended at the Maine 32. Going into the wind, James Madison decided to go for it on fourth-and-nine rather than try a 42-yard field goal, but Scott was sacked by freshman defensive end Michael Cole.

The Dukes turned it back over on downs to the Black Bears, but not before running 10 plays and taking up 6:20 of the fourth quarter.

"We would have liked to get off the field sooner at the end," Cosgrove said, referencing two big third down conversions by



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Sophomore tight end Jeff Falvey fights past the James Madison University defense in the team's last game of the season. The Black Bears came up short, losing the game 14-10 on Saturday.

a seam in the second level of the defense. He hit the seam, evaded one more tackler and 43 yards later, was in the end zone, giving James Madison a 14-7 advantage.

The play was the lone blemish on the day for an outstanding Black Bear defense, which surrendered only 204 yards of total offense and limiting the Dukes to only four of 11 on third down.

"We fit well, he's a good player, he made a play," said junior middle linebacker Don-te Dennis, who, along with sophomore linebacker Troy Russell, had a game high 11

yard line but as Brian Harvey lined up to attempt a field goal, Maine was flagged for a false start. Instead of a 37-yarder, the attempt was from 42 yards, and Harvey pushed it wide left, contributing to Maine's anemic 40 percent red zone scoring percentage on the day.

Nearing the end of the third quarter the turning point in the game occurred. Having already converted a third down on a Smith 16-yard scramble earlier in the possession, UMaine faced third-and-one near midfield. Smith put a pass on the hands of junior halfback Der-

the Dukes that enabled more time to run off.

The turnover set up Maine for their final drive, which ended in heartbreak.

"It was just a two-minute drill; we had to go score a touchdown. I thought we made plays to extend the drive," Smith said. "We have to finish

to be a championship team."

On this day it was James Madison who finished.

"I told our guys on that last drive that if we tackle we'll win the game. We tackled poorly all game," Matthews said.

After the game Smith acknowledged the work that

needs to be done before the 2011 campaign.

"We are going to be a better team offensively next year. I promise you that," he said.

"It's a tough break and a tough way to end," said Cosgrove. "The plan was for us to sing the Stein Song at midfield when this one was over."

Athletes of the Week

Corey Conner – Women's Cross Country



Corey Conner (Townsend, Mass.) finished fourth in the 2010 NCAA Northeast Cross Country Regional on Saturday. Conner completed the course in 19:57.3, good enough to qualify for the 2010 NCAA Championships set for Monday, Nov. 22 in Terre Haute, Ind. It is the second consecutive year that Conner will compete in the NCAA Championships.

Joey Diamond – Men's Ice Hockey



Joey Diamond (Long Beach, N.Y.) score two goals and added an assist at the fifth-ranked University of Maine men's ice hockey team swept Northeastern. Diamond assisted on Maine's first goal on Friday night before scoring the game-winner. He tied the game at 2-2 with a third period goal on Saturday. Diamond was named the First Star in each game. For his accolades, he was named the Hockey East Player of the Week.

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Women's b-ball picks up first victory of the season

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"We are going to be a better team offensively next year. I promise you that."

Junior quarterback Warren Smith

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BC sweeps UMaine out of Beantown

Black Bears muster just one goal in two-game series; finish 0-12 on power plays in the two losses

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — In a weekend series between top-10 squads, the defending national champion Boston College got the best of No. 3 University of Maine on both nights, sweeping the Black Bears 4-0 Friday and 4-1 Sunday.

The key difference in each contest were power plays, where the Eagles blanked the Black Bears, killing off all 12 power plays for UMaine this weekend.

The Black Bears fall to 6-3-3 on the season and 4-2-1 in Hockey East play, while the 10th-ranked Eagles improved to 8-4 on the year and 6-3 in HEC play.

The first period Friday night started out slow, with both teams taking turns controlling the other team's defensive zone.

The first chance for the Black Bears came four minutes into the period, when junior forward Gustav Nyquist found fellow junior forward Spencer Abbott for a clean look on Eagles' goalie John Muse. Muse was able to deflect the puck clear and keep the game scoreless.

Not even a minute later, sophomore forward Joey Diamond crushed BC center Brian Gibbons, earning him a five-minute major for boarding. The teams played four-on-four for two minutes while defender Patrick Way



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Sophomore forward Joey Diamond and the Black Bear offense were ineffective against Boston College, finishing 0-12 in power plays over the weekend.

was in the box with an interference penalty.

During the three-minute man-advantage, freshman goalie Dan Sullivan and the Black Bears collectively blocked every opportunity the Eagles threw toward the net.

The Black Bears earned the

best opportunity on the penalty kill, when Nyquist was tied up on



UMaine vs. BC
0-4
1-4
Chestnut Hill, Mass.



a breakaway, and was awarded a penalty shot. Nyquist's trick-

ery was no problem to Muse, as the BC goalie stopped the shot with his right pad. The stop seemed to be a momentum changer, as the Eagles took control of the game after that point.

"I tried to make a move, make him slide a bit to the right," Nyquist said. "I stopped and he

bit on it and I didn't really get it up and Muse made a great save. It could have been a whole different game if I would have scored there."

"It was big," head coach Tim Whitehead said about the missed penalty shot. "You never know if it's going to be important, but I think if [Nyquist] scores there it gives us a big lift."

The scoreless night for Nyquist ends a streak of consecutive games with a point at 11 games, dating back to last season.

Back-to-back penalties by the Black Bears put them in a difficult predicament — down two men to a highly talented team. The Eagles made the most of UMaine's miscue when forward Paul Carey put the Eagles up front 1-0 off assists by Gibbons and forward Joe Whitney.

Each team had four players spend time in the sin bin during the first period, but the Eagles capitalized on the chances much more than the Black Bears did. On the Black Bears' final power play of the period, Sullivan attempted to clear the puck out of his zone, but the puck ended up on Gibbons' stick. Gibbons flicked the puck into the net before Sullivan could get into position, giving the Eagles the 2-0 lead on the short-handed goal.

"I tried to fake [Gibbons], but he read it like a book," Sullivan

See BC on B4

Be thankful for Turkey Day football

Column

Every third Thursday in November, we are reminded to give thanks and acknowledge what is truly important in our lives.

Fortunately, if we stray from our values, Thanksgiving is there to check us and make sure we have priorities in order. No holiday serves this purpose quite as well.

On Thursday, New England at Detroit kicks off the first football game at noon. Following that, New Orleans visits Dallas, and for the nightcap, the Jets host the Bengals.

As you grab your first plate and sit down to watch the first game, examine the two teams closely. The visiting team has been a perpetual winner for the past decade.

They have the best coach in the game and one of the best quarterbacks to boot. That tandem has yielded three Lombardi Trophies. Pats



By Lucas Thomas

See Thanksgiving on B5

Men's basketball destroys Machias

Black Bears pummel tiny in-state team

By Charlie Merritt
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's basketball team dominated their home opener against the University of Maine Machias, 95-44.

Forty-five seconds into the contest, the theme of the game had been set. After forcing turnovers or perimeter jumpers from the Clippers, junior point guard Raheem Singleton would start the break pushing the ball to eventually find Maine's high rising sophomore forward



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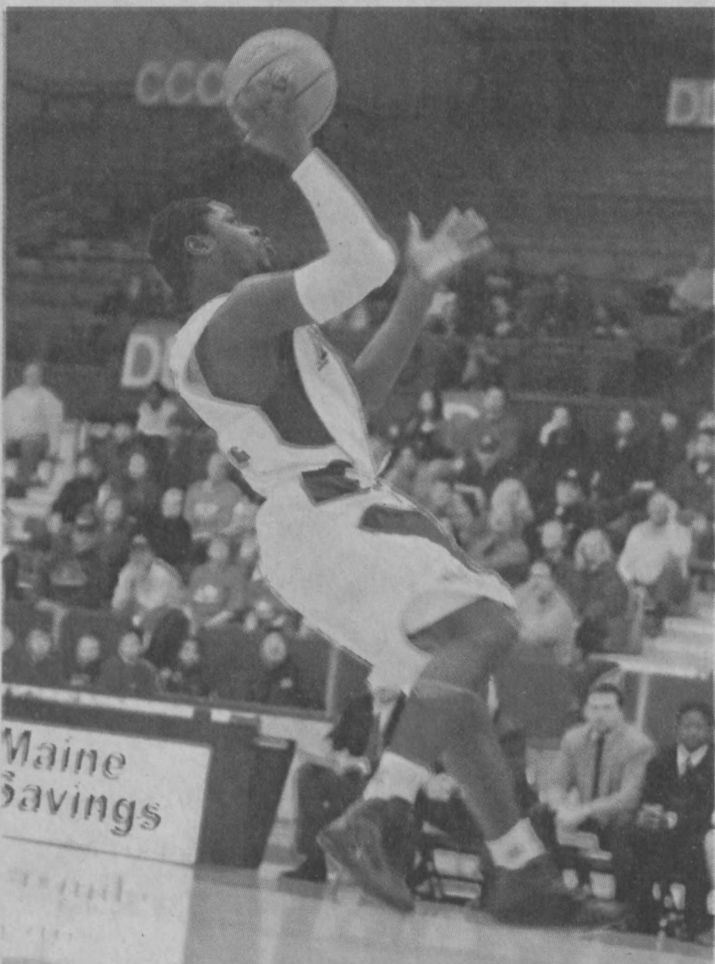


Murphy Burnatowski for one of his highlight reel dunks.

The up-tempo style displayed by the Black Bears Friday night was led by Burnatowski, who finished with 17 points on a 7-7 shooting night from the field including 3-3 from behind the arc.

The Black Bears entered the contest at 1-1, with their line loss coming against Atlantic Coast Conference powerhouse the University of Maryland, so it was relieving for head coach Ted Woodward to come

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Junior guard Raheem Singleton puts in two of his five points in Friday's game. Singleton also had eight assists in the 95-44 win over University of Maine at Machias.

Football ends season in heartbreak

Final drive stalls three yards short as UMaine falls to James Madison 14-10 on Senior Day

By Lucas Thomas
For The Maine Campus

It was a fitting ending to a season of disappointment for the University of Maine football team Saturday afternoon on Senior Day. The Black Bears succumbed to James Madison University 14-10.

The Black Bears finish the season at 4-7 and 3-5 in Colonial Athletic Association play, while James Madison improved to 6-5 and 3-5 in CAA play.

Maine took possession of the ball with 3:49 remaining in the game, trailing James Madison 14-10. Needing to put together a 68-yard drive in the waning moments to win the game, they were only able to get 65 — sophomore tight end Jeff Falvey was tackled at the three-yard line as time expired.

The final drive that came up short was arguably Maine's best all game. It spanned 16 plays and included three third-down conversions as well as a critical fourth-down conversion with 17 seconds left.

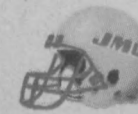
With a time-out remaining and the ball at the three-yard line it appeared that UMaine was going to bid farewell to the senior class with a dramatic last-second victory. Instead they ran the ball for no gain, called their last time-out, and ran a tight end screen play short of the goal line.

"I'm hurting on that one, I take full responsibility," head coach Jack Cosgrove said about the final sequence.

It was an emotional loss on an emotional day for 12 seniors playing their final game. Offensive lineman Matt Barber; cornerback Steven Barker; offensive lineman Alex Batanian; linebacker Levi Ervin; defensive end Omar Jacobs; wide receiver Tyrell Jones; fullback Conor Keating; wide receiver Jeremy Kelley; linebacker Mark Masterson; linebacker Ryan McCrossan; defensive lineman



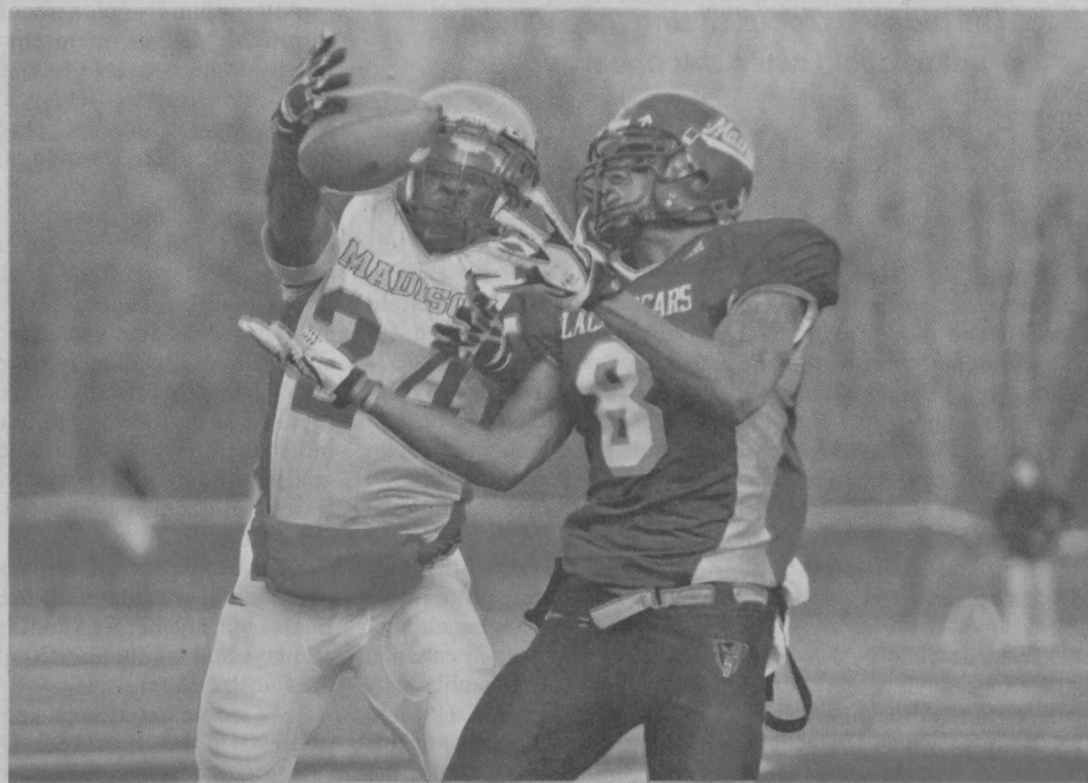
UMaine vs. JMU
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11-20-10
Morse Field



yard touchdown plunge.

A fake punt highlighted the drive on fourth-and-two in which junior halfback Pushaun Brown scampered 19 yards, setting the Bears up with a first down inside James Madison territory.

After an impressive opening



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Senior wide receiver Tyrell Jones attempts to make a catch against James Madison University on Saturday in the 14-10 loss. Jones is one of 12 seniors who played their final game with the Black Bears.

Ryan Nani; and wide receiver Desmond Randall were all honored before the last home game of their careers.

At first, things were promising for the Black Bears. James Madison won the coin toss and elected for their defense to take the field first — a unit that surrendered only 15.2 points per game, good for second in the CAA.

UMaine countered this strategic move by the Dukes, embarking on an 11-play, 73-yard drive that ended with junior quarterback Warren Smith's 4-

touchdown drive, the Black Bear defense matched their intensity. The first four drives of the game for James Madison resulted in a three-and-out, turnover on downs after just four plays, three-and-out and a punt. Unfortunately for UMaine they were plagued by offensive ineptitude as well after their initial scoring drive: two punts, and interception and a blocked field goal.

After an efficient yet unspectacular 10-play drive, sophomore kicker Brian Harvey's 35-yard field goal attempt was blocked by the Dukes' redshirt sophomore Chase Williams.

Just before halftime the Dukes retained possession at the Maine 46-yard line with a short field.

The Dukes reached into their bag of tricks, with what looked like a jet-sweep to quarterback Dae-Quan Scott, but turned into the longest passing play of the game. Scott, who primarily played quarterback, lined up at wide

receiver and came in motion. He took the handoff from senior quarterback Drew Dudzik and launched an arching spiral that found the open wide receiver Renard Robinson, putting the Dukes at the 13-yard line of the Black Bears.

Six plays later, James Madison found the end zone and tied the game at seven.

Despite the long connection, the passing game was relatively quiet for both teams. Dudzik and Scott combined to go 6-8 for 64 yards and an interception while Maine's Smith completed 23 of 38 for 108 yards and an interception.

"It was difficult to throw the ball in that high wind today," James Madison head coach Mickey Matthews said. "The ball really took off."

To account for a lack of passing game, James Madison ran a heavy dose of senior running back Jamal Sullivan (19 carries, 61 yards) and used Scott's unique athleticism (17

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