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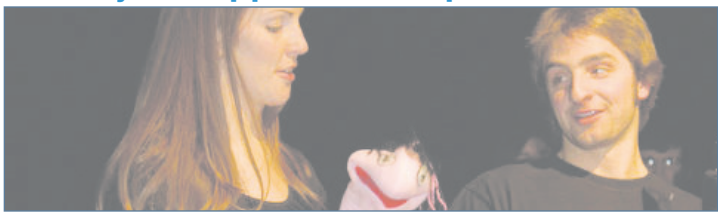
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Maine's job outlook grim for 2012 class, economists warn

Though unemployment is down, grads far outpacing anticipated jobs

By Jamison Cocklin
State Editor

The jobs outlook for many of Maine's 2012 college graduates has only slightly improved since last year, and hiring prospects remain grim for those who wish to stay within the state, despite modest economic growth and waning unemployment, some experts say.

The forecast comes against a backdrop of the conflicting factors that weigh into employers' decisions to hire those who have recently graduated.

On Friday, the United States Department of Commerce reported that the economy has enjoyed some of its most robust growth in more than a year and a half. It announced that the nation's economic output grew at an annualized rate of 2.8 percent in the fourth quarter, stemming last summer's fears of a second recession, and for now, instilling a sense of security in the still feeble recovery.

Similarly, the Federal Reserve said Jan. 25 that the economy is expected to grow at a rate of 3.2 percent next year and up to 4 percent in 2014.

However, the Fed also solidified plans to stimulate borrowing and keep short-term interest rates near zero until late 2014, an indication that the

weak housing market, scarce employment and the European debt crisis still threaten a lethargic American recovery.

Such realities loom large over Maine and play an integral part in local employers' decisions to take a chance by hiring graduates, according to University of Maine economist James McConnon.

"It's a lot better this year than it was last. Employment, gross domestic product and income have all picked up a bit," McConnon said, "but in terms of launching high growth rates or witnessing the kind of growth the economy needs right now, we're nowhere near where we need to be."

In Maine, the unemployment rate remained at 7 percent in December, according to the Maine Department of Labor. The number of unemployed totaled 48,700, down 3,800 from a year ago.

At the same time, the national unemployment rate was 8.5 percent, down from 9.4 percent a year ago.

"Businesses in general are in pretty good shape in terms of profitability," McConnon said.

"So there's room for optimism in thinking that 2012 will be a better year for job seekers."

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Ron Paul addresses the crowd packed into the Union Street Church in Bangor on the first stop of his Maine weekend tour.

Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief

Ron Paul campaigns in Bangor

On two-day Maine swing, GOP presidential candidate touts small government

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

BANGOR — The crowd jammed into the Union Street Church in Bangor, known locally as the Brick Church, quieted when Paul Madore, Maine chairman for Texas Republican Rep. Ron Paul's presidential campaign, stepped up to the podium.

He had just begun to in-

troduce the candidate when the room erupted in applause. People leapt from their seats or craned their necks from the standing-room section that wrapped around the perimeter of the church, struggling to see the candidate as he entered and took the stage, smiling and waving.

A thunderous chant of "Ron Paul" solidified from what began as unfocused, overlapping

cheers. No introduction was necessary.

"We have not come here today to win an election," Madore said before ceding the microphone to Paul. "We have come here to change the course of history."

Paul's remarks, which kicked off a two-day tour of Maine, took him to Colby College and then Lewiston on Friday. Saturday, he appeared

at the University of Southern Maine's Gorham campus, Freeport and Alfred.

His Bangor talk ranged from what he views as the fallacy of the entitlement mentality to the overarching need for personal liberty. He celebrated the effect his message has had on energizing young voters and said he was pleased with

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Trustees vote to raze 11 University Park homes

Tenant wishes for earlier notification while UMaine schedules demolitions, saying units past their usefulness

By Brittany Toth
Local Editor

Eleven families at the University of Maine's University Park learned last week they'll need new apartments come July.

"It was such a shock," said Devin Reilly, current three-bedroom tenant at University Park.

On Jan. 23, the University of Maine System's board of trustees approved the demolition of 10 outdated three-bedroom duplexes at the park, located off College Avenue in Old Town, as part of a more than \$1.3 million renovation project.

University Park was constructed in the 1960s. Several renovations have taken place since, including heating system upgrades and siding and roof improvements.

"Those are 50-year-old apartments," said Dan Sturup, interim director of Auxiliary Services at UMaine. "They are pretty much past their useful lives."

Residents of the three-bedroom apartments will not be able to renew leases when they end on June 30, which has left at least one frustrated.

"There's nothing wrong with these places. These are the best of the best around here," said Reilly, a 33-year-old nursing student and a single mother of two daughters, ages 7 and 12.

During a visit by The Maine Campus, Reilly's apartment was well-kept but for boxes and household items near the front door, ready for a quick move. The kitchen shows its age, but



Devin Reilly stands in the doorway of her University Park apartment, which has been scheduled for demolition.

Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief

the walls were a bright white, and floors weren't cracked or beat up.

"They say that these are way too outdated to live in, and that blows my mind," Reilly said.

And Reilly said the first time she found out about the demolition and

renovations was Monday night, after the trustees meeting.

"I wish they would have given us some kind of warning," she said. "I moved here from Howland. I never would have done it if I knew this."

Due to the inconvenience, Stur-

rup said his office is assisting the 11 families affected by the renovations in order to make their move as easy as possible, including providing boxes and packing tape to residents who want it.

"I have asked them all to contact

me to see what we can do for accommodations as the summer approaches," he said.

Reilly said she only received 8 used boxes and some packing tape and doesn't feel Sturup and Auxiliary Services are committed to helping families relocate.

"To me, don't say, 'I'm going to work with you individually and am committed to helping you move,' and then send me eight boxes and a half a roll of packing tape,'" Reilly said.

She also said she heard a rumor from a neighbor that Auxiliary Services is paying for certain moves.

"We are not renting a moving company," said Sturup in response to Reilly's suspicions. "We are using our own staff and our own trucks."

"One tenant asked if there was a way we could help them move, meaning possibly provide a truck and a driver. I said, 'Absolutely,'" he added. "Certainly we will do everything we can within reason to assist these families."

Student Sen. Mark Brunton, a friend of Reilly's, said he doesn't understand why the residents have to move out.

"I'm a nontraditional student," he said. "I have a family. I see that as my constituency, and this looks to me like they are targeting this demographic."

Brunton said the the General Student Senate's Services Committee discussed the University Park issue in a Friday meeting. He also dis-

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UMF second Maine campus with tobacco ban

By Chris Chase
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine at Farmington’s smoking ban, similar to the University of Maine’s, officially took effect on Jan. 1.

The ban, which resulted from work done by the UMF Tobacco Task Force, is currently going through a trial period similar to what was done at UMaine last year before the ban became mandatory at the start of this semester.

“It’s still in what we like to call the warning stage,” said Dwight Cram, a public safety officer at UMF. “So far we have only had a couple of complaints.”

The entire campus is now considered a no-smoking area, including athletic fields and parking lots.

The decision to move toward a smoke-free campus is becoming more and more common across the country, with more than 500 campuses nationwide

now following a completely smoke-free policy.

So far, UMaine and UMF are the only University of Maine System schools to have instituted smoking bans.

The decision, aimed at improving campus health, has not been received without criticism. “For the most part, students are reacting pretty well to the campus-wide ban on smoking,” said Aaron Poirier, president of the UMF Campus Resident Council. “There are people who feel strongly about the issue on both sides, with those who disagree with the ban being a bit more vociferous in their opinions.”

Poirier feels the ban has not gone unnoticed and he said the campus did a good job in making sure it was going to take effect.

“The ban has been quite well publicized,” Poirier said. “Thanks to a publicity campaign consisting of emails from administration, an update to our student handbook and a barrage of posters and fliers that

were put up all around campus during our winter break, I can safely say that the majority of our campus community knows about the ban.”

Although there is a lot of support, some smokers feel the ban infringes on their rights. “There are some organizations

“It has been quiet in this initial stage,” said Celeste Branham, UMF’s vice president for student and community services. “However, I do know that students who comprise the organization [UMF’s chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy] are trying to

“It’s still in what we like to call the warning stage.”

Dwight Crum
Public safety officer
University of Maine at Farmington

on campus that are currently working to overturn the ban through petitions and appeals to UMF’s administration,” Poirier said.

In spite of the relative lack of enforcement in the early stages coupled with a lack of vocal protest, there is still a movement to get the policy repealed.

get a petition going to rescind the tobacco-free policy.”

So far, the ban has remained in place with little discussion of a change. However, since it is still in the preliminary stages, many of the official practices haven’t taken effect yet.

“It’s actually too soon to gauge,” Branham said. “The

policy went into effect on Jan. 1, so it’s in its very early infancy. Thus far, I can honestly say that there has been no detectable difference on the periphery of the campus, and no complaints have been received from the Farmington community.”

For now, the policy will remain a courtesy-based one, transgressors will be given a copy of the policy and what punishments it will entail in the future. It will take full effect in September 2012.

“We are still hammering out the likely consequences for noncompliance,”Branhamsaid. For Branham, the policy is an important step for UMF, and any opposition will be up against staunch supporters of a smoke-free campus.

“I assume I will be the recipient of any petition,” Branham said of the opposition. “But I can say the President’s Council, of which I am a member, will not step back on this decision insofar as the judge-

ment to create a tobacco-free environment was grounded in the protection of the health and well-being of our entire community.”

With UMaine’s mandatory smoking ban having been in effect for month now minimal reaction has been noticed on campus and no groups have surfaced with the intention of repealing the ban, despite initial indignation when the ban was announced in 2010.

According to The Free Press, the University of Southern Maine’s student newspaper, USM faculty senate voted against a similar policy last May. Students and faculty there were set to meet Jan. 4 to renew discussion on the policy.

The Free Press also reported that the University of Maine at Fort Kent is developing a tobacco-use policy. Text of the proposed policy on the university’s website shows the campus’ endeavor to “develop an environment supportive of tobacco-free lifestyles.”

Students, staff solicited for UM plan, say interdisciplinary focus needed

By Anne Chase
For The Maine Campus

The need for more interdisciplinary collaboration throughout the University of Maine was stressed at an installment in the Interdisciplinary Research Initiative discussion series on Thursday in Stodder Hall.

Linda Silka, director of the Margaret Chase Smith Public Policy Center, facilitated the discussion.

Members of the faculty and administration, as well as others affiliated with the campus, met to brainstorm strategies for implementing UMaine President Paul Ferguson’s Blue Sky Project, overseen by the Strategic Planning Initiative.

The goal of the SPI is to create a realistically ambitious report of changes to improve all aspects of the university. According to a message from Ferguson posted on the SPI’s website, the Blue Sky Project will be unveiled in April.

The project seeks to establish a firm understanding of the state of the university, collaborate on a vision for UMaine’s trajectory over the next five to seven years and place all that information in a fiscally responsible framework.

This is not the first discussion the university has had of this nature, but enhanced cooperation between all university departments and offices is expected to yield different results this time.

“The great thing is we are doing this together again,” Silka said.

The Interdisciplinary Research Initiative works toward cooperation between departments. Some areas have historicall had joint appointments.

“In the library, we have been in collaboration on many projects and it has enriched us. But collaboration is hard,” said Gretchen Gfeller, head of public relations for Fogler Library.

Dan Sandweiss, dean and associate provost for graduate studies, praised graduate students for pushing faculty toward change.

“Grad students take us on that journey faster than we are ready,” he said.

“Students have a much broader thought on what they want to bring to their world,” said graduate student Jane Forrester-Winn.

It was suggested during discussion that the faculty that has been around the longest is the most resistant to change, and the idea of focusing on interdisciplinary research is no exception.

“Reach out to those pulling back to give them that support system to branch out,” Gfeller said, suggesting a way to increase the campus’ comfort with research or programs that cross disciplinary lines.

Not all faculty members have the same types of appointments. Some spend more time teaching in the classroom, while others spend the majority of their time doing research. The time commitment associated with both can make it difficult for departments to collaborate.

Also discussed were faculty members who work on outside projects with other departments in their free time, even though they do not believe that project will contribute a tenure appointment. Findings are often published outside a contributor’s discipline. This can make it difficult for a committee to look at a joint project.

A higher emphasis on research between departments would benefit all faculty because they would be “free to be rewarded on a broader continuum,” Sandweiss said.

When it comes to graduate students looking toward interdisciplinary studies, the question of which department “owns” the students comes into play. One of the main concerns is which program guidelines a student will follow in order to earn a degree. Sandweiss said in these cases the faculty must “take the time to design the program that will

fit the student.”

One faculty member pointed out that students between disciplines often lack camaraderie. There are few people to discuss their ideas with, and they don’t feel at home in either discipline.

The School of Policy and International Affairs is unique in that it has no faculty. Instead professors from other areas come together in order to instruct students.

“Everything we do is interdisciplinary,” said James Settele, deputy director for SPIA, which offers 20 courses at the graduate level.

Tracking the background of new hires was a recurring theme throughout the discussion. Settele estimated 90 percent of new hires come from a background of interdisciplinary research. In order to promote interdisciplinary research at UMaine, Sandweiss suggested that “every new hire should be a joint appointment.”

Another point raised was the need for a database of research occurring within the university. The database would be an easy way for faculty, staff and students to access people conducting similar studies. Researchers would be able to update the database as needed.

Attendees were asked to submit their one-page ideas to the Blue Sky Project website, where they will be visible for others to read and comment on. According to Silka, the leadership team “will be looking for synergies and commonalities.”

Campus selects Scardina as editor for 2012-13 year

Staff Report

Sports Editor Jesse Scardina has been selected to be The Maine Campus’ editor in chief for the 2012-13 school year.

Scardina, a third-year journalism student at the University of Maine, will replace Michael Shepherd, a journalism and political science student graduating in May. Shepherd has worked at the newspaper since September 2009 and edited it since May 2010. Scardina was hired as sports editor in April 2010.

“It’s an honor to be the next editor in chief of Maine’s most important student publication,” Scardina said. “With the two years of experience I’ve had here, I feel prepared to take this next step.”

During Shepherd’s tenure, The Maine Campus won The



Scardina

Society of Professional Journalists’ award for best non-daily college newspaper in 2010 within a region stretching from Maine to Pennsylvania. In 2011, it was recognized by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors as New England’s best college newspaper. Scardina said preliminary planned changes for the newspaper include an expanded online and new media presence and a leaner, more web-oriented staff.

“I have faith that Jesse will continue the progress all Campus editors have, turning the paper into what UMaine students need — a faster, more comprehensive online outlet with an ever more dependable print product,” Shepherd said. “He’ll serve the UMaine community well.”

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cussed plans to talk to Sturrup about it in an upcoming meeting and bring a resolution to the senate floor.

“I’m planning to probably introduce a resolution to encourage the administration to reconsider,” said Brunton, who learned about the demolitions from Reilly.

Brunton also said he doesn’t understand why current residents in the three-bedroom apartments can’t stay until they are done with school.

“Let them finish school, move out at the end and don’t rent out their apartment,” he said. “Retire [apartments] as they become available.”

According to a letter Sturrup sent to tenants, trustees allocated University Park \$1.3 million for renovations, which would include new fire sprinklers and upgraded life safety devices.

The letter also said that ventilation systems would be renovated to include new exhaust fans and units will be upgraded to improve air quality. Other renovation projects, which have not been disclosed, will take place over the summer.

According to Sturrup, disruptions for those not forced to move as a result of the renovations will be minimal.

At the end of the semester, nine residents would have preferred to stay at University Park, according to Sturrup, who said the units don’t absolutely need to be torn down by July 1.

“I have already worked with four of them who just need a couple more months and we are able to accommo-

date that,” he said. “If they qualify for a two-bedroom, they can certainly downgrade to a two-bedroom.”

Housing Services website says in order to qualify for a two-bedroom unit, tenants are allowed up to four people, at least one of whom must be a child. In a three-bedroom apartment, up to six people are allowed and two must be children.

“I hate moving my kids around,” Reilly said. “I never would have moved, never, if I had known that I wouldn’t be able to stay here till I graduated. I do all of this on my own.”

Reilly, who qualifies to move into a two-bedroom apartment, said she couldn’t live in one.

“My kids fight,” she said. “I couldn’t live like that.”

She also explained that, since moving to University Park, many of the three-bedroom apartments have been left empty despite people wanting to move in.

“They say they aren’t vacant, but there have been all kinds of empty apartments around here,” Reilly said.

Reilly, who has terminated her lease, is moving out of University Park on Tuesday.

“I want to get it done and move on with my semester,” she said. “It’s not like they are kicking me out.”

Sturrup said the empty lots from the demolished units will be left empty for now.

“We will revisit University Park in about 15 years,” he said. “What we needed to do was downsize so we could afford to do all the work required.

“Our goal is to build a new University Park. We just can’t do it now.”

University of Maine Briefs

Vagina Monologues to be performed

The Vagina Monologues will be performed at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 and Feb. 11 in Room 100 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. Tickets will be \$6 with a MaineCard and \$8 for nonstudents. They will be available Feb. 8, 9 and 10 in the Memorial Union or at the door. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Spruce Run, the Mabel Wadsworth Center and Rape Response Services.

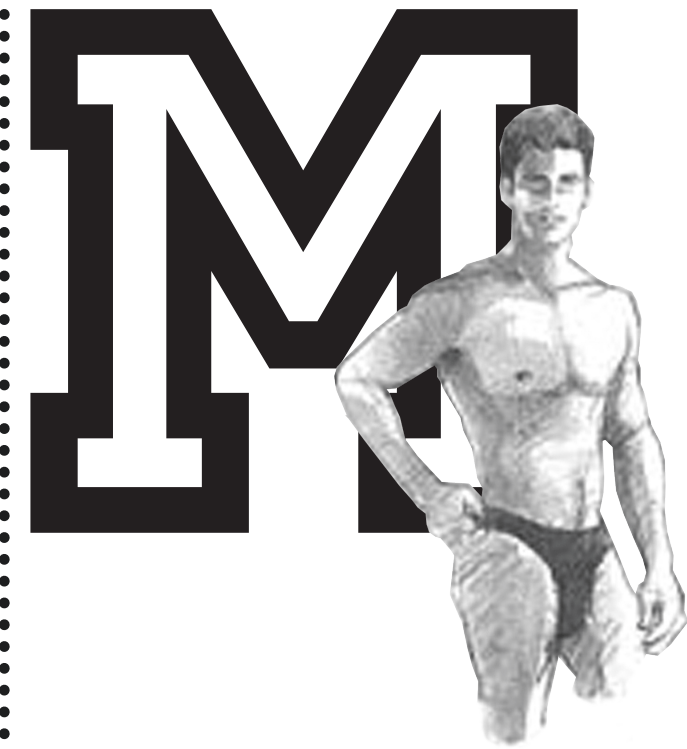
Special Olympics seeking volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the 2012 Special Olympics, which are scheduled for Feb. 13 and 14 at Hermon Mountain, approximately 25 minutes from campus. Shifts last

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 13 and from 8 a.m. to noon on Feb. 14. Those interested should contact Samantha Wood on FirstClass by Feb. 1.

Career Fair slated for Wednesday

The University of Maine Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 1 in the New Balance Student Recreation Center. Approximately 85 companies will attend the fair, including representatives from AmeriCorps, IDEXX and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. A complete list of employers is available on the Career Center’s website. Attendees are urged to dress professionally and bring multiple copies of their resumes.



NIGHT SHIFT: MAKING BAGELS DOWNTOWN

Bagel Central's baked goods prepared by hand overnight

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

BANGOR — Dough is in both mixers when I make it to the kitchen of Bagel Central at 4 p.m. on Sunday. A teenage boy is getting ready to clean the café floor. I knock on the window to get his attention, pointing toward the locked door with an “I belong here” smile.

The emphatic nodding convinces him, but when I get inside, I learn the bakers forgot I was coming.

The big mixer in the corner is churning a load of dough for cinnamon raisin bagels, but the sweet smell of cinnamon is only clear right next to the machine in the busy kitchen. The small mixer stands on the opposite side of the partition in the middle of the kitchen, laboring over buckwheat bread dough.

Both of the bakers are named Scott, but I meet Scott Bryson first. I'm not sure if we should shake hands, as he'll be wrist deep in dough in a matter of minutes.

A dedicated staff

Bryson has worked at Bagel Central for 17 years, and no movement is wasted after years of repetition. Even when he leans around me to peer at the camera bouncing lightly on my far hip, he seems to be a whirl of purposeful energy.

“What is that? A 20D?” he asks, and it's clear he knows more about the camera than I.

He was down on Pemaquid Point that morning taking photographs of the coast. Nine of his prints are arranged in a square on the brick wall above the cooler out front that holds the cream cheese and salads. He asks which camera setting I'll be using, and when I take too long to answer, he leans over again and sees I have it on automatic.

“At least put it on program,” he begs. Later I let him check how the pictures are coming out, and he concedes that they're all right, decrying the harsh, fluorescent lights overhead.

I meet Scott Babcock second. He's worked at Bagel Central for eight years.

“Actually, when I started out, it was just going to be a once-a-month deal when the other guys were out on vacation,” he said.

Another worker was let go,

so Babcock has filled the void ever since.

“My favorite employees are those who've never had another job,” Sonya Eldridge, the café's owner, told me during an interview earlier in the week. “They're young. When they come, I know they haven't worked at McDonald's and been taught the franchise way and learned other people's bad habits.”

The Scotts' lengthy employment at the café is no anomaly. On Sunday, Bryson is filling in for a cousin who is on his honeymoon, a 10-year veteran of the kitchen. Eldridge has been here the longest.

“I worked for the previous owner for 17 years, and he and his wife wanted to retire,” she told me. “In 1998, I bought it from them.”

She also moved it from its old location just up the street, where Thai Siam is now, to its current 33 Central Street address in 2000.

The cliché of restaurant owners living in their businesses to make sure they stay afloat doesn't apply to Eldridge. She said she only spends about 40 hours a week there, but the first few years she ran the café didn't go as smoothly.

“It was scary,” she said. “I had two young kids, and they were here with me a lot. When they were sick from school, they came in here and slept on the flour bags.”

Trial and error

The rhythmic thumping of marbled rye dough on the floured wooden table top underlays conversation in the kitchen. Bryson's hands move as if on their own, searching out air pockets and flattening dough into long snakes, ripping it off in hunks long enough to wrap around his palm, and rolling the seam together to shape a bagel. It lands on a wooden paddle with a soft pat that sounds like a conclusion.

“I don't have it down. He has it down,” Bryson says, nodding toward Babcock. “And my cousin is stupid fast. You wouldn't get pictures of him.”

The oven he set to preheat earlier is starting a muffled groan, a whirring roar that promises to get louder. The oven is taller than any of us, and I'm leaning against its side beneath stickers professing pride in the Boston Red

Sox and the New England Patriots. A third sticker assures me there's no crying in baseball but offers a snide aside that there may be tears in New York. Later, the oven will scream a single high note when the bagels and loaves of bread are ready to come out.

“There's a very fine line between mixing and overmixing,” Bryson says. The swirls of the marbled rye are still distinct, but I worry his incessant pounding and pulling will darken the dough too much.

“It's trial and error,” Babcock calls over his shoulder with his head inside the big mixer.

He has pulled the cinnamon raisin dough out and bundled it into a plastic bag. It's placed on the counter out front so the dough can rise. The bag, they tell me, keeps the heat and moisture inside the dough until they're ready to shape it into loaves or circles.

I'm watching the dough under Bryson's hands intently, and he can tell I'm itching to see how it feels for myself, so he tells me to wash my hands.

We stand on opposite sides of the table and he nudges a chunk of dough toward me. I watch his hands and try to mimic his movements, but the dough is lighter, airier than I expected, and my fingers feel clumsy and slow. As soon as I think I have it rolled to the right thickness, I let up the pressure under my fingers, and it springs back to a bulky clump.

“It's dried out a bit,” Bryson says, as if the trouble I'm having is the fault of the dough and not mine.

We put my six bagels on the wooden paddle and I carry it over to the adapted Frialator used to boil water to cook the bagels. They only need to stay in for about 30 seconds to a minute.

“The trick is to not let the tip touch the water,” Bryson says.

I'm so worried about letting the tip of the paddle touch the water that I dump the bagels in from too far a height, and boiling water splashes over the sides of the Frialator. We wait a moment, and I use a mesh bowl with a long handle to fish them out.

“They hide in the corners,” he warns.

A film of flour floats on the water's surface, and trying to

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Beth Kevit • News Editor

Bagel Central (above) is located at 33 Central Street in Bangor. Bagels are hand-made before every day the restaurant is open. Raw bagels (left) are boiled before they are baked.



After bagels are boiled, seasoning is sprinkled over them (right) and then they are baked.



Scott Bryson (above), a Bagel Central employee for 17 years, arranges raw marbled rye bagels before they are boiled. He puts finished bagels (right) in racks behind the registers.



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Jobs

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McConnon said an increase in consumer spending both across Maine and the nation has helped employers' bottom lines, something he said makes for a rosier outlook for graduates seeking work.

However, he noted employers are still cautious, which could erect barriers for many graduates looking to start their careers. "I can't tell you that engineering or retail or any specific markets are better or worse off," he said. "But I can tell you that even though consumer spending, savings accounts and GDP are improving, they're not improving at the rates we need to regain the jobs we lost during the recession."

The Maine Department of Labor's employment outlook report — which projected trends over the 10-year period from 2008 to 2018 — forecasts job opportunities in Maine will be concentrated in service-providing industries, education, health services, professional and business services, and the hospitality and leisure industries.

Last week, Merrill Huhtala, manager of the Occupational Employment Statistics Program at the MDOL, said job openings for graduates in Maine will remain relatively scarce within the next few years.

For instance, according to the outlook report, job openings for those graduating with a bachelor's degree in Maine are predicted to remain around 1,884 per year until 2018, "which is not a lot when you consider how many students graduate with a bachelor's degree in the state each year," Huhtala said.

By comparison, the University of Maine System, responsible for overseeing the state's seven public colleges and universities, awarded 5,815 degrees in the 2010-2011 academic year, of which 2,541 were bachelor's degrees, according to its annual report.

Huhtala added that job prospects, in this sense, do not depend on a student's level of education. Instead, the MDOL tracks the number of jobs expected to open in the state that will require a specific degree.

For instance, he said students in the "highest level

of the educational pyramid," such as those with advanced degrees, should expect a 5.4 percent growth rate, or about 242 job openings in Maine each year until 2018.

In September, the National Association of Colleges and Employers conducted a survey that pointed to "cautious hiring plans for the college class of 2012."

Overall, it found that employers who took part in the survey expected to hire 9.5 percent more graduates in 2012 than they hired in 2011.

"In general many employers say they are focusing on replacement hires — individuals who are being brought in to fill the positions of exiting employees," said Marilyn Mackes, the NACE executive director, in a statement released with the survey.

McConnon added that reduced spending on the local, state and federal levels, in addition to large public sector layoffs and the European debt crisis, will combine to threaten the nascent recovery and restrain any spur in hiring.

"But we're seeing slight improvements and glimmers of optimism," he said.

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how his ideas were being received.

He discussed the need for a balanced budget and reduced government spending, claiming that adhering more strictly to the Constitution would have been influential in avoiding financial crisis.

"We got to this point where just printing more money, spending more money, doesn't seem to be working, and that's why they're giving our ideas a lot more attention," Paul said. "Even with last night's [debate in Florida], they've started to respect what we're talking about."

"We as a people have allowed our politicians and our courts to just plain ignore the Constitution," he continued, going so far as saying politicians have acted "outside the rule of law" by establishing regulatory bodies not provided for by the founding fathers, explicitly mentioning the Department of Education.

"It's the lack of respect for the rule of law that has gotten us into this mess," Paul said. Paul addressed the "entitlement" mentality, saying it sounded "pretty good" in theory but claiming it is not a feasible or allowable aim for government to pursue. He added that "socialist, communist nations" have the goal of perfect equality but said governments' attempts to attain that equality are damaging to society.

"We as individuals are entitled to our life, to our liberty, but we're not entitled to someone else's life or liberty," he said.

"Yes, they're equal," he added later, "but they're equally harmed by what the government has done."

He transitioned to the need for protecting private property and advocated a reining-in of federal security measures that, in his opinion, are ineffective.

"We should never be tempted to give up liberty to be any safer, because it won't make us better," Paul said, specifically mentioning full-body scanners used by the Transportation Security Adminis-

tration at airports around the country.

Earlier this month, TSA agents at Nashville International Airport blocked Sen. Rand Paul, Ron Paul's son and a Kentucky Republican, from boarding a flight to Washington after an "anomaly" was detected on a scanner and Rand Paul refused a full-body pat-down. He missed his flight but was able to board a different plane later.

Ron Paul targeted the Patriot Act, arguing for its repeal. He also addressed SOPA, shorthand for the recently controversial Stop Online Piracy Act bill proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill was killed Jan. 20 when Rep. Lamar Smith, the Texas Republican who sponsored it, pulled it from consideration.

"The Internet is the weapon of liberty as far as I'm concerned," Paul said. "There's a continuous attack on our liberties."

Paul promised, if elected, to cut government spending by \$1 trillion in his first year as president and to only go to war if a formal declaration of war were issued.

"We will not be going to war at any whim," he said, adding that President Barack Obama has been "expanding wars" and some legislators in Washington "can't wait to start a war with the Iranians."

"I don't want to be the policeman of the world," he continued.

Paul wrapped up his remarks by turning to suggestions for balancing the federal budget, stipulating that he would return to the 2006 baseline budget.

"We must cut, and there has to be priorities," he said. "I don't see it as sacrifices. ... I think the people who will have to sacrifice are the people who are living off the government."

"Those who are willing to take care of themselves, it's not going to be a sacrifice for you," he continued.

Due to the length of Paul's speech, a Q-and-A session was foregone in order to allow time for supporters to have photos taken with the candidate.

Standing in a line that snaked around the emptied chairs, Eric Lichtenberg, president of the College Re-

publicans at the University of Maine and a fourth-year political science student, said Paul's message was "fantastic."

"Honestly, I would have come for any of the candidates, but Ron Paul's my first choice," he said.

"I like where he stands on the whole liberties issue."

When asked why he thought Paul's message attracted so many younger voters, Lichtenberg answered with a laugh. "Young people like freedom," he said.

At USM, Hastings Formal Lounge was filled to capacity for the speech, with some gathering in an overflow room in Bailey Hall to watch the speech on closed-circuit television. Many of those in attendance were enthusiastic Paul supporters, like Alexandra Mediate, 20, of South Portland.

Mediate, who studied for two years at the University of Southern Maine, said she plans to vote for Paul during the upcoming Maine Republican caucuses, slated to start Feb. 4 and run through Feb. 11.

"I love Ron Paul, he's my favorite candidate," Mediate said. "He gives me faith in politics, a little." Dylan LaJoie, a junior political science student at USM, said while he doesn't always agree with Paul's beliefs, he respects the candidate for consistency.

"For as long as he's been running for office now, his opinions have been staying the same, for the most part," he said.

Back in Bangor, UMaine College Republicans' Cameron Marcotte, a first-year political science student, and Jake DuBois, a third-year business management student, said young people are hearing Paul's message because of a sense of urgency.

"The fact of the matter is, nobody likes being intruded on by the government," Marcotte said.

"I think a lot of people are just frustrated," DuBois said. "They want a successful future."

Noah Hurowitz, news editor for *The Free Press*, USM's weekly student newspaper, contributed reporting from Gorham.

Bagels

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fish the dark-colored bagels out without seeing them is a struggle. The first one I find pops apart as soon as I dump it onto the cooking pan, and Bryson quickly pinches the ends together.

We cook my six bagels on a separate tray so we can keep track of them. Before I leave, Bryson tells me to bring them over so he can inspect them.

"Not too bad. Weak link though, right?" he calls back to Babcock, turning them in his hands and breaking the seams that formed between the bagels as they baked. "That one's good. That'll pass."

He slices two open to check the marbling inside, and while they look dark to me, you can still see ribbons of white throughout them.

"On a scale of one to 10, I'd give you a six," Babcock says, peering over Bryson's shoulder as he continues kneading dough, plain this time.

"Oh, I was going to say seven," Bryson says.

Not really night shift

Babcock says he doesn't really feel like he works a night shift. Tonight he started at 4

p.m. and will likely work until 9 p.m. On weekday nights when the café is open longer, he may still be there until about midnight.

He says he enjoys the free time the job offers him during the day. He has a 2-year-old girl at home and can watch her while his wife works.

"It's not true night shift anyway, not like graveyard," he adds.

But the schedule does get to him.

"You know where I'll be on Super Bowl Sunday? Right here. Everyone else will be at my house eating chili. I'll be making bagels," Babcock says.

Bryson says he doesn't cook when he isn't at work but promises Babcock makes the world's best chili.

"I cook quite a bit actually," Babcock says.

Bryson seems like he's in a rush to move the bagels through. He bounces back and forth between the raw bagels boiling in the Frialator and cooked bagels cooling on their racks out front. After dumping dough into the water, he darts out to unload another tray into the bins behind the registers.

As he separates the bagels and arranges them carefully, his internal timer tells him it's time to pull the boiling bagels,

and he ducks back into the kitchen.

The sound of voices raised over the hum of the oven and overhead fans mixes with the dry clacking of seeds and spices as he shakes them over a tray of steaming wet bagels. My sneakers slip in thin drifts of flour as I try to stay out of his way, feeling somewhat like a wrench in an otherwise well-oiled machine.

He needs to be back in the café tomorrow afternoon, since he helps manage the store when he's not filling in for his cousin.

Bryson doesn't confess any bitterness about the long hours, and after 17 years, it might be that the low turnover at Bagel Central indicates coworkers well-adjusted to and comfortable with each other.

"It's pretty rare, something like this in the restaurant agency," he says.

I pack up my camera to leave, anticipating the knife of cold air that will slice the warm haze of the kitchen, while conversation continues behind me as the Scotts talk about hiking and camping trips they plan to take and birds they are surprised to have seen so early in the year.

As I head for the door, the oven screams again. Another batch is ready.



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Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

Dim giveaway

A University of Maine Police Department officer on patrol at 1:52 a.m. Jan. 27 saw a dark Kia Amanti traveling south on Rangeley Road without lights over the license plate. The driver, Mohammed Alherz, 33, of Orono, was stopped for vehicle defect, and when the officer approached, the smell of alcohol was noticeable. Field sobriety tests led the officer to believe Alherz was under the influence of alcohol, and he was brought back to UMPD, where his blood alcohol level was measured at 0.09 percent. Alherz was arrested for operating under the influence and transported to Penobscot County Jail in Bangor.

BB breakage

UMPD received a report of criminal mischief at 10:28 a.m. Jan. 23. The owner of a Ford F-150 drove to campus from Old Town and noticed during the drive that the back window



had been shot, apparently by a BB gun. Damage is estimated at \$350 to repair.

Foul call

UMPD received a report of a theft at the New Balance Student Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24. A cellphone worth \$250 left in a cubby by the basketball courts was stolen between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Snatched cash

UMPD received a report of a theft at Neville Hall at 1:26 p.m. Jan. 25. Approximately \$200 was stolen from a wallet.

Indirect deposit

UMPD received a report of a theft at the New Balance Student Recreation Center at 9:25 p.m. Jan. 23. A wallet containing credit cards, paychecks and \$80 cash was stolen from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room between 8 and 9 p.m.

Redbox red flag

UMPD received a report of a theft at the New Balance Student

Recreation Center at 2:57 p.m. Jan. 24. A credit card was stolen from a wallet left in a cubby by the basketball courts from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20. The wallet was left behind. Approximately \$60 was charged to the card at a Citgo gas station on Broadway in Bangor and at a Redbox DVD rental kiosk at the Broadway Shopping Center, also in Bangor. UMPD is reviewing surveillance tapes in this case.

Seized shooter

UMPD received an anonymous report of a BB gun in a second-floor room in Knox Hall at 1:02 p.m. Jan. 23, which violates university policy. The BB gun was taken to weapon storage at UMPD, where it will still be accessible to the owner.

Close call

UMPD received a report of a man in distress at the New Balance Student Recreation Center at 3:44 p.m. Jan. 25. The man, 69, of Bangor, exited the sauna and collapsed. According to UMPD, he did not have a pulse after the collapse. A UMPD officer initiated CPR and used the gym's automated external defibrillator to shock the man's heart.

"He was breathing and had a pulse when they left," said UMPD Detective Keith Mercier.

The man was transported to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor for treatment.



Diversions

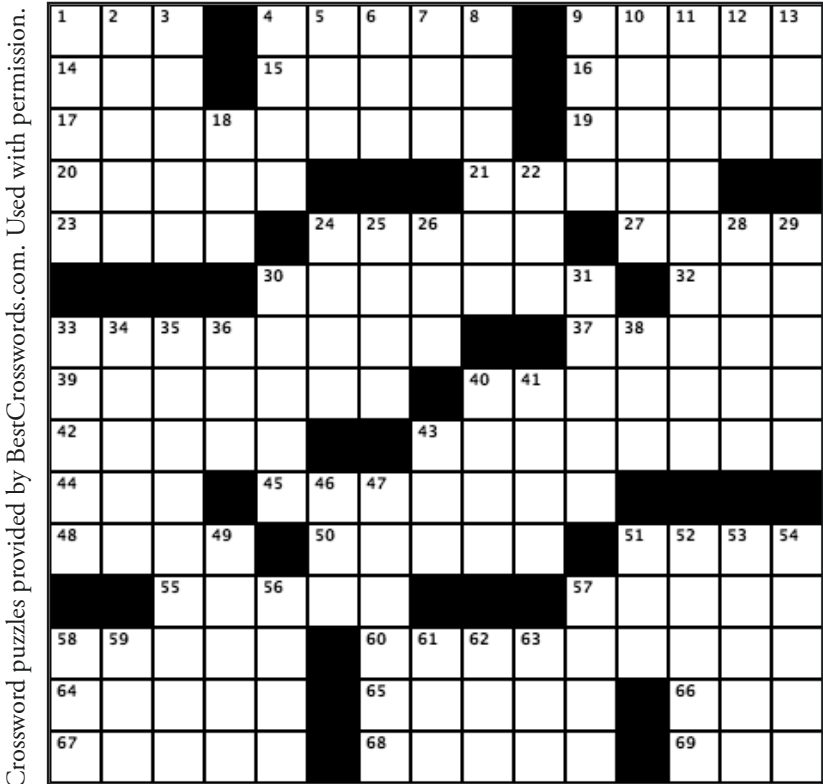
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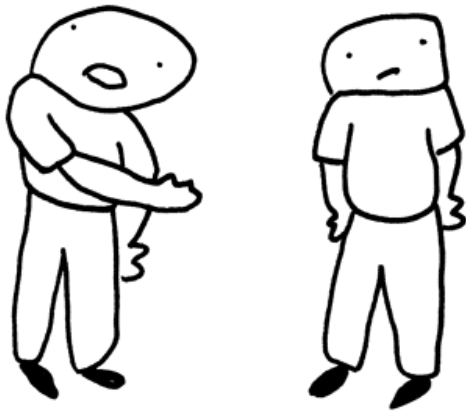
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Answer key in sports

Toothpaste for Dinner

By Drew

i don't watch foreign films... if i wanted to read while people were speaking another language, i'd bring a book to the chinese restaurant



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Euro Zoning

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BIRR	KINA	NEW	RUPIAH
BOLIVAR	KORUNA	DONG	SHILLING
BOLIVIA-	KRONA	NEW KIP	SOM
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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a hidden message.

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Aries - March 21 to April 20 - The long weekend may have felt like an eternity, but your squandered time is about to catch up with you. Stop screwing around and be productive.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - This is a good time for revisiting fond memories, such as listening to an old album or re-reading a favorite book. The more time you spend in the past the less you'll spend obsessing over how lame the present is.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Take a risk this week and seek out a new experience. Your predictable life has sunk you into a bit of a rut, and no one likes being around you.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 -New adventures are just around the corner, so don't lollygag in making that turn. If you accept changes with both arms open, it's easier to drop them if they suck.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Now's the time to start planning for what lies beyond the semester, whether it be relaxation or gainful employment. If the decision is a difficult one, just let your bar tab be the judge.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - The groundhog is about to make its yearly appearance, and the nation is preparing to see its whiskery face. However, it isn't prepared to see yours. Take some pride in your appearance.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 -Something important has been lacking your attention lately, and the consequences are on the verge of spiraling out of control. If you don't act quickly, you'll never get that waistline tamed for bikini season.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - That first test or paper of the semester is the true test of how much of an effort you'll make until May. Just give up now. Lowered expectations make for the most satisfying results.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - A true test of your character is imminent, and how you react to adversity will cement the opinion of someone important to you. From my end, it's not looking good.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 -It's time to stop dwelling on your past mistakes and start looking toward the future. When you make the same mistakes, they won't hurt with an accumulative pain.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Changing opinions will throw you off-kilter this week, so cling to something that gives you a sense of constancy. Your life's constant theme of failure will work if you can't think of anything else.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You've been waiting for the object of your affections for a long time, but be wary of jumping into anything too quickly. Those donuts will still be there tomorrow.

Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Horoscopes

EDITORIAL

University Park units to get razed, tenants left in haze

Moving on can be difficult, but as 11 families currently residing in University of Maine’s University Park can attest, moving out is more arduous.

A University of Maine System board of trustees meeting last week brought about the approval of a motion to demolish 10 three-bedroom apartment units — which are all considered obsolete and more expensive in upkeep than the 26 other buildings at the park — over the upcoming summer.

Whereas the intent of the system trustees is transparent and practical, those occupying the units slated to be razed are presently fighting off the haze of bombardment and bewilderment, having only received word of their pending displacement following the meeting on Monday evening.

Before the decision, 11 families had homes through June and possibly beyond — now their homesteads will be reduced to rubble instead. And all that over the course of a week.

When tenants like Devin Reilly signed their leases and planted their familial roots at University Park, most never expected another uproot so soon.

“I wish they would have given us some kind of warning,” Reilly told The Maine Campus when questioned about the abruptness of the system’s decision. “I moved here from Howland. I never would have done it if I knew this.”

Although the University of Maine System and Auxiliary Services are attempting to make the park relocations as innocuous as possible, the manner in which the information was conveyed to those it most profoundly affected cannot be characterized as laudable.

A decision to completely abolish an entire portion of a rental community does not occur overnight; it takes years of preparation and discussion before solidified.

Residents like Reilly should have been warned about the possibility of their demise at least before the decision. Not doing so bespeaks a lack of responsiveness and respect for the people it’s supposed to represent.

Malice does not appear to be a factor in the trustees’ resolution, but some absence of care does permeate within the discourse between park lessors and renters.

Maybe next time destruction is imminent, the proper authorities will give residents a heads up before they batten down the hatches and prepare for the blast.

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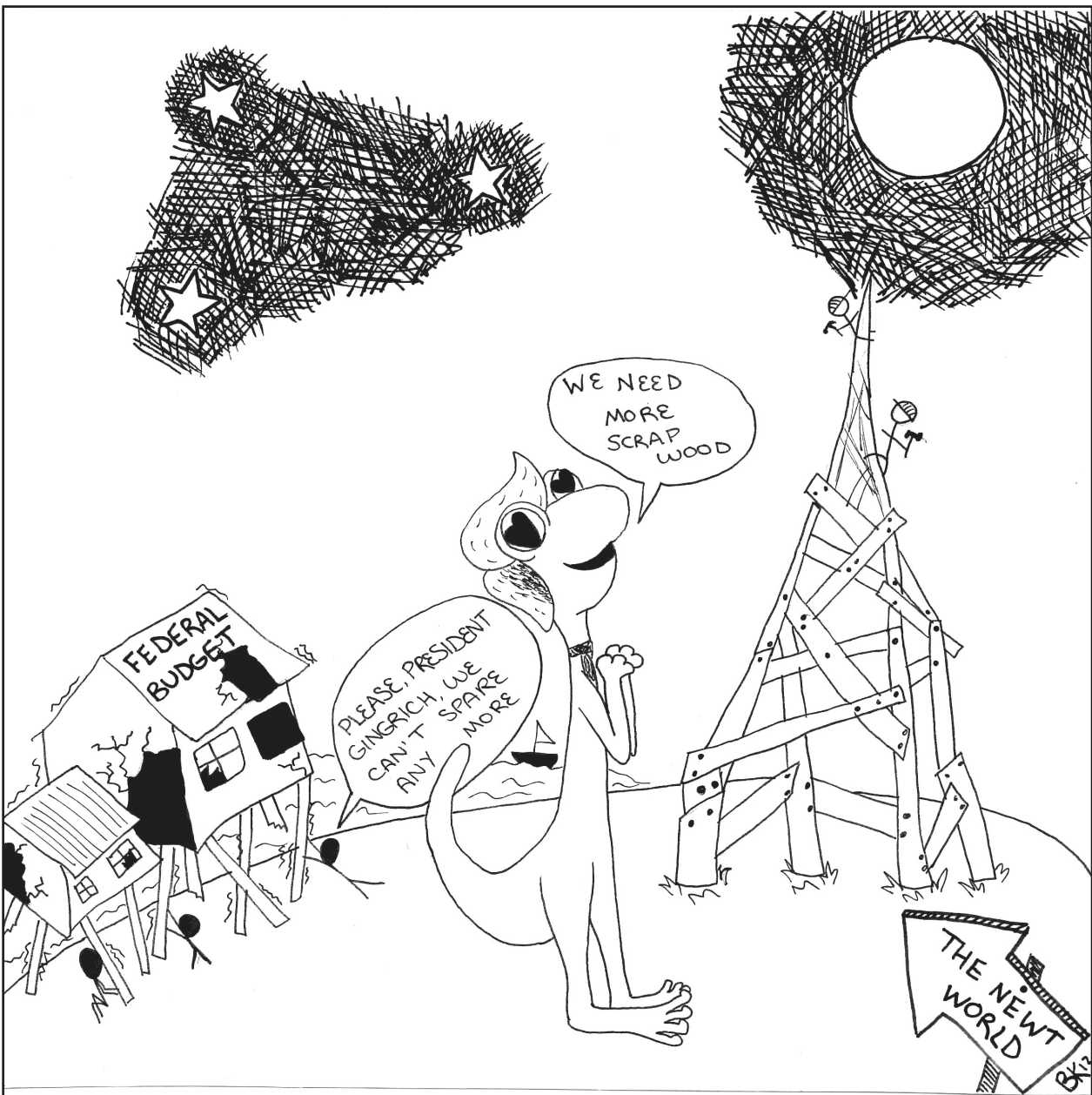
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Slave-labor treachery makes for one bad Apple

The following is food for thought: In case you missed it, on Jan. 26 The New York Times released an extensive investigative report on one of America’s prized technology companies, Apple Inc.

Reporters David Barboza and Charles Durrig revealed the egregious and deplorable conditions under which Apple’s suppliers have forced their workforce to labor under in factories overseas.

No surprise, right? We’ve long known that the very clothing we wear on our backs, as well as many of our other enjoyments, most often come from the sweat shops and children of foreign manufacturing operations.

But Apple, along with fellow technological giants Dell, Motorola, Toshiba and others who are also guilty of slave-labor treachery, have fermented a special place within the hearts and minds of Americans.

Furthermore, as The Times so aptly pointed out, Apple has become one of “the mightiest, richest and most successful companies in the world by mastering global manufacturing.”

They have churned products out with an incredible rapidity, matched only by the modern world’s craving for new and self-involved products like the iPad, iPhone and Macbooks that rule our lives.

Where would we be if it weren’t for our beloved Steve Jobs? At his passing, the country seemed to mourn as if he were the nation’s great father.

On Jan. 24, Apple posted an astronomical profit of \$46.3 billion. However, it would seem that profit was partially built by misery, sweat and toil. Truth be told, despite all their public relations prowess and corporate “transparency,” Apple won’t change a thing. They exist for product and profit alone. Overseas manufacturing delivers products cheaper and faster than any measure of corrective and humane mandates would allow.

The Times conducted interviews with more than a dozen current and former employees and contractors, including executives at sup-



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pliers in China with “first-hand” knowledge of Apple’s supplier responsibility group. Reporters also uncovered, through extensive documentation, the appalling conditions workers operated under at a factory in Chengdu, China, as they labored day in and day out to produce some of Apple’s most popular products.

The Times reported that an explosion at the factory last May, caused by lax safety rules, poor ventilation and combustible aluminum dust, ripped through its upper levels, killing four people and mauling 18 others. Prior to the

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explosion, noxious chemicals used to polish the screens of those beloved iPads and iPhones were found at a supplier in Eastern China, sickening 137 employees.

Moreover, it said Foxconn, one of Apple’s behemoth suppliers, employs throngs of laborers, including underaged workers, who are forced to work “continuous shifts,” six days per week, during a 24-hour cycle. Many of these workers labor for more than 60 hours a week. The highest paid workers, some of whom have college degrees, earn a measly \$22 per day. What’s more, due to backless chairs or no chairs at all at work stations, workers stood so long their “legs swelled so much they waddled.”

At the end of the day, workers return to dorms that house 70,000 people, where many sleep in either closet-sized rooms or three-bedroom apartments stuffed with 20 people. At the end of a work week, The Times reported that many employees had a portion of their pay withheld for not meeting production quotas.

Of course none of this can be blamed on the glorious Apple Inc. The Times reported that Apple has a supplier code of conduct, which calls for either immediate termination or corrective measures if such violations are reported. Yet the paper also noted that “every year more than half of the suppliers audited have violated at least one aspect of the code of conduct.”

Apple is “not going to leave Foxconn and they’re not going to leave China.” The Times quoted Heather White, a research fellow at Harvard and a former member of the Monitoring International Labor Standards committee at the National Academy of Science, as saying. “There’s a lot of rationalization.”

The Times rarely gets it wrong. They’re the gold standard of journalism. So, the next time you have your face shoved into the screen of an iPhone, iPad or laptop computer, checking your Facebook status and updating your Twitter account, and as you ignore your professors, while they

ramble on about the Neolithic revolution or algebraic equations, remember how that device was made and who suffered to make your life easier and more “enjoyable.”

These devices are invading our society and the companies that profit from them are revered and respected. Apple and all others like them hold a historical sway over public opinion. We cannot forget that they too are capable of injustice and whitewashing.

But then again, how could you live without your precious iPhone?

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Mounting student debt oppresses and distresses

Education is a human right. Education, knowledge and skills enrich society when used with an ethical sense of responsibility. Right now students are paying a private cost for an education, which is a public good.

DANIEL K. WHITE

The problem is student debt.

Most of us have student loans and the average debt is about \$25,000, according to the Huffington Post, for newly graduated college alumni in the United States.

Starting life in the working world so deeply in debt is like indentured servitude. With debt looming over our heads, we will have to accept a job even if it isn't fulfilling to us, isn't where we want to live or doesn't have the wages or benefits we need.

It will make it difficult, if not impossible, to pursue our dreams.

To make matters even more dire, work related to most of our degrees is exceedingly rare today thanks to the global economic crisis caused by corrupt Wall Street bankers — incidentally, some of the same ones profiting off our student loans.

Andrew Sum's analysis using data from the 2009 American Community Survey shows a startling reality: Of all college graduates under age 25 in 2009, 22.4 percent were defaulting on college loans and an additional 22 percent were working in jobs that do not require a college degree.

So, we go to college to learn particular skills for a certain field, take on massive debt in the process and then, after graduating, find there is a severe, inexcusable shortage of work. This is a ludicrous and unsustainable system.

About one in three indebted students is defaulting on his or her loans, and this means being dragged into a cycle of deepening debt because unlike all other types of personal debt, student loans are not discharged through declaring bankruptcy and defaulting.

One has to wonder what will come from this nightmarish combination of job-shortages and the \$1 trillion growing bubble of student debt. Yes, that's right, total student debt is at \$1 trillion.

Students' lives should not be dominated by the stress of student debt and the overburden of working while in college. Many students work 20, 30 or more hours each week to pay for

tuition and living expenses.

Being a student is a full-time job in itself and being forced to work greatly detracts from one's studying and community involvement.

Education is a human right. Education, knowledge and skills enrich society when used with an ethical sense of responsibility. Right now students are paying a private cost for an education, which is a public good.

Society should help students so students can help society. More than ever, we need to unite and work together to solve the monstrous issues of our time including global warming, wars, poverty, hunger, water scarcity and disease. So long as the rich continue to profit off the poor, we will fail to solve these issues.

In our society institutions like banks and the government are profiting off students through loans. This system is predatory — the institutions prey upon college students to profit. It is an unjust and dysfunctional system that is destroying itself.

A healthy society would do exactly the opposite. Instead of oppressing us with tens of thousands of dollars of debt, society should support us. A community needs to be united. A society rooted in the values of helping, giving and sharing makes for healthy, strong, connected communities with happy individuals.

The United States has the most wealth in the world. Where are the resources people so desperately need for education, health care, food and shelter? Two places — with the rich and the military.

The richest 1 percent of Americans own over 40 percent of the wealth, the bottom 80 percent owns a measly 7 percent according to G. William Domhoff's "Wealth, Income and Power", and over 50 percent of our federal tax money goes to the military and is used to produce weapons for unjust wars fought for resources like oil and control over economic markets, as figured by the War Resisters League.

It's time to change this system. The movement is happening, right now, all around the world. People have been oppressed by the ruling class since the dawn of empire civilizations. Now the people are coming to awareness that we have the power. A world of peace and justice is possible — it is our duty to make this world real.

We are uniting to tell our stories, to spread awareness of the injustices we are living and to demand and make changes to our system. We must unite and create a world that works for everyone. Peace to the world, power to the people.

Daniel K. White is a graduate student studying the arts in liberal studies, with a focus on peace and reconciliation.

Columnist: Biting the bullet for House Bill 334 promises only blood for students, public



ERIN McCANN

What makes you feel safe? Your husband or wife? Your girlfriend or boyfriend? A warm bed, perhaps?

I feel safe when a multitude of people around me are carrying concealed firearms. The more guns Orono and Bangor residents have, the cozier and more protected I feel.

What would be perfect, however, is if concealed firearms were welcomed with open arms — pun intended — on campus. College students with guns: No one can touch me now.

New Hampshire state lawmakers have come one step closer to that reality, proposing three different bills purporting to loosen the current state laws on firearms. All three have passed in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

The first, House Bill 334, would allow firearms on all public property, which includes, of course, public universities, state-run day care centers and certain nursing homes. Sixty-one Republicans joined 83 Democrats to vote against the bill. Their combined efforts, however, still fell short of rejecting the bill.

The bill has drawn fierce opposition. Most notably, New Hampshire State Police officials, the Community College System, and both Keene State College and the University of New Hampshire all oppose the bill.

"There are some places in New Hampshire where we just don't want guns. This bill will put guns in places they just don't belong," said another outspoken opponent of the bill, Rep. Stephen Shurtleff, D-Concord, to the New Hampshire Union Leader.

One of the bill's seven co-sponsors, Rep. J.R. Hoell, R-Dunbarton, said the bill would aim to prevent "a patchwork of gun rules" throughout the state. This would include university campuses.

The second bill, HB 536, would allow an individual to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. Sponsors of the bill point to Vermont, one of the four states not requiring a permit for concealed weapons, which is ranked one of the safest states in the country.

Somehow, these N.H. lawmakers have rationalized a correlation between concealed weapon laws in Vermont and overall safety. However, according to a report by the Institute for Economics and Peace using data from the FBI, New Hampshire actually ranks safer than Vermont, while still requiring permits for concealed weapons.

Furthermore, the Vermont Narcotics Investigation Unit had more to say on Vermont's safety. According to their recent data, gang activity has escalated due significantly to the ease

of procuring firearms. Moreover, the State Corrections Department have said there have been reports of Vermont inmates tied to gangs like the Bloods and Aryan Nation.

Capt. Glenn Hall of Vermont State Police told the Burlington Free Press that these gang members travel from large cities to Vermont for both guns and drugs.

Excellent, right? The other bill, HB 194, passed in the House would permit an individual to carry a loaded shotgun or rifle in their vehicle, as they essentially redefine the definition of loaded gun.

In 2008, Alan Godin, a librarian at Northeast Lake College, also with a permit to carry a concealed weapon, shot and killed a fellow librarian. Godin had a history of depression and was, at the time, taking several dif-

The amalgamation of drugs, alcohol and youthful misjudgments with added firearms is not a sagacious mixture.

ferent medications in combination.

In 2011, Ernesto Bustamante, a professor at Idaho University, shot and killed a 22-year-old graduate student he used to date. He then turned the gun on himself.

Bustamante had a permit to carry a concealed weapon, as he passed the criminal background check done by the FBI. Furthermore, on his application for a concealed firearm permit, he did not disclose his mental history of multiple personalities and the fact that he often referred to himself as a "psychopathic killer."

Criminal background checks don't always tell the whole story. Simply because someone doesn't have a record does not denote that the individual should be given a permit for a concealed firearm. Mental health history and analyses should be mandatory for applicants to further ensure the safety of the community.

Making it easier for someone as young as 18 years old to carry concealed weapons on public property such as a university is dangerous, and it's an anxiety students don't need. The amalgamation of drugs, alcohol and youthful misjudgments with added firearms is not a sagacious mixture.

In New Hampshire, the Senate Judiciary Committee has recommended HB 334 and HB 194 go to interim study, also known as polite death. But the full Senate must agree for the bills to be scrapped upon the conclusion of their session.

Here's hoping that the State Senate prove a little more prudent in their decision, and consider the health and well-being of the entire New Hampshire community.

Erin McCann is a fourth-year biology student. Her columns will appear every Monday.

Concerning culture: The trials and ties faced by international students celebrated by Culturefest

SARAH JOUGHIN

Imagine it is Dec. 25: You are without your family and no one around you seems to understand it is Christmas, the largest and most family-oriented holiday of the year.

To everyone but you, it is just an ordinary day. Sounds depressing, doesn't it? For most of the 423 international students on campus, this is a common experience. Their holidays and special days go by unnoticed and they miss the comfort and enjoyment of celebrating with their family and friends.

I feel compelled to mention this because I was recently among a group of people I felt didn't fully appreciate or were simply not aware of the contributions international students make to our campus community and the sacrifices they make to be here.

Cultural diversity on college campuses is a hot topic these days and rightly so, as educators realize preparing students to compete in a global society is vital to their success. The University of Maine's multicultural environment would be sadly lacking without the presence of our international students.

Both within and outside the classroom, international students readily share their cultural knowledge and perspective with their peers. They do so not only in their own classes but as classroom presenters in courses ranging from Peace Studies to Human Development.

Perhaps the best examples of the ways international students contribute to this campus' cultural awareness are the annual Culturefest and the International Dance Festival (IDF) events.

Where else but Culturefest can you travel the world in a day and talk to students from over 75 different countries? Where else but the IDF can American-born students connect with their own cultural heritage by either performing or watching traditional dance?

Many professors actively encourage students to attend Culturefest and IDF because hands-on learning experiences like

this cannot be easily replicated in the classroom. Additionally, admission brochures, which tout UMaine's cultural diversity, invariably feature photos of these events which help to attract new students seeking a diverse environment.

International students benefit greatly on an individual level from these events. The opportunity to share their cultural traditions and connect with fellow country men and women is invaluable — but I would argue that the benefit gained by our campus as a result of their efforts exceeds the individual benefit to these students by far.

I have worked with international students for the past eight years and am continually amazed by the risks and hardships they and their families take on in order to receive an education at the University of Maine.

Many students do not see their families for years at a time. Many parents and extended family members spend their life savings to pay tuition costs, which are high by U.S. standards but even higher for students coming from countries with developing economies.

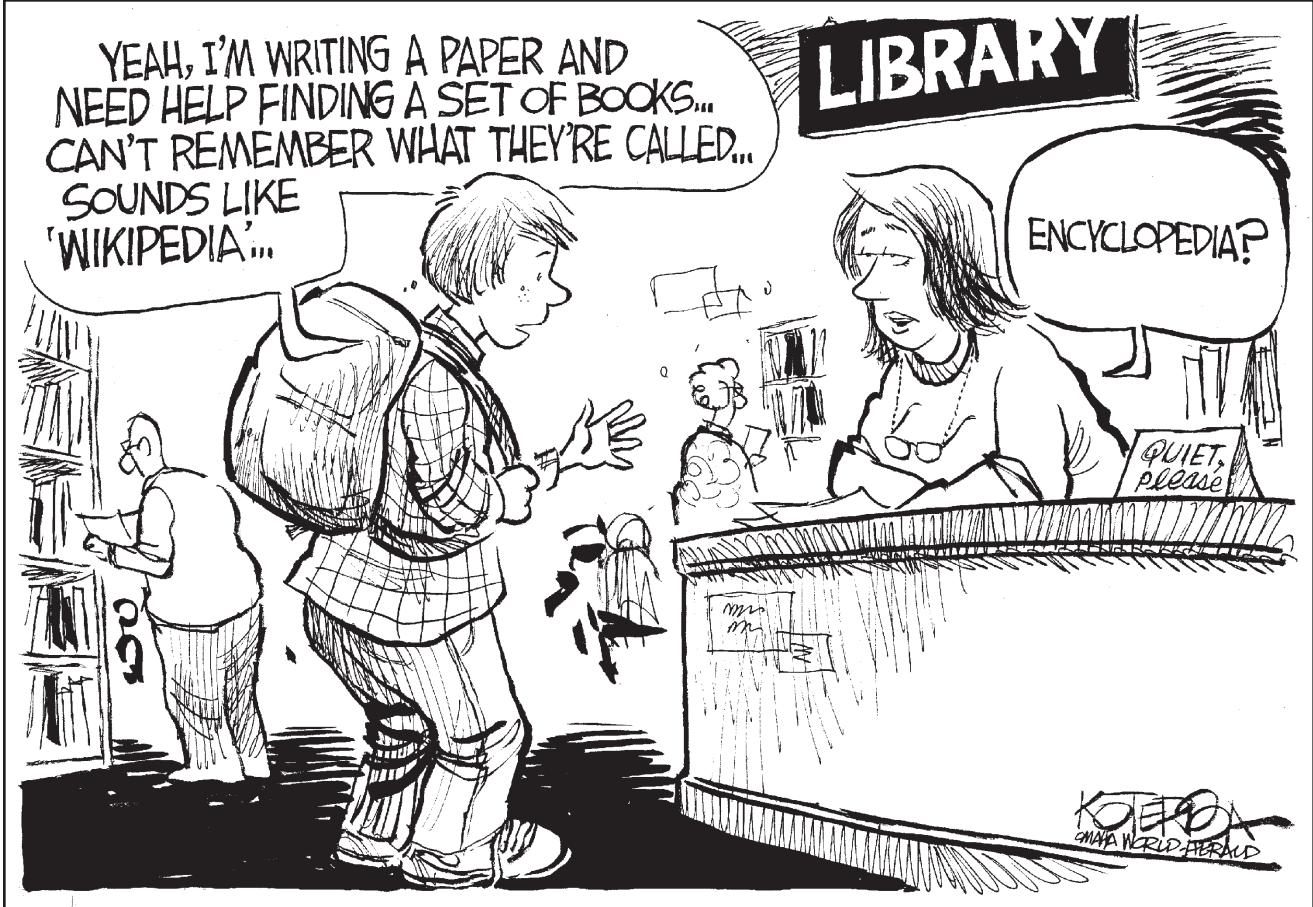
I am equally amazed by international students' dedication to the University of Maine

and the time and effort they put forth to make cultural events such as Culturefest and the IDF available to the campus community.

I hope students, faculty and staff turn out to see the International Dance Festival on Feb. 18 at the Collins Center for the Arts to experience firsthand what I am talking about and to support the efforts of this amazing group of students.

I also hope that next time you see an international student, you will have a greater appreciation of their experience here at UMaine and make an effort to extend friendship and support in any way you can.

Sarah Joughin is an international student and scholar



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Members of The Improvised Puppet Project perform a sketch at Saturday's show. The Portland-based group collaborated with UMaine's Improv In Sanity, combining the best of both groups' talents.

Christie Edwards • Staff Photographer

University of Maine improv students perform with Portland guests

By Rachel Curit
For The Maine Campus

With the semester in full swing and homework piling up, it's good to get out and laugh.

Enter Portland-based puppet company The Improvised Puppet Project and the University of Maine's own Improv In Sanity. With ukuleles and colorful puppets, the groups put on an entertaining show for all on Saturday night.

Well, it may not have been appropriate for young children.

Improv In Sanity is a student-run organization on campus. They invited members of The Improvised Puppet Project to perform for students in the Black Box Theater. The Puppet Project's trio, Keith, Jen and Tara, were happy to join in on the fun.

According to Wesley Woods, a fourth-year biology student and member of Improv Insanity, one of their own members knew Keith through a high school theater program that he directed and invited Improvised Puppet Project to Orono.

The show was split into three acts. To open the show, Improv In Sanity played some improvisational games with the help of the audience. One performer would ask the audience to yell out answers to a question.

For example, the second game was "World Crisis." The audience shouted different crises that the whole world was going through. One mature audience member chose "puberty," which evidently stuck. The superhero, "Grandpa," was there to save the day along with a group of sidekicks.

Another skit was a dating game show with a bachelor and three lovely bachelorettes. While the bachelor was out of the room, the audience selected a woodchuck, Jafar from the Disney movie "Aladdin" and a taxidermist to portray the bachelorettes. By the end of the game, Mr. Right had to choose which lucky lady would be his date and guess all three characters.

One audience member, James Petersen, a second-year wildlife ecology student, particularly enjoyed this skit.

"[I liked] how well everyone played their part

See Improv on B2

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HERE'S TO GOOD TIMES

By Paul Perkins
Photojournalist

Members of the University of Maine's class of 2012 gathered at Woodman's Bar & Grill on Thursday night.

The event took place to help support the class as well as future generations with the implementation of a new scholarship fund — the focus of the night.

Class of 2012 president Nate Wildes organized the event for their class to benefit the Blueberry Scholarship Fund, which the class is set to establish

upon graduation.

"It will build as people donate but also build as the interest rate in the market grows and then when we have children that money can be used to support them and their education here at the University of Maine," Wildes said.

The class sold T-shirts at the event to help fund the scholarship and all drink specials featured a blueberry theme in the spirit of the fundraiser.

"I was more than happy to work with the senior class and the fundraiser seemed like a really good idea," said Abe Furth, owner of Woodman's.



Top: Class of 2012 T-shirts and a blueberry-themed drink sit on display near the entrance of Woodman's Bar and Grill. The event took place to raise money for a Blueberry Scholarship Fund for future students at the University of Maine.

Left: Hannah Hudson (left) and Nate Wildes (right) celebrate at the 2012 class fundraiser at Woodman's in Orono.

FILM REVIEW:

‘Man on a Ledge’

Worthington lives on edge, thrills and action find him



Summit Entertainment

By Rich Flora
For The Maine Campus

As far as thrillers go, everyone enjoys a great film that keeps them on the edge of their seats — or, in this case, the edge of a building.

“Man on a Ledge” introduces Nick Cassidy, played by Sam Worthington, an ex-cop and now-convicted felon who is wrongfully accused of stealing a \$40 million diamond from David Englander, a Manhattan tycoon played by Ed Harris.

After having escaped from prison in the most grave of fashions, Cassidy checks in and climbs out to the ledge of the 21st story of the historic Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan, catching the eye of those on the ground below. After his father’s death and with seemingly nothing to lose, Cassidy puts his life on the edge, ready to end it all.

Cassidy asks police for a specific negotiator, Lydia Mercer, played by Elizabeth Banks. Mercer arrives to the scene with a hangover and her success rate that is spotty at best. However, she works her magic, trying to negotiate with Cassidy and bring him inside. Mercer eventually realizes this negotiation isn’t as straightforward as she initially anticipated and perceives that Cassidy may have other plans and an ulterior motive.

As he writes in his suicide

note, he plans on dying the same way he came into this world — as an innocent man.

Director Asger Leth gives the audience no time to sit back and relax, immersing them into thrilling action straight out of the gate. The film jumps right into the plot, taking a few scenes to look back on Cassidy’s life and develop a somewhat confusing background story, which inevitably is clarified by the end of the film. With this immediate surge of action and thrill, the plot never lags and grabs each audience member’s attention as soon as the film starts rolling.

This film also has no shortage of twists, turns and surprises along the way. Many action movie plots can be typical and predictable, but this film never runs out of fuel

Views from the ledge overlooking Madison Avenue in New York City offer stunning views and give the audience a bird’s-eye perspective of all the action. From the negotiating to explosions to Cassidy running, the angles are fully utilized, giving this film the upper hand against others in the genre.

The acting is excellent, with a great cast and well-developed characters. Worthington and Banks do a remarkable job throughout, creating diverse and well-executed characters. The audience never once thinks about whether this is a movie but is

pulled in so tightly to the storyline that it feels as if you’re sitting on the ledge with Cassidy.

As in so many action films, the details are the main weakness behind the effectiveness of the story. While “Man on a Ledge” is particularly focused on Cassidy, there are plenty of subplots put into motion. The audience is able to view all the Mission Impossible-style action, while police crews are left stumped as to why Cassidy is so needy for attention.

“Man on a Ledge” provides all the action, details and prompt execution a moviegoer could dream for, making it a great, action-packed thriller and not just a somewhat well-executed premise.

This film also has no shortage of twists, turns and surprises along the way. Many action movie plots can be typical and predictable, but this film never runs out of fuel. When the audience thinks they have finally come to a conclusion, they will be surprised all over again. The ability to change the course of action and surprise the audience several times as tension rises is another way that “Man on a Ledge” rises above some recent competition.

While many action films tend to be choppy and poorly constructed, “Man on a Ledge” has clean, crisp editing allowing for the brisk pacing to shine.

Although “Man on a Ledge” may not be the best film of the year, you certainly won’t leave the theater disappointed.

Grade: B+

CD REVIEW:

Anthony Green, ‘Beautiful Things’

Punk man crafts solo disc unique from regular material

By Alex Tranchemontagne
For The Maine Campus

Anthony Green is a key figure in the Warped Tour scene.

He was the front man of emo band Saosin for about a year, but when they signed to a major label, Green quickly parted ways with the band. Shortly after he founded Circa Survive, an experimental indie band. Circa Survive went on to play numerous Warped Tours and are currently working on their fourth studio album.

Green has also been in many other bands including supergroup The Sound of Animals Fighting. Somehow, between constant touring and his other endeavors, Green has found plenty of time to create his own solo work, which is considerably mellower than his usual material.

Listeners who aren’t too keen on Circa Survive will probably approach Green’s latest album, “Beautiful Things,” with skepticism, but it’s unwarranted. Green has made a unique record that is independent from his previous works.

“Beautiful Things” starts with one hell of an introduction. “If I Don’t Sing” has incredible production behind it, while the next track, “Do It Right,” is a phenomenal low-fi song, simply repeating a simple yet promising titular message. The track stands out as an oddball from the rest of the album, but in a good way.

“Moon Song” is a fantastic track that utilizes many different musical techniques. An interesting bongo pattern compliments a light guitar riff and, as always, Green’s vocals are powerful. The song has a lighter tone than most of the other songs on the album.

The album’s lead single “Get Yours While You Can” is also wonderful. The lead guitar riff throughout the song is hypnotizing and the catchy



Photo Finish

choruses are filled with dynamic drumbeats and an incredible showcase of Green’s vocal range.

“Beautiful Things” ends with a bang — but more in a figurative sense than a literal one because the final track, “Lullaby,” is a soft piece clearly written for Green’s son. The track promises beautiful things coming his way.

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It’s an incredibly sweet song showing how genuine Green truly is.

A deluxe digital edition of “Beautiful Things” was also released, which includes eight bonus tracks. Some of these are demos of songs on the album and others are completely new. While the demos will likely only appeal to hardcore fans of Green, the original material is downright amazing.

“Only Love” is an outstanding track featuring Nate Ruess of The Format and Fun. Ruess fills the verses with powerful words and Green takes the lead for an outstanding chorus. It’s

also important to note the bass in this song. You haven’t really heard the song unless you listen to it on nice speakers with some sweet, sweet bass.

I’m confused as to why the track is only a bonus track; my guess would be because it features another singer. It’s too bad, because “Only Love” would have been an incredible single.


If you want some quality music with heart behind it, “Beautiful Things” will satisfy your needs. Nearly every track is infectious, and every song has incredible meaning to it. It’s hard to find fault within Green’s one-of-a-kind voice and musical vision. When Green’s child is old enough to understand what exactly his father did for him, I’m sure he will be ecstatic.

Green has already announced a new album will be released later this year. He truly is an inspiration with the quality and quantity he releases annually.

Grade: A



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GRAND CAMPUS

Women’s swimming and diving beat BC for 1st time since ’88



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor
Sophomore diver Ashley Higgins a member of the University of Maine swimming and diving team, which hosted Boston College over the weekend.

By Liam Nee
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams took on Boston College last weekend in a dual-meet at the Stanley M. Wallace Pool Complex in Orono.

The women’s team found victory against BC for the first time since 1988, winning 17 separate events en route to a 210–143 win over the Eagles. The men’s team suffered their first loss in the team’s last three scored meets, falling 276.5–75.5.

Both teams’ head coach, Susan Lizzotte was impressed with her teams’ performances.

“The girls came out and did what they were supposed to,” she said. “At the beginning of the year, in November, we swam against [BC] and only lost by 40, so we’ve kind of had it in our minds since then that we could beat them.”

Sophomore swimmer Lauren Dwyer and freshman swimmer Naja Harvey led the women’s team with a combined total of seven first-place finishes. Dwyer was victorious in the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke and also swam a strong first leg on the

Black Bears’ winning 400-yard freestyle relay team.

Harvey’s individual victories came in both the 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes, where she won both races by an average of 2.3 seconds. She was also the second leg of the Black Bears’ winning 200-yard medley relay team.

Both Dwyer and Harvey combined for a win on the Black Bears’ 200-yard freestyle relay team.

Sophomore diver Kara Capossela swept

freestyle and 200-yard butterfly, respectively.

“We just set it up strategically, the best way we could, and put some people in different places,” Lizzotte said. “[We] just tried to do the relays the best we could and lined it up to beat them.”

On the men’s side, junior swimmer Yuri Chornobil led UMaine, placing second in three different events — 1,000-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle.

Senior swimmer Andrew Meehan was individually responsible for 16 of the Black Bears’ 75.5 points, scoring in five different events — three individual and two relays.

The team finished with seven second- and third-place finishes overall.

Last weekend’s meet marked the last opportunity for the men’s team to race before America East Championships at Boston University’s Aquatic Center in Boston from Feb. 23 to 26.

“The men’s team has been solid all year and a lot of them took [this last] opportunity and raced well,” Lizzotte said. “Most of them did their regular events and are excited for championships in four weeks.”

The women’s team will get another chance to race before they travel to BU for the AE championships, when they travel to Durham, N.H., this Friday to take on the University of New Hampshire in a dual-meet at the Henry C. Swasey Pool.

Susan Lizzotte
Head coach
UMaine swimming and diving

“The girls came out and did what they were supposed to.”

the women’s diving events, winning both the 1- and 3-meter dives by 21.45 and 1.28 points, respectively.

Sophomore swimmers Shannon Bender and Erica Smrcina, junior swimmers Carmen Linden and Jen Trodden, and senior swimmers Helaina Sacco and Lauren Thornbrough took individual first-place finishes in the 1,000-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medly, 100-yard

Pro Bowl Tweeting NFL’s latest idea to spruce up lackluster All-Star game

America largest sports organization still can’t get kinks out of annual showcase

Column

The NFL’s annual all-star game, the Pro Bowl, has gone through some recent experiments and changes over the past couple of years. It has changed location from Hawaii to Miami and back again, and was moved from the Sunday after the Super Bowl to the Sunday in between the conference championship games and the Super Bowl.

This year the NFL is introducing another element to the game, and depending on who you are, you will either think it’s amazing and innovative from a public relations standpoint, or, if you’re like me, the most ridiculous idea ever.

The NFL is allowing players to tweet live on the sidelines of



By Joe Sturzl

the Pro Bowl. Yes, players will be allowed to use Twitter.

Patriots wide receiver Chad Ochocinco claimed to have been using it during regular-season games, and in the only game the NFL will allow players to use it, he won’t be there.

The NFL’s Pro Bowl isn’t the most popular of all-star games in the world of professional sports. The other three major American sports have figured it out somewhat: The NHL has a skills challenge that featured Zdeno Chara blasting a puck at 108.8 miles per hour; the NBA has Blake Griffin jumping over a car while a choir sings “I Believe I Can Fly;” and the MLB has the Home Run Derby, the latest version featuring the always-heated Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

The NFL has Twitter.

I went to the MLB All-Star game last summer, and even in 110-degree heat, the city of Phoenix and Major League Baseball made sure everybody had fun, whether you were there or at home watching the events on TV. The trick is to

make a show out of it. You get to see your favorite players and celebrities chilling out and having a good time or watch old legends come back to play their sport in a softball game. You can settle that bet you had with your friend over whether Ray Allen would repeat as the 3-point-shot competition champion. It’s all about getting people to see something that doesn’t happen on a regular basis.

Sure, there’s the actual All-Star Game itself, but you can watch a game whenever you want. The events leading up to the all-star games, if they are entertaining enough, will get people to watch the actual game. You have to have a build-up, and the NFL doesn’t have it.

Why can’t they have a skills contest with the shiftest of running backs and wide receivers? Or a speed contest with the fastest backs and kickoff returners? What about a contest to see who has the strongest arm or the farthest kick? Why not showcase a flag football game with some re-

tired legends?

Nope. NFL fans get Twitter. The NFL dumped the skills challenge they had in 2007. In 2012 they replaced it with Twitter.

Another problem is while they air the college senior bowl as well as Pro Bowl practice, it is on the NFL Network, a channel that Time Warner, Cablevision, Cox and other major cable companies don’t carry — or in the case of Comcast, you’ll need to buy an upgraded package to watch it. So the potential is there, but it needs to be more accessible to the average football fan.

I don’t hate Twitter, I think it’s great social tool. But to use it as a gimmick to get people to watch a game? That is a little bit too cheesy for my taste.

The NFL needs to be innovative and come up with events that fans and players would be interested in watching and participating in leading up to what should be advertised as the main event, a blueprint that other sports have had success with, not computer stations set up on the 20-yard-line.

Hockey from B6

“Dan Sullivan just had a tremendous weekend,” Whitehead told USCHO.com. “Without a doubt, he was the difference tonight, that’s for

sure, but it was a team effort. A lot of guys blocked shots.”

The Black Bears look to keep rolling this weekend when they welcome the University of Alabama-Huntsville in rare out-of-conference, late-season play. The weekend series starts Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Alford Arena.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor
Sophomore forward Jon Swavelly had an assist over the weekend in the University of Maine’s sweep of No. 2 Boston University.

Three Stars of the Weekend Men’s Hockey vs. BU

- ★ **Dan Sullivan** - The sophomore goalie stifled one of the most high-powered offenses in the country, stopping 66 of 69 shots in the weekend sweep of BU.
- ★★ **John Parker** - The freshman forward scored two goals in as many games for the Black Bears including a power-play effort on Friday night and a goal with 6 seconds left in the first period in the finale.
- ★★★ **Spencer Abbott** - The senior forward and leading Hobey Baker nominee scored one goal and assisted on another. Abbott is tied for second in the country with 40 points.

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Women’s basketball secures 2nd straight home victory

Led by Baranowski’s career high, Black Bears rally back to take down Binghamton

By Emily Hodgdon
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women’s basketball team picked up their second victory in a row after defeating Binghamton University 48-47 on Saturday.

The Black Bears improve to 6-16 overall and 3-6 in America East, while the Bearcats fall to 10-12 and 4-5 in conference.

“The last couple practices,

we’ve been really focused,” said junior guard Rebecca Knight. “We just worked really hard.”

Binghamton jumped out to a 9-3 lead to start the game, but the Black Bears narrowed it down to a single point in the final minute of the half.

UMaine and Binghamton together grabbed 21 total rebounds by halftime. Evenly matched, both teams swapped leads nine times throughout the entire game.

The Black Bears grabbed the lead on the first possession of the second half and the deficit toggled back and forth between the two teams, never reaching more than five points.

With only 2 minutes left in the game, UMaine led by one point.

The Black Bears slowed down their play to look for guaranteed scoring opportunities. Full-court pressure flustered the Bearcats and caused them to lose possession. With an exciting 30 seconds left, UMaine sunk a basket and extended their lead by two points.

Several fouls committed by the Bearcats gave UMaine chances for easy points. Head coach Richard Barron called the final timeout with only 5 seconds left in the game. A foul called underneath Binghamton’s basket brought sophomore guard Ashleigh Roberts to the free-throw line.

Roberts made both baskets, bringing the lead to 48-44. With time running out, a last-second toss to the basket by Bearcats’ guard Andrea Holmes was too little too late.

“It was such a great win for us, it was neck and neck,” Barron said. “We didn’t give that big run up. I thought we executed our defensive game plan very well. We took care of the ball.”

Senior forward Samantha Baranowski scored a total of 20 points for the Black Bears. “Another career high for Sam,” Barron said. “She is inching up one point at a time.”

To go along with the 20 points, Baranowski also picked up eight rebounds for UMaine, while senior guard Brittany Williams added nine points.

“I was very proud,” Barron said. “It was one of our best all-around efforts all year.”

The Black Bears’ next game is against Boston University on Feb. 8 in the Alford Arena. BU ranks first in the America East conference.



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

The University of Maine women’s basketball team won their second-straight game after beating Binghamton University at the annual Fandemonium game.

Super Bowl from B6

82 catches. Flanking him is Hakeem Nicks, who finished with 1,193 yards on 76 catches and, along with Cruz, creates one of four duos with over 1,000 yards receiving — New England had a duo, too.

The Giants’ running game was the most putrid in the league during the regular season, finishing dead last in yards and yards per carry. However, the combination of Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw turned the burners up during

the playoffs, moving their yards per carry from 3.5 in the regular season to 4.2 in the playoffs.

The Patriots’ defense was able to control the run game in the regular season, and that has only stepped up in the playoffs, facing two vaunted rushing attacks in the Denver Broncos and Baltimore Ravens. The Pats held the Broncos to 3.6 yards per carry while equally stifling Ray Rice and the Ravens.

It’s the passing game where the Patriots’ defense falters. If Manning can take care of the ball and keep the Patriots’ offense off the field, he can repeat his miraculous performance in 2008.

Basketball from B6

there,” said UMaine head coach Ted Woodward. “We worked hard this week and are looking forward to our bye week.”

UMaine led 31-24 at halftime then jumped out to a hot start in the first 5 minutes, going on a 16-3 run fueled by seven points from Edwards early in the half. UMaine continued to rebound and held on despite a late run by

Binghamton, cutting it to 52-45 with just under 8 minutes left. UMaine knocked down their free throws and won 67-59.

Allison earned America East Player of the Game and Binghamton’s Jimmy Gram led all scorers with a career-high 24 points.

“Even after losing five in a row, we knew we had to just keep pushing forward and stay positive either way,” McLemore said.

UMaine will play at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County on Feb. 4.



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

After a five-game losing streak, the University of Maine men’s basketball team won their last two America East conference games.

Love still lacking respect other stars receive

Column

When you ask basketball fans if Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin is worth a max contract, the response is always an instant “yes.”

Then why, after putting up numbers we haven’t seen since Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett were in their prime, is Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love not worth a five-year, \$80 million deal?

It’s bizarre that Love and Griffin are going to be compared to each other for the rest of their careers despite their opposite styles of play.

(Quick tangent: Portland Trailblazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge merits mention in this conversation, if only to compare him — as the new Chris Webber — with Griffin and Love, the updated Garnett and Duncan. He is a great forward but not quite on par with Love and Griffin.)

Back to Love getting none of his namesake, he recently accepted — albeit grudgingly — a four-year, \$62 million contract extension with the T-Wolves, with a player option after his third season.

Love pushed for the opt-out clause after Minnesota’s refusal to guarantee a fifth year, à la the Thunder’s five-year extension of point guard Russell Westbrook’s contract.

Apparently, the Timberwolves’ brass were reluctant to offer the designated player spot to Love — only one player can have a five-year extension — in case they need that opening for first-year guard Ricky Rubio.

You have got to be kidding me.

No disrespect to Rubio — he could very likely earn the right to a five-year extension. But Minnesota is basically choosing a rookie who has played in fewer than 20 good games over a power forward revolutionizing his position.

If you think revolutionizing is too strong a word, consider this: When thinking of players who have played the way Griffin does, you can rattle off a list of dozens of names ranging from Shawn Kemp to Larry Johnson.

Who has ever played like Love?

On any given night, he can give you 30 points, 20 rebounds — or 30-30, which he did last season — and routinely delivers 20 points and 15 rebounds, which was his average last season.

Did I mention the 3s? Love



By Jesse Scardina

makes two of those per game, shooting 40 percent from beyond the arc, good for fourth-best at his position.

When trying to find a forward with the same unique combination of scoring, rebounding and 3-point shooting, I could only find Larry Legend himself.

As big a Love fan as I am, even I am not going to compare him to Bird. Bird’s playmaking ability throughout his career was at levels Love will never reach. But it’s not hard to believe that Love’s career numbers could top Bird’s total of 24 points per game, 10 rebounds per game and a 3-point field goal percentage of 37.6 percent.

Moreover, take a second to compare facial hair. That’s right, Love wins by a landslide.

When looking at their career numbers next to each other, Griffin and Love match up well. For every 36 minutes, Griffin has scored 21 points to Love’s 18, while Love has grabbed 14 rebounds every 36 minutes compared to Griffin’s 11 and a half. Griffin dishes out one more assist per game but is a non-factor from beyond the arc.

It’s when you dig deeper into the stats that you will find Love’s brilliance. Love leads his position in rebound-rate at over 27 percent, which measures the percentage of total missed shots a certain player rebounds.

While outshining both Aldridge and Griffin in many statistical categories, he sits behind both of them in 2011-12 in usage rate, which measures the number of possessions a player uses for every 40 minutes of playing time.

Love’s player efficiency rating, which measures the overall rating of a player’s per-minute production, is 25.04, behind such superstars as LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Kobe Bryant. And it is only those three players who sit in front of Love in estimated wins added, which puts a number on the amount of wins a player adds over a “replacement player.”

In basketball, the estimated price for a win is \$2 million. Last season, Love finished with 16.7 EWA and is projected to come close to eclipsing that total in a shortened 66-game season.

While Griffin was right behind Love last season with 16.1 EWA, Love’s total of 5.1 thus far this season is more than two points over Griffin’s total.

While the Timberwolves are certainly a team on the rise with some good pieces in place, they had better hope they improve more quickly than the learning curve for young teams suggests. Otherwise Love will bolt for Los Angeles like his favorite childhood team did more than 50 years ago.

And if Love still has his burly beard if and when that happens, he will look just as out of place in Hollywood as a team called the Lakers does.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Swimming and Diving
vs. UNH 4 p.m.

Men’s hockey
vs. University of Alabama-Huntsville
7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Women’s hockey
vs. Vermont 2 p.m.

Women’s basketball
at UMBC 1 p.m.

Men’s basketball
at UMBC 3:30 p.m

Men’s hockey
vs. University of Alabama-Huntsville
7 p.m.

Track and Field
vs. Holy Cross TBA

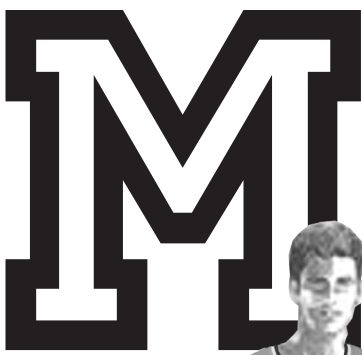
SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Women’s hockey
vs. Vermont, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Men’s basketball
vs. Vermont 7 p.m. in The Pit

University of Maine Sports Briefs



UMaine has highest percentage of student-athletes named to America East honor roll

The University of Maine finished the fall semester with the highest percentage of student-athletes on the honor roll, with 74.2 percent of fall student-athletes receiving a gpa of at least 3.00.

Overall, 52 UMaine student-athletes finished on the honor roll, while the University of New Hampshire had the most fall student-athletes on the honor roll with 96.

Bleacher Report names Orono 29th best hockey city in North America

Popular sports website Bleacher Report named Orono the 29th

best hockey city in North America in front of college towns such as Burlington, Vermont; South Bend, Indiana and Duluth, Minnesota.

As for Durham, New Hampshire? It didn’t make the list of 50.

UMaine baseball to face Boston College at Hadlock Field in Portland

The University of Maine baseball team will host a game at the home of the Portland Seadogs on May 15 to take on Boston College.

The last time the Black Bears played at Hadlock was in 1998 when they hosted the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Tickets for the game are \$6 and Sky Box seating is available and can accommodate up to 22 people and cost \$300.

Call 207-879-9500 in interested in tickets.

Football releases 2012 schedule

The 2012 schedule for the University of Maine football was released with numerous matchups to look forward to.

Highlights include the 100th meeting between the UMaine and the University of New Hampshire, which will take place at Morse Field during Homecoming on Oct. 20.

The Black Bears open their season at Atlantic Coast Conference foe Boston College for what will be thier 1,000th game in the program’s history.

The Black Bears’ final home game of the season is against Colonial Athletic Association newcomers Georgia State on Nov. 10.

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Swimming and diving hosts BC

Women clip Eagles for first time since '88

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SCOREBOARD

Men's hockey (Fri.) 4 2 Boston University
Men's hockey (Sat.) 3 1 Boston University
Women's b-ball (Sat.) 48 47 Binghamton

Men's basketball (Sat.) 67 59 Binghamton
Women's swim/diving 210 143 Boston College
Men's swim/diving 75.5 276.5 Boston College

"I was very proud. It was one of our best all-around efforts all year."

UMaine women's basketball head coach Richard Barron

COLUMN

Pro Bowl lacks luster

Tweeting stations are wrong type of change

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Giants' firepower may be too much for Patriots' defense

Column

As we inch closer and closer to the big game, sports networks continue to pump out new and different narratives to quench our undying need for important football information, and nothing is more important than the Super Bowl.

At least, that's what they tell the advertisers.

However, over the weekend an interesting narrative came out, saying the New England Patriots weren't out for revenge for the Super Bowl XLII loss to the New York Giants, which, in case you forgot, thwarted the Pats' chance at immortality in the form of a perfect season.

Why not? Before I rant about how much I want revenge for the obnoxious calls from my Giants-loving uncle, let me first say I don't believe for a second that the last Super Bowl meeting between the two teams won't be a motivator for vengeance for the Patriots this time around.

Eight members of the Patriots players remain from that Super Bowl XLII team and a number of them have said they still can't watch highlights from that game.

So saying you're not out for revenge while also admitting that after a game like that, "there's an awful feeling in your stomach for a lot of years," as Tom Brady said to WEEI, may seem contradictory.

But you just need to think about things in a Belichick-ian manner.

When doing that, my thinking is this: Revenge has a negative connotation to it, implying someone will lose focus of all things rash to seek vengeance. Patriots coach Bill Belichick wants to keep his players emotionally stable heading into the biggest rematch in NFL history — not running around like Thomas Jane in "The Punisher."

As a side note, I also believe

Belichick doesn't want to play up the 2008 Super Bowl loss to his entire team, as there are only eight members remaining from that squad — but I wholeheartedly believe he will call those eight players into a secret meeting and tell them to be exactly like Thomas Jane in "The Punisher" after all.

Anyway, when examining the Giants' offensive attack against the Patriots' defense, there's one big difference: The Patriots lack that defensive quality that puts them on par with the Giants, such as the Giants' pass rush.

The Pats' defense is bend-but-don't-break, one that gives up a lot of yards — second-most in the NFL — but not a lot of points, as their 21.4 points allowed is less than a point from the top 10. However, it's never a good model to have, because if you bend something enough, it will break.

If there's one thing the Patriots' defense possesses, it's a high turnover ratio. While it's partially skewed because of Brady's low interception total and running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis never fumbling, the Pats were third in the league with 23 interceptions and third in turnover ratio, behind the Green Bay Packers and the San Francisco 49ers — two teams the Giants beat on their way to the Super Bowl.

The Giants have made it this far for that exact reason: don't play into the strength of the defense. In three playoff games, the Giants have forced six turnovers while committing one of their own.

During the season when offenses like New Orleans, New England and Green Bay were being hailed as the greatest offenses ever, the Giants were forming a formidable offensive threat of their own. Quarterback Eli Manning threw for a career-high 4,933 yards and completed over 61 percent of his passes to a reloaded receiving core stronger than the one the Patriots faced in 2008.

Giants receiver Victor Cruz salsa-ed his way to stardom by breaking the Giants' franchise record in yards for a wide receiver, finishing with 1,536 yards on

See Super Bowl on **B5**

UM football standout McMillian invited to NFL combine

Staff Report

Former University of Maine football standout safety Jeron McMillian received an invitation to the 2012 NFL Combine after a stellar senior campaign.

While on the way to an All-American mention, McMillian helped lead the Black Bears to their first



McMillian

playoff victory since the 2002 season as UMaine finished No. 8 in the country.

McMillian led the team with 57 solo tackles and finished second with 88 total tackles, including 10 1/2 tackles for a loss and 3 1/2 sacks.

The NFL Combine is held from Feb. 22 to the 28th in Indianapolis.

Wicked sweep: UMaine drops No. 2 BU on road

Goalie Sullivan shines in men's hockey's second straight series upset



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Senior forward Spencer Abbott scored one goal and assisted on another in the University of Maine's sweep of Boston University.

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Led by sophomore goalie Dan Sullivan, the University of Maine men's hockey team swept one of the nation's top teams for the second consecutive weekend.

This time the victim was No. 2 Boston University, who, coming into the weekend, had yet to lose in 2012. UMaine became the first team to win its season series against the Terriers.

The Black Bears improve to 14-8-3 and 11-7-2 in Hockey East while the Terriers fall to 15-8-1 and 11-7-2 in conference play. More importantly, the Black Bears sit comfortably in third place in Hockey East with 24 points, just one behind co-leaders BU and Boston College.

The Black Bears came from behind Friday night in front of a crowd of 5,000 at Agganis Arena, as junior forward Alex Chiasson put the Terriers ahead late in the first period.

However, the Black Bears evened the score with a power-play goal 5 minutes into the second period. Junior forward Adam Shemansky scored his eighth goal of the season, beating BU senior goalie Kieran Millan.

UMaine took the lead on the power play in the second period with freshman forward John Parker on the receiving end of some nice passes from hulking defenders. Senior defender Ryan Hegarty found junior defender Mark Nemec, who fired a pass to a rushing Parker for his second collegiate goal.

A 20-minute delay occurred

after Parker's goal when the lights went out in the arena.

Four minutes after the lights were turned back on, BU lit up the red one behind UMaine's goal when junior forward Ross Gaudet matched Parker with his second goal of the season.

That would be the last goal Sullivan would let up, as the Black Bears gained the lead midway through the third period. Senior forward Spencer Abbott fired a shot toward Millan that was redirected by sophomore forward Mark Anthoine for another power-play goal from the Lewiston native.

The Terriers pulled their goalie with 2 minutes remaining, but the Black Bears put the game out of reach after Abbott collected his own block and skated toward the open net.

Sullivan finished with 28 saves, while Millan corralled 21 shots. Sullivan outdid himself in the series finale the following night, stopping 38 of 39 BU shots.

This time, the Black Bears jumped out to the 1-0 lead, but it took the majority of the first period. With 6 seconds remaining, Parker picked up his second goal in as many nights. Nemec and sophomore forward Jon Swavely also assisted on the goal.

It took BU less than 3 minutes to even the score when sophomore defender Garrett Noonan scored his ninth goal of the season — on his birthday.

Just as quickly as BU tied the game, UMaine grabbed the lead back by way of junior defender Nick Pryor's first collegiate goal. Pryor gathered the puck off a faceoff and fired it with so much force that a lengthy review was called for to see if the puck had crossed the plane after hitting a post.

"It was kind of a rolling puck, so I stepped into it and gave it everything I had," Pryor told USCHO.com. "I didn't even see it go in."

"This guy had a missile of a shot," UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead told USCHO.com. "[The refs] had to go to the video because it was so fast."

It was the 17th time the Terriers have allowed a player his first collegiate goal in HEC play this season, out of just 49 goals.

Sullivan continued to keep the Terriers muzzled throughout the second half of the game, as the Black Bears sealed the sweep with another empty-net goal with 5 seconds remaining.

Sullivan stopped 66 of 69 shots on the weekend against the No. 4 offense in the country.

See Hockey on **B4**

Men's basketball takes care of winless Binghamton, 67-59

By Charlie Merritt
For The Maine Campus

When it comes to conference play, each game is as important as the next, no matter the opponent.

The University of Maine men's basketball team (10-10, 4-5 America East) defeated the winless Binghamton Bearcats 67-59 to earn their second straight conference victory.

After Binghamton jumped out to an early 8-3 lead, senior guard Gerald McLemore showed why he is the third-highest scorer in America east, averaging 18.1 points per game. McLemore scored his first 3-pointer of the game after a pump fake sent a Binghamton defender airborne, allowing McLemore to step around and hit a tough 3 off the dribble.

His next time down the court, McLemore came off another screen from the baseline and hit his second 3 in as many possessions. After a backdoor layup by McLemore on a nice set up from senior guard Andrew Rogers, UMaine took an 11-8 lead with 13 minutes left on their way to a 14-2 spurt and never trailed again.

McLemore had 13 points on

5-8 shooting in the first half and finished with 15 for the game.

"[Binghamton is] in every game that they play," McLemore said. "We knew that if we sat back and relaxed, we could have easily lost by 15 or 20."

Junior forward Mike Allison made his present felt early on, taking advantage of a smaller Binghamton forward who couldn't keep the big man off the glass. The biggest highlight for Allison came as Rogers drove the baseline, drawing two defenders before slipping the ball to Allison for a one-handed dunk.

Allison finished with a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 15 rebounds.

"I had a mismatch on the glass and I tried to take advantage of that as much as I could," Allison

said. "Everyone crashed the glass hard and it left with me a lot of opportunities."

The energized crowd at Alfred Arena got a chance to burst out with 1:30 left in the first half. Rogers forced a turnover and pushed the ball quickly as freshman guard Justin Edwards sprinted on the left wing to catch up. Rogers made eye contact with Edwards before throwing an al-

ley-oop pass to Edwards that he finished with two hands, bringing the Black Bear faithful to their feet.

Edwards finished with a team-high 18 points and chipped in five rebounds.

"We forced a few throw-ahead [passes] in transition when we didn't need to, but the effort was

See Basketball on **B5**



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

Freshman guard Justin Edwards led the University of Maine men's basketball team with 18 points in their 67-59 win over Binghamton University on Saturday.