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# The Maine Campus

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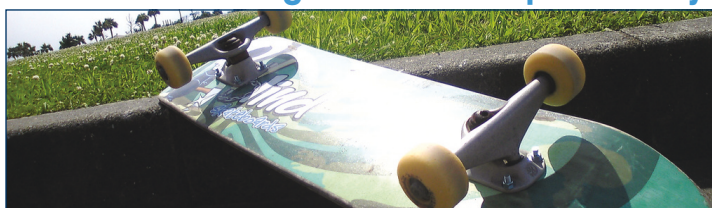
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## Casella pursues pipeline permits

By Beth Kevit  
News Editor

Permits for a pipeline to supply University of Maine boilers with landfill gas are expected to be in hand by the end of the year, with construction completed by October 2013.

The pipeline, which will stretch approximately seven miles from Juniper Ridge Landfill on the Old Town-Alton line to UMaine's Steam Plant, has been in negotiation since fall 2010.

Talks were stalled by a faltering market for natural gas, which the university and Casella Waste Management Systems, the company that operates the state-owned landfill, were using to set a price for the landfill gas.

The Maine Campus reported that an agreement had been reached in November setting the price for the gas to range between \$3.50 and \$9 per million metric British thermal units, depending on the market.

"There are various pieces to the permitting," said Don Meagher, Casella's manager of planning and development. "The first is reviewed by the Public Utilities Commission. Their focus is going to be pipeline safety."

Meagher described the rest of the permitting process, during which the project will have to be approved by Old Town and Orono municipal governments, the Maine Department of Transportation, the U.S.

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Courtesy photo

Foundations of buildings that will form The Grove, a housing complex off Route 2 scheduled to open and available for renters by the start of school in August, are seen in mid-January. In a conversation with The Maine Campus on Dec. 9, 2011, Campus Crest CEO Mike Hartnett estimated framing would begin approximately one month earlier.

## Soil delays Grove construction, but CEO says lost time made up

Framing scheduled for 2011 not started by mid-January; Campus Crest maintains building will be done on time

By Beth Kevit  
News Editor

Construction at The Grove, an upcoming Campus Crest housing complex located off Route 2 in Orono, is on schedule despite delays in setting foundations, according to the company's CEO, a University of Maine graduate.

"The soil conditions were tougher than expected," said Mike Hartnett, Campus Crest CEO. "The foundation component of construction took a little longer than we thought."

Hartnett said any time lost to working on extra bracing for

foundations has been made up with progress on framing. In a conversation with The Maine Campus on Dec. 9, 2011, Hartnett said framing would be started by the end of the month.

"We've broken ground, and we should be framing, starting the framing process, within the next week, 10 days," he said in December. "I think the majority of our footing work and foundation is done."

Photographs provided by ICR, Inc., the public relations firm retained by Campus Crest, show the construction site in mid-January without any wood

frames for buildings. A photo dated Feb. 10 provided by the firm shows workers building frames.

"That might have been my guesstimate," Hartnett said on Wednesday about the framing timeline. "There are very few, if any, contractors who can predict the day something starts."

Hartnett said the entire complex will be complete before the start of the fall semester in August.

Karl Ward, president and CEO of Nickerson & O'Day

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## UM Class of 2013 planning to build skate park as gift

Expected park cost topped at \$150,000, grant sought to defray students' burden

By Jamison Cocklin  
State Editor

The University of Maine Class of 2013 has officially proposed a skate park as its graduation gift to the campus.

Following in the tradition of other graduating classes — such as the Class of 1944, which has donated extensively to UMaine throughout the years, represented by both the Bear's Den and the Class of 1944 Hall — the Class of 2013 stepped up its efforts on Feb. 16 when its members brought their proposal before the planning committee for the first time.

"We wanted to do something innovative and different," said Paige Eggleston, head of the 2013 class council. "This is the first time we've been before the committee, and we received some great feedback. We're still in the beginning stages, but this project is something that has a lot of potential."

Going before the planning committee marked an important step for the class council.

Ultimately, the committee will track the project's progress, and when the park's final details have been ironed out, committee members will make their recommendations to the university president, who ap-

proves all such building plans on campus.

But details are far from complete, and spearheading an effort to build a skate park will pose a difficult challenge for class leaders, according to those involved.

Eggleston estimated that, including materials and construction, the park could cost as much as \$150,000, all of which the Class of 2013 will need to raise on its own.

She also conceded that despite a feasibility study conducted by Facilities Management, not much else has been done in the way of design, fundraising or finalizing a location for the park on campus.

At this point, Eggleston said very little money has been raised for the park's construction, something she

says is just now getting under way. Recently, the class applied for a \$25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation. The class will learn whether it was approved for the grant in March.

"We're working with many different sources, and there's a lot of different people on board with this," Eggleston said. "People really seem to be supporting the idea because it's new. There's really nothing else out there."

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Paige Eggleston  
President  
2013 class council

## Equality Maine seeks to place same-sex marriage on ballot

Group has relied on UM for volunteers in past; more than 100,000 signatures collected in fall

By Chris Chase  
Staff Reporter

Same-sex marriage will get another shot at legalization in Maine's upcoming November election if volunteers and staff of Equality Maine have their way.

The efforts, which included gathering more than 100,000 signatures from Maine voters, aim to allow the state's same-sex couples to obtain marriage licenses. A similar effort in 2009 failed after a people's veto struck down a law passed by the Maine Legislature that would have allowed same-sex marriage in Maine.

The petition is almost certain to gain a spot on the ballot, as it takes just over 57,000 signatures to do so.

"The political process for winning marriage in Maine is through the ballot box," said Betsy Smith, Equality Maine's executive director.

Equality Maine spearheaded the petition drive, with volunteers across the state canvassing and collecting signatures.

However, their work has not been limited to petitions alone.

"We've been doing a lot of educa-

tion work," Smith said. "We believe people are changing their minds about this issue."

Equality Maine's timing is meant to coincide with the 2012 presidential election, which is expected to draw more voters, especially younger ones, according to Smith.

"Any time more people vote, the better," she said.

UMaine students and employees volunteered to assist Equality Maine in gathering petition signatures last fall.

"We ask people to sign our petition to allow same-sex marriage and protect religious freedoms," said volunteer Rebecca Holmes, a second-year psychology student at the University of Maine, told The Maine Campus in September. "This means that we offer people the chance to read any part of the petition that they want to, or all of the petition if they want to, and we explain anything that they want to know about it."

In 2009, the last time voters had a chance to cast a ballot on the issue, same-sex marriage was narrowly repealed, with 53 percent opposed and 47 percent in favor.

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File photo

Maine voters will most likely get another chance at legalizing same-sex marriage thanks to Equality Maine gathering more than 100,000 registered voter signatures. In this September 2011 photo, Helen Channell, a University of Maine sophomore, gains signatures in Bangor in order to get the issue back on the November 2012 ballot after a 2009 defeat.

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# GSS discusses break proposal, dance fundraiser

By Anne Chase  
For The Maine Campus

During the last meeting of the University of Maine's General Student Senate before spring break, the senate discussed an issue already brought to the Graduate Student Senate, voicing the undergraduate opinion on the proposal to change the schedule for academic breaks.

According to Sen. Paige Eggleston, students she talked to were not in favor of changing the break.

"Essentially we want to say we like our break with the two weeks together," she said.

The proposal to keep spring break as is was passed with no debate. However, not all members of the senate agreed that the break should remain unchanged.

"I think it could be a good idea if at least one of the weeks overlapped" with public school breaks in Maine, Sen. Patrick Powers said. "I have a little brother in high school, and it makes it easier."

Senators also discussed a fundraiser scheduled for the end of March.

A dance marathon, dubbed the Bearfest, will raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Individuals must raise a minimum of \$50 to participate in the 12-hour event where sitting will be prohibited. Groups that wish to participate must raise a minimum of \$1,200. This fee will waive the \$50 per person fee in order to allow all members to participate.

"If 400 people register by Friday, an anonymous donor has agreed to give \$400," Sen. Brittany Cote said. As of 5 p.m. Feb. 21, 189 people had signed up.

"Penn State does this every year for 36 hours," Cote explained. "This year they raised \$10 million."

The senate has set a goal to raise \$20,000 for the Chil-

dren's Miracle Network.

Also at the meeting, an amendment to the UMSG Constitution was passed, changing its policy so that a student with a cumulative grade point average less than 2.5 would be ineligible to work for Student Government.

This motion is scheduled to take effect immediately. Students who do not meet the minimum are ineligible to become members of GSS.

"We're changing the standard now. It has to change sometime," said Student Body Vice President Caleb Rosser.

Sitting senators with less than a 2.5 could now face impeachment proceedings.

"It's not a thing where it has to happen, but it can," Rosser said.

According to Rosser, "no more than two, if it is even two" senators are failing to meet the new requirement. Should a senator face impeachment, GSS would be able to vote to keep the senator.

However, if grades have not been improved by the time to refile paperwork, those who do not meet the stipulations will not be allowed to serve.

Funding was granted to the Student Nursing Association, American Marketing Association and the Women's Lacrosse Club. All three groups requested funds for transportation and lodging expenses. The SNA sought funds to send 13 of its members to the annual national convention in Pittsburgh. The AMA sought funds to travel to New Orleans for its national conference.

This semester there are two acts scheduled to perform at UMaine. Though confirmed, they remain yet to be announced officially — one act's contract is not yet signed, and the other is part of a national tour that is still unannounced. The announcement for the first is planned for this week and the second for the first week of spring break.



Eggleston

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Sen. Paige Eggleston



A male Black Bear Hydro Partners employee was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor on Wednesday morning after becoming trapped under a splash board on this dam spanning the Penobscot River. He suffered a leg injury and hypothermia.

Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

## Man trapped after Old Town dam accident

A male Black Bear Hydro Partners employee was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor on Wednesday morning after being trapped on a dam spanning the Penobscot River.

Old Town Fire Department acting lieutenant David Daniel said the man was trapped when a splash board, a plate designed to contain water, broke and top-

pled onto him. The man's legs were pinned underneath the plate by water flowing over it.

"A piece broke accidentally, and one of the workers became trapped underneath the plate," Daniel said. "He was jammed in place."

Daniel said the call came in around 9:30 a.m. Old Town was assisted by the Milford and

Orono fire departments and by the Old Town Police Department.

"When we arrived, his head and his torso were out of the spill way" created by water flowing over the plate, Daniel said. "It was probably 15 to 20 minutes until we had him immobilized on a backboard."

Daniel estimated the temper-

ature of the water to have been between 35 and 40 degrees.

"The dam company lowered the head level of the river itself," Daniel said, which relieved the pressure on the plate and allowed rescuers to pull the victim free.

He said the victim suffered from a leg injury and hypothermia.

### Election Results

Election results for two student representative boards were announced this week.

Nicole Golden was elected president of the Commuter and Non-Traditional Students Board, formerly the Off-Campus Board, on Wednesday. Golden received 353 of 659 votes, while her opponent, Daniel Sipe, received 238 votes. There were 68 write-in votes.

Patrick Hart was elected president of Residents on Campus on Monday. Hart received 452 of 812 votes, while his opponent, Rebekah Dunham, received 315 votes. There were 45 write-in votes.

Daniel Norwood was elected vice president of Residents on Campus on Monday. Norwood received 380 of 812 votes, while his opponent, Cormick Frizzell, received 376 votes. There were 55 write-in votes, and one blank ballot was cast.

## Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

By Beth Kevit  
News Editor

### Incendiary irony

The University of Maine Police Department received a report of arson at 12:25 p.m. Feb. 16. A custodian saw that a "No Smoking" sign by the west end of Cumberland Hall had been burned. A replacement sign is estimated to cost \$50.

### Get well soon card

UMPD received a report of criminal mischief at 9:32 a.m. Feb. 20. The card reader at an entrance to Jenness Hall was broken from its mooring. Repairs are estimated to cost \$200.

### Unsophisticated scribbles

UMPD received three reports of graffiti on campus last week. Three swastikas drawn on paper name tags and a dry-erase

board on the fourth floor of Gannett Hall were reported at 11:17 a.m. Feb. 15. The words "Shalomo the Clown" spray-painted on the south entrance of the Advanced Manufacturing Center was reported at 10:37 a.m. Feb. 17. Clean-up is estimated to cost \$50. "Punk" written in black paint on the door of Hitchner Hall facing Grove Street Extension was reported at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17. Clean-up is estimated at \$50.

### Hustling Husson

UMPD received a report of a theft at the New Balance Student Recreation Center at 2:46 p.m. Feb. 18. Two female Husson University students were playing volleyball when they noticed a black male rifling through their purses, which had been left by the side of the court. He and another black male ran when the girls saw them. A total of \$170 was taken, and surveillance videos confirm the theft.

### Song swindler

UMPD received a report of a theft at the New Balance Student Recreation Center at 9:52 p.m. Feb. 16. An iPod worth an estimated \$100 was taken from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room between 9:15 and 9:45 p.m.

### Ripped off RA

UMPD received a report of a theft in Hancock Hall at 11:03 p.m. Feb. 15. A wallet containing credit cards and \$10 was stolen from a drawer in the Residence Life office.

### Spliff sidenote

UMPD received a report of underage drinking in a fourth-floor room in Knox Hall at 12:16 a.m. Feb. 19. An officer found a group in the room and saw two empty half-gallon alcohol containers on the floor, as well as other alcohol in the room. The alcohol was confiscated, and a 19-year-old male was referred to Judicial Affairs for possession of alcohol by a minor. In conversation, the officer learned Ciaran Coyle, 18, was in possession of a usable amount of marijuana, for which he was summoned and referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Underaged and enraged

UMPD received a report of an extremely intoxicated female in the second-floor lounge of Somerset Hall at 12:43 a.m. Feb. 18. An officer found Elizabeth Cote, 18, who was aggressive and hysterical, according to police reports. The University Volunteer Ambulance Corps evaluated Cote and transported her to

St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor for medical treatment. Cote was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption and referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Hancock hooch

UMPD received a report of underage drinking in a fourth-floor room in Hancock Hall at 9:34 p.m. Feb. 17. An officer found four individuals in the room, who all admitted to drinking. Ryan Hall, 19, took responsibility for the alcohol and was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor. All four were referred to Judicial Affairs. A 30-pack of Natural Light beer was confiscated.

### Frothy four

UMPD received a noise complaint about a fourth-floor room in Androscoggin Hall at 1:27 a.m. Feb. 18. An officer found three males — two 18-year-olds and one 19-year-old — drinking in the room. Six cans of beer were confiscated, and all three individuals were referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Boastful toasters

UMPD received a report of underage drinking in a fourth-floor room in Hart Hall at 9:56 p.m. Feb. 17. An officer found a loud group of four individuals, none of whom were intoxicated. A 20-year-old male admitted to drinking, however, and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Ale-ing evening

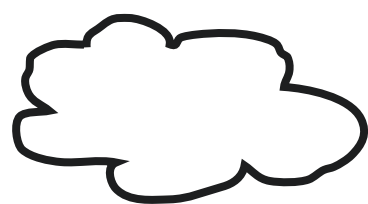
UMPD received a report of an intoxicated underage male in a fourth-floor room in Knox Hall at 12:29 a.m. Feb. 18. An officer found an 18-year-old male in the room. He was evaluated by UVAC but did not require further medical treatment. He was referred to Judicial Affairs.

### Draft pick

UMPD officers came across an intoxicated 19-year-old male who had vomited during a hockey game at the Harold Alfond Sports Arena at 8:01 p.m. Feb. 17. The male was evaluated by UVAC but did not require further medical treatment. An officer escorted him back to his dorm room, and he was referred to Judicial Affairs.

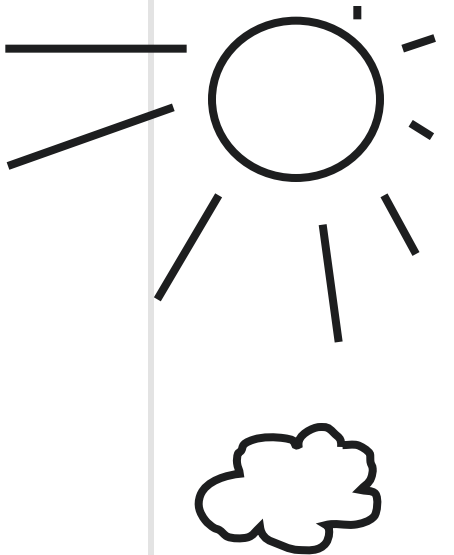
### No yolking matter

UMPD received a report of criminal mischief at the Chi Omega sorority house at 11:37 a.m. Feb. 19. Someone broke several eggs on the hood of a car parked behind the house at some point between 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and 11:25 a.m. Feb. 19. There was no damage to the vehicle.



A Maine Campus event coming in early April at the Alfond.

Once the ice outside goes away, Come on in and play!



# History on the move

Celebrating Black History Month, student groups march across campus

**Right:** Daniel Elbson, left, and Elie Nembambi proudly hold the Black Student Union banner in a Black History Remembrance march. The march started in front of the Memorial Gym and ended at the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza. The event was organized by the Black Student Union to honor instrumental black leaders throughout history.

**Below:** Kaleb Titherington, president of the Black Student Union, speaks to attendees of the Black History Remembrance march upon completing the walk that started at the Memorial Gym and ended at the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza. The march concluded with various readings of quotes from black leaders throughout history.



**By Paul Perkins**  
Photojournalist

A crowd that included several student multicultural groups celebrated Black History Month with a march that started at the University of Maine's Memorial Gym and ended at the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.

The march was organized by the Black Students Union, which recently reassembled after being inactive for the last several years.

Kaleb Titherington, a second-year political science student and president of the group, was happy with how the march and celebration turned out.

"I think it went great. ... We had a lot of people come out from the different student organizations. ... We had the peace action committee, all the deans," he said. "We had different professors all coming out and sharing our knowledge and sharing out faith and what we all believe in — equality for all students around campus. We just want to make it known that we're here for everyone."

Elie Nembambi, a member of the Black Students Union, was pleased with the day's outcome as well.



"It's been a long goal — we've been trying to figure this out for a long time. I'm just glad a lot of people came to show support," Nembambi said.

Judith Josiah-Martin, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, was instrumental in organizing the event.

"It took getting the student leaders to become passionate about continuing to address not only the issues here on campus, but bringing an awareness that there's still social justice stuff and that we can help move it along right here in the state of Maine to keep the voice alive," she said.

The march concluded with readings of inspirational quotes from famous black leaders at the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.

**Above:** Tyler Patterson, a third-year journalism student, reads a quote from Martin Luther King Jr. at the end of the Black History Remembrance march.

**Left:** Dean of Students Robert Dana and Black Student Union President Caleb Titherington led the Black History Remembrance March.

**Below:** University of Maine students pose for a group photo prior to the Black History Remembrance march.



### Skateboard from A1

ing like it in the area.”

One interested party is the town of Orono. According to Norm Poirier, the director of Orono Parks and Recreation, the town has long expressed an interest in building a skate park.

If all goes well, Orono has \$12,000 on hand to put toward the campus project.

“Right now, I believe we’re on board,” Poirier said. “We haven’t seen any great details or meetings on the matter, so at this point it’s just conceptual. But I think under the current proposal, the town will partner with the university on this one.”

Eggleston said that class leadership will pursue local businesses to generate sponsorship funding as well.

Though no official site plans or design work have been completed, the park will be about 50 feet by 75 feet. Eggleston said the wooded area immediately next to the New Balance Student Recreation Center parking lot is the most likely location for the park at this point.

It will be a “typical skate park,” with half-ramps, grindrails and other obstacles, according to Eggleston.

Elaine Clark, the executive director of Facilities Management, Real Estate and Planning and a member of the planning committee, said the scope of the project alone could reduce its likelihood of completion by the time the Class of 2013 graduates.

“The committee is very open to the idea, but they did have a number of concerns,” Clark said.

Among them, according to Clark, are the risks involved with having such a facility on campus. Everything from security and lighting to fencing and overall safety will have to be considered.

Clark added that both design work and cost estimates will have to be completed in order for the project to go forth.

When it does, Clark said there will be an extensive permitting process and stipulations in the campus master plan that will require additional scrutiny on clearing the wooded area near the rec center’s parking lot.

“This has a long way to go,” Clark said. “We’ll just have to wait and see what happens.”

Eggleston said that she is prepared for the challenges. She estimated that at least half of the fundraising will need to be completed before the project can get off the ground. The Class of 2013 is aiming to get the project underway by the time it graduates.

When asked if she was comfortable with the thought of her class leaving a skate park as its legacy, Eggleston replied with enthusiasm.

“Most definitely. It’s something we don’t have on campus right now. I love the idea of benches and gardens because those things are very practical,” she said, “but we’re taking an extra step to leave a mark by working to do something that hasn’t been done before.”

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Facilities Management,  
Real Estate and Planning

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President  
2013 class council

### Grove from A1

Inc., told The Maine Campus in November that he was skeptical of Campus Crest’s ability to finish construction on time. Though Ward’s company is not involved in construction of The Grove, his company has been building in Maine since 1952 and built many buildings at UMaine, including Hilltop and Wells dining commons.

“It’s terrible starting a project this time of year,” Ward said in November. “If someone were asking me to bet for or against their odds [of finishing The Grove by next fall], I would say, ‘Hell no. There’s no way.’”

Hartnett reiterated his confidence in completing construction by move-in day multiple times on Wednesday.

“Typically we open the weekend before school starts,” he said. “We usually try to complete the project a couple of weeks ahead of that.”

There is no set date for completion yet, Hartnett said, describing construction as a

fluid process with staggered timelines.

He estimated about 35 percent of apartments have been spoken for in pre-lease discussions, saying approximately 200 potential renters are lined up.

In December, Hartnett described his motivation for bringing The Grove to Orono. Campus Crest has built 32 Grove complexes across the country and has six more under construction, including the Orono complex. In all, Campus Crest manages approximately 17,000 beds.

“The student housing options at Orono, once you decide to live off campus, are a little bit limited,” he said. “I think there’s a need here [that] matches the profile of other successful communities we have.”

Hartnett also addressed allegations printed in The Maine Campus last fall. Peggy Loonan, a resident of Fort Collins, Colo., is an outspoken critic of Campus Crest who fought the ultimately successful efforts to build a Grove in her town.

“We’ve been accused of be-

### Equality from A1

Previous campaigns against same-sex marriage included attack ads that Smith felt unjustly divided the issue. First among these were ads about the same-sex law supposedly forcing schools to teach about same-sex marriage, as well as a claim that churches would be forced to marry same-sex couples.

“They put out ads that were flat out lies,” Smith said. “The way to win in this kind of a campaign is to scare people. What they’re trying to do is make them vote the other way.”

According to Smith, Equality Maine has taken these attack ads to heart, and the group has undertaken a campaign to talk with Mainerers about the issue. So far, they’ve knocked on more than 100,000 doors and

spoken with 40,000 Mainerers.

“Our job is to continue to talk to people about why marriage matters,” Smith said. “So that when they get to the point where they [the opposition] try to scare Mainerers, they stop and think, ‘Well, wait a minute, this isn’t about schools, this is about marriage.’”

Smith remains confident that a 2012 bid for same-sex marriage in the state will succeed due in part to the continuing prominence of the issue and the efforts of Equality Maine.

Even if it fails, Smith said efforts will not stop.

“We tried to win marriage in 2009 because same-sex couples still need marriage,” Smith said. “The question is not, ‘Is this a good time to vote on it?’ It is, ‘When is the earliest we can win marriage in Maine?’”

“We feel that 2012 is the year that enough minds have been changed.”

ing nothing but NIMBYs here, ‘Not In My Back Yard,’ but we have legitimate land use code issues,” Loonan said in September. “Not only are we looking after the value to our own homes, and not only are we looking out for our own interest as everybody does, but we’ve been looking out for students’ interests too, and nobody but us seems to be doing this.”

Loonan cited what she viewed as shoddy construction as her main complaint against Campus Crest, including an accident at the Denton, Texas, Grove complex on Sept. 3, 2011, in which three young men fell from a third-floor structure and were hospitalized. Loonan maintained it was a balcony since the young men were able to access the structure through a door.

In December, Hartnett responded to the idea that his company was responsible for the young men’s injuries, sketching the structure during the interview to show the amount of space they would have had to stand on.

“It’s really a decorative rail,”

he said, adding that the rail was only 7 and a half inches away from the exterior wall. “Unfortunately at 2 in the morning, we had three nonresident males that decided to somehow force themselves into this 7-and-a-half inch opening.

“We’ve subsequently changed our design where that’s not even an option. It can’t possibly happen,” he continued.

In September, Loonan suggested the accident in Denton indicated a company disregard for safety.

“He graduated from there and now he’s willing to put students in this kind of danger,” she said then of Hartnett, a UMaine alumnus of the Class of 1981. “What does that say about how much he cares about his alma mater?”

“We’ve built this project, this building, gosh, over 500 times, so we’re very confident” in its construction, Hartnett said in December. “I think I’m so confident in our product and so confident in our team that I’m willing to bring it to my alma mater, which I care dearly, dearly about.”

### Pipeline from A1

Army Corps of Engineers and other state entities.

The pipeline route is still being finalized pending review for those permits. Meagher said the route may be changed based on environmental or other concerns, citing wetlands around the landfill and traffic on Interstate 95 as possibilities.

“We’re still in the process of design on the project,” he said, adding that the final cost of the pipeline is similarly unknown. “That’s somewhat of a moving target as we get more specific with the project design, and it will be subject to change.

“We won’t really be able to finalize the costs” until permits are in hand, he continued.

An exact date for the completion of construction is also unknown. Casella plans to hire a contractor to build the pipeline.

“The people responding to the bid request will give us an indication of their schedule,” Meagher said.

Rep. Jim Dill, D-Old Town, said he met with Meagher and Janet Waldron, UMaine’s vice president for administration and finance, last Friday.

“They asked me to come in to fill me in on where they are,” Dill said. “As a state rep-

resentative from Old Town, with the pipeline coming through Old Town, they wanted to bring me up to speed.”

Dill has been an active participant in local landfill discussions, attending public meetings to hear what constituents think about the process.

Renovations to the Steam Plant are ongoing and are expected to come in under the \$500,000 Casella initially agreed to pay for upgrades. Costs for upgrades have since fallen to the university through renegotiation.

The updated agreement calls for the university to pay for boiler upgrades in the Steam Plant and for Casella to cover the construction costs of the pipeline and to clean the gas of moisture and particulates before it leaves the landfill’s property.

“There’s a boiler that’s currently waiting ... to be placed in the Steam Plant,” Waldron said. “That boiler will be retrofitted for taking the landfill gas.”

Landfill gas will be burned in two boilers at the Steam Plant, one of which is already installed. Waldron said they will be dual-fuel boilers.

“The Steam Plant as a whole will be able to do natural gas, landfill gas and fuel oil,” she said.

Upgrades also include the installation of a metering system to measure the flow of the landfill gas.



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**Curling: Not just for Canadians**  
The Belfast Curling Club is hosting Crash Spiel, a collegiate curling competition, from 5 p.m. March 3 to 4 p.m. March 4. Any college student with at least minimal experience can sign up. Full teams, pairs or singles are eligible. Registration is \$30, which covers rink fees and three meals. Free accommodations are provided by Unity College. Multiple motels are nearby. The spiel will have three draws. Contact Douglas Coffin at 338-1466 or 567-3707 with questions. Mail fee to Coffin at 73 Hersey Retreat Road, Stockton Springs, Maine 04981 to register.

**Memorial Union hours for spring break**  
The Memorial Union will be open during reduced hours during spring break: Feb. 24, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Feb. 25-26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Feb. 27-March 2, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; March 3-4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; March 5-9, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; March 10-11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Union Central and the Bear’s Den will be closed from Feb. 24 to March 11.

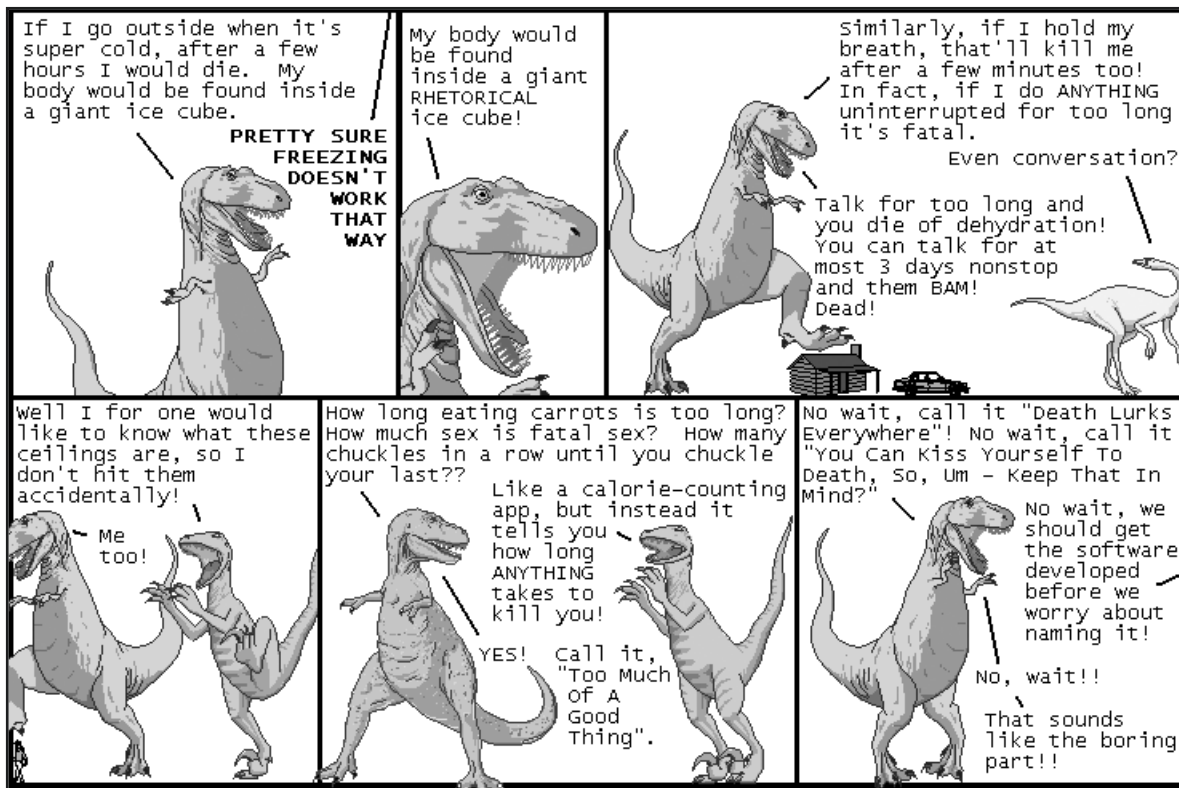
**Teaching in the 21st century**  
The Correll Presidential Lecture Series will host Ernest Morrell of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education at Teachers College on at 4:30 p.m. March 26 for a free lecture in Wells Conference Center. Morrell will discuss ways for language arts teachers to engage students through literacy projects such as blogs and social networking.

2, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; March 3-4, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; March 5-9, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; March 10, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; March 11, 8 a.m.-midnight. The Marketplace will also have reduced hours: Feb. 24, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Feb. 25-26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Feb. 27-March 2, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; March 3-4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; March 5-9, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; March 10-11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Union Central and the

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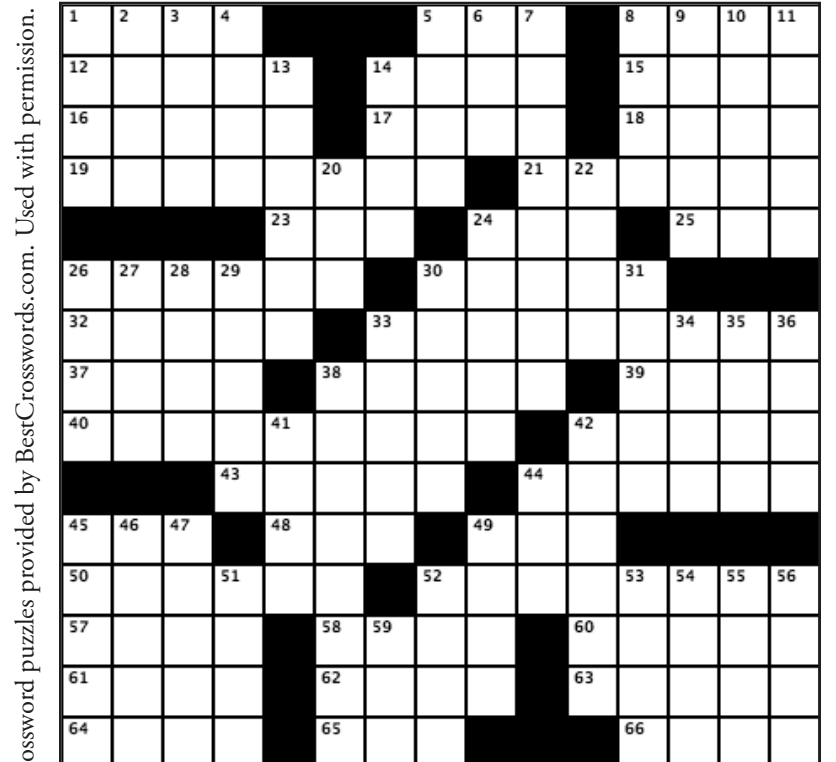
## Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



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## Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

## Hark a Vagrant

By Kate Beaton



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### Across

- 1- About;
- 5- Ballet step;
- 8- Moon of Jupiter;
- 12- Lasso;
- 14- Beethoven's birthplace;
- 15- Billy \_\_\_ had a hit song with "White Wedding";
- 16- Circumference;
- 17- Hawaiian outdoor feast;
- 18- \_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik;
- 19- Devilment;
- 21- Electrician on a movie set;
- 23- Liturgical vestment;
- 24- Cpl.'s superior;
- 25- Are we there \_\_\_?;
- 26- Not susceptible;
- 30- Bothered;
- 32- Article of food;
- 33- Civil-rights

### Down

- 37- Among;
- 38- Mimicry;
- 39- Neighbor of Cambodia;
- 40- Ribbon worm;
- 42- Code name;
- 43- Give guns again;
- 44- It spreads aromatic smoke;
- 45- Sighs of relief;
- 48- Apr. addressee;
- 49- Move about recklessly;
- 50- Cavity;
- 52- Rejoice;
- 57- Astronaut Shepard;
- 58- Capital of Shaanxi province, China;
- 60- Cringe;
- 61- Actress Garr;
- 62- Signs;
- 63- Milo of "The Verdict";
- 64- Formerly, for-

- merly;
- 65- Enzyme ending;
- 66- Lays down the lawn;

### Down

- 1- Composer Khataturian;
- 2- California's \_\_\_ Valley;
- 3- Bar bills;
- 4- Auricular;
- 5- High headdress;
- 6- Actress Alicia;
- 7- Cozy room;
- 8- Willing;
- 9- Enlighten;
- 10- Recipient;
- 11- Argus-eyed;
- 13- Within reach;
- 14- Air bubble;
- 20- Land in la mer;
- 22- \_\_\_ all-time high;
- 24- Severe;
- 26- Lendl of tennis;
- 27- Jester;
- 28- Disfigure;
- 29- Below;
- 30- At right angles to a ship's length;
- 31- Claw;
- 33- Copycats;
- 34- Sailors;
- 35- Flexible tube;
- 36- Belgian river;
- 38- Tranquility;
- 41- Bridle strap;
- 42- Physician;
- 44- Taxis;
- 45- Having wings;
- 46- More healthy;
- 47- Surgery souvenirs;
- 49- They're fired;
- 51- Single entity;
- 52- Fine;
- 53- A pitcher may take one;
- 54- Horton Hears \_\_\_;
- 55- Ticked (off);
- 56- Ages;
- 59- Connections;

## Word Search

### Spring Fever

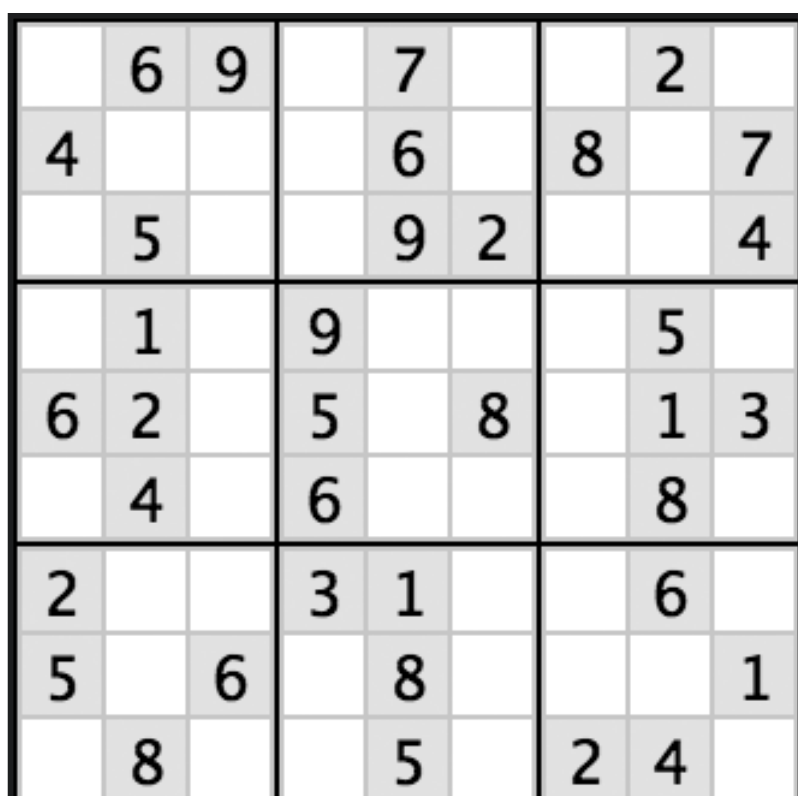
- ALLERGIES
- APRIL
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- BEEES
- CROCUSES
- CYCLAMENS
- DAFFODILS
- DANDELIONS
- EASTER
- EQUINOX
- FLOWERS
- FROGS
- GOLF
- GRASS
- GREEN
- GROWTH
- IRISES
- LILIES
- MARCH
- MAY
- NEW LEAVES
- PLANTING
- RAIN
- RENEWAL
- ROBINS
- SEASON
- SNOWMELT
-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

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

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## Sudoku Puzzle



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

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

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

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## MADAME MYSTERIO

Madame Mysterio is working to get her money back for the anger management classes.

**Aries - March 21 to April 20** - Spring break is nearing and you're yearning for long, lazy mornings without an alarm clock in sight. That's not much different from your unmotivated lifestyle, but break will give you an excuse for your sloth.

**Taurus - April 21 to May 21** - You've reached a milestone in the semester, so take a moment to look back at all the progress you've made. It might be a little fuzzy if you're farsighted.

**Gemini - May 22 to June 21** - That skinny swimsuit you picked up for break is beckoning you toward sandy beaches and sunny skies. If you leave early for the airport, you'll have time to grab a nice sarong or oversized T to hide how awful it fits you.

**Cancer - June 22 to July 22** - We're reaching a period when you can take a breather, and you've earned it, surprisingly. It takes you a while to get started though, so make sure you get your slow-moving, indecisive butt back in gear before the end of break.

**Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22** - Sunburns and salty air are alluring, but you blew all your money at the Brew every weekend, so consider those drunken mistakes and regretful hangovers your spring break. Woo! Learn how to use a budget.

**Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23** - Someone important to you is going to come back into your life soon, and after all this time apart, you may be confused about whether you still want a relationship. You're not getting any younger.

**Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23** - We're drawing close to graduation, and now's the time to think long and hard about your future. There's still time to go to technical school.

**Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - You had better watch your step before people start calling your bluffs and exposing your weaknesses. No one believes your "other friends" exist.

**Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - It's staying light out longer each day, so use that extra time in the sun to study your appearance and note its flaws. You can't hide those bushy eyebrows under a winter hat forever.

**Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20** - Your self-denial in the past weeks leading up to break are about to pay off, as your goal is finally within reach. Now's the time to day-drink and offend the neighbors to your heart's content.

**Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - Spend some extra time hitting the books before the end of the week and you'll thank yourself later. No one's around to watch you fake-study over break.

**Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - Now's not the time to be making any big decisions with lasting effects. You're still reeling from the last poor decision you made, and there's only so many tramp stamps one back can boast.

## HOROSCOPES

## EDITORIAL

### Class of 2013 gift rolls over viability for sake of creativity

If heaven is a halfpipe, then the University of Maine will install some pearly gates, if the Class of 2013 has its way. Since 2010, the class has been grinding out a proposal to assemble a skate park as its graduation gift. A feasibility study conducted by Facilities Management on the endowment's behalf has yielded a green light for the project, and the class council has applied to the Tony Hawk Foundation for a \$25,000 grant.

Ollies, aerials and kickflips, oh my. Preliminary budget blueprints put the park's total cost at \$150,000, and location plans place it in the wooded area behind the New Balance Student Recreation Center on the outskirts of the Hilltop parking lot.

On Feb. 16, members of the class leadership sector presented their layout for the boarder's fantasy to a planning committee, touting it as "innovative and different."

But despite the go-ahead from Facilities Management and the enthusiasm of the class' council, the proposal still seems as practical as a pipe dream.

The Garden of Eden is for apples. Valhalla is for warriors. UMaine is for... skaters?

When was the last time this campus as a whole showed interest in skateboarding? Indeed, some partake in the activity, but regarding the UMaine campus in its entirety, the kickflip craze got the boot in the 1990s.

Many traded Tony Hawk for Captain Morgan years ago — so why funnel \$150,000 into a teenage playground tailored to a slim portion of the collegiate and local population?

The Class of 1944 has its name on facilities the average college-aged scholar already has and will utilize in the foreseeable future — a pub and café (The Bear's Den) and a music and theater hall (Class of 1944 Hall).

The Class of 2012 recently decided to plant a blueberry garden to represent a new scholarship. Whereas most anyone can partake in enjoying either a show, a beer or some berries, not everyone wants to skateboard.

The matter boils down to impracticality: \$150,000 would be better allocated toward pursuits that are universally inclusive.

Whether it's spent to renovate one of the many older buildings or gymnasiums on campus, or to provide more succinct transport for fellow students, such endeavors are a far better investment than a skate park that can only be used during the dry summer months when most students aren't even on campus.

Creativity and innovation are dandy concepts, but they shouldn't have to come at the expense of fellow students and this university. Class of 2013, we advise that you take your inventiveness back to the drawing board and apply it to more accommodating premises.

Take a lesson from beloved skateboard lore and pull a 180 before wiping out in that epic halfpipe they like to call viability.

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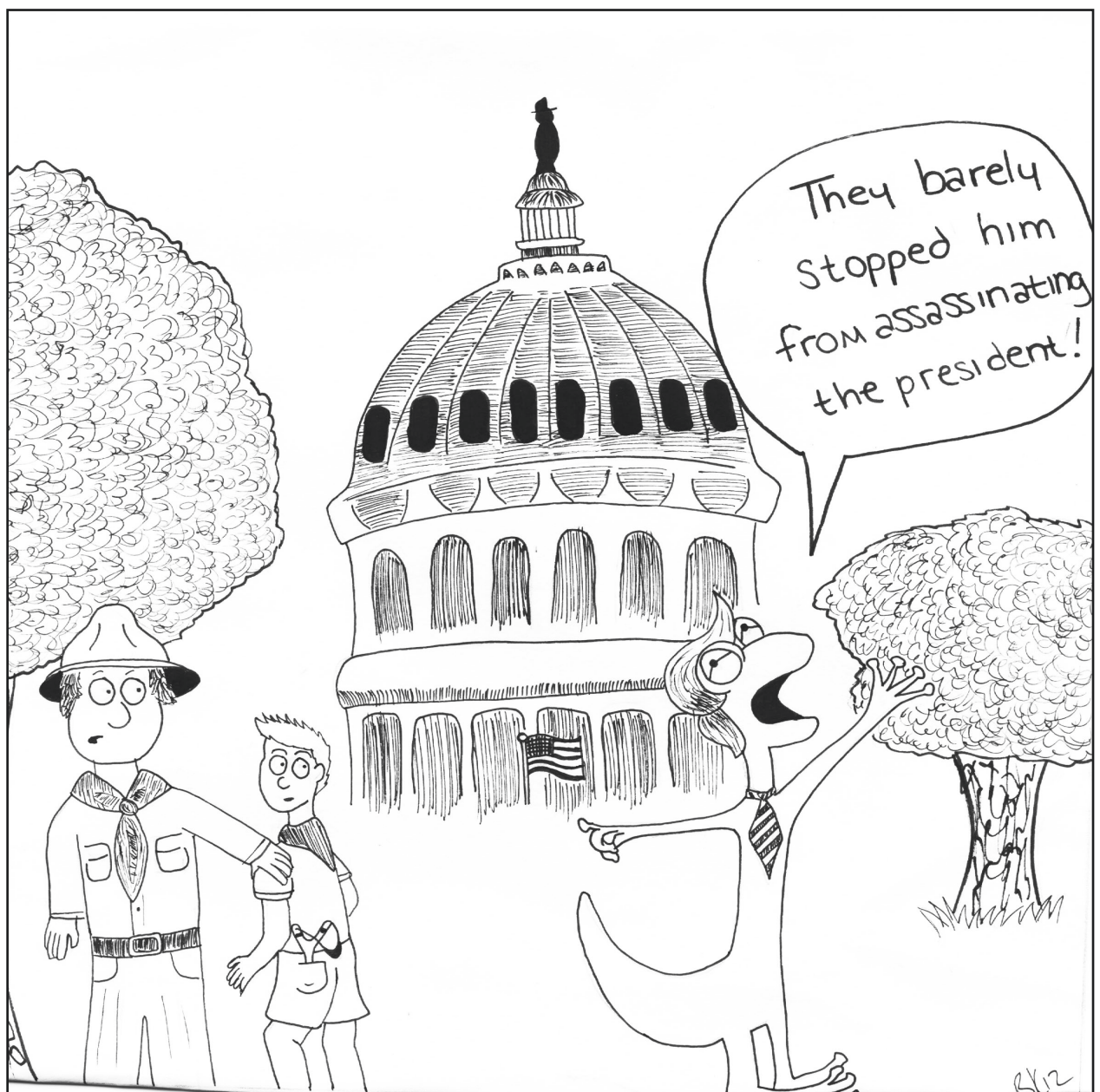
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## Sting tactics staged on home soil bad buzz for US

On Feb. 17, the FBI announced the arrest of Amine El Khalifi on charges that he planned to blow up the U.S. Capitol Building in a suicide attack.

Authorities took El Khalifi into custody as he was leaving a parking garage where he had been dropped off, confiscating a machine pistol and a vest filled with explosives. Officials then announced the arrest, stating the public was never in danger because the pistol and the explosive vest were not functional.

How did they know? They had provided El Khalifi with his materials.

El Khalifi is an undocumented immigrant from Morocco, having overstayed a visitor's visa that expired in 1999. He had most recently been living in Northern Virginia, where in January 2011 he attended a gathering at which another guest displayed guns, and talked of how the War on Terror is really a War on Muslims. El Khalifi allegedly agreed and expressed interest in joining armed extremists.

The FBI monitored El Khalifi for almost a year, using informants to set him up with an undercover agent posing as a member of an extremist group in December. The agent, identified as Yusuf, positioned himself as an ally, listening to El Khalifi's changing plans — he originally wanted to bomb a synagogue, and then a restaurant frequented by military officials — and offering him material assistance in the form of rides and the disarmed gun and explosives.

Critics of the FBI's sting tactics are concerned these cases are manufactured; while the suspects undoubtedly harbor anti-American sentiment, there is debate as to how many would have acted without the "support" of the FBI. According to a Washington Post article on El Khalifi's arrest, there have been at least 20 terror-related arrests in the last year, many using sting tactics.

It's good for critics to raise these concerns. Public attention to possible missteps by law enforcement officers is the best way to keep those officers erring on the side of caution when conducting undercover operations. Officers must strike a delicate balance between protecting the public and ensuring that they aren't inducing suspects to plot an



**MIKE EMERY**  
**POLITICAL COLUMNIST**

attack they wouldn't have attempted without FBI "assistance."

I don't much care for these tactics — I would strongly prefer to see a counter-terrorism strategy that relied on tracking suspects and waiting until they started plotting independent of undercover agents, so we aren't turning dissidents into terrorists — but there is no denying that there is violent anti-American sentiment everywhere, including in the United States.

Although the federal government employs

tions to be part of a comprehensive counter-terrorism policy.

Too many countries still have unfavorable views of the United States. In the Pew Research Center's most recent poll of international public opinion, Israel was the only nation in the Middle East whose citizens held a favorable view of the United States; citizens of Egypt, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, Pakistan and Turkey all had less than 20 percent favorable views toward the U.S.

We need to recognize that as long as there is this much dissatisfaction with us as a country, there will be violent extremists targeting us. And as long as our foreign policy involves maintaining military installations around the world and repeated Middle East intervention, citizens of the Middle East will be angry with us.

Unfortunately, we've been involved in the Middle East so long that simply pulling up the stakes and coming home wouldn't erase all the hard feelings overnight, and our slow development of alternatives to oil means that we have a vested interest in seeing economic stability in the region. This does not mean we

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aggressive counter-terrorism tactics, our overall policy on terrorism can be characterized as reactive rather than proactive. Despite the fact that George W. Bush has been out of office for over three years and his successor ran on a platform of change — though Osama Bin Laden and other prominent leaders of extremist groups have been assassinated — the United States security establishment still endorses the language of the War on Terror.

Our government continues to conduct domestic and overseas operations meant to find and eliminate anti-American sentiment without seriously considering whether our foreign policy encourages this very sentiment. We no longer have a president who says extremists "hate our freedoms," but it is still politically toxic to suggest that we consider our own ac-

shouldn't continue the recent trend of pulling troops back and using diplomacy before force.

There is currently a great deal of instability in Syria, and the Iranian government is stepping up its showmanship to spite the United States. The prudent path is to stay the course, removing ourselves and encouraging greater involvement from international organizations such as the United Nations and the Arab League.

If not, we will continue to have extremists like El Khalifi on our soil. And someday, we may not be as successful in stopping them.

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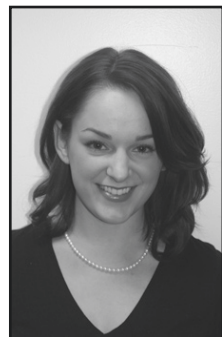
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# Columnist: Love letters falter as HTML hearts lilt



*The effects of the Internet on our daily lives are almost immeasurable. Privacy and anonymity are nearly impossible, though that in itself is deceiving.*

KATELYN MELANSON

Things posted on the first websites ever created can be traced back and found.

It's possible to trace an identity through the numbers and wires of the Internet — nothing we do is anonymous or private. Our lives are now public; our thoughts and ideas are no longer our property unless we keep them to ourselves.

It would be impossible to overstate the positive effects of the Internet, however. Millions of people are now connected; cultural awareness is available through two mouse clicks. The information and vast number of ideas we can retrieve within minutes is astounding. We are now able to access things that, before the invention of the Internet, we may have never encountered.

We have the opportunity to become smarter than any other generation before us and more connected to people who live nowhere near us, yet our time on the Internet is more likely spent looking up dogs who can skateboard, or cats who can "sing."

According to Robert Carr in his book "The Shallows," the negative effects of the Internet raise questions. Are we even taking advantage of the opportunities the Internet presents to us? Our generation shows a lack of ability to focus, and yet the need to multitask is paramount.

How can we stop these effects? These questions may not have any immediate answers, and at this point the Internet is not something our generation can do without. Our lives are digitized, our paperwork is online — the Internet is good for business and advertising, good for the environment and getting rid of paper. Why opt for a life less in the know?

These questions are important to consider. How is being so connected affecting us? How has communication changed, and is it for the better? How is this affecting our behavior and our functioning? Food for thought, certainly, though we will probably never be rid of the Internet now that we are reaping the benefits.

But we can at least consider how a few days away from the instantaneous World Wide Web can also be a benefit.

*Katelyn Melanson is a third-year psychology student. Her columns will appear every other Thursday.*

The language that is spoken internationally is no longer love.

Instead, it's HTML text, gigabytes, emoticons and friend requests on Facebook. The tool that has single-handedly transformed the accepted form of communication — the Internet — may be a double-edged sword.

So how is this instantaneous connection, the endless availability of ideas, affecting the way we think and function?

Over the course of their college careers, most students at one point or another are asked to put away their cell phone during class. Is this the student's fault?

It could be argued that the fast-paced, instantaneous nature of our culture is to blame. The minute something interesting happens, it has to be posted on Twitter or Facebook. It is possible to connect with someone who lives on the other side of the world within minutes.

It has become the norm to know what people within an individual's social circle are doing at any given point within a day. Understandably, technology has done quite a bit to and for our society.

The effects of the Internet on our daily lives are almost immeasurable. Privacy and anonymity are nearly impossible, though that in itself is deceiving. Sitting at a computer, it is easier to write things online you wouldn't dare say out loud.

When behind a machine, you feel more anonymous somehow, less intimidating perhaps. However, once these thoughts are posted online, it's impossible to get them off-line.

Every tweet on Twitter is stored by the Library of Congress.

# Bullying to go belly-up if LD 1237 passes; bill would safeguard all students from abuse

MELANIE ROCKEFELLER

We've probably all had experiences with bullying.

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, up to half of all children experience bullying at some point while they are in school. Up to 10 percent of students are bullied on a regular basis. The National School Safety Center stated that bullying "is the most enduring and underrated problem in U.S. schools."

For me, the seventh and eighth grades were particularly rough. The incident I remember most poignantly 12 years later is not something that happened face-to-face; it happened via instant message. I doubt the bully would have said those horrible things in person. Doing it on the Internet made it easier.

In many ways, though, I was lucky to be in middle school when I was. I didn't have to contend with the cyberbullying that exists today on social networking sites and through text messages.

In recent years, bullying's horrendous impact has been made tragically clear by the suicides of several students nationwide. However, there are numerous other serious psychological consequences associated with bullying that do not make headlines.

Victims of bullying may experience anxiety, depression, eating disorders, loneliness, suicidal thoughts, decreased academic performance, school avoidant behavior and chronic absenteeism. Being bullied in childhood may also negatively impact adult interpersonal relationships. It may also harm the child doing the bullying; children who bully have higher rates of depression than other children.

All children deserve to be protected from bullying, and the passage of LD 1237, "An Act to Prohibit Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools," would give all Maine children that protection.

It's simply a matter of common sense that schools should prohibit bullying for the good of all their students. But current Maine law fails in several ways to adequately protect students and address bullying, including the fact that it doesn't define bullying or cyberbullying. Perhaps the largest deficiency in the current law is the fact that it doesn't prohibit bullying.

I have no doubt that all Maine schools want to do right by their students. Many schools have taken major steps in pre-

venting bullying and addressing it when it occurs. However, for every school that has made a push against bullying, there is another school that hasn't done enough to make sure students can focus on learning and not worry about the hurtful things their peers may say or do.

LD 1237 recognizes the great work some Maine schools have done to combat bullying and allows school districts to continue this work. The law simply sets a minimum requirement that all schools have a policy prohibiting bullying.

This requirement is a good starting point to help schools address the issue of bullying, but individual school boards with input from the local community, parents and teachers would be given the proper sway to develop their own code of conduct as well.

Additionally, LD 1237 requires that all Maine educators be trained on how to prevent and address bullying, insisting that educators address and report all bullying incidents.

Opponents of LD 1237 have raised concerns that the bill would violate First Amendment rights. The truth is that LD 1237 wouldn't infringe on freedom of

speech or other basic rights.

Those opposed to the bill also stated it was a product of the "gay agenda." It's true that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth are disproportionately affected by bullying, but that doesn't mean such students shouldn't be helped.

Results of the 2009 National School Climate Survey showed that 85 percent of LGBT students experienced verbal aggression and 40 percent were physically harassed due to their sexual orientation. Nevertheless, the bill would protect all students from bullying and would likely reduce bullying in general.

Last month, an amended version of LD 1237 was unanimously passed in the Education Committee. I applaud those members for their part in taking a stand against bullying and hope members of the House and Senate will do the same.

Please contact your senator and representative and urge them to support LD 1237. If it becomes law, all Maine children will receive what they deserve: protection from bullying.

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# Political columnist: Caucus participation empowers, issues positive forum for communities



NOEL MADORE

proclaimed death threats, Webster is now including Washington County in the tally.

It doesn't stop there. Portland's numbers were switched between Paul and Romney. It's no surprise Waldo County has essentially called for the resignation of Webster, after they faxed early caucus results to the party only to have them not included. Webster said the whole of the caucus problem resulted from the vote tallies being sent to the spam folder on his email.

The Republican chair talks about election integrity by passing voting restriction laws but is ready to support the vote of his own party. Last week, while talking to Boston conservative talk radio host Howie Carr, Webster said, "If some little town next week caucuses, do we want to add that number to the total? At this

*We need strong parties that can elect moderate candidates who will stand for the people of Maine, not for an "R" or a "D."*

Charlie Webster, the Republican Party chair, accused 206 University of Maine System students of committing voter fraud last fall to justify his larger agenda of disenfranchising voters of same-day voter registration.

He found his election fraud this past week when the Republican Party went to nominate their presidential candidate.

Caucusing is one of the most local forms of politics, where citizens meet at a municipal building to discuss and meet local candidates. This is an opportunity for citizens to elect individuals who they think will represent them. The caucus elects delegates to the state conventions, where they will influence the character of the party and what it stands for by changing the platform through their nominations.

We need strong parties that can elect moderate candidates who will stand for the people of Maine, not for an "R" or a "D."

What went down at the Republican Caucus affects how people view our political system and the party. It is likely to turn more people away from their party and politics all together, hurting everyone in this state.

In a vote, Waldo County Republicans said they had no confidence in Webster and chose to censure him due to the many fishy things that went on. Last Saturday, Webster said presidential candidate Mitt Romney had won the caucus in Maine, by a margin of less than 200 votes — though not all towns had caucused and others simply hadn't been included in the first count.

Washington County's caucuses were wrongly canceled due to 3 to 4 inches of snow — a dusting. In comparison, the Democrats had an unprecedented turnout despite a blizzard in 2008.

Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul won in Washington County on Saturday with a 2-1 margin. Because of tremendous criticism and

point, what difference does it make what the total is?"

If you wanted to vote in the Republican caucuses, it's too late. It's not too late, however, to meet candidates and voice your opinion on President-Elect Barack Obama in the democratic caucuses if you're not currently registered to vote, an unaffiliated voter or registered Democrat.

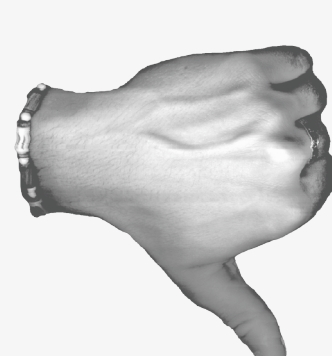
Whether you agree or disagree with the actions of a party or the president, that's reason enough to attend. Caucuses are magical and full of energy. There are few things more empowering than a community gathering to decide its future.

The Maine Republican Caucus had little over 2 percent of their members vote. With such low enthusiasm, it's no surprise that people like Paul LePage and Webster are nominated. We need strong parties so we don't end up with people who have no business representing the public.

*Noel Madore is a third-year public management student. He is a member of the College Democrats. His columns will typically appear every Monday.*

## Thumbs up / Thumbs down

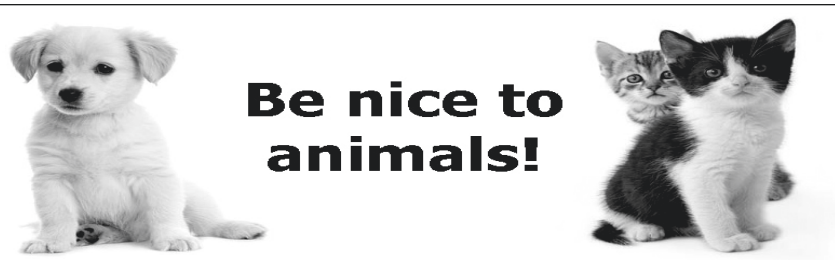
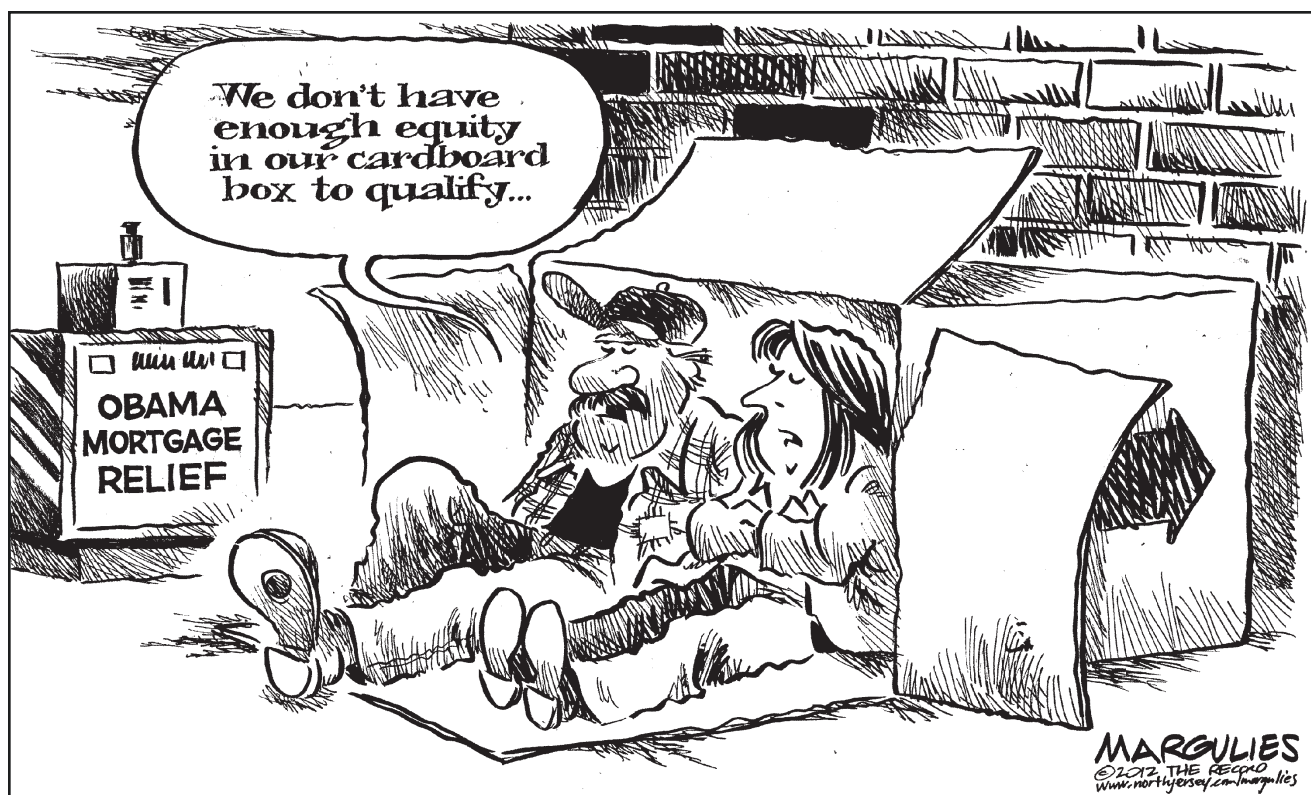
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### Comp. Spotlight

The debt crisis in Europe brings stock market down again this week while they continue to look for a suitable second-bailout package for Greece to avoid debt default.

The Senate passed The Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act which bars members of Congress, their staff and senior executive branch advisers from applying insider information gained on the job when they trade stock and securities. Therefore public officials now have to "play by the same rules as everyone else."

### Investment Tip

Past performance is a good way to see how companies have done in the past and may be a guideline for future investments, however, should not be the parameter to judge a company while investing. The future of the company should be your prime focus for investment. You should focus the attention to the companies that have bright future prospect. In this case, quality is more important than the price. The companies that can increase the value of the share over time would be ideal for investment.

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▼	WM	(Waste Management)	-1.17%
▼	CHD	(Church & Dwight Co.)	-.90%

### Market Recap

The following results from the previous weeks pitch to buy bonds with John Deere, GE & GE Capital voted yes.

A pitch to place stop orders on ACE and DUKE which also voted yes, were all called in last week.

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## Fishin' for tuition

To help pay for school, Noyes works schedule to tend 400 lobster traps during fall semester

By **Brittany Toth**  
Local Editor

Second-year kinesiology and physical education student Ryder Noyes spent half of the fall semester off campus, away from classrooms and assigned reading, instead traveling three hours south to tend his lobster traps in order to pay for school. "One of the only reasons I'm allowed to participate in school at the University of Maine is because of the lobstering industry," Noyes said.

The reason he decided to study kinesiology and physical education instead of taking on a year-round lobstering career was the effect lobstering has on the body.

"I hope to be a personal trainer someday," he said. "At some point there will be a drawback from lobster because of injuries and I needed a backup."

During the fall, Noyes took four classes — three in the classroom and one online. All classes were on Tuesdays and Thursdays so he could travel home on the weekends to lobster.

Around 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Noyes would make the three-hour drive south to Kennebunkport to prepare for his upcoming days on the water.

"It was very difficult to juggle the two, especially knowing that all my friends were up here having a blast, and I was going home to bust my a--," Noyes

said while painting one of his hundreds of buoys on Saturday.

Noyes started lobstering when he was 8 years old. He said then, he went out on a family friend's boat to get a taste of the lifestyle and has been hooked ever since.

"The following year I was 9 and I was working at a driving range and lobstering with a gen-tle-

man by the name of Ray Billings. He taught me most of the trade," Noyes said. "I was making \$20 a day. When I was done lobstering, I would spend that \$20 on a bucket of golf balls and go fire them off into the woods."

When he first struck out on his own he had a recreational permit, which only allowed him to set five traps. Any

lobsters caught with his recreational permit would be taken home to his family or given away to friends.

Now Noyes has a commercial license, which he received at the age of 17. It allows him to have up to 800 traps in the water; however, he only has 400.

"There's not enough time to go lobstering all summer and get all 800 traps in and out of the water before school starts," he said.

Over the years, Noyes has bought all his traps, spending anywhere from \$80 to \$100

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Brittany Toth • Local Editor  
Ryder Noyes, a University of Maine student, inspects his lobster traps for damages.

## go!

Thursday, Feb. 23

**Exhibits: "I Put a Spell On You," "The Moment," "Because You're Mine," "The City"**  
UMMA  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Skylase: Pink Floyd, Dark Side of the Moon**  
Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium  
7 p.m.  
\$4

**Skylase: U2**  
Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium  
8 p.m.  
\$4

**Thursday College Night**  
Curva Ultra Lounge  
9 p.m. to 3 a.m.  
\$5 for 18+, free for 21+

Friday, Feb. 24

**Exhibits: "I Put a Spell On You," "The Moment," "Because You're Mine," "The City"**  
UMMA  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Skylase: Pink Floyd, The Wall**  
Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium  
7 p.m.  
\$4

**Too Late The Hero, Legend Has It, Sufferer, Deliver Us, One Shot Nothing**  
Curva Ultra Lounge  
7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
\$8 advance, \$10 day of

Saturday, Feb. 25

**Exhibits: "I Put a Spell On You," "The Moment," "Because You're Mine," "The City"**  
UMMA  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Ladies Night**  
Curva Ultra Lounge  
9 p.m. to 3 a.m.  
\$10 for 18+, \$5 for 21+, free for ladies

Sunday, Feb. 26

**Exhibits: "I Put a Spell On You," "The Moment," "Because You're Mine," "The City"**  
UMMA  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Trip Through Space**  
Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium  
2 p.m.  
\$4

**Laser Star Stories**  
Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium  
3 p.m.  
\$4

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## Mardi Gras event rooted in Maine traditions

By **Hillary Nason**  
For The Maine Campus

Even with a large Franco-American population, Maine isn't known for lively Mardi Gras celebrations.

But one Franco-American Center employee's cherished childhood memories from living in Aroostook County brought the cultural event to the center at the University of Maine on Tuesday.

A committee of 23 members, consisting of faculty and community members, helped put the event together. It was the first Mardi Gras party held on campus since 2004, when campus dining halls stopped celebrating the event due to outstanding expenses.

"I grew up in a small town in Northern Maine right on the border of Maine and Canada," Franco-American Center community coordinator Lisa Michaud said. "As a child, I remember my parents getting dressed up for the Mardi Gras party. They would wear costumes.

*"As the generations come and go, the Mardi Gras tradition has become a thing of New Orleans and not of Maine."*

Lisa Michaud  
Franco-American Center community coordinator

To learn more about the **Franco-American Center**, check out their website at [francoamericanarchives.org](http://francoamericanarchives.org).

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Tables full of authentic French-Canadian cuisine, including baked beans, brown bread, molasses cookies and rice salad, were offered free of charge. Traditional French decorations and informative posters of French history decorated the room.

Accordianists Nancy Lamarre and Lionel Ducas served as the main entertainment. Some audience members played the spoons along with the classic songs performed.

Mardi Gras marks the beginning of the Lenten season six weeks before Easter, a season where one makes sacrifices and gives up things they

See Mardi Gras on **B3**

"But as time went on, this practice of getting dressed up in costume did not happen any longer," she added. "As the generations come and go, the Mardi Gras tradition has be-

## Gorillaz, Murphy, André 3000 collaborate on new Converse track

Though commercial, song a real gem

Column

When it was announced earlier this month that alternative heroes Gorillaz would be collaborating with former LCD Soundsystem frontman James Murphy and Outkast rapper André 3000, everybody got at least a little bit excited.

This is like if Nirvana collaborated with Soundgarden and the Beastie Boys. (OK, not quite that exciting.)

Two acts that fall in about the same genre — Gorillaz and Murphy — get on board with somebody else who doesn't do what they do — André 3000 — but could mesh well.

Based on the names alone, this meeting of the minds is a winner. Gorillaz have made some of the most interesting music starting in the late '90s and are as creatively strong as they have ever been — their last album, 2010's "The Fall," was recorded by group leader and singer Damon Albarn on his iPad while on tour.

Murphy's baby, LCD Soundsystem, announced and played their huge final show last year after releasing three critically acclaimed albums that propagated the fusion of dance and punk music.

Aside from being one of Gillette's "Masters of Style," along with Adrian Brody and Gael García Bernalin, in a recent commercial featuring his well-groomed facial hair, André 3000 hasn't been incredibly

active lately — although I am a huge fan of his goatee. Still, going back and listening to Outkast's best is a fine reminder of why he's as revered as he is.

Although the collaboration was conceived as a marketing ploy to help Converse sell special Gorillaz edition camouflage shoes, don't dismiss it — Willie Nelson's recent cover of Coldplay's "The Scientist" only came about because of a Chipotle commercial.

The end result, while not on par with the best of Gorillaz, LCD Soundsystem or André 3000, comes close enough to be pretty kick-ass.

The song, called "DoYaThing," was released for free download on the Converse website today, but it leaked online yesterday, revealing that the hype was worth the wait.

From the beginning, it's clear Albarn headed this project. The video game beeps, rhythmic synth and alternative-style percussion are classic Gorillaz elements. Well, I shouldn't say that because their go-to move has always been innovation, not establishing classic elements.

Still, everything Gorillaz do clearly has their watermark on it and their unmistakable personality. Albarn takes over the first verse with the half-rapping-half-singing he predominantly uses when portraying fictitious Gorillaz cartoon lead singer 2D.

Murphy takes the reins of the chorus, delivering a falsetto, "You wanna do it/But you don't know what you're doing, baby." That's about the only evident mark he leaves on the song, but its memorable melody makes it significant.

After another Albarn verse and Murphy chorus, André 3000 takes over the entire second half of the track, and he

See Collaboration on **B2**



Christie Edwards • Staff Photographer  
Pianist Germaine Cormier and accordionist Lionel Ducas perform old French songs at the Mardi Gras celebration held at the Franco-American Center on Tuesday evening.

# Fondas thrill in family drama

‘On Golden Pond’ prototypical on surface, actually explores complex themes

**Column**

If bloodthirsty wolf packs and the return of “Star Wars” to the big screen haven’t caught your eye in recent weeks, try jump-starting spring break with a classic film grandma would approve of — and one you will actually enjoy.



**The Reel Deal**  
By Kayla Riley

“On Golden Pond” tells the story of Ethel and Norman Thayer, played by Hollywood favorites Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, who both won Oscars for their roles. The Thayers are in their golden years but haven’t lost any of their spunk. They are spending yet another summer at their cottage by the lake when their daughter Chelsea, played by Jane Fonda, arrives with her

new fiancé Bill in tow. Chelsea asks her parents to take Bill’s son Billy in for a while so the couple can spend some time together on a European getaway, and they hesitantly agree.

As retired professor Norman grapples with the idea of turning 80 and struggles to connect with Billy; Ethel’s warmth and constant care for her curmudgeon of a husband keep the family intact.

At first, 1981’s “On Golden Pond” may seem like an aging romance or a cliché family film. But upon closer viewing, it’s a tale of complex relationships, the trouble with aging and tricky family dynamics even the Cleavers could relate to.

Anyone who has spent a summer soaking up the sun in a lovely corner of New England will identify with the tranquil scenes on Golden Pond. Screenwriter Ernest Thompson

was inspired by his summers spent on Great Pond in Belgrade, Maine. The movie was filmed in New Hampshire.

Henry Fonda is flawless as grumpy Norman, whose relationship with Chelsea is strained and whose passion

and the Fondas. He must deal with being foisted off on an old couple he hardly knows for the summer, all while making the most of a remote cottage with no TV, no video games, and — for the savvy teenager of 1981 — no fun.

One of the most powerful aspects of the film is that the father-daughter relationship depicted is as raw and realistic as can be. Henry Fonda and daughter Jane

replayed their real-life roles for “On Golden Pond” and the two managed to tackle issues on- and off-screen for two tour-de-force performances.

So this spring break, whether you are lucky enough to be spending it on sandy shores or will be longing for warmer weather while sticking around Orono, give “On Golden Pond” a watch. Share it with a friend or family member, and don’t forget the tissues.

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for fishing is the one way he is able to bond with young Billy. Hepburn is as effervescent as ever in the role of Ethel, serving as the family’s peacekeeper and the only person who can put up with Norman’s mood swings and snarky comments and throw them right back.

Fifteen-year-old Doug McKeown does well to hold his own as the less-than-impressed Billy among the undeniable star power of Hepburn

# New Nintendo video gives info on upcoming games

**Column**

Early Wednesday morning, Nintendo fanboys and fangirls were treated to another Nintendo Direct video, a series of online PR videos that reveal new games, release dates and much more.



**Insert Coin Here**  
By Alex Tranchemontagne

A new video is posted every one to two months and they always leave fans of “the big N” foaming at the mouth. Yesterday’s episode was no different.

The episode opens up with Reggie Fils-Aime, the president of Nintendo of America, ensuring that many great Wii and 3DS games are coming our way. Product marketer Bill Trinen talked about the eShop and its success with “Pushmo,” “Muttant Mudds,” “Art of the Sword” and “Freaky Forms.” He then went on to explain the newest eShop title, “Dillion’s Rolling Western.”

“Western” is an action-adventure game with strategy elements. The world in which the game takes place has a stylistic western feel to it. Colors pop and character models are fantastic, while battles are controlled with the circle pad and touch screen.

Between fights, Dillion can mine jewels, the game’s currency, to help build things such as defensive towers to help him in his struggle to protect the town. The game is available now and promised to give most players around twenty hours of play.

The focus of the show then quickly changed to “Kid Icarus: Uprising.” The controls are described as simple to learn but hard to master, using primarily the circle pad, touch-

screen and L button. It was also revealed that the main character can use nine different types of weapons, all of which are controlled differently. Weapons can also be fused to create stronger weapons.

Multiplayer is available locally and online; it can be used with up to six players and has a variety of different modes. The game will ship next month and will be packed with a stand and six AR, or augmented reality, cards that work with the system. Those who pre-order “Kid Icarus: Uprising” at select locations such as Amazon, get a code to download the original “Kid Icarus” game on the 3DS.

“Mario Tennis Open” was officially pinned for a May 28 release on the 3DS. The game is being developed by Camelot, the same makers of most classic Mario sports titles. It’s a very fast-paced title, with the touch screen being utilized to

pull off every type of shot. Also, the gyro controls can be used to adjust the camera angle of the court. The game supports local and online multiplayer.

The artwork for the cover of “Xenoblade Chronicles” for Wii was also released. Fans of the game voted on which art piece they

wanted to be on the cover. The game arrives April 6. “Xenoblade” won many awards in Europe, so it’s a title not to be missed.

Reggie also announced “The Last Story” will be released on Wii this year. The game is another RPG that has been released outside of America and earned much praise.

Reggie wrapped up the episode with a reminder to all players of the great games already available for the Nintendo 3DS.

Nintendo has been on a roll lately. The 3DS sold over 5 million copies this week in Japan, which is the fastest a system has ever sold that many copies in the country. It has the makings to become one of the best handhelds in history if Nintendo can keep up the strong line of software.

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## Lobster from B1

for a brand new trap, rope and buoy.

This semester, occasionally on weekends, he makes the trip south to prepare his gear for the upcoming season.

He spent most of his Saturday afternoon fixing traps, making sure the netting on the inside was attached and checked to see that there weren’t any holes for lobsters to wriggle through. When the sun set, he moved inside to paint buoys for the few hours remaining before dinner.

“It’s pretty repetitive,” he said while unstacking one of the many piles of traps that ran the length of his driveway.

**On the open water**

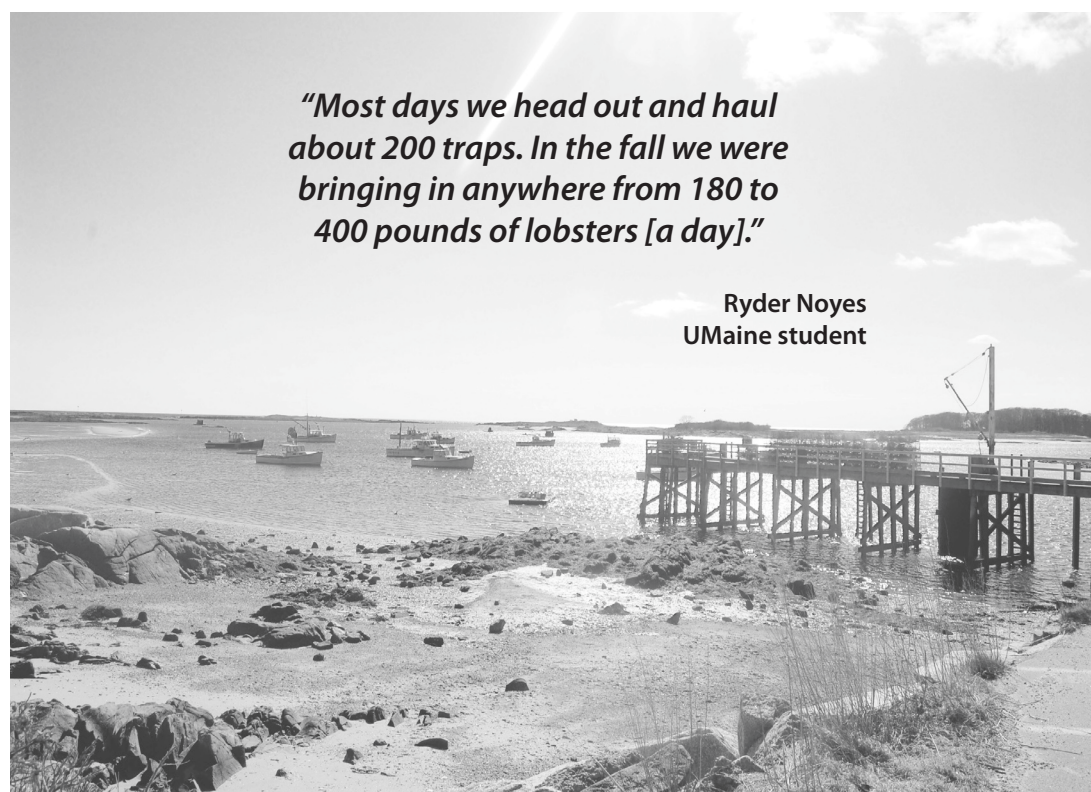
The alarm goes off at 4 a.m., allowing Noyes an hour to prepare all his gear and food before he travels to the pier. He keeps his boat at the pier in Cape Porpoise — about a 10-minute drive from his house.

“When I get the pier the first thing I do is get bait out of the bait shed,” he said.

Noyes uses anywhere from two to four 35-gallon barrels full of bait in one day’s worth of lobstering. After he gathers the bait, he takes a rowboat out to where his 30-foot Repco boat, Miss Konduct, is anchored. He pilots his boat back to the dock to load on the bait barrels and his gear — boots, gloves, a rain jacket, oilskins and lots of food and water.

Once everything is prepared, Noyes hits the gas and heads out to start hauling. He usually starts at 6 a.m. and is not back in the harbor until 2 or 4 p.m. on some occasions.

“Most days we head out and



A view of the dock and boats at the pier in Cape Porpoise where Ryder Noyes anchors his boat.

*“Most days we head out and haul about 200 traps. In the fall we were bringing in anywhere from 180 to 400 pounds of lobsters [a day].”*

Ryder Noyes  
UMaine student

Brittany Toth • Local Editor

haul about 200 traps,” he said. “In the fall we were bringing in anywhere from 180 to 400 pounds of lobsters [a day].”

Noyes has 400 traps that he puts in the water each season. During the fall when he goes home to lobster on the weekends, he hauls 200 of the traps the first day he goes out and the other 200 the second day. All of his traps are single traps, meaning there is only one trap attached to the rope and buoy. A double trap has two traps attached to one rope and buoy.

“A lot of the guys fish doubles, but I’ve never fished them before,” he said.

On average, Noyes made around \$500 a day when the price of lobster was about \$2.25 per pound during the fall months. But that’s not all profit.

“I have to pay for bait and fuel, so I’m not just pocketing all the money I make,” he said.

And because gas runs from \$4 to \$5 per gallon and with a 50-gallon tank, he could spend \$250 just to fill it. Over two days of lobstering, he uses approximately 25 gallons of gas.

Out on the water, Noyes has to haul each trap, measure each lobster to make sure he can keep it and refill each bait bag.

Lobsters must measure between 3 1/4 and 5 inches from the eye socket to the back of the carapace for it to be a legal catch. Anything above or below that has to be thrown back into the water. This regulation allows lobsters smaller than 3 1/4 inches the opportunity to grow and reproduce before they are caught. It also allows

those longer than 5 inches to continue breeding.

“If you catch a female lobster that has eggs, also known as a seeder, you have to chuck [it] over the edge,” Noyes said.

He added that even when eggs aren’t visible, the tail of the lobster should always be checked for a tail notch. A tail notch, or a V-notch, protects the lobster from being harvested, letting other lobstermen know she has eggs or has had eggs before, and is a good breeder.

“The lobster will shed eventually,” Noyes said, “which means those lobsters will lose their tail-notch marking and can be caught and kept.”

Once Noyes has hauled all 200 traps for the day, he heads back to the dock, unloads his bait barrels and gear, washes off his boat, anchors it and heads home.

**The hardest task**

When asked what the hardest part of lobstering is, Noyes was quick to respond.

“Setting gear and bringing gear home is the hardest and worst part of the season,” he said. “When you bring gear out, you have to beat the crap out of yourself to bring the buoys to the pier and stack the traps on your boat, then drive them out [and] set them in the water.”

Noyes’ boat can only hold 40 3-foot traps at a time or 30 4-foot traps, making the process of setting and picking up gear longer and harder.

“It’s not like you’re catching any lobster, either,” he said. “You’re working for nothing, literally.”

Although the lobstering season never ends, Noyes usually hauls lobsters from May to October, sometimes through November, weather permitting. During those months, he makes enough money to pay for all of his schooling, rent, food and gas.

Noyes hopes to have all his gear back in the water by May 15 at the latest.

## Collaboration from B1

dominates it. He sings for a bit, which is all peaches and cream, but he excels where he normally does — rapping.

He begins, “New word: onomatopoeia/Quit acting like you don’t wanna be here,” and from there, launches into a rapid, nonstop onslaught of rhymes that don’t always make sense. That’s perfectly fine in a Gorillaz song. The band doesn’t seem to take themselves too seriously, so getting silly is almost encouraged. As far as I can tell, finding rhymes for words regardless of content is all Lil Wayne does anyway.

There isn’t much that separates this from other Gorillaz songs. They’re known to col-

laborate with people all the time, so Murphy and André 3000’s appearances don’t sound out of place.

Gorillaz have almost made an art of finding the right guest performer to include in their songs. Del the Funky Homosapien was the glue that held “Clint Eastwood” together, while De La Soul was one of the main attractions in “Feel Good Inc.” They seem to use featured artists as instruments, bringing them in to produce sounds and moods they can’t create by themselves.

All in all, I think Gorillaz, Murphy and André 3000 killed it. “DoYaThing” is catchy, fun and a great use of everybody’s talents. My only concern is that the track is so good, people might forget it’s supposed to help sell shoes.

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## MOVIE REVIEW: 'Safe House'

Stars great, but script's high expectations not fulfilled



Universal Pictures

By Derrick Rossignol  
Style Editor

Having Denzel Washington as the lead in a movie is one of the best insurance policies. Even if the script or supporting cast is lacking, Washington will be praised for a strong performance, so the film will have at least one redeeming quality.

Fans will watch "Safe House" just because he's in it, and they'd probably still enjoy it even if it was subpar.

Fortunately, behind Washington's star power is a decent script with an interesting plot.

The film, set in South Africa, opens on Tobin Frost, played by Washington, as he acquires a portable drive containing a seemingly important file from a foreign intelligence agent. Soon after the transaction, Frost is attacked by foreign mercenaries, so he resorts to his last option of entering the safety of the American embassy.

Frost, by the way, is a former CIA agent who went rogue and became an international criminal, so there are few good reasons for him to essentially turn himself into the government.

Frost is moved to a safe house in Cape Town. The "housekeeper" is Matt Weston, played by Ryan Reynolds, an eager, low-level agent looking for his chance to move up in the organization. Soon after Frost arrives at the house, the mercenaries attack the place and in the chaos, Weston leaves with Frost captive.

Frost starts playing mind games with Weston, telling Weston exactly how he'll act and what he'll do. Frost makes it

clear he is better versed in these matters than Weston, which is likely true, since Frost manages to escape from Weston's captivity multiple times.

The action scenes are as effective as those in any contemporary movie. Frost's almost constantly either punching or shooting somebody, while Weston, still fresh on the scene, has a hard time with harming people, so he's more reluctant to add to the kill count. Every time he takes somebody out is that much more powerful, though.

While some might say these intense scenes were choppy edited, that might be a good thing. In real life, these interactions are chaotic and don't happen all in one place, so the quick, constant angle changes and shaky camera work are actually a good thing. Much like the "found footage" format, there is perfection in the imperfection when capturing these moments.

Reynolds has been trying to shake loose the "Van Wilder" persona he's had by taking on a string of more dramatic roles in films like "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" and "Green Lantern." His sarcastic wit is perfect for that type of movie, but in "Safe House," he shows he's capable of putting himself in somebody else's shoes and really becoming the character.

With popular actors like Washington and Reynolds, viewers find themselves calling them by their real names instead of their characters' in other films. But in "Safe House," Washington is Frost and Reynolds truly becomes Weston. Weston's timid tendencies work well with

Frost's dominant personality, and the two stars let these script intricacies shine through.

The first half of the film is a great setup for a deep story full of underlying themes and small details that come back to bite Weston in the butt. Unfortunately, the movie never reaches its full potential in that regard. When the credits roll and the lights come on, it feels like something is missing.

There were a lot of important elements involved in the story, but they don't go anywhere important. The film actually suffers because of the superb setup in the beginning. By itself, the second half of the movie is well executed, but when all the information is laid down in the beginning and the action that follows doesn't amount to a fulfilling conclusion, it feels hollow.

It's great when a film hits an apex in the first few minutes because it sets the tone for the rest of it and raises expectations, but when the first peak is the only one and viewers spend the rest of the film waiting for what won't come, they can't help but be a little disappointed.

With convincing performances by Washington and Reynolds, it's a shame the content couldn't compete. "Safe House" had the potential to be a classic, but as soon as that idea enters audiences' heads, the plot flatlines, leaving a forgettable action flick partially saved by skilled leading men.

Grade: B-

## CD REVIEW:

### The Fray, 'Scars & Stories'

Piano rockers throw new elements into the usual mix

By Harold Lyons  
For The Maine Campus

The Fray has always been grounded in highly emotional music. For their third album, they stick to what has worked for them while throwing a few new elements into the mix.

Lead singer Isaac Slade has a unique voice, one exuding genuine emotion. Coupled with the piano pieces that have made The Fray popular in the past, it makes for a decidedly intimate affair.

This is not music to sing along to with friends, but the kind to listen to in your empty room.

Their opening track and lead single, "Heartbeat," is a typical love song that could have been completely boring. Slade's vocals save it from such a fate, with a memorable chorus that will keep you coming back for more.

"The Fighter" explores the doubts many lovers face and struggles that occur within any relationship. With an intense bridge, this song is a highlight.

The Fray has deep Christian roots, so I was surprised by "Turn Me On." It is a provocative song — one which I cannot see fitting into their ideals. There is an urgency to the lyrics, which anyone who has been in the depicted situations can relate to.

The Fray has often relied on the tense relationship between Slade and his brother for inspiration. "Over My Head," from the 2005 album "How to Save a Life," was based on the problems that ensued after Slade asked his brother to leave the band in 2002. The Fray pulls on similar inspiration with "1961." It feels like an apology with heartfelt nostalgia thrown in for good measure.

"The Wind" is an interesting lyrical journey that explores the relationship a sailor has with the wind. It was an interesting change of pace, to say the least.

"Here We Are" proves that The Fray does not have to rely solely on Slade's superior vo-



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cal ability. Being one of the only songs on the album with a memorable guitar piece, it stands out. Fans of Coldplay will instantly be drawn in.

Arguably better than the lead single, "48 to Go" embodies the adventurous American spirit. The opening guitar riff coupled with a strong chorus is a powerful combo. With lyrics such as, "Missed an exit in Albuquerque/We don't seem to mind at all/We pull over/The sun is burning/And we lay down to feel the rain fall," the track may inspire many spontaneous road trips.

Some argue Slade's vocals carry much of the band's weight, but that's not the case in "Rainy Zurich." Guitarist Joe King grabs the mic, providing a great change of pace.

"Be Still" is among the album's weaker moments. The Fray lets their Christian roots show; unfortunately, it lacks the emotional punch to make it memorable. Instead of deep, it comes off as strained.

Just over three years since the release of their last album, to say that "Scars & Stories" is hotly anticipated would be a gross understatement. Those hoping for more of the great

music The Fray is known for putting out will be pleased. People looking for something different might be disappointed. There is plenty of variety here. From a classic love story in "Rainy Zurich" to a dramatic ballad with "I Can Barely Say," variety isn't lacking. Even with such an assortment, it still sounds distinctly "Fray."

Even so, this album is somewhat of a letdown. Most of these songs lack the punch to stay in regular rotation for more than a couple of plays. There are no songs similar in gravity to 2005's "How to Save a Life" or "Over My Head."

Those tracks have garnered massive numbers of plays in iTunes libraries nationwide, but there's nothing here that should compete with those numbers.

"Scars & Stories" is a fitting name for their album and for The Fray in general. The majority of the band's songs explore the emotional ordeals of life: the scars and stories. Unfortunately, the stories on this album aren't interesting enough to captivate for an extended time.

Grade: B+

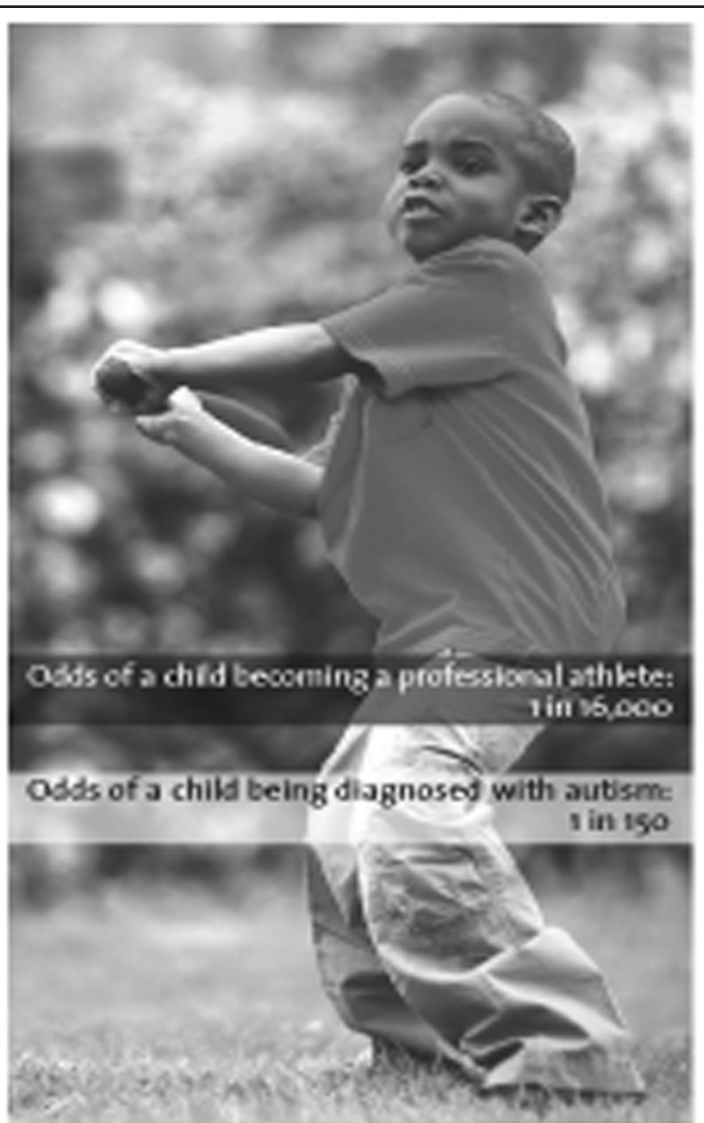
### Mardi Gras from B6

enjoy like sweets, smoking or soda; as long as it is something that is difficult to go without, it is considered a sacrifice.

Guests had the opportunity to engage in a few tra-

ditions like the King Cake, a ring shaped cake with cream cheese cinnamon filling that has a plastic baby hidden inside. According to the custom, the person who finds the baby will have good luck for a year and must hold the King Cake party during the next Mardi Gras.

"A Collection of Franco-American Recipes" by Robert Daigle and Susan Pond was available for purchase at the event. The cookbook firmly grasps the delicious side of the heritage by giving a background description and directions for each recipe in both French and English.



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HealthyU Host: Ali Abedi, Asst. Prof. of Electrical & Computer Engineering

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HealthyU Host: Beth Wiemann, Chair of School of Performing Arts

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## Western Conference shaping up nicely for NHL playoffs

Column

With just over 20 games of regular season play left, the 2012 NHL playoffs are only a month and a half away. Although there is plenty of time left for teams to make the leap into a playoff position, some are already in postseason form.

Starting in the Eastern Conference, it looks like the New York Rangers will grab the No. 1 seed. Henrik Lundqvist of the Rangers is arguably the top goalie in the NHL with a league-best .941 save percentage.

Right now, the eighth seed would be the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Leafs own the season matchup over New York thus far, beating the Rangers two of the three times they've met, with one game between them remaining.

However, the Leafs are under .500 both on the road and in their last 10 games. Toronto will look to forward Phil Kessel, fourth in the league in points and third in goals, to lead them in the playoff hunt.

The projected No. 2 Boston Bruins will turn to goalie Tim Thomas for another run at a championship. The Bs could be matched up with seventh seed Ottawa Senators, as the Senators will try to put a stop to a Bruins repeat, just like any other team that matches up with the defending champs.

Though the Senators can play on the road with a 15-11-5 record, they have lost all three meetings against the Bruins this year, and three still remain.

The Florida Panthers are currently the third seed in the East. Even with the high ranking, the Panthers are just one game over .500 on the road. They could challenge the New Jersey Devils, who hold the sixth seed.

The Devils have proven they can win on the road this season with a 17-10-1 record, winning seven of their last 10 games. The Panthers and the Devils split the season series at two apiece.

Lastly in the East, the No. 4 versus No. 5 matchup could be an in-state contest between the Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins. Flyers forward Claude Giroux is second in the league in points with 68 and also second in assists at 46. However, the Penguins still have the league leader in points — nope, not Sidney Crosby but Evgeni Malkin with 71.

Philadelphia revamped their roster over the offseason and a

first-round matchup with perennial power Pittsburgh would be a tough draw.

Heading out West, the top seed at the moment is the Detroit Red Wings. Not only do they have the No. 1 goalie in wins with former University of Maine stopper Jimmy Howard, but they've won eight of their last 10 games — not to mention their record breaking 23 straight home wins.

Their eighth seed opponent at the moment would be Calgary Flames. The Flames will need their own goalie, Miikka Kiprusoff, to come up big if they challenge the Red Wings' potent offense. The season series was split at two apiece.

The Vancouver Canucks and Phoenix Coyotes are the currently the second and seventh seeds, respectively. The Canucks will look to return to the NHL finals, while the Coyotes are just looking to hold their playoff spot.

Coyotes goalie Mike Smith has kept them in the hunt with his .928 save percentage — fourth in the league. Vancouver counters with a star-studded offensive unit featuring the Sedin twins, Henrik and Daniel.

No. 3 in the West right now is the San Jose Sharks while the current six-seed is the Chicago Blackhawks. The Sharks have been struggling as of late, winning just four of their last 10 games.

The Blackhawks will look to Jonathan Toews to keep up the scoring, as he's fifth in the league with 29 goals. These teams split the season series at two apiece, which should make for an interesting playoff matchup.

The St. Louis Blues hold the fourth seed and will rely on their two goalies, Jaroslav Halak and Brian Elliott, who are both in the top five in shutouts with six each. Elliott also has a league best 1.56 goals against average and Halak is fourth with 1.97.

The current fifth seed is the Nashville Predators. Although their stats may not be as appetizing as the Blues, they have won all four meetings so far against the squad. If these standings play out, this should be one of the most interesting playoff matchups in the league.

Both NHL conferences have some dynamic teams gunning for the playoffs. Although the top two seeds in the East are dominant, the West has more intriguing matchups. In addition, the seeding in the West doesn't really matter because the talent is so close between the teams.

There is still plenty of regular season hockey to be played and these standings can shift dramatically, but the playoffs are right around the corner and should offer just as much drama and excitement as last year's did.

## UMaine travels to Providence in Hockey East quarterfinals

Women's hockey look to avenge last year's loss to Friars in opening round

By Joe Sturzi  
Staff Reporter

The playoffs have arrived for the University of Maine women's ice hockey team, and with a fifth-place finish in the Women's Hockey East Association, the Black Bears will head back to the Schneider Arena for the second consecutive year to face the fourth-place Providence College Friars.

UMaine's 17-10-6 overall record may be better than Providence's 14-16-4, but for the WHEA conference tournament, the conference record trumps all. Both teams finished with an 11-8-2 WHEA record and a 1-1-1 record against each other, but Providence breaks the third tie by having scored more goals than UMaine in their three matchups.

Even with the same opponent as last year, anything can happen in the playoffs, according to UMaine head coach Maria Lewis.

"I think we're a little bit of a different team than the first time we went down there. I also think that they're a bit of a different team," she said. "It's really anyone's game, and they're playing really well right now."

"I think we have to focus on the little things that we need to do to have success, and try not to get too wrapped up in the irony of the situation and just try to focus on ourselves and the task at hand."

Coming off a sweep of rival University of New Hampshire, the Black Bears are happy to have bounced back from their previous week's misfortunes at Northeastern University. But even with a couple of victories over a rival, the regular-season book has closed, and it's time to start anew.

"It's a new chapter, [time to] start fresh. Obviously we'll have a playoff mindset, but it is a new chapter," Lewis said. "Yes, we're excited to cap off the season with



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The University of Maine women's hockey team travels to Providence College for the quarterfinals of the Women's Hockey East Association tournament.

a sweep of UNH, but it's time to move on. You're only as good as your last game, so we want to make sure that we continue to do well."

Even though the postseason may be a new chapter, the way the team prepares for games will remain the same, the coach said.

"We keep everything the same and just keep moving along and just try to get better every day, which is what we try to do all year," Lewis said. "I think if we try to change things up, it's going to throw the kids off and take them out of their routine, which is the last thing we want to do. It's another game, it's a business trip and that's how we're going to approach it."

More important is the fact that there are no major injuries for the Black Bears going into the playoff game at Providence. All hands will be on deck, which is a crucial aspect of a playoff run. Last year, senior forward Danielle Ward was out for UMaine, but this year her regular-season performance of 14 goals and 13 assists will be carried into the postseason.

"We were banged up through the course of the season," Lewis said. "We don't have anyone that's out or anyone that is not going to play because of an injury at the moment, unlike last year, where Ward had a separated shoulder in the playoff game and we had some kids with concus-

sions and some pretty big injuries at the time. This time around it's just the typical season wear and tear, so it's so far, so good."

Other offensive leaders for UMaine include senior forward Brittany Dougherty, who led the Black Bears in total points throughout the year with 31, including 16 goals and 15 assists, as well as fellow senior Myriam Croussette with 11 goals and 13 assists.

If UMaine wins this game, it will be on to the semifinals of the WHEA conference championship tournament in Hyannis, Mass.

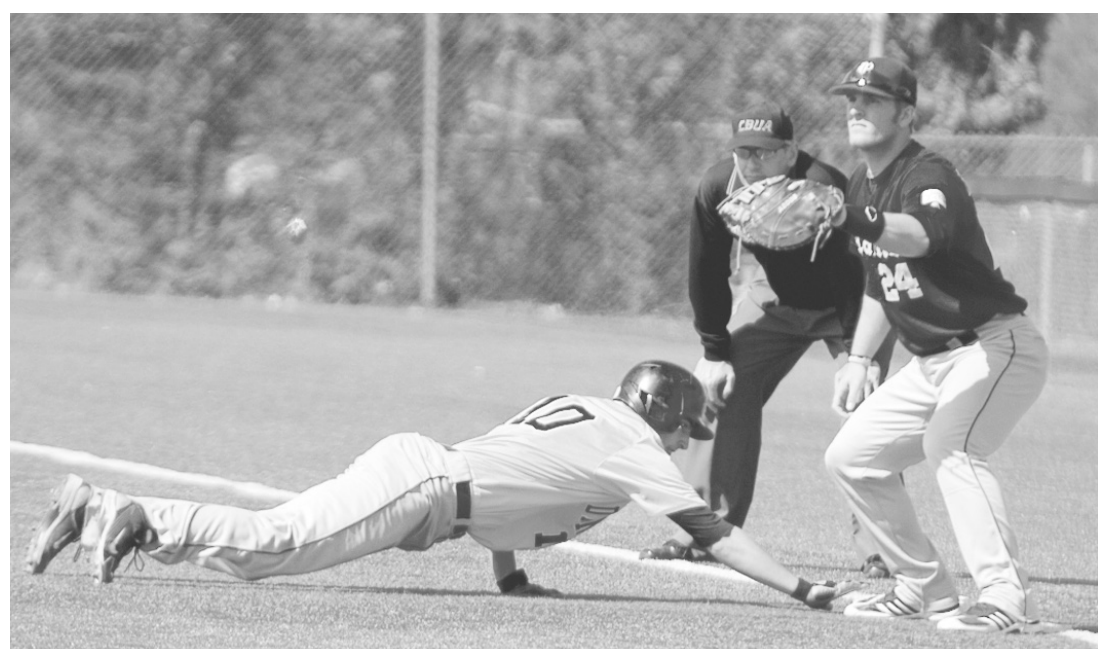
The Black Bears and Friars drop the puck in Providence on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

## Baseball from B6

in-conference competition, the coaches have done a good job and it's going to be a tough battle against some good hitters, according to junior pitcher Jeffrey Gibbs.

"We've done a lot of conditioning work. We're in really good shape right now. Coach [Jason] Spaulding did a real good job with us keeping us in shape, with the bullpens, a good job with the mental aspect of the game," Gibbs said. "Every team has a good lineup. We expect that, and we're just going to go out there and pitch the way we know how."

With the first home game not until April 4, it is a long way off until the Black Bears come home. Their road trip begins in Clemson, S.C., on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.



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Senior first baseman Justin Leisenheimer is one part of the University of Maine baseball team's "Bash Brothers," with his twin, senior designated hitter Ian Leisenheimer.

### Leisenheimer brothers lead Black Bears

When two big, athletic boys grow up in the same town, in the same house, and in the same womb — at the same time — it's reasonable to expect that some attempts at one-upping will take place.

Twins Justin and Ian Leisenheimer, senior veterans on the University of Maine's baseball team, have had a spirited yet brotherly competitive streak dating back to childhood.

"We were very competitive," Justin said. "Being a twin, just being a brother, we were constantly trying to challenge each other to get better."

To those who buy into the idea of a cosmic, telepathic congruence between twins, it would come as no surprise that

the "Bash Brothers" would ultimately decide to bring their super duo to the same place: Black Bear Nation.

"It was in high school that we were both thinking about it," Justin said. "I'm glad it worked out this way."

Upon asking Justin if there are any discernible differences between them, he responded simply: "Not really. We're both kind of the same players. If you see us on the field the only thing that sets us apart are our [jersey numbers]."

"Bash Brothers," though a well-known baseball nickname, is not a title one would dare throw around lightly. Combining for a total of 460 pounds, these bat-wielding behemoths are a sight to see.

Justin, who led the team in home runs last year with eight to go along with a team best .537 slugging percentage,

says the team will be much improved with his brother reclaiming a starting role this season.



"As far as I'm concerned, our lineup is more experienced with [Ian] as a starter," Justin said. "He wants to win like everyone else."

Ian, who took a supporting role last season after holding a starting outfield spot in previous years, still managed to put up solid numbers in 40 appearances. His slugging percentage of .448 is second best among returning players, behind his brother. Ian's .313 batting also topped all current Black Bears.

With the season fast approaching, if you happen to hear a repeated aluminum ping coming from the athletic complex, don't be alarmed.

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Black Bears travel to Providence for 1st round

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"Each and every year our expectation is to win our conference."

UMaine baseball head coach Steve Trimper

## COLUMN

### Nascar heats up with addition of Patrick

Open-wheel star makes her full transition to Sprint Cup

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# Black Bears continue fight for home ice

Men's hockey travels to Northeastern, 2 points ahead of Merrimack for 4th in Hockey East

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

With just three games remaining in the University of Maine men's hockey team's regular season, each game gains importance as the fight for home ice in the Hockey East Tournament continues.

The No. 10 Black Bears are currently 18-10-3 overall and 13-9-2 in Hockey East, good for fourth place, two points in front of Merrimack College. Because the Warriors have played one less conference game than UMaine thus far, if both teams win out, Merrimack would get home ice over the Black Bears, due to their two wins over UMaine earlier this season.

"It's always very important in our league," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead when asked about home ice in Hockey East. "Two years ago we achieved home ice and we won a hard-fought series, and last year we missed out on home ice by two points and got beat by Merrimack. It's clear playing at home is a key determining factor in advancing in the tournament.

"It's one thing to travel from Northeastern [University] to [the University of Massachusetts Amherst] Lowell," he added. "We're far away — anyone who has to travel up here is at a disadvantage. The stress of the travel is something we'd want to avoid."

The Black Bears still have the inside track on that last home-ice spot, despite Merrimack having a game in hand. The Warriors



Sophomore forward Mark Anthoine has excelled on the power play, currently tied for fourth in the country with nine power-play goals.

have four games left — two at UMass Lowell and two at the University of Massachusetts Amherst — but neither series is a sure thing for Merrimack. UMass Lowell is still fighting to secure home ice, while UMass Amherst is clinging to the final spot in the tournament.

The Black Bears travel to Northeastern this weekend to face a Huskies team equally as desperate as the Minutemen,

who took a victory from UMaine over the weekend. Northeastern is 11-14-5 and currently tied with UMass Amherst for the final Hockey East playoff spot.

"I think it's important for our players to understand this is a tough league and points are not going to come easy in any situation," Whitehead said. "That will be the exact same challenge we'll face against Northeastern."

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Whitehead tipped his cap to the Minutemen's play Saturday night, where they jumped out on UMaine early and sustained the lead en route to a 4-1 victory. But he also criticized his players for trying to win the game individually rather than playing as a team.

"The improved play of UMass helped; they played a great game," he said. "Secondly, because we fell behind so quick-

ly, I thought our players began pressing. We tried to do too much individually, staying out on long shifts instead of getting fresh legs out there."

The Huskies are in the middle of the pack, sitting 29th in the country both offensively and defensively, allowing 2.77 goals per game while scoring 2.83. They would need junior goalie Chris Rawlings to stand on his head in hopes of slowing down UMaine's No. 3 offense, averaging over three-and-a-half goals per game.

"We need to release our shots quickly so we can generate second and third shots," Whitehead said. "We need to get some traffic to keep him deeper in his net and we need to drive the net hard so we can draw some penalties and take advantage of the power play."

It's during the power play where the Black Bears have done most of their damage this season. Almost half of UMaine's goals have come on the power play. They're ranked No. 2 in the country in that category and lead the country in power-play goals.

"Our power play has been the most pleasant surprise because we lost five essential players on our power play, so we had to move guys up a unit and completely rebuild our other unit, so that's been nice," Whitehead said. "We worked hard to get there, but we didn't think we'd be able to generate this much offense on our power play."

See Hockey on B5

# Breaking down All-Star Weekend

## Column

With the NBA All-Star break approaching this weekend, it seems like a good time to examine some of the changes to the extravaganza and analyze the rosters.



### Rising Stars Challenge

On Friday night, the NBA will hold their annual Rising Stars Challenge, featuring first- and second-year players.

Normally the game is between the rookies and the sophomores, but this year the NBA had two former players, current TNT basketball personalities Shaquille O'Neal and Charles Barkley, pick teams.

Shaq's team consists of second-year players Blake Griffin, Landry Fields, Greg Monroe and Jeremy Lin and rookies Ricky Rubio, Markieff Morris, Kemba Walker, Norris Cole, Brandon Knight and Tristan Thompson.

Sir Charles' team includes rookies Kyrie Irving, Derrick Williams, MarShon Brooks and Kawhi Leonard and sophomores DeMarcus Cousins, Paul George, John Wall, Derrick Favors, Evan Turner and Gordon Hayward.

While the picking of the teams is an interesting twist, I preferred when the rookies and sophomores faced each other, as it gave us a way to speculate which class may produce more stars. Without that format, this game seems like the kids' table version of the All-Star game, an appetizer of sorts for the big game two nights later.

With that said, it would be surprising to see Shaq's team pull out the victory. Although he has both of the NBA's latest two phenomena in Griffin and Lin, he has six guards and only one of them — Fields — is comfortable playing off the ball. While there will be plenty of touches in the Rising Stars game, I don't think there's enough to satisfy Lin, Rubio, Walker, Knight and Cole.

Barkley's selection actually looks like a basketball team. He has two great young point guards in Irving and Wall, and multiple players who can play off the ball in Turner, Hayward and George. Barkley's a little light on bigs, but with Favors, Cousins and Williams, he should have enough size in a game that doesn't rely on post play too much.

Predicted winner: Barkley's team; MVP: Kyrie Irving

### 3-Point Contest

This year's 3-point shootout features last year's winner James Jones, as well as Kevin Love, Ryan Anderson, Mario Chalmers, Joe Johnson and Anthony Morrow.

Most of the contestants are acceptable, except for Chalmers and Johnson. Anderson is representing the hometown Orlando Magic, Love's 3-point ability has been one of the biggest talking points of his game and Morrow is consistently near the top of the league in 3-point percentage.

If the NBA felt they needed a former All-Star represented, then they really settled with Johnson.

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# Black Bears win on senior night over rival UNH

By Charlie Merritt  
For The Maine Campus

Wednesday night's men's basketball game was the last for five University of Maine seniors as they said goodbye the right way, earning a 71-58 victory over the University of New Hampshire.

The Black Bears improve their record to 12-15 overall and 6-9 in America East while snapping a five game losing streak as the Wildcats fall to the same exact record.

UMaine held the Wildcats to 37.7 percent shooting and only turned the ball over 10

times while dishing out 12 assists.

"We played well. We did a great job defending and shared the ball very well," said head coach Ted Woodward.

UMaine was led by senior guard Gerald McLemore who scored 16 points on 5-15 shooting while sophomore forward Alasdair Fraser got back on track, adding 14 points on 5-8 shooting with 10 rebounds and senior guard Raheem Singleton added 12 points and four assists.

"It's about three's and layups for [UNH]," McLemore said. "We did a better job defending tonight."

With senior forward Svetoslav Chetinov in shirt and tie, UMaine started the other four seniors: McLemore, Singleton, forward Traxon Wilcher and guard Andrew Rogers as they gave life to the Black Bears, which led to a well-played game.

The teams traded baskets throughout the first half with eight lead changes and five ties as the Black Bears ended up on top 29-25 at the intermission. UMaine would

See Basketball on B5



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor Senior guard Andrew Rogers finished with four points and three assists in his last home game as the University of Maine beat the University of New Hampshire 71-58.

# Baseball begins Friday with trek to Clemson

By Joe Sturzl and Clark Shepard  
For The Maine Campus

In seasons past, late February may not seem like an ideal time to play baseball in Maine. This winter seems to be proving different however, with not much snow to show going into March.

Even in the unseasonably warm winter, the University of Maine baseball team will head to South Carolina and Florida to kick off its 2012 campaign.

Not only will they be playing in warm weather, they will also have the opportunity to get some good competition under their belts against top-20 teams such as Clemson University and Florida State University.

Team captain and junior infielder Michael Fransoso said the beginning of the season is a hard road to go down but is a necessary part of the journey.

"Every year we'll start off at a program across the country, usually down South and then take a trip to Florida for a couple weeks," Fransoso said. "We do play 26 games on the road right away. When we get back from Florida we go to New Jersey, which is another long drive, then after that, Maryland, which is even further."

"It's kind of hard on the bodies," he said. "We'd like to play at home in front of the crowd and on our home field, but there are things we just can't control and we need to play some of those places to get some games in."

Coming off an America East championship last season, expectations are high for the Black Bears as they try to repeat as conference champions. But the season must be taken one game at a time, ac-

ording to head coach Steve Trimper.

"I think each and every year our expectation is to win our conference and get to the regional tournament and continue on; but with that said, there are a ton of steps until we get to that spot, so I think our long-term goal is to go very far [into the postseason]," Trimper said.

"I think we have enough talent, depth and experience to have the chance to put out a pretty good season this year," he said. "Honestly, 98 percent of us are thinking about how we're going to win on Friday night against Clemson, so we'll take it one at a time. There are a lot [of returning players] and we just have to make sure that we play up to our expectations."

Trimper also touched upon some players who could take their game up a notch this spring.

"I'm really interested to see how [sophomore catcher] Fran Whitten plays," Trimper said. "He was a part-time player for us last year, he did a little bit of catching. I think has a chance to help out in pitching and catching, [and] also hitting."

"The other one is [sophomore infielder] Mike Connolly, who was a part time guy as a freshman last year and is doing the same thing," Trimper continued. "He is going to be closing

for us, playing catcher [and] third base. Those are two guys I'd say to keep an eye on."

After a year of the new regulation of bats in college baseball, Trimper thinks they have helped out the offense in addition to creating a challenge in the traditional roles of baseball.

"We are kind of built that way — you have to have more athletic kids and we have an athletic team," he said. "You have to be able to play small ball, execute bunts, and move runners around and find different ways of producing runs."

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Junior shortstop Michael Fransoso looks to lead an experienced Black Bear infield this season. UMaine opens their season Friday at Clemson.