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**Left:** Sen. Susan Collins addresses an audience in Jewett Auditorium at the University of Maine at Augusta March 19 during the 22nd annual induction ceremony for the Maine Women's Hall of Fame.  
**Right:** Members of the Maine Chapter of Military Families Speak Out gathered outside the Maine Women's Hall of Fame Induction ceremony March 19 to protest Sen. Susan Collins' induction on the eighth anniversary of the American invasion of Iraq.

Beth Kevit • Asst. News Editor

## Cain: DC rumblings baseless

May seek Maine Senate in 2012

By Chris Chase  
For The Maine Campus

According to Maine House Minority Leader Emily Cain, rumors circulating in the media that she may run for Sen. Olympia Snowe's seat in the 2012 election are greatly exaggerated.

Multiple news sources, including the Portland Press Herald and Washington, D.C.-based political publication Roll Call have published stories hinting at the possibility of seeing the Orono Democrat's name on the Senate ballot next year. Additionally, Public Policy Polling, a blog highly ranked by The Wall Street Journal, presented her as a strong Democratic candidate in its latest poll.

The various rumors all popped up around March 8 and included numbers by Public Policy Polling showing Cain far behind Snowe in a bid for the Senate seat.

The problem with this speculation in the media is Cain's undecided opinion on the matter, despite the fact that she seemed all but certain in those recent reports.

"While I certainly plan on running for higher office, I am not certainly planning on running for the Senate in 2012," Cain said.

The 30-year-old Cain, the youngest female legislator in Maine's history to lead the minority party in the Maine House of Representatives, said she has seen more attention since her election.

Cain has also served as the House Chair on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 124th Legislature, no small task in a time of economic downturn.

These high-profile positions at a relatively young age could be a strong motivator for rumors behind a Senate bid. With her name appearing more frequently in the news, she may become a popular choice for the candidacy.

Cain speculates rumors may have arisen from the survey done by Public Policy Polling that featured her as a prominent Maine Democrat. However she maintains the true cause remains a mystery.

"I don't really know where the rumors started," Cain said. "It's very flattering. I take it as a

## Collins, UM nutrition 'legend' honored

Maine Women's Hall of Fame inducts 2 new members as senator chided by anti-war protesters

By Beth Kevit  
Asst. News Editor

AUGUSTA — Sen. Susan Collins and Katherine Musgrave, professor emerita of food science and human nutrition at the University of Maine, were inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame Saturday.

The 22nd induction ceremony was held in Jewett Auditorium at the University of Maine at Augusta. The Maine Women's Hall of Fame was es-

tablished in 1990 by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women and is permanently housed by UMA.

Previous inductees include former Sen. Margaret Chase Smith; Sen. Olympia Snowe; former Congresswoman and Maine gubernatorial candidate Libby Mitchell; and Patricia Collins, Sen. Collins' mother.

Multiple representatives delivered congratulatory addresses to the inductees on behalf of Snowe, Congressman Mike Michaud, Congresswoman

Chellie Pingree and Gov. Paul LePage. A prerecorded video of former Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen congratulating Collins was played later in the ceremony.

Musgrave began teaching at UMaine as an assistant professor in 1969, and though officially retired, she continues to teach. Her extensive efforts in nutrition science have been recognized by the American Dietetic Association and the Maine Nutrition Council, among others.

She was nominated for induction by Karen W. Baldacci, former first lady of the state of Maine, and Susan Hunter, vice president for academic affairs and provost for UMaine.

Robert White, associate provost and dean of lifelong learning for UMaine, introduced Musgrave as "the quintessential lifelong learner personified."

"She reminds us that too often teachers are giving students cut flowers when we should be teaching them how to grow plants," White said. "Today,

Maine honors a legend, and while her roots are in Tennessee, her branches spread in Maine."

Baldacci spoke warmly of her earliest interaction with Musgrave when she was a first-year student auditing Introduction to Food Science and Nutrition and described that first lecture as a life-changing experience.

Hunter lauded the dietician's work toward rectifying malnu-

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## Tobacco funds to boost MaineCare

LePage plan would utilize reserve

By Jamison Cocklin  
Staff Reporter

As hearings on Gov. Paul LePage's biennial budget proposal continue through the end of this month and lawmakers search for ways to save the state money, no stone is being left unturned and nothing is off limits.

One part of LePage's budget proposal is stirring the ire of some in Maine's public health community. In an effort to generate new revenue sources and breathe life into the state's faltering Medicaid program, MaineCare, the administration has included \$18.1 million in cuts to the Fund for a Healthy Maine as part of its proposed budget.

LePage's proposal would also make it easier in the future to redirect money from the Healthy Maine reserve for use in the state's general fund by eliminating certain provisions.

The Fund for a Healthy Maine has long been revered as a source of stability to young parents, the elderly and low-income students. Each year it receives an infusion of around \$50 million from a 1998 multi-state settlement with tobacco

companies. Maine, unlike other states, has gone to great lengths to ensure that money goes to the fund for public health initiatives, including tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

But now, after the Affordable Care Act of 2009 passed by the federal government, the state government cannot meaningfully reduce enrollment or coverage in MaineCare and must find money to pay for

**Gov. LePage is looking to utilize millions of dollars from a 1998 tobacco settlement to generate revenue for MaineCare.**

the program as it exists, which means unprecedented reductions to the Healthy Maine reserve.

Cuts to the Fund for a Healthy Maine include an elimination of funding for family planning, which provides assistance to young adults in

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## In the midst of sap season

Extension specialist talks Maine's maple sugar industry

By Chris Lavoie  
For The Maine Campus

Maple sugar season has arrived in Maine and the month of March offers a number of events and learning opportunities for seasoned maple syrup producers and amateur enthusiasts.

"It is sap season, which can happen anytime from the end of January to sometime in March," said University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator and maple sugar expert Kathy Hopkins.

"The ideal temperatures [for sap] are around 20 degrees at night and 45 degrees during the day," she said. "It needs to be below freezing at night and not more than 45 degrees during the day or the maple trees will start to bud out."

Hopkins said the state of Maine has a love for and connection to pure maple syrup.

"Maine and maple syrup are so connected because of both the poverty of early settlers and the independent spirit of Mainers — Mainer's who wanted to make their own sweetener rather than paying for the very expensive white sugar," she said. "In addition, I think Mainers, like other New Englanders, just liked to get out of the house after a long winter."

Hopkins described how



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An Orono resident is tapping multiple trees in a Main Street front yard.

Maine's pure maple syrup tastes compared to Vermont's, which is popular among New Englanders.

"The names of the grades

of the maple syrup are pretty much the same. In order to be sold, all syrup has to be finished

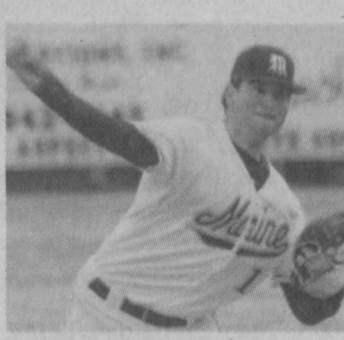
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 Broncos ride Black Bears in 3 out of 4



# Dems seek to regroup after 2010 shelling

College arm of party holds Lewiston fundraiser headlined by former National Committee chair

By Beth Kevit  
Asst. News Editor

LEWISTON — Prominent Maine Democrats and members of the Maine College Democrats crushed shoulder-to-shoulder in the sitting room of the Ware Inn in Lewiston Friday night, jostling against each other in order to hear Terry McAuliffe speak.

McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2001 to 2005, addressed the crowd that spilled into the inn's foyer and dining room and urged his fellow Democrats to reaffirm their belief in the party at the fundraising event.

"We inherit the worst economy since the Depression," McAuliffe said, referencing the 2008 presidential election to suggest a contrast to the nation's current position. "Our party is in great shape."

The crowd included Congressman Mike Michaud, who represents Maine's second congressional district; Janet Mills, a former Maine attorney general; and Diane Russell, who represents part of Portland in the Maine state House of Representatives. Members of the University of Maine College Democrats trekked to Lewiston



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Rep. Mike Michaud introduces former Democratic National Convention Terry McAuliffe, second from left, at a Maine Democratic Party joint fundraiser with the Maine College Democrats. Janet Mills, former Maine Attorney General, and Ben Grant, second from right, chair of the Maine Democratic Party, look on.

Chairman Ben Grant offered his take on the state of the party in Maine before introducing McAuliffe.

"I find the party to be in an interesting place," Grant said, referring back to what he termed as

a race with 35 available seats — and 78 Republican state representatives — in a race with 151 available seats.

Republicans gained control of both the House and the Senate, though in each they only hold six more seats than do Democrats. Both the House and the Senate currently have one member who votes independent.

Including Maine, 37 states held gubernatorial elections in 2010 and this shift toward conservatism was seen nationwide. Republicans won 23 of the 37 open seats with an average margin of approximately 18 percentage points. Twelve of those seats had been held by a Republican in the previous term and the remaining 11 had been held by Democrats.

In contrast, Democratic can-

didates were elected to 13 gubernatorial offices, but only five of those had previously been held by Republicans.

The remaining open gubernatorial seat, that of Rhode Island, was won by an independent candidate.

The surge in popularity of GOP candidates spilled over into elections for national seats, where Republicans gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives in the largest power shift since 1948.

Of the 435 open seats in the House, Republicans won the majority with the election of 242 candidates. Democrats retained control of the U.S. Senate; however, Republicans managed to take control of five seats previously held by Democrats.

Michaud and Chellie Pin-

gree, who represents Maine's first congressional district, won reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010. Both Democrats were incumbents who were elected over their Republican opponents by at least 10 percentage points. U.S. senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, both Republicans, were not up for re-election in the 2010 cycle.

Grant named President Barack Obama and Gov. LePage as the Maine Democratic Party's top motivators, adding that "because of those two people, I'm confident our party will get back on its feet."

Grant's disapproval of rising conservatism in Maine was reiterated by McAuliffe.

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**"We inherit the worst economy since the Depression. ... Our party is in great shape."**

Terry McAuliffe  
Former chairman  
Democratic National Committee

for the event, which they helped the Maine Democratic Party arrange, as well as for a state-wide convention held at Bates College.

Maine Democratic Party

2010's "catastrophic" election.

With the results of the Maine 2010 election, Augusta's blue tinge reddened. Gov. Paul LePage was elected alongside 20 Republican state senators — in

# Lecturer urges strengthened public-military ties

By Rachel Curit  
For The Maine Campus

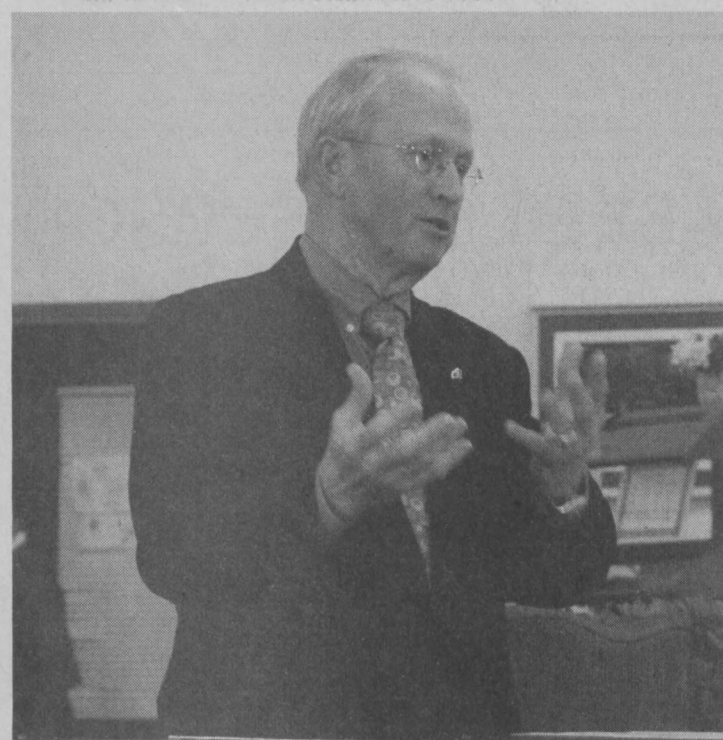
Retired Navy Capt. Charles Cragin gave a lecture regarding the relationship between American civilians and the military March 17 at Fogler Library's University Club.

Cragin, who currently works as a senior government affairs counselor for MaineStreet Solutions, a public relations and counseling service located in Augusta, began his speech discussing America's former system of conscription, better known colloquially as "the draft."

Just after World War II in 1945, the draft ended for about 18 months and was then reinstated until the end of the Vietnam War in 1973. The United States moved to an all-volunteer force, bringing more men to service between the ages of 17 and 24. It was, however, getting expensive to pay for dishonorable discharges.

All-volunteer forces, Cragin said, helped cut down on the number of dishonorable discharges because the soldiers are serving out of their own personal interests and not being forced into action by politicians.

"We have a force today that



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Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Charles Cragin, discussed the relationship between American civilians and the military to students at Fogler Library's University Club Thursday afternoon.

wants to be there," he said. "I don't want a guy flying an F-16 who doesn't want to be there. I worked alongside a lot of guys who didn't want to be there."

Cragin said he is "adamantly

against the draft," citing concerns that politicians may resort to a conscription-based military with little understanding of the consequences.

"They don't understand what

it is to send young men and women into [combat zones]," he said.

Despite his concerns about the draft, Cragin said the measure has become largely unnecessary due to the efficiency of volunteer-staffed branches.

"All volunteer forces perform so well that few public leaders think we need the draft," Cragin said.

Cragin said there are 1.3 million people on active duty right now — approximately equal to the population of Maine. America's military employs 2.4 million people, including the Individual Ready Reserves (IRR) and the Selective Reserves — less than 1 percent of the country's population.

He said diversity in the military would help the American people more positively relate to its goals and actions.

"One way to create a better connection is to have a military that reflects our civilians. Not just color, but education level," Cragin said. "Should it be gender neutral? If a woman can do 100 pushups, then she is qualified — if she can't, then tough luck. But the same goes for a man."

With a better demographic representation of the country,

he hopes the divide between the enlisted and the general public could be closed as more people would be exposed to soldiers first hand instead of from afar.

"America respects its warriors, but from a distance," Cragin said, quoting David Wood, a military correspondent for AOL's Politics Daily.

He said one of the problems with volunteer groups is the people who are involved in these organizations are oftentimes veterans and spouses of soldiers, people who already have some stake in the war. If more of the general public reached out to those in the armed forces, Cragin said some of the disconnect between the groups would disappear.

"Volunteer. Give back a little," Cragin said.

Without an effort to help bridge the divide between the enlisted and civilian sectors, Cragin envisioned a world in which the two parties would become totally disconnected.

"I worry that we could wake up one day and that the American people will no longer know us, and we won't know them," he said, quoting U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen.

ticle.

For now, Cain's plans remain uncertain. Currently she is in her last term as a state representative, as term limits will prevent her from running again. With no clear Democratic candidate for the race in 2012, she may see more attention after the rumors have circulated.

At the moment, Cain feels focusing on her current job takes precedent over any future plans. She did say she has not ruled out the possibility of running for senator in 2012 — in the Maine State Senate.

If Cain were to run for Senate and win, she would represent District 30, a vast district stretching from Veazie, Orono and Old Town to northern Penobscot County towns such as Lincoln, Howland and Matamoras. Current Sen. Elizabeth Schneider, also a Democrat, was re-elected by a wide margin in November 2010, but is term-limited in 2012.

"I am seriously considering running for the state Senate in 2012," Cain said.

## Cain from A1

sign that I must be doing something right."

With the survey done by Public Policy Polling showing Snowe gaining less support than an unidentified "more conservative challenger" in her own party, the time for a strong Democratic Senate bid may be coming in the 2012 election.

Cain is uncertain of who the Democratic candidate will be in 2012.

"We've always run a candidate against Snowe. I have no doubt that someone will step forward, but I don't know who that candidate will be yet," Cain said.

Cain said she has not ruled out the possibility of becoming a U.S. senator, but she asserts she still has ample time to decide.

"I just became old enough to run for the U.S. Senate 12 months ago," Cain was quoted as saying in the Roll Call ar-

## 3rd SG website deal signed

\$584 contract awaits approval

By Christopher Crosby  
Staff Reporter

Yet another agreement has been reached between members of the University of Maine Student Government and former senate parliamentarian Ryan Gavin to create a website for the organization.

The contract is the third between Gavin and UMSG this semester to create the website.

The terms of the contract were approved by the Executive Budgetary Committee, which oversees financial allocations to student groups, on March 17. The contract will be sent to UMSG on March 22 to receive final authorization.

The site will feature basic information about UMSG bylaws, senator profiles with pictures, committee information, and links to university events and community news.

The first agreement called for the website to be launched Feb. 22 but was delayed after Gavin revealed in his senate presentation that the site was incomplete. At the time, Student Body President Nelson Carson admitted he had not done enough to ensure the deadline was met.

After lengthy debate, the senate agreed to extend the deadline to March 15; however, the website was not completed on time.

Addressing the senate again, Gavin claimed he had not received enough information on the content and layout of the website to create a "professional" product. Gavin claimed Carson failed to respond to e-mails asking for more content. Carson denied he ever received e-mails from Gavin warning him the website would not be finished, labeling the e-mails as "forgeries."

At the March 15 meeting, disgruntled senators criticized Carson for failing to complete the website, while Sen. Kristina McTigue said the banter between Carson and Gavin was "embarrassing."

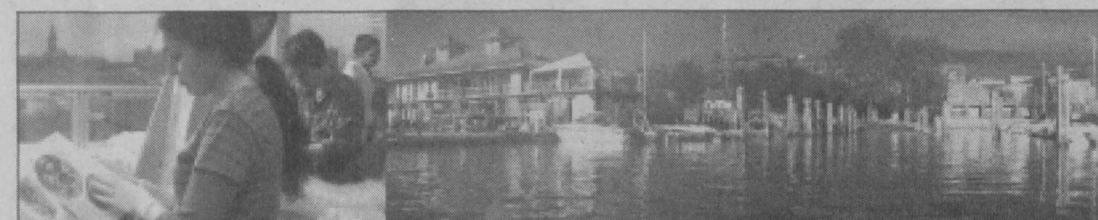
According to several sources, senators had drafted a resolution to impeach Carson at the meeting but eventually reconsidered after being approached by senate faculty advisor EJ Roach and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Lauri Sidelko.

Pending approval by the senate on March 26, the new contract requires the website to be finished and presented between April 18 - 26. There are 11 scheduled meetings between Gavin and senators during this time, one of which will include a presentation to GSS executives.

EBC member Sen. Sam Helmke declined to comment on the specifics of the contract prior to senate approval. Helmke did say a small group of senators and one executive will be working with Gavin to generate the website's content. He hopes the senate will react favorably to the "timeline of progress" specifically outlined in the contract.

"I believe that the language is much more detailed and focused on a more streamlined contact system," Helmke said.

To date, Gavin has received \$926.98 for work on the website. If the contract is approved, he will receive an additional \$584.92.

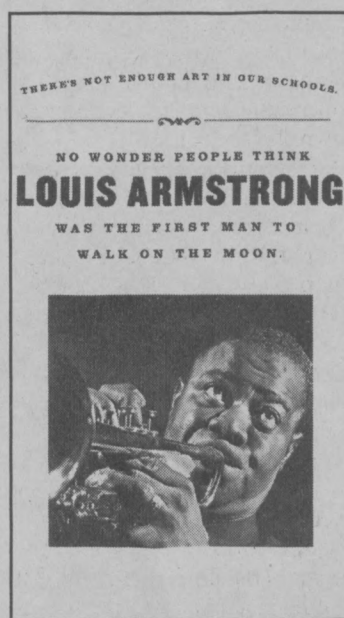


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# Students send administration a smoke signal

Upset over university's new anti-tobacco policy, 30 Black Bears stage a 'smoke-in' to voice their displeasure

By Matthew Soucy  
Staff Reporter

A group of approximately 30 students gathered on the mall in front of Fogler Library Thursday afternoon to participate in a "smoke-in" to protest the implementation of the new Tobacco-Free Campus policy at the University of Maine.

With no more than a lighter in one hand and a cigarette in the other, the students lit up on the mall to protest the campus-wide ban on tobacco products. The new tobacco ban, which prohibits smoking as well as possessing tobacco anywhere on campus, did not deter them from making their point.

"The tobacco ban is an administrative lie. It has not stopped anyone from using tobacco on campus and should not prevent that right," said third-year history and secondary education student Aaron Santerre, leader of the protest and creator of its Facebook page. "It's an unenforceable policy aimed at promoting the image of the far-left utopia that the university has worked to create. It alienates moderate conservatives, moderate liberals and ultimately the majority of our campus population."

According to the event's page on Facebook, 201 students planned on attending the event while another 128 people were unsure. Though the 30 students in attendance fell short of expectations, Santerre was quick to point out the amount of people at the event was not his main concern.

"It's not really about the amount of people that showed up. The result-blown attention

and the buzz the protest has generated are more important in the long term," Santerre said. "Given the lack of advertisement I provided for the event, I was moderately happy with the turnout. I consider it a good first attempt."

Santerre said he would consider organizing another protest that he would advertise more widely than he did this smoke-in. He said he believes the date — St. Patrick's Day and the first day of the NCAA Basketball Tournament — was not to his advantage.

Santerre said the more than 200 users who took interest to the Facebook

page are "representative of the great deal of opposition to the policy. In only a short time and with limited advertising, the protest gained a great deal of support through social networking."

"The turnout was a little underwhelming even by my standards," said Rob Simmons, a third-year forestry student, adding that he was there to support the message but was hoping for a larger crowd.

A former habitual smoker who has since quit, Santerre said he was "instantly displeased" by what he called nothing more than a political statement by the university that serves to divide groups of students and alienate them rather than bring them together.

"My biggest issue with the ban is that it violates a right.

It's also just not feasible. People still smoke everywhere on campus and the removal of many butt cans has everyone throwing their cigarette butts on the ground," Santerre said. "The ban is also dishonest. This is not a smoke-free campus. The extension to smokeless tobacco is particularly ridiculous because smokeless tobacco affects no one but the user and it's their right to use such products."

The Tobacco-Free Policy page on the UMaine website states the purpose of the policy is "to reduce harm from tobacco use and secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, reduce health insurance and health care costs and promote a campus culture of wellness."

butt cans have been removed. These cigarette butts are styrofoam and do not break down efficiently," Santerre said. "That is more counterproductive than anything."

The policy became official as of Jan. 1, but in an attempt to ease its introduction on campus, the university has made compliance voluntary for the first year. Starting on Jan. 1, 2012, the University intends to enforce the policy but has yet to provide details as to how they will do so.

The policy's Web page claims "it is the shared responsibility of all members of the campus community to respect and abide by this policy."

"I've heard from some on campus, including faculty, that smoking has added great enjoyment to their lives," Santerre said. "They've often said this enjoyment has made it worth the consequences. This is certainly not the case for most people. Nevertheless, it holds true for some."

Santerre pointed out that he

is in no way encouraging people to pick up smoking, especially not to make a point about the policy.

"I am absolutely not encouraging others to smoke," Santerre said. "I used to smoke myself. The process of quitting was next to unbearable. I just do not believe in suppressing the freedoms of others to smoke."

For Santerre, the purpose of the smoke-in was to encourage students to exchange their opinions and challenge existing policies, especially when they pertain to their rights and freedoms.

"I want people to challenge the university and its positions," Santerre said. "I want people to think critically and not let a university warp their moral and logical core by believing everything they are spoon-fed. I want people to be independent thinkers and not settle for anyone taking away their rights. It starts with one right, and then the domino effect ensues."

Illustration by Beth Kevitt



According to the university, tobacco use by definition "includes the possession of any lighted tobacco products or the use of any type of smokeless tobacco."

"I think a more practical solution would have been designating smoking sections on campus. We should have an isolated smoking area every 200-300 feet," Santerre said when asked what changes he would make to the policy. "This would keep secondhand smoke away from nonsmokers while keeping the right to tobacco use intact. Smokeless tobacco users should only be asked to responsibly dispose of their spittoons."

Santerre and other protestors pointed out the only change they have seen around campus as a result of the new policy is an increase in cigarette butts on the ground.

"There are cigarette butts everywhere now that most of the

## Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

### Shattered glass

A window in the southwest entrance of Penobscot Hall was broken at some point between midnight and 7 p.m. March 15. The estimated value of the window is \$200.

### Basketball burglar

An undisclosed amount of cash was stolen at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center at some point between 6:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. March 15. According to University of Maine Police Department Detective Bill Flagg, a sum of money less than \$100 was taken from a wallet in a gym bag left by the basketball courts.

### Tipsy trifecta

UMPD officers on patrol at 11 p.m. March 17 witnessed a female walking down Rangeley Road with a male who was staggering. Officers approached the couple and the male, who was intoxicated, was uncooperative. Bradford Hersey of Winterport, 18, was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption. Hersey's companion, 19, is a student and was not charged. They were offered a ride in the police cruiser back to Gannett Hall, where the female lives.

While in the cruiser, Hersey became belligerent and began

behaving erratically, according to Flagg. The University of Maine Volunteer Ambulance Corps was called to assess Hersey, who was determined not to be a danger to himself or others. At this point, Hersey became unruly and was instructed to leave campus since he had not taken advantage of the opportunity to return to Gannett Hall.

Arrangements were made to transport Hersey off campus; however, he refused to get in the car. After being issued a notice barring him from campus for the remainder of the evening, Hersey became verbally abusive toward the officers and physically abusive toward his friend, who was trying to get him into his car. Hersey then charged at the officers, who tackled him and handcuffed him. Officers arrested Hersey for criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct before transporting him to Penobscot County Jail.

According to Flagg, Hersey remained argumentative

throughout the ride.

### Sham-rocked

UMPD responded to a report of an intoxicated female in the first-floor lounge of Aroostook Hall at 1:12 a.m. March 18. Officers found Nabila Mohamed, 20, unstable on her feet and smelling of alcohol. Mohamed was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Careless carousers

UMPD responded to a report of underage drinking on the first floor of Hancock Hall at 10:22 p.m. March 17. Officers located four males who admitted to drinking and relinquished 13 unopened containers of alcohol. All four were referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Booze brothers

UMPD received two reports of intoxicated males at 11:56 p.m. March 17. One male, 19, was on the third floor of Ox-

ford Hall. The other, also 19, was vomiting on the first floor of Knox Hall. Both were evaluated by UVAC but were not transported for medical care. Both were referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Lush of the Irish

UMPD received a report of an intoxicated male in the Oxford Hall lobby at 12:26 a.m. March 18. The male, 18, was referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Wrong end of the rainbow

A 20-year-old female was transported to St. Joseph hospital for intoxication at 10:28 p.m. March 17. She was found in her fourth-floor room in York Hall by her roommate.

### Privacy please

UMPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male passed out in a shower in the Estabrooke Hall second-floor men's bathroom at 1:23 a.m. March 18. When officers and UVAC arrived, the male was alert. He

was left to continue his bathing.

### Shot in the dark

UMPD received a report of gunfire on College Avenue at 1:29 a.m. March 18, but officers were unable to determine the source of the sound. "Evidently, there was nothing to it," Flagg said. "It could have been a car backfiring."

### Whiz kid

UMPD received a report of public urination outside Hart Hall at 12:01 a.m. March 18, but officers were unable to find the urinator.

### Skunkly scofflaw

UMPD received two reports of the smell of marijuana at Hancock Hall, first at 11:08 p.m. March 17 and then at midnight March 18. On both occasions, officers determined the source of the smell to be a skunk outside the building.

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staff reports

## Syrup from A1

between 66-68.9 brix," she said, explaining that brix are a unit used to measure sugar content. "Sometimes flavors are different between states, but it is still all good."

Maine's largest maple sugarbushes are located in Somerset County, which produces 90 percent of Maine's maple syrup. Maple syrup cannot be tapped from just any maple tree and Hopkins gave some useful information about collecting your own sap in Maine.

"The trees that will produce the best syrup must be at least 10 inches in diameter at breast height," she said. "To tap a maple tree, a drill, a hammer, taps and a food-safe container to collect the sap are needed. A water jug or milk container also works when collecting the sap."

The key when gathering sap is to not hammer the tap too hard into the tree — if the tree is still frozen, it will split down the middle. Once the sap is collected in a container, it has to be

boiled down to syrup and then it is ready to enjoy. It is important that the syrup's sugar content is not too high or it will upset your stomach or crystallize in its container. A hydrometer can be used to test maple syrup for the proper brix range.

The Maine Maple Producers Association is the official source for producing, selling and buying maple syrup in Maine. They offer information about producing, storing, buying and enjoying maple syrup with various recipes. They also dedicate a day to the state's syrup.

This year's Maine Maple Sunday will take place March 27. More than 50 farms and maple syrup sugarhouses will offer specials on syrup, tours and production demonstrations.

Local maple syrup producer Bacon Farm is located in Sidney, an hour and 10 minutes from the University of Maine. The farm is hosting a Maple Sugar Weekend on March 26 and 27, where participants can learn how to produce their own pure maple syrup. Those interested in attending can contact the farm at 547-5053 or visit [www.baconfarmmaple.com](http://www.baconfarmmaple.com).



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## Hall of Fame from A1

trition, saying she was the embodiment of the land-grant mission upon which UMaine was founded.

"Katherine Musgrave truly is a statewide treasure," Hunter said. "Quite frankly, she's my heroine."

While accepting her award, Musgrave gave a brief and humorous history of nutrition science in America, covering the birth of vitamin supplements and the transition from a high-calorie to a low-calorie emphasis in prescribed diets.

"Thank goodness for every decade that has helped us learn something else," she said, laughing at the nation's speed to embrace new health fads. "Nutrition is an evolving science."

"I think we can cut the cost of health care if we just stay healthy and eat right and that will make things easier for you down in Washington," Musgrave said amid laughter from the audience as she motioned to Collins.

Collins was nominated by Mary Canning, a personal friend; Darlene Grass and Shelley O'Rourke of Caribou Business and Professional Women; and Geri Martin of Fort Kent Business and Professional Women.

O'Rourke listed some of Collins' accomplishments, such as her dedication to securing funding to combat domestic violence and to developing a national women's history museum as reasons for her nomination.

The congenial flow of the ceremony was dammed when Carole Whelan interrupted Sally Ann Parks, chair of the Maine Women's Hall of Fame, as she presented Collins with her award.

Whelan, speaking on behalf of the Maine chapter of Military Families Speak Out, denigrated the senator for accepting the award at what she termed a "gala celebration" on the eighth anniversary of the American military invasion of Iraq.

"For us, this is a day of mourning and remembrance," Whelan said, reading from a prepared statement that was later distributed. "To ignore its significance mocks the terrible sacrifices that have been demanded of military families."

Parks attempted to silence Whelan, but shouts of "let her speak" from the audience encouraged Whelan to finish her plea to Collins by urging her to join her group in mourning the victims of the Iraq war.

"We believe it is fitting that you decline this honor until all our troops are back home from Iraq and Afghanistan," Whelan said. "A small sacri-

fice, we think, out of respect for those who have sacrificed so much."

Whelan then left the auditorium to join a picket line in the parking lot.

Though Collins did not agree to forgo her induction, she did congratulate Whelan on having the courage to speak her mind and said she was glad American democracy enables citizens to voice dissent.

"What we've just seen is democracy in action," Collins said. "Believe me, that's not happening in Libya."

Returning to her prepared remarks, Collins reflected on the coarsening of discourse in Washington and the need for civility.

"To be sure, tumult is inherent in democracy," she said, describing the degeneration of politesse in politics as a "tsunami of insult and fake accusation that destroys everything in its path."

The senator ended by placing the burden of correcting the lapse of civility on the members of the audience.

"A return to civility and a spirit of compromise must be driven by the voters and it is not inevitable," she said.

Displays commemorating Collins and Musgrave will be added to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame, located in the Bennett D. Katz library on the UMA campus.

## MaineCare from A1

both the prevention and preparation for pregnancy.

The proposal would eliminate the forgivable loan program for dental students and a scholarship program for low-income students studying health professions at Maine's community colleges.

Furthermore, it carves out \$15 million from the Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled program, as well as a statewide wellness program intended to help first-time parents with at-home visits from healthcare professionals.

Though approximate numbers were not provided, a substantial portion of the youth population in the Bangor area alone is served by Planned Parenthood. It provides birth control, educational and gynecological services to a number of area youths under the age of 21 who provide payment through MaineCare, according to officials at Penquis Cap in Bangor.

Without such a service, officials say, the kind of care Planned Parenthood provides may otherwise be unaffordable to many of those it serves.

"Maine's economy depends on bringing down the cost of health care for the state and for business," said Becky Smith, a lobbyist with a group

of more than 150 public health and social service agencies. "This is what the fund for a Healthy Maine is designed to do."

Social services and health care are proving problematic for lawmakers as they search for ways to balance the budget and reduce red ink. Though unrelated to the proposal from the LePage administration, it was revealed Friday that the Department of Health and Human Services faces an audit from the federal government for Medicaid payments from 2006 to 2008.

The amount in question is \$138.9 million. If the findings of such an audit are finalized, it could leave the state scrambling to pay the bill, according to Maine Sen. Richard Rosen, R-Bucksport, who serves on the Appropriations Committee.

Rosen said lawmakers are also worried about the need to find \$29.7 million to pay for mistakes in Medicaid programs for improper case management claims. Moreover, he said, the budget for Medicaid this year underestimated the increased use of its programs as a result of the recession.

Work on the budget is expected to continue through the end of this month. A two-thirds majority vote is needed for the budget to immediately take effect. If a simple majority vote is achieved then it will take 90 days after the legislature adjourns to take effect.

## Democrats from A2

"The idea that [conservatives] are the people of fiscal responsibility I find very offensive," McAuliffe said. "You're entitled to your own opinion but not to your own set of facts."

The crowd's optimism soared when McAuliffe turned to Benjamin Goodman, a Maine College Democrat and third-year political science student at UMaine, and said students like him are the solution to the party's problems.

"I do think we'll get the voter turnout, but it will be up to the young people," McAuliffe said. "With Democrats, everybody benefits and that's what we need in this country."

After the crowd was released to attend the Maine College Democrats convention being held across the street, Michaud echoed McAuliffe's sentiment that those students would strengthen the party. Michaud said job opportunities and affordable education were the top issues facing all college students.

"It's important for College Democrats to get out there this upcoming election cycle and support candidates who support their interests," Michaud said. With their help, he believes, the party will be able to "show the difference of what candidates stand for."

The convention at Bates College continued the sentiment of the evening and carried it into a day of workshops Saturday.

"The Maine Democratic party is about all Maine people," Goodman said, repeating the previous evening's message.

In the workshops, college-aged Democrats listened to representatives from Planned Parenthood and the Maine People's Alliance, among other groups. According to Goodman, an emphasis was placed on grassroots politics during the convention.

"When you have a year like 2010, it just shows you have to go back to your roots," he said. "We're in the minority now in Maine and it's so crucial, especially given the climate, that we know how to run a door-to-door, on-the-ground campaign."

# University of Maine Briefs

## Zoologist honored

University of Maine zoology professor Mary Tyler recently received the 2011 Viktor Hamburger Outstanding Educator Prize from the Society of Developmental Biology.

First given in 2002, the Hamburger award is given to an individual who has substantially furthered developmental biology education.

Tyler's research encompasses the areas of genetic controls and issue interactions during embryonic development. She produces digital video, films and CD-ROMs and works on the creation of multimedia educational evolutionary biology materials.

As part of her award, Tyler will address the education symposium of the SDB Annual Meeting.

## Spatial engineer named to fellowship

University of Maine professor Harlan Onsrud was recently named a Fellow of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, an organization of which he has previously served as president.

As part of the UMaine department of spatial information and science, Onsrud's research focuses on issues surrounding the creation of digital databases and the social impacts of spatial technologies.

According to the award announcement, Onsrud was a founding member of the UCGIS and helped draft its original bylaws. He was one of six individuals to receive Fellowships this year from the UCGIS, a nonprofit organization of seventy univer-

sities and other institutions focused on the areas of geographic information science.

## Pulitzer winner and former Maine AG to visit

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will play host to both Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction author Elizabeth Strout and former Maine Attorney General Jim Tierney this week. The pair will hold a number of public meetings as well as attending classes throughout the week.

Strout will begin the week with a public reading at 7:30 p.m. March 22 at the Wells Conference Center; the event is free and open to the public. She will also lead an open conversation with student writers in Room 304 of Neville Hall from 2-2:30 p.m. March 24.

Tierney will lead a 90-minute public forum discussing the outcomes of the 2010 elections at both the state and national levels at 12 p.m. March 24 in the Totman Room on the first floor of the Memorial Union. He will sit as part of a panel including members of UMaine's chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honors society.

Strout received the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in fiction for Olive Kitteridge, a collection of 13 short stories set in small towns across Maine. Tierney previously served as the Maine House Majority Leader before running for governor against John McKernan in 1986. He now serves as the director of the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia University Law School, where he received the 2006 Public Interest Law Professor of the Year award.



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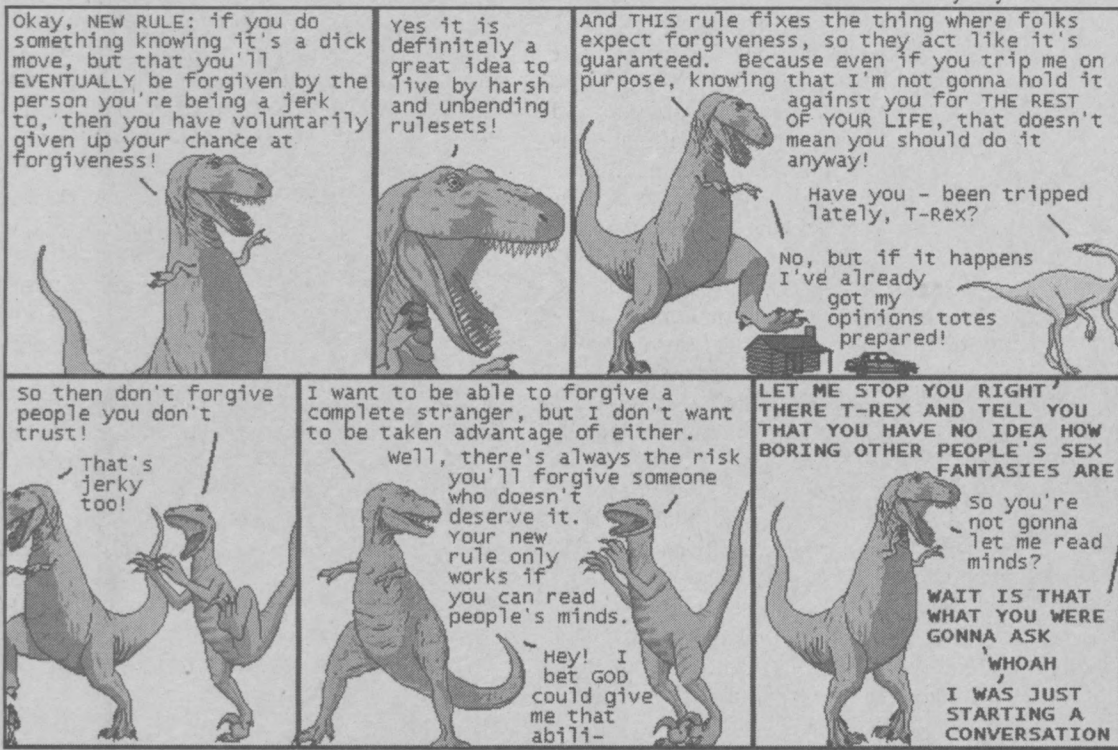




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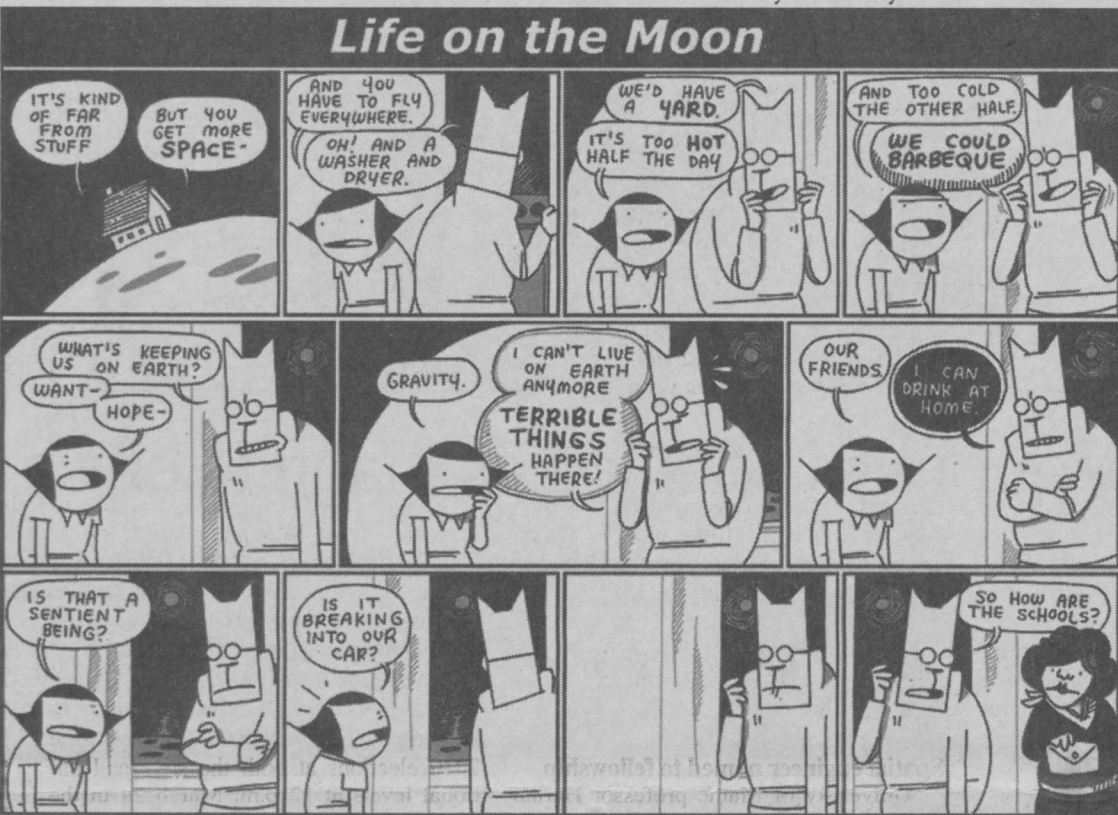
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By Ryan North

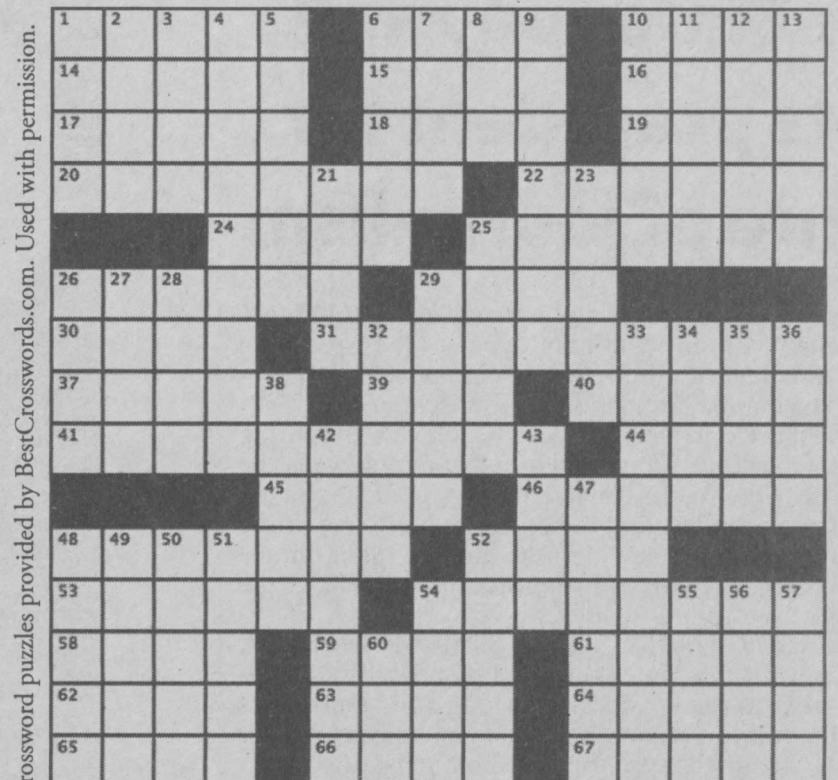


## Cat and Girl

By Dorothy Gambrell



## Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

### Across

- 1- Donkeys
- 6- Beams
- 10- Mata \_\_\_\_
- 14- Wedge
- 15- Part of Q.E.D.
- 16- French friends
- 17- Brit's bottle measure
- 18- Movable barrier
- 19- Wise
- 20- Against the current
- 22- Season between autumn and spring
- 24- Get better
- 25- Tangible
- 26- Spotted cat
- 29- Soprano Te Kanawa
- 30- Adriatic port
- 31- Make slender
- 37- Golf clubs
- 39- SASE, e.g.

### Down

- 41- A reactionary
- 44- Fishing hole
- 45- Pond organization
- 46- Releases
- 48- State of decline
- 52- Actor O'Shea
- 53- Pines for
- 54- Soft rustling sound
- 58- Network of nerves
- 59- Driving aids
- 61- Roman goddess of the moon
- 62- A party to
- 63- Sea eagle
- 64- Kind of kitchen
- 65- Tear
- 66- Cincinnati club
- 67- Roofing stone

### Down

- 1- Legal rights org.
- 2- Fall prey to a banana peel, say
- 3- Goes down
- 4- Mortal
- 5- Sound investment?
- 6- Kingly
- 7- Composer Khachaturian
- 8- Sun \_\_\_\_-sen
- 9- Manciple
- 10- Lacks
- 11- Fine fiddle
- 12- Star in Orion
- 13- Grenoble's river
- 21- Chow
- 23- Less cordial
- 25- Tinged
- 26- Passing notice
- 27- Singer Vikki
- 28- Switch ending
- 29- Nairobi's nation
- 32- Flat shelf
- 33- Predatory
- 34- Wall St. debuts
- 35- Zest
- 36- Corm of the taro
- 38- Killed
- 42- Elderly person
- 43- Some Ivy Leaguers
- 47- Dodges
- 48- Aluminum-bronze coin of Iceland
- 49- Designer Geoffrey
- 50- Wand
- 51- Tendency
- 52- Meditates
- 54- E-mail command
- 55- Pro \_\_\_\_
- 56- Single entity
- 57- All there
- 60- Afore

## Sudoku Puzzle



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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

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### Spring

- ALLERGIES
- APRIL
- BASEBALL
- BEEES
- CROCUSES
- CYCLAMENS
- DAFFODILS
- DANDELIONS
- EASTER
- EQUINOX
- FLOWERS
- FROGS
- GOLF
- GRASS
- GREEN
- GROWTH
- IRISES
- LILIES
- MARCH
- MAY
- NEW LEAVES
- PLANTING
- RAIN
- RENEWAL
- ROBINS
- SEASON
- SNOWMELT
- SOFTBALL
- SPRING BREAK
- SPRING CLEANING
- TULIPS
- WARMER
- WET

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

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## Horoscopes

**Aries - March 21 to April 20** - Consider making residential changes — either moves or renovations could pay off. Be creative in your pursuits. Make changes that will enhance your appearance.

• **Taurus - April 21 to May 21** - To avoid any minor health problems, don't get too stressed. You may make a connection if you go out with someone you are romantically interested in. Creative pursuits should pay off.

• **Gemini - May 22 to June 21** - Try to curb overindulgence today. It's time to reevaluate your motives. Ask family members for help and you may be able to complete projects more quickly.

• **Cancer - June 22 to July 22** - Don't let opposition from those envious of your talents daunt your progress. Added knowledge may give you the edge when dealing with peers. Property purchases should be on your mind.

• **Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22** - Lovers may not be truthful. Talk to someone with experience about budgets or consolidating debts. Don't let others take advantage of your good nature.

• **Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23** - You can enjoy entertainment if you join in and follow the crowd for a change. You have more than enough on your plate already. Communication will be your best bet.

• **Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23** - Don't get involved in secret affairs or underhanded situations. Avoid interfering in the personal problems of colleagues. If you stretch the truth, you may get blamed for something you didn't do.

• **Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - You may have difficulties at an emotional level with mates. You need some excitement in your life, and meeting new people in exotic destinations will certainly satisfy your desires. Listen to the advice of others.

• **Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - Someone you live with may get angry if you are neglecting your duties. You can make changes to your living quarters that should please family members. Find ways to mellow out.

• **Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20** - The great outdoors may allow you to teach youngsters some of the things you learned when growing up. Efforts made to improve yourself may turn out to your satisfaction. Do a little investigating if there is someone at work you don't trust.

• **Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - You will do your best work on your own. Involvement in fitness clubs will be conducive to engaging romantic connections. Direct your energy wisely.

• **Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - Try not to overreact to a loss. Refrain from arguing with your mate. Family members may feel anxious if you make promises you don't deliver.

Horoscopes courtesy of astrology-online.com



# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### NY Times paywall sets precedent for future of journalism

There are moments in any existence when defense mechanisms must be employed — they preserve the smallest of emotions and the most robust ideals. And survival be damned in their absence.

Without these barriers, freedom becomes a trembling target in the perilous scope of a greedy adversary. In the case of The New York Times, society itself has taken aim at a profession striving for profit, leaving one of the most prestigious newspapers in the land no other choice than to protect its craft with the oldest deterrent in the book — a wall.

Last Thursday, with the future of profitable journalism as bleak as ever, the Times revealed its new digital subscription plan to the world and at long last, journalists received the reinforcement they had been holding out for in their war against the Internet for compensation.

Free range news sifting throughout the paper's digital archives will soon have a limit when the proposed, improved paywall is officially erected. Every month, those thirsting for a free news fix will be contained to 20 articles on The New York Times website before they are prompted to pay an additional \$15 fee.

Although such a policy seems counterproductive considering the underlying objective of journalism to better inform society, The New York Times paywall actually does more good than harm.

After all, news reporting and writing, is an occupation and thus, its devotees do intend to get paid. Every article written, therefore, is essentially a product. Rules of industry dictate that a product should garner some sort of payment. As such, it only makes sense that top-quality journalists get their due for the products they put forth on a regular basis.

Online and print advertisements don't even begin to cover the costs it requires to run a decent newspaper and the valiant workers in the field have been snubbed of what they deserve long enough. Reader-sourced revenue offers the perfect incentive to further professionalism in the struggling trade.

Yes, the availability of news is very important, but the integrity of the reporting — which is inevitably compromised when compensation is lackluster — needs to be revitalized and maintained.

We commend The New York Times for setting the precedent for the future of the news, as their compromise seems well-founded and fair, and even though they are sure to amass a lot of criticism for this decision, they should hold firm for the sake of the journalistic profession.

So, there now stands a wall protecting a field trampled and worn by free roaming. For a small fee, the opportunity to return is still readily available, and the grass is guaranteed to be greener now that quality has been given its space to grow.

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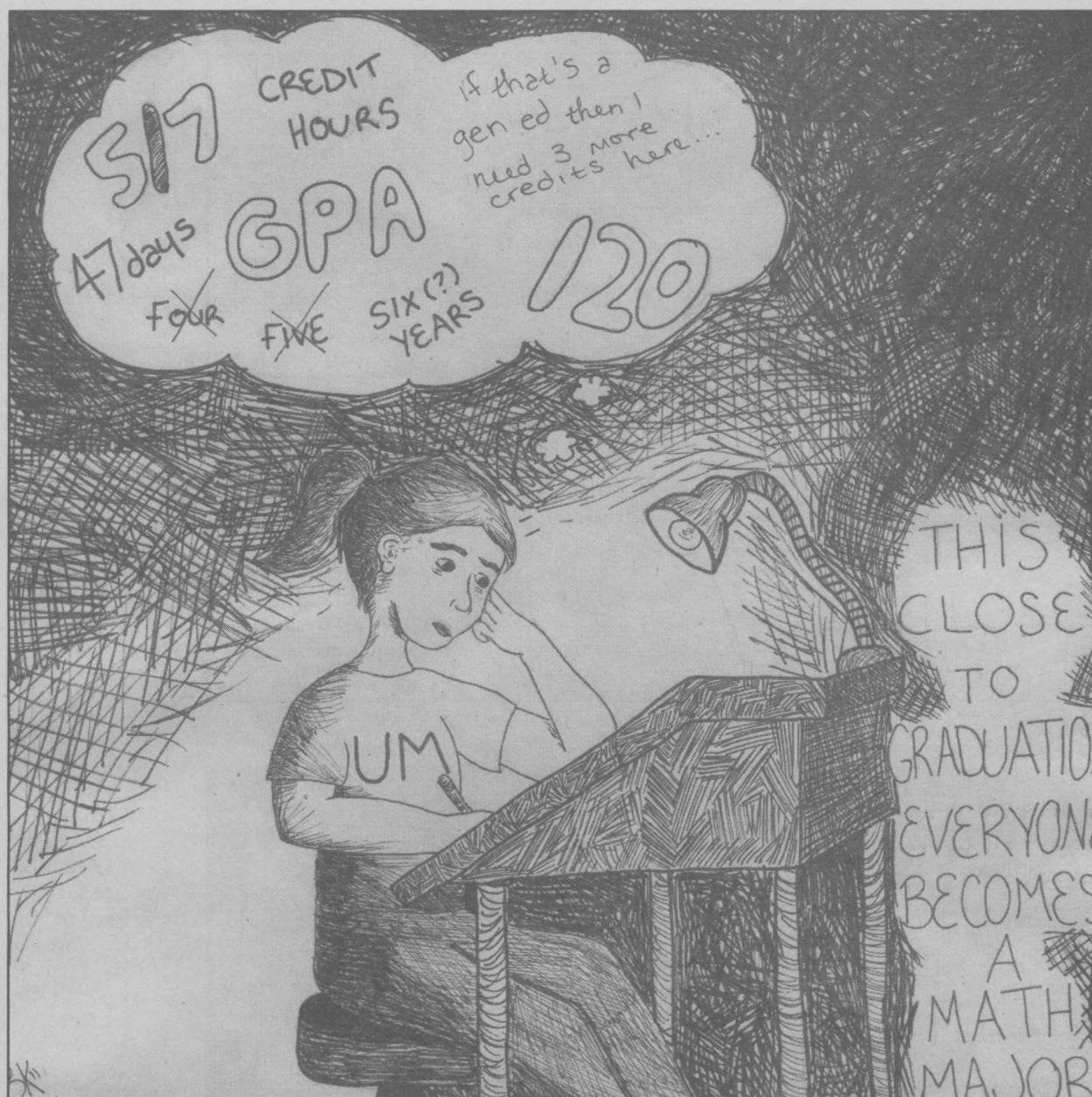
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## Inflexible economies, ideologies magnify crisis

History has provided much evidence that humanity can overcome natural limits.

Infertile soil, gravity and infectious disease are only some of the components of nature mankind has been able to control. Yet it is the earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, forest fires and the spread of mysterious diseases that can bring home the limits nature sets on humanity.

The horrific dual occurrence of the tsunami and earthquake that devastated Japan clearly demonstrates that nature is still a force to be reckoned with, and it still imposes limits on the decisions we make as a society, even millions of years after humans began inhabiting the earth.

It would be a major mistake for mankind to think the only way to prevent these disasters is through the advancement of industrial activity. No, in fact, it is the opposite.

A person may be able to prepare for an earthquake. One can design buildings to withstand a 9.0 earthquake without it being destroyed, stockpile supplies for those first few days and resort to candlelight as a source of power.

However, no one can prepare for a tsunami. All the government can do is set up warning systems, and when the alert is sounded, evacuate the soon to be stricken area as soon as possible.

Political parties and ideologies have hindered the movement of environmentalism. Republicans and conservatives have been not just less concerned than Democrats and liberals about the limits that nature puts on humanity, but insist that these limits do not exist. Republican and conservative denial of global warming — whether about the availability of petroleum or the danger of global warming — imperils not just America's future, but that of the world.

When Reagan was elected into office, he appointed James Watt as head of the Interior Department and Anne Gorsuch within the Environmental



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Protection Agency. Both were major critics of environmental protection. Reagan also cut the research and development budget for alternative energy by 86 percent.

Ever since, successors have followed his lead, in which their solution to global warming is to deny that it exists and to exterminate measures that include high-speed rail, which may have reduced pollution and oil use.

*However, in a world in which we are, and already have, rapidly used up our resources and destroyed our natural surroundings, the restoration of a harmonious relationship between mankind and nature can never be achieved — especially if powerful and influential countries are reluctant to quickly respond.*

Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously rejected an amendment that stated, "Congress accepts the scientific finding of the Environmental Protection Agency that 'warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level.'"

However, in a world in which we are, and already have, rapidly used up our resources and destroyed our natural surroundings, the restoration of a harmonious relationship between mankind and nature can never

be achieved — especially if powerful and influential countries are reluctant to quickly respond.

This means countries must be prepared economically if the speed of global warming does not slow down. Despite the fact that the nation of Japan did much advanced work for its country, nothing could prepare them for this tragedy. The one area where Japan truly lacked and could have been more prepared was within its economic stability.

Japan had not managed its economy with the awareness that it might suffer from earthquakes or tsunamis, and thus need room to be able to take on the large-scale debt that rebuilding its country would require.

In fact, Japan has a debt of almost twice the size of its total GDP. The International Monetary Fund says in four years, Japan's debt will equal 250 percent of its GDP. And these statistics were recorded before the tsunami and earthquake hit.

Although no one can ever prepare for a disaster like this, the United States must take away a lesson from this tragedy. Financial meltdowns, wars and natural disasters are all things that can happen at any time, in which our country needs to make sure to give ourselves enough flexibility and resilience to be able to handle such crises.

Japan failed to do this in an economic sense, leaving them in a state of utter destruction.

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## Japan natural disaster should not inhibit use of nuclear power

*This is to say nuclear power is a perfectly viable source of energy and as with every form of energy, it has risks.*

*However, as is to be expected, worries are severely heightened immediately following a nuclear disaster.*

EVAN CHASE

While it is true the current situation in Japan's Daiichi Nuclear plant in Fukushima Prefecture is a disaster of nearly unrivaled proportions, the series of events leading up to the unfolding catastrophe are more deserving of blame than the idea of nuclear power itself.

This is to say nuclear power is a perfectly viable source of energy and as with every form of energy, it has its risks. However, as is to be expected, worries are severely heightened immediately following a nuclear disaster.

In a Gallup poll conducted in 2009, 59 percent of Americans favored the use of nuclear power. In fact, more than 50 percent of Americans have favored the use of nuclear power since 1994, with an exception in 2001, where only 46 percent were in favor.

In spite of this, a more recent USA Today / Gallup poll presented data stating in light of the Japanese nuclear disaster, only 44 percent of Americans now favor the construction of new nuclear plants in the United States.

So far, there has been no official rating of the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, but several estimates have been made. Japanese authorities have stated the Daiichi incident ranks a four on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES), which peaks at seven. Fear of the dangers of nuclear power grew considerably after the incident at the Three Mile Island facility in 1979.

The Three Mile Island incident in Pennsylvania was a result of instrument malfunction, leading to human error. A valve designed to open automatically to relieve pressure failed to close after completing its task, a result caused by a mechanical fault in the system.

This led to incorrect readings by sensors and result-

ed in false assumptions by workers trying to identify the problem. The incident registered as a five on the INES, which is defined as an "accident with wider consequences."

According to the American Nuclear Society, more than one-third of the total nuclear fuel at Three Mile Island melted. However, safety measures built into the design of the plant worked as expected, containing the majority of radioactive material.

Even though a small amount of radiation was released from the plant, it was not enough to pose health hazards, a conclusion confirmed by long-term health studies. In fact, the reactor meltdown resulted in much improved nuclear plant performance, public communication and emergency response protocols.

Thankfully, the United States, while certainly showing concern for those affected in Japan, shows no plans to slow nuclear development. In a recent testimony given to the House subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, United States Energy Secretary Steven Chu stated that the Obama Administration is committed to retaining nuclear power as a viable source of electric power under development.

As for those with misgivings concerning other environmental impacts of nuclear processes, an explanation is in order.

Nuclear power plants are efficient and carbon emissions — a concern that always seems to be on peoples' minds — are very low. According to the World Nuclear Association, a life cycle analysis of the Forsmark plant in Sweden showed that over 40 years, energy inputs were 1.35 percent of the total energy output.

The WNA also stated carbon emissions resulting from the Forsmark energy input were 3.10 grams per kilowatt hour (g / kWh). For comparison, the UK Sustainable Development Commission report from 2006 yielded a figure of 16 g / kWh for nuclear power, as opposed to 891 g / kWh for coal emissions and 356 g / kWh for gas emissions.

One can see a single nuclear event tears the public away from supporting nuclear power, due to the high-impact nature of a disaster, but all sources of energy have inherent risks associated with them. All we can do is try to control the problems that can arise.

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## Progressive movements sadly shun campus open-mindedness, attempt to silence critics

CONNER MCFARLAND

College students are not open-minded.

I have seen rallies here on campus for gay marriage, pro-choice laws, the legalization of marijuana, environmentalism and numerous other causes. We as students have mistaken a person who carries these types of ideals as an "open-minded" individual.

This is not the case — these ideals are part of the American progressive movement and it is just as prone to be biased and self-righteousness as conservatism. An open mind realizes these opinions are all relative truths, grounded in nothing, but the changing concept of human social justice. The problem with this relativism is, how do you know who's right?

Our generation thinks of itself as an open one for not discriminating against race or sexuality. I would argue this is, for the most part, true. But what about political orientation? Religion? Age? Your amount of sympathy toward Sarah Palin?

A strong opinion on any one of these and it will drastically alter your opinion of the character of the person simply because of the culture we are surrounded by.

College campuses across the world are stuck in the us vs. them mentality, and it is hurting our progress toward a real understanding of each other.

College students are fighting the so-called traditional ideals their grandparents thought were progressive, such as the definition of marriage and even state involvement in the economy. But I see little effort to reach out to groups beyond the college environment to engage them.

University-goers even have a bad habit of not educating themselves enough on the issues at hand, something I find to be incredibly ironic. I am not referring to the politically apathetic, only because they tend not to share an opinion at all. Instead I am talking about the loudest rally goers and the most prolific bloggers.

If you truly consider yourself an open-minded individu-

al, ask yourself if you've had a dialogue with both sides of the table. Do you know all of the facts? What kind of lens does the other side see the world through and why? If you even have an inkling of information to answer these, you could convince me you're not only open-minded, but you have an educated opinion.

Did you know according to the Pew Research Center, 39 percent of Catholics favor gay marriage? That's a pretty significant portion of a faith that supposedly is on the frontline for the "defense of marriage." There is always a surprising fact to learn. It is better to err on the side of cautiousness by realizing you don't hold all of the truth.

Progressivism and conservatism are not right or wrong; they're ends on a spectrum of belief. Having an open mind isn't accepting everything that's brought before you — you can be pro-life and still keep an open mind about the arguments for pro-choice.

The point isn't to be right, anyway. It's about gaining a better understanding of each other, which allows us to better compromise without stagnating in this "we're sticking with what's right for us"

state of mind.

Dialogue is the key to success. If we really want to be an open-minded society, why don't we try to better understand Islamic radicalism? Or understand the love between two men or two women? Have you even read Sarah Palin's book?

We are in desperate need of more dialogue to reach a greater understanding of the issues not only in Washington, but even here at the University of Maine. We should keep writing our opinions in the local newspaper, but still listen to the critiques. This would mean real progress, progress that can be measured by how much we can compromise.

*Conner McFarland is a third-year international affairs and political science student.*

## Columnist: Spring season muddles in transition from gloom and bloom



SARAH MANN

COLUMNIST

As we wipe the green-tinged froth of St. Patrick's Day from our faces and blink into startlingly warm weather, one can only question spring's motives.

Perhaps Phil the groundhog was right and winter has really packed up and moved out like the bad boyfriend it is. But with spring's bubbling personality and delightful wardrobe options also comes her bitchy temper and inevitable baggage.

Being born in April, I have a few bones to pick with the squishiest of seasons. For starters, there's that whole mud issue. While mud has its place in certain sporting situations and bikini-clad wrestling events, it has no place all over my everyday.

In order for flowers to rear their spotted heads, they have to make their way through piles of the squelchy stuff and so do we in our journey toward summer, bearing spring's mark on our shoes and the backs of our pants with every slip and slide.

To make the season even more stellar, there's the inevitable rain, the incredible wind and the hot sun in the afternoon, followed by a sudden freeze in the evening. It's safe to say spring is the craziest date I go on year after year. What really seals the deal, though, is timing.

The transition startles us during the last fourth of the academic year. This quarter feels particularly odd, as it's my last at the University of Maine, an institution with its own set of personality issues. So as I saunter into the confusing days and evenings of this season, willing myself to concentrate for just a little bit longer, I can't help but look back on all that spring has meant to me, despite its less than pleasant habits.

In the academic sense, it always signified a change. In high school, it was when the white stuff melted off of the school and we were all reminded what a damn ugly color it was. In DePaul's trimester system, it meant the start of the third leg. Here, it's what is stated above — the final push before the screaming emergence.

There's a bit of a survivor's guilt operative regarding spring at UMaine. Winter feels like a war you're lucky to leave and when things start to heat up, there's no time for a psychological transition. I still walk out my door braced for sub-zero impact and my tense

shoulders and spine don't just hop back into place, abandoning the curve they have adopted to protect me from falling snow.

I can't think of a sadder sight than those dirty piles of snow, once pristine and full, now pissed on and simpering by the side of the street. The extra hour of daylight only forces us to look at them longer, calling further attention to the fact that they no longer belong.

And with Maine's notoriously unpredictable weather, one doesn't get one's hopes up for smooth sailing when a massive snowstorm could cut right in to your 50-degree week.

Then there's the romantic spring fever that sweeps the campus, causing people to fall over each other in obvious forms. Relationships start popping up like dandelions and it's

*But with spring's bubbling personality and delightful wardrobe options also comes her bitchy temper and inevitable baggage.*

only a matter of time before everybody gets down to weeding.

I'm almost positive it's linked to the shedding of clothing — forced into some type of 1700's courting system, our brains must explode from all of the saucy forearms and ankles making their tentative appearances. One bare appendage often leads to another, and so on, until all is revealed.

When you get down to it, spring is just another transition in a year based on them. This one just happens to be the reluctant birthplace of many a cuddly bunny and pastel disasters.

Literary speaking, spring gets the sickest of poems. And I don't mean "sick" the way skaters from the '90s meant it; I mean full-on, green-gilled and woozy nonsense. There are the rebirth metaphors, the flower metaphors: the "thaw," the "bloom," etc. I hate to participate in the perpetuation of these clichés, but to avoid them is practically impossible.

Everything is undeniably different when you shrug your sweater off and apply your hippest shades. It's different when it hits four and there's sun. It's different when you remember what your shoulders look like.

It's different when you walk up to a building and fall on your ass, not hitting unforgiving, abusive ice, but welcoming, warm, misunderstood mire.

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

### Thumbs up / Thumbs down

Dandelions

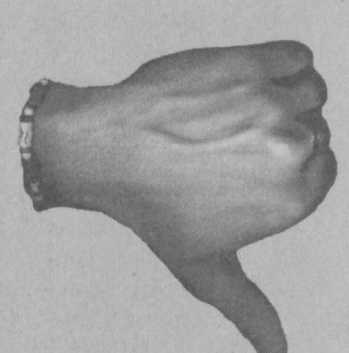
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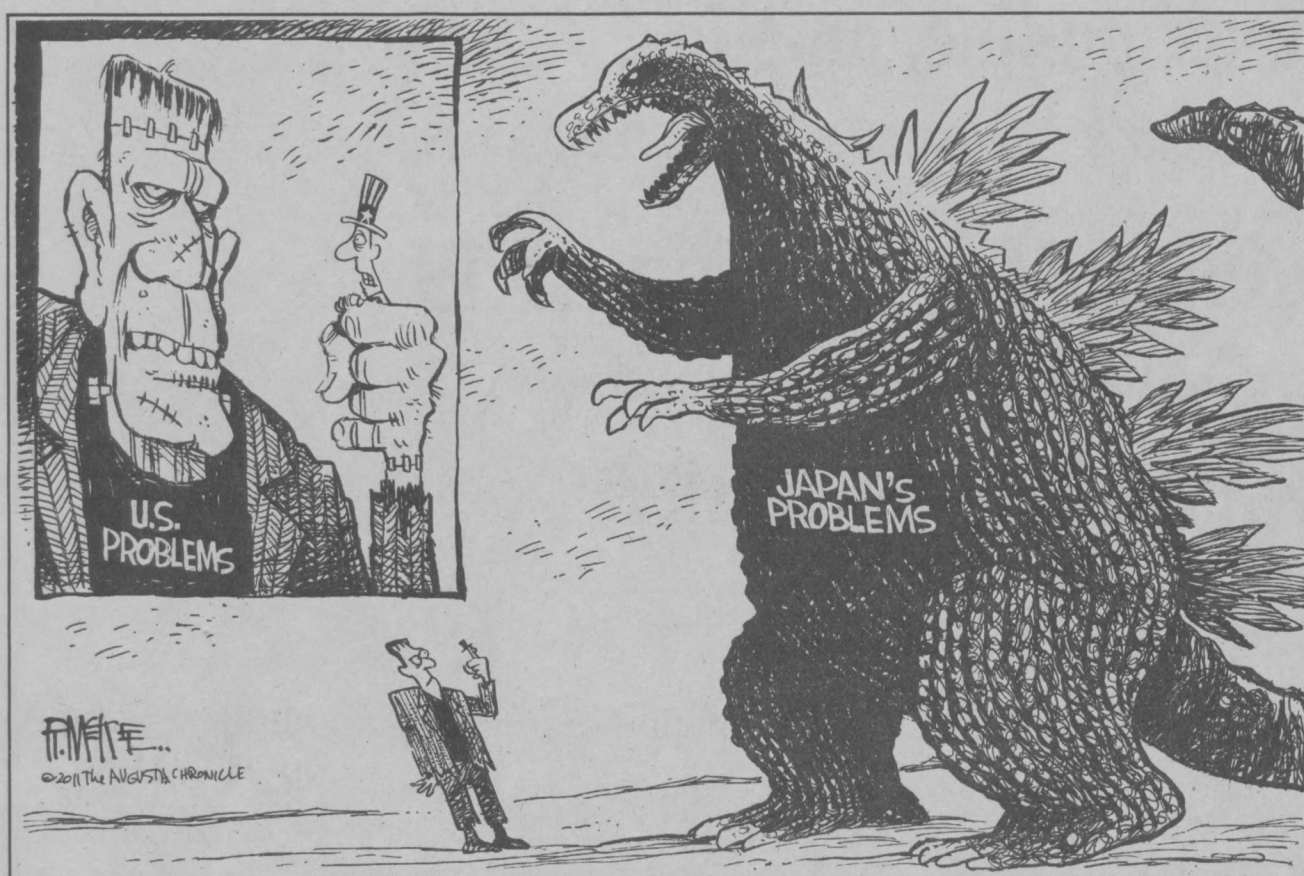
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## Reality check

USM graduate's appearance on MTV's 'The Real World' prompts stories from other students who auditioned

By Kegan Zema  
Style Editor

From "Survivor" to "The Bachelorette" to the Discovery Channel, Maine residents are getting their fair share of reality show screen time. But few can match the back story and on-camera antics of the state's latest cultural export.

Adam Royer, a recent University of Southern Maine graduate, is not just part of the new cast of MTV's "The Real World," he's a polarizing, drama-inducing star.

As he put it himself after a drunken tirade early into the show's second episode, "I'm definitely the guy that, like, everyone hates right now."

It's not hard to imagine why MTV cast Royer. He's got a big personality that's followed him from a juvenile detention center during his high school years to the halls of USM.

But for Royer, like many other Maine residents, it all started out at Binga's Stadium in Portland, where MTV held tryouts last year. University of Maine students were among those in the running, and for them, it's hard not to imagine the what-ifs.

Trent Bechard, a third-year mass communication student said he got a call from MTV when they came to Maine, encouraging him to try out because he filled out a form online. He traveled to Portland, waited in line and got his shot at fame.

"Watching it now I'm kind of glad I didn't make it," Bechard

See Royer on B3



Adam Royer, a University of Southern Maine graduate, is one of seven cast members of "The Real World: Las Vegas." The show premiered March 9.

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# go!

Monday, March 21

**The Indiscernibility of Chickadees and the Principle of the Identity of Indiscernibles**  
Weiss Room, The Maples  
4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22

**Faith and Science**  
Totman Room, Memorial Union  
11:30 a.m.

**The Codes of Gender: Identity and Performance in Pop Culture**  
The Bangor Room, Memorial Union  
12:15 p.m.

**Most Good, Least Harm**  
Room 100, Neville Hall  
3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23

**Casting for NESN game show "Schooled"**  
Spirit Room, Memorial Union  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Open to first, second and third years

**Women's Health Fair**  
Memorial Union  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Therapeutic Amnesias: Medical Rhetoric About Abortion from the 1930s to the 1960s**  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union  
12:15 p.m.

**Small Business Series - Social Media**  
Foster Center for Student Innovation  
6 p.m.

**Kickin' Flicks: "Tron: Legacy"**  
Collins Center for the Arts  
8 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

**Casting for NESN game show "Schooled"**  
Spirit Room, Memorial Union  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Open to first, second and third years

**Understanding Islam in the West**  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union  
12:30 p.m.

**Casino Night**  
Meet at the Bear's Den  
8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
\$5

**Stop Light Party with DJ Pandemic**  
Curva Ultra Lounge  
9 p.m.  
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Kat Anderson takes a swing at the strong sombrero pinata at one of her stops around the world Friday night in the Memorial Union.

## Students travel the world without leaving the Union

By Nicole Begley  
For The Maine Campus

Have you ever wanted to travel the world but didn't have the funds or time? Thanks to a multitude of student organizations, there was a cost-effective cultural experience in the Memorial Union Friday night.

Campus Activities and Student Engagement organized Around the World Late Night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Among the many events were an Around the World photo shoot, Midnight Mosaic, Sausagefest and

dance lessons, along with plenty of free food and a 21+ cash bar in the Bear's Den.

When participants first arrived, they were given a "passport," a card with the different countries and events on it — the goal was to get the passport stamped at each locale. When the passport was filled, students could turn it in and were entered into a raffle to win prizes such as a 22" LCD TV, a GPS or a Sony DVD player.

The Asian room, sponsored and run by the Asian Student Asso-

ciation, received the most attention — probably because of the demonstration of wushu, a Chinese martial art. The demonstrator was focused and strong, conveying the complexity and delicacy of the art. There were also activities enabling attendees to make their own spring rolls and have their name written in Japanese or Korean.

The president of the ASA, third-year student Hoang Nguyen, was seen all over the Union, taking part

See Late on B2

## Spring break is prime time for new tunes

Older releases can seem like new if you pass them by

There's a lot of music out there. Often it's a chore just to stay on top of it all.

Flavors of the week tend to come and go and I'll usually take them for a test drive — even if they have some immaculate back catalog I should know everything about but I've never heard before. Problem is, when there's a steady stream of music hitting the blogosphere, Billboard charts or magazines, it's hard to keep up on stuff that might slip under the radar.

Luckily, with more time on my hands during spring break, I was able to stumble across a couple of artists I went head over heels for, even though their albums were released a year or two ago. Both are still far from being household names, but they're doing pretty well for themselves.

The two bands couldn't be any more different, but they both blew me away. I'd say something cheesy about the experience "reigniting my passion for discovering new music" or something, but mostly I just really like listening to these guys and maybe you will, too.

King Fantastic

After a friend played me their gangsta anthem "Why? Where? What?" close to 20 times on a road trip, I couldn't get it out of my head. What hooked me at first was the production — a mix of edgy synths, staccato strings and 808 thump — but the lyrics are what kept me coming back for more. It was a perversely refreshing display of arrogance and violence that couldn't compare to most other modern hip-hop artists. But more than that, it was just a ton of fun to listen to.

I checked out their website to learn more about them as soon as I returned from my vacation. Turns out they're an electro/hip-hop duo based out of Los Angeles — Killer Reese One supplies the rhymes with DJ/producer Troublemaker on the beats. What's more is their 2010 debut album, "Finger Snaps and Gun Claps," is available as a free download.

As I delved into their full-length record, all of the best parts about "Why? Where? What?" were expanded on, further perverted and dialed up a notch. There's the hyper-violent, dubstep-influenced "Lost Art Of Killing," misogynistic



The Beat Report  
By Kegan Zema

## Looking for your chance to be on TV?

According to a press release by the University of Maine, producers from New England Sports Network (NESN) college quiz show, "Schooled," will be casting UMaine students to compete against contestants from other colleges and universities. Each episode will feature two teams of students from two different schools facing off in different challenges. Winning teams will move on to a

playoff-style bracket and compete for the championship.

Casting sessions will take place in the Spirit Room in Memorial Union, Wed., March 23 and Thurs., March 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Current first-year students, sophomores and juniors are eligible.

Despite being affiliated with NESN, "Schooled" covers more than just sports related trivia.

Students will be quizzed on both academic and intelligence-based knowledge.

Eight New England schools, including UMaine, Boston College, Boston University, The University of Connecticut, The University of Vermont, The University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Providence College and Northeastern University will be participating in the show.

See Beat on B2



# Rat rescuers in dire need of some help

Animal tragedies lead to escalating expenses for veterinary volunteers

## Column

Spring brings many things into our lives to please us — income tax returns are doled out, longer days and more sunshine lift our spirits and signs of warmth

make for happy people. There's no better time to give back or to help others.

There are always animal shelters or rescue organizations in need. Most nonprofit organizations rely on volunteers and usually operate with small budgets. Although there are many wonderful rescue organizations in Maine that focus on cats and dogs, none specifically cater to small animals. This is a gap that Mainely Rat Rescue has successfully filled for the last three years.

Mainely Rat Rescue originated when four women decided to team up to help pet rats. Although the rescue organization does not consist of a physical shelter facility, running 40 active foster homes throughout Maine and New England, placing an astonishing number of 1,252 rats over the last three years.

"Those staggering numbers demonstrate how important the work is that we do, and how critical it is that we continue to thrive as an organization," said Kim Jackson, Mainely Rat Rescue's director of operations. Mainely Rat Rescue's mission is to rehabilitate and re-home surrendered or abandoned domestic rats, while spreading awareness, education and support for this often misunderstood animal."

Adopting a rat through rescue instead of buying one privately or through a pet store is beneficial not only for you, but for the animal. Rats in foster homes through Mainely Rat Rescue are socialized with people and other rats, which sets them up to be great companion animals. They are also provided with proper food, housing and health care.

Unfortunately, these are things hardly ever done in pet stores. And if that's not enough, just knowing that you're supporting an organization that works to rescue animals — not needlessly breed them — is usually a good enough reason to get one from them.

So far, 2011 has been an extremely rough time for the rescue. Several serious situations have occurred, bringing in large amounts of needy rats at one time. In January, a group of 19 rats was rescued from a home in Bangor. The owner stated that her roommates had

thrown out all of the cages and let the rats loose in a shed.

"She gathered up the rats she could find, though two were never found, put them in Rubbermaid containers and proceeded to drive them back and forth to work with her for fear that the roommates would repeat the devastating act," Jackson said. "Thanks to several foster homes in that area, we were able to take all 19 rats at once."

Unfortunately, only a few of the 19 would be placed for adoption, as most of these animals ended up with congestive heart failure and have been put on lifelong medications and sent to hospice homes, where they will peacefully live out the remainder of their lives.

In February, a group of volunteers traveled to a home in Worcester, Mass. that had asked for help. They originally were going to assess the situation, but after seeing the conditions the 18 rats were living in, they couldn't bear to leave them and took them on the spot. Most of these rats ended up with respiratory infections and needed antibiotics.

Unfortunately, those are just two of the many situations the rescue has faced this year. With large amounts of animals being surrendered, medical costs accrue at a rapid rate. Treating each rat with antibiotics and other medications, although necessary, is not cheap.

The rescue also neuters all rats over the age of four months to prevent them from being returned for hormonal reasons, such as aggression toward other male cage mates. In addition, neutered male rats can be homed with females.

"Our motto at Mainely Rat Rescue is 'Because Every Rat is Worth Rescuing,'" Jackson said. "We have been fortunate to see what an impact we have made on these animals' lives, even as their lives enrich our own. Rats are a wonderful pet, but are often misunderstood by those who have not had the opportunity to meet them."

Due to the large number of rats taken in already this year, Mainely Rat Rescue is in extreme financial need. If you have ever considered donating to a nonprofit organization, now is the time. Since the rescue is a 501(c)(3) foundation, donations are tax-deductible. Even just a few dollars can help.

Over the last two years, I have adopted eight rats through this rescue, and would never consider getting a rat anywhere else. Words cannot express how wonderful the women are who run this organization, or how much they sincerely care about the work they do.

Visit [mainelyratrescue.org](http://mainelyratrescue.org) and click on "How to Help" to learn more.

# Spring has sprung! Check out the all the latest looks specific to this season

## Column

With spring officially here, it's time to put away the leggings, sweater dresses and leather boots to make room in your closet for a new batch of looks. The spring season usually means lots of dresses, florals and pastel hues, but this year there are a few specific trends



**Trend Watch**  
By Macey Hall

that will be everywhere.

## Anorak Jackets

This military-inspired, borrowed-from-the-boys look plays on the tomboy touch that has been around for a few seasons. This spring's anorak jackets are slouchy, baggy and have a downtown edge to them. It transitions well from day to night and will last all summer and into the fall. The most popular colors include gray, military green, khaki and burnt pink, which are all fairly neutral and go with a variety of colors

and textures.

## Wide-Leg Jeans

Wide-leg jeans, a la the '70s, are literally everywhere this spring. I know, it's hard to even remember denim before the skinny jean era, but super-flared jeans are back. Approach this trend with caution, however — extreme flares aren't for every body type. They look best on lanky girls who have the height to pull them off.

To avoid looking like an original Charlie's Angel, pair your wide-leg jeans with a subdued top that is fitted rather than flowy. Only time will tell if wide-leg jeans are set to replace the skinny jean, but I think it's safe to say the skinny jean, with its cult-like following, isn't going anywhere.

## Bold Prints

To quote Miranda Priestly in "The Devil Wears Prada": "Florals for spring? Groundbreaking."

We all know to expect floral prints each spring, but this year go for extra bold prints that put a new spin on a classic. For example, try an exaggerated floral print, or a single, extended flower.

Exaggerated paisley prints work as well.

The Aztec prints that emerged last year are back and bigger than ever. I love patterns with an African feel to them — they look so fresh and modern. To update your wardrobe, go for bold prints in super bright neon colors, like pink, orange, yellow and electric blue.

## Wedges

The answer to your feet's prayers are here: the wedge. A much more comfortable alternative to the stiletto is the wedge or espadrille, since there is less pressure on one spot of your foot. Lucky for you, these are huge for spring. Wedges and espadrilles feel fun and flirty while adding height. Wedges are also less severe than stilettos, making them more appropriate for daytime wear.

Buy a comfortable pair with a substantial platform in the front. I love brown, taupe or beige colored wedges for spring. Don't be afraid to spend extra money on these types of shoes, since they are not likely to go out of style anytime soon. Invest in a solid, comfortable leather pair that will go with a variety of outfits.



Paul Perkins • The Maine Campus

The University Singers perform the song, "Jabberwocky" with The Alumni Singers at Minsky Hall.

## Beat from B1

banger "Stop F---ing Playing" and guitar-driven "Hollyrock Jam Session." On stoner ode "Bonfire Sessions," the production can best be described as Super Mario meets "Party In the U.S.A."

I'm still not sure if it's all tongue-in-cheek or if it's completely serious, but I haven't had this vivid a picture of West Coast gang culture since I took a train to L.A. with a bunch of ex-convicts last spring break. The 10-song album has a few duds, but the concise thug imagery and slick, imaginative

production make King Fantastic one of the freshest-sounding acts I've come across. While their indie-approved West Coast counterparts Odd Future Wolf Gang Kill Them All get all the buzz — only some of it deserved in my opinion — I'll be bumping King Fantastic.

Check out [thekingfantastic.com](http://thekingfantastic.com) for the free download.

## The Milkman's Union

Whenever I'm down in Portland, even just for a week or two, I feel exponentially more connected to the great music scene. I had heard The Milkman's Union's name tossed around on flyers and blogs, but

hadn't gotten around to checking them out until one afternoon over break.

Delving into their fall 2009 release "Roads In" at a friend's recommendation was definitely a good choice. Probably the lamest word I can use to describe their music is "gorgeous," but unfortunately that's the best adjective. They've got the same floaty indie aesthetic as many of the contemporaries in Portland and beyond, but these guys just do it better than most.

When they're chilled out, they're folksy and calming. When they erupt — like at the end of the title track — they're dizzying and frantic. Their lat-

est material, a three song sampler released in February, has them using Dylan-esque song structures and loopy vocal soundscapes.

The best part about all of this is that I got to catch The Milkman's Union live just days after I discovered their music. It was a scrappy show, but their performance — which even captured leadman Henry Jamison's echoey vocals — transcended the limitations of the "venue."

I may have been late on the uptake, but in just a few short days The Milkman's Union rocketed to the top of my list when it comes to Maine acts; I'll be eagerly awaiting their next release.

## Late from B1

in a little bit of everything.

"This is a great event," Nguyen said. "It's about raising awareness to the Asian community on campus as well as other cultures. Students of all backgrounds can come together and share."

Another popular destination was the Latin American room, featuring events sponsored and run by the Latin American Student Organization. They made mocktails and Spanish cuisine and had piñatas, soccer ball juggling and well-attended salsa lessons.

The Around the World photo-

shoot with photographer Jay Preston, also a staff photographer for The Maine Campus, was another big hit with attendees. Those who wanted their picture taken chose a background of a famous landmark from around the world, such as Stonehenge. Then they stood in front of a green screen, had their picture taken and had the iconic background image added in digitally.

CASE director EJ Roach was in charge of this worldly affair.

"We worked with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to bring the culture groups on campus together," Roach said.

Justina DeMott, a CASE graduate assistant, summed up

the purpose of the late night.

"We're trying to expose students to different cultures and work with other organizations on campus," she said. "We provide food, activities and culturally educational opportunities for students — and this is also a philanthropic event."

Funds from a donation jar and proceeds from a raffle were collected to benefit disaster relief efforts in Japan.

The whole event seemed to go smoothly. It started with a lot of participants, except for the dance floor, but as the night went on, the event emptied out. One student was even heard commenting that the event was bigger than they expected.

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## MOVIE REVIEW:

### 'Paul'

Geek-pandering flick from Pegg/Frost fails to take off



Universal Pictures

By John Shannon  
Film Critic

Simon Pegg and Nick Frost have collaborated on three projects prior to "Paul." Their feature films — "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz" — are perfect pieces of pop entertainment, and their BBC series "Spaced" is the kind of show you can't help but judge others for not liking.

"Paul" comes agonizingly close to reaching those heights, but can't stick the landing. There are flashes of comedic brilliance, but buried beneath it are a ton of anal probe jokes and so many references to other sci-fi films it borders on pandering to the geek community rather than celebrating it.

"Paul" stars Pegg and Frost as two Brits leaving the famed San Diego Comic-Con and touring several UFO sites in a rented RV. As they travel to Area 51, they encounter an alien named Paul, voiced by Seth Rogen, looking to escape dissection by the U.S. Government. With federal agents hot on their heels, the trio races to the rendezvous point so Paul can return home after nearly 60 years spent on Earth.

The biggest problem here is simple: the absence of director

Edgar Wright. He worked with Pegg and Frost on "Shaun," "Fuzz" and "Spaced," but was involved with "Scott Pilgrim" while "Paul" was in production. Greg Mottola, the director of the over-praised "Superbad" and "Adventureland," filled the director's chair and wasn't up to the task. Mottola doesn't have the rapport with his stars or meticulous filmmaker's eye that Wright has, and "Paul" seems all the more sloppy for it.

Thankfully, this isn't noticeable right off. Pegg and Frost, who also wrote the film, have crafted some incredibly endearing characters here, and it's fun to simply hang out with them as they drive across the country and geek out over being a part of sci-fi stories they've been digesting since childhood.

The geeks here aren't patronizing or insulting like Sheldon in the abhorrent "Big Bang Theory." These guys are real people with a real bond, and the way they drop sci-fi references into their communication shorthand is astonishingly true to life. It's only when the film itself begins making pop culture references that things get ugly.

There is a moment late in the film when a character shoots his radio and claims,

"It was a boring conversation anyway." This is one of many "Star Wars" references in the film and eagle-eyed nerds will spot many more classic sci-fi moments recreated during the movie's final act. This is the portion where "Paul" derails, gets lazy and assumes that simply recreating a classic moment is good enough and further dissection isn't needed.

My problem is this: If I wanted to see that moment, I'd watch the original "Star Wars," not this new film. I go to new movies to see new ideas, not older ones regurgitated in an effort to gain geek cred. It's basic "Family Guy" style humor, and such mugging is beneath Pegg and Frost's talents. The first two-thirds of the movie prove this.

The biggest thing I hold against "Paul" is that it's just good when it could have been great. It isn't nearly the level of the rest of Pegg/Frost's canon, but it is still much better than anything else playing in theaters right now. The film is trying to do a lot for geeks, celebrating what makes them special and why they love what they do. This notion is commendable, but the final product, unfortunately, isn't.

Grade: B-

### Royer from B1

said.

Drew King, a fourth-year mass communications student, had similar feelings. While he didn't venture to Portland, he and his friends made an audition tape — mostly chronicling party-filled exploits.

He said MTV casting executives told him they wanted to pick people who had multiple dimensions, not just hardcore partiers. King said he was glad he didn't get cast based on the video, which dishonestly played up only a small part of his personality.

Both students said they were egged on by friends who told them they'd be a good fit for the show.

"When I thought about it, I could never do it because it would probably hinder me and my girlfriend's relationship and I love her so much," King said. "It's a great show and I'm glad someone from Maine got on it, but it's really insane."

Bechard never made it past the first round, which he described as a group audition. He was confident because he received the phone call from MTV, while most of the other crowd members heard about it through the radio.

When the candidates were all asked to pose questions to one another, Bechard said he excelled by taking a risqué jab at one other person there.

"She [the casting executive] told me that I had the best question of the day and everyone was laughing," he said.

When he didn't get a call back that night, he knew his road to "The Real World" had ended.

But for Royer, that road never stopped. After Portland, he went through rounds of interviews in Boston and L.A. and was finally told in September he was going to be living his life on camera in Las Vegas.

"This time last year I thought it was crazy that I had a girlfriend who danced for the Red Claws," he said in an interview with The Free Press, USM's student newspaper. "Now I'm chilling with people from 'Jersey Shore,' getting free bottles in every club I go to."

Royer's incarceration at an early age — something he said helped him get picked for the show — stemmed from his time as a drug dealer when he attempted to rob a competitor, according to The Free Press article. One of Royer's friends shot the rival dealer with a shotgun Royer owned and loaded, according to The Free Press.

In the show's first two episodes, which have already aired, Royer comes off as rambunctious, egotistical and flirtatious. His tutor at Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland, where Royer did his time, predicted some of his behavior when she spoke with The Free Press.

"Prior to his incarceration at Long Creek, Adam strove to be 'the best' bad-ass drug dealer around," she said. "It's possible that in Las Vegas he tried to be 'the best' zany, wild, out-of-control character on the show."

Bechard said some of the people he met at the audition remember seeing Royer, but he didn't remember him standing out. After watching the first episode, Bechard also had the feeling that Royer was going to be a fixture for the season.

"He's not an asshole, but he's controversial," Bechard said.

"I've got mixed feelings on [Royer]," King said. "He's a Mainer, obviously, but I thought they'd get someone with a different mindset or attitude."

King thought Royer's antics were misrepresenting a state known for its laid-back and relaxed atmosphere. In his opinion, Royer seemed more like someone from Boston.

"[He] makes Maine seem like something it's not," King said.

For now, both students are content watching Royer's Sin City escapades from Orono. They both cited the fact they were still in school as a reason they didn't get further in the process.

"I've gotten that a lot, like 'You'd be really good on 'The Real World'' just from random people," Bechard said. "It's kind of a joke but it's interesting."

"If I [try out] again, I'd be coming from my perspective, my own life, not just partying all the time," King said. "It's easy for them to spot the people that just want to be on TV."

"The Real World" airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on MTV. For more on Adam Royer's life, check out "USM grad goes from behind bars to 'The Real World'" at usmfreepress.org.

## CD REVIEW:

### The Strokes - 'Angles'

Rock revivalists prove they still have their old swagger

By Jay Grant  
Music Critic

I was in the seventh grade when The Strokes' first album "Is This It" was released. At the time, people still bought CDs and most people I knew with an allowance blew it on that record.

The Strokes were a part of a wave of "the" bands — The White Stripes, The Hives, The Vines — that reminded everybody rock 'n' roll didn't have to be grunge-inspired bands with overly emotional and deep-throated vocals over big arena riffs — here's looking at you Creed, Staind and Nickelback.

Rock could still mean fun, leather jackets and roaming the city with a bunch of friends. The problem became how does one move forward with a career based on the tried and true of yesteryear? Once you remind everyone what rock 'n' roll was like in the '60s and '70s, how do you show you still matter in this millennium?

On their latest album, "Angles," The Strokes have shown they are pretty happy sticking to milking vintage sounds. While it is certainly nothing new, they succeed by ripping off their idols a whole lot better than your run of the mill dudes with guitars you might catch on a Friday night.

Third track "Two Kinds of Happiness" stands as a case in point. The opening gives off an '80s new wave feel as frontman Julian Casablancas does his best Ric Ocasek impression, making for a song that seems lifted right from The Cars' songbook. What makes the song so good is The Strokes' amazing capacity for sounding like they are actually enjoying themselves. For a band that looks like they take themselves so seriously, they certainly don't sound it. Casablancas' voice cracks as he hits notes too high for his range, while guitarist Albert Hammond Jr. tears at the ceiling with impressive fret work.



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"Two Kinds of Happiness" encapsulates the "screw it," bar-band sensibility that has made The Strokes so damn likeable from the get-go — but it is by no means the best song on "Angles." Lead single "Under Cover of Darkness" harkens back to the straightforward, free-wheeling swagger of the band's early days. The vocals are muted by the frantic but catchy guitar and drums, complete with the sexy drawl of a Hammond Jr. solo. It is not as ferocious as Strokes standbys like "Last Nite," but it has all the smoky urban raucousness the band thrives on.

Later in the album, "Gratification" takes the band in a new direction, albeit still one well-traveled. The song takes no time in hurling you into its hooks, but by the time the grandiose chorus hits, you will wonder if you had accidentally switched to Queen on your iTunes. As with "Happiness," The Strokes have at least chosen their source material well and execute it so carefree and without pretense that you don't even mind know-

ing they are thieving.

Unfortunately, The Strokes seem convinced they are a band capable of more than the exuberant pseudo-Ramones rock 'n' roll they have been pigeonholed for. Missteps like "Games" and "Call Me Back" slow things down to a terribly boring pace.

The former plays up a big synth sound that feels completely out of place and moves into predictable handclaps and nonsense. "Call Me Back" is a simple and droney ballad that goes nowhere. The track depends on Casablancas' rapid spoken word vocals to spice things up, but it only makes him seem like a jerk at beat poet night in the Lower East Side.

In the end, "Angles" is about the most you can hope for from a band that rose to prominence on a single shtick. The Strokes still have their swagger and can still do the vintage rock thing with the best of them. Just please, for all of us, don't ask them to do anything different.

Grade: A

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# Giants' young catcher poised for big season

Posey should stuff stats in 1st full year

Column



By Lucas Thomas

How difficult is it to overlook a player who wins Rookie of the Year while catching and batting cleanup for the World Series champions? Those accolades warrant status as a household name in pro baseball, so it doesn't seem quite right when San Francisco Giants' phenom Buster Posey gets overlooked when it comes to the best players in the National League.

Last season, two of Posey's fellow rookies — Stephen Strasburg of Washington and Jason Heyward of Atlanta — were the subjects of adoration among baseball enthusiasts. Strasburg was touted as a once-in-a-genera-

While Posey has displayed capability as a top first baseman, his true value lies behind the plate, catching for a Giants' pitching staff that spearheaded a title run in 2010. He plays the game a lot like Mauer does and could become the NL equivalent in 2011.

In 105 games, he hit 18 home runs, knocked in 67 runs, hit .305 and slugged over .500. Those figures are impressive for a rookie, but when you consider the every day duties of a starting catcher — studying opposing hitters, working with five different starters, calling games — the fact that he was still able to produce like that from primarily the four spot in the lineup while handling the best staff in baseball shows that "The Show" is not too grand a stage for the 23-year-old. His production on both offense and defense will increase exponentially this season.

Once, as a junior at Florida State, Posey played all nine positions and hit a grand slam in a seven-inning game. After the math, that comes out to greater than one position played per inning. That game alone was probably why the Giants drafted him fifth overall in 2008.

tion pitching prospect, and Heyward became an instant legend when he launched a bomb in his much anticipated and nationally televised first career at-bat.

While this was happening, Buster Posey quietly entered the league in the middle of the summer and by October, as Strasburg ended the year on the disabled list and Heyward's production began to slip, was the best player on the eventual champions. This year will be his first full season in the big leagues and an MVP might be next on his list.

Posey fits the mold of the new age Joe Mauer-catching prototype: capable of handling a top-tier pitching staff behind the plate and a complete hitter with power to all fields at the plate. He is a versatile young player — making 75 starts at catcher and 30 at first base last year — that San Francisco can build on in a wide-open NL.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor  
Junior guard Raheem Singleton and the Black Bears had a rough ending to an exciting season, getting knocked out in the first round of the America East Tournament.

## MLB from B6

Justin Morneau is still nursing a concussion he suffered in early July of last year after a collision with Blue Jays' infielder John McDonald while sliding into second base.

Although Morneau has seen much improvement since the concussion, the lingering effects from the injury could still sideline him for the first couple of games this season. Whether or not Morneau is able to play, Minnesota still has an excellent lineup and one that will easily give Detroit a definite chase for first place.

2010 18-game winner Carl Pavano will return for his second full year in Minnesota. 2010 AL Comeback Player of the Year pitcher Francisco Liriano, who led the team in both ERA and strikeouts last season, will team up with Pavano for the division's most talented pitching duo. All-Star closers Matt Capps and Joe Nathan will be a dominating force in the bullpen.

This team looks ready to repeat as division champions, but unfortunately, they won't have quite enough talent to pass a better Tigers team. Divisional matchups will hurt this team's record the most as well as any injuries that may occur throughout the season to key players.

3. **Chicago White Sox** — Last Year: 2nd Place, 6 GB, (88-74)  
The White Sox can't expect to finish well this season with teams like Detroit and Minnesota in the same division. Both Chicago's batting lineup and

pitching rotation are merely mediocre, which isn't good enough for this division.

The losses of outfielders Manny Ramirez and Andrew Jones won't prove too devastating because both are on the decline. The addition of power hitting DH Adam Dunn came with a price, but was brilliant for a team in need of another power hitter other than four-time All-Star captain first baseman Paul Konerko. The three-four-five tandem of center fielder Alex Rios, Dunn and Konerko will prove to be the team's core. The three players combined for a total of 98 home runs, 302 RBIs and 477 hits in 2010. Konerko is coming off a season where he hit 39 homers, good for third overall in the majors.

The White Sox rotation and bullpen will unfortunately amount for a majority of the team's losses this season because there isn't much talent. Excluding four-time All-Star Mark Buehrle, Chicago is left with repertoire of Edwin Jackson, John Danks and Gavin Floyd. Relief pitcher Matt Thornton is back and ready to take over as the team's closer after the exiting of All-Star veterans Bobby Jenks and J.J. Putz. Expect Thornton to have a great year as long as the rotation can hold him a lead.

There's no doubt Chicago will be in the same sentence as Detroit and Minnesota this season, but the White Sox desper-

## Season Recap from B6

For their performance throughout the AEC season, Barnies and McLemore were recognized for first and second team All-Conference, respectively.

Barnies finished the season averaging 14.3 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per game, good for first on the team in each category. McLemore finished with 13.8 ppg while hitting 71 threes this season. He is going to need to shoulder the offensive load next year, when both Barnies' and Mitchell's 9.5 ppg is gone.

Another hole to fill will be the one left by the sudden departure of sophomore guard Murphy Burnatowski. Announced Friday, a press release stated Burnatowski asked for and was granted a release from his National Letter of Intent.

"It's a part of basketball, it happens," head coach Ted Woodward said to The Bangor Daily News. "Obviously, we'll continue to go recruit and fill the spots we

have left."

It's a big spot to fill, as the three players who occupied most of the time at the small forward position are all off next year's squad with the transfer of Burnatowski and graduation of Mitchell and swingman Malachi Peay.

Burnatowski was the Black Bears' fifth leading scorer and a large provider of energy on the floor, averaging about a steal per game.

In the post, it will most likely be sophomore Mike Allison and freshman Alasdair Fraser taking over, with both providing sparks off the bench this season.

Allison's a long body who can disrupt almost any shot in the post as long as he doesn't leave his feet too much, while Fraser seems to find himself in the right position at the right times, averaging over five points a game and almost four rebounds in 17 minutes per contest.

With increased minutes and another year improving his handwork and footwork, Fraser could be a prominent post player as early as next season.

- ately need some work to become title contenders once again.
4. **Kansas City Royals** — Last Year: 5th Place, 27 GB, (67-95)  
For a team that hasn't finished above fourth place since 2003, there's really no reason to have any expectations. Over the off-season, the Royals lost pitcher Zack Greinke and outfielder David DeJesus, both of whom had been franchise faces since 2004. The loss of shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt will also notably affect the team's run production; Betancourt led the team in both home runs and RBIs last year.
- The team seems to be going through a major change, but certainly for the good. The additions of both Gold Glove award winning right fielder Jeff Francoeur and outfielder Melky Cabrera is a great start in building a new core of producing players. DH Billy Butler returns as the team's best batter with a .318 average last year. Butler, Francoeur and Cabrera will be the new heart to this Kansas City team that has arguably suffered more misery than any other team this decade, excluding the Pirates.
- The loss of Greinke is tough, but the Royals still have a respectable rotation. Lefty pitcher Jeff Francis is expected to be the team's No. 1 starter. Behind him, the Royals feature journeyman Bruce Chen and 27-year-old right handers Luke Hochevar and Kyle Davies. The bullpen holds one of the majors best
1. **Detroit Tigers, 92-70**
  2. **Minnesota Twins, 90-72**
  3. **Chicago White Sox, 83-79**
  4. **Kansas City Royals, 68-94**
  5. **Cleveland Indians, 66-96**

closers in Joakim Soria. "The Mexicutioner" saved a total of 43 games last year, which was third overall.

It's not going to be easy for the Royals to beat out Cleveland for fourth place, but for a team in transition, it's time for them to start climbing back to the top, one place at a time.

5. **Cleveland Indians** — Last Year: 4th Place, 25 GB, (69-93)  
This Cleveland team is sadly one of those teams stuck in a division where the teams ahead of them are untouchable. No matter how hard the Indians play in 2011, they just don't have the manpower to execute an 80-win season.

The team's prized possession in Shin-Soo Choo is back for his sixth season in Cleveland, and hasn't been better. The South Korean led the Indians in nearly every individual offensive statistic, leading the club in batting average, home runs, RBIs, OPS, hits, runs, doubles, walks and stolen bases. Three-time All-Star outfielder Grady Sizemore is still recovering from knee surgery and isn't expected to return until after the season begins. DH Travis Hafner will return for his ninth year in Cleveland. The Indians are currently trying to build around the future of the team in Choo, but it's going to take a couple years for them to surround him with enough solid players.

The pitching staff has a gem in Fausto Carmona, who won 13 games last year, but he needs more offensive production in order to erase the 14 losses he also had. Look for a great battle between Kansas City and Cleveland for who finishes fourth.

## NBA Draft from B6

lived up to that potential, he has shown a killer instinct that translates well in the pros, most recently with a 40-point outburst against Clemson University. The winner of that game — if it comes down to those two in the East region — could propel his draft stock above the loser.

Another game with draft implications could be one of the West region's semifinals, if it came to San Diego State and the University of Connecticut, the No. 2 and 3 seeds respectively.

Each team features an end-of-the-lottery star who could jump into the top-10 with a deep tourney run. UConn's star guard Kemba Walker has already generated tons of attention, first at the beginning of the year with five straight games of at least 29 points. Walker then led the Huskies to an unprecedented five wins in five days in the ultra-competitive Big East Tournament. If Walker can continue that hot streak, he could hear his name called early in June.

The lesser known of the two prospects in this possible matchup is the Aztecs' Kawhi Leonard. A classic "tweener" in the pros,

Leonard is unfortunately stuck in between the two forward positions.


However, that hasn't stopped other players of similar stature from having successful NBA careers, such as Dallas Mavericks' Shawn Marion, Los Angeles Lakers' sixth man Lamar Odom and, to a lesser extent, the Boston Celtics' Glen "Big Baby" Davis.

Lastly, the most polarizing college basketball player this season, Brigham Young University's uber-scorer Jimmer Fredette seems to have found a spot in the lottery in this very weak NBA Draft.

While there's no denying his ability to score or the in-the-arena range he possesses, Fredette is nothing better than a JJ Redick from the Orlando Magic or, at best, Golden State Warriors' guard and former Davidson College phenom Stephen Curry.

Although he will always find a spot in the league, I don't see it as more than an Eddie House role when he was with the Celtics, especially when Fredette couldn't even guard me.


There you have it. Even though this March is going to be as exciting as ever, don't expect too much of that excitement to translate to the pros. This draft screams of the year 2000 all over again.



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# Champs League down to 8 Mizzou QB draws lofty praise

Continent-wide tournament down to quarterfinals

## Can I Kick It?

The battle for European soccer supremacy has come down to the final eight.

After a thrilling knock-out round that saw Spanish giants Barcelona come back to knock out the English version of total

football, Arsenal, and included English Cinderella Tottenham Hotspur continuing their run past Italian super-power AC Milan, the final eight look to be equally thrilling, especially after the draw was announced.

With three English sides, two Spanish squads and an Italian, German and Ukrainian team still left, the champion of Europe can come from anywhere.

For starters, we know the number of English representatives will be cut down by at least one, as Chelsea and Manchester United drew each other in the round of eight.

The last time these two giants faced off in the Champions League was the 2008 final, when Sir Alex Ferguson's side beat the Blues on penalties to

deny Chelsea what would have been their first ever European crown.

In this contest, it's unsure whether the Red Devils have enough depth in their backs going forward, especially with the loss of Rio Ferdinand for the rest of the season. With their eyes squarely set on the Barclay's Premier League, Chelsea should prevail in this battle of British brutes.

The aforementioned third English squad, the Spurs, didn't get any favors when it came to the draw, and was chosen to face battle-tested Jose Mourinho and Real Madrid.

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Mourinho, a two-time Champions League winner, brought Los Blancos to the final eight for the first time since 2004.

For some reason, Mourinho always seems to be the difference in the Champions League; whether it is his tactical decisions or sheer ambition that provides that competitive advantage isn't entirely understood. However, it appears he will move the hands of the clock to midnight for the Spurs and move into the semifinals with

his fourth different team.

If Real Madrid prevails, it could set up the latest and greatest chapter of El Clasico yet, as Spanish rival Barcelona is set to face Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk, who upset AS Roma 6-2 on aggregate in the round of 16.

Unfortunately for Shakhtar, the Catalan Giants are not AS Roma, and the defending Spanish champions have lost only twice combined in the Champions League and La Liga this season and should swiftly move into the final four by at least a three-goal margin.

The final pairing consists of German surprise Schalke, taking on the defending European Champions Inter Milan. The Serpents face their second consecutive German club in European play after knocking out Bayern Munich twice in as many years.

This is the one quarterfinal match where an upset could take place, as Schalke finished first in their group and went on to beat Valencia 4-2 on aggregate in the first knockout round. If Schalke can keep it close at the San Siro, they can control the game in front of their home crowd and pull the upset in the final leg.

If not, it will be four European superpowers standing tall heading into early May.

## Column

How former Missouri



By Lucas Thomas

his sophomore year after the school's all-time leading passer, Chase Daniel, graduated. He had a very good sophomore year with 24 touchdown passes to nine interceptions and 3,500 yards and over 8 yards per attempt, but he failed to build on that in 2010 during his junior season.

Rather than spectacular as his previous season would suggest, Gabbert was ordinary, throwing 16 touchdowns, nine interceptions and only 6.7 yards per attempt as a junior. So it was a surprise when Gabbert decided to leave school early when many people feel that he would have benefited from a third year of starting experience. Rather than enter as a 22-year old seasoned collegiate starter, Gabbert opted to enter the NFL Draft as a 21-year old raw prospect with

a lot to work on.

Questions exist about Gabbert's transition to the NFL from playing from a wide open offense in college. He was essentially a gun-slinging Big 12 quarterback and, besides Sam Bradford, those types of players aren't too welcomed in the NFL. Look at Gabbert's predecessor: Daniels' sophomore and junior year he threw a combined 61 touchdowns and 7,833 yards; Gabbert had 40 touchdowns and 6,779 yards in that same span.

His numbers are respectable, but whether or not five more inches of height and better arm strength really make up for that gap in production between the two — especially considering Daniel went undrafted and Gabbert is talked about as a candidate for the No. 1 pick. With all of the physical ability, Gabbert still leaves you wanting more on film and with his production.

His deep ball is not overly impressive for somebody with a strong arm. He doesn't drive the ball on deep routes like previous top picks Matthew Stafford, Sam Bradford, and Matt Ryan did, and his accuracy has been called into question. When you consider his ability, a senior season would have been an opportunity to refine those skills and truly emerge as an NFL quarter-

backing prospect.

His stock hasn't seemed to suffer, though. When Stanford gunslinger Andrew Luck decided to return to school, Gabbert sprung up draft boards that needed to fill their quarterback quota: a circumstantial beneficiary.

As he stands now he just looks like a pretty good — but not exciting — collegiate quarterback who has some skills. He never really did anything substantial or impressive in college to supplement his measurables. His resume just doesn't compare to other top quarterbacks in recent draft past and he's out of place being discussed among them.

In fact, when you compare him to some quarterbacks in his own class — Andy Dalton, Ryan Mallet, Christian Ponder and Cam Newton — his collegiate accolades are closer to the bottom of the list.

Some team in need of help at the quarterback spot is going to take a flyer on Gabbert very high in the draft in hopes of finding the next great young quarterback. I'm not saying the guy is incapable of getting it done, but it remains to be seen.

The expectations that he will enter the league with are unrealistic based on his body of work. He deserves to be picked in the third or fourth round, not the top five.

## Baseball from B6

senheimer.

In the latter game the double-header was worse on both sides of the ball for UMaine, as they were only able to muster two runs off of two hits, while giving up nine runs on 13 hits.

The Black Bears showed some life after tying the score in the second off a fielder's choice by Leisenheimer, driving in freshman third baseman Alex Calbick.

UMaine then took a brief lead in the top of the fourth after Leisenheimer scored off a single by sophomore left fielder Pat Thibodeau.

After one run in the first, the Broncos chalked up four on the Black Bears in the bottom of the fourth. A throwing error by sophomore catcher Tyler Patzalek scored Ralston, while Cotten advanced to third. Albee then doubled to score both Cotten and Johnston, who reached on the initial throwing error. Albee was driven in off a Crescenzo single.

The Broncos put the game

out of reach in the bottom of the sixth with four runs off five hits and one error.

Sophomore pitcher Jeffrey Gibbs was at the blunt of most of the damage, allowing five runs, three of which were earned in three-and-a-third innings pitched.

"[The guys going] didn't pitch well," Trimmer said, while remaining optimistic. "This is the time of year we're trying to find our way. We need to get these kinks out now so that we're ready for conference season."

The Black Bears immediately responded to their coach, gaining as many hits in the first three innings of the finale as they did the two prior games.

UMaine grabbed the lead in the third inning when senior designated hitter Ian Leisenheimer drove in senior left fielder Joey Martin.

Wild pitches continued to plague the Black Bears, as Ralston tied the game after advancing from first to third on a wild pitch and was driven home by Crescenzo.

The Black Bears' bats continued to return to form, compiling

one run off three hits in the top of the fourth, with the run coming off an RBI-single by Martin, scoring Justin Leisenheimer.

The Broncos tied the score the next half-inning when Rider manufactured a run without recording a hit.

Offense lay dormant for both teams in the next three innings, until the Black Bears erupted for three runs in the top of the eighth.

After Patzalek singled, Whitten doubled to drive the catcher in. With two outs, Justin Leisenheimer struck out on a wild pitch but managed to reach first safely.

The error proved costly for the Broncos as Fransoso doubled in both Whitten and Justin Leisenheimer to jump to a 5-2 lead.

After the Broncos added one run in the bottom of the eighth, the Black Bears tacked three more on the scoreboard in the top of the ninth to secure an 8-3 victory.

The Black Bears travel to Bridgeport, Conn. on Mar. 24 to face Sacred Heart University before a weekend in N.J. against Fairleigh Dickinson University and St. Peter's College.

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## University of Maine Sports Briefs



### Oilers sign UMaine's House

The Edmonton Oilers have signed UMaine senior center Tanner House to a two-year contract to start in the minor leagues. The two-year Black Bears captain eclipsed the 100-point mark for his career and was named Hockey East Best Defensive Forward for the 2010-2011 season.

### Pro Day for Black Bear football

The NFL Pro Day for UMaine football will take place March 24 at the Latti Fitness center in the Memorial Gym. Included in trying to impress pro scouts are wide receivers Desmond Randall and Tyrell Jones, defensive backs Dominic Cusano and Steven Barker and senior

linebacker Mark Masterson.

### UMaine walks away with slew of hockey honors

The University of Maine men's hockey managed to gain minor hardware into the trophy shelf, with junior forward Gustav Nyquist joining the Hockey East First Team while senior defender Josh Van Dyk made the Second Team. Nyquist was also recognized as one of the 10 Hobey Baker finalists. Senior defender Jeff Dimmen won the Turf Athletic Award and junior forward Brian Flynn won the Len Ceglarski Award for individual sportsmanship. It's the seventh time UMaine has received the award. Freshman goalie Dan Sullivan also made the All-Rookie team.

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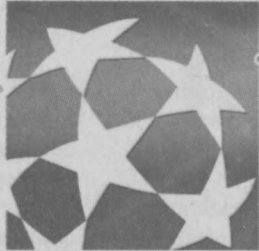
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## TEASER

### Champs League down to final 8

Catalan Giants favored to reign over Europe

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## SCOREBOARD

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**Celtics (Fri.)** 77 93 Rockets  
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"Give Rider credit, but [the] bottom line is we lost these games."

UMaine baseball head coach Steve Trimper

## COLUMN

### San Fran catcher poses MVP threat

Buster Posey is poised for a big year

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## UMaine baseball struggles to find swing

Rider drops Black Bears in 3 out of 4 contests over weekend as team musters mere 5 hits in Saturday's doubleheader

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

During a weekend when the University of Maine baseball team was looking to get back on track, Rider University stifled any chance of that, taking three out of four from the Black Bears.

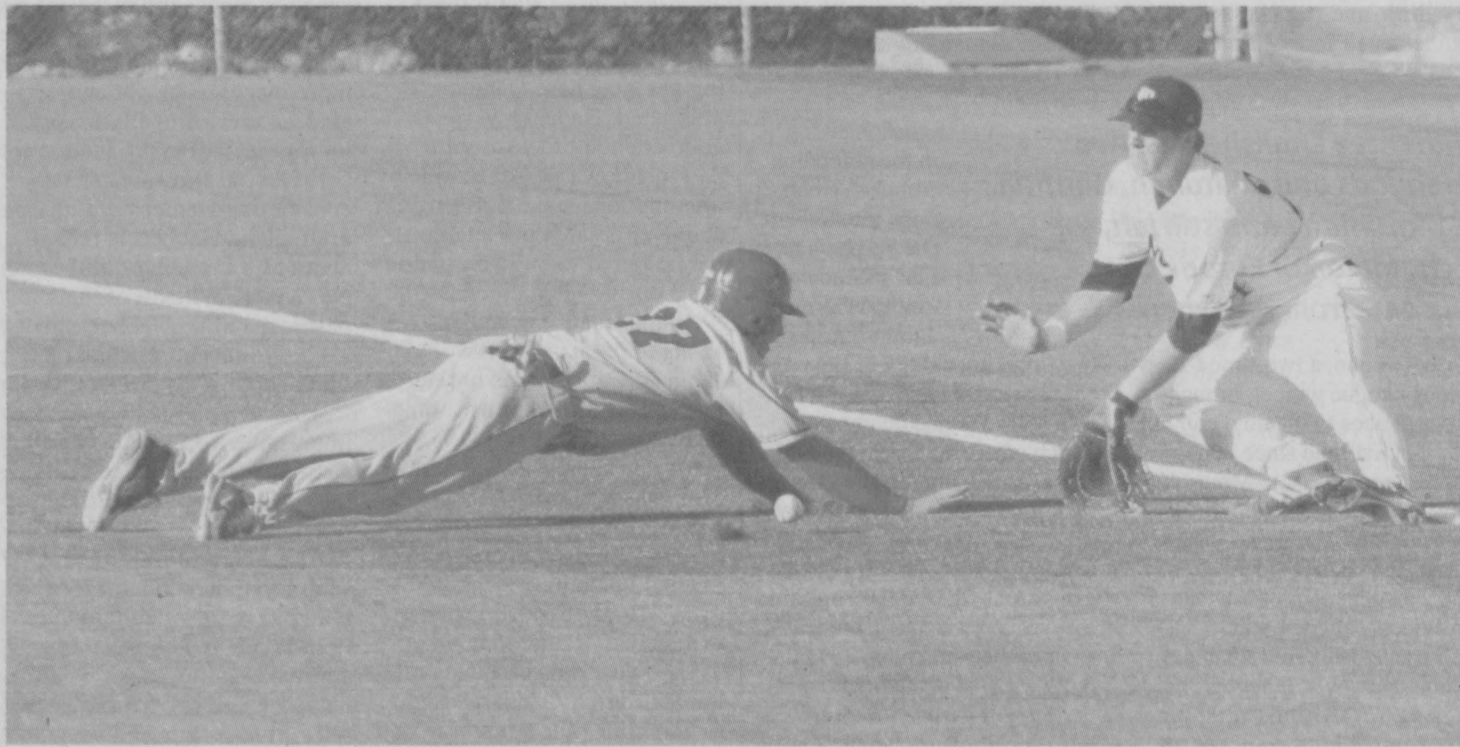
The first game was the closest of the three losses, with the Broncos jumping out to a lead in the first inning after two wild pitches got junior center fielder Brandon Cotten to third. Senior second baseman A.J. Albee doubled in Cotten for the first run of the game.

The Broncos doubled their lead in the third after yet another wild pitch by Black Bear junior starter A.J. Bazdanes. He threw four wild pitches in all, with senior right fielder Karl Johnston scoring the second run on another Albee hit.

The Black Bears made it to the scoreboard in the sixth after freshman right fielder Fran Whitten was driven home by freshman second baseman Eric White.

The Black Bears had the repeated problem of leaving men on base, including two in scoring position in the sixth and at least one in every inning.

"[Friday's] ballgame we should have won five times over," Black Bears head coach Steve Trimper



File photo

Senior first baseman Justin Leisenheimer scored a run and drove in a run over the weekend against Rider University.

said. "We had numerous opportunities to get a runner home from third base with less than two outs and couldn't capitalize."

The Black Bears went on to tie the game at two in the top of the seventh on a triple by junior center fielder Taylor Lewis, scoring sophomore shortstop Michael Fransoso. It was Lewis' 13th RBI of the season. Unfortunately, the

assistant captain was stranded at third with just one out in the inning.

The Broncos took advantage of more sloppy play by the Black Bears, as senior shortstop John Ralston doubled

and eventually scored off a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly by Johnston for the last run of the game off of UMaine junior relief pitcher, Kevin Scanlan.

The Black Bears stranded run-

ners in scoring position in both of the final innings.

The Broncos took advantage much earlier in the opener of the double header Saturday, jumping out to a 3-0 lead after the Black Bears once again stranded a runner at third in the first inning.

The Broncos went on to double their lead in the third off of UMaine starter junior Keith Bi-

lodeau. With two on and two out in the bottom of the third, freshman right fielder Nick Crescenzo doubled down the line to score senior designated hitter Steve Galella. The following two runs came off of a wild pitch and an error by freshman shortstop Mike Connolly.

"There's three aspects of the game — defense offense and pitching — that we worry about," Trimper said. "We played poor in the field, with critical defensive errors."

The Black Bears' bats also weren't awake throughout the day, with just three hits in the first game Saturday and two in the latter.

"We did poor hitting the ball — five hits is not going to win you a ball game," Trimper said. "Give Rider credit, but bottom line is we lost these games."

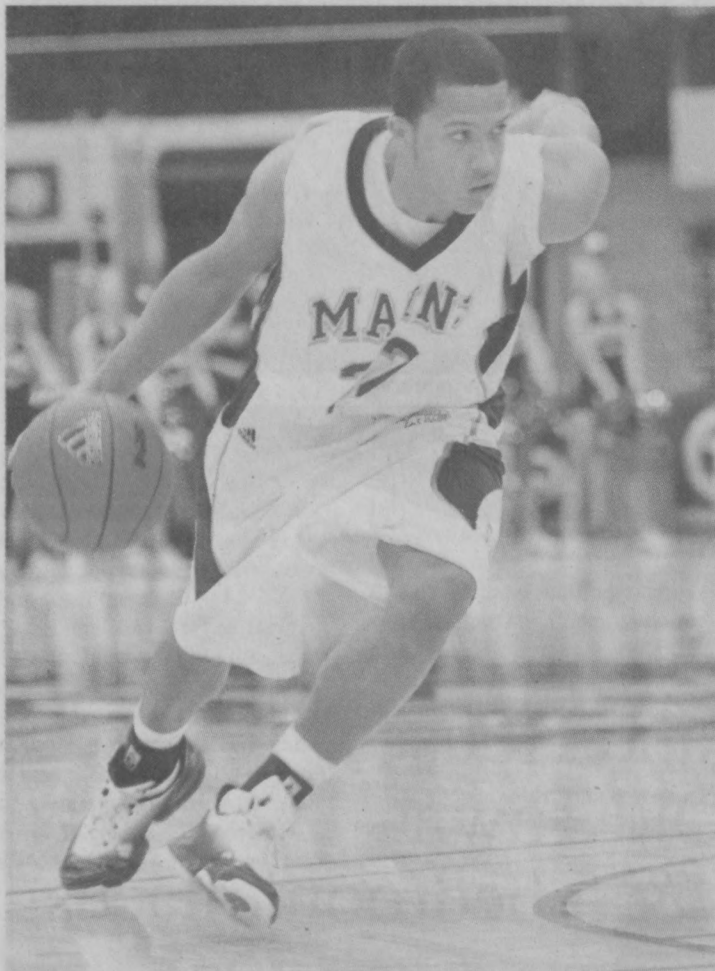
The first sign of offensive life for the Black Bears came in the fifth, when Whitten led off the inning with a solo shot. The Black Bears then went out in order following the blast.

The two teams traded runs in the final two innings, with junior relief pitcher John Balentina giving up two hits for one run, while the Black Bears strung together two hits in their final out to score senior first baseman Justin Lei-

See Baseball on B5

## Up-and-down ride for men's b-ball

Black Bears have holes to fill for next year after thrilling conference season



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Junior guard Gerald McLemore was second for the Black Bears in scoring and made the America East All-Conference Second Team.

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

Even though basketball is a vertical game, there were more ups and downs than usual for the University of Maine men's basketball team this season, ultimately leading to an untimely exit from the America East Conference tournament.

Although the Black Bears finished .500 at 15-15, it was a streaky season that saw UMaine start 2-5 before beating the University of Massachusetts and eventual NCAA at-large bid Penn State on the road.

The Black Bears excelled entering conference play, going 8-1 in the first half of AEC play and were even featured in ESPN College Basketball Analyst Pat Forde's Jan. 18 article complimenting their hot start.

However, what goes up must come down, and the Black Bears limped through the second half of

conference play, finishing 1-7 and enduring a six-game losing streak in the process.

With no momentum entering the conference tournament, the Black Bears had the unfortunate opportunity to play the only team to defeat them twice in AEC play and the school hosting the tournament, the University of Hartford.

Even though the Black Bears had an early lead, they couldn't hold it and fell to the Hawks for the third time this season, ousting them from the AEC Tournament in the first round, 66-63.

The three starting seniors, guard Terrance Mitchell and forwards Troy Barnies and Sean McNally, each finished in double figures, with Mitchell scoring 13 and McNally and Barnies with 10 each. McNally was a rebound short of a double-double. Junior guards Raheem Singleton and Gerald McLemore each added 13 points as well.

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"It's a part of basketball. It happens. We'll continue to go recruit and fill the spots we have left."

Ted Woodward  
Head coach  
UMaine men's basketball

## MLB preview: AL Central

Star-studded lineup to lead Tigers to top

By Liam Nee  
For The Maine Campus

This week's issue of the 2011 MLB season preview series features the AL Central division, home to five teams of the midwest and the league's only division where every team has won a World Series at least once.

**1. Detroit Tigers** — Last Year: 3rd Place, 13 GB, (81-81)

Out of all five teams' pre-seasons for the 2011 season, the Tigers had the best. Detroit handed out a \$50 million contract over four years for four-time All-Star catcher Victor Martinez in order to outbid both the Baltimore Orioles and Martinez's former team, the Boston Red Sox. "V-Mart" will most likely be swapping time between DH and catcher with 24-year-old Alex Avila.

First baseman Miguel Cabrera, who led Detroit in nearly every batting category last season, will again be a monster force and a front-runner for the AL's MVP award as long as he can stay healthy for the entire season. Cabrera led the entire league in RBIs and was third overall with a .328 batting average and fourth overall in home runs with 38.

The Tigers front office also managed to re-sign the team's offensive core in six-time All-Star outfielder Magglio Ordonez, fielding extraordinary shortstop Jhonny Peralta and 10-year Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge. All three will aid both Cabrera and Martinez for one of the league's most dominant lineups.

Pitching ace Justin Verlander returns for his seventh year in Detroit, coming off one of the best seasons of his career. Verlander won 18 games last season, good for seventh overall among league pitchers, while also tying for fifth overall in strikeouts. The rest of the rotation includes 2010 12-game winner Max Scherzer, newly-acquired Brad Penny and fu-

ture-ace Rick Porcello.

Two-time All-Star closer Jose Valverde will control the bullpen as long as he too can stay healthy for the entire season. Expect "Papa Grande" to receive some quality help from newly-acquired setup man Joaquin Benoit, who was added early in the offseason.

You can expect a fairly close race between defending division champion Minnesota and Detroit, but overall, this Tigers team is strong and has all of the tools to finish first.

**2. Minnesota Twins** — Last Year: 1st Place, (94-68)

After an upsetting three-and-out playoff series last year in New York, the Twins want nothing more but a chance to get back to the postseason and redeem themselves. It's going to be hard to accomplish this goal with the likes of Detroit finishing first and an AL East team most likely stealing the AL Wild Card spot, but there's a reason skipper Ron Gardenhire won last year's AL Manager of the Year award: He knows how to win games.

The Twins lost some quality talent from its infield this off-season with the departures of both Orlando Hudson and J.J. Hardy, while also taking a hit in the bullpen with the exits of Matt Guerrier, Jesse Crain, Jon Rauch and Brian Fuentes.

The only considerable addition to the team this offseason was quite an impressive one. The Twins landed Nippon Professional Baseball All-Star infielder Tsuyoshi Nishioka. The Japanese superstar will most likely play second base, while 26-year-old Alexi Casilla moves over to shortstop.

Expect the Twins' offense to be led once again by four-time All-Star catcher Joe Mauer, power hitting designated hitter Jim Thome and outfielder Delmon Young. The Twins' four-time All-Star first baseman

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## March Madness not featuring NBA stars

Unproven freshmen and foreigners top weakest draft class of the past decade

## Column

Although March Madness is Rock Chock Jayhawk full of superb college athletes, NBA teams are driving themselves mad trying to figure out whom, if anyone, should go No. 1 in June's NBA draft, which is shaping up to be the worst in over a decade.



By Jesse Scardina

According to ESPN's draft expert Chad Ford and his big board of prospects, the top prospect just appeared in his first game since December, the second prospect couldn't even lead his team to the National Tournament, and three and four are unproven freshmen. The list continues with players who haven't played a game all year or play overseas and remain extremely raw.

Simply put, there's no John Wall or Blake Griffin in this draft.

As of right now, the Cleveland Cavaliers have a tremendous shot at winning the draft lottery and they also own a second lottery

pick from a trade with the Los Angeles Clippers.

If the Ping-Pong balls fall where they should, the Cavs should have the first and eighth picks, where they're suspected to select Duke point guard Kyrie Irving first overall and Kentucky forward Terrence Jones at eight.

While both have upsides — especially Jones, who was putting up monster numbers for the Wildcats at the beginning of the season — they both are far away from sure-things starters, let alone all-stars.

Irving's return in the National Tournament is a big lift for the Dukies, and if he can contribute

to a deep run from the defending champions, it would most likely solidify his No. 1 spot.

A potential late-round matchup could go far in determining two of the top prospects, if No. 1 seed Ohio State and No. 2 seed University of North Carolina match up in the Elite Eight.

Both freshmen, Buckeyes' Jared Sullinger is perhaps college basketball's most dominant player, while Tar Heels' Harrison Barnes was the first freshman ever to be picked to the preseason All-American First Team.

While Barnes hasn't quite

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