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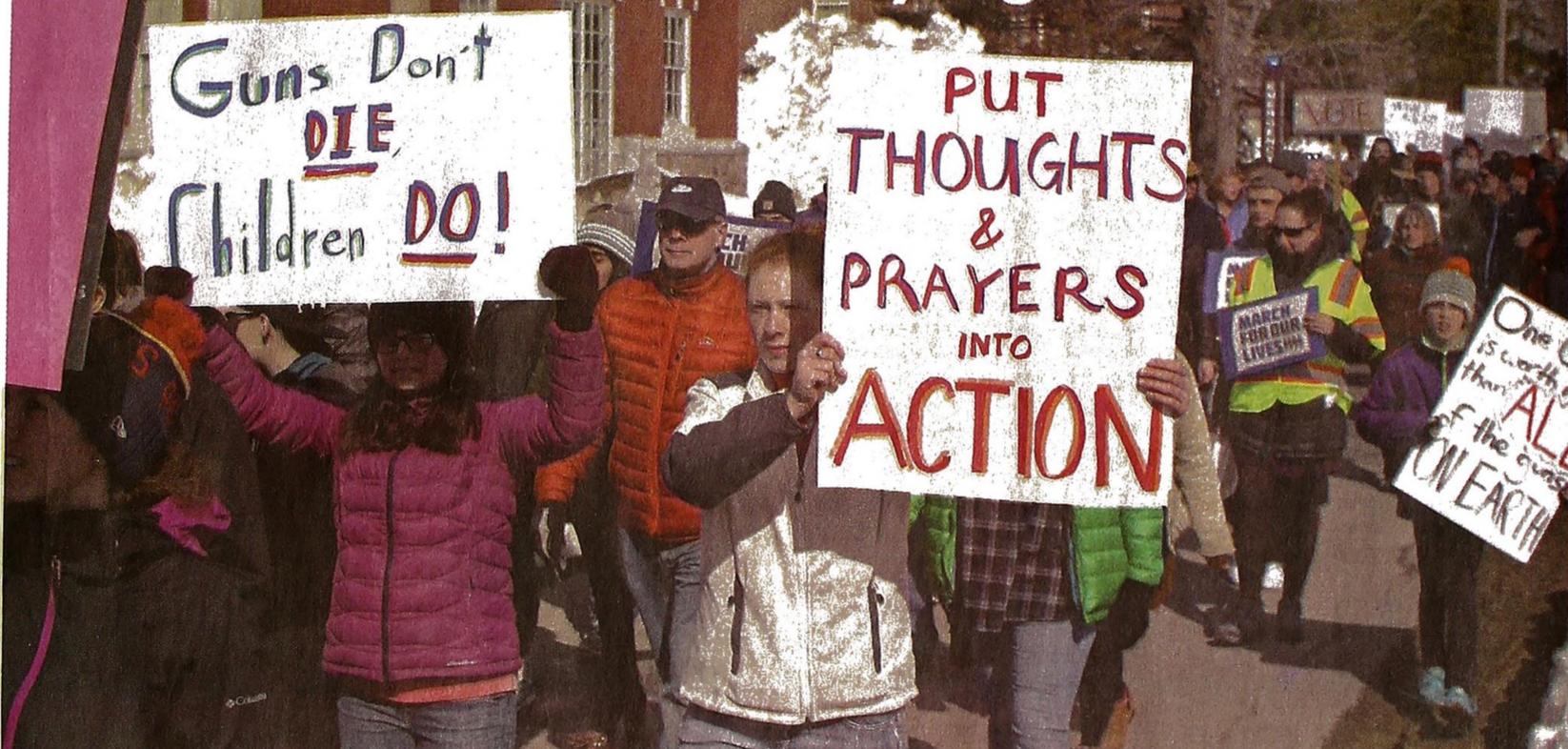
Marjory Stoneman Douglas alum reflects back on time spent in Parkland

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UMaine March For Our Lives brings Orono community together



Marchers ask the public to vote in order to bring about change during the March For Our Lives in Orono, ME on Saturday, March 24

Matthew Lavoie, Staff

Taylor Abbott News Editor

On Sunday, March 24, the March For Our Lives was held at the University of Maine for the town of Orono. Hundreds gathered to show their support to end gun violence in the United States. This particular march was just one of nearly 800 nationwide.

"I am marching today because you see all the tragedy happening, and I think that it is sad and I want to do something to help and try to do anything I can to just make a little bit of a difference," Daniele Gold, president of the Maine Peace Action Committee, said. "I don't want to see it [gun violence] happen in my community. No one expected to see it in theirs, so it is scary to know that it can happen any time, anywhere. I would really like to see something change."

The event was organized by the Maine Peace Action Committee (MPAC), which meets regularly on campus. "We want to create peace among everyone and change the way injustices are faced and make sure that when we do face those injustices, we do so in a healthy way and bring people together on campus and within the community to make change in all sorts of things," Gold said.

The event brought in members of the community from as young as elementary school students to seniors. It

began around 10 a.m., with members of the Orono community toting signs in solidarity that something within our culture must change, and schools need to become a safe environment for students again.

Included in the attendance was co-chair of the Feminist Collective, Taylor Cray. "I am marching today because I am concerned about safety," Cray said.

"We should not have to be in fear when our children are stepping into a place where growth, opportunity and learning should be happening," Gold said. "I stand here today because we will not accept another life to be taken away by a shooter. We stand here today in memory of those lives that have been taken. We are here today to try to change the way that guns are controlled in our community, in our state and in our country. We are marching today for all of our lives."

The increase that the U.S. has seen in gun violence through recent years has inspired many UMaine students to take a stand and become activists. Erin O'Malley, a first-year English student recently joined MPAC. "The Parkland shooting in particular really kind of inspired me to do something about an issue that I have passionate about for a while. I think them speaking out just seemed different than the other shootings, and I was really, really

mad about it and just wanted to do something to bring awareness. The March For Our Lives being a national thing is just a good way to show solidarity and bring activism to the community."

"I am a new member of MPAC and I joined at the perfect time. It's just such an important issue [gun violence] to me to see the tragedy that's been happening. I can't fathom the pain that so many families have to go through on such a very regular basis because of something that could have been prevented. That speaks to me, especially as a student," Loren Hubbard, a second-year new media student at UMaine, said.

Following Gold's introduction to the event, the floor was open for speakers to stand and express their concerns. The first to speak was McKenna Baker, a senior at Hermon High School.

"I have a younger sister, she is 15 years old," Baker said. "We didn't get along when we were younger, but we do now. She will be able to drive soon and get a job, and I couldn't be more excited for this next chapter of her life that she is about to enter, which is why I'm so afraid that she might not get there. Some kid could walk into our school with a gun tomorrow and take my sister's life. She could miss driving for the first time by herself, spending time with friends, prom, graduation and so much more. The

very thing that I am so afraid of has happened to so many others. All the while, America has stood by, silent, thinking that the change doesn't start with us. But it does, and the change starts now.

Included in the attendance of the event were those with opposing views. While their signs encouraged the message that, "guns don't kill people, gun-free zones do," they were in agreement that children's lives should not be taken away. Both sides of the debate were civil with one another and following the march, those in opposition dissolved into side conversations with the marchers.

Next to speak was Emma Hargreaves, a junior at Old Town High School. "I am afraid, I am angry, I feel helpless and I feel alone. I feel like the rest of the world is spinning as normal, but for those of us that climb school steps each weekday, it is off axis. I am a lucky one. I can type this message with the rage it must be written in. The unlucky ones are dead. They died afraid and angry and helpless and alone. They died from a bullet in a place where bullets should not go. They died and they shouldn't have. They were kids that should have lived long enough to become parents. My parents have different reasons for similar feelings."

The next to speak was Sam Portera, a member of the Maine's People's Alliance.

He left the crowd with a quote that resulted in a moment of applause and uproar, "If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the woods, keep going. If there's shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going. We have seen too many yearbook photos beside condolence messages. I am sick of living in a before that I know will soon become an after. Sadly, it is a matter of when, not if. I am sick of worrying that the body count will include my own."

"I was 12 years old when a man shot into a movie theater during a showing of Batman. I went and saw the movie a month later and was afraid," Baker said. "Sandy Hook happened when I was 13. My friends and I cried for them, I thought about my sister. When I was 15, a hate-filled man killed nine people at his college in Oregon. I wondered if my future was as exciting as I thought it would be. I was 16 when a man killed 49 people in a nightclub. I decided that staying in was the way to go. I was 17 when a man shot and killed 59 people at a concert. I figured that listening to that music on my phone wasn't that different anyways. I am 18 and a man killed 17 people in a high school in Florida. I decided that this was not the life I wanted for my children. I decided that never again will I decide that this is normal."

As the march around the University Mall began, 11-year-old Owen Beane took the steps and began speaking. "I go to school every day and I am tired of hearing about another shooting. I do not want to live every day in fear, we need more security and I definitely have noticed an increase in school lockdowns and this cannot be acceptable. We need to do something anything we can to not have people in danger every day in a place where we go to learn and have fun."

Beane was hesitant to attend the event at first. "His resistance to attending the event wasn't in the subject matter," his dad, Greg said, "it was purely because he is 11 years old and it's early and he had the 'I would rather stay home and play with my legos' mindset. I talked to him and gave him a pep talk on how to stand up and be a part of this and that hopefully impressed him a little bit."

Owen Beane then walked down the steps of Fogler Library, megaphone in hand and led the march with chants. As the groups dispersed, the message was clear: in order for change, people must come together, despite what politics are held, and share ideas on how to change the culture that has become all-too-normal in the U.S.

Trustees' final vote approves amendments to political speech on UM campuses

Nina Mahaleris Contributor

On Monday, March 11, the board of trustees met at the University of Southern Maine to make the final vote regarding political speech activities on all University of Maine System (UMS) campuses. In a unanimous decision, the

board voted to prohibit faculty from participating and engaging in partisan, political speech or activity on university grounds, as representatives of the university system.

UMaine, along with its six sister institutions around the state, has adopted the new policy, Section 214, regarding free and political speech

after concerns were raised about the system's political impartiality. As a flagship university that relies on taxpayer money and student tuition revenue from federal financial aid programs, UMaine adheres to certain policies to maintain its federal tax-exempt status.

Chief of Staff and Gener-

al Counsel to the board Jim Thelen wrote in this regard, "The System and its universities have federal IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, which legally requires that our institutions, and that our employees using university resources, not engage in partisan political activities. That's already the law, and the poli-

cy's statement on that is simply a restatement of what the law already requires."

A draft of the newest board policy 214, "Institutional Authority on Political Matters," works through the Section 212 policy of "Free Speech, Academic Freedom and Civility." The policy explains, "The Board recog-

nizes its faculty is subject matter experts in their areas of teaching and research and encourages them to responsibly disseminate their research and knowledge. This policy does not restrict any UMS faculty, staff, or student from speaking on political

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News

Marjory Stoneman Douglas alum reflects back on time spent in Parkland

Les Brown
Contributor

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz opened fire on students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. This incident — which would later be known as the ninth deadliest mass-shooting in United States history — resulted in 17 dead, at least 17 wounded and millions across the world stunned and in disbelief.

Kathleen “Kat” Williams is a first-year student-athlete from Coral Springs, Florida, as well as a member of the women’s basketball team at the University of Maine. She’s also a recent alumna of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. When asked about her former high school, Williams explained that it was “just like any other high school.” Something that made the school unique, however, is that the school was situated within what the United States Trade Association named as one of the safest cities in the country.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s 2017 crime statistics, Parkland, Florida was named the 15th safest city in the country. Speaking to the high school’s involvement in receiving such an honor, Williams notes that “[the school] didn’t have as many fights as schools that were 20 minutes or even 5 minutes

away. Everybody just kind of understood that you have to respect each other’s spaces. It just makes it a lot easier to get along.”

Williams first learned about the shooting from friends back home in Florida who were sending her messages through Snapchat. “When I first found out I thought ‘this must be a stupid joke — my friends are being idiots’”, Williams recalls. Williams went about her day like she regularly would until she was faced with the matter once again while visiting the dining hall on campus. “I saw it on the TVs but [still] thought ‘it can’t be that bad because nothing bad actually happens at [Marjory Stoneman] Douglas’”. Nonetheless, Williams still made sure to reach out to everyone that she knew back in Florida to check in with them.

The University of Maine Women’s Basketball team was en route to their game at the University of Massachusetts – Lowell that night on February 14. Williams received a message that someone that she knew had been injured in the Parkland shooting. This was the news that made Williams believe the actuality of the shooting. “At that point I just kind of broke down; my team came around me and tried to help me. It was pretty rough,” Williams said.

The next day, Williams found out that another per-

son that she knew had gotten injured. Both of these individuals survived the shooting with injuries that were non-life threatening. However, news relating to the fatal shooting of a fellow student-athlete and a coach — with whom most of the athletes had close relationships — were also shared with her that day.

“It was just a lot to handle in a short period of time,” Williams said.

Within the following days, law enforcement had identified the shooter and the 17 victims. Williams explained that she hadn’t known the shooter or any of the victims personally, but “[Marjory Stoneman Douglas] was pretty big...if you were an athlete, you get to know a little information about everybody.”

More than a month after the incident the city of Parkland, Florida still finds itself focused and deeply involved in the shooting. Many issues concerning gun safety and accessibility have surfaced since the Parkland shooting. Multiple changes relating to firearm obtainment have been implemented since this incident, such as Florida’s revised gun control laws, however nothing on the federal level has been put in place. What many are protesting and advocating for is to alert Congress about to issues relating to the banning of one’s ability to purchase automatic rifles, among others.



Kat Williams, Black Bear Basketball center and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School graduate

Courtesy of Kat Williams & UMaine Athletics

Serano hosts public talk on “Call-Out Culture, Identity Politics, and Political Correctness”

Ryan Cox
Contributor

Dr. Julia Serano held a public talk, entitled “A Social Justice Activist’s Perspective on Call-Out Culture, Identity Politics, and Political Correctness” in the Minsky Recital Hall on March 22, as part of UMaine’s Women’s History Month celebrations.

Serano is a writer, performer, biologist, and transgender and bisexual activist, whose works include “Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity,” “Excluded: Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive” and most recently “Outspoken: A Decade of

Transgender Activism and Trans Feminism.”

The purpose of social justice activism is to challenge the prejudice and discrimination that marginalized groups face, and to work towards putting an end to it. Serano’s focus is on ways to improve social justice activism.

“I think a lot of us feel that social justice is absolutely necessary, and yet sometimes it’s broken or doesn’t work quite the way it should. And so let’s talk about the ways to fix it, make it better,” she said.

Serano said that a rash of mainstream articles written by pundits with no experience in social justice activism that speak of contempo-

rary social justice as getting “out of hand,” and cite the “harm” it brings exacerbate these difficulties. Serano describes their use of memes such as “political correctness” and “identity politics” as wholesale slurs to disparage social justice activism.

“I think of them as vague complaints, in that they’re not really being specific about what’s wrong with activism. They’re just saying ‘activism is getting out of hand! We have to stop these Activists!’” Serano said.

While some may use these memes due to bigotry, Serano notes that many who use the terms think that they “want to make the world better,” and see such activism

as hindering that goal. “But when asked what they think about progress that’s been made, like, women can vote now and have careers, or that the South is non-segregated, as it once was, or ... people with disabilities are able to move freely and access buildings, or gay people can get married ... if you ask them, they usually will say ‘oh, those are all fine, those are all good things.’ Those things did not magically happen!”

The differing viewpoints between activists and non-activists leads to less-than-ideal framework for discussion. To combat this reflexive resistance toward contemporary activism, Ser-

ano proposed a different framework, “to move the conversation forward in a more productive way.”

One such aspect in need of improvement pertains to “call-out culture,” a term created by activists to describe the necessity to speak against those who use racist or hate speech. It has been appropriated by pundits to “paint activists as trolls or little snowflakes,” and therefore it is looked at as though activists should be ignored. The term’s modern pejorative use against activists is an inherently biased meme, since “everybody calls other people out.” With that in mind, the advances of social media and the greater

intersectionality between activist causes has led to an increased frequency of call-outs. Avoiding “bad or unjust call-outs” requires an understanding that activist language and concepts have the potential to be misused. “Hammers and saws are important tools, but you can also saw people in half or hit people over the head with the hammer. Recognizing that is a good way to move forward with improved discussions.”

For those interested, Serano’s work can be found at juliaserano.com and medium.com/@juliaserano.

Building credit: What adulting really looks like

Lindsay Moran
Contributor

Fourth-year student and 22-year-old William McDonald plans to buy a home in Old Town upon graduating from the University of Maine in May. Despite a monthly mortgage payment of nearly \$800, McDonald said, “The hardest part of buying a home is the down payment. Because you have to prove that you have the ability to pay a mortgage.” Because of his credit score and his credit history, McDonald is able to prove his ability to pay that mortgage.

“When I was 18, I went to my local bank, and I got a secured credit card. And basically secured credit cards teach you to never spend more than you have or have the ability to pay back,” McDonald said.

According to Jacob Lunduski, Director of Community Outreach at Credit Card Insider a secured credit card can report payment history to credit bureaus and is a good option for young people — especially students — to build credit.

“Secure credit cards, like any credit cards, can report payment history to credit bu-

reaus. As long as the card is used responsibly and paid on time, this process will help build credit, since the on-time payments will be reported to credit bureaus. [...] Unlike most credit cards, a secured card requires a security deposit in case the cardholder doesn’t pay the bill,” Lunduski wrote.

In their haste to establish a good credit score, many students often fall prey to things like predatory lending or credit cards with high interest rates. While credit cards often have a bad reputation, the fiscal responsibility of the cardholder allows

individuals to have something to show for themselves when they apply for other credit cards and important loans.

“If you get a credit card, it’s easy to get into debt by spending more money than you have to pay off the bill. When you carry this debt month to month, the credit card issuer charges extra money as interest,” Lunduski wrote. Since interest is how the majority of credit card companies make most of their money, fees can be avoided with full and prompt payments.

The problem with build-

ing credit for many college students is that they simply have not started to do so. Certainly, student loans provide an opportunity for students to at least establish or develop some form of credit upon graduating from an institution of higher education. But the ideal scenario for a student is one in which they already have established credit either before or during their first year of college.

“The first step [to establish good credit] is to learn about how credit reporting and credit scores work. If a credit card is not for you, there are other options for

building good credit, like credit builder loans,” Lunduski wrote.

Among the many fiscal responsibility resources for students at UMaine is SALT — a free financial literacy service and debt management program provided by American Student Assistance. UMaine students can enroll in the program for free by visiting SALT’s website. Credit Card Insider is a national consumer and credit education company and has comprehensive guides to building credit and managing debt on its website.

Candidates for Student Government President face off in debate

Jordan Houdeshell
Editor in Chief

On Wednesday, March 21, the four candidates for student government president squared off for a debate in the North Pod of the Memorial Union. With a full audience, the candidates answered questions from a panel as well as some audience questions at the end.

The first candidate was John Kay, who is a third-year in the business school and Honors College. He used to play football for UMaine and is a sector head in Spiffy, the Student Portfolio Investment Fund through the business school.

The second candidate was second-year Taylor Cray. She studies political science and women's, gender, and sexuality studies and is the co-chair of the feminist collective. She is also the student manager at the University of Maine IT Center.

The third candidate was second-year Logan Armando. He is currently the Vice President of Student Government and is a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He studies mechanical engineering and is a member of the Sophomore Owls.

Second-year Jacob Bradshaw was the final candidate. He has been a student senator for two years on the student senate and is a brother of Beta Theta Pi. On campus, he is also involved in intramural soccer and the Sophomore Owls. He studies business finance.

The debate began with Corey Claflin, Chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission and moderator of the event, introducing the panel made up of a representative from the Orono Town council,

the Maine Campus and Campus Activities and Student Engagement. The panel read off questions submitted by students and some that Claflin created, with each candidate having between 45 seconds and a minute to answer. They took turns going first for questions.

The first question of the night was in regards to how the candidates planned to change the current practices regarding the use of finances, and Kay was the first to answer. He talked about finding the best way to allocate resources and looking at the return that comes from each investment made.

Cray was next, and she expressed an issue the process of applying for funding has been a confusing topic for students and that this was a big thing that needed to be cleared up. She also thought that there was a potential to work with Residence Life to fund as many groups as possible.

Armando used his experience as vice president to talk about how the return is currently analyzed. He said his goals would be to increase the information about funds, but also put on more events for students. Bradshaw wanted to make it easier for groups to get funding and to make sure all the funding was used more efficiently, citing the purchase of medals for the student government office as an example of what didn't need to be spent.

Throughout the questions of the night, many topics were touched upon including working with the administration on issues such as sexual assault and safety, working with diverse students, making Maine Day more positive, helping students with mental



Each candidate had between 45 seconds and a minute to respond to the questions posed at the debate Wednesday evening.

Sam Chamberlain, Marketing Director.

health concerns and establishing a relationship with the new president.

All of the candidates talked about a need for better communication between the government and the student body and Cray brought up the idea of having a newsletter about what the clubs are doing. Bradshaw also suggested trying to help students with more parking and more food options on campus.

Throughout the discussion on mental health on campus, the candidates discussed that the counseling center was too busy and that they are looking for a non-mandated counselor for the Women's Resource Center to have another resource on campus for students.

When talking about safety, Bradshaw made a comment about stationing a security guard at the library,

which resulted in a follow-up question from the audience about this idea. Bradshaw said, "My overall goal is to promote the culture of being more safe on campus." He went on to explain that the security guard idea was just about having safer practices and having a more safe-minded campus.

In regards to safety, Kay said, "If it's not broke, don't fix it." He suggested focusing on lighting the campus more instead, but did say if issues arise then maybe a security guard would need to be at the library.

Cray said that we should focus on security within the campus, not from outside because not all students feel safe on campus. She proposed more trainings and conversations with students.

Armando talked about lighting on campus and how UMPD works to make sure

places are well lit. He also spoke of offering more trainings to ensure that students on campus have the resources that they need.

Some other questions brought up were about being registered to vote and being active in the political scene outside of UMaine, having to make hard decisions, working with Greek life and funding political clubs. All of the candidates registered to vote when they turned 18 and Kay spoke of going through the process to become registered to vote in Maine instead of Massachusetts.

The candidates also spoke of the leaders that Greek Life produces and their plans to work with Greek Life. Kay said that although he is not involved in Greek Life, he knows many people that are, including his own friends. In the position, he would look to see how they

could increase marketing to make sure that the image of Greek Life stays positive. Cray suggested that they could also work with Greek Life to improve relationships and improve the handling of sexual assaults. Bradshaw also planned on talking with fraternities and sororities about what they should and should not be doing to ensure that they have a positive image.

This was the first time that the debate has been held in at least four years and the oldest members of the Student Senate had never seen one take place.

At the end of the event, Claflin encouraged everyone to vote on March 29, saying people could vote from their phone or laptop. Voting will be done through the UMaine Portal from 9-5 on March 29 and is available anywhere with internet access.

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Weekly Updates

This Week in Student Government

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

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New Senators and Officer Appointments

Caroline Spangenberg and Sara Imam were sworn in this week

Club Presentations

The Mock Trial Club thanks the Student Government for funding their trip to their competition which took place at Boston College. One of the first-year members of the Mock Trial Club won one of 10 star witness awards that were given at the event.

Guest Speakers

A candidate for Vice President of Student Government, Mohammad Fazeel Hashmi, the Student Heritage Alliance Council (SHAC) chair, made his case for VP. Hashmi focused on transparency within the student body and continuation of the upward trend that he believes the Student Government is on.

Candidate for president, John Kay, focused on his platform, "Be available, be engaged and be real."

Presidential candidate Taylor Cray, the co-chair of the Feminist Collective and student manager at the IT

support center, focused on her leadership skills as well as the importance of listening to the student body.

Candidate for president Jacob Bradshaw focused on his mission, which is to "make student life on campus more enjoyable for all students." To accomplish this mission, Bradshaw has two goals. One is to increase influence by student groups and their respective members by meeting with groups more regularly. The other goal is to create more direct student representation in the different departments at UMaine.

The final candidate was Logan Aromando, the current VP of Student Government. Aromando focused on the importance of working as a team. Aromando also highlighted how his time in office would greatly benefit his work as president.

Executive Reports

President Mary-Celeste Floreani reminded everyone to take part in the upcoming election for Student Government. Things have gone well in recent meetings regarding Maine Day.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Song Ping 'Ryan' Wang reported \$298,075.19

in unallocated funds. Funds that were returned to unallocated funds were \$669.60 from Mock Trial, and \$28.05 from the Asian Students Association. Funds to be allocated include \$40 to the Latin American Student Organization and \$700 to College Republicans and College Democrats. There was one resolution for the SHAC for \$1,359.

Vice President of Student Organizations, Jacob Wood, reminded the Senate of club update information forms. Any clubs that fail to turn one in will become inactive. Wood also reminded the Senate of the upcoming Diversity Week.

Vice President of Student Entertainment, Jared Dumas, announced the name and date of UMaine's spring event. It will be called

"The Maine Event" and will take place on the weekend of April 14. The event will be for undergraduate students only.

Periodic Reports

Faculty Senate Student Representative, Bentley Simpson announced there will be new language in the syllabus regarding observing religious holidays. A motion was passed to make the IT committee one of the standing committees. Student evaluations of teaching will now be standardized, affecting how they will be used for tenuring and giving promotions to professors.

Director of Communications Miranda Roberts has begun working on social media and letting students know of the upcoming stu-

dent government elections.

Reports of Special Committees

The Maine Day Committee gathered to discuss Maine Day and ideas for entertainment. The Committee also got together with representatives from Campus Activities and Student Engagement to discuss some of the ideas they had. Many were met with approval.

Representative Board Reports

Honors College Student Advisory Board has rescheduled trivia to Thursday, March 29. The entry fee is \$5 per person or \$20 per team. There is a cash prize and it is movie themed. Proceeds will go towards the Maine Day meal packout.

The Interfraternity Council is continuing to meet with Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Robert Dana for a new member development program that the University wants to sponsor and they are finalizing an incentives program for Maine Day to get fraternities involved.

Community Association Reports

SHAC will be hosting the multicultural mosaic next

week during diversity week. A week after that, will be Islamic Awareness Week.

On Tuesday, March 27, at noon in the Bangor room there will be a panel on modern feminism.

Consent Agenda

A motion to supply funds of \$40 to the Latin American Student Organization their Loteria night on March 20 in the North Pod passed. A motion to supply funds of \$700 to College Republicans and College Democrats for room rental, food and decoration for their Bipartisan Formal which is on April 7 in Buchanan Alumni Hall was passed.

New Business

An act to allocate funds to SHAC of \$1,359 for catering and all miscellaneous items for their Multicultural Mosaic on March 30 was passed.

Nominations and Elections

Francis Perrino was elected as the Orono Town Council Liaison.

Kaitlyn Beckwith was nominated and elected as the Old Town City Council Liaison.

Final Vote from A1

matters ... provided that they do not represent that they speak for their campus or the System."

Policy 212 on free and academic speech at UMaine was first put into effect in 1967, revised later in 1974 and again in 2017. According to this section of the UMS online policy manual, "System faculty and staff have the right to comment as employees on matters related to their professional duties... The Board of Trustees is committed to protecting the rights all University community members share to free speech, which includes free expression and assembly, as enshrined in the U.S. and Maine State Constitutions. There shall be no restriction at any System institutions on these fundamental rights... The University may also rea-

sonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of these rights to preserve order for the System's universities to function as institutions of higher learning."

Some students and faculty worry that this policy will limit their ability to participate in free speech on campus, however. Brody Haverly-Johndro, current UMaine 2019 class president and president of the Maine College Democrats, said he agrees with student concerns. He wrote, "[I] have concerns that the Board of Trustees decision will impact the ability of the UMaine community to voice their political opinions in a respectful, constructive manner."

Thelen argued that the policy had no intention of restricting free and political speech by students or faculty.

"Faculty have the same academic freedom to lead such discussions, and stu-

dents have the same free speech rights to participate in such discussions, as they had before this policy was adopted. The policy does not restrict or apply to such discussions," Thelen said.

On March 1, students participated in a sit-in during a board of trustees meeting in the Rudman Conference Room of Estabrooke Hall. According to the Facebook event created by the group, the demonstration was intended to raise student concerns.

Event host Kirsten Alex Daley wrote, "We are staging a sit in protest of the UMaine Board of Trustees meeting to demonstrate student and faculty concern about the new freedom of speech guidelines being suggested by the Board... We firmly believe that restricting political action of staff and faculty at UMaine will not only be a hindrance to student organizations that do political action

and rely on help from faculty and staff but will also lead to attempts to silence political action at UMaine"

Third-year international affairs student Ruben Torres expressed that the board should have made a stronger effort in attempting to inform the campus community about their decision. "... Yes as students we should be made aware but the board has made a good track record of doing what they want anyways and not actually listening to the students," Torres said. "So I feel like at this point we might as well just get sent out an email saying 'the board is going to do this' instead of hiding behind the name of 'vote'."

The board of trustees student representative, Samuel Borer, stated that the decision has been underway for several months and mentioned that students were informed prior to the vote. "The policy has been public knowledge

for many months and drafts of the proposed language has been publicly discussed in Board Committees as well as private conversations with Faculty Senates and the Student Representatives. There was a notion [that]... the Board of Trustees were doing this without consulting anyone and that is just simply not true. I reached out to students all over campus to get a collective and comprehensive look at the opinions of the Student Body," Borer said.

Daley, a fourth-year anthropology student, stated that the board should have been more clear about their intentions. "I think the [board of trustees] could have chosen to simply put out an email about the vote and rule change, but instead they chose to stay with the current system of communication... their student reps. It isn't enough to have two students informed if they aren't finding

effective ways to inform the student body," Daley wrote.

While some students expressed concerns that they weren't effectively prepared or made aware of the impending vote, the board disagreed. "The University of Maine System has been very transparent, including pushing back the vote two months to ensure there was enough time to get input. While there were requests to push the vote back again to May, and the request was not acted on, it cannot be overlooked that they did already push the vote back once to ensure they were able to consult faculty, students, and stakeholders," Borer said.

Torres concluded, "[The policy is] meant to prevent association with the University which is federally and state funded. What is said/thought by students and faculty should not be representative of the university nor of the student government."

Adam Cote running for Maine Governor

Taylor Abbott
News Editor

On Nov. 6, 2018, the residents of Maine will have the opportunity to elect a new governor to office as current Gov. Paul LePage's term will end. Among the many gubernatorial candidates is Adam Cote, a Sanford native.

Cote graduated from Sanford High School in 1991, and from there went to Colby College, where he earned a degree in international relations in 1995. Following this, Cote attended law school at the University of Maine Law School, where he earned his Juris Doctorate in 2001. On top of this, Cote has served three combat tours in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This campaign has been great for my family. My kids go to a lot of our events and are having a really good time. I believe that we need more involvement from the next generation to build a strong platform for the future," Cote said. He has five children between the ages of six and 13 with his wife, Paulina, who teaches Spanish classes.

When it comes to politics, Cote has quite a history working with the government. On top of his work in the military, he has been recognized by former President Barack Obama as one of 12 Champions of Change, an award given to those who have pushed for more education, innovation and out-building throughout the 21st century.

During Obama's presidency, he asked citizens to nominate individuals who showed these qualities that have helped shaped a successful future for the next generation.

Cote has also worked on various school boards to several different committees and has helped write energy laws for several countries. In 2008, Cote was President Obama's veterans coordinator, and he also ran for Congress in 2008, where he came in second in a very crowded Democratic race.

"We need to have a new generation of leaders that are going to step up and start focusing on Maine and on improving our economy and quality of life," Cote said. "We need to have some more peo-

ple with some real world experience in these positions."

"One area that I am very concerned about is clean energy and being able to grow our economy here in Maine. We have got this challenge because Maine is a great place to live, but only if you can make a living. There are a lot of opportunities in clean energy space and a growing workforce. Something else to address is this growing culture where we stop saying 'we've never done this before' and just do it," Cote said.

When it comes to implementing the goals he has in mind, he immediately talked about investments. "We need to better investments to reduce energy costs, and we need to promote renewable

technologies, such as solar, wind and offshore wind, and other renewables that we can make right here in Maine. I would like to see Maine be a global leader in those types of technologies," Cote said.

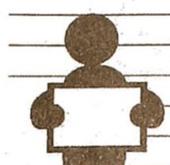
"A challenge that I see throughout my campaign is definitely running against the establishment-type people that have spent the majority of their lives in public office," Cote said. "As an outsider, I hope to break through and get our message out."

When looking toward the college-aged voters, Cote understands that their main concern is finding the opportunity to be able to make a good living. "I think it is important to create more opportunities within the state for college

graduates to have. We have this aspirational gap right now where if young people want to be innovators or entrepreneurs, they need to go elsewhere to do it. I support all of the research and development that the University of Maine System is doing, and I think we should work on creating the entire system into a flagship," Cote added.

"If any students want to get involved in a campaign that is really positive and really focused on creating a better future in Maine in order for them to stay here and live here, email us and get in touch with Ben Algeo," Cote said. Algeo can be reached at ben@coteformaine.com.

Police Beat



The best from UMaine and Orono's finest

Nina Mahaleris
Contributor

March 11

7:25 p.m. On Sunday night, University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) responded to a call for a welfare check in Hilltop parking lot. Officers arrived on the

scene to find an adult male dead in his car with the engine off. Officers called the medical examiner's office to the site and are still investigating the incident. The identity of the deceased has not been released, and officers did not verify if he was a UMaine student. The cause

of death remains unclear.

March 15

10:25 p.m. At the intersection of Pine Street in Orono, 21-year-old Quincy Ratledge made a left turn and subsequently hit the back end of a police vehicle. Ratledge initially left the scene but stopped and was detained by the Orono Police Department (OPD). She admitted to hitting something, but was unaware it was a police car. Officer Wentworth administered a field sobriety test and arrested Ratledge for driving under the influence. She took an intoxily-

zer test and was brought to Penobscot County Jail. Ratledge received a court summons for operating under the influence (OUI).

March 18

12:10 a.m. Officer Dakota Dupuis of the Orono Police Department stopped a car on Park Street at the Old Town line. Police stopped Andrew Mallory, 22, of Old Town, for erratic driving and administered a field sobriety test. Mallory was arrested, voluntarily took an intoxilyzer at the OPD station and received a summons for an OUI.

12:30 a.m. Orono Police Officer Christopher Gray followed a car driving down Main Street in Orono after suspecting it was going over the speed limit. Officer Gray stopped the car, found Connor Morry, 22, of Deer Isle, and suspected he was under the influence of alcohol. Morry initially said he was coming from the OHOP bar and had nothing to drink. Officer Gray administered a field sobriety test after which Morry admitted to drinking earlier that night. Morry was arrested, taken to Bangor Police Department for an intoxilyzer test and deposited at Penob-

scot County Jail. He received a summons for an OUI and is scheduled to appear in court on April 19.

March 19

9:15 p.m. UMPD reported to the fourth floor of Knox Hall after receiving a call from an RA about a marijuana odor coming from the building. Officers traced the odor back to 19-year-old Nicholas Dondarski. Upon request, he turned over cannabis and paraphernalia to officers. Dondarski received a summons for possession of marijuana.

Briefs

Quick news from around the country

Taylor Abbott
News Editor

March 18

Elaine Herzberg, a 49-year-old woman, was killed by a self-driving car owned by Uber in Tempe, Arizona after being struck by the vehicle. Several studies have proposed the idea that self-driving cars

do not pose any more of a risk to pedestrians than any other vehicle.

In 2017 alone there were an estimated 40,000 traffic fatalities in the United States, according to the National Safety Council, and more than 90 percent of them resulted from human error.

Lionel Robert, a professor at the Robots In-

stitute at the University of Michigan, added that the goal of self-driving cars is to not make them as safe as human drivers because "human drivers aren't that safe. We want self-driving cars to be safer."

March 20

Austin Wyatt Rollins, a 17-year-old student at Great Mills High School in

Maryland, opened fire in a hallway with a handgun, injuring two students. The shots began at 7:55 a.m. and within a minute, the school resource officer, Blaine Gaskill, responded to the event. Gaskill allegedly fired a round at the shooter, which led to the shooter firing a round at the same time.

Gaskill was not injured during this exchange, but Rollins was pronounced dead. The injured students include a 16-year-old female who was said to have a prior relationship with Rollins. She was taken off of life support after being pronounced brain-dead.

The other victim was a 14-year-old male student who is in stable condition.

This incident is the 17th school shooting since Jan. 1, according to a study by CNN. Great Mills High School remained on lockdown for a few hours following and was eventually evacuated to a nearby location.

March 21

After a three-week search for the person responsible for a series of bombings that took place around Austin, Texas, authorities identified Mark Anthony Condit as the suspect through surveil-

lance footage. Condit was found dead at the scene after driving into a ditch and detonating an explosive in his vehicle.

While Condit's motive is not yet clear, he had described himself on his blog as being "not that politically inclined" but showed views that leaned more toward the conservative end of the spectrum, especially on topics such as the death penalty and gay marriage.

Condit created makeshift bombs and left them on sidewalks, doorsteps and a FedEx shipping center, killing a total of two people and injuring five others.

Mayhew campaign stresses the importance of accountability, tax policy

Lindsey Moran
Contributor

Mary Mayhew, former commissioner for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under the LePage administration, announced her candidacy for governor of the state of Maine last year. A former lobbyist and vice president of the Maine Hospital Association, Mayhew discussed everything from her stance on key policy issues to the degree of polarization in Maine politics with the Maine Campus last Friday.

The gubernatorial candidate visited the University of Maine amid the controversy surrounding Gov. LePage's decision to close the Downeast Correctional Facility in Machiasport. "In terms of efficiency and effectiveness, the governor should absolutely be identifying and acting on information to promote the most efficient and effective

use of tax dollars. I had to do that as commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services," Mayhew said.

"I don't have the benefit of the legal research that the governor has had to determine his options. If serving inmates is more efficient in a different facility, I think the question is 'what is the mechanism through which you can implement that?' and 'does it require statutory changes?'"

When asked what she thinks the biggest challenge for the next governor will be, Mayhew said, "The challenge is going to be to stay the course, to grow our economy with good-paying jobs and not to fall backwards and [be] pro-government. [Maine is] at a crossroads. Maine is well-positioned to continue our efforts to have people who are working hard and to have businesses not only stay in Maine but reinvest in Maine and certainly

attract other businesses to Maine."

"The biggest policy is really focused on tax policy," Mayhew said. "We've got to reduce our taxes, we've got to identify unnecessary regulations so that businesses can succeed and families and individuals can thrive. To me, that affects a host of other issues and challenges."

As the former commissioner for the DHHS, Mayhew took what many considered an aggressive approach to welfare reform by aligning with the belief that "no one should be forced to be dependent on government and live in poverty. Everything we do should be geared toward helping a person live an independent and self-sufficient life and to fulfill their potential... and to provide the necessary resources so they can accomplish that."

Mayhew is running as the process of ranked-choice voting is tried for

the first time in the state's gubernatorial race. An adamant opponent of ranked-choice voting, Mayhew said, "I certainly don't support it. I think it's undermining the integrity of the voting process."

A native of Pittsfield, Maine and a graduate of the University of Arkansas

with a degree in political science, Mayhew would become the first female governor if she wins in November. "I'm running for governor because I believe I'm the best person for the job. It's exciting to be a part of history in this state, but at the end of the day, I just want to make sure that

we move our state in the right direction in the best interest of families, kids, individuals and businesses. And I hope to be that next governor."

The World This Week



March 21 - President Donald Trump congratulated Russian President Vladimir Putin on his re-election after being warned by national security advisers not to.

March 21 - Congress passed legislation to curb online sex trafficking of children.

March 23 - President Trump signed \$1.3 trillion spending bill after previously issuing a surprise veto threat in a tweet.

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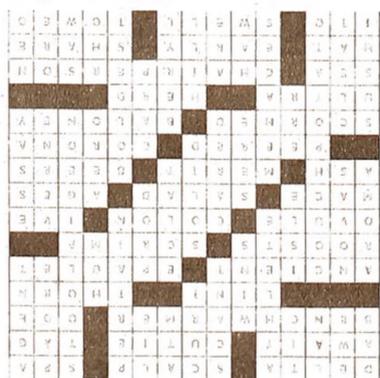
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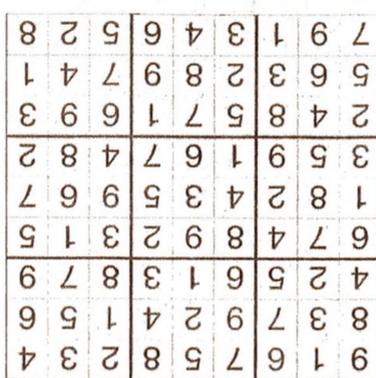
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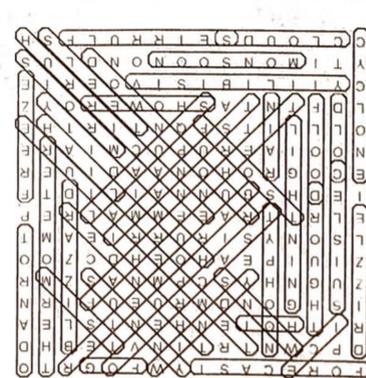
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Opinion

Monday, March 26, 2018

Editorial: The future is not theirs

Sarah Allisot
Opinion Editor

More than a month following the Parkland shooting, students are still tirelessly taking on the behemoth of gun control policies. Changing laws is only one battle. Earning respect for their involvement in the debate is another beast entirely, and it's needlessly

When it comes to shaping our country's future, older adults make up a majority of the voices that we listen to. The Congressional Research Service reports that the average ages of the 114th Congress were 57 and 61 years old, for House representatives and senators respectively. These averages have remained just as high in the past few years, paving the

way for serious disconnect between the wishes of older Americans and the needs of young Americans.

Adults well beyond their 50s and 60s should share only a part of shaping the future, despite what average ages of governmental seats may suggest. While they are more than welcome to advocate for their values and right the wrongs that they've seen in their lifetimes, the future is not theirs.

Historically, minors have been a part of the political scene. Teenagers in decades past have rallied for civil and women's rights and spoken out against war involvement, among other issues. Developments in the gun control scene are not new, but it does feel different this time around. The persistence of

the Parkland shooting survivors, and all their allies across the nation, is amplified by their clever use of social media. It would be a significant challenge to find somewhere online where their speeches, interviews and event campaigns aren't making the front page. The #NeverAgain movement began in the days following the Parkland shooting. Millions gathered nationwide for the March for Our Lives, rallying for increased gun control. An overwhelming majority of the voices heard at these rallies were those of children — from middle school to high school students only a few years from entering the voting booths.

The American public's views on gun control are only complicated by the insis-

tence that minors are somehow unqualified to be speaking about these issues. Some protest that minors aren't yet fully developed cognitively, and therefore cannot make big decisions. But when these children are the ones in the impact zone caused by hesitant politicians, they have every right to join adults at the table. Representatives are appointed to advocate for their constituents' concerns. There is no reason to disallow teenagers from voicing their concerns just because of an arbitrary legal age. Their message will be the same when they hit their 18th birthdays — putting off when we'll listen to these demands for change only endangers more children and more classrooms in the meantime.

Even elementary school children are cognizant of the problems facing their country. Schools are facing increased lockdown practices, as well as pressure from concerned parents and staff over how we should be allowing younger Americans to participate in demonstrations. Some schools have decided to discipline students for involving themselves in certain protest activities. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) posted information specifically for students, explaining that they are liable for punishment from school boards if they leave class to protest. But the ACLU made an important distinction: "... what they can't do is discipline you more harshly because of the political nature of or the message behind

your action." So whether or not adults want to listen to minors, they can and will be leaving classrooms, assembling on weekends and demanding policy change, even at the risk of punishment.

Minors are engaging in exhaustive activism work because they refuse to let their classmates' deaths be just another statistic in a problem that older Americans wish to gloss over. Their age isn't relevant in any counter-arguments. They are overwhelmingly the ones on the frontlines; it's time we let them decide how their futures will look, before they're robbed of them.

Should happiness be found or made?

Sam Tracy
Contributor

We've all heard it: "Happiness is the key to a longer, happier life." Beyond forcing yourself to be happy, however, how can this sentiment help us achieve a better life? Happiness is often thought of as something to be found, or perhaps as something to be acquired in particular moments. When asked in what moments they are particularly happy, however, most people only think of a few big events in their lifetime.

This doesn't mean people aren't happy. If anything, it means we don't quite know what happiness is and what

it truly means to us. Many of us have fun on a regular basis, but do not count these casual instances as examples of their happiness. Try to think of the last time you were happy. What were you doing? Who were you with?

In his TED Talk "The Surprising Science of Happiness," Harvard Professor Dan Gilbert establishes the prefrontal cortex in the frontal lobe as the part of the brain that acts as the "experience simulator." According to Gilbert, the prefrontal cortex is a "marvelous adaptation" that helps humans have experiences in their heads before trying them out in real life. It's such a marvelous

adaption, Gilbert considers it "up there with opposable thumbs and standing upright and language as one of the things that got our species out of the trees and into the shopping mall."

Unfortunately, the same experience simulator also has what Gilbert and psychologists call an impact bias. In Gilbert's words, an impact bias is "the tendency for the similar to work badly to make you believe that difference outcomes are more difference than in fact they really are." What does all this mean? It means our brains exaggerate the difference between favorable and unfavorable outcomes,

and thus, the bad potentials seem worse and the good potentials seem better. In reality, setbacks and mistakes that happened more than three months ago have no impact on your current happiness.

"From field studies to laboratory studies, we see that winning or losing an election, gaining or losing a romantic partner, getting or not getting a promotion, passing or not passing a college test, on and on, have far less impact, less intensity and much less duration than people expect them to have," says Gilbert. Gilbert insists that happiness is based more in optimism and our state of mind

More than anything, our happiness is unaffected by most things we believe to be bad results, situations or days.

Gilbert uses Moreese Bickham as an example of making happiness for yourself. According to the New York Times, Moreese Bickham served 37 years in prison before being released on good behavior. It's worth noting that Bickham spent 14 years in solitary confinement. During his first moments outside the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Bickham "turned to wave farewell, crouched down to touch a finger to the dirt, and kissed it." Upon his release, Bickham said, "I don't have one

minute's regret. It was a glorious experience."

Happiness does not solely exist in grand moments. Happiness can be found in the activities we spend time on and the people we spend time with, but is often forgotten underneath many of the small, negative parts of our daily lives. Happiness is a state of mind and, if given the chance, your mind will overestimate the bad and underestimate the good. Happiness can be found within yourself, and can be created. The healthiest kind of happiness does not depend on anyone else, you make it for yourself.

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Don't let legislatures roll back Maine's minimum wage

Liz Theriault
Contributor

The Maine State Legislature is currently in their 128th session with over 30 active bills up for decision. Mixed into the numerous bills up for consideration is LD 1757, a bill that would attempt to roll back the 2016 referendum that set Maine on track for achieving a livable minimum wage.

In the 2016 election, Maine citizens collected enough signatures to get a raise in Maine's minimum wage on the ballot. This required a number of signatures equal to that of 10 percent of the votes cast in

the previous gubernatorial election. In 2016, this was over 61,000 votes, which meant gathering over 61,000 signatures. According to the State of Maine Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, Maine then passed this minimum wage referendum with 55.5 percent approval, or 420,892 votes, in November 2016.

Maine first adopted the referendum process in 1908, and passed its first referendum in 1911. Although it was a slow start, with only seven initiatives for the first 60 years, the referendum process started increasing in popularity when environmental issues

joined the ballots in the 1970s through the 1990s. The five referendums on Maine's 2016 ballot were the most Maine has ever seen in a single election, and out of these five referendums, Mainers decided to pass four of them — including raising the minimum wage.

Maine voters are taking issues and action into their own hands. Through referendums, Mainers have access to directly influencing, passing or rejecting laws by turning up to elections and voting.

The Maine legislatures were taken out the process of those referendums, and the people of Maine voted

for themselves. They decided to pass the increase of minimum wage because they believe in a fair living wage for all. The 2016 Maine referendum allowed for a jump in Maine's hourly wage to \$9 per hour in 2017, which would increase \$1 per year until reaching \$12 per hour in 2020. After 2020, the rate of the minimum wage would be tied to inflation and the year's cost of living.

LD 1757, also titled "An Act to Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Training and Youth Wage," would roll back those year-

ly increases. Starting in June of 2018, the hourly wage would drop back to \$9.50 an hour, and would only increase by 50 cents a year until 2024.

According to a study by MIT, the deficit between the wage hourly workers need to keep up with Maine's cost of living and the amount they actually earn can be as large as \$24 per hour. A single Maine hourly worker needs \$3,027 more annually than they earn now to afford basic necessities, at the current minimum wage. This is money lost, and money that is not being redistributed back into Maine's economy. As the number of individu-

als in a family, income also does the annual deficit in a family with hourly workers and a child, the family would be \$5,913 less than the cost of living in Maine for one year.

Over 161,000 Maine citizens were living in poverty in 2017. It should be one of Maine's top priorities: constantly work at lowering that number, as quickly as possible. If the legislature decides to pass LD 1757, they slow the rate at which Mainers can begin to earn a wage that will provide themselves and their families — a wage they can put back into Maine's economy and one that they live on.

No predictions

Brawley Benson
Contributor

The bass died down, the harsh Slavic vocals falling away as the song turned over. Silence ballooned in the room for the first time, and I asked no one in particular, "Is there any chance Putin won't win the election?" The faces of my Russian friends, drunk students, twisted into frowns — then raucous laughter. Louder than the music that now roared back to life. "Not a chance."

What stuck with me was not the response but that moment before, the slight

pause wherein, I believe, true sentiments came to light. That silence spoke volumes about latent hopes. It said: Maybe he won't win.

But he did, last week, for the fourth time. No Russian will say they were surprised because it was a victory set into motion six years ago, when Putin won his third non-consecutive term, proving that his administration was not going to be confined by traditional Western notions of presidency.

People like Putin. It's not hard to see why. Putin has defined Russia's iden-

tity and led the country since the fall of the USSR. He's the father of the modern nation, a strong leader who falls into favor with many Russians, especially those who lived during the Soviet Union and feel disenfranchised by their history. Dispensing with him would mean establishing a new identity.

In Moscow, my friends joked that during the regional elections, thousands had voted for Harambe, the unfortunate gorilla shot at the Cincinnati Zoo in 2016. They thought this was incredibly funny and I did too. Their dark sar-

casm contrasted with the fact that they studied at Russia's top university for students with political aspirations.

When pressed further about Putin and Russia's future, they were deeply critical. "We have problems." They didn't like to talk about six years from now when, according to the constitution, Putin's second consecutive term would bar him from participating in the next election.

For them — fans of Putin by no means — shouldn't this be an exciting topic of conversation? Breaking away from a leader who has

overstayed his welcome. Don't they want to look forward to his absence?

It's far more complex than that. Putin is a capable leader with flaws and allegations of misdeeds to match. But his figure is also innately connected to the modern Russian state. Could we even think of Russia without him? The evil you know is always safer than the one you don't — and nobody, not a single person, knows what comes after Putin.

This year, children who were born in 2000 will be turning 18 and arriving to adulthood, having lived

their entire lives under Putin's rule. I see a seed of hope in this generation — the Moscow Times calls them "generation P." They're young and full of hope. Even if they don't want to talk about it, it's there, in the silence before the laughter, the fire that feeds on each year of more of the same. They're critical of this life they've lived and this country, Russia, they call home.

Raised on Putin, generation P will end up being the downfall of his era. They will be the ushers of a new age.

Hollywood's decades-old influence on rape culture

Quincy Ratledge
Contributor

With the rise of the #MeToo movement, the eyes of American feminists have been on Hollywood. The American public has shifted their attention to directors, actors and other members of Hollywood's entertainment industry and how they have contributed to rape culture far beyond the hills that house the Hollywood sign. Rape culture and sexual assault have bled into the lives of anybody with a Netflix subscription or ticket stub from their local movie theater. Though Hollywood itself only takes up

about 30.7 square miles, the media produced within the city limits has the unique ability to reach all 3.8 million square miles of the United States. Hollywood's messages are not confined to the borders of America, and have become an international source of entertainment.

It is no wonder why in the U.S. one in five women has endured either an attempted or completed sexual assault. Messages encouraging and desensitizing sexual assault are represented in box offices and television sets nationwide. This growing epidemic that seems to

have adopted its origins in Hollywood dates back to the 1970s. In 1973, the award-winning Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci conspired with actor Marlon Brando to film a rape scene involving the actor and his co-star, actress Maria Schneider, which took place on the set of "The Last Tango in Paris." This film was nominated for not one, but two Academy Awards and several other prestigious recognitions. According to a 2013 article published by Elle Magazine, "Bertolucci admitted that star Maria Schneider never consented to it. Bertolucci confessed

that he and Marlon Brando came up with the idea to shoot the assault scene in which Brando's character uses a stick of butter to rape Schneider on screen." Brando was 48 years old. Schneider was only 19.

The Guardian notes that the most disturbing fact of the incident was not the assault itself, but what Bertolucci said to Brando prior to the filming of the assault. Bertolucci desired Schneider's "reaction as a girl, not as an actress." This statement incriminates Bertolucci for staging an assault against a young, vulnerable woman for his own professional gain.

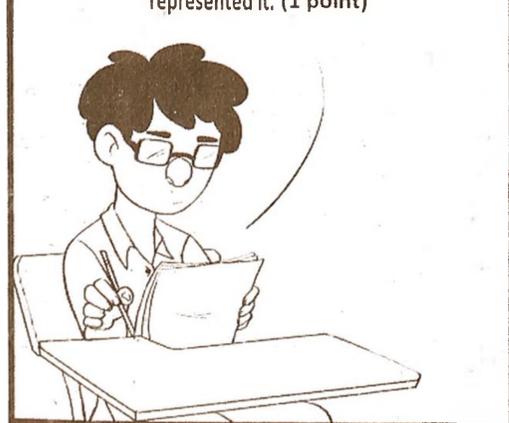
More heartbreaking than the assault itself is not that Schneider has to relive her rape every time she watches the Academy Award-winning film, but that she didn't even know that what happened to her was assault. She explained before her death in 2011 that she only felt "a little raped by both Marlon and Bertolucci." There was no outcry and therefore no response or legal action taken against the director or actor for the assault. The Guardian further reported that the "common theme is that we continue to disbelieve women who are assaulted." But how can

we believe women when they are unsure if what they went through was assault?

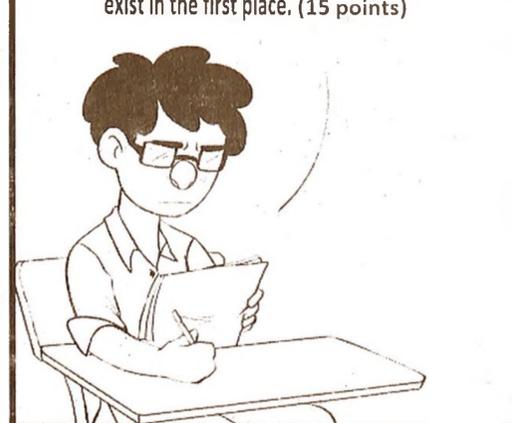
The moral of this situation and many other non-consensual situations that take place daily is that rape and sexual assault should be unarguable. If no consent is given, it is rape. If you feel "a little raped," you have been raped. Now is the time to speak out, against Hollywood and against our attackers. It is time that people like Brando and Bertolucci be held accountable. No woman should ever feel "a little raped."

First Year VS. Fourth Year

1. Describe the important elements of cubism and give three examples of artists whose work represented it. (1 point)



1. Give a brief explanation of the universe's plan for us if there is one, or if not, why we exist in the first place. (15 points)



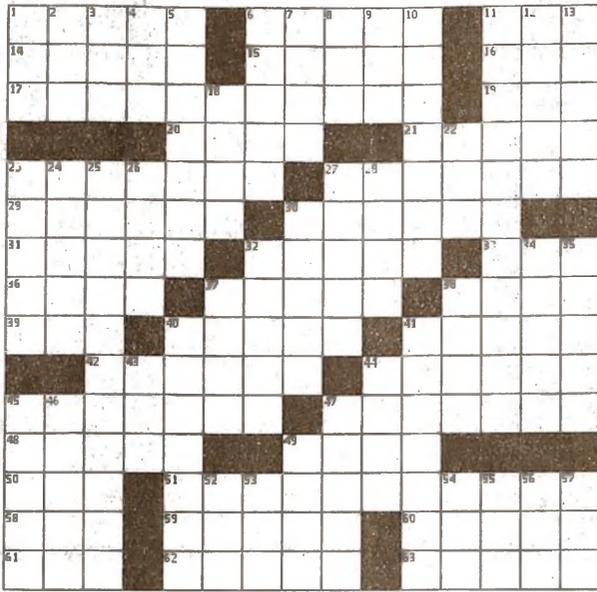
THUMBS UP DOWN

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| Four Leaf Clovers | Break's Over |
| Spring's Here | Potholes Near |
| Snow's Melting | Semester's Overwhelming |
| Tax Returns | Money to Burn |
| 7 Weeks Remain | Constantly Feel Drained |



Diversions

Crossword



- Across**
- 1 Type of ray, wave or wing
 - 6 Sell illegally
 - 11. Healthful getaway
 - 14. Be in store
 - 15 Adorable tot
 - 16 Make it?
 - 17 Substitute
 - 19 Praiseful composition
 - 20 Dark suit bane
 - 21 Prickly irritant
 - 23 Prehistoric
 - 27 Uniform adornment
 - 29 Fowl perches
 - 30 Subsist on next to nothing
 - 31 Small egg
 - 32 It comes right after the hour
 - 33. Some add it to impress
 - 36 Ceremonial staff
 - 37 Dressing may make

- it better
- 38 What seems like forever
- 39. Industrial pollutant
- 40 Have it coming
- 41 Round contents, sometimes
- 42 Looked searchingly
- 44 Sun's halo
- 45. Pooh-pooed
- 47. "Nonsense!"
- 48 Extreme
- 49 Drove
- 50 Kind of horse or cow
- 51. Presiding officer
- 58. Item for a bad hair day?
- 59 More than punctual
- 60. "Don't be a hog!"
- 61 "Who am ___ judge?"
- 62 Crestless wave
- 63 Schlepiped

- Down**
- 1 Bit of hair gel
 - 2 Flock member
 - 3 Office computer link, for short
 - 4 First X, maybe
 - 5 Jock
 - 6 Few and far between
 - 7. A bit brusque
 - 8. Bread machine?
 - 9 You may get caught in it
 - 10 Bear on
 - 11 Snitch
 - 12. Military chaplain
 - 13 Celeb's hiree
 - 18 Carries the day
 - 22 Continuous sound
 - 23. Bakery come-on
 - 24. Bright stars
 - 25 Remote expert?
 - 26 Atlas dot
 - 27 Brilliant success
 - 28. Give a nudge

- 30 Unbroken, as a line
- 32 Didn't just shrug one's shoulders
- 34 Jules of sci-fi fame
- 35. Test segment, perhaps
- 37. Parched
- 38 Prefix with dynamics
- 40 Endangers
- 41 Most venturesome
- 43. Be off base
- 44. Cavil
- 45. Japanese delicacy
- 46. Rope fastener
- 47 Blue-green stone
- 49 Congress setting
- 52 Hem companion
- 53 Have being
- 54 Pi follower
- 55 Pictured
- 56 Seam treasure
- 57 First name in the "Deliverance" cast

onlinecrosswords.net Answer key located on A5

Word Search: Weather

- BAROMETER
- BLIZZARD
- CELSIUS
- CLOUDS
- COLD
- CYCLONE
- DOWNPOUR
- DRIZZLE
- DROUGHT
- FAHRENHEIT
- FLOOD
- FLURRIES
- FOG
- FORECAST
- FREEZE
- FROST
- HAIL
- HOT
- HUMIDITY
- HURRICANE
- ICE

- LIGHTNING
- MIST
- MONSOON
- OVERCAST
- RAIN
- SHOWER
- SLEET
- SNOW
- SQUALL
- STORM
- SUNNY
- TEMPERATURE
- THERMOMETER
- THUNDER
- TORNADO
- TSUNAMI
- TYPHOON
- VISIBILITY
- WINDY

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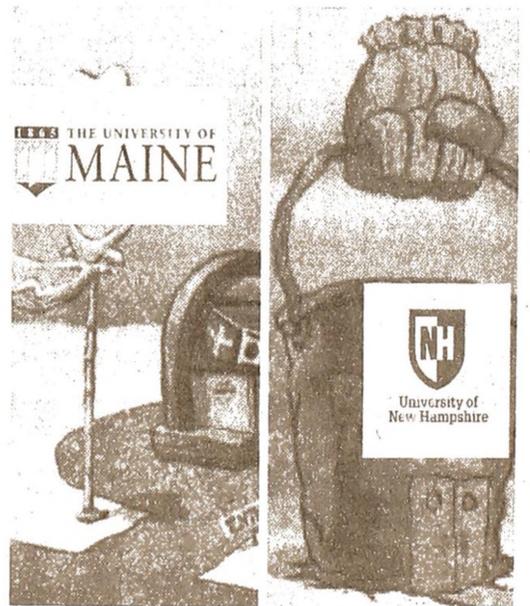
XKCD

By Randall Munroe



xkcd.com

Meme



Brice O'vitt from Facebook

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: Basketball

- 1. ulyap
- 2. birdbe
- 3. npita
- 4. rteecn
- 5. ssaits
- 6. eitrmerep
- 7. wmcraebrhne
- 8. ardabbokc
- 9. naiclehct
- 10. beruond

layup dribble paint center, assist perimeter, benchmark, rebound technical, rebound

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Reviews

MUSIC

Fight the system softly with Yo La Tengo's new album



Matador Records

RATING



Noah Loveless
WMEB Staff

a candidate for one of the more accessible tracks on the album. Here vocalist/guitarist Ira Kaplan sings in a mildly melancholic manner over guitars with heavy reverb and a rumbling bass that moans along through the entire track. The lyrics of the track touch on themes of normalcy and almost shy confidence toward some unknown subject as Kaplan offers, "Maybe I could be that guy, I'd like to try." The somewhat vague lyrics of this song do feel relatable as people often try to apply a gentle strength to relationships with others like Kaplan tries here.

A sizable opposition to that track is the song "Shortwave" which comes four songs later. This song is the height of the ambient moments on this album as YLT sound more like they put their instruments down and picked up synths to create reverb soaked aural landscapes, or at least cranked the effects pedals with their guitars. This track also features clips of people talking placed behind the dreamy wall of sound that is in the front of the song. Though not made such distinctly ambient music before, this track is not unusual coming from the trio.

There are several aspects of the album worth discussing. One is that while YLT haven't exactly reinvented the wheel with "There's a Riot Going On," they have advanced in a very enjoyable and thought provoking direction that finds them in a wonderful, if not radically new place. Here, Yo La Tengo demonstrate that they certainly gained new perspectives with age and are perfectly at ease to release meditative albums that offer a maturity that can only come from a group that has done what they have done, and how they have done it.

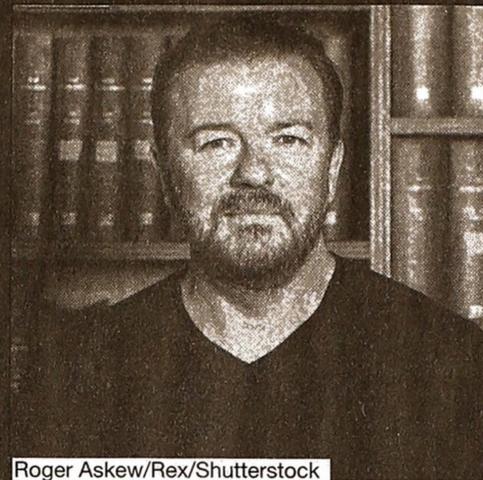
It may not be most fitting to call Yo La Tengo (YLT) darlings of indie music, being the giants that they are. But despite their consistently stellar, genre-defining output of over 10 albums or accrued fame, they still manage to come off modest, quirky and wonderfully down-to-earth. Needless to say you could consider me a fan. Here, on their 15th studio album, "There's a Riot Going On" the trio takes a turn for the gentle and relaxing, with songs that sway and weave with ease. On this album, the veteran members of YLT do not disappoint, offering a pleasant and enjoyable collection of songs that lull with grace and beauty that reflect their known talent and inventiveness.

It is possibly already a cliché to say that though this album is titled "There's a Riot Going On," the sound of the album is something very far from a riotous affair. Instead, this album finds Yo La Tengo playing music that harkens back to their previous album "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-Out" with a possibly more optimistic or autumnal sound as opposed to the nighttime atmosphere of "And Then Nothing..." With the description of a riot in the title that borrows from the album of the same name from the group Sly & the Family Stone, one wonders whether YLT wants to create a space to avoid the chaos or that this album is a response to said chaos, or both. Either way the group seem socially and politically conscious of the state of the country in some form.

Within the first couple tracks of the album, one of the standout songs appears in "For You Too" which could be considered

NETFLIX

Sincerity makes Ricky Gervais worth watching



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RATING



Finn Bradenday
Contributor

Ricky Gervais broke his seven-year hiatus from stand up with the Netflix special "Humanity." It was clear from the beginning that he was playing catch-up with the world of comedy, riffing on political correctness and transgender people — topics that have been beaten into the ground by countless high-profile comics in the past years. At the same time, Gervais produced one of the more soul-baring acts I've seen. Whenever he was able to get away from current events and delve into his own tribulations, he seemed more genuine than any comedian I've seen recently.

The better part of the first half of Gervais' act was spent poking fun of at people who take offense to his opinions. He defended his Caitlyn Jenner jokes from the past few years, seeming to be worried that he missed out on a ripe topic. This section felt tired and overwrought. The few people that cared about Jenner's life have long since moved on.

I understand that political correctness and the lack thereof is probably most relevant in comedy; comedians make their living off offending people, but I'm tired of hearing rants against it. Even though I usually agree that anything can be a joke in the right context, I wish the topic itself of PC culture could be left alone. It's old news at this point.

Gervais finally moved into his own life, expressing his concerns with having children (plenty of dead baby jokes), getting older (just enough genitalia jokes) and living in the upper class after starting out poor. This is where Gervais shines. He's able to brag about how lovely and easy

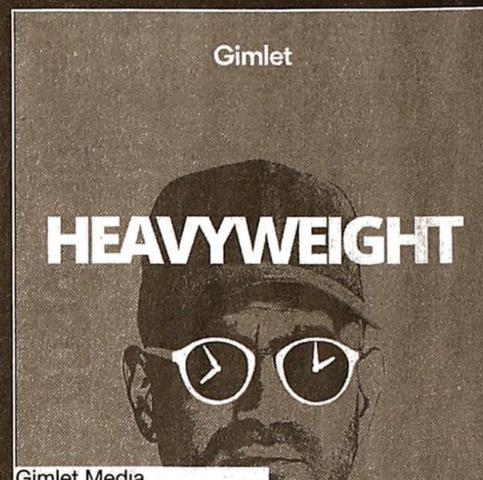
his life is while remaining humble and sparing himself nothing. He can recite the most horrible, depraved joke about a baby dying, and somehow show the audience a selfless, thoughtful person underneath.

Even when Gervais is ranting against the over-sensitivity of people, he manages to bring his own morality into the show. My favorite example was his discussion of his work against animal cruelty. I don't want to give away the joke, but he told the story of a person on Twitter taking offense to a tweet of Gervais' exposing the cruelty of East Asian dog meat festivals. Gervais donates thousands of dollars each year to animal rights causes.

While I hold that PC culture is a tired topic, I did appreciate that Gervais took the last 10 minutes of the show to explicitly explain why he thought having a sense of humor is so important. This is something that I think is often missed by comedians raving against political correctness. He explained that we live in an incredibly sad world (one he asserts is getting worse) and humor is the only way to stay sane. Gervais' most important point was from his older brother: "We're all gonna die, so we should have a laugh. If you think of something funny, you've got to say it, win, lose or draw."

PODCAST

"Heavyweight" tackles unresolved moments



Gimlet Media

RATING



Jordan Houdeshell
Editor in Chief

"Maybe you've laid awake imagining how it could have been, how it might yet be, but the moment to act was never right. Well, the moment is here and the podcast making it happen is 'Heavyweight'..." There is no better description for this podcast than the one given in the introduction episode. The host, Jonathan Goldstein, tackles unresolved issues head-on. In the first episode he reunites his dad and his dad's brother, who despite having grown up together, have not spoken for many years due to an unresolved sibling rivalry. Although the meeting doesn't go perfectly, the episode ends with the two brothers on good terms, discussing a nearby house for sale.

Throughout this show, Goldstein helps various people with their attempts to resolve the thoughts that keep them up at night. Whether it's their father's ashes they never scattered or someone they saw in a video back in college, Goldstein is very effective at resolving these loose ends. And in most of the episodes, it seems to be for the better. Many of them leave the listener feeling optimistic, hearing how well these reunions turn out.

This being said, not every episode finishes in a neat bow. In episode seven, "Julia," there's no way to find all the answers to her lingering curiosity. Despite the fact that she has been harping over an unanswered knock on her door back in high school, none of the girls who knocked can remember their purpose in coming. Despite this, Goldstein does his best to make predictions on why they were knocking to give Julia some peace of mind.

Recommended to me by one of my co-workers, this podcast is now my go-to pick-me-up podcast. If I am having a rough day, hearing about people talking out past problems gives me faith in the world. Even if they aren't

solved, there is something calming about hearing people address their problems and get some type of closure after years of questions.

Each episode starts off with a call to Jackie Cohen, which most of the time she is not enthusiastic about. Although it can be assumed that Cohen is Goldstein's friend, he always seems to catch her at a time that she doesn't have time to talk or he says something that starts a fight. This is always a comical start and you can see the friendship between the two of them through these short conversations. In the final episode of the first season, they actually talk about their friendship and she admits that she doesn't mind his calls. Although there is no actual point to this part of the podcast, it definitely starts the podcast off comedically.

One of my favorite parts of this podcast is the catchy theme song that ends each episode. The song is by The Weakerthans, beginning with, "Now that the furniture's returning to its Goodwill home. Now that the last month's rent is scheming with the damage deposit. Take this moment to decide, if we meant it if we tried..." This gives off the same vibe as the podcast with a nice clean finish.

The one concern that I have with this podcast is the conflict of interest potential. Many of the episodes are either issues that Goldstein himself has or his friends or family have. This makes it harder for him to take on these issues with a clear perspective, when they are things that he is still harping on. I've never noticed this affecting the quality of the podcast, but it's definitely something to make note of.

If you are looking for a positive podcast that takes on unanswered questions head-on, "Heavyweight" may be a good podcast for you. Produced by Gimlet Media, it currently has two full seasons, and as of Dec. 8, 2017 they were looking for stories for a third season.



Be nice to animals!



Women's History Month celebration brings together various women-centric organizations



Meghan Frisard and Bree Belar of the Women's Resource Center celebrate Women's History Month at their opening fair, March 19.

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor

Hailey Bryant Contributor

On Tuesday, March 20, the North Pod was home to a cappella performances, feminist trivia, Rosie the Riveter photoshoots and advocacy work, all part of the Women's History Month celebration hosted by the Women's Resource Center and the Feminist Collective.

Though both organizations are active in promoting women's rights and health on campus, this event was the first of its kind. "Our big things are the Vagina Monologues in February and Diversity Week in March, and we wanted to do something for Women's History Month as well,"

Meghan Frisard said. Frisard is a fourth-year zoology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies student and co-chair of the Feminist Collective. Frisard wanted to put together an event that would involve women's groups all across campus, not just activist groups, and organized the Women's History Month celebration alongside co-chair Taylor Cray, second-year political science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies student.

Groups involved in the event included Women in Economics, UMaine Renaissance and Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Maine, women-centric organizations that represent different

areas of women's interests and needs at the University of Maine and throughout the state.

"As a group of all women, we've done gigs specific to just women," Brooke Pietri, second-year music education student and member of Renaissance, the University of Maine's all-female cappella group, said.

A subsection of the University Singers, Renaissance's 11 members have formed close bonds, and recognize the importance of strong female friendships in their lives. "We have our own support system within our group, but not every girl on campus does," Pietri said. Although they only had half of their members

in attendance, Renaissance performed three a cappella covers throughout the event.

The Women's History Month celebration marked the first collaboration between UMaine and ERA Maine, an organization dedicated to the ratification of an amendment to provide equal protection to women under the law. The organization was represented by Susan Snider and Linda Nelson, who have been with ERA Maine since its conception in 2016. "We just don't get why equal rights are a partisan issue," Snider said. "Second wave feminism helped to lessen the impact of patriarchy, but without the equal rights

amendment we're fighting a real battle."

"Second wave feminism" began in the early 1960s in the United States with the goal to gain greater equality for women with men by allowing them to have more than just the right to vote. Here, the goal was to allow rights on domestic issues and employment, whereas first wave feminism focused mainly on women's suffrage and property rights.

While the organization is pushing for a federal amendment, Snider and Nelson see a Maine amendment as a more realistic initial goal. Maine is one of the 36 states that have agreed to an equal rights amendment nationally, but

it hasn't been written in Maine's state constitution.

Both women were excited to be part of the event, recognizing the need to reach out to college students. "It's important to get young people involved and educated," Snider said. "The best way to fight this is to vote, and many of you are voting for the first time."

The month of March is full of campus activities and individual events surrounding Women's History Month, and this celebration brought together a variety of groups representing various aspects of womanhood on campus.

No Man's Land film festival empowers women to do what they love

Olivia Shipsey Staff Writer

In honor of Women's History Month, five campus organizations came together to bring the "No Man's Land" film festival to the University of Maine. On Friday, March 23, students and community members gathered in Neville Hall at 7 p.m. to watch over 120 minutes of footage which explores the lives of strong and powerful women.

The festival featured 12 films which, according to their website, attempt to "redefine feminine in adventure and sport through film." No two films were

alike, each introducing the audience to a diverse range of women participating in challenging activities and working toward personal goals.

The first film of the evening was from a Nike campaign titled "Unlimited" which gave paralympian Scout Bassett a platform to share her story of dedication to her dream. The first time Bassett attempted to make the U.S. Olympic track and field team, she finished dead last. That failure inspired her to give up everything and devote herself to full-time training. Only one year after finishing last, not only did she

make the team, she won the 100-meter race at the U.S. trials.

"When you surrender, when you quit, you're allowing something else to have power over you. No. The only person that's going to have power over me, is me," Bassett said in the final moments of the film.

Many films discussed the power of women in groups. Marawa's Majorettes, a hula hooping troupe in London, find inspiration and empowerment in each other and in their art. A New York City female skating group, known as the Brujas, work together to encourage social advoca-

cy and foster community between the city's minority women. As well as the Moxi Skate Team, an all-female roller-skating group from Long Beach, California who challenge the stigma surrounding what it takes to be a strong skater.

In "The Mirnavator", a runner and blogger named Mirna Valerio challenges the way many people define "athlete." While Valerio has faced and overcome many challenges in her training, the film focuses on the obstacle of negative and demeaning voices. Valerio discusses her fight to deconstruct societal expectations of what a runner

should look like in the film.

"I'm not a feud. I run. I run slowly, and sometimes I walk, but I run. I'm a big girl, I know that. But that doesn't have anything to do with anything," Valerio said. "I still get out there, and I do what I need to do."

Featuring rock climber and Ellsworth native Maureen Beck, one film discusses society's problematic perception of disabled athletes. As she climbed a difficult route, the audience watched Beck persevere as a one-handed rock climber.

"If I can connect with someone that might not be aware of what they're capable of and push them to-

ward trying something new, maybe even a little outside of their comfort zone, then putting myself out there in the world as a resource and a motivator is entirely worth it," Beck wrote on her website.

Through these films, the No Man's Land film festival hopes to bring together people devoted to encouraging women's voice in adventure, as well as celebrating nature and community. The Maine Bound Adventure Center, in conjunction with the festival, hosted a women's climbing day on Saturday, March 24.

Happening from A11

a bet he made with his younger brother years ago. On a whim, Kress told his brother that he'll write a book one day. His brother

didn't want him to stop by writing just one book, increasing the number that Kress promised to write to five. During Spring Break, Kress finished writing his fifth book, excerpts of which he read at the Happening Series. This humor-

ous piece kept the audience laughing, sometimes uncontrollably. Kress conveyed exceptional storytelling skills, utilizing his tone, body language and facial mimics. As soon as he finished, the audience burst into loud, well-

served applause.

It was the first Happening Series that UMaine student Thomas Hayden attended.

"I was very pleasantly surprised, it was a lot of fun, I think I will come again," Hayden said. "Es-

pecially at a college campus, establishing confidence and writing abilities is a positive."

If he could sum up Happening Series to someone who's never attended one before, Hayden would say that it's an "event for peo-

ple who love culture, just to get together and experience it together and maybe share ideas."

Grad from A12

and make sure each graduating student has everything they need for commencement. Commencement this year will be held on Saturday, May 12.

"I am looking forward to graduation. I am excited to

move on to my next chapter of my life," fourth-year student Stephanie McAvoy said. "That being said, I am also dreading it just because I know this will be the last time for a while I will be in Maine for an extended period of time, and I absolutely love this place."

Peers reminisced about their memories of UMaine,

and discussed future plans and goals with friends. Many shared fun stories and offered advice to students not yet graduating and those who were.

"Enjoy these last couple of weeks at UMaine, and take advantage of everything you can. There's really so much to do here, and you don't want

to leave regretting not having done something," McAvoy said. "UMaine gave me the experience and confidence I didn't even know I needed in order to be successful, and now I am pursuing my dreams. There is no doubt that this place will forever be the college of my heart always."

McAvoy is set to attend

graduate school in the fall at Cornell's School of Veterinary Medicine.

The fair brought graduating students together in one space to meet and talk about future plans and end-of-semester activities. Many of the students in attendance waited in line for their caps and gowns, while also getting to know one an-

other and talking with faculty about commencement.

"The fair was a great way to bond with other people who are also at the same stage in their lives," Parady said. "All I can say is keep working hard. Don't look at what is ahead of you, take it one day at a time and just power through it."

Happening Series welcomes spring with an evening full of art



Franco-American is a host to Happening Series as well as guest musical workshops

Evan Loignon, Staff

Aliya Uteuova Culture Editor

Poet William Wordsworth once said that "poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquillity." Last week, the Happening Series commemorated just that through poems, fiction and art.

On Wednesday, March 21, the Happening Series had its largest turnout yet. More than 50 people filled the Franco-American Center for the multi-disciplinary, genre-fluid collaborative series curated by University of Maine

students. This event celebrated various forms of writing such as fiction, essays, and poetry as well as diverse mediums of art that included paintings and woodblock prints were displayed in the venue.

At 6 p.m., guests grabbed last bits of cheese and hummus and returned to their seats on mismatched, one-of-a-kind chairs of the Franco-American Center. An artistic mess of crayons, paint and magazine copies were nonchalantly spread on the hors d'oeuvre table at the entrance area which Brendan Allen and Kat Dubois, co-organizers of Happening Series, dubbed as the

"Green Room." Daffodils and tulips brought signs of spring to the lamp-lit room with old-fashioned yellow wallpaper.

Matt Hammond, a fourth-year English student from New Hampshire read his witty fiction piece to the audience that couldn't help but laugh out loud. Distinguished writer and professor of English, poetry and poetics, Jennifer Moxley followed Hammond with a reading of her two most recent essays. Jill Hughes, co-founder of the Happening Series and a graduate of the Master of English program at UMaine shared her poems with the audience that invested into

every word she read. Then followed a short break where guests had a chance to see Hughes' prints and ask writers questions about their work.

"One of my favorite parts of the Happening Series is this time in between, where people are meeting each other, introducing each other, and eating tons of snacks," Allen said. "It's also a social event, which is important."

After the break, Mary Manley took the center seat to answer questions about her art. She displayed four paintings on the walls of the venue, one of which was still in progress. Manley felt that it was import-

ant to showcase works that are still in the process of being developed. She also displayed three prints created in various printmaking styles such as monoprinting and woodblock printing.

The audience asked Manley questions about one of her louder pieces that featured pink dildos above a church in Bangor. Her witty response swooned the audience into realizing that Manley's art is fun, unforced and most of all, unique.

When asked which medium is her favorite, Manley shared that each art form is different and challenging in its own way.

"With mono-prints and woodblock, if you mess up, you can't go back and fix it," Manley said. "Whereas in painting, you can do that, your piece is never really done and you don't know when it will be done."

Another medium that Manley practices is steel sculpting. "I feel like a warrior when I'm welding," Manley said. "I have to wear a helmet and there are metal sparks flying everywhere."

David Kress, associate professor of English concluded the artistic event.

Kress shared that he got into writing because of

See Happening on A10

Grad Fair prepares students for what's next



The class of 2018 got their caps and gowns at the annual Grad Fair, on Wednesday March 21.

Aliya Uteuova, Culture Editor

Bria Lamonia Contributor

Ready to get fitted for her cap and gown, fourth-year student Paige Emerson stepped up to the table in the Memorial Union at this year's annual Graduation Fair held on Wednesday, March 21. Tables and booths were set up in front

of the bookstore, with staff stationed there to answer questions and help those graduating navigate their way.

"I know I have a lot of work to get done between now and graduation, but I do feel like I am ready for this next stage of my life, and I cannot wait. As for advice, we are all in the same boat as college students

trying to navigate our way through starting our adult lives. Just focus on yourself and what you have accomplished, it will be time to graduate before you know it."

Students waited in line to purchase their caps and gowns and receive commencement tickets. Many stayed to walk around and ask questions

about the graduation process and ceremony. Students could also order diploma frames, class rings, class of 2018 T-shirts and enter drawings to win prizes. There were also information booths set up in order for students to learn more about the Alumni Association and how to get involved after they leave the University of

Maine.

"I think I am ready to graduate, well yes and no. I haven't really had the chance to think about it and process everything that's been happening so fast," fourth-year student Brigitte Parady said. "I am focusing on doing well this semester, so it has been a little stressful. I do think it is about

time though, the next chapter of my life is beginning."

Many of the participants had mixed feelings and reactions towards receiving their caps and gowns, and getting ready for the big day. Faculty and staff on campus helped to ease the stress of the process.

See Grad on A10

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NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

Ⓞ <i>En Vogue, Electric Cafe</i>	Mar. 30
Ⓞ <i>Escape the Fate, I Am Human</i>	Mar. 30
Ⓞ <i>Kacey Musgraves, Golden Hour</i>	Mar. 30
■ <i>Ready Player One (in theaters)</i>	Mar. 29
■ <i>Acrimony (in theaters)</i>	Mar. 30
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Annual Mr. Fraternity spreads laughter and awareness for the Arthritis Foundation



Andrew Arsenault of Sigma Phi Epsilon, right, wins the heart of the crowd during the talent portion of Mr. Fraternity competition on Wednesday, March 21

Matthew Lavoie, Staff

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Tuesday, March 27

Tuesdays at the IMRC 7 - 9 p.m. AP/PE Space, IMRC Free

Wednesday, March 28

The New Immigrant Experience: Sharing Stories and Telling Myths 4:30 - 7 p.m. DPC 100 Free

Wednesday, March 28

Wednesday Dinner at the Wilson Center 6 - 8 p.m. Wilson Center, 67 College Avenue Free

Thursday, March 29

Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Lecture 5:30 - 8 p.m. Bennett Hall Free

Friday, March 30

International Coffee Hour 4 - 5 p.m. Bennett Hall Free

Throughout the week

IMRC Workshop Series, Visit: imrccenter.com/programs/current-workshops IMRC, Stewart Commons

Sarah O'Malley
Staff Writer

Alpha Omicron Pi (AOPI) held their 16th annual Mr. Fraternity event on Wednesday evening, as a man from each University of Maine fraternity chapters competed for the hearts of the audience and the judges in a beauty pageant-style competition. The event is put on each year to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation, which seeks to find a cure for the joint disease.

The event consisted of three rounds of competitions: the introduction, the talent round, and the formal wear and questions round. Eight judges from various UMaine sororities judged the 12 contestants. The Collins Center audience, which was practically full other than the balcony, rivaled that of a UNH hockey game when it came to sharing their delight and distaste with the performers.

The introductions consisted of each contestant being introduced one-by-

one on stage by AOPI announcers Faith Perez and Morgan Campbell as they critiqued each of the men's bios. After the introductions, Pi Kappa Phi's representative, Emmett Craggy, revealed that he would donate his winnings to ending childhood obesity — a noble cause, no doubt, but one that was shut down by the announcers as they had to break it to Craggy that all money would be going to arthritis.

Zach LaBonne of Alpha Tau Omega christened himself not "the hero that Greek life needs, but the hero it deserves," while Elliot Sanders of Iota Nu Kappa cut right to the chase saying he deserves it simply because he "has the personality and is tall." Dominic Haritos from FIJI told the judges: "When you think of Mr. Fraternity, you think of me."

After the introductions, the crowd was itching to see the men's talent acts and they equally impressed and disappointed — often times within the same act.

Oskar Matero of Alpha

Gamma Rho kicked it off by unicycling in a circle, dismounting and then juggling three balls. As the roar of the crowd built, Matero — perhaps unscripted — began to attempt the unicycling-juggling combination, which progressively earned him more and more boos as the unicycle wobbled and the balls went every which way. Luckily Matero was able to escape the stage with some cheers, as the crowd seemed to appreciate the effort.

Not to be outdone, Jesse Hutchinson of Alpha Sigma Phi lit the arena on fire when he stripped on stage for not one, not two, but three of his fraternity brothers dressed in business attire. Clad in a rainbow boa, a blue wig and some black lingerie, Hutchinson popped, locked, grinded and thrust to the crowd's approval.

Next was LaBonne from Alpha Tau Omega, who went in a different direction with the talent portion. LaBonne decided to read Dr. Seuss's "Oh The Places You'll Go," a book his

grandmother used to read to him when he was younger.

"My grandmother would always read books to me, and the book I chose to read one stage was one of my favorites," LaBonne said. "My grandmother had rheumatoid arthritis and died of a brain aneurysm when I was six. My goal was to raise awareness within the crowd, and help AOPI with their goal."

Other performances included singing and guitar by Delta Tau Delta's Teddy Crockett, Sigma Phi Epsilon's Andrew Arsenault, and Tau Kappa Epsilon's Ethan O'Rourke. Willard Swift from Theta Chi, a true showman, indulged the crowd by singing a Frank Sinatra medley.

Craggy came in hard with some slam poetry, reenacting Jonah Hill's monologue from "22 Jump Street" and igniting the crowd. Andrew Petherick from Lambda Chi Alpha did a front flip while donning a male romper, and Sanders showed off his leg speed by dancing for the

crowd while demonstrating his patriotism with various props.

"I think I did alright," Craggy said. "The crowd seemed to have fun which is all that really matters."

"I completely forgot a part that would have been funny," Sanders said "I did it for 'Murica."

After the question portion, which consisted of questions about everything from competitor's perfect date to their most embarrassing moment, the scores were in. Through a scoring method combining the judges' scores with the amount of money each fraternity made for arthritis, Sigma Chi took third, Theta Chi took second and Delta Tau Delta's Crockett was crowned UMaine's 2018 Mr. Fraternity.

"The crowd was getting behind the contestants, which was nice to see," Sigma Chi's Ryan McGinty said. "Overall a successful event that raised lots of money for a great cause."

The event raised \$3,000 this year for the Arthritis

Injuries and lessons learned at the disco

Finn Bradenday
Contributor

University of Maine students don't know how to dance. I don't blame us, call it the difference in cultures or the superior danceability of Latin music, but I was stunned the first time I walked into a disco here. At the majority of dance venues I've been to near UMaine (pretty much just bars), most of the dancing consists of jumping up and down or rhythmic wiggling. Here, it seems as if people can't bear the thought of being caught standing still.

Even the worst dancers must have been born with rhythm.

A week ago, after a night of barhopping, my roommates and I ended up at a disco. Feeling more confident than was reasonable, I invited one of the more aggressive dancers to a dance-off I'd like to think that I held my own for a few rounds, but I'm sure I looked ridiculous to any observers. My adversary got tired of watching me make a fool of myself and pulled out his ender. He started spinning on his hands, whirling his legs

around his center of mass. Seeing this I knew I was done, but I couldn't just walk away in shame. I know three or four dance moves. One of them is just an exaggerated limbo pose, and I decided to pick it up a notch by getting lower than anyone had ever seen. Impressing the enthusiastic crowd and me, my shoulders touched the ground. If you can imagine this position, with my legs out to the side, knees bent in a way they're not supposed to go, it doesn't look comfortable. I realized I was stuck almost immediately

and had to be hauled up by a sympathetic onlooker. After retreating to the bar in shame, my bruised knees told me to call it a night.

I got out of bed the next morning and my knee wouldn't hold my weight. I was unable to walk for 12 hours. I haven't gone to the doctor yet because I'm still holding out hope that it will heal itself. I've been telling people I pulled my MCL (otherwise known as the medial collateral ligament) dancing, but any witnesses know that it was far more humiliating.

The actual skill of danc-

ers here is tangential to the atmosphere surrounding dancing. Parties aren't excuses to get drunk, people really just want to get together and move their bodies. Alcohol obviously gets in the way of good dancing, so it seems to be less of a focal point. As much as I made a fool of myself, I felt wholly supported and encouraged by everyone laughing around me.

By embracing the stereotype of the blundering American, I've found that people here are much more open to my presence. It applies to life outside the

disco too. My classmates and professors know that I probably don't understand 70 percent of what is said, and are more than happy to dumb things down for me. Pretending to know anything is the worst mistake I've made here. I'm sure this is something that I should apply to my life anywhere.

Sports

Monday, March 26, 2018

UMAINE RESULTS

3/18	Baseball @ New Mexico State	Loss	5-8
3/23	Baseball @ University of Hartford	Loss	3-5
3/24	Baseball @ University of Hartford	Loss	0-1
	Baseball @ University of Hartford	Win	6-1
	Softball @ Boston University	Cancel	

BASEBALL

Maine Baseball takes one of three in Hartford

Black Bears drop two of three in season opener

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Season wrap up and reflection

Players and coaches reflect on season and look towards the future

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Men's Hockey finishes season with winning record



File Photo.

Finishing the season with a record of 18-16-4, Black Bears reflect on season

CONTRIBUTOR

next round.

A big piece in this turnaround was first-year goaltender and Boston Bruins draft choice Jeremy Swayman. Swayman finished the season with a record of 15-13-3 and a save percentage of .920, which was the fourth-best nationally among rookie goalies. He was also named to the Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team and was among the eight players on the All Star Honorable Mention list.

Another Maine player on that list was second-year forward Chase Pearson. Pearson finished the season with 103 shots on goal, a number that placed him second among Maine forwards. He also liked to contribute defensively, blocking 24 shots.

Second-year forward

Mitchell Fossier led the team in points, finishing with 12 goals and 22 assists for a total of 34 points. He had four points in four games during the Hockey East tournament, three of which came from assists.

Maine's Head Coach Red Gendron, who just recently signed a two-year contract extension through the 2021 season, was pleased with his team's performance this year.

"We just finished an exciting year with a very young and very talented group of Black Bears. Our players, our coaches and our staff all know how very bright our program's future is. Everyone in our program craves the work and relishes the challenges of doing their parts to propel Maine to the summit of college

hockey," Gendron said at the press conference announcing his extension, as quoted on the university's athletics website.

Gendron has been with the team since 1990. Until 2013, he was an assistant coach under former head coaches Shawn Walsh and Tim Whitehead. Gendron has a record of 49-71-17 in his five seasons as a head coach.

"We very much appreciate Red's ongoing efforts to build this team to a championship level," UMaine interim Athletics Director Jim Settele said at that same press conference. "Under his leadership, we had an exciting year reaching the Hockey East quarterfinals, and we know that next year should be even more impressive. The

coaching staff's guidance of our players has allowed them to succeed on the ice and in the classroom. With a returning core of solid players and some fantastic recruits, expectations are high for next year, and we look forward to Coach Gendron leading the way."

The Black Bears will be without fourth-year forwards Nolan Vesey, Cedric Lacroix and Canon Pieper and fourth-year defenseman Mark Hamilton next year. Vesey will continue to play hockey with the Toronto Maple Leafs, who selected him in the sixth round of the 2014 NHL entry draft.

Despite the loss of some great players, Maine has a lot of young talent heading forward. Although they're losing a strong defense-

man in Hamilton, there are a lot of solid players who shouldn't have any problem filling that hole. First-year defenseman Brady Keeper will be a major key. He finished this past season leading the Black Bears in plus-minus, going +17. He also led all defensemen in points with six goals and 16 assists for a total of 22 points.

Third-year defenseman Rob Michel and second-year defenseman Patrick Holway are both experienced players who should have no problem keeping opposing teams to low shot totals. They will also have Swayman returning as a last line of defense.

The Maine Black Bears are in line for another winning record next season.

New Interim Athletic Director looks to make a difference

Emma Lindblad Contributor

was announced on Feb. 19 that the University of Maine's athletic director Karlton Creech would be leaving the state of Maine to pursue a new adventure as the Vice Chancellor for Athletics, Recreation and Ritchie Center Operations at the University of Denver. After four years as the athletic director at UMaine, Creech will now oversee the University of Denver's Division I teams, along with the school's recreation program, the fitness center and other areas, effective May 1. With the departure of Creech, however, there comes an opportunity for someone new to step in.

After the announcement

of Creech's departure, the university announced that Jim Settele, the current chief of staff to the retiring President Susan J. Hunter, will serve as the interim athletic director, which took effect March 12.

Now, with a few weeks under his belt, Settele is ready for the task, no matter how long he will serve as the interim athletic director.

"I'm jazzed to be the interim athletic director, I'm excited. For me, this is the best job on campus, for anybody. Seventeen sports, 450-plus athletes, who are some of the coolest people on campus, helping coaches develop those people, working on the image of Division I sports for the University of Maine and the state of Maine. Last

week was my first week and I got to go to Texas with the women's basketball team and hang out with 13 wicked cool student-athletes and a couple of really neat coaches. Are you kidding me?" Settele said with a chuckle.

With Creech's announcement made in February, the university had to name a replacement who was qualified and knew what they were doing.

"I was the Director for the School of International Affairs, which is the graduate program for Global Policy, so that was the first opportunity I got coming out of the Navy, so that went well," Settele said. "Then, President Hunter was looking for a chief of staff and I had done it for the Secretary of Defense so she

figured if I did it for them, then I could do it for her. I did that for a little over two years and so I've worked closely with President Hunter and I worked closely with the former AD [Karlton Creech]. I've spent time with all of the coaches, I know all of the donors, so when President Hunter needed to find an interim or a full-time AD, she thought it would be best for the new president to pick the new AD. So, long story short, she thought I would be a good fit for the interim position."

Prior to arriving at UMaine, Settele was a member of the U.S. Navy, where he served for 27 years and achieved the rank of Captain in 2009. He was also the head of Operations and Pol-

icy and Strategy for all Naval Forces, Marines and Navies in Europe, Africa and Russia, while living in Italy.

"I stayed in the Navy for one job and one job only, and it was going to be a job that was going to take me to New England and it was the head of Navy ROTC here at UMaine, Maine Maritime Academy and Husson. So, they gave me that job and we moved here," Settele said.

With a long career in the U.S. Navy under his belt, Settele believes that those years serving will be more than helpful in his time working with Maine athletics.

"First of all, there is no question in my mind that my serving will help me with this job. I liken what I did in the Navy commanding a squad

on board an aircraft carrier taking care of operations, to what coaches do here with their athletes. When you have to motivate young people in the Navy, there is a lot of correlation between what I did in the Navy, motivating young people to complete a mission, and coaches who also have to motivate young people on the fields, on the pitches and on the courts," Settele said.

As a former rugby player and wrestler and the current liaison for the UMaine football team for the past 10 years, Settele has an understanding for the world of sports.

"I'm a longtime rugby

See AD on B4

Maine Baseball takes one of three in Hartford



Black Bears travel to Hartford, falling in the first two games, picking up a win in the final game of the series

File Photo.

Matt Hammond Contributor

Despite outscoring the University of Hartford (4-15) 9-7 on the three-game series, the University of Maine baseball team (5-19) dropped two out of three in their America East opener.

Maine lost Game 1 by a score of 5-3. Fourth-year starting pitcher Zach Winn started the game for the Black Bears. The Arizona native pitched five innings of one-run baseball. He allowed just three hits and

three walks, while striking out four batters.

First-year pitcher Ben Terwilliger relieved Winn in the sixth inning. He pitched just 1.1 innings and allowed one run, one hit, one walk and two strikeouts. First-year pitcher Matt Geoffrion came in for Terwilliger in the seventh. Geoffrion struggled to hold onto the lead, giving up three runs on four hits and a walk with two strikeouts on 1.2 innings of work.

The Hartford Hawks' pitching was hard to fig-

ure out. The Hawks as a team struck out 13 Black Bear batters. Third-year right hander Billy Devito started the game for Hartford. He pitched five innings, allowed three runs on four hits, walked three and struck out five. Red-shirt third-year Jack Regula relieved Devito in the sixth inning. He was the most dominant pitcher in the game. Regula pitched three innings and allowed just two hits. He struck out a game-high six batters. Third-year right-hander

Seth Pinkerton picked up the save for the Hawks. He allowed two hits, one walk and no runs, and struck out two in the ninth inning.

UMaine third-year short-stop Jeremy Pena went 2-5 at the plate in the game for the Black Bears. One of his hits included a triple. Second-year first baseman Hernen Sardinias went 1-4 and drove in two runs. Fourth-year designated hitter Jonathan Bennett went 1-4 with a walk and one run batted in. Fourth-year Brandon Vicens, redshirt

third-year Caleb Kerbs and second-year catcher Cody Pasic also went 1-4 at the plate in the game.

Game 2 was a pitchers' duel until Hartford second-year second baseman Bryce Walker hit an eighth-inning home run. Walker's home run was the only run scored in the game.

Third-year pitcher Nick Silva started the game for the Black Bears. He pitched 7.2 innings of shut-out baseball until the Walker home run. Silva allowed

five hits, two walks, one run and three strikeouts. Fourth-year Connor Johnson pitched one third of an inning and allowed one hit. Silva was one out short of a complete game.

First-year Nicholas Dombrowski was the winning pitcher in the game. Dombrowski threw eight strong innings. He allowed five hits and one walk, while striking out six Black Bear batters. Pinkerton collected the save in a clean ninth

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Sister Jean and Loyola-Chicago Men's Basketball ramble their way to San Antonio

Chase Whitney Contributor

Every March, there's at least one Cinderella team that makes a deep run into the NCAA Division 1 men's basketball tournament, ruining the brackets of 75 percent of the people who made one, and making history for their small school on the way. This year, that team happens to be the Loyola-Chicago Ramblers, a team that currently holds an impressive 32-5 record after their run to the Final Four.

The Ramblers are only a No. 11 seed, as they come from a pretty awful conference and don't play against

high-level competition very often. However, they faced 6-seed Miami in round one and kept it close for most of the game. They also happened to get lucky and hit a buzzer-beater after Miami's Lonnie Walker missed a free throw that would have put the Hurricanes up by three. That shot literally hit every part of the rim before Sister Jean (the Loyola-Chicago team chaplain) must've had a word with the man upstairs and willed it out of the hoop. As Big Cat said on Barstool Sports' "Pardon My Take" podcast, "You just don't lose with Sister Jean." If having an Adidas representative pay for your dinner is an NCAA violation,

then having a team chaplain who is probably a descendant of Jesus Christ has to be a violation as well. If Mark Emmert had even an ounce of dignity he'd have put a stop to this at the beginning, but it's clear he cares more about TV ratings than the integrity of the game. Sad! (I would also like to be clear that my opinion is definitely 100 percent in no way affected by the fact I had Miami in the Elite Eight).

In the Round of 32, the Ramblers faced Tennessee, the 3-seed in the South region. This was yet another display of how impossible it is to lose when you have someone like Sister Jean. You literally cannot go wrong when

you have a sweet elderly woman who probably is a disciple sitting on your sideline. Tennessee played very well in the SEC this year (which was surprisingly good) and continued that trend against the Ramblers, until yet again it came down to the last possession when Custer came through with a contested pull-up jumper from the elbow that also hit literally every part of the rim, similar to how they won the last game. Unreal.

If you haven't noticed, the late-game heroics are becoming a theme here. In the Sweet Sixteen, the Ramblers faced 7-seed Nevada, who had pulled off a few upsets of their own on the way to this

game. This one came down to the wire as well, with redshirt third-year guard Marques Townes hitting a clutch three-ball to put them up by four with only 6.3 seconds left. They pressed Nevada off the inbounds, got a stop and moved on to the Elite Eight. Coincidentally, this is where Sister Jean had them losing in her own bracket, showing her true lack of confidence in the team and thus proving even more that divine intervention was the reason for this run.

And finally, the Ramblers faced 9-seed Kansas State in the Elite Eight, the first time an 11-seed and 9-seed played in that game. This one was a change of pace,

as the Ramblers thoroughly dominated the entire game and were up by at least 10 the entire way through. Kansas State had nothing to offer on defense for the Ramblers, who came out in the second half and made something like 11 consecutive shots. Can't win when the other team scores every single time they get the ball. So now, the Loyola-Chicago Ramblers are on their way to San Antonio, with Jesus Christ's magic granddaughter by their side, carrying them to every victory. They face 3-seed Michigan, who should be their toughest opponent yet.

Ranking the Patriots offseason so far

Sam Wheeler Contributor

Notable acquisitions/signings: cornerback Jason McCourty, offensive tackle Matt Tobin, running back Jeremy Hill, defensive end Adrian Clayborn, defensive tackle Danny Shelton

Notable departures: wide receiver Danny Amendola, running back Dion Lewis, offensive lineman Nate Solder, cornerback Malcolm Butler

Best signing: Jeremy Hill. Hill provides similar versatility to what we saw out of Lewis last season. After a stellar rookie campaign in 2014, in which Hill eclipsed over 1,100 rush-

ing yards, the 25-year-old has underwhelmed since. He has yet to reach 900 yards rushing, and ran for only 116 in seven games last season. He ended up being placed on injured reserve in November due to an ankle injury. Despite Hill not meeting expectations, a new start in New England could be exactly what the doctor ordered. He's shown at times that he can be a top 10 running back and is a proven threat in the red zone. From 2014-2016 Hill was tied for the most rushing touchdowns in the league (29), with, wait for it... Legarrette Blount, a former Patriot who was a force at the goal line for

three-plus seasons with the team. The former second round pick was also a teammate of current Patriot back Rex Burkhead, who, when healthy, proved to be New England's go-to guy in the red zone last year. This move is smart for New England. It's a low-risk, high-reward situation. They only locked up Hill for one year, and he is only guaranteed \$150,000. Being in a winning atmosphere could help him turn things around, and New England seems to have a knack for turning players' careers in the right direction. Hill could definitely be the next player to fall into that pool.

Worst move: Letting

Amendola walk. Most of us knew Butler was gone, and it wasn't shocking to see Solder and Lewis leave either, but Amendola signing with the Miami Dolphins didn't make sense. With Brady in the late stages of his career, it's fair to him to have a relatively consistent receiving corps around him. Amendola stepped up in a big way during Julian Edelman's absence last season. That's not to mention the fact that he played fantastically in the postseason, where he reeled in 26 catches for nearly 350 yards. He earned a respectable payday from New England, and sadly did not get it. His contract with Miami is for

\$12 million over two years. New England could have afforded to pay him that. While Amendola's health is certainly a question mark, it's tough to imagine him playing with someone other than New England now, especially with Edelman returning in the upcoming season. Amendola, Edelman and Brandin Cooks on the field together, with a healthy Gronkowski as tight end, would have been the powerhouse offense many hoped to see in 2017. Now, it's another gap the Patriots need to fill. They have plenty of depth at the position, but letting go of a proven, clutch veteran like Amendola was not a good

move.

It seems that almost every offseason in New England goes like this: A couple of questionable decisions, followed by a few under-the-radar pickups. New England's never been the team to "win" free agency, although many would argue they did last offseason. Either way it seems the team is back to their formula. They have proven time and time again they will let players walk, no matter the how big the name is, and find a replacement. Most of the time it works to their favor and something tells me we'll see more of the same in this upcoming year.

Players, coach reflect on Women's Hockey season



Finishing the season with a record-breaking number of wins, the women's hockey team reflects on season.

File Photo.

Emma Linblad Contributor

The University of Maine women's hockey team finished out their season on March 3 when they fell to the Northeastern University Huskies in the Women's Hockey East Association (WHEA) Semifinals, 2-1. The team finished with an overall record of 19-14-5, going 10-6-3 in conference play. The Black Bears celebrated their first WHEA playoff win in history against Boston University and also broke the record for the most wins in a season

in Maine women's hockey history with 18.

Compared to last season, Maine has made some significant improvements. In the 2016-2017 season, the Black Bears finished ninth in conference play, whereas this season, they moved up to the No. 3 seed in the conference and were ranked No. 10 nationally by the USCHO poll.

As for individual awards, first-year Anna Zikova was named to the Women's Hockey East Pro-Ambitions All-Rookie Team. Zikova was a big part of the conference's second-best scoring de-

fense, while also contributing to conference's third-best penalty kill (86.8 percent). She finished the season with two goals and 11 assists, for a total of 13 points.

Captain and third-year defender Alyson Matteau and second-year forward Tereza Vanisova were selected to the Hockey East Second Team All-Stars. For the second year in a row, Matteau led the team in blocks, with 72. She finished the season with five goals and 10 assists. Vanisova is ranked No. 12 in the top leading scorers in the country, finishing off the season with 16 goals.

Second-year goaltender Carly Jackson was named to the Hockey East All-Star Honorable Mentions. Jackson ended the regular season with the lowest goals against average (GAA) in Hockey East (1.88).

"I think we had a really great season and we took some big steps as a program. There are areas that we'll work on individually and as a group but going into the off-season, we are more than capable of getting where we want to be and I'm extremely excited to see the next level that we can take it to as a team," Jackson said.

Head Coach Richard Reichenbach won the Hockey East Coach of the Year Award, making him the first ever Maine women's hockey coach to be selected.

"I am proud of the team and development and steps they made to improve as a team. They found a level of consistency in how they played as a team that led to them winning the most games in program history," Coach Reichenbach said.

The past few seasons for the Black Bears have not been nearly as successful as this past one; however, it is important to stay positive in

times of struggle.

"Our belief and expectation was that we had a team that could win a Hockey East Championship, but we did not meet our expectation of what we believed our team could do," Reichenbach said.

Brooke Stacey, Mikayla Rogers, Victoria Hummel, Catherine Tufts and Kristin Gilmour all finished their college careers this season, and the Black Bears will be looking to their incoming first-year students to help fill those voids.

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Long range forecast of the MLB trade deadline

Adam Darling Sports Editor

I am well aware of the fact that Opening Day hasn't happened yet, but I'm pretty sure I speak for a wide swath of readers when I say that this snow can kiss my fanny. I am ready for spring, and eventually summer, and there is no better way to dream of those long nights than thinking about baseball. The MLB Trade Deadline is one of the best parts of the season, so here are my four-month-out trade predictions that would have the biggest impact on each division in 2018 and beyond.

American League East: Toronto ships out Josh Donaldson

This trade is definitely more of a future-planning trade, as the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox will have a stranglehold on the top two spots in the division. Donaldson will give the Blue Jays a valuable chip to work with, having averaged 37 home runs a season over the last three years and having won the Most Valuable Player award in 2015. The Blue Jays should make this move and reel in the best prospects that they can get. Quick tip: look to St. Louis for this deal.

Bonus: Everything said

about Donaldson could easily apply to the Baltimore Orioles and shortstop Manny Machado, but the O's are in a better position to make the playoffs after signing Alex Cobb.

American League Central: Detroit continues the rebuild

The Detroit Tigers have committed to a long overdue rebuild by shipping off Justin Verlander to Houston last summer and trading second baseman Ian Kinsler to the Los Angeles Angels in December. The last piece that would set the Tigers up for a chance to make a new run in the upcoming seasons would be to trade first base-

man Miguel Cabrera. This proves to be easier said than done, as Cabrera's age (35) and scheduled pay (\$30 million through 2023, up to \$32 million by 2023, including two vesting options for 2024 and 2025 at \$30 million) will make it next to impossible. This is especially true if his 2017 statistics are any indication of what is to come.

American League West: Angels beef up bullpen

The Los Angeles Angels have retooled this offseason, adding Kinsler in a trade and signing former Cincinnati Reds shortstop Zack Cozart to

a three-year deal. They would follow these moves by signing Japanese phenom Shohei Ohtani, presumably to pitch and serve as the designated hitter. The rotation certainly has the pieces to make a push, and the offense has enough firepower to make things interesting. The weakest link in this team's chain mail would be the bullpen, as they have no established closer. Look for them to add that bona fide closer at the deadline, either through the Orioles' Zach Britton or Tampa Bay's Alex Colome.

National League East: Miami shreds the books, ships out Realmuto

New Miami Marlins owner and CEO Derek Jeter had committed to shedding the payroll by sending their entire outfield (Christian Yelich, Marcell Ozuna and Giancarlo Stanton) elsewhere. It will be a bevy of who's-who in South Beach as the Marlins could threaten to break the record of futility. The most valuable piece that they have left is catcher JT Realmuto, who is scheduled to make just under \$3 million and is coming up for arbitration in 2019.

National League Central: Milwaukee brews up a deal to land their ace

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What's going on in the Northwest Division?

Matt Hammond Contributor

With less than 12 games left in the 2017-2018 NBA season, just four of the six division leaders have clinched playoff berths. The grip on the lead varies from division to division, but there is one important question: What is going on in the Northwest? For starters, each team in the Northwest Division is above .500. The variation is remarkable in that there are just four teams in the Southeast and Pacific Divisions who are over .500, and the Northwest alone has five teams over .500.

The last place team in the Northwest Division is the Denver Nuggets. The Nuggets (39-33) are just 5.5 games back from the first place Portland Trail Blazers (44-27). The three teams in between them are making a run for the postseason as well.

Following the Trail Blazers are the Oklahoma City Thunder (43-30). The Thunder are two games back in the division and are led by point guard Russell Westbrook. Westbrook, the MVP of the 2016-2017 season, is currently sixth in the lead in scoring (25.4 points per game), tied for fourth in

steals (1.8 steals per game) and eighth in rebounds (9.7 rebounds per game), and leads the league with assists (10.2 assists per game). The Thunder are a three-headed dragon of sorts with Westbrook, five-time All Star Paul George (21.8 PPG) and 10-time All Star Carmelo Anthony (16.6 PPG). The Thunder threaten the Trail Blazers led by three-time All Star point guard Damian Lillard (26.6 PPG) and shooting guard CJ McCollum (21.5 PPG). Lillard is third in the NBA in scoring.

Though they are third in the division, the Minnesota Timberwolves (41-31) have the best divisional and con-

ference record in the Northwest. The Timberwolves are 30-15 in the Western Conference and 9-4 in the Northwest Division. The Timberwolves are led by the NBA's fourth best rebounder Karl Anthony Towns (12.3 rebounds per game). Towns also averages 20.9 points per game. The Timberwolves are down an important man in four-time all star Jimmy Butler (22.2 PPG). While his current replacement, Jeff Teague, has held his own by posting double doubles in his last two starts, the Timberwolves eye a Butler return as their ticket to the postseason. The Wolves

have had no problems with scoring and spreading the ball around, as they've never had more 100+ point games in a season.

Fourth place in the division is the Utah Jazz (41-31). The Jazz and the Timberwolves are both just 3.5 games out of first place. The Jazz kept themselves in the race by producing an 11-game winning streak in early February. The streak was snapped by the first place Trail Blazers.

The last place Denver Nuggets have the toughest road ahead. Just 5.5 games back in the Northwest, the Nuggets have begun a sev-

en-game 15-day road trip. Steve Aschburner of NBA.com wrote, "It's a crazy quilt of destinations - Memphis, Miami, Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia, Toronto, Oklahoma City - with a dip into and out of Canada. Their watches and phones are like a dieting foodie's bathroom scale, losing or gaining the same hour four or five times." The Nuggets, after their bizarre travel schedule ahead, will finish the stretch against the Atlantic Division leader Toronto Raptors (53-19) and the current runners-up in the contentious Northwest Division, the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Around the College Circuit



UPCOMING SPORTS



BASEBALL

03/23	Albany	2	Albany	0
	UMass Lowell	3	UMass Lowell	1
	Albany	1	Maine	0
	UMass Lowell	0	Hartford	1
	Maine	3	Maine	6
	Hartford	5	Hartford	1
	UMBC	0	Stony Brook	10
	FGCU	5	Quinnipiac	4
03/24	UMBC	3	Stony Brook	5
	FGCU	14	Quinnipiac	1

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AE RECORD OVERALL

1	Stony Brook	2-1	12-9
2	UMass Lowell	2-1	9-11
3	UMBC	2-1	5-12
4	Hartford	3-3	4-15
5	Albany	1-2	19-7
6	Binghamton	1-2	4-13
7	Maine	1-2	5-19

Saturday March 31
Women's Track
 @ UNH, 11 a.m.

Men's Track
 @ UNH, 11 a.m.

Baseball (DH)
 v Albany, 12 p.m.

Softball (DH)
 @ Hartford, 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 1
Baseball
 v Albany, 1 p.m.

Softball
 @ Hartford, 11 a.m.

Friday April 6
Men's Track
 @ Miami Invitation, TBD

Women's Track
 @ Miami Invitational, TBD

Saturday, April 7
Men and Women's Track
 @ Miami Invitation, TBD

SOFTBALL

03/24	Albany	NG	St Peter's	3
	Mt. St. Mary's	NG	UMBC	7
	UMass Lowell	3	Rider	3
	Sacred Heart	1	UMBC	10
	Morgan State	NG	St Peter's	4
	Albany	NG	Binghamton	28
	UMass Lowell	1	Rider	6
	Sacred Heart	4	Binghamton	3
03/25	UMass Lowell	1	Fairleigh Dickin	NG
	Quinnipiac	2	Stony Brook	NG

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AE RECORD OVERALL

1	Albany	0-0	7-3
2	Hartford	0-0	5-4
3	Stony Brook	0-0	7-10
4	Maine	0-0	8-14
5	Binghamton	0-0	5-9
6	UMass Lowell	0-0	6-16
7	UMBC	0-0	1-9

AD from B1

player, which is not an NCAA sport here. It is at some institutions. My NCAA experience is limited, I went to the Naval Academy, which is where I graduated from. I wrestled the first year, I was a state champ coming from New Hampshire, finished well in New England and when I got to school, I pretty much learned that New Hampshire kids aren't going to make varsity there. So, I did that for a year and then

I started playing rugby for 25 years after that in places like England. I was on the All-Navy Team. I also coached the rugby team at the Naval Academy. I went back for a tour there," Settele said.

With the departure of Creech comes Settele's time to shine, as he takes on a new role and embarks on a new journey in the athletic community.

"I think it's a great opportunity for him to go to Denver. It's a step in a different direction. Denver is a program that has won a couple national championships with

the men's hockey team and lacrosse, so they have some great programs. It's also an opportunity here to bring the program that he has kind of laid the foundation for, to the next level. So, I think the departure is good, good for Karlton and I think it will be good for Black Bear athletics," Settele said.

After his term, Settele will return to his position as executive director of UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA).

Hockey from B3

"I think overall we had an amazing season, we all hoped for it to be longer. But despite losing in the semifinals, we were all very proud of our performance what we accomplished this year," Stacey said.

It is easy to say that this Black Bear women's hockey team had a successful 2017-2018 campaign, but there is always room for more.

"Expectations will be the same going into next year, to

win championships. We will change, learn and grow as a program to help put the team in the best position to do so next season. Defensively we were strong throughout the season, we need to grow offensively in our ability to score on the power play and consistently throughout our entire forward group and from the point," Reichenbach said.

The Black Bears will be looking to build off of this year's success when hockey season returns to the Alford Arena next fall.

"Every season is extreme-

ly unique in how our team changes and the strengths of other teams in the league. We are always changing and growing as a program to be better. Next season, we think the incoming freshmen will add size both on forward and defense, many with national team playing experience. With their size and strength, they will be used to playing against elite competition and have the skill to contribute offensively from game one," Reichenbach said.

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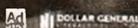
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Vegas makes being an expansion team look easy

Adam Darling
Sports Editor

Expansion teams should expect to withstand a few rough seasons right from the beginning. They are the teams whose rosters are comprised of the castaways from other teams, either because they are too old or unproductive, or there happens to be a young stud waiting in the wings whom they would rather protect. As it stands, the expansion draft usually means scraping the bottom of the barrel in hopes of squeezing one or two more seasons out of a player before sending them off to greener pastures. The

Washington Capitals (8-67-5, 21 points) in the National Hockey League, the New York Mets (40-120) in Major League Baseball and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (0-14) in the National Football League all demonstrated this.

Some teams take just a few years before making a real impact. In baseball, the Florida Marlins came into existence in 1993. In 1997, they downed the Cleveland Indians to win their first World Series title. They would win again in 2003 against the New York Yankees, marking their second title in 11 seasons up to that point. The Arizona Diamondbacks were es-

tablished in 1998. By 2001, they downed the Yankees for their first (and only) World Series. The Milwaukee Bucks posted the second worst record in their inaugural season of 1968-1969. They would go on to draft one Lew Alcindor, who later became Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and won an NBA title in the 1970-1971 season.

In general, expansion teams are either complete trash, or finish with respectable records that also happen to be under .500. It's just the nature of the beast. So when the Vegas Golden Knights came into existence, they had the longest odds of winning the Stan-

ley Cup. It would seem that the best they could shoot for was to match the model for expansion successes. That team was the Florida Panthers, who finished the 1993-1994 season with a 33-34-17 record and just missed the playoffs.

Then the season actually started, and Vegas just kept on winning. With only seven games left in the regular season, the Golden Knights tout a 47-21-7 record. They lead the Pacific division with 101 points, which puts them in the discussion for the President's Trophy, awarded to the team that finishes the season with the most points.

How are they doing it?

Look who is in between the pipes: former first overall pick in the 2003 Draft and Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury. Fleury is playing out of his mind, going 27-11-4 in 42 starts with a 2.15 goals against average and .930 save percentage. When you look at how the Panthers did it back in their first season, it was through a strong goaltender in John Vanbiesbrouck, who finished with a 2.53 GAA and .924 save percentage. Fleury has even exceeded that performance, so there should be no surprise that Vegas is doing well.

It goes without saying that when defenses do

well, it takes a lot of pressure off the offense. And when you look at Vegas, they have the fifth highest goal differential in the league at a +46. The teams that are ahead of them are also the teams ahead of them in the race for the President's Trophy.

Now, I am not saying that the Golden Knights will win it all this postseason. There are plenty of teams in the East that can certainly knock them off, not to mention what happened to Chicago just last year against Nashville. But even if they don't go very far in the playoffs, they will still be considered the greatest expansion team of all time.

MLB from B3

I already hinted at the idea that the St. Louis Cardinals should make the move for Donaldson, but the move that could tip the scales in the Central and allow anyone to dethrone the Chicago Cubs would be made by the Milwaukee Brewers. They have revamped their outfield by trading for Yelich and signing Lorenzo Cain to a five-year contract. Their infield should be interesting, with hot shot middle infielders Orlando Arcia and Jonathan Villar, Travis Shaw breaking out and Ryan Braun being a potential fit at first base to lessen inju-

ry concerns. Corey Knebel should lock down the ninth. The weakest point would be the rotation, where they do not have a true ace. Look for them to use their farm system, rated the seventh best by Baseball America, to land that number one. Maybe they should look at Rays ace Chris Archer, who is under a very team-friendly contract.

National League West: San Francisco rips off the bandage, starts the rebuild

The Giants had high hopes this season after acquiring longtime Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria and Andrew McCutchen, the face of the Pittsburgh Pirates during the offseason to overhaul

one of the worst offensive outfields in the league. Depth in the starting rotation remained a concern, as the moves left them with very little payroll flexibility. The concern level went from "this team did not do enough" to "let's just pack it in now" when they lost Madison Bumgarner and Jeff Samardzija to injuries. If they fall way behind in the division, and with how good the Dodgers, Diamondbacks and Rockies, they very well may, they should just forego the inevitable and look to improve the third worst minor league system in the league.

Baseball from B2

inning. He pitched one inning and struck out one batter.

Fourth-year catcher Christopher Bec had two of the five Black Bear hits in the game. Bec, who is on the watch list for the Johnny Bench Award, went 2-4 at the plate with a double and a stolen base. Fourth-year Brandon Vicens and third-year Jeremy Pena each went 1-4 at the plate with singles. Second-year Kevin Doody went 1-3.

UMaine won Game 3 by a score of 6-1. Redshirt third-year pitcher Chris Murphy started the game for the Black Bears, but he only recorded one out in

the game. Murphy walked two batters and hit one in the first inning, prompting Johnson to finish the inning. Johnson struck out one batter and only recorded two outs in the game. The rest of the game was thrown by fourth-year pitcher John Arel. Arel went on to collect the win and pitch the final six innings of the game, allowing four hits, two walks and four strikeouts.

The Black Bear offense was on in the finale. UMaine out-hit Hartford 11-4. Bec went 3-4 at the plate in the game, with a double and a stolen base. He hit a solo home run to left field in the seventh inning. Vicens was 2-3 in the game with a double and two runs scored. Doody was 2-3 at

the plate with one run batted in and a walk. Kerbs went 2-4 in the game. Pena and Sardinas each went 1-4 in the game with a run batted in. All six runs scored by the Black Bears were driven in by different batters.

The Black Bears return to action at Mahaney Diamond, where they will play a three-game homestand against the University at Albany. The doubleheader begins at noon on Saturday, March 31. Game 3 will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 1. Hartford will play Yale in New Haven, Connecticut on Wednesday, March 28. The game will start at 3:30 p.m.

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1	Toronto	54-19
2	Boston	49-23
3	Cleveland	44-29
4	Philadelphia	42-30
5	Indiana	42-31
6	Washington	40-32
7	Miami	39-34
8	Milwaukee	38-34

NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL

1	Houston	59-14
2	Golden State	54-18
3	Portland	44-28
4	Oklahoma City	44-30
5	San Antonio	43-30
6	New Orleans	43-31
7	Minnesota	42-32
8	Utah	41-32

Upcoming Games:

NHL:

Monday, Feb. 27
 Buffalo v Toronto
 Florida v NY Islanders
 Ottawa v Carolina
 Washington v New York
 Detroit v Montreal
 Arizona v Tampa Bay
 San Jose v Chicago
 Colorado v Vegas
 Calgary v Los Angeles

Tuesday, Feb. 28
 Tampa Bay v Boston
 Pittsburgh v New Jersey
 San Jose v Nashville
 Dallas v Minnesota
 Winnipeg v Chicago
 Columbus v Calgary

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL PTS

Atlantic	1	Tampa Bay	106
	2	Boston	102
	3	Toronto	97
Metropolitan	1	Washington	95
	2	Pittsburgh	92
	3	Columbus	89

NHL WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL PTS

Central	1	Nashville	106
	2	Winnipeg	100
	3	Minnesota	92
Pacific	1	Vegas	101
	2	San Jose	95
	3	Anaheim	89

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