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Student body leader to defend office

Carson faces possible impeachment Tuesday after seeing no support from 33 senators at meeting

By Christopher Crosby
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine's General Student Senate voted unanimously to try Student Body President Nelson Carson for impeachment at its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday.

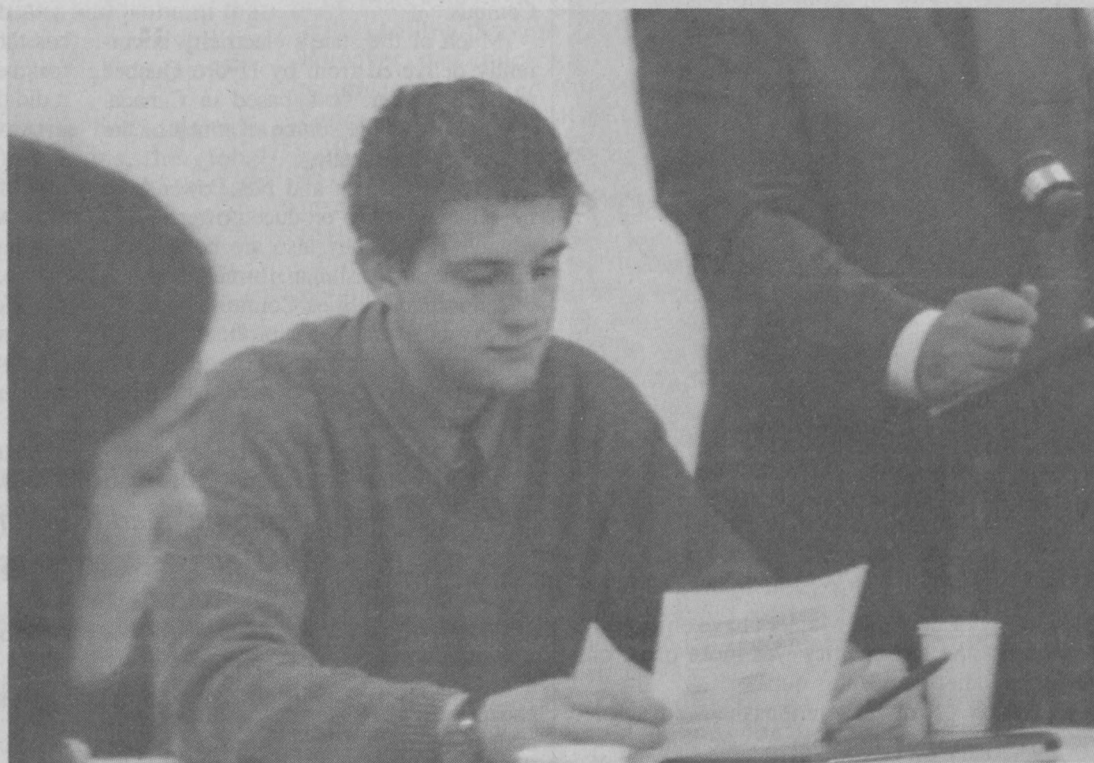
The trial will be held March 29 to decide whether removal from office is necessary.

Sen. Sam Helmke, who sponsored the resolution, said it was time to "hash out" problems that have arisen during Carson's short tenure as president, which only dates back to January.

According to the written articles of impeachment, Carson "failed to set a proper direction and professional tone of UMSG"; did not attend meetings with UMSG employees, staff and cabinet members; failed to abide by a directive from UMSG to oversee the completion of a website by Jan. 19 and violated the terms of that same contract with the website developer; and failed to provide "coherent direction through poor leadership."

After Carson responds to testimony offered at the trial, the meeting will move into executive session and will be closed to the public. Senators will debate, come to a consensus and determine if removing Carson from office is the appropriate action.

Sen. Alex Ortiz, a co-sponsor of the bill, said the impeachment trial is the necessary forum to sift through the facts and decide



Pardis Delijani • Political Columnist

Student Body President Nelson Carson reads the unanimously passed resolution that calls for a Tuesday trial to decide his impeachment.

whether the president has fulfilled his job duties.

"There's been talk about impeachment for a very long time," Ortiz said. "This is the sixth president I've seen and I would not have agreed to put my name as a co-sponsor if I didn't agree that this needed to be looked at."

Sen. Mark Brunton, another of the bill's co-sponsors, said that senators' concerns with Carson had been growing for a while.

"We all like Nelson," Brunton said. "We've been concerned for some time. We wanted to give him a chance to save himself before we got to this point, but it's strictly a matter of ineffective leadership."

Carson said that he would have answered legitimate concerns with his presidency individually with senators, but none approached him. Instead, he said that the impeachment would be viewed as a "weakening" of UMSG.

"If you guys don't think I deserve to be president, I will step down 100 percent. I have not had this expressed to me yet until this moment," Carson said. "I can fully defend all of these and give the opportunity now. From my perspective this is not the right way to defend allegations a few senators might have."

Carson's comments come amidst senators' second public discussion of impeachment in as many weeks. At the March 15 meeting of UMSG, several

senators voiced their dissatisfaction with Carson's tenure as president and had considered impeaching him. Former senator Chris Knoblock said 35 drafts of an impeachment resolution were written, but senators decided at the last moment to scrap the plan.

On Tuesday, senate voted 33-0 to impeach Carson, with two senators absent.

After the meeting, Helmke declined to comment on specifics of the charges prior to the trial.

"I plan to bring into evidence specific examples through witness testimony that will provide the jury and the public with clear knowledge of the infractions and misconduct," he said.

Helmke added that lines of communication between Carson and senators were "murky at best," adding a trial was the most professional option available to hear answers to direct questions.

"He hasn't met a job description. It should not be up to me to go down to the Wade Center and tell president Carson to do his job," Helmke said. "Why is it I can walk into the office, ask for a job description of the UMSG president and find serious issues, and he can't see them?"

Helmke said an e-mail containing the articles of impeachment was sent to members of the senate before the meeting to clear up any questions senators,

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Recycling overhaul set for fall 2011

Yearlong pilot brings change

By Rob Stigile
News Editor

In an effort to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and cut costs, the University of Maine is planning to adopt a campus-wide, single-stream recycling program by the start of the fall 2011 semester.

The program is the result of a year-long trial run that began after spring break last year in the Hilltop Commons and Marketplace, according to Darryl Ann Girardin, recycling manager of UMaine's Green Campus Initiative.

"It's super successful for everyone who goes on it," Girardin said of the single-stream program, adding that the limited trial run this past year has increased recycling on campus by "at least a couple of percentage points."

The new program will allow individuals to place all recyclables into one container instead of separating items based on material, a process Girardin referred to as "zero sort."

By simplifying the process in this manner, it is hoped those on campus will be more inclined to place waste in recycling containers instead of trash cans headed to the landfill.

"By putting a recycling container anywhere, you'll be able to recycle everything [at that location], which is one of the main advantages to single-stream," said former Green Team President and fourth-year accounting student Gregory Edwards.

Another advantage of the single-stream program is the ability to accept all types of plastics labeled with the triangular, three-arrow recycling symbol.

Girardin described the new plan as accepting "anything that is plastic that you can bend," including things like children's toys and milk containers that carry no redemption value.

Edwards said only No. 2 plastics are currently accepted in collection bins around campus, which severely limits the amount students can recycle. He described the new process as a "vastly superior recycling system."

In contrast to the expected rise in plastic reclaimed from the garbage, Edwards said he does not expect to see a noticeable increase in paper recycling, as he feels this is an area in which the current program excels.

"I don't think we will see a substantial increase in paper," he said. "I think paper recycling is one of the things we do really well now."

Under the new program, Vermont-based Casella Waste Management will collect recyclables on campus and ship them to a sorting facility in Massachusetts at a price of \$55 per ton of material, according to Edwards.

When the push for a single-stream policy was first being

Bangor man arrested in Rec Center theft

The University of Maine Police Department, in cooperation with the Orono Police Department, arrested a Bangor man on Tuesday afternoon for a recent theft that occurred at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.



Lewis

UMPD Detective Bill Flagg and OPD Detective Andrew Whitehouse arrested Mark E. Lewis, 43, at his home at 1:10 p.m. March 22 on misdemeanor charges of theft and misuse of identification. According to Flagg, UMPD is investigating Lewis in connection to a string of thefts at the Rec Center.

"We haven't charged him for those other thefts, but we're looking at him for other thefts including money, wallets and an iPod," Flagg said. "Those are the type of thefts we've been experiencing at the Rec Center."

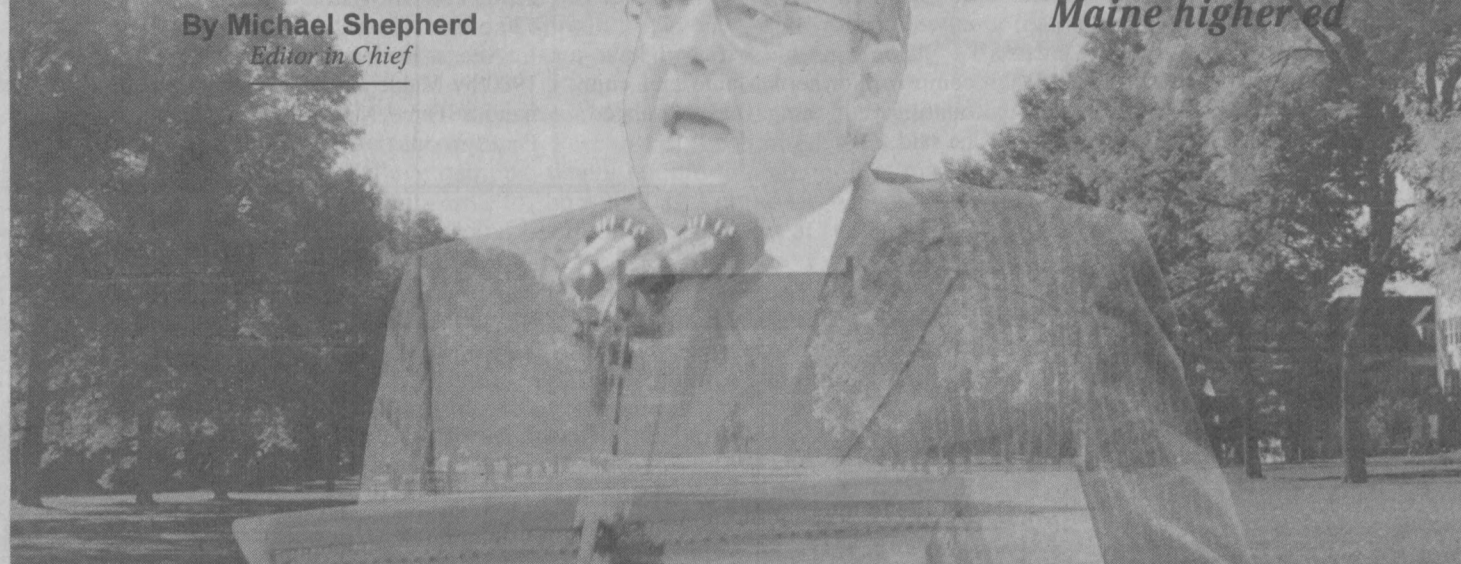
Thefts of belongings left in the Rec Center locker rooms or in cubbies near the basketball courts have occurred frequently this semester.

Flagg and Whitehouse obtained a warrant from the Bangor District Court for Lewis' arrest after a credit card that was in a wallet stolen from

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UMS, LePage rapport revealed

Chancellor, governmental relations head praise GOP

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in ChiefPart 1 of 2 in a series about
the governor's impact on
Maine higher ed

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AUGUSTA — At a time when education reform proposals are being floated by new Republican leadership at the State House, University of Maine System officials say they have struck a positive note with Gov. Paul LePage and several legislative leaders.

The general direction of the LePage administration and the new Republican legislative leadership, the system chancellor and government relations head both say, has been pragmatic in the past months despite the promise of swift political change.

Before January, the GOP had not controlled both the executive and legislative branches of state government since 1964.

"With this new wave that swept over Maine, there was a fear that this might be pushing

the legislature far to the right and I don't believe it did," John Lisnik, assistant to the chancellor for governmental relations, said Tuesday. "To be honest with you, I was a little worried at the time, but I couldn't be happier."

"I think what we're seeing from the new legislature and governor is growing recognition about our educated workforce."

Richard Pattenaude
Chancellor
University of Maine System

"I think what we're seeing from the new legislature and governor is growing recognition about our educated workforce," Chancellor Richard Pattenaude said Tuesday. "As we like to say,

higher education is economic development."

The governor, since the primary season, has vaguely outlined a plan for "early college," inspired by brick-and-mortar programs in other states like

dents.

Maine's hypothetical startup has been described as a fifth year of high school where college credits — and even associate degrees — could be earned locally, outside of the traditional college environment.

This focus on two-year degrees and vocational opportunities was echoed by newly confirmed Commissioner of Education Stephen Bowen in an interview Friday.

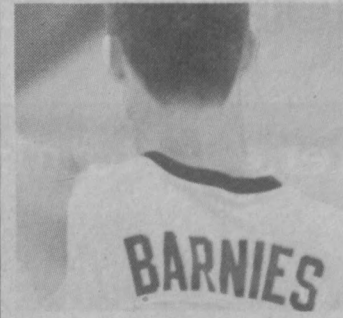
"You want to try to level the playing field," Bowen said. "If there's a kid in high school in Maine that wants to take an early college course to get going on their college career, we need to find a way to get them that course."

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North Carolina, where high schools have been physically erected on community college campuses in an effort to boost enrollment and performance of low-income and minority stu-

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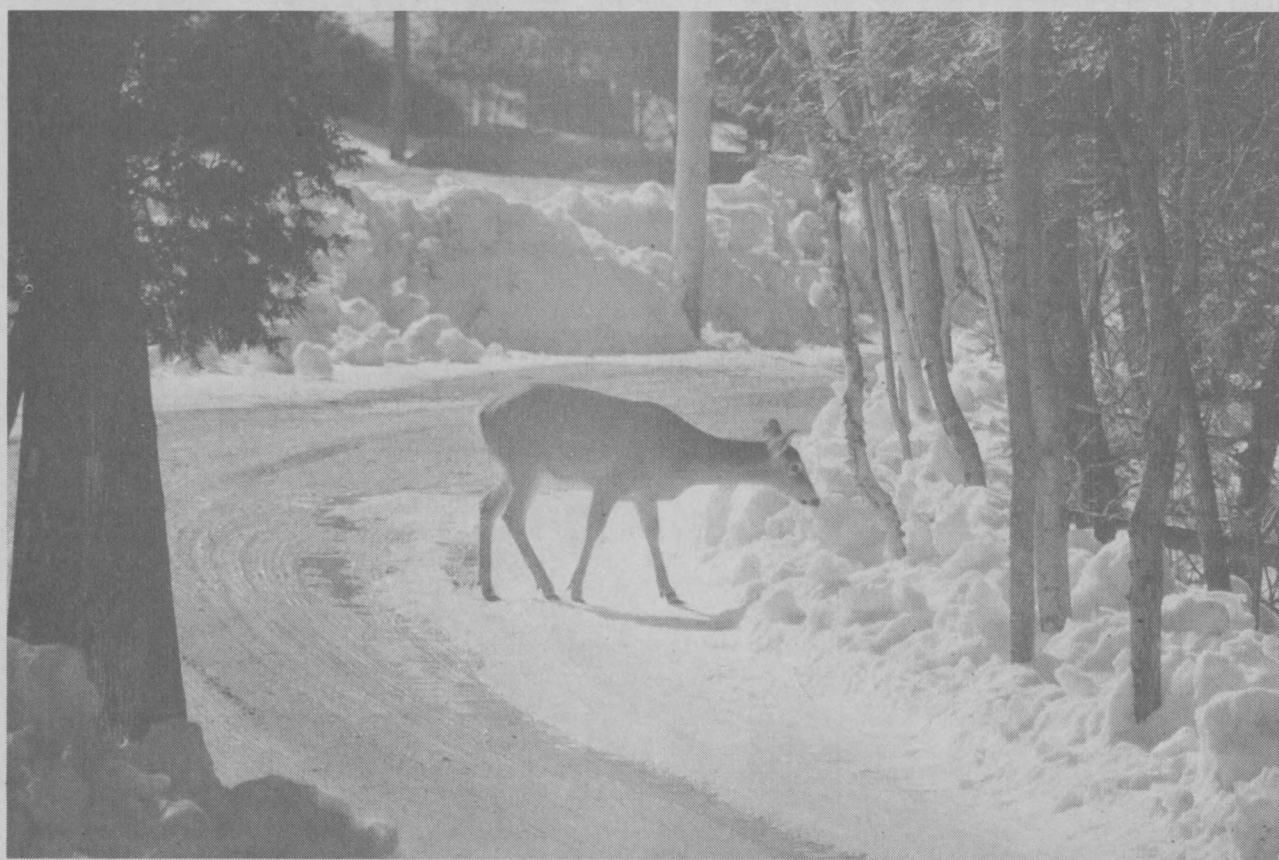
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Maine deer resurgence eyed

UM professor criticizes LePage plan to boost population as lofty goal



Jacquelyn Blanchard • The Maine Campus

In an effort to boost Maine's deer herd population, Gov. Paul LePage has outlined a five-point plan to better educate landowners and curb predator numbers.

By Amos Wolven
For The Maine Campus

Gov. Paul LePage and Chandler Woodcock, commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, have begun an initiative to replenish Maine's deer population.

LePage has stated his firm belief that deer hunting is an integral part of Maine's heritage and economy, citing state revenue amounts to \$280 million annually from licensing, tourism and related costs.

According to a March 18 article in the Bangor Daily News, Maine has seen a decline in the deer population over the past two decades.

The DIFW website states a multitude of reasons that have contributed to the decline in deer population including a severe winter, predation and a diminishing number of wintering areas.

To combat these factors, the DIFW has outlined a comprehensive five-point plan involving government officials and private landowners.

When it comes to the future of hunting in Maine, two branches of the proposed policy aim to increase the deer herd by instituting new policies. The first would heighten penalties for illegal hunting and the second would involve trying to better control the coyote population, a major predatory threat to deer.

The state's landowners will also play an integral part in the push to

repopulate the herd by assisting officials in identifying havens where Maine's deer spend the winter. An education effort to explain the importance of a healthy herd to landowners is also discussed in the plan.

The last piece of the deer repopulation puzzle involves a broad community education initiative to explain the program's goals and periodically showcase what progress has been made.

Greg Watts, the operations manager of Indian Hill Trading Post in Greenville, said he is "happy to see that they are focusing on this issue. It is not only an environmental problem, but also an economic one."

Prior to 2009, Indian Hill's tagging station had a 10-year average of 142 deer. In 2009, Watt saw that average cut in half and has seen it dip as low as 54 deer this past season.

After a particularly snowy winter this year, Watts is not optimistic about the numbers for the coming season.

"When it snows as much as it has, the deer have trouble moving which makes it both hard for them to find food and escape predators. This means less deer," he said.

Daniel Harrison, a professor of wildlife ecology at the University of Maine, believes the state may be setting unrealistic goals for the deer population.

"I fear that we are trying to create an anomaly that was not sustainable," Harrison said.

According to Harrison, the bounty

of deer that Mainers have enjoyed for the last century was more of an outlier than status quo.

"All of the moons that were aligned are now not aligned," he said.

The moons Harrison referred to are a combination of both environmental and societal factors that contributed to a historically large deer herd. He said in the early part of the 19th century, there were very few deer in Maine and almost none in the northern reaches of the state. Ecosystems developed as forests grew, creating a surplus of food and increased wintering grounds.

Additionally, the populations of major predatory species — wolves and black bears — greatly declined. Open seasons for both species, as well as a bear bounty offered in some municipalities, helped keep their numbers down.

In the 1970s, the tide began to turn against deer populations. Hit with a spruce worm epidemic, foresting companies were forced to harvest prematurely, minimizing deer wintering grounds.

Additionally, moves to protect bear populations helped increase the number of predators. Harrison contends that what was once an inviting and plentiful habitat for deer is becoming an increasingly competitive environment.

"Don't get me wrong. I have a camp in Northern Maine and enjoy hunting, but things have changed," he said.

Maine nuke debate revived

UM expert calls for perspective after Japan crisis

By Jamison Cocklin
Staff Reporter

Reducing energy costs and finding new ways to generate both heat and electricity are among the top priorities for Maine.

Residents of Maine, the state purported to be one of the most oil-dependent in the country, were paying 59 percent more on average for electricity than the national average cost as of 2007, according to Carroll Lee, former president of Bangor Hydro in a January article in The Maine Campus.

Much of the state's electricity is currently delivered from by Hydro Quebec and NB Power, both based in Canada. Natural gas is the source of much of the electricity in the state.

"Hydro Quebec and NB Power both have the ability to produce power at reasonable rates. They also are not philanthropic," John Cashman, former chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, said. "They understand what profit is and sell their power at going rates."

In an era marked by sustainability, or the necessity thereof, and at a time when markets across the world are reeling from the economic meltdown of 2008, it seems renewable energy or cheap energy is at the forefront.

On the other hand, there is some disagreement about which power source is capable of delivering energy that is sustainable, cost-effective and good for the environment.

As a result, nuclear power has once again entered the fray, especially in Maine. Ever since Gov. Paul LePage stepped onto the campaign trail, he has promoted the power source, stoking fears over the dangers surrounding nuclear power.

Last week, even amidst the repercussion of Japan's recent disaster, where officials are working feverishly to gain control of four of six side-by-side reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power plant that were damaged by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, a LePage spokesman reminded the general public of the governor's commitment to bringing the power source back to Maine.

Citing a need to reduce energy costs for Maine businesses and consumers, LePage spokesman Dan Demeritt said in a March 16 Bangor Daily News article that the governor's position remains the same.

The state has a storied past when it comes to nuclear power. Between 1972 and 1996, the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Wiscasset generated nearly 120 billion kilowatts of electricity.

After a landmark referendum vote in 1980 by Maine citizens following the infamous Three Mile Island meltdown in Pennsylvania, nuclear power was phased

out for eventual outlasting.

The Wiscasset plant was shut down in 1997, as called for by the legislation that spurred the 1979 referendum. The plant is maintained today, as it holds a number of spent nuclear fuel rods.

However, officials at Maine Yankee and a number of other industry professionals agree the plant poses no significant threat, at least not on the scale of the disaster in Japan. According to officials, the construction of the plant is far different than the one in Japan.

A dose of bad news from abroad still has the same effect of dousing the ardor for nuclear power, much in the same way it did during the 1980s.

Advances have been made in the design of nuclear power plants since the closure of the Wiscasset plant, so the face of nuclear power that could be presented to Maine voters will not resemble the Maine Yankee plant.

"We ... need to debate the details and make sure that we do not continue to build obsolete systems," George Markowsky, chair of the University of Maine comput-

er science department and a nuclear energy expert, wrote in an e-mail. "Just imagine if we still insisted on having computers like the first computers that were built — those were 80 feet long

and could not do 1 percent of what a cell phone can do today."

At an energy conference at UMaine in January, Markowsky said disasters must be put in perspective. He said America must better receive the power sources and new developments with miniature nuclear plants have the potential to power smaller communities with cheap, secure power. In turn, he said, it would also reduce foreign oil dependency.

"Nuclear power has come a long way and people need to examine the new possibilities with an open mind and not think that having nuclear power means continuing to build old and obsolete nuclear plants," Markowsky wrote.

A number of lawmakers and industry officials are not taking issue with the power source so much as they are with the costs of generating electricity for the state.

"There isn't a source for electricity that I know of that is going to be developed that is going to be tremendously lower than the going rate for electricity," Cashman said. "If you are looking for a magic bullet of a new development for electricity that we can sign a contract with, I don't know what it will be."

Rep. Stacy Fitts, R-Pittsfield, co-chairman of the Legislature's Joint Standing

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Rough winter brings driver dismay

Facilities Management on budget to repair campus roads

By Chris Chase
For The Maine Campus

Along with flowers, springtime in Maine brings along a full bloom of potholes.

The story around the University of Maine this year is no different. Numerous potholes have opened up across campus and in surrounding neighborhoods, creating an impromptu hazard course for any driver unfortunate enough to drive the rougher roads.

With higher snow totals and more frequent storms, road crews at UMaine and in Orono have been busier than usual. However, even with seasonal snowfall totaling more than 110 inches thus far, both services are projected to remain under budget even with current economic difficulties.

"It's a challenge," said Jeremy Chubbuck, associate director of Facilities Management at UMaine. "It's always challenging because budgets are tight for everybody. So far this year we're remaining on budget."

With 15.8 miles of walkways and more than 2.8 million square feet of parking lots to maintain, keeping UMaine's paved expanses clear in the winter and repaired over the summer is no small task.

"We try to match the right people and the right equipment to the job," Chubbuck said. "What the mall area of campus needs is something different from what Hilltop needs."

He pointed to this level of organization as an important factor in the battle to keep costs



Haley Johnston • Asst. Photo Editor

The staff at UMaine's Facilities Management department say they are on track to stay within their road repair budget.

within range even when faced with a lengthier season than last year.

Even with the higher snow totals, an official in Orono said this year is no great departure from the norm when considering the number of storms requiring plowing.

"I think it's generally on par with historical standards," said Rob Yerxa, director of the public works department for the town of Orono. "This year we've been called to respond to 30 [snow] events. Last year it was 26."

Now that the snow is melting, road crews have to shift their focus to fixing the holes the plows opened up over the winter, a process that is no quick fix.

On campus, the process of selecting which roads and walkways to be fixed often has to do with the needs of residents and teachers. Chubbuck

said routes that see heavier traffic from students or teachers will be fixed before those with low traffic.

Unforeseen problems can also make the process more difficult. Recently, a clay sewer line collapsed near Holmes Hall, damaging a large area of the road and forcing road crews to thaw 3 feet of solid ice that had formed in order to patch the area. That section of roadway has been marked for replacement during the summer months.

Yerxa said March is prime time for potholes to pop up throughout the area.

"This month, when you start getting freeze-thaw cycles, that's really when you get potholes," he said.

Potholes often form when water seeps underneath a road and freezes, pushing the road

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Upstart campus crew combines dance styles

D-Fusion fuses group of students from 'diverse' backgrounds for genre-blending art form

By Jennifer Vincent
Features Editor

The nervousness was palpable on Sunday as six young women lined up in the multipurpose room of the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

They were auditioning for the D-Fusion dance crew — a group that members say offers a more personal and passionate experience than traditional dance groups sponsored by the University of Maine.

Six female and three male dancers of diverse backgrounds and varying degrees of dance training, make up D-Fusion. It's a local dance crew based on campus founded during the previous spring semester by UMaine students Forrest Dantzler and Adrian Matos.

Dantzler, now a fourth-year student studying secondary education and sociology, said that the group offers style, commitment and a passion for dance that he did not find in the UMaine Hip-Hop Dance Club.

"We all believed that with the abilities and talents we have for dance, we could branch away from the hip-hop club and start a dance crew, giving UMaine something it had never seen before," Dantzler said.

D-Fusion performs at many of the same events as the hip-hop club, including the dance showcases and the International Dance Festival, but its members have greater freedom to choreograph their routines and express themselves as individuals. Current member and first-year student, Elise Applegate, said the club caters to all levels of ability, which can make it difficult for one dancer to stand out.

"So many people are in it, which makes it harder to feel like you are shin-

ing on stage," Applegate said. "The opportunity to make a difference in the group is miniscule."

Members of D-Fusion take the opportunity to challenge each other while also showing their abilities, even though they developed their dance skills in different ways. Some members, such as Applegate, are mostly self-taught, while others have years of technical training beginning at a young age.

"It doesn't matter where you come from; you can turn anything into a hip-hop routine," said Applegate. "No rules, no boundaries. Make it fun."

According to Dantzler, it is the different perspectives of the members that make the D-Fusion crew stand out.

"We were looking for people who had heart or emotion in it. If you don't have that when you're dancing, it doesn't look like any fun at all."

Kathleen Paquette
First-year child psychology student

Members bring a variety of backgrounds in belly dancing, ballet and jazz. Dantzler specializes in krumping, which is characterized by "hard-edged, intensified muscle movement."

"The important thing about us is our name — D-Fusion. 'The 'D' stands for diversified dancers," Dantzler said. "We have different backgrounds of dance that come together to where it is named D-Fusion. We're not like the hip-hop club or any other club on campus."

The D-Fusion crew plans to expand by adding more members and branching out to the off-campus community. The group, which previously grew through word of mouth, held its first auditions

this week and members have mixed feelings about the results.

"There were some girls who maybe weren't there because they wanted to dance. Maybe they came because their friend asked them to. You can't get the audience's heart into it if yours isn't there," said Applegate, adding she was disappointed by a small turnout at auditions.

"I think we will try next semester and do a better job of broadcasting it," said Kathleen Paquette, a first-year child psychology student and D-Fusion member. "It's discouraging to hold auditions and have people say they will come and then not show up."

Applegate attributes the low number of auditioning dancers to nervousness.

"It's one thing to have the courage to say 'Yes, I will be there,' but when it comes down to it, auditions are scary," she said.

The D-Fusion members were scouting for a combination of dance skill and passion in the young women who auditioned.

"We were looking for first ability and then the attitude that goes along with it, which can conquer a lack of technical ability," Applegate said.

Paquette agreed and added that the crew needs dancers with their own ideas and choreography to contribute.

"We were looking for people who had heart or emotion in it. If you don't have that when you're dancing, it doesn't look like any fun at all," she said.

For this reason, Applegate said future auditions should require a freestyle piece.

"There are plenty of dancers out there who can copy what someone teaches them," she said. "The thing about our

group is that we create our own dances and then bring them together."

Applegate and Paquette said they expect to recruit between two and three dancers from the audition, and that the decision will be a difficult one. The crew is satisfied with this week's auditions, but members hope to hold more successful ones next semester — perhaps attracting more men to try out as well.

"That's the plan we're working on now and why we held the auditions. We usually perform in the showcases and the International Dance Festival, also little shows on campus for the community, but I see the crew growing in the future and hitting dance competitions around the state or around the country," Dantzler said. "We're talking an 'America's Best Dance Crew' type of thing."

With high aspirations and a variety of styles, Applegate admits that members occasionally clash over the choreography, other themes and group decisions.

"At the end of the day, I know we'll still be a crew," she said. "We're all dancing because we love it, so we move on and come to a decision we can all deal with."

Differences of opinion only make D-Fusion stronger.

"The fact that we have strong personalities, makes us different as a group," Applegate said. "We have a depth that we feel like other crews don't have, because they have one or two people who lead. It

makes you look deeper into what you're doing and collaborate."

Issues of personality and group dynamics play a role when the crew looks for new dancers.

"Some of our friends tried out and we can't base it on personal opinions," Paquette said. "It's the personality they gave when they danced that we looked for."

When asked what they get from being in D-Fusion, members pointed to a feeling of family.

"It's something I look forward to. As much as we fight and don't agree all the time, dancing with them is something I look forward to every day," Paquette said. "It's a 'home away from home' where there are questions or judgments — something body looks for, I

gate agreed that members are able and have hering that D-Fusion expresses herself.

"It's an emotional escape where you can be wild, be crazy and put it out there in a way that makes people say 'Damn, I know what you're feeling just watching you move,'" she said.

Paul Perkins • The Maine Campus

Top: Six young women participated in Sunday auditions for local dance crew D-Fusion, practicing two short routines and sharing their own freestyle moves. Above: UMaine student Kalee Gurschick learning D-Fusion's hip-hop choreography from a dance crew member.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

Scammed scientists

A banner worth an estimated \$600 was stolen from a hallway in the Department of Physics and Astronomy in Bennett Hall sometime before 7:11 p.m. March 18.

Plumb dumb

At some point between 5 p.m. March 18 and 5:30 p.m. March 19, a piece of metal plumbing was thrown through the windshield of a University of Maine-owned vehicle parked in the Steam Plant parking lot. The value of the damage is estimated at \$200.

Lifted lights

The University of Maine Police Department received a report at 8:05 p.m. March 19 that two fluorescent light bulbs with plastic covers, which are worth a combined estimated value of \$50, were stolen from the elevator in Androscoggin Hall.

Joyless ride

Two male students were referred to Judicial Affairs after taking a bike they believed to be abandoned for a joyride. A witness called UMPD at 5:28 p.m. March 18 to report the theft. Officers could not identify the bike's owner.

Curt culprits

UMPD received a report of the smell of marijuana from a room on the first floor of Androscoggin Hall at 12:20 a.m. March 19. When officers arrived, they found two males and two females in the room. According to UMPD Detective Bill Flagg, the group was hostile toward the officers. The males were not students and were told to leave campus. The females, who were the room's residents, were referred to Judicial Affairs.

March madness

UMPD received a report of a fight in progress in the common area of the third floor of Androscoggin Hall at 1:20 a.m. March 20. When officers arrived, they found approximately 10-15 people in the room. One of the two males who had been involved in the fight was still in the common area and the other had returned to his room on the third floor. The officers were told the two males had been involved in a physical altercation while playing a game. Both were referred to Judicial Affairs.

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Bowen cautioned that specifics of the program are still in the works.

"I don't think we're going to do anything in a hurry. We don't have any major proposals coming down the line," he said. "At this point, what we're doing is just talking in broad terms about it and getting a sense of what is out there."

This focus on technical education has been striking when compared to previous governors, according to Amy Fried, an associate professor of political science at the University of Maine.

"This has been part of the LePage educational agenda," Fried said Tuesday. "I think that is different than what we have seen in past years, while back as far as [former] Gov. [Angus] King and [former Gov. John] Baldacci, they supported technical education, but they also

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Richard Pattenau
Chancellor
University of Maine System

really wanted to increase the number of people going to college."

"[LePage is] more outspoken about that than we've seen in the past," Pattenau added. "It's interesting to observe him bringing that into the conversation in a clearer way."

According to Lisnik, talks between the system and the governor regarding early college plans have been broad in scope and no immediate proposals are on the table regarding the university system.

Lisnik also said LePage has voiced encouragement regarding a recently announced pilot program at the University of Maine at Fort Kent that will offer early college courses to students in MSAD 27, the surrounding school district. Fort Kent High School was chosen as a key player in the program due to its proximity to the university.

According to a release from the office of UMFK President

Wilson Hess, the program will begin in the fall 2011 semester and bring together three high schools in that area within the program's first two years. When fully operational in year three, approximately 150 students from the St. John Valley will have access to the program.

"Existing early-college high schools improve high school graduation rates and better prepare students for high-skilled degrees and careers by engaging students in a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum," Hess wrote.

Bowen also said his department, the university system and community college system are collaborating with the governor's office on a joint grant application through the Complete College America program.

If successful, an award of \$1 million dispersed over three years will go toward "college preparation, reducing remediation and retention" for high school students, Pattenau said. A letter of intent, was

Bangor and UMaine lie.

"What they should be doing is consolidating the community college and the university system into one instead of having two systems," LePage said.

While Bowen said the governor has not communicated such plans to him, Lisnik said LePage has not informed the system that he is interested in closing campuses and took a great interest in the University of Maine's presidential search.

Pattenau and Lisnik said they have seen a tempered attitude from LePage — not unlike the previous governor, Democrat John Baldacci.

"I think he is a lot like the previous administration. His focus on education is important. He talks a bit more about the trades than people have in the past, but they've been there all along, so it's not a gigantic change," Pattenau said.

"At this point, I don't sense that he is looking at us with any big changes in mind at all," Lisnik said. "None of our meetings have been contentious."

Lisnik said the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, which he interfaces with "almost daily," is "one of the best I've seen in a long time."

He praised individual Republican legislators, including committee chairmen Sen. Richard Rosen, R-Bucksport, and Rep. Patrick Flood, R-Winthrop, for their stances on funding education.

"They are experienced legislators," Lisnik said. "They're not ideologues. They are people that I believe are moderate and are looking for solutions. They're not being driven by politics."

Dan Demeritt, LePage's communications director, did not respond to e-mail inquiries by press time.

Editor's Note: This is a two-part series about the relationship between the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the new Republican leadership in Augusta. Part 1 will focus on the general direction of the relationship and Part 2, running Thursday, will delve into Gov. Paul LePage's specific ideas for "early college" programs and how those could interface with similar, already established programs.

be produced or laid down until ambient temperatures are warm enough.

Fluctuating fuel costs have placed additional strain on maintenance departmental budgets.

"Fuel this year is going to run over, but that's more to do with the price of fuel than usage," Yerxa said. "Right now we're under budget with our snow removal labor and our salt and sand usage."

Frost heaves and potholes should soon start to vanish as temperatures rise, allowing road crews to begin their annual patching work.

"This is obviously the worst time of year in any year," Chubbuck said. "It's a dilemma. It's a problem for a short time."

For the time being, a careful eye could be the difference between an easy trip or a costly bill from the mechanic.

"It's the nature of living here," Chubbuck said.



Haley Johnston • Asst. Photo Editor

Returnable containers are seen stacked at the university's recycling center in The Depot. UMaine will switch to a single stream recycling program at the beginning of the fall semester, the result of a year long pilot in the Hilltop Commons and Marketplace.

Recycling from A1

discussed in front of the General Student Senate in February 2010, Depot student employee Dane Bolding raised the issue of recycling for more carbon emissions as a result of shipping waste out of state.

"This proposition is going to send most of our money out of state. They're basically taking [the recycling] from here and shipping it to Massachusetts instead of Millinocket," Bolding was quoted saying in reference to the policy regarding paper waste in a Feb. 4, 2010 article in The Maine Campus. "It's called 'Green Campus Initiative,' but think of the gas to ship tons and tons of waste."

While Edwards admitted "it's not really economical" to ship recyclables to the Massachusetts sorting facility by themselves, he said Casella's other activities throughout Maine make the program mutually advantageous.

Instead of hiring trucks to specifically haul recyclable materials, Edwards said the waste from UMaine will simply be packed into empty space on Casella trucks carrying garbage to other facilities south of here, essentially using currently wasted

space.

"Trucks would already be running down there, anyway," he said.

Girardin also sees more benefit in the switch to single-stream despite the need for long-distance transport because of the additional waste that will be saved from the landfill.

"The benefits of single-stream I think outweigh having to truck it further," she said. "I think it will provide balance."

The only other single-stream sorting facility in the area is run

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Darryl Ann Girardin
Recycling manager
Green Campus Initiative

by nonprofit organization Eco-maine, which operates a recycling plant in Southern Maine; however, Edwards said the machinery there is not as advanced as Casella's and does not accept as broad a range of items.

Single-stream recycling has caught the attention of several other local municipalities, including the town of Orono. Rob Yerxa, director of Orono's public works department, said the town is currently running the numbers through a cost-benefit analysis to see if a switch to single-stream would be a fiscally sound investment, possibly with the inclusion of surrounding

municipalities.

"Part of our assessment is to look at all of our neighboring communities to see if there's any economy-of-scale benefits," he said.

At the moment, Yerxa said the town falls below the 50 percent state goal for municipalities, a problem he hopes single-stream could help mitigate. Currently, Orono earns somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000-\$15,000 annually from the sale of recyclable materials, a figure that could change depending on several factors, including the adoption of a single-stream system.

"The market for recycled materials is very volatile," Yerxa said.

Moving forward with the program at UMaine, Girardin said the biggest challenge will be educating the campus population about the new rules, especially concerning contamination. Even though items that once held food will now be acceptable to recycle, she said students would need to clean any waste from containers before discarding them.

"We need to control the amount of food waste that goes into the recycling stream," she said. "Ideally, you could rinse everything that you put into recycling," but "essentially, scraping will be necessary."

Nuclear from A2

Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, agreed there is no source of electricity in the near term that will reduce power costs. She said development of new power generation facilities will take decades.

"There is no supply that you can immediately site that is going to turn this around," she added.

Additionally, both the governor and lawmakers have said before any nuclear power project can be undertaken anytime soon, there will need to be a number of deregulation efforts to help developers materialize the power source once again.

"There is not just one way to do nuclear power," Markowsky wrote. "Research in nuclear power has produced systems that are much safer and more useful than older systems."

Potholes from A2

surface upward and cracking the asphalt surface. Then, when the ice thaws, the road sinks back down, which can lead to the formation of a hole.

The problem cannot be completely fixed without reconstructing the road's foundation, something Chubbuck said is simply not feasible.

Producing asphalt costs hundreds of dollars for every ton, which only covers a few square yards. UMaine's Facilities Management department has budgeted \$70,000 a year for roadwork, leaving little room for large-scale repair.

"I would need an army of a thousand men and a million-dollar budget to keep the roads perfect," he said.

Additionally, fixing roads with asphalt cannot begin until May 1, as the mixture cannot

Carson from A1

many of whom have recently joined UMSG, may have with the impeachment procedure. The e-mail also asked whether senators would be voting in favor of impeachment.

Carson was not sent a copy of the legislation before senate convened, but according to several senators he was warned beforehand that he would be facing a resolution calling for his ouster. Carson has denied these claims, saying he was caught "out of the blue."

Carson, in an interview after the meeting, said he was not worried about the trial and was eager to defend himself against the charges.

Carson was dubious about the level of professionalism in GSS, calling the accusations a "witch hunt" and saying senators should have voiced their concerns about his performance in private.

"I don't understand it outside of being personal," Carson said. "It wouldn't have been brought up otherwise. If there were true reasons, I would have resigned."

GSS also tabled a resolution that would have allocated \$584.92 to Ryan Gavin for the construction of a UMSG website. The contract constituted the third UMSG had drawn-up with Gavin, who was originally contracted to have the site completed by Jan. 19 but agreed to extend the deadline to March 15 after the date passed without a finished product.

After the March 15 deadline passed with the website uncompleted, senate again extended Gavin's contract, scheduling a completed website to be presented between April 18-26. Gavin has received \$926.98 for his previous work. All proposed meetings with Gavin will be suspended until the contract dispute is settled.

Earlier in the meeting, Sen. Kyle Franklin presented an alternative website created by Lydia Chang "in three days," that he said should be used in place of Gavin's ongoing project. The website contained a homepage with a message from incoming UMaine President Paul Ferguson, senators' biographical information and pictures, committee information, and links to

However, senators raised concerns they would violate Maine state law and that Gavin would chose to pursue legal action against the organization. Helmke and Sen. Casey Lancaster urged caution, arguing that it was easier to table the resolution for a week and research the legal implications that voiding the contract would cause. The senate approved this motion.

In an interview after the meeting, Gavin said he would have to consider his legal options if the senate chose to void his contract.

"I have a signed contract from them and, if they are not going to honor it, I am forced to pursue legal action," Gavin said, adding, "I find this to be very slimy. People in the organization who

don't like Ryan Gavin say, 'Hey, let's undercut him and bring someone else in who can make something flashy.'" GSS also allocated \$6,135 to two groups.

\$4,950 was granted to Wilde Stein for its annual Pride Week, a celebration of sexual diversity, from April 11-16. The money will be used for flag work (\$500), a disc jockey (\$50), HIV testing (\$500) and guests Jenny Boylan (\$500) and Julie Goldman (\$3,400).

\$1,185 was allocated to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for the AMICHE Northeast Regional conference held at the University of Rhode Island April 1-3. The funds will be used for hotel lodging for 30 people. The group will be testing their "Chem-E-Car," a vehicle powered entirely by chemical reactions, at the conference.

nience store, according to a University of Maine press release. Security camera footage showed Lewis using the card.

Earlier that day, Lewis was a referee for a youth basketball

tournament at the Rec Center. Flagg said Lewis has refereed at the Rec Center multiple times in the past, which may be a way to connect him to previous thefts.

Thefts from A1

the Rec Center's locker room was used at an Orono conve-

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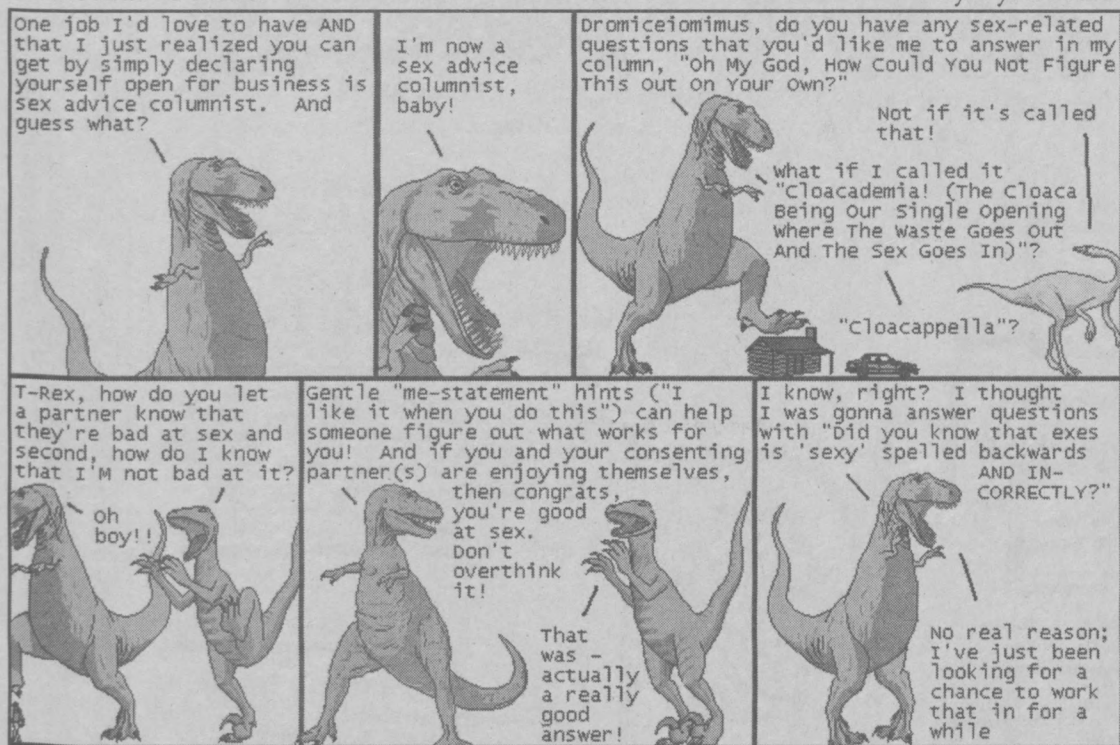
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Diversions

Dinosaur Comics

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

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Medium

Movie Actors

ASTIN, Sean
BLOOM, Orlando
BROSNAN, Pierce
BUSCEMI, Steve
CAGE, Nicolas
CONNERY, Sean
CROWE, Russell
CRUISE, Tom
DAFOE, Willem
DE NIRO, Robert
DIESEL, Vin
DOWNEY JR, Robert
DREYFUSS, Richard
DUVALL, Robert
EVERETT, Rupert
FERRELL, Will
FIENNES, Ralph
FREEMAN, Morgan
GERE, Richard
GOSLING, Ryan
HANKS, Tom
HARRELSON, Woody
HOFFMAN, Philip
Seymour

Find and circle all of the Movie Actors that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a movie for which William Hurt won an Oscar.

Word Search

R U D D L A B E O U F H O W A R D
N A N S O R B C A G E V E R E T T
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Comp Spotlight

Top 3 Ranking in SPIFFY Investment Game:

ralfe7: (38.58%)

lmarks: (28.28%)

Justin G: (21.53%)

ralfe7 has pulled back into first place holding the same companies as last week. He still sits on his huge loss from NASDAQ:COOL but is enjoying his gains on a Chinese film holdings company. lmarks sits in second place holding losses on a single petroleum exploration company.

Justin G is riding in third place holding losses on 'local.com' and holding gains on a Pennsylvania gas pipeline company.

Investment Tip

One common mistake beginner traders make is that they buy/sell securities too frequently. Investor uncertainty should refer to the outlook investors have on the overall market, not how sure they are with the companies that are buying shares of. Often times they hear/read a tip or "Hot Stock" on the Internet or from a friend where they then dump all of their current holdings to re invest in this "New strategy." The only party making money in this mindset is the broker, racking up commission on trade fees. Trading often is also tax inefficient, since you end up paying short-term capital gains tax, instead of lower long-term capital gains tax.

The Weekly Bulls & Bears

The Weekly 'Bulls' & 'Bears' describe how investors react to certain markets in a week's time. Bulls are when the Market is showing Confidence. One indicator of a Bull market is an increase in a company's stock price. Bear markets are the opposite. Bear Markets show a lack of confidence when a company's stock price is in a decline.

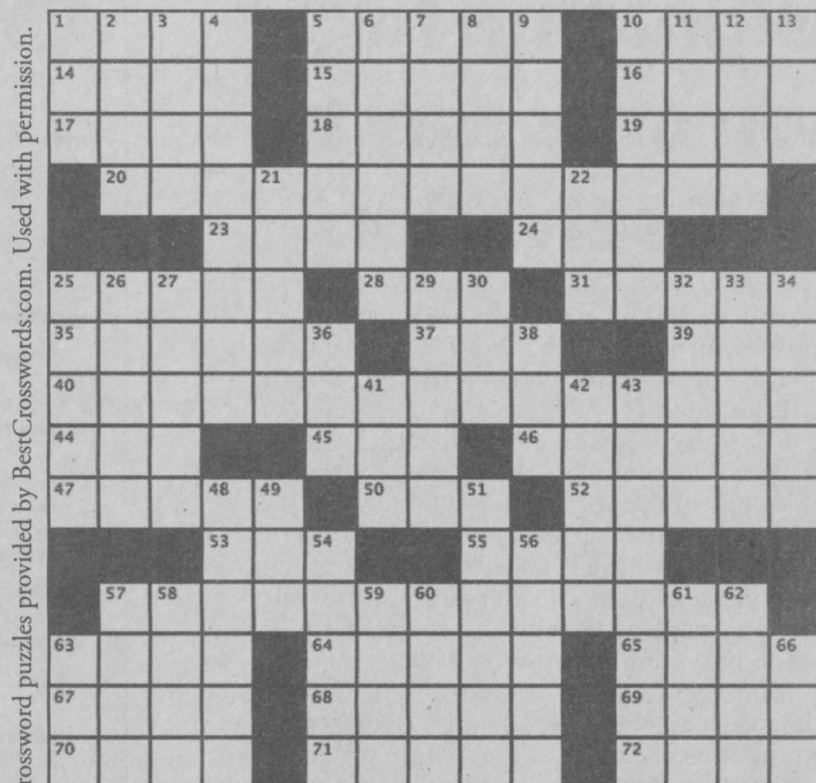
▲ UCIA	(UCI Medical Affiliates Inc)	6.37 (3.9%)
▲ DYNE	(Dyntek Inc)	5.60 (69.7%)
▼ WAHUQ	(Washington Mutual)	14.10 (-41.2%)
▼ KSBI	(KS Bancorp Inc)	6.75 (-32.5%)

Market Recap

Logan Edwards pitched a Georgia based vinyl siding producing company. Logan pointed out that this company has shown high volatility but he still values this company as bullish. Pitch to Buy 850 shares of GGC @ ~\$33.70 a share. This would cost SPIFFY an estimated \$28,500 but would better place our basic materials sector weighting to our target

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Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

Across

- 1- Soccer star Mia
5- Wearies
10- Entr'
14- Bread spread
15- Battery terminal
16- Move suddenly
17- London jail
18- Minor, in law
19- A dish with many ingredients
20- Rutabaga
23- Letter opener
24- Green shade
25- Ship floors
28- 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
31- Uses a sieve
35- Physicist Fermi
37- Clean air org.
39- Bud's bud
40- At the same time
44- Bass, e.g.
45- Egg head?

Down

- 1- Pig
2- Exclamation to express sorrow
3- Cat sound
4- Strong heavy cotton fabric
5- Rhino relative
6- Actually existing
7- Portnoy's creator
8- Prepare a book or film for release
9- Organization
10- Title of reverence for God
11- Colombian city
12- Journey
13- DDE's command
21- Flat circular plates
22- Hi-___ monitor
25- Coffee choice
26- ___ Gay
27- Wept
29- Domingo, for one
30- Appropriate

- 32- Plants
33- Come into contact with
34- Japanese dish
36- Siouan speaker
38- Small batteries
41- Actress Gardner
42- Cool!
43- Facility
48- Riddle
49- Put on
51- Mother ___
54- Pile
56- Quotes
57- Arthur Ashe's alma mater
58- Arrest
59- Abba of Israel
60- Lymph ___
61- Med school subj.
62- Director Wertmuller
63- Draft org.
66- Susan of "L.A. Law"

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - Insufficient funds may add stress to your already uncertain situation. Relatives will be happy that you dropped by. Try to be patient with their inability to accept your new beliefs.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Don't hesitate presenting your unique ideas. Don't be alarmed. Travel will entice you; however, a tendency to overspend is quite possible.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Entertainment should include sports events or physical activities. It is best to avoid unsavory circumstances, especially if you're in a group situation. Co-workers may have little consideration for the underdog.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Be discreet about any information you uncover. A residential move may be in order. Work quietly behind the scenes.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. People you live with may not be pleased with you regardless of what you do today. It might be best to work on your own.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - You will gain knowledge through your adventure. Your dramatic tendencies may be a little much for your partner to handle constantly. Spend time by yourself to avoid any conflicts with family members.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - Don't let emotional upset leave you struggling financially. You could overreact to emotional situations regarding your relationship. Involvement with prestigious organizations will be to your advantage.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Romance may be better than you ever thought possible. Return to a routine that promises a more attractive and aware individual. Don't make large purchases or investments.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Don't let others try to create unwarranted guilt if you can't meet their demands. Be prepared to make compensations and adjustments. You can make progress if you deal with the right individuals.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - Find ways to make extra cash. Start making things or reusing rather than buying ready-made. Don't be too shy to promote your own interests.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Problems with your partner could be reaching a high level of concern. Older relatives may make unreasonable demands.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You can ask for favors or run your ideas by those who will support your objectives. Be aware of any deception on the part of those you deal with.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Resignation for Carson only way to UMSG salvation

Going down in flames certainly isn't a pleasant experience for the engulfed, but it can be captivating to witness — and what a terrible, colorful blaze Student Body President Nelson Carson has set.

The tales describing Carson's shortcomings have been paradoxically elaborate and extensive. When the follies were brought to the forefront by the University of Maine's Student Senate on Tuesday, where articles of impeachment were set before Carson following much discussion over the president's leadership abilities, or lack thereof, it appeared as though the reign of ignorance would fade into mere folklore by May.

Carson, by equivocating the actions of his fellow student politicians to a "witch hunt," quickly indicated this would not be the case. But, as the whole ordeal is already overdrawn, we fervently insist Carson reconsider this ordeal and make a swift exit while he still has face to save.

The letter of resolution includes ample evidence of Carson's inadequacy and the fact that the motion was supported by all 33 senators at the meeting doesn't look promising for the president-in-peril, either.

Not only has an epic failure with the UMSG website plagued Carson's presidency, but his alleged lack of attendance during his office hours and cabinet meetings has caused a lot of grief as well.

The promises Carson has made remain unfulfilled without a flicker of completion in sight. His peers have understandably grown tired of working toward nothing.

"Due to recent actions of gross incompetence and a clear failure to uphold the duties of the office of President of University of Maine Student Government, Inc., it is hereby ordered that a trial of impeachment be imposed," the document stated, capping off a series of scathing claims about Carson.

The message here is clear — Carson has irrevocably scalded not only himself, but all those he works with and the student body he was hired to work for. Prolonging the inevitable will only intensify the disfavor and waste more time on what is nothing short of a lost cause.

Carson needs to take a long look at his severely charred legacy, then at the ruins his laziness has left for his colleagues. There is no way he could find reason to remain after assessing the devastation if he possesses a sound moral compass.

President Carson, the damage is done whether you choose to leave graciously or continue to stoke the fire. The choice is yours, but keep in mind it's only you who burns from here on out.

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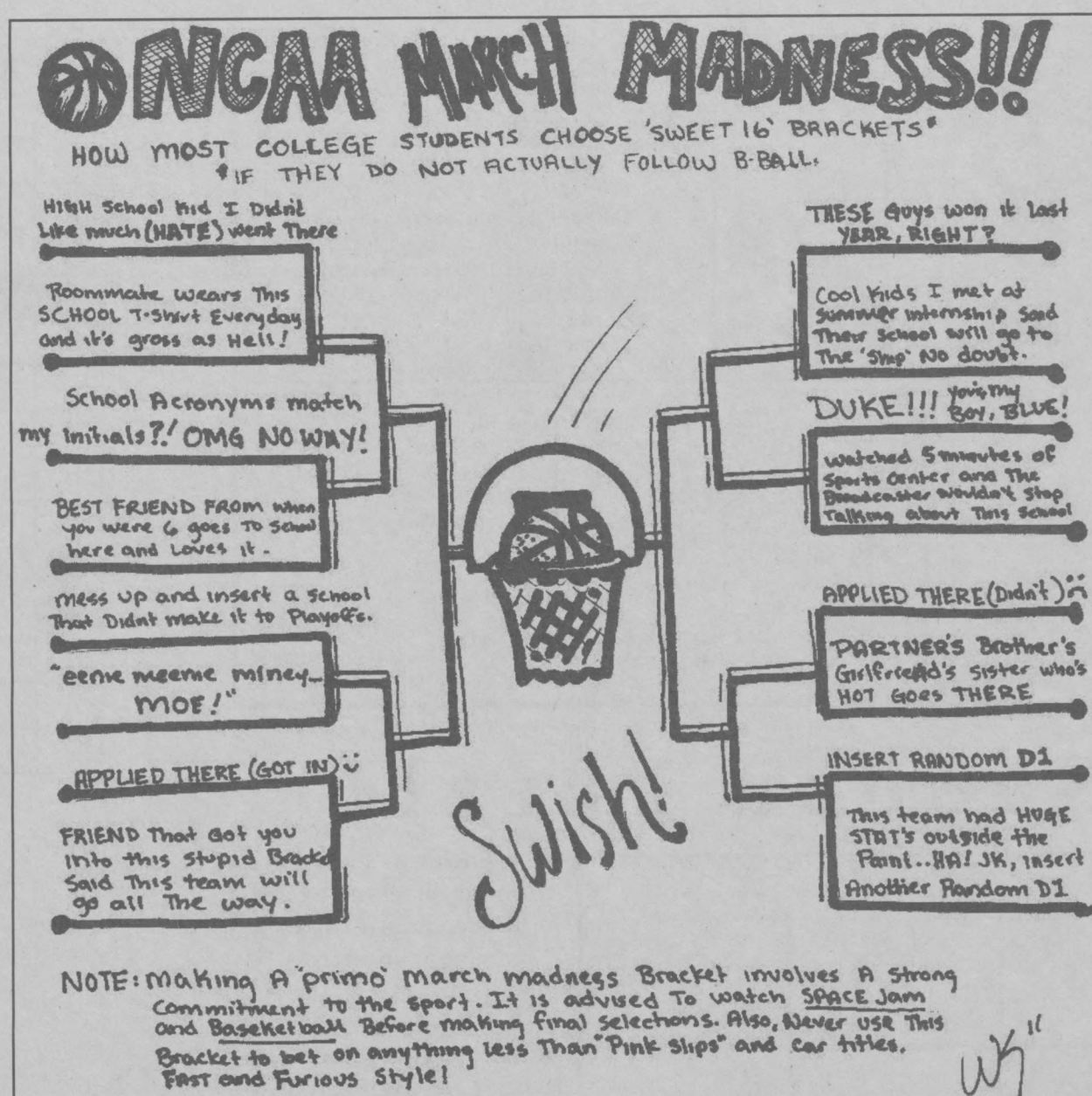
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Carson on legacy: A president's prerogative

"Be the change you want to see in the world" — Mahatma Gandhi

It would not be news to any regular reader of The Maine Campus that my presidency has been the subject of much controversy since the unorthodox election process last semester.

When I found out after two hard fought elections I was going to be the next president of the undergraduate student body, it was long-awaited news.

My freshman year, I got into student government hoping to make serious changes. While I did so as I moved through the ranks, I knew my greater ambition was to work hard to become the leader of the organization I put so much effort into.

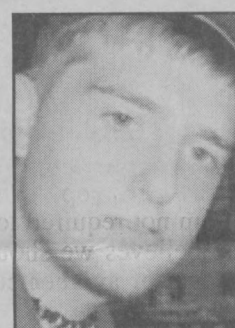
To me, being in this position was not about padding my resume or about getting a paycheck every week. It was not about having my own office and prestige. It was about doing what I have always done best — making others around me happy.

I quickly found out in order to put smiles on the faces of my constituents, I would have to truly understand and live by the aforementioned quote by Gandhi.

Following a platform based on personality, much experience and the aptitude to accomplish goals of students, I embarked upon opening honest lines of communication with anyone willing to express their ideas to ameliorate this campus.

As I began talking to more students, I started to realize the distorted conceptions many students, the faculty and even the administration have of University of Maine Student Government, Inc. The potential we have to help the student life on this campus was clouded by the fact that we needed to make organizational improvements to increase transparency for the students.

I hired an amazing director of Ex-



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ternal Affairs in Jose Roman, who took a once-diminishing position and turned it into one of the most functional pieces within this organization. He did it through a boundless commitment to reaching out to students.

I hired a new vice president of Student Organizations in Hannah Hudson, who reconstructed a new Student Organization website (www.usmgorgs.net) from scratch and began working beyond any fathomable capacity to set a dignified new bar for her position.

Working with newly elected Vice President Anthony Ortiz, we began

undergraduate student body.

Where I have successfully helped students create groups on campus, provide organizations with necessities such as printers and worked on a level to collaborate great ideas, I have lacked in the most basic attribute of my presidency: Being there for my fellow senators.

In order for 33 senators to unanimously present articles of impeachment, there is clearly fundamental room for improvement on how I conduct myself internally. These allegations are not a "witch hunt" to bring down my presidency.

Rather, they are justified examples of where I need to make changes in order to regain the respect and trust of the senators and ex-officio members who dedicate so much time and effort into an organization, which at the end of the day, they would like to be proud of.

I would never want to be the reason someone loses respect for this organization and with such strong allega-

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collaborating with the General Student Senate in providing new methods of internal organization through the use of document-filled manuals and a more open line of communication from the executives to the senators and inevitably to the students themselves.

These improvements coincided with the holding of regular meetings with the administration, faculty and students to express and consider their concerns and to offer my own ideas. This is what I felt was the most important task of being the president of the

tions, I am running the risk of being just that person. As a human being and the CEO of a \$750,000 nonprofit organization, I am willing to accept the fact that mistakes have been made. As always, there is room for improvement.

I know and hope to prove what needs to be done to better this organization in order to move forward for UMSG, Inc. and the student body as a whole.

I only ask that I be given the opportunity to show we can all be the change we want to see on this campus.

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Columnist: Check for cheats when contributing cash to crisis



Before eagerly pulling out your wallet or opening up your checkbook, first make sure your money will actually be benefiting Japanese relief and not someone's new sound system.

RYANNE NASON

In the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan recently, with concerns have been substantial as the country begins to pick up the pieces.

With natural disasters on the rise both in media prominence and in scientific predictions, the global community faces many issues in the wake of the Japanese tragedy. A nuclear disaster plausible, the emission of radiation is something we must consider.

As incidents like Chernobyl and Three Mile Island come to mind, it is imperative that we remain optimistic and encourage the Japanese to overcome the invisible threat of radiation and rise to the occasion of rebuilding the country from the rubble it has horrifically been reduced to.

At the forefront of this tragedy, of course, are the Japanese people. Living in a country that has felt the wrath of natural disaster, the Japanese are struggling to satisfy even the most basic needs, and it is time for the global community to lend a hand during this difficult time. As organizations come together to help those suffering, a large-scale sense of community is felt.

Search-and-rescue teams hailing from various areas around the world are stepping in to help and it's truly amazing to see the unity established by individuals who don't even share a similar language or cultural belief system. Just weeks ago, relief workers from the United States were working alongside their Japanese counterparts to aid New Zealand's earthquake victim — but now they are coming to the rescue of those they so recently worked beside.

Coming to the need of others is exactly what we should be doing, but unfortunately there are individuals who wish to seize this opportunity to scam and pillage the graciousness of others.

Similar to what we saw with Hurricane Katrina, people are collecting funds under the pretense of it going to Japan, only to benefit those scheming enough to take advantage during a crisis. While we may want to give money and help in every way we can, it's also important to make sure the money is getting into the right hands.

Overhearing a conversation at a local establishment, an artist expressed an interest in raffling off her craft in order to raise money for the relief efforts. Others were skeptical about which organization she should be donating to strictly because of the questionable practices of the groups that claim to donate, but fail to follow through on their promise. This woman, however, was quick to note that she donates directly to the Japanese Red Cross, and I couldn't think of a better way to ensure that help gets to the right place.

It is tragic that we live in a world where we have to question the motives of others. While it should be human nature to help those suffering, scumbags have their own personal agendas to attend to first. Images of the destruction in Japan should be enough to deter people from stealing resources from the Japanese, yet some do it regardless.

Assuming these people lack any kind of conscience whatsoever, it is up to those who wish to help to find worthy and reliable organizations that will use their contribution for the greater good.

Shooting a quick donation via text may be simple, but is it really going to the right cause? Before eagerly pulling out your wallet or opening up your checkbook, first make sure your money will actually be benefiting Japanese relief efforts and not someone's new sound system. Don't let scam artists lavish in your generosity while the intended recipients of your donation continue to hurt.

With this being said, Yahoo offers a list of organizations that are accepting donations for the Japanese relief effort and are trusted internationally. These include the American Red Cross, Save The Children and World Vision.

Do what you can to help, but be wise in selecting who you donate to. We all want the best for those who are suffering and with a little responsible research, we can do a lot of good.

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Best reader commentary and criticism

NYT payroll introduces compensation for all

It's high time the New York Times did this. In 2007 they made \$10 million in revenue on a pay program called Times-Select, therefore it can and must work.

AOL News, Google and The Huffington Post are pathetic aggregates. It takes hours of devotion, education and work to gather good, reliable, professional news. For too long, the Internet has contributed to the beleaguered news industry.

Hopefully this sets a precedent, works and protects the real news that keeps a democracy safe. Maybe Google, The Huffington Post, AOL News, Facebook and certain consumers will actually have to pay for news from now on, rather than stealing what news organizations are due.

reporter
Responding to "NY Times payroll sets precedent for future of journalism," Mar. 20, 2011

Nuclear clarity fuel reprocessing and storatoin

One thing that seems abundantly clear now is that there's a lack of ability to reprocess spent nuclear fuel so the stuff ends up being stored on-site. Since the Fukushima plant with most of the problems is nearing retirement, it's up to its armpits in spent fuel assemblies and these seem to be causing most of the problems. Over at our blog I've managed to collect a few links that document this.

John M
Responding to "Japan natural disaster should not inhibit use of nuclear power," Mar. 20, 2011

Truth cannot always be found in even compromise

In response to Conner McFarland's opinion piece in Monday's paper, "Progressive movements sadly shun campus openmindedness," I must take issue with McFarland's logic and assumptions.

I think it is a wonderful thing to be open-minded about others' personal life choices. Understanding and appreciation of differences in culture, sexual orientation, gender, experience and style of thinking are all valuable. However, the goodness of open-mindedness

does end somewhere.

Open-mindedness does not require that I appreciate the views of people who want to deny others their rights. I am not required to respect the ideas of someone who believes we should not be open-minded toward people of another cultural background, for example.

No one is suggesting we need to be open-minded to the ideology of Nazism or give Fred Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church a fair shake when they protest service members' and AIDS victims' funerals. We draw a line and we do so because we respect life.

Dialogue is important, but it is important because it can help us reach the truth, or at least a workable solution. Dialogue should not always end in a 50-50 compromise, because not all political opinions are "right."

When McFarland asserts the "point isn't to be right," he is sadly myopic. Perhaps in the limited world of the college campus, where learning is paramount, the point really isn't to "be right." But in the larger world, people's lives and livelihoods are always at stake, and being right about what we believe is important — and so is fighting for it.

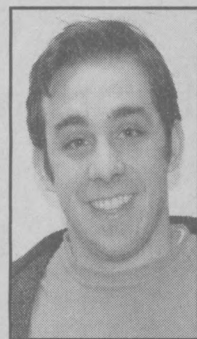
Political dialogue is important, and I think we'd all rather it be more civil and productive. On this topic, McFarland makes some good points. But political beliefs are not like religious beliefs.

A religious belief can be a personal or a public matter; a political belief is always public. It involves others and at its core it reflects what should be done in the world. I'm not opposed to trying to "get" what the other side is saying — but that doesn't mean compromise is the highest value to which we can aspire.

If we genuinely don't believe there is a "truth" to be found, then what are our chances of productive dialogue? What are our chances of creating a just and livable world, if it's all about subjective opinion and feelings and not about truth and effective solutions?

Zeraph Dylan Moore
Responding to "Progressive movements sadly shun campus openmindedness," Mar. 20, 2011.

Political columnist: Mass Democratic race for Senate a fierce, complex contention



PETE CHRISTOPHER

POLITICAL COLUMNIST

"There's nobody that can beat him," said Boston Mayor Tom Menino of Sen. Scott Brown. Since Menino uttered these words, many Democrats across Massachusetts wondered if he was right.

Scott Brown was appointed in a 2010 special election last January to fill the seat of the late Edward Kennedy. He defeated favorite Martha Coakley in the midst of the health care debate in Washington, D.C. Brown, who ran as the 41st vote against the health care bill, honed the anger of voters who disliked the bill and won the election by a 51-47 margin.

Recent polls agree with Menino. On paper, nobody can beat him. Next to Massachusetts' senior Sen. John Kerry, Brown has the highest favorability rating in the Bay State. He has been perceived as a moderate voice in the Senate who keeps his constituents' above party.

Although many donors have turned on Brown, Republican Party leaders have not. They recognize the importance of keeping him around and have steered his Senate career accordingly.

On the other hand, this is Massachusetts. It's the crown jewel of blue states, surrounded by blue states. This November, despite a huge wave year for Republicans, Massachusetts defended all of its state-wide elected positions and even gained a seat in the State Senate, where they now enjoy a 36-4 seat majority.

To say Brown will walk away with the election easily would be premature. Although Brown's people would have everyone think they won the special election in 2010 by huge margins, it must be noted Brown won by four points. It was one of the closest state-wide elections Massachusetts has had in years.

Making it tougher for Brown, it is a presidential election year, which traditionally has a much higher turnout than other years. Since President Barack Obama will win in Massachusetts pretty safely, there is a good chance he will have coattails for Democrats in Massachusetts.

There are no candidates who are going to enjoy the same amount of name recognition Scott Brown does. Current Gov. Deval Patrick and Joseph Kennedy, former congressman and president of Citizens Energy, have said they aren't interested in running. Unless Dems can find another Kennedy in the next few months (there is an assistant district attorney), it looks like the Democratic candidate will need to do all they can to up their profile amongst voters.

When looking for a Senate candidate, the first place people usually look to is the Congressional Representatives in the state. Massachusetts has a handful of these who are reportedly interested in running for Senate.

Prior to the special election in 2010, a group of Massachusetts congressmen reportedly met and decided the primary was only big enough for one of them. If multiple Representatives were to jump in, the vote would split in too many ways to make them viable. I would not be surprised if a similar meeting took place this time around.

Rep. Michael Capuano, D- of

Somerville, ran against Coakley in 2011 and has since shot barbs at the Coakley Campaign. Once a sure bet to toss his name in the ring, Capuano has since gotten in trouble for advocating union protesters to "get a little bloody." Now his candidacy seems up in the air.

Another Congressional candidate considering a Senate bid is Rep. Stephen Lynch. Lynch is as blue-collar as they come. Growing up in South Boston's Old Colony housing projects, Lynch would go on to become president of Iron Workers Local 7 and serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. Lynch has been somewhat of a nonconformist within the Democratic Party, though. Some believe it would be harder for him to win the primary than the general election.

Reps. Ed Markey, Jim McGovern

The amount of people who are considering running speaks to how wide open the race is. It also speaks to how short the bench is for Democrats in Massachusetts.

and Richard Neal are also possible candidates who have downplayed the possibility of a Senate run.

Due to the fact that all of the previous names are cut from similar cloth and are likely to draw the same kinds of supporters, they will likely get together and all get behind one candidate like they did last time.

There are a handful of businessmen who are potential candidates. Obviously these people are fine when it comes to money, but the hurdle they have to get over is trust with the electorate.

One of them is City Year founder Alan Khazei, who was endorsed by the Boston Globe when he ran in the Special Election Primary a year ago. He has acknowledged he is interested. Robert Pozen is another businessman who has declared his interest if the Democratic Party only asks him.

The businessmen who ran in the special election last time had trouble getting people's trust. This problem will probably continue to haunt these candidates in the next primary as well.

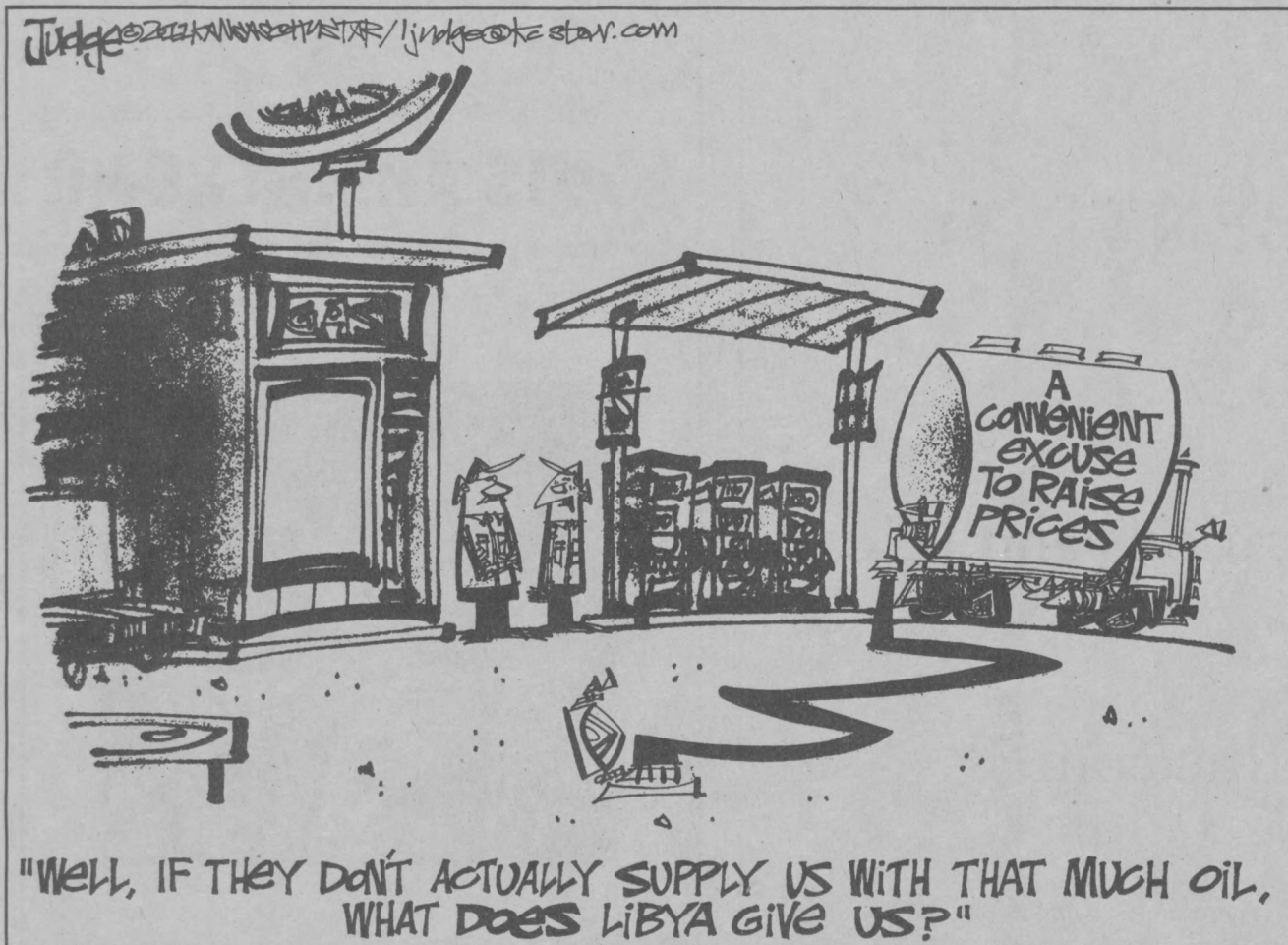
There are also a handful of mayors who have declared they are interested. Mayor Menino in Boston included himself when he said, "Nobody could beat him." But the mayors of Newton and Salem think they can out Brown.

Setti Warren of Newton has been mentioned by Gov. Patrick as a potential candidate. Patrick and Warren have similar characteristics and if Warren can replicate Patrick's organization, he would be a force to be reckoned with. Mayor Kim Driscoll of Salem has also been quoted as saying she's interested.

Mayors have the luxury of a home base to work out of and are never lost in the shuffle when it comes to regional politics. They have hard achievements they can point to on the trail as well. This is very appealing to voters.

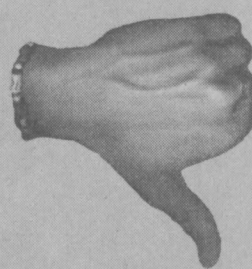
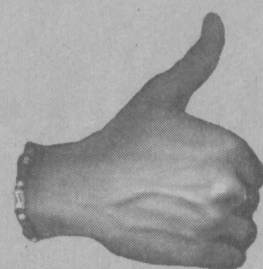
The amount of people who are considering running speaks to how wide open the race is. It also speaks to how short the bench is for Democrats in Massachusetts. If one of these candidates cannot jump out and impress voters, it could be a long, depressing cycle for Massachusetts Democrats in a state that once was a sure thing.

Pete Christopher is a fourth-year secondary education student. His columns will appear every Thursday.



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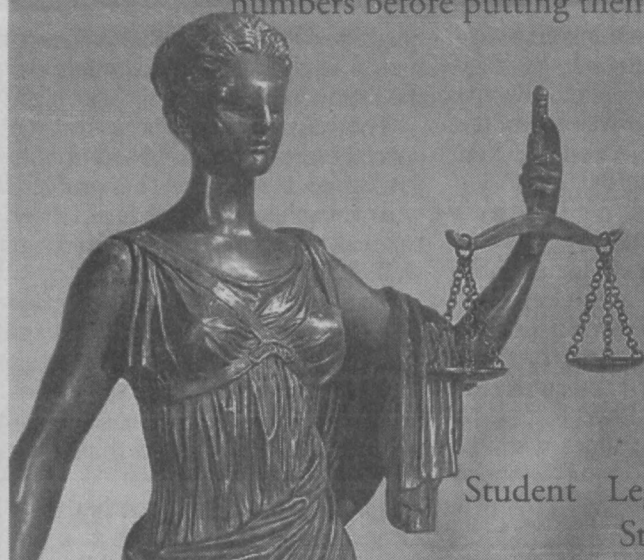
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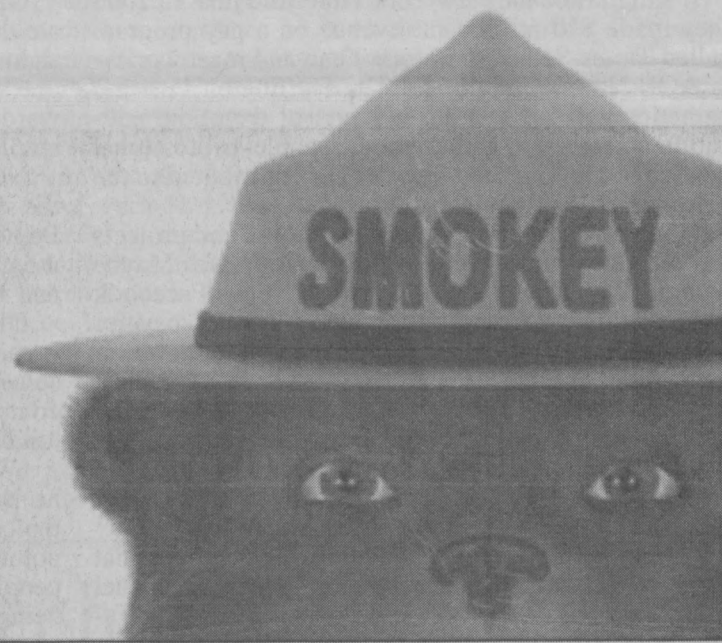


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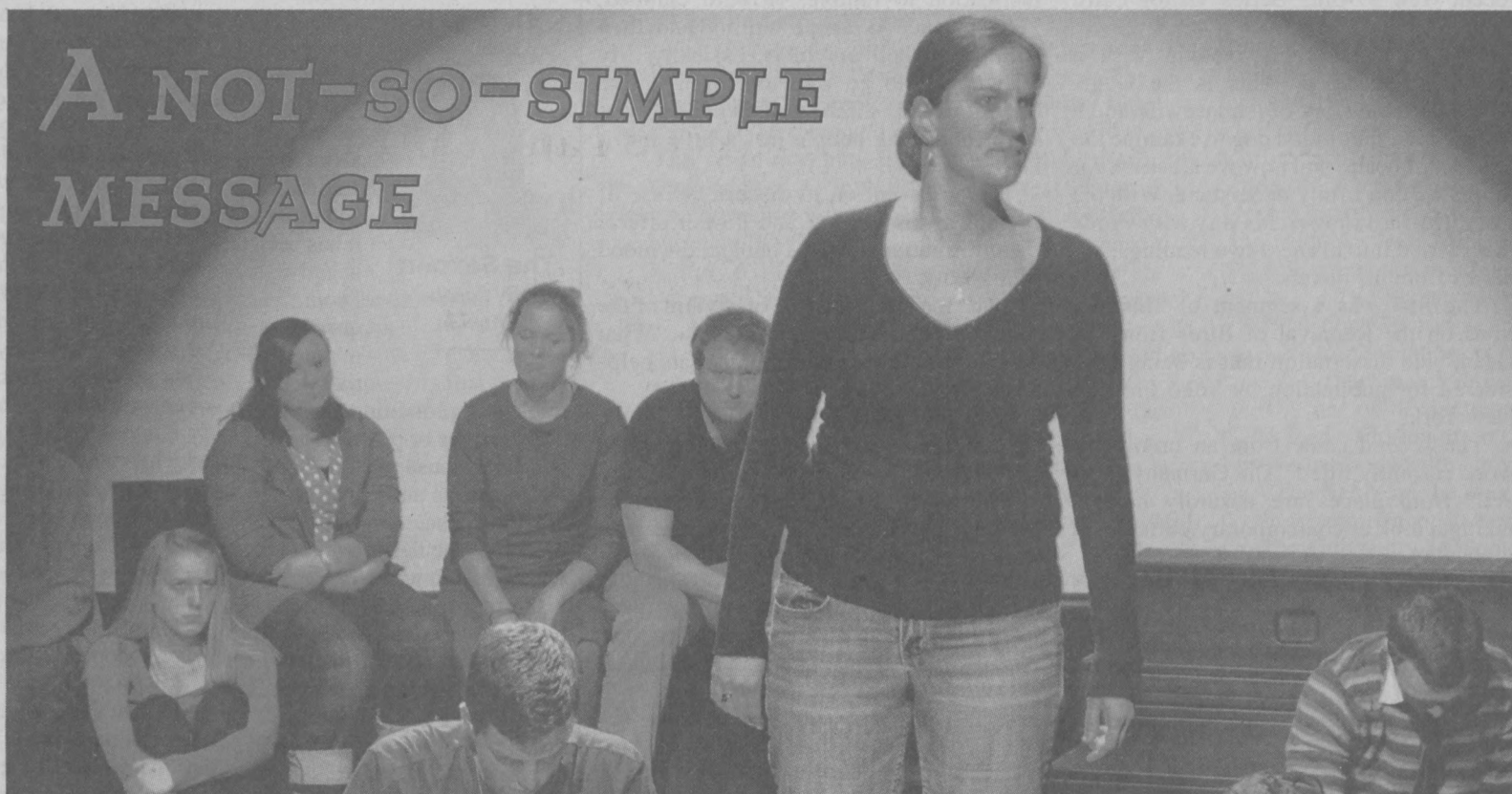




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A NOT-SO-SIMPLE MESSAGE



Sexual assault awareness the topic of grad student Molly Schenck's passion project 'It's Not That Simple,' an emotional ride for all involved

By Kaylie Reese
Copy Editor

The upcoming production of "It's Not That Simple" is anything but the traditional public service announcement. By blending a sensitively rooted topic with intricate dance choreography and carefully measured monologues, the show brings a special intensity to the stage. But not only is it visually captivating, more importantly this weekend's performances in the Black Box Theater brings attention to the seriousness of sexual assault.

The first performance of "It's Not That Simple" took place exactly three years ago. As an active member of The

Safe Campus Project, undergraduate Molly Schenck creatively sought to bring public attention to the myths surrounding sexual assault in the way she knew best. She created the interdisciplinary program — a combination of theater and dance — to serve as her senior project, rounding out her theater degree while incorporating her minor in dance.

In working through the production, Schenck came to the realization that an emotional transformation was happening throughout the cast. It became more than a typical stage production; it became

See Simple on B2



Haley Johnston • Asst. Photo Editor

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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.
18+, \$3; 21+, free

Frank and the Red Hots
The Roost
10 p.m.
21+

Friday, March 25

Kickin' Flicks: "Tron: Legacy"
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
6 p.m.

"It's Not That Simple"
Black Box Theatre, 1944 Hall
7:30 p.m.

Curva Goes Chem Free
Curva Ultra Lounge
9 p.m.
All ages — NO ALCOHOL
\$10

Beach Party and Bikini Contest
The Bear Brew
9 p.m.
18+, \$5; 21+, free

Frank and the Red Hots
Woodman's Bar and Grill
10 p.m.
21+

Saturday, March 26

"It's Not That Simple"
Black Box Theatre, 1944 Hall
7:30 p.m.

Lud Hallman Faculty Recital
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.
\$9, free w/ MaineCard

An Evening of Motown and R&B
Collins Center for the Arts
8 p.m.
\$22 - \$52

DJ Maine Event
Curva Ultra Lounge
9 p.m.
All ages

Restless Groove, Chaos Sauce, Lost Between Sound
The Bear Brew
9:30 p.m.
\$3
21+



File photo

The front row crowd in the Field House, the future venue for Girl Talk.

Girl Talk headed to UM

Mash-up DJ to play Field House after rappers fall through

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

Last semester, Ludacris came to the Alford Arena. This semester, we get to hear Ludacris' voice blaring out of the loudspeakers in the Field House with one major difference — he'll probably be rapping over Black Sabbath.

Mash-up DJ extraordinaire Girl Talk is coming to the University of Maine on April 7, toting his laptop filled with eclectic samples gathered from across decades of pop, rock and hip-hop. He'll also have his party crew armed with plenty of confetti, toilet paper and other supplies.

Vice President of Student Entertainment Joseph Nabozny said Girl Talk's name was thrown around last semester and finally booked in early March. After dropping his latest, completely free album "All Day" in November, the DJ has been relentlessly touring the country. He played for a sold-out audience at the State Theatre in Portland Feb. 28.

"Because he's a DJ, it's as much about the atmosphere as the performance," he said.

After a string of concerts that have depended on public ticket sales for financial reasons, Nabozny said the Girl Talk show is intended to be one aimed primarily at students. He pointed to relatively lower booking costs and the more informal venue as reasons for the more college-oriented show.

"I mean, it is UMaine kids who are paying for these shows," Nabozny said.

It will most likely be the last concert of the year so that funds can be rolled over to book big-

name artists in the near future.

"We wouldn't have been able to do Ludacris financially if we didn't roll over some money from last year," Nabozny said. "I don't believe necessarily students want us to just spend the money because we have it."

At first, Nabozny and his staff were looking into some bigger hip-hop names, but the shows fell through because of artist conflicts and date constrictions. According to Nabozny, among those in the running were Nicki Minaj, who is wrapped up with a Lil Wayne tour, Kid Cudi and Wiz Khalifa, who is performing at Colby College on May 6 — Nabozny decided a concert the day before graduation was a bad idea.

"I was focusing on some of those bigger hip-hop artists just because they've sold so well," Nabozny said. "But, I think he [Girl Talk] is very talented. I think it's going to be an awesome show."

In terms of security, which has been an issue surrounding other concerts, Nabozny said students need to get used to going through metal detectors. However, they are going to have activities to keep those waiting in line occupied.

It was Girl Talk's reputation for over-the-top performances that first drew Nabozny to the artist. There will be projection monitors at the show and Student Entertainment spent extra money on lights.

"You go to a lot of parties at UMaine and you hear music like Girl Talk, if not Girl Talk playing," Nabozny said. "I think it's really cool what

See Concert on B2

The best sites to find new music

Column

Aside from captioned



How I Hear It
By Derrick Rossignol

Ron Jeremy blush, the Internet is crowded with websites that claim they will help you find your new favorite band, song, genre or anything musical.

The Internet is also full of lies.

There are a few music discovery sites that are almost as good as they say, and you have probably heard of a few of them — Pandora, last.fm, Grooveshark. These sites are fine, but they tend to be plagued with advertisements, song skip limits, mandatory sign-ups and other inconveniences that, for some, make them not worth using.

Then there are less popular sites that are all about a friendly interface and less commercialization, providing a far less frustrating user experience. The lack of advertising and music license restrictions is refreshing and serves as a reminder of how simple the Internet can and should be.

Going from worst to first, the first of three sites that are getting a mention is Finetune. The version of the site optimized for the Nintendo Wii — found at finetune.com/wii — is a much better place to start off than the standard site. The Wii version has a much cleaner interface, and does not require you to sign up, while the regular site does.

You can listen to one of their featured playlists highlighting current hits from popular genres but the real fun happens

when you use the artist or tag radio. In both formats, Finetune works and looks very much like Pandora. You type the name of an artist or genre, confirm your selection and Finetune queues out songs that usually fit the set parameters pretty well.

Unfortunately, like Pandora, there does seem to be a song-skip-per-hour limit, although I only got to it by clicking the "next" arrow like I was playing Duck Hunt online.

Coming in at number two on the countdown is stereomood, located at stereomood.com. Although currently in beta, stereomood is already providing a unique and interesting online radio experience that is not mirrored anywhere else online.

Instead of searching for an artist and building a station from that, you choose the mood you are in and you get a playlist of over a thousand songs that fit your selection.

Unlike most other online radio services, stereomood draws MP3s from a long list of music blogs, which means fewer songs but an arguably higher concentration of quality. Stereomood takes the trouble out of trying to find the right songs to fit a certain mood — like "just woke up," "romantic," or "summer" — by giving you a playlist for just about any mood that humans are capable of feeling.

Rounding out the list in spectacular fashion is Jukezy, the site I found to be the best of the three. Jukezy — at jukezy.com — is also the most simple, claiming to be little more than "a mash-up application of the YouTube and last.fm APIs," but working as effectively as any combination since Charlie Sheen and banging seven-pound rocks.

On the Jukezy main page, you can search for a band, song or genre to build a playlist from or pick from one of the many broad or specific genre stations,

See Hear on B2

Author Greg Howard named new prof. Let's talk about sex

English department hires new teacher after audition at New Writing Series

By John Shannon
Staff Writer

On the morning of March 15, students of Professor David Kress' Advanced Fiction Writing course found an e-mail in their conference folder. It relayed the English department's decision to hire Greg Howard as their new creative writing professor for the fall 2011 semester.

The decision came after all three candidates were featured in the New Writing Series as part of the application process.

"We had a very difficult time making our final choice, since all three finalists ... excelled in certain areas and had 'issues' in certain respects," Professor Kress wrote. "However, with your help, we finally chose Greg Howard as being the candidate with the greatest all-over skills."

Howard visited campus Feb. 24 to present his work in the New Writing Series as well as visit several English classrooms and students. With a master's degree from Illinois State University and a doctorate from the University of Denver, Howard

certainly claims some quality credentials, not to mention colleagues. He has worked with the prolific David Foster Wallace and recent New Writing Series visitor Laird Hunt.

Howard opened his reading with a short story entitled "This is the Dog," which uses the story of a housewife and a troubled neighborhood dog to examine the concept of desire and how we all strive for things we don't fully understand. With the story, Howard showed his way with words that carried into his next two readings, excerpts from his novels.

The first was a segment of "Instructions on the Removal of Birds from the Head," his dissertation that is being considered for publication by Soho Press in New York.

The second came from an unfinished work currently titled "The Germany Project." Both pieces are absurdly human, taking a look at contemporary culture and dissecting our dissections of it.

What is noticeable about Howard's work is his ability to go on tangents that

are humorous but don't go too far off topic.

When asked by the audience about his inclination to ramble, Howard claimed, "The balance is about writing and then editing the hell out of it, basically. My tendency is to go way too far ... I like the Proustian, circling sentence. If you keep reminding people just a little bit, it helps."

Howard went on to discuss his use of rhythm in his writing and how it affects the information he gives out and the mood of his work.

"The idea of the music or rhythm of the piece helps me discover, you know, 'What do I need here?' and planning beats helps a lot with that," he said.

Howard's work is certainly easy on the ears, and just as enjoyable on the page as spoken aloud.

The New Writing Series will continue March 31, with a visit from noted poet James Wagner. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Soderberg Auditorium. Attendance is free, but seating is limited.

Being open on the subject is a must

Column

There has been quite a bit of discussion online and in the paper recently about my columns and most of it has been negative. People question my credentials and

The Sexpert

By Sarah Hinman

think I am promoting negative body images or prostitution.

My response to all this is not to curl up and cry or say, "Screw the haters" — it only motivates me to keep doing what I'm doing. Why? Because it shows just how badly we need to talk more about sex, in every way.

I mean, lighten up people. This is just a fun column in the school newspaper. Jillian Young stated in a March 17 opinion piece that she believed in columns that promote education and equality. While that is all well and good for a magazine, educational journal or sex education class, this is a college paper and, guess what — college students are having casual hook-ups and making / receiving / answering booty calls. Those are the issues at hand for our demographic, so shouldn't someone be addressing it and help students navigate the

confusing world that consists of sex in college?

You don't have to take every word I say to heart. I know I'm not the end-all and be-all of sex and have lots more to learn and many opinions to explore. I'm only just starting my graduate degree in this field.

My intention of writing this column is to get people talking about sex and thinking of sex as something just as normal to talk about as sports or next week's midterm. I'm not trying to personally attack anyone, I just want people to become more open with the topic of sexuality.

I am totally open about sex, which is why I write this column. If anyone disagrees with my viewpoints I am always willing to talk to them face-to-face. We learn the most from listening to others' opinions.

People just get so uptight when it comes to sex. No one is asking for the fashion columnist's credentials, or if the person doing the CD review has the right music critic credentials, yet to write about sex you need to have a doctorate? As college students, we should be able to talk, joke and write about sex just like we do social events, politics, sports and other day-to-day topics. It should be a conversation between friends, not someone of a higher authority telling you what to do.

Every article I have writ-

See Sex on B3

Concert from B1

he does. Mash-ups are becoming more and more popular."

According to Nabozny, the opening act will most likely be rapper Travie McCoy, best known for his hit single "Billionaire," although a final agreement had not been reached by press time.

Girl Talk will perform in the Field House on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available at umainetix.com.

Simple from B1

very real to everyone.

"You really can't know [the show's] impact until you're involved," Schenck said.

Three years later, audiences are brought the renewed presentation.

In addition to now graduate student Schenck — who acts as writer, director and choreographer — are several original cast members, including Danielle Reider, a fourth-year dance minor. Reider has observed the changes since the original performance. She says that the revised monologues are more provocative and contemporary. "It's not just someone talking about these experiences," Reider said. "It tells more about the experiences in a real way."

One of the major changes between the two productions is the performance platform. The original show was performed on a stage, which placed a dis-

tance between the performers and audience members. The setup placed a distance between subject matter as well, according to Reider. With the upcoming performances held in 1944 Hall's Black Box Theater, audience members can no longer be simple spectators.

"People can't detach from the performance in the Black Box," Reider said. "We are right at eye level, right in their faces."

Mandy Fahey, a recent graduate from the University of Maine, nicely summarized the show's atmosphere.

"[It's] really heavy material: stuff you don't want to think about, but it's important," she said. "The goal is to make you think."

Schenck has created an engaging show which brings the difficult material of sexual assault to the stage. The interpretive choreography brings movement to the monologues. When the interactive styles synch together, it is very powerful.

Fahey described the process of getting into roles as being very different with Schenck.

"She took deliberate steps to make sure we were all on the same page — so brave of her," Fahey said.

Carl Witham, a second-year civil engineering major, has been in multiple stage performances here at the UMaine, but none have impacted him as this production has.

"At the beginning, it felt like a normal show, but the further we got, it became surreal," he said.

Witham, who plays the role of one of the abusers, described what it is like to be in charac-

ter.

"When I found out I had to play an abusive husband, I was uncomfortable with the role," he said. "I have nothing abusive about me ... The adaptation still has been tough. I scare myself; I end up finishing the role shaking."

The intensity captured by the performers has a significant impact to all involved with the program.

During the performance a projector helps to show descriptions and staggering statistics. Witham said that seeing the statistics was one of his most transformative moments.

"[They] changed my view; they made me realize that this is a much bigger problem than I thought," he said.

Adding to the realistic nature of the piece are the vignettes, which are based on true stories. They are brought to life through choreography and monologue. Witham recalls an otherwise unconventional complement by a director on the work that they were doing: "I don't like what you're doing, but I do."

Not all of the show is somber, though. Fahey pointed out that it not only tells the story of the victims of sexual assault, but of the support groups.

"There are people around who love you and are there to help," she said.

The performance will be held in the Black Box Theater, 1944 Hall, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, though any donations will go toward assistance programs for sexual assault victims.

For more information, you can visit their Facebook page.

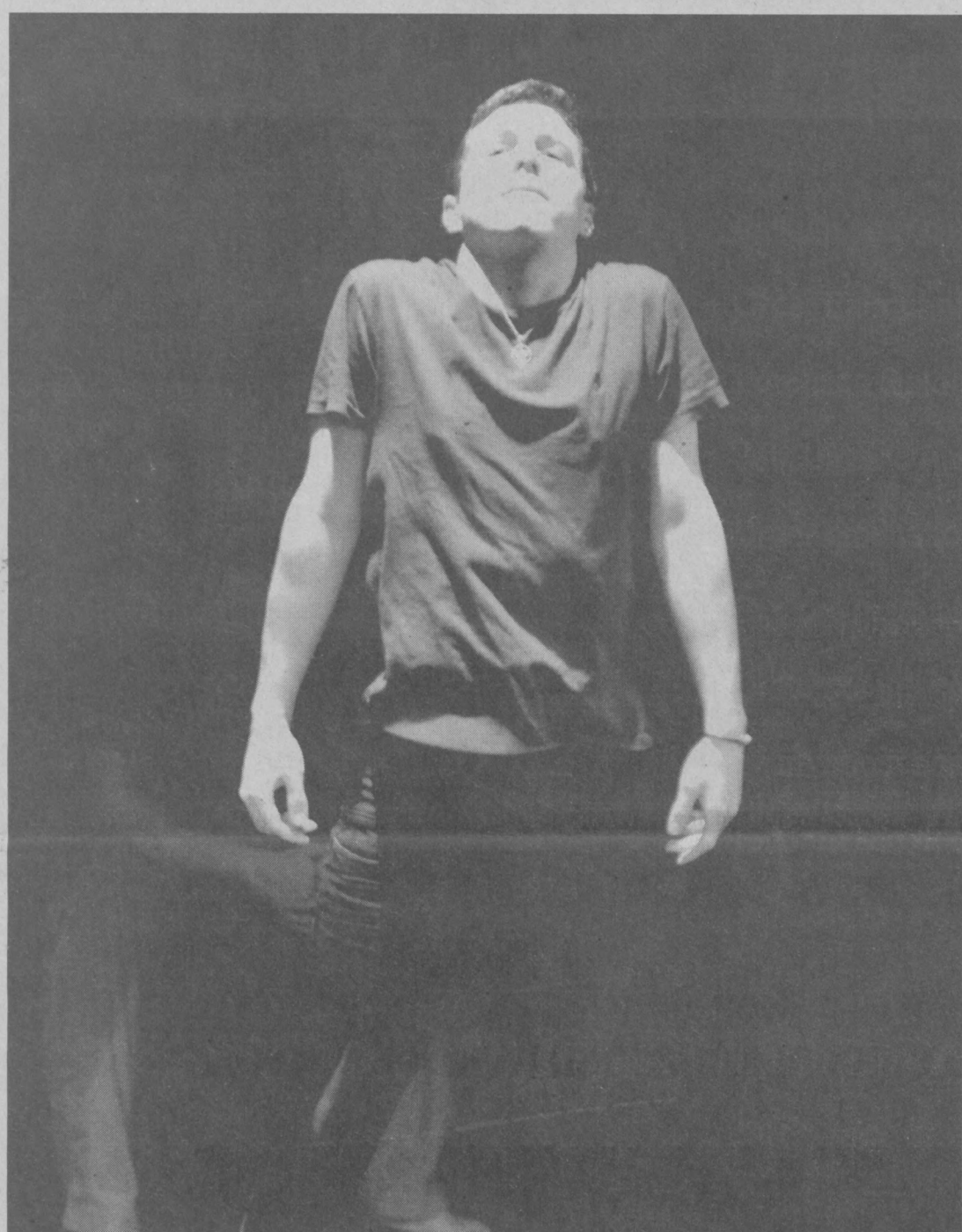
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like "female fronted metal," "country" or "post-rock." Using song data from last.fm, Jukesy creates a playlist of YouTube videos that uses the whole browser window and looks great.

The fast loading times of YouTube are a great benefit, and having a visual — some-

times even an official music video — adds to the experience tenfold.

Just as music is subjective, so are the opinions of how effective and useful online tools really are. Despite the common goals shared by these sites, they each have a slightly different purpose and functionality. You cannot go wrong with any of these web apps, but you can go oh-so right with the one that is best for you.



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Jamie Ford performs a emotional dance routine during "It's not that simple" at rehearsal Wednesday night.

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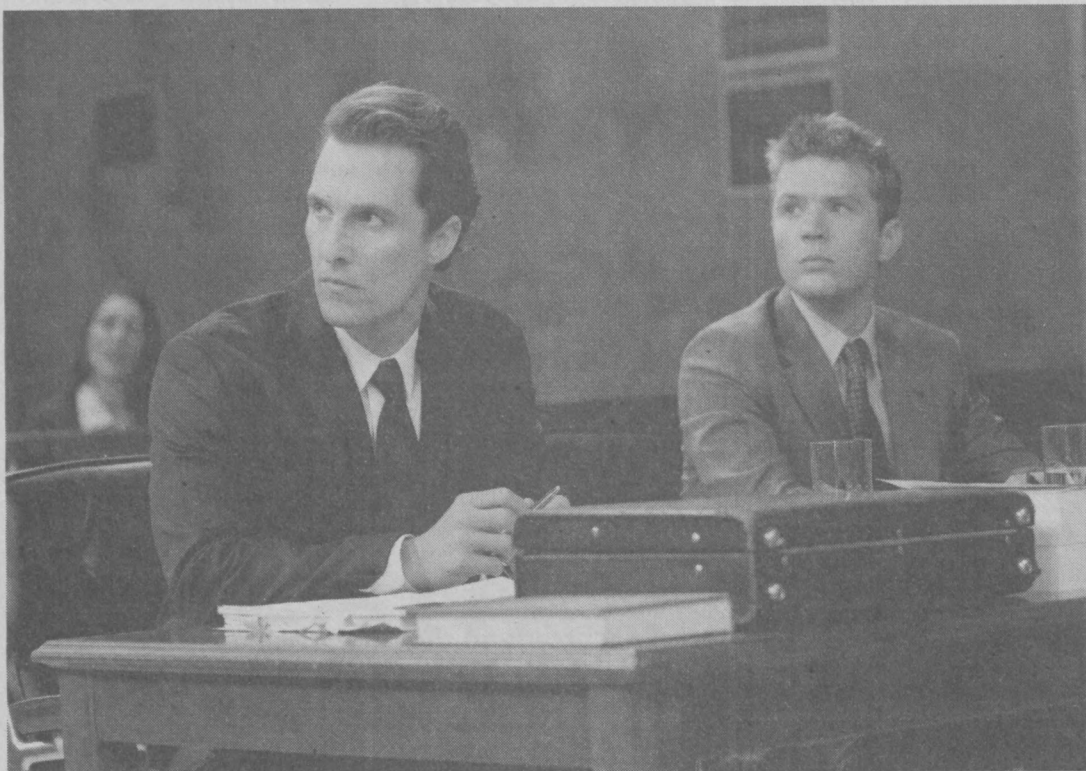
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MOVIE REVIEW:

‘The Lincoln Lawyer’

McConaughey shines as he navigates the legal system



Lionsgate

By Nicole Begley
For The Maine Campus

Defense attorneys are usually considered to be cocky, unfeeling and without consciences. Responsible for keeping criminals out of the big house, these lawyers are felt by many to be the scum of the legal system — second only to the lowlives they represent.

This certainly describes Michael “Mick” Haller, played by Matthew McConaughey. He is a big-shot defense attorney who will work with any thug or villain as long as they pay top dollar. The twist — his office isn’t a building, it’s in the back of his Lincoln.

Early in the film he is asked to represent a high-profile client, Louis Roulet, played by Ryan Phillippe, who is accused of the attempted murder of a woman he met at a bar. Roulet insists on his innocence but new evidence gradually comes to light and causes Haller to doubt his client’s story. This evidence might also prove the innocence of a former client for whom Haller cut a deal. These events lead Haller to a

crisis of conscience. When a tragic incident shakes him to his core, Haller must do all he can to make things right.

The plot of this film was intriguing, though the beginning was somewhat difficult to follow. It took about 20 minutes to really understand, but once the story got rolling, it wasn’t as hard to keep up.

Unfortunately, a variety of sub-plots detracted from the main story. Haller has an ex-wife named Maggie McPherson, played by Academy Award winner Marisa Tomei, and a daughter. He is a defense lawyer and she is a prosecutor — not much is said about their split. As for Haller’s relationship with his daughter, she only appears twice throughout the movie.

Thankfully, the acting made up for the plot holes. McConaughey flawlessly portrays Haller. Known for his romantic comedies, such as “Fool’s Gold” and “Failure to Launch,” the goofy, lovable, sexy image that most of the population associates with McConaughey is completely overturned in this movie. Yes, he is still sexy, but in a more professional, classy way. In the beginning he is suave,

smooth and a little sleazy, just like he is supposed to be.

As his character’s case becomes more personal, the composure that McConaughey built for his character falls to pieces. He is trying to do what is morally correct, but is tied up and tortured by the law.

Because this is a one-man show, McConaughey needs a strong leading lady by his side. Tomei’s portrayal of his ex-wife is marvelous and their chemistry is potent. The audience can understand their situation — a sordid history with some lingering feelings. Though most of Tomei’s screen time is with McConaughey, she would do great on her own.

The cinematography was also respectable too, reflecting the mood of the scenes well. Haller’s composure in the courtroom is demonstrated by a steady camera; in contrast, while at home, the camera is hand-held and shaky, mirroring the conflictual relationship he holds with his demons. This was director Brad Furman’s first big movie and it was certainly a fine start.

Grade: B

CD REVIEW:

Noah and the Whale

UK indie folksters find keyboards and expand sound

By Derrick Rossignol
Music Critic

It might not be as biblical as the name implies, but the work of Noah and the Whale has always had a certain grandeur in its simplicity. The bare-bones enchantment of their basic folk-plus-violin setup has earned the London natives recognition in their homeland and in the heads of anybody else who gave them a chance.

Naturally, they decided to mess around with their sound.

Noah and the Whale hit the studio and, this time around, discovered that there were keyboards in there and that they could play them well enough to record. They also found synths and other digital doo-hickeys and recorded a happier sounding record than their last, “The First Days of Spring,” from 2009.

That was the first album without vocalist Laura Marling, ex-girlfriend of current lead singer Charlie Fink. The pain was evident in the album’s melancholy vibe and lyrics telling of a break up that ran through the entire record.

The newfound sense of optimism is presented right away in the anthemic opening track, “Life is Life.” Pounding drums, a deep but uplifting synth bass line and some light, chimy keyboards creates an enlivening underscore to Fink’s smooth-as-silk singing. These elements create a sort of modern-day mid-’80s stadium rock epic, like a rehash of John Farnham’s “You’re The Voice.”

The chant that closes the song was crafted for a stadium crowd to sing in unison, thousands of people simultaneously cheering, “Your life is your life, gotta live like it’s your life.”

Any band can mess around with their formula and try to sound new and improved, but

not all of them do so successfully. Noah and the Whale managed to keep the charm that drew people to them and made their songs so fun to sing along to. The biggest ear worm on the album is the lead single, “L.I.F.E.G.O.E.S.O.N.” The sing-along chorus is one of the catchiest things to come from across the pond in a good while. The stories of two down-on-their-luck people who realize that times will get better, paired with the modern English-style guitar, creates a relatability that draws a listener in both musically and lyrically almost instantly.

The name “Fink” sounds like it would belong to the nerdy, brown-nosing tattle-tale from an early ’90s sitcom, but his voice could not be more opposite. It has a warmth, like the feeling of hot chocolate pouring down your throat on a cold winter day. It makes the uptempo tracks drive powerfully forward and the slow burners radiate a comforting heat, like on “Wild Thing.”

Grade: B

NOAH & THE WHALE



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Fink tells the story of a rebellious girl who befriends and seduces the speaker, but the mournful guitar sound makes it seem less like joyous storytelling and more like sadly looking back on a time that has been missed.

There are times when air drummers will not be able to resist themselves, times when getting a chorus out of your head is a tall order and times that call for leaning back and appreciating subtle beauty. All of that happens in just over 33 minutes, but the majority of the magic takes place in the first two-thirds of the record. The album starts off strong but hits filler tracks with a few minutes remaining, something a short album does not have room for.


A few tracks make this disc worthwhile and prevent it from being cast aside as irrelevant. This collection of songs is worth its weight in gold, but CDs are not very heavy, so it ends up being close to retail value.

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Over at Curva Ultra Lounge there will be a Stop Light Party with DJ Pandemic. If you’re single wear green, if you’re in a relationship wear red and if you’re somewhere in between wear yellow. It’s \$3 if you’re under 21.	The Bear Brew will be having a big night on Friday with live music from 3 Divide downstairs and a bikini contest and DJ Caliber upstairs. If you’re daring enough to strip down, you can win \$250. Cover is \$5 for 18+, free for 21+.	Catch three different bands for just \$3 at the Bear Brew on Saturday night. Restless Groove, Chaos Sauce and Lost Between Sound will all play starting at 9:30 p.m.
In downtown Orono, hear the familiar sounds of Frank and the Red Hots at The Roost. And as always, the Bear Brew will be holding College Night with drink specials.	Frank and the Red Hots will be moved across the street to Woodman’s Bar and Grill for their performance Friday and promised not to play any song twice.	Curva will be all ages once again, but will serve alcohol to those of age while DJ Maine Event spins old school, current and indie hip-hop all night.
	Meanwhile, Curva will be going chem free on Friday for an all ages dance party. If you want to drink, steer clear.	
		Compiled by Kegan Zema

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ten has resulted from multiple conversations I have had with friends, colleagues, even random strangers out and about. I’m not sitting alone in my room thinking about how I can corrupt the University of Maine population with my opinion on orgasms and shaving. These are real conversations real students are having, and I’m just being their public voice.

They are also funny conversations, which is why I get confused when some people take these articles so seriously. Obviously I don’t ask for breakfast in bed every time someone fails to give me an orgasm, I just think it’s a funny concept. Not all sexual encounters need to end in orgasm in

order for them to be satisfying — which I included in an author’s note at the end of that article. But it was left out of the published piece.

We need to begin approaching sex with a sense of humor, just as we do with other topics of conversation. Not every sex conversation, book, show or article needs to be so serious and politically correct. If they did, then “Jersey Shore” wouldn’t have made it past the first season.

So please, if you disagree with my articles or find them offensive, come talk to me about it. My office is in 221A Merrill Hall and I am there Monday through Thursday. I would love to get your opinion on the topic at hand and I think you’ll find I’m actually very open to other people’s opinions.



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Softball opens conference play

Black Bears travel to Baltimore to take on America East foe Retrievers

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Like the baseball team, the University of Maine softball team has struggled out of the gate on their extended road trip.

Starting 8-19, the Black Bears have had considerable time off since their last games on March 13.

Spending the weekend in North Carolina, the Black Bears were beat three straight days by East Carolina University, Charleston Southern University and North Carolina State respectively before defeating Fairfield University and losing the weekend finale to James Madison University.

After going down early to the Stags, the Black Bears scored four times in the fifth inning to take the lead and twice in the sixth for the victory.

Junior shortstop Jennifer Eberhardt led the Black Bears with three hits, while senior first baseman Kirstin Allen finished with three runs batted in. Both infielders also went yard in the victory, the third of the season for Eberhardt and Allen's first.

For the season, senior third



File photo
Senior first basemen Kirstin Allen hit her first home run of the season in the victory over Fairfield University.

baseman Terren Hall leads the team in almost every offensive category, batting .351 with six

homeruns, 22 RBIs, five stolen bases and an on-base plus slugging percentage of 1.068.

On the mound, junior Ashley Kelley has appeared in a team-high 19 games, going 3-9 with 10 starts and boasting a 4.24 earned run average. Sophomore Beth Spoehr and freshman Kylie Sparks have also had considerable time on the rubber, appearing in 13 and 16 games respectively.

The Black Bears open up conference play against America East foe, University of Maryland Baltimore County. The Retrievers are 14-9 so far this season and have been playing well as of late, winning their last nine contests.

The Retrievers have two players batting .400, with senior second baseman Lauren Brummell sitting right at .400, while senior third baseman Julia Culotta is batting .412. Both infielders have cracked four homeruns thus far.

The Retrievers have also pitched well, with senior Stephanie Weigman going 8-5 with a 3.50 ERA, while junior Katie Ferguson and sophomore Heather Brown each boast a sub-3.00 ERA.

The three-game series starts with a double header Saturday, with start times scheduled for 1 and 3 p.m. The finale is Sunday at 11 a.m.

Illegal hits hurting NHL physical play

I find it hard to believe



By Matthew Soucy

that anyone who follows hockey even a little bit was shocked when they saw Pittsburgh Penguins goon Matt Cooke had been suspended, again.

What may have surprised fans was the fact that the NHL actually took a stance in this situation: a bold stance. It seems that the NHL is facing a great deal of pressure to clean up hits to the head from owners, fans and sponsors, the

though I doubt it will send the message to Cooke. The NHL should have made the suspension much more attention-grabbing to the players.

I can think of two other situations where the NHL wanted to send a message to players that certain types of behaviors will not be tolerated anymore. When Todd Bertuzzi sucker-punched Todd Moore, the NHL suspended him for 17 months total before he was reinstated.

When Marty McSorley assaulted Donald Brashear using his stick basically as a sword, the NHL suspended him for a year-and-a-half. The NHL wanted to send a message to the players that if they ever did

According to the rulebook, the point of checking is to separate the player from the puck in an attempt to obtain possession of the puck, not to separate the opponent's skull from their shoulders in an attempt to kill them by using your elbow.

league is finally cracking down and trying to send a message.

On Monday, the NHL ruled that Cooke is suspended for the remainder of the regular season and the first round of the playoffs for his hit to the head on New York Rangers defenseman Ryan McDonagh on Sunday.

The suspension means Cooke will miss 10 regular season games and four or more playoff games. The suspension will also cost Cooke \$219,512 in salary.

Message sent. Way to go, NHL. But given the situation and the player we are talking about here, is this really enough?

That depends on how you look at it.

If the NHL really wanted to send a message to the players that hits to the head and cheap shots will not be tolerated, they failed to do so: This is the fifth time Cook has been suspended in a three-year period. He has been suspended for an elbow to the head, a hit from behind, a check to the head, a hit to the head and for spearing.

I think there may be a trend somewhere in that list of reasons as to why Mr. Cooke has been debarred.

Clearly multiple suspensions do not deter Cooke from targeting players' heads when he plays the body. You would think after maybe the second or even the third suspension — even maybe the fourth suspension, for God's sake — he would get the message that he cannot play this way anymore.

Fourteen games is a hefty suspension compared to the two-game and four-game suspensions he received before,

it again, they would know the consequences.

I'm not saying what Cooke has done places him in the same class as Bertuzzi or McSorley — those two have reserved their spots as a special breed of goon — I am saying if the NHL truly wanted to drill the point home to Cooke and grab the attention of the players, they would have suspended him for 30 games or more, no questions asked — maybe even a season so he has to be approved for reinstatement like Bertuzzi had to be.

According to the rulebook, the point of checking is to separate the player from the puck in an attempt to obtain possession of the puck, not to separate the opponent's skull from their shoulders in an attempt to kill them by using your elbow.

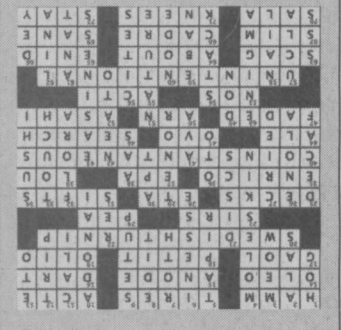
I don't want to eliminate physical play from hockey at all. It's what makes hockey exciting to play and watch, and is of vital importance to game play and the strategy of the game. And yes, sometimes in a game that moves as fast as hockey does, things happen and hits go wrong.

But, the hits Matt Cooke throws are clearly not in that category. What needs to be eliminated is the dirty play.

Players who like to grind things out, intimidate and play a physical game can do so legally and still be effective and they should not be stopped as long as they aren't focused on trying to hurt someone instead of playing hockey.

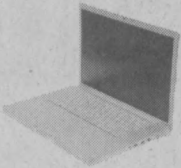
Cooke clearly crossed over that line and was punished, but it could have and probably should have been worse.

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Gus, one more year?



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Two-time Hobey Baker finalist Gustav Nyquist has a tough decision to make: Either stay for his senior season or sign with the Detroit Red Wings.

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are gone and Liverpool's bastion of consistency, Steven Gerrard, has turned in disaffected displays when not sidelined by injury this season.

Torres' lone-wolf style became increasingly petulant and lazy as the goals dried up. His departure makes sense, as the new crop of players have imparted a grittier, harder-working spirit to the team.

Unlike the Spaniard, Suarez is willing to close down larger defenders who have bullied him over, winning the ball back without resorting to desperate lunges and needless fouls. The Uruguayan is much more involved in linking the midfield with the attack and creating open space to receive passes and get teammates involved in-game.

Suarez's industriousness is characteristic of his personal style, à la Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney. Unlike his lesser talents, Suarez's enthusiasm to hassle defenders is not a symptom of overcompensating for his lack of class. He thrives off the momentum his work rate creates, giving spark and creativity to the Liverpool attack, while simultaneously imparting confidence in his teammates.

In Liverpool's win over Man U, the forward put in a magnificent display, terror-

izing the Red Devils' defense. At the end of the first half, the striker received the ball in the penalty box and with his back to goal and little room to operate, dummied around defenders Wes Brown and Fabio before darting past another defender.

Though his goal-bound shot was slammed home by Dirk Kuyt, it was Suarez who was rightfully swarmed in congratulations by teammates.

In the club's recent win over Sunderland, Suarez struggled to find an opening in the first half, instead taking a less prominent role in working to back track toward midfield and win the ball. His patience and dedication would pay dividends in the second half. Racing down the sideline, Suarez cut into the penalty box.

Feigning a cross into the center, Suarez blasted a shot from a near-impossible goal-side angle to wrong-foot the goalkeeper.

It remains to be seen whether Suarez's success will last. As defenders learn to anticipate the striker's tendencies, Suarez will likely have less and less space to operate. Instead, his willingness to be involved in the team's build-up play sets him apart and will determine his long-term success.

Liverpool's Spanish influenza looks to be over as the Uruguayan remedy has revitalized the club's season.

March Madness brackets broken in first weekend

One of 'First Four' participants remains; Big East shows little among top storylines in a wild opening two rounds

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

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OK, calm down. Take a deep breath. I know your bracket may look bad, but please, step away from the ledge; it's not over yet — unless your champion is already knocked out.

Oh, you picked Pittsburgh?

Sorry about that.

Notre Dame?

My bad.

Syracuse and Purdue as sleeper picks? You'd better wake up.

But don't worry — you're not alone. The thing with March Madness is that just about everybody is in the same boat as you. Well, unless you're in a pool with the guy who picked Richmond to play Morehead State for a shot at the Sweet 16. In that case, you just wasted \$5.

Moving past last week's dreadful weekend — yours truly went 30-48, with losses pending with the Fighting Irish and Louisville Cardinals already ousted — there's still hope for both your bracket and, more importantly, great basketball.

The biggest storyline of the first weekend had to be the small showing of the Big East Conference, which brought a record 11 teams to the dance, with just two slippers left in the

University of Connecticut and the Marquette University — the lowest of the Big East seeds at 11.

The Huskies are in for a terrific contest with San Diego State in one of the West semifinals. The West was the most predictable of all regions, with seeds one, two, three and five remaining.

The other matchup, pits top-seed Duke against the University of Arizona. Both teams feature top-five potential in the upcoming NBA Draft — Blue Devils' point guard Kyrie Irving and Wildcats forward Derrick Williams. However, the Blue Devils are superior in every aspect, but like the saying goes, that's why we play the games.

No. 1 overall seed, Ohio State, has lived up to expectations, by winning the first two games by a margin of 30.5 points per game. The Buckeyes face the four seed University of Kentucky, who were lucky to make it past the first day after a near upset by the claws of the Princeton Tigers.

The winner faces the victor of the other semifinal between the Big East's Golden Eagles and the University of North Carolina, whose trifecta of forwards John Henson, Tyler Zeller and Harrison Barnes has proved as good a threesome in the entire country, and should cut the Big East's chances in half.

Last year's tournament darling, Butler University, is at it again, knocking out the only No. 1 seed thus far in the Panthers. The Bulldogs have a great chance to make it to the Elite Eight, facing off against the University of Wisconsin, who put up just 33 points in a game two weeks ago against Penn State — the same

Nittany Lions we beat by 10.

Thankfully this tournament's darlings, junior guard Jimmer Fredette and his Brigham Young University Cougars, remain in the hunt and have a chance to set up the whitest game since the 1960s if they beat the University of Florida Gators to face the Butler Bulldogs.

Lastly, in by far the most confusing portion of the bracket, the Southwest region has three out of four double-digit seeds remaining, with No. 1 seed University of Kansas the sole contender standing.

The Jayhawks now have a tremendous shot at reaching San Antonio, only having to go through 12-seed Richmond University and the winner of the matchup between 10 and 11 seeds, Florida State University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Rams are the only team to have won three tournament games thus far, beating the University of Southern California in this year's inaugural First Four.

Thankfully, my bracket isn't so bad as my champion, Ohio State, still remains. My favorite team, UNC, also remains a viable threat to cut down the nets.

Unfortunately, they're destined to meet in the Regional Final.

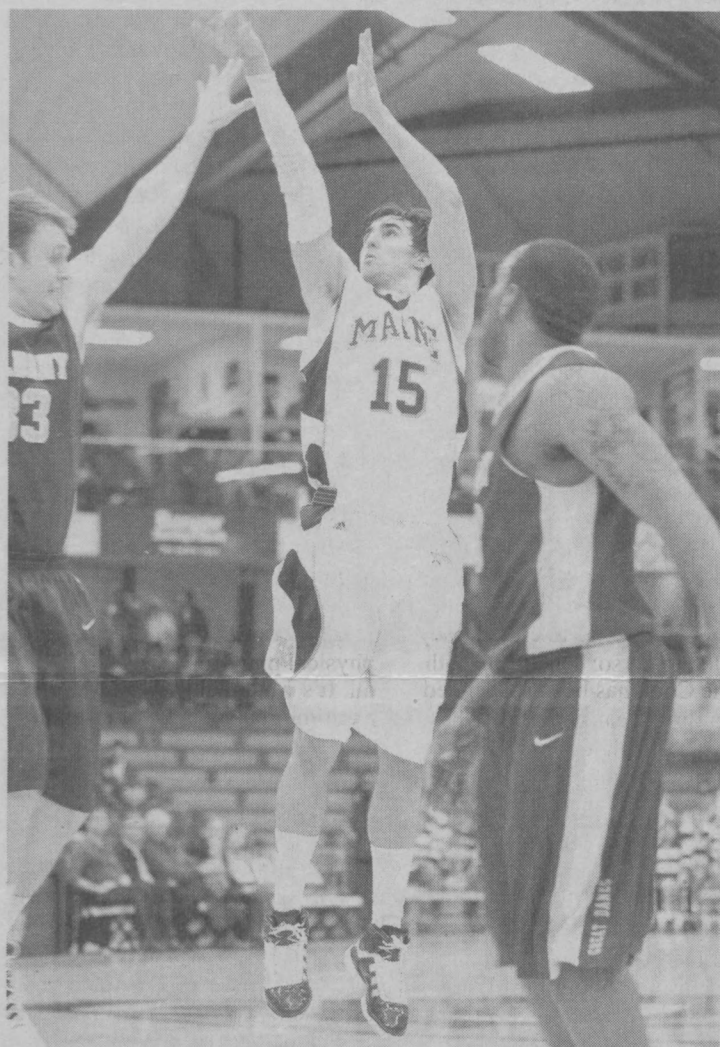
And if that happens, with the way March has worked out thus far, they'd probably find a way to both lose.

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Chicago
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10 FSU 4:10
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Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Senior forward Troy Barnes looks to take his talents to Europe where he hopes to play professionally.

Barnies from B6

years as consistently as this one. But I'm glad I ended as well as I did."

Leading up to this season, Barnes, a kinesiology and physical education major, had thought about giving coaching a shot after his college career came to an end.

"I wanted to be around athletics," he said. "Being in a Division I program I knew I would have a good opportunity to coach. I feel really comfortable around people and feel coaching would be great for me."

And if he has it his way, which on the court he usually does, it looks like Barnes is putting the clipboard and dress shoes away for a few more years in exchange for the arm sleeve and high-tops.

MLB from B6

Buchholz, whose ERA ranked third in the league last season, and bounce-back years from both Josh Beckett and Daisuke Matsuzaka.

The bullpen also added depth with the acquisition of two-time All-Star reliever Bobby Jenks. The former Chicago White Sox closer will most likely fill the spot of set-up man behind four-time All-Star closer Jonathan Papelbon.

There's no question that Boston will be in contention with New York all season long, but the league's best team will not have a problem introducing the Yankees to the wild card spot come October.

2. New York Yankees — Last Year: 2nd Place, 1 GB (95-67)

The Bronx Bombers return this season with few new faces after an extraordinarily poor offseason compared to recent years. The highlight of the team's negotiating came Dec. 7 when they re-signed 11-time All-Star captain shortstop Derek Jeter after contract disputes began to loom over the player-organization relationship.

The Yankees have the league's best starting infield after adding catcher Russell Martin who will join first baseman Mark Teixeira, second baseman Robinson Cano, Jeter and third baseman Alex Rodriguez to complete a five-player combo that combines for an unprecedented total of 30 All-Star appearances, 20 Silver Slugger awards and 13 Gold Glove awards. The club's outfield is mediocre, with room for improvement.

The pitching rotation remains

solid with the return of four-time All-Star ace C.C. Sabathia, who tied for the league lead in wins last season with 21. Expect 24-year-old starter Phil Hughes to shine as the youngster approaches his prime. Decorated veteran closer Mariano Rivera returns for his 17th season in New York and will be aided by newly acquired relief pitcher Rafael Soriano.

If not for the AL East's ridiculous talent, the Yankees would be able to win the division in a heartbeat. Unfortunately, they'll have to settle for this year's AL wild card spot.

3. Tampa Bay Rays — Last Year: 1st Place (96-66)

This Rays team will beat out both Baltimore and Toronto for one main reason: their pitching.

1. Boston Red Sox, 106-56

2. New York Yankees, 100-62

3. Tampa Bay Rays, 86-76

4. Baltimore Orioles, 83-79

5. Toronto Blue Jays, 69-93

Twenty-five-year-old ace David Price tied for fourth overall in wins with 19 last season. The All-Star was also seventh overall in ERA and led the league in winning percentage at 76 percent.

Along with Price, the rotation will feature Rays veteran James Shields, 25-year-old Wade Davis and Jeff Niemann, last year's league-leader in fewest hits allowed. Journeyman Kyle Farnsworth will attempt his first season as a Major League closer.

The additions of both 12-time All-Star outfielder Manny Ramirez and two-time All-Star Johnny Damon could make or

break this team's offense. It will be interesting to see if Ramirez can regain prior form with fewer distractions in Tampa Bay. The loss of Crawford to division rival Boston definitely hurts, but don't be surprised to see three-time All-Star third baseman Evan Longoria step up and become the team's new leader.

Tampa Bay has certainly lost their competence for another first place finish, but they'll still have enough in the tank to beat out the division's remaining clubs in Baltimore and Toronto.

4. Baltimore Orioles — Last Year: 5th Place, 30 GB (66-96)

Baltimore has finished fifth in the AL East for the past three seasons but will exit the basement in 2011.

The Orioles had an effective

the middle of the club's lineup after racking up a league's sixth-best 115 RBIs last year.

The loss of lone 2010 All-Star outfielder Ty Wigginton hurts, but both Guerrero and five-year Orioles outfielder Nick Markakis won't skip a beat.

On the mound, Baltimore is lacking a reliable ace, which will surely hurt the chances of a prolific year from newly acquired closer Kevin Gregg, who tied for ninth in saves last season with 37.

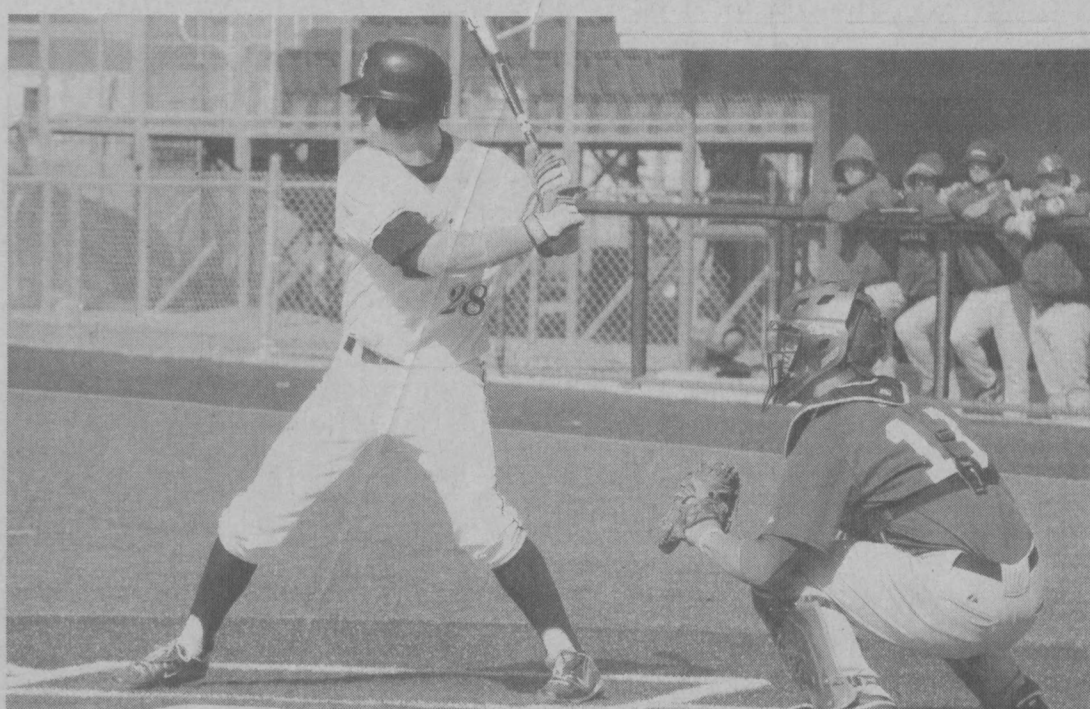
Expect Baltimore to still have an excellent season nonetheless, especially if their pitching is consistent.

5. Toronto Blue Jays — Last Year: 4th Place, 11 GB (85-77)

The Blue Jays enter 2011 as an AL East underdog, a deceiving title that could translate to second place in any other division. The offseason was spent mostly on improving the club's relief pitching, adding journeyman Octavio Dotel, righty Frank Francisco and the league's tallest player in history, 6-foot-11-inch hurler Jon Rauch.

Toronto takes a blow with the subtraction of the face of their franchise, outfielder Vernon Wells, but his replacement, Juan Rivera, who currently has a .495 batting average in spring training, isn't looking too bad. It's going to be difficult for 2010 Home Run champion Jose Bautista to perform an encore after last year's career season, but as the new face of the team, it's going to be expected.

Nothing exciting will emerge from the rotation or bullpen and the rest of the lineup is below average. Toronto needs players to step up in order for them avoid becoming this year's division cellar dwellers.



File photo

Senior first baseman Joey Martin and the Black Bears travel to New Jersey this weekend before returning to Mahaney Diamond for their home opener.

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played some great defense."

The Black Bears have a good shot against the Peacocks, who have lost 12 straight games and the Knights, who are 4-10.

The Black Bears game against Sacred Heart, scheduled

for today, was canceled.

"We want to play quality baseball and get on a roll here and come out with four wins," Trimmer said.

Continuing to excel at the plate, Lewis leads the team in batting average, runs scored, hits, stolen bases and slugging percentage, all while carrying a newly acquired leadership role

as one of the captains.

"I have the same approach as last year," Lewis said. "You don't want to switch up too many things if they're working. I try to do whatever I can to help the team out, whether it be bunting or driving runners in. Not too worried about the numbers, just trying to get some more Ws."

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University of Maine men's basketball senior forward Troy Barnies

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Hard hits cause stir in NHL

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Grass is greener at Liverpool

Dear Fernando Torres,
Thank you for the years of service, passion and dedication to Liverpool FC.

Reds fans will remember your flashes of genius — the goal against Blackburn

where you magnificently controlled a deep cross to the ground and, with your back to the goal, looped a volley from an acute angle over the head of the keeper, will remain among greatest strikes in the club's storied history.

But Merseyside has moved on.

Liverpool restaurants are no longer serving tapas, instead firing up their grills for some Uruguayan asado to welcome expatriate Luis Suarez. The striker's recent \$43 million transfer to Liverpool has spiced up a struggling Liverpool side, the latest installment of manager Kenny Dalglish's revolution at Anfield.

At first glance, the differences between Torres and Suarez suggest Liverpool downgraded their talent and simply made a savvy business deal in selling their No. 9 for \$79.5 million to Chelsea. Liverpool bought both Suarez and British transfer-fee record Andy Carroll with the proceeds from the sale.

Moreover, Suarez lacks Torres' individual genius that generated some of the Reds' most inspired play in the last three seasons. The Spaniard's ability to track down long balls from the likes of Xabi Alonso — and exploit the havoc Javier Mascherano caused opposing midfielders — accelerated his status as the world's premier striker.

But those are just memories. Mascherano and Alonso

See Liverpool on B4

Goodbye UMaine, hello Europe?

Men's basketball standout Barnies looks to continue career overseas

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

After giving it all he had for the University of Maine men's basketball team for the last four years, Troy Barnies now has his eyes set abroad.

The 6-foot-7-inch forward is looking to capitalize on a breakout senior year — where he led the Black Bears in points, rebounds and steals per game, while tallying the most minutes on the team and taking and making the most free throws — and play professional basketball in Europe.

"I think it's awesome," Barnies said. "How many people can say they're getting paid for doing what they dreamed about — what they love?"

Barnies finished the season averaging 14.3 points per game, while pulling down almost eight rebounds per contest.

As far as what team he'd play for or even in which country, it's far too early to tell.

"I haven't heard anything from teams," Barnies said. "I work out on my own until around June then head for tryouts and workouts with teams over the summer. I'm really new to all this. Everything [Assistant Coach] Doug Leichner tells me I believe. He's been over there and knows the ins and outs.

"The only place I've been outside the U.S. is Canada," Barnies said. "I've never left the country other than that. I don't have a preference [as to where I go] but I want to be on a good team and I want to contribute. Now I want to show everyone in the world what I can do."

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Troy Barnies
Senior forward
UMaine men's basketball

trying to figure out life after UMaine, which not too long ago appeared to be a life without basketball.

"I hadn't really thought about [playing overseas] until this year," he said. "Playing college ball until my junior year, I wasn't as productive as I would have wanted to

be. It really just came up in the last couple months. I wanted to keep playing, but I didn't know how serious I would take it."

The Auburn native got a late start on the basketball court, aspiring to become a football player at a young age. But after a growth spurt in middle school, Barnies turned

in the pigskin for the round ball.

"I was a football player growing up and always wanted to play football at the college level," he said. "I got a growth spurt in seventh or eighth grade and [Edward Little High School coach Mike Adams] tried to recruit me. I didn't make the seventh grade team but I made the eighth grade team and was a big goof and didn't know what I was doing."

Barnies quickly developed into his newly acquired height and was ready to play come high school.

"I grew into my athletic ability around ninth grade," he said. "When I made varsity I figured I had the chance to do something and as I got older I took it way more serious. My mentality going into any game was I always wanted to win and be the best. It took me a couple years of work to get where I am. I was really horrible, no joke."

"What we saw at our summer program was this tall, gangly kid with some potential," Adams said. "He wasn't this physical presence; he made himself into what he is. He ended up being a dream to coach. He gives me too much credit. He's done this with hard work." That tenacity didn't stay behind at Edward Little, as Barnies gained a reputation for leaving everything on the court and not taking plays off, which translated well for UMaine during their success this season.

"I said to Troy that his college career emulated his high school," Adams said. "He averaged two points a game for us as a cornrows-clad freshman. He ended up getting better every year until he averaged 23 points per game his senior year."

Although there were high points for Barnies and UMaine this season, such as starting the conference season 8-1, and beating both the University of Massachusetts and Penn State by double digits on the road, it turned out to be a disappointing end, especially for Barnies, who then thought he just played his last game.

"After my last game, I was very emotional for a couple days," Barnies said. "Four years of hard work with all my teammates — it does emotionally affect me. I had some ups and downs here but I wouldn't say I have any regrets. The only thing I wish is that I played all four

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Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Sox top AL East preview

By Liam Nee
For The Maine Campus

In no other division can you win 85 games and come in fourth place, and it may be hard to believe, but the best division in baseball improved this off-season by totally dominating the hot stove.

The American League East will most definitely showcase a breathtaking division race in 2011 with a great chance of all five teams finishing with winning percentages. It'll also be home to the team that represents the American League in this year's World Series.

1. Boston Red Sox — Last Year: 3rd Place, 7 GB (89-73)

Boston had the most productive and beneficial off-season of all 30 teams. The club's blockbuster moves came within a span of three days during December when they traded with San Diego for slugging first baseman Adrian Gonzalez and signed four-time All-Star outfielder Carl Crawford just two days later.

Gonzalez and Crawford join what is already a respectable lineup that includes 2008 MVP second baseman Dustin Pedroia, perfectionist infielder Kevin Youkilis, fan favorite six-time All-Star designated hitter David Ortiz and speedy outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury.

Losing catcher Victor Martinez might seem like a blow, but the platoon of replacement 25-year-old Jarrod Saltalamacchia and captain Jason Varitek will not disappoint.

The Red Sox's pitching rotation is the best it's been in years with five pitchers combining for five All-Star appearances, two no-hitters, five World Series rings and an average age of 29. Lefty Jon Lester will be the team's ace after a 2010 season where he was fourth in the majors in both wins and strikeouts with 19 and 225 respectively.

Expect another excellent year from 26-year-old Clay

See MLB on B5

UMaine baseball hits the road to New Jersey

Black Bears travel for final road test in Fairleigh Dickinson University Classic before returning to Mahaney Diamond

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Although they may never use it as an excuse, the University of Maine baseball team is homesick.

In fact, the Black Bears' only "home" game — when they played Rollins College in Florida — they won 5-4.

Even though they face it every year, this road trip of 25

inning baseball game, just because something happens in the second inning doesn't mean it's over."

It has shown, as the Black Bears have erupted for 49 runs in their six victories, while only 57 in their 15 losses.

After a difficult start to their last series, when UMaine dropped three out of four games to Rider University, the Black Bears look to right the ship in

"We need to make the simple plays. We did one aspect of playing ball right and in another aspect we didn't do so well."

Taylor Lewis
Junior center fielder
UMaine baseball

straight games to start the season is a brutal test of mental fortitude, especially for the young guys.

"This is all on the mental side of the game," Head Coach Steve Trimper said. "It's one of the things we're working on. I hate blaming youth, however, I see some of our younger players have a hard time coming back. They need to learn to overcome adversity. It's a nine-

their last weekend away, before coming home, playing four games split between Fairleigh Dickinson University and St. Peter's College in New Jersey.

"We're trying to find that batting order that works best for us," junior center fielder Taylor Lewis said. "We've been mixing that up a lot. Also, we need to make the simple plays. Coach talks about it after every game. We did one aspect of playing



File photo

Junior outfielder Taylor Lewis has excelled at the plate for the Black Bears this season.

ball right and in another aspect we didn't do so well."

"We really had a good heart-to-heart talk with the team [after the Rider victory]," Trimper said. "It's a classic case of trying too hard. You're trying so

hard that you're actually failing. The guys put so much pressure on themselves when there are non-pressure situations. We had a good talk and it just loosened us up."

The Black Bears look to

build off of the victory over the Broncos, which Trimper said was one of their best played games of the season.

"We need to wrap our heads around playing a little looser, and when we did that we played

one of the best games of the year," Trimper said. "We had timely hitting, we had great pitching from [sophomore] Stephen Perakslis and some guys

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