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Following suspension from UMaine, Pi Kappa Alpha loses national standing

Alan Bennett
Contributor

The University of Maine chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was suspended on April 2 for repeated violations of its national fraternity standards, including underage drinking and other code of conduct violations, according to Dr. Robert Dana, vice president for student life at the University.

“I can say the fraternity was suspended after a long series of conduct code violations, including providing alcohol,” Dana said.

The University and the fraternity were notified of the decision to immediately suspend the fraternity known as PIKE on April 2 by the fraternity’s national officials.

“It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that the Supreme Council voted to suspend the charter of Kappa Tau Chapter effective immediately due to activities that are inconsistent with the Fraternity’s Standards,” Justin Buck, Pi Kappa Alpha vice president said in a letter to UMaine officials, according to the Bangor Daily News.

The immediate suspension follows the fall 2014 suspension of the fraternity for underage drinking and other code of conduct vio-



With the suspension, all 24 residents of the chapter’s College Avenue house must move out.

Josh Quinit, Staff Photographer

lations. Fraternity members were allowed to remain in the house while they appealed their suspension, “with the stipulations that a safe, sound and secure resi-

dential environment would be maintained, free of parties or illegal behaviors,” Margaret Nagle, senior director of public relations and operations for the University, said

in a statement.

“Those stipulations were violated,” Nagle said.

The fraternity’s national standards mandate that alcohol is not to be consumed

while on chapter premises during official chapter events, and unrestricted access to alcohol during open social functions where non-members are invited is

prohibited. The standards also prohibit drinking games and the purchase and use of alcohol in bulk quantities,

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Undergraduate students display research projects in annual CUGR showcase



Sadie Pulin, Alext Tuttle, and Chris Vincent present their project, People’s Relation to Food.

Kyah Lucky, Contributor

Kyle Hadyniak
Staff Writer

Undergraduate students display research in annual CUGR showcase

Wells Conference Center hosted the Center for Undergraduate Research’s 6th Annual Research and Creative Activities Showcase on April 14. The showcase featured more than University of Maine undergraduate students and their research across various disciplines.

The showcase presented

awards to those with the best exhibits, posters and oral presentations. Summer fellowship awards were also presented.

“Every year this event sees more and more interest from students,” Director Ali Abedi said. “This event gives students the opportunity to showcase their work and learn discipline through hands-on research, which makes them more attractive to employers. This is very much like a professional conference.”

Samuel Gates and

Meghan Hurlburt earned the first place Exhibit Award. The first, second and third place Poster Awards went to Eliza Kane, Kai Hermansen and Jacob Posik, respectively. The first and second place Oral Presentation Awards were presented to Danielle Walczak and Vincent Di-giovanni, respectively.

2015 Summer Fellowship Awards recipients were Spencer Desrochers for the Electrical and Computer Engineering department; Ailish Foley for the

School of Food and Agriculture; Zachary Mason for Earth and Climate Sciences; Scott Mitchell for School of Food and Agriculture and Jessica Moore for Molecular and Biomedical Sciences.

Student participants presented a combined 13 exhibits, 16 oral presentations and 92 posters.

Senior microbiology major Katrina Harris attended the showcase to present her work regarding

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Researcher receives \$4.9 million from USDA to study food safety technologies

Alan Bennett
Contributor

and low-moisture food.”

A University of Maine researcher has received a \$4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to develop the novel approach of using non-thermal technologies to control microbial contamination of low-moisture foods.

Dr. Vivian Wu, a professor of food science at UMaine, will be working as lead researcher on a five-year project that will explore new technologies to better control microbial contamination of low-moisture foods, such as cereals, nuts and spices, without using heat.

“Heat is a very effective way to control microbial contamination, but there are food products that heat just doesn’t work that well,” Wu said, discussing such foods as produce and grains. “We want to develop nonthermal processing techniques to eliminate, to maintain the safety of produce

According to Wu, USDA has been emphasizing produce safety for years, and low-moisture foods are becoming an increasing concern as it comes to food safety and bacterial contamination.

Methods Wu will be examining include the use of cold plasma (ionized atmospheric air), gaseous antimicrobial treatment and multi-colored decontaminating lights to sanitize low-moisture foods.

Wu will receive \$900,000 of the \$4.9 million for her first year of the five-year, integrated, interdisciplinary project, which will be a joint-research collaboration between UMaine and the USDA Agricultural Research Service Eastern Regional Research Center (ARS ERRC), Virginia Tech, University of Delaware and Ohio State University. UMaine is one of 36 universities to receive food safety grants amounting to

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and prohibit alcohol at all rush and new recruitment events, new member programs and chapter rituals.

With this new suspension, all 24 live-in fraternity members must relocate to new housing. The University has offered these members free alternative campus housing, Nagle said.

“Some members have moved out and the landlord is proceeding with eviction processes for those continuing to stay at the house,” Nagle said.

The house, which was condemned in 2011 for multiple housing safety violations — including a missing balcony banister, an improperly functioning fire alarm system, non-functioning emergency lights, an unserviced furnace, standing water and trash problems, according to the Bangor Daily News — will be repaired and put back to use for a new fraternity that will be moving in, Dana said.

Dana did not specify what fraternity would be moving into the space at 380 College Ave., nor did he specify when the new fraternity would be moving in.

UMaine PIKE members did not respond when reached out to for comment. Also unresponsive was Brett Helberg, chapter consultant

for PIKE chapters in the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

The suspension of PIKE is just one recent incident involving Greek Life on campus.

In March, it was reported that several members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority were released from the sorority after a visit to the University by Pi Beta Phi national officers, allegedly prompting the burning of chapter clothing and personal possessions by dismissed sorority members at the Orchard Trails housing complex in Orono, according to the Bangor Daily News. Town fire officials said the fire was put out before they arrived.

In 2012, the Sigma Nu fraternity was suspended by the University for allegations of underage drinking and code of conduct violations, which resulted in emergency ambulance transportation of two underage girls, who were not University students, to Eastern Maine Medical Center, the Bangor Daily News reported.

In light of events in recent years, Dana acknowledged the University is working closely with fraternities and sororities to maintain the University’s standards.

“We visit the fraternities and sororities to make sure they are upholding our expectations,” Dana said.

PIKE has been suspended through May 31, 2018.

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Dr. Robert Dana
Vice President of Student Life

UVAC reaches goal of training 1,000 people in CPR

Samuel Shepherd
Contributor

On April 12, the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC) reached their goal of teaching emergency Hands Only CPR to 1,000 people. The group plans to have 1,100 people trained by Maine Day, April 29.

Jon Grant, who is the head of UVAC’s Training and Safety division, oversees this program and is a teacher at the training classes.

“In this area, sudden cardiac arrest survival is only about seven percent,” Grant said. “That can be doubled or tripled by bystander CPR, so we wanted to get as many people we can [into the program].”

Classes were held at several locations across campus, including dormitories and Cutler Health Center. Various groups of people, not only students, attended the classes. This specific type of CPR is especially easy to teach large groups, according to Grant.

“We have hands only CPR, which is easier to roll out to large groups,” Grant said. “We can probably train a class in about 15 minutes.”

Bystander, or hands-only CPR, according to the American Heart Association, can be just as effective as conventional CPR. The technique involves pressing down on the recipient’s chest to the beat of Bee Gee’s song “Stay-in’ Alive.” While that may seem comical, Grant says this technique can increase



UVAC has reached its goal of training 1,000 community members in hands-only CPR training. **Aubrie Howard**, Staff Photographer

survival rates.

Alana Silverman, a student at UMaine and the Community Wellness and Education Coordinator for UVAC, has taught 20 of these classes in the past year. Silverman is a nationally registered emergency medical technician (EMT) and a basic life support instructor.

According to Silverman, UVAC wanted to use outreach to the community to make UMaine a safer campus.

“This year we made it our mission to reach out to the community,” Silverman said. “We chose to do this by teaching Hands Only CPR because of the positive impact it could have.”

Through these classes, the University of Maine has become a “HeartSafe” campus. This means over 5 percent of campus is

trained in some form of CPR.

Silverman stressed the importance of this technique by giving some alarming statistics. She said that more than 80 percent of cardiac arrests happen at the person’s home.

“Most people don’t realize that and don’t learn CPR,” Silverman said. “But, for every minute someone doesn’t receive CPR, their chance of survival goes down by ten percent.”

She also mentioned that emergency services take on average 10 minutes to arrive in densely populated areas, and longer in rural areas. Silverman stressed that this simple technique is easy to learn in a classroom setting.

“Hands Only CPR [classes are] free and it only takes a minute to

learn,” Silverman said. “The 45-minute class just gives a little more depth.”

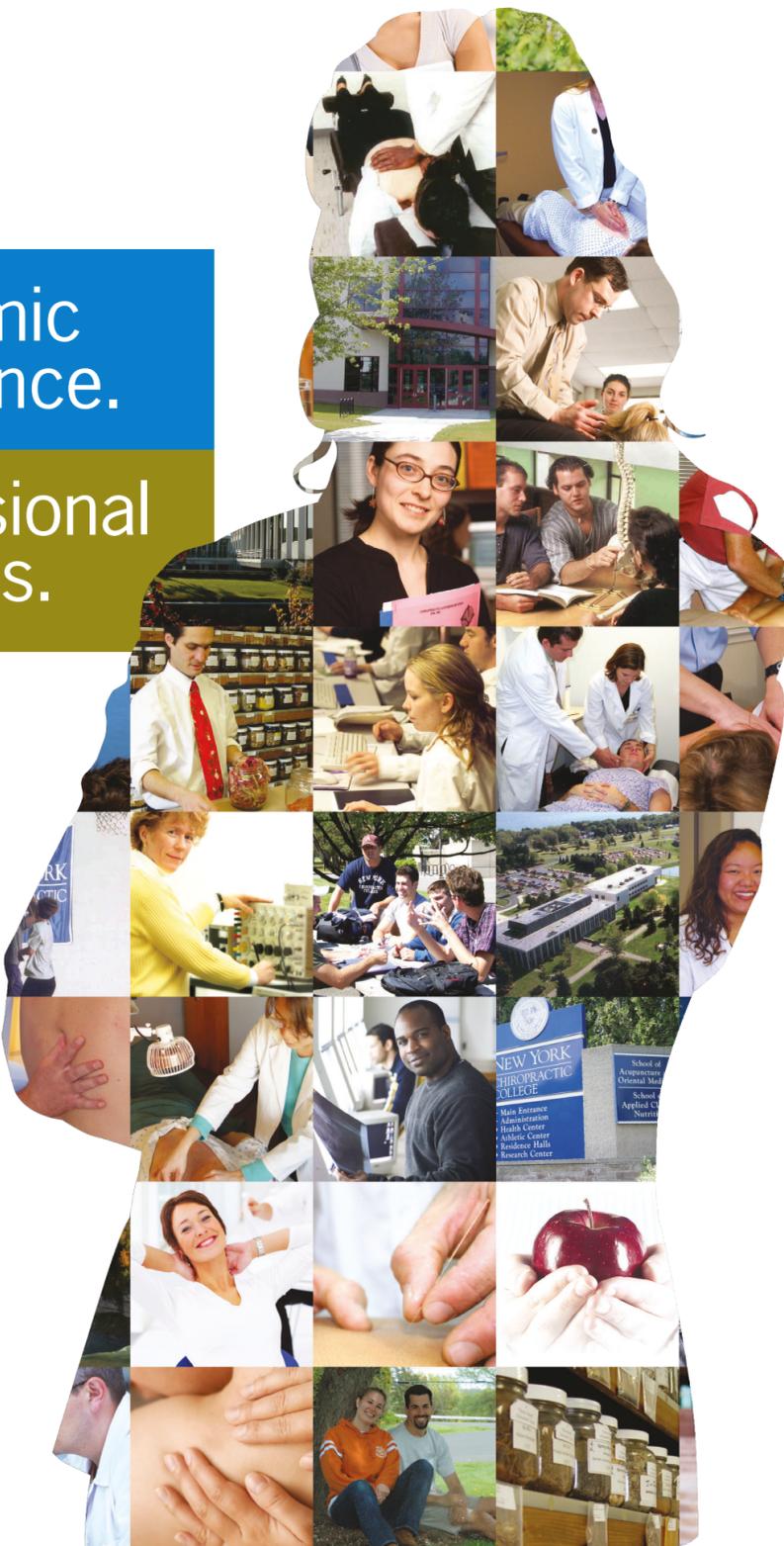
With 1,000 people educated in this technique, Grant is proud to say that nearly 10 percent of the residents of the University are ready to give emergency treatment for cardiac arrest.

“Now, one in ten people on campus is trained in bystander CPR,” Grant said. “We’d really like to improve survival rates on campus as much as possible.”

A hands-only CPR class will be held on Maine Day, April 29, but a location has not been confirmed.

Grant also said that they provide training to use Automated External Defibrillators (AED). More information, as well as class locations, can be found on UVAC’s Facebook page.

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UMaine graduate student's business chosen as the winning 2015 Big Gig pitch

Amanda Clark
Contributor

Entrepreneurial minds gathered in the Foster Center for Student Innovation at the University of Maine on Tuesday, April 14 to hear three individuals pitch their business ideas at the Big Gig Finale.

Big Gig has been working since 2012 to acknowledge and support entrepreneurs and innovators around the state of Maine. Each competitor had five minutes to pitch their idea — without handouts or powerpoints — before they heard constructive feedback from a panel of judges, referred to as the local “Big Wigs.” Though their feedback is greatly valued, the audience has the ultimate decision of who the winner of the night will be.

“The purpose is to celebrate, inspire and encourage innovators and entrepreneurs. The Big Gig is a way for people to get support and to make real connections in order to make their ideas a reality,” Renee Kelley, Co-director of Programs, Operations and Outreach at the Foster Center for Student Innovation, said.

The event was sponsored by Blackstone Accelerated Growth, Eaton Peabody and University Credit Union, which donated the \$1,500 grand prize.

Spencer Wood, UMaine Human Development graduate student, took home the grand prize for his free ride-sharing business, Tip Whip LLC.

This year's panel of “Big Wigs” were Jake Ward, Vice President of Innovation and Economic Development at UMaine; Jessica Jewell, co-founder and CEO of Twenty 2 Vodka and Big Gig Grand Prize Winner April 2014; and Jess Knox, founder of Olympic Strategies and State Innovation Hub Leader for Blackstone Accelerates Growth.

“We try to provide friendly feedback to them, this is not the shark tank. It's more like the ‘dolphin tank,’” Kelley said, referencing the popular ABC show that features aspiring entrepreneur-contestants making business presentations to a

panel of “shark” investors.

The winning pitch, Tip Whip LLC, is a ride-sharing service for UMaine students provided free of charge — but tips are greatly appreciated. Drivers are prescreened and use their personal cars to transport students safely to their destinations. Since Tip Whip LLC was formally established in Dec. of 2014, the company has transported more than 5,000 students, Wood says.

Wood will use his \$1,500 towards developing mobile app technology in order to reduce drinking and driving and prevent sexual assaults on college campuses across the country.

Wood captivated his audience's attention within the first minute of his pitch with an audience survey about drinking, driving and the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses.

According to Wood, the National Center of Education reports that in 2014 there were over 7,000 Title IX degree granting institutions within the United States with a combined enrollment of over 21 million students. Of those 21 million students, the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that 80 percent of students drink alcohol, and of those 50 percent engage in binge drinking. Approximately 2,000 students between the age of 18 to 24 died from alcohol related incidents in 2013, Wood said.

The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that in 2013, 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 were assaulted by another student who had been drinking, and 97,000 students reported experiencing alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.

“No more waiting for taxis, weighing the risks of drinking and driving, walking alone or riding with others that are impaired,” Wood said. “We do not put a price tag on students making the responsible decision. You cannot put a price tag on friends, family or ourselves.”

The Big Gig's partnerships include Old Town Development LLC, UMaine's



Spencer Wood's ride-sharing business seeks to keep drunk drivers off the road.

James Winters, Contributor

Foster Center for Student Innovation, Husson University's Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business and Blackstone Accelerates Growth.

“By working with these partners, we are trying to build a community of entrepreneurs, innovators and people that support each other and celebrate what they're doing,” Kelley said.

The team at the Foster Center for Student Innovation helped coach all the finalist this year in the early stages of business development. Even for the participants that did not take home the grand prize, it is still a valuable experience, Kelley said.

“The ones that won the preliminary events won \$250, so that's a good start. But getting themselves out there in their community to make connections and practice pitching their ideas to an audience is what it's all about,” Kelley said.

Emma Wilson, President of Zeomatrix, pitched the Odigo Starter Kit, a product that would make composting more efficient and environmentally friendly. The kit includes a compost pail, absorbable and compostable bags and compostable in-



UMaine President Susan Hunter at Big Gig.

James Winters, Contributor

serts to combat the many odors that come with composting.

“Smelly, messy, inconvenient. Those are just a few words that come to mind when people think about composting,” Wilson said. “We want to change that.”

She recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Maine

studying Management and Marketing with a concentration in International Business.

Ed Braze, retired education professor at UMaine, pitched his business BoomerTech Adventures, which would educate “Baby Boomers” on how to better use technology.

BoomerTech Adventures provides education multi-

day teach learning retreats, specialized day-long workshops and a variety of on-line learning resources.

“Being an entrepreneur is hard work, sometimes it can feel like you're alone — having people that support you and celebrate what you're doing helps make it easier. That's what the Big Gig is all about,” Kelley said.

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The World This Week



Hundreds of migrants feared drowned in Mediterranean sea

By Frances D'Emilio, Associated Press

ROME (AP) - A smuggler's boat crammed with hundreds of people overturned off Libya's coast as rescuers approached, causing what could be the Mediterranean's deadliest known migrant tragedy and intensifying pressure on the European Union Sunday to finally meet demands for decisive action. "How can it be that we daily are witnessing a tragedy?" asked Italian Premier Matteo Renzi, who strategized with his top ministers ahead of Monday's European Union meeting in Luxembourg, where foreign ministers scrambled to add stopping the smugglers to their agenda.

Turkish Cypriot leadership election to go into 2nd round

By Menelaos Hadjicostis, Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - The election for the Turkish Cypriot leadership will go to a second round after none of the candidates managed to garner enough votes Sunday to avoid a runoff, authorities said, as talks to reunify the ethnically-split island of Cyprus are expected to resume next month. The hard-line incumbent, Dervis Eroglu, and independent challenger Mustafa Akinci will vie for the leadership of the breakaway north in next week's runoff. Official results show Eroglu garnered 28.18 percent of the vote, edging out Akinci by just over a percentage point.

Islamic State kills Ethiopian Christians in Libya

By Jon Gambrell and Elias Meseret, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) - Islamic State militants in Libya shot and beheaded groups of captive Ethiopian Christians, a video purportedly from the extremists showed Sunday. The attack widens the circle of nations affected by the group's atrocities while showing its growth beyond a self-declared caliphate in Syria and Iraq. The release of the 29-minute video comes a day after Afghanistan's president blamed the extremists for a suicide attack in his country that killed at least 35 people - and underscores the chaos gripping Libya after its 2011 civil war and the killing of dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Maine gets closer to passing bill that would provide medical amnesty to minors

Alexandra Abrahams
Contributor

Pending state legislation that would provide medical amnesty to minors, also known as the Good Samaritan bill, is currently in the process of being drafted. If passed, the law will grant intoxicated minors a limited immunity when they seek help for themselves or another individual who is in need of immediate medical attention. This bill will maintain primary focus on only alcohol-related incidents.

University of Maine Police Department Officer Joseph Everett recognized that a bill such as this one would help regulate the summons situation on campus. As of right now, there is no "standard punishment" for second- and third-time alcohol-related offenses on campus. All first-time offenders are given warnings; second-time, third-time, and greater offenders are left to receive their punishment by the specific officer's "discretion."

Lee Jackson, a student at

the University of Maine, began work on this bill in 2014, and he mirrors Everett's sentiments, saying that college students believe, "If you make the call for help, you're going to get in trouble after the first time."

Jackson said that this mindset creates serious issues for college students who are in life-threatening situations and refuse to call for help.

Jackson attended a public hearing, held to present the new bill. Of the groups involved, 15 individuals were for the motion, including Maine's Youth Caucus. No one testified against or as neutral in regards to the bill. All accounted for were in accordance with this new bill, gaining support from Joyce Maker, Republican representative, representing District 140 in Maine. Maker, an active member of the Education and Cultural Affairs committee, agreed to sponsor the bill when approached by Jackson.

"We need to realize that drinking in college happens, and not talking about it will

not prevent it," Jackson said. "How are we going to show Maine youth that they are valuable? We need to support youth coming to Maine."

Jackson believes that passing this bill will provide a safe environment for Maine youth to prosper and develop a stronger overall infrastructure of emergency assistance in the state of Maine.

Student Senate has played a large role in advocating for and supporting this bill. Trey Stewart, Student Senate President and Student Government Vice President, is spearheading UMaine's student body in support of this bill. "This bill overwhelmingly supports student rights, students should have the right to request medical attention," Stewart said. "No one wants to be responsible for an easily preventable death."

Twenty-four states, as well as Washington D.C., have already passed bills similar to the Good Samaritan bill, and some have even began work on incorporating drug related incidents into new policies.

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molecular and biomedical science, a research project she has been working on for nearly two years.

"I think [this showcase] is great, something to be proud of," said Harris. "This research changed what I wanted to do with my life. At first I wanted to be a doctor, but through this work I know I want to work in [the biomedical] field."

Harris was recently accepted into the University of Pittsburgh's Ph.D. program.

Another presenter, senior Music major Chris Plaisted, took Maine music, such as little-known cultural pieces, and arranged them for bands and

choirs in an effort to grow their popularity. His exhibit involved a computer playing "Falmouth: a Maine Hymn," a piece Plaisted arranged himself, and several Maine music sheets.

"Maine music isn't heard all too often, and I've been in music my whole life," Plaisted said. "[Maine songs] aren't written for bands, but the state needs it and students need to play it. It is part of our culture, just like Maine history."

Senior Business management major Josh Deakin presented his research at the showcase, as well. His work explored how employees learn organizational culture through rituals in a restaurant setting, having worked on it since May 2014.

"It did not hit me how

excited I would be about presenting my work at the showcase until I was walking towards the podium to give my presentation," Deakin said. "It was fantastic and has made me look forward to my defense on April 29."

The event was sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research, UMaine Printing Services, the Department of Sociology, and the Orono Pharmacy/Layla's Bazaar.

The six-year-old Center for Undergraduate Research, located in 220 Stevens Hall, is devoted to facilitating and enhancing research and creative achievement for undergraduate students. Besides the research showcase, the center provides academic fellowships and a research fellows program.

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more than \$19 million, with \$6.7 million awarded for research in antimicrobial resistance alone.

Wu's project will be focused on three facets: research, education and extension. In addition to laboratory testing, researchers plan to develop two online courses for university students and others who wish to learn about this kind of approach. Wu also hopes to utilize educational resources to train university extension workers in the states where her research will take place.

Wu says her research will ultimately benefit the consumers.

"We will focus on the education of general consumers, what's a safety issue and how nonthermal processing can help you to reduce or eliminate microbial content on the surface of food products," she said. "The microorganisms we are targeting are not just the common pathogenic bacteria. We will also cover virus[es] and parasites."

Her research approach will all be waterless, according to Wu. Through using less water, Wu be-

lieves industrial processors can save money, which will save consumers money at their supermarket registers.

"We are hoping that we will be able to develop an integrated system that can eventually be utilized by the industry, can be commercialized, can be truly applied on an industrial scale to control microorganisms," Wu said. "All of this is waterless ... we want to target energy-saving issues," she said.

This kind of research comes at a time when the state of California — where 40 percent of all water goes toward agricultural use, amounting to 80 percent of all human water use — faces a crippling drought that has prompted emergency water use restrictions.

"Water is so precious in California," Wu said. "I think any technology that reduces energy, reduces need of water will be something probably appreciable for the long-term."

The \$4.9 million grant comes as Wu continues to celebrate a recent \$150,000 grant to study the internalization of foodborne pathogens in fresh produce using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology, another novel approach and the first of its kind.

"We have started the development of ionized nanoparticles. We want to utilize that as a labeling tool that we can eventually apply to cells with ionized nanoparticles, and then preserve the internalization using MRI," Wu said of the two-year program, which has made headway since its beginning stages this past February.

Wu has already employed UMaine graduate students to work with her on the latest project focusing on low-moisture foods, and will undergo the process of hiring postdoctoral students, graduate students and few undergraduates from across the five institutions to work in her laboratory.

Because of the enormity of Wu's grant, she says there is a lot of pressure for success.

"We need to make sure that by the five-year time, we are going to deliver something that is applicable in the industry," Wu said.

"It's not just about research or communication," she said. "It's about technology that will be able to transfer to the industrial scale, so industrial can utilize those technologies we develop and apply it to their processes and be able to reduce the food safety issues."

Weekly Updates

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

Lauren Abbate
News Editor

April 10

8:56 p.m. - Intoxicate eight

The University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) received a Res-

ident Assistant (RA) complaint of a loud party on the second floor of Somerset Hall, and expressed concern of possible underage drinking due to the first-year student status in the residence hall. When officers arrived, they made contact with the room

occupants and asked them to turn down the music. None of the eight room occupants exhibited signs of impairment beyond slurred speech and glassy eyes. Inside the room of officers found Budweiser

beer, Angry Orchard hard cider and vodka. All eight room occupants admitted to drinking and were referred to Judicial Affairs.

11:00 p.m. - Just a bunch of good boys

UMPD received an RA complaint of intoxicated students on the first floor of Penobscot Hall. Upon arrival, officers identified all of the room occupants as UMaine students, and made contact with room resident Bennie McMinis. McMinis was cooperative with the officers and admitted to drinking prior to the officers' arrival and told

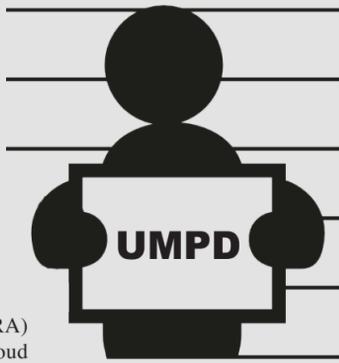
them that he had alcohol in the refrigerator. McMinnis was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor, the four other room occupants were referred to Judicial Affairs. The officers noted that all of the students were "remarkably honest, polite and respectful."

April 16

10:04 p.m. - A rolling rock gathers the fuzz

UMPD officers responded to an RA complaint of underage drinking on the second floor of Somerset Hall. When the officers

arrived, only five of the eight students that the RA complained in reference to were still in the room. The remaining male students would not tell the officers who had left the room, but did admit to consuming alcohol. Officers found Rolling Rock beer, two forty-ounce containers of Hurricane beer, as well as bottles of vodka and whiskey. Paul Edman, Michael Ward and James Dean were summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor; while Jack Grondin and Connor Lindahl were summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor through consumption.



Briefs

Quick news from around the University of Maine System

Samuel Shepherd
Contributor

UMaine football players allegedly accepted free meals

An investigation is ongoing into allegations that seven University of Maine football players violated the Student Conduct Code by accepting free meals from the university's dining commons over the past month.

According to the Associated Press, spokeswoman Margaret Nagle said the University has con-

tacted the NCAA to discuss the allegations. Nagle said it was unclear whether accepting free meals would qualify as an NCAA violation.

The names of the athletes were not released.

All seven players have been referred to UMaine's Conduct Office to see if the student code of conduct was violated. No discipline has been issued, and the students will continue to participate in spring practices

Beacham and Massey named Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Gwendolyn Beacham, of Farmington, Maine, is the University of Maine's valedictorian for the Class of 2015. Katelyn Massey, of Waterville, Maine, is the salutatorian.

Beacham, a biochemistry student in the honors college, was named the Outstanding Graduating

Student in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture.

Beacham's research was focused on a specific group of infectious viruses. Beacham also participated in several campus groups such as Engineers Without Borders, Sophomore Eagles, All Maine Women and Alternative Spring Break. She will enter a Ph.D. program at Cornell University in biochemistry, molecular and cell biology. She aspires to be a professor.

Massey is a psychology student with a concentration in development and a minor in communication sciences and disorders. Massey has played on the UMaine women's ice hockey team for

four years as a forward. She served as the assistant captain and was the Hockey East Top Scholar from 2012-2014. She will pursue graduate work in communications sciences and disorders at UMaine. She has also been selected for a clinical assistantship in UMaine's Audiology Clinic.

Both Beacham and Massey will receive their degrees at the 213th Commencement in Harold Alfred Sports Arena on May 9.

Student allegedly assaulted on UMaine-Farmington campus

Police are searching for a man following an alleged assault on a woman at the University of Maine

Farmington (UMF).

Officials said the alleged assault happened early on April 12. A female student was walking around campus at 1:30 a.m., when she took a shortcut to her dorm. A man allegedly grabbed her wrist and hip, but she was able to fight him off.

The student sustained minor injuries, police said.

"It is rare and I assure you and the community that our campus is as safe today as it was prior to the attack. This is the first of its kind for this year," Chief Brock Caton with UMF Police said.

Campus police are reminding students to stay in well-lit areas and to avoid walking alone late at night.



This week in Student Government

Weekly recap of decisions made by the UMaine Student Government General Student Senate

Shane Verville
Contributor

Allocations

General Student Senate (GSS) suspended financial policy in order to allocate \$6,000 to the Partners for World Health for their upcoming mission trip to Senegal.

A large point of debate and discussion in the meeting was a reconsideration of the previous week's allocation to the Partners for World Health (PWH) of \$6,000. Having violated financial policy to fund the Partners for World Health's trip the week before, GSS took time to discuss their legal options for funding the trip.

Co-President of PWH, Kristina Jamo's intention was to get enough money allocated for their trip, so that the remainder (a few thousand dollars) of the money needed to travel could be raised in the next month.

"If we got \$3000 as opposed to \$6000 [allocated], we would have one month to raise \$10000," Jamo said.

Senator Bradley Gannon, who continued to lend his support to the organization and push his fellow GSS members to follow suit.

"I don't get what the issue is," Gannon said, "I think a basic sense of human decency would persuade you to give them the money."

Some Senators were not convinced however, as Senator Victoria Degenhardt offered a counter point of view on the issue.

"My concern with this [resolution] is not the group itself, but the monetary amount," Degenhardt said, "As good of a group as this is, it doesn't mean we just hand them money because we like their cause."

Senator Andrew Bracy attempted to make a compromise that would appeal to both sides of the issue,

by proposing an amendment that would lower the allocation amount from \$6,000 to \$3,600.

"I would feel beside myself if we couldn't come together and give this group some sort of funding," Bracy said.

Despite Bracy's efforts to quell the raging debate, the motion to amend failed and the discussion continued. Vice President of Financial Affairs, Hoang Anh "Christine" Le offered her opinion on the legal ramifications if GSS were to

the allocation.

"If any group on campus on finds out and files for favoritism, the IRS could get involved," Le said.

Through continued debate and the loss of patience, Senator Marvin Cling stated that he was against the allocation and offered the idea that if any Senator was so adamant on funding the Senegal trip, they should fund it themselves. Upon hearing this statement, Gannon reached into his wallet and gave

all of the money in it.

After the gesture, GSS finally voted in favor of suspending financial policy in order to fund Partners for World Health the \$6,000 they needed to travel to Senegal and save lives.

GSS also allocated \$1,025 to the Woodsmen's team after Megan Woods, Treasurer of the club, explained that funding was needed for their spring meet in Dartmouth as well as safety equipment in the form of chainmail socks. GSS voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

Guest Speaker

Student Government Attorney Sean O'Mara spoke to GSS about the legal importance of following policy in reference to GSS' decision to fund the PWH group \$6,000 for their trip to Senegal. He advised that showing favoritism and acting in favor during a conflict of interest should

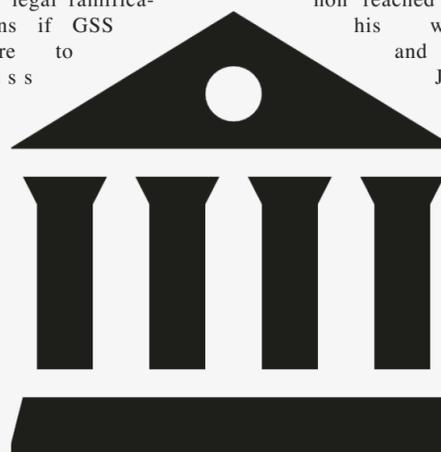
be avoided and suggested that the student senators find a way to pass legislation without breaking their policy and constitution.

Speaker Justin Atkinson also addressed GSS to discuss TipWhip, a system of safe-student transport, that has helped over 5,000 students at the University of Maine for the past few years.

Club News

President Justin Conant spoke on behalf of the Golf team's spring tournament and was able to sum up their experience with one term: "Scud Missiles." This club-nicknamed term describes a hard driven shot on the fairway, that reaches great distances, much like the military-grade missiles.

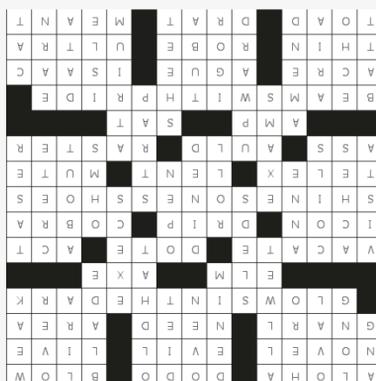
GSS granted preliminary recognition to the Cube Club, a club dedicated to solving and understanding Rubik's Cubes.



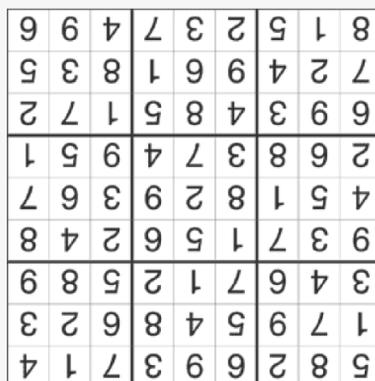
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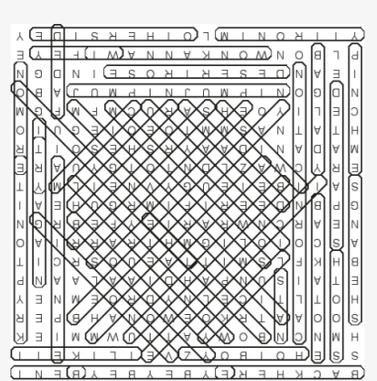
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Monday, April 20, 2015

EDITOR'S NOTE

This week's paper marks the last issue on which much of the paper's editorial staff will work. The editorial page this week has been dedicated to the editors so that they may impart their thoughts and feelings on their experience at the University of Maine.

The editorial board is composed of a group of dedicated, studious young journalists who view their education and chosen discipline seriously. We therefore ask that each opinion be read and duly considered.

Students should be aware of their professional options outside of the classroom

Derrick Rossignol
Editor in Chief

The primary function of post-secondary academic institutions, aside from saddling our generation with crippling debt that will hang over our heads until we're no longer young, is to prepare students for life beyond college, to make sure each mind willing to learn absorbs as much useful information and gains as many practical skills as it can in however long it decides to keep coming to campus or attending online courses.

Universities try to accomplish this by hiring educators they believe have a set of

abilities and knowledge they can impart onto students who will be helped by their wisdom. The tried and true method of gathering students in a room with an educator who stands in the front and lectures on the relevant topic works better than just about any other method and is the most efficient option: all at once, students numbering in the hundreds, or in the tens for courses above the 200-level with lower enrollment, are able to glean useful knowledge from somebody who has worked in the field they will soon enter.

My experience as a journalism student brings this methodology into question, however. More so than any

other field, or at least any that I'm knowledgeable of, journalism is changing, radically so in every aspect. Journal-

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ism as it is practiced today would be almost unrecognizable to newsies in the '80s. As is obvious, the Internet has turned the whole game

on its head. Newspapers are no longer the fastest, cheapest way to distribute news. Stories are broken on Twit-

ter. Even Snapchat is emerging as a viable provider of informative content with its new "Discover" feature. Journalism, and I would

assume other areas of study, are changing faster than new textbooks can be printed, so it's up to students to be ambitious, to be aware of all of their options, especially ones they didn't realize existed, and give each its due diligence.

Most young writers seek out internships at newspapers and other print media, which is a fantastic opportunity if it relates to what the kind of work they wish to do once their degree is in hand, but I didn't do that because I'm not interested in it. Instead, I pursued online freelance writing opportunities, and by doing so, I've gained a set of skills different from what I would have gotten

working at a newspaper or just going to class. I've published nearly 100 articles for eight or so publications, and I've made a few dollars.

Forgive the inflation of my ego, but the point is that for many of the lines of work students are studying today, the blueprint is changing, and it might not even exist anymore. Classes are still a tremendously useful resource, but relying solely on them for education excludes a large piece of the puzzle. If you want to learn how to hit a baseball, are you going to read about proper swing mechanics, or are you going to go to the batting cages and see what a bat feels like in your hand?

Professorial bias in the classroom is a roadblock for student development

Lauren Abbate
News Editor

For young adults, attending college is an opportunity to develop the self — to form opinions, to gain new life experiences and perspectives, to begin discovering who they are outside of the world they grew up in. Having a university atmosphere that fosters this kind of personal development by allowing for a plethora of ideas to be presented inside the classroom is integral to a well-rounded college experience.

However, what many stu-

dents find in the classroom is a presentation of the curriculum that falls more in line with the professor's own bias than the goal of educational progress for the young minds the professor is supposed to be shaping. Regardless of the field of study, professorial bias can seep into class discussion, alter the range of topics covered in the course and limit the possible educational advancements of the students.

Political bias is one of the most damaging forms of bias that a professor can infuse into the classroom. For students in the realm of political science studies, a professor's habit of

construing their own personal political beliefs as fact can alter the entire political education of their students. Students with a

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politically biased professor are only being exposed to one half of the political spectrum, and

thus are having their political outlook on life restricted by the opinions of a professor.

"Opinion" is a key word in

this discussion. Somewhere along the line, biased professors either forgot the level of

influence that their teaching has over students, or are aware of this power and are instead taking advantage of their level of educational influence. Students assume that what a professor says automatically has authority behind it because they are the "professor" — which is why it is easy for a professor's opinion to be taken as fact without much resistance from students.

When one viewpoint is taken as fact, the discussion regarding the matter is effectively ended. And therein lies the root problem behind bias in a collegiate environment. At this stage in a young adult's

life, progression of the self must include progression of one's education. If instructors are teaching only their own opinion and not encouraging students to craft an educated outlook of their own through enlightened discussions, how can students be expected to think for themselves once they leave the walls of higher education?

Instead of catering to their own egos, professors must realize that they have a heavy hand in shaping the next generation — a task which should rely largely on the value of questioning the answers and thinking for one's self.

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General education requirements can be more effective for student learning

Anthony Panciocco
Sports Editor

One of the main complaints from college students is the array of “pointless” general education requirements needed to attain a degree. While gen. ed. classes can be beneficial to students, more can be done by both the University

and its students to ensure their worth.

Much of the frustration stems from spending money to take a class that students “will never use” after college. For example, will an English major ever use the introduction to astronomy course that they coasted through in their sophomore year to fulfill their science requirement? In all likelihood, no. Students spend around \$2,500 per class taken University of Maine and when they do not get what they think they should out of the class, it is not fair to them.

It is the responsibility

of the University to ensure that the classes they require students to take will benefit them in their careers. Offering students a better variety of gen. ed. classes would motivate students to work harder and make them feel

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they were getting the worth they expect from their classes from their University.

If advisors took extra time to talk with their students about what gen. ed. classes may benefit them the most, it may help students make those decisions instead of just choosing a random class.

Students can also play a role in making gen. ed. classes worthwhile by making the best out of a situation that may not be ideal. Many students write off these classes as worthless from the get go, without ever giving them a real chance. Students choose gen. ed. class-

es based on whatever they hear is the easiest from their peers or whichever fits best with their schedule so they don’t have to wake up early or have too many classes in a row. While this may at times make things easier, it is not best for the students.

Basing your gen. ed. requirements off of things that may be interesting or a potential mi-

nor could help students develop new skills or ways of thinking that they wouldn’t have developed in their line of education. For example, that same English major from an earlier analogy may find a new way of thinking if they took a forensic anthropology class that they may be interested in as opposed to the class that their friends said was easy.

Much of making college worth the money comes down to individual motivation and responsibility. It is up to the students to make the best of situations and get the most out of it for their money.

University merit comes down to individual, not system

Katherine Revello
Opinion Editor

In a world where universities are sanctimoniously defensive bastions of elitist academic merit, those who have the audacity to seek a different path to success are viewed as a barbarous horde whose noncompliance threatens the standing social order.

Higher education is supposed to be a temple for liberality; it is often fascist. Students are supposed to be encouraged to develop their insight and ability to synthesize information; they are often belittled when they make the “wrong” conclusions. Merit in thought is supposed to be promoted through research; it is often fettered by tenure and bureaucracy.

On the whole, America’s higher education system is utterly inane. Value is not an intrinsic constitutional quality; it is something that gains dearness through its relative scarcity and the necessity of discretionary application in order to distinguish between

the mundane and the truly excellent.

Nothing in its totality can possibly said to be possessing of value. A whole is the sum of its parts. The bad may not corrupt the entire body, but it can blight the vital organs, leading to slow, painful malaise such as taints the current collegiate system.

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But the appalling behavior of imperious professors who use their classrooms as a tool of mob rule serves a purpose. Such negative examples are premonitions of a possible future — wanton, dystopian future, running dangerously close to fascist. They are a clarion call to the lucid not to engage in such profligate behavior.

Intellectually, it is also a more rigorous path. When an individual knows he is going to be subject to an interrogation by a professorial Torquemada, he makes doubly sure his rhetoric is well-grounded.

Thus, there can be good even in the bad, though the bad should be described vociferously. But perhaps a more important focus is what little good is to be found in a university system. And this is access to resources, both positive and negative.

Relationships that are the progenitors of rich, enduring fruit are engendered by disciplinary likeness between students and professors. Moments of inspiration that send the mind and heart soaring

to new heights and personal ties that become the well-spring for spiritual kinship — these are the true endowments of institutionalized education. Underlain by merit, they become dear to the heart and are made dearer still by their scarceness in a world dominated by petty intellectual tyrants.

If humanity was a collective, education at a macro level would be meritorious. But men are an amalgamation of interests and experiences. The great rests on the small. Universities are not great, but people and work done there can be.

Liberal education strengthens knowledge, should not be neglected

Danielle Walczak
Culture Editor

In the past four years The University of Maine has paid increased attention to research and science-based education. UMaine provides valuable experiences for undergraduates looking to work in the lab and the field. There are many programs set up to aid UMaine students in science and engineering fields finding jobs within the state upon graduation. These efforts should not be disregarded. However, in UMaine’s push towards a more research-based university, it is leaving behind some of the most integral parts of

education that not only prepare students for careers in their fields, but teach them how to be functioning and critical members of society.

UMaine’s emphasis on science learning doesn’t strengthen the university but instead weakens liberal arts and thus weakens UMaine’s ability to educate as a whole. Liberal arts classes are forced to have more adjunct professors and classes combined across subject fields to eliminate similar classes being taught in multiple disciplines. The liberal arts are increasingly more reliant on the work of graduate students and online courses rather than in-person hands on experiences with

experienced professors. Liberal arts are integral to any person’s education. If

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we promote science as the primary way of thinking it becomes more popular and gains dominion over different ways of thinking. Scientific thinking is objective and adheres to a certain set

of rules, which is important to the progression of medicine, climate change and

many other topics. Yet by letting this thinking rule how we conduct university organization, we are marginalizing other ways of thinking. The other ways of thinking are most often

taught in the liberal arts. The liberal arts value discussion, the unpredictable, subjective nature of life. If we believe that everything can be predicted and proven, we remove the indeterminate value of life which makes it worth living in the first place and reminds us that we, as humans, do not have ultimate control over the world around us.

UMaine as a whole, despite individual classes and colleges, has a top down approach. There is little effort from the university or students to make meaningful connections, collaborations between different fields, which degrades the university’s ability to produce well-rounded stu-

dents. Without good communicators who understand the world outside of their specific science field, the great findings of that science cannot be shared or used in a revealing way. Yet by putting emphasis on science, UMaine is degrading the small amount of liberal education science students do get through general education requirements. Rather than making this time in a student’s education meaningful and informative to their growth as a person, they are simply looked at as hoops to jump through.

Before UMaine can be a true research university, it must first value the necessity of a liberal education for all its counterparts.

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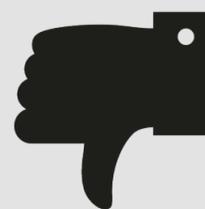
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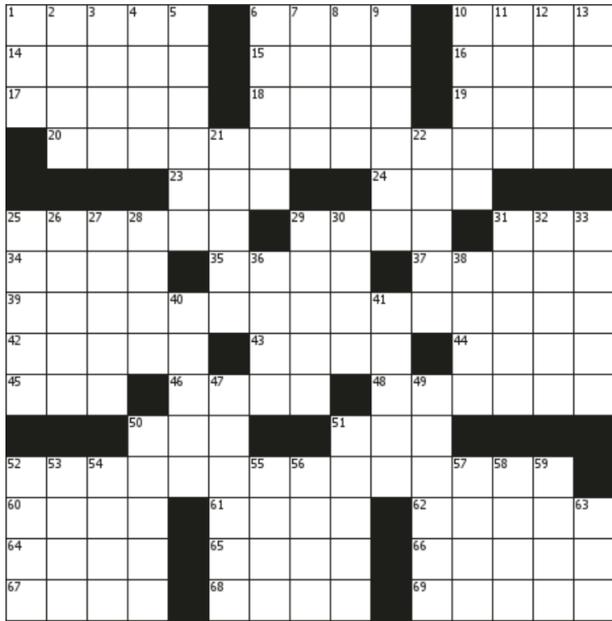
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15. Anagram of vile
16. Anagram of vile
17. Knot in a tree
18. Cry out for
19. Atlas datum
20. Fluoresces
23. Shade tree
24. Fire, so to speak
25. Move out
29. Overdo the TLC
31. Play piece
34. Revered image
35. Plumbing problem
37. Charmed animal?
39. Polishes the pumps
42. E-mail predecessor
43. Fast time?
44. Remote button
45. Balaam's transport
46. Word in a song

Down

48. TV screen grid
50. Roadie's load
51. Perched
52. Feels puffed up
60. Cornfield measure
61. Chills and fever
62. Mixologist on "The Love Boat"
64. Companion of thick
65. Kimono cousin
66. Part of UHF
67. Type of stool
68. "Phooey!"
69. Implied

Down

1. Director Lee
2. Crave
3. Decorative window shape
4. Apt lunch for Superman
5. Completely mistaken
6. Levi's material
7. Word with Dutch or gas
8. Japan's legislature
9. Outdated
10. Wesley Snipes flick
11. It equals 100 kuru
12. Partner of "done with"
13. Like light-colored coffee
21. Bob's vehicles?
22. Biz bigwigs
25. Panoramic view
26. Charley horses
27. Spring features
28. Diarist Frank
29. Went to Spago
30. Candid
31. Give or take
32. Minoan's island
33. Stun gun
36. 50 pennies
38. Resistance units
40. Finals
41. Bikini part
47. Northbound, on maps
49. Courtyard
50. Change a bill
51. Ream component
52. Cotton stuffing
53. Sound effect
54. High point at the Met
55. Humpbacked helper
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| BAG LADY | KRYPTONITE | WONDERFUL |
| BE WITH YOU | LUCKY | |
| BEAUTIFUL DAY | MARIA MARIA | |
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| BREATHE | MINORITY | |
| BROADWAY | MOST GIRLS | |
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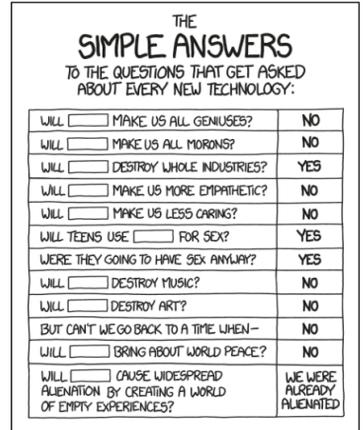
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How I've Heard It: lessons from the column

COLUMN



How I Hear It
Derrick Rossignol

"Everybody's looking for that same thing, looking for that release, looking for that emotional connection. Whether it's good emotions or negative emotions or anger or joy or whatever, they're looking for... basically, it's a release of brain chemicals. [...] It's all valid to the right person."

That was said to me a few years ago by Don Menninghaus, the owner of Dr. Records, a Bangor record store

that until very recently was in downtown Orono, occupying the space that now houses the Orono Brewing Company. I could relate to what he was saying: music that doesn't appeal to you specifically isn't lesser, it's just not meant for you. Try to stock up on wardrobe staples at Baby Gap and you'll probably be disappointed. The clothes don't suck, they're just made for babies, not college-aged adults.

I was not even close to realizing that in 2010, when I first started pitching ideas for the column that would become "How I Hear It" to Kegan Zema, then the Style Editor of The Maine Campus and now a musician making awesome sounds in New York City. I sat down with him and said that I was interested in psychedelic

rock from the '60s. I had longer hair back then and sometimes wore a blue paisley bandana in an attempt to hide that I woke up late and didn't have time to properly bathe that morning, so my allegiance to performers like Janis Joplin and Quicksilver Messenger Service probably wasn't that unexpected on the surface.

I then shared a horrendous column idea with Zema, the pitch for which went something like: "Hey, I don't like country, metal or rap, so I want to write a column about why those genres suck and why nobody should listen to them." He was kind and politely told me why I was a moron and how I'd alienate readers with my baseless accusations. I realized he was right and in an open-minded turn of events, I wrote my

first column about music in foreign languages.

Writing my original column idea would have been like pulling the pin and not throwing the grenade. More so than any form of entertainment, music becomes a part of listeners' lives and their identities. Like it or not, we're defined by pop culture and the media we consume. By saying "Not me, I'm too open-minded and free-thinking to be a sheep," you're saying you refuse to listen to anything anybody else has ever heard of. But by purposefully avoiding certain forms of culture, your relationship with them still defines you. The relationship, whether direct or indirect, is always there.

Hating on any genre of music doesn't mean your aural palate is more refined, but

that you're unaware or unaccepting of diversity. Country music interests me almost zero percent, except for the portion of stuff from before the '80s that I like, but the appeal is clear and understandable. It all "sounds the same" for a reason: the choruses are catchy and the fan base can relate to the idiosyncratic subject matter that wouldn't be accepted in other genres. Country fans know what they like, and because of the relative sameness of many country musicians, they can get what they want on a consistent basis. I'm not for it, but country serves its purpose and its audience extremely well.

How's that for a backhanded compliment?

The point of this, my last column for The Maine Campus, and what's been the

point of "How I Hear It" as a whole, is that music is so intrinsically tied to identity that our taste deserves full attention. Loving country, being a metalhead or otherwise listening to primarily one genre is fine if it produces the reaction you're looking for, but at the same time, there are way too many sounds available to ignore them, discount them or place stigmas on them.

Maybe Slipknot isn't just a bunch of screaming lunatics, maybe there's substance behind Katy Perry, maybe pop from '50s is secretly awesome. There should be no such thing as a guilty pleasure — you like it, so just like it.

It's all valid to the right person. That's how I've heard it, anyway.

'Never Sorry': a Chinese artist's struggle for a more just government

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Documentary Theater
Chase Brunton

"Ai Wei Wei: Never Sorry" is a film about the role of art, protest in the age of the Internet and an eye-opening critique of government abuse of authority.

Ai Wei Wei is a well-known Chinese artist and political activist. He is known internationally through his blog and on Twitter for his creative work and activism, which is as subversive as it is socially conscious. The first feature-length documentary on Wei Wei's life, "Never Sorry" chronicles the charismatic artist's struggle for freedom of expression against the power of the Chinese communist party. The film was directed by Alison Klayman, an American journalist who worked in Beijing, China for a number of years before meeting Wei Wei and deciding to make a film about him.

Throughout the film, Wei Wei speaks about his art, his

activism, his relationships with his family and his internet followers. Other big names in art and activism also chip in about his work. Mostly, however, director Klayman follows Wei Wei around with a camera and watches him do what he does, whether that's sharing a meal with his followers, or antagonizing Chinese authorities. Whatever the case, it makes for good cinema.

One of the things Wei Wei is best known for is designing the Bird's Nest stadium for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing — and how, when the games happened, he refused to support it. When Chinese officials refused admission for a large portion of Chinese citizens, Wei Wei publicly protested the event's exclusivity by uploading a picture of the stadium with his middle finger out in front of it to his blog.

This is but one example of the kind of social media activism Wei Wei partakes in. And he's not alone, either. Wei Wei has allies in China and around the world; fellow activists who support him online or in person. For example, in 2008, after the Sichuan earthquake, when the Chinese government refused to release the names of the children who perished be-

cause of poorly built schools that collapsed in the quake, hundreds of citizens took to the streets to help Wei Wei find out the names of the deceased children. Eventually the names they found were all published on Wei Wei's blog, but not before the government shut it down.

Because Wei Wei's work is often critical of the Chinese government, Wei Wei witnesses the injustices of Chinese government more than once in "Never Sorry." The abusers usually always get away with it, yet Wei Wei remains hopeful. Besides his controversial work, his optimism is one of the things that makes him unique.

"Never Sorry" is as entertaining as it is enlightening. Wei Wei is a likable person, and a kind soul who really seems to care about China's future, which comes off in just about everything he says and does. Director Klayman is masterful behind the camera, but Wei Wei guides the film with his wisdom and good nature. His teachings about the responsibility of people to flag their basic human rights, to question and monitor authority and to stand up when need be, are things we all could benefit from, whether we live in China or the Americas.

Study Abroad as a personal journey

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Study Abroad
Jocelyn Nerney

When I decided to study abroad and first started researching my options, people were surprised to hear my plan.

People could not believe someone so quiet, who always stayed in their comfort zone, was doing something so radical. Naturally, hearing this made me doubt my abilities to go through it.

There was a voice inside that tried so hard to convince me I was not meant to study abroad. I couldn't go off to a foreign country all by myself. I would not make any friends. I'm not outgoing enough. I could not survive in such a distinct culture. Yet, somehow I managed to silence that inner voice and I am so glad I did.

I cannot imagine anywhere or anything else that would change my life so profoundly as studying abroad did. There is truly nothing else like it.

Going to a totally different country and having to adapt to new customs, food and ways of life pushes and

challenges you in ways I never thought possible. I discovered parts of myself I didn't think existed and experienced life lessons in unpredictable yet moving ways.

People may think studying abroad is only full of fun and lighthearted moments, but the obstacles along the way that impact you the greatest. I've had to deal with language barriers, getting lost in new cities and pushing myself physically and emotionally like never before.

I went to the emergency room for the first time in Spain, and I was alone. I ate nuts by accident and had an allergic reaction that made my throat close. I was sent in an ambulance, few workers spoke English and I watched doctors poke and prod me with equipment.

In this situation, I would normally freak out and my anxiety would take hold, but this time, I tried to stay as calm as possible and allowed the medical staff to do their job. In the end, everything worked out.

Last weekend, I accomplished what I thought was the impossible. I am not an outdoorsy person nor do I exercise a lot. Despite this, I managed to hike 10 miles in the mountains of Extremadura, Spain and appreciated the beautiful countryside scenery.

Going into the hike, I

thought I was way over my head and would pass out from exhaustion. Yet, my determination and willpower kept me going, even when I thought my calves and feet were going to fall off.

I am so fortunate to have made so many wonderful memories over the past few months. I rode a horse for two hours on the coast of Spain and stood on ledges of castles and mountains in awe of the beauty around me. I saw new countries and another continent.

My semester was a never-ending learning experience. Everywhere I went, from within Spain to Morocco and beyond, told stories about its past and present that always left me wanting and yearning to find more stories.

As a reporter, it's appropriate that studying abroad helped me uncover so many truths about countries, cultures and people. Out of all the knowledge I've gained, the most important has been looking at where I was before and how far I've come since then.

At first, I wanted to prove to everyone who doubted me or said I should not study abroad wrong. As the months went on, I realized studying abroad is not about trying to prove a point or behaving a certain way. It's about uncovering my own story and finding what my future holds.

WGS
from A12

Littrell said the primary goal of the campaign is to show what a WGS education can offer. She also intends to address some of the common misconceptions about WGS and feminist theory in general.

"Often when people think of feminism, they think of, for example, angry women that hate men," she said. "And by extension, some people think that way about WGS studies as a discipline, as if it's just a bunch of women hating on men. That's really not true," she said. "We're obviously looking at gender equality and sexism, but we also consider dynamics of race, class, sex orientation, religion, and beyond. We [really focus on] social categories and the way they intersect."

Littrell also wants to challenge the idea that one has to be a woman to be a women studies major.

"You don't have to be a woman to be in women's studies," she said. "We have



The new logo for the Women's, Gender and Sexuality program at UMaine.

Courtesy of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

plenty of male students, as well as transgender students... and the idea that you have to work in an overtly 'woman's' career once you graduate with a degree in women's studies is just a myth." She said graduates can use what they learn to focus their work on particular issues, whatever they end up doing with their careers.

"WGS affects more than just what you're going to use it for during your education," Elizabeth Rovito, a student with a WGS minor, said. "[What you learn is

also] going to apply drastically to everything else in your life."

"WGS has changed the landscape of my education and how I think about my interests and what I want to do. I love learning. WGS has made the space of learning so much bigger," Sarah Cook, a WGS alumni, said.

At present, the campaign seeks to spread the word around the UMaine community. In the long term, the goal is to spread awareness further, through the state of Maine and the New England region, to throughout the

country and beyond.

In the future, depending on the response to the campaign as well as funding from the department, Littrell hopes to produce more videos for the program that go even further, looking at what happens in a WGS classroom, for example.

For more information about the event, contact Elizabeth Franck or Nicolle Littrell on FirstClass.

The WGS program has existed in its current incarnation since Fall of 2014, when its name changed from Women's Studies to

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The program offers a major and a minor, as well as a graduate concentration. Major topics addressed in the program include gender and equality; gender oppression, sexism, gender and identity; feminist theory; power and privilege; violence against women and women in work, in the military and in religion, with additional topics being added every semester. This semester there are 18 people with majors in WGS and 25 people with minors in WGS.

In addition to the pro-

gram's core classes, WGS offers a variety of specialty classes based on faculty interest and expertise, such as LGBT studies, women in pop culture and masculinity studies.

The WGS program also works closely with the Women's resource center on campus, which shares a building with the department in Fernald Hall.

At UMaine, the first women's studies course was offered in spring of 1972, and the Women's Studies program officially began in the 1990s.

Survivor from A12

been there for six months with nothing to show for it, Slabotzky's grandfather decided they would return to Belgium. The main route proved to be a dangerous one.

"The Germans were coming very fast, [so] we could not use the main road," Slabotzky said.

After they traveled a lengthy secondary route, Slabotzky's family arrived home in Brussels and were immediately told that they had to go to the city hall; there were new rules and regulations for the Jewish people in community.

New rules stated that Jewish people had to wear Star of David badges that were visible at all times on their clothes, curfew was at 7 p.m. and Jewish children were banned from schools.

"[The Germans] said 'Jewish children are too smart, they don't have to go to school,'" Slabotzky said. Many businesses became off limits to Jewish customers, and many Jewish-owned businesses suffered, due to a lack of shoppers. The Slabotzky family's tailor business soon felt the financial impact after the newly formed rules became enacted.

It wasn't long before Slabotzky's father and uncle became desperate and started going out to obtain new fabrics. One day in 1941, Slabotzky's father and uncle went out early on a business venture, and never came back.

Knowing the family was in danger, Slabotzky's grandfather planned to split them up. For one year, Slabotzky, his mother and little brother lived in hiding together. One day, in 1941, Slabotzky's mother went out to see her sister, his aunt, who lived close by. She told her boys that she would be back before curfew, but didn't return.

"She disappeared also," Slabotzky said, "I didn't know where she was." He soon found that his aunt, along with her baby, had gone missing as well.

Suddenly, Slabotzky found himself alone, with just his brother and knew that something had to be done. With some help from a family friend, Slabotzky



Students lit candles and spoke a Kaddish Memorial Prayer led by Holocaust survivor Max Slabotzky and President Hunter.

James Winters, Contributor

was able to get his brother into the protection of a convent, where he was taken in and baptized for protection against German abduction.

Unable to join his brother at the convent and needing a place to hide, he eventually found a man who owned a large mansion, willing to take him in. At this new place of residence, Slabotzky was kept in an upstairs room with the shades down. The 10-year-old Slabotzky remained in his room for six months, before he started to get antsy.

One day, in 1943, the man left for a day trip with his family and told Slabotzky to stay in.

"When you live with yourself for six months, you start talking to yourself," Slabotzky said, "The good thing is, you're always right, the bad thing is you're depressed all of the time."

Slabotzky became bored and decided to go out for a treat; Mocha ice cream. It was this very excursion that Slabotzky would later recognize as a huge mistake. Having been spotted by a town informant known as "le gros Jacques," Slabotzky was arrested by the Gestapo and thrown into the back of a truck full of Jewish prisoners

and brought to a detention center.

Upon arrival, Slabotzky was taken into the Schutzstaffel (SS) headquarters, where he was interrogated and then thrown into a basement prison for three days. After a few days of being confined to the dark, Slabotzky was assigned kitchen duty at the base. He learned from the base's chef, that his mother and father had actually been detained at the very same location before being transported to another camp.

After six months of work, Slabotzky was put on a train headed to Auschwitz in January of 1944, where SS soldiers threatened to shoot anyone who tried to escape. The cramped quarters on the long journey was quite memorable to Slabotzky, as he remembered the large crowds of people, lack of space, windows and bathrooms.

Once they had arrived at Auschwitz, the place the world now recognizes to be the home of industrialized murder, five lines were formed to sort who would go where, based by age and sex.

Having filtered through the line, Slabotzky had his head shaved, he was sprayed with DDT, an insecticide and was picked to go to Aus-

chwitz 1, which was the main prison for Jewish males. Here, he was branded with his new name: "1204534." After being forced to strip from his clothes and wear prisoner designated garments.

Every day, Slabotzky would wake up at 5 a.m. and get ready for work. Labor shifts were long and strenuous, Slabotzky would work in the bitter cold from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"You think Maine is cold, Maine is not cold," Slabotzky said, "Go on the border of Poland and Russia... that is cold."

To make conditions worse, only a little food was given out each day, despite the long working hours. Slabotzky recounted the bowls that each prisoner was given as a means to eat from, because if someone didn't have a bowl, they couldn't eat, as soup was the primary source of food.

"[The bowl] was the most precious thing they would give you," Slabotzky said.

Over the next year and a half, Slabotzky had various jobs, ranging from a garden worker to an industrial pipe cleaner, as he cycled through other prisons like Brobeck and Dachau. It wasn't until

late in 1944, that Slabotzky, along with so many others, finally received help. Russian troops came to their aid, liberating the camp. Then the Red Cross arrived, bringing aid to all those who so desperately needed it. By this time, Slabotzky and the others were suffering from severe starvation and malnutrition. Upon receiving further medical attention in an American-run hospital in Germany, Slabotzky was slowly nursed back to health with small amounts of medicine, blood and food.

Slabotzky was released from the hospital and able to reconnect with his mother, who had just barely survived her encampment. Slabotzky was quick to become emotional when he recounted first seeing his mother again.

"When I saw my mother for the first time, I could not think this was my mom," Slabotzky said, "That was not her, but then I saw her face and I hugged her."

Slabotzky's mother remained in the hospital for two years before eventually being moved to an apartment and passing away a week later.

"I went in on a Sunday morning to bring breakfast to her in bed and I knocked

on the door, but nobody answered," Slabotzky said, "I opened the door and I saw. When I saw [her] I knew. It was very hard."

After the war had ended, Slabotzky reconnected with his brother, who had survived the occupation in the convent. After learning the craft of being a tailor from an old family friend, and serving in the Belgian military as a paratrooper in the years that followed, Slabotzky met and fell in love with a Belgian woman in 1955. Soon after, the newlywed couple moved to the United States and lived in California, where Slabotzky worked for Howard Amos, a small men's clothing firm.

Since then, Slabotzky has established a large, loving family, and a success with speaking about the Holocaust from school to school around the country. The concept of learning from history to prevent another travesty such as the Holocaust is something that keeps Slabotzky motivated to continue his talks and present to the younger generation.

"If something happens [people will] know what to do to protect themselves," Slabotzky said, "Because something could happen."

Ride Along: a night in the cruiser with UMPD

Kyle Hadyniak
Staff Writer

On April 10, the police cruiser's lights penetrate a dense fog. The blue lights are close to inducing a seizure, enveloping the area in a blue cloud. As the police cruiser's driver was talking with a possibly inebriated student, Sgt. Scott Curtis observed from a distance as the officers dealt with this particular drunk driver. Trusting in his comrades, he pulled away, awaiting the dispatcher's next call.

A 26-year veteran officer for the University of Maine Police Department (UMPD), Curtis resumed his normal Friday night patrol like he has done countless times before. Even though the semester is almost over and students have become less and less rambunctious, Curtis and the rest of the UMPD have plenty to do across campus.

"You should see how busy we are in September and October," Curtis said. "By the end of the year, all the major

troublemakers are usually filtered out. Our job is to make sure the students get through their education alive."

A mist-mixed fog created an eerie landscape as Curtis's cruiser's lights shimmered up and down the road. Around 9 p.m., Curtis and fellow officers Joseph Everett and trainee Katherine Burk had to handle a situation in a freshman dorm reported by Campus Eyes, the police department's anonymous reporting tool.

The case was confusing at first; it was suspected that a student had submitted a fake report — possibly for revenge against the other student, but the validity of that suspicion was impossible to determine. The officers could only check in with each student and determine whether any wrongdoing was happening.

"I tell you, the older you get, the less tolerance you have for these kinds of things," Curtis said.

Immature stunts like the

fake Campus Eyes report happen all too frequently, and alcohol complaints are constant. However, Curtis noted he has rarely seen anything more severe than this kind of relatively harmless incident. No suspicious packages, no reported firearms, nothing necessarily life-threatening.

"UMaine is comparatively safer than most campuses," Curtis said. "Its location, in Maine, is partly to thank for that. Orono isn't a big city, so there's not a lot of crime. [UMaine Police Department Chief Roland LaCroix] pushes us to get into the resident halls and make contact with the students."

Curtis left the dorm and continued his route. The mist hadn't let up, and there were few cars on the road at the late hour. As he drove around he talked about his family, his wife — an elementary school teacher — and his two children. He passed by each fraternity house, eagle-eyed for any wrongdoing — alcohol, drugs, public distur-

bance, anything. He noticed there were fraternity brothers standing guard outside a house, checking the visitors as they entered. He took that as a bad sign, but because there was no solid reason to investigate, he completed his patrol.

It was a quiet night, despite the seemingly-constant bombardment of radio chatter, so Curtis went and visited the New Balance Student Recreation Center. The night-long Relay for Life was happening, and walking through the public he spotted his neighbor. The two caught up for a few minutes while Curtis proudly talked about his newborn granddaughter. As quickly as he arrived, he was soon back in his cruiser patrolling the wet, foggy roads.

Curtis, Everett, Burk and Officer James Bergdoll were then called to a freshman dorm. Unlike the previous incident, the officers found several students drinking. A lengthy session of ID-check-

ing and alcohol-testing ensued. Thanks to cooperative students and Burk's efficient work, reinforced by an intimidating, arm-crossed Everett, the officers made the students empty their unopened alcohol and issued referrals to the Office of Student Affairs.

"I am often impressed by the character and honesty of the students I interact with," Burk said. "That includes the students who get caught doing things that violate laws and policies. It shows an impressive understanding of responsibility, and the ability to admit wrongs. That of course is not always the case, but it is rare that I have a poor interaction with the students."

Curtis was back in his cruiser, this time heading for his routine foot-patrol of the Doris Twitchell Allen Village (DTAV) and surrounding area. Each UMaine police officer is assigned these sort of "property checks," and Curtis's routine was apparent as he made small-talk with the DTAV staff. He excitedly

talked about his granddaughter before heading outside to patrol the grounds. The rest of the night was quiet, and by 12 a.m. Curtis returned to the police station.

In between the night's frequent radio calls, Curtis had related some of the worse things he had seen in his career: crazed bath salt victims, the extremity of a 2012 Day-glow concert, even an armed siege between a student and the state tactical team. As he was about to call it a night, a fellow officer radioed that he needed backup for a multi-person fight.

Curtis sprinted from the police department into his car, preparing himself, as he had done for 26 years, against whatever the night might bring him. As he peeled away from the station, the officer brought a second report to the now-speeding Curtis.

"Cancel that. Just another Humans vs. Zombies fight."

Curtis took a sigh of relief. He continued talking about his newborn granddaughter.

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humane, fair, and ecologically sound in its sourcing," Audrey Cross, a UMaine student

partner of the Real Food Challenge, said.

In addition, members are seeking to include the RFC definition of real food in future RFPs using a survey and petition accessible to students

right now.

For example, they're hoping to shorten food contracts in general.

"A lot changes in ten years," Cross said. "A shorter contract would allow more

flexibility because you can change the terms as the needs change."

Cross also encourages any students interested in helping or joining with the RFC to contact her or any of the oth-

er members, and for those interested in just helping out, to take the dining survey emailed to all students.

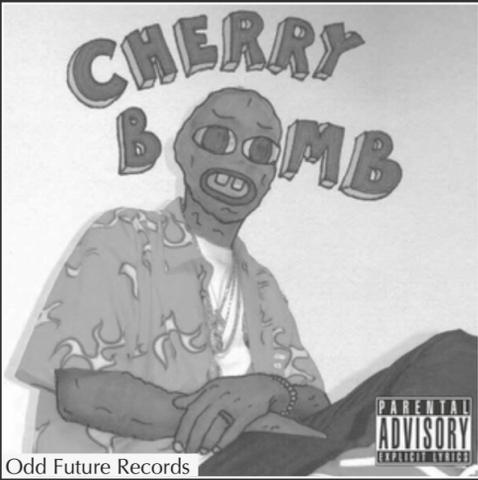
The contracts are currently being audited by Brailsford & Dunlavey, a management

firm from Washington DC, and there are no current estimates on when the contracts will be finalized, though they are expected to begin taking effect in the Spring semester of 2016.

Reviews

Ⓜ MUSIC

Tyler, The Creator "Cherry Bomb"



Derrick Rossignol
Editor in Chief

Calling Donald Glover the black James Franco, a parallel Glover made himself in his song "Hold You Down," isn't fair, because then what do you call Tyler, The Creator? Tyler is as much a renaissance man as the other two: he raps, has a TV show on Adult Swim, operates a clothing line and directs music videos for members of his Odd Future collective and others.

But his persona is far more unhinged. His endeavors have similar range to those of Glover and Franco, but wildly different aesthetics. He acts, but instead of comedy sitcoms and movies, his show, "Loiter Squad," is at a crossroads between stoner humor and "Jackass." He has a clothing line, but his main products are overpriced, brightly colored T-shirts and socks with drawings of donuts on them.

His outward childishness — he is only 24 — might serve against the actual depth of his work, though, as he continues lyrical explorations of reluctant fame and alternative lifestyles in "Cherry Bomb," his new album that was released a few days ago with no advance notice aside from a preorder that opened near the beginning of April.

"The blind n---- used to make fun of my vision / And now I pay a mortgage and they stuck with tuition," Tyler raps in opening track "Deathcamp," speaking on how those who didn't understand his approach to the world continued on their traditional paths and are now worse off than he is. The point isn't to make them feel bad — although it might be, as Tyler's a noted Twitter humblebragger who is known for not having s--- to give — but rather to say that there's more than one way to make it.

Tyler always plays the contrarian, but not for the sake of being difficult, not without point. He's a noted user of the word "f-----," the pejorative word for homosexuals that has been considered inappropriate for mainstream use for a long time, but Tyler uses the word on a consistent

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basis in an attempt to strip it of its power... and because he likes pissing people off.

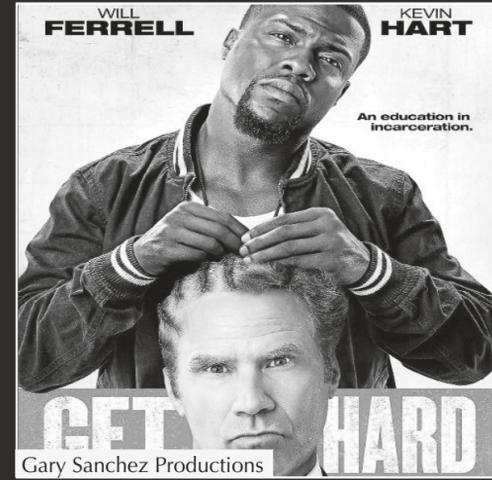
"Cabbage was made, critic f----- was shook / So I told 'em that I'll exchange the word 'f-----' with 'book' / And all them 'books' is pissed off and had their page in a bunch / F----- attitude switched just like a 'book' when it struts," he says in "Buffalo," talking about the negative feedback he received for his infamous and allegedly racist Mountain Dew commercial from a couple years ago. The word appears throughout the album, but again, apparently not in an attempt to be homophobic — Tyler was actually supportive of fellow Odd Future member Frank Ocean when he famously wrote about his past homosexual experiences.

Nobody knows Tyler's true intentions, which are as enigmatic as the music on "Cherry Bomb," and that's part of what makes him such a fascinating figure and this a fascinating album. Along with lyrical complexity, the varieties of sound here belong to a diverse set. The title track approaches the use of bass, volume and noise in a way that's reminiscent of Death Grips' hardcore tendencies, while "Smuckers," which features Kanye West and Lil Wayne, samples vintage horns and also features prominent bass for a hazy, faux-lo-fi effect.

"Cherry Bomb," an addition to being a competent piece of modern hip-hop that won't challenge Drake or Kendrick Lamar for album of the year but is still successful, is part of Tyler's ever-emerging empire. He even launched his own app recently, largely in support of the record. What his off-beat success goes to show is that, both in music and life, is that it's harder to be exciting on the path that's already been worn down long ago.

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"Get Hard"



Shane Verville
Contributor

While "Get Hard" doesn't quite reach the same success as some of Will Ferrell's other films, it does offer some originality in plot and laughs along the way.

"Get Hard" is about James King, played by Will Ferrell, a successful hedge-fund manager who has it all: a huge house, a beautiful fiancée and a caring father-in-law. Everything in life is going great for King, who gets promoted to partner in his company's firm. The opposite could be said for Darnell Lewis (played by Kevin Hart), who runs a beleaguered car washing business. Having to service King's car and constantly put up with his ignorance on race, Lewis is at his wit's end trying to raise \$30,000 for his family while he watches his failing business go down the drain. Tables are turned however, when King is caught in an embezzlement scheme that threatens to put him in jail for the next 10 years, and leaves him with nowhere to go, except to Lewis, whom he assumes is an ex-convict because he is black. As Lewis decides to play along with the idea that he is an ex-con, an arrangement is struck between the two that would earn Lewis the money he needs for his family, in exchange for preparing King for life behind bars. Can a hopeless white collar oaf get in touch with his bad self, or will prison prove to be too rough to handle?

Hart and Ferrell have good chemistry throughout the film. The two comedic powerhouses were able to play off of each other quite well and some of the one-liners said throughout this film were pretty memorable. It's easy to tell that a lot of the lines in the film were improvised.

There is one scene in particular, where Lewis has King pick a fight with some very large men in the park, that had a lot of people in the audience laughing hysterically. Fer-

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rell was his usual, loud, raunchy, outspoken self in most of the scenes in "Get Hard," which played really well off Hart's in-your-face style of slapstick and sarcasm.

"Get Hard" also had an original plot, as the concept of prison as a showcase for comedy has only been touched upon by comedies such as "The Longest Yard" and "Let's Go To Prison." Most of the film however, is spent outside bars, as shenanigans erupt from exercises meant to prepare for life within the big house.

Another positive to take away from "Get Hard" is that this film was also the directorial debut of Etan Cohen. For a film to star such big comedic talent such as Ferrell and Hart, Cohen put in a decent freshman effort by creating a funny and entertaining spectacle, while also giving his actors enough room to create some moments of their own.

Some things that didn't go in the film's favor were its plot predictability, as well as its lack of consistency with laughs. When the film started and characters were introduced, it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to say that audiences could see who was who from the get go — bad guys and good guys. As creative as "Get Hard" was with the prison plot aspect, the rest of the movie is a highly predictable and ordinary comedy. Audience members could often see the jokes before they were delivered and the punchline would often fall flat. While Hart and Ferrell are undoubtedly masters of their craft, it felt as though they were running jokes that they knew were safe to play in scenes, rather than bringing more original bits of humor to the forefront.

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"Xenoblade Chronicles 3D"



Matt Baucum
Contributor

"Xenoblade Chronicles" is the most notorious Wii game that was released during the console's life, at least in the United States. With a limited release, of one print edition, only available through Gamestop, within days, "Xenoblade Chronicles" was found on eBay Inc. for hundreds of dollars. The game became virtually impossible to find without spending some serious cash.

Therefore, "Xenoblade Chronicles 3D," is the first legitimate release of "Xenoblade" in the United States, five years after the initial release. The question is, how does it hold up?

Surprisingly well, in fact. A game that touts 120 hours of gameplay does not seem like the perfect fit for a handheld console like the 3DS, but for the short bursts you'll play it — on the bus to work, before falling asleep, etc. It's important to note that "Xenoblade" requires the new 3DS, and will not work on the old one. This is due to the new 3DS' faster CPU, which coincidentally, is actually faster than the original Wii's, meaning returning players will notice significantly faster load times.

The graphics are another major difference. The smaller screen does take away some of the fidelity the original game had, but this is negligible unless you're really paying attention. The game world of the Bionis and Mechnis are still gorgeous. The screen real estate has been changed as well. Your health bar is no longer on the field screen, but rather the touch screen on the bottom, along with the mini map which now resides there as well. However, this heads-up display takes up only half of the screen and leaves the rest empty and unused. It seems like an unfortunate waste of space.

One final difference is the inclusion of Amiibo

RATING



and Streetpass support. All this does is award you with coins to spend and game models to look at. A nice touch, but nothing too important.

Otherwise, the core game has not been changed at all. It's the exact same game on the Wii, except it's in 3D now.

One thing that doesn't get said nearly enough is the unique setting of this game. "Xenoblade" takes place on the bodies of two massive, centuries-old robots who killed each other in battle. You begin the game in the foot off the Bionis, and make your way to all the different body parts that have rotted away and become various ecologies, such as forests or oceans.

The gameplay is similar to MMORPGs, much like WoW or Guild Wars, where you pick a target and the party auto attacks that target. Though, "Xenoblade" takes it one step forward in that you must chain attacks with special abilities to cause different debilitating effects to your enemies, like knocking them over, or putting them in a daze. On top of this, certain attacks will have directional bonuses. For example, if you hit an enemy from behind, you might do more damage, or if you hit them from the side, it could cause their defense to go down. The combat is incredibly engaging, and you are never bored with any kind of skill rotation.

There are many side quests, all of which must be unlocked through means not explained through the game. Completionists will not enjoy this game without some sort of strategy guide to help them on their way, as it can become frustrating to figure out who needs help next.

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University of Maine Systems' food contract renewals

The University of Maine System and students are working towards new system food contracts.

Danielle Walczak, Culture Editor

Matthew Baucum Contributor



The University of Maine system is in the process of renewing their food contracts and services. These are documents that determine everything to do with dining services, including the purchasing, menuing, staffing and even the preparation of the food in each of the dining halls.

For most colleges, after submitting a request for proposal (RFP), various companies such as Aramark, Sodexo or the Compass Group will submit bids to be reviewed,

or audited, and contracts will be determined based on these bids and which offers match the school's needs the most.

However, the University of Maine is one of only around 30 percent of schools in the country that manage and fulfill the contract on their own, dealing directly with the distributors rather than through a third party, and they've been doing it for a long time.

"We've been operating in house since I started working here," Ken Violette, the Finance and Purchasing Director at Auxiliary Services, said. Violette has worked at the campus for over 30 years.

While most of the schools in the university system operate on 10 year contracts, three of which are done by Ara-

mark, UMaine operates on a "3+1+1" contract with distributors. Basically, this means after three years, the school holds the rights to make changes, but can continue for up to two more years with the current contracts without making any changes.

Violette went on to explain that one of the ways the school is able to stay independent is with a focus on sustainability.

"We get food from local farms in and around Maine," Violette said. "These are farms located within 250 miles from the campus."

In addition, there are other initiatives, like a greenhouse located on campus run by UMaine Greens, a student organization, that produces the vegetables found in the

student union, sometimes also being distributed across campus.

The University also makes use of a revolutionary food composting facility that reduces our waste significantly sending all resulting compost out around the campus and to some farms associated with the school.

"On Maine Day last year, we had about 3,200 attendees," Dan Stirrup, the executive director of Auxiliary Services and huge advocate for sustainability on campus explained. "When everything was over, we had 100 bags of compost, and only six bags of actual garbage."

Stirrup explained that making use of zero sort recycling also has a huge effect on our

waste as opposed to recycling regularly.

"Rather than sending out five different trucks that all produce their own pollution, we only send one," Stirrup said. "And it's convenient for us as well."

While it's likely UMaine will continue running our own dining services, a student run group, Real Food Challenge (RFC), is attempting to improve our system. Currently, members are trying to reach the goal of 20 percent "real food" in the school's dining halls by 2020. By the RFC's standards, the school only produces about five percent real food.

"The food must be local,

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Max Slabotzky: the story of a Holocaust survivor



Holocaust survivor Max Slabotzky spoke passionately about the Holocaust.

James Winters, Contributor

Shane Verville Contributor

As the seats in 140 Little Hall were quickly filled by students and alumni of the University of Maine, Max Slabotzky, an 84-year-old Holocaust survivor, prepared to tell his story. As part of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Slabotzky came to

UMaine to speak about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor.

Slabotzky's childhood was normal. He was born in Belgium to a proud Jewish family. At age 9, he was taught by his grandfather to sew so that he could one day become a tailor and join the family business.

"I'm a fifth generation

tailor and the last one [in my family]," Slabotzky said. All was going well for Slabotzky and his family until the day the Germans came.

Joined by his grandfather and the rest of his family, Slabotzky attempted to escape over the border of Toulouse, France. Having

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'This is what a WGS student looks like'

Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies program launches new video campaign, looks ahead

Chase Brunton Staff Writer

This Tuesday, the UMaine Women's, Gender & Sexuality program (WGS) will host a launch event for their new video campaign, called "This is what a WGS student looks like." The campaign hopes to spread the word about what WGS is all about by sharing stories of current and former students in the program, as well as addressing what one can do with a degree in WGS studies.

At the launch, there will be an open discussion with the filmmaker and other WGS faculty and students about the program after a screening of the campaign videos, as well as poetry readings by WGS students. The event will be held in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

In addition to calling at-

tention to the program itself, the video campaign hopes to spotlight the relevance of gender awareness in contemporary society.

"The critical lens of gender is becoming more important," Nicolle Littrell, the WGS Professor who produced the videos, said. "It's something that's applicable across disciplines, and across careers. We're really trying to underscore the relevance of it."

The video campaign is being described as one step in the WGS program's overall innovation, which will include social media strategies and rebooting their website. Currently, the program has a Facebook account, Twitter handle and a YouTube channel, all of which are being utilized with more frequency as part of the program's greater outreach effort.

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Monday, April 20

Patriot's Day

Climate Change Solutions: Carbon Prices and Community Energy
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Winslow Hall

Building Capacity for Socio-Environmental Problem Solving: A Design for Learning and Adaption at SESYNC
3 to 4 p.m.
Norman Smith Hall, Rm. 107

Movie: Gasland
7 to 9 p.m.
Little Hall

Tuesday, April 21

The Small Farm Movement in Maine, Challenges and Opportunities
11 a.m.
Norman Smith Hall

Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 22

Thinking Like a Planet: The Land Ethic and the Earth Ethic
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Nutting Hall

Thursday, April 23

Nation Versus Homeland: The Jews of Manipur and Mizoram between India and Israel
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
Bangor Room, Union

New Writing Series: Bill Berkson, Poetry
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
IMRC

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain
7 to 9 p.m.
CCA

Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

Saturday, April 25

University Orchestra
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

Sunday, April 26

Black Bear Men's Chorus
2 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

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4/14	Baseball vs. UMPI	Win	6-0
4/18	Baseball vs. Hartford	Win	4-3
	Softball vs. Stony Brook	Loss	4-2
	Baseball vs. Hartford	Win	4-3
	Softball vs. Stony Brook	Win	4-0
4/19	Baseball vs. Hartford	Loss	6-3

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NHL Hockey Playoffs
Canadiens likely to compete for Stanley's Cup.

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SOFTBALL

EmJ Fogel Profile

Fogel leading Black Bears down regular season stretch.

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UMaine baseball back on track after big week

Anthony Panciocco & Spencer Bergholtz
For the Maine Campus

The University of Maine baseball team was able to build some confidence last week, taking down the University of Maine Presque Isle (UMPI) on Tuesday before winning two of their three games against America East conference rival University at Hartford. The Black Bears improve their record to 14-20 overall and 4-7 in conference play.

Black Bears blank Owls

The Black Bears hosted UMPI on Tuesday, taking down the Owls 6-0 for their first victory of the week. Third-year reliever Charlie Butler was awarded the win after pitching four shutout innings while striking out seven.

Second-year Maine starter Jeff Gelinas was wild in the first, loading the bases with two down before getting first-year outfielder Matt Curry to fly out to shallow right field neutralizing the threat.

The Black Bears got on the board early with some old-fashioned small ball. Fourth-year outfielder Sam Balzano reached first and then stole second and third on two straight pitches. He reached home on a ground-out fielder's choice from third-year second baseman Shane Bussey, giving the Black Bears an 1-0 advan-

tage.

Third-year Maine catcher Kevin Stypulkowski was locked in defensively, throwing out two separate runners with perfect strikes to second base, bailing the Black Bears out of a couple of jams.

Maine tagged UMPI starter Ghazaleh Sailors, the only female NCAA baseball player, for two more runs in the second. Third-year first baseman Brenden Geary singled to left field and soon after scored on a sacrifice fly from first-year infielder Alex Cabrera. Stypulkowski scored the second run of the inning for the Black Bears, reaching on a fielder's choice for a 3-0 advantage.

Sailors received the loss Tuesday, going six innings and giving up four earned runs with a strikeout and two walks.

Maine scored another pair of runs, this time unearned, in the bottom of the fourth. Geary reached on an error by the right fielder and was scored by a single to right field from Stypulkowski.

Stypulkowski scored thanks to some heads-up baserunning, taking second on a steal and advancing to third on a passed ball. Fourth-year outfielder Brian Doran singled him home for the fifth run of the game.

The Black Bears attained an insurance run in the fifth when third-year infielder



Luke Morrill bunts down the third base line in Saturday's game

Elizabeth Holt, Staff Photographer

Brett Chappell singled to left and scored on another Stypulkowski RBI for UMaine's final run.

Stypulkowski powered the Black Bears' offense, going 3-3 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Black bears take down Hawks in doubleheader

Maine built off their big win against UMPI on Saturday when they took a pair of games from Hartford, winning both games by a score 4-3

Early defensive lapses

set the Black Bears back in the first inning and led to a quick 3-0 Hartford advantage. Chappell bobbled a ball at shortstop before Bussey botched an easy double play ball to put runners at first and second. First-year Hartford shortstop Ben Bengston walked to load the bases, setting up a fourth-year outfielder Ryan Lukach two-run single, with both runs scored unearned. Maine fourth-year starter Scott Heath induced a ground ball double

play, though another run scored to give the Hawks a 3-0 advantage.

The Black Bears struggled stringing hits together against third-year starter Kyle Gauthier, who allowed seven hits and one earned run in 7.1 innings.

Third-year catcher Jonathan Salcedo singled to lead off the third inning and advanced to second on first-year left fielder Steven Adam's single to left field, the first hit of his collegiate career. Balzano laid down a

successful bunt to load the bases and Bussey grounded into a 6-4-3 double play to drive in the first Maine run of the game, cutting the Hartford lead down to only two runs.

Heath settled down after the first inning, tossing seven strong innings while fanning two and giving up no earned runs.

The Black Bears were held scoreless until the bottom of the eighth. Adam

See **Baseball** on B5

Softball drops rubber game with Stony Brook Seawolves



Janelle Bouchard makes solid contact against Stony Brook

Josh Quinit, Staff Photographer

Michael Schuman
Contributor

The University of Maine softball team dropped two out of three games to the University of Stony Brook Seawolves in an America East conference series at Kessock Field. The Seawolves came into the series riding a six-game winning streak, a streak broken by Maine in game one of the Saturday doubleheader. Maine world drop the final two games as Stony Brook would win the series.

Black Bears Split Doubleheader

Maine's offense got to work early in game one of Saturday's doubleheader, scoring four runs in the first two innings. With runners on second and third, fourth-year left fielder EmJ Fogel tripled on a line drive to center field. Both runners would come in to score to give the Black Bear the early 2-0 lead. Fogel continues to swing a hot bat, after going 7-12 the weekend before.

Maine was able to increase their lead to 4-0 in the second,

when two Stony Brook errors cost the Seawolves two more runs. With the bases loaded, third-year catcher Jangle Bouchard grounded one to Seawolves second-year shortstop Lexie Shue. Shue fielded the ball cleanly, but her throw was over the head of the first baseman, third-year Melissa Phelan. The error allowed the runners to score from third and second, and Bouchard ended up at second base. The Seawolves would get out of the inning without further damage.

Stony Brook's offense

came to life in the fourth inning when their conference leading power hitters, fourth-year outfielders Bria Green and Shayla Giosia, hit back to back solo home runs to left field to cut the Maine lead to 4-2. For Green and Giosia, the homers were their league leading 15th and eighth home runs respectively.

Despite the fourth inning display of power, Black Bear power pitcher Alexis Bogdanovich closed out the game.

See **Softball** on B2

Track and field competes at Holy Cross

Adam Hitchcock
Contributor

The University of Maine Black Bears men's track and field team went to Holy Cross University on Wednesday for the first day of a multi-event meet.

The decathlon was the main event of the day, with two Black Bears finishing in the top 10 through five events. First-year athlete Matthew York ended the day in eighth place with a total of 3,263 points. He finished the 100-meter dash in 11.65 seconds, the long jump in 6.42 meters, the shot put in 11.07 meters, the high jump in 1.89 meters and the 400-meter dash in 54.78 seconds.

Fourth-year, multi-event athlete James Rutter finished the first day in seventh in the decathlon with 3,285 points. He finished the 100-meter dash in 10.84 seconds, the long jump in 6.07 meters, the shot put in 12.05 meters, the high jump in 1.71 meters and the

400-meter dash in 54.37 seconds.

Day two of the meet at Holy Cross University took place on Thursday, and the Black Bears once again had some very notable performances in the decathlon.

York finished the 110-meter hurdles in 16.68 seconds, 28.62 meters in the discus, 4.15 meters in the pole vault, 45.49 meters in the javelin and 5:12.56 in the 1500-meter run. This made his total for the meet 6,029 points, good enough to place York seventh all-time on the University of Maine Black Bears outdoor track decathlon list.

Rutter also had himself a day in the decathlon again. He finished the 110-meter hurdles in 15.98 seconds, 37.92 meters in the discus, 3.85 meters in the pole vault, 48.28 meters in the javelin and 5:38.89 in the 1500-meter run. This ran his total up to 6,138 points. That was good enough to put Rutter fifth on the all-time outdoor decathlon list at the UMaine.

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Fogel providing veteran leadership to softball

Michael Schuman
Contributor

With only a handful of games left in the season, the University of Maine's softball team is looking to finish the season strong. Among the many strengths of this team is their senior leadership. With a class of six seniors, captains like fourth-year left fielder Emily "EmJ" Fogel, hold the team together.

Fogel, a native of Vienna, Virginia, has been playing the game of softball since the age of 9 when she began to play travel ball. After her four-year stint as a starting outfielder and catcher at James Madison High School, she began to look to the future with softball in mind. Out of the 13 universities she visited, she chose UMaine to be her home for the next four years.

She was recruited by Coach Deb Smith, who re-

tired from coaching just weeks after Fogel was recruited. The team stuck together and ran practices as a team until the current coach, Lynn Coutts, was hired to replace Smith. Amidst all the turmoil in the front office, the Black Bears held together and earned a berth in the America East playoffs.

"That was the first and only year so far that I've gone to the America East Conference tournament," Fogel said, reflecting on her first year, "We really showed up and surprised a lot of people, including ourselves."

Fogel has led the team this season on the field, at the plate and in the dugout. She showed this a couple weeks ago against the University of Massachusetts Lowell River Hawks, going 7-12 with two doubles, three runs batted in and scoring three runs during the series.

At one point, she had six straight hits.

After her impressive series, Fogel is batting .333 with 18 RBIs and 10 runs scored. She currently sits in second on the team in batting average and is tied for the team lead in RBIs.

"I'm a talker. I'm the loud one in the dugout trying to keep everyone positive. I'm very much an organizer, oing some background, behind the scenes work."

EmJ Fogel
University of Maine softball captain

"That weekend I took a different approach to the plate. I think that I was more relaxed... I'm seeing [the ball] well and I was calm happy to be there and having fun," Fogel said.

This relaxed approach to the plate contributes to her

leadership style as a captain. She is the organizer and the loud one in the dugout, getting her teammates fired up or getting them honed in at the task at hand.

"I'm a talker. I'm the loud one in the dugout trying to keep everyone pos-

itive. I'm very much an organizer, doing some background, behind the scenes work," Fogel said.

Whatever she and the two other captains, fourth-years Jessica Burk and Kristen Koslosky, have done as leaders is working, because

the team has battled their way to the third place rank in America East. After a successful weekend sweep of Lowell, Fogel knows her team is ready for the home stretch.

"It's huge for our confidence," Fogel said on the Lowell sweep. "Our team is young, so not many of them know what it feels like to sweep a team. It's a huge confidence booster, and it lets all the younger players believe in themselves a little more."

Fogel said that the team is finding the right time to get going, winning six of their last 10 games.

"We're doing really well and coming into our own at the right point in the season," Fogel said, "I think this year is one of our best years for sure."

This year has been successful for the Black Bears, whose defense and pitching are ranked highest in the

conference. The young team is full of energy, according to Fogel and have met the expectations that were set at the beginning of the season.

"We were expected to be pretty scrappy, we were expected to hit well and be strong defensively and so far we've done those things. I think offensively we can be better, but as a group, we're still learning," Fogel said.

The team will have to learn how to handle one of the best teams in America East for their upcoming series, before finishing the rest of the season playing some of the bottom feeders in the conference.

"We're the girls who have to work for runs," Fogel said on the team's offensive dynamic looking ahead, "We need to do our own part to make [the offense] hap-

See **Fogel** on **B5**

Red Sox, Tigers, Angels all off to fast starts in MLB

Spencer Bergholtz
Contributor

The American League is going exactly as expected so far this season. The Boston Red Sox, Detroit Tigers and the Los Angeles Angels are all in first place and the defending American League champion Kansas City Royals look like they are running away with the wild card are already sitting pretty at 8-2. Cleveland, Houston, New York and Chicago have all continued to struggle.

Boston has been led by their new and improved offense. Hanley Ramirez has been a key addition, having a huge impact, already leading the team with four home runs and nine RBI. Xander Bogaerts has been a pleasant surprise at the plate, leading the team in batting with a .395 average and playing flawless defense with zero errors at shortstop. Dustin Pedroia is seeking his fifth gold glove award and is still

swinging a hot bat. The Sox lead the league in on-base percentage and arguably have the best lineup in the league. If the pitching staff can remain average, the Red Sox have a good chance to run away with the division crown. The New York Yankees are in last place in the division due to lack of pitching. The Yankees have allowed the second most earned runs by any pitching staff in the league and can not find any consistency on offense. This is certainly not the year for fans of the Bronx Bombers.

Detroit has wasted no time getting right back to where they left off with the league's best record of 9-1. Miguel Cabrera is swinging the best bat in baseball, and David Price is looking like an early Cy Young candidate. Jose Iglesias struggled at the plate in spring training, but is leading the league with a .484 average through 10 games, exceedingly helping De-

troit's lineup. Yoenis Cespedes has bolstered the middle of the batting order, adding much needed power and consistency that they didn't have last year. And the good news for Detroit fans is that their second ace in Justin Verlander, who has been out all season battling multiple triceps injuries, will be returning. Once he returns, look for the Tigers to take over the league. The Minnesota Twins are colder than their climate. They reside in the basement of the Central Division as usual with a miserable 3-7 record, with the least amount of runs in the American league. Minnesota is relying on Phil Hughes as their ace, who the Yankees cut ties with years ago due to him being injury prone and inconsistent. It's as cold as ice for the Minnesota Twins these days.

The West is up for grabs to say the least at the moment with the Los Angeles Angels in first place with

a .500 record at 5-5. It is pretty obvious that they are the favorites to run away with division on the back of the world's best player, Mike Trout. Trout is clearly the favorite to take home MVP honors once again this year and lead the Angels into another post-season appearance. Jared Weaver and Matt Shoemaker are both spectacular starting pitchers and have looked great in their first two starts. Huston Street has been flawless this season, closing games for the Angels, converting on four out of four of his chances for saves and has still yet to allow a run. The Houston Astros are looking helpless yet again this season. They are batting just .207 as a team this season, which is good for dead last in the majors. They didn't make any offseason improvements after finishing last place in their division last year. Expect the same result this season from the Astros.

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She pitched a complete game, allowing two runs on three hits. She struck out 12 without giving up a single walk. Bogdanovich was credited with her 10th win of the season.

On the losing end, Stony Brook third-year pitcher Jane Sallen pitched the entire game as well, going six innings giving up four runs, two of which were earned, on three hits. She walked two while striking out two. Allen falls to 12-8 on the season after the game one loss.

Game two was a different story for the Seawolves, who looked to their power bats to get the job done once again. This time, it was Stony Brook getting off to a hot start offensively, scoring a run in the top of the first inning. With runners on first and second, Giosia singled to score the runner from second to give Stony Brook the 1-0 lead.

Things would settle down through the next four innings, as both pitchers were able to keep the other team off the board. The Black Bears almost tied the game in the third, when fourth-year second baseman Kristen Koslosky singled to right field and then advanced to second. A sacrifice bunt got her to third, but Maine could not get the timely hit to bring her in to score.

Things got interesting in the top of the sixth inning when the Seawolves put three runs on the board, driving starting second-year pitcher Erin Bogdanovich out of the game. Stony Brook was able to get two runners on base after a single bunt by third-year second baseman Kellie Reynolds, followed by a single to center by Phelan. The next batter was Shue, who doubled earlier in the game. She would get ahold of one, putting the ball over the left field wall for a three-run homer.

Maine was not able to score in the final two innings, dropping game two 4-0. Fourth-year pitcher Allison Cukrov pitched seven innings of shutout softball, giving up three hits while striking out six to earn her seventh win of the season.

Despite striking out seven batters, Erin Bogdanovich took the loss after going six innings. She gave up four runs, three earned, on nine hits. First-year pitcher Annie Kennedy pitched one inning in relief, walking one batter while recording a strike out.

Maine Loses Rubber Match in Extras

It took a little bit of extra softball to decide the winner of the series, but it was Stony Brook who would prevail after getting the win in the ninth inning.

Maine would score first, jumping out to the early 1-0

lead in the bottom of the second inning. After Fogel doubled to left, she would advance to third base on a groundout. Fourth-year first baseman Nikki Byron would put a ball through the infield for a single to score Fogel from third.

Alexis Bogdanovich got the start, and she dominated through the middle innings. She guided the Black Bears out of a first and third, one out jam in the fourth inning, getting the next batter to fly out before striking out the final batter to end the inning.

The Seawolves threatened again in the fifth inning, but Fogel made a clutch sliding catch in foul territory to preserve Maine's 1-0 lead.

Like in the previous game, Stony Brook broke through in the sixth inning, when the Seawolves scored just once to tie the game. Fourth-year designated hitter Lauren Kamachi crushed a solo home run to dead center field to knot the game at one apiece.

The game would go to extra innings as nobody could get a run across in the final inning and a half. They would only need two extra innings, as the Seawolves were able to get some timely hitting and good base running to score in the top of the ninth.

First-year third baseman Chelsea Evans singled with two outs off of Bogdanovich, who was still in the game. The next batter was Green, who blooped a single into the gap in right center. Evans was off on the hit and came all the way around to score from first to put the go-ahead run on the board.

The Seawolves would shut down the Black Bear offense in the bottom of the ninth to get the 2-1 win. The win would go to Cukrov after she came in to pitch for Sallen after just one and two thirds of an inning. Cukrov gave up two hits in her seven and one third innings, walking three and striking out five. Allen would give up one run on three hits in her short start, striking out one.

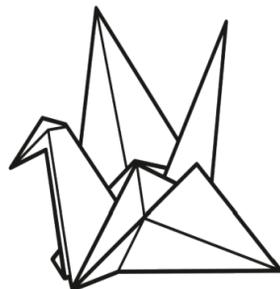
Bogdanovich would pitch a gem despite the loss, going nine full innings, allowing two runs on nine hits, walking two while fanning 11. Bogdanovich falls to 10-5 on the season.

After the weekend, Maine sits at 16-17 (5-4 AE) and hold the No. 4 ranking in conference. Stony Brook moves into the top spot in the conference with the series win, improving to 21-13 (7-2 AE) on the season.

Maine will return home to Kessock Field next weekend for another conference series, this time against the last place Hartford Hawks. There will be a doubleheader on Saturday, April 15 and the final game on April 26. First pitch on Saturday is at noon, and the Sunday game will begin at 11 a.m.



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Canadiens early favorites to win Stanley Cup

Jacob Posik
Staff Writer

There are some new faces in the NHL playoffs this year, and a lot of familiar ones that didn't make the cut.

The defending champion Los Angeles Kings failed to make the playoffs this year, along with the Boston Bruins, who are seemingly always in the playoffs. Many analysts had high expectations for the Dallas Stars and Colorado Avalanche as well, but both teams had poor seasons and were far away from playoff contention.

With the field set, there are plenty of good matchups to be played and an exciting NHL postseason awaits us.

There are two first-round matchups in both conferences that I am particularly intrigued with.

In the west, the Nashville Predators first-round matchup is against the Chicago Black-

hawks. Both teams are stacked with talented players, and some of the best goaltending the NHL has to offer. I think there is clear potential for the winner of this series to represent the Western Conference in the Stanley Cup Finals.

The other matchup on this side is the Vancouver Canucks against the Calgary Flames. Calgary has a host of young, talented players on their team, including Johnny Gaudreau, and earned their first playoff win since 2009 in the opening game of this series. Vancouver has the experience, but the Flames are hot, and it may be their year to upset some teams and emerge as a legitimate contender in the Western Conference.

On the other side of the playoff bracket, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Detroit Red Wings will face off in the opening round, as well as the Washington Capitals and the New York Islanders. Both the

Lightning and Red Wings are equipped with young, talented netminders, both alumnus of the University of Maine in Ben Bishop for the Lightning and Jimmy Howard for the Red Wings.

Howard has had somewhat of an off year, being pulled at

Washington has the advantage over the Islanders in experience and wealth of talented players as well, but the Islanders took game one and they might have enough to take the series. John Tavares is a premier center and goal-scorer in the NHL, and their goaltend-

go deep in the playoffs.

The one seeds in this bracket shouldn't have too much difficulty making it by the first-round of action, but the Ottawa Senators have been on a hot streak as of late. Sadly for them, they have to face the hottest goaltender in hockey in Carey Price, who racked up 44 wins during the regular season between the posts for Montreal. Although the Senators are hot, Montreal is too well-rounded of a team across the board to give up a first round series to Ottawa, but there's potential for the series to be extended to six or seven games.

The Blackhawks by far have the toughest road to make it to the Stanley Cup Finals, but at this time of year, it's so hard to bet against them. They have the deepest roster in hockey and the most goal scorers. Their defense is stout and goaltender Corey Crawford has proved what he can

do in playoff hockey. They'll have to upend the Predators in the first round, and then likely take on the St. Louis Blues to reach the Western Conference final, but this is no feat they haven't done before.

Montreal will have to face the winner of the Lightning and Red Wings in the second round, but they have the talent to beat out whomever they face and make it to the Eastern Conference Finals. There, I predict they will face the Rangers, which will be a grueling seven game series. The Rangers are an extremely talented bunch as well, but goaltender Henrik Lundqvist has battled injuries this season, and won't be in rhythm to go the distance for New York this postseason.

Look for the Canadiens and the Blackhawks to face off in the Stanley Cup Finals, with the Canadiens hoisting the Stanley Cup after a six game series.

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one point in the season, but is back in net for Detroit. Bishop has had a good year for the Lightning, winning 40 games in the regular season, and their high-powered offense might get the best of Howard in this series.

ing has finally been stabilized with the addition of Jaroslav Halak. They also have a great defensive scheme with guys like Johnny Boychuk and Nick Leddy, who they traded for to improve their net front presence. This team is built to

Lufkin producing early for men's track and field team

Adam Hitchcock
Contributor

Adam Lufkin is a first-year thrower for the University of Maine men's track and field team. Lufkin throws both the shot put and the discus. Lufkin has had a good start to the year, winning the discus in his last meet, along with beating New Hampshire twice. Lufkin is driven by the high expectations that he has for himself and his team.

"This year I'd like to get back to my personal records from high school, because of the weight change from high school to college, so if I could just get back to what I threw last year that would be good," Lufkin said. "Long term, I would like to win the America East Championships. I'd also like to take a stab at a few school records, but that's a long way down the road."

Adam is an early childhood education student in

which he engages in classroom programs and working with children in order to one day get his degree.

Because Lufkin is an involved member of the track team, and because of the demands of his major, he doesn't have much free time. But when he does, he

"I play a lot of rummy at home, my family really likes to play card games. I can make minute rice in 58 seconds, so that's pretty cool."

Adam Lufkin
University of Maine first-year thrower

likes to stay active.

"Besides practice, I like to play basketball. Basketball has always been my favorite sport to play, but I was better in track so I chose that," he said.

Adam played both basketball and football for the Brewer Witches in high school, along with setting

the school record in the discus in outdoor track.

Between daily practices and running around in his downtime, Lufkin enjoys UMaine's finest of dining halls.

"York. York is definitely my favorite place to eat," he said. "I'm a

grilled cheese and tomato soup kind of guy. I love it there."

Lufkin grew up near Orono, and attended Brewer High School. Lufkin wanted to stay close to home for college, and because Maine has an established track program, he decided to come to UMaine.

"I like everything about here, except the weather," he admitted. "There's almost nothing bad about here."

While Lufkin is known for his prowess in track and field, he has more talents than just that.

"I play a lot of rummy at home, my family really likes to play card games," he said. "I can make minute rice in 58 seconds, so that's pretty cool."

Athletes are known to be high-octane, competitive people, though Lufkin doesn't necessarily fit that mold all the time.

"I used to be a dancer," he said. "I took ballroom dance lessons from sixth grade to my sophomore year. I was actually on the dance team my freshman and sophomore year."

You can catch Lufkin on the field for the UMaine Black Bears when the team's season culminates at the America East Championships in Albany, New York in early May.

Questions going into the 2015 NBA playoffs

Cody Lachance
Contributor

The snow is finally melting, the grass is growing and the NBA Playoffs are here.

Sixteen NBA teams now look to reach immortality and raise the Larry O'Brien Trophy in

mid-June. With every playoff season comes many questions about players, coaches and

teams as they either try to reach expectations set or become Cinderella stories with nothing to lose. Let's take a look at some of the biggest questions that will be answered in the next few months.

Will the "Splash Brothers" shooting stay hot?

The Golden State Warriors feature one of the most exciting duos in the NBA with point

guard Stephen Curry and shooting guard Klay Thompson, better known as "The Splash

Brothers." Both players ranked top 10 in the NBA in scoring this season with Curry being sixth with 23.8 points per game and Thompson tying for ninth with 21.7 points per game. They both were also in the top five for three-point percentage with Curry at fourth and Thompson right behind him in fifth. While they put up outstanding offensive numbers during the regular season, playoff basketball is defined by defense, causing early exits for some high-profile teams. The Warriors' chances in the playoffs will rely on the shooting of the Splash Brothers. If the duo cannot put up similar offensive numbers, the West's number one seed might be eliminated early.

Should we take Brad Stevens and his band of misfits seriously?

At the beginning of the season, the Boston Celtics were a team that was predicted to trade

off some big name players — Rajon Rondo, Jeff Green — and tank their way to a lottery pick.

Well, they traded the players but added a few key contributors in Isaiah Thomas and Gigi

Datome who have helped propel the Celtics to the East's seventh seed. A first-round matchup of the Cleveland Cavaliers is no easy task, but

second-year head coach Brad Stevens has put together a Coach of the Year worthy season that could narrow the gap.

Don't sleep on the Celtics, as they look to make some noise in the playoffs and start to build towards what looks like a bright future.

Will Houston and Chicago finally live up to their expectations?

The Houston Rockets made one of the largest moves in NBA free agency a few seasons

ago when they signed center Dwight Howard to a multi-year contract to team up with superstar shooting guard James Harden. On paper this duo should be enough for a deep

playoff run, but will they finally live up to the hype? The East has a similar team looking to live up to high expectations in the Chicago Bulls. Point guard Derrick Rose appears to

be healthy and alongside superstar shooting guard Jimmy Butler and center Joakim Noah,

they should have no excuse not making the Eastern Conference Finals.

Should we expect a Spurs vs. LeBron rematch?

It's LeBron James' and the San Antonio Spurs' NBA; everyone else is just playing in it.

It should be no surprise to anyone if the San Antonio Spurs and a LeBron James-led Cleveland Cavaliers square off in the NBA Finals for a third straight season. Both teams got off to a subpar start in the 2014-2015 NBA season, but seem to be gearing towards playing at a championship caliber level as of late. There would be a number of great themes and comparisons to this matchup. How would the less experienced, but younger and more athletic Cavaliers team matchup against the NBA's ultimate model of consistency

in the Spurs? Will Tim Duncan tie Jordan in championships or will LeBron win his third

and get halfway to MJ? This is the NBA Finals I predict, but for the series winner and

NBA champion? It will be the Spurs. Cleveland is not as good of a team as last year's Miami Heat team and even though the Spurs are getting older and older, they're still the best team in the NBA.

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UPCOMING GAMES



BASEBALL SCORES

4/14	Albany	5	Stony Brook	6
	St. John's	8	LIU Brooklyn	4
	UMass Lowell	5	Binghamton	9
	Dartmouth	6	Marist	9
	Hartford	5	UMBC	20
	Quinnipiac	8	Mt. St. Mary	5
	UMass Lowell	2	4/18 UMass Lowell	2
	Dartmouth	4	UMBC	6
4/15	Binghamton	7	Binghamton	9
	Marist	3	Albany	11
	UMass	4	Georgetown	1
	Hartford	3	Stony Brook	4

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	AE RECORD	OVERALL
1 Stony Brook	9-2	19-11
2 Albany	4-3	10-14
3 Binghamton	6-7	12-14-1
4 UMBC	5-6	16-14
5 Hartford	5-7	12-22
6 Maine	4-6	14-19
7 UMass Lowell	4-6	8-19

Thursday, Apr. 23

Men's Track & Field
vs. Penn Relays
TBA

Women's Track & Field
vs. Penn Relays
TBA

Friday, April 24

Men's Track & Field
vs. Penn Relays
TBA

Women's Track & Field
vs. Penn Relays
TBA

Saturday, April 25

Men's Track & Field
vs. Penn Relays
TBA

Women's Track & Field
vs. Penn Relays
TBA

Softball
vs. Hartford
12 p.m.

Baseball
at UMBC
12 p.m.

Softball
vs. Hartford
2 p.m.

Baseball
at UMBC
2 p.m.

Sunday, April 26

Softball
vs. Hartford
11 a.m.

Baseball
at UMBC
12 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Around the League

Thursday, April 24

Softball

Quinnipiac vs. Hartford
2 p.m.

UMBC at Towson
2 p.m.

UMass Lowell vs. Central Connecticut State
2:30 p.m.

Quinnipiac at Hartford
4 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Baseball

Albany vs. Stony Brook
12 p.m.

New York Tech vs. Binghamton
12 p.m.

Albany vs. Stony Brook
2 p.m.

SOFTBALL SCORES

4/14	Binghamton	6	4/15 UMass Lowell	9
	UMass Lowell	8	Rhode Island	0
	Binghamton	8	La Salle	1
	UMass Lowell	1	UMBC	6
	Albany	4	Albany	10
	Colgate	6	Cornell	4
	Hartford	0	Stony Brook	3
	UConn	5	Fairfield	2
	Albany	6	UMass Lowell	1
	Colgate	3	Rhode Island	2
	Stony Brook	7	La Salle	6
	Fairfield	2	UMBC	0

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	AE RECORD	OVERALL
1 Stony Brook	7-2	21-13
2 UMBC	7-2	20-17
3 Albany	6-3	23-11
4 Maine	5-4	16-17
5 Binghamton	5-5	14-16
6 UMass Lowell	4-7	15-23
7 Hartford	0-11	2-34

MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Steven Adam
First-year outfielder, baseball

Steven Adam burst onto the scene last weekend, collecting three runs and spurring an eighth inning rally in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against



FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Alexis Bogdonavich
Fourth-year pitcher, softball

Bogdonavich threw a pair of complete games last weekend, the first of which was a win in which she struck out 12 batters. She threw her second shut-out Sunday, giving up two runs in nine innings and striking out 11.



THE BIG TIME

Highlights from last week's professional action

New York Mets catcher **Travis d'Arnaud** broke his hand in Sunday's game against the Miami Marlins.

Cleveland Browns quarterback **Johnny Manziel** apologized for his past behavior last week, pledging his commitment to the Browns.

Aston Villa FC knocked Liverpool FC out of the FA Cup Sunday morning by a score of 2-1.

Ottawa Senators goaltender **Craig Anderson** will get the nod for game three for the against the Montreal Canadiens.

The Boston Bruins fired general manager **Peter Chiarelli** after the team failed to make the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

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Baseball from B1

reached for the second time on an error, Bussey singled and Heath walked to load the bases with one out. The Hawks brought in third-year Jacob Mellin in relief, but it was too late. Chappell launched a sacrifice fly to right-center field to bring the score to 3-2 and Doran ripped a double, scoring two and giving Maine the 4-3 advantage.

Third-year Maine reliever Charlie Butler got the win, throwing two shutout innings to ensure the victory.

The Black Bears took the second game by an identical score in a similar game.

Fourth-year Hartford shortstop Trey Stover reached on an error and was batted around by a single from Mackinnon and a fielder's choice for a 1-0 Hawks advantage.

The Black Bears jumped on Hartford third-year starter Sam McKay in the bottom of the fourth. Adam continued to produce with a leadoff single and Heath singled to center, putting runners at first and third. Chappell grounded to the infield but reached as Adam

was thrown out at the plate. Morrill and Doran hit back-to-back singles, driving in three runs. McKay was tagged with the loss for the Hawks.

Bussey led off the next inning with a walk and scored when Adam knocked a double down the right field line.

The Black Bears endured a sixth inning rally when first-year starter Justin Courtney was relieved by third-year reliever Logan Fullmer. Fullmer struggled, giving up two runs in the sixth but was able to earn the save and a 4-3 win.

Courtney earned the win, going five innings and giving up just one unearned run.

Hawks outlast Black Bears

It was an outright duel on Sunday afternoon at the Mahaney Diamond as nine innings was not enough to decide game three of the series. Maine fell to the Hawks by a score of 6-3 in a 12 inning bout. Black Bears coach Steve Trimper decided to start fourth-year captain Jacob Gosselin-Deschesnes. Hartford went with third-year starter Bryan Murphy. Both pitchers pitched extremely well.

Gosselin-Deschesnes

could not be solved by anyone except for Hartford's second-year first baseman David Mackinnon. Hartford had just two hits through the first five innings, both coming from Mackinnon on singles to right and center field. After Mackinnon's first single he was retired instantly from a textbook inning-ending double play turned by Chappell and Bussey. The second time that Mackinnon reached base in the fourth inning he slipped his way around the base path to score and give Hartford a 1-0 lead. He stole second base, reached third on a ground ball and then scored on a sacrifice fly hit by Hartford's fourth-year right fielder Ryan Lukach.

Murphy had a no hitter going until the fourth inning when fourth-year left fielder Steven Adam cracked the code with a line-drive single to right field for the Black Bears. The next batter up was Maine's fourth-year captain Scott Heath who walked, putting two men aboard with Chappell at bat next. Chappell took the first pitch he could hit for an absolute ride over the center fielder's head, knocking in Adam to tie the game at 1-1 after four innings.

Maine struck again in

the fifth inning when third-year catcher Jonathan Salcedo crossed the plate on a perfectly executed suicide squeeze play to give the Black Bears a 2-1 lead. Salcedo got on with a four-pitch walk and then reached third on a hot hit, ground ball single up the first base line by Bussey. With runners on the corner for Maine, fourth-year centerfielder Sam Balzano laid down an excellent bunt for the suicide squeeze play to score Salcedo to give Maine the 2-1 advantage.

Chappell started Maine off with a leadoff double into the gap in left-centerfield in the sixth inning. Chappell's double was followed up by a single to right field hit by fourth-year third baseman Luke Morrill, advancing Chappell to third. Next up was third-year first baseman Brenden Geary who wore a fastball off of his shoulder, which loaded the bases for Bussey. Luckily for the Black Bears, Bryan Murphy threw a wild past ball allowing Chappell to score from third with ease increasing Maine's lead to 3-1.

Hartford called in third-year side-arm pitcher Jeremy Charles to relieve in the seventh inning. Charles did a great job retiring Black Bear hitters in the latter

half of the game. He was keeping Maine batters completely honest by changing up his pitches all afternoon. Charles was mixing in obscene breaking balls, change-ups, bringing his heat all over the strike zone.

The Black Bears decided to make a call to the bullpen in the eighth inning to Fullmer for relief. Fullmer leads the Maine pitching staff with the lowest earned run average on the season, but unfortunately Fullmer had a poor outing. He struggled in this game, finishing his one inning of work having allowed two earned runs and Hartford tied the game at 3-3. Lukach smacked a two run RBI double to left for his second and third RBI on the day to tie the contest.

Fourth-year closing pitcher Charlie Butler got the call for the Black Bears to come in and give Maine a chance to win in walk-off fashion. He did all he could, pitching three excellent innings keeping Hartford shut down. The Black Bears couldn't find any offense in extra innings and Hartford eventually got to Butler in the 12th. They put the game away in the 12th inning scoring three runs on five hits, running away with the win 6-3.

Fogel from B2

pen. Once we start doing things it will start to click. I think it will have a snowball effect."

Specifically looking to their next series, Fogel made it clear that the offense has to get working early and then produce often.

"We have to score first, score early, and score often. We need to make sure things we are helping our pitchers," Fogel said, "We need to have enough runs so that our pitchers feel confident. They're confident if we're confident as a defense, but that all starts with scoring runs."

If Fogel is able to hit like she did in the Lowell series, then the team should have no problem with giving their pitchers run support. Her role as a captain and offensive powerhouse aside, Fogel is just enjoying her time playing collegiate softball.

"As long as I am playing, I am having fun," Fogel said.

The fun continues at home for the Black Bears as they will host the Hartford Hawks on April 25 and 26 in their final home series of the year.



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