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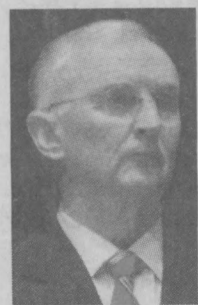
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# The Maine Campus

## Kennedy finalist for prestigious Minn. position

Future system job status now unclear

By Jamison Cocklin  
Staff Reporter



Kennedy

With just more than five months left before he steps down as UMaine's 18th president and prepares to take on new roles within the University of Maine System, Robert Kennedy has been named a finalist for a spot on the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents.

The announcement, made in early December by a specially appointed advisory committee in Kennedy's native state, was somewhat unexpected by officials in Maine and irksome to some currently living in Minnesota who applied for the position but were not chosen as finalists. In all, the committee received 46 applications and chose only 18 finalists for interviews.

The board functions much the same as the University of Maine System board of trustees, in an administrative capacity that oversees public higher education.

In Minnesota, however, board members serve six-year terms and are appointed by the state legislature, as opposed to the five-year terms granted by the governor in Maine. As a result, the selection process in Minnesota is more time-consuming.

Additionally, Minnesota's regents play a more central role in the flagship's operations, as opposed to Maine's trustees, who oversee the system's seven member schools.

In March of 2010, Kennedy announced he would resign the presidency on June 1, 2011. Until this latest announcement, he was expected to transition into a new role within the University of Maine System, working on sustainability and alternative energy projects.

Kennedy has not said whether he would leave UMaine if he is selected to serve on the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents.

gents, and it is unclear whether the possible appointment would conflict with his upcoming roles in Maine.

However, he does plan on moving back to his native state, presumably to his currently listed official place of residence in Baxter, Minn. He was in that state as recently as last weekend, close to the same time as some interviews were being conducted by the advisory committee, known as the Regent Candidate Advisory Council.

"After I leave the UMaine presidency in June, my wife, Mary, and I have long planned a transition back to our home state of Minnesota," Kennedy wrote in an e-mail, after returning from his travels. "A number of variables may affect that timetable, but certainly a board appointment would be a major factor."

There are 12 seats on the board of regents, four of which are currently open. The selection committee fills seats every two years as terms run out. The 12-member board represents each of Minnesota's 11 congressional districts in addition to one at-large seat, for which Kennedy is a finalist.

David Fisher, chair of the advisory committee's recruitment arm, said Kennedy fulfills regent requirements as his residence is listed in Minnesota in addition to the fact that he graduated from the university.

Fisher also added that the committee selects candidates based on the "absolute best qualifications," and said, "Frankly, a college president was too intriguing to pass up."

Even so, some living in the state, like family physician Ray Wood, who also applied for the at-large position, have been critical of the announcement, going so far as to deem the process a "political one."

"I've lived in this state my whole life, and I've followed the University of Minnesota for 50 years now," Wood said. "It's my understanding that they're searching for people from big operations, like a Speaker of the House type, and clearly, consid-

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## Passed-over SG veteran alleges cronyism in cabinet selections

By Christopher Crosby  
Staff Reporter

The Jan. 11 meeting of the University of Maine's Student Government, Inc., the first of the spring semester, began with controversy as the former assistant vice president of student organizations charged the body with cronyism in its selection process for the vacant vice president of student organizations position.

Former senator and SG employee Pardis Delijani, a third-year international affairs student, addressed the senate to explain what she believed were falling standards within the organization. She claimed the selection process for the vacant vice president of student organizations role — a position for which she applied — was biased. Newly elected Student Body President Nelson Carson instead nominated Sen. Hannah Hudson for the role.

"I have 100 percent of the experience needed to get the job done. The reason I was provided for not receiving the position was clearly invalid, which leaves me to believe that I was passed over for the position due to my previous political associations," Delijani said.

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After the meeting, Delijani elaborated on her comments. A supporter of former vice presidential candidate Ryan Gavin, who lost the race to Anthony Ortiz, Delijani claimed her political leanings had an impact on the decision.

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Pardis Delijani

Third-year international affairs student

Delijani widened her criticism during the meeting to encompass Student Government as a whole, warning that the "enclosed character" and self-interest of the body made it irrelevant.

"The word 'transparency' has been thrown around so often that the meaning itself has become transparent. Student Government must transform into an organization for more than personal gain," she said.

"It's no longer about the students, which is why it's become an illegitimate corporation in the eyes of the majority of University of Maine undergraduates," she

said, predicting that "the crumbling values that Student Government stands for [are] bringing destruction to itself."

"Without the student support and activity, one should question who Student Government actually represents," she said.

"I feel like no matter how

Delijani left the meeting before Carson was able to directly respond. Making a series of staff appointments in addition to the new VPSO position, Carson called the nomination a "tough decision" during the meeting but firmly reiterated that Hudson's credentials met the demands of the job.

"[Hudson] was the best applicant for the job and I'm not going to pick someone who isn't," he said. Carson admitted the deciding factor between the candidates was their references, though he was reluctant to make the specifics of this information public.

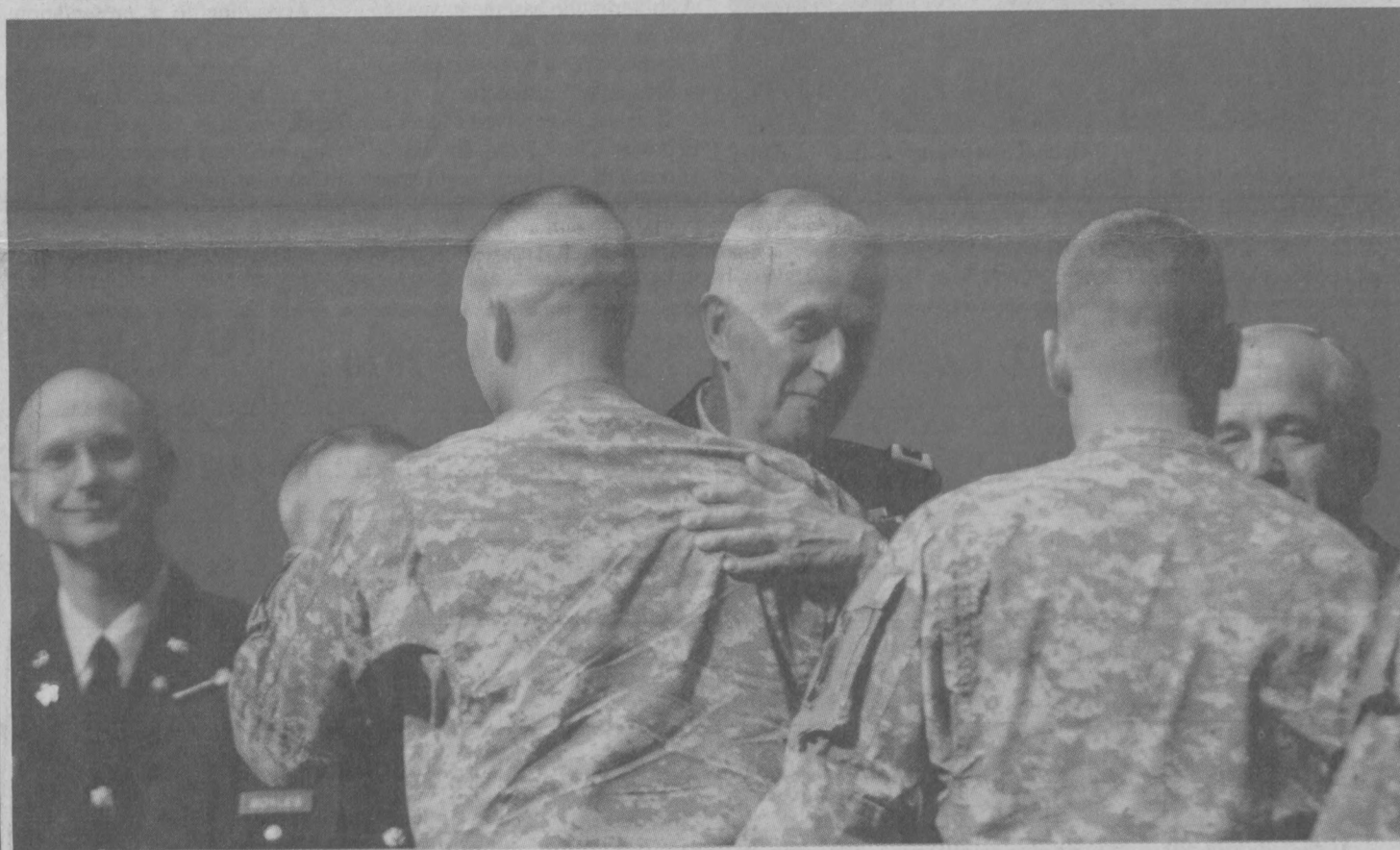
"I didn't want to come and say something like that, but, when you're put in this position, I have to make the right decision," he said.

After the meeting, Carson was perplexed and troubled by the accusations against his selection procedure, saying it "wasn't personal at all."

"I have to choose the best candidate that will represent the University of Maine but also myself because, as president, I'm held accountable," he said.

"[Pardis] showed work and

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Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Gen. Bill Libby embraces a soldier during Friday's Freedom Salute at the Collins Center for the Arts held in honor of Bravo Company 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry for serving in Dand Wa Patan, Afghanistan.

## Transient arrested for assaulting multiple UMPD officers

By Beth Kevit  
Asst. News Editor

Alexander Nimon, 25, was arrested for multiple assaults on campus after a scuffle with officers from the University of Maine Police Department outside the Memorial Union over winter break.

Nimon, described by UMPD Detective Bill Flagg as a transient, was last known to reside in Orono and is a suspect in a series of on-campus thefts.

Nimon was arrested after a lengthy investigation initiated by UMPD Sgt. Deborah Mitchell. Sgt. Mitchell was investigating thefts of several laptops from university departments in early December and a theft of money from the collection box at the Hudson Museum in the Collins Center for



Nimon

the Arts.

Sgt. Mitchell enlisted the aid of Flagg and Sgt. Bob Norman. Officer Bill Mitchell also aided the investigation.

On Dec. 21, 2010, UMPD re-

ceived a report that Nimon was in the Union with one of the stolen laptops. Flagg and Norman located Nimon, who agreed to accompany the officers to the Public Safety building on Rangeley Road.

Officer Mitchell was waiting in the bus circle outside Hauck Auditorium to transport Nimon to UMPD. According to Flagg, Nimon fled on foot while being escorted out of the Union, hitting Flagg in the face with the laptop and elbowing Norman in the face as well. Neither officer was seriously hurt.

It was later discovered the laptop Nimon was using had been stolen from Barrows Hall and is worth an estimated \$900.

John Poulin, web editor for The Maine Campus, was working at Computer Connection and

saw Nimon walking with the officers.

"I was heading outside and I saw two cops walking with this guy," Poulin said. "He wasn't detained. He was walking freely."

Poulin walked outside and was standing in the courtyard by the windows near Starbucks to wait for his ride.

"I heard the doors burst open. This guy came running through, and the cops were yelling, 'Stop! Stop!'" he said.

Poulin remained in the courtyard and watched as Nimon ran toward Officer Mitchell, who was standing near his cruiser.

"The guy ran into the cop and tried to knock him over, but he just ran into him," Poulin said. "It was as if the guy was running into him to knock him over. Unfortunately, as the cop said, he's a big-

guy, so [Nimon] just fell over. After that happened, the other cops ran over and it took all three cops to detain him."

At first Poulin thought the officers had used a Taser to restrain Nimon, but officers denied doing so the following day. According to Norman, UMPD officers are not equipped with Tasers, but area police officers might be. No officers from other police departments assisted in the arrest.

Flagg said Nimon was handcuffed and taken to Penobscot County Jail on two Class C charges of felony assault for assaulting himself and Norman, one charge of Class D misdemeanor assault for assaulting Officer Mitchell, and a charge of violating his probation by assaulting the officers.

Nimon is currently on probation for thefts and burglaries com-

mitted in Somerset and Kennebec counties, according to Flagg.

Nimon was arrested in December 2009 for burglary after breaking into five camps in the Belgrade Lakes and squatting. According to a January 2010 article in the Morning Sentinel, a resident reported seeing a suspicious person near a neighbor's camp and Nimon was apprehended after state police Trooper Scott Duff found him in a closet in the camp.

He has not been charged for the thefts of the laptops or for the money from the Hudson Museum and case will be presented to a grand jury for indictment Jan. 26.

"I expect several more charges to be brought forth," Flagg said.

Nimon could not be made available for comment on his most recent charges by press time.

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Men's hockey has big weekend against HEC foes



# Engineers decry campus energy consumption

Energy costs decline from 2009 to 2010, but experts say more could be done to better use currently wasted resources

By Michael Shepherd  
Editor in Chief

From 2007 to 2010, the University of Maine spent \$12 million more on energy use than in the preceding four-year period, leading some campus engineering experts to call for an overhaul in energy management.

In the past four years, \$46,350,319 was spent on electricity, fuel oil, sewer service, water, propane and natural gas. Electricity consumed the largest portion of costs, totaling more than \$21,000,000.

From 2003 to 2006, the campus paid \$34,151,796 for the same services. New buildings, including the Student Fitness and Recreation Center and Wells Conference Center, have been erected since then.

Campus officials, however, are encouraged by a more than \$1.26 million drop in energy expenditures from 2009 to 2010 — from \$12,239,342 to \$10,976,738.

The period of time from 2005 to 2010 was also marked by a 15 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions on campus, from

84,940 metric tons of carbon dioxide to 67,200.

Conversions to the use of natural gas from either propane or heating oil have taken place already in seven campus buildings and are underway in four more. Seven future conversions have been planned. Natural gas is sold at approximately half the cost of propane or #2 heating oil.

Despite all of these measures, a handful of campus engineers still are skeptical that everything possible has been done on campus to rein these costs in to the bare minimum.

“If it was your home, you would probably be doing things differently if you were paying for it,” said Herbert Crosby, professor of mechanical engineering technology. “You look at things — maybe lights that could be turned off and windows that could be double- or triple-glazed — but that’s not the biggest thing we have on campus. There are far bigger things that almost defy comprehension by the average person.”

Jim LaBrecque, a Bangor inventor and a volunteer capstone

adviser in the mechanical engineering department, has been an outspoken critic of energy policy at the University of Maine for the better part of the 2000s.

In a Feb. 23, 2009 e-mail to David Flanagan, the former president and chief executive officer of Central Maine Power, LaBrecque said the university “has organizational problems that are so severe that a campus full of Maine’s finest engineers are deemed helpless to accomplish anything useful.”

Many of his e-mails to UMaine President Robert Kennedy, he said, have been glossed over and have not led to many institutional checks on energy costs.

“If it sounds like I’m harping on [Kennedy], I am,” LaBrecque said. “If you don’t take it to the top, the top says, ‘Well, if you had only let me know.’ You know damn well I’m letting him know.”

**ESRB: A past and present model of inefficiency?**

LaBrecque’s tenacity, according to Associate Executive Director of Facilities Management Stewart Harvey, did lead to some change in one building: the Engineering Science Research Building, an addition to Barrows Hall.

The building is UMaine’s second-largest energy user after the Memorial Union because of research requirements. The cleanroom, a room used for research with a low, controlled level of air contamination, requires constant filtration of air.

The air conditioning system in the building, before December 2009, was running excessively and processing freezing-cold external air by heating it and cooling it back to its initial temperature. A chiller in the basement was the culprit, accounting for \$500,000 of waste over a five-year period, according to LaBrecque.

LaBrecque received a letter in February 2009 from Executive Director of Facilities, Real Estate and Planning Elaine Clark calling the operation of the cooling system “expected and necessary”



Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief  
These vents on the back side of Little Hall, release room temperature air virtually year-round. This air melts snow in the winter and has killed grass.

his involvement of engineers and students for the project. The changes made to ventilation in the cleanroom, he said, have not resulted in any changes in functionality.

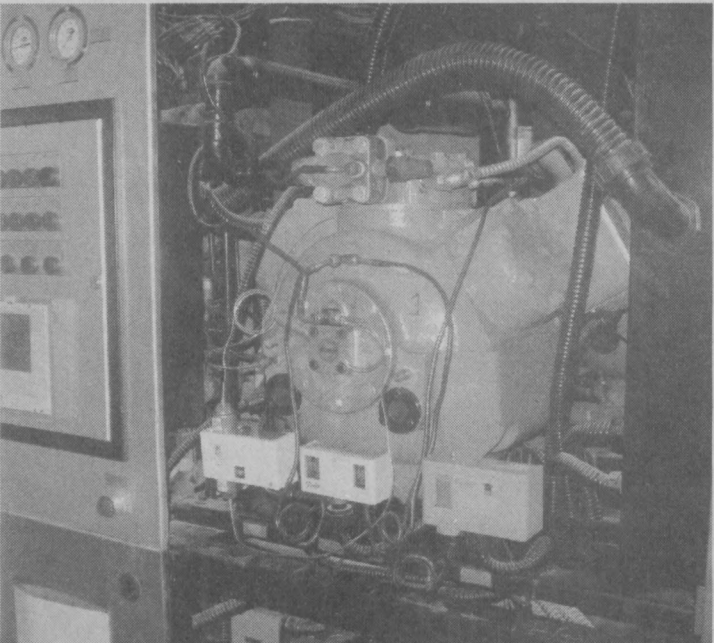
“We certainly were able to

efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts,” according to the USGBC website.

The AEWG Advanced Struc-

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Herbert Crosby  
Professor of mechanical engineering technology



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This 65-ton chiller, located in the Engineering Science Research Building addition to Barrows Hall, dumps enough heat out of an outdoor vent every day in the winter to heat 20 homes for a year, according to LaBrecque.

Utility Type	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Electric	\$5,352,002.39	\$5,105,613.93	\$5,473,173.41	\$5,407,612.74	\$21,338,402.47
Fuel Oil	\$3,340,609.26	\$2,289,632.00	\$2,095,336.91	\$897,490.86	\$8,623,069.03
Sewer	\$775,809.90	\$697,643.73	\$807,791.65	\$845,188.89	\$3,126,434.17
Natural Gas	\$858,600.20	\$3,946,139.25	\$3,453,666.68	\$3,480,159.35	\$11,738,565.48
Water	\$168,514.55	\$171,965.25	\$199,169.03	\$199,041.36	\$738,690.19
Propane	\$171,472.84	\$256,235.55	\$210,204.98	\$147,245.21	\$785,158.58
Total	\$10,667,009.14	\$12,467,229.71	\$12,239,342.66	\$10,976,738.41	\$46,350,319.92

help on that ESRB project,” Crosby said. “By fine-tuning it, we were able to keep the function and lower the cost.”

Despite this fix, LaBrecque believes the energy issues in the building are far from being solved. The lingering issue of system complexity, he said, still leads to an enormous amount of waste.

A 365-ton steam absorption chiller in the penthouse control room of the ESRB uses 50 to 75 gallons of #6 heating oil per hour in warmer times of the year, according to LaBrecque. These machines pull in air from outside, heat it and then chill it. It is started in either March or April, then runs for all but four months of the year.

A 65-ton chiller in the same room pushes enough hot air out of an outdoor vent every day during colder times of the year to heat approximately 20 homes for a calendar year, according to LaBrecque’s calculations.

Crosby said a single one-horsepower motor, running constantly for a year, costs roughly \$1,000 in energy. Hundreds of such motors are found in machines in control rooms across campus.

“We’ve got many multi-horse motors doing exactly that,” he said. “If you turn them off, you’ve saved a huge amount of energy.”

In the ESRB penthouse, a network of pipes runs to the roof, where three 100-horsepower fans blow excess air out. At the rate of \$1,000 a fan per year, just those fans would add \$30,000 to the university’s energy bill.

LaBrecque also criticized a currently nonfunctional steam meter, which can be used to measure the steam that heats most campus areas, in the basement control room of the ESRB addition. He said the cost of the meter was approximately \$7,500, which Harvey confirmed.

“It’s not working because [administration] doesn’t want it to work. They don’t want us to see the numbers,” LaBrecque said.

However, Harvey said the meter was not set up in the original construction of the addition, completed in 2004, but it will eventually be put to use.

“That’s the sort of metering that we plan to install in buildings of that kind. It’s just got to be put together,” Harvey said. “It was never implemented during the construction of the project.”

## LEEDing the way?

The campus has four LEED-certified buildings — the acronym, regulated by the U.S. Green Building Council, stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. All new campus buildings, the presentation provided by Waldron says, are slated to be built within LEED specifications.

The program focuses on several aspects of building construction — “energy savings, water

tures and Composites Center, Foster Innovation Center, Wells Conference Center and the Student Recreation and Fitness Center are all built to LEED’s “silver” standard, which is the standard below “gold” and “platinum” but above “certified.” The addition to the AEWG Advanced Structures and Composites Center, according to the presentation, is being built at the “gold” standard.

The addition is to feature high-tech solar walls, which utilize the sun’s energy to heat and ventilate the indoor space. Natural gas-fired radiant heaters will also regulate heat in the addition, which Harvey said is a more direct way to heat the populated space, rather than the air above it.

LEED certification has been highly criticized because of a perceived lack of statistical basis in energy calculations. A \$100 million class-action lawsuit was filed in November 2010 in New York state against the USGBC for monopolization through fraud, false advertising and deceptive trade practices, among other things.

“If you build new buildings, that’s the way to go,” said mechanical engineering professor Chuck Maguire. “You build the LEED stuff now and take an energy-efficient approach anyway — that will pay dividends.”

According to a 2010 article in trade magazine Engineering Systems, “There is opinion within the engineering community that the program is flawed in one way or another.”

“Don’t believe just because it is LEED-certified that it is going to save a lot of energy,” Crosby said. “They would just as soon have natural day lighting or views as they would have saving energy.”

There are also concerns with certain amounts of waste — of energy and money — in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center and Wells Commons.

R-value is a statistic used in the construction industry to determine a material’s thermal resistance to heat flow — essentially a measure of how well a material stands up to the rigors of outdoor temperature. The higher the value, the better the material is at retaining heat.

Most of the glass used in the front-facing façade of the Rec Center has an R-value of 3, according to Crosby. This is a good value for glass, but not for walls.

Six-inch fiberglass insulation is rated as R-19. Most new homes, Crosby said, would use that as a minimum standard. This means that at the Rec Center, more than six times the amount of energy from that part of the building is being lost than if a conventional wall were in its place.

The construction of the Wells Conference Center renovation, which was finished in 2008, called for a solar panel system to be used in a limited fashion.

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# Don't drink and drive



# Students seek biggest bang for their book

University Bookstore feels crunch as shoppers look online and at Park Street's The College Store for best deals

By Jennifer Vincent  
Features Editor

The emergence of online textbook retailers and the arrival of a second Orono bookstore, The College Store, have altered the way University of Maine students purchase textbooks and have inspired competitive new discount and rental programs.

The campus bookstore felt the crunch from online competition for the first time in 2010.

"Our sales were breaking records every year and our buyback was breaking records every year. Actually, last year

was the first we didn't break records," said textbook department manager Minya Lynch.

Lynch doesn't consider newcomer The College Store a threat to the bookstore's sales, but has noticed the effect of popular textbook websites and rising book prices. Students are looking to purchase textbooks for as little as possible, she said.

"We saw Amazon doing a big rollout on this campus. They put an advertisement in [The Maine Campus]," she said. "A lot of students were shopping around."

Lynch said that students often fail to consider the long-term economics of their textbook choices, particularly the resale value of their purchases. A recent study by College Bookstore Consulting Inc. showed the University Bookstore saving its students over \$1 million every year through buyback.

"Our buyback is one of the top 20 in the nation for the value we offer students and the return on their investment," she said.

For books that will be used again in the bookstore, they offer 50 percent of the new price, even if a student bought it used. By buying used books and selling them back through the bookstore, a student could potentially pay only 15 percent of the price of a new book.

Another factor for UMaine students to consider is guaranteed buyback. The bookstore offered guaranteed buyback on 40 titles in the fall semester and 57 this spring. The bookstore can only guarantee buyback if a professor has confirmed textbooks ahead of time.

"That depends on faculty cooperation," Lynch said. "We only need to know a semester in advance where other colleges need a two-year commitment."

Lynch described some of the measures she has implemented to compete with online textbook retailers. The bookstore now prices used books at 35 percent less than new books, up from the previous margin of 25 percent. The bookstore has also started to offer textbook rental.

"Renting really isn't the best value for students, but if you're looking at immediate out-of-pocket costs, rental is the way to go," she said. "If you're looking at total out-of-pocket costs, buying a used book and selling it back is your best value."

Lynch said that in addition to price, students should also consider the quality of textbooks and the dangers of ordering online.

"We check everything that comes through the back door

and through buyback," she said. "We have staff that check books cover to cover and make sure no pages are missing, there's limited highlighting and they're not all ripped up."

According to Lynch, the bookstore staff often hears from students who receive the wrong book, the wrong edition or a damaged copy. She noted that online retailers' return policies vary and that students may have a short window of time to return or have to accept store credit rather than cash.

"There seem to be a lot of headaches with buying and selling online," she said.

Across the street from campus, Dean Graham, manager of The College Store, questions why students continue to buy online and from the bookstore in spite of his low prices.

He cited many of the same problems with buying online as Lynch — wrong editions, poor quality and difficulty with returns.

"We take care of customers when they need it," Graham said. "That's how we compete online, not just across the street. We're still tangible."

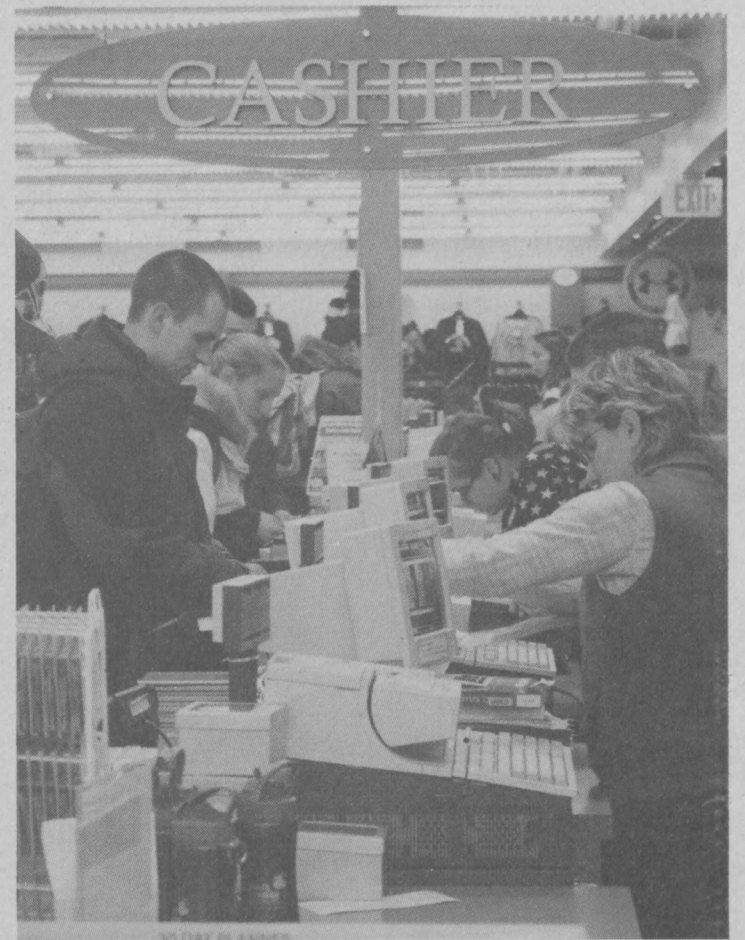
Graham has made a point of offering lower retail and higher buyback than the bookstore. He guarantees he will beat any price a student finds on campus.

"It's by choice. It's something we wanted to do," he said. "We're the competing store, not the established store. We have to make an impact."

The College Store has seen slow and steady growth since opening in August of 2009, but customer traffic still isn't meeting Graham's expectations. He said he offers rental on all of the titles in the store, will beat any university bookstore price and wants to communicate with customers.

"I'm not as busy as I should be," he said. "If I were a student, I would come here."

Graham has offered giveaways and promotions in the past to attract customers and



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A full compliment of clerks staffed registers at the bookstore on Tuesday. Despite the constant influx of customers, employees kept the line moving at a steady pace.

promises more of the same. He emphasized that students can count on lower prices at The College Store.

"If the campus has it for \$100, we will have it for \$95," he said.

Lynch encouraged students to compare textbook retailers and choose the option that best suits their needs.

"It's all about options," she said. "We want to make sure we are doing what works best for each student."

Lynch hopes to negotiate a partnership between the University Bookstore and a national e-book provider. Her goal is to eventually offer e-book access for all titles.

"Hopefully by fall semester we'll have something like that up and running," she said.

The bookstore is also trying to give back to student organizations by sending all the old or no-value books they receive through buyback to a company called OnePlanet. This company sends the bookstore \$10 for every box of books they give, and the bookstore in turn donates that money to a deserving organization. The bookstore partnered with Rotaract in the fall semester and donated over \$200 to their organization.

There are a number of factors that should influence a student's decision to buy their textbooks including sticker price, quality, customer service, buyback and perhaps recycling programs.

"We're not saying you should only buy from your bookstore, but do your research and find your best deal," Lynch said.

## Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

### Moving violation

The driver of a green 1999 Pontiac Sunfire traveling south on Long Road at 11:55 a.m. Jan. 9 struck a vehicle parked on the side of the road by Hart Hall. The vehicle, a 2002 Chevy Astro van, had been left parked on the road while its owner moved back into the dorm after winter break. No one was injured in the accident. Total damages to both cars are estimated at \$1,500.

### Unstable Sable

The driver of a 2001 Mercury Sable pulling into the south end of the Alford parking lot on Jan. 10 at 11:59 a.m. struck a parked 2006 Saturn SUV. No damage was done to the Saturn, but an estimated \$300 of damage was done to the Mercury.

### Ring in the brew year

The University of Maine Police Department received a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a room on the third floor of Somerset Hall at 10:35 p.m. Jan. 9. When they arrived, officers found several individuals drinking in the room. No drugs or paraphernalia were found in the room; however, three minors were found to be in possession of alcohol. The residents of the room, William Asbell, 19, and

Benjamin Marchese, 18, were issued summonses for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol. Randall Nichols, 18, was visiting the residents and claimed the alcohol was his. Nichols was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor. All three students were referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Bongly accused

UMPD received a report of the smell of marijuana in the east wing of the first floor of Somerset Hall at 10:44 p.m. Jan. 10. They spoke with a resident who smelled of marijuana but claimed to have been outside smoking a cigarette near a group of people who had been smoking marijuana. After speaking with the resident, UMPD determined he was sober and the smell was coming from his clothes.

### Powdered donuts

A tan SUV doing donuts in a snow-covered parking lot in the area of York Hall was reported to UMPD at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 8. Officers were unable to find the vehicle.

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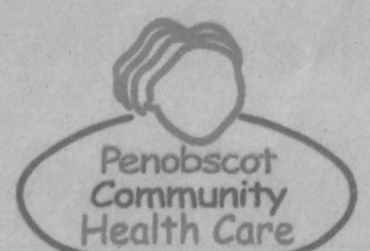
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This educational group will entail discussion of personal experiences among family members, as well as education provided by the co-facilitators:

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- Sheri Glazier, LCSW
- Mary Lavanway, RD
- Diana L. Prescott, PhD



The University of Maine has finalized a contract to purchase gas from an Old Town landfill. For the full story, check [www.maine-campus.com](http://www.maine-campus.com).

The Maine Campus will not be released on Monday, Jan. 17 due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We're not lazy, we swear. We will be back on newsstands on Wednesday, Jan. 20.



## Energy from A2

a company for the design and installation of the panel, the university terminated the company's contract due to "their failure to perform as specified by contract," according to Waldron. The money has not been recovered and no additional payment was made.

Maguire said solar projects on campus are "making [administration] feel good" and make little economic sense due to largely gray weather conditions.

"Nonsense. I mean, look at Maine. How many sunny days do you have? School is in session primarily when the weather is lousy," Maguire said.

"If you have the money, you put it in the bank and the interest you draw far exceeds whatever value you'd get from the solar collector," LaBrecque added.

### Older campus buildings

According to the presentation, UMaine has 253 buildings encompassing a total of 4.3 million square feet. 76 percent of that square footage was constructed at least 25 years ago. 12 percent was built from 12 to 15 years ago and only 11 percent was erected within the past decade.

Little Hall, built in 1964, is a candidate for major energy upgrades due to its age and the antiquary nature of its ventilation system, according to Harvey. Campus buildings, he said, are targeted for a re-evaluation of their energy systems every 25 years.

LaBrecque is concerned with room-temperature air being released on the back side of Little

Hall. This air has killed grass in front of the vents and melts snow in the wintertime.

According to his calculations, if the temperature were to stay at 0 degrees Fahrenheit for one day, nearly 363 gallons of heating fuel would be used on air blowing out, costing the university more than \$907 during that time period.

If there were an average outdoor temperature of 35 degrees during a day, the fuel amount and cost would be half of those numbers — more than 181 gallons of fuel at an approximate cost of \$454.

**"I think sometimes these buildings are just so big and complex that as long as they are running, we just ignore them."**

**Herbert Crosby**  
Professor of mechanical engineering technology

"It requires a certain amount of ventilation by code, so that air you see going outside of Little is [equivalent to] the outside air that's being brought in to meet ventilation requirements," Harvey said.

The Sawyer Environmental Research Center is another building LaBrecque has focused on during his time at UMaine. He said he learned in the past that 16,000 gallons of heating oil were burned there in the months of June, July and August, accounting for more than \$70,000 of wasted electricity due to an inefficient ventilation system that cools warmed air.

The cost has lowered since the building has switched to natural gas, but the waste remains.

"That's a fairly common design for that vintage of building,"

Harvey said.

"That's true," Crosby said in response. "But that would have made sense when energy was low in cost. It doesn't make sense today."

"Sawyer is a building that we are looking at," Harvey said. "We're actually looking at it under one particular situation in which we'd like to do a heat pump system on campus."

Heat pumps, touted by many in the engineering community as a direct way to heat and cool areas, function like an air conditioner by drawing air from

the outside and pumping it to a specific location. The difference between a heat pump and an air conditioner is the pump can both heat and cool on demand.

The Alford Arena is also a candidate for a heat pump system, along with a replacement of its "antiquated" ice refrigeration system, according to Waldron's presentation.

A dehumidification unit is also being added to preserve the wooden structure of the building and eliminate mold that has shown up intermittently on the building's ceiling. The project will be funded by a \$300,000 grant from Efficiency Maine.

The cooling system currently in place in the Alford requires the release of steam heat from a vent on the back side of the building, which faces College Avenue.

"For the system that is in place today, that release is necessary," Harvey said. "The new system will require less of that heat rejection through the use of energy inside the building."

### More involvement necessary?

LaBrecque is attracting support from engineers and academics around the state in a bid for an energy advisory position in the cabinet of newly inaugurated Gov. Paul LePage, though he has not applied as of print time. He supported LePage in the 2010 gubernatorial election.

He said his intent for the position, if he were to receive it, would be to involve engineers — not "lawyers, lobbyists and special interest groups" — at the forefront of energy decisions in Maine.

"[Engineers'] lack of involvement has been very harmful. I plan on being not the decision-maker down there for Paul, but be the catalyst to bring true science and engineering to the state," LeBrecque said.

Maguire said university engineers and their students could be better utilized in the planning and designing of campus heating and cooling systems. Consultants, often out-of-state, often plan campus buildings. He said he believes administration "doesn't know we can do the work."

"I don't think there is any [particular] reason that they exclude us," Maguire said. "The systems are complicated, so usually they are above the standards of sophomore-level classes. But certainly junior- or senior-level students could get some benefit out of it."

Harvey, though touting the cooperation in the ESRB project, said the issue with UMaine engineers being more heavily involved in building construction is



Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief

Steam exiting the Alford Arena cooling system can often be seen exiting through stacks on the back side of the building. A redesign, utilizing a \$300,000 grant, will better utilize heat which is currently wasted.

a matter of time.

"It's a tremendous time commitment to be involved in the design of a building. That's why full-time professionals are doing it," Harvey said. "It's the standard process for getting buildings designed and constructed."

"We have an open bid process," Waldron said. "Should there be a constellation of people that come together and want to put in a proposal in order to perform work, that would be wonderful."

Crosby said the problem with involvement does not come from the lack of engineers, but from a lack of understanding of very complicated systems.

"The [buildings] that seem to be the biggest energy users have some very complicated systems — lots of motors and pumps and fans. If they're not tuned and working properly they can use a huge amount of energy," he said. "I think sometimes these buildings are just so big and complex that as long as they are running,

we just ignore them."

Crosby also praised technology in some of the newer buildings on campus touting "huge payback" on "simple" changes, including sensors that can automatically control temperature based on detection of people in proximity to certain areas.

"One example would be ventilation equipment. We need ventilation to make healthy air when people are in the building, but when the building is empty, we are still paying for that no matter if we need it or not," he said.

He also said information should be more widely available to the public to foster greater input on solutions. The most recent available data online from the Facilities Management website is from 2006. Numbers in this article were obtained from Harvey.

"I think the first problem is awareness to how much of a problem it is. If you can measure it then you can make a commitment to improve it," Crosby said.

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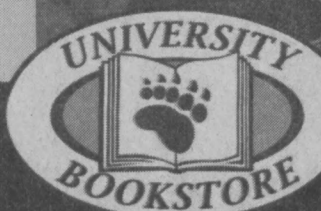
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## Kennedy from A1

ering a guy from Maine was selected, the process is a bit shady. It's political and I'm going to speak my mind about it."

"They're choosing those they know and who they're comfortable with," he added. "They haven't honored application deadlines and it will get even worse when the nominations reach the legislature."

In the end, the selection will be left to the Minnesota state legislature, which makes decisions based on nominations and advice put forth by the advisory committee.

Kennedy says he applied for the position because of his experience in higher education. UMaine's president has previously held academic and administrative roles at Washington State University, Ohio State University, the University of Maryland and Texas A&M University.

Contacted last week, University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude said he was only vaguely aware of the announcement. He expressed minimal concerns about any conflict that a board appointment would have with Kennedy's place in Maine higher education.

"Depending on what responsibilities he takes on out there, he'll have to be in Maine," Pattenaude said. "I would also imagine that going back and forth wouldn't be out of the question, either. I don't know the technicalities of the position in Minnesota, but ultimately he may have to make a decision."

Pattenaude has held discussions with Kennedy in the past about the possibility of a role with the University of Maine System after his time as president comes to a close.

However, he pointedly explained that nothing is set in stone and even if Kennedy does take on a new role, he will not be employed by the system office, but rather will be reimbursed for any contributions. According to Pattenaude, Kennedy's contract only provides for an employed position as a member of UMaine's faculty, a decision Kennedy is free to determine himself.

The chancellor was forthright

in admitting he had not spoken with Kennedy in recent months and was quick to stress that no steadfast commitment to a special role within the university system has been made. Additionally, he said Kennedy will be granted a one-month sabbatical upon his abdication of the presidency.

Kennedy, 63, first served as UMaine's provost before becoming president in April of 2005, following an eight-month stint in an interim position. His total tenure of nearly seven years will be the school's second-longest presidency in the last half-century.

Ultimately, Kennedy seems to be weighing his options and is showing no signs of slowing down even as his time as president concludes.

"The regent selection process is comprehensive and it is at an early stage, but it would certainly require a major commitment of time, as expected of an important volunteer position of this type," he said.

"As I said last March, the prospects for having a continuing impact at UMaine and the University of Maine System are also exciting. I consider myself fortunate to have opportunities to continue working to advance the unique, invaluable mission of public higher education."

## GSS from A1

she has shown experience, but everyone she has worked with has told me that she didn't keep up with her work, that she was told a bunch of times, and what it comes down to is what I've said — her experience as a VPSO worked against her," he said.

"To take an executive position, you need more than just great plans and ambition," he said. "You have to have drive."

After the meeting, Gavin seconded Delijani's claim that she was passed over for the job due to her affiliation with his failed vice-presidential campaign last fall. Gavin noted that Ortiz sat in on Delijani's interview but not Hudson's and suggested that Ortiz's advisory role in Carson's decision was an attempt to ensure the former assistant-VPSO was not selected.

Carson denied these claims in a phone interview. He acknowledged Ortiz's presence at Delijani's interview but explained that this was done in deference to Ortiz's perspective in having held the position.

"He knew the position more than I knew the position," said Carson. "Some of my really good friends applied but didn't get the job. There's no real basis for pointing to favoritism."

Including the VPSO position, the full senate must now ratify all

remaining ex-officio nominations the president makes before they become official. In addition to Hudson's appointment as VPSO, Patrick Nabonzy was reappointed as Vice President of Student Entertainment, while Giang Vo will continue as the Vice President of Financial Affairs.

Carson also outlined the projects he is working toward this semester — goals he said he wants other senators to hold him accountable for. Carson plans on hiring an outside company to design an SG website that students can go to learn about university and community activities, and the happenings of student government. It will also serve as a complaint forum.

Carson also shared plans to hold a UMaine concert festival and dance, and said a deal is in the works to add a Salvation Army drop-off bin on campus for students to donate unwanted clothing.

In other SG news, senate approved an allocation of \$2,000 to the Fair Election Practices Committee to pay for services provided by StudentVoice. The money covers the Web hosting services the company provided for the most recent SG election.

Sen. Stefanie Veneziano also announced she would be resigning from senate. Veneziano said she has taken an internship in Augusta and would not be able to commit the same time and energy the role of senator requires.

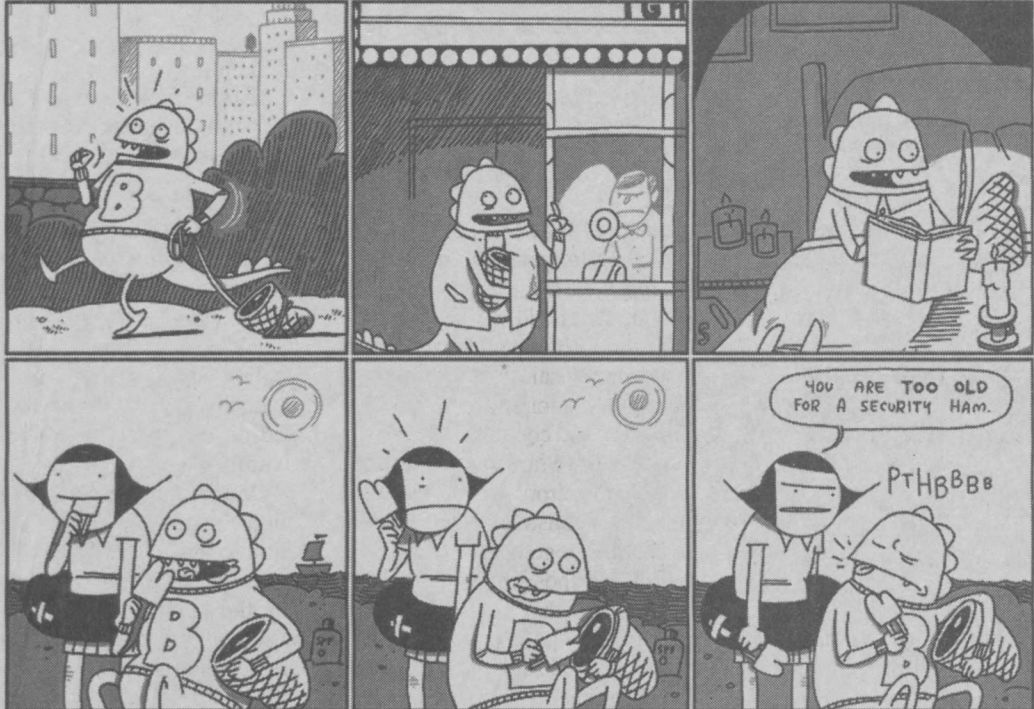


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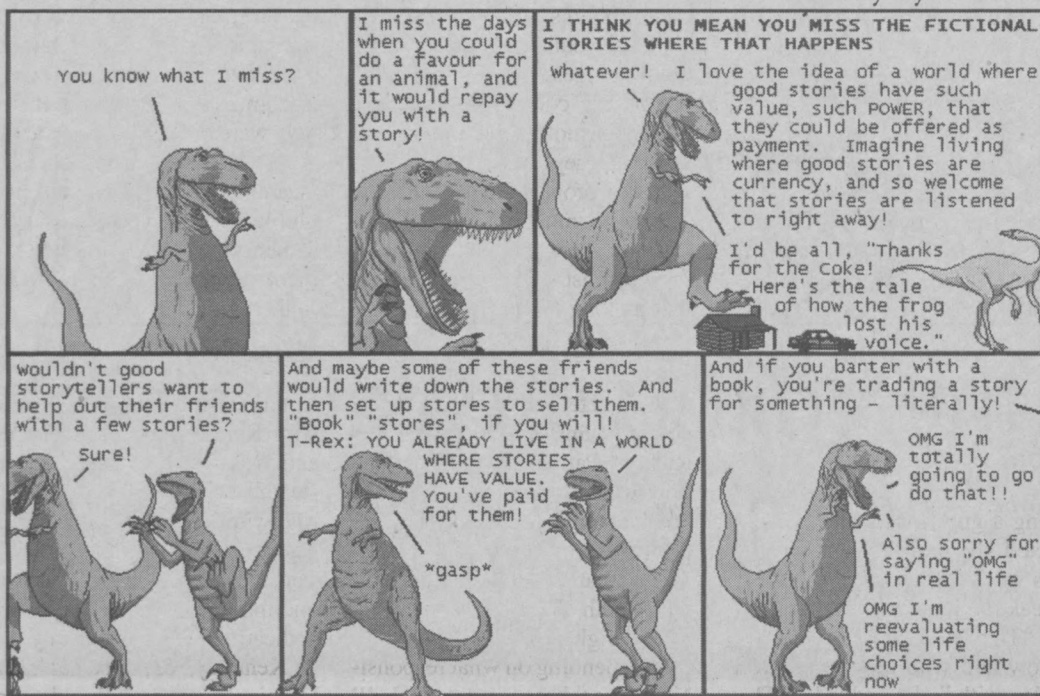
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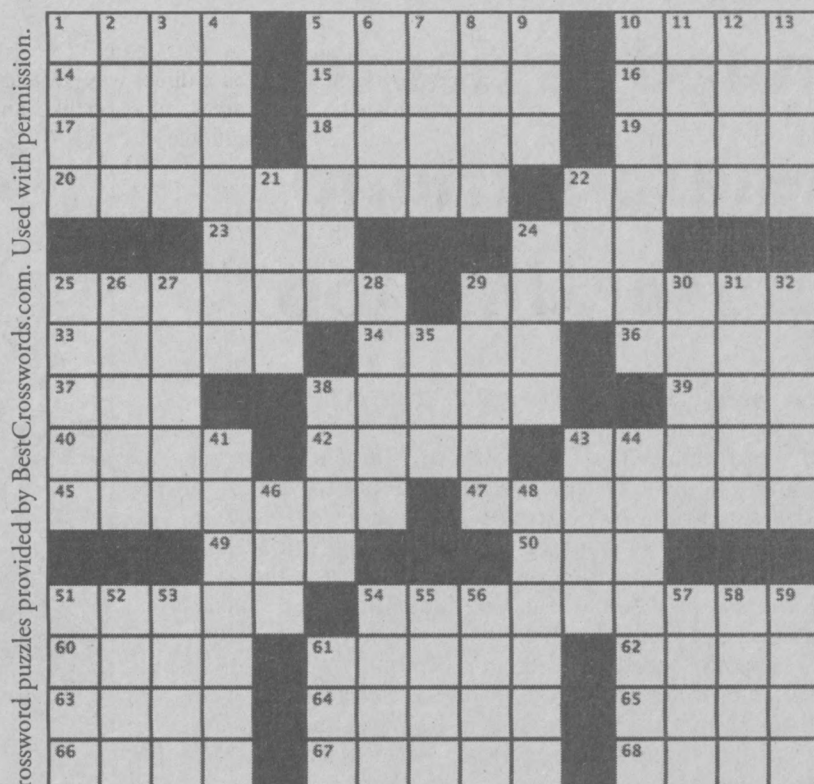


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



## Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

### Across

- 1- Cave dwellers
- 5- Church areas
- 10- Type of rock, briefly
- 14- Inter \_\_\_\_
- 15- Start of something big?
- 16- Anger
- 17- Floating platform
- 18- Toothbrush brand
- 19- Abba of Israel
- 20- Reduce to fibers
- 22- Gut course
- 23- According to
- 24- And so on
- 25- Fragile
- 29- Like lighthouses
- 33- Division of the United Kingdom
- 34- Alter
- 36- Monetary unit of China
- 37- Jackie's second

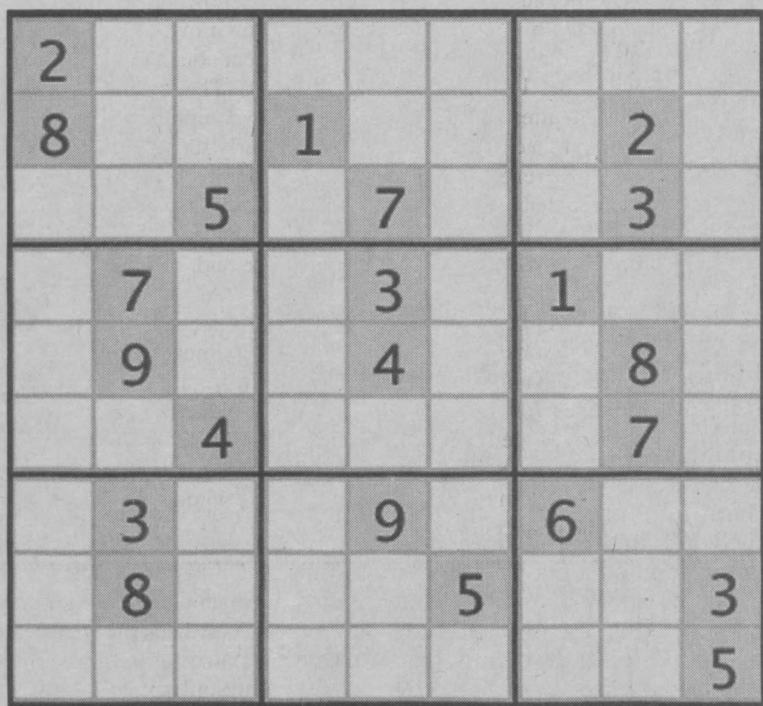
### Down

- 1- Poet
- 2- Winglike parts
- 3- Petty quarrel
- 4- Fill to surfeit
- 5- Ethically neutral
- 6- Graph prefix
- 7- Beat it!
- 8- Della's creator
- 9- Blubber
- 10- Tediiously didactic
- 11- Barbecue fare
- 12- Oil of \_\_\_\_
- 13- Actress Orlandos
- 21- Diner orders
- 22- Aliens, for short
- 24- "Orinoco Flow" singer
- 25- African sir
- 26- Less common
- 27- Greek epic poem
- 28- 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.
- 29- Killer whales
- 30- Bizarre

- 31- Babbled
- 32- Diary bit
- 35- "\_\_\_\_ Ventura" was played by Jim Carrey
- 38- Pouting grimace
- 41- Destructive
- 43- "Night" author Wiesel
- 44- Beef or lamb
- 46- Harem room
- 48- Gladden
- 51- Excuse me
- 52- City near Phoenix
- 53- I smell \_\_\_\_!
- 54- River in central Switzerland
- 55- Growl
- 56- Sturdy wool fiber
- 57- Bronte heroine
- 58- Branta sandvicensis
- 59- General \_\_\_\_ chicken
- 61- Radical '60s org.

## Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Hard ++

## Word Search

### Sports

- ARCHERY
- BADMINTON
- BASEBALL
- BASKETBALL
- BILLIARDS
- BOCCE
- BOWLING
- BOXING
- CRICKET
- CROQUET
- CYCLING
- DARTS
- FENCING
- FISHING
- FOOTBALL
- GOLF
- HANDBALL
- HOCKEY
- JAI ALAI
- LACROSSE
- POLO
- RACQUETBALL
- RUGBY
- RUNNING
- SKATEBOARDING
- SKATING
- SKIING
- SOCCER
- SOFTBALL
- SQUASH
- SURFING
- SWIMMING
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL
- WRESTLING

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H O C K E Y S W I M M I N G I N G

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**Aries - March 21 to April 20** - Don't reveal information that is personal or confidential. You will be in the doghouse if you do. You need to interact with others if you want to expand your knowledge.

**Taurus - April 21 to May 21** - Do something that will be stimulating and creative. Get domestic chores out of the way early.

**Gemini - May 22 to June 21** - You hard work and dedication will pay off, so stick to your guns and do your job well. Don't make any rash statements you may regret later. Plan your day thoughtfully, but try not to rely on others.

**Cancer - June 22 to July 22** - Your need to get away could lead you into greater debt. Enlist coworkers in order to get the job done on time. You may find that romance will unfold through business connections.

**Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22** - Watch your weight gain due to water retention. Pursue outdoor activities or any physical exertion. Changes in your domestic situation will prove to be favorable in the long run.

**Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23** - You may be uncertain about some of your coworkers and your boss. Talk to someone you trust in order to see the whole picture..

**Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23** - Go out with friends and you can invest in profitable ventures, but remember it is best to keep your cash in a safe place.

**Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - Your leadership ability will enhance your reputation. You may have personal problems, but professional duties might be pressing.

**Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - Situations in your personal life are moving a little fast lately. Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you get out and mingle. Channel your energy into projects that will enhance your home.

**Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20** - You may be confused emotionally. Look for something entertaining to do. You can accomplish a lot if you direct your thoughts toward starting your own small business on the side — you've got that competitive edge.

**Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - Don't let your mate force you into making a decision that you aren't ready to make. Sudden changes at home will affect family members more than you anticipated. Don't be too quick to spend money.

**Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Reciprocate by offering helpful hints. Your lover may cost you financially.

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Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.



# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Kennedy's ties to Minnesota trump desire for UMS job

Robert Kennedy is beginning to realize there is no easy escape from Vacationland.

With his reign as the University of Maine's 18th president coming to a close in June, Kennedy hopes to venture back to Baxter, Minn. to perform a lesser role for the University of Maine System from the comfort of his original Midwest abode. But leaving the land of pine trees for the Land of 10,000 Lakes is no easy feat, don'tcha know?

Recently named one of the finalists for a spot on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, Kennedy's eastern promise to remain on the UMaine docket looks to be compromised — the fact that he intends to be in Minnesota doesn't necessarily help the situation either — yet Kennedy and UMaine officials refuse to let go for the "Fargo" frontier.

A position best described as overseeing and working on sustainable and alternative energy projects for the university, UMaine's employment opportunity for Kennedy is clearly shady at best, likely the last-ditch effort to maintain an affair gone stale. But the fact that Kennedy will continue to lead the administration when his affections are aimed half a country away doesn't make him a very good partner either.

Although the Board of Regents has only four open seats and Kennedy is one out of 18 contenders vying for a chair, his heart clearly lies in the heartland. Therefore, continuing to forge feeble ties with UMaine when there is neither desire from Kennedy himself nor a clear position being offered by the university makes little sense, if any.

Kennedy needs to cut employment relations with UMaine and bury the axe in June before taking the plunge into his longed-for Minnesota lifestyle. The future may seem uncertain and he may not reside on the Board of Regents when all is said and done, but regardless of such a fate, Kennedy should leave UMaine on a pleasant note as to remember Maine in such a fashion.

In turn, we ask UMaine to let Kennedy down easy when the parting comes in June and retract the mystery position. After all, nobody wants to be committed to a player.

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## Letters to the editor: Breaking points

### Meet your meat; Bolding's bunny highlights hypocrisy in meat eaters

Dane Bolding's presentation in which he planned to butcher a rabbit in class has highlighted the hypocrisy in the minds of many people who eat meat.

All meat used to be part of a living thing. Every time we buy or eat meat, we are condoning and even taking part in that animal's death. Many of us, myself included, eat meat on a daily basis, so why are we so uncomfortable with the death of an animal for food?

It's because Bolding's presentation, even when cut short, made people consider the reality of it. When steaks and pork chops come neatly cut and wrapped in plastic at the store, it's easy to forget that all meat used to be a living thing. If we choose to eat meat, we should be aware of exactly what it means to do so.

Humanely butchering a rabbit for food is no more evil than buying a roast chicken. In either case, you are directly responsible for that animal's death. Dane Bolding did nothing wrong; he only made people consider some uncomfortable truths about their own lives. He should in no way be punished for making people on a university campus think.

Molly Segee  
Responding to "Showmanship or a hop too far?" Dec. 8, 2010

### Sexpert rubs readers wrong way, encourages poor self-esteem habits

While scanning the headlines of The Maine Campus, we noticed an article in which we expected to find thoughtful advice, but were appalled to find an article more suited to a periodical wrapped in plastic.

This article, entitled "How to work with what you've got," astoundingly not written by Hugh Hefner, was shallow and chauvinistic. It implied that girls should be simultaneously confident with their bodies while attempting to hide them during what should be the most intimate experiences in their young lives.

This advice produces results quite the opposite than those intended. In covering up those less-than-flattering parts of your body, one must first look for them. Obsessions with finding and covering your flaws will only result in degraded self-esteem and the kinds of choices that arise with a lack of confidence.

How can one enjoy sex while trying to contort ones body into a more becoming shape? If you can't be relaxed with your sex partner, you shouldn't be sleeping with him or her in the first place.

Also, the implication that women should aspire to be sex kittens to attract the opposite sex is abhorrent. Sexual posturing and one-night stands, while a reality on college campuses, are not the kind of behaviors that should be encouraged as a path to self-esteem and a healthy sex life.

Bradley Loomis and Caroline Robe  
Responding to "How to work with

what you've got," Dec. 8, 2010

### UMaine hockey hostility leaves UNH Wildcats declawed, appalled

I would first off like to commend the University of Maine men's hockey team for their effort during the December games against UNH. They were some of the best contests I have seen this year and they were well worth the four-hour trip to Maine from UNH to watch.

I was happy to see that UMaine fans get as riled up as we do about this rivalry and it was fun to be a part of it all. The arena was crazy and ridiculous. The fans were great — except for the students.

Where is the fun in a game if no one from the opposing team comes to watch? I have never been to a hockey event where I felt uncomfortable to sit below the student section as I did at UMaine.

Fans in the student section were continuously throwing things at me and the UNH players' parents in front of us. They were also yelling things about players' moms, who just happened to be sitting right below them, appalled at what they were being called.

When UNH won in overtime, as we were celebrating with the team, one student started yelling at us, which was no big deal until he proceeded to find all the trash he could in the student section to throw at myself and a player's mother. He finished us off by dumping water on us. This mom then commented that last year she had a pizza thrown at her. She said she has never been so proud to have nothing to do with this team's fans as they are so absolutely ridiculous.

I understand being a hardcore fan, as this is coming from someone who travels to most of UNH's away games, but I have never been treated this way by any other school's fans.

The UMaine football players, who were sitting behind us, were fun and clearly UMaine fans as well, but were still polite to us. You can be disappointed in your team losing, but the players are good sports — so how about the fans at least try to be too?

I am choosing to remain anonymous for the simple reason of safety. Not that I am scared a UMaine student will make their way to UNH, but in hopes that I will be able to return to watch another hockey game at the Alford Arena next year.

Anonymous UNH fan

### Pro-Life only choice for a full life

As we become mature adults, we learn the strongest, deepest love we can humanly experience is the love that drew God from his heaven 2,000 years ago. A love in which we, in whatever broken form it may have come, have all taken part: mother love.

Abortion breaks the bonds of love which begin to form between mother and child at the moment of conception: Just ask any woman who feels the power of existing for two, not just one. There is no "choice" but to heed the call of this love. The woman is made for this

love, just as the heart is made for giving. The child simply is and will be, even if he is murdered, because he is the issue of God. No one can grow a baby from nothing, any more than anyone can talk to an acorn and make it become an oak tree. The tree is in the acorn; the child, as the poet says, is father of the man.

We know the uniqueness of the individual. Look around you — do you see any two who are alike? This is true of the unborn as well. A unique treasure has been struck in time as soon as the DNA is rendered a complete set by the union of sperm and ovum.

This treasure may save the world. We do not know unless we allow him to come. It is the voice of fear, of shame, of hatred which says, "Not this one; killing it will be alright." It is not just a child we kill, not just a potential cancer obviator, farmer, Nobel laureate, singer. It is the longing to love that we kill in a mother. This is the silent killer. Beware of it. This is a plague, yet people spend more time worrying about food additives and trans fats than they do this sort of self-hatred. They will spend more time in the mall, in exercise programs and at jobs they hate than in cultivating the bonds of love they will carry with them through eternity.

I am now a physician who has cared for many who are chronically ill in an attempt to provide them with the means to find peace of mind and heart, even if their bodies are too ravaged by disease to return to complete health. The old and the sick know death will come.

This concept of "choosing" is often used in writings on abortion, such as the one to which I am responding, as if the choice to destroy love were something to be fought for and protected. As a reward for this choice, the mother of the unborn is "cared for" by the provision of the means to end the life of someone she would love more than any other human being: her child. Thus, for the true lovers of the good of humanity, the phrase "abortion care" is like saying "poisonous food" or "stealing gifts" or "black is white."

If you do not want to raise a child, then I think most of you already know what you must do to be absolutely sure this will not enter into your life. Anyhow, what plan have you made that has worked perfectly until now? If not, consider adopting the perfect plan from the Perfect One.

To the surprised expectant mother I say, remember the surprise of the virginal girl who was told that her son would save the world. Her answer was a simple "yes." Let it be your answer, and see what Christmas joy could really be next year and for years to come. In this time, as we should always, we put aside fear, stinginess, hatred and worry. We replace these things with love, generosity, compassion and freedom. Choose to share your life, and enjoy the greatest love you can know with another person. Now, I wish you true peace which only Jesus can give.

Nancy Epifano, M.D.  
Responding to "Future of abortion discussed," Dec. 2, 2010.

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## Columnist: Snook's book bad poof for unpublished talent



*With so many struggling writers in this world, it's shameful to think that hundreds were overlooked to allow for Snooki's useless story of privileged shore hopping to be printed off by the thousands.*

**RYANNE NASON**

With the increasing popularity of shows like MTV's "Jersey Shore," culminating in the Jan. 4 release of cast member Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi's novel "A Shore Thing," it's hard not to question what we as Americans find entertaining.

By no means does the literary content of Snooki's first book compare to anything ever composed by Fitzgerald or Steinbeck, yet people are still lining up in droves to pick up their copy of what can best be described as literary trash. As an avid reader, I fear the state of media consumption in the United States is at an all-time low. No longer do we seek to challenge our minds with meaningful content, consuming pointless fluff to fill our brains instead.

Perusing a few chapters of the book myself over break, I was horrified to think there might be a whole generation that turns to people like Polizzi and view them as role models. Shows produced by MTV usually attract an audience from varying maturity levels, and these days it's not abnormal to hear a 12-year-old enthusiastically talking about "Jersey Shore" as being their favorite program.

Rarely does an episode occur without a fistfight or its fair share of other inebriated antics in darkened, strobe-riddled nightclubs. It's obvious after no more than five minutes of viewing that the cast members of "Jersey Shore" are not people that deserve to have their lives idolized by anyone.

Almost every negative behavior parents have been trying to get their children to avoid is portrayed on the show, whether it be the abusive relationship between Ronnie and Sam or the heavy drinking and partying which landed all the cast members a spot on the show. Hardly anything you want your teenager watching, the somehow captivates audiences and convinces them to find the life of Snooki and her "Jersey Shore" posse glamorous.

While entertaining for those who can identify the actions of the cast as immature and silly, it could easily be deemed detrimental for those who aspire to have a poof higher than Snooki's.

With chapter titles like "Karma's a b\*\*\*\*h, b\*\*\*\*h" and "Make me beg," I wonder who made the decision to ever let Snooki write a book. Just beyond the front cover though, there is a disclaimer revealing that in fact Polizzi had a bit of help throughout her adventures in the world of literature.

What is described as a novel is really a biography of Polizzi's life and the ideal, "juiced gorilla meat-head" that she is looking for at the shore. Reading the text is like a conversation with the self-proclaimed princess of Poughskeepie and none of the language is worth quoting for anything other than a good laugh.

With so many struggling writers in this world, it's shameful to think that hundreds were overlooked to allow for Snooki's useless story of privileged party-girl shore hopping to be printed off by the thousands. Stories of genuine human interest were shuffled to the bottom of an editor's pile so we could read about the art of sporting an orange tan.

Since the damage has already been done, the best we can hope for is that there will be no further stories fabricated and published by the infamous Snooki. Let's keep the trashy content behind the curtain of MTV, contain the dregs of humanity in one cable channel and not let it leak out into the literary realm.

Books are meant to stimulate the mind and provoke deeper thought. As Snooki can now add the title of author to her resume, it seems that it is more of an accomplishment to be checked off a list, not something that she pursued because of a genuine interest in the world of books.

For those people out there who do have a genuine interest in reading, I encourage you to stray far away from the shelves that hold Polizzi's book, unless of course you might be looking for some comic relief. Although it might be cheaper and more entertaining to go to an elementary school and ask a second grader to write you a story.

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## Story, not messenger, matters: Assange a major player in today's news world



**MICHAEL SHEPHERD**

**EDITOR IN CHIEF**

Toward the end of the fall 2010 semester, I was in class not paying attention to the professor. I was on edge.

Dramatic? Sure. Newsworthy? No. But, if you like to be informed, you should be nervous.

I read earlier that day that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange turned himself in to Swedish police on rape charges. This came days after his website leaked a 251,000-document trove of diplomatic cables implicating American involvement in a smattering of, at the very least, embarrassing secrets.

According to The Daily Mail, a British newspaper, "there is scant evidence — in the public domain at least — of rape, sexual molestation or unlawful coercion."

The charges, though not to be belittled, were months old — ones Assange managed to skirt while traipsing around the world since August. He has been out on bail since Dec. 16.

Days after releasing the documents, he was barraged by virtually everyone in national American politics. One called for his death. Rape charges were hardly mentioned.

Democrats and Republicans have had trouble agreeing on virtually all large pieces of legislation of late, but most national leaders in both parties could agree on one thing — WikiLeaks should be silenced.

2008 Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin said Assange should be hunted down "with the same urgency we pursue al Qaeda and Taliban leaders."

Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., introduced a bill in early December that would expand the Espionage Act to include making available classified information.

According to a statement on Ensign's website, "No one should do Julian Assange any credit by referring to him as a journalist, or as part of the news media."

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said WikiLeaks "went past free speech." Obama Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said though the president supports free press, he believed Assange was a "criminal."

This is troubling, but not surprising. Many cables describe actions revealing a certain level of administrative corruption. Such actions may be commonplace in complex contemporary diplomacy. But, I still want to know it.

According to cables, the Obama

administration offered deals to countries to entice them to house Guantanamo Bay prisoners. The Pacific nation of Kiribati was offered millions of dollars worth of incentives. Slovenia was offered a visit from Obama.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also instructed diplomats to gather information on the inner dealings of foreign nations — not historically a diplomat's duty.

On Jan. 5, David Offer, the retired executive editor of my hometown newspaper, Augusta's The Kennebec Journal, gave a curmudgeonly analysis of WikiLeaks in an op-ed. It caught my eye, mainly because it embodies the safe aspects of corporate print journalism that have hastened its demise.

"In my view, at the least journalism involves providing context or explanation for what is printed, broadcast

*Assange is evidence that cajones, a computer and a good scoop are all it takes to be a good journalist. Many news outlets don't have the former.*

or posted online. WikiLeaks does not do that," Offer wrote. "The goal of WikiLeaks is to release secrets just because they are secret, without regard for the consequences."

Attacking WikiLeaks' status as "journalists" is irrelevant and makes a great veteran newsmen look as ignorant of The Information Age as Ensign. It does not matter who released it.

He goes on to defend WikiLeaks against any crime due to First Amendment press freedom, though "reluctantly." He also says he does not "consider the act of putting documents on the internet to be journalism."

One thing I have learned in my short time working at this publication is that journalism is unquantifiable and that anyone can do it. No degree — and certainly not an editor's backing or a press badge — is required.

Assange is evidence that cajones, a computer and a good scoop are all it takes. Many news outlets don't have the former.

None of us in the profession should be snobby enough to define news. Then again, you can be easily fooled into thinking you have a monopoly on news when you make papers every day in a shabby, isolated office.

When a man and his associates release information setting off a worldwide smear campaign, I call them journalists. Information — not the institutionalized credibility of a masthead — is journalism. I thought plunging ad revenues would help newspaper people figure that out.

Welcome to the world in 2011.

*Michael Shepherd is a third-year journalism student.*

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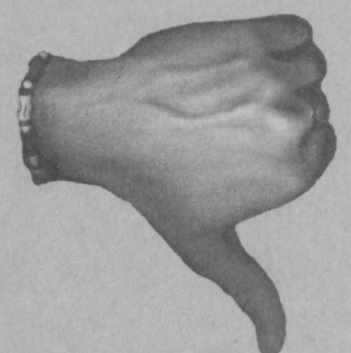
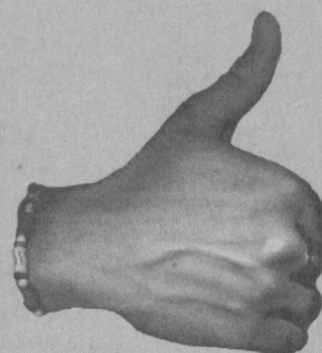
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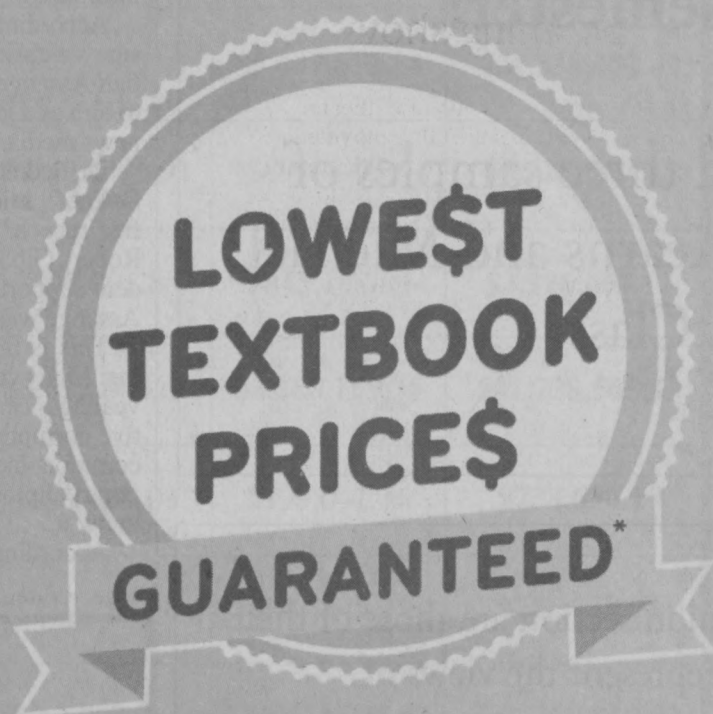
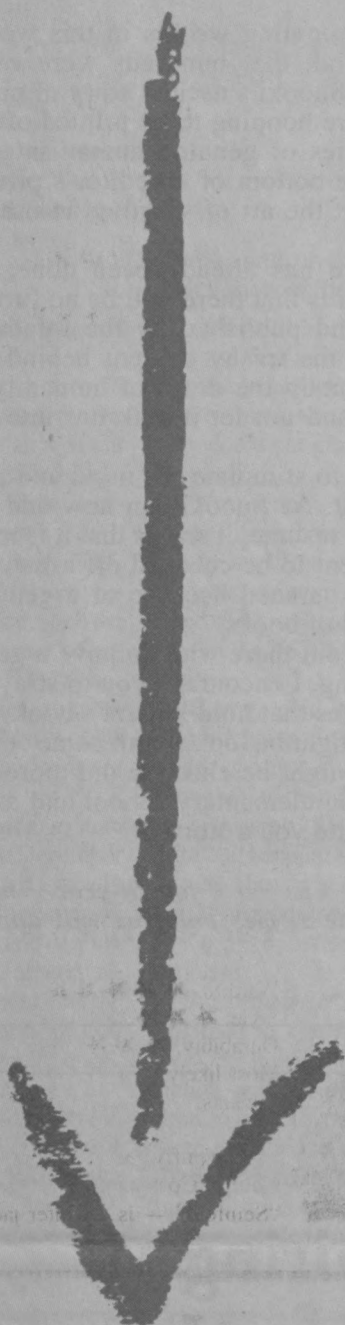
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## BUNDLED UP

### Unbuttoning and unzipping the jacket styles at UMaine

By Kegan Zema  
Style Editor

The cost of a quality winter jacket might as well be factored into every student's tuition fees — it's a necessity at the University of Maine. With so many different styles, it's crucial to choose the perfect coat that fits not only your body, but also your personality and lifestyle.

Warmth is the most obvious factor when looking at outerwear, but even the toastiest of parkas is no good if it's an uncomfortable eyesore. On the other hand, the most chic designer threads are useless if they leave the wearer freezing.

Looking around campus on any given winter day reveals certain trends in the jacket choices of UMaine students. Generally speaking, most jackets can fall into one of the following categories: the peacoat, the Carhartt jacket, the ski jacket or the puffy coat/parka. Each offers its own unique advantages and disadvantages, though no one coat reigns over the others.

By now, most students have been settled upon their coat of choice for some time and only the true procrastinators have yet to pick up a new coat if they need a replacement. However, taking a glimpse at the students bundled up inside these types of jackets can reveal how our outerwear reflects our inner selves.

#### The Ski Jacket

Warmth: ★★★★★  
Style: ★★★★★  
Durability: ★★★★★  
Most likely wearers: avid skiers and snowboarders

Ski jackets, most commonly of the North Face variety, are a staple at



UMaine and it's not hard to guess why. Transitioning from the mall to the slopes is easy with a hardy ski jacket. A high-quality model can get pricey, but the combination of warmth and comfort makes it great on and off the mountain.

"I like doing outdoor things in the winter and sometimes coats are a little too puffy, you don't have as much movement," said Matt Hosmer, a third-

year mathematics student. "[My jacket] is nice and sleek. I can go fast when I'm skiing."

Keeping the lift ticket attached even after you're on flat ground is a classic touch with this look. Hosmer admitted that he doesn't get to the slopes as much as he would like, but said the coat keeps him plenty warm even just on the walk to class.



#### The Carhartt Jacket

Warmth: ★★★★★  
Style: ★★★★★  
Durability: ★★★★★  
Most likely wearers: The rugged outdoorsy person

The most durable of all the contenders is the Carhartt jacket. Though there are some knock-offs, the tra-

ditional Carhartt is the standard for a rugged winter coat. Typically worn by those who work outdoors in the winter months, the Carhartt jacket offers a long lasting, well-insulated option no matter what you're doing — as long as you're okay with the basic light brown color.

"I got in a car accident recently and [my jacket] saved me from all kinds of scratches," said Brian Young,

a second-year electrical engineering student. "It's very safe and cushiony. It also keeps my girlfriend warm when she needs a jacket."

Young doesn't work outside during the winter — although he does work at a fireworks store during the summer — but said he uses the coat when he is snowmobiling. He said it is an all-around great jacket and the warmth can't be beat.



#### The Peacoat

Warmth: ★★★★★  
Style: ★★★★★  
Durability: ★★★★★  
Most likely wearers: The style-savvy dressers

A long time winter staple, the navy-style peacoat is the most traditional

way to stay warm and look good. Though most commonly found in all black, there are a multitude of different colors and styles — variations on the standard. Though not as warm and rugged as some other coats, peacoats are the clear standout when it comes to style.

"I like my peacoat because it's classic and it looks nice," said Allison Heath, a third-year nursing student.

"Even if I wear it with an outfit that doesn't look that nice, it still looks put together."

Heath said even though the jacket was not as warm as other varieties, it was warm enough for most winter days. If she needs to beef up on warmth, Heath said she will pair the coat with a hat and scarf. Wearing plenty of layers or adding extra lining can help winterize the peacoat.



#### The Puffy Coat

Warmth: ★★★★★  
Style: ★★★★★  
Durability: ★★★★★  
Most likely wearers: Laid-back, casual students

The puffy coat — as exemplified by George Costanza's Gore-Tex coat on "Seinfeld" — is a winter jacket staple

that doesn't seem to be going anywhere. Typically paired with a large faux fur hood, puffy jackets range from marshmallow-like bulbous versions to the long, feminine incarnations. Often stuffed with plenty of heat-capturing insulation, the puffy coat is a warm, laid-back winter coat option.

"I like [the ski jacket] look but I just feel like my jacket is warmer and more casual," said Justine Beaudoin, a

third-year nutrition student. "For walking around campus, I feel like this is a better choice."

Beaudoin, who transferred here from Keene State College in New Hampshire, said her favorite puffy brown jacket — also of the North Face brand — has helped her brave the weather in both locations. The oversized hood shielded her from Wednesday's blizzard.

## Prepare your pet for the dog days of winter

Column

As we enter the heart of winter, it is important to remember how the elements affect not only ourselves, but our pets as well.

While we have the ability to don extra layers or winter boots, our pets rely on us to keep healthy and warm. Tuning in to your animal and keeping an eye on them in cold weather is the easiest, most effective way to keep them comfortable.

Many people think that animals such as dogs or cats are accustomed to cold weather, assuming that they will be comfortable and safe outside for long periods of time.

The best way to judge if your pet is too cold outside, according to veterinarian Dr. Terry McQuade, is to go out with them. McQuade explains that when you start to become uncomfortable outside, it's a good cue that your pet is too.

Sweaters and coats for dogs may help some, if your pet will tolerate it. However, dogs lose heat primarily through their feet, so things such as dog booties would be more effective. Dog booties not only protect the animal from the cold, they protect from things like rock salt or deadly chemicals such as antifreeze.

Rock salt, consisting of calcium chloride, can irritate or burn the feet of dogs or cats alike and can irritate their mouths or stomachs if ingested. When you bring your cat or dog inside, wipe off their feet and legs with a towel to remove any rock salt or other chemicals that may be carried on their feet.

Antifreeze, which can leak from car radiators, can be fatal if consumed by pets. Ethylene glycol antifreeze has a sugary-sweet taste, which is tempting for both dogs and cats. As little as a tablespoon can kill a cat and only a couple ounces can kill a dog.

It is important to make sure that driveways are clear of this fluid and that neighbors or



The Pet Pundit  
By Jessie T. Darkis

See Pets on B3

## Guide to the State Theatre

A look at the upcoming shows in Portland and how to plan your trip

By Kegan Zema  
Style Editor

The recently reopened State Theatre in Portland has a growing lineup of diverse acts scheduled to perform in the next few months. There's just one problem — it's in Portland. College crowd favorites such as mash-up DJ Girl Talk, dub-step master Bassnectar and indie veterans Bright Eyes are all set to make appearances this semester, and while the trip — at just over two hours — beats the journey to Boston, it can still be a hassle. But with the right planning, there's no excuse not to take advantage of this great venue. The full lineup as of right now is included at the end of this article. Here's some help getting started if you see a name on the list you just can't miss, even if it's on a school night.

#### The City

The small waterfront city of Portland is known for its great food, art and music. Smaller bars, restaurants and venues are littered throughout the area surrounding the State Theatre, so it's not hard to find stuff to do before or after the concert. "I can't say enough good things about Portland and things to do here," said Lauren Wayne, talent buyer for the State Theatre. "You can make a whole week or weekend out of it if you're coming down to see a show." According to Wayne, Portland is a walking city, so getting from one place to the next won't be a problem. For more information, check out The Maine Campus Guide printed in the Sept. 23, 2010 issue.

#### The Venue

After being shut down in 2006, the State reopened on Oct. 15, 2010, with a sold-out inaugural performance by My Morning Jacket. Since then, they've featured host to a variety of artists, including sold-out performances by the likes of Grace Potter and the Nocturnals and Michael Franti and Spearhead.

The historic theater has been beautifully renovated and modernized, but still retains its character. According to Wayne, the venue's capacity has increased since its earlier incarnation from 1,450 to 1,680 attendees. There is standing room, as well as two levels of seating and plenty of bars throughout the building. Wayne said the State Theatre prides itself on being an all-ages venue, something she said Maine is unfortunately lacking enough of.

#### Parking

If you make the drive down, at the very least you're going to need a place to park. According to Wayne, if you get into town early enough, there will be street parking — you don't have to feed the meters after 6 p.m. or on Sundays. There's a parking garage attached to the neighboring Eastland Park Hotel, which Wayne said was the closest. However, the cheapest garage at \$1 / hour, according to Wayne, is just down the street near the Holiday Inn By the Bay. The most important thing to know is that some privately-held garages will close before the concert is over, so make sure to double check. Wayne said some concertgoers will return to their cars at 11:30 only to find out they can't leave. Also, you don't have to ditch your coat in the car, as there is a coat check in the venue.

#### Lodging

If you're looking to save money, the best bet is to crash with a friend down in Portland or make the drive back late that night. If you don't feel like driving at night, or want to hit up an afterparty, both neighboring hotels offer reasonable rates during the winter months. The Eastland Park Hotel (207-775-5411) offers a University of Maine student rate of \$92 / night for a single or a double room until June 15. The Holiday Inn By the Bay (207-775-2311) offers off-season rates starting at \$109.99.

### 2011 Schedule

Wayne said some of the acts certainly cater to the college crowd, but as talent buyer for the theater, she strives to include a wide variety of artists.

"You can't really pigeonhole people for what they like," Wayne said.

She pointed to the dance music of Robyn, the hard rock of Buckcherry and the Comedians of Chelsea Lately tour as examples of the mix she is working toward. Below is the full schedule as of Jan. 12, but new artists are added often. Check [statetheatreportland.com](http://statetheatreportland.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

#### Comedians of Chelsea Lately

Fri., Jan. 28, 8 p.m.

\$20 - \$30, reserved seating

#### Robyn, Natalia Kills, Diamond Rings

Sat., Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.

\$21.50 in advance, \$25 day of show

#### Hinder, Saving Abel, My Darkest Days

Wed., Feb. 9, 7 p.m., \$25

#### Jagermeister Music Tour with Buckcherry

Hellyeah, All That Remains, The Damned Things

Sun., Feb. 20, 7 p.m.

\$30 in advance, \$32 day of show

#### Flogging Molly

Moneybrother, The Drowning Men

Sat., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.

\$30 in advance, \$32 day of show

#### Girl Talk, Max Tundra, Junk Culture

Mon., Feb. 28, 8 p.m., \$20

#### Bright Eyes, The Mynabirds

Fri., March 11, 8 p.m., \$25

#### Bassnectar, Eliot Lipp

Thur., April 21, \$22 advance, \$26 day of show

#### Cake

Sat., April 23, 8 p.m., \$35 (On Sale 1/17)

#### Piano Men: The Music of Elton and Billy

Sat., May 7, 7:30 p.m., \$16.50, reserved seating

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Friday, Jan. 14

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10 a.m.

**Kickin' Flicks: "Jackass 3"**  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union  
6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

**Wear Red to Stand Up Against Heart Disease**  
Curva Ultra Lounge  
9 p.m.  
\$10, save \$2 by wearing red

Sunday, Jan. 16

**The Peabody Piano Trio**  
Collins Center for the Arts  
12:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
No classes

**15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast**  
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## WINTER MOVIE REVIEWS:

## 'Tron: Legacy,' 'Black Swan' &amp; 'True Grit'

The good, bad and ugly from cyberspace, NYC and the West



Fox Searchlight Pictures

By John Shannon  
Film Critic

The holidays are over and the cinematic presents of 2010 have all been unwrapped. Some were great, some disappointed and others exceeded our expectations. With nothing but a few leftovers to hold us through the dregs of January, here's a look back at the standouts of the season.

## The Disappointment

When the lights came up as the credits rolled, I felt very conflicted about "True Grit." And now, weeks later, I still do. With everyone around me praising the film to high heaven, I feel like this is "Fantastic Mr. Fox" all over again, and I'm left on the outside looking in, pressing my nose against the glass and longing for the warmth everyone else seems to be getting from this flick.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed "True Grit," but the whole time I expected something more. Everything on display seems like such a no-brainer recipe for greatness: Roger Deakins' amazing cinematography, backing from producers Steven Spielberg and Scott Rudin, a classic story by Charles Portis, and stellar performances from Matt Damon, Josh Brolin and Jeff Bridges. Then toss newcomer Hailee Steinfeld into the mix and this should have been a grand slam.

I think the spark that's missing for me is the Coen Brothers' near-trademark quirk. "True Grit" lacks the special spice that made "Fargo," "Barton Fink" and "No Country For Old Men" such exquisite entertainment.

Here, the stage is set and the characters work, but the movie just plays out to the logical conclusion, without any twists or turns or deeper consequence. I'm all for a simple western revenge tale, and to be honest if any other director had been at the helm I'd probably be giving the film a higher mark. But I know the Coens can do better than this. While this is a good movie, it's only a decent Coen Brothers movie.

The silver lining, however, is that this is the most successful film the Coens have put out to date, and this will certainly act as a gateway drug of sorts leading unsuspecting viewers to the rest of the Coens' oeuvre. The curious will add more Coen films to their Netflix queue, and I snicker to myself when I think of mainstream audiences discovering "The Hudsucker Proxy" or "Miller's Crossing."

Bottom line, this is a good movie that could have been a lot better. I will have to accept it for what it is, but I can't help but imagine the film I wanted it to be.

Grade: B+

## The Surprise

My feelings for the original "Tron" are not very complicated. I appreciate its historical significance, but as a piece of entertainment it fails on almost every level. With "Tron: Legacy," I expected similar results. Thankfully, I was wrong.

"Legacy" is by no means a perfect movie, or even a very good one, but it's adequate and that alone surprised me. The script can be stupid at times, often aggressively so, but there are some interesting ideas hid-

den in there. With some digging and imagination, the film has intriguing things to say about information and how we use it.

The film's biggest problem is the story it's telling. Kevin Flynn's son tracks down his father, following him into the computer world known as The Grid. When he finally meets him, the really interesting stuff happens. The story Kevin Flynn tells about how he built a paradise and eventually got trapped there is infinitely more interesting than the story of his son's escape from The Grid.

Flynn worked with his digital creation Clu to create a perfect world. Out of this perfect world, the Isos — programs with the blessing of free will — sprang forth. Clu sees the Isos as imperfect blights on Flynn's utopia, just as Lucifer fought against God over the creation of human beings. The Biblical parallels are obvious, and these grand themes of friendship, betrayal and creation would be well served by the spectacle of The Grid.

Instead, we get the story of Sam Flynn and his quest to escape The Grid. Just like Disney's "Alice in Wonderland," we have a bland lead character traveling through a magical, enchanted world with no interest in it. They only want to go home. In "The Wizard of Oz," at least Dorothy had a home worth returning to. In "Alice" and "Tron," the characters' homes are either deplorable or uninteresting, and if the viewer doesn't care to return to these places, why should we care about these characters?

Toss in some really clunky dialogue and the fact that Clu's grand evil scheme doesn't make much sense, and we're left with a sporadically interesting feature held up by potential and dual performances by Jeff Bridges.

The effects are top notch and the 3-D, while not mind blowing, is better than the post-production converted garbage seen on the likes of "Clash of the Titans" or "The Last Airbender."

Daft Punk's soundtrack excels at giving the film a real rhythm. Even played alone, the score is something to get your feet tapping and your head bobbing.

Walking in, I expected nothing more than a \$200 million laser show set to Daft Punk's infectious score. Fortunately, "Tron: Legacy" was able to provide some thrills and thought provoking ideas, even if it fumbled the ball just before reaching the five yard line.

Grade: B

## The Triumph

Darren Aronofsky is a bold director and "Black Swan" is his best work yet. Here is an unflinching look at repression, lust, artistic insanity and mental disturbance. Set in the cut-throat arena of professional ballet, "Black Swan" works as a drama, an opera and a horror movie. It jumps from genre to genre as easily as prima ballerinas jeté across the stage.

To delve too deeply in the plot of "Black Swan" would be to spoil all the surprises and tricks Aronofsky has up his sleeve with this one. Suffice it to say, the somber director behind "The Wrestler" is gone and the mad scientist who crafted "The Fountain" and "Requiem for a Dream" is back in his stead.

Natalie Portman gives the

best performance of 2010 here, bending and breaking her body and baring her soul. She deserves every accolade the coming award season will thrust upon her. She transforms physically and mentally and as we watch this transformation, we can't take our eyes off her — even though every inch of our being wills us to look away during the film's more gruesome moments.

Shot on 16mm and sprinkled with a bit of digital trickery, Aronofsky shoots his ballet sequences with precision and ease, getting right on stage with the dancers and letting the audience feel the propulsive motion of dance. The camera sways and turns with the dancers, making us an unwilling partner to Portman's tragic ballerina.

With "The Fountain" and "Requiem for a Dream," Aronofsky pushed the boundaries of visual film making while trying to stick with narrative truth. Here, he has perfected the model, and this well-oiled machine offers the very best film of December and a cinematic experience like no other.

Grade: A

So, there we have it, the last of 2010. With the Golden Globes being handed out this Sunday and the Academy Award nominations announced not long afterward, this isn't the last we'll be hearing from these films.

And with nothing but trifles such as "Season of the Witch" and "The Dilemma" arriving in theaters for the next couple weeks, check these out and the other awards contenders so you'll be in the know when the winners are announced.

## CD REVIEW:

## Cage The Elephant

Band rampages freely on diverse and wild sophomore album

By Derrick Rossignol  
Music Critic

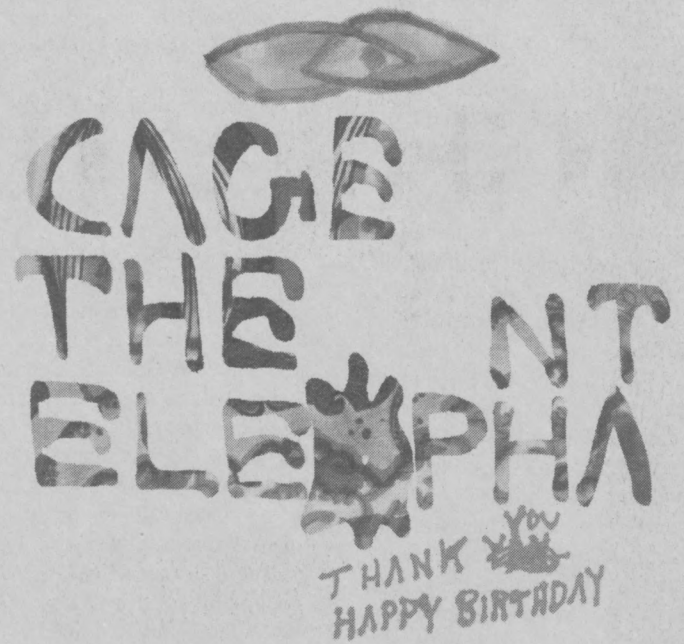
Every now and again a band decides it is necessary to reinvent themselves, to take on a new sound and manifest the products of their creativity in an original way while retaining what made them likable in the first place. This is a necessity so old listeners are left satisfied and so a crowd they would not have otherwise had is lured in.

That is essentially what has happened on Cage The Elephant's second album, "Thank You, Happy Birthday."

A casual listener may know Cage The Elephant by a minor hit from their first album, "Ain't No Rest For The Wicked," a semi-acoustic number that resembles something from an early Beck album. The song showed personality and a why-didn't-I-think-of-that catchiness. Those elements show up in the band's newest album as well, albeit in an acutely different way.

"Always Something" starts the festivities with a case of mistaken identity, more often than not sounding like a product of LCD Soundsystem. Featuring an ear-penetrating bass akin to a testosterone-injected tuba, a good amount of blips and bleeps and punchy drums at the forefront of the mix, this song takes a bit of time to place in one genre. That objective is never really accomplished, but it becomes apparent midway through the song that it is in fact being played by a rock band.

The mood shifts away from dance-punk and into pop-punk for the second track, "Ab-erdeen." If the opening riff isn't evidence enough that this composition has Green Day's stamp of approval, the anthemic punk chorus puts any and all doubts to rest. The first two tracks set an unfair precedent



Relentless

for the rest of the album in that they both feature hard-to-beat bass lines that are far more than just the lead guitar's compliment.

Then things start getting a bit weird, with song number three, "Indy Kidz." The random screams in the introduction — heard again multiple times throughout the song — and the heavy drum and bass of the verse is like the soundtrack of an ill-intentioned stalking. The song's closing two minutes take the form of a dark and trippy breakdown that plays host to all kinds of interesting noises and effects.

After a solid quartet of opening tracks, "Thank You, Happy Birthday" hits its stride with the album's highlight, "2024." The rampant display of surfy punk sounds like a lovechild of Vampire Weekend and the Sex Pistols, which is far from a bad thing. Tracks like this are a positive sign of things to come from the music world in 2011.

From here, the album stops

its skyward ascent and heads back down to earth. This is not because the remaining songs are something to be brushed off, but because the strength of the album's opening half is difficult to compete with.

Some gems are encrusted in the homestretch, like the charming "Rubber Ball," which has the feel of a lost Eels song. Inversely, "Saber-tooth Tiger" could have been spawned from the most hectic and messy garage in all of Seattle, and "Japanese Buffalo" would fit right in on the soundtrack of a Playstation 1 Tony Hawk game.

Some fans may feel a bit let down by the band's leaning towards a Sufjan Stevens-like reinvention, probably preferring the "stick with what works" philosophy of AC/DC. Regardless of who they please, Cage The Elephant has made the album they wanted to make, and it will end up satisfying more than a few people.

Grade: B+

Pets  
from B1

anyone nearby properly dispose of radiator fluid.

If you are able to keep your cats inside during winter, or even better, year-round, then it is advisable to do so for numerous reasons. However, if you do have outdoor cats, be extremely cautious during cold weather.

Outdoor cats have been known to sleep under car

hoods, due to warmth put off by the motor. If the car is started while the cat is under the hood, the animal could be seriously injured or killed. Before starting your car, rap on the hood or honk the horn to allow the animal a chance to escape.

Keep in mind that puppies and elderly dogs do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs; be sensitive to their comfort. It may be more difficult to housebreak a puppy purchased during the winter

months due to this.

Regarding elderly dogs or animals with arthritis, be mindful of ice or slippery conditions and cold temperatures. Make sure that animals of all ages have a place to keep warm, free of drafts and preferably, off the floor.

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# Continuity is key to NFL success

**Column**

Stephen Ross, the top dog in the Miami Dolphins' front office, while seeking a quick fix to his team's glaring deficiencies, exemplified how poorly most owners grasp the concept of achieving success in the National Football League.

Dolphins head coach Tony Sparano posted back-to-back 7-9 seasons in 2009 and 2010, falling well short of expectations in both seasons — inevitably, outrage ensued in the media, with the fans and with Ross himself — “I’m as frustrated as the fans are,” the Dolphins owner said. Naturally, impulse trumped logic, and Ross got on a plane to California to court then-Stanford head coach and former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh to be the next head coach of the Dolphins.

The problem: Sparano still had the job. Ross was so enamored by Harbaugh that he offered to make him the highest paid coach in football. Harbaugh balked at the idea and Ross returned to Miami without his sexy high-profile name. What he got was a massive public relations mess and a severed relationship with the man he was stuck with to coach his team. In basic terms, Ross cheated on Sparano, offering the

job to somebody while the job was Tony’s.

Ironically, Ross’ ridiculous tactical approach and disloyalty to Sparano is probably what caused Harbaugh to say no to his offer. Not only did Ross hose Sparano, there was no structure to his plan to hire a new coach. It sprouted up suddenly and he didn’t even remove the person he was trying to replace.

There aren’t many people who would want to coach for an owner like that — certainly not the stoic Harbaugh.

For Dolphins fans and the team alike, it was the best possible outcome. Dumping Sparano after only three seasons and bringing in an entire new coaching staff and mindset to the organization would not do anything to improve the team drastically enough to bury this season’s disappointment.

Three seasons isn’t even enough time for the young players that Sparano drafted to develop into impact players. Just now they are developing into effective starters, the sensible ap-

proach is to let the man who put them there coach into the prime of their respective careers — but Ross wanted to hit the refresh button. His plan failed, and to patch things up he extended Tony Sparano’s contract another two years.

Yes, that is correct, he tried to replace the man — failed — and as a result offered that same man the opportunity to coach for an additional three seasons. He had one year remaining before the two-year extension.

The sequence makes no sense but unfortunately is frequent in the NFL and is holding back a lot of teams from becoming contenders, including Harbaugh’s new team, the San Francisco 49ers. For the third time in five years the Niners are bringing in a new man to run their team. That means three different philosophies, three different coaching staffs, three different mindsets. In that same time period, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, New England, the Giants, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Green Bay have annually fielded playoff caliber squads while revamping their rosters with young talent.

The difference between these teams and teams like San Francisco is the key ingredient to a successful organization: continuity. The teams with success are the ones that have been pounding away at a consistent plan each year, realizing that only one of 32 teams per season achieves the ultimate goal. The reason Tom Coughlin retained his job after missing the playoffs for a second straight year is because the Giants’ brass believes in the plan they have in place.

Andy Reid has been with Philadelphia since 1999, enduring several failures and hardships

along the way, and on more than one occasion, after a bad year, whispers that Reid should be fired were heard. He still has his job and now the Eagles regularly have reservations for the postseason in the NFC. Bill Belichick and New England are well known to be consistent contenders, and in Indianapolis, management has created a seamless transition from one head coach — Tony Dungy — to another — Jim Caldwell — with Super Bowl appearances by each.

An epidemic is currently eating away at the integrity of the NFL. Incompetent owners are seeking quick public relation fixes instead of focusing on surrounding themselves with experienced professionals, the people who can avoid the need for a “fix” altogether.

Conversely, the best owners are the ones that don’t get in their own way by pretending to be anything more than a very rich fan. Most of these owners are businessmen with no football background. The front office hierarchy — GM, coach, VP of player personnel and so on — is there for a reason, so that experience and knowledge precede emotion and impulse when dealing with football operations.

Quality football teams at the professional level take time to develop. Success doesn’t come in one year. Teams need time and coaches need time.

Obviously I have it all figured out. Now, somebody get me a damn job.

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7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 15

Women’s Basketball  
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1 p.m.

Men’s Basketball  
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## SUNDAY, JAN. 15

Men’s Hockey  
vs. Boston College  
7 p.m.

### Crossword Solution

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## Hockey from B6

The closure needs to come quick as the Black Bears face an extremely important weekend pair of games against HEC rivals Providence College and Boston College.

“We got to come out, practice hard this week, get our feet moving and be ready to play this weekend,”

Van Dyk said. “We have to come in and win both games.”

Head coach Tim Whitehead acknowledged the importance of these games, but didn’t raise them to another level of pivotal contests.

“They’re always big,” Whitehead said. “Conference games are

big at any point in the year. There certainly needs to be urgency in our games this weekend although we’re not halfway through the HEC season yet, these players sense the urgency of these games following our loss at Merrimack.”

Earlier in the season the Black

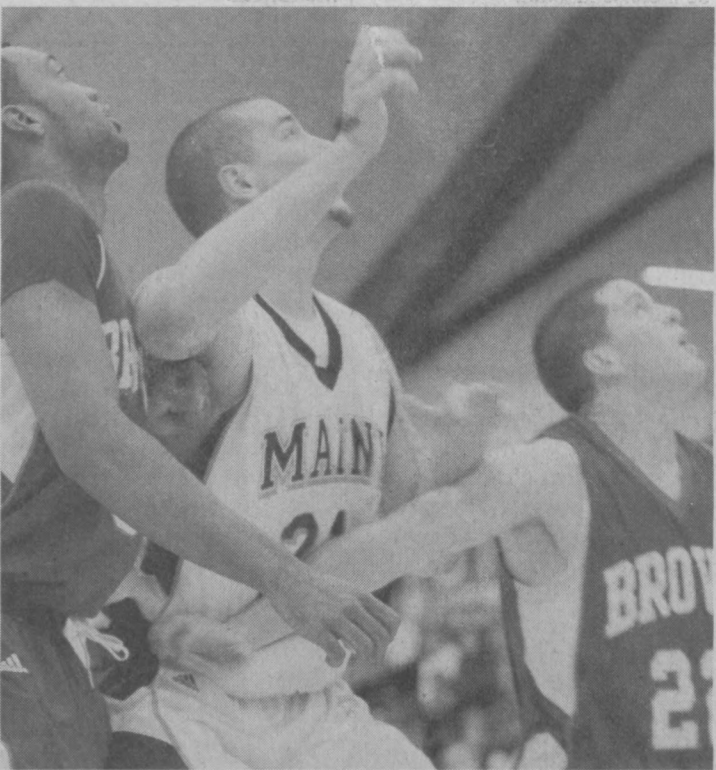
Bears played the Eagles and the Friars in back-to-back weekends. Boston College dominated the Black Bears en route to 4-0 and 4-1 victories, while UMaine settled for a 3-3 tie in the opener against Providence and followed it with a shutout victory over the Friars 5-0.

The extended break was helpful

for O’Neill and fellow defender, senior Jeff Dimmen, who both came back from injuries — Dimmen playing his first game against Merrimack in two months. But with the additions come subtractions, as sophomore forwards Joey Diamond and Adam Shemankys,

sophomore defender Nick Pryor and freshman forward Kelen Corkum are all ruled out for this weekend’s games.

The weekend games open with Providence Friday night at 7 p.m. followed by Boston College Sunday night at 7 p.m.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor  
Senior forward Sean McNally awaits a rebound against Brown University. The Black Bears will face Binghamton University at home at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Basketball from B6

stretch of victories.

“When the post is doing work it opens up the floor so much,” he said with a big smile.

When a team is built the way the Black Bears are, an inside-out game is certainly the most convenient way to play. With snipers like Mitchell and McLemore waiting along the three-point line, allowing the post to get active early opens up clear looks for the shooters.

“They’ve been more aggressive,” Mitchell said about the post players. “They’ve been calling for the ball a lot more. If they have a mismatch, they’ll let us know. If they’re struggling, that’s when they pass it more. They don’t force anything, which is good.”

The Black Bears look to continue their success against America East Conference rival Binghamton University Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Junior forward Dawn Sullivan and the University of Maine women's hockey team will travel to Boston this weekend to face off against Northeastern University and Boston University.

## Liverpool from B6

has come close on a number of occasions — notably in 2009, when it finished a close second behind perennial rivals Manchester United.

Where once there was an unmistakable culture of winning, the club has soured. As prominent players like Xabi Alonso and Javier Mascherano have taken their talents to Spain, Liverpool's inability to attract talented stars has only been matched by highly publicized flops like Robbie Keane and Alberto Aquilani.

Though Anfield sang Daglish's name in his first appearance as manager — a 1-0 loss to Manchester United — it remains to be seen how long his appointment will buoy the hearts of Liverpool faithful. There remains much rebuilding for the club if they hope to break back into title contention — or even respectability, for many years. Not only have Liverpool scouts failed to find any promising talent — with perhaps the exception of the mediocre, if not inconsistent play of Lucas Leiva — but Fernando Torres is a shell of the player who scored 30 goals in his inaugural season for Liverpool.

"El Niño" supporters will have kept the thought on the edge of their nightmares, but the

lethargic and petulant displays by the Spanish international have far outnumbered his contributions on the pitch. The nagging suspicion that the striker's frequent injuries have finally caught up to him mentally and physically — Torres has half as many yellow cards as goals during this campaign — has been a worrying sign for over a year. So far, Torres has not shown the resolve and determination to excuse his goal drought and Daglish will be awake with worry at night on how to spark life into his maligned forward.

Despite the mounting challenges and tough decisions that wait, there is a bright spot ahead for the beleaguered team.

Though Daglish is officially the caretaker of the club on a temporary basis, speculation from ardent supporters on his future will run high after he was given full control over whom the club will buy and sell in January. As the club look to bolster their ranks, personnel changes will renew hope — former Chelsea, West Ham and Newcastle assistant manager Steve Clarke has agreed to join Liverpool as assistant manager. As the No. 2 in charge under Jose Mourinho during Chelsea's magical run in the early 2000's, Clarke's addition will provide tactical expertise missing under Hodgson.

The "King" has returned and he's all dressed in red to end Liverpool's blues.

# NFL's elite down to final 8

## Column

Wild card weekend was wild, to say the least.



By Charlie Merritt

A stunning upset by the Seattle Seahawks over the New Orleans Saints started the weekend, and showed us what "beast mode" really meant courtesy

of Marshawn Lynch. A field goal in Indy to send Peyton Manning packing and Michael Vick's season ending on an interception made the upcoming divisional round that much harder to wait for.

## Saturday at 4:30 p.m. - Baltimore Ravens at Pittsburgh Steelers

The Ravens dominated the Kansas City Chiefs and showed they were deserving of facing the Steelers. After splitting with the Steelers in the regular season, this matchup has some familiarity, however, the Steelers are almost a lock to win this game.

Despite the thrashing of Kansas City, the Chiefs' running back Jamal Charles had a stellar first half, rushing for over 80 yards and a touchdown. Quietly, this has been Baltimore's worst rushing defense since 1996, giving up 3.9 yards per carry. The Steelers will pound the ball with workhorse Rashard Mendenhall, giving opportunities to the speedy receiver Mike Wallace on the

outside.

The bye week gives the Steelers a chance to rest star safety Troy Polamalu. Over the last two seasons the Steelers are 14-4 with him and 5-7 without — he is a stud. And I have a gut feeling Joe Flacco can't win a big playoff game. Steelers get the nod.

## Steelers 16, Ravens 10

## Saturday at 8:00 p.m. - Green Bay Packers at Atlanta Falcons

This is a tough game. The Falcons don't do anything flashy or spectacular, but they are efficient and well-coached. The Falcons were the least penalized club in the NFL and had the third best turnover ratio. That being said, the Packers and quarterback Aaron Rodgers are red hot. If the NFL ended today, the best quarterback rating of all time would belong to Aaron Rodgers — he is that good.

The Packers cornerbacks will be enough to slow down receiver Roddy White and tight end Tony Gonzalez. Matt Ryan is having nightmares of Clay Matthews. Packers win this game in a dogfight.

## Packers 20, Falcons 17

## Sunday at 1:00 p.m. - Seattle Seahawks at Chicago Bears

Wouldn't it be crazy if the Seahawks pulled this off? Knock off the Super Bowl champions then go into Chicago and end their season. The reality is the Seahawks are 2-6 on the road, but, one of those road wins came in week 6 at Chicago in a 23-20 win. Cutler could throw a couple picks,

Hester could be contained and Lynch could be in "beast mode" once again.

It just can't happen two weeks in a row though. The Bears' defense causes turnovers, and when the Bears are rolling they really are a special football team. In Chicago they won't lose to the Seahawks who, despite winning last week, still are a sub .500 football team.

## Chicago 30, Seahawks 20

## Sunday at 4:30 p.m. - New York Jets at New England Patriots

Rex Ryan has pegged this game as Rex vs. Belichick. A bold move after the 45-3 beat down the Patriots gave the Jets last time they visited Foxborough. Ryan plays mind games with the media, but calling out Belichick, the best coach in the league, seems like a bad idea. Ryan said Peyton Manning works harder than Tom Brady.

Yes, Ryan beat Manning the week before, but the Colts are missing half their time due to injuries. Brady is playing '07 good and maybe better considering the supporting cast around him. Two rookie tight ends, No. 1 receiver nine months removed from knee surgery, a scat back cut by the Jets at the beginning of the year and a return of Deion Branch equals 36 touchdowns and a historically low four interceptions. The Patriots are silly good right now. It looks like Rex will get back to rubbing feet instead of watching film a few weeks earlier than planned.

## Patriots 28, Jets 17

week two 28-14 in a game they controlled the entire time.

The Patriots responded by pounding the Jets 45-3 in their second meeting on Monday Night Football. Sunday is the decisive match in this three game series.

For both teams, it's the biggest game of the year. Sunday at 4:30 p.m., the manner in which each team chooses its words will be inconsequential.

# Coach's Corner with Tim Whitehead

What happened in the Merrimack game?



Whitehead

Hard to say. We had a good week of practice and got off to a good start with a real nice highlight reel power play goal, and perhaps that dis-

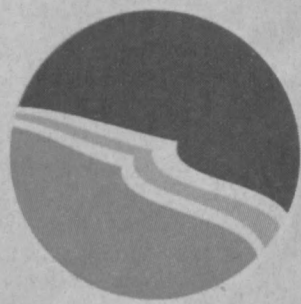
armed us a bit. We thought it was going to come easy, and it was not. Merrimack played very hard and got a lucky bounce on their first goal but earned the rest of the bounces they got the rest of the game. This was the year they were building for, and like ourselves, they only have one loss at home this year. Unfortunately, they took it to us in pretty much every area of the game and we paid for it with a 7-1 result.

What is the reason for the inconsistency?

Since Will O'Neill and Jeff Dimmen got injured we've gone pretty much 1-1 every weekend. Now that they're back and some other guys are injured, perhaps we've struggled playing without some key guys in the lineup — I don't know. It's hard to say exactly what it is. There's lots of issues obviously. If it was one thing, I could tell you, but there's several issues. We'd like to develop more depth and get some quality minutes for our freshmen and sophomores. We're learning how to deal with missing some key players and we're going to have to adapt.

How important are the two games this weekend?

They're always big. Games are big at any point in the year — we've learned that. Certainly there needs to be urgency this weekend. Although we're not halfway through the Hockey East season yet, the players certainly sense the urgency of these games following our loss at Merrimack.



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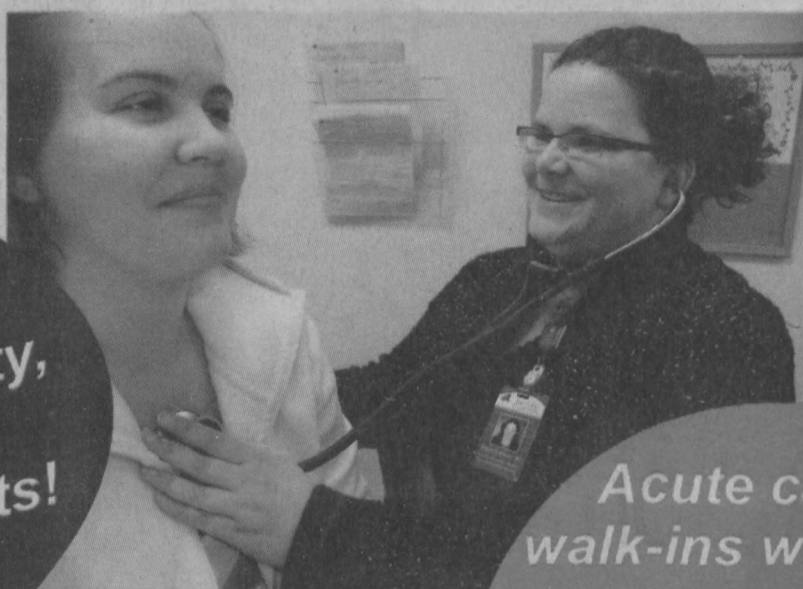


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**Success in the NFL starts with consistency at the top**

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## SCOREBOARD

Celtics (Sat.)	79	90	Bulls
Jets (Sat.)	17	16	Colts
Seahawks (Sat.)	41	36	Saints
Men's hockey (Sat.)	1	7	Merrimack
Men's basketball (Sat.)	82	67	UMBC
Women's hockey (Sat.)	1	6	Boston College

Women's basketball (Sun.)	60	57	UMBC
Ravens (Sun.)	30	7	Chiefs
Packers (Sun.)	21	16	Eagles
Celtics (Mon.)	102	108	Rockets
Auburn (Mon.)	22	19	Oregon
Men's basketball (Wed.)	66	64	Albany

## COLUMN

**Grudge matches headline NFL divisional round**

B5



## UMaine face vital weekend challenge

After a crushing 7-1 loss at Merrimack, the Black Bears need to rebound against HEC rivals



Junior defender Ryan Hegarty and the Black Bears will face Providence College and Boston College this weekend.

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

We last left the University of Maine men's hockey team on an up-and-down slide.

After a heartbreaking overtime loss to the University of New Hampshire, the Black Bears regained composure with a 4-1 victory over the University of Massachusetts.

While we were all counting down the days to the new year, the Black Bears maintained their inconsistent stretch, falling to Miami University 4-1, and then beating Cornell University the next night in overtime.

"The long layover and the long break kind of played a big part in the way we came out," junior defenseman Will O'Neill said. "They came out with a lot of jam — we didn't."

"We played a lot better against Cornell," O'Neill said. "We made some better plays, we got fortunate scoring some goals and we got a big effort from Matt Mangene to get the overtime goal."

O'Neill's performance in his first two games back from an extended leg injury earned him Hockey East Conference defensive player of the week.

2011 brought along more problems, as the first game of the new year was a 7-1 blowout loss to HEC foe Merrimack College.

"I don't really know what to say about that one," O'Neill said.

The loss dropped the Black Bears to 9-6-4 and 6-4-2 in HEC play. The Black Bears also fell out of the top 10 for the first time since the third week of this season, and currently sit at 13.

Senior defender Josh Van Dyk had a little more input about the one-sided loss.

"We came out and had a slow start, other than scoring early, the period as a whole was slow," Van Dyk said. "We came out in the second — I thought we were looking good — we just couldn't capitalize on our chances. The third period turnovers killed us and they capitalized. We're going to put some closure on it."

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## Liverpool have found their "King"

### Column

Liverpool FC ushered in the new year with a gift fit for a king. "King" Kenny Dalglish has returned to the helm of the Premier League club where he played and managed during the 80's to the delight of long-time fans. His arrival comes at the expense of Roy Hodgson, who replaced Rafael Benitez seven months ago as manager and agreed to leave Liverpool on Jan. 8 by mutual consent with the ownership.

Currently, the "King's" — a name he picked up for the eight Premier League titles Dalglish won as a player and manager — job is only on an interim basis and he will leave at the end of the year. The inevitability of his return to retirement won't sedate ardent Liverpool fans though, who will be closely monitoring the Reds legend throughout the season, hoping the Scotsman, as arguably the club's greatest player of all time, can return to the glory he achieved during his career.

Liverpool, however, have fallen considerably since his hey-day. To the increasing dismay of supporters the club currently sits in 12th place nestled between fellow Merseysiders Everton and newly promoted Blackpool.

The club has struggled to adapt to the tactics employed by Hodgson who disregarded the deadly Torres-Gerrard duo, instead positioning the Red's captain out on the right and substituting his electrifying presence up front for the lackluster talents of Ryan Babel, Maxi Rodriguez and David Ngog. Compounding the problems for Dalglish are the string of losses to the likes of Wolverhampton and Blackburn, shaking the confidence of the club and fans alike.

Liverpool supporters will wonder how they got into such a mess and whether Dalglish will bring their old glory back. Once darlings of Europe, the Merseysiders haven't won the league since the 1989-90 season — the last time Dalglish made an appearance for the club. Since that time the club

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## Black Bears on a tear

Winners of 7 of their last 9 hot as they enter conference play

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

After starting the season 2-5 that included a three-game losing streak, the University of Maine men's basketball team seems to have turned things around, going 7-2 in their nine games to push them above .500.

After a 19-point loss to Delaware State University on Dec. 6, the Black Bears won four in a row, including a victory in "The Pit" in the Memorial Gym over Norfolk State and a win at Penn State. The Black Bears' last two losses came by a total of five points — quite a difference from earlier in the season when each loss was by eight points or more.

The Black Bears continued their hot streak Wednesday night at the University of Albany, winning in the final minute 66-64.

Junior forward Gerald McLemore led the Black Bears with 19 points, and senior forward Troy Barnies chimed in with 18 of his own.

Two key players have stepped up considerably during this stretch.

Barnies' play has led him to back-to-back American East Player of the Week awards. He currently leads the Black Bears in points per game at 12.9 and rebounds at 7.3 per game, and is tied for first in steals per game with an average of one theft per contest.

In addition to Barnies' stellar play has been that of senior guard Terrance Mitchell. Mitchell had a great game in The Pit, coming off the bench and leading the team with 22 points, including 10 in a

It wasn't difficult to adjust, just now I have to be full of energy with the starting lineup."

When asked what changed for Mitchell, the Black Bears' second leading scorer credited assistant coach Ed Kohtala.

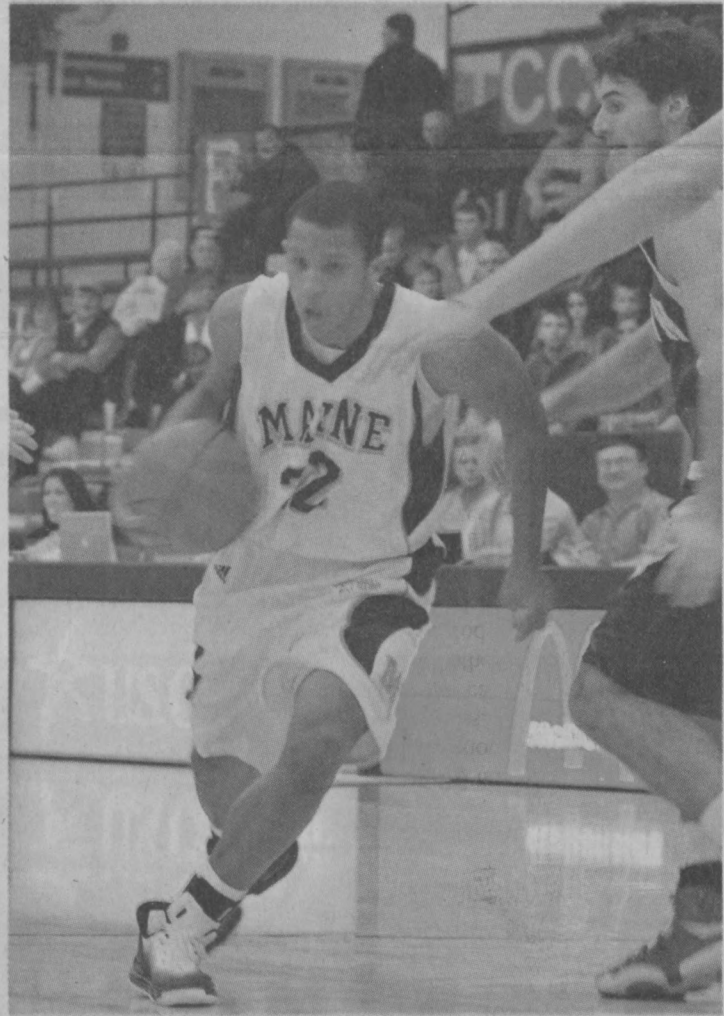
"Coach Kohtala just encouraged me to play my hardest," Mitchell said. "Just that relationship and hearing him say that, and telling me when I'm having a good practice and not afraid to get on me when I'm having a bad practice. That means a lot to me."

Although Mitchell and his abundance of energy have moved to the starting five, don't expect a toned-down performance from the senior guard.

"I'm full go," Mitchell said. "I know if I'm tired and I need a sub that Malachi [Peay] or Murphy [Burnatowski] will come in and play excellent."

Mitchell, once again crediting his teammates for the Black Bears' recent success, pointed to the post play as the reason for the

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Junior guard Gerald McLemore led the Black Bears in their victory over the University of Albany with 19 points including 5-7 from three.

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## War of the words fuels AFC East duel

### Column

The third meeting of the season between the New York Jets and New England Patriots will take place in Foxborough, Mass. in the divisional round of the NFL playoffs this Sunday.

By Lucas Thomas

As expected, Jets head coach Rex Ryan has been busy making game plans, watching film, organizing team activities — and talking about his opponent — and nobody likes to talk as much as Rex does. It began almost immediately after the game when Ryan commented on Brady's whereabouts during the Patriots' bye week. While the Jets were in Indianapolis playing the Colts, Brady was on Broadway watching "Lombardi" with his supermodel wife, prompting Ryan to say, "Peyton would have been watching us."

Ryan has a habit of likening Brady to Peyton Manning. While preparing for the Colts, he said "there's nobody like this guy in the league. Nobody studies like him. I know Brady thinks he does."

Quotes from Ryan can fill this entire page, from the blatant to the implied — "I recognize this week, this is about Bill Belichick vs. Rex Ryan. There's no question about it. It's personal." For those counting at home, this is the second consecutive week the Jets will play a playoff game, which their head coach has dubbed "personal." A lot of fighting words are flowing out of East Rutherford, N.J.

It has been said that Ryan's over-the-top, sometimes exaggerated quotes are a ploy to alleviate the pressure from his players during the week. By shouldering the load, his players can focus on X's and O's. It's effective in that sense no doubt, but at the same time it paints a massive bull's-eye on his players' backs.

Perhaps no team this season

has been as scrutinized, dissected, talked about and hated as the New York Jets. They have assumed the personality of their head coach — unwavering confidence that can be perceived by those reading the press clippings as arrogant. When the full transcript of his press conferences are read it is clear that Ryan is a man who believes his team can win, but despite his headlining quotations he understands the quality of his opponent — never shy to acknowledge superiority to both himself and his team when necessary.

His secessions, amid all of his self-promoting, lends him credibility and allows for his words to remain in context. He has mastered an art with the media few NFL coaches can duplicate.

On the other side, the Patriots are saying all of the right things. This week Belichick has praised the Jets secondary and their quarterback, while refusing to match the eccentrics of his counterpart.

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