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UMaine standout Belcher commits murder-suicide

Former Black Bear linebacker's tragic events leave more questions than answers for teammates, friends

Jesse Scardina
Editor in Chief

Former University of Maine football standout and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher reportedly shot and killed his girlfriend, who later died at a nearby hospital, then drove to the Chiefs' training facility where he shot himself, according to CBS Sports.

According to the report, the first shooting occurred in a Kansas City neighborhood and the second at Arrowhead Stadium at about 8 a.m. Saturday. The training facility has been put on lockdown and is barricaded by local authorities. According to Kansas City sports radio host Danny Perkins, Belcher committed suicide after being confronted with coaches in the stadium parking lot. According to reports, Belcher thanked both head coach Romeo Crennel and general manager Scott Pioli before taking his own life. Kansas City Police Department are reporting that the two coaches didn't feel threatened.

KCPD Capt. David Lindaman said Belcher and his girlfriend got into an argument around 7:50 a.m. Lindaman said Belcher shot Kasandra Perkins several times before she was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Lindaman said Belcher's mother was visiting the couple and their young daughter.



The photo above shows Jovan Belcher during his playing days at the University of Maine. On Dec. 1, Belcher shot and killed his girlfriend before driving to Arrowhead Stadium and turning the gun on himself.

File photo

Brothers. He had a young man

See Jovan Belcher on A5

"This is a real tragedy, a horrible tragedy," said UMaine football head coach Jack Cosgrove during an impromptu press conference Saturday afternoon in the Memorial Gymnasium. "Jovan was one of those young men that

the tragedy that has fallen — Our prayers go out to Kasandra and her family. We're going to pray for Jovan; we're going to pray for Jovan's family. His impact on this program was boundless.

"It's a real difficult time for me personally and our football family."

Cosgrove said the last time he spoke with Belcher was on the phone the day Belcher and Perkins' child was born, in September of this year.

"I called him on the birth of his child," he said. "The Jovan that I know from his time in Orono was on the other end of that phone."

During his time at UMaine, Belcher participated in the domestic-violence awareness group Male Athletes Against Violence initiative and was on the committee that helped develop the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

"I'm hard-pressed to recall a young man who had more of an impact in a positive way in my time here," Cosgrove said. "He's one of the great stories in the program's history. A lot of the things he did [went unnoticed]. He was a member of Big

we have such great memories of here. We don't know at all what took place out there, and I think

Memorial service held for 3 Lambda Chi Alpha brothers in wake of crash

Hundreds of members of UMaine community mourn loss



Sergio Afonso • Staff Photographer

Members of the University of Maine community partook in a candlelight vigil following a memorial service for David Cheney, William "B.J." Hannigan and Marcelo Rugini, all of whom died in a Nov. 16 plane crash in Owls Head.

By Derrick Rossignol
News Editor

Members of the University of Maine community, including students and faculty, came together Tuesday night for a memorial service for David Cheney, Marcelo Rugini and 2011 alumnus William "B.J." Hannigan, all of whom were members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

The fraternity members died on the afternoon of Nov. 16 in a plane crash at the Knox County Regional Airport in Owls Head.

The memorial service took place in Hauck Auditorium, which was filled nearly to its capacity of 514 people by members of the UMaine community.

After the service, which included speeches from Lambda Chi Alpha brother Thomas Green and Dean of Students Dr. Robert Dana, a candlelight vigil was held on the Mall in front of Fogler Library.

"It is uncommon to find someone that causes you to better yourself by their sheer presence," Green said. "But the Beta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha found three such individuals. . . . They stand as an everlasting example of what a man should be and what qualities they should possess."

The day of the crash will "stand as a day marred by sadness and tragedy," Green said. "It is important in times like these to not be completely overcome by sadness and grief, but to rise up and realize what these men have left behind."

He then shared some funny memories about Cheney, Rugini and Hannigan, which

lightened the somber mood, if only for a moment.

"They can put a smile on anyone's face," Green said, "be it for Cheney's horrible stand-up comedy routine; Marcel's speaking incorrect English, and then arguing it is valid; or B.J. paying brothers to dress him for his first date because he was too stressed to accomplish the task himself."

On behalf of his fraternity,

pouring of support from the Greek community as a whole has been truly amazing. You have proved that we are in fact a community and none of us stand alone. And for that the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha are eternally thankful."

To conclude his speech, Green recited "Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep," a poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye he felt fit the occasion.

"Do not stand at my grave and cry / I am not there; I did not die," the poem ended.

Dana spoke next about the outpouring of support for the students from the UMaine community.

"It's . . . a testament to these three young lives to see Hauck Auditorium filled to capacity here tonight," Dana said.

Earlier that day Dana said he spoke to University of Maine President Paul Ferguson, who was out of town and not able to attend the memorial: "[Ferguson's] grief was palpable."

Dana said he had been in contact with the families of the students, and they appreciated the support from UMaine.

"One of the things David Cheney's mother asked me to do was to give everyone here tonight a big hug, so I want all of you in this room to consider yourselves hugged by the dean," he said.

After a moment of silence to "consider the gravity of what lies before us," he gave his condolences to the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha and commended them for their response to the accident.

See Memorial on A3

Masquerade mania



Christie Edwards • Staff Photographer

The first Star Light, Soul Bright Masquerade Ball was held Saturday night at Buchanan Alumni House. The Student Heritage Alliance Council hosted the event, uniting organizations in multiculturalism, while raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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New UMaine mentoring program reaches out to teens

Program hopefully to be in effect state-wide

Lauren Abbate
For The Maine Campus

The first workshop of a Peer Counseling Training Program will be held Dec. 5 in Shibles Hall.

Through a collaboration with School Administrative District 4 and the College of Education and Human Development, the University of Maine is proud to present the inauguration of this statewide program. The purpose of the program is to help prepare students in peer counselor training, who will eventually be able to help their classmates through the challenges of a high school setting, such as bullying, depression and teen drug use.

Members of the College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Annette Nelligan and Dr. Yung-Wei “Dennis” Lin lent their talents to the program along with assistance from graduate students, Joshua Jones and Benjamin Thelwell.

The idea came about this semester after conversations with District 4 guidance counselor Eric Steeves.

“Since most school counselors have very large caseloads, Mr. Steeves felt a peer program would both assist all students in getting counseling services, help develop leadership skills in the peer counseling students and assure that the school counselor could provide more effective services schoolwide,” Nelligan said.

The first round of participating schools consists of Piscataquis Community Secondary School, located in Guilford, and The Blue Hill Harbor School located in Blue Hill.

Students participating in the first workshop have been nominated by their teachers, are academically well-achieving with no past disciplinary problems and show potential for leadership skills.

With the growing rate of bullying, drug use and other emotional concerns in high schools, it is evident that something more needs to be done. Jones believes teens are “uniquely able to assist” in these situations since they may actively be dealing with many of these problems themselves.

“Peers often are the first to know when someone may be facing more than they can handle,” Jones said.

“The peer counseling program offers an alternative because students can access trained peers who will meet with them, discussing their concerns,” Dr. Nelligan said.

However, this does not entirely rule out the role of the guidance counselor; the trained peers may refer the student back to the guidance counselor if the issue requires additional assistance.

The inauguration of this program at a state university also has an advantage: High school students will learn critical skills in the helping profession by counselor education graduate students.

“Our program is different from most because it is designed to take advantage not only of the support the high school is able to offer but also the many educational opportunities, professional experience and technical services of a state university,” Jones said.

While there is no doubt this program can benefit Maine schools statewide, Lin says this program is not yet a research project. He continued, “Through publishing findings in the future, we may promote this program to a statewide level. . . . The potential is huge, and we will see how these two schools perceive the research idea.”

The involved graduate students also benefit from their involvement in the program.

“I’ve already learned so much about so many things and consider myself fortunate to be a small part of such an innovative, landmark program,” said Thelwell, a graduate student in the College of Education and Human Development.

“Peer counseling is proving to be one of the most effective ways to stem the growing concerns of bullying, depression, conduct disorder and drug abuse found in our nation’s high schools,” Thelwell said. “I’m proud that our university is being so proactive and will soon be impacting Maine’s statewide community in such a meaningful way.”

This first workshop is an exciting time, not just for the College of Education and Human Development but for the University community as a whole.

“We have been talking with a number of school officials, and there seems to be interest, so we are hopeful that it will grow,” Jones said.

Senior Night at Woodman’s helps raise money for class of ’13 stained glass window

By Justin Lynch
For The Maine Campus

Students from the Class of 2013 filled their stines, shouted till the rafters rang and drank to the careless days, celebrating Senior Night at Woodmans Bar and Grill Thursday. This was the second Senior Night at Woodmans this year, a part of the Class of 2013’s effort to give a senior gift upon graduation.

“Events like these really show the sense of community we have here in the Class of 2013,” said Keegan Burdette, a member of the Class of 2013 council. “It is a great way to bring everyone together for a good cause.”

T-shirts with the 2013 logo were sold for \$10, which provided reduced prices on drinks. The money the Class of 2013 makes will go toward providing a stained glass window in the Memorial Union, which should cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

“The stained glass window is going to be in the archway, which faces Fogler Library,” said Dana Freshley, also on the 2013 class council. “It is going to be beautiful and add some color to the Union.”

The Class of 2013 is currently holding a competition to find a design for the stained glass window that best encompass encompasses the

UMaine experience. Submissions should be sent to Catherine Sodini on FirstClass.

“We think that is the best way for the Class of 2013 to give back,” Burdette said. “What better way to showcase the Class of 2013’s abilities than having one of our own design the gift? The design will forever be a part of UMaine”

Freshley says that the Class of 2013 is on target to reach their fundraising goal, thanks to generous contributions from the Classes of 1953 and 1963.

“Both alumni classes have really helped the class of 2013 out financially,” Freshley said. “We met with the class of ’53 at a homecoming breakfast back in October. It is such an honor to work with them.”

Although

the Class of 2013 does not yet know how much they made from Thursday night’s event, they will be hosting a Senior Night at Woodman’s once a month in an effort to raise enough money for the stained glass window.

“Having Senior Night at Woodman’s is a great way to relax and have a good time,” Hannah Ruhl said of the fes-

tivities at Woodman’s. “I think it is a really great idea, and I am glad that our class is able to come together like this.”

Senior Night is one of many events put on by the Class of 2013 for the student body, including the UMazing Race in February; Senior Week, during the last week of school; and the ever-popular Beer Garden on the Mall in the Spring.



Christie Edwards • Staff Photographer

Members of the University of Maine class of 2013 socialize at Woodman’s Bar and Grill Thursday night for the class-sponsored Senior Night.

On-campus skatepark shows renewed student interest

Plans for only open-to-public skate park on college campus still up for debate

By Zach Connerty-Marin
Web Editor

Roughly 40 University of Maine students, faculty and members of the Greater Bangor community met in the New Balance Student Recreation Center’s conference room Friday to discuss putting a skatepark next to the Hilltop parking lot.

Two weeks ago, a janitor called the police on Paul Van Steenberghe, a professor in the mathematics department, for trick biking on the stairs near Hitchner Hall. Robert Norman, a University of Maine day sergeant, was dispatched to the scene. According to Steenberghe, Norman told the professor the stairs weren’t off limits, but situations like this wouldn’t happen if UMaine bicyclists and skaters had a skatepark.

Now, University of Maine students and faculty are trying to create the United States’ first on-campus concrete skatepark.

“This is groundbreaking in

that there is no other university in the U.S. — there’s only one in the world — that has a concrete, poured-in-place, open-to-the-public, free, no-fence skatepark,” said Josh Kaffer, director of the Black Bear Skatepark Association.

“I think the idea that this is a unique thing in the univer-

\$38,000 for a skate park in 2006, but neither were built. The Class of 2013 tried unsuccessfully to build a skatepark at UMaine as their class gift. According to Hunt, the key is strong and persistent student involvement. Hunt helped with previous efforts to implement a skatepark and seems keen to

ment from student government that this is even conceptually a good idea, it would go a long way,” Hunt said.

Matt Strong, a fourth-year engineering student is taking the initiative to start a student skater club.

Hunt and Kaffer seem encouraged by the turnout of students at the meeting.

“I’ve never had this many people in one space talking about [the skatepark],” Hunt said. “I sent this email to five people. I think, and this many people showed up, so the network’s good.”

Professor Steenberghe encouraged students to email Robert Dana, vice president of student affairs, to ask for a skatepark.

“Sixteen percent of kids between the ages of five and 25 in the U.S. ride a skateboard once a year,” Keffer said.

There will be another meeting about the skatepark in the Recreation Center’s conference room, after students return from winter break on Friday Jan. 18.

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Director, Black Bear Skatepark Association

sity environment and that it’s cutting edge. I think these are all really big bonuses,” Director of Recreation Jeff Hunt said. “The push right now at this institution is, What makes us unique?”

Orono earmarked \$12,000 for a skate park in 1998 and Old Town earmarked nearly

do so again.

Hunt and Keffer suggested that students get a club together and start raising money for the skatepark. Club events would show student government and higher level faculty that students are serious about establishing this park.

“If we can get an endorse-

UMaine Student Govt. allocates over \$11,000 to Alternative Spring Break

By Liam Nee
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine General Student Senate revised and updated their own financial policies to clear up confusion for any club charging undergraduate students admission at GSS-funded, on-campus events, allocated an overall total of \$21,086 to various organizations, including \$11,810 to Alternative Spring Break and also granted recognition to five clubs — preliminary for four and final for one — during the body’s fourth meeting of the 34th session, Nov. 27, in the Memorial Union’s Bangor Room.

Improv Insanity, an improvisational group, performed for

the GSS before the meeting began.

A total of \$1,820 was allocated to pay the use tax, a substitute for sales tax imposed to reduce an imbalanced fairness with sales being made between different states. According to Maine.gov, large and common contributions to this payment include sales made over the Internet; if the vendor is not registered with Maine and does not charge Maine sales tax, a use tax must be imposed.

The Nutrition Club was also announced as the Club of the Month for November. President Jessica Aumier spoke on behalf of the club, thanking the GSS for its recognition.

Financial policies for club admission fee, charity donations amended

A debate over an allocation for Student Heritage Council arose during a Nov. 13 meeting: The topic of charging versus donating at events held by organizations with UMSG, Inc. money arose, spurring many senators to believe that a clear precedent must be set in order to further enforce compliance to the standing rules.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Raymond Updyke presented the resolution to the body, stating it would clear up the ongoing confusion.



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Timeline of the Lambda Chi Alpha plane crash

Nov. 16

On Nov. 16, a little before 6 p.m., the Bangor Daily News reported a plane crash in the woods near Knox County Regional Airport in Owls Head. Citing Knox County Air Manager Jeffrey Northgraves, the article reads that the plane struck a pickup truck driving across the runway during takeoff.

Flames from the crash reached 10 to 20 feet high when authorities arrived. Others at the scene tried unsuccessfully to rescue one of the occupants from the aircraft.

Nov. 17

Word of the accident came via the BDN that at least one of the victims was a Maine resident. While identities were known, officials were just waiting to contact family members.

The Maine Forest Service arrived at 9:30 a.m. with a helicopter to remove wreckage of the Cessna 172 that crashed into a truck the night before. The Maine Forest Service worked in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Nov. 17

Later in the day, the identities of the three victims were released after the University of Maine contacted the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Fraternity president David Cheney, 22; foreign exchange student Marcelo Rugini, 24; and 24-year-old UMaine alumnus William "B.J." Hannigan, 24 were on a joyride when they took off in Owls Head to head back to Bangor for the night.

The driver of the truck's identity was also revealed Saturday. Stephen Turner, 62, of Camden was uninjured when his 1994 GMC Sonoma collided with the aircraft as he was driving across the runway. Turner, a licensed pilot, was authorized to be driving on the runway.

Nov. 19

On Nov. 19, the BDN reported that the pickup truck that collided with the Cessna 172 carrying three Lambda Chi Alpha members did not have a beacon light.

Knox County Regional Airport manager Jeffrey Northgraves said that trucks crossing a runway should have a beacon light, but they were not required.

Minutes before crossing the runway, Stephen Turner, who was driving the truck, assisted putting a plane away in a hangar near the airport terminal with his 1994 GMC Sonoma.

Nov. 21

On Nov. 21, the BDN reported that when the plane collided with the pickup truck it had lost a key part, the right elevator, also known as the right horizontal stabilizer, according to a preliminary report filed by the National Transportation Safety Board.

According to the preliminary report, Stephen Turner, the driver of the pickup truck, announced his intentions over the common traffic advisory frequency using a radio in the truck. After hearing no response nor seeing anything on the runway, he crossed, according to the report.

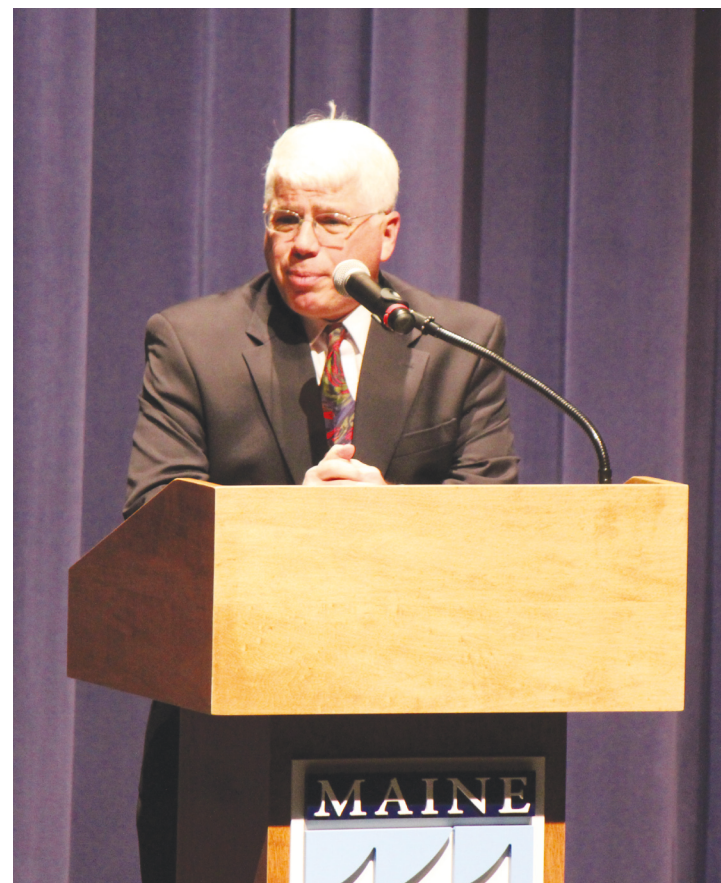
Nov. 27

On Nov. 27, the BDN reported that the driver of the pickup truck told police the incident occurred so quickly that he was not sure what happened. According to the article, Knox County Chief Deputy Tim Carroll said he spoke with Stephen Turner immediately after the plane crash.

Carroll said he knew the National Transportation Safety Board was taking over the investigation and left most of the interviewing with Turner to the investigators. NTSB investigator Shawn Etcher told the BDN that the final report won't be issued for six to 12 months.

Nov. 27

On Nov. 27, members of the UMaine community gathered for a memorial service for the three victims of the crash. Lambda Chi Alpha brother Thomas Green and Dean of Students Robert Dana each made a speech, followed by a candlelight vigil on the Mall and a slideshow of pictures.



Sergio Alfonso • The Maine Campus
Left: Interfraternity Council President Josh Stanhope addresses a packed Hauck Auditorium for a memorial service for the fraternity brothers who died in a plane crash on Nov. 16.
Above: Dean of Student Robert Dana addresses the audience.

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He also recognized the impact they had on the UMaine community and on everybody they met.

"These guys have been here for years. They knew people in disparate colleges around the campus, different departments," Dana said. "They worked in different places. They were loved up and down the coast of Maine. They were loved on different continents and there are many people today grieving a loss far too early."

Dana also spoke about living life to the fullest.

"We live lives believing that it won't happen," he said.

"And sometimes when we live our lives so insulated, so isolated from what could potentially be a reality, we don't live life adequately at all. . . Now I would say in these guys' case, they lived life quite adequately."

"This is part of being an adult, that we have to contend with loss. And the only way to do it well is to take something from the loss."

**Robert Dan
Dean of Students**

Dana then talked about dealing with grief, saying it is part of growing up.

"This is part of being an adult, that we have to contend with loss," he said. "And the

only way to do it well is to take something from the loss — that is, to live your lives well — and learn to contend with the loss."

Dana ended his speech asking for another moment of silence, asking everybody in

body in attendance was asked to take a candle from the hallway outside of Hauck Auditorium and gather in front of the projection screen set up in front of Fogler Library. Once everybody was outside, attendants assisted each other to light candles.

A video slideshow that featured photos of Cheney, Rugini and Hannigan spending time with friends, participating in events with Lambda Chi Alpha and having fun, was set against emotional music. There were also photos of lit candles at the Lambda Chi Alpha house, one for each of the deceased brothers.

At the end of the vigil, attendees were instructed: "In the spirit of love, we extinguish our candles and reflect."



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Xi Sigma Pi brings Christmas spirit to UMaine in form of trees

By Danielle Walczak
Special to the Maine Campus

On Nov. 26, Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society launched its annual Christmas tree sale outside of Nutting Hall.

The sale, which began in the 1950s, provides scholarship money for forestry students at the University of Maine. The annual sale has raised \$400 to \$800 in recent years, but according to faculty advisor and sale organizer Louis Morin, it once brought in \$3,000.

“It makes a big difference when you can’t sell trees,” he said.

The event used to sell out in a few days; now it takes a few weeks. According to Morin, people aren’t interested in local trees anymore.

From 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 4- to 8-foot tall Christmas trees will be available. Prices range from \$15 to \$39.

The trees are from Blue Ribbon Trees of Dover-Foxcroft, which, according to Morin, provides a work environment for “people with problems, usually teenagers and young adults, so it’s a way for them to get back. They aren’t troubled kids; they’re just without a home or direction in life. So they help them. It gives them a job and gives them some income.”

Xi Sigma Pi officer Matthew Scaccia, a senior parks, recreation, and tourism student, thinks the sale gives Xi Sigma Pi members a good chance to work with the community.

“It is important because we are able to support a working Maine tree farm. The sale money funds scholarships for University of Maine forestry undergraduates,” he said.

Morin explained that buying local Christmas trees not only supports local business but is a sustainable business itself.

“The important thing about

live Christmas trees is that young growing trees do more for carbon sequestering than older trees,” he said.

Andrew Poole, forester and president of Xi Sigma Pi, said last year’s sale sold all but one or two trees. “We used to sell more trees, as it is a long-standing tradition, and I think a bad year or two somewhere in between years has caused us to lose some customers,” he said.

Although the sale’s profits have dwindled over recent years, Scaccia thinks it is a “very worthy effort. I feel that students in the field of forestry should be rewarded if they have proven that they can become good future stewards of our forest resources,” he said.

Poole, a third-year forestry student, benefited from the sale, as he was a recipient of the scholarship.

“By spreading holiday cheer and knowing that I am giving to others the same gift that I myself received my freshman year.”

Jovan Belcher from A1

that he served as a sort of foster-father for during his time here. He graduated in three-and-a-half years, which is a tremendous accomplishment for a student athlete.”

The Chiefs released a statement addressing the events: “The entire Chiefs family is deeply saddened by today’s events, and our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy, thoughts and prayers for the families and friends affected by this unthinkable tragedy. We



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor
A visibly upset Jack Cosgrove, head coach for University of Maine football, addressed the media in the wake of Jovan Belcher’s murder-suicide.

sincerely appreciate the expressions of sympathy and support we have received from so many in the Kansas City and NFL communities, and ask for continued prayers for the loved ones of those impacted.”

The Chiefs played their regularly scheduled game on Sunday against the Carolina Panthers after Crennel addressed his players Saturday afternoon.

Members of the UMaine com-

munity who knew Belcher still can’t comprehend what happened. His former teammate, UMaine



alumnus Raibonne Charles told the Kansas City Star that Belcher’s actions weren’t “forthcoming of his character... This is a shock to us all.”

Belcher’s high school football coach, Al Ritacco also couldn’t put the pieces together, describing Belcher to the Detroit Free Press as “a kid I looked up to... If he had a negative side, I never saw it. He was a positive kid — determined to make something [of his life].”

Belcher’s agent, Joe Linta, who is also Crennel’s agent, described the acts as “shocking,” to CBS Sports.

“Something went crazy wrong, and we’ll probably never know what it is,” Linta told the website.

Belcher, who played for the Black Bears from 2005-08, went undrafted in 2009 before signing with the Chiefs. He accrued 198 tackles and one sack in more than three seasons.

Check mainecampus.com for updates throughout the week.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine’s finest

By Derrick Rossignol
News Editor



Light plight
University of Maine Police Department is currently investigating a rash of damage done to light poles in the South Campus area since mid-September.

According to Assistant Director of Facilities Management Jeremy Chubbuck, the damage estimate has grown to approximately \$9,000 over the two-month period. Overtime hours has been expended for electricians to repair the wiring and poles and get them back to working condition.

Facilities Management has announced a \$200 reward for

information leading to the conviction of the person or persons involved.

University of Maine Police Chief Roland LaCroix advised that anyone caught damaging a light pole is subject to prosecution for criminal mischief, a Class D crime, but would likely rise to a felony if the person is linked to more than one damaged pole.

Chief LaCroix advises that his officers have stepped up special patrols and surveillance in the areas and will keep doing so until someone is apprehended.

Wind-no
UMPD received a report of a broken car window at University Park at 8:28 a.m. Nov. 26. The front passenger window of a vehicle was smashed sometime overnight between Nov. 25 and Nov. 26. The cost to repair the damage is estimated at \$200. There are currently no suspects.

Swasti-can’t do that
UMPD received a report of vandalism in the fourth-floor study lounge of Gannett Hall at 7:44 a.m. Nov. 27. A swastika was carved into the arm of a couch. The cost to repair the damage is estimated at \$75. There are currently no suspects.

No lock, no luck
UMPD received a report of a stolen bicycle outside of the Cyrus Pavilion Theater at 6:10 p.m. Nov. 27. An old, unlocked 21-speed mountain bike was taken from the bike rack outside the building sometime between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Nov. 19. There are currently no suspects.

High on speed
A UMPD officer report of a drug offense during a traffic stop at 7:24 p.m. Nov. 27. The officer stopped a vehicle for speeding and detected an odor of marijuana upon approaching the vehicle. The officer searched the vehicle and found a usable amount of marijuana and paraphernalia. Student Michael Curley, 20, was summonsed for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

Guns ’n drugs
A UMPD reported a drug offense during a traffic stop at the Bridge Courts parking lot at 10:13 a.m. Nov. 28. The officer stopped the vehicle after noticing a rifle in plain view in the vehicle. The gun, an old-style musket, was found to be unregistered. The owner was advised to register the weapon with UMPD or take it off campus. While searching the vehicle, the officer noticed a mason jar containing a usable amount of marijuana. The student was referred to student affairs.



Jesse Scardina • Editor in Chief
A picture of one of the broken street lamps that has been plaguing University of Maine police. Facilities Management are offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the person or persons involved.

UMSG from A2

undergraduates,” Updyke said. “They already pay an activity fee.”

According to the original policies, clubs that charge admission to undergraduates at events wholly or partially funded by UMSG, Inc. “shall return the allocated funds that were advanced to them, up to the amount of total undergraduate ticket sales.”

The resolution amended this to read: “No undergraduate may be charged for admission for an on-campus event funded by UMSG, Inc.”

The penalty for an organization that breaks this rule is “an immediate one calendar year suspension of funding.”

Because the ruling only presides over events held on campus, a few senators, including Sen. Stanhope, questioned which areas of the UMaine community are on and off campus — specifically fraternity houses.

“[Executive Budgetary Committee] decides what is on and off campus,” Updyke said. “It’s pretty clear what is and isn’t, and we’ve never had a problem with this in the past.”

In addition to clearing up the admission fee dispute, the resolution further amended the rule to which no organization can allocate UMSG, Inc. funds for “charitable donations and acts of kindness greater than \$50 in cash, other assets, or equity instruments.”

According to resolution’s statement of fact, it’s “the same as [UMSG, Inc.] indirectly donating to a charity and is an act of fraud, as Student Activity Fee funds are used indirectly to donate to charities.”

Alternative Spring Break, nine other clubs receive funding

Alternative Spring Break, the largest service organization on campus, received \$11,810 for their eight upcoming winter and spring service trips to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Arizona and Louisiana, which, in total, is expected to cost \$31,969. According to the resolution, the allocated funds will be used solely for transportation, with \$5,210 going toward vans and \$6,600 toward airfare.

Despite it being one of the largest allocations of the year for UMSG, Inc., ASB nearly triples the amount with their fundraising. According to the resolution’s statement of fact, the club is expected to collect \$27,000 in fundraising, which is \$7,000 more than last year.

Club president and GSS senator Paige Eggleston, who spoke with vice president Morgan Kinney on behalf of the club, says all 11 members of ASB pay a club due of \$200.

Muslim Student Association received \$2,440 for their upcoming three-day trip to Toronto for the Reviving the Islamic Spirit Convention, Dec. 21 - 23. According to the resolution, the allocated funds will be used for lodging and transportation; hotels are expected to cost \$1,440 and vans are expected to cost \$1,000.

Club vice president Abdulraheem Shayi, a third-year political science and pre-med student, spoke on behalf of organization alongside club president Nabeel Hashmi, stating that 12 undergraduates and one advisor would be attending the conference.

This resolution unexpectedly became one of the most debated

of the night because of hotel room accommodation issues. Because of the ratio of gender between the 12 undergraduates planning to go — six males, six females — it was proposed that one more hotel room should be funded so one of the three rooms wouldn’t house two males and two females.

After more than 20 minutes of discussion, the GSS came to a consensus that the group would have to come up with money for a fourth room on their own.

Muslim Student Association is expected to contribute \$1,520 to the event and has plans to bring two speakers to the university after their trip to Toronto.

Catholic Student Association

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According to club treasurer Hillary Morin, a second-year entomology student, the gathering only occurs every two years and Father Bill will be accompanying the 16 undergraduates expected to go.

Members of Students of the University of Maine in Technical Theater received \$1,600 for their upcoming trip to Milwaukee, Wis. for the United States Institute for Theatre Technology Annual Conference & Stage Expo from March 20 to 23. Ac-

cording to the resolution, the allocated funds will be used for lodging and transportation, with hotels expected to cost \$400 and airfare expected to cost \$1,200.

Club vice president Bradley Chelberg and treasurer Kaleigh Knights spoke on behalf of the organization, stating the trip happens every year. Eight undergraduates are expected to attend. UMaine’s theater program will be donating \$1,000. SUM-ITT has also fundraised \$200.

The Athletic Training Student Organization received \$1,119 for their upcoming trip to Buffalo, N.Y. for the Eastern Athletic Trainers’ Association Meeting and Clinical Symposium, Jan 4 to 7. According to the resolution, the allocated

funds will be used for lodging and transportation, with hotels expected to cost \$171 and airfare expected to cost \$948.

Club treasurer Dianah Shelley spoke on behalf of the group, stating the Maine Coaching Center provided the club with \$900 toward the trip, and they’ve already raised \$250 from a raffle and “massage-a-thon.”

During VPFA Upkyke’s executive report, the third-year accounting and sustainable agriculture student announced five allocations under \$1,000 given to five organizations: \$770 to the International Affairs Association for the Model United Nations conference held in Montreal, Jan. 24 to 27; \$571 to Mock Trial for the Temple Uni-

versity Mock Trial Tournament in Pennsylvania; \$150 to both Sustainable Agriculture Enthusiasts and International Affairs Association; and \$75 to the Ski & Snowboard Club for office budget.

Art & Design Collective receives final club recognition, three others also preliminarily recognized

Art & Design Collective, an organization “that promotes and increases awareness of the visual arts at UMaine and within the greater community,” received final recognition from the GSS.

Club president Monique Boutin, a third-year student, and vice president Jill Peltto, a second-year studio art and earth sciences student, spoke on behalf of the organization, telling of ways the club has connected with both students and the surrounding community and also expressing the way the group has helped members become better artists.

Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., an organization that seeks to develop connections in the industry and serve the UMaine community through service projects,” received preliminary recognition from the GSS.

Club president Kyle Orlando and vice president Nick Fournier spoke on behalf of ABC, a student chapter of the national organization.

According to Orlando, the group helps members get jobs in the construction business, crafting connections and resumes. The group is also in the process of beginning a tutoring program since the university doesn’t provide tutors for several important first- and second-year courses inside the civil engineering program.

Students Helping Honduras,

an organization created to “build a movement of young leaders in order to empower orphaned and vulnerable children in Honduras,” received preliminary recognition from GSS.

Club president Kirsty Moriarty, a third-year microbiology student, spoke on behalf of SHH, a non-profit organization, stating the group, which consists of 23 committed students, will go to set locations in Honduras.

Moriarty, a transfer student from Clemson University, has previous experience with SHH.

Sen. Brunton brought up the question of danger and concern for students entering Honduras, but Moriarty assured the senator safety is first priority on trips with SHH; an armed guard is alongside the group at all times.

A few senators asked for clarification from Moriarty as to how SHH differed from a similar organization on campus, Central America Service Association. GSS advisor and former VPSO Hannah Hudson, president of CASA during her second-year at UMaine, explained that the groups are similar, but do service in separate locations.

Young Americans for Liberty, an organization created “to identify, educate, train and mobilize youth activist committed to ‘winning on principle,’” received preliminary recognition from the GSS.

Club president Cody Morgan, who spoke on behalf of YAL, faced a lot of criticism from the body for having similar group motives to Students for Liberty, a club preliminarily recognized seven weeks prior.

Morgan explained: “The difference between Students for Liberty is their group is a self-educated group — basically a book club or non-activist group.”

EDITORIAL

Belcher’s on- and off-field achievements don’t diminish horrific acts

Not only has the death of a University of Maine alumnus over the weekend greatly affected the UMaine community, but the nature of the death has left a haze of miserable confusion in its wake. Famed linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs Jovan Belcher, a since-graduated UMaine football star, unexpectedly and inexplicably fatally shot his girlfriend and himself in a bizarre murder-suicide on Saturday. While we may never truly know what prompted his actions, they have stirred up an unusual dilemma.

Of course Jovan is mourned by those who survive him; the Black Bears, the Chiefs, the athletic families of which he had been a member and those who were affiliated with him personally are all grieving, wishing for solace for those affected by this tragedy.

He was reportedly kind and friendly, was a member of Male Athletes Against Violence and of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and was overall generous with his time and energy during his years at UMaine. People are mourning the loss of the man they knew who sported such exceptional qualities and talents.

Unfortunately there is a cloud of mystery and ambiguity surrounding what drove him to commit the appalling crime that he did. Perhaps it is because we don’t understand. Perhaps it is because he was someone who had such a positive impact on the UMaine community during his time here, that the news of this incident has been met with more sympathy and bemusement than anger and blame.

However, it is important to keep in mind, for the sake of generating a just and fair public response to this painful situation, what exactly the actions were that he chose to take, as well as their consequences: He fatally shot his girlfriend, following an argument they had, in their home in front of his mother. He killed himself in front of his coaching staff at Arrowhead Stadium after he encountered them in the parking lot, causing a subsequent total lockdown of the facility. He left his 3-month-old daughter an orphan. He acted selfishly and without regard for the physical or emotional trauma those acts would inevitably cause. To minimize this is a disservice to those directly and indirectly affected by his apparently uncharacteristic behavior.

In the Sunday game following the troubling events of the preceding day, the Chiefs held a moment of silence before a game in which Belcher would likely have played. That silence was dedicated not to Belcher, for whom they were undoubtedly grieving, but for victims of domestic violence at large. This display of sincere appreciation for the issues at hand that surround Belcher’s death could generate a more grounded reaction to the situation than the one those too blinded by their grief could be responsible for. Their example is not only sensitive to the facts but inspires those of us who need some perspective on the true victims of this devastating incident.

What will come out of this horrific situation is hopefully a shining light on domestic violence. There are a number of organizations working on stifling domestic violence events, such as Spruce Run, an abuse support organization, and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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Opinion



STEM Act not right answer, but step in right direction

Proposed act would provide competition into lacksadaisical workforce

The GOP didn’t just lose the Latino vote to Barack Obama in the 2012 Presidential Election; they failed miserably, winning just 23 percent of Latino support nationwide.

Latinos were put off by the Republican Party’s perspective on immigration policy. With the total percentage overall of Latino voters increasing to 8 percent in the past 10 years, the GOP is doing everything in its power to turn this perception around.

On Friday, the House of Representatives passed the STEM Jobs Act, a bill that would make 55,000 additional immigrant visas available to foreigners who have earned advanced degrees from U.S. universities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and who U.S. employers want to hire.

The bill passed with adherence to party lines for the most part, but it surely won’t make it past the Democrat-controlled Senate. The president has already voiced his opposition, though he said he would not veto the bill if it made it to his desk.

Democrats oppose the bill because they want a more comprehensive approach, not a piecemeal process. Republicans see it as a way to attract more Latino voters without diving deep into the bulky immigration quandary.

Even if it is a piecemeal

political move by Republicans attempting to make up for a dismal performance in this year’s election, seeking to pass immigration reform in segmented process is simply the only way to make progress on the immigration reform front, especially with the upcoming legislative composition that closely resembles



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Logan Nee

the collectively unproductive 112th Congressional Session.

The most recent attempts on a fully comprehensive immigration reform fell apart in 2007, mostly because it attempted to tackle all immigration. Similar to tax reform, administrations have sought to tackle the overall issue in a comprehensive way.

This is comparable to the goal — set by many — of reading a book while at college, on top of homework, studying

and social obligations. Eventually you run out of time, and before you know it, the book never gets finished.

Even with two terms, a comprehensive approach to an issue that is constantly transforming can only be dealt with, piece by piece.

The Obama Administration stated that it doesn’t support

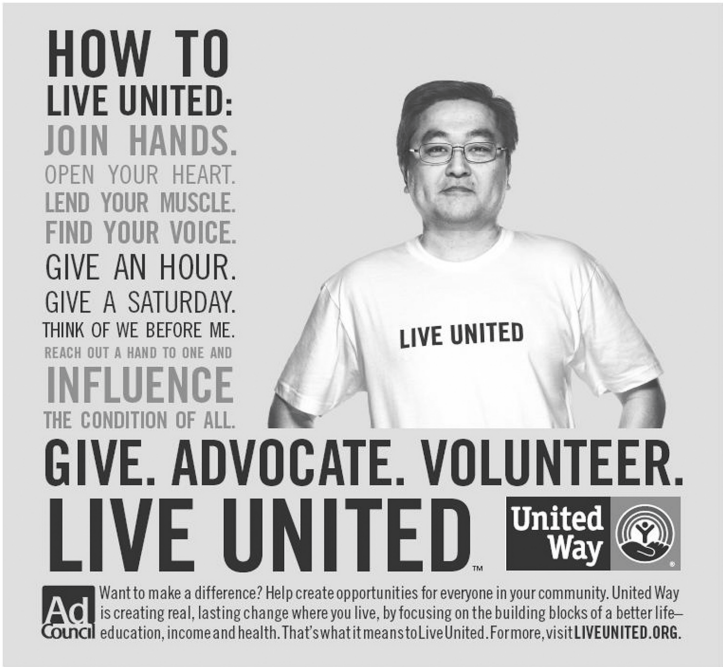
ties and contributions of other works who also are required to have legal visas.

The measure also fails to recognize that workers will still need to strive in the process of attaining these degrees. Most won’t have the resources necessary for themselves or for their families without a “green card” to work while in school. The incentive for attaining the eligibility to work through education is right on, but it’s not fully thought out.

Bills such as the STEM Act would provide competition to an increasingly lacksadaisical American workforce. It’s essential that we start putting pressure on our youth, encouraging them to become more driven and steadfast in the world economy and shutting out competition is simply laying down a red carpet to folks who don’t want to work as hard. This is not only inefficient but also detrimental to our society as a whole.

The STEM Act is not the right answer, but it’s a step in the right direction — a segmented approach to immigration reform is ultimately necessary.

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Don’t drink and drive



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Obama needs to turn attention toward cliff



Republicans need to hold firm and go over the cliff, to prove once and for all just how reckless the Democrats are when it comes to economic policy.

Katherine Revello

There is no fiscal cliff. Yes, I know it sounds insane. But despite the equivocating, fear-mongering and hysterics occurring on Capitol Hill, the expiration of the Bush tax cuts is not the financial apocalypse Democrats are trying to claim. By their own standards, the expiration of the Bush tax cuts should be a good thing for the country.

Why? It's merely a return to the Clinton rates. And as we're constantly reminded, the Clinton years were economic Valhalla.

There's certainly a growing financial crisis, but it has nothing to do with the coming expiration of the Bush tax cuts and automatic budget cuts.

It has everything to do with Obama's hypocrisy on spending and deficit levels.

When Obama was merely a candidate, he called Bush's spending, which led to a \$9 trillion deficit, "unpatriotic." Apparently, pushing that number to \$16 trillion in less than four years isn't.

And as if that burgeoning number wasn't enough, Obama's serious solution unveiled this week to pull us from the economic brink is \$1.6 trillion in tax increases on "millionaires and billionaires" over the next 10 years. Let's not forget those evil \$250,000 a year millionaires who just won't pay their fair share. This number is double what he proposed during the campaign. What's worse

about this grand bargain is that it makes no concessions to spending cuts — merely a promise of looking for future savings of a paltry \$400 billion in Medicare and other entitlement programs. Remind me how well that promise worked for Ronald Reagan? Oh, that's right; it didn't.

Apparently those numbers are acceptable because, as Nancy Pelosi reminded us this week, Congress worked to institute utterly draconian cuts of .07 percent last year. How could we possibly cut any more?

Finally, showing a blatant disregard for federalism, the deal gives Obama virtually unlimited power over the debt ceiling. He proposes to ban limits on the debt ceiling. Now, in his benevolence, he allows Congress to pass a resolution blocking debt ceiling increases, but gives himself the power to veto that resolution, which can only be overridden by a two-thirds Congressional override.

That's not unconstitutional in the slightest.

Yes, raising taxes on the super wealthy polls well. But don't be deceived by the bromides; this isn't just an income tax raise. Obama's plan also includes a hike of the inheritance tax on estates over \$3.5 million — which even some Democrats have been hesitant about — and a tax on regular-income dividends. Again, this is a measure the Senate did not even consider. Obama has also proposed

getting rid of the charitable tax donation.

So yes, maybe letting the Bush tax cuts expire for high income earners isn't that bad.

But that's not the whole deal.

There are massive tax increases hidden in this proposal, and they don't just affect upper income earners. Because trickle down economics is indeed more than just "fairy dust," this will affect everyone: business owners may be forced to lay off workers in order to keep their doors open, consumers' dollars won't go as far, charities, etc.

Historically, revenues increase when taxes are lowered; It happened when Kennedy and Reagan lowered tax rates. And yes, even when Bush — whose only concern was lining the pockets of his fat-cat Wall Street pals — instituted his tax cuts, and the tax base expanded.

It's the fiscal cliff, or Tax-mageddon. Either way, the result is pretty grim unless serious budget cuts are worked out. And Obama's laughable deal — which includes more stimulus spending and axing the debt ceiling — shows just how seriously he's taking the budget crisis, which is not at all, hence the market crash that followed this election.

And that's why Republicans need to hold firm and go over the cliff, proving once and for all just how reckless the Democrats are when it comes to economic policy. Remember, in the past they praised the economic policies under Clinton. Now their return is -being painted as a sort of doomsday scenario.

It is Obama who is responsible for this showdown. Republicans have put forth serious proposal after serious proposal, have been shot down and met with asinine proposals. Now is not the time to back down on principles.

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Wal-Mart's latest health care fiasco newest reason to boycott

You know what people can't stop talking about? Wal-Mart. It's all over the place because suddenly everyone's realizing they treat their employees like crap. As the nation's largest private employer, lots of poor souls have the misfortune of working there — roughly 1.4 million, according to the Internet. Maybe you're one of them, in which case, I'm sorry the money-grubbing higher-ups aren't taking good care of you.

This fall, Wal-Mart has been criticized for short changing its employees — by doing things like denying them overtime pay — and now the folks at the top have decided that they can whisk away employee health benefits at the drop of a hat. I don't really know why this is getting media buzz now, but newflash: Wal-Mart is a terrible place to work, and if you do work there, it doesn't deserve your loyalty.

Here's the company logic behind the health care decision: They're not obligated to give insurance to employees who work under 30 hours a week, even if they sometimes work more than and occasionally dip under 30 hours. Most employees are signed on as strictly part-time, because the labor is cheaper.

A friend of mine literally got fired for working over 30 hours, so I have to imagine that precious few employees — namely managers and keyholders — are getting any

insurance at all. Experts say that most part-time Wal-Mart employees make such little money that they'll be covered under Medicaid, since the program has been expanded by Obamacare. Basically, the corporation is shifting the burden of insurance from itself to the federal government.

Remember labor unions? I sure don't. Then again, I'm just a baby. I'm told they were great: They kept ninnies like

This is where the big problem is: Wal-Mart is taking advantage of the nation's lower-class because there is no shortage of poor people willing to work. If people are willing to work in these poor conditions, then employers can treat the employees however they want. Personally, I'd need a little more incentive on days like Black Friday where customers have been known to trample employees to death for a shot at a 40-inch television.

Here's the issue: Times are tough and people need jobs. I applied at Wal-Mart this summer and didn't even score an interview. I'm a normal, white dude with retail experience and I'm still not on the callback list. What more of an advantage could I have? I'm not worried for myself — I consider my estrangement from Wal-Mart to be a blessing in disguise — but think of the people who are actually disadvantaged, like people who don't have any retail experience. How are these people going to find the money to go to college?

I'd encourage everyone to stop shopping at Wal-Mart; you'd be doing yourself, me and the disgruntled Wal-Mart employees a favor. What's with the smiley logo, anyway? When I go to Wal-Mart, I don't see smiles — from the customers OR employees — I see a dreadful warehouse full of fluorescent lights and bath-salts abusers.

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Daniel Bowman



Belcher's situation raises issues of gun control

Firearms still 'instruments of death,' can escalate situations

"Guns don't kill people; people kill people." This is a phrase made famous by gun enthusiasts. Certainly, everyone has heard it before. Perhaps, even, the saying holds some truth. People choose to shoot others, this is an undeniable reality. Guns do not force you into violence — they are not conscious entities with a murderous agenda — but guns are instruments of death. A firearm, unlike fists, can kill almost immediately. While people do choose to kill people, the gun is what kills.

In a state like Maine, where hunting and gun ownership are prevalent, the pro-gun argument is loud. But what people do not realize is that, very likely, tragedies like the one involving Jovan Belcher, a Maine alum, likely could have been avoided if no firearm was present. Many — if not most — murders are unplanned. They are generally "heat of the moment" crimes. Although I cannot speculate what occurred specifically in the Jovan Belcher case, I think it is fair to assume that this crime was unplanned and fueled by emotion.



I propose we reschedule school and work calendars to include holidays that celebrate awe-inspiring earthly phenomena.

Jeri Cosgrove

So what does this say about gun control? If it is fair to assume that these crimes occur during momentary spikes in emotion, then I think it is fair to assume that without a violent weapon present, fewer deadly outcomes would be reached. While the presence of a ranged weapon does not increase one's aptitude for violence, the

gun does increase a person's violent capability. This is to say that, while the use of fists against another human being is both violent and reprehensible, fists are also much less lethal, generally speaking. Had Belcher reacted violently without a gun present, a crime still would have been committed; but what crime, exactly?

Although the alternate outcome unfortunately can never be recognized, we should at least take a moment to realize the epic

continuation of violence in our society. Record gun sales were made on Black Friday of this year, and these are not only hunting rifles being sold. They are handguns: the types of weapons that exist solely to perpetuate savage acts against others. And, as we continue putting these guns into the hands of Americans, both legally and illegally, we continue to put the blame solely on the individual. This is the culture of violence at work. We continue to supply these weapons of death, but blame mental illness, trauma, etc., for the actual perpetuation of said violence. However, something here does not make sense. We create this angry, murderous culture through the availability of weapons and the general glorification of war and violence, but then we supply this enraged populace with guns. There must be a change. There must be some sort of regulations put in place to curb the growing violence that can be seen daily, and these regulations have to start where the violence starts — with guns.

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What is the reasoning for going out and drinking?

Dodge Tucker

It's Friday afternoon and you just got out of class. You chit chat with your friends as you walk back to your car to head home. "Hey, what are you doing tonight?" one of your friends asks. "Not sure yet" is usually the response, "but when I hear of something I'll let you know." You go on your way, back to your apartment to unwind after the long week and get ready for what's ahead. By the time 8 p.m. rolls around, your plans are set and you head over to a friend's to pregame before you go out. When you walk in, sure enough, there's alcohol and girls: the two things you came for.

What is the point of partying? Of drinking? What is the real reason that college kids love to go out? It's simple. College kids drink and party with one goal in mind: to increase their chances of hooking up.

Obviously the movies and media glorify this by portraying raucous parties with wild orgies in every room of a house, but that is a slight exaggeration. Yes, going to a party can be a lot of fun if you know people there and are socially inclined,

but there's more to it that isn't so conspicuous.

Why would girls spend so much time on their hair, make-up and choosing outfits that leave just about nothing to the imagination if they weren't trying to impress and attract people, and why would guys wear their brand new Nikes with the freshest Polo button-down shirt

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in their closets when they go out? I hate to break it to you but the guy is clearly hoping that the mallet-holding man riding a horse embroidered onto the breast of his shirt will catch the eye of a cute girl at the party and increase the chances of his ultimate goal for the night: to hook up.



Already having the highest libido of any age group, college-aged kids are known

for always being in the mood. When alcohol is mixed in with already high hormone levels, it adds fuel to the fire and things can escalate quicker. This "liquid courage," as it is sometimes referred to, serves to relax you, making you feel more comfortable to have fun and hookup being stone-cold sober, but the social norms in our era suggest differently. We drink to loosen up in hopes of hooking up.

It's very interesting to think about, but I hope this really makes you think about the real reason people party and drink. Yes, it is 100 percent possible to have fun and hookup being stone-cold sober, but the social norms in our era suggest differently. We drink to loosen up in hopes of hooking up.

So why do you party and drink? Is it to have fun with your friends, or is there something else influencing what you do?

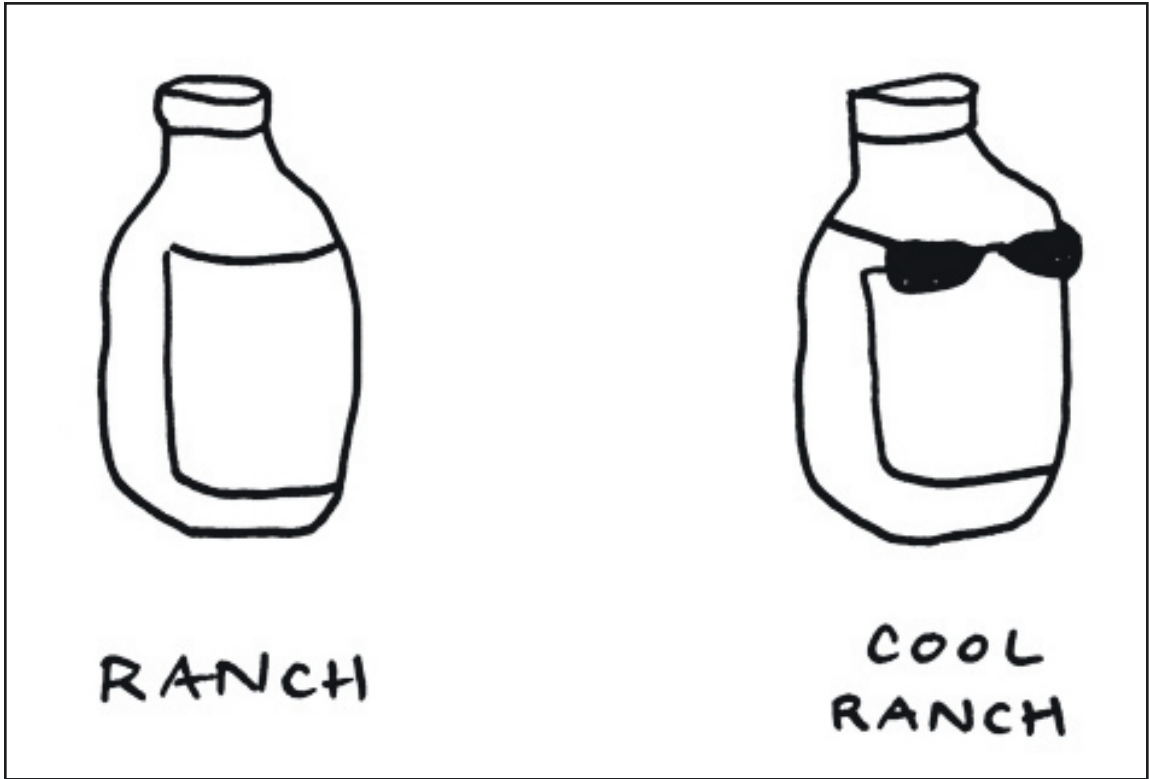
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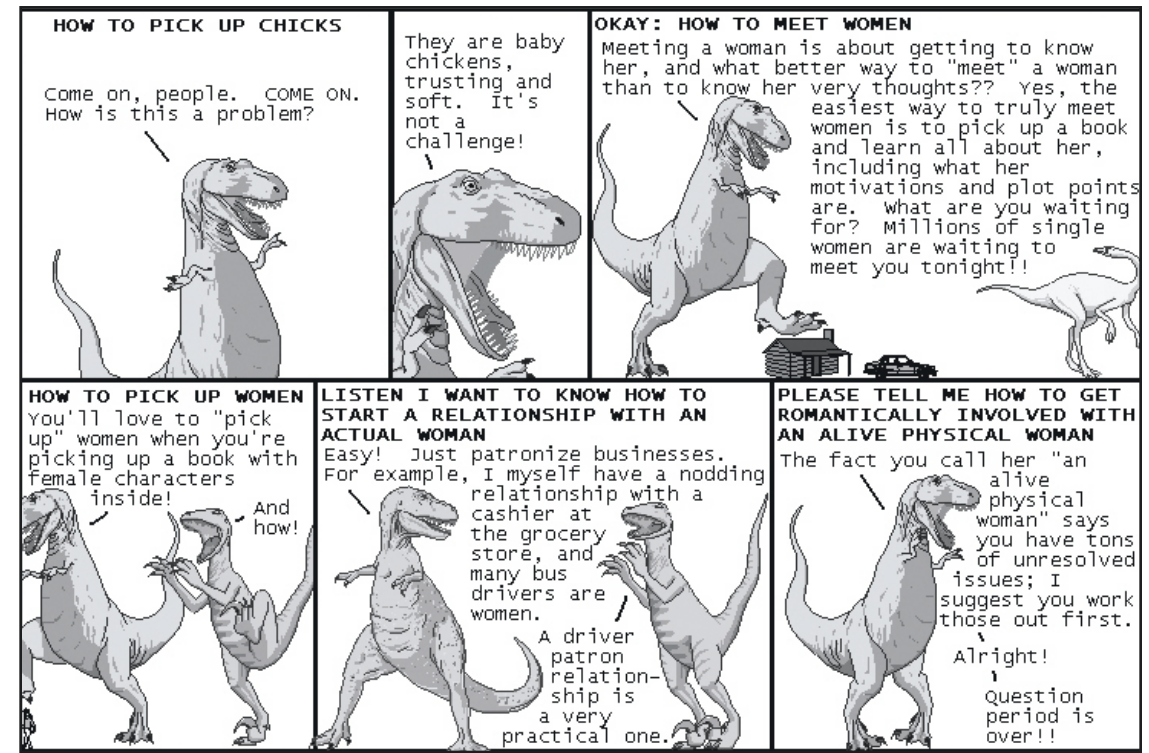
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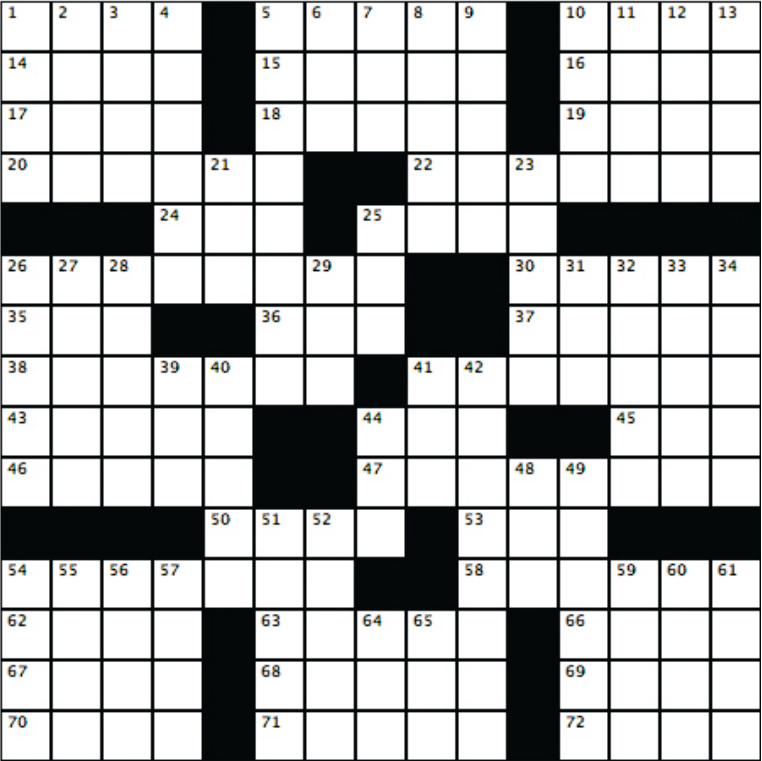
Dinosaur Comics

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Across

- 1- Colombian city;
- 5- Church areas;
- 10- Bluesy James;
- 14- Up and ___!
- 15- Slip;
- 16- Fleece;
- 17- Pierce with a knife;
- 18- Thick sweet liquid;
- 19- Switch ending;
- 20- Falafel sauce;
- 22- Sildenafil ___; Viagra;
- 24- Air rifle ammo;
- 25- Mariners can sail on seven of these;
- 26- Endanger;
- 30- Org.;
- 35- Fair-hiring abbr.;
- 36- "Hold On Tight" band;
- 37- Happen again;
- 38- Calamity;
- 41- Become cheese-

like;

- 43- Adlai's running mate;
- 44- It's a moray;
- 45- Hwy.;
- 46- Kick off;
- 47- Candy;
- 50- Sewing case;
- 53- Structural engineer's software;
- 54- Distribute the wrong cards;
- 58- Linger aimlessly;
- 62- ABA member;
- 63- Land's end?;
- 66- Mrs. Chaplin;
- 67- To ___ (perfectly);
- 68- ___ firma;
- 69- Horse's gait;
- 70- May honorees;
- 71- Diamond flaw?;
- 72- Cubs slugger Sammy;

Down

- 1- Dramatic troupe;
- 2- ___ girl!;
- 3- Jacob's first wife;
- 4- Drink;
- 5- Aided;
- 6- Thickness;
- 7- Title of a knight;
- 8- Elicit;
- 9- Photographic tone;
- 10- Water pitcher;
- 11- When said three times, a 1970 war movie;
- 12- Horn sound;
- 13- Tropical plant;
- 21- Jazz org.;
- 23- Autocratic Russian rulers;
- 25- ___Cat;
- 26- French beans?;
- 27- Actor Buchholz;
- 28- Gaucho's rope;
- 29- TV Tarzan Ron;
- 31- Get it?;

- 32- Line of cliffs;
- 33- ___ lunch;
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- 39- Neth. neighbor;
- 40- Lauder of cosmetics;
- 41- Corp. honcho;
- 42- Signal that danger is over;
- 44- New Haven collegian;
- 48- Philosopher ___-tzu;
- 49- Foolish persons;
- 51- Sample;
- 52- Stomach woe;
- 54- Polite address;
- 55- Sock ___ me!;
- 56- Wineglass part;
- 57- Stains;
- 59- Mower brand;
- 60- Slaughter of baseball;
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- 64- Part of ETA;
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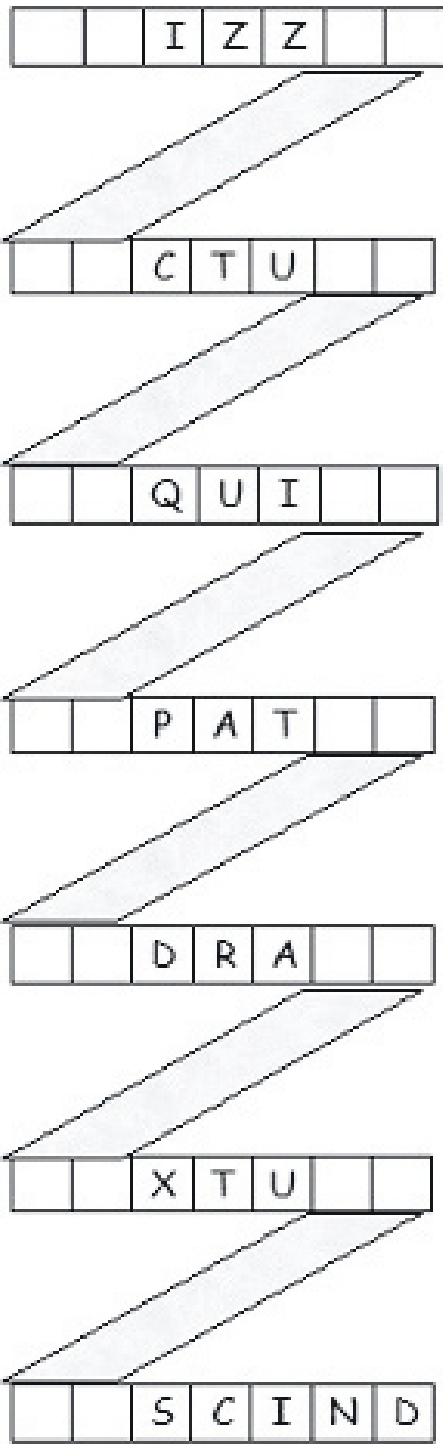
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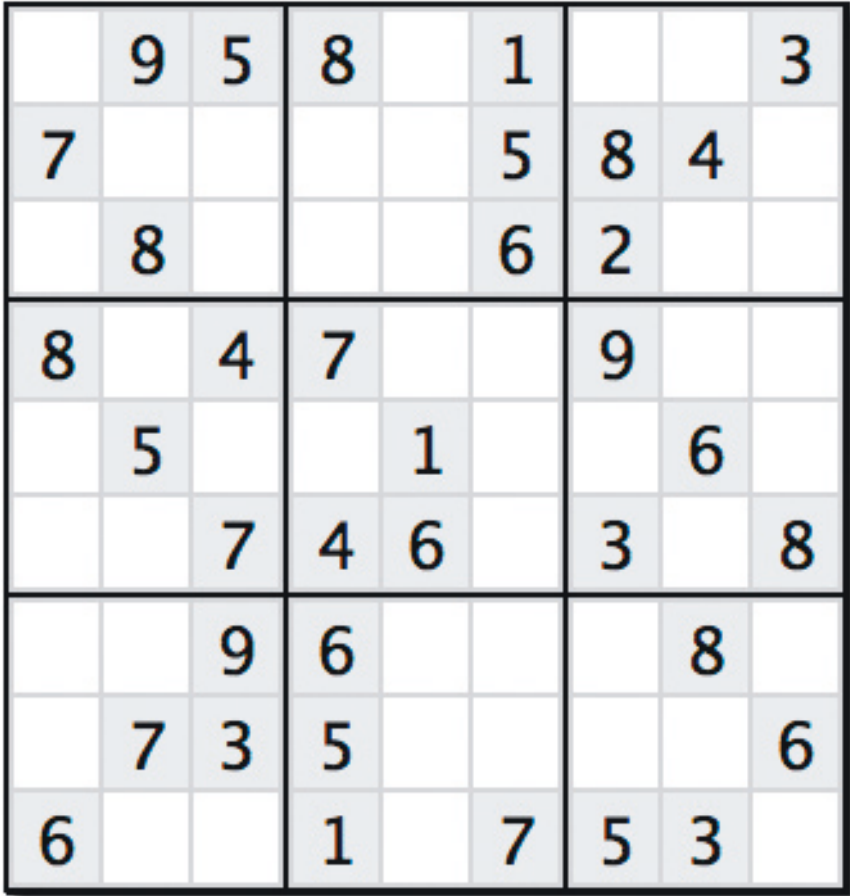
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First complete the 7-letter word at the top of each diagram. Then use the last two letters of the first word as the first two letters of the second word.



Zig Zag courtesy of Word-game-world.com

Sudoku Puzzle



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

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• 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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Answers: Drizzle, Lecture, Requiem, Empathy, Hydrate, Texture, Rescind

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CD Review: Bear Mountain ‘XO’

Despite obscurity, debut EP one of year’s strongest releases

By **Derrick Rossignol**
News Editor

Albums like U2’s “Pop” and The Coral’s “Butterfly House” seem to transcend time because, based on sound, they could have been put out 10 years before or after their actual release.

Bear Mountain’s “XO” transcends time because our time-frame for reviewing albums is usually within a couple weeks of their release at the most and “XO” came out in August, but it managed to snag some paget-time today.

It’s completely fair if the EP slipped under your radar: Their Facebook page has a shade over 2,000 likes, and they’re not signed to a record label. Searching for them on Wikipedia brings up a list of state parks, resorts and actual mountains.

I only managed to come across the group when researching a column I wrote about seldom-heard October albums a few weeks ago. But sometimes you get hit by something great when you least expect it. I was not anticipating something this fantastic while cramming to write a last-minute article about songs I’ve never heard of.

Despite hailing from the great white north that is Canada, their debut set of tunes is warm and engaging. Opening track “Two Step” is a perfect party starter, starting with light percussion and dialogue from an old movie between a man and woman about how she “should be kissed and often.” Deep but sunny synths break into digital-ly clipped vocal “oh-ay-ohs.” Some dubsteppy wubs find their way into the mix, but they come off as genuine — not like some small fish conforming to fit into a big pond.

Bear Mountain does anything but fit in. There is an energy in their music that falls somewhere between that provided by pop and rock, though it’s delivered by electronic means. The easiest label to slap on them is indie pop, but there are times when they are more like the spacey-progressive rock of Angels & Airwaves — see “Survive (Germany,



Bear Mountain

Germany)”— and others when they come off as a more urgent, modern Bee Gees, like in “See You Through.”

It could almost be said that the tracks on “XO” are a modern version of the creative explosion undertaken by ’70s art rock groups like ELO and their contemporaries. That’s not to say Bear Mountain sounds like any of them, because they’re unmistakably modern — but that’s the point.

These pioneering groups took the sounds of their peers and introduced new ones, carving their own niche into popular genres, exploring multiple styles and finding a little cave in them to start a fire and take shelter for the night before moving on to another adventure the next morning. Similarly, Bear Mountain sometimes sounds like Cut Copy, Phoenix or one of the other aforementioned groups they’ve been compared to, but the sound is always through a filter they invented.

I’ve written this before in this paper, possibly about Cut Copy, but Bear Mountain is bringing something new to the now-gigantic electro-indie-pop table, a genre that is so hard to stay fresh in because of the volume of acts taking a stab at it.

With a laptop and Ableton Live, or some other composition software, anybody can make professional-sounding music for a relatively small price and then self-release it to the world online. This crowdedness is why talented groups like Bear Mountain might not get their fair shake, which is a real drag if it’s painfully obvious how deserving they are of our time.

So this review may be a few months too late, but it’s an attempt to bring justice to the little engine that could and really, really should. The modern accessibility of the means to produce and distribute music is both a gift and a curse, and there’s probably only one worthwhile venture for every 20 kids haphazardly throwing loops together on GarageBand.

This is one of those ventures. Listen to it. Share it. Listen to it again. Listen for everybody who’s had the dream of making it big. Listen to support a small-time group from Canada. Just listen, because their album is freaking awesome.

Grade: A-

Film Review: ‘Wreck-It Ralph’

Vivid scenery and humor propel video game adventure



Walt Disney Pictures

By **Nathan Bowring**
For The Maine Campus

Being a long-time gamer and Disney fan, it only made sense to go see Wreck-It Ralph, starring John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jack McBrayer and Jane Lynch.

Wreck-It Ralph takes place in an arcade where the video game characters come to life after closing time. While the setup sounds a bit like Toy Story, the imaginative execution makes the idea feel fresh. Each arcade machine features a world with its own inhabitants, all connected by a train system made of wires and electrical outlets. Each game-world feels like its own movie, ranging from a candy-coated world of racers to a dark, futuristic planet filled with giant bugs.

The animation gives each world a distinct feel and appearance. While the movie has some great action sequences, you’ll probably find shots of the scenery much more impressive.

Needless to say, there are a lot of jokes and references only gamers will understand. Plenty of old-school game characters, including Pac-Man and Sonic, make brief appearances. There’s talk of the games’ technology, such as code, glitches and resolution. There is also impressive detail to make the worlds seem like a video game. Some characters have stilted movements to appear poorly rendered and some parts of Ralph’s

world are created to appear pixelated. You won’t forget that everything is a video game.

Although the movie takes place in a video game world, there is more to the movie than that. There is still a strong, emotional Disney story present that anyone, gamer or not, will enjoy. Ralph has spent the last 30 years seen as a villain. He decides he wants to change, to finally be appreciated by his fellow game characters. He goes on a journey that takes him to many games across the arcade as he tries to earn a medal, proving he is a good guy. Meanwhile, the characters from Ralph’s game realize his importance in his absence — it’s up to hero Fix-it Felix Jr. to find Ralph and save the game.

If it weren’t for the fantastic writing, the whole movie may have fallen apart. Multiple story arcs that span multiple worlds are strung together amazingly well. Humor is the foundation for much of the movie: For example, the Sugar Rush game is seemingly built on bad, yet funny, food puns. The dialogue is funny for the most part, but there are a few jokes that feel out of place or too crude for a Disney movie.

Beyond the humor, the movie touches upon many emotions. The arcade may be a fantasy world consisting only of heroes and villains, but the characters are written quite believably. The relationship between Ralph, voiced

by Reilly, and Vanellope, voiced by Silverman, is an adorable, brother-and-sister-like dynamic that contains much of the movie’s heart.

The great characters would have been nothing without the strong voice cast. Reilly and Silverman are the standouts. They fit their characters perfectly, and their great back-and-forth banter is a highlight of the film. Some of the actors in the movie, especially Lynch and McBrayer, have very recognizable voices, which may be distracting at first. As the movie goes on you’ll notice it less, so it doesn’t detract from the movie too much.

It’s also worth noting that there is an animated short before the movie that also deserves your attention. Entitled “Paperman,” this black-and-white silent cartoon takes advantage of a new animation technology that creates everything in 3D, but looks like classic 2D animation. The short is so visually impressive, you can barely tell it isn’t hand-drawn. “Paperman” is a brilliant precursor to the feature film.

Wreck-It Ralph will easily be a Disney classic. Given a setting fit for the modern age, it still tells a heartfelt story that any child, or child at heart, will love.

Grade: A+

Top songs of the year, according to my Itunes

Column

This is the next-to-last paper of the year for The Maine Campus, which means this column is one of my last times to let you all know how I feel about what’s happening in music in 2012, hopefully giving you another way to hear things that you may not have heard about in the first place. So I want to thank you all for reading, even though I should stop studying journalism at the University of Maine, as online

comments on past articles indicate.

Still, I manage to hold back the hurt and soldier on. I came up with my own top songs of 2012 list—I believe I have the floor, so here we go. Just note that I could decide on my top 10, but not on their rank. Instead, I ordered them based on the number of plays logged in my iTunes.

10. Alabama Shakes – “Hold On”
For reasons that don’t justify

my lack of action, I ignored Alabama Shakes’ debut album, “Boys & Girls,” upon its April release. I finally checked it out a week or so ago and was blown away, especially by “Hold On.” To stand above the rest of the tracklist in a modern blues rock throwback opus of an album is Herculean. I would say it’s impossible to ignore, but I managed to for a few months and am a dumber human for it.

9. Neil Young – “Ramada Inn”
As I’ve written before, I was

worried about this album, after 2010’s disappointment that was “Le Noise.” A highlight from their “Psychodelic Pill” album, “Ramada Inn” is one of the best long jams Young and Crazy Horse have ever done together. It clocks in at 16 minutes, but it’s a shame it’s not a half hour. The similarly impressive “Driftin’ Back” is, so we’ll have to make due.

8. Alt-J – “Breezeblocks”
Seemingly coming out of nowhere, British newbies Alt-J went from releasing their first album, “An Awesome Wave,” in May — September in North America — to winning the Mercury Prize for it. The self-titled album and lead single, “Breezeblocks,” has been compared to Radiohead, but that’s what writers say when they’re struggling to describe an experimental rock band. So yeah, they’re like Radiohead.

7. Yeasayer – “Reagan’s Skeleton”
Although many reviewers have rated Yeasayer’s third album, “Fragrant World,” as their least impressive thus far, I’m going to pull a U-turn and say that it’s my favorite. The experimental, poppy danciness of “Reagan’s Skeleton” may be enough to lure the shy, dragged-to-the-party indie kid onto the dance floor for some uncomfortable but passionate moves.

6. The Men – “Country



How I Hear It
By **Derrick Rossignol**

Song” / “Oscillation”

Separated mainly for navigation purposes, this 14-minute rollercoaster spends most of its time carrying up the track, which gets you excited for what the drop is going to be like. This punk group — à la The Ramones, not Blink-182 — gets about as close to country as they are comfortable with, incorporating slide guitar into the first part. But as it crosses over into “Oscillation,” the punk they’ve been holding back slowly slips out until the dam breaks, and they start to chug along at breakneck speed.

5. Trey Anastasio – “Clint Eastwood”

I know, it’s a Gorillaz song. I will probably die, lying in a hospital bed, opting to plug in my dying laptop playing the song instead of the various life support mechanisms surrounding me. But as far as covers go, and I apologize for the language, but this is darn tootin’. The slinky, band-oriented sound is only eclipsed by the excellent vocals of Jennifer Hartswick. If something has to replace Del The Funky Homosapien’s rap verse, this will do just fine.

4. Dr. John – “Ice Age”

A few months before performing a fantastic show at the Collins Center for the Arts in November, this bayou big boy released my favorite album of the year. “Ice Age” is a fine example of the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer’s gumbo-soaked blues rock and idiosyncratic growl at their finest. The 72-year-old journeyman is aging like fine wine or the increasingly rare boxes of Twinkies everybody’s hoarding to sell on eBay.

3. Lotus Plaza – “Strangers”

Best known for his work with hipster heroes Deerhunter, guitar-

ist Lockett Pundt does some other stuff in his free time, like releasing music as Lotus Plaza that sometimes eclipses those of his main gig in quality. “Strangers” shares many of the qualities of Deerhunter’s 2010 album “Halcyon Digest,” which means it’s an ambient-influenced, driving haze of an indie rock song.

2. Tennis – “It All Feels The Same”

Etta James, Bobby Vinton and their ’50s-and-late-’60s pop contemporaries would be proud. Tennis’ “It All Feels The Same” and its parent album, “Young & Old,” are tributes to these early greats in an emerging industry. The throwback vocals of Alaina Moore lay atop a contemporary but nostalgic backing band, creating somewhat of a déjà vu. I know the song incites an interest in classic pop for me. A song that is equal parts forward-facing, retrospective and good is rare.

1. Death Grips – “The Fever (Aye Aye)”

If you had told me on Jan. 1, 2012, that one of my favorite songs of the year would be by a controversial alternative hip-hop group who used a bathroom photo of a penis as an album cover, I would have thrown a stapler at your throat.

I absolutely hated this polarizing song and album when I first heard it. But, like that weird thing on my back, it grew on me and I’ve come to really enjoy it. Once I found one element of their unusual brand of bass-heavy, shouted hip-hop I didn’t mind — the chorus of “The Fever” for me — it became easier to tolerate the rest of it. Death Grips slowly poisoned my brain and somehow, I really like them now — a lot.

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UMaine alum features in comedy show

By **Dominique Scarlett**
Multimedia Editor

Riot Enterprises presented Comedy Riot IV, a comedy show featuring a lineup of New England comedians, including UMaine alumni Ryan Waning, at Jeff’s Catering and Event Center in Brewer Saturday evening.

The Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center, Cerebral Palsy Foundation and Bangor Humane Society will each receive a portion of the proceeds from the show.

Over 80 people attended the event that lasted just over two hours. The event center filled quickly with groups of people, couples and individuals, looking for a fun night out.

The audience sat at small, round tables and listened to the classic rock that blared from the speakers before the show began. Concessions and a full

cash bar were available.

The stage was set up with an artificial brick wall and a lone black microphone to give the atmosphere a traditional comedy club feel.

A single spotlight cast a strong, black profile for each of the performers. Comedian Brian Beaudoin emceed the event.

The event included comedians Cory Guglietti, Adam Hatch, Ryan Waning and Brian Beaudoin. Hatch and Waning are Maine natives, while Guglietti and Beaudoin both hail from Rhode Island.

Guglietti performed first, delivering a set that touched on his married life, children, sex and an extensive bit about how “kids today have it easy.” His raunchy performance and in-your-face style prompted some heckling from the audience, which he skillfully shot down.

Second up was Bangor native Adam Hatch, the creative

director at Riot Enterprises. His set was a reflection on living in Maine, life as a newfound family man and sex.

He gestured wildly and rubbed his temples throughout his set, gesturing his frustrations with the strange scenarios he encounters in his day-to-day life.

Waning, an Auburn native who graduated from UMaine in 2007 with a degree in English, performed next. His storytelling style also reflected on the curiosities of living in Maine, as well as relationships, work and reality television.

His last joke focused on an extensive crusade, secretly eating his co-worker’s lunches to make himself feel better about going to work at a job he hated.

Waning is planning a comedy tour of college campuses for the spring of 2013.

Last to perform was Beau-

doin, a Rhode Island native who was voted the 2009 and 2010 best comedian in the state by the Providence Phoenix reader’s poll.

“I’m high right now,” he said at the very beginning of his set, quickly asking whether there were any police officers in the audience.

His jokes ranged from observational humor about the mellowness of marijuana to bachelorette parties, and joked about observations that weaved back and forth between relationships, sex and masturbation.

His conversational tone was relaxed and easygoing. He ended the show with a bit about women having a “girl’s night out.”

The event was organized by Riot Enterprises, a comedy promotional team that organizes comedy shows around the state of Maine. They have also

organized a number of comedy performances in bars, nightclubs and other venues across the state of Maine.



Dominique Scarlett • Multimedia Editor
Ryan Waning, a 2007 University of Maine graduate, performed Saturday night at Comedy Riot IV.

Full house for semester’s last New Writing Series

By **Dominique Scarlett**
Multimedia Editor

The final installment of the semester of the University of Maine New Writing Series in the Soderberg Center was marked by a full house, in attendance to hear poets Franklin Bruno and Matvei Yankelevich read.

The New Writing Series has hosted nine events this semester, providing a platform for over a dozen writers to exhibit their work. The events have focused on a variety of forms and genres, including poetry, translation and fiction.

Steve Evans, an associate professor of English at UMaine, introduced the poets.

“[Bruno] is a poet, songwriter and philosopher of language who grew up with a yearning to write New York school poems about life in LA,” Evans said. “Matvei Yankelevich is a poet, translator and publisher with roots in Russia that were — if sever or severed sounds too painful, we’ll say translated by an upbringing in and around Boston and New England.”

Bruno spoke first and read sev-

eral pieces from his newly published collection of poetry, “The Accordion Repertoire,” as well as other unpublished poems.

In the middle of his reading, Bruno presented a small stack of paper and informed the audience that he would shuffle through his series of 27 poems titled “Ad-equated,” reading the first nine.

Bruno ended with a series of poems inspired by Hollywood B-movies. His poems primarily featured philosophical ideas, poignant observation and the use of language in a humorous way.

Bruno has written music criticism for The Village Voice, published a book about Elvis Costello’s 1979 album “Armed Forces,” and is a member of the band The Human Hearts. He is currently working on a book about music theory that will be published by Wesleyan University Press.

Yankelevich read from an assortment of work, focusing primarily on his newest poetry book, “Alpha Donut.” He also read from his book of translations, “Today I Wrote Nothing: The Selected Writings of Daniil Kharms,” and his own poetry collection, “Boris by the Sea.”

Yankelevich told the audience he would be reading excerpts from his Russian translations, but did not want to distinguish between his own work and the work of Kharms. As a translator, he feels that his own poetry and his translations should be “mixed up as much as possible.”

“There are some of you studying poetry here: This is for you,” Yankelevich said. “Only the red wheelbarrow has such small hands.” This reference to Williams Carlos Williams’ famous poem “The Red Wheelbarrow” elicited laughs from the audience.

His reading began with humorous poems about abstract scenarios and observations and ended with a more serious tone, prompting Yankelevich to add, “This is the end of the entertaining section.”

Yankelevich is also the author of several chapbooks and is one of the founders of Ugly Duckling Presse, a nonprofit publishing company. His translations have been published in The New Yorker, Harper’s Magazine and New American Writing. He is currently on the writing faculty at Milton Avery Graduate School of

the Arts at Bard College.

The New Writing Series is sponsored by The National Poetry Foundation and the UMaine English Department, with additional support from the Lloyd H.

Elliott Fund, the Milton Ellis Memorial Fund, the Cultural Affairs and Distinguished Lecture Series committee, and the Honors College.

The New Writing Series has

hosted over one hundred authors at UMaine since its founding in 1999. The purpose of the series is to bring attention to innovative and experimental work by contemporary writers.

Politics a major theme for rap group Public Enemy

Column

Politics have always been incorporated into music, and hip-hop is no exception.

Rap group Public Enemy is probably the best example of a group known for using politics as a theme for songs. Made up of MC Chuck D, h y p e -man Flavor Flav, “Minister of Information” Professor Griff, and DJ Terminator X, the group formed in the mid-1980s and was signed soon after.

Professor Griff is an interesting member of the group, as his sole purpose is to interview on behalf of the rest of the group and be their public representative. Flavor Flav, whose catchphrase “Yeah boy!” is present in many Public Enemy songs, is probably the most famous mem-



Trip Down Memory Lane
By Josh Deakin

ber. Although he was a hype-man for Chuck D most of the time, Flavor Flav occasionally picked up the mic and tried his hand at rapping.

Famed producer Rick Rubin discovered the group after hearing Chuck D’s song “Public Enemy Number One” from Chuck D’s mixtape.

In 1987, Public Enemy released its first album, titled “Yo! Bum Rush The Show,” on Def Jam Records. The album received positive reviews and spawned two singles. The first was “Public Enemy Number One,” the same song that turned Rick Rubin on to the group. From the beginning, Chuck D announced his arrival with assertive lyrics like “Well, I’m all in, put it up on the board / Another rapper shot down from the mouth that roared.” It appears that even in the beginning, Chuck had a feeling his mouth would get him in trouble.

A year later, Public Enemy released its sophomore effort, “It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back.” This album produced five singles, including the popular track “Bring the Noise.” The song was eventually remixed, incorporating a heavy-metal background provided by

Anthrax to accompany Chuck D’s rapping. The album also showcases Public Enemy’s political side with tracks like “Party for Your Right to Fight,” which closes the album and references the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Public Enemy’s third record, “Fear of a Black Planet,” was released in 1990 and featured their most famous song, “Fight the Power.” The song took shots at the entertainment legends Elvis Presley and John Wayne. Like it’s predecessor, the album generated a total of five singles.

Chuck D and Flavor Flav both have careers outside of Public Enemy. Chuck D released a solo album in 1996 titled “Autobiography of Mistachuck.” Flavor Flav has had a career in reality television, including his own show titled “Flavor of Love,” and has also released a solo album in 2006. Since its debut in 1987, Public Enemy has released a total of 14 studio albums. This past year was a big one for the group as they have released two records: “Most of My Heroes Still Don’t Appear on No Stamp” and “The Evil Empire of Everything.” The latter album was released in October of this year.

Climbing from A12

expansion of the Maine Bound Adventure Center.

“Maine Bound Adventure Center used to be in the third floor of the Union. It was about the size of a closet. It’s come a long way in magnitude,” Bloedon said.

Boulder Bash is the hallmark event each year that Maine Bound develops as a climbing wall staff, but the Adventure

Center is constantly offering excursions, most of which are free for UMaine students with an active MaineCard.

“We do events every weekend over the course of the semester, programs from hiking to skiing to water sports,” Bloedon said. “We do a lot of non-traditional sports and activities — and by all means, the recreation popularity has increased over the last 30 years and with it has come our chance to grow and develop with the outdoor sports com-

munity. Our audience is people who are interested in the sport but want to learn more.”

Since Bloedon took over, student involvement at Maine Bound has nearly doubled, and the program is always looking for more help and support.

“We are almost entirely student-driven,” Bloedon said. “We have 38 student employees. It continues to grow. We had about 20 students five years ago, so we’ve almost doubled in size.”

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Biggest event yet sees around 70 bouldering competitors

By Jesse Scardina
Editor in Chief

Chalk dust was sprinkled throughout the Maine Bound Adventure Center, like the early signs of the season's first snowfall: The 14th annual University of Maine Boulder Bash was well underway.

With the efforts of Maine Bound Adventure Center coordinator Charlie Bloedon, rock climbing manager Mark Warner and help from various local sponsors, Maine Bound's Boulder Bash had its largest outing yet, with around 70 competitors and dozens of spectators.

"I've been here for almost five years now, and every year the event has gotten bigger and bigger with the community," Bloedon said. "It's great to see familiar faces in here. We have a small group, and it takes people a little while to realize they love this activity. They keep coming back when they do."

Boulder Bash is a friendly bouldering competition — basically indoor rock climbing without a rope. The floor is padded to begin with, but a larger mattress-like "crash pad" is used for extra protection.

"Bouldering exploded in the '80s," said Warner, who has been managing the rock climbing wall for two years. "Fourteen, 15 years ago, I'm sure there was some people that were

like, 'Why aren't we having a competition here?'"

Various paths up the wall have different difficulty levels ranging from a V0 — which, according to Warner, "anyone off the street can climb" — to an "unbelievably hard" V12.

"It's a subjective rating," Warner said. "In competition, though, anything that has 0 to 99 next to it is a V0, anything in the 100s is a V1 and so on. I think the hardest one we have is a 920 or 930, which is a V9. I don't know if there's anyone here that would be able to do it."

"It takes people a little while to realize they love this activity. They keep coming back when they do."

Charlie Bloedon
Coordinator, Maine Bound Adventure Center

The beginning of each path is designated by two pieces of the same colored tape. The competitors start with their hands on the tape and can only use holds indicated by the same color tape as they climb up the wall.

"Once you get up the wall, there's an outlined-box at the top, and you have to grab that with both hands and control: You can't just jump up and hit it and fall. You have to be like, 'alright, I made it,'" Warner said.

Each competitor has a chart featuring numbers corresponding to each path up the various walls. If the competitor completes the path in the first try, he or she gets a certain number

of points. For each subsequent attempt needed, the number of points obtained lessens.

"We made little plaques with old holds as the top prizes," Warner said. "Other prizes that we had were \$10, \$15 and \$20 gift cards to Woodman's and Verve and a gift certificate to Cadillac Mountain Sports."

In addition to the men's and women's divisions, there was also a group for those 12 years old, which featured a number of climbers from a local church's youth group.

"There's a local climbing club called Thrive; it's through a local Baptist Church," Warner said. "I go out with them every couple months and teach self-rescue clinics and sports climbing clinics. Last year, we probably only had four or five kids under the age of nine; but this year it's exploded, which is awesome to see and it's something we didn't really expect."

The rules differ slightly for children under the age of 12. While they are still encouraged to use the path that the colored tape indicates, they can use any of the holds as footholds, opening up the variation they can use to get to the top.

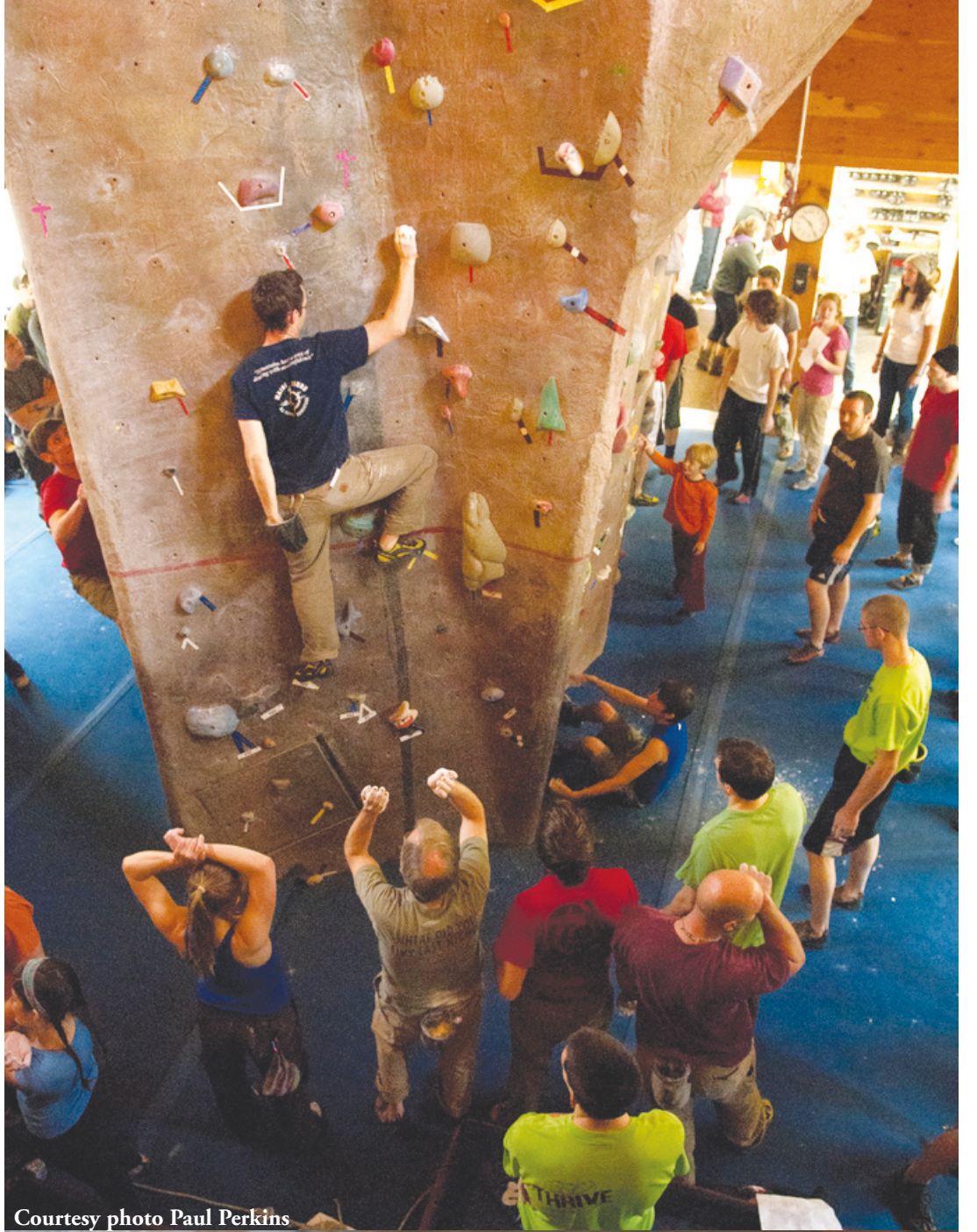
Warner's interest in climbing began in middle school, due in part to his older brother. Warner soon explored a couple spots in New England and became enthralled by the activity.

"I went out to the White Mountains in New Hampshire and fell in love with it — like, head over heels," he said. "When I came to the University of Maine, I walked into the Maine Bound Center and was like, 'this place is awesome!' I really wanted to come to UMaine because of this."

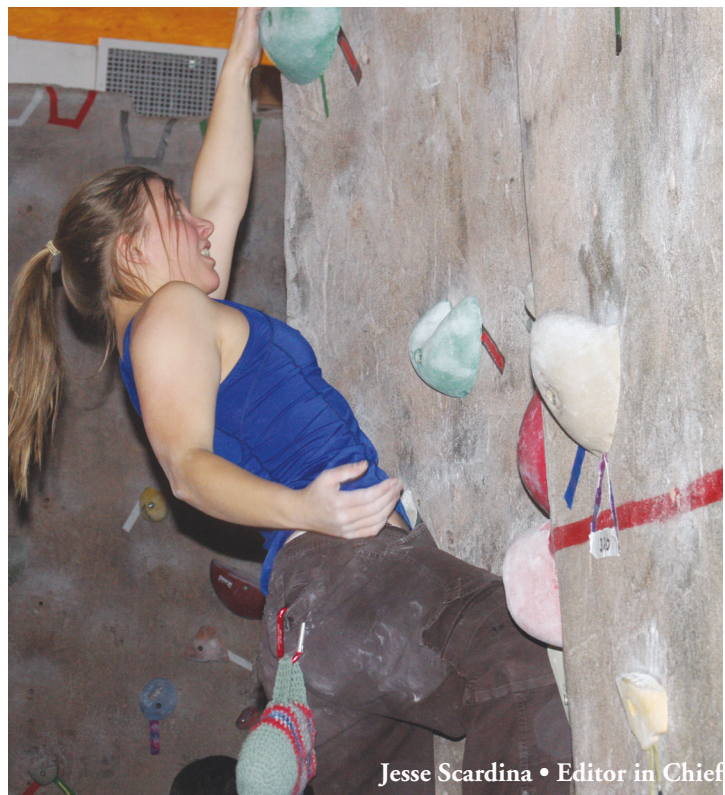
While Warner enjoys it, he's not looking to turn climbing or instructing into a full-time job. Instead, he's planning on finishing up his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering technology.

"I'd love to be able to guide after Maine Bound, in the summer or weekends," he said. "But it's a hobby. I feel if I made it a job, it wouldn't be as enjoyable. It would be more stressful."

While Warner has watched the climbing wall expand in popularity in the last two years, Bloedon has marveled at the



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Third-year adventure education student Calvin Tague attempts to scale one of the paths the Maine Bound Adventure Center's 14th annual Boulder Bash.

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Xavier Pollard shines for UMaine

Sophomore guard taking Black Bears a step forward

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University of Maine men's ice hockey head coach Tim Whitehead

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Jovan Belcher remembered

Football alum made a positive impact while a student at UMaine

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Home struggles continue for Black Bears



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine men's hockey team remains winless at home following a loss and tie to the University of Vermont. The Black Bears are now 2-10-2 this season.

Joe Sturzl
Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's hockey team couldn't pick up its first home victory of the season, losing to the University of Vermont Friday night before tying the Catamounts on Saturday.

UMaine sits at a Hockey East worst 2-10-2 while the Catamounts are 3-7-3 this season.

On Friday night, two UVM freshmen scored the first goal of their careers and UMaine sophomore defenseman Jake Rutt appeared to have scored a game-tying goal with 6 seconds to play, but the referees waived it off, allowing UVM to skate away with a 2-1 victory.

"It was a hard fought game, and there is not much to say. I'm not going to comment on the last goal," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead.

"I thought both teams left it all out there, both teams battled hard, it was kind of like a playoff style game," said UVM head coach Kevin Sneddon. "We were fortunate at the end to have the call go our way; I think they made the right call looking at it."

The Black Bears were only three for 56 on the power play coming into the game, but UMaine used special teams effectively in the first period to get on the board first.

UVM junior forward H.T. Lenz was called for holding, 4 minutes into the first period. UMaine took advantage 1 minute later, as UMaine senior forward Joey Diamond scooted an unassisted goal past UVM freshman goaltender Brody Hoffman, scoring his second goal of the year and giving the Black Bears a 1-0 lead.

The second period brought an increase in physical play. Seven

penalties were called during the period. Fights and scuffles seemed to occur after almost every single play, leading the referees to grab captains from both teams after the period to talk.

Though no power-play goals were scored, UVM scored a game-tying goal during the second period and had other close opportunities to take the lead.

With 5 minutes played in the second period, UMaine junior goaltender Martin Ouellette blocked a shot. The deflection went out into a group of players. Two players fell, fighting over the puck, and UVM sophomore forward Jacob Fallon passed the loose puck to freshman defenseman Yvan Pattyn. Pattyn shot the puck through a crowd that ended up in the net, tying the game at one goal apiece.

Two minutes later, a shot de-

See Men's Hockey on B4

Women's hockey has rough weekend at BC

Jon Ouellette

For The Maine Campus

It was a tough weekend for the University of Maine women's hockey team at Boston College, as the Black Bears lost by a combined score of 17-2 and fall to 2-10-1 on the season and 1-8 in Hockey East. BC improves to 10-3-2, 7-2-1 in conference.

After hanging tough through the first 40 minutes, the University of Maine women's hockey team fell to No. 5 Boston College 7-2 after four unanswered third period tallies Friday night.

Freshman forward Haley Skarupa led the Eagles with five points, highlighted by her first career hat-trick.

Ott faced 44 shots, saving 39 of them, before being replaced by freshman goaltender Meghann Treacy three minutes into the third period. Treacy allowed two goals on 9 shots in the final 17 minutes.

The Eagles outshot UMaine 19-4 in the first stanza — 53-10 overall — but found themselves trailing early after senior forward Brittany Dougherty netted her fifth goal of the season to give the Black Bears a 1-0 edge.

Ott stopped 18 of the 19 shots she faced in the opening period

to preserve UMaine's lead until sophomore forward Alex Carpenter tied it up with less than 3 minutes remaining in the frame. Carpenter's goal — which extends her point streak to 12 games — was assisted by Skarupa and freshman defender Kaliya Johnson.

It didn't take long for the Eagles to claim the lead. Sophomore forward Kate Leary beat Ott a little over 2 minutes into the second period off a feed from junior forward Taylor Wasyk to make it 2-1.

Skarupa scored her first goal of the night on an unassisted power-play effort to extend BC's lead to two, less than 10 minutes later. The Eagles would finish 2-5 with the extra skater in the contest.

The Black Bears managed to capitalize on their own power-play opportunity — one of two of the night — with just under 2 minutes left in the second. Junior defender Kelly McDonald assisted on sophomore forward Jennifer More's second goal of the season that beat BC senior goaltender Corinne Boyles to make it 3-2.

Boyles stopped eight of the 10 shots she faced, aided by a dominant BC attack in the third

See Women's Hockey on B4



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

University of Maine women's hockey senior goalie Brittany Ott had a busy weekend facing a high-powered Boston College offense. The Eagles put in 17 goals over the two-game series in Chestnut Hill.

Football finishes the '12 campaign at 5-6

Charlie Merritt

For The Maine Campus

University of Maine football head coach Jack Cosgrove says greatness is measured in consistency. Coming off a 2011 campaign in which the Black Bears saw themselves go 8-3, finishing 8th overall in the country, and going the furthest any Colonial Athletic Association football team that year, the 2012 season brought great expectations.

Simply put, the Black Bears won the games they should have and were beat by the teams that were better than they were in 2012. UMaine finished 1-4 at home and 4-2 on the road.

"When you're measured the way we are, with wins and losses, and you're 5-6, there is a lot of negativity to that," said Cosgrove, who just finished his 20th season as head coach for UMaine. "Expectations probably weren't realistic."

Success is synonymous with experience. UMaine graduated 17 seniors from a year ago and started 2012 with 14 seniors. Star safeties Trevor Coston and Jerome McMillian both took their chances in the NFL. Coston earned a tryout for the Chicago Bears. McMillian was

drafted in the fourth round — the highest of any Black Bear in history — and is now playing football on Sundays for the Green Bay Packers.

By the end of the season in 2012, only six seniors traveled to the final game against Rhode Island — an already small number that was diminished by season-ending injuries.

"I've always felt you win with seniors," Cosgrove said.

Despite losing a quarterback and a safety to graduation, players stepped into roles and improved



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

After a rough start to the 2012 season, the University of Maine football team won three of its last four games, giving hope to next season. Injuries affected some of the aspects of the team, including the interior line, with junior Mike Cole going down midway through the season. The Colonial Athletic Association sack leader is expected to return next season.

drastically throughout the season. A bright spot came from first-year starter Jamal Clay. The junior from New Jersey stepped in to fill the void of last year safeties and transformed himself from a special teams player a year ago, to one of the best play-makers on the Black Bear defense. Clay finished the year with three interceptions and was the leading tackler for a couple of games.

However, UMaine had to face the injury bug. Pre-season first-team selection

Michael Cole was lost halfway through the season due to a brutal leg injury, which forced inexperienced players to play on the defensive line.

"We really lost some good players on defense," Cosgrove said. "We didn't expect to have the challenges we faced up front especially with the loss of Michael Cole. Here's a guy who played five games and lead the entire CAA in sacks — still."

Cole expects to return next season.

Despite the optimism for next year, the Black Bears will be losing some of its core that lead the Black Bears to five wins and earned five players All-CAA honors. Lineback Donte Dennis heads the group after leading the team with 86 tackles and earning first-team defense honors. Senior offensive lineman Chris Howley and junior tight end Justin Perillo also earned first-team honors. Also noteworthy, senior offensive lineman Josh Spearin and senior cornerback Darlos James earned second-team honors.

"Those guys will be hard to replace, but I think the experi-

See Football on B4

UMaine beats Northeastern, falls to Duquesne

Charlie Merritt
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's basketball team beat Northeastern University 76-73 Wednesday night at the Matthews Arena behind a career-high 30 points from sophomore guard Justin Edwards. The Black Bears played again Saturday at the A.J. Palumbo Center against Duquesne University. Despite 19 points and eight assists from Edwards, UMaine lost 87-73, dropping their record to 2-5 on the season.

Northeastern and UMaine played a tight game throughout the first half until a late run gave the Huskies a 40-35 halftime lead. Northeastern got out to a seven-point lead to open the second half, but the game was soon tied with a couple of buckets by Edwards and junior forward Alasdair Fraser and a 3-pointer from junior forward Jon Mesghna. Edwards' career night would be fueled by deadly accurate shooting, as the sophomore hit 11 of 12 shots from the field, seven of 10 free throws — good for his 30

points — and chipped in five rebounds. Mesghna also shot well, hitting three of five 3s, good for nine points, and grabbed six rebounds. Fraser did his usual damage in the post, adding 20 points and five rebounds. The Black Bears shot an unbelievable 76.2 percent from the floor in the second half and finished at 59.2 percent for the game. The Huskies finished 41 percent from the field. UMaine went on a 10-2 run, with four points from both Edwards and Fraser, to take a 67-59

lead with just over 7 minutes left. The Huskies would have a late run in them, as they cut the lead to 73-69 with 2 minutes left. Edwards knocked down one of two free throws before the Huskies responded with a 3, making it a two-point game with just over a minute remaining. On the ensuing possession after a made free throw, Northeastern tied up a UMaine player, forcing a jump ball. The Huskies would eventually steal the ball, but it was stolen back by sophomore guard Xavier Pollard who found

Edwards for an easy layin with 20 seconds left. A last-second 3 by the Huskies would bounce out as they fell to 4-3. **Black Bears fall at Duquesne** The Black Bears played a hard fought game against Duquesne Saturday, finding themselves in a tie at 37 by the half. The Dukes would take a 61-56 edge halfway through the second half, but five straight points from Edwards tied the game at 61 with just under 10 minutes remaining.

The teams traded baskets, but a late 7-2 run by the Dukes put the game out of reach for UMaine. Fraser finished with 14 points and eight rebounds and Pollard continued his stellar play, adding 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists. The win improves the Dukes to 4-3. UMaine will resume play Dec. 6 in the Memorial Gym against Fisher College before traveling to Florida State University Dec. 9 for a game that will be televised by ESPN U.

Florida Gulf Coast defeats UMaine women's basketball by 30

Joe Duball
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's basketball team dropped their third straight game Saturday with a 79-49 beat down at the hands of Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla. The Eagles put UMaine in a hole during the early stages of the second half and the Black Bears were unable to produce any momentum to forge a comeback.

The Black Bears were able to stick with the Eagles in the early going by creating high-tempo offense that led to consecutive baskets. Freshman guards Britanny Wells and Liz Wood each hit key shots during the run to make it a one-point deficit at 22-21, midway through the half. Florida Gulf Coast quickly responded with a 15-2 run to obtain some breathing room. The Eagles found their stroke from behind the arc during that run, hitting three straight 3-pointers

to help push the lead to 37-23. UMaine would not let down though as the Black Bears produced a 7-1 run of their own. Wood produced five of the seven points while sophomore forward Danielle Walczak added a quick layup on the block to put the UMaine back in striking distance at 38-30. The Eagles reeled off five quick points at the end of the first to make it a double-digit lead once again at 43-30. The Eagles took the momen-

tum at the end of the first, which carried them into the start of the second half. They went 5-7 from the 3-point range to open the second half. The sharp shooting would be part of a 20-3 run by Florida Gulf Coast over the first 9 minutes of the second to stymie the Black Bears and give the Eagles a 63-33 advantage. UMaine would continue to claw, but was unable to make up any ground, eventually dropping the contest. The Eagles picked up 33 points off 28 Black

Bear turnovers, an area that UMaine has been unable to improve over the course of its losing streak. The Black Bears did hold the advantage in rebounds 48-36 and second chance points 11-5, both of which can be silver linings, if any, in the blow-out loss. Freshman forward Liz Wood led the Black Bears with her first career double-double — 10 points, 10 rebounds. Walczak added nine points and freshman Sophie Weckstrom had eight.

The Eagles had three scorers in double-digit figures, led by junior guard Sarah Hansen's 20 points. Seniors guards Brittany Kennedy and Joyce Iamstrong chipped in 16 and 17 points, respectively. The Black Bears will try to get back on track when they travel to face Siena College Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. UMaine returns to the great state of Maine for an afternoon tilt against Rhode Island at the Portland Expo, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor
Sophomore point guard Xavier Pollard is coming into his own during his second season, scoring a career-high 17 points in a loss at Duquesne.

Xavier Pollard leading the Black Bears to the next level

Andrew Stefanilo
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's basketball team won two of their last three games and improved to 2-5 after starting 0-4 to start the season. Sophomore guard Xavier Pollard's play is a big reason for the recent wins. Pollard is coming off his best performance ever as a Black Bear last week. "The season's going well, we're really improving and we have to keep working hard and focus on the future," Pollard said. The Black Bears most recently lost to Duquesne University 87-73 to snap their two-game winning streak. Pollard recorded 17 points and five assists and limited himself to just three turnovers, breaking his previous career high in points at 15 that he got just two games before. In the two wins the Black Bears have posted, Pollard has played an important role in getting the victories. In the 72-66 win against Siena

College, Pollard put up his then career high of 15 points and also had a career high of 12 assists, turning the ball over only twice. "It felt good," Pollard said of the game. "I didn't even know I had that many until after the game." The Black Bears got a huge win at Northeastern University, by a score of 76-73. Pollard posted eight points and seven assists in the win. "It was a hard-fought battle and a good one to get after losing a couple of close ones earlier in the year. It's a great feeling," Pollard said of the win. However, Pollard isn't satisfied with the wins. He thinks his team has what it takes to go all the way to an America East victory. "I think we have the potential and talent to win America East," Pollard said. "I just need to be the best point guard I can be to help in that." Pollard attributes his success to a couple different people. "My family, especially my father," he said. "A lot of coaches

have helped me too, though. They all contributed to my improvement." The Black Bears play at home against Fisher College in their next game before three-straight games on the road. They'll have their work cut out for them, playing at Florida State University to start the trip. "We could still improve in every area, definitely taking care of the ball. If we keep our turnovers low, we'll definitely have a better chance to win each game," Pollard said. "We've been a team

and stayed together and have each other's back." Pollard isn't satisfied with his individual success yet and thinks there is much he needs to improve. "I have to get better at everything, especially taking care of the ball more," he said. "I think I've been a good leader and have been making sure everyone's on the same page out there," Pollard said. The Black Bears will play Fisher College Dec. 6 at the Memorial Gym at 7 p.m.

NBA fining of Spurs coach Popovich is unfair

Column

The NBA fined San Antonio Spurs head coach Greg Popovich \$250,000 on Friday for sending his star players home instead of having them play the Miami Heat. Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and role player Danny Green were sent home to rest instead of traveling to Miami, a move Popovich has done in previous years before the playoffs. It is ridiculous that the league fined a coach for doing what he thought was right for his team. I understand that the fans suffer and it was a big game against a good team, but if you're a San Antonio fan, I would think you'd rather have your best players rested come playoff time. I'd rather win a championship than lose in the first round or even lose a bunch of regular season games because my stars are tired. The Spurs were coming off five games in seven days before playing Miami, so I see why Popovich would want to rest them. Another thing people need to keep in mind is that all of these players besides Danny Green are older: Duncan is 36 years old, Ginobili is 35, and Parker is 30. Also, Popovich wanted them fresh for a big upcoming game against the Memphis Grizzlies, who are currently the No. 1 team in the West. The Spurs ended up winning the game against Memphis and the Spurs' big three, being well-rested, contributed greatly.



By Andrew Stefanilo

Popovich usually sits his older players and stars later in the season before the playoffs. He sat them early this season because of the five games that were scheduled within a week. He didn't want to subject his best players to so much wear and tear this early in the season. Commissioner David Stern didn't see it this way. He saw it as a business opportunity that was wasted. Stern apologized to fans and said that the Spurs did a disservice to the league and its fans. This is just untrue. Again, if you're a Spurs fan you should want your best players rested. There's no reason they wouldn't still have fun watching their team play the Miami Heat. There's enough star power on the court. Stern also said that the Spurs violated league policies and didn't give enough notice to the Heat or media. He thought it was unfair because it was the Spurs only trip to Miami this season. Grizzlies head coach Lionel Hollins, whose team is the reason the Spurs star players needed rest, said Popovich has the right to manage his team however he wants. More coaches should have spoken out in defense of Popovich. As with all sports, the coaches and management should be able to handle their teams in the best way they see fit. Whether it be making lineup changes or sitting players, the league shouldn't infringe upon managements jobs. If my favorite teams sits my star players, I'm OK if the decision is made in the best interest of the team in the long run. Unfortunately, Stern sees basketball as a product instead of a sport. Popovich was looking to keep his best players well-rested, thinking about his team and the rest of the season — not how much he could sell.

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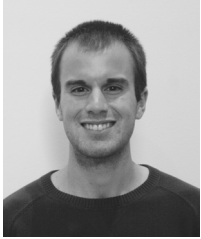
Remember Belcher for his positive work

Column

Saturday afternoon was a dark day for the Kansas City Chiefs organization as linebacker Jovan Belcher took the life of his girlfriend before taking his own in what can only be described at this point as a tragedy. Although we are some 1,700 miles away from where it all took place, the news hits very close to home. Belcher attended the University of Maine from 2005-2008 and had become one of the best success stories the UMaine football team ever had.

In 2005, Belcher started all 10 games as a freshman for the Black Bears and recorded 58 tackles, good for fourth on the team. He followed that breakout season with another respectable campaign in 2006, where he recorded 52 tackles and half a sack, proving to be a true asset on special teams coverage.

Belcher took his game to a new level in 2007 as he garnered an All-American second-team selection, something only 32 players had done in the history of the program. The move to defensive end helped Belcher achieve this peak play, as he totaled career-highs — 85 tackles and 10.0 sacks — while once again starting every game for the Black Bears. Belcher produced similar numbers in his



By Joe Duball

senior season, with 7.5 sacks and a first-team All-American selection, becoming the fourth player in school history to gain multiple selections.

Belcher was much more than a powerful and talented football player though, as he became a standout in the classroom. He graduated from the University of Maine in 2008 with a degree in child development and family relations. Upon his graduation, Belcher received a numerous scholar athlete accolades to go along with his work on the field.

With his collegiate career over, Belcher caught the attention of many NFL teams during the 2009 NFL Draft. He was projected as a sixth round pick and labeled as one of the best small-school prospects in the draft class. Belcher would go undrafted, but later signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs in the weeks after the draft.

Belcher would spend all

Kansas City community during his time with the Chiefs, making various appearances with teammates at local schools and the nearby military base in accordance with NFL community programs. In addition to working with the team's community, Belcher made a point to return to his hometown of West Babylon, N.Y., giving speeches and acting as a role model to the local youth.

Many people will hear Belcher's name and see his face on the television in the coming week or two, but nothing that you have heard in this article will be mentioned. You will hear of a man that lost himself somewhere along the way and had become some type of villain. Nobody will ever know what was going through Belcher's head, and everything that is said about his final days will be chalked up to pure speculation because only he knew what he was doing.

So instead of trying to piece together something that is outside our realm of thinking, why don't we remember Belcher as mentioned

above. It may be ignorance, but one thing that cannot be ignored is the effect that Belcher had, both as one of the most successful UMaine football players in team history and as a member of the UMaine community. He gave every UMaine student somebody to cheer for on Sundays and made us proud to be Black Bear sports fans each time he hit that field.

So let us not remember Jovan Belcher as the villain, but instead remember him as a member of the Black Bear family.

It may be ignorance, but one thing that cannot be ignored is the effect that Belcher had as one of the most successful UMaine football players in team history and as a member of the UMaine community.

four seasons of his career with the Chiefs and had similar success in the NFL as he did at UMaine. His durability continued into his NFL days, as he played in every game for the Chiefs from the start of the 2009 season and started in all but 13 games. His best season in the NFL came in 2011, when he recorded 84 combined tackles, one sack and a forced fumble in his 16 starts.

The work Belcher did on the field was noteworthy, but his work in the community became just as important. Belcher was a fixture in the

Kaepernick correct choice to lead Niners this season

Column

The San Francisco 49ers were playing their NFC West opponent, the St. Louis Rams, Nov. 11. San Fran quarterback Alex Smith, the eight-year veteran out of the University of Utah, was playing an almost perfect game, completing seven of eight passes for 72 yards and a touchdown, good for a QB rating of 143.8. However, Smith was pulled from the game in the first half, having been diagnosed with a concussion. That would be that last time Smith would see playing time this year.

Who is the man who replaced him, and why is 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh sticking with him instead of going back to Smith, previously the normal starter who lead them to the NFC Championship Game last year?

Meet Colin Kaepernick, a second year player out of the University of Nevada who is now the starter for the San Francisco 49ers.

Kaepernick lead the Nevada Wolfpack to two bowl games during his college career. He was twice awarded the Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and was also a First Team All Conference quarterback, twice. Harbaugh must have seen something he liked, having drafted Kaepernick in the second round in what was



By Joe Sturzl

Harbaugh's first draft as the 49ers head coach.

Kaepernick is Harbaugh's quarterback of the future, but he didn't have a chance to be tested in a real game situation.

Smith did lead San Francisco to the NFC title game one year ago, but he has also been in the NFL as long as Super Bowl XLV's Most Valuable Player, Aaron Rodgers, and was drafted as the No. 1 pick overall in 2005.

Between the time Smith was drafted and made the playoffs in 2011, he lost his starting role, regained it, and has since been through more head coaches and offensive coordinators than one could care to count.

While it's true that inconsistent at the start of a career can mean a rough start, but what made everything change for Smith and the team in 2011 than the previous six years?

I'm not saying he is going to be a Tom Brady or Kurt Warner, but his performance in the past few games and Harbaugh keeping him in the game after Smith has been cleared to play means that Smith's days in San Francisco are numbered

Jim Harbaugh was hired, and players bought into the system. Smith had the best year of his career, playing in all 16 games for only the second time, posting the highest QB rating, touchdown passes thrown, completion percentage and passing yards of his career. In 2012, his performance was even better; but Kaepernick is in now.

So once again, why is he no longer the starter?

Why was Tom Brady kept in while Drew Bledsoe recovered? Why was Donovan McNabb replaced by Christian Ponder? Why was Tony Romo was put in

for — once again — Drew Bledsoe? Was Kurt Warner replaced by Trent Green after the 1999 season?

Out of those four examples, Brady is the one with the most success thus far. Harbaugh must think that Kaepernick has the best chance to lead the 49ers to the Super Bowl. Kaepernicks's trial run against the Rams in the tie went well when he lead the team to 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to tie the game. Then he trounced Chicago the next week on Monday Night Football, then beat the Saints on the road. He lost his first game this week, which was 30 seconds away from being another tie with the Rams.

So far this year he has thrown only one interception, compared to nine touchdown passes and 65 percent completion. Those are a set of winning quarterback statistics right there.

When a team hires a new general manager, the head coach is usually gone within a short amount of time. I think the same thing is happening in this situation. The new coach stuck with the regular starter who did the best he could and is still performing, but he has now brought in his new guy — the one he hand picked in the draft. All he needed was time to develop Kaepernick and an opportunity to play him.

I'm not saying he is going to be a Tom Brady or Kurt Warner, but his performance in the past few games, combined with Harbaugh's decision to keep him in the game, even after Smith has been cleared to play, means that Smith's days with San Francisco are numbered.

Harbaugh has his man: Colin Kaepernick.

Senior goaltender Ott a leader on and off the ice

Recent Hockey East Defender of the Week has been a model citizen for the Black Bears during time in Orono

Jon Ouellette
For The Maine Campus

Senior goaltender Brittany Ott is used to success. The Michigan native has been the recipient of numerous accolades throughout her four years at the University of Maine and continues to creep up on the record books in her final season as she leads a young Black Bear team through what has been a turbulent start to the 2012 campaign.

On Nov. 12, Ott was named the Women's Hockey East Association Defensive Player of the Week, adding to a resume that already includes Goalie of the Month honors for January 2012 and multiple Defensive Player of the Month and Player of the Week awards. The senior was selected to the WHEA All-Rookie Team in 2009 and has been honored several times for her academic achievements, including Hockey East All-Academic Team and Maine Scholar Athlete awards in 2010 and 2011.

Ott was also named as an Honorable Mention to the 2011-12 Hockey East All-Star Team. But for her, achievement isn't measured by the accolades of a single player.

"Success is a team accomplishment, and whatever comes along with: That is a bonus," Ott said. "The individual successes come as a byproduct of team successes."

Ott's career save percentage of .919 currently has her ranked first on UMaine's all-time save percentage list. She sits second on the Black Bears' all-time saves list, with 2,122 career stops, but she would be the first to dismiss the importance of holding records.

"I have always dreamed of setting records for this program, but holding records is not as important to me as our team success. The goal is always a Hockey East title," she said.

Despite remaining competitive throughout the 13 games they've played thus far in the season, the Black Bears' record stands at 2-10-1. Their most recent wins came when they played Western Collegiate Hockey Association opponent Bemidji State University in Minnesota on Nov. 9 and 10.

After a disappointing series the weekend before against Hockey East rival Providence

College, Ott played heavy minutes in the two-game series against BSU that earned her WHEA Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The senior shutout Bemidji in the final 40 minutes of Game 1 to the tune of 37 saves and held the Beavers to two goals on 38 shots in a 2-2 tie in Game 2. She said the tough road test against BSU helped her bounce back after the series against the Friars and showed her team they are capable of beating difficult opponents as they move forward.

"Obviously the Providence series was upsetting for us," Ott said. "We know that we are fully capable of beating [Providence], but we just weren't able to put it all together that weekend."

"Bemidji was a huge accomplishment for us because

named All-State in softball in 2008, Ott played hockey for the Little Caesar's U-19 team in a girls' travel hockey league before coming to UMaine. The Black Bears play roughly 32 games each season — something Ott said she had to adapt to after playing 80-game seasons in the travel league with Little Caesar's.

"It was a huge transition from playing 19-and-under hockey because the speed is much quicker and the significance of each individual game is greater," she said. "Each game takes a lot of preparation and practice and is a huge battle for us."

Despite being recruited by Robert Morris University, Saint Anselm College and a plethora of Division-III schools, Ott said the culture of the program at UMaine was everything she was looking for, coming out of Michigan.

"I chose Maine because I had always had a vision of going to a university on the East Coast, and Maine was everything I wanted," Ott said. "I wanted to have a part in building a program while still competing at the [Division-I] level."

Although Ott said she may consider pursuing hockey after school once this season is complete, she plans to prepare for medical school and gain experience in the medical field once she

graduates with a degree in Kinesiology and Physical Education/Pre-medical studies.

Ott started in net for UMaine against the Russian National Team on Thanksgiving day and played the first period, allowing one goal on nine shots. She said playing the Russians helped her team realize that they have to play their best every time out on the ice, regardless of what the name is on the other sweater.

"We let our competition against the Russians get away from us, but we are learning and growing every day as a program," she said.

Ott and the Black Bears were swept at Boston College over the weekend, but will have a chance to increase the number in the win column this upcoming weekend in a home series against Dartmouth College. The games will be played Dec. 8 and 9 at 3 p.m. in the Alford Arena.



Brittany Ott



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flected off Ouellette’s pad and went straight up in the air. The puck-seemed to be headed into goal, but Ouellette batted it out of the danger zone to preserve the 1-1 tie.

After Diamond and junior defenseman Brice O’Connor were sent the box, giving UVM a five-on-three advantage, Catamount sophomore defenseman Nick Lukko had a prime opportunity to give UVM a lead when Ouellette got caught, far outside the goaltender’s crease. Luckily for the Black Bears, Lukko’s shot barley went wide right.

The third period was clean, with no penalties being committed. UVM kept UMaine out of the offensive zone while extending their lead.

Catamount freshman forward Robert Polesello was assisted by junior forward Chris McCarthy 7:44 into the third period to give UVM a 2-1 lead.

“At first I thought it just hit the crossbar, but then I saw it drop in, and I was pretty excited,” Polesello said. “I saw that [UMaine] was making a line-change, and the [defense] was late, so I saw a gap through the middle.”

“I was pleased we got a couple of first goals for our guys — especially Polesello. He thrives on offense and wants to be a contributor, and the team is not scoring a lot,” Sneddon said. “As a freshman you put a lot of pressure on

yourself, and it was nice for him to get his first collegiate goal, and hopefully it’s the first of many.”

The 2-1 score stood until six seconds remained in regulation when Rutt fired a desperation slapshot from the blue line on the left side and had apparently tied the game. The referees reviewed the play and determined that Diamond was in contact with Hoffman, keeping the score at 2-1.

“That was my fifth or sixth reviewed goal this year and I’ve had two or three [goals] go each way so I was just trying to stay calm,” Hoffman said. “[The first road win] is huge, but it’s nothing if we don’t come out and play well tomorrow.”

“I thought we had a good effort, but obviously it wasn’t enough. You’ve got to give a lot of credit to Vermont: They played a great game, and their goalie played great,” Diamond said. “We’ve had trouble this year putting together a full 60 minutes. It’s tough right now, but we have to just keep moving forward.”

Black Bears skate to 2-2 tie against Catamounts Saturday night

After coming close to tying the game Friday night, the Black Bears took to the ice, looking for a win against the UVM Saturday night in their last chance to win at home in 2012.

Hoffman made 36 saves while Diamond scored on a power play in the third period that prevented the Black Bears from being swept at home with the game ending in

a tie, 2-2.

“They out-shot us pretty bad but I don’t think they out-chanced us,” Hoffman said.

In a quiet first period, neither team gave up multiple opportunities for their opponents to score.

The best chance for UMaine came 7:30 into the first period: The Black Bears were on a power play after UVM sophomore defenseman Michael Paliotta committed an interference penalty. UMaine freshman forward Steven Swavely received a pass and had an open shot on net but missed, wide left.

Referees called a delayed penalty on UMaine senior forward

when Lukko and senior forward Brett Bruneteau assisted junior forward Matt White in scoring his second goal of the year, 4 minutes into the second period.

UMaine had a prime opportunity to tie the game after Paliotta and Fallon were sent to the box 30 seconds apart from each other to give the Black Bears a five on three.

“You kill off [the five-on-three power play], that’s huge. It’s a downer to the power play and positive energy to the team that killed it off,” Sneddon said.

Beattie missed an incoming pass and subsequently an open shot opportunity and Diamond

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Joey Diamond
UMaine men’s ice hockey senior forward captain

Kyle Beattie, but while play was still going on Black Bear senior captain defenseman Mike Cornell was also called for a penalty, making UVM’s only power play of the period a 5-on-3. Ouellette and the defense kept the puck out of their defensive zone and kept the score 0-0.

The Black Bears and Catamounts both picked up the pace on offense in the second period after firing off six and three shots, respectively, in the first.

UVM got on the board first

misfired on another open-shot opportunity. The Catamounts successfully killed the penalty.

With 11:48 played in the second period, the Black Bears made up for their power-play miscues when sophomore forward Ben Hutton fired a slapshot from the left side that found its way past Hoffman, tying the game at one goal apiece.

“The puck was dumped in and our forwards went out there and put the puck in the corner, passed it to [junior forward Mark] An-

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period.

Wasylk took advantage of a UMaine turnover just over a minute into the final period to make it 4-2, and Skarupa added her second tally of the night just over a minute later off assists from Carpenter and junior forward Melissa Bizzari.

Skarupa beat Treacy on a rebound attempt to complete the hat trick a little over 6 minutes later, extending the BC lead to four. Bizzari was credited with her second assist of the period on Skarupa’s goal. Sophomore defender Emily Pflazer also notched a helper on the play.

The Eagles concluded the scoring with just over 6 minutes to play on their second power-play goal of the night.

Senior defender Blake Bolden wired a shot from the point that beat Treacy to make it 7-2. Skarupa was credited with an assist on Bolden’s tally -- her fifth point of the night.

BC enjoyed a 33-17 faceoff advantage in the game. The Eagles’ fifth straight win improves their unbeaten streak to 10 games, while the loss extends the Black Bears’ Hockey East losing streak

to six.

Boston College blows out UMaine

The Eagles skated to a 10-0 victory over UMaine Saturday, fueled by freshman forward Dana Trivigno’s first career hat-trick and sophomore forward Emily Field’s five points.

Trivigno’s hat trick marked the second game in a row in which a freshman tallied three goals against the Black Bears, leading BC to their first 10-goal game since 1998.

Boyles and freshman netminder Taylor Blake stopped all nine shots they faced to combine for the shutout. The win secured the Eagles’ sixth-straight victory.

Ott and senior goalie Kylie Smith split time in net for UMaine, combining to stop 31 of the 41 shots they faced.

BC continued its hot hand after netting four goals in the third period of Friday’s game, skating to a 4-0 lead in the first period on Saturday.

Trivigno got it started, beating Ott on a tip-in goal a little over 10 minutes into the period. Field and junior defender Jackie Young were credited with assists on the play.

The score remained 1-0 until the final 2 minutes of the period.

Wasylk and senior defender Dru Burns assisted on Trivigno’s power-play goal — her second of the game — that made it 2-0.

BC finished 2-6 on the power play in the contest while shutting out the Black Bears in their two opportunities with an extra attacker.

Field stretched the lead to three on a goal of her own with less than a minute remaining in the frame. Senior forward Ashley Motherwell and Bolden assisted on the score. Leary scored her first goal of the game 40 seconds later off of Bolden’s second assist of the contest to make it 4-0 at the end of the first.

BC would continue to apply pressure on the Black Bears in the second. Trivigno completed the hat trick less than 5 minutes into the stanza after connecting on a slap pass from freshman defender Lexi Bender. Field would also earn an assist on the play.

Motherwell’s fourth goal of the season — the second point of the contest — stretched the Eagles’ lead to six less than 4 minutes later off Field’s second assist of the game.

Leary added her second goal of the game 7 seconds later to conclude the second period scoring. BC enjoyed a 31-7 shot advantage through two periods of

play, and the game would end with a 41-9 shot disparity in favor of the Eagles.

Carpenter extended her point streak to 13 games when she assisted on Skarupa’s 12th goal of the season with just under 7 minutes to play in the final frame.

Senior forward Kristina Brown and Bizzari both netted their fourth goals of the season to cap the 10-0 victory.

Brown’s goal came a minute later off of Field and Trivigno assists. Bizzari’s tally came off of assists by Skarupa and Burns with just under 3 minutes left in the game.

UMaine junior forward Brianne Kilgour played for the first time since injuring her back against Providence Nov. 2 and finished with 0 plus-minus rating.

With their sixth straight win, BC’s unbeaten streak now sits at 11 games. The Eagles will try for their seventh-straight victory when they visit Hockey East opponent UNH Dec. 5.

The Black Bears head back home to play Dartmouth Dec. 8-9 in a nonconference matchup. Puck drop for both games is set for 3 p.m.

UMaine will get another crack at BC when they host the Eagles Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in Alfond Arena.

thoine at the top. He took a shot and it got blocked, it came right to me, I shot it, it hit him right in the shoulder, and it popped in,” Hutton said.

The final minute of the period proved to be exciting, as the Black Bears formed a three on two on their way to the Catamount zone but the shot was wide. Beattie also had an open shot for UMaine, but it was saved.

With 4 seconds left until the second intermission, UVM took the lead when Fallon and McCarthy assisted senior forward Tobias Nilsson-Roos, making the score 2-1.

The third period picked up where the previous period left off. Paliotta was called for high sticking 25 seconds in, giving the Black Bears a power play right off the bat.

For the second consecutive game, UMaine used a power play to score a goal when Diamond shot one past Hoffman unassisted 1:11 into the third period to tie the game 2-2.

“I needed to make a push to be in better position for the rebound. I just stretched and couldn’t get in position for the rebound,” Hoffman said.

“It was just a puck to the net, and he didn’t get my rebound,” Diamond said.

The rest of the period was a physical, defensive struggle, with the referees letting the players play for the most part. With 48 seconds remaining in the game, UVM went on a power play one last time when UMaine senior

forward Adam Shemansky was called for slashing and O’Connor was sent to the box for ten minutes for game misconduct.

UVM did not score in regulation, but kept their power play going into the extra period.

Ouellette and the defense stopped the Catamounts for the remainder of the power play in overtime, and both teams stopped every chance they had for the rest of the period. The Catamounts and Black Bears tied 2-2.

“Obviously not the result we wanted but there were a lot of positives we can build off of. Our discipline was good with the exception of O’Connor’s [misconduct penalty]. I thought the penalty kill was strong, especially in overtime,” Whitehead said. “I felt that this one was very good, we worked a lot harder to get points. We will work off the positives and continue to improve. There was a lot we could build off of tonight.”

“We thought we were definitely better than last night. We got better as the game went on, and I thought we played hard,” Diamond said. “We didn’t really want to lose this game, getting swept on the weekend was not something that was going to happen again here, and we got a goal on the power play.”

The tie leaves UMaine at 2-10-2. The Black Bears are now last place in Hockey East while UVM moves to 3-7-3. UMaine will head to Boston University for their next game on Saturday Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

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ence we have at quarterback and running back will help,” Cosgrove said.

Junior quarterback Marcus Wasilewski took over the reins from Warren Smith and did a more than serviceable job. Wasilewski finished the season 206-for-338 passing, good for 60.9 percent, with 21 touchdowns and 11 interceptions, totaling 2,364 yards.

“I think he did better than Warren [Smith] in his junior year,” Cosgrove said. “We had new players in key places. Early in the year we weren’t as good at those spots as we were in the end.”

The Black Bears got a welcomed spark from their backfield this season, as two running backs, who began the season as third and fourth on the depth chart, ended up making major contributions toward the end of the season. Junior running back Rickey Stevens earned CAA Offensive Player of the Week in his second to last game of the season after gaining 179 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown against Georgia State. Freshman running back Nigel Jones earned CAA Rookie of the Week after rushing for 76 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown, added to a 76-yard receiving touchdown. Stevens finished the year with 137 rushes for 830 yards and two touchdowns and Jones chipped in 365 yards on only 49 carries and three touchdowns.

“I always joke that Rickey is our Danny Woodhead. He does everything. You trust him to make the block, to make the catch or to make the run,” Cosgrove said. “He has a higher level of self-esteem now.”

The highlight for the Black Bears came in their play the last two weeks of the season. First, UMaine pounded Georgia State at home in the senior game 51-7, before traveling to Rhode Island to beat the Rams 55-6 in their last game of the year. The two wins gave the Black Bears three wins in

their last four games, ending the season on a positive note. UMaine will return 38 letter-winners next season.

“Those two teams combined for one win, but our team beat them the way we should have beat them. We didn’t let down, we respected our opponents, and sometimes those intangibles in a program are as valuable as your skill level,” Cosgrove said.

There is promise for UMaine next season, but Black Bear faithfuls are hopeful Cosgrove will return to Maine as his contract expires in June. Since 2001 the Black Bears are 78-63. -Despite the disadvantage of recruiting in New England among other things, Cosgrove has kept UMaine more than competitive every year.

“We have been an up and down program,” he said. “Greatness is described with the word consistency. The better word is rewarding, but until we become consistent I wouldn’t declare us great.”

As for a preview on his upcoming decision Cosgrove remained quiet during the season and said he has already met with athletic director Steve Abbot in concerns to his contract.

“There is a challenge here, and I’ve invested 20 years of my life meeting that challenge on a regular basis. Looking forward, I’m trying to find how big that challenge is going to be,” Cosgrove said.

Next season the CAA will welcome 9-2 Albany and 10-2 Stony Brook to an already difficult conference.

“There’s a point where you got to see the support is coming from the state or the university, and I know we are working towards that. These things don’t happen overnight,” Cosgrove said. “I just needed to see and feel and hear what the future is going to hold because there comes a point where it doesn’t just get done with hard work. There has to be the internal support.”

Black Bear fans are hopeful Cosgrove will return to lead a prospective successful season in 2013 and for years to come.





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UMaine Duquense	73 87
Blinghampton Mt. St. Mary's MD	70 71
Rhode Island Vermont	76 66
Siena Albany	56 69
Hartford Holy Cross	48 45
UMBC Towson	66 62
St. Peter's BU	66 74
UNH Brown	63 50



Women's Basketball

Dec. 1 Women's Basketball

Florida Gulf Coast UMaine	79 49
BU St. John's	66 49
Hartford Providence	66 39
Arizona State Binghampton	60 35
Quinnipiac UNH	60 53
Vermont Drexel	49 66
Siena Albany	48 65

Men's Hockey



Nov. 30

UMaine	1
Vermont	2
UMass	0
Northeastern	1
BU	4
BC	2
Providence	3
Merrimack	2
UNH	5
UMass-Lowell	2

OT

Dec. 1

UMaine	2	
Vermont	2	OT
Merrimack	2	
Providence	1	
UMass	6	
Northeastern	3	
UNH	5	
UMass-Lowell	2	
BU	2	
BC	5	

Women's Hockey



Nov. 30

Providence	2
BU	4

Dec. 1

UMaine	2
BC	7
Vermont	3
UConn	0
UMaine	0
BC	10
Northeastern	8
UNH	1

Dec. 2

Vermont	2
UConn	0
UNH	3
Northeastern	1

Crossword Solution

1	C	A	L	I	A	P	S	E	S	12	U	U	A
2	A	T	E	M	S	L	I	D	E	13	W	O	O
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4	R	A	E	B	S	E	A	S	15	E	A	T	E
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7	M	O	M	S	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
8	M	I	S	D	E	A	L	L	O	I	T	E	R
9	A	T	T	Y	S	C	A	P	E	42	43	44	45
10	E	T	E	E	R	R	A	E	46	47	48	49	50
11	S	O	S	A	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

Sudoku Solution

2	9	5	8	4	1	6	7	3
7	3	6	2	9	5	8	4	1
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8	6	4	7	5	3	9	1	2
3	5	2	9	1	8	7	6	4
9	1	7	4	6	2	3	5	8
5	2	9	6	3	4	1	8	7
1	7	3	5	8	9	4	2	6
6	4	8	1	2	7	5	3	9

WED. DEC. 5

Women's Basketball
@ Siena, 6 p.m.

THUR. DEC. 6

Men's Basketball
vs. Fisher, 7 p.m. @ The Pit

SAT. DEC. 8

Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving
@ Bates, 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. Rhode Island, 1 p.m. @ Portland, ME

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Dartmouth, 3 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
@ BU, 8 p.m. CBS Sports Network

SUN. DEC. 9

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Dartmouth, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@ Florida State, 4 p.m. ESPN U

MON. DEC. 10

Women's Basketball
@ Bryant, 7 p.m.

FRI. DEC. 14

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Union, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@ Army, 7 p.m.

SAT. DEC. 15

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Union, 2 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 16

Men's Basketball
@ Marist, 2 p.m.

SAT. DEC. 22

Men's Basketball
vs. Florida Gulf Coast, 2 p.m.

FRI. DEC. 28

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. Minnesota @ Estero, FL
Florida College Classic

Women's Basketball
@ James Madison, 7 p.m.

SAT. DEC. 29

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. Cornell/Ferris State @ Estero, FL
Florida College Classic

Men's Basketball
@ Quinnipiac, 3 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 30

Women's Basketball
@ Towson, 2 p.m.

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