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Winter towing uncommon occurrence

Seasonal parking bans cause little trouble for residents but vehicle recovery can be lengthy ordeal

By Jamison Cocklin
Staff Reporter

Winter can be a drag, especially for those unsuspecting motorists who find themselves in a jam.

The kind of jam when you just happen to park your car on a snowy side street, only to return sometime later and find that your car is no longer there — because it has been towed.

The problem, according to local officials, is not a pervasive one, but if a car falls prey to the rear end of a tow truck, it can be a lengthy process to get it back.

Though one might expect the amount of ticketing and impounding to increase in the winter — as a result of all the snow removal and parking bans in effect — what little evidence available proves otherwise.

“You’d be surprised how little we have to call in a tow truck,” said Dana Wardwell, director of the city of Bangor’s Public Works Department. “I think everybody understands that Maine is a snowy state, and they want the roadways clear — and because of this simple fact, the residents seem to abide by our parking bans very well.”

State law allows cities and towns across Maine to make their own rules for dealing with parking and snow removal. Businesses also have a right to have unauthorized vehicles towed from their property.

In Maine, wintertime parking bans and the rules behind them differ with each municipality, but only slightly.

For instance, in Bangor there is a parking ban in effect from Nov. 1 through March 31. Throughout the entire city, with the exception of the downtown area, on-street parking is prohibited from midnight to 6 a.m. in order to clear snow and keep traffic flowing. In the downtown area, bans are posted on a per-storm basis.

At the University of Maine, there is an overnight parking ban in effect from Nov. 1 thru May 1 for commuter and staff



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In preparation for the snow removal at the York and Aroostook lots, two trucks and parking services remove vehicles that were not moved by 5 p.m. Thursday night.

lots, which also runs from midnight to 6 a.m. The purpose, parking enforcement states on its website, is also for any necessary snow removal.

It has long been known that the costs associated with violating UMaine’s parking rules can be steep, with violations running up a bill of anywhere from \$10 to \$100 depending on the circumstance.

The university, much like municipalities, also reserves the right to tow any vehicle in violation of its parking policies.

A tow at UMaine, according to parking enforcement, will mean the costs associated with the tow itself, storage of the vehicle

and any other fees or fines the violator has accrued.

At least students, faculty and visitors know where to look if their car goes missing.

In a city, the story can be different — just ask Bangor resident Stuart Davis.

Davis woke up one December morning to find his car — which he had comfortably parked on a side street near his downtown Bangor apartment — missing.

“I thought to myself, ‘Oh, this is great, my car’s gone and there’s an enormous snowstorm taking place,’” he said. “I really didn’t know who to call.”

Davis, a Massachusetts native, added he moved to the area

in 2009 in order to attend Husson College.

He said his next move was to call the Department of Motor Vehicles, as he saw no signs posted in downtown Bangor informing him of who to call in the event his car was towed.

The DMV told Davis to call his local police department. Davis was on the phone for more than three hours. After speaking with the town office, the public works department and the police he was able to get an answer on his vehicle from Bangor’s parking enforcement division.

“It took me the entire day to get my car back and I think it cost me more than \$120,” Davis

said. “The bottom line is — pay attention to where you’re parking.”

Officials in both Bangor and Orono said a tow could cost in excess of \$65 in addition to the cost of the violation.

Wardwell said parking bans are a bit more complicated in Bangor than a town like Orono. He said Bangor has more roads and the downtown area is also much larger. He did not have exact figures on the amount of cars the city has towed this year as a result of all the snow, but he said as far as he knew, it was minimal.

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LePage proposes budget

Suggests holding line on higher ed

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

AUGUSTA — Gov. Paul LePage’s proposed biennial budget holds the line on higher education funding and will add \$63 million to K-12 education over the 2012-13 fiscal years.

The Republican governor outlined the details of his proposed \$6.1 billion budget Thursday in front of a joint session of the Maine Legislature. This budget is \$300 million higher than the current budget, proposed in 2009 by then-Gov. John Baldacci.

“I am pleased and thankful that the governor’s budget preserves public higher education at current levels,” University of Maine President Robert Kennedy wrote in an e-mail Sunday. “Considering the ongoing financial challenges in Maine, this proposal reflects an appreciation for the value of public investment in UMaine and the state’s other public universities.”

The proposal must recruit bipartisan support, as any approved supplemental budget requires a two-thirds majority vote from the Maine Senate and House of Representatives.

Baldacci’s 2009 budget proposal included a 2.4 percent reduction in higher education spending after the University of Maine lost approximately \$11.8 million due to state curtailments in November 2008.

“Our community colleges and universities have to remain affordable options for our high school graduates and for adults who need to upgrade their skills to remain competitive in a changing job market,” LePage said in his address. “We are working on reforms that make the student the most important person in the classroom.”

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Jay Preston • Staff Photographer

On Saturday, Greek Life held the annual Polar Bear Dip to benefit the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club. Forrest Dantzler, a fourth-year elementary education student from Iota Nu Kappa, exited the ice bath as quickly as he entered.

Civil rights groups decry bill giving feds emergency control of Internet

By Rob Stigile
News Editor

A bill seeking to give the president power to regulate the Internet in the face of an impending or ongoing cyber attack against the United States has several civil liberties and free speech groups up in arms over perceived issues with transparency and the scope of power given to the executive branch.

The Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act, sponsored by Sen. Joe Lieberman (ID-Conn.), Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), aims to update current presidential powers to control the country’s wire and radio communications infrastructure during a national crisis in the 21st century.

A fact sheet released jointly by Lieberman and Collins, who both sit on the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, states that “Rather than granting a ‘kill switch,’ [the bill] would make it far less likely for a President to use the broad authority he already has in current law to take

over communications networks.”

Those powers, as defined by Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934, currently allow the president to “cause the closing of any facility or station for wire communication” and “authorize the use of control of any such facility or station” if it is deemed “a state or threat of war” exists.

The president is not required to give Congress notice of the actions, which may be carried for a full six months after the end of the emergency situation.

In June 2010, the Department of Homeland Security testified before the committee, saying Section 706 would be one of the powers used by the president in the face of an imminent cyber attack.

One provision that has stirred rights groups to action is the belief the bill would give the president unchecked power to control communications. Under the proposed legislation, the president would only be able to implement restrictive powers in the face of an “ongoing or imminent” attack that would cause “national or regional cata-

strophic effects” for up to 120 days, after which time Congress would have to approve an extension.

However, a letter signed by 24 watchdog groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the United States Bill of Rights Foundation, charges that “the government can compel companies that own or operate critical infrastructure systems” to take emergency action “for 30-day periods that may be renewed indefinitely.”

Additionally, the fact sheet states the bill would only give the president control over “those systems and assets that are most critical to our telecommunications networks, electric grid, financial system, and other components of critical infrastructure.”

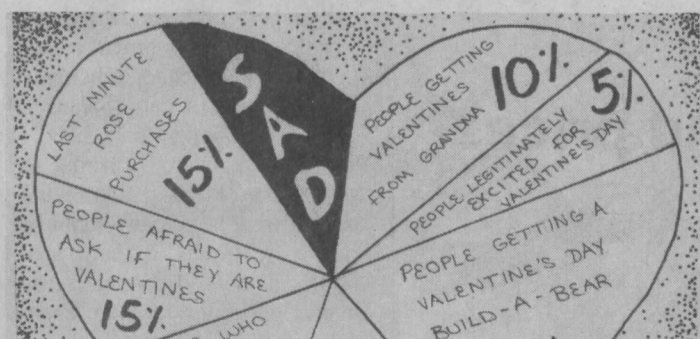
Despite the senators’ claims of reigning in already expansive federal power, the bill has met strong opposition from free speech advocates and organizations devoted to protecting civil liberties.

In the letter, the bill’s sponsors are

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New snow dump site created after EPA ruling

Sanctions force university to abandon longtime disposal area; snow piled in mountain on outskirts of J.F. Witter Farm

By Beth Kevit
Asst. News Editor

Behind the cow barn and storage sheds at J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Center rises a snow cliff.

A Caterpillar bulldozer has carved deep, icy furrows in the surplus of salted snow carted there from every paved surface of the University of Maine campus and sits waiting for more to be delivered. Snow shoved to the edge of the cliff will tumble more than 20 feet to meet the few inches of orange plastic safety fence erected around the dumpsite's perimeter that are still visible above snowdrifts.

One more snowstorm could bury that marker, which delineates the only space where the university is now permitted to dump snow.

According to a snow tally kept by Facilities Management, the university has already seen 90.6 inches — almost 8 feet — of snow since Nov. 1, 2010. Total snow accumulation for the 2009-2010 snow season only reached 77.5 inches.

Six miles of paved roads, approximately 6,900 parking spots and many miles of paved sidewalks need to be cleared of snow after every storm. In past years, Facilities Management had its plow crews dump snow near the Material Recovery Facility behind the Littlefield Ornamental Trials Garden.

The university received citations last September from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency ordering the cessation of dumping snow at that site, which the EPA considers a wetland. Snow, sand and detritus swept up during plowing was upsetting the natural balance of the wetland, in violation of the Clean Water Act.

According to Mark Mahoney, a wetlands inspector for the EPA, UMaine did not apply for permits to use the snow dumpsite by the MRF or to fill other wetlands across campus between 1984 and 2009.

"The practice of dumping snow in wetlands used to happen everywhere," Mahoney told The Maine Campus in October 2010.

Elaine Clark, executive director of facilities, real estate and planning for Facilities Management, said the university has responded to the EPA and Maine Department of Environmental Protection's concerns by moving the location of the snow dump and planning wetland restoration or mitigation at three on-campus sites.

"We sought a new location for snow removal from the Department of Environmental Protection, and they allowed us to create a site at the Witter Farm, so that's where the snow is being trucked to," she said.

Clark said the university has seen more snow by the end of January 2011 than it did all of last



Beth Kevit • Asst. News Editor

This bulldozer is responsible for pushing the dumped snow from snow trucks and to flatten the top of the snow mound.

year, adding the increase in inches has plow crews scrambling to keep campus roads clear.

"We've had some real problems this year with vast amounts of snow and inability to get cars moved," she said. "As of last week, we had 34 more inches than

the previous year as of the date, so we've had a lot of snow."

The previous snow dumpsite will be restored to its natural state as a wetland, which will require extensive effort.

Another restoration site has been identified at the Witter Farm, "located at the east end of University Farm Road and to the east of the horse paddocks," according to a summary of the remediation agreement reached between Facilities Management and the EPA. A third site, "the proposed Compensatory Mitigation site, located along University Farm Road to the west of the paved bike path," was also identified.

According to the summary, the restoration of the wetlands will compensate for approximately

"4.73 acres of unauthorized wetland alterations that occurred between 1984 and March 2009."

Clark said the new dumpsite was created by "spinning off the problem with the snow dump at the MRF."

Despite the extra mileage to truck snow to the Witter Farm, Clark said this year's costs for snow removal are lower than last year.

"For a while last year, the university had to hire a private contractor to remove snow completely off-site, off university land, which was extremely expensive," she said. "Luckily, the DEP helped us to permit a site at the Witter Farm that does not interfere with any wetlands or habitats or natural systems, so

we worked something out fairly close by."

With snow totals rising steadily and weeks of winter left, Clark expects that pile to grow.

"We've just been having a tough time keeping up with the snow," she said. "The Steam Plant lot is a mess with snow everywhere, and it's because the incessant snow has not allowed sufficient time to clear the lot of vehicles so the major snow removal equipment can go in and scrape up the snow that's been landing between the cars."

When asked if a limit existed for the amount of snow that could be dumped there, Clark responded, "Apparently not."

"I think we're OK," she said. "We just keep bringing it up."

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Center to tackle job inequalities

Speaker: Gender roles, grad rates skewed against females

By Matthew Soucy
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine Rising Tide Center started work Friday in hopes that it will address issues that limit on-campus opportunities for female faculty members.

UMaine recently received a \$3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation to fund

the research-based work conducted by the Rising Tide Center. The center aims to enhance diversity and pathways to success in the fields of science, engineering, mathematics, technology and social-behavioral sciences.

The first public event held by the Rising Tide Center in a series of lectures, workshops and meetings with departments around campus was held in Minsky Recital Hall Friday afternoon.

Guest speaker Virginia Valian, a language development professor at Hunter College in Manhattan, presented her lecture, "Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women."

Valian explained that female faculty members do not advance within the workplace at the same rate as their male counterparts, nor do women earn a paycheck equal to that of men.

"There remains a persistent problem," she said. "Advancement is still slower for women than it is for men."

Valian said even though progress has been made over the years, women are still promoted more slowly and receive progressively less than men throughout their careers.

"Women are underpaid and under-promoted across the professions," she said.

She joked the exception in which women make an equal salary is if they are a soprano singer in a metropolitan opera.

"In every other field, indeed, women are at a disadvantage to men," Valian said, chuckling.

Valian attributes this to many reasons, including a smaller percentage of women graduating compared to men, a lack of childcare facilities and gender roles within our culture. She said the biggest problem facing the advancement of women comes mainly from "gender schemas," a hypothesis of what it means to be male or female.

Valian compared schemas to stereotypes of what a man should be and what a woman should be within a culture. Society uses these schemas to help make sense of the world around them every day, consciously or not.

"We think of men as capable of independent action, as oriented

to the task at hand, and as doing things for a reason," Valian said. "In contrast, we think of women as nurturant, communal and expressive of their feelings."

Valian said there are not more women in prominent positions because these schemas alter perceptions and evaluations of men and women.

"This causes us, to a slight degree, to overrate men and underrate women," she said.

While most people would like to think they view their male or female counterparts as equals, Valian added that no one, herself included, is exempt from the perceptions created by these schemas.

Valian also pointed out that gender schemas, especially in male-dominated fields, help society decide who looks right for the job and influence the decision of who gets the job regardless of résumés. She said even in the field of nursing, which is stereotypically a female-dominated field, male workers generally earn more than their female counterparts.

"In many of the small ways, everyday men and women alike are giving men more acknowledgment, more recognition, have greater expectations for performance than is the case for women," Valian said. "Men are profiting from it as well."

She said that along with these societal gender roles, supervisors tend to make it harder for people who do not fall in line with gender stereotypes to succeed in certain fields.

"All of us seem to want men and women to behave in ways that are compatible with gender schemas," Valian said. "And if it is in our power and we can go undetected, we are willing to punish people who do not obey these gender roles."

She summarized by saying many of the examples she discussed are individually small issues and may seem easy to simply dismiss as "making a mountain out of a molehill."

Valian countered this attitude by saying these small issues accumulate and that "mountains are

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New outlook breath of fresh air for Winter Carnival

New, ambitious activities diversify former Greek Life tradition, but goings-on somewhat undermined by lack of turnout.

By Jennifer Vincent
Features Editor

Winter Carnival has, in the past, been exclusively a Greek Life tradition at the University of Maine but, with a slew of new events and attractions, this year's carnival offered something for the entire campus and community.

From Feb. 4-12, the mall was transformed with an ice rink and heated tent, offering free skating during the afternoons and events like cross country skiing, a snowshoe demonstration and intramural broomball. These additions complemented the usual Greek competitions like the talent show and Winter Olympics, as well as Beta Theta Pi fraternity's Sleep Out for Rape Response Services.

EJ Roach, Director of Campus Activities and Student Engagement, has been the driving force behind the creation of a new Winter Carnival.

"We were able to bring more student groups together to plan events. In the past, it was Greek Life that did their traditional events," Roach said. "We wanted to have a more campus-wide impact and that's why we involved Student Entertainment, Student Government and Residents on Campus. A lot of the hall governing boards [were] participating and volunteering with the events."

UMaine departments and staff also played a part in making Winter Carnival possible. Campus Activities and Student Engagement and Student Affairs were responsible for coordinating and planning, while Facilities Management was instrumental in preparing the mall and other locations for carnival activities. Maine Bound Adventure Center offered several Quinzee-building demonstrations,

while Athletics offered the use of the football stadium for fireworks.

"It's kind of a campus-wide approach and collaborative effort, which feels really good," Roach said. "I think that in the past it was, like, 'Oh, that's exciting for that group, but how do I get involved?'"

This season's especially wintry weather offered new possibilities for enjoying UMaine's outdoor spaces.

"It made it much easier with the amount of snow we had, the temperatures and the ability to make ice and the hills for sledding and cross-country ski trails," Roach said.

In some cases, the frequent and heavy snow worked against Roach's carnival plans.

"Things related to the ice rink, earlier in the week, have been pushed back due to the snow we got last Saturday night and again on Tuesday,"

"The fireworks and hockey game were great... I hope next year gets a lot more attention, advertising and most of all, people."

Samantha Laverdière
Second-year biology student

Roach said. "With the time it takes to clear the rink and put down a little more water, everything was pushed back a bit."

Roach's solution is to extend use of the ice rink for another week to two weeks, depending on weather, to allow Campus Recreation to conduct their postponed broomball tournament games.

"We want students to take advantage of the time and effort it took to put it together," Roach said.

The week long Winter Carnival culminated in all-day activities and live music on Feb. 12. The annual Greek Polar Bear Dip, an Orono's Best Pizza competition, sledding and

a Snowball Dance in the Memorial Union kept students and staff busy from morning until night.

"Our vision was to look up and down the mall and see people doing a lot of different things, having a lot of fun, enjoying Maine winter — which is hard to do if there are not things outside to do," Roach said. "We're trying to create a sense of Maine on the mall."

Attendees picked up free T-shirts from Residents on Campus (ROC) and enjoyed fried dough, hot chocolate and cotton candy. Music from local bands Capture the Sun, Come Back Pluto, The Blast Attics, The Running Gags and Restless Groove contributed to the festive atmosphere.

ROC Vice President of Programming and third-year business management student Tucker Adams expressed pride in the organization's role in Winter Carnival.

"We really wanted to put ourselves on the map for being able to host events on campus that are truly meaningful to kids," Adams said. "I'm personally excited about all of the bands. That's really our role is that we did the food, the music and we've brought in every single [community governing board] to handle a different aspect of the day."

Perhaps the most anticipated event on Saturday was the attempt to set a world record for the most snowmen built in an hour. Roach said the idea of breaking a Guinness World Record originated at a staff meeting in November.

"We were talking about Winter Carnival and said, 'Hey, I wonder if there's a record for the most snowmen built in one day?'" Roach said.

CASE staff submit-

ted a claim to build 2,011 snowmen in one day, but Guinness World Records suggested UMaine attempt the record for snowmen built in 1 hour.

"They created a new category. It's an attempt that hasn't been made before, to the best of our knowledge," Roach said.

Prior to the carnival day, Roach was optimistic that, with proper documentation, the university will hold the title for the most snowmen constructed in an hour.

"Whatever we build will set the bar for the world record," Roach said.



However, Saturday's record attempt turned out to be largely unsuccessful, with students reporting no participation in the event. A final snowman count was unavailable.

Samantha Laverdière, a second-year biology student, attended many of the carnival events on Saturday and was disappointed by the student

turnout. "There seemed to be a lot less people than the expected 2,000. There were advertisements around campus for specific events, but not so much on FirstClass and Facebook, which I find to be key advertising places," she said. "I enjoyed the free T-shirts, pizza and ice skating but even by 1 p.m., there was not really anyone around."

In spite of dashed expectations, Laverdière found something to enjoy at Winter Carnival.

"The fireworks and hockey game were great, and part of my favorite non-Greek events that happened the whole week,"

Laverdière said. "I hope next year gets a lot more attention, advertising and, most of all, people."

Roach's vision for Winter Carnival did not interfere with existing Greek traditions for the week.

"At first the idea wasn't to include the Greeks, but after talking with [the Intrafraternity Council] and [Panhellenic Council], it really made sense and worked great with Beta's Sleep Out and the talent show," Adams said.

Kate McLaughlin, a fourth-year nursing student and member of Alpha Omicron Pi, said the carnival atmosphere improved the Greek Polar Bear Dip.

"I am glad we could all come together as a Greek community to support the Penobscot Nation's Boys and Girls Club and I think a great addition to this year's dip was the heated tent," McLaughlin said.

Roach has high hopes to make the campus-wide Winter Carnival an annual UMaine tradition.

"We're excited and our plan is to try and offer something like this every winter," Roach said. "Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate."



Jay Preston • Staff Photographer
Students participated in various activities to celebrate Winter Carnival, including cross country skiing, ice skating and sledding.

Laboratory receives jet engine to further research

Air National Guard loans relic to test heat-resistant sensors

By Chris Chase
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine researchers at the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology have taken another step closer to creating a groundbreaking sensor design, thanks to a jet engine loaned to them by the Air National Guard.

The engine, a 50-year-old model stored at the Maine Air National Guard base in Bangor, is being used to test a new type of wireless sensor that could revolutionize the way technicians build and maintain a variety of turbines.

Designed to withstand temperatures up to at least 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, the tiny sensor can measure a large range of information, from temperature and pressure to vibrations and strains being experienced by critical engine components.

According to Mauricio Pereira da Cunha, the researcher and UMaine professor of electrical engineering heading the 10-year project, this new sensor will be an invaluable tool that could save companies billions

of dollars in maintenance and fuel costs.

"It's eyebrow-raising," da Cunha said. "Nobody has ever done this."

Currently, jet engines must go under regular "health monitoring," which involves time-consuming disassembly of the incredibly complex systems. With the new sensor, technicians would be able to remotely monitor the health of an engine, reducing the need for the costly disassembly.

"It is unnecessary to do that maintenance," da Cunha said. Jet engine parts must be replaced even if the chance for failure is less than a fraction of 1 percent.

He said if there is a one in a million chance of the part failing, it must be replaced due to the danger of having something go wrong in flight. With this new sensor, it will be possible to better predict when a part will fail, even mid-flight. This will allow companies to disassemble and replace parts less frequently and will improve the safety of engines.

Including the benefits to

safety and maintenance, the new sensor will also improve the fuel economy of engines. It will be able to detect the amounts of gaseous materials in the air, allowing for an improved fuel mixture and creating more complete combustion. This means the engine will use less fuel and produce fewer pollutants.

The sensor, which is smaller than a penny, can survive in the harshest of environments. Preliminary tests involved using a propane torch to heat the sensor to a glowing 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit before rapidly cooling it with nitrogen — a process that would destroy most materials.

This sort of performance has garnered the interest of numerous corporations and several branches of the United States military, leading to grants from the Air Force and other agencies.

The sensor works by measuring the vibrations in embedded crystals. Solid objects vibrate at certain frequencies, and the sensor uses this to measure a

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Tow Trucks from A1

istance calls have gone up this year in comparison to last year, as well as a spike in business for the tow truck industry, but they said the numbers are not associated with services for municipalities.

According to a report by The New York Times, in larger cities like New York and Chicago, residents have actually saved millions of dollars in parking tickets and impounding fees, as city officials have been more forgiving of the fact that it can be difficult to move vehicles with

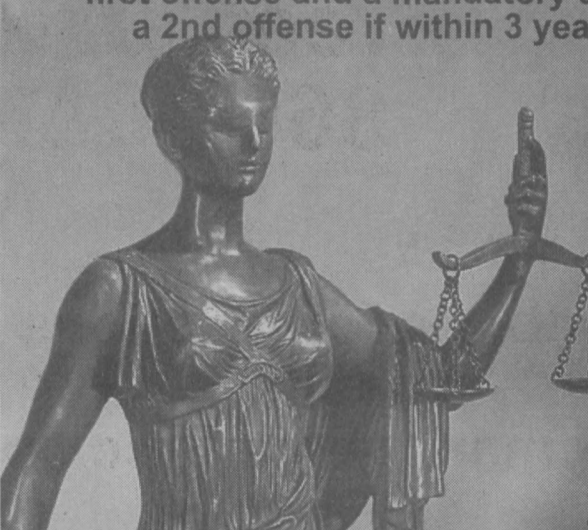
the amount of snow covering the roads and sidewalks.

"In Maine, you just have to expect the fact there's going to be a lot of snow, and cities like Bangor have the right to do whatever it takes to keep the public safe and the roads clear — even if it means towing vehicles," Wardwell said.

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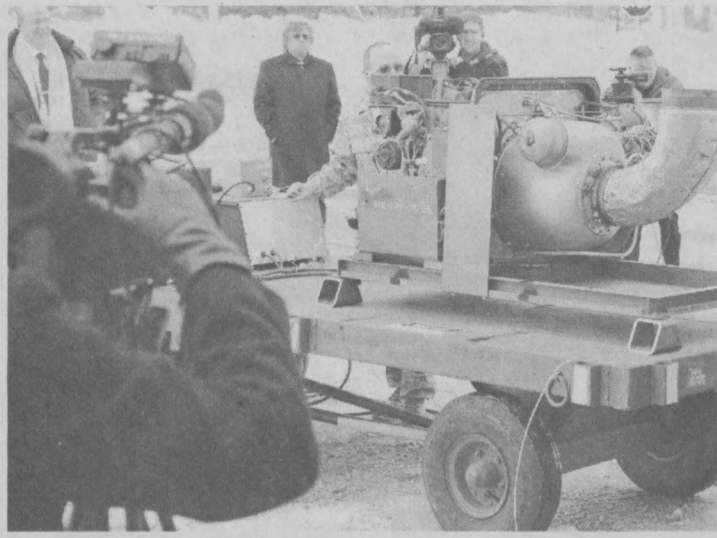
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range of data. "It is analogous of throwing a stone in a lake," da Cunha said.

The sensor's research has produced a spin-off company called Environetix, created to ensure the intellectual property rights of the new technology would stay in Maine. The company employs recent UMaine graduates and, if interest in the sensor grows as hoped, so will the company — a prospect everyone working on the project is looking forward to.

"I think everyone working on this is excited," da Cunha said.



Courtesy photo

The University of Maine's interdisciplinary Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology has gained access to a jet engine that they will be experimenting with at the Maine Air National Guard base in Bangor.

Gender from A2

molehills piled one on top of the other."

She added big gains come from accumulating small gains over time. Without making small steps toward advancement, a big step cannot be taken.

"We are not going to eliminate gender schemas anytime soon," Valian said. "And simply knowing about them does not eliminate them."

Valian proposed policy, procedure and education involved in the advancement of women in the workplace are necessary. Faculty need to take a look within their organization and see if there are women who have been unfairly

held back.

"We can all pick at least one thing we can do," she said. "You will find that once you start looking for examples, there are many such places where you can intervene."

Valian was busy during her visit at the UMaine campus. The day started with a breakfast in Stodder Hall that allowed her to raise awareness of the issues facing women's advancement with the senior leadership of the campus.

"Professor Valian is here now specifically because [Valian's lecture] is really the launching of the initiative in this [NFS grant to the Rising Tide Center] program," said Provost Susan Hunter. "She is an expert in this field."

Valian followed the breakfast

conference by hosting meetings with the chairs of each department and then another conference with peer committees on campus.

In the conferences, she talked about many of the points she raised in her public lecture and added ways faculty can look at the policies that are in place at UMaine and evaluate the effectiveness of these policies in order to advance female members of the campus as equals to their male counterparts.

"You have to talk about it and look back and say what have we been doing that unconsciously accumulated an advantage," Hunter said. "You don't turn on a dime. It is a process and it takes years to accomplish, but it is certainly worth doing."

Internet from A1

called on to reexamine the legislation and make amendments that would better define its limits and help head off unintended abuses of executive powers that could result from its implementation.

"Changes are needed to ensure that cybersecurity measures do not unnecessarily infringe on free speech, privacy, and other civil liberties," the letter states.

Specifically, the letter finds problems with the definition of "covered critical infrastructure" operators, those communications entities the president would be authorized to take control of. The worry is the loose definition of what exactly is constituted as a CCI could lead to restrictions on free speech by limiting sectors of the Internet not crucial to protecting critical national infrastructure.

An aide to the Homeland Security Committee is quoted in a story appearing in technology magazine Wired ("Internet 'kill switch' legislation back in play," Jan. 28, 2011) describing "the

system that controls the floodgates to the Hoover dam" as one example of an area covered by the proposed legislation.

In order to truly protect the nation's infrastructure while avoiding encroachments on free speech, the letter calls on the senators to rewrite the bill so it passes the strict scrutiny test employed by the United States Supreme Court when evaluating First Amendment restrictions.

These changes would force the president to use the least restrictive means possible to achieve the government's goals.

The bill's sponsors, however, feel the language is appropriately restrictive as it currently stands. They claim the bill is designed to limit powers that are already too expansive, not extend them further over the rights of Americans.

According to a statement released by the senators, the "bill already contains protections to prevent the President from denying Americans access to the Internet — even as it provides ample authority to ensure that those most critical services that rely on the Internet are protected."

That same statement directly

addresses concerns that private citizens' electronic communications could be cut off in the face of a crisis, saying these systems would remain unaffected by any plan implemented by the president "unless no other action would prevent a regional or national catastrophe."

Concerns have also been raised about the creation of new powers to regulate and monitor private communications, furthering wiretapping laws already in effect.

According to the bill's sponsors, these allegations are entirely fictional.

"This allegation is false," states the fact sheet. "The bill creates no new authority to conduct electronic surveillance. It gives the government no new authority to compel the disclosure of private information."

While CCIs would be required by law to report any cyber attacks on their networks to the National Center for Cybersecurity and Communications, a new organization charged with implementing the bill, the agency would not have the power to compel operators to release this information.

Instead, the bill relies on a cooperative approach to cyber security, in which CCIs voluntarily release the information in order to foster a collaborative working environment between the public and private sectors.

For example, the fact sheet states operators of "covered critical infrastructure would be allowed to propose alternative security measures to respond to the national cyber emergency" that, once approved by the NCCC director, would replace those ordered by the president.

While she praised the creation of the NCCC to handle the provisions in the bill instead of giving the power to the National Security Agency or the Department of Defense, Executive Director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union Shenna Bellows said she was still wary of placing such an enormous amount of trust in a single branch of the government.

"To put that much authority just through the executive branch ... to give any one person that much power is dangerous to democracy," she said. "We would like to see the senator [Collins] go further to protect civil liberties."

Budget from A1

In a November interview with The Maine Campus shortly after being elected, LePage said he would allocate "whatever it takes without busting the bank" to higher education, with a focus on getting "resources inside the classroom."

"We need to be profitable — and what's the profit? A quality education at an affordable cost," LePage said then. "Do I believe in across-the-board cuts? No, I don't. That's not the way you run a business."

LePage's proposed budget, according to University of Maine at Farmington political science professor James Melcher, came as a surprise to many in education because of the governor's message of fiscal conservatism.

"I think a lot of people were anticipating that higher ed could take more hits than it did," Melcher said Sunday. "Considering all the rhetoric, considering all the fear that everybody had, I think a lot of people were surprised."

However, some of the brunt of the budget will be paid for by state employees — current and former.

"I am pleased at the governor's investment in higher education," House Minority Leader Emily Cain, D-Orono, said Sunday. "That being said, the budget has items being paid for on the backs of retirees."

LePage suggested that the retirement age for newly or recently hired state employees be raised from 62 to 65, while retirees will be asked to accept lower cost-of-living increases in their benefits.

State employees will also be asked to give 2 percent more of their salaries to the state pension

system. They currently chip in 7.65 percent. There is a \$4.4 billion unfunded liability in the state employee pension system that Republicans say could grow out of control without swift action.

Tax reform is also a key piece of the proposal — an advisory from the governor's office says \$203 million will be cut over the biennium. LePage is suggesting an exemption on estate tax from \$1 million to \$2 million estates and that the top income tax bracket be moved from 8.5 percent to 7.95 percent.

Cain said the lowering of the top tax bracket was "a skewed benefit, consistent with changes in Washington, toward the wealthy."


LePage is also looking to impose a five-year lifetime limit on receiving state unemployment benefits and requiring a five-year residency requirement before receiving welfare in Maine.

"Putting a time limit on [benefits] is treating a symptom, not the problem. The problem is that we need more jobs," Cain said in response.

There are also no mass layoffs or furlough days in this budget, as opposed to Baldacci's 2009 document. There are 80 state positions, most of which are vacant, that LePage is targeting for elimination. Municipality spending will also increase by \$90 million and the state's Highway Fund will be upped by \$48 million, 10 percent over the current biennium, if the budget is adopted.

Melcher said the budget showed a "moderate" approach tailored to gain the bipartisan support it needs to pass.


"The changes from the previous administration aren't that dramatic," Melcher said. "Some of this is continuing what Gov. Baldacci started in the last budget."




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Police Beat

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Smoking room
The University of Maine Police Department responded to a report of the smell of marijuana on the third floor of Oak Hall at 11:01 p.m. Feb. 9. Officers obtained consent from the resident to search his room. They found marijuana residue inside a glass pipe and a grinder. Andrew Von York, 21, was issued a summons for the sale or use of drug paraphernalia and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

Barrows bandit
A laptop worth an estimated \$1,500 was stolen from an office in Barrows Hall at some point between Feb. 3 and Feb. 8. The theft was reported to UMPD at 4:53 p.m. Feb. 8.

"Dave" takes a dive
UMPD has identified a yellow pill found in a handbag left at Hilltop Commons Feb. 2 as ecstasy. Danielle Caron, 19, was issued a summons on Feb. 2 for possession of a useable amount of marijuana also found in the handbag. Following the identification of the pill, Caron was issued a summons for possession of a schedule W drug. According to Sgt. Deborah Mitchell, Caron initially denied ownership of the drugs and claimed the pill was given to her by a man named Dave. Caron has since admitted to owning the marijuana and the ecstasy.

Liar, liar, plants on fire
UMPD received a report of the smell of marijuana on the second floor of Gannett Hall at 8:25 p.m. Feb. 9. The room resident was gone when officers arrived but was contacted over the phone. He initially denied smoking but confessed he had lied about it because he was scared. He was referred to Judicial Affairs.

Laser tag is for fifth graders
UMPD responded to a report of green lasers in the Hilltop Quad at 10:11 p.m. Feb. 9. This report is the fourth in a string of incidents involving both the Hilltop and Stewart quads. As in the previous three incidents, officers were unable to determine the source of the laser. Sgt. Mitchell said laser use is a Class D offense if it results in bodily injury — such as an injury to an eye — or if it is pointed at a uniformed law enforcement officer, who would likely interpret it as the light of a gun sight. Laser use is a Class E offense in any other circumstance when it is aimed at a person, who Mitchell said is likely to feel threatened by it.

Squash squatter
Staff at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center reported to UMPD that they believed a person has been squatting in a squash/raquetball court at the gym. Officers investigated and found several dirty towels and what appeared to be a makeshift table. However, they determined there was no one living at the Rec Center.

Compiled from staff reports



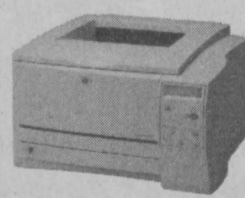
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The IT Department has reduced the price of **double-sided printing** in an effort to cut paper use and wear on printers.

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Help UMaine go Beyond Blue to Green!

Diversions

Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North

ASK PROFESSOR SCIENCE
our first letter comes from "chuggy g", who writes -

we used to date!

Hey, it's chuggy G!!

Anyway, Chuggy G says "Dear Professor Science: why can't we get all our meals in pill form?". One time Chuggy G and I went to a pond to feed the ducks; she loved doing things like that. When we got there, all the ducks were gone. I don't remember what we did after that.

Isn't that weird? I haven't thought about that day for years.

we can't eat only pills because they don't contain the calories we need!

calories come from fats, proteins carbs and boozes, and none of them compress very well. Plus eating is primal pleasure that I'm sure many would miss. I wonder what Chuggy G is doing right now.

Plus pills don't recreate texture.

she always said she'd make it big.

LATER, AT PROFESSOR SCIENCE'S HOUSE!
Professor science! Can you introduce me to your friend, Professor why Am I suddenly so Nostalgic For Someone I Haven't Thought About In Years??

It's definitely possible to get a PhD in that, yes?

Sudoku Puzzle

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		1	3					7

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Crossword Puzzle

- Across
- 1- Female horse
 - 5- Some are pale
 - 9- Donkeys
 - 14- Explorer Tasman
 - 15- Rejection power
 - 16- Small beginning
 - 17- A type of dangerous maniac, e.g.
 - 19- Approaches
 - 20- Parisian pal
 - 21- Cereal grain
 - 22- Defeats
 - 23- Rice cooked in broth
 - 25- Joke
 - 26- Having a handle
 - 27- Blast of a trumpet
 - 30- Currency unit in Nigeria
 - 31- Burlap
 - 32- DDE's predecessor
 - 34- Declines
 - 35- Dispute
 - 36- 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - 37- Building add-on
 - 38- AKA
 - 39- Cool!
 - 40- Most strange
 - 42- Animation unit
 - 43- Part of Q.E.D.
 - 44- Short drama
 - 48- Ledge
 - 50- Shout in derision
 - 51- Chemical ending
 - 52- Entire
 - 53- Clydesdale, e.g.
 - 55- Fertile area in a desert
 - 56- Swear words
 - 57- Person, place, or thing
 - 58- Portents
 - 59- "quam videri" (North
- Down
- 1- Wife of a maharajah
 - 2- Loathsome
 - 3- Forgivable
 - 4- Actor Wallace
 - 5- Fly
 - 6- Resulted in
 - 7- Greek letters
 - 8- Impresario
 - 9- Pardon
 - 10- Midday nap
 - 11- Beat it!
 - 12- Goes astray
 - 13- Brillo rival
 - 18- Terra
 - 22- Sesame plant
 - 24- Crew needs
 - 25- Roman god with two faces
 - 27- Pull on
 - 28- Greek fertility
 - Carolina's motto)
 - 60- Connections
- Answer key in sports
- goddess, flightless bird
 - 29- Kind of prof.
 - 31- Grain to be ground
 - 33- How'er
 - 35- Shake like
 - 36- Lacking (on)
 - 38- Lacking oxygen
 - 39- Not o'er
 - 41- Land, as a fish
 - 42- Attire
 - 44- Harbor towns
 - 45- Vive
 - 46- Come afterward
 - 47- Ages between 13 and 19
 - 48- Counterfeit
 - 49- Flexible tube
 - 50- Lukas of "Witness"
 - 52- Court
 - 53- Cedar Rapids college
 - 54- Thunder Bay's prov.

Radiohead

- AIRBAG
- ALL I NEED
- BLACK STAR
- BLOW OUT
- BODYSNATCHERS
- BONES
- CREEP
- ELECTIONEERING
- FAUST ARP
- FITTER HAPPIER
- HIGH AND DRY
- HUNTING BEARS
- IN LIMBO
- JUST
- KARMA POLICE
- KID A
- KNIVES OUT
- LET DOWN
- LUCKY
- LURGEE
- MORNING BELL
- MY IRON LUNG
- NICE DREAM
- NO SURPRISES
- NUDE
- OPTIMISTIC
- PARANOID
- ANDROID
- PLANET TELEX
- PROVE YOURSELF
- PYRAMID
- SONG
- RECKONER
- RIPCORD
- SULK
- THE BENDS
- THE TOURIST
- TREEFINGERS
- VEGETABLE
- VIDEOTAPE

Find and circle all of the Radiohead songs that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional song by Radiohead.

Word Search

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

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

Real Talk with Rachel

Women and video games are the two things most commonly loved by men. What a lot of guys don't know is how to enjoy both, especially at the same time.

It may be more common these days to find a girl who does enjoy playing video games, but there are still many that don't. Because of this it's best for men to know their girlfriend's or potential girlfriend's history on the topic.

If she does play the same games then great. But if she doesn't, and the guy can't put the controller down when she's around, here are some options.

First of all, you should keep her entertained. Before she visits, ask her to bring something to occupy herself with.

Prepare for her by putting a movie or her favorite show on the computer. If she sticks with these activities, video game time could last for about an hour. Yes, one can get bored if on the computer for too long.

You could also ask her if she wants to play. If it's a single player game, take a break for five to ten minutes and see how she does. Encouraging and helping her even if she does badly will make her enjoy it more.

Also, doing this will give her a chance

to see why you like it so much and maybe she'll want to play more often. If she doesn't want to play at all, don't be offended. She may not be interested, or just doesn't want to embarrass herself.

You also shouldn't play for too long. While you are amused, time flies by fast, but keep an eye on it. Play for two hours, max. If possible, make it shorter.

In addition, keep an eye on her. Try to catch the signals of boredom. Is she sighing? Is she moving about or shifting in her seat a lot? Is her head resting in her hand?

Quitting the game early rarely goes unnoticed. She will be appreciative if this is done because it lets her know that she's being thought of and not forgotten. It is even more impressive when an avid player doesn't play at all when a girl is around.

If you're having trouble or feeling confused about friends, family, relationships, anything, ask me. Just send me an e-mail to advice@mainecampus.com with your problem or question and I'll give you the best advice I can. This is completely anonymous and you are also always welcome to write in the e-mail that you don't want to be published. I want to help you either way.

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - This will be a good day for research. Feeling under the weather may be a result of overindulgence. Find out what friends are up to, and see if you can pick up where they left off.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Professionalism will be of utmost importance. Hassles with close friends or family may put a damper on your day and result in isolation and loneliness. You need more time to think situations through.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Be careful not to get involved in other people's personal affairs. Don't divulge secret information. Problems with skin, bones or teeth may mess up your schedule.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - You have to let go of your past if you wish to get out of any sentimental mood that may be hanging over your head. Older family members may take advantage of you by making you feel guilty.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - You can make progress professionally. Your competitive nature may enable you to win a contest. Go out with friends or family.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - You'll find it easy to deal with government agencies or large institutions. Don't back down, but don't ignite the situation either. Don't hesitate to go ahead with any plans for entertainment.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - You should get out and meet some clients you only speak to over the phone. You may find out that someone is trying to undermine you. Be aware of colleagues talking to superiors.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You can make good financial investments if you act fast. Someone you work with may be withholding valuable information. Your charm will mesmerize members of the opposite sex.

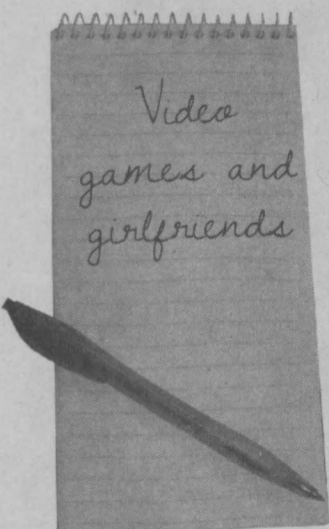
Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now. You can have quite the romantic adventure if you take time to get to know your mate all over again.

Capricorn - Dec 22 to Jan. 20 - Expect some flack. You are best to keep your money stored in a safe and secure place. Your creative ability will surface, giving you good ideas for ways to make money.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Your reputation may be at stake if you partake in gossip. Make money using your ingenuity and creative talent. You may be dropping friends for no apparent reason.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Chances to express your ideas and beliefs can bring popularity as long as you're not arrogant. Try writing beautiful love letters.

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EDITORIAL

LePage budget nudges Maine forward fiscally

Sometimes surprises come from the most unlikely places — and after the most recent development in Maine politics, those in education seem to have found a friend they may not have expected.

Republican Gov. Paul LePage's proposed biennial budget plan imposes a sense of wonderment for the Pine Tree state, instilling in Mainers the notion that perhaps the LePage reign will be a page-turner in the quest for Maine's prosperity.

The proposal, which was outlined by the governor on Thursday in Augusta, called for no cuts to higher education and even suggested a \$63 million increase in funding to K-12 in the 2012 and 2013 fiscal years.

From a conservative candidate who was supposed by many to heed little consideration to the true importance of a four-year education, LePage's motion is refreshing for the younger generation of Maine.

Yet, as always in politics, nothing is perfect. Giving to one means a loss for another. His mission is not yet accomplished.

The document also has many controversial elements, such as raising the retirement age for state employees, imposing stricter residency requirements and time limits for receiving public assistance, changing income tax structure and using a higher percentage of state employee salaries to pay unfunded debts.

These battles are sure to be scrutinized by legislators and the Maine people in an upcoming series of hearings regarding the final budget — and rightfully so.

But the students of Maine should be extremely happy. Former Gov. John Baldacci's budget plan of 2009, although \$300 million less than LePage's scheme, necessitated a 2.4 percent reduction in higher education costs during a time when the University of Maine was suffering due to a \$11.8 million loss in late 2008. Teachers' unions endorse his Democratic Party during virtually every political showdown nationwide.

To all skeptics and those who remain tethered to partisan ideals, this budget should be at least a small nudge toward cohesion. Business savvy from LePage demands the Maine Legislature to properly consider the future workforce of the state, which is often used as rhetoric, but always seems to fall by the wayside.

The culprit? Party politics. After a tumultuous introduction to the public eye, plagued by numerous slips of the tongue, this well-reasoned budget manifesto is just the boost in both ego and competency LePage — and the state he leads — so desperately needed.

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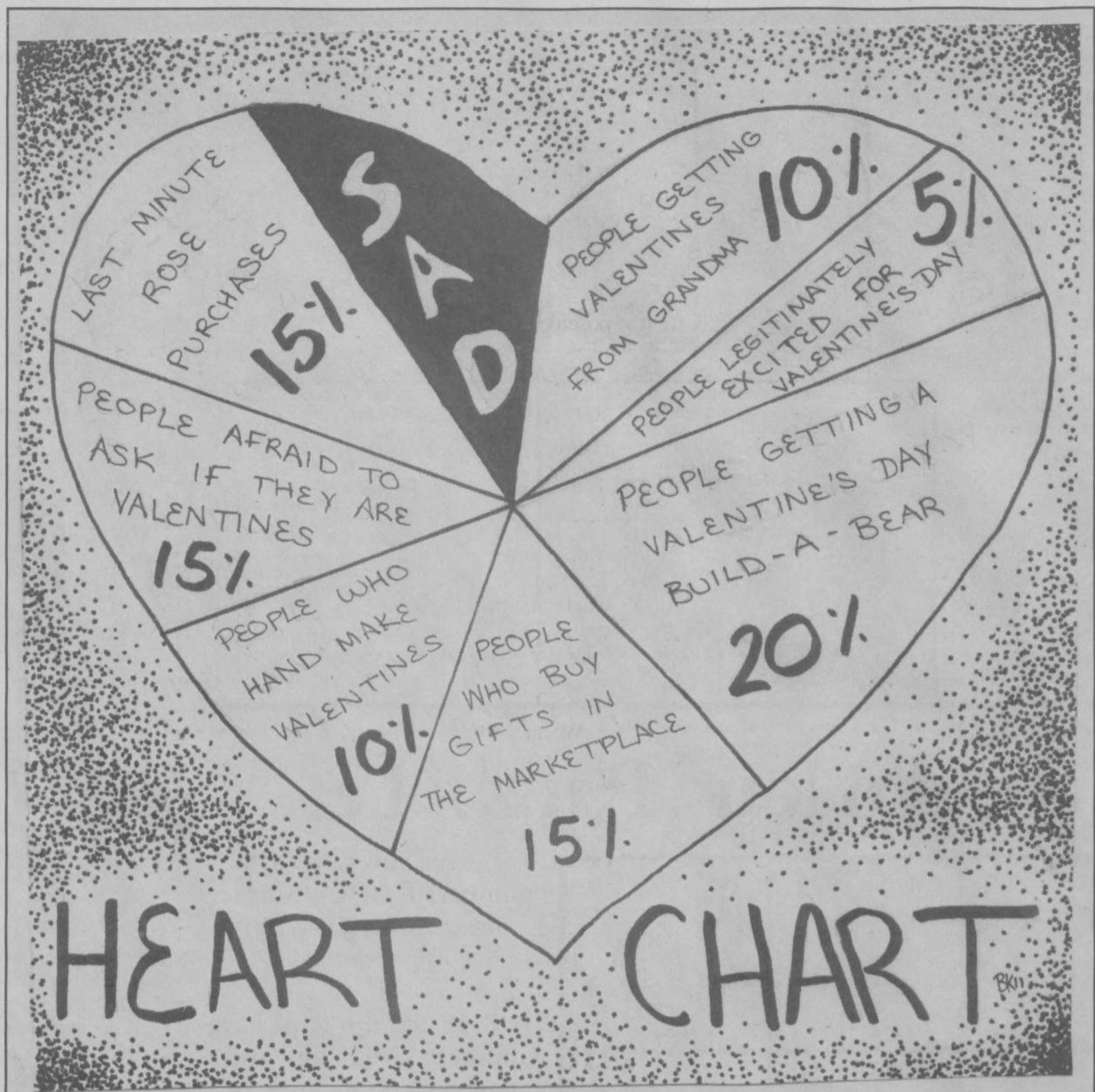
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Community commentary: Reader responses

The real situation with reality television

I have a few issues with the article "Craftless culture of reality television should garner disgrace not delight from audiences," Feb. 10.

These issues are not founded upon a general enjoyment of the shows mentioned, but rather a difficulty understanding why people cannot seem to grasp that the general and basic concepts underlying their popularity and success.

First and foremost, in a capitalist society, the reality actors make money.

When you argue, "they behave like morons...they arguably look good, participate in blatantly staged conflicts and merriment with one another, and make inane, comments belying their utter lack of imagination or talent," you deny the fact that they do it to get paid.

I have a hard time understanding where the line between C-list celebrity actor and C-list reality TV show falls. If you're claiming that TV — a

concept that lost most of its artistic and intellectual ethos decades ago — is being misguided and led astray by these reality show stars, I would ask you what you think led to the show's popularity?

TV, much like any other form of expression or entertainment, goes through periods of shifts. These shows and these people are successful because there really isn't anything else to watch of high quality anyway. And additionally, formats and demands change as people grow tired with the status quo.

Do you think whatever sitcom runs on the prime time network, with its own fair share of reality shows would be a better alternative to "The Jersey Shore?" Don't be silly.

Do you truly believe these reality show stars are not acting and adopting their own individual personas? They are actors, just in a more contemporary, post-modern version of entertainment and reality. Snookie's name is Nicole, The Situation's name is Mike — how are they not inventing

characters in order to provide entertainment to a large audience?

If you are going to cry at the lack of "I Love Lucy," I think your problem is cultural, not personal — these folks are acting just as much as anyone else on the tube.

The Situation

"Craftless culture of reality television should garner disgrace not delight from audiences," Feb. 10, 2011

A whoopee for blueberry pie

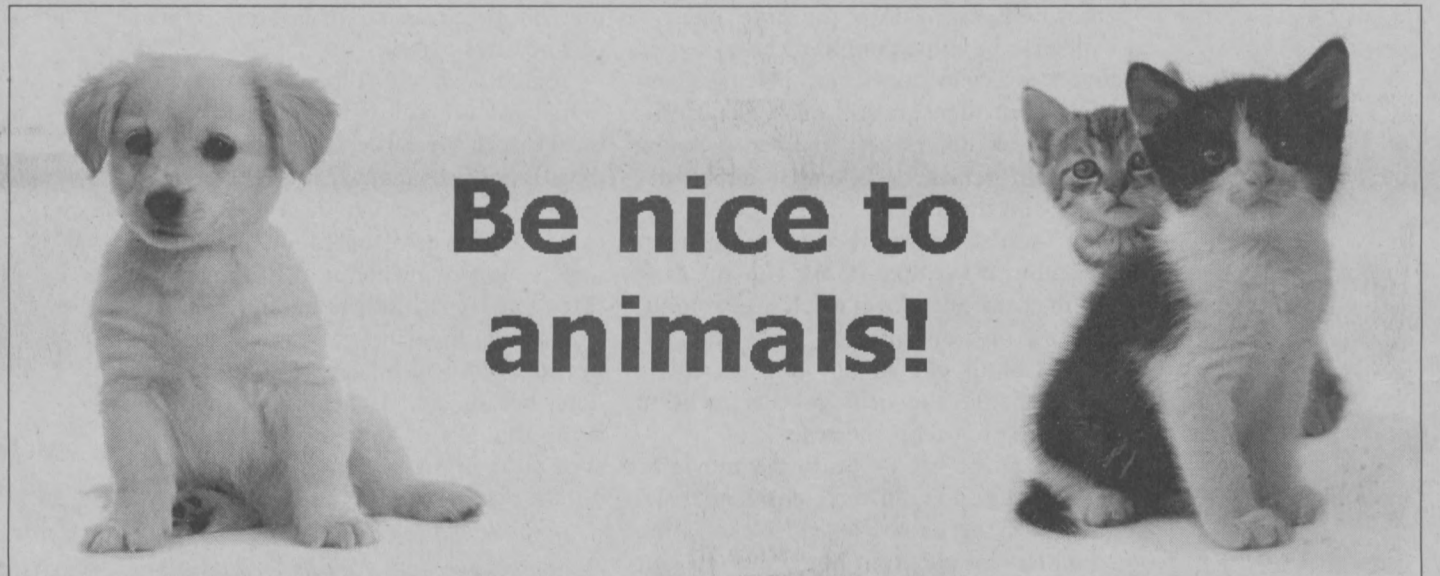
Based on some turn of the century — that'd be 20th to 21st century — data, Maine's pretty much topping the charts of blueberry production.

I was solidly on the Whoopie Pie side of things, but unless some other state has topped blueberry production, I think I'll have to cross party lines.

William Young

Responding to "Maine state desert debate lets proper conduct get creamed," Feb. 10, 2011

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Be nice to animals!

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'Smoke-in' smogs avenues for real change in policy

ROBERT JACKSON

I recently came across a Facebook event advertising a "smoke-in" to protest the newly implemented tobacco ban on campus.

The organizer, a former smoker, states on the page he "was instantly displeased at yet another forceful political position by a university that continues to divide, single out groups of people and choose sides rather than bring us together."

A glance through the dozen or so comments left on the event wall reveals the people involved in this "smoke-in" aren't exactly the most informed. Whining and protesting are not the ways to bring about change. If people want to see this policy overturned, then they should do it the right way.

The "smoke-in" is planned for March 17, the first Thursday after we return from spring break. It is evident this initiative lacks any real organization. Some of the biggest concerns seem to be the new "Tobacco-Free Campus" logo and the possibility of "losing out on one-third of my college experience," as one supporter of the event so eloquently put it.

This same person stated partying and drinking are the other two-thirds. Sounds like a student who might not have to worry about attending this school, tobacco-free or otherwise, much longer.

Don't get me wrong; I fully support these students in their effort to voice their opinions. I'm just dumbfounded by the fact that this is the means they are choosing to do so. Do they really think the administrators with the power to change this policy are checking Facebook for student input?

If these students want to instigate real change, I suggest they take a greater interest in the selection process for our new university president — the individual who will have

the authority to single-handedly overturn the tobacco ban. We pay a lot of money to go to this school and we deserve to be heard, but organizing a chain-smoking party on the mall seems potentially counterproductive.

The organizer makes sure to point out they "no longer smoke and don't encourage others to do so." Does anybody else see the irony here?

Why such a fuss over tobacco? Isn't keeping a dog or cat as a pet perfectly legal, but prohibited on campus? Where's the "bark-in" event on Facebook?

It should also be stated the university held open forums for people who wished to voice their opinions on the proposed ban. These forums were poorly attended and I would venture to guess many of the people behind the "smoke-in" couldn't make it.

In politics, the best way to make your voice heard is by voting. By choosing the people who make the rules, you shape the rules yourself. The same is true here at the University of Maine. If you want to change the ways things are done around here, then get involved in the process of choosing who makes the rules. I'd be willing to bet a majority of the people involved with this event have no idea who the four candidates for the UMaine presidency are.

We are about to choose who will hold the most powerful position at this university and many of us are totally oblivious to such a fact. "Smoke-in" all you want, but that won't get you any closer to achieving your goal.

Attend the student interview sessions — there are candidates are still coming to campus — for our next president, ask the hard questions and maybe we'll all be happier with the result.

Robert Jackson is a sociology student.

We pay a lot of money to go to this school and we deserve to be heard, but organizing a chain-smoking party on the mall seems potentially counterproductive.

Columnist: Paper hearts give way to technological romancing in Facebook age



SARAH MANN

book. Every one of us wants to know if that guy or girl we saw you holding hands with is, in fact, your significant other. Even if I don't like you, I just have to know. I know this makes me a hypocrite, as I was so quick to dismantle the "relationship status" option on my profile — my logic being that it wasn't anyone's business.

I've had my fair share of getting together and breaking up, and it's difficult and delicate enough without the tiny broken heart emoticon to accompany your every movement. But if anyone else so much as hides his or hers, I get offended. It's my entertainment you're messing with, after all.

Now, rewind to the time when my parents were writing back and forth across the ocean about their feelings. They'd be downright offended to learn that to get together with someone now, your hardest task is clicking "send."

You can start kissing someone, spend every night together, but damn it, if Mark Zuckerberg doesn't know about it, it isn't happening.

Today is Valentine's Day — messages of all sorts are being delivered across campus pertaining to the funny, serious, heartbreaking and hopeful aspects of love. Questions, jokes and anonymous desires have been scrawled on cards attached to flowers, scribbled with colorful cartoon characters or sharpied on heart-shaped boxes by the more "creative" of us. These are the last of the conventional love letters.

When I look at the pile of official notices and bills that have gathered on my desk, all late in one way or another, I think, "What if these were love letters?" Then I consider my weathered patience and whether I would be willing to wait so long for USPS to post-mark my love.

We're fighting nowadays against a whole other slue of factors — not just the oceanic divide, but the technological one. The public forum for declaration of love is no longer a park bench but a computer screen and the most exposing way to project your feelings is to post it on a blue-capped page. This takes a different kind of guts entirely, but guts are present nevertheless.

If you're sending a letter, a text or a Facebook message to somebody with wooing on your brain, choose your words carefully. If one part of romance is still alive and kicking, it's proper spelling and grammar.

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

Political columnist: The domino effect of diminishing rights, immigration laws cross line



It is not the future of Egypt that the Obama administration should be concerned over, but the very notion of equality that is being diminished in the United States as a result of Republican reforms.

PARDIS DELIJANI

Immigration policies have transformed from being the hinge of United States relations with various countries to being nothing more than discriminatory regulations within our so called "land of equality."

In April 2010, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed one of the nation's most controversial bills on illegal immigration into law. The purpose of the bill is to identify, prosecute and deport illegal immigrants.

This controversial act has recently made its way to Florida. The proposal of the Arizona-style immigration law was sponsored in the House by Republican Will Snyder and in the Senate by Mike Bennett. The proposal of the law came under major scrutiny, but one can only hope that the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee will reconsider this as an un-American act.

For Florida to adopt the Arizona act would be unconstitutional as a result of racial profiling and an infringement on federal authority over immigration matters. Police can't stop people to question them based solely on immigration concerns.

However, Florida must also be ready for another consequence of this act if it were to be made law. Agriculture is a pillar of the Florida economy, especially now with real estate and construction in a slump. The industry has relied for decades on immigrant workers, many of whom have lived in the U.S. illegally.

Cited in The Florida Independent, the newly elected Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam stated that Florida should not just "cut and paste" Arizona's law, requiring police to verify the legal status of people they detain. His argument is based on the fact that a tough crackdown on agricultural employees regarding illegal immigration will leave them with a labor shortage.

If Florida were to adopt the act, a national temporary worker program would have to be in place first before any crackdown, state or federal. This is just one example of an unintended consequence when state enforcement is placed ahead of national policy.

Oddly enough though, Bennett expressed doubts about his own bill in regards to using the Arizona-style bill as a model for Florida. According to The Miami Herald, the

Bradenton Republican said "There probably will not be an Arizona immigration-style bill that passes the Florida Senate."

Bennett was even quoted in newspapers saying he probably wouldn't vote for the bill. The reason he brought up the controversial issue was to "start the conversation" about immigration reform.

In Georgia, Gov. Nathan Deal made a pledge to enact an Arizona-style law as part of his campaign platform last year. Recently, Rep. Matt Ramsey gave Deal something to work with — a bill that would, like Arizona's, authorize local officers to enforce federal immigration law, require employers to verify the immigration status of their workers, and call for ID cards for applicants for public benefits.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that Deal's office is backing an expansion of the existing 287(g) program — a federal-local partnership that empowers local law enforcement to enforce immigration law — but reserving judgment on Ramsey's bill.

And in Indiana, where Republicans took back the House in November for total control of the state government, Republican Rep. Mike Delph has introduced an immigration bill which was set for a hearing Feb. 2 in Indianapolis.

That proposal would require police to ask for proof of citizenship or immigration status if they have a reasonable suspicion that a person is illegally in the country. This domino effect also emerged in the Nebraska legislature, drawing out hundreds of protesters Thursday to the steps of the state capitol building.

It is not the future of Egypt that the Obama administration should be concerned over, but the very notion of equality that is being diminished in the United States as a result of Republican reforms. If immigration policies do not become a priority in the administration, states such as Arizona and Florida will take matters into their own hands, which have led to rash policies.

What is clear is that the immigration system in the nation is constantly evolving with the proposals of controversial acts. It needs a lot of restructuring, in which state frustration at the federal government's failure to secure the border is understandable.

Arizona and Florida are border states with different problems and must be handled within their jurisdiction. Illegal immigration has recently declined due to the troubling economy of the United States and the federal government has increased funding and resources into border control.

This should allow states to have more breathing room in respect to the hot button issue. Thus, states must slow down and consider comprehensive and rational reform that would give industries like agriculture the foreign labor that is needed — legally.

Pardis Delijani is a third-year international affairs student. Her columns will appear every Monday.



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BREW MAINE: Bangor's home brew headquarters

By Christopher Crosby
Staff Writer

The second installment in the search for good Maine beer detours away from the brewery, looking at the beer a person can create with their own two hands and a little ingenuity. For even the casual beer drinker, homebrewing offers a unique opportunity to create the perfect tasting beverage.

The unaccustomed patron wandering Bangor's downtown bar scene might overlook an inconspicuous, seemingly out-of-place rooster sign hanging outside the Central Street Farmhouse store.

The store, nestled amidst boutique restaurants and a used bookstore, has large front windows letting plenty of light enter where a combination of plants, antique metal milk barrels and Christmas lights welcome curiosity. For owners Betsy and Zeth Lundy, that down-to-earth appearance is just fine.

A 1995 University of Maine graduate, Zeth oversees an eclectic store. Amicable and relaxed, his self-titled "Man About Town" job description is fitting. Whether you like beer, cheese, yogurt or wine making — or if your baby requires homemade cloth diapers — Central Street Farmhouse is the one-stop shop.

"Old school ideology meets new school methodology," Zeth Lundy said explaining his philosophy. "I went through a lot of my adult life in the city, feeling like another body walking around. It's nice to feel like there's this emerging community you're a part of."

Open since last November, the shop's holistic approach to modern day shopping isn't a new phenomenon — corporate giants like Walmart have perfected mass consumption while, comparatively, Lundy has taken another route, envisioning his store as a kind of community general store, harkening back to early generations of small town

camaraderie.

Keeping with this attitude on business and relationships with customers, a large slate board hanging above the wooden counter serves the dual purpose of listing prices for malts and hops and advertising everything from classes on homebrewing and winemaking to parenting discussions and music concerts. Variety is just what Lundy is shooting for.

"We're more excited about being a part of a community than a retail store," he said. "We want to be a destination. Betsy always says to people that you don't even have to buy anything. Just stop by, you can chill out, get help, support or just someone to talk to."

This shouldn't suggest that Lundy is abandoning practical business principles — they're simply reexamining a store's role in the larger community space.

"Ultimately, we're a retail store to survive," Lundy admitted.

Unlike many who are first infatuated with selling homebrewing kits, Lundy's passion for great tasting beer didn't start in his kitchen like a novice chemist experimenting with his first. Walking into the job, Lundy and his wife used to manage the Kennebec Home Brew Supplies in Farmingdale, selling ingredients to homebrewers and at the end of the day leaving feeling disconnected from the rest of the community.

This didn't quite hit the niche the couple was looking for. Purchasing food from farmers' markets and seeing firsthand where the goods come from gave them an idea of how to get out and build a community-based enterprise.

"Wouldn't it be rad if we just opened a store that was our life so what we did for work was an extension of our lives?" Lundy said. "We can devise the store from every level — from what's on the stereo to what's in the fridge and make it like

See Beer on B3



Photos by Christopher Crosby



Trashin' all your has-been fashion

Column

Sometimes clothes get stuck in the time warp of your closet and you postpone getting rid of them. Letting these items rot in your closet is acceptable, but wearing them is inexcusable.

We grow out of certain trends — like putting our hair in Snooki poofs and listening to the Backstreet Boys — and we need to move past clothing trends too. I wrote a column for the boys last week about the five items that shouldn't be in their closet, so here is one for the girls.

Please girls, leave these items behind in 2011:

Velour track suits

What's worse than a bright pink Juicy velour track suit? A bright pink knock-off velour track suit. I admit I owned a few back in 2007, but have since graduated from this look. Velour track suits look juvenile and tacky. If comfort is your goal, throw on some Lulu Lemon yoga pants or a pair of Hardtails. Can't bear to part with your track suit? On rare occasions, it's OK to wear the pants — but not with the matching jacket, and only if they're black.

Bolero jackets

Bolero jackets are the short, cropped ones that end right under your shoulder blades. I never understood this trend,

See Trend on B2

Talented musicians propel 'Pirates'

Outdated material can't hold back performers in this old-fashioned spectacle

"Pirates of Penzance" is billed as a comic opera, and as such there's nothing new or shocking on display here.

You won't learn any lessons about the human condition nor be blown away by fascinating character studies, but that's not the purpose of an opera. The point is in the grand musical moments and colorful characters — spectacle for the sake of spectacle.

With this in mind, the production could go one of two ways: It could become a noisy, hollow showboat or a rousing, spirited display of talent.

It's always tricky when it comes time to review the most recent School of Performing Arts production. Unlike film reviews, where there's no chance in hell the parties involved will read my thoughts on their work or be bothered by them. The cast and crew of these productions walk the same pathways along campus that I do.

Each review of their productions must walk a fine line between reviewing the material they choose to work with and the way they decide to work with it.

With that in mind, I'll get this out of the way fast: As raw material, "Penzance" isn't incredible, but it's passable. There's some clever wordplay here and there, and some there are a few comic moments, but the barebones plot moves at a snail's pace.

But none of that really matters. As a showcase for the many talented artists who comprise the School of Performing Arts, "Penzance" works. Well directed by Tom Mikotowicz, the opera comes to life through the many actors, singers, musicians and technicians behind the scenes.



Haley Richardson • The Maine Campus Arts' performance of the comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance."

These people have worked day in and day out to provide the best form of entertainment they possibly can, often on limited sleep and under much pressure, bringing everything they have to the stage — and it truly shows.

As an opera, the musical performances receive the most scrutiny, but it is a pleasure to report the cast carries the material admirably. Matthew Bessette and Brinee Martin stand out as the Pirate King and Ruth, respectively, with supporting leads Alan Sevigny and Jennifer Beasley as the lovers Frederic and Mabel. The cast is rounded out and further enhanced by several SPA regulars and newcomers, all holding their own when it comes

to some rather difficult notes.

The orchestra, conducted by Ludlow Hallman, acquitted itself nicely as well, never overpowering the singers or playing too softly. The two groups achieved the perfect balance of auditory clarity, and there wasn't a single false note or missed moment the entire night.

With all of this talent on hand, the spectacle really is a sight worth seeing. The material may be slightly dated, but the cast and crew elevate it, showing what they can do and making you further appreciate all the School of Performing Arts has to offer.

And really, what matters more than that?

Carnival avoids being a total meltdown

Canceled events, including world record attempt, dampen fun and fireworks

By Nicole Begley
For The Maine Campus

Perhaps the half-melted ice bear in front of the Memorial Union best represents the Winter Carnival as a whole: It was well put together, but unable to withstand unpredictable Maine weather.

The numerous posters advertising the Winter Carnival toted a plethora of activities spanning the carnival's nine days. But with warmer weather than was

expected and various other issues, it came up a bit short of its intended grandeur — though many attendees did enjoy themselves.

Saturday was planned as the biggest day from the outset. Activities included a raffle for a kayak, a cross-country ski sprint race, a sledding hill and free ice skating. In the heated tent on the mall, there were massive amounts of free pizza, T-shirts and hats.

Students on the Knox / An-

droscoggin Campus Governing Board managed the tent. Cormick Frizzell, the Residents on Campus representative for Knox, said Winter Carnival was a joint effort on the part of Campus Activities and Student Engagement and CGB.

"[I'm] having fun and the ice skating was awesome," he said.

First-year student Finn Bondeson took part in the cross-country skiing sprint races. Bondeson said he thought the carnival was a little lame, but

also said "this year will make or break the success of Winter Carnival."

The festivities were not just for the students as families also brought children to participate. Lisa Bonefant and her friend went to enjoy the activities and watch their kids. Bonefant's sons played hockey and enjoyed the sledding hill. Both women said they were enjoying themselves.

See Carnival on B2

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Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall
3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

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Bangor Room, Memorial Union
12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

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University of Maine Museum of Art, 40 Harlow St., Bangor
12 to 1 p.m.

The Role of State Government in the Maine Economy
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

An unlikely combination of hardcore and the lord

Underoath's opus is untarnished by its surprising Christian tones

Column

If you are a fan of old-school metal, you may be familiar with pseudo-satanic metal veterans GWAR. You may recall GWAR as the band who dresses up like extraterrestrials from hell.



Hardcore Roar
By Colin Kolmar

These are also the guys who spray alien semen and the blood of various unpopular politicians onto the crowd. If you are a fan of less antiquated metal, then you probably have followed Slipknot, whose name pretty much gives away the gist of their message.

Both of these bands have made names for themselves by committing countless fashion faux pas and appealing to the devil-worshipper in all of us. But what about the God-worshipper in all of us?

Although metal may have roots in Satanism and exploitation of fear — namely the fear of clowns — many modern hardcore musicians have decided to utilize the sheer brutality of heavy music to achieve different ends. Since the millennium, many Christian hardcore bands have emerged, and many have enjoyed a reasonable amount of success. I know a Christian hard-

core band sounds strange; I too am a little baffled by the concept. Perhaps the only true way to have your prayers heard is to scream them.

In 2004, a band from Florida called Underoath released one of the best post-hardcore/screamo albums of all time. Titled "They're Only Chasing Safety," the album helped to bring post-hardcore to the

believe it. I was a firm believer in the separation of church and screamo. But upon closer listening, I realized my friend was telling the god-honest truth about Underoath.

The final track on "They're Only Chasing Safety" begins as a ballad featuring the sweet, angelic voice of Aaron Gillespie. The song is called "Some Will Seek Forgiveness, Others Escape," and my emo sensibility at the time told me nothing was amiss about that title. After all, that song title could have belonged to any band I was listening to at the time simply because it was five words long.

Following a long crescendo, Spencer Chamberlain's anguished vocals take over to bring the song home, so to speak. Chamberlain, with the unstoppable screaming voice of a behemoth, yells over the climax of the song, "Jesus, I'm ready to come home!"

I nearly died upon hearing those words uttered by one of the balliest frontmen on earth.

My present self is more inclined to give Underoath credit for being a Christian hardcore band. The reason I cut them slack lies in the members of Underoath actually believing in their gimmick, unlike the members of GWAR or Slipknot. Although the last Underoath concert I attended was completely devoid of fake blood and semen, I was satisfied being showered in Jesus' love instead.

When one of my friends told me Underoath was a Christian hardcore band, my teen-angst side refused to believe it. I was a firm believer in the separation of church and screamo.

mainstream. While other more emo-oriented bands like Story of the Year were enjoying more rampant success, Underoath provided the backdrop for listeners who were less into black eye-liner and a little more into breaking things. But Underoath also offered their listeners something unexpected — a hearty dose of Jesus' love.

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Jay Preston • Staff Photographer

Emma Thieme performs "My Angry Vagina" as part of the Vagina Monologues on Friday night, which ran this weekend in Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Trend from B1

but especially not since 2001 has come and gone. These jackets end in an awkward spot and distort your shape. If you want a light jacket to throw on over your outfit in the summer, try a boyfriend blazer, tweed or linen jacket. These options are mature, timeless and classic.

Capri pants

If you still have capri pants in your closet, that is somewhat justifiable. It is easy to mistake cropped pants for capris and therefore think the capri trend is still around. But you should get rid of your capri pants that end at or right below the knee. If they're denim, cut them and turn them into cute jean shorts with a cuff.

Knee-length capris make you look shorter because they cut your legs in half. A better option, and one that's very in right now, is ankle-length

pants, which make you look taller because they elongate your legs. Cropped pants end right at or above the ankles and look great with flats or sandals. Another perk is that you can wear denim pairs during the winter tucked into boots — no one will know the difference.

Another great alternative to the outdated capri is the boyfriend jean. I love baggy boyfriend jeans rolled up during the warmer weather. This trend is cool and a great alternative to regular-length denim.

Out-of-season pants

It kills me when I see girls navigating snowy sidewalks in white denim. White denim is strictly for the summer months — May through mid-September — so save it for flip-flop season. The same goes for distressed and ripped denim — cute in the summer, not-so-cute in the winter.

Nylons

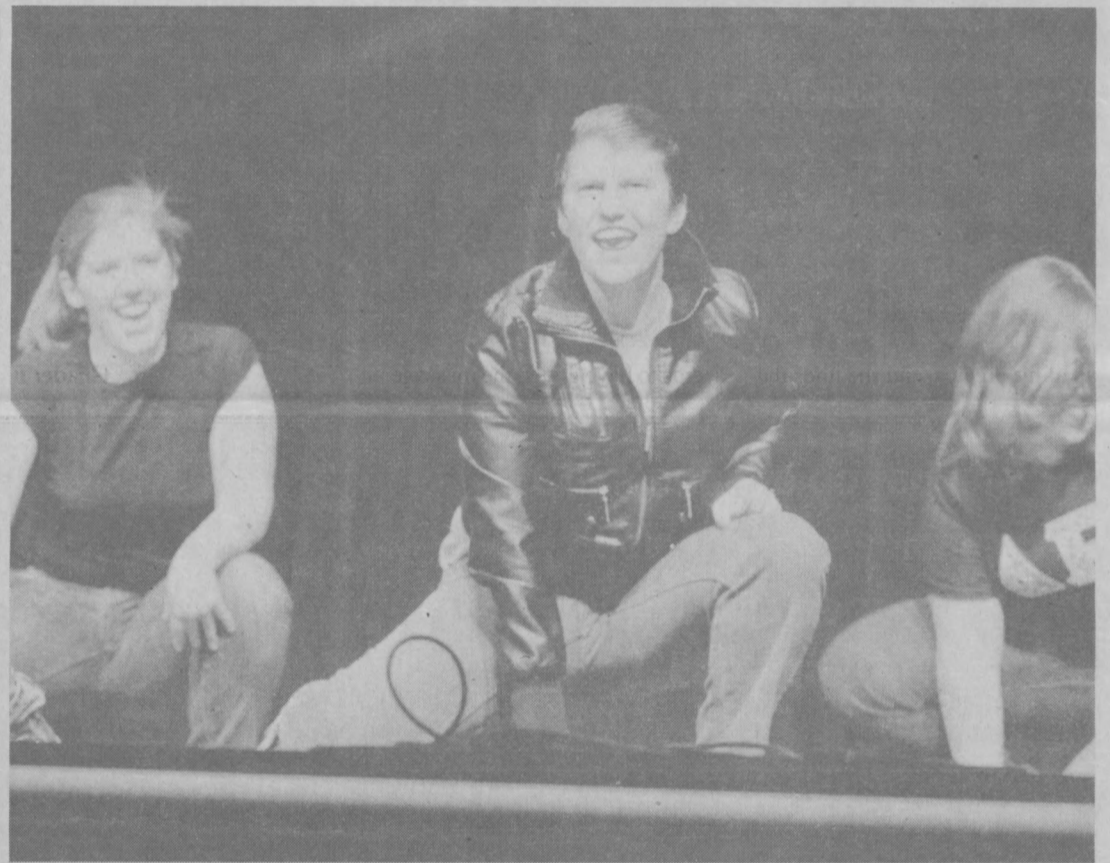
You are young and fabulous, so dress like it. Nylons

are antiquated and stuffy; black tights are where it's at. Black tights look chic and classy, and still retain a youthful vibe. I see so many girls going out on the town wearing short dresses with bare legs. You look ridiculous — it's 5 degrees out. Black tights don't take over any outfit, they just compliment the look.

Clothes that don't fit (Bonus Item)

Don't keep pre-freshman 15 clothes in your closet. More importantly, don't wear them. Squeezing into clothes that are too small makes you look even bigger, and they cling to all the wrong areas. Instead, buy your size and you'll feel so much better about having an outfit that actually fits and flatters you in the right places.

After your closet has been cleansed, give your old clothes back to the community. There are a number of places to donate clothing in the Bangor area, such as Goodwill, Hands of Hope and The Attic.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

The sisters of Delta Rho got friendly down in the sand as the winning sorority of the Greek Talent show with the lip synced and choreographed routine to "Summer Loving" from the musical "Grease."

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Carnival from B1

Winter Carnival seemed to be enjoyed by many who were interviewed, though there were setbacks.

"I've been anticipating Winter Carnival just for the snowmen," said first-year student Zac Knights, referring to the planned attempt to break the Guinness World Record for most snowmen built in an hour.

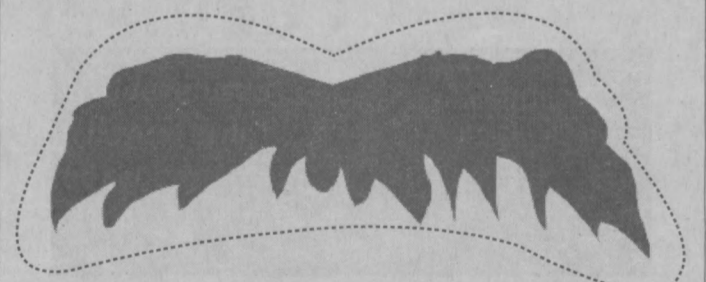
However, he and many others were disappointed when 2 p.m. rolled around and no one was building snowmen. Wheth-

er it was because of poor snow quality or lack of snow, the record attempt didn't occur.

At the end of the night, a small crowd gathered to gaze at the fireworks. Choruses of people singing Katy Perry's hit "Firework" echoed amidst the thunderous explosions. It was possibly the best part of the carnival.

Perhaps it was because this was the first attempt, but Winter Carnival did not seem organized. It appeared to be a dud for some, but a blast for others. However, if this is to become an annual event, then there are high hopes for next year.

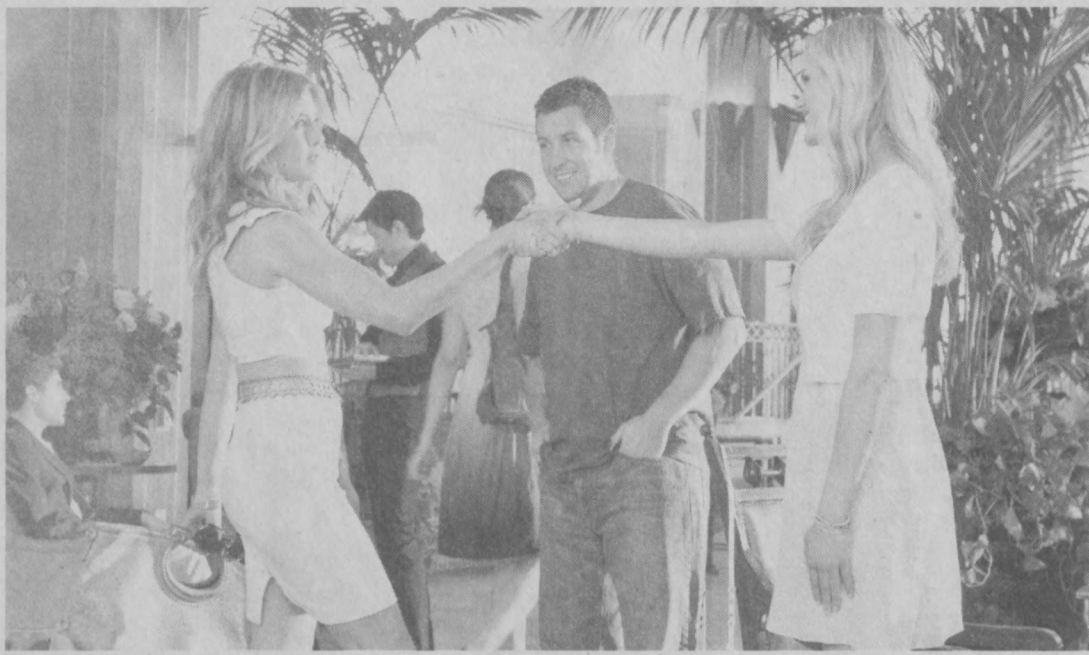
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MOVIE REVIEW: 'Just Go With It'

Latest Adam Sandler flick is vapid and painfully awful



Sony Pictures

By John Shannon
Film Critic

As I sat through "Just Go With It" — Adam Sandler's latest, uh, "comedy" — I was surprised to observe Nicole Kidman appear as an antagonist from leading lady Jennifer Aniston's past.

Kidman's name wasn't in the opening credits, and as it slowly became apparent that this was a real part, not just a cameo, I wondered why she was absent from the film's marketing.

And then I remembered that Kidman is up for an Oscar later this month, and her representatives probably had her cut all ties with the film so it wouldn't hurt her chances of winning.

And I honestly thought: Good call, Nicole Kidman. Good call. "Just Go With It" is a truly rancid picture, entirely absent of any characters worth caring for or jokes to be amused by.

Sandler plays plastic surgeon Danny, a man who uses a wedding ring to lure slippery women into his bed for carefree one-night stands. When he meets the woman of his dreams, and she finds the

ring in his jeans, he ropes his secretary, played by Jennifer Aniston, into pretending to be his ex-wife and the whole lie snowballs from there.

I'm not a Sandler-hater. I enjoy the potent, explosive comedian who headlined "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison." But Sandler isn't the young man he once was, and the lean, borderline sociopathic comic has been replaced with a pudgy, irritable goof. He no longer displays any ambition, and it's frustrating to see him grow into complacency.

Unfortunately, one can't simply hate the player, but rather the game. Sandler has taken the occasional risk, and achieved artistic success with films such as "Punch Drunk Love" and "Funny People," playing real characters and delivering solid, intriguing performances. But those films flopped hard at the box office, and the crass garbage "Grown Ups" grossed nearly \$275 million worldwide.

Filmgoers decide the course of moviemaking by voting with the almighty dollar, and Sandler seems to have gotten the message:

No one wants to see him act anymore. They just want to see him get hit in the nuts, and they'll pay through the nose for it.

With minimal expectations thrust upon him, Sandler doesn't have to really try anymore, and he has begun to phone it in. He barely gives his co-stars anything to work off of, and you can feel Jennifer Aniston and other cast-mates trying desperately to pick up the slack. The result is an over-the-top mugfest, and the first film I've considered walking out of in a very long time.

In fact, the last time I contemplated walking out of a film was 2009's "Old Dogs." I reviewed it for The Maine Campus, and to be honest, that negative review was a hoot to write. This film is worse than "Old Dogs." It isn't fun to watch, nor is it fun to write about.

It's just sad — a dull husk with horrific attempts at comedy and a waste of time for all parties involved. Sandler is better than this. Aniston is better than this.

Everyone, including you, is better than this.

Grade: F

LOCAL MUSIC

CD REVIEW: Metal Feathers

In-your-face instrumentation boosts solid songwriting

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

Portland's independent music scene is so welcoming and supportive, it lets musicians create, unbridled by a desire to fit in or adhere to a certain sound.

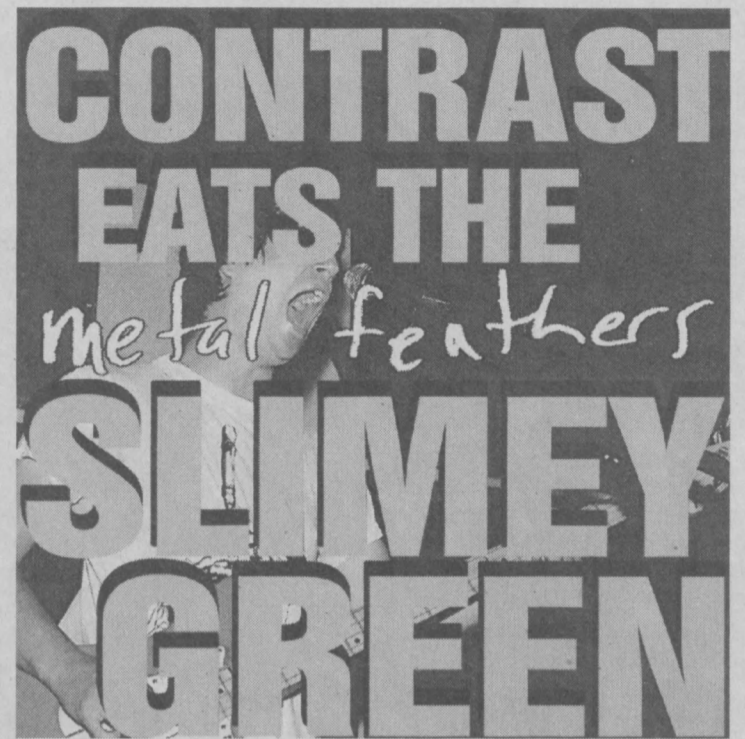
The sophomore release by Metal Feathers, "Contrast Eats The Slimy Green," is the beautiful byproduct of such an environment. It's a little weird, a little messy around the edges, but absolutely full of life.

This album just feels loud. Billed as an indie rock band, Metal Feathers have a healthy dose of punk influences and plenty of Doors-esque organ parts. Their songs crackle and pop with a bite spawned from an army of fuzz pedals. The walls of sound attack listeners, drowning out the vocals only occasionally, and propel the tracks into their brain.

There are surprises hidden in each track's landscape such as the faint sound of a piano being murdered on the second verse of "Fuzzy," the filtered section at the end of "Museum of Trash" and the harmonies on "Caravan."

Metal Feathers pack so much into each track, it would be overwhelming if it didn't work so well. This is after their relatively sparse debut "Statistically Marred" — switching between the two albums is like turning down the volume knob a few clicks.

Even with their sonic assault, it is the songwriting that takes the forefront. Jay Lobley's voice sounds best when undistorted, struggling to keep up with his bandmate's clatter. On the calmer introspective "NLT," he sings, "I sing in a band in the local scene," and later, "Got a lousy job in my old hometown" over bass and a tom groove reminiscent of



Courtesy of Metal Feathers

Spoon.

It is here, in their moments of subtlety, where Lobley's knack for melody shines. Then they break into a sharp, desperate outro to drive it all home.

"City Hall" has the haphazard feeling of a song written at random, but it's so catchy it doesn't matter. It's hard to imagine an experience with local government that could have prompted such a scathing rebuke — "I'm as corrupted as the branches above me / I revel in the sound of my defeated privacy" — but whether the song came about because Lobley began shouting out the words "city hall" at a band practice or as an anti-establishment anthem, the effect is the same.

When the organ is mixed to the fore, like on "Jail Sound," it's hard to avoid the comparisons to the few other bands who have had the balls to incorporate demented circus sounds. Then they dip into a noisy, ef-

fects-driven breakdown and all notions of copycat bands drift away.

The slower "Caravan" plays up the loud-quiet dynamic to the best effect, but it's the noisy "Hideous Eclipse" that remains the most fun. Discordant guitar, slinky bass, plenty of vocal echo and that ever-effective quarter-note snare drum beat work together in such an odd way.

On this one track, Metal Feathers combine influences from nearly every garage band in the last few decades to create a track that's equal parts grandiose and sleazy.

Any lamenting on the lack of creativity found in many national acts while Metal Feathers remain secluded in Portland is a waste of time. Instead go to the band's Bandcamp page, download "Contrast Eats The Slimy Green" for free and enjoy.

Grade: A-

Pubes should be trim for her and for him

Column

To shave or not to shave? This topic comes up a lot in discussions about sex and hygiene. In the last few decades, shaving the pubic region — especially for women — has become very popular.

Look at any porn site or magazine: I guarantee you'd see more hair at a bald men's convention.

Shaving may be popular for professionals, but what about the rest of us? Should we all be running out to schedule our next waxing appointment? When it comes to shaving, it's all about personal preference. Some people just hate hair, plain and simple. They shave their genitals because they hate the feeling of hair and most likely have their partner shave theirs to a certain extent. Others don't mind a full bush on a man or woman.

There is also debate over which situation is better to be shaved for — a one-night stand or a steady relationship? While some are more inclined to keep it shaved for that potential hook-up and let it go once in a relationship, others don't want to put the effort into shaving for just a one-night stand. They would rather keep it trimmed up for

their partner.

My ruling on the issue is this: At least keep things at least trimmed up. This way, even if you have a spontaneous hook-up, you don't have to worry about having an untamed jungle down there and can just enjoy the experience. An excuse like "You caught me on an off-week," can only work so many times before the person will realize you're too lazy to shave all the time.

Also, just because it's winter doesn't mean you should slack on the shaving either. It's cold out there, and what better do you have to do than share your bed with a warm body?

Whether men or women keep it bald all the time is their personal preference, but both should at least keep things trimmed out of common courtesy.

Let's be honest — while some hair isn't bad, no one wants a mouth full of pubes. I prefer to floss with Glide, thank you very much.

But what constitutes as trimmed? For the ladies, I would say as long as you can't see anything with your underwear on you're good. As for the guys, keep the balls and base of the shaft hair-free. If you trim your "taint" or "grundle" area, bonus points for you.

As for all you brave souls out there trying to bring back the bush: Godspeed, my friends. E-mail me in a couple of months and let me know how it's going.

For further discussion on shaving, check out Sex & Wine with S&J Season 1, episode 3 on Facebook.

Beer from B1

an extension of my life." "It's only natural for us," he said.

And that's exactly what he's doing. The Lundys live on the third floor of their own store, renovating it using all recycled materials. On the first floor, amidst music coming from a record player, the store features more ingredients than even the most seasoned homebrewer could hope to use in one beer. Plastic buckets, glass carboys and prepackaged homebrewing extract kits — the "just add water" equivalent to beer making — are placed neatly beside sacks of grain and bags of hops. Experienced homebrewers delight in over 40 types of malted barely, hops and yeast.

Lundy's philosophy centers on sustainable living. With malts from Aroostook county and hops from around Maine, it's possible to make an all-Maine, all organic beer, something he believes is becoming more important to people.

"I think in the past few years, whether it's from books like "The Omnivores Dilemma" or information, people for a while stopped paying attention to what's in their food," he said. "Now people are realizing that it is important what's in the food they're eating or the ingredients they're making their beer with."

For now, there are no im-

mediate plans to expand beyond the store's homegrown roots. Though Lundy envisions crafting his own beer, he's comfortable as a visible member of the community.

"It was my dream to do the brew master thing but the more I

thought about it, the more I realized it was 'pale ale three days a week,'" he said, pausing to add, "I'd rather do crazy beers."

"Some days when Betsy and I think about five years down the road, it would be cool to open a brew pub and tie it in to the store

where you can go drink a beer in the brew pub and then go into the store to get the recipe to make it," he said.

To find Zeth and his "Brew-Master General" as a Marsh-Sachs, simply stop by their premises at 30 Central St. in Bangor.

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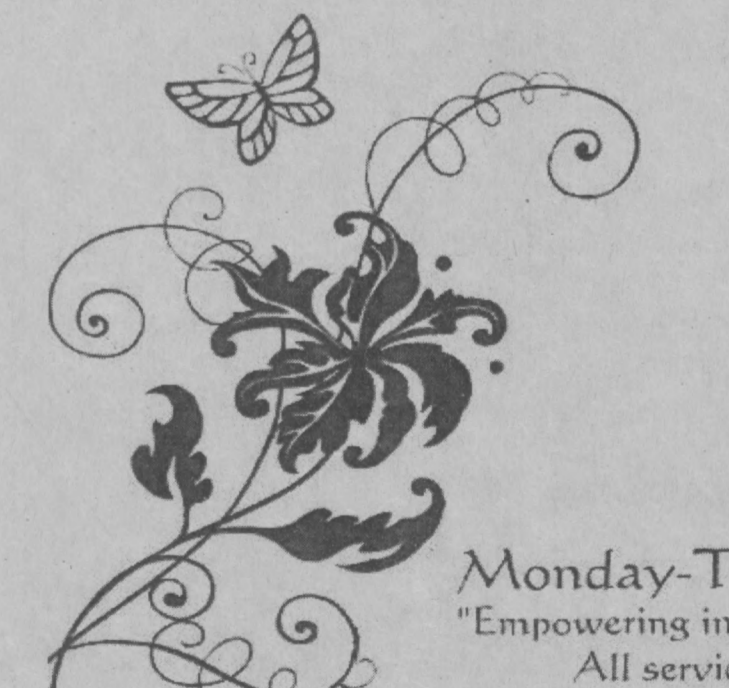
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Utah Jazz have new conductor

Longtime coach Jerry Sloan steps down; another sign of stars getting their way

Column

For longer than I've been alive, the Utah Jazz has had one head coach — until now.



By Jesse Scardina

Thursday morning reports surfaced that Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan was stepping down midseason. He had been at the helm of Utah's only professional sports team since 1988 — the longest on-going tenure in the four major sports.

More rumors materialized that star point guard Deron Williams and Sloan had an altercation during halftime of their Wednesday night game against the Chicago Bulls. It seems Sloan decided right then to resign, but figured doing so in the middle of the game would be in bad taste.

So he settled for the next day. Sloan held a press conference, insisting his "time was up," as if sentencing himself to death.

It sent shockwaves through the NBA — once again, the star player allegedly won over the organization.

Before we get to that, one more thing about Sloan and the Jazz — and if we're changing things, can we please rename the Jazz? Do

they even allow jazz music in Utah? Let's just switch New Orleans' name with Utah's. I doubt there are many hornets in Utah, but they have to be more common than jazz music.

It was surprising that Sloan was able to stay on the bench this long, unless it's the Mormons' goal not to win any championships. In a profession defined by accolades, what more does a coach have than titles?

Sloan has none. He has won the third-most games in NBA history and is the only coach to have won 1,000 games with one team. Besides longevity and having mediocre teams, that stat doesn't say much, especially when you look at the top-two coaches on that list — Don Nelson and Lenny Wilkens — and no one is shouting for either of them as the greatest coach of all time.

The same goes for Sloan. He certainly was a good coach and had an intricate offensive system that worked well in the NBA. But unlike Lakers coach Phil Jackson and the triangle offense — which has won Jackson 11 championships — Sloan's constant motion offense doesn't work unless you have a dominant big man. The one great big man

Sloan did have was Karl Malone. The Mailman recently spoke out against Sloan's resignation, claiming Sloan would never give up on something midway through.

Which brings us back to the epidemic plaguing the NBA second only to tattoos — the fact that the inmates now run the asylum.

As we feared, LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh set off a domino effect that looks like it will continue unless something is implemented in the latest Collective Bargaining Agreement this coming summer. There have been continuous talks of Denver Nuggets forward

are in complete disarray with no end in sight after trying everything to keep LeBron happy, which didn't work.

The Magic completely reinvented their team this season in hopes of satisfying Superman — who can't be a free agent until the summer of 2012.

The Nuggets have all but given up on trying to keep 'Melo and are finding ways to grant his wish of playing in the bright lights.

The Hornets are in the thick of the Western Conference playoff race, but could be just delaying the inevitable in trying to keep their star.

Williams is the newest member of this list, now running the show in Utah and holding all the cards in whether the Jazz will accommodate Williams' demands or if he'll split for greener pastures.

The NBA is at a crossroads and needs to address this issue in the next Collective Bargaining Agreement. Whether it's a franchise tag like the NFL has or stricter cap restrictions preventing teams from compiling superstars, something needs to be implemented to stop this.

If things don't change, then let me be the first to break this story: Rumor has it Blake Griffin wants to take his talents to Oklahoma City.

Carmelo Anthony and Hornets point guard Chris Paul joining power forward Amar'e Stoudemire in the Big Apple, and Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard fleeing to the City of Angels.

Teams are desperate to keep their superstars happy, and will do anything — including severing long-lasting ties or butchering their organizations' futures — to prove it. The Cleveland Cavaliers

The resignation of Sloan is another sign that star players are making the decisions on their respective clubs — deciding who stays and who goes.

Belgian marathoner finishes 365-day quest

49-year-old runs different race every day

By Liam Nee
For The Maine Campus

For most people, running a 26.2-mile race is not a pleasant thought.

The marathon dates back to ancient Greece, and since then, only a select number of athletes over time have engaged in and completed the grueling, endurance-demanding race.

After a large majority of runners complete their first marathon, most participants call it quits, saving more time for bucket list items that don't include burning an average of 3,225 calories in 4 hours. Others stick with it, integrating the race as part of their lives.

Just ask 49-year-old Stefaan Engels, who just completed his 365th consecutive marathon Feb. 5.

To put the distance into perspective, a run from campus, through Bangor, to the shores of Bucksport is roughly the length of a marathon. That exact distance, multiplied by the number of marathons Engels has run for the past year up till Feb. 5, totals to be around 9,569 miles.

The Belgian runner began his journey in Barcelona last year in an effort to set a Guinness World Record. Through seven different countries, including Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Mexico, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, Engels averaged

a slow pace of 10 kilometers per hour and a total of 4 hours per race in order to keep his endurance throughout the year. His best time out of the 365 races was 2 hours, 56 minutes.

In 2008, the now dubbed "Marathon Man" added his first entry into the Guinness Book of World Records when he completed 20 Iron Man triathlons in a single year.

The world's most famous marathon race, the Boston Marathon, will be held for the 115th time April 18. Elite runners were announced last Thursday and included reigning champions Robert Cheruiyot of Kenya and Teyba Erkesso of Ethiopia, who will try and defend their titles.

The winning times from last year included a course record-breaking 2:05:52 performance from Cheruiyot and a 2:26:11 time from Erkesso.

There's no telling who will be able to win this year's race, especially since many runners' training has been diminished due to snow and ice totals, but one thing's for sure: Engels will probably be taking the day off.

The Marathon Man left reporters with one comment after discussion on Feb. 5: "It is time to give my body a rest."

Engels is releasing a new book to highlight his journey on April 7, his 50th birthday, which will be titled "Marathon Man 365: The Book."

Pujols from B6

other spots. Conversely, if they let him walk, it will be a PR disaster for the ball club. While it would undoubtedly free up a mammoth chunk of spending room, they can ill afford to watch their best player, and face of the franchise, walk out of the front door.

The dilemma with the Cardinals' front office is one of the toughest situations for any in baseball right now. They've built an entire team around Pujols, but now they have to pay him his due. If they let him walk, they can get three or four elite players for the price of one — but they won't have the best hitter in the game. My inclination is eventually, either before spring training or next

off-season, the Cards will find a way to make sure Pujols retires in St. Louis.

Pujols truly is a rare player and will go down as one of the greatest players in the history of the game. The decisive factor in how the Cardinals will fare after he signs is how they manage their money right now. These are the type of behind-the-scenes decisions owners and GM's have to make, the type

of decisions that can either turn a team into a yearly contender if handled properly, or send a team plummeting to the basement if handled poorly.

As it stands now, the Cardinals are yearly contenders and the main reason is because of how valuable Pujols is. We are about to find out how much he's really worth to St. Louis — either in his salary or his absence.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Sophomore forward Brittany Dougherty helped lead the University of Maine women's hockey team to a win and a tie over No. 7 Boston College.

Eagles from B6

Ott finished with 37 saves, while Eagles' senior goalie Molly Schaus had 13.

The Black Bears jumped to an early lead in the second game when junior forward Myriam Croussette scored within the first 20 seconds. Junior forward Dominique Goutsis assisted on the play.

The Eagles tied the game 3 minutes later when junior forward Danielle Welch beat Ott for the first BC goal.

The power play was prevalent in the second period, with both teams scoring while on the man-advantage. Two minutes into the period, the Eagles took their first lead of the weekend when sophomore defender Blake Bolden found the net. Stack picked up her second assist of the game on the goal.

Sophomore forward Brittany Dougherty leveled the score with a power-play goal of her own, scoring her 13th goal of the year off a pass from Croussette.

Stack had her third point of the night in the form of a go-ahead goal just seconds before the second period ended.

The Black Bears tied things up early in the final period when freshman forward Kristi King scored her second career goal.

Croussette capped things off the way she started, scoring the game winner on a power play with 5-and-a-half minutes remaining.

The Black Bears' three leading goal scorers each contributed to their undefeated weekend.

The Black Bears will try to extend that stretch when they return home this weekend for their season finale series against Boston University.

Friday's game is scheduled for 7 p.m., while the season finale takes place Saturday at 2 p.m.

Basketball from B6

on ESPN.

The Black Bears jumped out to a 14-2 lead, but couldn't maintain it as the Seawolves chipped away, eventually bringing it to a one-point game with 7 minutes remaining in the half.

The Seawolves managed to gain the 34-33 lead by the break.

Stony Brook was aided by good shooting in the first half, making 45 percent of their shots to UMaine's 37 percent.

Barnies had 10 points and six rebounds at the break, while McLemore had 12.

The second half had a strong performance by junior guard Bryan Dougher, who scored all of his 20 points in the second half and overtime.

The Seawolves jumped out to their own double-digit lead, going ahead 51-41 with less than 10 minutes to play.

The Black Bears battled back — the game saw six ties and seven lead changes — to force overtime. On the Black Bears' final possession, Barnies finished a nice up-and-under layup to force the extra period.

UMaine faltered in the extra time, forcing bad shots and committing offensive fouls, which led to the Seawolves' victory, 71-69.

The Black Bears were out-rebounded 40-34, which guided the Seawolves to 17 second-chance points to the Black Bears' 10.

McLemore finished with 23 points, while Barnies chimed in with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Senior forward Sean McNally had a season-high 14 points.

The Black Bears return home for an important conference clash with No. 1 in AEC University of Vermont Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Black Bears defeated the Catamounts Jan. 18, when McLemore scored his 1,000th career point.

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D line focus of 2011 NFL Draft

Column



By Lucas Thomas

Since the year 2000, 13 quarterbacks have been selected within the top five overall picks of the NFL Draft — the most of any position. This trend reflects a shift in emphasis and the growing importance of being able to throw the football. Also reflective of that trend is the fact that the second most frequently drafted position in the top-five since 2000 is defensive linemen with 12. For every time a young quarterback with unlimited potential and the expectations of carrying a franchise enters the league, an equally promising d-lineman, hailed and glorified as the next great pass rusher neutralizes that advantage — and the chess match between offensive and defensive minded coaches rages on.

What all of these defensive linemen — with maybe the

exception of Tyson Jackson, 2009 Kansas City Chiefs No. 3 overall — have in common is that they possessed elite pass rushing skills coming out of college. Being able to pressure the quarterback is the prerequisite for a big body on defense to be taken that high.

Of those 12 defensive linemen, seven played defensive end in the NFL. Only two of those ends — Chicago Bears' Julius Peppers, 2002 Carolina Panthers No. 2 overall, and Mario Williams, 2006 Houston Texans No. 1 overall — have truly lived up to their draft status and become dominant, game-changing players.

The one glaring bust of that group is Courtney Brown, selected No. 1 overall by Cleveland in 2000, who had significant trouble staying healthy throughout his career.

Justin Smith, 2001 Cincinnati Bengals No. 4 overall, has had a very good professional career with the Bengals and 49ers, but hasn't turned out to be a superstar. Gaines Adams, 2007 Tampa Bay Buccaneers No. 4 overall, tragically passed away last year after only a few seasons in the league, and Chris Long, 2008 St. Louis Rams No. 2

overall, is looking more like Smith rather than fellow No. 2 overall pick Peppers. Jackson is still trying to find his way as a starter in the league — but he is still young.

The defensive tackles have had less success than the ends. Blatant top-five busts were Gerard Warren, 2001 Cleveland Browns No. 3 overall, who managed to salvage his career late but was never anything more than a rotational player and DeWayne Robertson, 2003 New York Jets No. 4 overall.

Kansas City went along the defensive line with a top five pick two years in a row and nearly missed on both, drafting Jackson, No. 3 overall in 2009, and Louisiana State University defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, No. 5 overall in 2008. The strategy was to cement a young line for the 3-4 scheme, but neither player has yet lived up to their billing.

Dorsey now plays both positions on the line and had a solid 2010 campaign that lends hope to his future, and like Jackson, he is very raw and it is too early to tell if he was worthy of the pick. Last year's draft saw Ndamu

kong Suh and Gerald McCoy go No. 2 and No. 3 overall, respectively. Suh is already an All-Pro and one of the best tackles in the league and McCoy showed promise before suffering a season ending injury.

The hit-and-miss rate for defensive linemen in the top-five is around 50 percent, which is fairly standard among any position. The evolving trend has general managers and scouts analyzing and redefining what it takes to develop from a raw collegiate prospect to a quarterback's worst nightmare.

This year, four defensive linemen are projected as potential top-five draft picks. Clemson's Da'Quan Bowers, Alabama's Marcell Dareus, North Carolina's Robert Quinn and Auburn's Nick Fairley are all options for draft slots one through five this year. Fairley and Bowers are projected as most likely to be the Panthers' choice at No. 1 in most mock drafts.

Only time will tell how and where their careers will unfold, but one thing is certain, they're all going to get their shot to offset the newest crop of quarterbacks.

Parity running mad in college basketball

Column



By Liam Nee

The 2011 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament begins with the First Four on March 15 at the University of Dayton Arena in Dayton, Ohio.

With the extraordinary nationwide parity this season along with the expected massive game coverage, March Madness will be a must-watch for any sports fan and maybe television's way to make up for this year's over-criticized Super Bowl.

With Selection Sunday roughly four weeks away, teams around the country have begun to buckle down. One characteristic that seems to define this season's play has been the overall levelness. Injuries have played a large role in leveling this year's playing field, especially for the defending national champion Duke Blue Devils, who lost star freshman point guard Kyrie Irving to a season-ending right big toe injury just eight games in to the team's season.

Teams like the University of Washington, Purdue University, University of Minnesota, University of Indiana and Virginia Tech have all suffered major injuries to their superstars, leaving their seasons' outcomes in question. This sort of parity has certainly left more room for Cinderella teams like 2006's George Mason University or last year's Butler University.

Gone, for now, are the days of Tyler Hanborough's Tar Heels or J.J. Reddick's Blue Devils both of whom held potential spots in the national championship game with ease, straight from the beginning of the tournament.

Before last weekend, the top five teams in the nation were No. 1 Ohio State University; No. 2 University of Kansas; No. 3 University of Texas; No. 4 University of Pittsburgh and No. 5 Duke University.

On Saturday, the Buckeyes fell to Wisconsin, 71-67, while the Jayhawks, Longhorns and Panthers all collected wins, which will mean Ohio State will no longer be No. 1 when the rankings are released on Monday.

The No. 2 Jayhawks, who lead the nation in field goal percentage, will most likely acquire the top spot, but No. 3 Texas could also have a shot, being the only team to hand Kansas a loss this season.

With such a highly anticipated tournament now in place, fans from around the country will be rewarded.

Television giants CBS and Turner Broadcasting announced last Thursday that coverage of the tournament will be featured over a four-channel schedule which will include staggered starting times in order for every fan to physically watch all 67 games.

Twenty-one will be aired on CBS — including Final Four semifinals and national tournament — 16 on TNT and 13 on truTV. The NCAA will also continue their annual online coverage of every single game with "NCAA March Madness On Demand."

Catamounts from B6

— was pulled in favor of fellow freshman Martin Ouellette following the third Catamount goal.

With less than 3 minutes remaining in the period, the Black Bears looked to find some momentum in the form of junior forward Theo Andersson's first goal of the season. After a pass from sophomore center Matt Mangene, Andersson wri

sted the puck past junior goalie Rob Madore's glove for the first Black Bear goal of the game.

Less than 30 seconds later, the Catamounts nullified the goal when freshman center Anthony DeCenzo squeaked the puck past Ouellette. McCarthy and Stalberg were given the assists on the fourth Catamount goal of the period.

After the Black Bears squandered the power play from a holding penalty on freshman defender Arthur Griem at the beginning of the period, they soon got another opportunity 3 minutes in when MacKenzie was called for hooking and Medvec followed him to the sin bin with an elbowing call.

The Catamounts were able to defend the five-on-three well, ending the power play with the three-goal lead.

"It's two weekends in a row we've been in a lengthy five-on-three and we've killed it," Sneddon said. "Part of that's goaltending. I thought Rob [Madore] did a great job. We did a good job reading what they wanted to do. We played aggressive, too."

With 13 minutes remaining in the period, Diamond went to the box again, this time for elbowing. The Catamounts controlled the power play until a turnover led to a breakaway by Nyquist. With a defender in front of him, Nyquist stalled, pulled back and wri

sted the shot past Madore.

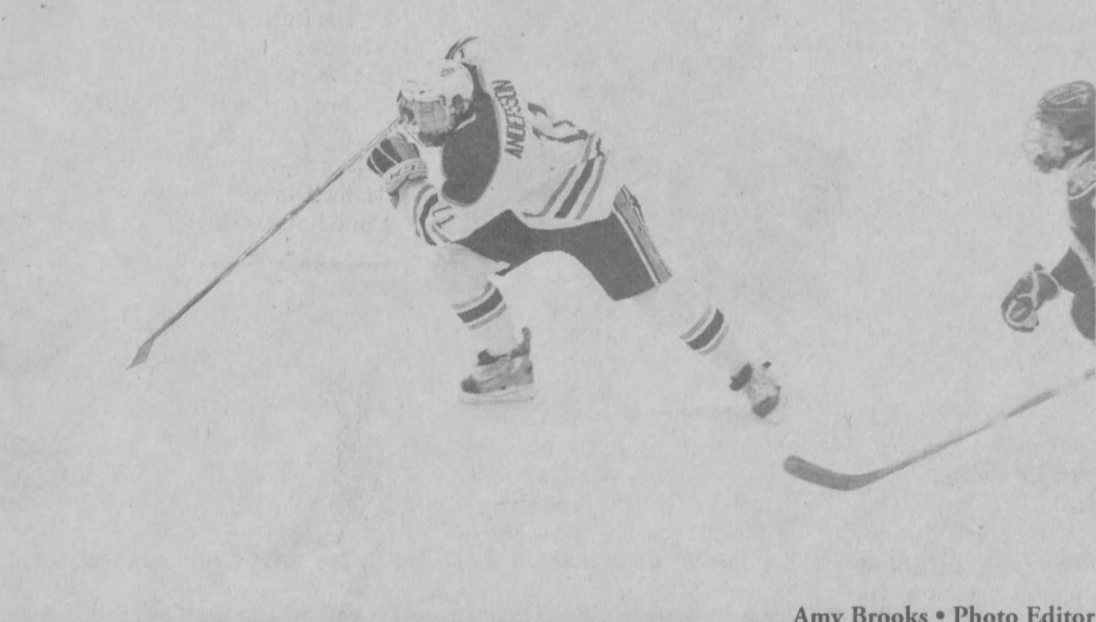
"The shot got blocked off [junior defender Ryan Hegarty's] shin-pad and [the puck] was out of the reach of Vermont's defenders," Nyquist said. "I came down on a two-on-one and I saw the guy try to slide and I just pulled the puck back a bit and saw an opening upstairs."

Once again, the Catamounts crushed any turn of momentum, scoring less than a minute later while still on the power play. DeCenzo scored his second goal of the game, also his second on Ouellette.

"We had numbers and I looked back and [freshman defender Nick] BrunetEAU was calling it to him," DeCenzo said. "I gave it to him, and he's a pretty good playmaker so I let him do the rest, and he had a nice toe-drag and put it on net. My line-mates did the work, so it was pretty easy for me."

The Catamounts put the game away in the third period, when Stalberg scored on a power play while senior defender Josh Van Dyk was in the box with a 5-minute major for kneeling.

As people filed out of Alford



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Junior forward Theo Andersson scored his first goal of the season Friday night in the loss to the University of Vermont.

Arena in flocks, Downing gave them a reason to move faster as he extended Vermont's lead to five midway through the period. With the score 7-2, Whitehead brought on the third goalie of the evening, sophomore Shawn Sirman.

Sirman was able to get the 10-minute clean sheet, but the Black Bears fell 7-2 in front of a disappointed home crowd.

"Very disappointing," UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead said after the blowout. "All of us feel like we let the home crowd down. Certainly not what we expected. We had a strong week of practice but we didn't get it done tonight."

That strong week of practice was apparent Saturday night, as the Black Bears got out to a record-breaking lead with Nyquist scoring 6 seconds into the first period.

"[It was a] good start for us," Nyquist said. "[Junior forward Brian] Flynn drilled the net so hard the goalie couldn't see

box four times, while the Black Bears had two penalties, resulting in a five-on-three late in the period that UMaine killed.

With 6 minutes remaining, the Black Bears made good use of one of those four penalties. After Nilsson-Roos was booked for elbowing, junior forward Spencer Abbott took a rip from the blue line. Madore made the initial save, but the rebound landed directly on Flynn's stick and he tucked it past Madore for his 14th goal of the season.

Both teams fought the 2-2 tie into the final intermission.

Midway through the period, Diamond went to the penalty box for holding an opponent's stick.

On the first play after the penalty wrapped up, Diamond controlled the puck behind the Catamounts' net until he fired a shot that deflected past Madore for the go-ahead goal.

"I was kind of surprised by the [holding] penalty," Diamond said. "They got the faceoff by the bench and [senior forward Robby] Dee won a great faceoff to O'Neill and he saw me in the neutral zone and dumped it in. I beat the guy to the puck and got a couple steps on him and took it to the net."

"I didn't feel like I gave him anything," Madore said. "I don't know if he was trying to pass it in front or going for the bank. It hit a knee pad in front and some games those bounces go your way some games it doesn't."

"We talked about continuing to play hard and good things will happen," Whitehead said. "Sure enough, [Diamond] won that battle behind the net and took advantage."

After the Catamounts emptied their net with 48 seconds remaining, the Black Bears sealed the victory with 21 seconds left after Nyquist scored with no one in front of him.

"It was a good bounce back game for us," Whitehead said. "We carried the play. It was a real good answer game for us to bounce back within 24 hours and come out with a real thorough victory."

The Black Bears hit the road this weekend to take on the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Friday's game is scheduled for 7 p.m., while the puck drops at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and can be viewed on NESN.

much. I got a great screen by Flynn and without that I wouldn't have scored."

Six seconds later, the Catamounts gained an early power play when junior defender Will O'Neill was booked for interference. Mangene joined him less than a minute later for charging, and the Catamounts enjoyed over a minute of five-on-three action.

On the same play, Medvec went crashing into the boards and was down on the ice for a number of minutes. The assistant captain did not return.

The Catamounts tied the score 40 seconds into the two-man advantage. After Sirman stopped a flurry of shots, Stalberg beat Sirman for Vermont's first goal of the game. Downing and freshman center Matt White each assisted on the play.

The Catamounts continued to excel on the power play, taking the lead after O'Neill went to the box for tripping. Downing deflected McCarthy's shot past Sirman for the 2-1 lead.

The second period was marked by a number of penalties, with the Catamounts hitting the

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"We talked about continuing to play hard and good things will happen."
University of Maine men's hockey head coach Tim Whitehead

COLUMN

Jazz have new conductor

Sloan's resignation latest sign where NBA is going

B4



Men's basketball drops four straight

Lose against Hartford and Stony Brook

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

After running through the America East Conference without any trouble, the University of Maine men's basketball team has hit a road block, falling in the last four games.

After running off seven straight wins, the Black Bears have lost to Boston University, the University of Maryland Baltimore County and more recently, Hartford University and Stony Brook University.

The Black Bears traveled to Hartford on Thursday to avenge their only loss in the first half of conference play.

The Hawks shot a season-best 50.9 percent from the field and upset the Black Bears 74-65. Senior guard Joe Zeglinski finished with a career-high 33 points.

The game started evenly with the score tied at 12 just 7 minutes in. Two free throws by senior guard Terrance Mitchell gave the Black Bears the two-point

lead — the last time they would hold the lead all game.

The Hawks took a 10-point lead after a 12-0 run, and led by 11 at halftime, 40-29.

Senior forward Troy Barnies, junior guard Gerald McLemore and freshman center Alasdair Fraser each had six points at the break.

The Black Bears narrowed the gap to six with 5 minutes gone by in the half, but the Hawks pulled away again and extended the lead to 17.

The Black Bears cut the final deficit down to single digits, as the Hawks swept

the season series against the Black Bears, 74-65.

McLemore was the only Black Bear in double figures, finishing with eight points, including 4-8 from three-point range.

The Black Bears had a quick turn-around after the Hartford loss, traveling to Long Island to take on the Seawolves at 11 a.m.

See Basketball on B4

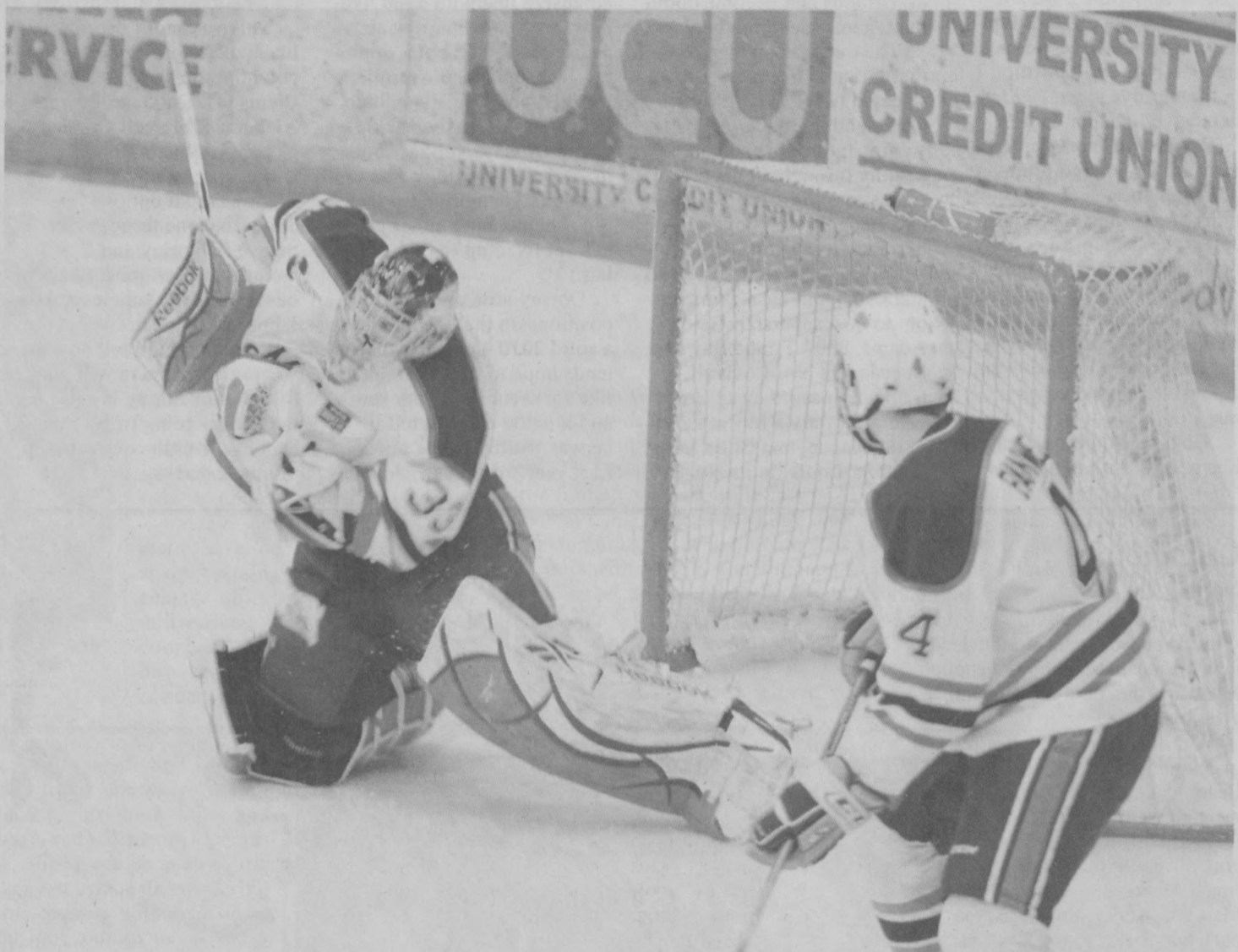


UMaine vs. Hartford
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Black Bears split crucial series

Lose opener, win finale vs. Vermont; Nyquist scores quickest goal in UM history



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Sophomore goalie Shawn Sirman picked up the win over the University of Vermont, 4-2 Saturday night.

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Returning to Alford Arena this past weekend, the University of Maine men's hockey team split an important series with the University of Vermont, making their performances in the three remaining regular season weekends extremely crucial.

The Black Bears got blown out Friday night, as the Catamounts piled seven goals on three different goalies.

The Black Bears rebounded in the series finale, defeating the Catamounts 4-2, while junior

forward Gustav Nyquist scored the quickest goal in UMaine history.

The Black Bears came out with uninspired play in the first game, letting the Catamounts pounce to a three-goal lead and giving up four goals in the first period.

Less than 5 minutes into the period, the Catamounts snagged their first goal, after UMaine freshman goalie Dan Sullivan let up a rebound to sophomore forward Chris McCarthy, who put it past Sullivan. Sophomore forward Sebastian Stalberg and senior defender Dan Lawson each

recorded an assist on the opening goal.

The Catamounts doubled their lead 3 minutes later, as senior defender Kyle Medvec connected on his second goal of the season.

Eight minutes into the period, the Black Bears got to show off their special teams when sophomore forward Tobia Nilsson-Roos was booked for a high stick. The Black Bears failed to connect on the power play, and Sullivan deflected a breakthrough by freshman forward Connor Brickley — the best opportunity of the man advantage.

With just over 6 minutes re-

maining, UMaine sophomore forward Joey Diamond was booked for interference at center ice. Instead of a UMaine attack, it turned into a Catamount power play.

Vermont did what the Black Bears couldn't and capitalized on their power play. Junior defender Drew MacKenzie found wide-open senior forward Jack Downing in the slot, and Downing rifled it past Sullivan for the third goal of the game.

Sullivan — in his first game back from injury in five weeks

See Catamounts on B5



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Senior center Sean McNally finished with a season-high 14 points in the loss to Stony Brook University.

Women's hockey stands strong at BC

Black Bears tie opener 1-1, take Saturday finale 4-3 over 7th-ranked Eagles

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

After the University of Maine men's hockey team was manhandled at the Conte Forum on Boston College's campus in mid-November, the women's hockey team had a much better showing, tying the opening game and winning the second over the No. 7 Eagles.

The Black Bears are now 11-

15-5 overall and 5-11-3 in Hockey East, while the Eagles fall to 19-6-5 and 12-4-3 in conference play.

The Black Bears held the high-powered Eagles to one goal in the opening game, as the team played to a 1-1 draw.

After a scoreless first period, the Black Bears were the first to visit the red light district when senior

forward Jennie Gallo scored her team-leading 13th goal of the season. Freshman forward Missy Denk forced a turnover and found

Gallo for the power-play goal.

The Black Bears first gave up an opportunity to expand the lead, but lost it on their other power play. Nine minutes into the final period, senior forward Kelli Stack scored her 31st goal of the season — good for second in the country. Sophomore goalie Brittany Ott saved the initial shot, but Stack put in the rebound.

See Eagles on B4

Deadline close to zero for Pujols and the Cardinals

Column

The situation with first baseman Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals is a textbook example of why being a front office executive for a professional sports team is one of the least enviable great jobs in the world. Don't get me wrong: Raking in seven-digits a year would be tight, but when it comes time to making difficult decisions, one side will inevitably get hosed. I believe the term referring to this type of business is "cut throat."

By Lucas Thomas

After the 2011 season, the seven-year, \$100 million deal

Pujols signed in 2004 will expire and he will become a free agent. The Cards obviously want Pujols — the best baseball player on planet Earth — to stay with the club. He just turned 31, is in the prime of his career and the man churns out MVP seasons like a machine — hence his nickname "The Machine."

Pujols has never mentioned any desire to leave the city he has played in for his entire 10-year career. So before he becomes fair game via free agency a contract extension seems to be the best possible solution. That is where it gets dicey.

"Phat Albert" obviously knows he plays baseball better than anybody else in the game, including Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who is currently the game's highest paid player. Naturally, he would like just compensation

for his ability — that means the next time he signs his name on a contract, it will be in the vicinity of 10 years and \$300 million. The way precedents work with contracts, there is essentially no way Pujols will accept any offer that pays him less than Rodriguez. His agent understands Pujols' contract will be the new gold standard in Major League Baseball and the future contracts of superstar players will be measured against Pujols' next deal.

For the Cardinals franchise, Pujols' value cannot be quantified even with a record-breaking contract. He has been the face of St. Louis sports for the past decade, and rather than listing his accolades, it is much easier to say unanimously that he is the best hitter in baseball. During the 2006 campaign, he carried a Cardinal team with a 83-78 record to a World Series

title — the worst record ever for a World Series-winning team — and without his stick that team doesn't even sniff October.

However, St. Louis is by no means a lucrative sports market, and the Cardinals are operating under a budget. They are a team that is built to win through pitching, and they have done a nice job in locking up a young and talented staff.

Starters Chris Carpenter, Kyle Lohse and Adam Wainwright are all signed through 2012, but when you combine their salaries for this year — \$33,875,000 — and add in Matt Holliday's due — \$17,000,000 — the Cardinals have four players, not including Pujols, accounting for

49 percent of their 2011 payroll. Mix in the \$16 million Pujols is already scheduled to make this season and that is nearing \$67 million for only five players. Those salaries carry into the

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reached a stalemate. The Cardinals are facing the grim reality they know has been coming for a while. In order to keep their perennial MVP candidate at first base, they must make him baseball's highest paid player, and now they've opened up their wallets to find that most of their checks have already been written out to Holliday, Carpenter, Wainwright and Lohse.

If they keep him, their future hopes of winning will be built around five players. Granted, those five players are in crucial positions, and there will be limited funds to surround that group with quality players at

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