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## Dr. Servello speaks to leadership at a "State Flagship University"



The University of Maine Graduate School on an overcast day.

Sze Wing Wong, Staff.

**AJ Robison**  
Contributor

On Wednesday, April 5, Dr. Frederick Servello, Interim Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture, was the second of four candidates to give a talk on the UMaine campus. Dr. Servello's speech explained why he thought he would be the best candidate appointed Dean and Director of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture.

The talk, which lasted from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in 57 Stodder Hall, was followed by a half an hour question and answer reception. Around 80 people were in attendance. A majority of the crowd were adults, but there were a few students who attended as well.

Dr. Servello's talk was titled "Leadership with a Large, Diverse College at a State Flagship University."

Servello, who became an Assistant Professor at UMaine in 1996, became a full time Professor in 2007. He has been serving as Interim Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture for the past six months.

Members of the crowd were given a blue sheet at the start of the speech to comment on Servello's strengths, his weaknesses and whether or not they would recommend him for Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture.

Servello started out his speech by addressing both the positives of the college as well as the multiple pressures and expectations the college also faces.

In terms of opportunities, Servello spoke about how there was currently a huge optimism in agriculture for the state of Maine, as the state has over 8,000 farms, the greatest number of any state in New

England. He also talked about how UMaine brings new technologies to their forest sector. He stated that UMaine needs to look for better wood products and forest cropping systems.

Servello also stated that this was a great time for health care jobs because, according to him, it is predicted that 3,000 nurses will be needed in Maine and the New England area by 2025.

Servello then began to address negative pressures on the college, such as student debt and affordability. Servello stated that although these pressures were not on the top of his "worry" list, the college must still be mindful of them.

Other pressures he was more worried about include the increasing enrollment within the college, improving student success, having relevant academic programming as

well as workforce engagement.

Servello made it clear to the crowd that there is currently a high focus on increasing enrollment and he worries that the quality of classes could potentially be affected by this. He would rather see the focus be on maintaining quality rather than increasing enrollment because, according to him, a lot of programs within the college have doubled their number of students.

Another pressure Servello addressed were budget cuts. The college has taken around \$7.5 million in budget cuts. Although Servello said that this was a normal occurrence, he emphasized the importance of remaining competitive.

Servello also said that these budget cuts frustrated him because it forces the department to begin each year by trying to patch the holes from the

previous budget cut.

Servello then went into the last segment of his speech, which was about what he envisioned for the future of the college.

He started off by saying that the college needs a specific, strategic plan and he holds the leadership of the college responsible. Servello emphasized this by saying that for the 28 years that he has been employed at UMaine, he has not once seen evidence of a solid strategic plan that the college has developed to ensure success for the future.

He then talked about what the role of "dean" should entail. He stated that a good dean should act like a facilitator. He also talked about organizational hierarchies and how the dean and the 12 or so employees below the dean should create a tighter unit and work closer together.

Servello also stated that UMaine needs to work on

its marketing and communication. He said he would be willing to hire a communication specialist for the department, if he were elected Dean.

Servello also said that UMaine has a huge infrastructure challenge that needs to be addressed.

Dr. Servello ended his speech by briefly talking about his leadership profile and the specific skills he could bring to the role of dean. He said that he tends to favor strategic planning, strives for consensus, has a low key personality, is slightly extroverted, has been at UMaine for 28 years and was extremely proud at everything the college has achieved.

Following his speech, Dr. Servello was met with a warm applause from the crowd. Two more candidates who are eligible for the position will give their speeches on April 10 and April 13.

## UMaine seeing spike in out-of-staters

**Haley Sylvester**  
News Editor

The University of Maine is seeing a rise in out-of-state students committing to the Orono campus following the "Match Program" initiated in 2015. Several years ago, UMaine started its Flagship Match scholarship program, giving out-of-state students the opportunity to attend the Orono campus for the same tuition price they would pay to attend their own state's flagship public school.

This program includes Massachusetts and eight other states.

Jeff Hecker, UMaine's provost and vice president for academic affairs, explained that gaining out-of-state students will help push people to stay in Maine. "It's a good thing for the university, and it's also a good thing for our state. The more we can bring young people to Maine, some of them are going to stay."

The program was started to target two issues. Maine currently has the

oldest median age in the country and continuously fewer students graduating high school each year. Although Maine student's potential pool of applicants to the Orono campus has been shrinking, the Board of Trustees has halted a tuition increase for five consecutive years.

The program began to encourage the neighboring New England states of Maine to apply and attend school in Orono and has since expanded to include

See **Out-of-Staters** on A2

## Maine Outing Club receives funding for boating gear

**Jack Barber**  
Staff Writer

In the past, the typical Maine Outing Club's (MOC) boating experience consisted of underwear and a bicycle helmet, sitting on top of a kayak with goosebumps from head to toe. But now, the MOC may have access to kayaks, shirts, paddles, helmets, personal floatation devices (PFDs) wetsuits and more, making the kayaking trips a little more comfortable.

On April 5, MOC announced the news on their

Facebook page that they had received more funding from student government. With the river's ice finally broken up, the news comes just in time for this year's white water season. MOC will use the money to rent the gear from Maine Bound Adventure Center. Not only will they be able to accommodate more people, the thermal gear and wetsuits should extend the seasons.

"Thanks to our benevolent benefactors (student government) MOC has funds to rent out White-

water Kayaks / Cold Water Gear for spring trips! Check here for updates on kayaking / sit-on-top / canoe / rafting trips on the Penobscot River right in town!"

MOC followed up with a comment on the post announcing that kayaking trips on the Penobscot will be held Monday through Wednesday. The rapids just below the Stillwater-Penobscot conflux are perfect for beginners because they are fairly small and not too

See **Outing Club** on A2



## Out-of-Staters from A1

California, Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Hecker commented that Maine has been assertive in recruiting out-of-staters. For example, there has been billboards placed in Massachusetts advertising that students can attend UMaine for the same price as UMass Amherst.

Massachusetts students who meet the grade point average and test score requirements are awarded approximately \$14,527, give or take based on tu-

ition adjustments, from UMaine to bring their cost in line with UMass tuition.

Tuition and mandatory fees at UMaine add up to \$10,628 for in-state students and \$29,498 for out-of-state students. At UMass Amherst, tuition and fees are \$15,345 for in-state students and \$33,492 for out-of-state students.

According to UMaine, 430 students in the fall 2016 class were from Massachusetts, 327 of whom were given the flagship match scholarship. Since 2015, UMaine has seen a 41 percent increase in ap-

plications from students in Massachusetts. They have also seen a 56 percent increase from Connecticut, 26 percent from Rhode Island and a four percent increase from New Hampshire.

Hecker added that one of the goals at UMaine is to have a higher mix of out-of-state students. About seven years ago, the school had about 15 percent of out-of-state students, compared to 40 percent in the fall 2016 class. "That's about our goal," Hecker said. "We'd love to be right around there."

## Outing Club from A1

intimidating.

The announcement came after a winter of heavy snowfall that has mostly ended the drought that left rivers and lakes several feet lower than normal, dried up wells, harmed fish populations and threatened the livelihood of paddle sport rental businesses on smaller rivers such as the Androscoggin.

Tom Gordon, a member of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Con-

servation & Forestry told the Portland Press Herald "snowstorms are adding moisture to the ground. We still have some dry areas along the New Hampshire border, but the situation is much improved."

The Penobscot River doesn't have this problem according to visitmaine.com's whitewater page. "The season on the Penobscot and Kennebec begins in late April and ends in mid-October. Controlled daily dam releases from hydropower dams on these rivers guarantee water levels throughout the season, even during the driest sum-

mers."

The Penobscot has some of the best white water in Maine, especially the West Branch which runs through Baxter State Park and offers class five rapids.

Students can join MOC for \$20, which gives them access to any MOC equipment. For an additional \$20, students gain access to the MOC cabin near sugarloaf. MOC has camping gear, cross country skis, snowshoes and more, offering students the opportunity for memorable outdoor experiences. Like the MOC Facebook page for updates and events.

# This week in politics: Gorsuch confirmed, Syria airstrikes and Trump's meeting with Xi Jinping

Taylor Abbott  
Contributor

On April 6, President Donald J. Trump met with Chinese President Xi Jinping for a series of meetings that Trump described as "tremendous."

About halfway through Jinping's visit, President Trump had announced that he ordered a missile strike in Syria on an airfield, as a way to retaliate for the chemical attack suspected to be a product of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime earlier this week. The attack killed at least 72 people on Tuesday, in-

cluding 20 children.

The missile strike, which President Trump ordered on Thursday, launched 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at the same place that housed the warplanes that delivered the chemical attacks. This is the first time that the U.S. military has taken action against Assad. Six people were killed.

"It is in this vital national security interest of the United States to prevent and deter the spread and use of deadly chemical weapons," President Trump said on Thursday. "There can be no dispute that Syria used banned

chemical weapons, violated its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and ignored the urging of the UN Security Council. Years of previous attempts at changing Assad's behavior have all failed and failed very dramatically."

In a press conference on April 7, Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, announced that the U.S. is "prepared to do more" in Syria. "The United States took a very measured step last night. We are prepared to do more, but we hope that will not be necessary."

It is still in question as to whether or not Russia was involved in the chemical attack that prompted President Trump to take action.

There has been a history of tension between President Trump and China. During the 2016 presidential election, Trump referred to China as a "currency manipulator" and said, "We can't continue to allow China to rape our country, and that's what they're doing. It's the greatest theft in the history of the world."

On April 7, the Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch in a 54-45 vote. Maine

Senators Susan Collins and Angus King split their votes, with Collins voting in favor of Gorsuch and King against. Gorsuch will fill the ninth seat that has been vacant since February 2016, following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. In the vote, three Democrats crossed party lines in support of Gorsuch, who is currently an appeals court justice.

While many Republicans are pleased with the future Supreme Court Justice, Democrats are still unimpressed. Chuck Schumer, the Senate Minority Leader, said that

there will be "less faith in the Supreme Court" when Gorsuch takes his seat.

Republicans, however, argue that the Democratic party has been unfair to Gorsuch, saying that he is qualified for the nomination and that he has been unfairly represented. Part of their argument is rooted in the fact that Gorsuch is experienced and shares many of the same ideologies that Scalia possessed during his time on the Supreme Court.

Gorsuch will be sworn in on Monday, April 10.

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# “Feel Better Fast” series hosts “Stress and Procrastination” talk



Led weekly by the Counseling Center Staff, Nicole Cippiello, Special Topics Series” addresses ways to overcome life’s stressors and promote mental health.

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

**Jack Barber**  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 5, Nicole Cippiello, a doctoral intern at the counseling center, gave her presentation, titled “Stress and Procrastination,” in the Bumps Room of the Memorial Union.

The presentation was a casual discussion between Cippiello and spectators. They shared experiences and found common ground in the inevitable woes of academic stress.

As part of the “Feel Better Fast” series being planned by the counseling center, Cippiello covered common reasons for stress, positive and negative reactions to stress and healthy techniques for avoiding it all together.

“Feel Better Fast” is

holding lectures through April. There are three left in the special topic series, including “Social Anxiety and Introversion,” “Diversity and Inclusion” and “Intro to Mindfulness.” The lectures will be held every Wednesday this month at 12:00 p.m. in the Bumps Room.

The word stress has various definitions, depending on the academic or professional field it is being used in. A biologist might focus on the neurotransmitter imbalances in the brain to understand the issue, but sociologists focus on society’s role in creating stress.

One surprising fact, Cippiello said, is that some stress is healthy. Stress has helped keep humans alive by triggering the “fight or flight” response in life threaten-

ing situations. Carolyn Aldwin suggested that the heightened emotions experienced during stress may enhance memory in her book “Stress, Coping, and Development: An Integrative Perspective.”

For college students, however, stress is an unpleasant gnawing sensation that seems to imprison one’s mind especially approaching deadlines and finals week. As suffocating as the weight of academics can feel, there is still hope.

Cippiello listed a few of the common reactions students have when faced with stress, such as doubting one’s confidence or experiencing depleted energy. She also mentioned how important it is to stay positive. “We forget that this is going to teach us valuable things for our

future.”

One way to manage the stress is to avoid procrastination. A popular, but detrimental, coping mechanism is completely abandoning the effort, according to Cippiello. Students might also procrastinate by doing other daily life tasks such as laundry or cleaning. Cippiello suggested students ask themselves “what are the facts that it’s better to put it off? Can I make a small dent now?”

Cippiello also emphasized the effectiveness of “mindfulness,” a mental state achieved through focusing on the present time and place one finds oneself in. Mindfulness is often reached through daily practice and meditation.

In addition to their scheduled counseling meetings, the counsel-

ing center has provided a “do it yourself” page dedicated to stress reduction techniques. From this page, one can download stress relieving MP3s or read about several “stress reduction ideas.” The page says focusing on the way one breathes can help to reduce stress. When one is stressed their breathing is often constricted, leading to increased anxiety and muscle tension.

The page also suggests resting; either lying down, eyes closed, for two minutes to block out extra sensory stimuli, or taking a 20-30 minute power nap. Unfortunately, many adults struggle with sleep because of stress and then have worse stress because of lack of sleep, according to the American Psychological Association in what is referred to as the

“sleep-stress cycle.” Approximately 43 percent of adults say stress has kept them awake at night, according to APA surveys.

One of the links on the counseling center website’s stress page suggests engaging in exercise or recreation. When one engages in exercise the brain’s stress hormones, adrenaline and cortisol, are reduced, according to a Harvard Health publication.

These tips and many other resources, including the Mind Spa and UMaine Active Minds, are available to UMaine students. It’s often difficult to seek out help, but with end-of-semester pressures approaching, the counseling center urges students to do so.

## Williams talks democracy and the imperative of social justice education

**Taylor Abbott**  
Contributor

On April 6, Rhonda Y. Williams visited the University of Maine to present this week’s discussion at the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series (Controversy Series) in the Bangor Room in the Memorial Union.

Williams, an activist scholar, a professor of history and the founder and director of the Social Justice Institute at Case Western Reserve University, presented a speech followed by an open discussion with the guests in

attendance.

Williams introduced her own title “Democracy for Whom? The Imperative of Social Justice Education.” Her talk was split into four acts, followed by her slideshow, which explained how she teaches these lessons to her students.

Act one of her presentation discussed “The Promise of American Democracy; channeling James Baldwin.” Baldwin was a writer that served as a witness to truth. He spoke into being the unspoken about the “everyday mess of race-based humiliation.”

“Baldwin examined

how black people were constructed,” Williams began, “and how these constructions of black people perceived as servile, as less than, as criminal, as economic burdens of the nation impacts their treatment in the United States.”

Williams continued with the act, explaining that the violence that built the United States remains “woven into the fabric of the ‘democratic’ nation.”

Act two was titled “Radical, Democratic Humanism.” Williams spoke about Ella Baker, a civil rights and human rights activist who had a career

that lasted for more than five decades. Baker, who explained how marginalization and exploitation work “does this by diagnosing not only what everyday people suffer as individuals, but how they are in relationship with the system of power, that they are driven by perceptions.”

The act was closed with an introduction to the “I Am” model: “Who I am, who you perceive me to be, how you see yourself or not in the ‘I am’ exposes not only the evidence of things not seen, the evidence of things not said, but also amplifies the evi-

dence of things done,” she said.

Act three was titled “The Forming Mirror of Truth.” Williams talked about the three lessons that people must learn: participation, compromise and tolerance. She also spoke about Nathan Huggins, a leading scholar in African-American studies and his ideas of “a deforming mirror of truth: a conspiracy of myth, history and chauvinism.”

In the final act, Williams spoke to the audience about education and began to answer the “Democracy for Whom?” question. It is

important to analyze how people understand industry, how they define their political community and how they excavate in order to identify the narratives by which people make sense of their condition and interpret the common life they share, “or do not share,” Williams added.

After her 30-minute presentation, she opened the floor to questions from the audience. She ended her talk with a message to the audience, “Words are not enough. We need actions. We can’t lose our optimism.”

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# Weekly Updates

## This Week in Student Government

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

**Ryan Cox**  
Contributor

### New Senators and Officer Appointments

Melody Cropley had her observation this week.

### Club Maintenance

A group came requesting preliminary recognition for a club centered around Spikeball, a modified version of 2v2 volleyball centered around a small trampoline. The group will focus on learning the sport in a recreational and competitive setting. Granted.

### Club Presentations

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) thanked the senate for funding their trip to their AIChE Regional Conference.

### Executive Reports

President Kevin Bois was under the weather this week and his report was given by Vice President Jared Dumas. Bois used his executive funds to give \$200 to the South Asian Association of Maine (SAAM) for their Holi event on March 25.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Robert Beggin reported \$91,998.63 in unallocated.

Vice President for Student Organizations Jacob Johnson is still tweaking the student organization database and gave a shout out to SOC for meeting with clubs as part of the student

government outreach initiative.

Vice President for Student Entertainment Isaiah Mansour reported that the Maine Day concert planning is moving “slowly but surely,” having reached the contractual negotiations phase.

### Periodic Reports

The Board of Trustees’ next meeting will be on May 16. “There will be no Board of Trustees reports for the rest of the year,” Representative Samuel Borer said. “You’re welcome.”

The Chair of the Fair Election Practices Committee Alex Rahman announced that the votes had been counted and Senator Floreani was elected as President of the General Student Senate, and Senator Aromando was elected as Vice President. The inauguration will be held on May 2.

Legal Services finalized their budget last meeting.

Director of Communications Cody Rubner announced that a job posting has been lined up, with four positions open. He hopes to reach out to appropriate groups on campus to broaden the application pool. He has also been attempting to fulfill requests for new Snapchat filters, but all have been denied thus far. He speculated that this was due to him sending them as independent submissions, but organization submissions have a hefty bill attached to

them. Updates in upcoming weeks.

The Provost Council has been working with new and old execu-

tives to break down the UMaine budget, and figure out what’s being spent where. More to come.

### Reports of Standing Committees

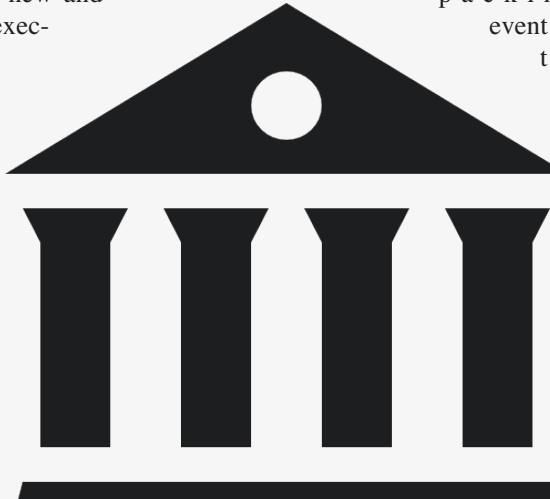
To improve the campus climate, Political Activism has begun planning a collaboration with Americans For Informed Democracy.

### Reports of Special Committees

UMS / Student Government Association Conference Planning Committee Representative Samuel Borer begged the other senators: “Please. Register. We’ve spent a ridiculous amount of time on it, it’s going to be awesome. I’ll post the registration one more time on the Facebook group.”

### Representative Board Reports

The Honors College Student Advisory Board has been preparing for the Maine Day meal packing event at the



Field House. With a planned 100,000 meals, it would be the largest meal pack in Maine history, and beat the record currently held by Harvard. And yes, this will be televised.

The Student-Athlete Advisory kickball tournament has been rescheduled for Monday, April 10. The first round begins at 4 p.m.

### Community Association Reports

The Student Health Awareness Council’s biggest and final event, the Multicultural Mosaic, will be held in the Memorial Union on April 7.

Student Women’s Association is preparing for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and will be hosting a Clothesline Project in the North Pod this Thursday. Beautiful Week will be held on the week of the 17th. A petition boasting

11,000 signatures regarding an on-campus pregnancy resource center has been sent to Dean Dana, with no response yet.

### Allocations

The Men’s Ultimate Frisbee team returned the senate’s funding for a now cancelled tournament. They decided to reschedule for a tournament being held this weekend. The request was originally listed as \$645, due to a miscommunication with the team treasurer. The team requested \$800 for five rooms for two nights and \$160 for bid, for a grand total of \$960. The motion was amended and passed.

### New Business

3D Printing requested \$3,113.69 for three new printers. Their current 3D printers are owned by the Mechanical Engineering department. The club allows interested individuals to request commissions at a price of \$0.05 per gram. This financial request does not include material, because it’s cheap and the cost is included in the commission price. Motion passed.

The Maine Peace Action Committee requested \$640 for their fall and spring newsletter. Passed.

Class of 2017 Council requested \$1,815 for buses, social media ads, printing and rental of a trampoline park for Senior Week. Historically, about 500 students attend. Passed.

An act from Policy and

Procedure to amend Part II of the financial policies was on the table. Specifically, Section 1, Subsection C, to give the President and Vice President of UMSG, Inc, an executive fund of \$2,000 each, rather than \$1,000. The President and Vice President use this as emergency funding for certain organizations or events. Financial Affairs estimated that Bois has “about \$200 left,” and Dumas has “about \$500.” Motion passed. “It’s the same amount of money in different places,” Dumas commented.

Services discussed a number of “little things”: There are plans for a pilot test for takeout swipes next semester, requiring a \$5 deposit on reusable takeout containers. \$3 million will be put towards renovations to the Bear’s Den, including the café and pub and the dining area surrounding it. Charging stations are up and Services may start advertising them. The only women’s restroom to have a working and well stocked feminine hygiene product dispenser is in the Bookstore and there are plans to fix that by placing more across the campus next semester.

Finally, discussions were held regarding an Inauguration Dinner. The event will serve as a final goodbye to executives and senior senators, as well as invite past executives to meet with new senators. No concrete details at this time.

## Join us to hear Maine’s very own Luke Holden - CEO and Creator of Luke’s Lobster!

Wednesday, April 12th, 6 - 7:30 pm at the Innovation Center

Learn about his experience creating and running a successful restaurant business!

Free pizza will be provided, and there will be plenty of time for Q & A!



CEO and co-founder of Luke’s Lobster and Cape Seafood, Luke studied finance and management at Georgetown University, and worked as a financial analyst before starting Luke’s Lobster.

Luke’s Lobster currently has 22 locations across the U.S. and 5 locations in Japan. With its processing plant Cape Seafood in Saco, Luke’s Lobster is dedicated to sourcing sustainable seafood and returning value to Maine’s fishermen.

Luke sits on the board of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative, The Lobster Institute, and the Tenants Harbor Fisherman’s Co-op.

The Lobster Institute is proud to sponsor this event in celebration of its 30th Anniversary of service to the lobster industry.



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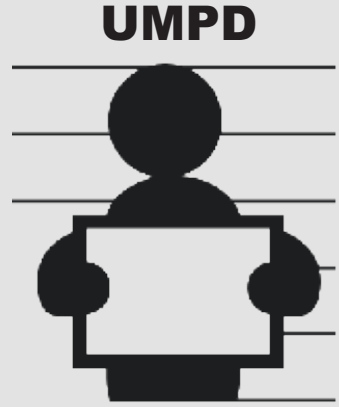
**Haley Sylvester**  
News Editor

## March 29 No more table tennis for you

3:45 a.m. - University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) officers on foot patrol were doing rounds through York

Hall Wednesday night when they came across three students, a female resident and two males, playing table tennis. Officers did not recognize either of the males and asked for identification. The males were identified as Antoine Pratt, 24 and

Terrance Thomas, 23. Both were non-students and listed their home address as the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. One week prior, Thomas was issued a trespassing notice for the university. When officers ran Pratt's name, there was an outstanding warrant



for his arrest and he was transported to Penobscot County Jail (PCJ). Both were reissued a one-year trespassing notice.

## Give us the lettuce

9:02 p.m. - UMPD officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana on the third floor of Cumberland Wednesday evening. Officers knocked on the door of first-year student Austin Davis who admitted to smoking. He had no medical marijuana card. He voluntarily handed over a small plastic bag of marijuana. He was summoned for possession of marijuana.

## March 31 I swear to drunk I'm not God, officer

11:00 p.m. - UMPD officers responded to a Resident Assistant (RA) call in Somerset Hall for noise. Officers were directed to a room on the second floor for a "loud party." Upon arrival, one of the residents of the room opened the door and officers looked inside. They observed "nervous" and intoxicated students in the room and a beer can by a student's foot. When asked who's beer it was, first-year student Jack Panneton, 18, admitted the beer was his by holding it up and saying, "Oh,

you mean this beer?" He was summoned for illegal possession of alcohol.

## April 2 Fight Club

3:55 a.m. UMPD officers on foot patrol heard a loud commotion in York Hall Sunday evening. They discovered the source of noise to be two students, Devon Ross and Chad Leasure, engaging in a "fight club." The two had no intentions of hurting one another. UVAC was called and checked both students out with no transport. Both students were summoned for disorderly conduct.

# Briefs

Quick news from around the University of Maine System

**Haley Sylvester**  
News Editor

## U.S. Destroyer ship launches missiles at Syrian Air Force base

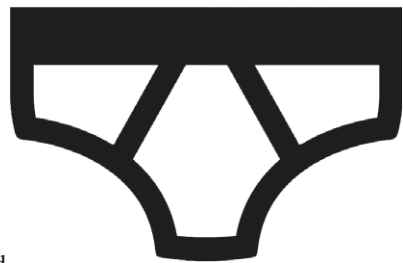
On Thursday, President Trump announced at a press conference that he had authorized an attack on the Al Shayrat air force base in Syria. Trump said the attack was retaliation for chemical attacks that killed over 80 civilians on Tuesday. The USS Porter and USS

Ross launched 59 tomahawk missiles from the eastern Mediterranean sea. The Syrian government has denied responsibility for the attack. The missiles were aimed at ammunition stores and fighter jets that are suspected to have launched the chemical weapons.

The Russian Foreign Ministry announced that Moscow, in response, has suspended a memorandum that required Russia and the U.S. to exchange

flight information in the region. Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said the attacks were "a significant blow to Russian-American relations."

The UN Security Council held an emergency meeting on Friday led by U.S. ambassador Nikki Haley, who said, "Our military destroyed the airfield from which this week's chemical strike took place. We were fully justified in



doing so." Syrian Ambassador Bashar Jaafari denied U.S. claims that Syria was involved in the chemical attacks stating that Syria doesn't have chemical weapons.

## ISIS Claims responsibility in Bombings at Coptic Churches in Egypt

At least 47 people were killed in two separate terrorist attacks in Egypt on Sunday. The first bombing at a church in the city of Tanta killed at least 27 people attending a Palm Sunday ceremony. Shortly after the Tanta bombing, another explosion killed at least 16 in front of a Coptic Church in the city of Alexandria.

ISIS has claimed responsibility on the Amaq news website, an outlet with direct intel from ISIS that has been described as similar to a propaganda apparatus. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi deployed troops to protect "Vital Facilities," and declared a three-day mourning period.

ISIS has announced its intention to commit violence against the Coptic Christian minority in Egypt.

## Stockholm Truck Attack Kills Four

Two suspects are in custody after a man stole a truck as it made a delivery, and drove it roughly 500 meters down

Drottninggatan street before crashing into a department store. Four people were killed and at least 15 others were injured.

The state railway shut down and evacuated all subways in Stockholm and Parliament was put on lockdown.

The suspects are being held on suspicion of terrorism. One of the suspects was an asylum seeker in 2014, who had his application denied and was given four weeks to leave the country in 2016. The man was already wanted by the police for refusing to leave the country. Swedish police said the suspect has had "sympathy for extremist organizations" in the past.



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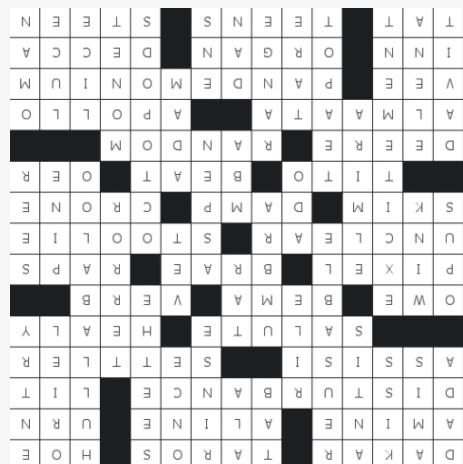


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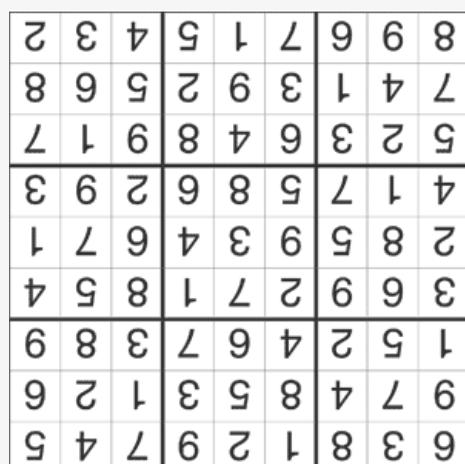
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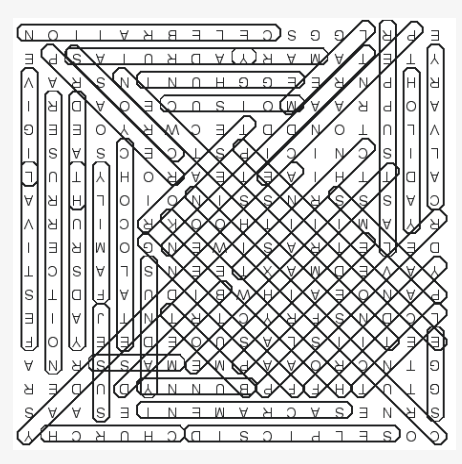
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# The World This Week



**April 9** - Hot air balloon accident in Turkey kills one and injures 7.

**April 9** - Bombing in Somalia intended to kill military chief, Gen. Ahmed Mohammed Irfid kills 17 civilians.

**April 9** - Police in Kashmir, India killed eight protesters boycotting elections to fill parliament seats.



# Opinion

Monday, April 10, 2017

## Editorial: Making time for charity

The UMaine community, as large and growing as it is, has the potential to do incredible feats of charity. We are thousands strong, yet participation in charitable campus events hasn't been at peak attendance. Recently, the annual Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS), fell short of its \$20,000 goal. The donations collected are destined for large and small scale cancer research and care needs — a more than worthy cause.

The Relay for Life is an intense event, meant to run anywhere from six to 24 hours with non-stop lap walking taken in turns by event-goers. Laps around the

track have themes — some fun, like a karaoke lap, and others much heavier, invoking loved ones lost in a cancer battle. The Relay for Life is meant to be exhausting as a symbol for the battle cancer patients must fight, day and night. The ACS writes on their event page, "Cancer patients don't stop because they're tired, and for one night, neither do we."

The emotional burden of ongoing charity efforts can't be swept under the rug. It can be tiresome to focus efforts year after year, but the hard truth about cancer is its strong, pervasive influence throughout the country. Cancer research is constantly improving current treatment

and therapy methods, detection and genetic testing. Beyond the larger movements in the medical community, there is always someone out there struggling in a nearby community who needs donations to receive critical patient care services. Though it's disheartening to hear the same pleas each year, we are moving toward an ultimate end goal of eradicating these life-threatening diseases.

Declining participation isn't necessarily a symptom of laziness or disinterest. Often, students hear about events only after the fact. Advertising for charity events on campus, as well as smaller club or intramural meetings, is split onto

several platforms. UMaine students have FirstClass announcements, Facebook class groups and organization pages, in-person fliers and word of mouth to rely on.

Even when events are cycled through most of these sources, there's still a good chance of missing them. Word of mouth requires connections and concrete details. FirstClass announcements are often disorganized — not to mention this server will soon retire. UMaine students don't unanimously use Facebook pages.

If we want to use our campus size to its full potential, there needs to be a single, established platform or better

coverage over multiple systems — with plenty of time for people to adjust schedules. Then participation boils down to each individual. The Relay for Life is only one example, and a harder one for many students. A 12-hour event is more difficult to fit into many, varied schedules than a one or two-hour event. And there should be no harm in widening an online donation pool or mail-in options, for those who really cannot make it in person.

Even when students do hear about an event in time, it is often given lower priority than other things in their schedules. This is largely a fair move. School, work and other essential activities

should take precedence, but charity is still a significant cause worthy of squeezing in. Smaller events may span only a couple hours. A small donation is even simpler to fit in — a couple minutes to send a bank transfer, or put some cash in an envelope.

Taking the time and effort to help some causes, especially in these tumultuous times, will do good on so many levels. It will make the individual feel great, help the charity of their choosing and support those affected, whether it be cancer, the war crisis or any other movement. Spending time on our community is vital as we move forward as a campus and nation.

## Which America first?

**Sam Tracy**  
Contributor

President Donald Trump has unveiled his 2018 fiscal budget, claiming it's an "America First" budget, to bolster the American economy and increase the security of our nation. Some of the biggest winners include the Defense Department, up by 10 percent (\$52 billion); Homeland Security, up 6.8 percent and Veteran Affairs, which will see a 6 percent increase in funding. These increases are no doubt made to fight terrorists both at home and abroad and hopefully help America's numerous forgotten veterans.

However, Trump also wants Congress to fund the first installment of the border wall he proposed during his campaign, which we now know needs to be around 30 feet high and aesthetically pleasing, as well as extend six feet underground to dissuade tunnelers. Early proposals recorded the cost of the wall anywhere between \$10 and \$20 billion. More recent estimates suggest an even higher bill. Supposedly, Trump will make Mexico

repay the U.S. for the border wall. He will need to use the power of the U.S. government to seize border properties of American citizens and the grand wall might even push some of them to the "wrong side" of the wall. Trump has yet to acknowledge the true cost of a wall fulfilling his requirements, but he cannot deny it will cost an awful lot of taxpayer money.

To fund the wall project, Trump's 2018 fiscal budget has drastically cut certain programs. The Environmental Protection Agency will see a budget cut of 31 percent as well as the end of many of its climate change programs. The State Department will lose 28 percent. The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice will all lose 21 percent individually. According to CNN, "the Trump administration will prioritize defense spending over diplomacy and foreign aid."

However, his proposed cuts give us a good idea of what the next four years will look like — more spending on defense and anti-immigration efforts,

less on low-income and vulnerable Americans. Granted, Trump's budget only covers a small amount of federal spending and showcases only a bare-bones skeleton of the real fiscal plan for 2018. But in his hunt for funding, Trump has cut out vital resources for elderly citizens and after-school programs for young students. Meal on Wheels, the longest running program of the Community Development Block Grant program, which operates under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will suffer from this new "America First" approach. Fortune reports that Meals on Wheels "served over 219 million meals to 2.4 million homebound senior citizens in 2016." With Trump's budget, most of those 2.4 million people will go hungry.

This news comes after Mick Mulvaney, director of Donald Trump's office of budget management, told reporters that meals in school for young, low-income students "don't work" in the way they are

See **America** on A7

## Why Trump's Syria action was warranted

**Brawley Benson**  
Contributor

Six years. For six years, the U.S. position in Syria has been supportive of the rebellion against Assad. We finance the rebels and give them the materials to fight an upward war. But the whole time, our focus has not necessarily been on subverting the Assad government — instead, the U.S. leads the international coalition against ISIL and finances the rebels on the side. This was true until earlier this week, when the U.S. launched 59 tomahawk missiles against a Syrian government air base. Is this a change in our policy? Will we now readily engage Assad face to face? Only time will tell. In any case, it was a bold, assured move by President Donald Trump in a situation that has needed this sort of intervention since its inception.

The reality is that the U.S. has been too lenient with Assad. In 2013, where was the strong response after the government used sarin gas in Ghouta? The government pledged to disarm its chemical weapon stockpiles — yet here we are, outraged after another slaughter. Excluding the day-to-day killings of innocents in Aleppo

— a once thriving capital, now rubbed to dirt — the government has committed numerous war crimes that the international community has spoken out against. As one of the biggest players in the Syrian conflict, the U.S. should be the one to address atrocity when it occurs, not cover behind human shields in the rebels.

This is not to say we have avoided all direct pressure on Assad. Diplomatically, the international community is pointing a finger at any action that could be considered inhumane or illegal and actually talking about the issue — more than we got in 1994. The result of this soft pressure? Well, not much. Assad agrees to resolutions with crossed fingers.

A strong statesman like Assad, disposed to killing his own people, will only respond to an equally strong reaction from the U.S. By striking directly after the government's use of chemical weapons early last week, the U.S. has drawn a line in the sand. No more joking around. Chemical weapons use is a serious violation of human rights — not to mention international law after the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention — and must be met with the highest degree of reasonable pressure from the

international community.

However, this doesn't mean the U.S. should become more aggressive in Syria's chaos. It is important to remember that the fear of an attack is often enough to deter aggression from a government. The demonstration of force is a powerful tool and ideally this one strike will be enough to prevent any more in the future. If the proper steps are taken now, peace may be on the distant horizon in Syria. Now, while the government is acutely aware of the U.S. disposition, is the time for diplomacy and peace negotiations.

The U.S. now finds itself at a fork in the road. Down one path is a grim future where the war in Syria is intensified, where the U.S. engages with Assad militarily but can't stop the conflict because of Iran and Russia — Assad's allies. The other path is more hopeful, where conflict is lessened after diplomatic work and negotiation. Under a traditional administration one might be able to predict which path the U.S. will choose. But Trump is different. His policies are unpredictable. Nobody can be assured on which side of the political spectrum he will lean next week. Let's hope he leans on the peaceful route.

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# Reconsidering foreign aid

**Jonathan Petrie**  
Contributor

We need to stop giving people in foreign countries free stuff. This sounds mean. I want people to do what they can to help their fellow person and that's why I think we should stop with the charity. The current foreign aid system is doing more harm than good, keeping the people of the third world poor and in poorer living conditions. There are ways we can really help these countries.

When I say foreign aid, I'm not just talking about the federal foreign aid that makes up a tiny portion of the bud-

get. I'm referring to the whole system of governments and nonprofit foundations that send billions of dollars overseas every year. Solving the poverty issue with this model will never work, because it ignores the conditions of countries that build wealth. So, what harm has it done?

Let's take the classic example of TOMS shoes. Although they have evolved their ways of charitable work, their "buy one, give one" charity should be examined. It seems easy and nice enough to buy a pair of TOMS and feel good that someone somewhere is getting a nice free set of shoes. People don't tend to think be-

yond the gesture and realize the economic consequences this has. If poor nations across the world are getting free shoes from TOMS, what does that mean for shoemakers in those poor countries? It destroys them.

It's hard to compete with free. No matter how cheap the person can make shoes, people are not going to buy shoes from them when they can just get them for free. To me, it would make more sense for a large company like TOMS to invest some of its resources in these countries. If you take someone that wants to make shoes in a poor country and work with them to build

the capital they need to make and sell shoes, you will do a lot more good. This provides manufacturing and sales jobs which will create more wealth and give poor people in these countries more agency in their lives. They can make money and spend it in a more robust economy. Free stuff destroys economic potential.

If helping the poorest nations is as easy as giving them free stuff and money, why don't we just do it? There are several estimates that ending poverty and hunger would not cost that much money. Going on the assumption that these numbers are correct, just giv-

ing the people that money won't work. In order for a country to become economically successful, it needs a few things. It needs a strong infrastructure, the rule of law, uncorrupt governments and a stable mixed-market economy. We should work to promote these aspects of society in order to help them.

Technological advances in the industrialized world are going to create an amount of social and economic inequality unlike anything we have ever seen. Making sure these countries can build stronger economies will help them achieve the same levels of progress of other countries.

We need to help people live the best lives they can. Eliminating global poverty is one of many things humanity will need to accomplish soon. When we are trying to help these people out, we need to make sure we are addressing the right issues. If rich philanthropists want to help, they should not give away free stuff. They should work with these people and invest in their economies to build a better tomorrow. If we do not reconsider our current methods, the world will continue to have perpetually poor people that are dependent on aid.

# Good for Facebook, not for history books

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A picture's worth a thousand words. The official portraits of President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump too perfectly summarize the first eleven weeks of the Trump Administration's work: out of focus. President Trump has perfected the art of defending his image in 140 characters or less, but the official images released were not up to standard.

Melania Trump's portrait, a nod to Nancy Reagan's photo in 1983, is very obviously out of focus. The photo released Monday on the Official White House website

shows the seasoned model turned First Lady fiercely staring down the camera, but something is off. In the photograph we find the focus on the large diamond ring, not her eyes. Maybe the camera was too intimidated to look the power-poised FLOTUS in her eyes.

The excessively air-brushed portrait was reportedly taken on Jan. 20 — this means there was plenty time to retake this unprofessional looking image, if only we could get Melania to return to the White House. The .png file released on the White House website offers no metadata or backstory of information on the camera used, camera settings or ed-

its made to the file. Currently there is no full resolution image available to the public, begging the question — what are they hiding?

Regine Mahaux, Melania's portrait photographer, is no stranger to the Trump family. A quick peruse on her site boasts many portraits of the President and family in the Mar-A-Lago White House. Mahaux has approved this photo to represent her work as a credible artist. I'm baffled this image was considered by the photographer, Melania or the Trump Administration as an option for an immortalizing photo. Bottom line, there is no excuse for this official photo's poor quality, but

what else should I expect from a photographer with her own theme music?

President Trump's official photo has also stirred controversy in the photography community. The image portrays exactly what it is meant to: a powerful, stern man you don't want to mess with whose next move you'll never predict — oh no! However, many elements of the photo and its creation were not given enough thought.

The identity of the portrait photographer remains unknown, but the equipment used to capture the photo (coming to history books near you) has sparked many questions. The DSLR used, a Canon 1D Mark III, is a

now discontinued ten-year-old camera. For once my Team Nikon arguments are set aside, conceding to confusion as to why an outdated camera was enlisted to shoot the President of the United States.

A quick glance shows the traditional presidential pin is out of focus and and White House background is poorly superimposed. The metadata provided shows the settings used push the ancient camera model's boundaries of what it's able to capture. A 640 ISO on a maximum 1600 ISO camera will be to distort the image with grain a pixel noise. This could have been avoided by actually taking the photo in front of the

actual White House and — I don't know, not from a studio in Mar-A-Lago? Or by using an upgraded camera body.

The Official White House photos are a small part of running a country, but why did something immortalizing and so easily fixable go wrong? Today, The White House Flickr remains blank, leaving these photos as the only representation from the Trump's time in office. These images will represent the leader of our county and they are simply embarrassing. A man with an agenda so heavily focused on how he is viewed by the public has let the literal photographic representation slip through the cracks. Shame.

## America from A6

supposed to. This means the Trump administration does not see any link between feeding hungry students and better academic performance. In our country, 1 in 5 children don't eat regular meals without in-school food programs. Since when does America need an incentive to feed hungry children? Will we also require incentive to feed our elderly?

Is it trivial for us to demand that Trump give this more attention? No, it is not. We cannot sit on the knowledge that there were programs once available to keep our neighbors alive and we let them fall away. In light of Trump's 2018 fiscal budget, we must turn a critical eye to who the budget cuts will affect. We need a president who puts all Americans first, not just some of us.

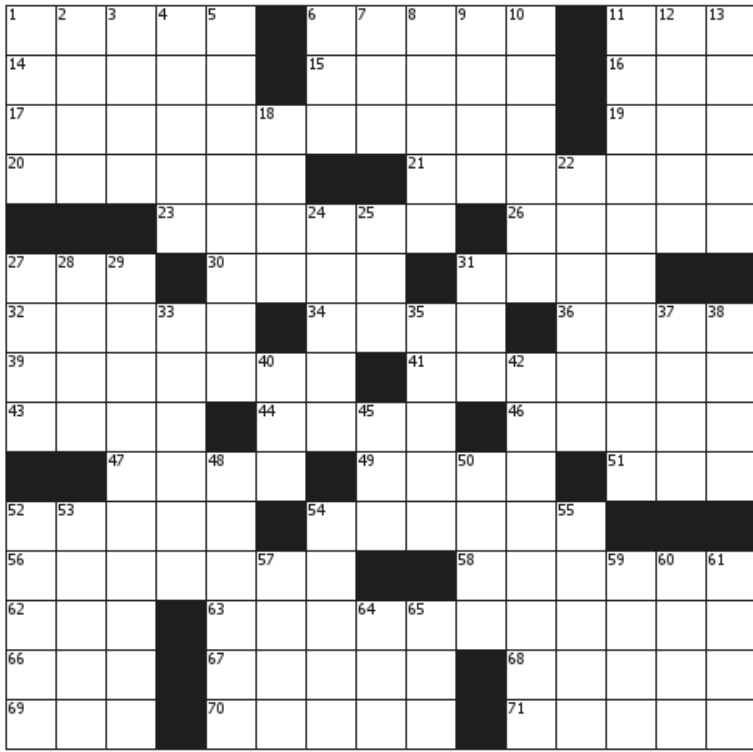
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<b>Fan Mail</b>	<b>Personal Mail</b>



# Diversions

## Crossword



### Across

- 1. Senegal's capital
- 6. Edible tubers
- 11. Do garden work
- 14. Ammonia compound
- 15. Skirt shape
- 16. Ornamental vase
- 17. Free-for-all
- 19. Stewed to the gills
- 20. Birthplace of St. Francis
- 21. Colonizer
- 23. Military greeting
- 26. Former Irish Nationalist Timothy
- 27. Be in debt
- 30. Public speaker's platform
- 31. "Sink" or "swim"
- 32. Dot on a monitor
- 34. Highland hillside
- 36. Gangsta recitals
- 39. Ill-defined
- 41. Squealer
- 43. Glance over
- 44. Moist
- 46. Hag
- 47. One of the Jackson 5
- 49. Policeman's route
- 51. Bard's above
- 52. Farm implement inventor
- 54. Indiscriminate
- 56. Kazakhstan's capital
- 58. Moonshot program
- 62. Churchill gesture
- 63. Extreme confusion and disorder
- 66. "Holiday \_\_\_\_" (1942)
- 67. Church instrument
- 68. Bing Crosby's record label
- 69. Feline, to Tweety
- 70. Group between 12 and 20
- 71. Dutch painter Jan

### Down

- 1. Baby's first word, perhaps
- 2. "Lucky Jim" author Kingsley
- 3. Affectionate smack
- 4. Nay sayers
- 5. Not designed to be thrown away
- 6. Pop-top
- 7. What's put before the carte?
- 8. Shampoo instruction
- 9. Fairy-tale beginning
- 10. Be boiling mad
- 11. Loud clamor
- 12. Bay window
- 13. Doorway
- 18. Stir up
- 22. Hardly a little angel
- 24. Blackest part of a shadow
- 25. Feather bed?
- 27. "Mr. Holland's \_\_\_\_" (1996)
- 28. Subtle come-on
- 29. Commotion
- 31. November 11 marcher
- 33. City in southern New York
- 35. Colorado resort town

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## Word Search: Easter

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BREAD  
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CALVARY  
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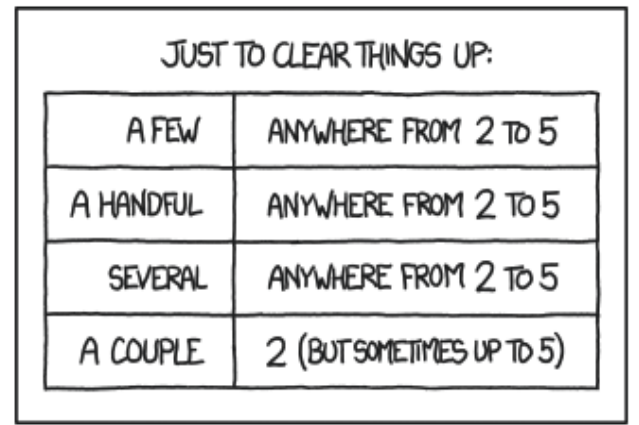
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By Randall Munroe



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## Word Scramble: Easter

- 1. bmrlaelu
- 2. ceooshctal
- 3. iskcch
- 4. lejlnbaey
- 5. dnusya
- 6. upilt
- 7. rhcsae
- 8. nsgipr
- 9. lirta
- 10. cyadn

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# A Black Bear Abroad: Stereotypes don't hold up in Santiago



A busy train station in Santiago, Chile

Jordan Houdeshell, Contributor.

**Jordan Houdeshell**  
Contributor

Studying abroad, it often seems like almost everyday something noteworthy happens. Whether it is something that you learn, something that you see or something that you experience.

After having lived in Santiago for three months, I have completely accepted the notion that, for the most part, the people living here have a cold demeanor and are generally standoffish at first. On the bus or the metro it is rare to have people smile at you or talk to you, as everyone just does their commute plugged into their phones. For the most part, people just mind their

own business and go about their lives.

This is not unlike most cities, though. Usually, in association with the faster pace of life comes the brisk and brusque attitude that cities are infamous for. I thought that Santiago was the worst of them, all until an experience I had changed my life.

It was getting dark the other night and a friend and I were walking back to the metro from having dinner at an Indian place around the corner. During the summer, it was not uncommon to be dripped on by an air conditioner unit in the window of an apartment, so when we felt water drip on us we didn't think anything of it at first.

That was until the woman behind us started yelling at us. We turned around thinking that one of our backpacks were open or something was wrong with her. After a very confusing conversation in Spanish, we realized she was trying to tell us that the "water" we had felt drip on us was actually a bird in the tree above us pooping on us.

Instead of just ignoring this, like so many people in the city have a tendency to do, this woman and her husband got napkins from a nearby street vendor and helped us get the bird poop off. It was an overall gross experience, but it was a reminder that even though Santiago is a city, there are still nice and

caring people here.

Another example of this can be seen on the metro and bus. Most the time, the public transportation is fairly crowded unless it is early in the morning or late at night. This means that most people end up standing, holding onto the rails and, at times, holding onto the people around them. The limited seats available are almost always taken, but no matter how full a bus or metro is, if a pregnant woman, anyone with young children or an elderly person gets on, people move to give them seats.

And it isn't just once in awhile that this happens, it is all the time. I have never seen someone who looked

like they were having trouble standing or could potentially have trouble standing have to stand for more than a second. Even on a packed metro, I have seen people work together to make sure a mother holding a baby or an elderly gentleman has a place to sit where they can safely make their commute. This might not be unique to Santiago, but it always strikes me how a city that can at times seem so cold, is so considerate.

Similar to these examples, when you go to the grocery store, the respect for the line is an interesting aspect. At some grocery stores in the city, people are vicious in their desire to check-out and leave the store, but at the gro-

cery store near my house it is different. If someone needs to get out of line for any reason, whether it be to get something else off the shelf or put something back or virtually any reason, the rest of the line respects their position. One time I had gotten in line and realized I forgot to get some fruit. It took me two minutes to pick my fruit and when I came back and got in my old place in line people told me to move up to my old spot.

It is interesting how even though Santiago may have a reputation of being such a cold place with little consideration for other people, in reality there are many examples of concern and care in everyday life.

## Tuesdays at the IMRC: Gedi Sibony illustrates minimalism

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Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, April 4, the Innovative Media Research & Commercialization Center (IMRC) concluded its spring artist lecture series known as Tuesdays at the IMRC. Brooklyn based Gedi Sibony gave an hour-long presentation of his work, followed by a question and answer session.

From his shoes to his glasses, Gedi Sibony looked effortlessly impeccable. A minimalist's dream, one could say. Born and raised in New York City, Sibony received his bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1995, continuing his studies at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. In 2000, he received his Master of Fine Arts degree at Columbia University.

Minimalist in his work, Sibony is not a minimalist in his everyday life.

"I understand why peo-

ple might say that, because I like to give breathing room to the encounter. Because that space, the order of a show, like a book, is meant to encapsulate the complexities of life, and for me, also to be an antidote to the confusion of life."

Space, arrangement and light play an important, if not one of the key roles, in presenting his artwork. Sibony is known for his use of discarded materials such as cardboard, plywood, metal pipes and more. One of the art pieces he talked about last week was a no longer roadworthy graffiti-painted truck parked outside of the St. Louis Museum of Art.

"I always reject ideas," Sibony said. "One day I finally said 'get up and put it up.' When these things happen, there are all these urges that say, 'Don't do it, it's ridiculous,' but these ideas never go away."

Sibony showcased his work all over the world as

an artist and a curator. He was featured at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, Block Gallery, Sydney, Australia; Saatchi Gallery, London; Galerie Neu, Berlin and more. In 2012, he was invited by the St. Louis's Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts to curate Emily Rauh Pulitzer and Joseph Pulitzer's collection.

"Emily Pulitzer saw my work as an extension of minimalist tradition, which she very happily collects," Sibony shared with the audience. "With the Pulitzer show, in my mind, I was creating an epic narrative."

For the Pulitzer show, Sibony wanted to embark the visitors on a historic voyage by instilling the sense of rooms in a house. "You walk into the room, you get situated," Sibony said.

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## UMaine's Multicultural Mosaic, where community meets the world

**Hannah Noriega**  
Contributor

There were a variety of culturally enriching events taking place this past week. Among them was the Multicultural Mosaic, which took place this past Friday, April 7. This event was created in order to allow students attending the university to get a small taste of the different cultures that are present in and around the campus community.

This event is a literal mosaic of "varying cultures and faiths" hosted by the UMaine Student Heritage Alliance Council (SHAC). The goal of the event was to "fill the Memorial Union with diversity, activities, music, and refreshments" as described by SHAC. Those who were invited to represent were among the university's student groups, clubs and

organizations. Each group was given either a room or a table in the union to decorate and make their own in preparation for the event. As a result, half of the Union had been turned into a giant fiesta.

The Asian Student Association had prepared their tables with exceptional decorum, including a smaller representation of their classic festival dragons, large hand fans of Asian style, authentic style cloths used to make different traditional clothing items, umbrellas, lanterns, hats and marriage candles.

"These are for marriage," vice president of the Asian Student Association Rong Zhang said about the candles. "When you get married, the candles are lit in the couple's room where they bow and thank their ancestors. It also serves as decoration."

The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) came fully equipped with all sorts of food, including chips, varying types of salsa, brigadeiros (a Brazilian delicacy) and other goodies. Their decorations included flags from each of the countries represented by the group and classic styled papel picado. They also brought a few classic college games from their arsenal, including ring toss and water pong. They will also be hosting coffee tables in the Union during the next few weeks as well as hosting Coffee Hour on May 5, or more colloquially, Cinco De Mayo.

The Spanish Club and the German Club came with goodies and news about their future events.

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# Alex Belanger: A drummer's point-of-view



Drummer Alex Belanger, in action.

Courtesy of **Lara Carney**.

**Lara Carney**  
For The Maine Campus

Various lists on crumpled pieces of notepaper hang beside a Celtics poster on the bedroom wall. The back of a paper menu with Sharpie scrawled over the sandwich options hangs below them. The menu with ripped edges proudly displays Alex Belanger's first gig as a drummer in the band Combatant.

Growing up in Dayton, Maine, Belanger started playing drums his freshman year in high school. He performed in his high school jazz band, but it wasn't the type of performing he hoped

for. "I'm not a percussionist, I just like to play the drums," he said.

He joined his first and longest-running band in 2008 and has since been in three others, including his current band, Combatant. Being a part of a band helps him keep playing and stay in practice. Each band has a unique sound, but he primarily stays within the hardcore punk genre, describing Combatant's style as "stripped-down punk."

By nature, the genre consists of very energetic and short songs. Sets go by quickly and end within 9-12 minutes. But Belanger said

that's "perfect." Keeping up with the constant high-energy performance exhausts the bandmembers — people react the second they start playing. And that reaction keeps him performing. "That's all you need," he said. "It's like, as soon as you see it, you know you got an "A" on your homework assignment."

Playing drums comes easy for Belanger. Drawn to the creative process, he enjoys staying connected to his music through writing and performing and appreciates the connections made in the process.

Belanger met one of his

current roommates, Brandon Aull, in middle school. "Together, we were the dynamic duo," Aull recalled, laughing. Studying audio engineering at Husson University, Aull raps in his spare time under the name B.Aull. Both make a point to support and attend each other's shows when possible.

But does Belanger's experience performing differ as a drummer?

Michael Blair, considered a "drum god" who toured with greats like Tom Waits and Elvis Costello, wrote in his piece published in "The View From Here" magazine, "I feel safe and protected

when I play the drums."

Being in the back, behind his bandmates and spaced out from the crowd, Belanger also finds this a sense of security. He absorbs the energy his bandmates release, all while sitting behind the safety of his drum kit. How each person performs depends on the instrument they play. "You work with what you have," he said.

Sometimes only inches from the crowd during his own shows, Aull agrees. "He has his band members' energy to feed off, I pretty much just have the crowd to feed off," he said. "I'm on my own up there."

But drumming has its limitations. Belanger sits in the back; the farthest from the crowd. And because he sits to play his instrument, he remains stuck in one place while his bandmates move freely in front of him. "I'm not sure the drums are the best seat in the house," he joked.

Despite its downsides, Belanger sees drumming as a large part of his future; striving to entertain, and always looking to draw that instant reaction from the crowd. He added, "That's all that matters, you made the music that people want to listen to."

## Annual Mr. Fraternity highlights some pretty weird talents

**Sarah O'Malley**  
Contributor

Last Tuesday, UMaine's Alpha Omicron Pi (AOPI) sorority put on its 15th annual Mr. Fraternity competition. The event spotlights one contestant from 13 fraternities on campus in a male beauty pageant style competition. The event began at 7 p.m. and consisted of three rounds, beginning with an introduction and progressing into a talent portion. Contestants advanced based 60 percent on donations to their fraternities and 40 percent on judge's scores of their performances, in which a representative from each sorority judged them.

All donations benefited the Arthritis Foundation, AOPI's chosen philanthropy. Many AOPIs could be seen organizing the event and collecting donations and Destiny Bureau and Carly Cosgrove, both AOPIs, emceed the event.

Erik Byrne of Alpha Delta was the first contestant to take the stage and his stand up routine started the event

off on a positive note. He roasted UMaine's parking services and student surveys, before concluding his performance with a very well received Donald Trump impersonation, boasting about a wall he would build at UMaine, which would be paid for in full by the University of New Hampshire.

Next up was Tim McGuire from Alpha Gamma Rho who entertained the crowd with his impressive violin rendition of "Something Just Like This" by The Chainsmokers and Coldplay.

The audience regarded the highlight of the night was undoubtedly when Alpha Tau Omega's Jack Brown took the stage. Brown came out with nothing but an Orono House of Pizza BBQ chicken and bacon calzone, which he proceeded to sensually devour as Celine Dion's powerhouse track "All By Myself" blasted from the speakers, much to the audience's delight. The performance concluded when a crewmember rolled Brown a Natty Light, which he wise-

ly declined to drink. Roses were thrown on stage and Brown finished his meal to applause.

But no male beauty pageant would be complete without an enthusiastic blond with a mullet, which in this case was none other than Beta Theta Pi's Adam Fortier Brown. He displayed his comical talent of shooting propped beach balls with a Nerf gun, which was executed expertly every time and to which he advised the audience not to try at home.

Delta Tau Delta's Sam Donnelly was next up and tried a few dad jokes on the audience. He harped on his nursing background, basing his jokes around it and even wearing his scrubs on stage.

The next performance amped up the crowd with dance moves, as John Laperele of Kappa Sigma showed off his flexibility and robot moves as MC Hammer's "U Can't Touch This" boomed.

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## Students showcase their creations at annual exhibition

**Aliya Uteuova**  
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Last Friday, April 7, the University of Maine Department of Art held an opening night for its 2017 annual Juried Student Art Exhibition at the Lord Hall Gallery.

On most days, the gallery is a place where one can enjoy art in peace and serenity. As you look through the window, you can see students rushing to their classes through the mall; but inside the gallery, time stops. Last Friday night, it was the other way around. The gallery turned into a buzzing place filled with noise, laughter and life.

"It's impossible to look at art during opening," Laurie Hicks, the curator of the Lord Hall Gallery, said.

There were 400 submissions and 80 of them made the cut. The exhibition was juried by UMaine alumna Anna Kelly and the department of art faculty James Linehan and Michael Grillo, who also serves as the department chair. The jury selected pieces that they believe show a high level of

conceptual development in their particular art medium. It took the jury six hours to judge the submissions. During the process, the names of the artists weren't displayed in order to allow jurors to look at the work itself.

The pieces selected by the jury were then organized and installed by Laurie Hicks and the coordinator of the gallery Susan Smith. The biggest challenge they've faced was finding space for bigger pieces. Paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, digital art, ceramic work and sculptures were included in the exhibition.

"All the [student art] exhibitions have their own character, richness and complexity, this one is no different," Hicks said. "This year's exhibition has real diversity in terms of 2D and 3D art. Students worked provocatively in terms of ideas and concepts, pushing their boundaries. I think the exhibition came together beautifully, and you can't achieve that as a curator unless you have good work to

work with," Hicks said.

First-year art education Sarah Santerre enjoyed the exhibition and took notes on the ones that stood out to her. "Just being around so many good artists really inspires me to be better," Santerre said. "Usually artists don't think that their art is the best, because you can always do better."

During the opening reception, studio, art history and art education students were recognized for their work. Scholarships, travel grants and exhibition awards were presented to nearly 50 students who have excelled in their field. President Susan Hunter, Provost Jeffrey E. Hecker and Dean of Students Robert Dana presented awards to students whose pieces will be displayed in their respective offices.

"Whether they win an award or not, students should be proud, even those who didn't get into the exhibition," Hicks said. "They

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# Reviews

## MUSIC

“Lifer”, MercyMe’s newest album, to be added to their popular collection



**Hannah Noriega**  
Contributor

This band has a unique story all to their own. The development of their band was a process that, they say, was led by God himself. Bart Millard, one of the vocalists, was on the path to being a football player through high school until both of his ankles broke, forcing him to take a choir class instead of continuing practices.

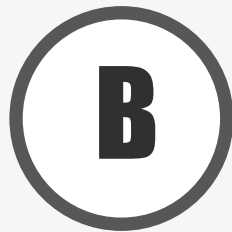
He enjoyed it so much he ended up joining his church’s praise team. There he met Jim Bryson, who plays the keyboard (and who is currently taking an extended leave from the band with his family). They then traveled with the church to Europe where they picked up guitarist Mike Scheuchzer. They originally formed MercyMe. After becoming more and more popular, they teamed up with bassist Nathan Cochran and percussionist Robby Shaffer. Even later, Christian artist Barry Graul of Whitecross joined the band as an additional guitarist.

They signed with INO Records and put out their first release in 2001 and have been releasing follow up albums nearly every other year through 2009, then again from 2012 to now. In 2006, the album “Coming up to Breathe” landed number 13 on Billboard’s top album charts. Their next album landed top 20 and the following hit up the top 10. Their latest album was released on March 31, titled “Lifer.” So let’s take a look.

“We Win” has some of the best lyricism on the whole album. It may not be my favorite song, but to me it is much less repetitive than the other songs and offers a great deal of creativity.

The song “Lifer,” after which the album is named, is a hot hit surprise. If you liked DNCE, then you will

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like this track. It is a great song to party to. It really makes you want to throw your hands up and figure around. You may not expect this from a Christian album, but you should add it to your playlist immediately.

After hearing “You Found Me,” you get the feeling that this group took a lot of inspiration from across the board when it comes to mainstream pop songs. It definitely has a similar tune and feel as another popular track that people jam out to. If you can figure it out, then kudos to you, because it’s too generic to pin down for me. Either way, they put a great spin on it and made it their own.

“Happy Dance” gives me the same vibes as Pharrell’s “Happy.” Another jump up and dance song, they really aim to get you moving in this album. This song is a call for all those with the inner joy that comes from knowing God to show it off by coming up “where words fall short.”

One of the songs that is less enjoyable is “Ghost.” The rest of the album produces such an excited feeling that you may not be prepared for this more solemn single. This song is very unique, as opposed to the rest of their album. It’s not dislikeable, it is sweet sounding and very inspirational feeling, but it’s out of place.

The album is fun and has a great energy with it. Given the acclaim this band has, especially among Christian contemporary stations, you should definitely give it a whirl. It is a sound that everyone could enjoy.

## MOVIE

Though cute and clever, “The Boss Baby” bores



**Nathaniel Trask**  
Culture Editor

It’s not often that you see a movie that was based off the premise of a children’s book, but when it does happen, it’s surely something to pay attention to. DreamWorks Animation debuted Tom McGrath’s film “The Boss Baby” in theaters recently across the United States. With a dazzling and popular cast and a clever plot objective, this one will seem promising all the time while you are watching it, however it is not until after the movie that you might finally realize that it’s just no good at all.

The film brings in a lot of notable celebrities to star in the main roles, including Alec Baldwin as the titular character, The Boss Baby, Tobey Maguire as Timothy Templeton, the narrator and Steve Buschemi as Francis E. Frances, the CEO of Puppy Co. Jimmy Kimmel, the notable host of the ABC late-night talk show Jimmy Kimmel Live! and the 89th Academy Awards, voices Ted Templeton and Lisa Kudrow, who was well known for her role as Phoebe Buffay on Friends, voices his wife.

The story is centered around the storytelling by an adult Timothy Templeton, elaborating on the time when he was seven years old and living a happy life with his two parents, envisioning that the three of them would live joyously forever together. This dream of his is interrupted by The Boss Baby, who shows up at his house in a taxi and is announced to be Timothy’s little brother. From then on, it is learned that The Boss Baby is a secret agent who is fighting in the secret war between babies and puppies, which, for some, it can be hard to take sides on.

“The Boss Baby”

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shows plenty of promise and draws people in with the clever slogan “Born Leader” heading it’s theatrical release posters. It definitely provides the laughs that a good animated film would do, too; it just fails to execute on multiple fronts, unlike other Dreamworks animated films, like everyone’s favorite “Shrek.” This is because of the nature of the beast. Weighing too much into making it funny can draw away from the development of a unique story and this one seems utterly predictable. The star-studded cast definitely makes this one worthy of going to see in theaters, but it’s inexplicably dry for such a creative work.

The film faced a massive premiere rescheduling affair when it was pushed back several times until it finally opened on March 31, taking the place of the premiere of “Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie.” It’s hard to tell how that one would have fared against “The Boss Baby,” but if you are looking for a rebound movie after going to see this current one, perhaps go see “Captain Underpants” which debuts on June 2.

There is some consideration for a possible sequel to the film that would potentially be written by the same screenwriter, Michael McCullers and include the tentative title “The Bossier Baby.” Until then, feel free to check this one out in theaters and see what you make of it.

## RESTAURANT

“Nest” makes name for itself in downtown Orono



**Sarah O’Malley**  
Contributor

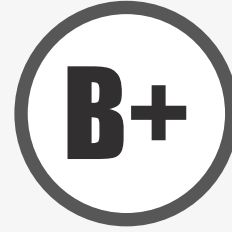
Last October brought the opening of a new coffee shop in downtown Orono, much to the delight of UMaine students. Nest set up shop on the corner of Main and Mill Street and offers a variety of coffee and tea options, as well as baked goods and bagels.

Coffee is the staple of the café and is made very well. They get their beans from Farm House Coffee Roasters in Bangor and they are undoubtedly delicious; \$2 for a small, \$2.50 for a medium and \$3 for a large is very reasonably priced and an additional 50 cents for any flavor shots. Your choices in flavor shots range from classics like vanilla, caramel, white chocolate and hazelnut, to more interesting flavors like gingerbread and peppermint. They also carry pumpkin spice for a seasonal effect. Their drip coffee is tasty, but if you want an upgrade, their choice of espresso drinks will float your boat too. Cappuccinos and lattes cash in around \$3.75 and are composed of an espresso shot, steamed milk and foam (with the cappuccino boasting a lot more foam and a lot more fun).

Where they really excel, however, is their tea selection. You can get classics like black and green tea (hot or iced) at \$2.50 for a small and \$3 for a large and you will probably be content. But if you are feeling a little more adventurous, I would highly recommend the Thai Tea. The bright orange concoction is delicious and memorable, made up of 50 percent brewed sweet tea and 50 percent half and half. You can choose between hot or iced (I prefer the iced option) and whether you’re eating in or taking it to go it’s sure to satisfy your sweet tooth; it’s essentially a drinkable dessert.

The highlight of the food offered at Nest are the bagels, sourced lo-

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cally from Bagel Central. Chewy and delicious, your options are to pair them with cream cheese or on a breakfast sandwich. The classic breakfast sandwich (sausage, bacon, or ham with eggs and cheese) is \$4 and the fancy Lox n’ Bagels option (smoked salmon, cream cheese, tomato and onion) is \$6.50. They also offer oatmeal (\$2), yogurt (\$4.50) and the very popular Acai bowls (\$7.50). Nest is even offering Belgium Waffles as a special going on right now at \$5 for 1 or \$9 for 2.

I tried out the Lox n’ Bagels option which was tasty but mushy, probably from not using fresh ingredients. They also offer plenty of baked goods baked by the co-owner Anna, which are impressively enjoyable for a quick bite. My personal favorites happen to be the lemon poppy seed muffins and the jumbo chocolate chip cookies.

Their space is small but cozy, with cushy pillows and large windows that make the café the perfect study lounge for UMaine students. Many students opt to set up shop at tables for long periods of study time, occasionally refilling their coffee cups and satisfying their hunger with copious numbers of bagels. This can make finding spots to sit tricky, but Nest encourages table sharing as a courtesy.

If you’re looking for a quiet study spot where you have access to free Wi-Fi, good coffee, snacks and quiet Norah Jones tunes, Nest is for you. It makes an excellent addition to downtown Orono’s student friendly atmosphere, so stop in next time you can.

## HOPE from A12

the education coordinator of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. Since 1988, the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine has been working for peace and social justice through nonviolent activism.

“My favorite part of HOPE Festival is celebrating all of the good work that different groups and individuals are doing,” Allen said. “There is a lot of positive energy here. Often when we have programs [re-

garding peace and justice] we talk about horrible things, such as racism, war conflicts, hate, and that — we have to deal with.”

“One often gets discouraged,” Allen said. “Today, you come together here where there are all these people doing all this good work on the environment, human rights and health care. It gives you encouragement to celebrate all this positive energy. It is a way of appreciating how many people we have in our community who are caring and really do good work. It’s hopeful.”

## Rape from A12

Trump and his comments, one mustn’t overlook his wealth, race, sex, sexual orientation and social class, all of which contributed to voters overlooking these egregious comments and electing him President. White privilege often intersects with rape culture and can be seen recently in Trump’s case and the infamous Brock Turner rape scandal.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere” is

a common social justice phrase and is clearly relevant to dismantling rape culture. Rape culture coexists with transphobia, ageism, heterosexism, white supremacy, white privilege, racism, sexism, xenophobia, colonialism, homophobia and ableism — and to demolish rape culture, we must fight these battles as well.

So what can be done? How does each person make a difference in the culture of our country?

To get rid of rape culture, we must replace it with another and Sessoms believes the an-

swer is something called “consent culture.” Defined by onlywithconsent.org as “a culture in which asking for consent is normalized and condoned in popular culture...we will live in a consent culture when we no longer objectify people and we value them as human beings.”

If consent culture had a motto it would be “open dialogue and mutual respect.” So talk about the issues of rape culture, support victims and survivors, don’t victim blame or shame, don’t tolerate rape jokes, educate others, challenge norms

and stereotypes, help others in unsafe situations, respect boundaries and end all oppressions. As Sessoms herself says, “dismantle the oppressive establishment.”

Resources for students who have been sexually assaulted on campus include the Office of Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention (207-581-1406), the Office of Community Standards, Rights, & Responsibilities (207-581-1416), the UMaine Counseling Center (207-581-1392) and Culter Health Center (207-581-4000).



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**A drummer's perspective**

In a Maine Campus exclusive, Lara Carney profiles Alex Belanger.

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## UMaine welcomes 23rd HOPE Festival amid desire for peace



Keith's Custom Art creates oil paints at the 23rd annual HOPE Festival, Orono.

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

**Aliya Uteuova**  
Staff Writer

The 23rd annual Help Organize Peace Earthwide (HOPE) Festival was held at the New Balance Student Recreation Center last Saturday, April 9.

Coordinated by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, the festival brought together 66 local organizations. Among them were Spruce Run — Womancare Alliance, Penobscot Young Democrats, Wabanaki Marketplace, as well as several UMaine student groups such as Engineers Without Borders, UMaine Nursing International, Divest UMaine and more. Peace, environmentalism, social justice and acceptance were the central topics of the festival.

WERU-FM Community Radio based in Blue Hill,

Maine was tabling at the festival for the second year in a row. Charlie and Pat Pugh shared the history of the radio station that was on air since 1988. Now, the station is run by 70 radio host volunteers, with more than 200 people behind the scenes.

"People come by to say 'Hi' and give thumbs up," Charlie Pugh shared.

Anna Fischer, second-year marine science student said, "I was really impressed by how well different booths were put together, and how much time everybody was able to put in to create their displays." It was her first time attending a HOPE festival. "There are so many different diverse groups there, and all of them recognize how important hope is for their organizations and for what they stand for," Fischer said. "I am

definitely coming back next year."

Third-year UMaine student Aya Plourde was tabling for UMaine chapter of Best Buddies, which she is the president of. Best Buddies at UMaine pairs people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with college students.

"It's nice to be surrounded by people who have progressive ideals on the foundation of inclusion and prosperity," Plourde said. "It's an upbeat kind environment. I had a lot of really nice interactions with people I never met and with kids."

College students who attended the event got to experience a rarity: seeing children. A lot of them. In fact, there was a whole section dedicated to children with games, circus

performances, face-painting and more.

The visitors were greeted by colorful origami cranes hung along the rails of running tracks.

The food court offered a variety of homemade, fairtrade and locally-sourced food, such as coffee, ice cream, baked goods and more.

At the heart of the Rec Center, past the tables, rows of black and white tapestries were laid out for passersby to paint. Gradually, the tapestries transformed as more and more people added color to them.

"I feel like it's my community," François Amar, Dean of the Honors College said. He is a member of several organizations that were present at the HOPE festival, including National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(NAACP). Amar shared that he has been coming to HOPE Festival for many years and was among those tabling in the past.

Mariana Orias from the College of Atlantic designed one of the prints for the tapestry. Her design depicted Pachamama, a goddess of fertility in Inca mythology. People believe that Pachamama, also known as Mother Nature, uses her powers to sustain life on earth.

Many in South America believe that when people take too much from nature, Pachamama punishes people by causing earthquakes.

"I didn't know what to draw. When I was told that the whole idea behind festival is peace, justice and environment, I thought of Pachamama. She has the power to sustain

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Tuesday, April 11

**The American Experience in World War I**  
4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.  
Little Hall  
Free

Wednesday, April 12

**Wednesdays at the Wilson — Dinner and Dialogue**  
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.  
Nutting Hall  
Free

Thursday, April 13

**25th Annual Harold W. Borns, Jr. Symposium**  
12 p.m. — 2 p.m.  
Wells Concourse Center  
\$4 — \$6

Friday, April 14

**School of Economics Seminar**  
12 p.m. — 12:50 p.m.  
Winslow Hall  
Free

life on this earth," Orias said.

UMaine philosophy professor Doug Allen has been instrumental in organizing the HOPE Festival since its inception. A founding member of the Maine Peace Action Committee, Allen serves as

See HOPE on A11

## "It's On Us" Rape Culture Workshop discusses privilege and power

**Sarah O'Malley**  
Contributor

The biggest myth surrounding sexual violence is that it has to do with sex. It doesn't. It has to do with power.

Arianna Sessoms, a B.A. Graduate Assistant at UMaine's Office of Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention, examined rape myths and their contribution to rape culture as part of last Wednesday's Rape Culture Workshop. The event was part of a week long program titled "It's On Us" which intends to raise awareness and educate students about sexual harassment, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking.

The workshop began by clearly outlining consent as "a clear, unambiguous and voluntary agreement to participate in sexual activity...it is not passive, it is not present if the person is asleep, unconscious, or mentally incapacitated due

to drugs, alcohol, or other conditions... and it must be present even if there's a longstanding relationship." And, most importantly, "consent can be taken away at any time."

Sessoms provided plenty of statistics to back up her stances on rape culture, highlighting that one in five women will be sexually assaulted by the time they finish college. For men, the statistics are one in 33. Men typically report sexual assault at an even lower rate than women, which can skew such statistics, but sexual violence remains a gendered crime.

Speaking about reporting, Sessoms argues that sexual assault is the most underreported crime there is, especially at universities.

Most sexual violence targets victims aged 12-34 and who are transgender are at the highest risk. The majority of victims know their attacker, or attackers and roughly 50 percent of incidents involve alcohol use.

Situations like these can make involving the police seem troublesome, which complicates some situations, since the University of Maine has a mandatory reporting system that requires all faculty (including student-workers) to report incidents of sexual assault or violence to law enforcement. This can cause some discomfort, as many argue that involving the police can lead to more strife for the victim. Statistically speaking, only three percent of rapists ever serve a day in jail.

So how do these statistics relate to rape culture and what is rape culture? Sessoms quoted Emilie Buchwald's "Transforming Rape Culture" to define it as, "a complex set of beliefs that encourage male sexual aggression and supports violence against women." The idea that rape is an unavoidable part of life and must be accepted is a major component of rape culture and Sessoms argues that sexual violence does

not have to be the norm.

Components of rape culture that fuel its fire include jokes, victim-blaming, sexual condescending, sexual scripts, rape myths and alcohol. Sessoms talked about how joking about rape occurs even at UMaine, where students may remark that they got "raped" by a particularly difficult exam or an 8 a.m. class. While it is hard to change your language framework to be more appropriate, it was stressed that students should always remember that while you may want to joke about rape, you should never imply that rape is a joke.

The workshop progressed to delving into to why rape culture exists, examining cultural norms as a framework for the environment of rape culture. Toxic masculinity, simplified as the rejection of anything feminine, hurts both men and women and contributes to male sexual aggression. Misogyny (the hatred of women), heteronor-

mativity (the idea of heterosexuality as the norm), heteropatriarchy (the idea that society values men and heterosexuality over other sexual orientations) and slut-shaming (condemning women for enjoying sex) all intersect and come together in today's culture to fuel an environment where sexual violence happens regularly.

An example of rape culture that most students encounter but may not realize on a day-to-day basis is how sexual objectification and violence intersect with language. When college students describe a sexual encounter, they might be tempted to exclaim "tap that," "hit that," "ride it," "bang," "screw," "nail," "plow," "wreck," "tear that s-t up," or even "f-k." All of these are example of how our modern day language conflates sex with violence. Take the common insult "motherf-ker," for example. Sessoms explained how the term derives from the days of slavery when

slave masters used to regularly rape slave women. Most people do not understand the connotations they use when their day-to-day language describes sex in terms of violence. But language can evolve and rape culture can be changed.

But progress is not always linear and one of Sessom's final points took a political turn, for then-president elect Donald Trump's infamous "grab her by the pussy" quote could not be overlooked when discussing rape culture.

Colonialism has always been a cornerstone of American culture, starting with the birth of our nation with the taking of Native Americans land, which included systematically raping Native women. Taking what you want is a staple of American culture and Trump's admission of sexual assault is a prime example of that, according to Sessom. When examining

See Rape on A11



## UMAINE RESULTS



### MEN'S BASEBALL

**Black Bear baseball finally hits its stride.**

*Overcomes Hartford in Saturday doubleheader.*

**B3**

4/8	Men's Baseball vs. Hartford	Win	1-0
	Men's Baseball vs. Hartford	Win	3-2
	Women's Softball @ Hartford	Win	7-6
	Women's Softball @ Hartford	Win	6-2
4/9	Women's Softball @ Hartford	Win	8-4

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4

### SOFTBALL

**Softball team puts on a show.**

*Black Bear women win three straight match-ups.*

**B5**



## Women's softball stuns with wins across the board



File Photo.

### Griffin Stockford & Will Nash & Marcus Caliendo

For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team traveled to Hartford, Conn. on Saturday, defeating the University of Hartford Hawks 7-6 in the first game of their doubleheader.

Second-year third baseman Alyssa Derrick, second-year short-stop Laurine German and third-year center fielder Rachel Carlson led the Black Bears with two hits apiece in the victory. The Hawks were led by third-year designated hitter Bianca Ross, who had two home runs and a double.

With the score 1-1 going into the fourth inning, the bats on both sides started to heat up. Hartford took the lead with two runs in the top half of the inning on a two-run home run to deep center field by Ross. But Maine responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the fourth, capitalizing

on errors by the Hawks to tie it 3-3.

The Black Bears added two more runs in the fifth inning. Carlson reached base with a bunt, stole second and then scored on a single by fourth-year catcher Rachel Harvey to center field. Harvey then worked her way to third and scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-3, Maine.

But Hartford had an answer and that answer was another two-run Ross home run, this time over the left field wall. The home run was Ross's third of the season and second of the game to tie it back up at 5-5.

Then, in the top of the sixth inning, German started off the inning with a single and found her way to third on a single by third-year pinch hitter Faythe Goins. German then scored on a wild pitch. First-year Emily Gilmore, pinch running for Goins, moved to third on a wild pitch and then came home on Carlson's two-out single to center field for a 7-5 lead.

Things were tense in the seventh inning, as the Black Bears faced the heart of the Hawks' lineup. After fourth-year Danielle DeMarco doubled, Ross stepped in and blasted a double of her own to drive DeMarco home and cut the deficit to 7-6. But Hartford was unable to score another run and the Black Bears escaped with the win.

Maine fourth-year starting pitcher Erin Bogdanovich lasted five innings, tallying four strikeouts, one walk and two earned runs. Third-year Annie Kennedy got the win in two innings of relief.

Second-year Hartford starting pitcher Melissa Pereira allowed seven runs, only four of them earned. The Hawks' two errors proved vital, as they both led to Black Bear runs. Pereira also tallied three strikeouts and gave up eight hits.

**Maine wins second game of doubleheader at Hartford on Saturday**

In the second game of

UMaine's doubleheader versus the University of Hartford, the Black Bears picked up the win in decisive fashion, by downing the Hawks by a score of 6-2.

The key to Maine's victory was a four-run inning in the bottom of the first, a response to Hartford's single run earlier. With the win, Maine improves to 7-17 on the season, 2-0 in the conference and extends their win streak to four. The loss just adds to the misery of Hartford as their record drops down to 3-28 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

Third-year pitcher Molly Flowers got the start for Maine. Flowers stood stout, allowing only two runs, one of them earned and surrendered only four hits. Her eight strikeouts were a season-high. In the first inning, Flowers gave up her only earned run off a home run from Hartford's third-year center fielder, Elizabeth Newkirk.

Maine responded quickly in the bottom

half of the inning. German smacked a solo home run, the first of her career which knotted the score at 1-1. Maine wasn't done there as Derrick had yet to take the plate. With Harvey on first and third-year left fielder Erika Leonard on second, Derrick homered to right to bat in all three runners and give the Black Bears a 4-1 lead after the first.

In the top of the second, Hartford narrowed the score off a running effort from Ross. Flowers walked Ross, she then stole second and advanced to third off a pop fly to right field. Ross scored after an error at first base that created an opportunity for her run.

A defensive game would be played until the bottom of the third, when Maine picked up two more runs off some familiar names. A single from Harvey started Leonard's run home. Leonard was aided by an error in right field to allow her to score. Derrick was next at bat and her single helped Harvey

run home to push the lead to 6-2. The score at the end of the three innings was the final score as both teams entered into a defensive deadlock.

Flowers and the defense allowed zero hits in the final three innings. It was Flower's second straight game pitching all seven innings. Maine currently sits comfortably at the top of America East, followed closely by Binghamton and UMass Lowell.

Maine and Hartford have one more game on Sunday to round out the series. First pitch is scheduled for 12:00 p.m.

**Softball completes sweep of weekend series**

Riding a four-game winning streak and looking to complete a three-game sweep of Hartford after earning victories in Saturday's doubleheader, 7-6 and 6-2. The Black Bears came out strong in this one and took care of the Hawks handily, 8-4. Maine improved to 8-17 on the season, while Hartford dropped to 3-29.

The starting pitchers would be third-year Annie Kennedy for the Black Bears and Pereira for the Hawks. To begin the game, Kennedy took the mound and sent down the Hawks in order. In the bottom of the inning, Maine would provide its first trouble for Pereira.

Leonard, Carlson and Harvey started the frame with singles to load up the bases and Derrick hit a sacrifice fly to left field to drive in their first run for a 1-0 lead. Despite a walk to load them up again, they left three runners stranded to end the first.

In the second inning, Hartford got their first runner aboard when fourth-year infielder Danielle DeMarco singled and stole second, but the next three batters were unable to drive her in. For the bottom half, Maine had runners on first and second, when Harvey smacked a double to left to drive in two and increase their lead to 3-0. The score would remain the same after the

See **Softball** on B5

## Men's basketball looks ahead

### Taylor Mannix Contributor

The UMaine men's basketball 2016-2017 season ended in Burlington, Vt. at the hands of the Catamounts in an 86-41 blow-out. The men's program had one of its toughest seasons in recent memory due to preseason transfers, four season-ending injuries and youth which all factored into a disappointing 7-25 record.

Even with all the shade that was cast over the program toward the end, the team was able to find bright patches, including beating UMass Lowell at home on

a Wes Myers game-winning jumper in which he scored 31 points in that game. On Feb. 25 they fought out a 72-71 victory at Binghamton University in the last regular season game of the season.

Coach Bob Walsh finished his third season in what many viewed to be his toughest season yet. "Challenging," Walsh said. "It was a challenging season because we suffered devastating personal losses with the 4 season-ending injuries."

For some coaches the four season-ending injuries would be enough to throw in the towel, but many Maine

fans can rest easy knowing that's not our coaches' mentality. "Challenging is fun, and it made us better as a program despite not getting the results we wanted," Walsh said.

Coach Walsh has accepted the challenge and is determined to bring a winning culture back to the Maine basketball program. In order to do this, players must buy into the system and with such a tough season it is questionable how Coach Walsh would keep his players motivated to buy in. "The only way to motivate is to be honest with them and develop trust," Walsh

said. "Once the players trust you, they will start to buy into what you are doing every day. You show them you have their best interests in mind and you can help make them better and therefore you can motivate them."

Moving forward in the offseason the Black Bears basketball team still have one expectation, "Our expectations are to continue to get better and to have a chance to win the league," Coach Walsh said.

With teams like Vermont, Albany and Stony Brook, it proves to be a tough challenge, but one that Coach Walsh believes can be ac-

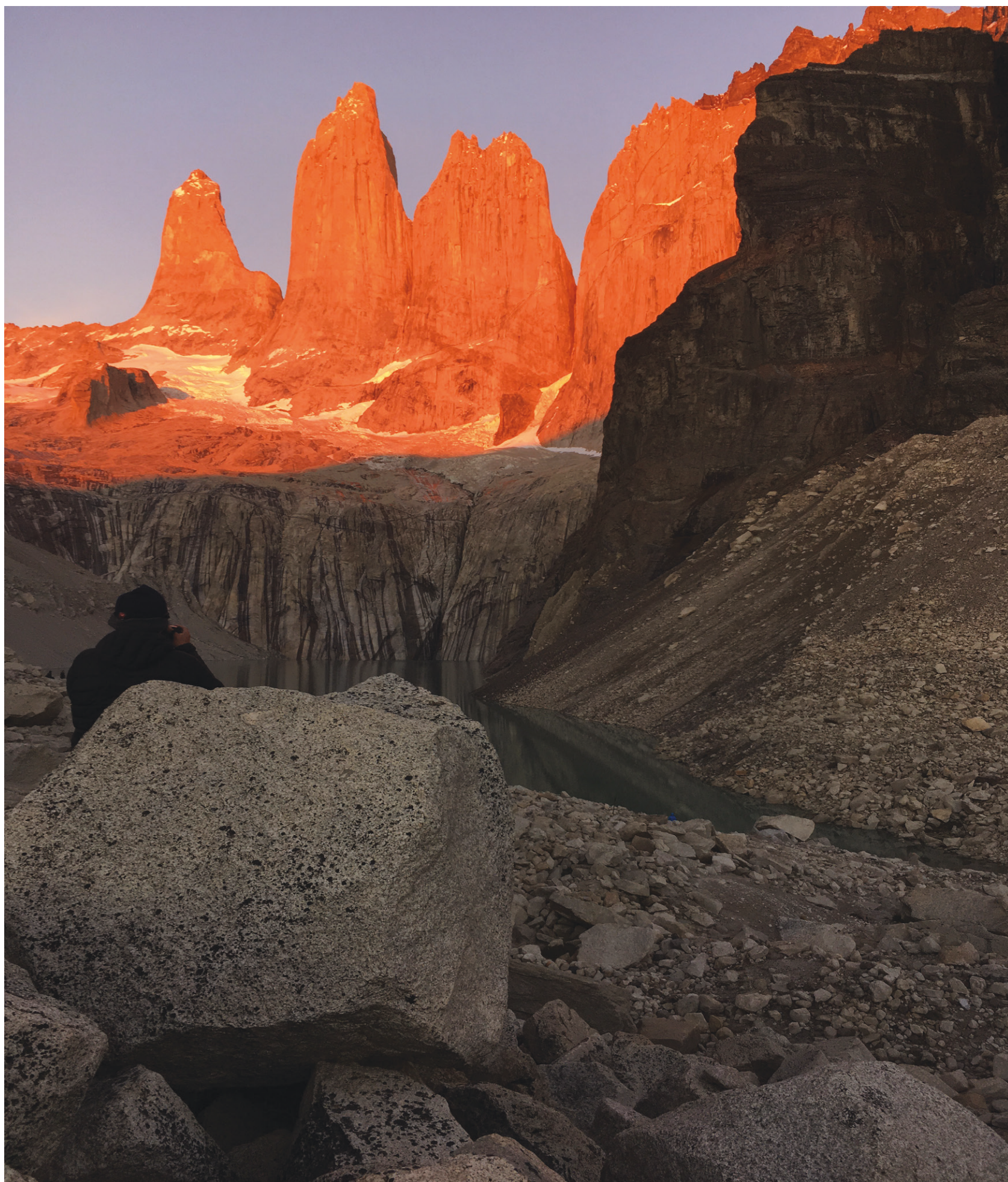
complished. "Our ultimate goal is to win the America East," he stated. It's not a tin hat ideology from Coach Walsh either, looking at the young core this team has it's clearly built for the future and to improve. The young core is led by a tenacious second-year point guard in Ryan Bernstein who was introduced to first-year standouts this season in forward Andrew Fleming and center Vincent Eze this season. Fleming and Eze showed promise in their first seasons with the Black Bears. Fleming finished second on the team in Field Goals Made (112) and Eze finished

fourth (69). The two of them are poised to be a dynamic duo for years to come for the Black Bears front court.

Other guys who will be making impacts moving forward are the likes of third-year forward Austin Howard. Howard finished the season leading the team in 3-point field goals made with 38. Along with Howard, third-year guard Wes Myers finished a close second with 34 3-pointers made. It's players like these who clearly help give this program life and it's players like this that will help bring back a winning culture to UMaine basketball.



# After the hike...



The Torres del Paine's elegant peaks during our hike.

Jordan Houdeshell, Contributor.

**Jordan Houdeshell**  
Contributor

One of the most difficult things about studying abroad, specifically in regards to going places and doing detail-intensive activities, is planning things out based on the resources available.

In the U.S., where English is the main language spoken, if you want to go on a week-end trip, you can usually find websites that provide all the information that you need in English. Being abroad here in Chile, where Spanish is the primary language, at times finding this information and

understanding it can be difficult. Many times, the holes in the plans made aren't noticed until you are actually doing the activity that you planned. This definitely held true with my trip to Torres del Paine.

It wasn't until I arrived in Puerto Natales that I fully realized that Torres del Paine

National Park is not actually located next to this town. You can't just casually walk from your hostel or hotel to the park. It is almost a two-hour bus ride to get to the park and once you get to the park and are all signed in, there is a solid chance that you will have to take a shuttle or a boat to

where you plan to start hiking.

Then there is the hiking itself. Being an inexperienced hiker, I don't know exactly what I was expecting to experience in terms of the hikes themselves, but this one was an adventure. In total, we hiked close to 100 kilometers,

or about 62 miles. The biggest challenge that I had was not knowing what to expect from each day, in terms of the difficulty or distance we were hiking.

We had a general idea of what we were hiking, with our four campsites booked, but while we were in the middle of hiking, it was difficult to tell how far we had hiked or how much farther we had to go. Many of the trails had maps with the progress you had made marked, but for our use they didn't seem to be quite accurate.

When we entered the park, we were also given a map that gave approximations for the amount of time that each distance would take. These times weren't quite accurate for many people on the trail, which we learned after talking to some of the other people at the campsites. This stands to reason, though. Everyone hikes differently, with some people taking breaks or hiking faster than others based on their abilities and experience.

Another factor that slowed us down on our hike was the sheer beauty of Torres. We started our adventure with a boat ride across the lake to where we started hiking. This gave us a preview of some of the mountains, but only gave a hint of how beautiful they were. Our first night we stayed near a glacier, which the next morning we hiked right up to. The second night we stayed right on the edge of the lake. The third night we stayed in the middle of three very different mountains and on the final night we stayed at the base of the path that, after 45 minutes of hiking, gave a perfect view of the actual towers (Torres).

With all these locations that we camped near, we also saw many sites as we were hiking as well, causing us to stop to take in the view, snap a few pictures and just soak in where we were.

With this being said, this experience was a sporting experience as well as a visually stimulating experience. There were so many ways to experience the park and while I chose to do it through doing the W trek, there is no wrong way to do it if you get to experience the beauty of Torres del Paine.



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# Black Bears sweep doubleheader behind strong pitching



UMaine beats Hartford in both Saturday games, 1-0 and 3-2

Ian Liggett, Staff.

**Adam Darling**  
Contributor

The Black Bears took the first game of a doubleheader in their opening series against the University of Hartford at Mahaney Diamond on Saturday, winning 1-0.

Spectacular pitching was the storyline for both teams in the first game, as third-year right hander Justin Courtney went toe to toe with the Hawks' fourth-year right hander Brian Stepniak. The two pitchers combined to allow nine baserunners (five hits, four walks). For Courtney, this was the best start of the season for him, especially when a couple of bad innings skew the statistics. But he knows that there is always another level to go.

"A couple of bad in-

nings had skyrocketed my numbers a little bit, but it's all about sticking to the process. It felt good to put it all together, go eight strong innings. But there's always something more to want out of it," said Courtney said.

Something had to give, and in the bottom of the ninth, it happened. Fourth-year right fielder Tyler Schwanz led off with a walk, then fourth-year left fielder Lou Della Fera bunted him over. Second-year Caleb Kerbs then reached on an infield single to the shortstop. First-year reliever Drew Farkas came in and promptly gave up a single to third-year designated hitter Jonathan Bennett to load the bases. With first-year first baseman Hernan Sardinias at the plate, Farkas uncorked a wild

pitch, allowing Schwanz to scamper home for the winning run.

Courtney had gone eight innings on the afternoon, giving up two hits and two walks while striking out five. First-year right hander Cody Lawerson pitched a flawless ninth to pick up the win for the Black Bears. Stepniak gave up three hits and two walks while striking out three over seven innings for Hartford.

## Black Bears Win Second Game of Saturday's Doubleheader

Game two did not require nearly as much waiting time for a run to score. After recording a quick out, third-year Jonah Normandeau, who got the nod to start the game gave up a single to Hartford fourth-year first baseman David

MacKinnon, followed by a triple by third-year catcher Erik Ostberg, putting the Hawks up 1-0. After recording the second out, Ostberg would scamper home on a passed ball charged to Bennett, giving the Hawks a 2-0 lead.

The Black Bears would answer back in the bottom half of the inning. Second-year third baseman Danny Casals drew a walk, then stole second. With one out, third-year designated hitter Christopher Bec singled to left, moving Casals to third. Bec would then steal second, putting runners on second and third with one out. After a strikeout for the second out and a walk to load the bases, Kerbs ripped a single to left, scoring Casals and Bec to knot the game at 2-2.

Maine would add an-

other run in the third as Bec started the inning with a triple. After a walk, Bennett tagged a sacrifice fly, allowing Bec to score and the Black Bears to take a 3-2.

Hartford had a chance to tie the game in the top of the fourth. Second-year left fielder Chris Sullivan singled to start the inning. He would advance to second, but would come out after coming up lame sliding into second. After first-year Jackson Olson came in, third-year third baseman TJ Ward singled him over to third. First-year catcher Bryce Ramsay hit a fly ball that looked deep enough to score Olson, but Maine's center fielder, third year Brandon Vicens, gunned him down to preserve.

Normandeau settled in after a shaky start, going

six innings while giving up the two runs on nine hits with a walk and no strikeouts. Fourth-year right hander Jeff Gelinas entered in the seventh, and nailed down the save, despite issuing two walks.

All four of the pitchers that were in the two games for the Black Bears are Mainers, a little fact that Head Coach Nick Derba is sure helped with the weather.

"It's like these guys have snow in their veins," said Derba said. "Seriously though, these kids have played in these kinds of conditions for years, they knew what they needed to do to get ready for these games, and they were tough."

Both teams will be back in action on Sunday to wrap up the three game set.

# Track and field finds strength to finish first, tie

**Will Nash**  
Contributor

UMaine's Track and Field team invited the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and Bates College to the Beckett Family Track Complex for a tri-meet last Sunday, April 2. The men's team tied Bates for first with both teams earning a total score of 129. After the day was over, the women's team found themselves alone in first place, with a total score of 134 points.

On the men's side, third-year Thomas Murray was first to score for Maine, with his 50.59 meter hammer throw. His second place finish earned

Maine five points.

First-years Troy Davis and Erick Seekins earned second and third place in the long jump, with their respective distances of 6.15 meters and 6.03 meters.

Third-year Kelby Mace excelled in the javelin throw, earning first place with a throw of 63.85 meters. First-year Kyle Faucher of New Hampshire placed second, with his 57.37 meter launch.

Bates College shone in the 4x100 meter relay. Their team, consisting of third-year Isaiah Seetram, second-years Ryan Corley and Beaufile Kimpolo-Pene and fourth-year Colin Kraft, ran the race

in 44.70, earning seven points with their first place finish. Maine and UNH were both disqualified for running out of bounds.

Fourth-year Levi Frye and second-year Simon Powhida placed in the 1500-meter run, with times of 4:07.99 and 4:0.90, respectively.

Fourth-year Jake Osborn topped the chart in the 400-meter dash with his time of 50.66. Fourth-year Patrick Griffin of Bates was right behind him with a time of 50.75.

Second-year Tucker Corbett bested all opponents in the 800-meter run, with his time of 1:57.81.

Maine dominated in the

400-meter hurdles with first and second place finishes from third-year Elijah Yeboah and first-year Branden Kuusela.

Third-year Mozai Nelson ran for a first place finish in the 200-meter dash, with a time of 22.05.

Fourth-year Jesse Orach outpaced all others in the 5000-meter run. His time of 14:26.92 was 38 seconds faster than second place finisher Aaron Williamson, a second-year of UMaine.

On the women's side, third-year Rachel Bergeron got the scoring going in the hammer throw with her flight of 55.10 meters.

In the long jump, sec-

ond-year Ariel Clachar was the best with her jump of 5.51 meters.

Fourth-year Ashley Donohoe secured the top spot in the shot put with her throw of 12.22 meters. Donohoe was back in the discus throw with a first place throw of 39.78 meters. Bergeron was right behind her with a throw of 39.20 meters.

Maine excelled in the 4x100 meter relay, when their team of Clachar, first-year Cassidy Hill, fourth-year Teal Jackson and second-year Lauren Magnuson ran for a time of 48.69, four seconds ahead of Bates College who placed second.

First-year Tiffany Tan-

ner ran a 2:20.26 in the 800-meter run to secure first place for Maine.

Jackson earned Maine seven points with her 26.42 second run in the 200-meter dash.

UNH's fourth-year Katherine Estep ran a 18:30.86 5000-meter run to secure seven points for her team.

In the final event of the day, Maine's four-woman team of Tanner, Jackson, third-year Alexis Dietrich and first-year Elisabeth Redwood placed first in the 4x400 meter relay. The final score landed Maine in first with 134, Bates in second with 126 and UNH in third with 107 points.

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## UPCOMING SPORTS

### MEN'S BASEBALL SCORES

4/5	<b>Binghamton</b>	12	<b>Hartford</b>	6
	<b>Bucknell</b>	0	<b>UConn</b>	4
	<b>Iona</b>	2	<b>Delaware</b>	4
	<b>Stony Brook</b>	13	<b>UMBC</b>	5
4/8	<b>Hartford</b>	0	<b>UAlbany</b>	0
	<b>Maine</b>	1	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	4
	<b>Hartford</b>	2	<b>UAlbany</b>	4
	<b>Maine</b>	3	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	2
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	5	<b>UMBC</b>	1
	<b>Stony Brook</b>	6	<b>Binghamton</b>	9
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	5		
	<b>Stony Brook</b>	11		

### AMERICA EAST BASEBALL CONFERENCE

1	<b>Stony Brook</b>	4-2
2	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	5-3
3	<b>UMBC</b>	3-2
4	<b>Maine</b>	3-2
5	<b>Binghamton</b>	2-2
6	<b>UAlbany</b>	3-6
7	<b>Hartford</b>	1-4

### Wednesday, April 12

**Women's Softball**  
@ UMass Lowell 1 p.m.

**Women's Softball**  
@ UMass Lowell 3 p.m.

### Friday, April 14 Men's

**Men's Baseball**  
vs. Manhattan College  
3 p.m.

### Saturday, April 15

**Men and Women's Track**  
@ Wildcat Invitational  
11 a.m.

**Women's Softball**  
vs. Stony Brook 12 p.m.

**Women's Softball**  
vs. Stony Brook 2 p.m.

**Men's Baseball**  
vs. Manhattan College  
1 p.m.

### Sunday, April 16

**Women's Softball**  
vs. Stony Brook  
11 a.m.

### WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCORES

4/8	<b>Maine</b>	7	<b>UAlbany</b>	6
	<b>Hartford</b>	6	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	9
	<b>Maine</b>	6	<b>UAlbany</b>	4
	<b>Hartford</b>	2	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	2
	<b>UMBC</b>	0	<b>UMBC</b>	4
	<b>Stony Brook</b>	3	<b>Stony Brook</b>	0
4/9	<b>Colgate</b>	2	<b>Maine</b>	8
	<b>Binghamton</b>	4	<b>Hartford</b>	4
	<b>UAlbany</b>	8	<b>UMBC</b>	5
	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	9	<b>Stony Brook</b>	3

### AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL CONFERENCE

1	<b>Maine</b>	3-0
2	<b>Binghamton</b>	2-0
3	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	4-1
4	<b>Stony Brook</b>	3-2
5	<b>UMBC</b>	2-3
6	<b>UAlbany</b>	1-4
7	<b>Hartford</b>	0-5

## The table is set for Thunder-Rockets

**Griffin Stockford**  
Contributor

With the NBA season coming to a close, the table is set for the Oklahoma City Thunder to play the Houston Rockets in the first round of the playoffs. This should excite any basketball fan, as the seven-game series will feature this season's two best players going head-to-head in Russell Westbrook and James Harden.

Both Westbrook and Harden have been the talk of the league all season, both making their cases

for why they should be the MVP. And it's still up for grabs among MVP voters as to who should get it. Harden has reinvented himself at the point guard position and Westbrook has had one of, if not the best statistical season of all time, averaging a triple double with three games left to play.

It's a shame MVP voting can't happen after this series, because it will hopefully make the case clear. Two men who carry their teams are going head-to-head at the same position in a league where exciting first

round matchups can be hard to come by.

The Rockets are known for getting out in transition with a fast-paced style and there is no better player in the NBA to counteract that than Russell Westbrook. Westbrook is seemingly tireless and can grab a rebound and head the other way in a flash.

The Rockets won three out of the teams' four matchups in the regular season and the Thunder will be coming in as the 6-seed to the Rockets' 3-seed. James Harden has become one of

the league's elite passers after being moved to point guard from shooting guard this season by Rockets head coach Mike D'Antoni. The Rockets trail only the Golden State Warriors and the San Antonio Spurs in wins this season, with 53. The Rockets have also averaged 117.1 PPG at home and 113.4 PPG on the road.

After a recent loss to the Phoenix Suns, Russell Westbrook was accused by the media of going for assists to pad his triple-double rather than trying to score to help the team win.

Westbrook responded by saying, "If I wanted to get 10 assists, I can get 10 assists." Those are the words of a man with a lot of confidence heading into the postseason – a scary sound for the Rockets.

The series could likely turn into a shootout, with the Rockets letting Westbrook do what he does to an extent and then trying to outscore the Thunder on the other end.

While both teams have their stars at the point guard position, the series will ultimately be decided by the

players around them. Look for the Rockets' perimeter shooting and Thunder's size down low to be the teams' respective advantages. If the Rockets can make shots, they will be tough to beat, but the Thunder have the size to dominate them in the paint.

These two teams going head-to-head could turn out to be one of the best series of the 2017 postseason. Two of the league's best players, both without a championship, fighting to get to the second round has the makings for must-see television.

wey **Black Bears**

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**Softball** from B1

second. For the third frame, the Hawks went down quietly 1-2-3 as Kennedy was rolling. Maine was able to make some noise in the bottom half, despite starting the inning with two outs. The Black Bears would continue putting runs on the board when second-year infielder Meghan Royle launched a home run to left to make it 4-0. The bases were then loaded after two singles and a walk and Carlson hit a single to right field to drive in two more to bring it to 6-0. Right after, Harvey had an RBI single

of her own to make it 7-0. Hartford's pitcher Pereira was then pulled from the game and second-year Isabella Gerone entered in relief. For the fourth inning, Hartford had one runner to reach base on a single, but failed to do anything and remained down by seven runs. The Black Bears led off with a walk before a fielder's choice and single loaded up the bases, but Leonard was unable to drive anyone in as she popped out to end the inning. The Hawks would finally strike in the fifth inning, as they led off with a single, another runner reached base on an error committed by German and

Newkirk singled to left center to bring in their first run. Two batters later, fourth-year infielder Lexi Wilkerson hit another single to left center that brought in two and cut the score to 7-3. Kennedy was taken out and replaced by Flowers, who got the last out of the inning. In the bottom half, Carlson led off with a bunt single and stole second. With two outs, third-year infielder Kristen Niland singled to left to drive in Carlson, making it 8-3. Niland advanced to second on an error committed by fourth-year left fielder Marisa Ferguson, but she would not advance as a foul out ended the inning. During the sixth frame,

the Hawks went down quietly 1-2-3, as the first two batters struck out and the third popped out. In the bottom half, fourth-year infielder Chloe Douglass attempted to reach on a bunt, but was thrown out. German followed with a single, but was unable to score as the next two batters got out. The seventh inning would be Hartford's last chance to get back into this one and they started it with a leadoff walk to third-year catcher Brittany Wallace. Second-year outfielder Kristen DeCiantis pinch hit and came through with a single and both runners advanced another base on the throw. Newkirk then hit a sacri-

fice fly to left that brought it Wallace, cutting the score to 8-4. The next two batters got out and Maine claimed the four-run victory, increasing their winning streak to five games. For Maine, Kennedy went four and two-thirds innings, surrendering three unearned runs on six hits, while walking none and striking out three as she got the win and improved her record to 3-3. Flowers came on in relief, going two and a third, giving up one earned run on one hit, while walking one and striking out four. Three Black Bears had three hits in this game, including Carlson, Harvey and third-year infielder Sarah Coyne.

For Hartford, Pereira went two and two-thirds, surrendering seven earned runs on 10 hits, while walking three and striking out one as she took the loss and dropped to 1-9 on the year. Gerone came on in relief, going three and a third, giving up one earned run, while walking one and striking out two. Maine returns to action on Wednesday, April 12 on the road in a doubleheader at 1 and 3 p.m. against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. The University of Hartford plays next on Thursday, April 13 at home in a doubleheader at 2 and 4 p.m. against Stony Brook University.

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NHL WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL PTS

Central	1	<b>Chicago</b>	109
	2	<b>Minnesota</b>	106
	3	<b>St. Louis</b>	97
	4	<b>Nashville</b>	94
Pacific	1	<b>Anaheim</b>	103
	2	<b>Edmonton</b>	101
	3	<b>San Jose</b>	99
	4	<b>Calgary</b>	94

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL PTS

Atlantic	1	<b>Montreal</b>	103
	2	<b>Ottawa</b>	98
	3	<b>Toronto</b>	95
Metropolitan	1	<b>Washington</b>	118
	2	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	111
	3	<b>Columbus</b>	106

NBA (LEAGUE) OVERALL

1	<b>Golden State</b>	66-14
2	<b>San Antonio</b>	61-19
3	<b>Houston</b>	53-26
4	<b>Cleveland</b>	51-28
5	<b>Boston</b>	51-29
6	<b>Toronto</b>	50-31
7	<b>Utah</b>	49-31
8	<b>LA Clippers</b>	49-31

Upcoming Games:

**NBA:**  
**Monday, April 10**  
 Indiana @ Philadelphia  
 Cleveland @ Miami  
 Orlando @ Chicago  
 San Antonio @ Portland  
 Utah @ Golden State  
 Brooklyn @ Boston  
 Washinton @ Detroit  
 Charlotte @ Milwaukee  
 Houston @ LA Clippers

**Tuesday, April 11**  
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