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Second annual Student Symposium showcases academic research



The Cross Insurance Center hosts the UMaine Student Symposium, Bangor.

Ian Liggett, Staff.

Jack Barber
Staff Writer

The second annual UMaine Student Symposium was held at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor on Monday, April 24. Scholars from a variety of disciplines displayed posters and gave presentations on their research.

The event was open to the public and began with an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. Over 1,000 graduate and undergraduate students participated, nearly double the number that attended last year's symposium.

Students studying arts, engineering and information sciences, biomedicine

and physical sciences unveiled their work.

Sebastian Ventrone, a UMaine electrical engineering alumnus, gave a keystone speech during the Fellowship Luncheon Ceremony at noon. Ventrone has worked as a microprocessor designer, won the Francis Crowe Distinguished Engineering Award in 2015 and holds over 200 patents.

The symposium included a photo contest and a scavenger hunt, where answers to the questions could be found throughout the event. Winners of both contests received prizes after the student presentations. Attendees posted photos of

the presentations on Twitter with the hashtag #umss17 and answers to the scavenger hunt with #umss_hunt.

Presentations were judged by a panel based on the topic of the research, its real world applications, the presenter's depth of knowledge on the topic and his/her ability to relate the research findings to the project's question.

Among the presentations at the symposium were international business students presenting the tourism projects they have been working on all semester. Each group focused on a country and created a booth that showcased that coun-

try's culture and other information relevant for tourists.

Jesse MacDonald, a third-year marketing student, was assigned to the group studying Chile. "We were kind of serving as a tourism department for them [Chile] to try to get people to learn about the country...we did a lot of research into what it's like now, what it's like to live there, if you want to go there what are the requirements... it was cool to have so much information about so many different countries," MacDonald said.

Abby Durrah, a second-year management and marketing double major,

was part of the international business group studying Honduras. Their table offered authentic Honduran coffee, chocolates and sopas de frijoles, or "bean soup."

"We have been researching, collecting decorative garb and food for our booth, so to finally get the chance to see it all come together was awesome and so rewarding," Durrah said.

The Honduras booth also featured a virtual reality headset that gave attendees the chance to see Honduras without ever boarding a flight.

"We gave them the chance to step inside of the ancient Mayan ruins...the

countryside and a mountainous area. Honduras is 80 percent mountainous so that experience was very representative of what you would see," Durrah said.

Presentations began at 9:15 a.m. and went until 2:15 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break at noon. After a short break, the symposium featured workshops which were followed by a reception, awards ceremony and poster cleanup.

MacDonald offered one final piece of advice. "Go on an empty stomach, because one or two laps around the international section, you'll have about a five-course meal," he said.

Margarita's Mexican Restaurant holds five-day fundraiser for Goodwill in the community

Haley Sylvester
News Editor

Margarita's Mexican Restaurant in Orono is hosting a special fundraiser for Cinco de Mayo beginning Sunday, April 30 and ending Thursday, May 4. Margarita's refers to the special as its "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta," encouraging goodwill in the community.

According to the flier for the event, the "Mexican Restaurant will host its biggest Noche Mexicana fundraiser to date in the name of Goodwill." During the five

days leading up to Cinco de Mayo, if customers mention "Cinco days of Goodwill" to their servers, 20 percent of the bill will be donated to the local Goodwill chapter in Bangor. All donations will support job training and placement in New England, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This will be the restaurant's 33rd Cinco de Mayo fiesta. The restaurant's website features an interactive countdown to Cinco de Mayo on its homepage.

The Cinco countdown begins with \$5 burritos on

Monday, May 1. On Tuesday, May 2, the special is \$5 all-you-can-eat tacos americanos (chicken and beef). On Wednesday, May 3, all fajitas purchased with any full-priced fajita are \$5. On Thursday, May 4, all appetizers are \$5.

Additionally, regular house margaritas are offered May 1 - May 4 for \$5 before 4 p.m. and all-you-can-eat nachos are \$5 before 4 p.m.

All specials are offered at all locations, dine-in only.

"Margaritas has cele-

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Orono faces power outage following car crash on Main Street

Haley Sylvester
News Editor

The town of Orono hit a speed bump Tuesday afternoon, when 2,100 Emera Maine customers lost power after a car accident on Main Street. The crash was across the street from the Orono fire station at 63 Main St. The Bangor Daily News reported that a 74-year-old man drove a Subaru Outback into the pole at about 1:25 p.m.

The man suffered minor injuries, primarily due to an airbag being deployed and because the man was wearing his seat belt. The party involved claimed he was avoiding a collision with another ve-

hicle when he hit the utility pole. Transformer damage was likely the cause of the power outage, Bob Potts, the spokesperson from Emera, said.

"It takes time to detach wires, set a new pole, and replace those wires," Potts said Tuesday afternoon to the Bangor Daily News.

The power went out shortly before 2 p.m. and most customers did not see power returned until 6 p.m.

Fourth-year engineering physics student Ben Hebert was at home at the time of the power outage. "I was doing homework when it happened. My roommate and I just

left and went to campus to keep doing homework." Hebert noted that he didn't learn of the cause of the outage until an hour after it occurred. "The landlord didn't discuss any protocol with us. It came back around 6 p.m., and all I had to do was reset the clock on the stove."

Areas affected by the power outage included Alton, Argyle, Glenburn, Hudson, Old Town, Orono and Stillwater. The University of Maine was not affected by the power outage.

According to the Emera Maine website, the

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brated Cinco de Mayo for 33 years, but this is our first year partnering with Goodwill and hosting a 5-day fundraiser with them, as well as the first year we are having a ‘Countdown to Cinco’ promotion,” Allie Morey, account coordinator of Marlo Marketing for Margarita’s, said.

In 1984, John Pelletier of Concord, N.H. founded Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant.

Today, there are 27 locations through New England, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. According to the website, Margarita’s focuses on four core objectives. These include a focus on quality food, serving the best margaritas, providing value and offering an entertaining, authentic Mexican atmosphere.

The Margarita’s website states, “Distinctly delicious food is made fresh throughout the day and we hand shake every margarita using real lime and lemon citrus blends. With a commitment

to provide an authentic ambience, our decor is crafted by Mexican artisans and brought up on a truck straight from Mexico. It’s like being in Mexico, without getting on a plane.”

The website also offers information for franchising and how to open a Margarita’s Restaurant. “... a Mexican experience that thrives in diverse markets...” the webpage states.

“Every Margarita’s in MA, NH, ME, CT and NJ will be participating,” Morey added.

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company “provides electric delivery service to two areas – the Bangor Hydro District and the Maine Public District. The Bangor Hydro District includes Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties and most of Penobscot County. The Maine Public District serves Aroostook County and a small piece of Penobscot County.”

The website features interactive links about outages and restorations, and offers online payment services and information for customers. There is also a page titled “Energy Solutions,” offering information on electric vehicles, energy managers and savings, heat pumps and PowerSmart Maine. The live outage and restoration map is updated every 10 minutes with areas and the total number of customers affected.

Most power outages in

Maine are typically during the winter months when there is heavy snowfall.

In December 2016, a Nor’easter hit southern Maine with two feet of snow, leaving 10,000 people without power. In February 2017, Orono and the surrounding areas saw almost two feet of snow, canceling classes at UMaine and the surrounding areas for several days, with only storm day staff reporting.

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Governor LePage stands by Trump's new executive order

Haley Sylvester
News Editor

Maine Governor Paul LePage took a trip to visit President Donald Trump in Washington, D.C. this past week, as Trump signed an executive order to review national monuments as part of the National Park System. In 2016, against LePage's wishes, former president Barack Obama established the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in northern Penobscot County.

In August 2016, Burt's Bees founder Roxanne Quimby donated approximately 88,000 acres to the federal government. The next day, it was reported that Obama assigned it the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. This was one of almost 30 monuments that Obama either established

or expanded.

The monument came to life after the generous donation of land near Millinocket and Baxter State Park, as well as a \$20 million endowment to the federal government. Critics of the decision, including LePage, are against putting working forest land into public ownership.

The Portland Press Herald reported that Trump's executive order "calls for a review of national monuments created since Jan. 1, 1996, that are larger than 100,000 acres." With the Katahdin monument being only 87,600 acres, it is unclear if it will be included in the order, but LePage believes this is the first step in reversing what Obama put into effect.

LePage believes that Obama violated the Antiquities Act, established in

1906, which put millions of acres of land across the nation under strict federal control. This executive order could give the power back to the individual states.

Peter Steele, LePage's communications director, said in an email that, "The Executive Order covers a review of Katahdin Woods because at least two local referendums and the Maine State Legislature voted against it."

At the ceremony Wednesday, April 26 in Washington, D.C., Trump joked about LePage's weight loss after a bariatric surgery in September 2016.

When introducing the governor, Trump jokingly said, "I knew him when he was heavy and now I know him when he is thin and I like him both ways, OK?"

According to the Port-

land Press Herald, "LePage campaigned with Trump during two of the Republican's four visits to the state during the presidential campaign." LePage openly supported the current president during his campaign and announced last week that he would be visiting to testify about the "executive branch overreach of the Antiquities Act," but did not mention he would be attending the ceremony.

A tweet displayed on LePage's official Twitter account featured an image of LePage in the office with Trump where the executive order was signed. "Glad to be with President Trump for the signing of his Antiquities Executive Order," the tweet read.

In an email to the Portland Press Herald, Carly Johnson, a senior staff attorney and the director

of the woods and wildlife project for the Natural Resources Council of Maine, explained that there was sufficient support and public process to declare the Maine monuments. "There were five years of meetings, debates, presentations and conversations," Johnson wrote.

Johnson reported that the monument, as currently established, allows for hunting and snowmobiling while Baxter State Park, the adjacent national monument, does not.

"Gov. LePage has never visited the monument and has never talked to the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce or any of the many, many businesses in the Katahdin region who support the monument and are, in fact, now starting to reap the economic benefit of having a nationally branded natural

area near their community," Johnson wrote in her email. "The monument is the best stimulus for economic development the Katahdin region has seen in years."

The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument is set in an area that used to feature the logging and paper-making industry, but now has an undetermined economic future. With the establishment of the two monuments, the National Park Service has opened offices in the Katahdin region and encourages visitors to explore and observe the monument's rivers, streams, woods, geology and night skies that have attracted visitors for decades.

LePage plans to testify against the movement before Congress next week.

Tip Whip CEO and UMaine alum talk app success and expansion

Haley Sylvester
News Editor

In January of 2014, Tip Whip CEO and founder Spencer Wood received a late-night phone call from a friend in need. He was stuck at the Bear Brew, unable to drive, had no money on him and needed a ride home. Spencer obliged and drove his friend back to Orchard Trails, receiving his friend's last \$2 along the way.

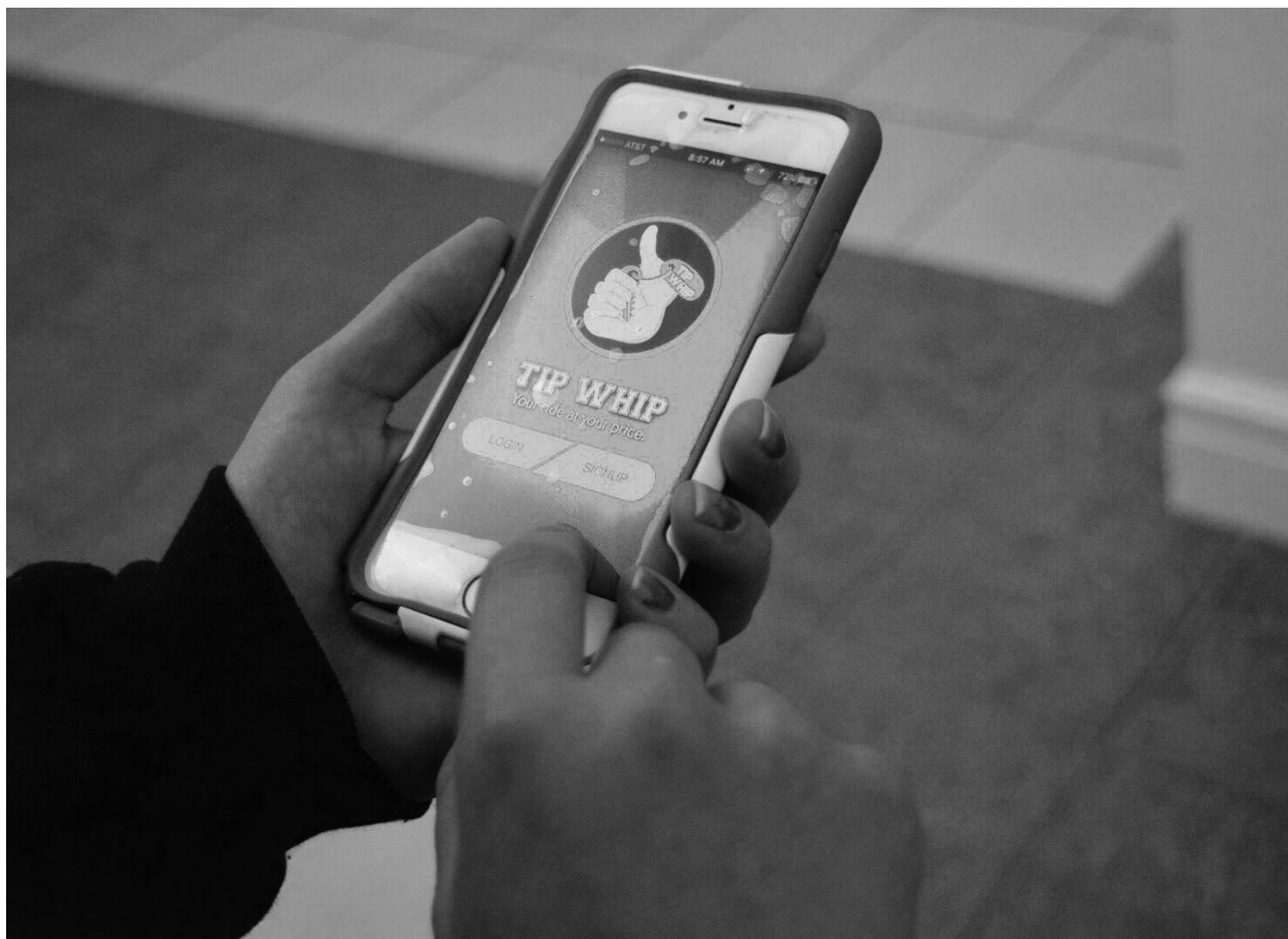
Wood said that after some thought, he decided to give that kind of driving service a try. "After that night, I went all in. I ended up getting a van, I paid my roommates and my friends to drive, and I would sit in the passenger seat with headphones on. I had an old phone, an old Blackberry, that people would call and I would essentially try to write down all of their addresses and numbers and we would kind of pick people up that way."

In the fall of 2014, Wood tried creating an app for the driving but was unsuccessful. In February 2016, he launched the app that many users know today. "It became much more accessible," Wood reported. "It was a lot easier for people to use."

Initial advertisement efforts on campus and in Orono for the app included Wood speaking with classes and having representatives hand out flyers and download cards.

According to Wood's LinkedIn account, "Tip Whip is the world's first ride share company exclusively focused on college student safety. We want every college student to get home safely regardless of how much money they have in their pockets. For that reason, there are no set fees for rides, just the tip."

The app is used widely at the University of Maine, in Orono and in Bangor. It has also ex-



Tip Whip provides a safe ride for University of Maine students. Del Whip, a Tip Whip service, delivers food from many local eateries.

Robin Pelkey, Staff.

panded to UMaine Farmington and Keene State College in New Hampshire. Wood reported that UMaine was his "pilot school" and has seen incredible success thus far. He plans to expand to the University of New Hampshire (UNH), the University of Connecticut (UConn), and the University of Massachusetts (UMass) in the near future.

"With UMaine being our pilot school, we can see what it's like when it's accepted and used on a wide basis," Wood said.

"I will definitely go to all of the schools," Wood added. "We'll visit for a week or so, try to get the word out and get drivers signed up, really start to try to create the community and leave that school with what we call a campus CEO, somebody

that's on the ground, probably a student that's trying to get some experience and wants to help out. That's what's happened to us at UMF and Keene State. It's been students, actually, reaching out to us saying that they're willing to put the work in to get it there. The whole challenge of other schools is getting the word out and having them actually believe in it, and try it. That's been the hardest part for a lot of kids."

The app can be logged into with a .edu school email account that must be confirmed and requires a credit card for online tipping. When you log in, a page asking for your location and destination appears. It shows if cars are available in the area, and when you

click "book now," it asks how many riders there will be and how much you would like to tip the driver. When a driver picks up the ride request, the person requesting the ride receives an automated text message with the driver's name, rating and what vehicle they will be arriving in.

The app also features an Uber amount and taxi amount for the ride being requested, as well as the amount for a DUI.

Tip Whip currently employs 100 drivers and Wood reported that 25 percent of the UMaine campus uses the app. Tip Whip has given rides to 25,000 people at UMaine since the launch of the app last year and 9,000 people this semester alone. "We've pretty much grown hand over

fist every semester since we've launched the app," Wood said.

Wood reported that Tip Whip is a seasonal job, active mainly when UMaine students are in session. "I think it's a little slower than I want it to be actually, but I knew it was a solid business, I mean, I was living it. I was in school; I knew what it meant to get a ride for a tip and what it meant to get five bucks as a driver. It's just a matter of time and getting it out and getting people to use it."

First-year Kinesiology student Austin Morse started working for Tip Whip several weeks ago. "What I like most about being a Tip Whip driver is being able to work whenever I want. It really allows me to be able to focus on school and

then when I have the time away from school, I can be working. If I have a big project due one week, I can take that entire week off to make sure I get that project done, and if I have nothing to do one week, I can work every single night. I like the flexibility it offers."

The Tip Whip app is free and can be downloaded on the app store and the Google Play store.

Wood graduated from the University of Maine in 2013 with a double major in communication and child development and family relations with a minor in peace and reconciliation studies. He continued onto graduate school and graduated in 2015 with a master's degree in human development.

UMaine alumnus Jeffrey Johnson gives “Opportunity” lecture

Jack Barber
Staff Writer

University of Maine alumnus Jeff Johnson gave a lecture titled “From UMaine to a Global Law Practice: Funding Opportunity in a Changing World” on April 28 at the Foster Center for Student Innovation. Johnson gave advice on understanding business law relevant to startup companies, a field in which he has over 19 years of experience.

Johnson is a partner at WilmerHale in Boston, a law firm with over 1,000 lawyers and 12 offices worldwide. He graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor’s in surveying engineering and a master’s in spatial

information science and engineering. He then went on to receive his J.D. from Stanford Law.

Johnson specializes in legal matters regarding intellectual property, development, software, data, financial and manufacturing and distribution of hardware. He has represented corporations such as Alcatel-Lucent, Oxford Instruments and Benu Networks.

After graduating from Stanford Law School in 1998, Johnson went to work at a firm in New York City. Johnson soon found that many of his co-workers there were not excited about the companies they were representing, leading him to move on to Boston.

Now that he is at WilmerHale, Johnson describes

the work he does with several of his clients as “fun.” His educational background in surveying engineering gave him insight into technology startups that many lawyers do not have.

Johnson likes working with startups for several reasons. For one, startups often do not have an in-house lawyer, allowing him to fill that role. Johnson says that startups allow him to extend his client base because of their strong networking base, which is less common in the competitive nature of law firms.

Large law firms may have more flexibility with startups that do not have the capital to pay for their legal services, according

to Johnson. He reasoned that the large firms can afford to take risks, such as deferring a startup’s legal fees until the company can afford it.

Johnson highlighted both common mistakes and the successful business practices of startups he has worked with. He did not shy away from his own mistakes, which he believes have helped him learn along the way.

Several problems can arise in startups with multiple founders, according to Johnson’s lecture, such as the possibility of founders dropping out of the project. The best way to combat concerns over founders dropping out is to be careful whom one chooses as a partner in a

startup venture.

An issue Johnson stressed was intellectual property and the possibility of consultants or former founders claiming the rights to certain ideas. He said it is easier to deal with what ideas came from who at the beginning of the process, because if the startup is a success, it is likely that anyone involved will claim intellectual property rights. He also mentioned that anything that comes from university staff can be considered to be owned by the university, prompting the question, “How am I using my university resources?”

Consultation of one’s teammates and lawyers was also a major talking point of Johnson’s lecture.

Every word of a document is crucial, according to Johnson and consultation with lawyers can save a company from disaster. He mentioned one instance in which a CEO signed a document without consulting his counsel. The document had a clause that sunk the company.

Johnson cited an MIT media article that suggested ways to find opportunities, stating that he had often observed these qualities in other lawyers who were having success. One of these suggestions involved the niches lawyers can fill; if a lot of people are doing the same kind of work it will be harder to find opportunities in those niches, according to Johnson.

Earth Optimism Summit in Washington, D.C. features UMaine scientist Bob Steneck

Carly Dickson
For The Maine Campus

As an environmental enthusiast and hopeful conservation biologist, you can imagine my outrage against the new administration.

So, of course, I booked a ticket to Washington, D.C. to join the March for Science. A week before the march, however, I encountered a brief article in Zoogoer magazine about an event being held from April 21 to April 23 called the “Earth Optimism Summit.”

The summit was a giant gathering featuring scientists, artists, philanthropists, leaders and citizens invested in promoting sustainability and restoring natural places. The Smithsonian, National Geographic, Discovery and

others sponsored the event so that people around the world could share what is working in conservation.

After I read the article and entire website inside and out, I knew I had to go to the summit and skip the March for Science. As excited as I was, I was also extremely anxious. I’ve never been to anything like this, so I didn’t know what it’d be like to go, especially alone. Where would I sit at lunch? Do I approach people? What do I say if I get the courage to speak?

It was obviously a wonderful networking opportunity for a want-to-be scientist. However, walking up to someone and introducing yourself is one of the most terrifying things for a millennial, I think. Not only that, but I have idolized some of these

scientists since I was a little girl. If I got the courage to introduce myself, I had to keep my cool together and make a good impression.

The summit was two days long. It was scheduled so that there was one plenary in the morning and smaller sessions (called “Deep Dives”) in the late morning and into the afternoon. In the evening, there was one more plenary followed by a reception. There were also information tables in the atrium from different organizations to hand out information about themselves in between sessions.

Since I am interested in conservation biology, I chose to attend the Deep Dives about revitalizing endangered species and community engagement. However, the talks ranged from a wide variety

of topics including food, energy, engaging communities, overfishing, communication and more. More importantly, each speaker was chosen to address an accomplishment of their work.

Dr. Bob Steneck from the University of Maine gave a talk on collaborating with locals in Bonaire and restoring the first seaweed reef back into a coral reef. Each talk left you with just a little bit of hope and Dr. Steneck’s was no exception.

At my first Deep Dive, one of my idols was speaking. He works on restoring black-footed ferrets back into the great plains. All black-footed ferrets in the wild today are descendants of 18 individuals caught in 1987 for captive breeding. Before that, they were believed to be extinct.

Since 1991, they have been released back into six states and have been reproducing on their own. They are a success in conservation.

Some other scientists spoke about the success of the California condor, Prezwalski’s horse, sea turtles and plants on the Hawaiian Islands. I wanted to meet them all, but I chose to speak with the black-footed ferret expert. It was really nerve-wracking. I awkwardly approached the front of the room to shake his hand, but someone beat me to it. So I tried to catch him on the way out. I didn’t feel like I gained anything from the interaction, but I am glad I got over my anxiety and did it. It made talking to others feel smoother.

Over the course of the summit, I chatted with four

more scientists whose work I found enticing. Some were intimidating and some were overly-friendly. Some gave me powerful advice for applying to graduate schools, others gave me simple life advice about growing up. Some even handed me business cards.

The attitude inside the Ronald Reagan Trade Center was radically different than the attitudes of all the scientists marching down the streets of Washington.

Even though there is a lot of environmental chaos with the new administration, there are many brilliant minds that span the entire world striving to conserve this planet. I was fortunate enough to stand in the same room as them and now I am inspired to join them.

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Haley Sylvester
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April 22 In the arms of the angels

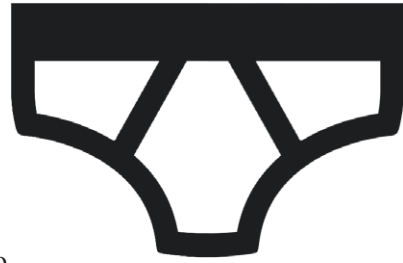
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officers observed an intoxicated male being carried through the Hilltop parking lot. First-year student Winslow Beguelin, unable to walk on his own, was approached by officers. Officers called UVAC, who came and checked him out. He

was found to be in possession of a fake ID, which was confiscated. He was summoned for possession of liquor by a minor, consumption by a minor and possession of a fake ID.

Briefs

Quick news from around the University of Maine System



Jack Barber
Staff Writer

Trump aims to "renegotiate" rather than scrap NAFTA

The White House released a statement on April 26 that President Trump had decided not to attempt to scrap NAFTA via executive order. The statement said that after telephone conversations with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, it was agreed that the 23-year-old trade agreement would be renegotiated.

"Now, if I'm unable to make a fair deal...I will terminate NAFTA. But we're going to give renegotiation a good, strong shot," Trump said.

NAFTA was signed by the U.S., Canada

and Mexico in 1992 and took effect in 1994. The trade agreement established a "free-trade zone in North America" by lifting tariffs and other cross-border trade obstacles in North America, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's website.

White House releases tax plan

The White House released a new tax plan, "2017 Tax Reform for Economic Growth and American Jobs," on April 26. The one-page plan featured bullet point lists of goals, individual tax reforms and business tax reforms.

The individual tax reform section seeks to reduce the number of tax brackets from seven to three: 10, 25 and

35 percent, without details on what level of incomes will fall into each bracket. The plan also suggests doubling the standard deduction, which reduces the amount of individual income that is subject to federal income tax. The individual tax section also calls for the repeal of the alternative minimum tax, the death tax and the Affordable Care Act's 3.8 percent investment income tax.

The business tax reform section calls for a 15 percent business tax, which is currently 39.6 percent. It also calls for a territorial tax system, which taxes businesses only on income earned within the country. The plan also encourages corporations to bring

home money held in other countries through a one-time transition tax.

Tornadoes kill at least 6 people in Southern and Midwestern states

Emergency responders have found the bodies of at least six people in Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. The tornadoes began to touch down on the evening of April 29 and continued to cause damage through April 30. Over 50 people have been injured by the storms.

Millions of Americans were issued flash flood warnings. Missouri Governor Eric Greitens said there had been at least 93 evacuations and asked civilians to stay home. At least 150 roads were flooded, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Trump Skips Correspondents' Dinner for 100-day Rally

President Trump and Vice President Pence

missed the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner on April 29 to hold a rally in Harrisburg, Pa. Presidents in the past have typically given a light-hearted speech at the dinner. The last time a president missed the event was 36 years ago, when President Reagan was hospitalized from an assassination attempt.

Association president Jeff Mason stressed press freedom in his speech. "We cannot ignore the rhetoric that has been employed by the president about who we are and what we do. We are not fake news. We are not failing news organizations. And we are not the enemy of the American people," Mason said.

Trump discussed the Paris agreement, tensions with North Korea and promised changes to health care similar to those laid out in the failed American Health Care Act during his speech at the rally. Trump also expressed negative sentiments toward the press and the

Correspondents' Dinner attendees.

United Airlines settles with passenger dragged from flight

On April 27, United Airlines and David Dao settled out of court for an undisclosed amount after he was dragged from a plane on April 9 leaving him with a concussion, broken nose and missing teeth.

Airport police officers forcefully removed Dao after he refused to give up his seat, prompting outrage on social media. United Airlines has reviewed its policies and will no longer remove passengers who are seated and will offer up to \$10,000 to give up their seats.

United Airlines CEO, Oscar Munoz, apologized multiple times. "We had not provided our front-line supervisors and managers and individuals with the proper tools, policies and procedures that allow them to use common sense. That's on me. I have to fix that," Munoz told ABC news.

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The World This Week

April 25 - One is dead and four have been arrested in connection with a meth lab that exploded in Old Town, Maine last Tuesday.

April 29 - A protest against President Trump's climate policies drew thousands to Washington, D.C. and satellite demonstrations around the country on Saturday.

April 30 - A poll for the Journal du Dimanche shows that 45 percent of voters believe neither of the top two French presidential candidates, Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen, could end unemployment and 42 percent believe they cannot reunite the country.

April 30 - The Pentagon has announced that 352 civilians have been killed in U.S.-led strikes in Syria against ISIS since 2014.

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Monday, May 1, 2017

Editorial: Are we dealing with sexual assault in the right way?

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) was once a place for UMaine women to gather and access vital resources regarding harassment and violence prevention, gender equality and reproductive rights. Unfortunately, its doors closed prior to 2015, after over twenty years of serving young women in the community. Lack of funding caused the center's shutdown. Money for the center has been redirected to the Rising Tide Center — a community centered on women in science, technology, engineering, math and medicine fields.

Though encouraging women to thrive in STEM fields is a more than worthy cause, losing the WRC is detrimental to the safety of women on campus.

Recently, the Student Women's Association (SWA) has been petitioning a revival of the WRC on campus. A petition on Change.org received over a thousand signatures and

members of SWA spread the message throughout campus with small handouts printed with QR codes concerning the hopeful revival of the center. The university is now considering a potential return of the center, though the original goal was to bring the Rising Tide Center's mission under the same roof as the defunded WRC.

However, having the two communities meshed into one may create a confusing space that's not as welcoming to women in need as some may hope. Having a safe space specifically for victims of assault or harassment is crucial in helping them report and receive any assistance they need. UMaine is an outspoken advocate for violence prevention on all levels, as demonstrated by online sexual assault prevention training and posters listing resources for victims in nearly every restroom on campus. There is also

campus-wide mandatory reporting.

As any student who has seen a standard class syllabus knows, professors are almost always held to mandatory reporting standards if they are made aware of sexual violence. There are loopholes around this, such as speaking strictly in hypothetical situations to navigate the mandatory reporting that professors are held to. This is a common theme spreading across the nation in many other college campuses beyond UMaine. Mandatory reporting has its benefits and it has its drawbacks, too.

Since the university concerns itself so chiefly on the safety of women and victims of violence on campus, we should discuss two things — whether mandatory reporting is helpful and whether defunding a safe space for violence prevention was the best action.

Some professors are

designated as confidential and are therefore exempt from mandatory reporting guidelines. Any other professor must report any mention of violence, harassment or discrimination based on sex or gender. The Chronicle of Higher Education posted an article by Michele Moody-Adams regarding mandatory reporting with a critical eye. Moody-Adams writes, "It is precisely the most vulnerable students, those who most need a protected space in which they can share a troubling experience, who will be least likely to tell their stories if they cannot expect their communications to be kept confidential."

This statement is at odds with both UMaine's policy and dissolving of the WRC. UMaine's policy requires even written assignments that mention violence to be reported. When verbal and written disclosure are both liable to being reported,

students who aren't comfortable opening up about their experiences may keep quiet.

Being pushed into legal action before someone is ready can be especially damaging. Moody-Adams further discusses the loss of self-control that lies at the base of violent acts. Mandatory reporting can exasperate this feeling and re-traumatize students. Faced with this dilemma, the WRC once shone through as a beacon of hope for survivors not yet ready to face legal action.

But with the WRC dissolved, students are redirected to a roster of various departments and services on and off campus, including Cutler Health Center and the University of Maine Counseling Center. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from the Office of Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention — but do students

know where that is? What if they aren't ready to speak to a professional yet? Searching for sexual assault reporting on UMaine's website results in a long policy code but doesn't directly pinpoint quickly where students should go.

Prevention is also pushed to the side without the WRC. Though we have online training available, this is not enough to spread resources through campus. The WRC was a hub for women-specific resources in the community. Reinstating and maintaining this community is crucial for ensuring students have somewhere to go, no matter what concerns they're bringing into the room.

The Rising Tide Center, though it does incredible work, is not the place for supporting women outside of career development and empowerment. There can and should be room for both.

Fogler Library's Saturday hours should be extended

Allyson Eslin
Editor in Chief

As upperclassmen and underclassmen alike struggle to bring a packed semester to a close, it's not uncommon to hear students bemoaning how long they're spending in the library. After all, Raymond H. Fogler Library — an elite facility in its own right, one of the largest libraries in the Northeast and the largest facility of its kind in Maine — is one of the few places on an increasingly crowded campus with mandated silence, access to copious

academic resources and a quaint, well-priced cafe offering all of the caffeine a harried student could need.

So why, then, is the Alumni Lot — a favorite of library-goers after the parking laws governing campus have been temporarily relaxed in the evenings — empty after 6p.m. on a Saturday?

The University of Maine's premier study space, it turns out, is only open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on this favorite of study days. A far cry from the early morning hours that extend until students

are burning the midnight oil on weekdays — and even the long hours offered on Sundays — the rules governing the library's availability on a day free for many students, a day wherein much work could be done, are archaic.

For students who work on weekdays, who travel long distances to come to campus, or attend religious services and observe days of rest on Sundays, this is a problem.

As the world evolves, so too should the institutions surrounding it. While it may have been

more uncommon in years past to see twenty-somethings and their older peers "nesting" in a shared study space, particularly while fellow classmates are out partying or relaxing during balmy spring evenings, with the fuller and more demanding schedules that today's college students now juggle, it's irresponsible to deny them valuable time in the library.

The university prides itself on offering all the resources a student needs to succeed. But there is now a gap in access to these resources for students with

particular circumstances. A relatively simple adjustment could help struggling fourth-years wrapping up capstones and honors theses, non-traditional students whose family commitments don't allow weekday visits and religious students whose weekend obligations mean they have to make the trek for just a few hours on Saturday or not at all.

Fogler Library is a distinguished and valuable academic establishment. The university rightly takes enormous pride in the resources housed there — from a rich chronicle of

both university and world history, to design tools and a dearth of staff with great knowledge and a sincere desire to help.

These things should be available more often, to more students. "Finals" hours are not enough, nor are the select few hours on Saturdays wherein the public is allowed.

Even if it's in a limited capacity, Fogler could continue its excellent record of serving the students and supporting academic excellence by offering some sort of study space on a day when many students need it most.

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The Fyre Festival and what it should mean to you

Sam Tracy
Contributor

The Fyre Festival in Georgetown, Bahamas was a disaster from the start. Similar to Coachella, founders Ja Rule and Billy McFarland promised luxury housing, gourmet food and musical entertainment such as performances by Blink-182, Major Lazer and Rae Sremmurd. When guests arrived in the Bahamas, the sight of the event was nothing like they expected. Many claimed it resembled a warzone more than a party. Instead of cabanas, there were half-built "disaster relief tents" according to an attendee's

Twitter page. Another guest tweeted a picture of the food they were provided: cheese sandwiches and salad.

Guests quickly started fighting over food and better amenities, reducing the mess to a modern rendition of Lord of the Flies. The festival areas were quickly trashed and a few people were assaulted. However, these conditions, while not as promised, were hardly squalid either. Some guests were relocated to the airport and a quick walk down the road would have brought them to the centre of Georgetown, where restaurants and hotels cater to normal vacationers year-

round.

Simply put, the Fyre Festival was not as bad as many of the guests make it out to be. In their rush to tweet about their struggle, hash-tagging the U.S. Embassy for rescue and emergency supplies, partygoers forgot that Georgetown is not in the middle of the jungle.

Tickets to the Fyre Festival cost anywhere between \$1,200 and \$12,000 dollars and are non-refundable. It's not fair that people were scammed out of their money, but bear in mind all guests potentially have money to spare. If you can afford that much on a luxury package because Insta-

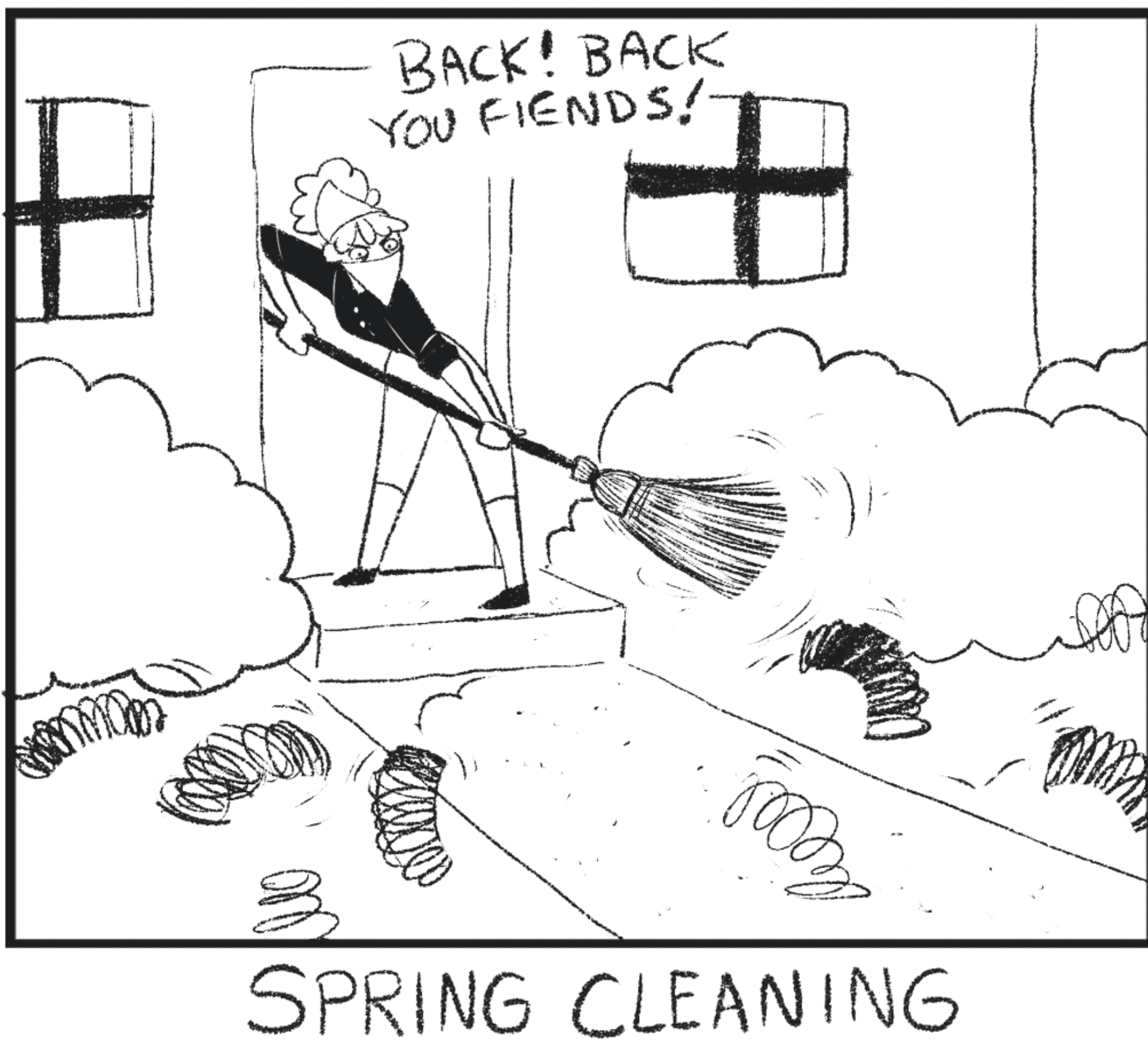
gram models like Kendall Jenner, Bella Hadid and Emily Ratajkowski told you to go, you can afford to be scammed out of it. It's not fun, but it doesn't hurt you or threaten your livelihood or safety. It's the principle that you can worry about, not the missing money.

At the end of the day, it is the locals who must deal with the worst aftermath. They will have to clean up the mess and their tourism industry might suffer from all the social media attention Exuma is receiving. Locals raised concerns about the time frame needed to organize the event from the start, including those locals who had experience

with large events. Their concerns were ignored by the event organizers and the Bahamian Ministry of Tourism. Furthermore, the Fyre Festival was originally scheduled at Norman's Bay, but they moved it to Georgetown. Two other concurrent, large tourism events — the long-running Exuma Regatta Week and the Junkanoo carnival — meant the island was already running at nearly full capacity. The organizers had nowhere to put the Fyre Festival guests.

Displaced guests did not go hungry, were not lacking bottled water, bathrooms or even electricity to charge their phones. Tweets and

pictures prove that while conditions were nowhere near as expected, they were not hazardous in any way. To relate this experience to a refugee camp and blame the locals along with the event organizers is selfish. The local Bahamians are not at fault just because your vacation fell through. They are not responsible for making you feel at home on their island. Furthermore, average people get scammed every day without any rich parents or flashy Instagram fame to fall back on. Why should we feel bad when Fyre Festival guests lost the equivalent to an expensive designer handbag?




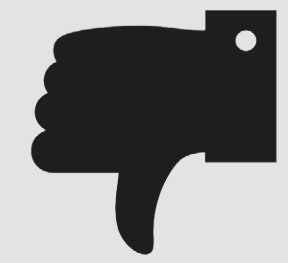

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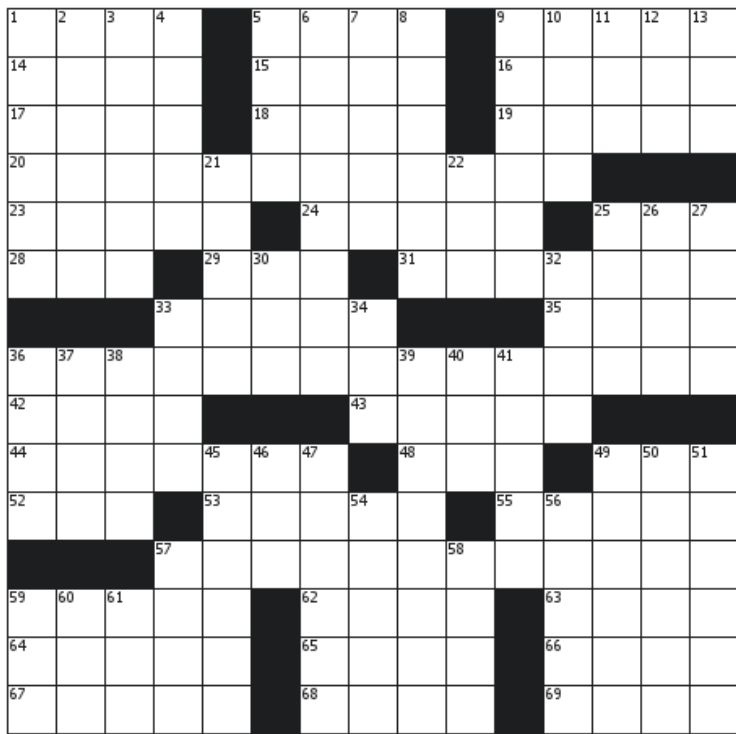
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Planning Protests	Cramming For Tests
Memes	Dreams
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Diversions

Crossword



Across

1. Pretentious, insincere language (with 5-Across)
5. See 1-Across
9. Signal flare
14. Harass persistently
15. Weevil found in cotton
16. Lagoon surround
17. Type of marine
18. Spumante source
19. Urban transports
20. Grease remover
23. Solution's strength
24. Banks or Kovacs
25. Energy
28. Gridiron gains (Abbr.)
29. Go bad
31. Monk's haircut
33. Main bloodline
35. Ever's partner
36. Diana tribute
42. Three-toed bird
43. Semimonthly tides
44. Grayish-fawn
48. It's after pi
49. It may follow a wash

Down

1. Sly
2. Like some assets
3. They're grown
4. Positive-thinking proponent
5. Uphill conveyance
6. British poet Dante
7. Rehem, e.g.
8. Easily swayed
9. Make plump
10. Its motto is "Industry"
11. Some are Red and some are White
12. Pharmaceutical giant
13. Trains over the street
21. Mr. Flynn
22. Brazilian hot spot
25. New Mexico native
26. Monopoly token
27. Await
30. Galena or pyrite
32. Trims two-by-fours
33. Genesis man
34. Bay State cape
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Down

46. "Eureka!"
47. Professional's antithesis
49. Miss Muffet's interloper
50. Twice as weird
51. Passing fashions
54. Vowed
56. Prior to, old style
57. Construction wood
58. Trial by fire
59. Run for exercise
60. Thurman of Hollywood
61. Hasty flight

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Word Search: Washing a Car

- BRUSH
- BUCKETS
- CHAMOIS
- CHROME
- CLEAN
- DEAD BUGS
- DIRT
- DOOR HANDLES
- DOORS
- DRIVEWAY
- DRY OFF
- FENDERS
- FRONT
- GARDEN HOSE
- GLASS
- GRIME
- HEADLIGHTS
- HOOD
- HUBCAPS
- LICENSE PLATE
- MIRRORS
- MUD
- PREPARATION
- REAR

- RINSE
- ROOF
- SCRUB
- SIDES
- SOAP
- SPONGE
- SQUEEGEE
- SUDS
- TAIL LIGHTS
- TIRES
- TOP
- TOWELS
- VEHICLE
- WASH
- WATER
- WAX
- WHEELS
- WINDOWS
- WINDSHIELD

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Sudoku

Each row, column and 3x3 square must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order, but each digit can only appear once. There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Medium

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Word Scramble: Graduation

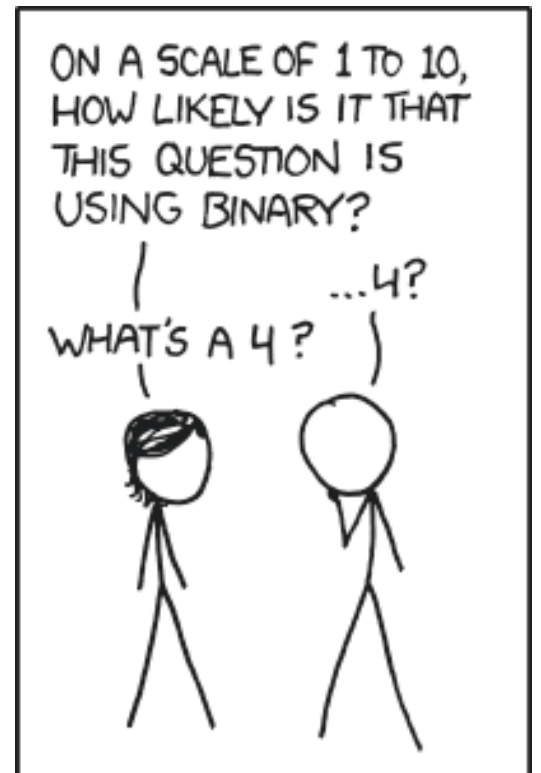
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9. sepceh
10. stlase

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A Black Bear Abroad: My final days in Santiago



A glimpse of the beautiful Chilean landscape.

Jordan Houdeshell, Contributor.

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Studying abroad is full of ups and downs. There are days when you wish you were leaving tomorrow and other days where you wish you could live here forever. My experience was no different from this; I've had good days and bad days. Now that it is time to actually leave this city that has become my home over the past four months, my feelings are still mixed. There are definitely some things I will miss, but there are also things I can't wait for back in the United States.

The biggest thing that I will miss about Santiago,

something that is available in almost any place that you study abroad, is how you are constantly learning. Whether it is the commute to school, actual classes or just hanging out with people. There are limitless opportunities to learn, without having to put in a lot of effort. Especially here, where the dominant language is not English and the Spanish has a very unique dialect. Everytime I do something as simple as buy toothpaste at the store or put money on my metro card, I get to practice my Spanish skills.

Another big thing that I will miss here is living in a city. While there are definitely times I wish that

I could just be alone in my car, drive somewhere and not have to sit in traffic for half an hour, being in the city means there is always something to do. In Santiago specifically, there are tons of parks —which I love, because these are the best place to go to people watch, workout or meet with your friends.

There is also always somewhere to go that you haven't been before. There are so many little barrios (neighborhoods) in Santiago; my four months here, I wasn't able to see them all. Since there are so many people here, there are tons of events happening every day, with many of them be-

ing free of charge. This past weekend, I ran a race with my friend and a few weeks ago, I went to a food festival that featured popular food from around the country. There is always something new — and often exciting — to do.

One aspect of Santiago that I definitely will not miss is the weather. When we first got here in January, it was summer and it was pretty warm, which was very nice coming right from winter. It isn't as humid as it is in Maine, but it wasn't uncommon to be sitting somewhere just dripping sweat. Now it is fall here and the weather has done a complete 360. Now in the

mornings it is pretty cold and — while it warms up a little during the day — it cools down again in the afternoon. When you can see everyone on social media talking about how it is starting to warm up back home, it is hard to be excited about the temperatures cooling down here. It also never rains here and as someone who loves splashing in puddles and playing outside in the rain, it is weird to not experience rain for four months.

Studying abroad anywhere has highs and lows, but for me there have been many more highs than lows. Coming to Santiago, I had no idea what exactly I was

getting myself into, but I had an amazing experience here. A huge part of studying abroad is trying new things and stepping out of your comfort zone. Whether it was having a complicated conversation with someone in Spanish (where neither of you knows exactly what you are talking about) or going somewhere new for the weekend, my experience was heightened by all the times I did things I wasn't completely comfortable with. No matter where you go or what you do there, after having this experience, I believe that everyone who has a chance to study abroad should take advantage of that opportunity.

Maine Day from A12

meal pack-out nearly tied with Harvard University in the largest number of meals packed by a university in New England. After learning that, Ladenheim jokingly suggested surpassing Harvard in the Maine Day meal pack-out. Davis — and Brown took on the challenge, with Borer raising the initial goal of 50,000 meals to 100,000.

"This is going to be the record breaking meal pack-out, not only in terms of most meals packed in history of UMaine but also in the history of the State," Borer said. "It will propel us above Harvard as the number one meal-packing university. How great would it be to be able say: 'I was there when we've packed 100,000 meals in a single day.' When you're there it is such a collaborative environment. You know you're doing something beneficial that is going back to

our communities."

There are over 140 volunteers who signed-up for the Maine Day pack-out. Volunteers are still needed and if you would like to be a part of this project, please visit the Facebook page for more information.

This meal pack-out is made possible through the efforts of the Honors College, the Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, the Good Shepherd Food Bank, End Hunger New England, the New England regional

office for Outreach, Inc. and many more organizations and anonymous donors.

The annual Earth Day (April 22) Naked Bike Ride was postponed to Maine Day due to weather conditions. For the last 31 years, UMaine students have demonstrated their appreciation for nature by liberating their bodies, painting themselves green and riding bikes along the mall. Please visit the Facebook page for more information. At 11:30 a.m., Maine Bound Adventure Center

will be hosting a Maine Day Adventure Race at the New Balance Student Recreation Center. If you like obstacles that require running, biking, canoeing, wall climbing and more, visit the Facebook page here.

At noon, a free barbecue will be held in the steam plant parking lot to provide food for the Maine Day volunteers. In the afternoon, student teams will compete for the "ooze ball championship" — volleyball played in the mud — hosted by Alpha

Delta and University Singers. There will also be a battle of the local bands, as well as other philanthropic put on by student groups.

"It's amazing. It's one of these reasons why so many people love Maine Day. You get to roll up your sleeves and do something productive in the morning, and later have a carnival like atmosphere to celebrate," Morin said. "And where else more picturesque can you be than by the banks of the Stillwater River."

Lost.

(How most kids feel about preparing for college.)

Without the help of an adult, it may be confusing for students to find their way to college. If you know a student with dreams of a higher education, do your part and help lead the way. Learn how at...

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Third annual Spawning Run raises money for local cause



The 3rd annual Spawning Run 5K starts in front of Nutting Hall, Orono.

Sze Wing Wong, Staff.

Sarah O'Malley
Contributor

With warmer weather fast approaching, UMaine's flagship campus has begun to play host to a plethora of outdoor events, activities and overall commotion. The UMaine American Fisheries Society Student Subunit took advantage of last Saturday's bright and breezy weather to hold their annual 5K Spawning Run and runners began congregating at Nutting Hall around 8:30 to mingle and prepare

The run brings together students, faculty and commu-

nity members who are eager to support a cause close to home. Registration fees ranged from \$10 to \$20, helping support the Student Subunit Outreach and Education Fund. The group plans to utilize funds raised to start marine biology centered programs in local middle schools and high schools.

Betsy Barber, a wildlife ecology Ph.D. student at UMaine, was running the event. "We plan on using the money to fund squid dissections," she said, "and we need money to buy the squids and supplies." The proceeds will be used to establish dissection programs

in high schools.

The run was a fun celebration of athletics and philanthropy, with many community members bringing along their dogs and young children. A golden retriever puppy, named Jimmy, could be seen weaving around the start line, while one runner brought along her giant Irish wolfhound to run alongside her for motivation. One ambitious runner even ran whilst pushing his young daughter in a carriage the whole way. A group of middle school kids came dressed as different characters from Finding Dory, sporting tutus and

personalized t-shirts.

Most runners found out about the run through Facebook, like fourth-year marine biology student Sameera Salame, who described the run as "a fun alternative to working out."

Each runner qualified for a raffle ticket to enter into over 10 different raffles, ranging from local restaurants like Verve, the Boomhouse and Woodmans, to outdoor equipment stores like Alpenglow Adventure Sports, Ski Rack Sports and Old Town Archery & Survival. There was even a gift certificate to the Universi-

ty Bookstore and a white water rafting experience offered, courtesy of Maine Whitewater Experience.

The overall fastest runner was Jim Hunt, with a time of 19:28 — with his daughter Sarah Hunt finishing at 21:01 at the top of the 13-18 age group. William Libby won the under 13 age group.

The run also offered special prizes to anyone bold enough to dress as a fish in honor of the Salmon Spawn Run. Many runners took this to heart and could be seen waving their hands in a fish like motion when crossing the finish line.

Roughly 50 runners started and finished the race, and spectators cheered on each and every finisher in a show of support and community. The race wasn't as competitive as it was encouraging — and most runners took it as an opportunity to challenge themselves while raising money and awareness to a local cause.

The event went smoothly and the UMaine American Fisheries Society Student Subunit successfully raised enough money to bring their hopes of educating young Mainers about marine biology to fruition.

A look at the works of 2017's Grady Award winners



Alex Terrell, Grady Award for Creative Writing recipient, reads from her short story "Black Dog."

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

Hannah Noriega
Contributor

This past Thursday, April 27, students had the pleasure of attending the English department's last New Writing Lecture series event for the spring. This was the reading and recognition of the Grady Award winner for Creative Writing.

Toward the end of the academic year, the department hosts a special lecture night for the Grady Award winners. These winners are both graduate and undergraduate students who entered the prestigious competition in order for their works to be judged. This com-

petition is for both poetry and manuscript writers. Other student works had the opportunity to be showcased throughout the year, but this particular lecture was reserved for only the first place and second place winners under both styles of writing at the bachelor of arts and master of arts levels.

The poetry winners this year were students Joseph Ahern, Brendan Allen, Katherine Dubois and Paul Eaton.

Katherine Dubois is the first place undergraduate winner for poetry. She read a series of short and mid-length poems. Her leading selection was comprised of 10 parts and encompassed thought process-

es from underprivileged children she worked with, as well as her own. Her pacing and separation of the parts made this piece dramatic and strong.

Joseph Ahern provides a humorous spin on serious topics like abusive homes, Alzheimer's and religion. His short poems were creative and witty, leaving the audience laughing until the poem's true, "tragic" essence sets in. In his nervousness of not having written something new since the awards, he created a poem in preparation of the event. You would never have guessed it was a last second addition. He also provided an untitled poem for which he

is "open to suggestions for" when it comes to naming. He was awarded second place for poetry at the undergraduate level.

Among those who received awards for their fiction writing were, Kaitlin Abrams, Brady Andrews, Alex Terrell and Morghen Tidd.

When David Kress introduced Alex Terrell, he mentioned a previous conversation he had with her. "She warned me beforehand that she had never read in public before and this would be a trainwreck," to which he replied: "Then I hope you deliver and it's the biggest trainwreck ever."

Her reading of her short

story "Black Dog" was both supernatural and dark. She also sounded like she had been reading for years in front of audiences, as she was very confident in her narration. She was awarded second place at the undergraduate level for fiction.

Morghen Tidd was awarded first place fiction at the undergraduate level. Tidd's representation of the rapid thoughts of a young woman struggling with herself in her contemporary work (which does not have a set title) perfectly captures anxiety and self-doubt, along with a relatable, strong, feminine stubbornness.

This year, students were judged by Amber Sparks, an author of "The Unfinished World" and "Shut Up/ Look Pretty," as well as Jenn McCreary, a poet and author of "Elderly's Not My Country."

Every year the English department holds a lecture series in which they invite various writers, authors, guest speakers and students to come and read works they have created, or to teach about particular related topics. This lecture continues to be one that is popular among students, because they can see and hear some of the great works that their peers are producing right here on campus.

Reviews

🎵 MUSIC

Kane Brown's talks about love in "Kane Brown"



KANE BROWN
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Hannah Noriega
Contributor

Redbank, Tennessee native Kane Brown is a contemporary country music artist who debuted his eponymous album "Kane Brown" this past December. According to an online music guide service Allmusic, he originally became interested in country music after winning a high school talent contest by singing Chris Young's "Gettin' You Home."

Like many newer artists, he then began turning to social media to expand his listener base, gaining a following online. That seemed to work pretty well for the artist, as his single "Don't Go City on Me" went viral back in 2014. His debut album "Closer" hit the charts in 2015 — and in 2016 he signed with RCA/Sony Music Nashville. This latest album — "Kane Brown" — has been making its way to the radio streams lately, so you should check it out.

This song teeters on the edge of country and another genre, which is not an uncommon tactic nowadays. "Hometown Proud" is a great single that every graduating senior could relate to, when all you want to do is make your hometown and family proud. It is fast, has a great beat and the lyrics are easy enough to pick up. I can definitely see this becoming a summer favorite.

This next song blew me out of the water. Being the first song I heard from this artist, it is fantastic, sexy and created the best first impression possible. "What Ifs" with Lauren Alaina is the first single from this album that I heard on the radio. It was also a song that made me interested in hearing the rest of the album.

"Learning" is an odd mix of genres, none of which I would consider country. It has some rap and something related

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to jazz — and makes you want to snap your fingers while swaying side to side. The lyrics provide a very in-depth look at the artist's dramatic past. As well as it is written, the sound is very different from the rest of the album. Needless to say, it was not my favorite among the album's singles.

Kane Brown must be the championing artist of love songs. His tracks come off with the excitement of Hunter Hayes and the sweetness of Brett Young, especially "Thunder in the Rain" which encompasses all of that perfectly.

"Better Place" is a sweet addition to the album. Yet another love track, this one is great, since it is slower and more cheesy than the other songs on this album.

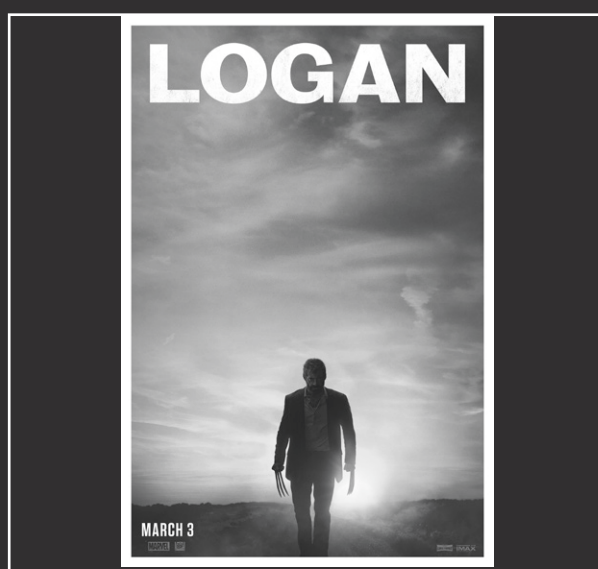
Looking for a summer anthem? "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" is nothing but bikinis, sand, beaches, tans and freedom. As it gets warmer around Maine, a bunch of us are looking to make a playlist that will accompany us to Old Orchard and I am adding this one for sure.

Kane Brown is an exciting country artist who seems to favor mixing, country, rock, rhythm and blues, while playing up the cliches. This does not mean he doesn't carry the classic arsenal of twang and guitar chords that sound familiar to us country fans. You can definitely see Brown moving up in the charts, making sure we hear more of him real soon.

This album deserves two thumbs up and will be taking it into the summer alongside my other new favorites.

🎬 MOVIE

Hugh Jackman takes one last stab in "Logan"



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Culture Editor

Since he made his on-screen debut in July of 2000, the Wolverine, the unequivocal face of the X-Men film franchise, has appeared in nine of the ten films (the one appearance he did not make was in "Deadpool"). Over the course of that time, he has had three spin-off films dedicated to him that give context on his own life and his origins. Now in his ninth appearance as the character, the man who has played Wolverine for 17 years, Hugh Jackman, is retracting his claws and calling it quits. But that's not before he decides to go off on one final grand adventure.

Appropriately titled "Logan," one of Wolverine's most common aliases, the movie takes place in the post-apocalyptic future, specifically the year 2029 where mutants, people with out-of-this-world abilities, are on the brink of extinction. Wolverine works as a chauffeur in Texas as his body continues to age and be poisoned by his adamantium skeleton, due to his failing healing abilities. Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart), another well-known face of the franchise known for his telepathic abilities, joins him, yet he is struggling with Alzheimer's disease. Wolverine is given a task to escort an 11-year-old girl named Laura (Dafne Keen), a mutant who is a product of a biotechnology experiment, to a place in North Dakota called "Eden," although, in true superhero fashion, there is someone trying to stop him.

The X-Men franchise has always had a way of bringing raw acting into the limelight of a superhero film, which is why there is such a cult following for this Marvel series. It has made names for such stars as Nicholas Hoult, Michael Fassbender and James McAvoy, who all first appeared in the 2011 installment "X-Men: First Class." It's been a birthplace for many actors and actresses, due to

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the calls for large and fresh casts upon each release. But seasoned men like Jackman and Stewart have stayed true to the series throughout its incredibly lengthy run — and thanks to them and the incredible storyline from "Logan," the franchise will continue to be successful far into the future.

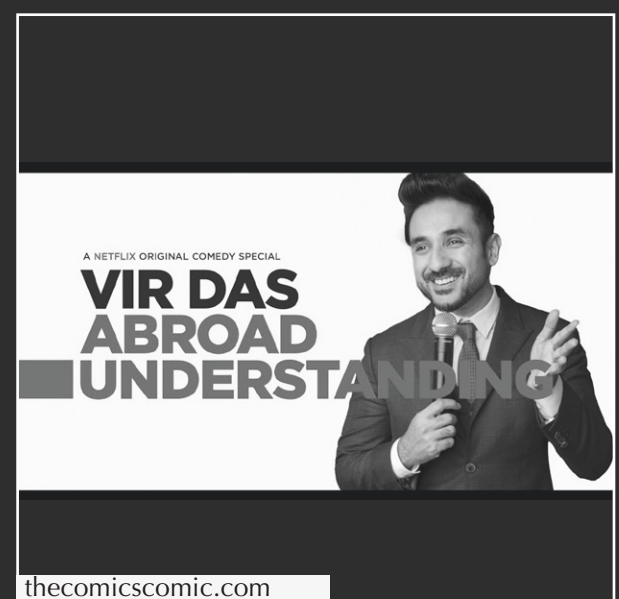
As with any superhero film, there are high expectations for action. Battle after battle, viewers are left wanting more and even cleverer ways of stopping the enemy of "Logan." Better yet, the development of Wolverine's character shows, as his failing body can no longer sustain the blows like it used to. This was the idea of director James Mangold, who believed that Wolverine deserved to be retired, but only after he had overcome all adversities, including old age.

What "Logan" does that other movies in the series have not is tie in the humanizing characteristics of mutants. As said before, you begin to see Wolverine's and even Professor X's vulnerabilities like never before. This adds depth to a story that is constantly trying to better itself in terms of capabilities. Add in the clever direction of Mangold and the strong coordination of cinematographer John Mathieson and you have something truly worth watching. And not to mention, it's appropriate that Jackman, 48, ended his run at the age that he did because today's film technology has made it possible for special effects to produce physical attributes, such as scars and wrinkles, like you could never visualize before. In many ways,

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🎭 COMEDY

Vir Das comically blends American and Indian culture



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Sarah O'Malley
Contributor

There are over 7 billion people on this planet. Every single one of those people come from different backgrounds and upbringings and will experience the world in a different way. Laughter, however, is universal, as Vir Das understands well. The Indian Bollywood actor and comedian debuted a new Netflix comedy special that weaves together two routines; one filmed in Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi, India — and the other performed at Subculture Comedy Club in New York City, U.S.A. The audiences differ more ways than geography, cultural norms of Indians vary vastly from those of Americans, something that Das teases and challenges throughout the show.

The comedian's bold routine begins with him explaining to each audience that he will be discussing things he doesn't understand, in the hopes that by the end of his sketch, the audiences can not understand together and therefore come together under the similarity of their confusion. Topics ranged from world politics, discussing both the United States President Donald Trump and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to religion, tackling Islamophobia and the interpretation of religious texts.

Das glides through each bit with ease, confronting taboo topics with his unique perspective. He dances, flirts and argues with audiences from two different sides of the world — and manages to relate universally. Generating laughs while taking a somewhat stance for social justice is no easy task and yet Das gets laughs across the board when clarifying the right way to say Muslim ('Mooss-lim' is a religious belief, 'Muz-lim' is a fabric'). Even suggesting all reli-

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gious texts gets updated regularly à la Apple style, remarking, "we need an Islam 6S." He suggests that everyone who has prejudices about Islam take a good long look at their own faith, noting that all faith backgrounds have their own dark pasts and outdated rules, highlighting Christianity's stance on premarital sex.

Bounding across the stages, Das told stories of racism in India and the U.S. — and broke them down by intent. He talked about how unprepared he was for his first kiss and the surprising amount of tongue involved. He even went so far as to point out that according to India's legislation, oral and anal sex are against the law, which developed into an open conversation about homosexuality in the world. But not all topics were as topical and complex, Das opened up about his first engagement, joking honestly about the heartbreak of getting broken up with over Skype, playfully remarking about how the "typing" icon is a double edged sword.

Das successfully challenges cultural differences like Bollywood sex scenes and American cereal aisles — and yet compels audiences to accept and embrace such differences. With so many comedy specials offered from the perspective of white Americans, Das argues that, "Indian comedy is more than head bobble jokes and funny accents," and consequently delivers. If you're eager for new perspectives and the opportunity to learn from other cultures in an engaging and fun manner, try Vir Das out for a spin.

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Campus organizations, Bodwell Center gearing up for Maine Day



The University Of Maine, Orono.

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If you ask University of Maine alumni, "What is something unique to UMaine?" chances are, their answer will be Maine Day.

The first "Maine Day" — a day set aside for "spring clean-up" of the campus — was observed in 1935. Arthur Hauck, the president of UMaine from 1934-1958, brought many positive changes to campus, the celebration of Maine Day being one of them.

Historically, Maine Day is set on the Wednesday of the last week of classes of the spring semester. This year's Maine Day falls on Wednesday, May 3. With the exception of classes and laboratories, which meet twice or once a week, all classes will be canceled on Wednesday. Students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to give back to the campus community through volunteering.

"It's supposed to be an

opportunity for students to do beneficial things around the community," third-year student Tyler O'Keefe said.

For students who live on campus, the day will start with music; loud music outside their windows coming from volunteers for the Maine Day Band. At 8:30 a.m., UMaine's tradition societies, the Senior Skulls, All Maine Women, Sophomore Eagles and Sophomore Owls, will lead a parade along with the members of student organizations, residence halls, greek life, faculty, administrators and staff. It will begin at the Emera Astronomy Center and travel throughout campus, down to York Hall. International students will join the parade with their countries' flags and there will also be a float competition. This year, trophies and prizes will be awarded to the best campus department and best student organization.

The parade will be followed by service projects throughout the morning. The majority of the projects will

involve raking, weeding, trash clean-up, sweeping and more.

"The goal is to clean-up our campus, get it ready for commencement, and put our best foot forward for people who come here," Lisa Morin, the Coordinator of the Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, said. "It is very unique to UMaine. No other university in the University of Maine system campuses celebrates Maine Day, and we think they should."

It is Morin's seventh year of planning for Maine Day. The Bodwell Center starts planning for this event in January.

"With our increased enrollment, we are always looking for more ways to engage students. We look for more and more people who are able and willing to participate. We are always looking for more projects right around campus," Morin said. Since she first started working at the university, the Maine Day project expanded to downtown Orono, the Wil-

son Center and other nearby buildings.

"We branched it out a little bit since I got here in an effort to offer more opportunities to students. But we still try to make it campus focused," Morin said.

One of the most anticipated projects on Maine Day is the Hungry 100K Maine Day Meal Pack-Out. Put on by the UMaine Honors College, this is a large-scale collaborative event that aims to fight Maine's hunger problem.

Over 200,000 Mainers are food insecure. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (USDA), in 2016, Maine ranked the ninth in the nation and first in New England for food insecurity. One in four children in Maine are food insecure, meaning they do not have a reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

"It is a problem that could easily be solved," Samuel Borer, a student organizer of the meal pack-out, said.

"We have the food, it just goes wrong with the ways our system is set up, such as disposal and pricing of food. This makes food a privilege not an entitlement; it's been really eye opening for me to walk through the process of planning this event."

He led the organizational part of this project along with fellow honors students and Alpha Tau Omega brothers Brady Davis and Jack Brown. Associate Dean of the Honors College Melissa Ladenheim provided support and guidance to help meet the project's goal of raising \$25,000.

From 8 a.m. until noon on Maine Day, volunteers will be at the Memorial Gym, packing nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals such as oatmeal. It costs 25 cents to prepare and package a single meal. With the raised money, the volunteers will be able to make 100,000 meals ready to be distributed throughout the state.

The Honors College has been participating in the

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

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Wednesday, May 3

Maine Day
All Day
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Wednesday, May 3

Maine Day Parade
All Day
University of Maine
Free

Thursday, May 4

Innovation and Entrepreneurial Networking Event
5:30 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Foster Center for Student Innovation
Free

Thursday, May 4

Dance Showcase
7:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.
Hauk Auditorium
Visit umaine.edu/spa for tickets

meal pack-out events on Welcome Weekend for several years. UMaine has also done meal pack-outs on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service for the last two years. Between 20,000 and 40,000 meals have been packed on those days. UMaine's last

See **Maine Day** on **A9**

International student diversity speaks to quality campus life

Nathaniel Trask
Culture Editor

Just by taking a glance at the students that pass you in the halls every day, or are sitting down eating lunch in the Bear's Den, it's obvious that University of Maine students come from a variety of backgrounds. Some students hail from across town, or across the state, or even across the entire country. They all come to the University of Maine for the same reason: attending Maine's flagship university and being a proud Black Bear gives them the resources and experiences they need to succeed in life.

For those who come from

further abroad, however, they get to participate in all of the dynamic things about UMaine and they get to share their diverse culture in the meantime. This is a part of campus life that has become steadily more important in recent years.

The university boasts a staggering 476 international students, of which 222 are pursuing graduate studies. On top of that, there are ten multicultural organizations, including the International Student Association, African Student Association and Black Student Union. All of them bring people together from all areas of the world to participate in and organize

activities right here on campus.

These diverse organizations organize regular coffee hours and celebrations of international holidays and dance festivals — they even participate in Culturefest every October, which is arguably the largest multicultural concentration of students at UMaine every year. All of this speaks incredibly well of the spirited campus life that cannot be matched anywhere else in the state.

To stress just how diverse our university actually is, it's important to highlight those significant examples which explain just how far people have come from to attend

UMaine, proximity or otherwise.

In October of 2015, while attending Culturefest for a story I was working on, I spoke with a girl who was sharing her culture with everyone who came to visit her table. She was from the Republic of Kosovo, which is a partially recognized state in Southeastern Europe that seceded from Serbia in 2008.

The reason why it is a partially recognized state is because not all countries of the world recognize it as a state. Currently, 115 countries have made diplomatic recognitions for Kosovo, according to the Republic of Kosovo's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The girl talked about some of the cultural aspects of Kosovo and the many languages that people speak there, such as Albanian, Bosnian, Serbian and Turkish. She also alluded to how not many people know where it is, or have ever heard of it before, including myself. These facts explain two things; first, how much the university values international students even from places many people have never heard of — and second, how a region as small as Kosovo, which has an area around 4,200 square miles, can be so ethnically diverse.

We take part in that life every day here on campus. We

live, work and learn in such a high concentration of ethnically diverse people, much of which is not seen anywhere else outside college campus' in the state of Maine. From the perspective of someone who was born and raised in central Maine, this is an incredibly welcome experience because I have gotten to learn about different culture and meet people from all over the world. My only regret is not getting to meet more people who bring their traditions with them every fall.

My advice: do not take these multicultural connections lightly. You never know how valuable they might be to you one day.

UMAINE RESULTS

4/29	Men's Baseball @ Stony Brook	Loss	6-3
	Men's Baseball @ Stony Brook	Loss	4-3
	Women's Softball @ Binghamton	Loss	6-3
	Women's Softball @ Binghamton	Loss	5-1
4/30	Men's Baseball @ Stony Brook	Loss	12-6

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4



MEN'S BASEBALL

Baseball continues to split games.

Face further challenges on the road.

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SOFTBALL

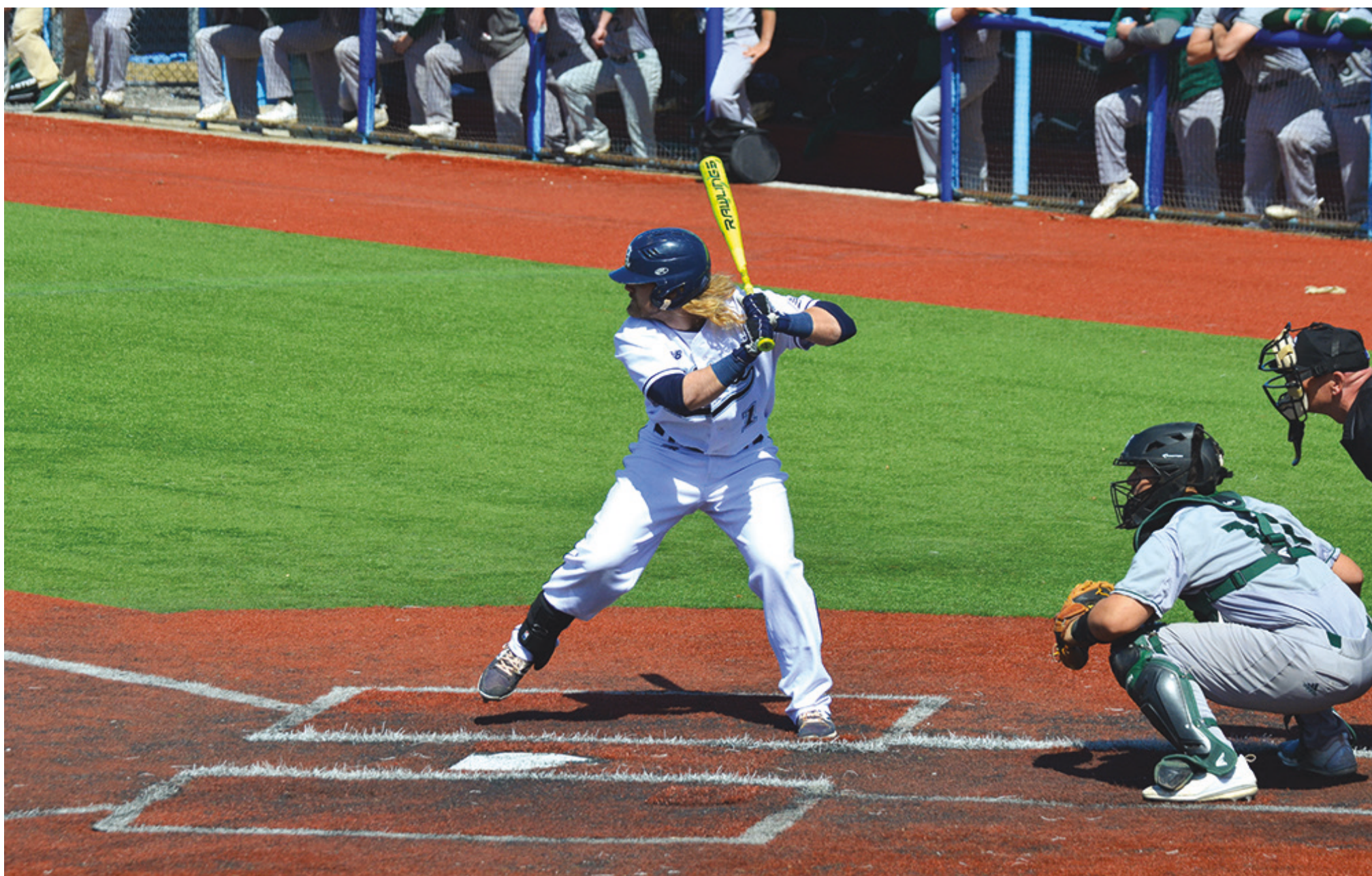
Softball team begins to slip.

Black Bear women face losses for the first time in weeks.

B2



Road woes continue as Black Bear Baseball falls to Seawolves



Maine's Jonathan Bennett at bat, Mahaney Diamond, Orono.

Ian Liggett, Staff.

Adam Darling Contributor

The Black Bears were looking to get back in the win column, as they headed to New York to take on Stony Brook on Saturday. It would not happen, as Maine dropped the first game of the doubleheader 6-3.

A pitchers' duel between Maine's third-year right hander Jonah Normandeau and Stony Brook's second-year right hander Brett Clarke went three innings, as both pitchers traded zeros. The Seawolves would draw first blood in the fourth inning, when fourth-year first baseman Casey Baker began the inning by launching a solo home run to center, his fourth on the year, making the score 1-0.

Stony Brook would add another run in the fifth with another solo home run, this one off the bat of first-year designated hitter Michael Wilson, to lead off the in-

ning. The homer, Wilson's fourth of the season, made it 2-0 Seawolves.

Maine would jump on the board in the sixth. Fourth-year right fielder Tyler Schwanz launched a solo homer of his own, his fourth, to cut the Black Bear deficit in half, 2-1.

The wheels would fall off in the sixth, as Stony Brook struck back in a big way. Third-year third baseman Bobby Honeyman led off the inning with a double, moving up to third on a ground out. Second-year right fielder Dylan Resk drew a walk with ball four getting to the backstop, allowing Honeyman to come home, making the score 3-1 Seawolves. Another walk was drawn by third-year left fielder Andrew Gazzola and that was it for Normandeau.

First-year Cody Lawyerson came in relief. After getting a flyout for the second out, Lawyerson walked the

next two batters, bringing in Resk to make the score 4-1. Second-year catcher Sean Buckhout followed up with a double to left, plating two and extending the score to 6-1.

Maine tried to stage a rally in the seventh. First-year first baseman Hernen Sardinias led off with a double. Second-year second baseman Caleb Kerbs flew out to center, plating Sardinias and making the score 6-2. First-year third baseman Cody Pasic launched the fourth homer of the game between the two teams, a solo shot that made the score 6-3.

After a pitching change, second-year shortstop Jeremy Pena singled. Second-year left fielder Colin Ridley drew a walk to keep the threat alive. Third-year Christopher Bec grounded into a double play, killing the rally.

Normandeau was hung with the loss, going 5.1

innings, giving up five runs on five hits with five walks and three strikeouts, falling to 1-5 this season. Clarke improved to 3-3 for the Sea Wolves after giving up three runs on eight hits while walking one and striking out five.

Black Bears swept in doubleheader

The Black Bears tried to salvage the twin bill in game two against Stony Brook from Stony Brook, New York. It would not happen, as they dropped game two 4-3.

Maine struck first this time around in the top of the first. Pena led off with a triple. Bec laced a one-out double to plate Pena and give the Black Bears a 1-0 lead.

Maine would add a run in the top of the second. Third-year center fielder Brandon Vicens led off the inning by showing some opposite field power, bombing

his first homer of the season to right and extending the Black Bear lead to 2-0.

Stony Brook answered back in the bottom of the third. Fourth-year centerfielder Toby Handley launched his fourth home run of the season off of Maine's starter, second-year right hander Nick Silva. The homer cut the Black Bear lead in half, 2-1.

Maine would answer back in the top of the fourth. Third-year catcher Jonathan Bennett led off with a single. After a pop out, first-year first baseman Hernen Sardinias laced a double to right center, scoring Bennett from first and making the score 3-1 Black Bears.

Stony Brook answered in the sixth. Fourth-year first baseman Casey Baker led off with a double. Second year right fielder Dylan Resk then launched his 11th homer of the season, a two-run shot that knotted the

game at 3-3.

The game ended up going extras and Stony Brook only needed one to put the game on ice. Gazzola led off with a single off of fourth-year right hander Jeff Gelinias. First-year shortstop Nick Grande drew a walk. With two outs, Gelinias had more costly control issues. Fourth-year catcher David Real was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Handley walked on four pitches, bringing in Gazzola to win the game for the Seawolves.

Silva went five innings, giving up three runs on three hits with two walks and six strikeouts. First-year right hander Brian Hermann went six innings, giving up three runs on seven hits with two walks and eight strikeouts for the Seawolves in a no decision.

The Black Bears will look to avoid getting swept on Sunday from Joe Nathan Field.

Men's and women's track pull seventh

Will Nash Contributor

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams visited UMass Amherst for a pre-conference meet. Both the men's and women's teams placed seventh, collecting 65.75 and 28.5 points, respectively.

On the men's side, second-year Simon Powhida finished in first place in the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:45.11.

Fourth-year Asaad Hicks tied with three others for second place in the high jump. Hicks' height of 1.91

meters was beaten only by fourth-year Gilberto Brown of UMass Lowell, who jumped 2.02 meters.

In the 5000-meter run, third-year Joshua Horne excelled with third place finished and a time of 15:12.19.

In the discus throw, Maine picked up some points with third and fourth place finishes by fourth-year Shane Corbett and first-year Jacob Stanko. Corbett threw for 46.84 meters, while Stanko was right behind him, with 45.07 meters.

Third-year Jeremy Frantz picked up some early points for Maine in the shot

put. His distance of 15.18 meters was good for fourth place.

The 1500-meter run proved favorable for third-year Jacob Johns, who finished fourth with a time of 3:57.12. He was only five seconds behind the first place finisher, fourth-year Joe Gioielli of Central Connecticut State University.

First-year Erick Seekins placed fifth in the long jump, with his flight of 6.47 meters.

Fourth-year Shane Corbett placed sixth in the hammer throw, launching his projectile at 48.13 meters.

Third-year Isaac Yeboah placed seventh in the 400-meter hurdle with a time of 56.11.

Second-year Tucker Corbett placed ninth out of 29 in the 800-meter run. His time of 1:57.38 was only three seconds behind first-year Michael Thurston of Dartmouth, who placed first.

After the men's action cleared up, Dartmouth had taken first overall with 159 points. UMass Amherst finished second with 144.25 points.

On the women's side, fourth-year Ashley Donohoe earned some early points for Maine in the shot

put, throwing a distance of 12.33 meters.

Second-year Taylor Lentine reached a height of 3.10 meters in the pole vault. Third-year Lyndsi Ross-Trevor of Dartmouth won the event with a jump of 3.25 meters.

In 400-meter dash, first-year Elisabeth Redwood beat 12 other runners, finishing fifth with a time of 58.42.

A total of 31 runners competed in the 800-meter run and first-year Tiffany Tanner placed eighth among them, with a time of 2:15.98.

First-year Brittany Tor-

chia finished seventh in the 400-meter hurdles.

Maine excelled in the 4x400 meter relay, placing second with a time of 4:02.15, less than one second behind first place finisher Dartmouth.

At the end of the day, UMass Amherst collected the most points with 193. New Hampshire was second with 137.50 points and Dartmouth was third with 106 points, respectively.

Up next for the track and field teams is the America East Conference meet. The meet will take place over two days, next weekend at UNH in Durham, N.H.

UMaine softball splits week against Lowell, Binghamton



Maine's Meghan Royle at bat against Massachusetts-Lowell at UMaine's Kessock Field.

Ian Liggett, Staff.

Griffin Stockford & Marcus Caliendo
For The Maine Campus

The America East leading University of Maine softball team defeated the University of Massachusetts River Hawks 5-4 in extra innings on Thursday. The winning run came on a single by third-year first baseman Kristen Niland, which brought home first-year Emily Gilmore from second base.

Third-year Rachel Carlson got things started for the Black Bears in the bottom of the first, with an infield single off of fourth-year UMass pitcher Lauren Ramirez. She then advanced to second on a wild pitch and then to third on a passed ball. After fourth-year catcher Rachel Harvey walked, Harvey tried to steal second and when the catcher's throw sailed into center-field, Carlson waltzed into home with the first run of the game.

In the top of the second, the River Hawks responded with a run of their own when fourth-year Emily O'Brien scored on an error by Niland to make it 1-1.

In the bottom half of the inning, Maine tacked

on three more runs. Niland started things off with a single and advanced to third on a single by fourth-year right fielder Chloe Douglass. After a double by second-year Lauren German and a single by third-year left fielder Erika Leonard, both Niland and Douglass had come home to score. German then scored on a single by Harvey for a 4-1 Black Bear lead.

UMass Lowell Head Coach Danielle Henderson then pulled Ramirez and put in second-year Kaysee Talcik to pitch, a move Maine Head Coach Mike Coutts said his hitters weren't ready for.

"She (Talcik) had a really good curveball and a really good screwball and we didn't really make adjustments on where we were standing on the plate," Coutts said. "So a lot of it was us, I think. She hit her spots too."

Talcik would not give up another run until the eighth inning.

The River Hawks were finally able to get to fourth-year Maine starting pitcher Erin Bogdanovich in the top half of the fifth inning. First-year Casey Harding and fourth-year

Tori Alcorn scored on an error by Leonard in left field. Clinging to a 4-3 lead with only one out, Coutts went to the bullpen and brought in third-year Molly Flowers to pitch.

"It was the right time to make the change," Coutts said. "They had gotten three straight hits and you could kind of feel that the momentum was changing a bit."

UMass would score once more in the inning to tie it up 4-4.

Neither team would even reach second base again until the bottom of the eighth. After the first two Maine batters struck out to start the inning, second-year Meghan Royle doubled. Coutts brought in Gilmore to pinch run for her and Niland was able to bring her home with a walk-off single that was just off the glove of diving third-year UMass first baseman Vanessa Cooper.

"I just knew that I had to get something in play and hit the ball hard," Niland said. "This was a must win game and that was the mentality I had. At all costs, no matter what, I was just going to get the job done."

Flowers got the win

for the Black Bears, going four innings with no earned runs. Flowers credited much of her success to the way her style contrasted Bogdanovich's.

"I use my off speed a lot more than she normally does because she hasn't really thrown as much," Flowers said. "I just tried to keep them off balance."

For a coach whose team just won their seventh straight game, Coutts put a lot of emphasis on improvement after the win.

"Fundamentally we have to play better than we did today. Today we looked like we haven't played softball all year," Coutts said. "We didn't really play well today even though we won. We played not to lose today rather than playing to win so we have to change that mindset too."

The Black Bears get no time to sit back and relax. They head to Binghamton University this weekend for a three-game series against the second-place Bearcats.

"We're going to use this to motivate us. We know we do have to play better. We do need to feel better, pitch better, hit better," Flowers said. "We can't

do these things against Binghamton and we know that."

The River Hawks now prepare for a two-game home series this weekend against the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Maine and Binghamton have a doubleheader on Saturday, April 29 (noon and 2 p.m.) and play at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.

Black Bear softball swept in doubleheader to Binghamton

After Thursday's 5-4 walk-off victory against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, the Black Bears extended their winning streak to seven games and have won 13 of their last 14 overall. Maine traveled to Binghamton for a three-game weekend series and would begin with a doubleheader against the Bearcats on Saturday. The Black Bears dropped both games, with the first game 6-3 and the second game 5-1. Maine's record fell to 16-20 on the year, while Binghamton improved to 20-21.

Starting the first game was Bogdanovich for the Black Bears, while first-

year pitcher Rayn Gibson took the mound for the Bearcats. In the first inning, Maine went down 1-2-3 as third-year outfielder Erika Leonard struck out and Carlson and Harvey both grounded out.

During Binghamton's bottom half, the same result occurred at the top of the frame, when fourth-year outfielder Gabby Bracchi struck out, third-year infielder Stephanie Bielec grounded out and third-year outfielder Jessica Rutherford also struck out.

In the second inning, second-year infielder Alyssa Derrick led off with a walk, followed by the next two batters in fourth-year infielder Felicia Lennon and Royle, each fouling out. Niland singled to center to put two runners on and fourth-year outfielder Chloe Douglass walked to load the bases. The threat ended when third-year infielder Sarah Coyne grounded out.

For the bottom of the frame, third-year infielder Kate Richard led off with authority and hit a bomb to right to give the Bearcats a 1-0 lead. This

See **Softball** on B4

LaVar Ball's antics are taking a toll on son, Lonzo

Spencer Bergholtz
Sports Editor

Lonzo Ball is a 19-year-old superstar basketball player from Southern California, gearing up to potentially be the first overall pick in the 2017 NBA draft. Ball averaged 14.6 points, 6.0 rebounds and 7.6 assists per game at UCLA this past season as a first-year and declared for the NBA draft within minutes following his team's Sweet 16 loss to Kentucky.

Thanks to his father's media antics, however, three major basketball sneaker companies (Nike, Under Armour and Adidas) already have made it clear that they

will not be offering Lonzo any type of endorsement deal.

Those who follow basketball closely know that Lonzo's talent can't be denied and that his biggest fan and promoter is his father, LaVar Ball. LaVar has great intentions and only wants the best for Lonzo and his two younger sons, LiAngelo and LaMelo, who will also be attending UCLA to play basketball in the near future.

However, LaVar has taken his familial promotion too far and may have ultimately ended up costing his children a lot of money (millions) in the long run, if it hasn't already.

LaVar has been talking a big game about his three sons, even throwing around talks

of a 10-year sneaker contract worth up to \$1 billion for his three children together.

But LaVar is getting way too far ahead of himself by saying that he wants his children to have their own brand, called the "Big Baller Brand," as well as a business partner to help with distribution, rather than an endorsement deal. This would be similar to Michael Jordan's "Jordan" Brand, which falls under Nike, but has its own separate logo. The major shoe companies find this comical and as unfair as it is, they'd rather simply not offer Lonzo Ball a deal at all than deal with his father.

"We've said from the beginning, we aren't looking

for an endorsement deal," LaVar said, according to ESPN. "We're looking for co-branding, a true partner. But they're not ready for that because they're not used to that model. But hey, the taxi industry wasn't ready for Uber, either."

Initially, Phil Knight, Nike's CEO, had expressed interest in Nike possibly signing Lonzo to a sneaker contract, but was thrown off by commentary from Lonzo's father.

LaVar needs to scale it back, because his most talented son is the one entering the NBA next year, while the jury is still out on his other two children and how good they are going to be in college.

Instead of letting the sneaker companies come to his son Lonzo, he is going at them with obscene requests and hopes that include his youngest sons, who have yet to even touch the college basketball court.

Nike executive George Raveling came out and put LaVar on full blast. "LaVar Ball is the worst thing to happen to basketball in the last hundred years," Raveling said.

This proves that Nike and the other major sneaker companies are really turned off by LaVar. The tragic thing is that it ended up costing his son, who has kept quiet and played a great game of basketball at the highest level

possible, parts of his future.

It's unfortunate that the elder Ball has to act out like this and take the spotlight away from how good of a player his son is. Sponsors know that Lonzo is a great player, but his father's actions and sneaker requests are far too much of a reach.

The good side of signing Lonzo doesn't outweigh the bad when it comes to having his father so intimately involved in the process. This is a really unfortunate situation for such a young superstar, who has to deal with the nuisance of his father holding him back already before he has even had the chance to play in the NBA.

Passion for football in Chile is a spectacle



Football in Chile garners enormous enthusiasm and even bigger crowds.

Jordan Houdeshell, Contributor.

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Contributor

This weekend, two of the more popular Chilean soccer teams squared off for the annual game titled the "Classico Universitario." This name has been given to any games between Universidad de Chile and Universidad Catolica, two teams that for many fans represent the divide between the upper and lower classes. Universidad Catolica represents the portion of the population who have plenty of money.

You can see it simply through the location of their stadiums. Universidad Catolica's stadium is in Los Condes, which is a more ritzy neighborhood and the people who live there are of the upper class. The Universidad de Chile stadium is located in Nunoa, which is a nice neighborhood in Santiago, but not quite as nice as Los Condes. Most of the families who live in Nunoa are of the middle or upper middle class. Historically, this game has resulted in violence between fans and the tickets usually sell

out early. For this reason, I was not able to attend the game, but it seemed to be a good game.

The final score of the game this year was 3-1 in favor of Universidad Catolica. Universidad Catolica has won five out of the past eight games the two teams have played. Last year, the teams played multiple times in the Copa Chile, or the Chilean Cup.

The game on Oct. 24 ended in a tie 3-3, with neither team being able to pull ahead. A week before that game, in another cup game,

Universidad Catolica beat Universidad de Chile, 2-0. A month before that, Catolica also won 2-1 in a game in the Supercopa Chile. In a game on Aug. 27, 2016, Catolica won once again, 3-0, even though Universidad de Chile was noted as having possession for 60 percent of the game. At their first game of 2016, Catolica started off the season with a 2-1 win. Before that in November of 2015, there was a tie game, with both teams netting two goals.

Finally, the last win for Universidad de Chile

against Universidad Catolica was at their game on March 5, 2015. With it being so long since Universidad de Chile had won a game, there is no doubt that the fans and the team hoped this would be the game where they could make their comeback.

Unfortunately for them, Universidad Catolica had different plans for the game. This is the the aspect that can make the games dangerous to attend. The fans get so into the teams and feel so strongly about their teams that win or lose,

it is completely possible for the fans to get rowdy both during and after the game.

There will be more games when the teams meet next year. Although neither team has any on the schedule for this season, there will be at least one game next year for Universidad de Chile to break the streak of Universidad Catolica and get a win in the books. Fans on both teams will be patiently waiting for the next game, while the fans of Catolica enjoy the win that they gained this past weekend.

Maine men's and women's rugby win Beast of the East Championship

Griffin Stockford
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The University of Maine men's and women's rugby teams traveled to Rhode Island on April 22 and 23 to compete in the Beast of the East Championships, one of the largest collegiate rugby tournaments in the world.

Both teams returned to Orono victorious, with the men winning the championship game 24-0 against the University of New Haven and the women winning the championship game 17-12 in overtime against the Uni-

versity of Connecticut.

The men faced off against Framingham State University and Salem State University in pool play, defeating the two teams 29-10 and 7-0, respectively.

They then faced UMAss Dartmouth in the quarterfinals, defeating the Corsairs 17-10. In the semifinals, they beat Colby College by the same score and then shut UConn out to win the championship.

The women did not give up a single point until the championship game, shutting out their first four opponents by a

total score of 143-0.

In pool play, the Black Bears beat Babson 46-0 and Binghamton 21-0. In the quarterfinals, they defeated Plymouth State University 37-3 and then beat UMaine Farmington 43-0 in the semifinals.

UConn would give Maine a contest, pushing the game to overtime, but Maine was able to edge the Huskies 17-12.

It was a good weekend for Maine rugby as the women were dominant and the men are now ranked fifth in the nation by the National Small College Rugby Organization.

UMaine field hockey, head coach pleased to welcome new associate head coach

Spencer Bergholtz
Sports Editor

Field hockey Head Coach Josette Babineau, entering her eleventh season this coming fall at the University of Maine, is thrilled to announce the hiring of a new associate head coach for the field hockey team for the fall of 2017.

Michelle Simpson, a distinguished player in her own right, will join the women in the role later this year. The Black Bears, who wrapped up their season this past November, are looking to bolster an inspired performance that landed them just above middle of the pack this past season.

Simpson's hiring comes after a season that saw the Black Bears succeed, particularly at home, but still come away with room for growth and improvement.

"I am so excited to welcome Michelle to our program," Babineau said. "Michelle's experience both as a coach and player will impact our team tremendously. I feel very fortunate that Michelle decided to take on this position. I look forward for the opportunity to work with Michelle and to continue to grow and develop our program both in conference and nationally."

"I would like to thank Josette for giving me this opportunity to further my career,"

Simpson said. She'll be beginning her work this coming season at the University of Maine, with the enthusiastic support of the current head coach and ongoing players. Her hiring is also met with brewing enthusiasm from current Black Bear fans, excited to see her addition to the roster.

"I look forward to learning from her and working alongside her in continuing to build on the success that has already been achieved. I am thoroughly excited to become a part of this UMaine field hockey program that is filled with great players, great tradition and a strong sense of Black Bear pride," Simpson said.

Correction(s)

The April 24 edition of The Maine Campus incorrectly implied in its headline on page B3 that Michelle Simpson was the new head coach of the field hockey team. This is incorrect, the current head of the team is Head Coach Josette Babineau. Simpson will be the new associate head coach, not the head coach.

Around the College Circuit

UPCOMING SPORTS

MEN'S BASEBALL SCORES

4/27	Quinnipiac	5	Harvard	4
	Hartford	6	UMass Lowell	3
4/29	Maine	6	Maine	7
	Stony Brook	4	Stony Brook	3
	Hartford	1	Hartford	5
	UMass Lowell	20	UMass Lowell	1
	Central Conn.	3	Central Conn.	1
	Binghamton	2	Binghamton	6
	UMBC	5	UMBC	15
	UAlbany	2	UAlbany	8
4/30	Maine	6	Hartford	2
	Stony Brook	12	UMass Lowell	3

AMERICA EAST BASEBALL CONFERENCE

1	Binghamton	9-2
2	UMBC	9-5
3	UMass Lowell	10-7
4	Stony Brook	8-7
5	Hartford	7-8
6	Maine	3-9
7	UAlbany	3-11

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCORES

4/27	UMass Lowell	4		
	Maine	5		
4/28	Stony Brook	11	Stony Brook	0
	Farleigh Dickinson	4	Farleigh Dickinson	6
4/29	Maine	3	Maine	1
	Binghamton	6	Binghamton	5
	UMBC	2	UMBC	1
	UMass Lowell	6	UMass Lowell	4
	Hartford	0	Hartford	1
	UAlbany	6	UAlbany	9

AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL CONFERENCE

1	Maine	11-2
2	Binghamton	10-4
3	UMass Lowell	12-5
4	Stony Brook	7-7
5	UAlbany	6-7
6	UMBC	3-10
7	Hartford	0-14

Wednesday, May 3:

Men's Baseball
vs. Colby College 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 6:

Men's and Women's
Track
@ UNH
vs. America East 9 a.m.

Women's Softball
vs. UAlbany 11 a.m.
vs. UAlbany 1 p.m.

Men's Baseball
vs. UMBC 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 7:

Men's and Women's
Track
@ UNH
vs. America East 9 a.m.

Men's Baseball
vs. UMBC 1 p.m.

Softball from B2

was Richard's ninth home run of the season. The next batter was retired, as fourth-year outfielder Bridget Hunt grounded out. First-year catcher Sara Herskowitz made it the second long ball of the inning for Binghamton when he homered to center to make it 2-0. This was Herskowitz's fifth home run of the season.

Fourth-year infielder Crysti Eichner followed by grounding out and third-year outfielder Carrie Maniccia kept the offense rolling as she doubled to right center. The Bearcats found another run when Maniccia stole third and an errant throw from Harvey allowed her to score to make it 3-0. Maine finally got out of it when third-year infielder Jillian Bovitt struck out.

Heading into the third inning, Leonard led off with a walk and Carlson followed with a single to left to put two runners on. The next two batters struck out, as Harvey and Carlson were sent down. Lennon singled to load up the bases and Royle singled to bring in Maine's first two runs of the game, to cut the deficit to 3-2. Lennon stole third to get closer as the tying run and Niland brought her in when she singled to tie it at 3-3. The threat ended when Douglass grounded out.

For the bottom of the inning, Bracchi led off with a walk and the next three outs were recorded as Bielec struck out, Rutherford reached on a fielder's choice and Rutherford was then caught stealing second for the third out.

In the fourth inning, the Black Bears were sent down 1-2-3 as Coyne popped out, Leonard grounded out and Carlson flied out.

During the bottom half, Richard connected with a bomb to right center to give Binghamton the lead 4-3. The next two batters were retired, as Hunt grounded out and Herskowitz lined out. Eichner and Maniccia followed with singles.

Eichner was thrown out at third attempting to advance a base.

For the fifth inning, Harvey grounded out, Derrick lined out, Lennon reached when she was hit by a pitch and their at bat ended when Royle flied out.

Bogdanovich sent down the Bearcats in order during the bottom half, as Bovitt struck out, Bracchi grounded out and Bielec popped out.

In Maine's chance to bat in the sixth frame, they were unable to get anything going, as Niland flied out and third-year infielder Faythe Goins and second-year infielder Maddie Decker each grounded out.

Third-year pitcher Annie Kennedy would come on to relieve Bogdanovich and she would allow Binghamton to add on to their lead after a one-out double by Richard and Hunt tripled down the left field line to bring it to 5-3. Herskowitz was next, who grounded into a productive out as it brought another run to make it 6-3. The inning ended when Eichner grounded out.

During the last chance for the Black Bears, they were unable to muster any baserunners as Harvey grounded out, Carlson struck out and Leonard fouled out and Maine took the loss in the first game 6-3.

Bogdanovich went the first five innings, surrendering four runs with three earned on six hits, while striking out five and walking one to drop her record to 5-8 on the season. Kennedy came on in relief, going one inning as she gave up two earned runs on two hits, while striking out none and walking none. Gibson went the distance for Binghamton, as she yielded three earned runs on five hits, while striking out four and walking three to improve her record to 8-5 on the year.

Black Bears drop game two of doubleheader

After a tough loss in game one of the doubleheader, the Black Bears



Maine's Erin Bogdanovich pitches against Massachusetts-Lowell at UMaine's Kessock Field.

Ian Liggett, Staff.

would go right back to action in game two. Flowers would get the call for Maine and fourth-year pitcher Shelby Donhasuer took the mound for Binghamton.

In the first inning, Leonard attempted a bunt to reach, but was thrown out. Carlson was next and singled to first base and was coincidentally caught stealing second. Harvey came up and flied out to send it to the bottom half.

Bracchi led off and drew a walk and Bielec followed by drawing a base on balls of her own. Rutherford was next and singled to first base to load up the bases and the Bearcats claimed their first run when Richard hit a sacrifice fly to center to make it 1-0. Hunt followed as she drew the third walk of the inning to load up the bases once again. Herskowitz came to the plate after, but was unable to produce as she struck out. The Bearcats kept it going when Eichner drew the fourth walk of the frame to force in a run, making it 2-0. The threat finally ended when Maniccia flied out.

In the second inning, Derrick flied out, Lennon reached with a single to left and was stranded there

after Royle flied out and popped out.

During the bottom half, Bovitt and Bracchi both popped out, then Bielec and Rutherford both walked to put runners on first and second. Richard then fouled out to end the threat.

Going into the third inning, Decker grounded out and Coyne reached on an error committed by the Richard. After Leonard grounded out to allow Coyne to advance to second, Carlson tripled to drive in their first run to cut the deficit to 2-1. Harvey grounded out to end their plate appearance.

For the bottom half, Hunt led off with a walk, Herskowitz reached on an error committed by Derrick and the runners advanced to second and third. After Eichner grounded out and Maniccia struck out, first-year infielder Jaclyn DeLuca was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Bogdanovich came in to relieve Flowers and she walked both Bracchi and Bielec to force in two runs, making it 4-1. Rutherford was next and she grounded out to end the inning.

Heading into the fourth, Derrick grounded out, Lennon walked and Royle

followed with a single to put two runners on. Niland popped out and Decker singled to left, but Royle was thrown out in between the bases for the third out.

During the Bearcats' at bat, Richard led off with a single and Hunt followed with one of her own. Herskowitz laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance both runners and Eichner cashed in with a single to left center to make it 5-1. Bogdanovich then struck out both Maniccia and Bovitt.

In the fifth inning, the Black Bears went down 1-2-3, as Coyne grounded out, Leonard popped out and Carlson struck out.

The same result occurred for Binghamton in the bottom half, as Bracchi, Bielec and Rutherford all grounded out.

Heading into the sixth inning, Harvey led off with a single to right and Derrick followed by drawing a walk to put two runners on. Lennon unfortunately hit into a double play and Harvey advanced to third. Royle was unable to bring her in as she popped out.

The Bearcats sent Richard to the plate to lead off and she reached by drawing a walk. Hunt grounded into a fielder's choice, as Richard was eliminated at

second. Hunt attempted to steal second, but was thrown out. Herskowitz was able to reach when she singled to center and Eichner grounded out to end the inning.

For Maine's last chance in the seventh inning to get back in this one, Niland lined out and Decker reached after she drew a walk. The Black Bears couldn't muster any offense as Moore lined out and Leonard fouled out to drop the second contest 5-1.

Flowers went the first two and two-thirds innings, surrendering four runs with two earned on one hit and struck out two while walking nine to drop her record to 6-8 on the season. Bogdanovich came in to replace the starter and she went three and one-third innings, giving up one earned run on four hits and struck out two while walking one. Donhauser went the distance for Binghamton, as she gave up just one unearned run on six hits and struck out one while walking three to improve her record to 5-4 on the year.

Both teams return to action on Sunday, May 7 to complete their three-game weekend series in Binghamton at noon.

Boston Bruins 2016-17 season in review

Will Nash
Contributor

If you followed the Boston Bruins this year, you probably experienced joy, confusion, amazement and then, finally, heartbreak. The B's finished 13th overall in the league, seventh in the East and third in the Atlantic Division to make it to the post-season for the first time in three years.

Boston went 44-31 this season (23-17-1 at home) and since the replacement of Head Coach Claude Julien by his assistant Bruce Cassidy, the Bruins ex-

pected to make a deep playoff run. Since the changing of the guard on Feb. 7, the Bruins ranked first in the NHL in goals per game (3.37) and shots allowed (741). They also tied for second in the NHL for wins (18) and in power play percentage (27.8 percent).

Their success was cut short in the first round of the playoffs by the Ottawa Senators, who beat the Bruins in six games, four of which were decided in overtime. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the two teams were separated by one goal 90.9 per-

cent of the entire series. A lucky bounce here or there could have been the deciding factor for the Bruins advancing to face the New York Rangers in the Eastern Conference Semifinals.

Unfortunately, the Bruins couldn't figure out how to replace Torey Krug and Brandon Carlo, two of their most stalwart defensemen. David Krejci, one of Boston's top producers at forward (54 points), was also out with an upper-body injury. Ultimately, inexperience proved to be the most devastating crux, as 11 of the

Bruins' skaters made their Stanley Cup Playoff debut. Centerpiece defenseman Charlie McAvoy, captain Zdeno Chara's partner, was fresh off a season with Boston University and had no NHL game experience when he was called up for game one of the playoffs. The inexperience cost the Bruins some untimely penalties, which led to some unfavorable results.

On the bright side, inexperience does not last long and since it may be a short-term problem, the Bruins are poised to excel in the 2017-18 season. McAvoy averaged 26:11

minutes of play in the postseason series, where he tallied three assists. David Pastrnak, who accrued a career-high of 70 points, had never played in the postseason either. This is valuable experience for a team that relied heavily on veterans like Chara, Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand in the regular season.

With Bruce Cassidy accepting the position as head coach for the indefinite future, the Bruins seek to unlock some of the creativity that led to their second-half success in the regular season. It's a fast

game dominated by youth and inventiveness. Look at the NHL's top scorers; 18 rookies posted 30 points or more and nine of the top 25 point leaders are under 25 years of age. The Bruins need to cultivate talent from the Providence Bruins, who placed seventh this year in the AHL with multiple 50-point scorers and create a strong depth chart to support the hard work of their veterans. Even though the Bruins did not achieve that storybook ending New England has become used to, this season was a harbinger for the good things to come.

Big wins and bigger losses in the NFL draft

Taylor Mannix
Contributor

Thursday, April 27 marked a day many college athletes only dream of, the 2017 NFL Draft. Many wondered whose name would be called first and what their teams would do to improve their rosters.

Some teams were winners and others losers.

The "winners" of the 2017 NFL Draft began with the Carolina Panthers.

Carolina, after struggling to find the winning attitude that led them to a Super Bowl appearance the year prior, drafted a young playmaker out of Stanford by the name of Christian McCaffrey.

Carolina lacked a playmaker to compliment the 2015 NFL MVP, Cam

Newton. McCaffrey came into the draft underrated, after not making much noise last year, but if it's possible to have a quiet 1,639 rushing yards, McCaffrey did it.

McCaffrey is also one of the best pass catchers out of the backfield in this loaded 2017 draft class. Look out for him to help boost Carolina back into contention for the NFC South title this coming season.

The Los Angeles Chargers came in needing to get a WR, with Keenan Allen injured in back-to-back seasons. Drafting Mike Williams with the seventh overall pick filled that need. The second-team Walter Camp All-American and first-team All-ACC pick caught 84 pass-

es for 1,171 yards and 10 scores, putting up highlight-reel plays on several occasions.

The next round, the Chargers went and found a player to protect their QB Philip Rivers. Forrest Lamp, from Western Kentucky, was drafted 38th overall; the past two years, Lamp was a first-team all-conference selection, starting every game on the blind side. He was a third-team Associated Press All-American as a senior. Expect good things in L.A. this year, in what will be a close and competitive battle for the AFC West crown.

But, then, there are the "losers" this year.

The Chicago Bears traded up one spot to get the second overall pick

and to the dismay of their fanbase, decided to draft a QB by the name of Mitchell Trubisky. Many videos that went up the next day were reactions of Bears fans' hopes and dreams being crushed, one fan even saying, "It's Doug McDermott all over again." Trubisky is a high-end quarterback prospect, who possesses NFL size, a big arm and the ability to throw with accuracy from the pocket or on the move. Chicago though, who just lost star WR Alshon Jeffery to the Eagles, should have looked to rebuild with defense first, rather than snagged a QB; only time will tell if this move pays off for the Bears.

The Kansas City Chiefs, who had a good year in the 2016-2017 season, didn't

need to make a splash in the draft, but with what picks they had, they didn't make the best choices.

Patrick Mahomes from Texas Tech is considered inconsistent in his approach and that's something the Chiefs don't need. Their offense was strong, but what carried them through the season was a tough defense.

Tanoh Kpassagnon, a DE from Villanova, was drafted 59th overall and really didn't address the question marks on offense. Kpassagnon is a great player — the Pennsylvania native took his game up a notch last fall, garnering first-team Associated Press FCS All-American honors, ranking sixth in the FCS with 21.5 tackles for loss and tying for fifth

nationally with 11 sacks. With how well the defense was last year performed, it left fans wondering who would be a playmaker. Jamaal Charles has shown he can't be relied on to stay healthy and the Wide Receiving core is far too inconsistent.

Overall, it was a talented draft that saw many talented, young athletes achieve their dreams of being in the NFL. It is yet to be seen what will come of this year's draft class, but what is for sure is each player drafted will have a chance to make an impact in training camp. Some of these players will become household names and some will be quickly forgotten; it's what keeps us fascinated each year and why we tune in to watch.



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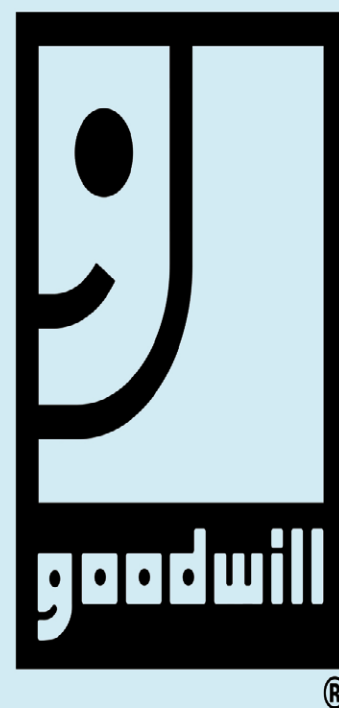
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NHL WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL PTS

Central	1	Chicago	109
	2	Minnesota	106
	3	St. Louis	99
	4	Nashville	94
Pacific	1	Anaheim	105
	2	Edmonton	103
	3	San Jose	99
	4	Calgary	94

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL PTS

Atlantic	1	Montreal	103
	2	Ottawa	98
	3	Toronto	95
Metropolitan	1	Washington	118
	2	Pittsburgh	111
	3	Columbus	108

NBA (LEAGUE) OVERALL

1	Golden State	67-15
2	San Antonio	61-21
3	Houston	55-27
4	Boston	53-29
5	Cleveland	51-31
6	Toronto	51-31
7	Utah	51-31
8	LA Clippers	51-31

Upcoming Games:

NBA Playoffs:

Monday, May 1
Toronto @ Cleveland
Houston @ San Antonio

Tuesday, May 2
Washington @ Boston
LAC/ Utah @ Golden State

Wednesday, May 3
Toronto @ Cleveland
Houston @ San Antonio

Thursday, May 4
Boston @ Washington
LAC/ Utah @ Golden State

Friday, May 5
Cleveland @ Toronto
San Antonio @ Houston



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