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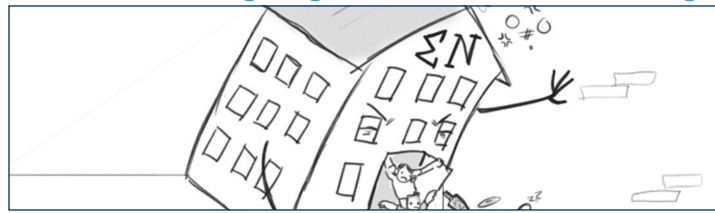
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Paper to print weekly in fall

Other changes to Campus include merged Style, News section

By Anne Chase
For The Maine Campus

Next year The Maine Campus will become a weekly newspaper in order to place more emphasis on online content, printing one larger issue per week that will hit stands on Mondays.

The single paper will serve as a roundup of the week's news, while the Campus expects to hire two to three new employees before this academic year's end to expand the newspaper's amount of online content.

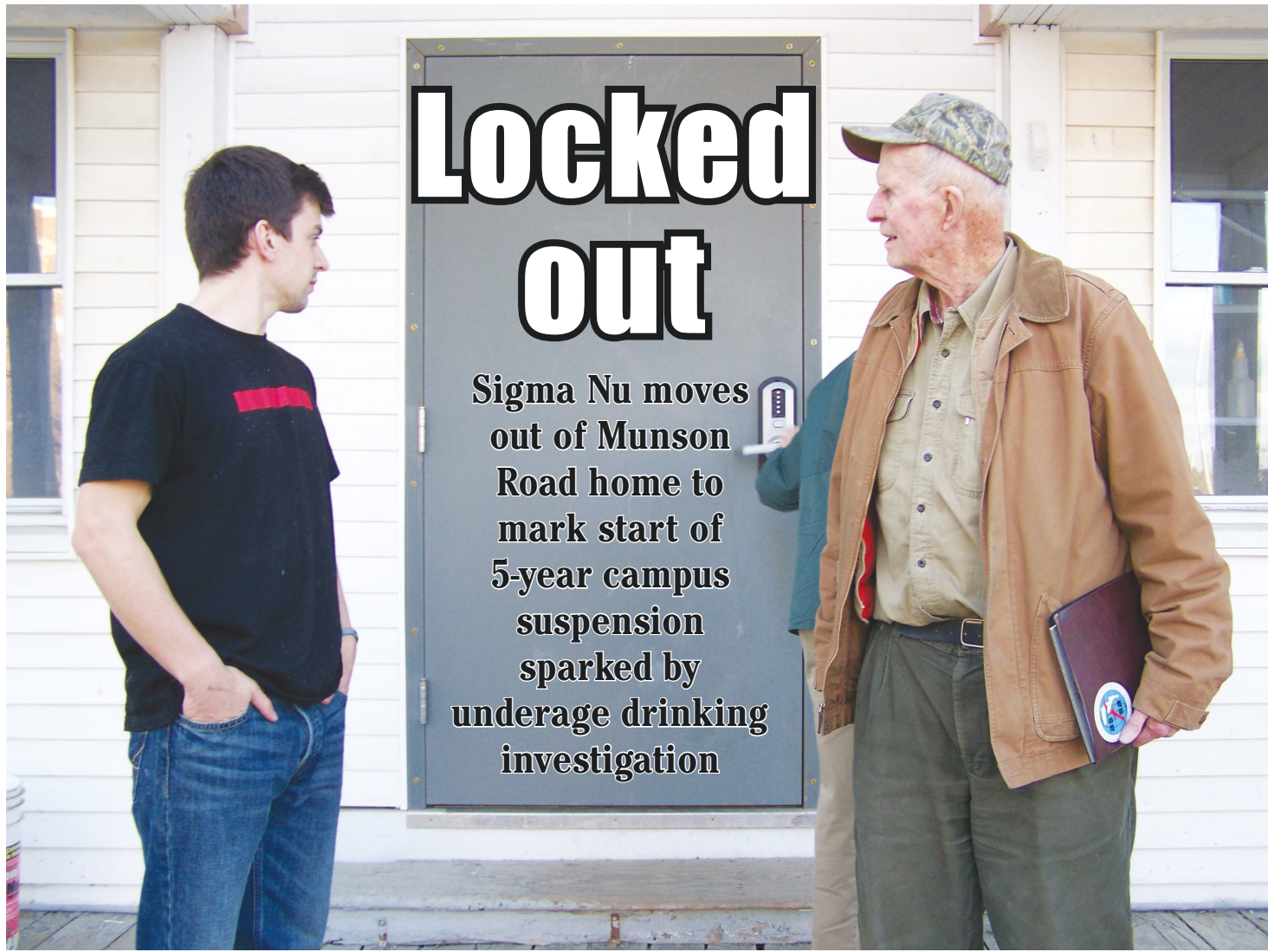
"The amount of content won't decrease substantially," said Editor in Chief Michael Shepherd, who is graduating from the University of Maine in May.

"It will be a little more selective," said Sports Editor Jesse Scardina, who has been selected by the newspaper's editorial board to be editor in chief next year.

Scardina said the proliferation of smartphones has made it easier and more common to access online news on to go, on or off campus.

"That used to be the appeal of newspapers — you could

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Locked out

Sigma Nu moves out of Munson Road home to mark start of 5-year campus suspension sparked by underage drinking investigation

By Chris Chase
State Editor

Brothers of the University of Maine's chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity left their house Friday after a five-year suspension was announced by the university last week.

The brothers, who were required to vacate the premises by at 5 p.m., have moved their possessions elsewhere. The fraternity has until noon on Wednesday, a week after the suspension was announced, to file an appeal to the decision to suspend the fraternity. Sixteen of the fraternity's 28 active members lived in the house.

"We haven't gotten an official appeal, but I have been told they're considering it,"

Above: Sigma Nu president Daniel Downey, left, and Bill Barron, the advisor for the University of Maine chapter, watch as a UMaine police officer closes and locks the main door of the fraternity's house on Friday. The fraternity was suspended Wednesday for five years after an investigation into alleged underage drinking at the fraternity in March. **Below:** Brothers rolled rugs and stacked chairs before leaving the house Friday.



Chris Chase • State Editor

Dean of Students Robert Dana said on Friday.

Dana said brothers will be able to live in university housing for a week while they look for alternative housing.

The fraternity was suspended after an investigation into an incident where University of Maine Police Department found two underage girls from Winslow, ages 17 and 18, intoxicated at the house on March 18. The girls were evaluated by Orono and Old Town paramedics and transported to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor for treatment.

"They've been in some trouble," Dana said Wednesday, adding that the trouble

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Program to widen Internet availability

By Brittany Toth
Local Editor

The University of Maine joined the Gig.U project in September 2011, becoming one of 37 universities trying to provide ultra high-speed network services to surrounding communities around the country.

Gig.U launched The University Community Next Generation Innovation Project in July 2011 with the membership of 37 universities. UMaine is the only university in Maine and one of the few in New England to join the program.

"These research universities are looking to bring gigabit-speed Internet to communities," said John Gregory, executive director of information technologies at UMaine. "We have — at [the] 37 universities — gigabit-speed Internet on campus for researchers and so forth, but we don't have it in our communities."

Gig.U's mission according to their website is to "accelerate the deployment of world-leading, next generation networks in the United States in a way that provides an opportunity to lead in the next generation of ultra high-speed network services and applications."

Gregory said UMaine's involvement is aimed at trying to spread the high-speed network service to the Old Town and Orono areas.

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Doghouse a destination for diners seeking fun in a bun

Orono wiener's owner focuses on frankfurters, deep-fried food as business grows

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

Jody Blanchette moved to Maine because he saw a potential give-and-take relationship.

He was tired of Fall River, Mass. — situated about 50 miles south of Boston — and attracted by the slower pace of life he experienced when he visited friends in Maine.

In order to move to Maine, he needed to find a way to support himself.

That's when Blanchette, the owner of Orono's new wiener, College Dogs, came up with a business plan.

"I'm not personally a hot dog eater myself," he said, getting excited as he sat in his restaurant on Friday afternoon, "but you guys don't have them up here!"

Making the move

Hot dogs are popular in Massachusetts. While hot dog stands



are sprinkled throughout Maine, tucked away for the frankly faithful in places such as Wasses in Rockland and Flo's Hot Dogs in Cape Neddick, a restaurant relying on hot dogs to stay afloat isn't a familiar sight. Blanchette noticed the pizza-heavy culture in Orono and saw he had something to offer.

"Where I'm from, you have 10 hot dog shops [in one area]," Blanchette said. "We figured we'd bring fair food permanently up here."

Blanchette, 30, didn't come to Maine alone. He brought along Phil DeCosta, 31, who has been a friend for over 20 years. His girlfriend, Bethany Dias, 22, came with him, as did his mother, father and three children.

They found an empty space in the same building as Spotlight Cinemas that previously housed Perfecto Pizza. Blanchette said they decided to remove the pizza oven when they realized how many pizza shops already exist in Orono and Old Town.

He wanted to be close to the university and decided to name his restaurant College Dogs to market his food to college students. Now, one month after having opened, he is already talking about the possibility of delivering to campus and nearby businesses.

"This is my first food place," he said, adding that he ran a furniture refinishing shop in the past. "I couldn't tell you which one was easier. Maybe the furniture."



Beth Kevit • News Editor

Jody Blanchette (right) stands in the newly opened College Dogs on Stillwater Avenue in Orono on Friday afternoon. The restaurant features The Mississippi Dog (left, from top), The New Yorker, The Mainer and The New Jersey Ripper, as well as deep-fried pickles.

College Dogs doesn't just sell hot dogs. Steamed burgers are also on the menu, as well as deep-fried pickles and candy bars.

"I've deep-fried every candy bar you can think of," Blanchette said. "We've got some crazy things."

Even one of the hot dogs, the New Jersey Ripper, is deep fried.

"I wasn't even gonna put that one on the menu, swear to God," Blanchette said, adding that he felt there was too much of an emphasis on fried food already. "I tried that thing and had to put that on the menu."

Blanchette, DeCosta and Dias all know how to make the hot dogs and burgers, though Blanchette said he tries not to spend too much time behind the counter.

His mother helps feed customers by making chili and baked beans, among other items.

"She's like the hidden secret behind the whole place," DeCosta said.

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Childcare center earns national accreditation



Photo courtesy of the Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning Center. A woman affiliated with the Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning Center reads a story to children at the on-campus daycare.

By Lauren Abbate
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning Center, located in Merrill Hall, is now accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

In order to earn accreditation from the NAEYC, the center went through an intensive three-year review process, comparing the center against 10 association standards and 400 related criteria.

"This accreditation shows that we're holding our school, our students and our staff to the highest standard, and it gives our students the opportunity to teach in a licensed and accredited classroom," said Margo Brown, the center's director.

This university-affiliated laboratory preschool is one of the oldest in the country. It provides students in the College of Education and Human Development programs the opportunity to learn by working with children, which helps develop skills difficult to learn just by reading textbooks. The program serves as an active center for students to study and research while providing a reliable education option for children.

"The Learning Center provides a range of experiences for college students in early childhood, family services, education and other related fields," Brown said. "In a laboratory school, the children, their families and college students benefit from guidance by expert teachers, college professors and other professionals in the fields of child development and early childhood education."

According to NAEYC Executive Director Jerlean E. Daniel, the association offers accreditation that "raises the bar for child care centers."

Brown believes this accreditation will draw more students to the university's education and childhood development programs.

"It is an opportunity to observe and work in a school that is committed to the highest professional standards in our field," Brown said.

The center's accreditation makes it one of 59 NAEYC-accredited programs in Maine. NAEYC gives accreditation to programs for a five-year period. Over this time, centers are subject to unannounced visits to ensure the quality of the program.

The center was established in the 1920s and has been in Merrill Hall since 1931.

Business park plans move forward

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By Anne Chase
For The Maine Campus

The plans for a new business park on Kelley Road in Orono have been finalized and an informal Q-and-A was held Thursday to allow residents to clarify concerns.

The application for the proposed site plans is expected to be sent to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for consideration before April 13.

The business park will not immediately be built and the park, located off Bennoch Road, only has one lot to build on. There is still available space for new businesses in that lot, but space for expansion is limited by wetlands.

"This is the only other place, at this point, for this kind of economic development," said Orono Town Planner Evan Richert.

Taking steps to design a business park now, rather than when a business expresses interest in the location, will shave a year off the project.

"It will not be built until there are users to fill the space," Richert said. "We're getting ourselves to the point where we can apply for grants to get infrastructure."

The plans for the development indicate 30 acres broken into eight lots with 130,000 square feet of building space. It is anticipated that the area will appeal to businesses seeking new offices and research facilities. The lots will be sold instead of leased.

The town of Orono considered potential interest from the University of Maine when developing the park.

"Though they've always been a research university, 15 years ago they took the steps toward

serious research," Richert said. "We don't want to be in a position to say, 'No, we don't have those kinds of opportunities.'"

The business park will not be used for industrial purposes.

The proposed design for the park is an open concept with many green areas. There are also plans for Squire Park to be accessible through walking trails.

"Its green areas will be part of the sell," Richert said.

Electricity on Kelley Road will need to be upgraded to accommodate the business park, and natural gas lines are also being considered. Similar to the Bennoch Road park, the proposed area for the business park is surrounded by wetlands.

"The site is intended to be slightly clustered. This design allows us to avoid all but 15,000 square feet of wetlands," Richert said.

The sewer line for the park will tie into the existing lines for Gilbert Street. The estimated maximum flow from the park is not expected to impact the area's residents; however, the estimate is based solely on business use.

Should a hotel decide to purchase property, the flow to the sewer would need to be reassessed, and the proposal to the MDEP would be amended, according to Sean Thies, consulting engineer and business park project manager.

A gated emergency exit will go past the Katahdin Council of the Boys Scouts' property, which sits between Kelley Road and the building site.

Taxes generated by the business park are expected to fund any required borrowing by the town to build the road and add utilities.

Lunch in a bun

I wanted to try several of the varieties offered at College Dogs, but I knew the odds of being able to eat more than two whole hot dogs were slim, and I had a deeply ingrained aversion to wasting food. I convinced my friend Hannah Hudson, a fourth-year international affairs student, to go with me for a hot dog reconnaissance mission before I met the group behind the grub.

DeCosta was behind the counter when we arrived.

After studying the paper menu he handed us, we decided to go with hot dogs named after states: the Mississippi Dog, the New Yorker, the Mainer and the New Jersey Ripper. We had a moment of confusion when we saw there was also a New York dog on the menu, but we stuck with the New Yorker.

We also ordered fried pickles and fried Twix bars before sitting down at a table by the window in the sparsely furnished restaurant.

The hot dogs came nestled in a plastic basket, and DeCosta ran through which dog was which before heading back behind the counter. The menu didn't explain what toppings were on the hot dogs, so the Mississippi dog caught us off-guard with its mound of baked beans and strip of bacon.

We tried the New Jersey Ripper first. The hot dog was deep-fried, giving its skin a tangy crunch complemented by spicy mustard and a pickle spear — This pickle wasn't fried. We'll get to that.

Next we tried the Mainer, a red hot dog dressed only with ketchup and yellow mustard, reminiscent of afternoon cookouts on a beach. Of the dogs we tried, this was the only one to use a red hot dog, which I suspect would be an allure to someone who didn't grow up eating them.

The New Yorker was third. Sautéed onions and spicy mustard mingled around the hot dog and stained the bun slightly orange. Though the mustard was more pronounced than it was on the New Jersey Ripper, its overall flavor was more subtle and still more mature than the Mainer's.

Intimidated by the messy dog at the end of the row, we saved the Mississippi Dog for last. Having never been to Mississippi, I can only imagine what their lunches are like. Hannah resorted to a fork and knife to tackle the slippery mix of baked beans, chopped onions and barbecue sauce, and I was unable to keep the bacon strip on the hot dog while also keeping the beans on the bun.

Between hot dogs, we worked our way through the fried pickles, and the delightfully sour flavor of the pickle came through the feeling of oil coating the tongue.

DeCosta had to mix more of what he called "sweet batter" for our fried Twix bars, so that gustatory adventure didn't come to the table until after we had polished off everything else. Deep-frying the candy bar had melted the chocolate away from the cookie and caramel, which could be seen through breaks in the batter that tasted like cinnamon, similar to a plain doughnut.

Hannah and I both used forks to eat the candy bars, wary of the searing-hot caramel dripping onto our fingers.

After all that grease on an empty stomach, I was glad I had chosen to drink a Sprite.

DeCosta yelled over at us as we started to brush deep-fried crumbs off the table so we could leave.

"Come back and try that fried peanut butter and jelly sandwich," he suggested.



Beth Kevit • News Editor
Phil DeCosta ladles cheese onto a nacho chili cheeseburger at College Dogs on Friday.

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6 Stillwater Ave Orono Maine 04473 University Mall	
DATE 04/06/2012 FRI	TIME 10:09
THE MAINER T2	\$1.50
MISSISSIPPI T2	\$2.50
NEW YORKER T2	\$1.70
NEW JERSEY RIPPER T2	\$1.65
PICKLE FRIES T2	\$2.75
TWIX T2	\$2.00
SODA T2	\$1.65
VITAMIN WATER T2	\$1.99
TAX2	\$1.10
TOTAL	\$16.84
CASH	\$20.00
CHANGE	\$3.16

Amused, I asked if the sandwich falls apart in the boiling oil.

"Not after we roll it in the batter, it doesn't!"

Staying power?

Although his restaurant has only been open for a month, Blanchette is looking toward improvements. Delivery is one idea, and he is also considering staying open later than his current closing time of 11 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in hopes of luring the after-bar crowd over from Mill Street.

The idea of offering salads and paninis — probably not deep-fried — is in the air, and DeCosta said they're thinking of ways to fill the frugally decorated restaurant.

"We're gonna put some arcade games in here," he said. "I think there should be an air hockey table over there."

However, Blanchette is wary about getting ahead of himself. Though he couldn't name the total cost off the top of his head, the memory of his initial investment motivates him to draw as many people to College Dogs as possible.

"I'm scared to count. I haven't even counted," he said before estimating initial costs were likely around \$25,000 to \$30,000. "It wasn't easy, I tell you."

On a slow day, College Dogs sees between 20 and 30 customers. On a weekend day, between 40 and 60 customers come in. DeCosta said he's already starting to see regulars.

College Dogs has only been open since March 6, but Blanchette said he has been preparing throughout the past year, getting ready for the restaurant to open and fitting himself into the community.

"Whatever we can buy within the community, we buy within the community," he said.

On Friday, Blanchette and DeCosta agreed that the more leisurely pace of Maine life, relative to the rest of the country, is becoming familiar.

"I like looking out my window and seeing trees instead of someone else's window," Blanchette said. "It took a little [time] getting used to the slowness."

Old Town man's landfill appeal to be heard

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

Old Town resident Ed Spencer was granted standing by Maine Board of Environmental Protection head Susan Lessard to appeal a recent decision that would allow Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town to apply for an expansion.

The decision, made by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, came after a public benefit determination hearing last fall. Under its terms, Casella Waste Systems Inc., the private company that operates the state-owned landfill, can apply in the future to expand the landfill by

9.35 million cubic yards. That would nearly double its current capacity.

Spencer was one of three area residents, along with Orono resident Sam Hunting and Old Town resident Chuck Leithiser, to appeal the decision, but only Spencer's appeal will be heard by the BEP, which handles any contention relating to the MDEP.

Casella attorney Tom Doyle challenged the appeals, saying they had no standing in the matter, because they were unable to show a "particularized injury" resulting from the decision alone.

"I kind of have mixed feelings about it. I'm relieved one

of us made it to this point. I'm disappointed Chuck and Sam didn't," Spencer said. "It seems like it's a very difficult thing to appeal to get standing. ... To have such a strict standard to become an appellate, it just seems counterproductive."

Leithiser and Hunting's appeal were not granted standing after Doyle challenged their appeals. They have until April 11 to decide whether to contest Lessard's decision that they don't have standing but are presently unsure of their next move.

Similarly, Doyle has until April 11 to decide whether to contest Lessard's decision to

grant Spencer standing. If any of Lessard's decisions in the matter are contested, the entire seven-member board will hear the arguments.

In a letter to Spencer, Lessard explained why he has been granted standing for his original appeal to be heard by the entire board.

"I find the interpretation proposed by [the State Planning Office and] Casella to be overly restrictive because it would seem to operate to preclude virtually any appeal of a PBD, a result that would contravene the apparent intent of the statute," Lessard wrote.

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By Paul Perkins
Photojournalist

The University of Maine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center is making headway in its quest to develop offshore floating wind energy turbines.

Peter Drown, a graduate research assistant in the Offshore Wind Laboratory, is responsible for market research and business development for the program.

"The whole idea behind this deep-sea wind project is that we want to develop an indigenous resource here in Maine that we can harness electricity from," Drown said.

Drown said the lab's advancements in developing wind platforms far out to sea. The platforms are able to pro-

duce wind energy in a deep-sea environment by using "mooring lines" that attach the platform to the ocean floor.

Some scientists who research migratory birds are skeptical of any claims that wind power comes without downfalls.

In a Wildlife Wind and Power Forum conducted in Orono last year, biologists and researchers gathered to discuss the effects of offshore wind energy on migratory birds.

One concern addressed in the forum was the issue that migratory bird paths matched the height of the wind turbines' rotors.

UMaine professor Rebecca Holberton, who conducts research at the Avian Biology Laboratory, has concerns of her own regarding the migra-

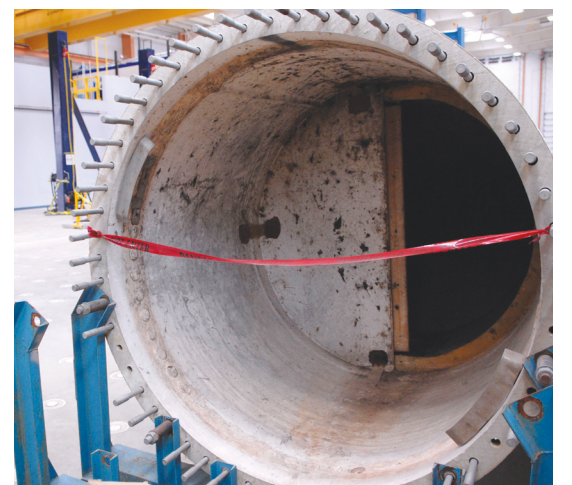
tory paths of birds.

"There is now copious amounts of data from a variety of studies that are showing that the Gulf of Maine region is one of the biggest intersections of bird and bat movements in North America," she said.

Drown said the lab is taking care to ensure that every effort is made to protect birds.

"These are gonna be far enough offshore that nobody's going to see them from land. ... They're out of the bird migratory route so no birds are going to hit them," Drown said.

Next year, plans will be finalized for a turbine platform at a sheltered harbor site in the Gulf of Maine. After testing is complete at the site, plans will be made for larger offshore turbines.



Above: This concrete test stand functions as the hub of the wind turbine where blades are attached to generate electricity.

Top: The tension-leg platform on the left is a model containing a smaller version of the blades in the background. The Offshore Wind Laboratory is conducting advanced integrity tests on the wind energy blades to ensure maximum energy production is achieved when they are installed offshore.

Photos by Paul Perkins

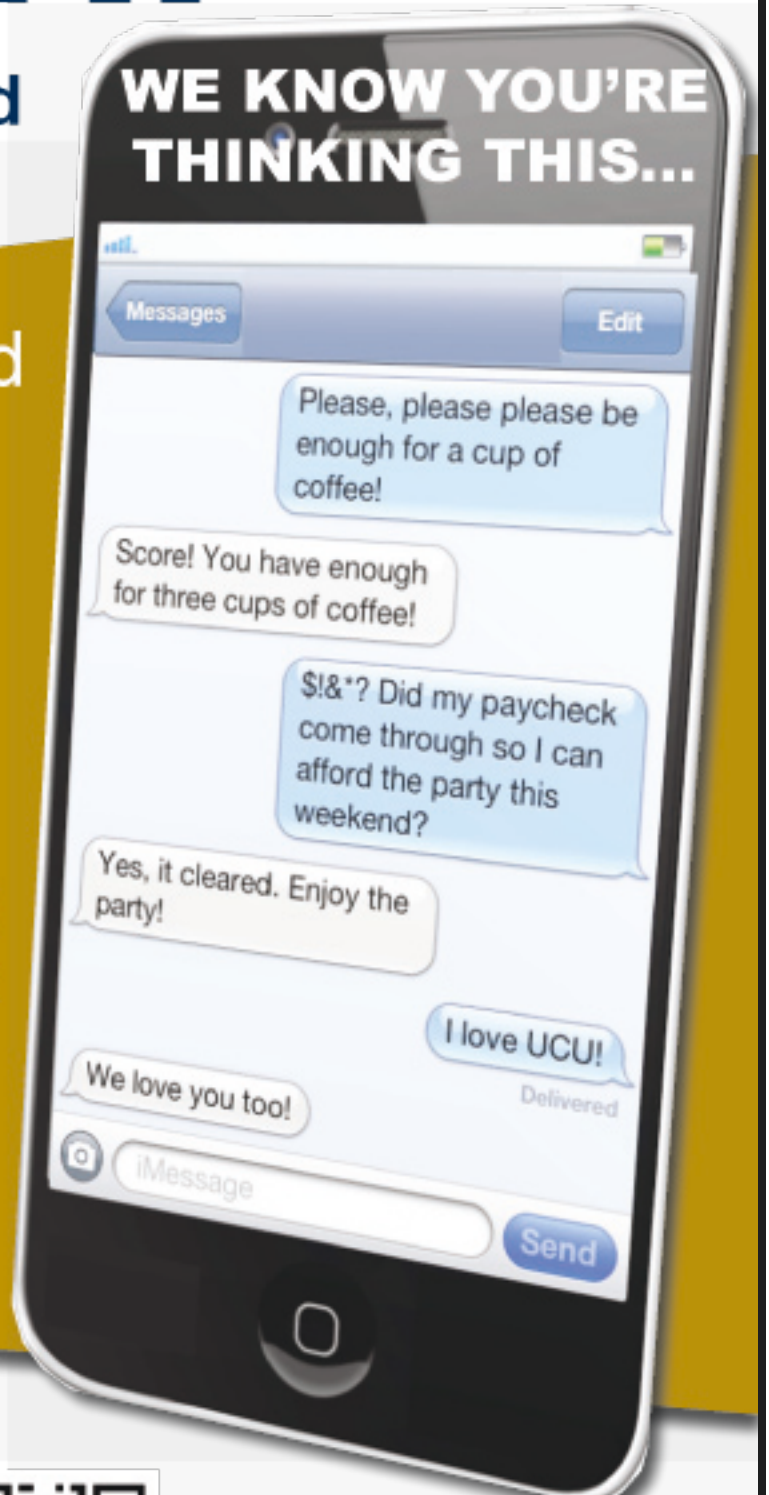
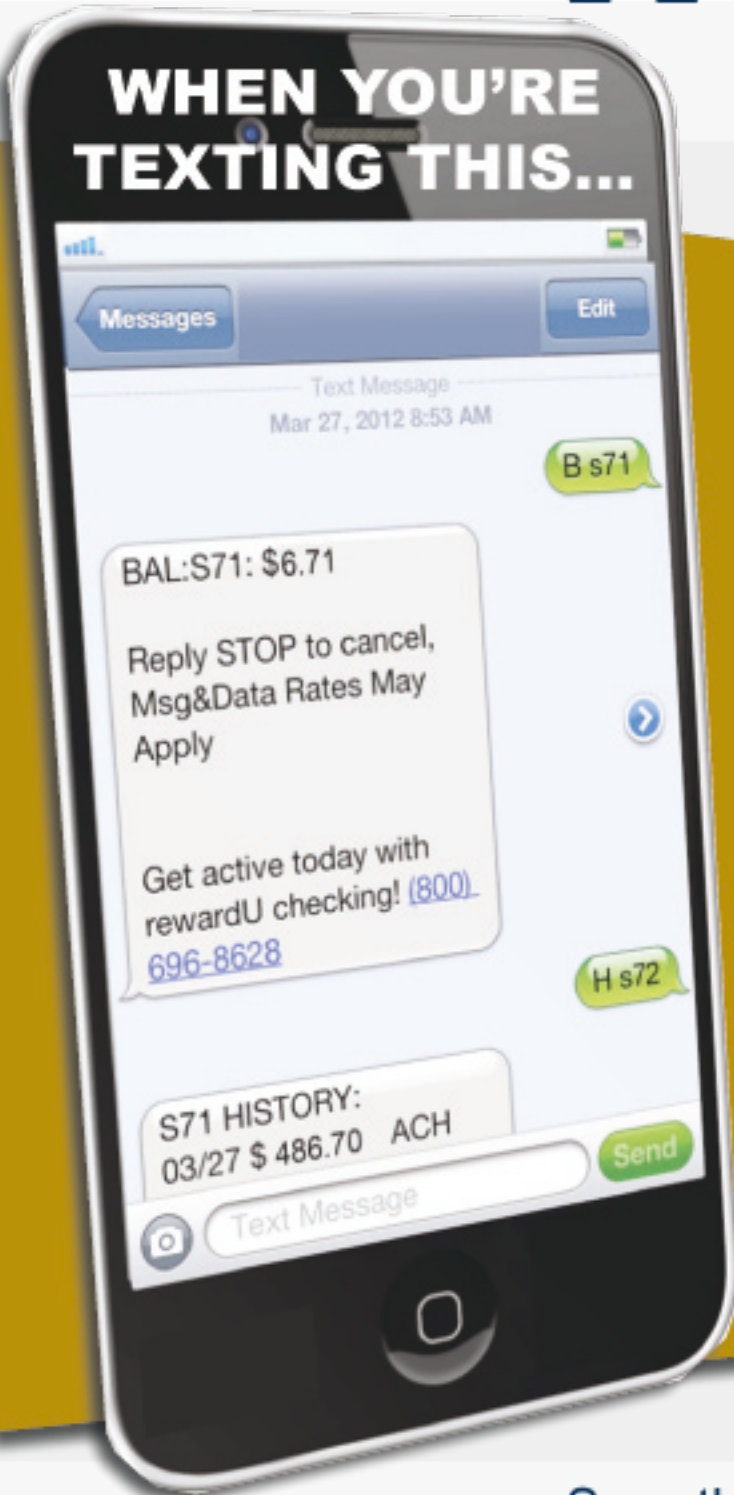
Peter Drown, a graduate research student for the Offshore Wind Laboratory, inspects the inside of a concrete test stand, which functions as the hub of the wind turbine where blades are attached.

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Sigma Nu from A1

"compounded" by the March 18 incident, led Judicial Affairs and Student Affairs offices to decide to suspend the fraternity.

Sigma Nu had previously been placed on a six-month suspension by the Interfraternity Council after missing three meetings of the council last fall and IFC had just voted the fraternity back into the council. IFC spokesman Jacky Deng said Dana informed him on Wednesday that Sigma Nu is no longer a member of IFC. According to Dana, the

fraternity is cooperating fully with the request to vacate their house; they are not required to remove all furniture, just personal belongings.

He said the transition between living in the house and elsewhere has been assisted by the university, which offered on-campus housing to students and is trying to make the process "as seamless as possible."

"We've reached out to the students and told them we'd work with them," Dana said. "The whole point was not to disrupt them."

As of Friday, three fraternity brothers had signed up for campus housing, according to

"I think it's a disaster for the campus at large in the long term."

**Bill Barron
Advisor
Delta Nu chapter of Sigma Nu**

Dana. Two other members of the fraternity have taken up residence in the house of fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha.

In September, PIKE residents had been temporarily removed from their house after the town of Orono found numerous safety code violations. They moved back in during

November, following repairs.

"We know how it is to go from having a home to being homeless," said PIKE president John Armstrong. "We know what it's like to have to go from a home you own to a dorm room."

PIKE is allowing the two Sigma Nu brothers to stay into

August if they choose, Armstrong said. After that, however, their rooms will be filled by PIKE brothers and Sigma Nu brothers will have to find another place to stay.

Armstrong feels the help they received from their fellow Greeks assisted tremendously when they had to leave their home and said they were eager to return the favor.

"It's a small Greek community here," Armstrong said. "We're pretty closely knit."

Daniel Downey, president of Sigma Nu, has continued to decline to comment on the ongoing events.

"The national organization doesn't want us to say any-

thing for now," Downey said.

Bill Barron, the advisor for UMaine's Sigma Nu chapter, feels the situation has been negative for both sides and said negative media attention has ignored the positive pieces of Sigma Nu's presence on campus.

"I think it's a disaster for the campus at large in the long term," Barron said.

And he said the fraternity's suspension could negatively affect the attitudes of alumni.

"The question is raised whether it is even advisable to have a fraternity house on campus anymore," Barron said.

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read it on the bus or wherever," he said.

"This entire transition is the first baby step toward what the paper needs to do," Scardina added. "We want to get most readers back to being our students. The plan is to get content and traffic to the site every day."

"We want to be a part of people's everyday lives," Shepherd said.

The Maine Campus' online traffic has also increased sharply in recent months, driving more activity on social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter.

The traffic boost can be attributed to the Bangor Daily News' servers hosting The Maine Campus' website, a recent change to the organization of the paper's online presence. While the BDN does not own any content published in the Campus, they have been able to link to Campus articles on their homepage since December 2011, driving traffic the Campus' way.

Next school year's expected normal print edition will include three sections for a total of 20 pages. Per-issue circulation is set to increase from its current 4,500 to 6,000.

The three sections will be for "prominent news," community and cultural news, including the type of content appearing currently in the style section, and sports. Scardina said the increase of student loan interest rates, a recent story to run in the news section, is an example of what he considers to be prominent news.

Resident Assistant Melissa Kelson, a third-year biology student with a pre-med concentration, said she would be more inclined to read the paper if it were longer.

"I would spend more time reading it," she said.

Kelson said she would prefer more student emphasis in The Maine Campus.

"There's a lot of sports teams that go unrecognized in favor of the top money earners," she said. "I think student success should be recognized, from awards to research."

"The landfill thing, I mean, yeah, it's important for the environment and stuff, but we don't need, like, five articles about it," Kelson continued. "If something significant changes, then let us know."

Some students are wary of changes driving content online.

"I would rather have the paper, quite honestly," said Patrick Morrison, a fourth-year

civil engineering student.

"If it goes online I would never read it," said Benjamin Robie, a fourth-year survey engineering technology student. Robie said he usually only reads the Campus for the Police Beat.

Redesigning the Campus makes sense fiscally, according to Shepherd. Much of the funding for the paper and WMEB, UMaine's student-run radio station, is provided by the communication fee included in students' tuition costs. Ad sales cannot compensate for the loss of communication fees paid due to a decline in enrollment that UMaine has seen in recent years.

"Ad sales don't suffice," Shepherd said. "They were never supposed to."

According to Shepherd, the paper will save approximately \$260 per issue in printing costs. The redesign will find administrative efficiencies in the Campus' current structure, but the

amount of contributing writers and photographers is not expected to decrease.

"There are going to be some positions that just don't get filled," Shepherd explained. "No one's getting fired."

For example, in the past year, the paper has carried six copy editors. Currently, only five of those positions are filled, with two editors graduating in May, meaning one outgoing editor will likely not be replaced.

"It's not overkill right now because we have two production days," Scardina said. "But with two people graduating, there is no need to fill [both] positions."

A current top editorial position will be lost when content now appearing in the paper's style section is rolled into a two weekly sections to be managed by the news department.

Derrick Rossignol, who served as style editor this year, has been hired to be next year's news editor and is slated to have two assistants helping him manage most of the content in the paper's A and B sections. This will "make the sections dependent on each other in a way that they weren't before," Shepherd said.

Shepherd estimates that, with the changes to The Maine Campus, between \$14,000 and \$15,000 will be saved during the next production year. Much of the money saved will go toward improvements of the multimedia aspect and equipment upgrades, including video cameras.

"We're cutting out the fat," Shepherd said.

GigU from A1

"That's the goal and we've been plugging away at it," Gregory said. "Back in the fall, there was a request for information that was posted and a number of Internet providers around the country responded to that, some here in Maine as well. So we've been working with them now, trying to see if we can establish some kind of a program and get something off the ground."

According to Gig.U's report about feedback, the RFI was "designed to inspire creativity" in hopes that hosts would think of new ways to provide ultra high-speed networks.

Gig.U is trying to work with Internet providers, equipment manufacturers, companies and

individuals who responded to their RFI in order to establish a program to get the high-speed network service up and running. Gregory thinks the service could have a huge impact on the communities where it is provided.

"It's a thousand times faster than the Internet you have today," he said. "Certainly I'd like that for my home, but I'd also think it's very important for looking at the economic development in our communities for small businesses."

Gig.U believes such a network could be used to improve health care, education, business and other fields. Things like financial services, retail marketing and air quality monitors could benefit from the high-speed networks that could be provided in the future, allowing them to do and

share work faster and more efficiently.

Gig.U's plan originated from the National Broadband Plan (NBP) which suggested the federal government provide ultra high-speed broadband to certain military groups to work towards developing a faster internet.

The NBP was submitted to congress where Gig.U member's responded to a Request of Information that was sent out by Google. Google was trying to select which city they would bring gigabit connectivity to.

All 37 universities who participate in the project will contribute to the funding. Gig.U will also be looking for funding from nonprofits and private enterprises that show interest. The project will be coordinated at Aspen Institute,

an international non-profit organization. The gigabit-speed Internet would be offered through internet services providers like Time Warner.

Gregory explained that the university would face some obstacles in order to provide gigabit-speed Internet.

"The biggest one being [that], in some buildings and a number of residence halls, we have fairly old wiring that isn't capable of handling gigabit Internet," he said.

Only 70 of the more than 200 buildings on campus them have had wiring upgrades, according to Gregory, leaving a lot of work left to be done.

"The goal of Gig.U is that it would cost about the same as what you are paying for commodity Internet now, just a thousand times faster," he said.

Landfill from A2

discounting the first of Doyle's two reasons for challenging Spencer's standing.

"I find that it is plausible that you suffer impacts from odor and noise emanating from the landfill at a distance of 1.75 miles [from] where your residence is located," Lessard

wrote, addressing Doyle's second reason for challenging Spencer, which was that the effect of odor and noise is not a "particularized injury" in that it is an effect felt by a whole community.

"Therefore, I find your assertion of injury to be minimally sufficient."

Lessard ended the letter with the statement that any appeal to her decision to grant

him standing will be heard at the board's May 3 meeting.

"She's the town manager of Hampden. ... She remembers when that landfill was active there," Spencer said, referring to the now-closed Pine Tree Landfill in Hampden, which was also operated by Casella. "I think that may have helped me. ... I imagine Sue Lessard remembers many complaints." Spencer said he hopes

Leithiser and Hunting contest Lessard's decision not to grant them standing but was glad she had decided his appeal could be heard by the whole board.

"They discounted this notion that we haven't been injured because the PBD hasn't been enacted yet," Spencer said. "There is a fact of problems with the landfill to date."

Doyle did not return requests for comment on Wednesday.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

By Brittany Toth
Local Editor

Breaking news

The University of Maine Police Department received two separate reports of criminal mischief outside Fogler Library in the parking lot between the library and Holmes Hall on April 4. At 12:32 a.m., UMPD received a report that the rear passenger side window of a staff member's 1999 Buick was broken at some point after 4:30 p.m. April 3. At



4:56 a.m., UMPD received a report that the center window on one side of a staff member's white 2006 Ford Econoline was broken. UMPD suspects one person broke both windows, worth a combined estimate of \$800.

Burgled bling

UMPD received a report of a theft from a third-floor room in Oxford Hall at 11:07 p.m. April 2. A Pandora bracelet worth \$250, a Tiffany and Co. bracelet worth \$300 and a Cape Cod bracelet

worth \$150 were stolen from the room between 11 p.m. March 30 and 2:30 p.m. April 1.

Misappropriated Mongoose

UMPD received a report of a theft outside Kennebec Hall at 8:47 a.m. April 3. A silver Mongoose bicycle worth \$400 was stolen, as was a cable lock. The Old Town Police Department recovered the bicycle.

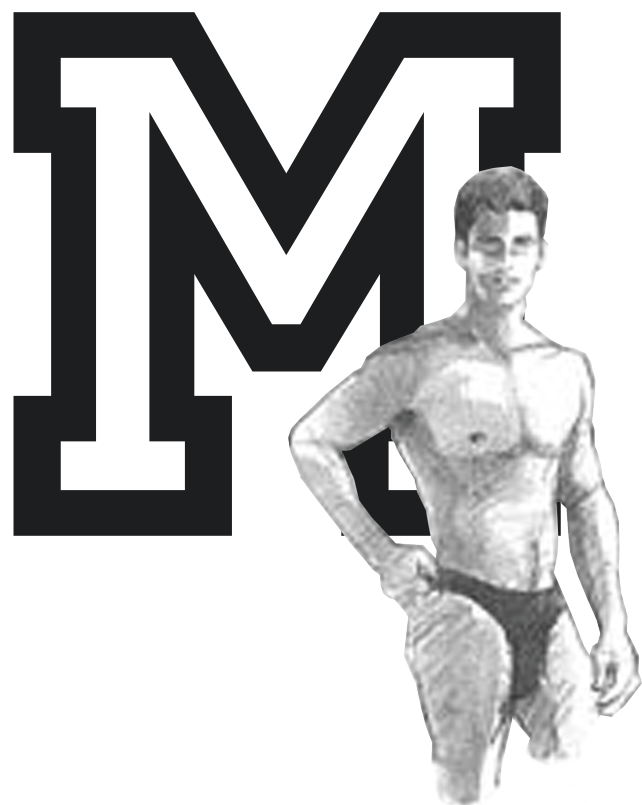
Fogler filigree

UMPD received a report of criminal mischief in Fogler Library at 4:32 p.m. April 5. The tag that has cost the university over \$1,000 in cleanup over the past several weeks was found in the second- and third-floor men's bathrooms. Cleanup is estimated at \$100.

Hieroglyphic handiwork

UMPD received a report of criminal mischief at Donald P. Corbett Business Building at 5:48 p.m. April 4. A custodian found graffiti in the first-floor men's bathroom. Cleanup is estimated at \$50.

University of Maine Briefs



Pride Week kicks off

UMaine's semesterly Pride Week will kick off with the raising of the Pride Flag on Monday at 12 p.m. in front of Fogler Library on the mall. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Minsky Hall, Joyful Noise, a group of three singer-songwriters will perform a free concert as part of Pride Week.

Lambda on the links

The University of Maine's chapter of fraternity Lambda Chi will be hosting its first Lambda Chi Open at Penobscot County Country Club in Orono starting at 8 a.m. April 22. Teams of four are

required for the tournament, which costs \$65 per person.

The price includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, food and drink and a \$10 donation. Proceeds go to the North American Food Drive. To sign up or request more information, contact tyler.demers@maine.edu or david.cheney@maine.edu.

Multi-purpose massages

The UMaine Athletic Training Student Organization will give massages on a first-come, first-serve basis from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 19 in the Multi-purpose Room in the Memorial Union. Massages will cost \$5 for 10 minutes and \$10 for 20 minutes.

Takeout can eat up your savings.

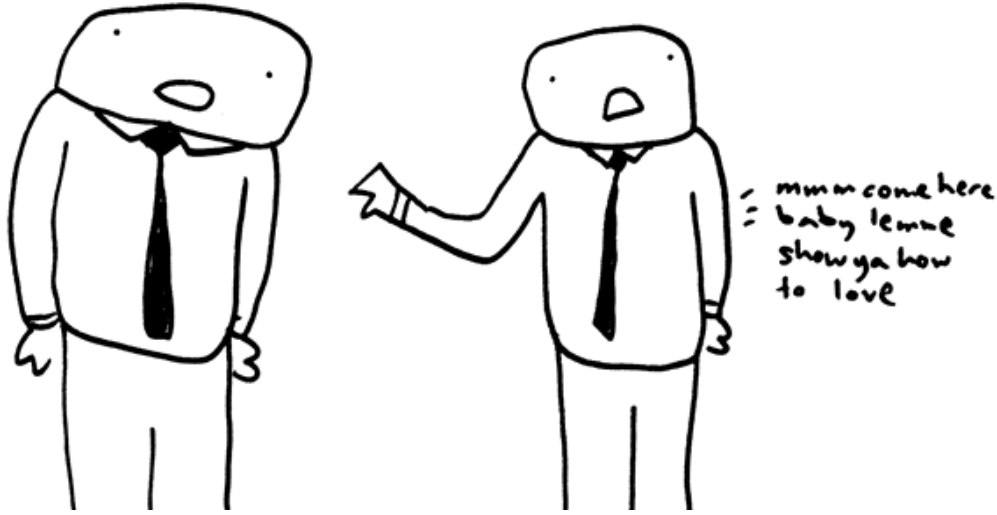
Pack your own lunch instead of going out. \$6 saved a day x 5 days a week x 10 years x 6% interest = \$19,592. That could be money in your pocket. Small changes today. Big bucks tomorrow. Go to feedthepig.org for free savings tips.

Diversions

Toothpaste for Dinner

do you hear that?

yeah, it's my heart murmur



http://www.toothpastefordinner.com

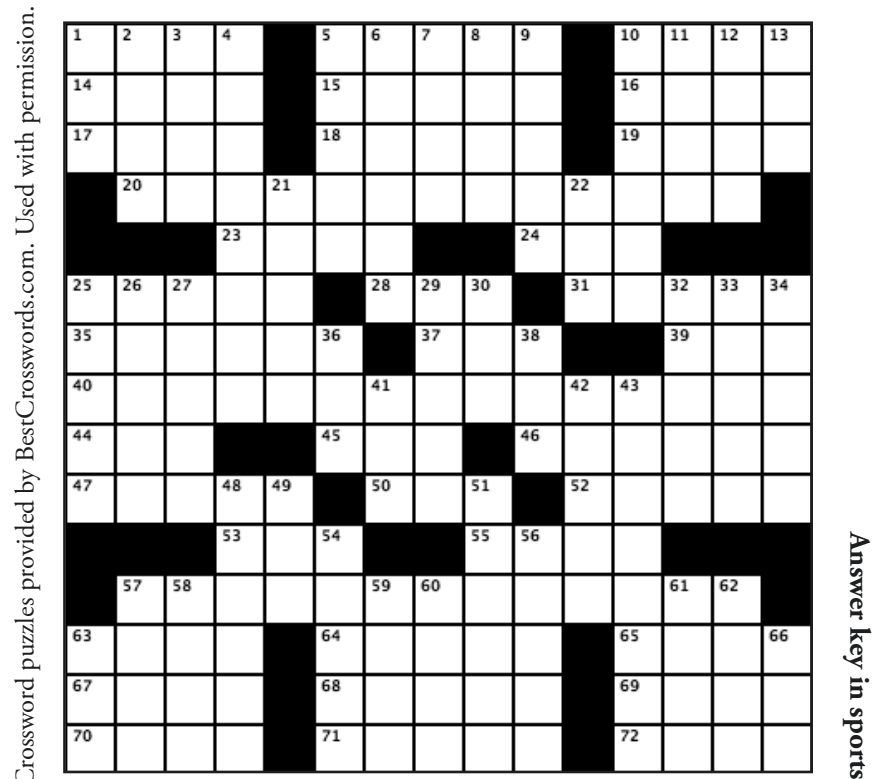
Hark a Vagrant

By Kate Beaton



www.qwantz.com

Crossword Puzzle



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- Across
- 1- Do the crawl;
 - 5- Island near Sicily;
 - 10- Slammin' Sammy;
 - 14- Bull;
 - 15- Future oak;
 - 16- Arabian Sea gulf;
 - 17- Eastern nanny;
 - 18- Habituate;
 - 19- Zoologist Fossey;
 - 20- Donkey;
 - 23- Numbered rds.;
 - 24- Bruce ___ was a famous kung-fu movie star;
 - 25- Olds model;
 - 28- Bribe;
 - 31- Jagged parts;
 - 35- Overhaul;
 - 37- Adversary;
 - 39- Dr. of rap;
 - 40- Typical in-stance;
 - 44- Highly respect-
- Down
- 1- RR stop;
 - 2- Uterus;
 - 3- Dies ___;
 - 4- 1st month of the Islamic calendar;
 - 5- Dull finish;
 - 6- Beyond;
 - 7- Idle away time;
 - 8- Chicago paper, for short;
 - 9- Cancel;
 - 10- Get down;
 - 11- Comics canine;
 - 12- Actor Connery;
 - 13- Abby's twin;
 - 21- Trample;
 - 22- Hi-___;
 - 25- You ___ right!;
 - 26- ___Nexis;
 - 27- Tennis champ Chris;
 - 29- Garbage;
 - 30- Hawaiian food;
 - 32- Farewell;
 - 33- Vulgar;
 - 34- Have a feeling;
 - 36- Layer;
- Answer key in sports
- 38- Author Umberto;
 - 41- ___ little teapot...;
 - 42- Be of one mind;
 - 43- Hot and humid;
 - 48- Sign up;
 - 49- TKO caller;
 - 51- Tight swimsuit;
 - 54- Beasts of burden;
 - 56- Made a mistake;
 - 57- Patriot Nathan;
 - 58- "Roots" author Haley;
 - 59- Just;
 - 60- Blood vessel;
 - 61- Big bash;
 - 62- Depilatory brand;
 - 63- Rockers Steely ___;
 - 66- Actress Peeples;

Darling Buds of May

- ALSTROEMERIA
- AMARYLLIS
- ANTHURIUM
- ASTER
- BABY'S BREATH
- BELL FLOWER
- BIRD OF PARADISE
- BOUVARDIA
- CALLA
- CARNATION
- CHRYSANTHEMUM
- CLEMATIS
- CORNFLOWER
- DAFFODIL
- DAISY
- DELPHINIUM
- FORGET-ME-NOT
- FOXGLOVE
- FREESIA
- FUCHSIA
- GERANIUM
- GERBERA
- GINGER
- GLADIOLUS
- GOLDEN ROD
- HEATHER
- HOLLYHOCKS
- HYACINTH
- HYDRANGEA
- IRIS
- LAVENDER
- LILAC
- LILY
- LISIANTHUS
- MARIGOLD
- ORCHID
- PANSY
- PEONY
- PETUNIA
- ROSE
- SNAPDRAGON
- STATICE
- STOCK
- SUNFLOWER
- TULIP
- VIOLET
- YARROW

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

Word Search

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Word search courtesy of word-game-world.com

MADAME MYSTERIO

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - Your Easter holiday memories will last a lifetime, supplying a moment of fond reflection whenever you've hit a rough patch in life. You know what else will last a lifetime? Your thighs after eating all those chocolate rabbits. Go to the gym.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - You survived your family events this weekend with a minimum of unfortunate incidents to regret, but you should take steps to smooth things over with your relatives before you see them again. It was rude not to prepare them for how dull your conversation skills have become.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - The Easter Bunny may have brought you some treats, but now that the short season of cheer has passed, it's time to sink back into your mediocre haze. If you're seeking persistent validation from a rabbit, you need to rethink your priorities.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Spring is traditionally a period of rebirth and renewal, so as the days turn warmer and more flowers pop out of the earth, take a long look at yourself. It's time for some renewal, pronto.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - The end of the semester is only weeks away, and your term papers and final projects that you haven't started will come due. Did you remember to apply for graduation? No? Screw it and drop out, then. The world needs fast food cooks.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - Your life will become hectic in the next few days, so take a moment to relax now and then and reevaluate your progress. Then become terrified when you realize you spent an entire morning on YouTube when you should have been finishing your thesis. Your mom thinks you're a failure.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - It's that time of year again! Time to break out the shorts and skirts and flash a little more skin than you have been throughout the winter. Your skin is a disgusting shade of pale. Take care of that.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Your mettle will be tested this week as an unexpected hardship comes your way. You'll need to think fast in order to stay on track. Restrict the urge to buy those new skinny jeans. You just don't got it anymore.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - You've caught the eye of someone new, even if you don't know it yet. Just keep being you, and he or she will stay interested. At least until they see that thing your nose does when you chew. Gross.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - Your diligent effort is becoming noticeable, and the right people are starting to pay attention. Look at you! Really, look at you. You're more terrifying than a purple panda to a room full of sleep-deprived toddlers.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Your family appreciates the sacrifices you made recently to help keep everything moving smoothly around you, especially when you spent your Easter morning dressed as a rabbit for the children. It's worrying that they couldn't tell if you were wearing a mask.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You may feel like you're running in circles in the coming week as it seems you're making no progress toward your end of semester goals. Don't worry, you're not. We can tell by looking at you that you've never run around in a circle.

Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Gig.U inclusion prepares UM for flight into future

A gaggle of gigabit gurus has assumed formation, intent on facilitating the migration of faster network service to locations nationwide.

That need — the one for speed — has been offered potential sate by the Gig.U project, an online order of 37 universities across the country hoping to spread the wings of expedience.

Taking a gander at the list of the 37 esteemed colleges and universities is sure to yield a pleasant surprise, too. There, nestled alone in the region of New England is none other than the University of Maine, which joined the Community Next Generation Innovation Project in September 2011.

“These research universities are looking to bring gigabit-speed Internet to communities,” John Gregory, executive director of information technologies at UMaine, told The Maine Campus in a story on A1. “We have — at [the] 37 universities — gigabit-speed Internet on campus for researchers and so forth, but we don’t have it in our communities.”

Clearly, when the people are raring for a more rapid rate, UMaine knows how to flock toward agents of change to ferment such societal revision.

It’s one thing to have top-notch technology at your disposal when attending to your higher education needs, but once departed into the real world — where state-of-the-art facilities aren’t just two buildings over — a major downgrade is sure to jar your system with a harsh boot.

Specific locations don’t come equipped with the ability to transmit Wi-Fi at high-five speeds and with the necessity for machine connectivity climbing higher by the day, dead zones can kill more than just availability — they’re also the fatal blows to social lives and modern business chops.

The fact that UMaine has referred to this reality and moved forward with a plan to tweak it is one example of the positive trajectory this university is capable of. And the association with Gig.U is sure to add another dimension to the UMaine academic circuit, catapulting technological studies into a whole other stratosphere.

The flying ‘U’ of Gig.U is one sure to cover much of America’s blue yonder, and it’s truly an honor to have UMaine join the fleet for the betterment of student-kind and beyond.

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Readers speak: Outstanding web commentary

“Rare” case lays one employee bare

“In that case, the SECCP process could lead to a reduction in a job’s duties in order to keep the employee’s pay static; however, Bigney said such an outcome is ‘rare.’ ‘That doesn’t happen that often,’ she said.”

Well, it happened to me; but then again, I’m not a “professional.” I’m only a lowly classified employee.

When Human Resources received my position review — after my boss sat on it for over eight months — they said I should have been promoted to a supervisory position years earlier.

But the dean at the time told my boss, “If she gets it, they’ll all want it and I can’t afford that.” So my boss told me “no dice,” but “I do want you to continue to function as office manager and supervise.”

When I told HR, they said, “Fine, office manager is even higher than what you were going for — tell him to send the paperwork.”

In the end, my boss had to write a letter for my file saying I no longer supervised and was on equal footing with the other employees. So, “rare” as it might be, my promotion was “unaffordable,” while all of these salaried people and administrators somehow seemed to find the money for their own raises.

It all depends on what rung of the ladder you stand on.

DogFreak
Responding to “UMaine hands out \$2.7M in non-faculty pay increases since 2006 fiscal year,” April 2, 2012

Media remains unmoved, callous toward Sigma Nu hardship

So in other words, the media just want a story.

Have you ever heard of investigative reporting? It is not Sigma Nu’s job to basically provide the story for you. I can’t blame them for not wanting to talk; they just lost their house and their lives are miserable right now.

Give them a break.

J_pet123
Responding to “Sigma Nu should start anew with transparency,” April 2, 2012

Sigma Nu mishap not new to UM, should be wake-up call for fraternities

It’s sad it came to this, but this is something that just had to be addressed.

You can only give so many warnings before action is taken against you. The young men of Sigma Nu really should have taken the time to consider their actions to avoid the situation altogether.

You’re wearing your letters at all times. Greeks should take from this situation and learn from it.

Bchandler2007
Responding to “Sigma Nu suspended for 5 years after underage drinking investigation,” April 2, 2012

Fraternity attack, dorm daze

Do they shut dorms down when they find drinking there?

Travis Andrews
Responding to “Sigma Nu suspended for 5 years after underage drinking investigation,” April 2, 2012

When in debt, do as the Romans did

I’m sorry, but there comes a point when one cannot take on more debt responsibly.

These students are essentially borrowing on margin and putting it into an investment they suspect will pay off.

Those dollar signs they are being promised by universities are not guaranteed and they need to realize this. I would recommend Deshais use his current degree to start working and paying off the debt he has already accumulated, then go to graduate school when he has the finances to do so.

Rome was not built in a day.

nopesorrybdn
Responding to “Grad students wary of changes to federal loan program,” April 1, 2012

Spouse’s artful tribute warms heart

I had Art Guesman as a professor at the University of Maine and he truly was a wonderful man.

So glad to hear that his wife had the chance to work with the students at UMaine on the photograph project.

Congratulations and best of luck for the exhibition. Art would be proud of you all!

northernobserver
Responding to “Capturing moments, remembering romance,” April 5, 2012

Have an opinion?

Email it to

opinion@mainecampus.com.

Be nice to animals!

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Walking down the aisle about much more than just amore



There's a strange mystique about marriage. Nobody hates it and everyone gets excited about it, but few want it immediately.

MICHAEL SHEPHERD

On the Shore Path overlooking the rocky, rugged Bar Harbor coastline with the early-afternoon horizon in the distance, I asked her to marry me. She said yes.

I promise it wasn't as corny as it sounds.

But since proposing and making the obligatory round of announcements to those I know, saying "I'm engaged," I really began to notice the disconnect our generation has with marriage.

Although I'm a young 21 years of age, those who know my fiancée and me well weren't terribly surprised. My fiancée and I were childhood friends and high school sweethearts. We even went to eighth-grade promotion together.

Later this month, we'll have reached our five-year mark as a couple. Still, a few people I told wondered why, at such a young age, we would get married, regardless of the length or depth of our relationship.

Around campus you'll hear it, among friends or even just casually: "I'll never get married."

I can understand this. Marriage is a commitment and commitment is risky. If it were to come crashing down around me, we'd have to split assets and time with the children who may come along. That's a scary thought and one everyone should ponder.

But society's knee-jerk reaction to this has been to just not get married, or at least wait.

U.S. Census Bureau statistics say in 2008, the number of American marriages per thousand in population fell to its all-time low since the census has measured the statistics — adding up to just over 2.1 million. The same year, there were more than 844,000 divorces. That made for America's lowest per-thousand total since 1971.

There's a strange mystique about marriage. Nobody

hates it and everyone gets excited about it, but few want it immediately.

I don't know how I feel about marriage on a large scale, the same way I don't know how I feel about war: It's not for everybody, good and bad come from it and it's not going away. About my imminent marriage, I'm utterly confident. I don't know about anyone else's.

But simply put, marriage is no holy grail. It can solve or aggravate relationship issues and each year, if you divide America's number of marriages in half, you'll get approximately the number of divorces.

Through the rhetoric and the romance, the Nicholas Sparks novels and "The Bachelor" getting jammed down our throats, we miss that marriage is about more than love. It's about security. If you don't feel in love and secure, you'll want out.

And the class of 2012 needs all the security it can get.

Nothing's sure for us. The nation's job outlook for 2012 graduates is improving as our economic situation improves — depending on who you ask. U.S. News and World Report said late last year that 2012 college graduates would make 6 percent more than the class of 2011 at \$51,000.

I won't be so lucky. I'm a journalist.

But coming from Maine, I'll be lucky to have any job.

The Maine Campus reported in January that the Maine Department of Labor has only projected 1,884 job openings for those graduating from Maine schools with bachelor's degrees for each year from 2008 to 2018.

We're not growing up like our parents, man. Many of them filed into good jobs early. Now they're scared. Social Security looks possibly unsustainable and Medicare and Medicaid are the subjects of transformative plans by Congressional Republicans as the cost for both is expected to double by 2021, according to USA Today.

They're worried about retiring. I'm worried about living. But I'll have a pal the whole way.

If I get a job with benefits, I'll be ecstatic. And my fiancée will be too. It'll take some of the pressure off her in her job search and if I can hold it, give us a base to start our married lives together.

That's why I'm getting married. Well, that and she's adorable.

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The real deal: Tuning into Twitter may be the only way to salvage reality TV



DERRICK ROSSIGNOL

feeds would be ranked by a panel of judges.

The judges should be Grantland's live tweeting staff. I almost said the top-followed Twitter users, but they're not atop that list because of their tweeting skills, but because of their celebrity.

Once the cast and format are determined, throw them all into a house "Big Brother" style so viewers can watch them talk smack to each other in 140 characters or less. Possibly the best part of this program would be having the contestants live tweet the show as it airs online so you could have your laptop open as a TV companion.

Following a live tweet of a show about live tweeting would be the most meta thing ever.

For the actual competition por-

How many of you knew "Survivor" was still on the air? Rather, how many of you know a person who still watches the show? How many of you knew it was in the middle of a season right now?

"Survivor: One World," the 24th season of the program, is currently playing on CBS, and — like many, I'm sure — I had no clue. Fewer than 11 million people watched the season premiere, a far cry from the 45 million who watched season 2's debut.

It seems the days of game and reality shows on prime time television on major networks is gone. The evening blocks of ABC, CBS and the other primary channels are reserved for dramas and comedies.

Game and reality shows have found a good home on secondary networks like MTV, History and TLC, but as far as I can tell, there hasn't been one on one of the big channels in years that has done well.

Why? Because they haven't adapted to their changing audience.

"Survivor" has devolved from strategy and competition to gossip and petty arguments. And 24 seasons later, the world is getting tired of it.

If a new competition show is going to hit it big, they've got to push a product the people want. We've had our fill of surviving in the outdoors with very little.

It's time to modernize. And thankfully, I have a plan.

The Maine Campus frequently "live tweets" sports games so readers can get up-to-the-minute updates on the action. Grantland.com recently one-upped us and created a dedicated Twitter account to live tweeting events. Instead of simply reporting on the happenings, they have a few writers contributing to the coverage, providing both reporting and entertaining analysis.

As the Twitter empire continues to grow, live tweeting is becoming more of an art. News is important, but many average people surfing the Internet want to be entertained, not informed. Live tweeting is entertaining on the surface, so imagine if this relatively new phenomenon was given the reality or competition show treatment.

My currently unnamed live tweeting competition would go as follows: Contestants — let's say 16 of them — would face off against each other, bracket style. To determine the seeding, the contestants' Twitter

Following a live tweet of a show about live tweeting would be the most meta thing ever.

tion, contestants would be pitted against each other as they watch videos of some sort of event and have to live tweet it. Perhaps the competition could have a best of 3 or 5 elimination format so the tweeters could show versatility in the type of events they could cover.

The whole time, the judges would be watching and talking amongst themselves about which contestant is doing the better job and after they're finished, tell the contestants what they're doing wrong and right as well as which one is moving on.

I'd love to see the sort of strategies the tweeters would come up with to get into their opponents' heads and how they could sabotage each other. The way I see it, this show could be something like "Big Brother," but with less focus on their personal drama and more on the competitions, which would actually be entertaining on Twitter TV.

My format is vague and could easily be tinkered with. Perhaps each contestant could be mentored by a Twitter bigwig, or they're given challenges where they aren't allowed to use a certain word to flex their linguistic muscles.

The only thing I don't want to see from this show is people forming alliances and wearing bandannas, because God knows we're all tired of that.

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Investing early means better returns on Maine's future; protect Head Start from the chopping block

MERRI-BETH BUMPUS, ALEXIA CORBETT & LIZ MILLER

The Maine State Legislature will soon be voting on a continuing set of general fund cuts that will drastically affect the future of Maine — LD 1903.

In his 2011 inaugural address, Gov. Paul LePage said, "Every decision we make and every dollar we spend must be focused on the individualized needs of our kids."

But LePage is now going against his word, trying to eliminate funding for Head Start, a program supporting the individualized needs of our kids. Head Start is a comprehensive early-childhood care and education program that promotes school readiness for the most vulnerable of children, infancy to age 5.

This program is designed to enhance low-income children's social and cognitive development through individualized educational and developmental plans.

Head Start provides children from low-income families math and literacy education, day care, health and dental screenings and services, mental health support, nutrition education and family advocacy.

About 20 percent of the enrolled children have disabilities, and many more come from homes where substance abuse and domestic violence are the norm. About 65 percent of children in Maine are living in homes where each parent works. Head Start programs, designed with this in mind, provide parents the ability to pursue employment goals, which will ultimately enhance the economic opportunity for their children.

Maine is one of only 16 states that provide supplementary funding to Head Start. Maine's children have always been seen as a precious asset, which is apparent from LePage's comment above.

Head Start is designed as a prevention program for children who, due to circumstance, experience various social and economic barriers that prevent them from the educational opportunities and access to health care necessary for success.

Previous studies of Head Start participants have found enrolled children are far more likely to have better graduation — or GED — rates than non-enrolled low-income children. In similar national longitudinal studies, Head Start participants were significantly less likely to have been arrested by age 22 than similar non-enrolled individuals.

This increased inverse relationship between graduation and arrest rates seems like it positively impacts the Maine taxpayer's wallet. Estimates of the return on investment for

early education programs for low-income children range from \$4 to \$17 for every \$1 spent in Maine in 2009.

Cutting state funding for Head Start may decrease the deficit in our state's general budget in the short term; however, all tax-paying citizens will end up spending more in the long run.

Parents of affected children will be forced to pay a disproportionate amount of their income to ensure their child is cared for, forcing low-income families under a glass ceiling of economic instability and hardship. This at-risk environment may prevent kids from attaining the education and economic opportunity desired for them by their parents and the state.

If the Legislature votes to cut state funding for Head Start, hundreds of children will grow in environments that places them at a disadvantage.

One of the drastic implications of eliminating state funding

from Head Start is the threat of losing federally funded grants for Maine's Head Start programs. The federal government is now implementing a policy where state Head Start

programs will have to compete for a limited number of federally funded grants. Maine could see the complete elimination of the Head Start program if the Maine Legislature votes to remove state funding while federal funding for this program is facing such volatile times.

We should not let our governor's hypocrisy cloud the perceptions of our legislators.

As citizens of Maine and neighbors and friends of hard-working parents with children in Head Start programs, it is our responsibility to speak up for Maine's future. Investment in early childhood education equals real economic prosperity for Maine.

For many, waiting to invest in opportunities for Maine children when they enter primary and secondary school is too late. To ensure all Maine kids reach their full potential, we urge you to contact your legislator or visit www.standup4me-kids.org and let them know that you want all Maine children to succeed.

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Thumbs up / Thumbs down

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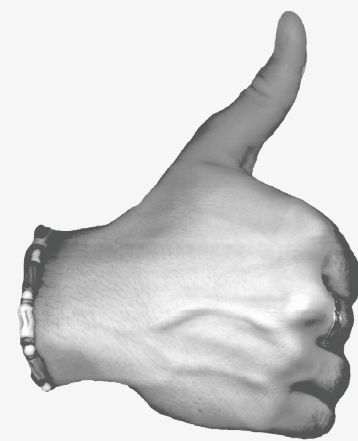
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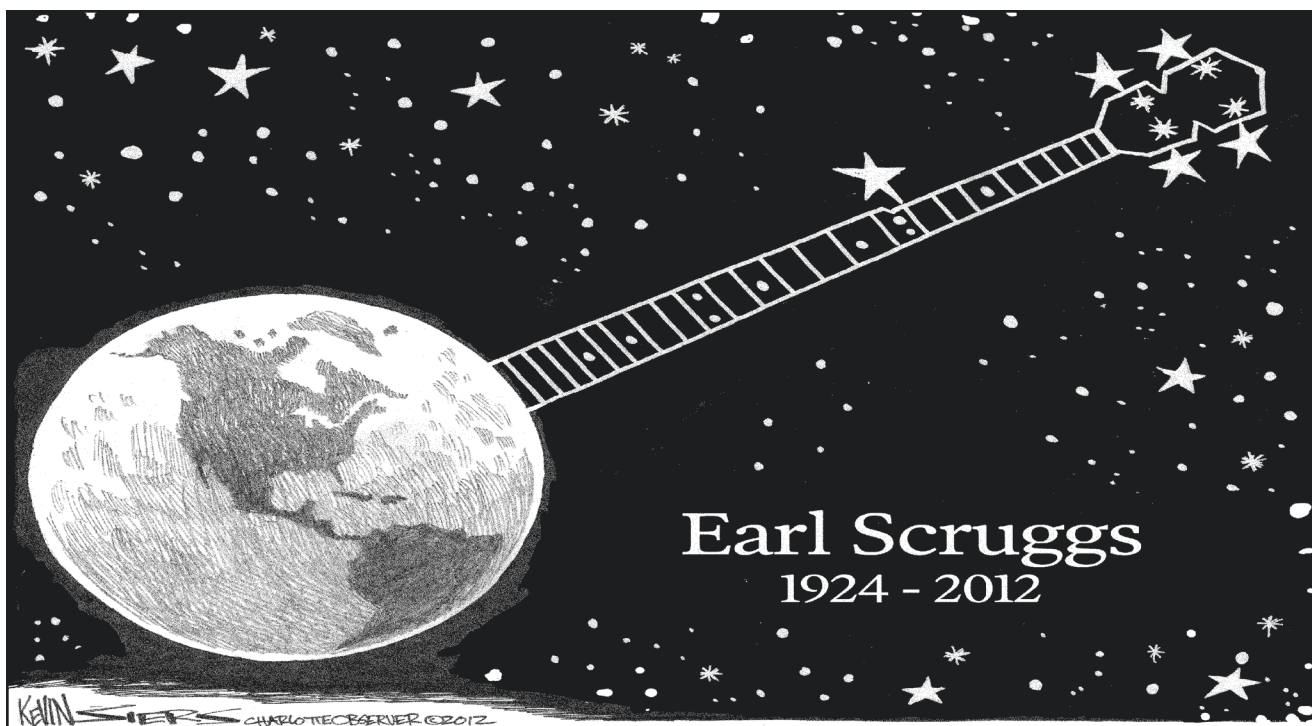
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Faux fur fare in new fine art

UMMA exhibits feature pelts, pottery, photography

By Kayla Riley
Copy Editor

A tiger, a jaguar, an ocelot, oh my!

This is no “Wizard of Oz” moment, but rather a stunning display that meets visitors as part of the University of Maine Museum of Art’s latest exhibit, “Vanished Into Stitches.”

Along with photographs by John Goodman and ceramic sculptures by Jemma Gascoine, Ruth Marshall’s knitted replicas of wild

animal pelts are sure to impress even the most discriminating of museum patrons.

Stretched like real poachers’ pelts and tied to thin bamboo sticks, 14 knitted works line the walls of the museum and play tricks on the eye. The faux animals even sport pointy yarn ears, and all are intricately detailed enough to fool a viewer at first glance. Whether a full-sized tiger or a smaller-scale ocelot, each pelt takes about three or four months for Marshall to finish.

“Her whole purpose is to sort of spread the word about these threatened and endangered species,” said Eve Wagner, education coordinator at UMMA.

“Her interest is in educating people about where tigers live, and how their habitat through deforestation is diminishing.”

Rather than being accompanied by wall labels to describe the work, the pelts have tags that offer their dimensions, the artist’s name

See UMMA on B3



Jemma Gascoine’s works “Slab Waltz” show the distinction of fine art and functional pottery using a minimalist theme at the University of Maine Museum of Art.



Photos by Christie Edwards • Staff Photographer
Yarn-made pelts from artist Ruth Marshall are displayed at UMMA’s “Vanished Into Stitches” exhibit. Marshall’s work aims to bring awareness to illegal poaching activities surrounding endangered jungle cats.

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Monday, April 9

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Union Central
4:15 p.m.

Joyful Noise
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‘Hip-hopera’ by R. Kelly low point of performer’s career

22-part series ‘Trapped in the Closet’ too long, unintentionally hilarious

Column

Ever since MTV introduced music videos to the world in 1981, artists have strived to advance this new-found relationship between their music and public image.



How I Hear It
By Derrick Rossignol

Michael Jackson’s video for “Thriller,” a 14-minute epic, showed musicians that along with boosting sales of their music, the music video is an outlet for them to show the world their other talents, like dancing, acting or screen-writing.

Sometimes “artists” take their titles too seriously. Some try to produce something profound but end up getting lost in their over-inflated self-image, resulting in a steaming pile of nothing.

The biggest travesty to ever result from this is, without debate, R. Kelly’s “Trapped in the Closet.”

In 2005, R. Kelly released a music video for “Trapped in

the Closet (Chapter 1 of 5),” starring himself as Sylvester. He wakes up to find he is not in his own bed, but is, instead, with a woman who is not his wife. Sylvester is disappointed with himself for cheating on his wife, but as he turns to leave, the woman tells him her husband just got home.

The song ends with Sylvester hiding in the closet as the woman’s husband approaches it. To be fair, that’s actually a decent cliffhanger. R. Kelly built suspense during the song with a simple story of infidelity, leaving the viewers to decide for themselves what happens next.

Except he didn’t do that. Remember the part of the title that reads “(Chapter 1 of 5)”?

This is only part of a much longer story — not a five-part take, but a 22-part catastrophe.

The “1 of 5” refers to the five tracks that appeared on his album, “TP.3 Reloaded.” R. Kelly decided that continuing this awful story was a great idea, and, since nobody had the heart to tell him his plan was horrendous, he went on to make 17 other chapters.

I’m all for rock operas — or as R. Kelly called “Trapped in the Closet,” a “hip-hopera” — but most long-form musi-

See Closet on B2

Student singers in ‘Workshop’

Opera performance showcases on-campus talent, plays off crowd interaction



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Laetitia, played by Nora Cronin, and Bob, played by Justin Zang, perform the opening scene in the Opera Workshop held Friday night in Minsky Hall.

By Hillary Nason
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine students showcased a selection of five classical opera scenes as part of the Opera Workshop performance in Minsky Hall on Tuesday evening.

Director Ludlow Hallman assembled a program featuring pieces in English, French and Italian. All scenes were focused on the common theme of conflicted romance.

The show opened with “The Old Maid and the Thief,” a one-act opera written by Gian Carlo Menotti.

The chatter of “awful” weather and town gossip exchanged between two proper Italian women opened the act. The servant girl of one of the women eagerly interrupts

them with anxious motives to drive away the current company and make room for the handsome beggar Bob.

The two women live deprived of masculine attention and display a fixated “stargazed” stare on Bob immediately. He lives with the ladies for a week before they discover his underlying criminal identity.

The second selection, Act III of “Carmen: The Card Trio,” written by French composer Georges Bizet, showcased students speaking French proficiently. The scene began with the actors occupy-

ing a cozy seating arrangement on a picnic blanket as they read their fortunes from a deck of cards. Fortunes of wealth, love and luxury play in favor for two of the girls,

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while death is foretold for the last girl.

“Sextet: Riconosci in questo amplexo una madre” and “Figaro Final” from “The Marriage of Figaro,” written by Mozart, were featured as

well. These two scenes showcased 11 contributing actors, the largest of all the selections.

The final selection was “The Telephone,” written by Gian Carlo Menotti, a one-act, 20-minute opera buffa for two singers. The scenes display a humorous portrayal of the annoyance men feel when their significant other won’t get off the phone.

Student actors ventured into the audience during scenes, creating an immersive and personal experience that drew the audience in.

Spring cleaning also applies to electronics

Devices with free hard drive space faster, easier to use; physically cleaner gadgets better to work with, more professional

Column

With spring officially here — although the weather may indicate otherwise — it is time to start thinking about spring cleaning. Most college students probably don't realize how effective a clean machine can be in improving productivity.



University Productivity
By Harold Lyons

Now, there's a special spot in Hell reserved for people who touch the screens of electronic devices, right between the people who talk during movies and Bieber fans. In all seriousness, do not touch your friends' screens. Especially mine. I will hit you.

There are many screen-cleaning solutions available, but they can get pricey. If you want an equally effective, cost-efficient solution, you can make your own cleaning product. Mix a 1:1 solution of white vinegar to water in a spray bottle and you are in business. Lightly spray your screen and wipe it down with a microfiber cloth. It's important never to use paper towels or a coarse cloth, as the fibers will leave small scratches.

Late-night homework unfortunately means late-night snacking. Keyboards are receptacles for every grimy piece of junk food that is consumed, and it shows. Most keyboards I see are covered with a thin layer of slime. Preventive measures can be taken through the use of a keyboard skin — a plastic cover that sits on the keys.

Once a month, remove the skin and wash it in warm, soapy water. If you don't want to invest in such a skin, you can use

the aforementioned vinegar solution and lightly rub the keys. For "chiclet keyboards," a bottle of compressed air can be used to clean between the keys.

The body of the laptop can easily be cleaned with water and a microfiber cloth. For aluminum MacBook Pro bodies, you can also use a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser. Do not scrub too hard, though, since it is possible to remove the finish of the aluminum.

After you have physically cleaned your laptop, it's time for an arguably more important task. Cleansing your system of unused applications, documents and media files can result in noticeable increases in speed. With hard drive sizes increasing, sometimes it can be overwhelming to actually start.

Before you can start cleaning up your system, you have to be able to see what is taking up the most space on your computer. There are many

"system visualizers" available for both platforms. These programs graph your hard drive space and break it down into categories.

On a PC, you have the oddly-good-looking-for-PC Disc Space Fan. You set the parameters and it creates an attractive graph of your entire hard drive so you can see exactly what is taking up your precious space.

On a Mac, you have the equally appealing Daisy-Disc. At \$10, it costs more but has extra features, the most important being the ability to analyze multiple disks and drives at the same time.

Once you see what is taking up your space, you can work on actually cleaning it.

A tool available for both Macs and PCs is CCleaner.

This program scans your hard drive and finds unnecessary files that build up in certain programs. More specifically, it searches through Internet browsers, certain third-party applications and even system files. Run the program and you may be surprised at the speed gains.

ply drag an application to the trash and you are done. While you have deleted the program, you have not taken care of the myriad of temporary files left behind.

The free application AppCleaner finds all the temporary files left behind by an application and moves them to the trash. Revo Uninstaller is a similar program available on the PC.

Cleaning your device, both physically and internally, is important. A clean electronic is easier to use and you are more likely to want to use a gadget that is not disgusting to touch. A device with more free space works more efficiently. There is also an air of professionalism of a clean device. Professionals do not operate in filth.

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After cleaning out the large offenders, start working on your application folder. As in most areas of computing, this is arguably easier on a Mac than a PC.

On a Mac, most people mistakenly believe that you sim-

Closet from B1

cal compositions of this nature have some sort of variety. With no exaggeration, the melody and beat stay exactly the same for all 91 minutes the 22 chapters span.

If listening to the same mediocre hip-hop beat for that long isn't bad enough, the story and lyrics are a joke — a cruel, cruel joke. I first watched the entire saga in one marathon session with some coworkers at The Maine Campus office and we were laughing about how insane the plot and attempts at rhyming are.

Here is a lyrical excerpt from "Chapter 1," when the woman's husband comes home: "She hops all over him and says, 'I've cooked and ran your bathwater/I'm telling you now this girl is so good she deserves an Oscar/The girl's in the bed he starts snatching her clothes off/I'm in the closet like, 'Man, what the f--- is going on?'/You're not going to believe it but things get deeper as the story goes on."

If anything from those lines is worth noting, it's that you really won't believe how the story goes on.

The husband, a preacher, discovers Sylvester in the closet and, after some heated debate, the husband reveals he is a homosexual, calling his male lover to the house as evi-

dence. That was too much for Sylvester to process, so he returns home but is pulled over for speeding on the way there.

That interaction goes off without incident, but after returning home to his wife, the police officer from before shows up at Sylvester's house, uncovering the fact that Sylvester's wife is cheating on him.

I could go on and recap the entire story — like the part where a woman named Bridget has sex with a midget — but you get an idea of how insane this is.

My advice for you is not to ignore "Trapped in the Closet." Instead, call up some friends, watch the whole thing and have fun picking it apart.

Laugh at the awful forced rhymes and marvel at the unnecessary level of detail R. Kelly felt was necessary: "And then I look in my rearview/I cannot believe this/(Who whoo whoo)/Damn, here comes a policeman/He drove right up on me and flashed his light/Then I pulled over without thinkin' twice."

The first 22 chapters are supremely entertaining, but not for the reasons R. Kelly intended, I'm sure.

Yes, I said "first 22 chapters" — last month, R. Kelly announced that more chapters of "Trapped in the Closet" are on the way, presumably with the same exact beat and similarly ridiculous story.

Pit makes return as star of new game

Underdog character from classic '80s title gets own adventure on Nintendo 3DS

Column

Some video game series are sadly neglected, only releasing one or two titles per decade due to lack of interest.

One of the biggest victims is the "Kid Icarus" series. Starting an angel named Pit, this interesting take on the Greek Pantheon is finally getting a new installment after 21 years.

The original "Kid Icarus" hit North America in July 1987. The game was released around the same time as classics like "Super Mario Bros.," "Metroid" and "The Legend of Zelda." Overshadowed by its contemporaries, "Kid Icarus" never seemed to gain enough of a following to become a lasting series.

Although "Kid Icarus" had all the makings of a classic, mixing the best elements of

the aforementioned games, it only managed one sequel — a 1991 Game Boy title. The game featured more of the same gameplay with new levels, items and everything else mandatory for a sequel.

Seventeen years passed with no word on the winged hero. All fans had to remember Pit by was a meaningless port of the original for the Wii's Virtual Console. Then, like a beaming ray of hope sent down from the gods themselves, Pit was made into a playable character in "Super Smash Bros. Brawl."

Fans' hopes for Pit's return were soaring high and it was only a few years later that "Kid Icarus: Uprising" was announced for the Nintendo 3DS.

The game's highlight is its plot, which has Pit battling the evil Medusa. Throughout his quest, Pit meets likeable characters with great personalities. The dialogue is witty, reminiscent of Cartoon Network's "Adventure Time." And every piece of dialogue in the game is well-voiced, which, considering the size of the game, is outstanding.

"Uprising" is a huge game with over 20 chapters. Each

chapter starts off with an on-rails shooter segment similar to the classic "Star Fox" titles. These sections are breathtakingly gorgeous, control extremely well and are seriously fun.

The later part of each chapter features Pit on foot and all play like a third-person shooter. Pit can use a multitude of weapons, from bows to cannons to clubs. These sections are also extremely fun, but this is where the controls start to fall apart at times.

Each copy of the game is shipped with a stand to help control the game. The game features many different control schemes. They all seem wonky at first, but after playing for a couple of hours, getting around becomes manageable. Project Sora, "Uprising's" developer, seems to have missed the

most obvious control scheme, though — Circle Pad Pro support. While the game does let you use it, it's only for a left-handed mode. You can't actually use both analog sticks to control Pit and his weaponry.

Aside from a lengthy campaign with plenty of initiative for multiple playthroughs, "Uprising" features an extremely

addictive multi-player mode. Through either local play or online play, you can fight up to five other players at a time using the game engine from the on-foot sections.

It goes without saying that "Uprising" was worth the extremely long wait. The series, once presumed dead,

is back again for a whole new generation. While the controls may make some players cringe, the sheer charm of the game should help them finish it.



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By Alex Tranchemontagne

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UMaine softball stifled by BU; weather cancels series finale



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Senior shortstop Jennifer Eberhardt tries to tag-out a Boston University Terrier during a Saturday afternoon game. BU swept the doubleheader and Sunday's game was postponed.

By Emily Hodgdon
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's softball team opened up their home season and dropped to 0-5 in America East Conference play over the weekend against Boston University.

The Black Bears took a tough 2-1 loss on their first game of the weekend after 12 innings before falling 6-1 to the Terriers in the next game. The third game of the series was cancelled due to rain.

In the opener BU grabbed the 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning. Terriers' first baseman Melanie Delgado doubled to left field and reached home on a base hit by left fielder Erica Casacci. Black Bears freshman catcher

EmJ Fogel followed with a base hit in the bottom of the third, but the Black Bears remained scoreless until the bottom of the seventh inning. Pinch hitter Jean Stevens hit a solo home run deep into left field to send the team into extra innings.

UMaine and BU exchanged hits for several innings, producing no runs until the 12th inning. Terriers' designated hitter Emily Felbaum doubled to right field to start the inning, advancing to third on a sacrifice bunt. Delgado grounded out to first base, scoring Felbaum from third base to end the inning on top 2-1.

UMaine's senior third baseman Margaret Hilton and senior left fielder Lindsey Jenkins both hit two-out singles in the bottom of the 12th but neither scored for

the Black Bears, giving BU the 2-1 victory.

UMaine faced BU again that afternoon for a double header, losing 6-1.

Terriers shortstop Brittany Clendenny singled to right field at the top of the fourth inning. Centerfielder Chelsea O'Connor doubled to center field to advance Clendenny to third. Second baseman Emily Roesch grounded out to second base, advancing O'Connor to third base and scoring Clendenny.

UMaine sophomore outfielder Dagmar Ralphs followed up in the bottom of the fourth inning with a single to shortstop. Senior shortstop Jennifer Eberhardt reached on a fielder's choice, running Ralphs into the out at second base. Jean Stevens drew a walk,

advancing Eberhardt to second base.

UMaine sophomore pitcher Kylie Sparks flew out to right field, advancing no runners. Junior first baseman Hilary Kane hit a soft grounder, running Eberhardt into the out at third base.

Right fielder Jaime Mask drew a walk and left fielder Erica Casacci singled to shortstop to start the fifth inning. Third baseman Megan Volpano placed a gap hit to left center field, scoring both runners. BU led the game, 3-0.

The Terriers quickly retired the Black Bears in the bottom of the fifth, only facing three batters. BU's catcher Amy Ekart batted in another run with a double to center field in the top of the sixth.

Boston University continued to score in the top of the seventh inning. Kendra Meadows pinch ran for Delgado after a single shot to right center field. Mask reached first base on a bunt, advancing Meadows to second. Casacci reached first on another bunt, advancing Mask to second and Meadows to third.

Volpano singled to right field, running Casacci into the out at second. Mask advanced to third and Meadows scored. Clendenny hit a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Mask.

Black Bears earned their lone run of the game in the bottom of the seventh inning with a Kane solo home run over the left field fence.

The final game of the series against Boston University was cancelled due to inclement weather. No makeup game has yet been scheduled.

The University of Maine hosts Binghamton University for an America East doubleheader next Saturday, April 14 starting at 12 p.m.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine baseball team scored a program-record 32 runs in the second game of Friday's doubleheader against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Baseball from B6

UMaine sophomore pitcher Shaun Coughlin went all seven innings in this game, allowing five hits, one run, one walk, as well as one strikeout to improve his record to 2-2. UMBC sophomore pitcher lasted five innings, giving

up 13 runs off 12 hits, walking two and striking out four.

The lone UMBC hitter to score in this game was senior outfielder Mike Lafferty who went 2-3 on the day. He was driven in by freshman DH Ian Glassman.

In the series finale, the score was closer, but the Black Bears still put up another high score in the 17-11 victory. UMaine was

losing 5-7 going into the sixth, but consecutive innings of five runs and a two-run inning brought their score up to 17, a lead that would not be surpassed.

UMaine junior infielder Michael Fransoso led the team on offense going 4-6 scoring two runs while driving in three. Sophomore outfielder Colin Gay also put in a solid performance, scoring three

runs and driving in two more of 2-5 hitting. Ian Leisenheimer went 3-6 on the day, scoring three runs and driving in three more.

Himmelstein led the UMBC offense, going 4-5 with three runs and four RBIs. Senior outfielder Brian Klukowicz contributed as well, going 2-3, scoring one run and driving in two.

UMaine starting sophomore pitcher DJ Voisine struggled early, giving up four runs off five hits in two and one-third innings pitched. Sophomore Mike Connelly picked up the win for UMaine after taking over for Voisine, going five and two-thirds innings, giving up six runs off nine hits while walking two and striking out four. Freshman Luke Morill closed it out for the Black Bears.

UMaine bumps its win streak up to nine games with the four game sweep, improving its overall record to 16-14, 4-0 in America East play. UMBC falls to 7-12, 0-4 in America East.

"The guys know how important it is to go out and win the conference games," Trimmer said. "I think that was a factor into how hard they worked to get the conference wins this weekend."

UMaine hosts Colby College on April 10 at home before opening up the home conference schedule against the University of Hartford on April 15 and 16.

UPCOMING GAMES

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Baseball
vs. Colby
4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Track and field
at New Hampshire
11 a.m.

Baseball
vs. Hartford
1 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Hartford
4 p.m.

Softball
vs. Binghamton
12 p.m.

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2 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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2 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Hartford
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UMaine Sports Briefs



Gagne leads men's track and field at Wildcat Invitational

Senior thrower Justin Gagne led the University of Maine men's track and field team at the non-team scoring Wildcat Invitational at the University of New Hampshire.

Gagne tossed the second-best throw in school history in the shot put, recording a throw of 55 feet, three inches. He also threw the discus 153 feet, five inches, good for a top-10 throw in school history.

Junior Ethan Moore placed third in the hammer throw with a top-10 program throw of 173 feet, seven inches.

Conner leads UMaine women's track and field

Senior runner Corey Conner qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships with a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter, finishing at 9:37.87.

Conner also finished the 1,500-meter in a top-three school time, clocking in at 4:33.93, followed senior Jennifer Lucy, whose time of 4:41.39 was also top-10 in UMaine history.

Senior Mary Fagan won the 400-meters in a time of 1:00.31, while freshman Mary Scanlan took first in the 800-meters with a time of 2:20.14.

United deserves English crown after feisty campaign

Column

Back on Oct. 23, Manchester City destroyed their rival neighbors, Manchester United 6-1 at Old Trafford.



By Jesse Scardina

Many — including myself — believed this was the beginning of a season-long transition of power from Manchester clubs, as the Light Blues — equipped with the world's most star-studded lineup and a never-ending supply of transfer funds — would overtake their more successful counterpart.

But, as more changed throughout the Barclays Premier League, the more they stayed the same, as the Red Devils are guaranteed — barring a historical collapse — their unprecedented 20th English League title.

But, as more changed throughout the Barclays Premier League, the more they stayed the same, as the Red Devils are guaranteed — barring a historical collapse — their unprecedented 20th English League title.

It's a real testament to United, who battled through injuries that would make most teams crumble. United lost their captain, Nemanja Vidic, for the season in December to a knee injury and didn't skip a beat, going 15-2-1 on the season since losing the Serbian.

Striker Wayne Rooney has performed tremendously in the BPL this season, scoring 21 goals, second only to Arsenal's scoring machine Robin Van Persie's 26. Last season Rooney was in the midst of controversy, as it was unclear whether he wanted to continue his career in a red jersey, flirting with the light blue of the cross-town rivals.

This season it was Manchester City who starred in the striker saga, with last year's BPL league-leader in goals scored, Carlos Tevez, sitting most of the season out from pure pettiness.

The Light Blues didn't necessarily miss his scoring prowess — with Argentine replacement Sergio Agüero scoring 17 and two others adding 13 — his distractions off the field certainly took away from City's ability to hold off United.

Speaking of off-the-field antics, City striker Mario Balotelli

can't seem to get away from it. At times the Italian looks like the most talented guy on the pitch, while at others he can't seem to break the starting 11, due to needless breaking of team rules.

If the Light Blues all-star striking unit could just keep their attitudes in check, they would have had no problem in holding off United.

But instead, United continued to chip away all season long, either by the feet of ageless wonders Ryan Giggs — who's somewhere between 37 and 137 — or Paul Scholes, who United had to pull out of retirement at the January transfer window, only to have him be one of the most helpful signings during the midseason.

United's turn to the top of the table could be centered on the continued brilliance of its wing play by its ever-changing parts. It doesn't seem to matter if it's Nani, Ashley Young, Antonio Valencia or Park Ji-Sung — every game, a goal seems to stem from one of the wings. The stats back it up, with 45 goals either being scored or assisted by one of those four wing-ers.

When talking about United, you can't forget about their much-maligned goalie David De Gea, who was constantly criticized at the beginning of the season for not being Premier League-worthy. However, in United's last seven BPL games — all wins — De Gea hasn't let up more than one goal.

With all that said, it may be a little easier to see why United is eight points clear of City with six games to go. It doesn't seem to matter the players he puts on the field, United manager Sir Alex Ferguson will get them to play championship-caliber soccer. Which brings us to the last reason that United will hoist the league's crown, potentially at City's home field when they meet on April 30. While Manchester City may have the superior talent of the two squads, there's no doubt who is the king patrolling the sidelines.

If this turns out to be Ferguson's 13th English League title, it will no doubt be his most amazing.

disaster. Take, for instance, Latrell Sprewell and P.J. Carlesimo during the 1997-98 NBA season. During a Warriors practice, Sprewell snapped on his coach after being told his passes could be better. The four-time All-Star infamously choked Carlesimo, and if that wasn't enough, continued the assault 20 minutes later with a punch. All I can say is, the Howard-Van Gundy situation could be a whole lot worse.

The moral of this story is: If you spit in the wind ... duck.

Van Gundy will be lucky if he can make it through the rest of the season without himself being fired, and not because of Howard's "wishes," but because of his announcement of Howard's "wishes." If the Magic fail to make the playoffs, he'll surely be gone.

As a veteran coach, Van Gundy should know this by now: Internal arguments are meant to stay within. That's why the franchise hands out paychecks to public relations people.



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Special teams coordinator Dennis Dottin-Cater instructs a group of Black Bears during their first set of spring practices, which end with the annual Jeff Cole Scrimmage.

Spring from B6

have all spring and preseason and these two guys are hard workers and always watching film so we'll be okay."

Both Ebeling and Wasilewski.. haven't seen much time at the quarterback position yet but have seen time on special teams. Both will be battling it out for the starting job for this fall.

Another question involves the direction the offense will take: Will the Black Bears be a running team or a passing team this year?

"We're looking to be that dual offense," McDonald said. "I think into 2010 we were known for running the ball a lot and last year we were mostly a passing team. This is the year we put both together. The offensive line is also returning four of their five starters as well, which will help whoever is in the backfield this season."

When looking at the defense for UMaine, senior linebacker Donte Dennis was excited as well. He missed last season due to injury after a solid 2010 performance. He's back this year, and he is eager to get back to business.

off that, but we can't be looking at last season, we need to stay focused on what's ahead."

Another question looming this spring for the team is of the new coaches for this year. The team didn't seem fazed by that either and appeared ex-

"We got new coaches now and brand new opportunities this season," Dennis said.

"These new coaches are going to help out a lot in every area that we need," McDonald added.

Head coach Jack Cosgrove said that this spring is a good way to get better, and for individuals to grow and improve. Of the first spring practice, he said the team was working really hard and it felt good to be back.

"[We're here to] make Maine better," Cosgrove said. "With these new coaches and the success of last season, I think it's really going to come together this year," McDonald said.

Dennis added that these spring practices are the first step in a successful season.

"We're looking to be great," he said. "It's not going to happen overnight, it's going to take hard work."

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Donte Dennis Senior linebacker UMaine football

cited to learn from what these new coaches have to offer. The Black Bears added Jeff Ambrosie as offensive line coach and Kyle Archer as special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach. The Black Bears also added former St. Louis Rams linebackers coach Paul Ferraro to be defensive coordinator.

University of Maine football spring practice schedule

April 10, 11, 13 3:45-6:15 p.m.

April 14 9:45-12:15 p.m.

April 17, 18, 20 3:45-6:15 p.m.

April 21 9:45-12:15 p.m.

April 24, 25, 27 3:45-6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. Jeff Cole Spring Scrimmage

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Howard vied for a trade immediately after the 2011-12 NBA lockout ended in December, fairly stating his Magic team wasn't a championship contender, but trade demands were called off.

Howard then signed an amendment to his contract in March, which requires the 26-year-old to stay in Orlando through next season rather than being able to opt out at the end of this year.

Van Gundy isn't new to the whole coaching deal. After starting his career in 1981 as an assistant coach at the University of Vermont, Van Gundy moved up through the ranks. The 52-year-old was hired by the Miami Heat as an assistant in 1995, staying until he resigned from the head coaching position in 2005. He began his tenure in Orlando in 2007.

This isn't the first time player-coach relationships in the NBA have become recipes for



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UMaine football junior wide receiver Maurice McDonald

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Baseball breaks records in sweep of UMBC

Black Bears rout Retrievers with 32 runs in second half of doubleheader; Justin Leisenheimer belts 3 homers in finale

By Joe Sturzl
Staff Reporter

Early last week, University of Maine baseball head coach Steve Trimper warned that the field at

the University of Maryland-Baltimore County could pose problems because of its small dimensions.

However, the Black Bears took full advantage of the small field in

this four game set, with victories of 9-3, 32-14, 18-1 and 17-11 in Friday and Saturday doubleheaders.

The 32 runs in one game set a school record for runs in a game.

Another school record broken this weekend was that of most doubles hit in a game with nine in the 18-1 contest, while UMaine senior Justin Leisenheimer was one home run shy of the school record when he went 3-5 with three home runs, also in the 18-1 contest.

"The players worked hard in practice coming up to this week," Trimper said. "Our plan coming out was to hunt and attack the fastball."

In game one, UMaine junior pitcher Steve Peraklis pitched every inning in the seven-inning game, giving up three runs on nine hits, walking nobody and striking out five. UMBC senior pitcher Steve Miller dropped his fifth game of the year, only going four and one-third innings, giving up six runs on eight hits while walking one. UMaine sophomore infielder Alex Calbick led the offense by going 2-3 with one walk, scoring two runs with three RBIs in the 9-3 victory.

The second game on Friday had a final score more typical of a football game, featuring four home runs for the Black Bears,

with UMaine junior infielder Tyler Patzalek having a monster game. Patzalek went 3-6 on the day, with two home runs, driving in six while scoring five runs.

UMaine senior outfielder Ian Leisenheimer had five RBIs with two doubles, going 2-4 on the day. The Black Bears scored in every

"There is no doubt the smaller field played a factor in the outcome of the game," Trimper said. "With center field only going out 360 feet and the wind blowing out, this turned into a slug-fest."

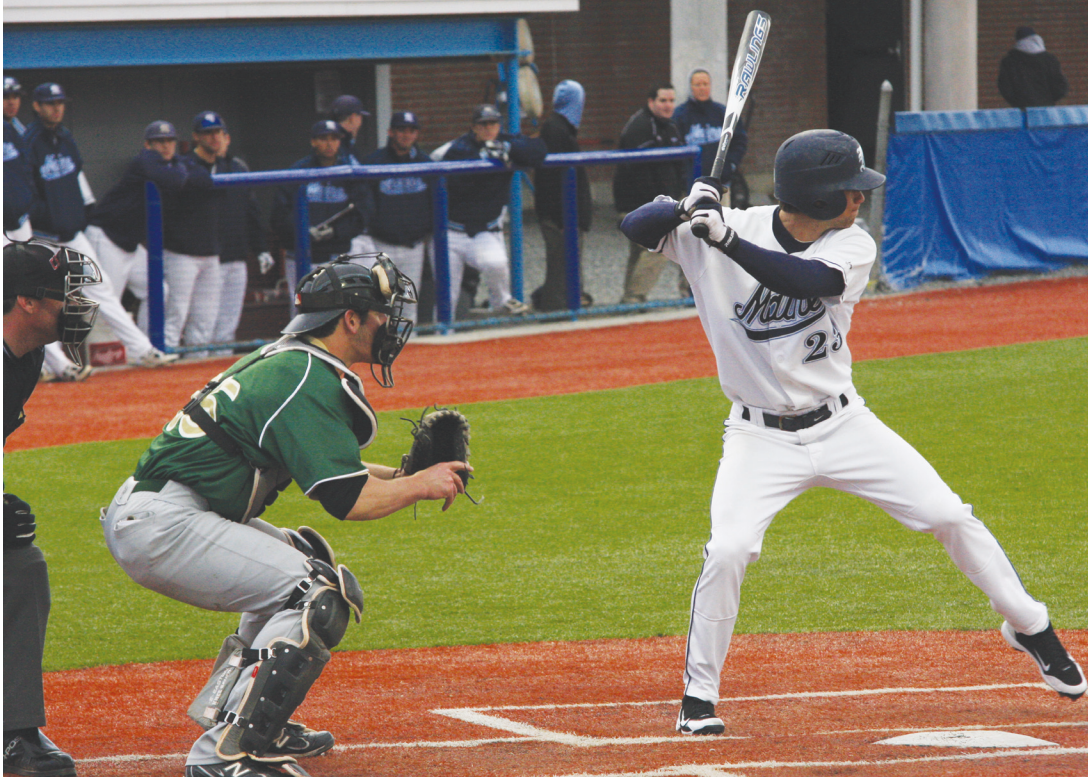
In Saturday's games, more explosive offense hit the field. UMaine had outstanding pitching and defense in game one on Saturday, allowing only one run off five hits. Justin Leisenheimer, Patzalek and

Steve Trimper
Head coach
UMaine baseball

hitter Fran Whitten all had outstanding offensive performances. Leisenheimer drove in seven runs by himself, batting 3-5, all home runs. Whitten went 3-4 with three runs and an RBI, while Patzalek went 4-5, scoring four runs and driving in three.

"[Justin] Leisenheimer, Whitten and Patzalek all stood out for us and had great games for us," Trimper said. "I'm pleased with their performance, I give credit to the players for their preparation and coming out and doing a good job."

See Baseball on B4



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University of Maine sophomore outfielder Colin Gay went 2-5, driving in two runs and scoring three in the Black Bears' series finale sweep over the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Divorce needed in Disney World

Column

Player-coach relationships aren't always the most fluffy, lovable situations.

Sometimes, the two can assume the roles of oil and water, and the ensuing result is a rally of comments and counter-productive actions.

Professional sports are, first and foremost, a business. Like all professions, the industry has problems between workers and bosses.

It's normal, and happens often, but, unlike your typical employee-boss complaint at Walmart, professional sports have the media. Watch what you say, or ESPN will have fun re-running it 60 times the next morning on SportsCenter.

Magic head coach Stan Van Gundy apparently didn't listen to that advice after announcing on Friday that he had heard confirmed reports from "people in [Orlando Magic] management" that his star player, center Dwight Howard, wanted him fired.

For Van Gundy, this is a no-no — by doing this, you open yourself and the franchise's most vital player up to the spotlight just as your team fights for a playoff spot from sixth place in the Eastern Conference standings.

Howard denied the reports, even after others close to Van Gundy confirmed the coach's allegations, seemingly in an attempt to keep the story from exploding into a major distraction for the team.

The six-time All Star has been struggling with various issues in Orlando for some time now, and this just adds icing to the already-made "Going Away Party" cake.

See Magic on B5

UM football focused for spring practice

Black Bears open up April sessions hoping to work in new coaching staff, quarterback, ground game

By Andrew Stefanilo
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine football team took to the practice field on Thursday, marking the beginning of spring practice season for the Black Bears.

After a 9-4 record last season and a trip to the NCAA's second round, the team is looking to build on the successes of the 2011 campaign, which had them finishing 8th in the polls.

The team just wore helmets on Thursday and were going full pads on Saturday in what was their third practice in a row.

This team is allowed 15 practices over three weeks, capped off by the Jeff Cole Spring Scrimmage on April 28.

The long, cold first practice was full of individual position drills and other fundamentals to shake off any offseason rust.

The spring practice included focus on ball security for skill players, keeping shoulders square for linebackers and the snap-and-hold for long snappers to the holders. The team looked ready to play, despite the cold air and the light padding.

"I've been itching to do this since I got hurt at Towson last year," said junior wide receiver Maurice McDonald.

McDonald was outgoing quarterback Warren Smith's favorite target last season before going down with four games left in the season with an injury.

"It's been hard being in meetings with the team and not being able to really do anything," McDonald said. "But being out there today and able to contribute felt good."

With Smith and fellow senior quarterback Chris Treister gone, there is question of who will be behind center for this upcoming season. McDonald didn't seem to worry who will be throwing to him this fall.

"I have no worries about the quarterback position," he said. "We have two guys, [sophomores] John Ebeling and [Marcus] Wasilewski. One of them will become the starter but we

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Top: Sophomore running back Terrel Walker focuses during the football team's spring practice, which started Thursday.

Above left: New offensive line coach Jeff Ambrosio talks with freshman offensive lineman Daniel Carriker in between drills.

Above right: The Black Bears work on blocking drills during their first round of spring practices. UMaine looks to build off a successful 2011 season, which saw them finish at No. 8 in the country with a 9-4 record.