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The presidential search committee brings four finalists to campus for visits and open sessions

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Taylor Abbott & Jordan Houdeshell
For the Maine Campus

After months of searching through 67 candidates, the presidential search has been narrowed down to four finalists: Amit Chakma, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Sally Reis and Nancy Targett. The four visited the University of Maine campus for the public phase of their application process for interviews with students, chancellors and other University of Maine officials.

Dr. Nancy Targett:

Targett is the only finalist who attended UMaine for a degree program. She attended the University of Pittsburgh for her bachelor's in chemistry and biology, University of Miami for her master's in marine science and graduated from UMaine with her Ph.D. in oceanography in 1979. Since then, the majority of her work has been at the University of Delaware, where she served as the Dean of the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment and director of the Sea Grant College Program, as well as serving as the Acting President of the University from 2015-2016. In 2016, she moved to the University of New Hampshire to serve as the Provost, where she has been since.

During her time as acting president in Delaware, she gained experience and insight that she sees helping her if she were to be chosen as UMaine's next president.

"I learned a lot about the importance of relationships. Both with faculty, with people in the State, with the students and I had a lot of fun with that," Targett said.

She spoke of taking selfies with the students and having conversations about what they were studying and how this helped her to learn more about the people she was serving as well as staying focused on the opportunities for the students.

"I think it's really important that students develop that portfolio when they're at the institution; you don't wait until the end to go to career services. You develop that portfolio all the way through and it helps you make decisions about where you want to go in the future and I think that's

important," she said.

This development through opportunities plays into her goals, if selected as president.

"I always say that it doesn't matter if you come to an institution, and if you're the president or a faculty member or you work in the dining hall or in maintenance, if you're at a higher ed institution, you're all there because you're contributing to the experiences of the student," Targett said. "We all have the same mission. It's how we execute on that mission that's different, but really the focus is on the students."

And Targett knows all about different roles within a university from her time at Delaware. She started as an associate professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment in 1984; by 2005 she was the dean of the college, performing an entirely different role. This helped her to gain experience that she sees as valuable in the relationship between Machias and Orono, as she was based on the coast at Lewes when she started at Delaware. Lewes is 90 miles from the main campus, but is still part of the university. This required her to teach courses through the phone and then, as technology improved, through interactive TV, so she knows how to manage a campus that is not in the same location.

"So the whole idea of being very aware of being on the other end of where the person is, is something that's really important, which helps to facilitate that interaction, to bring people in and make sure they feel they're a part of the whole community in terms of the One University concept," she said.

This isn't the only initiative started by the current president that she has ideas for. She has thought about how to use the university to help facilitate the economic growth of the state, which she calls a workforce development ecosystem.

"To build the ecosystem around which we can develop workforce for the state. We have the potential workforce here as our students. So how do we develop that? By partnering with companies to do internships for students and a lot of times if students do those internships, the companies like the students and therefore offer them jobs," she said.

This, she argues, will give students reasons to stay in Maine. She also envisions partnerships through our research capabilities as an asset for building economic growth.

"We have the university as the research flagstaff. We have research that directly translates out into opportunities for partnerships with companies and communities in the state," she said.

Coming back to the university from which she graduated, she was impressed with the growth that she saw, especially from the Honors College, the New Balance Recreation Center, the Mitchell Sustainability Center and the work with wind turbines at the Advanced Structures and Composites Center.

"Just so many wonderful opportunities to think about. I'd like to think about how we put all that together... and what we could do more than what we are already doing," she said.

As a first generation college student, she also recognized the importance of being accessible for the student population and sees this as an opportunity to continue that accessibility.

"I studied here and benefited from being a student here and to think now about a potential opportunity to be able to give back to the university is kind of cool."

Targett was on campus visiting Feb. 20 and 21 and was able to visit both the Orono and Machias campuses. While she was on campus she had two open sessions in Orono and one in Machias.

Dr. Sally Reis

Reis comes to UMaine from the University of Connecticut where she is currently the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. She is also a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and a Teaching Fellow in Educational Psychology. Before her work at UConn, she worked in the public school system for 15 years and she is still active on the editorial board of "Gifted Child Quarterly." Her educational experience started at Chatham College where she received her bachelor's in English and psychology. She then attended Southern Connecticut State College for her master's in special education and then UConn for her Ph.D.

in educational psychology. Her field of research is gifted education, which she is often able to translate to the university level.

"I believe in talent development. My career has been defined by my advocacy for high potential students who don't do well in school primarily," Reis said. "So I believe that schools should be places for talent development. Universities should be places for talent development."

One example of her encouragement of opportunities for students interested in enrichment at UConn was through the creation of IDEA grants, which allow undergraduate students an opportunity to apply for a grant of \$4,000-5,000 that allows them to work on a creative idea. People have created many different projects from this, some of which have gone on to succeed as businesses. She doesn't want to limit this to UConn though, she would like to see a similar program at UMaine if she could find a funder to support it. She praised how the program was able to create entrepreneurs and give students an opportunity to work on a creative project instead of in a job focused just on making money to go to school.

"Because often times you're too busy making money to go to school, you don't have time to explore a creative idea... if someone has an idea for an invention, we've had videos done that would bring tears to your eyes, we've had people go out and develop inventions and become entrepreneurs," she said.

This was just one of her aspirations for UMaine. She had other ideas on how to succeed in the role of president.

"I would be the chief fundraiser, cheerleader and advocate for university of Maine faculty, staff and students," she said. "My goals as president would be to increase the visibility of the University of Maine, have many more people in Maine understand that this is an outstanding place for the brightest students in Maine."

She wouldn't just limit it to students from Maine though. She was impressed with the publicity about the universi-

ty and the website's usability, which she sees as helpful in recruiting both out-of-state and international students.

"And I think strategically, we need to think a little bit about, not just out of state, but also international students. I have been active in recruitment efforts, bringing in various groups of students to UConn," she said.

Another role she has gained experience in from UConn is working with the state to facilitate academic groups. She spoke of the support that UConn gets from the state of Connecticut, which allows 75 percent of the students to be employed or going to school in the state only three months after graduating. She has ideas for how to get the state connected with the university to see a shift such as this.

"You seem to have an excellent provost, the chancellor seems to have the right ideas about what kind of investment needs to be made, but I'd also want to know what the legislature will do to help aid in this process because you can't do it without investment from the state," she said.

One of the things she was looking forward to the most was the smaller enrollment size allowing her to get to know more students and faculty.

"I love the idea of a slightly smaller campus because I would get to know many more people," Reis said. "The excitement factor I have would be working the fabulous faculty and students here to increase the visibility of the university across the state, and the nation and the world."

She's not just looking forward to this, but also to be presented with a new challenge here at the university.

"I have loved my time at UConn, but I am a person who loves new challenges and I worked in the provost office for a lot of years and I was a faculty leader, so I just think sometimes in life it's time for a new challenge and this seems to be a really great one for me," she said.

Reis visited the Orono campus on Feb. 20 and 21 and went to the Machias campus on Feb. 21.

Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy

Ferrini-Mundy is currently the chief operating officer of

the National Science Foundation. Her background is in education, and she takes pride in having a "very rich career" that has spanned from K-12 education to higher education.

Her goals for her potential presidency include learning about the campus at both Orono and Machias as well as the faculty. With that, she hopes to understand the challenges and opportunities on the campus and understand what has already been done by current UMaine president, Susan Hunter.

"I believe that a president comes in to build on the good work that people before him/her have done," Ferrini-Mundy said. "And some areas of high priority for me definitely include the student experience. Keeping a focus on the teaching and learning is important. The second has to do with the relationship between the University and the rest of the state, including with the trustees and the chancellor and with other campuses and making sure that the institution is playing its part. And lastly, the mission of the University is also important. This university is about building new knowledge and making sure that the infrastructure is sound and growing."

"I admire the accomplishments of President Hunter, both as I have learned and as I have had the chance to meet with her this week. Just such deep commitment to the state, to the university, and to the people of the university. I would aspire to continue that and build from what she has done," Ferrini-Mundy said.

When looking at previous positions that she has held, Ferrini-Mundy takes great pride and feels "very fortunate" to have had previous experiences in education that include her roles at Michigan State University as well as the University of New Hampshire and through the federal government. "All of that experience involves key activity that I think is fundamental to the work of the president as it involves a focus on education everywhere."

With President Hunter leaving, it is important for the future president to continue

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News

Remembering Chandler Langlois

Taylor Abbott
News Editor

On Feb. 25, 2018, the University of Maine lost a beloved member of the Black Bear community. Chandler Langlois was a member of Delta Tau Delta, Gamma Nu chapter, a fraternity on campus, and had recently been diagnosed with NUT Midline Carcinoma, a disease that affects about 20-30 people per year in the United States.

Another member of the fraternity organized a benefit dinner for Langlois on Feb. 23. Eric LeVasseur met Langlois in the spring of 2017, just a semester after Langlois officially joined the fraternity. "We weren't that close, but I was very surprised to hear about his illness. From what I've heard, it only affects 20 people a year in the United States."

"I believe Chandler's greatest accomplishment during his college career would be his acceptance and participation in his fraternity Delta Tau Delta. Even so, there are many accomplishments I believe my brother has, but his fraternity was very good in developing his character and overall making him a better person," Chandler's brother, Connor Langlois, said.

"Our fraternity had to plan an event in the Memorial Union through the University, so we decided to make it a philanthropy event for money and awareness," LaVasseur said.

The event was hosted as a Dinner and Trivia Night, with catering done by Chick-Fil-A. The proceeds, which were almost triple what was anticipated, are going toward a scholarship fund in Langlois' name.

"We are hoping to put this scholarship into effect by the fall of 2018. It will be given to students that are currently battling cancer, have survived cancer,

or have a family member battling cancer," LaVasseur said.

Fraternities and sororities all around campus contributed their support and donations at the event. "Something that was special to us was after the event, we were at the house [Delta], and we got a knock on the door from brothers from Theta Chi. They donated \$150 cash to us," Aidan LeClair, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, said.

"Many of the brothers have been very caring and comforting to our family throughout the entire time Chandler was ill. They visited Chandler in the hospital multiple times and even made quilts for him as he lay in bed all day. In all honesty, everybody's kindness and warmth around this has boosted my faith in people. It is so wonderful to have others come in to visit, talk to you, and comfort you," Connor Langlois said.

"The one word that comes to mind when I reflect on the benefit was how beautiful it was," LeClair said. "Going into it, we were not expecting the turnout that we received, and our main concern was having enough food. Throughout the night, more and more people piled in and the donations were beyond anything that we expected."

LeClair met Langlois two semesters ago in a casual event through the fraternity. "I will most definitely miss our conversations. He could talk to me about anything, and I could talk to him about anything as well, and we would just spitball off of each other. I learned a lot from him. He had a lot of goals ahead of him and although he was younger than me, he was more adult than I am and he was more prepared for the world."

"My favorite moments I've had with Chandler are when we played golf and worked at our ice cream



Chandler Langlois lost his battle with NUT Midline Carcinoma on Feb. 25.

Photo Provided by Shari Langlois

shop together," Connor Langlois said. "Playing golf together made us bond very closely as we could both enjoy an activity in the hot summer day. I will never forget these times we had together. He taught me how to be a better person.

With his sheer kindness towards others, I have picked up on valuable lessons."

"If there were any way that Chandler could hear this, I want him to know that we miss him and we will never stop thinking about him," LeClair added.

The fundraiser set up for a scholarship in Chandler's name is still online and accepting donations.

"It warms my heart to see others care for another person in hard times, especially his brothers of Delta Tau Delta and friends,"

Connor Langlois added.

The fundraisers can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/ChandlerLangloisScholarshipFund> as well as <https://facebook.com/chandlerlangloisscholarshipfund>.

UMaine System facing lawsuit after not following Title IX laws

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Contributor

The University of Maine System (UMS) is currently facing a lawsuit for its alleged failure to comply with Title IX regulations concerning the safety of a University of Southern Maine student who reported she was sexually assaulted on two different instances, once by a former student, in January 2012.

The plaintiff contends that she "suffered 'extreme emotional distress that required medical treatment,'" after the University of Southern Maine did not take the proper steps to keep the plaintiff safe by allowing the first assailant, a former student, to remain on campus after the assault.

According to a statement issued by the UMS's General Counsel, the university is "reviewing state laws that restrict law en-

forcement agencies from sharing information about sexual assault with university officials to determine whether these laws hinder campus officials, who are responsible under Title IX for supporting students who are victims of assault, from obtaining all information about the police reports necessary to fully respond."

According to the same statement, the university "will review [its] findings with the State Attorney General's Office and State Legislature if changes to Maine law appear to be necessary to give campus student affairs officials better access to information about sexual assaults reported to the police."

When an incident of gender discrimination (i.e., sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual misconduct) is reported at UMaine,

one of the university's four highly-trained individuals who are certified through the Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA) conduct interviews with the individual making the complaint before determining if a Title IX violation indeed occurred.

"They would also then determine any sanctions that would occur," Elizabeth Lavoie wrote in an email. As the Deputy Title IX Coordinator, and an annual ATIXA trainee, Lavoie's role is to be a "neutral party."

Incidents reported to Lavoie are done so in privacy, but not in confidence. "If the student prefers to speak with someone confidential they do not have to continue meeting with me," Lavoie wrote. Students also have the option of meeting confidentially with the Counseling Center, which sees the amount of patients using its services

increasing every year, or with Rape Response Services.

"I can make any living, academic, or classroom accommodations. I can get people connected with services such as getting a sexual assault kit, filing a police report, student conduct complaint, a protection order, safety planning, et cetera," Lavoie wrote.

The other Title IX investigators on the UMaine campus are Kenda Scheele, Scott Helmke and David Fiacco.

Fiacco is Director of the Office of Community Standards, Rights and Responsibilities, and is responsible for Title IX complaints in their relation to the Student Conduct Code. He personally has a complicated legal history which forced him to resign as the Director of Public Safety at Fort Lewis College in Colorado, but also has "a temporary restraining order secured

against him by a former girlfriend," according to U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals documents.

Fourth-year student Adya Plourde is a volunteer at the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and former intern for the Deputy Title IX Coordinator for the Fall 2017 semester at the Office of Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention. When referencing the process in which individuals go about filing formal Title IX complaints, she said, "I was the intern for some time, and I still don't even fully understand the process of making a complaint."

Many have alleged that if Title IX complaints are not congruent with what is in the university's Student Conduct Code, they are considered inactionable and therefore are not dealt with formally.

"You want these people to do well, and you want to feel valid in your con-

cerns, but they're ultimately bound by university protocol," Plourde said.

The lawsuit comes as two separate UMaine faculty members were put on paid administrative leave for allegations of sexual misconduct. Many in the WRC think that the university did students an injustice by not mentioning sexual harassment in its official statements given by the university's Division of Marketing and Communications. The university maintains that English professor Robert Brinkley and former chair of the Theatre and Dance department Tom Mikotowicz did not violate any university policies. "UMaine is so big. It's like: who will protect us?" Plourde said.

UMaine hosts March Against Gun Violence



Protesters seeking to start a conversation of banning assault weapons are met by pro-gun, counter protesters walking the UMaine Mall on Saturday

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

Taylor Abbott
News Editor

On Saturday, March 4, the March Against Gun Violence was held at the University of Maine. Marchers and counter-protesters gathered at the Emera Astronomy Center bearing signs that included phrases such as, "Protect Our Children, Arm and Train Teachers," as well as a "NO GUNS" sign held by a small child. The event was organized by Quinn Stewart

Tensions arose before the march began as heated debates took place between the two opposing parties "We are here to protest gun violence. The NRA is here to stay," Matt Miller, a member of UMaine College Republicans, said

"Arming teachers is not the answer," Emma Newcomb, a student at the march, said. "My mom works at a school where there is

gang violence. So that raises the question as to how arming teachers would actually solve this problem"

The march spanned from the Emera Astronomy Center to the Raymond H. Fogler Library. Once the march ended at the library, Diane Russell, a gubernatorial candidate, gave a speech to those in attendance.

"I am here today because I want to stand up and support all of you that are marching here to save the lives of the next generation. I grew up a couple hours away from here and I grew up in a gun culture. By the age of 12, I had a doe permit, and I went hunting with my dad and his friends. One thing that my dad taught me is that you do not go hunting with trigger-happy people. You do not go into the woods with people that might accidentally pull the trigger or those that do not know the safety

mechanisms of their weapon," Russell said

Russell also talked about the shootings that have happened in the past "We are seeing a significant amount of violence in the media right now. Columbine was my generation, and then there was Sandy Hook," she said "We started seeing time after time after time that people were walking in and killing people en masse. And it feels like it belongs to someone else, Las Vegas was all the way across the country. But Parkland was different. Something shifted because the victims refused to be victims. They refused to stand down in a moment where they should have been grieving by all accounts. Instead, they chose to stand up because they have had enough"

Following this, Russell went on to tell the crowd about how she has been af-

fectured by gun violence. She lost several family members to gun violence after they were attacked on their property by a neighbor that they had thought was being friendly. Her mother's cousin was the only survivor of the attack, as she hid out in the woods until sunrise so that her cell phone's lit screen would not give away her position

"This woman is the bravest woman that I've ever met," Russell said. "She couldn't call until sunrise. Imagine being the woman hiding in the woods and being unable to save your family and able to make one decision: that you are going to survive the night to make sure that you could show up to the courtroom and stare him in the eye and tell everyone what he did to your family with the sheriff who rescued you."

The day that this verdict

was made, the same sheriff that rescued her mother's cousin got a call that he had to travel a couple of towns over because another mass shooting had occurred "The day that we received our justice, eight other families' lives fell apart," Russell said

After this, Representative Ryan Tipping of the Maine House of Representatives spoke to the crowd "We have all been going through a thought process since the Parkland shooting about how we can make schools safer. I know that a lot have wondered about how we can get to this place. There have been serious conversations about this in Augusta and D.C. What this looks like in Augusta is a bill we have moving forward regarding stocks, magazine sizes, et cetera. One bill that we are working on is regarding Red Flags."

Lastly, Quinn Stewart

talked for a bit. "The problem of gun violence has spread across our entire nation. The problem did not hit me close enough until the Parkland shooting, where one of my closest friends was among one of the survivors of that shooting. Then it became clear that enough is enough, there is something that we have to do. Whether you're in favor of gun control or opposed to gun control, you have to admit one thing: that regardless of your position on this debate, we can do something. For those of you holding up signs in opposition today, I say one thing: that you come together with us, that we march together, that we come up with ideas together to actually propose adequate solutions to such a massive problem."

The event ended with a conversation among everyone in attendance

Hirundo hosts Full Moon Walk, giving hikers a full experience minus the moon

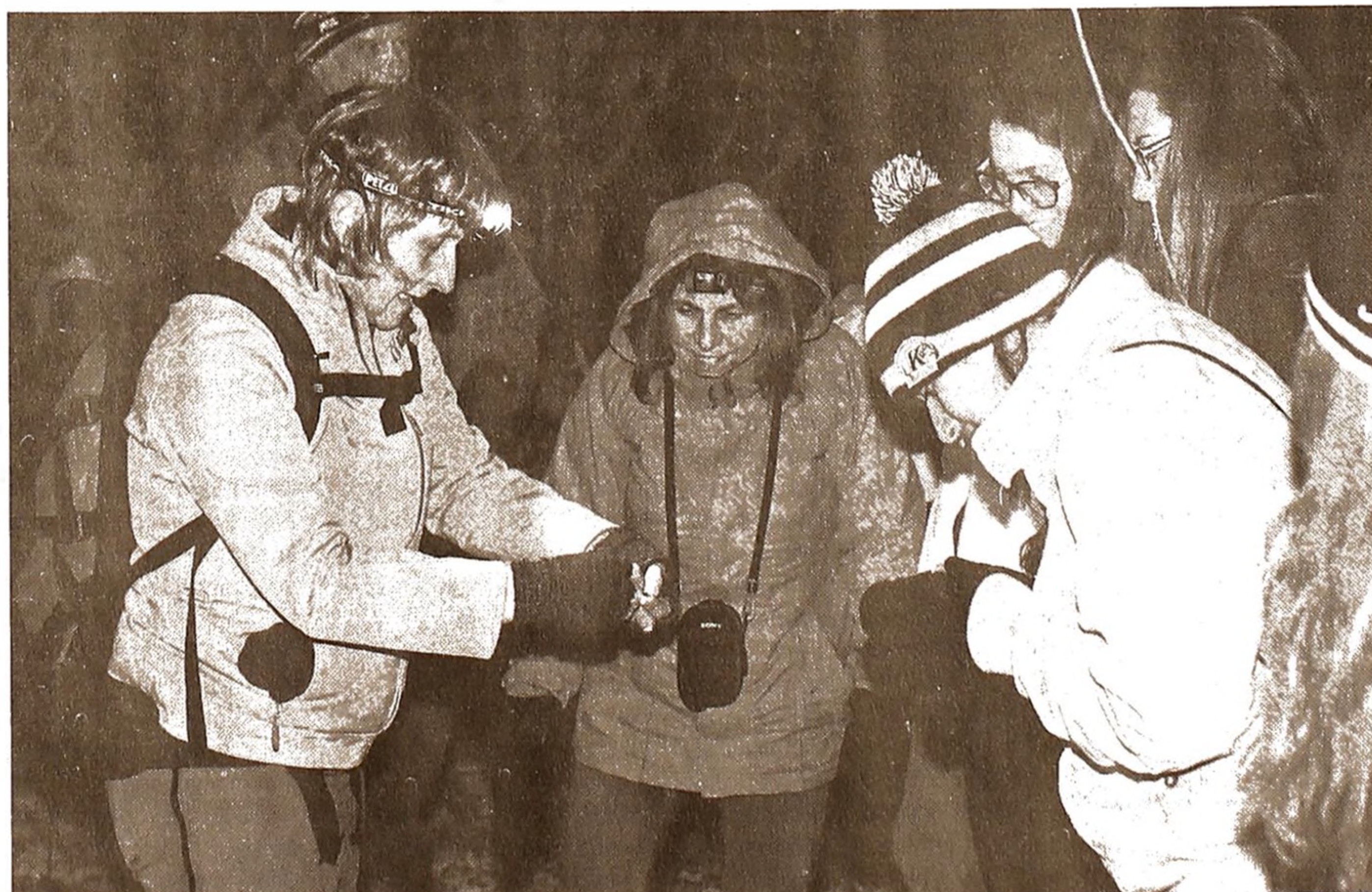
Jordan Houdeshell
Editor in Chief

On the evening of March 1, eight hikers gathered at Gate 1 of Hirundo Wildlife Refuge. Naturalist and Program Director Gudrun Keszocze led the group on an hour and a half hike around the refuge. The hike, advertised as the Full Moon Walk, lacked one thing — a full moon. Although no rain fell during the hike, clouds covered the sky. Keszocze made light of the situation, bringing a yellow paper circle cut-out and holding it up in the air, illuminating it with her headlight.

The hike started a few minutes after 6 p.m., beginning down the main trail. The first 10 or so minutes were icy, before Keszocze led her fellow hikers down a smaller path. Once the group turned onto this smaller trail, Keszocze began to point out various things along the way. First was a trail perpendicular to the path, created by deer. She explained that the deer are heavier than many animals in the woods and their hooves

have a smaller surface area, compared to coyotes or foxes. Because of this, they tend to reuse the trail over and over to avoid constantly sinking into the fluffy snow, as a way of accessing the warmer areas surrounded by trees. She explained how to identify different animal prints at this location and throughout the walk. Showing everyone the subtle differences between prints and location of the prints in relation to one another, Keszocze explained what animal could have made each set of prints the group encountered

The hike traversed various areas of Hirundo, including along the stream. Keszocze pointed out that the temperature dropped closer to the water, and the hikers could feel the difference as they continued along the edge of the stream. At one point Keszocze stopped and pointed out part of the stream, which used to have far fewer fish and osprey until a couple of dams were taken out, altering the flow of the water. Now she sees many more osprey



Hikers look at seed cones on a beautiful night at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge on March 1

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

and explained that when the weather is warmer, you can canoe upstream about three miles from where the group stopped to see fish in the fish ladder

"You can't find many places that have such a diverse amount of habitats. I teach a lot of nature studies with my kids. And if I want to do forest, field, stream, pond, I

can walk five minutes and get them within a different environment," Joane Alex, one of the group members, said of Hirundo.

The hike also went through

an area that had been used for an archaeology project in the 1970s. At this site they found artifacts dating back

See Moon Walk on A4

Weekly Updates

This Week in Student Government

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

Ryan Cox
Contributor

New Senators and Officer Appointments

New Senators Emmeline Willey and Kaitlyn Beckwith were sworn in this week.

Club Maintenance

The University of Maine branch of the Chinese Students and Scholar Association was granted preliminary recognition. The national organization assists Chinese students with studying and traveling safely in the United States, along with outreach, suicide prevention and other forms of support. The club has been inactive on campus for over a decade, and this group is "fresh and new."

Blue Takes Peru was granted final recognition, and officially changed their name to the Blue Crew. Last year, 16 students traveled to Peru to help local schools and libraries. They have since decided to turn this one-time event into an annual trip to a new country each time.

This year, two groups will perform volunteer work in a five-day trip to Ghana.

The Coral Club, an education-based organization dedicated to teaching coral studies, was granted final recognition.

Club Presentations

The Women's Ice Hockey Club Team thanked the Student Government for funding their fall and spring season, now that the final game of the season is over.

The UMaine Navigators thanked Student Government for providing funding for the registration costs of the group's trip to the Navigators Winter Conference in Massachusetts.

Executive Reports

President Mary Celeste-Floreani welcomed the observing senators, while preemptively apologizing for the number of constitutional amendments on the agenda. Next year's Board of Trustees policies are being discussed, as well as nominations for student trustee.

Vice President Logan Aromando announced a tentative, unnamed event on March 25.

Executive elections are underway, and nomination forms are due Friday.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Song Ping 'Ryan' Wang reported \$312,929.40 in unallocated funds.

Vice President for Student Organizations Jacob Wood thanked the senators who took part in the Black Student Union Dodgeball fundraiser tournament, under the banner of Average Joe's Gym.

Vice President for Student Entertainment Jared Dumas responded to on-campus rumors regarding the Maine Day concert, namely that no artist has been officially booked for any concert or event yet. No announcements will be made without a completed contract.

Representatives from UMSG, Inc. are the only ones allowed to make such announcements. The committee has been completely dissolved to limit rumors or leaks. "It is unfortunate to see these things happen, since they have the chance to ruin or cancel events. Please direct questions to me or President Floreani only."

A 10-minute recess was called from 6:49 – 6:59.

Periodic Reports

The Fair Election Practices Commission reported that paperwork for executive elections is now available. A collaboration with The Maine Campus and WMEB is under-



way. They are preparing for the Student Heritage Alliance Council elections.

Legal Services Attorney Sean O'Mara has resolved another landlord case for two students.

Liaison Maria Maffucci reminded new senators to schedule meetings with O'Mara soon.

The Army ROTC is preparing to host "Nets for Pets for Vets," a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to raise funds to provide veterans with PTSD service animals.

Director of Communications Miranda Roberts passed out the brand new UMSG, Inc. window stickers, and announced more key-chains and an update to the bulletin board. A UMSG, Inc. St. Patrick's Day event is in the works.

Reports of Standing Committees

Marketing Committee is looking for students to table in the Memorial Union.

The Policy and Procedure Committee's new meeting time is Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Political Activism has heard back from senators who may be interested in being involved in their Committee.

Reports of Special Committees

Early work for Maine Day is complete, leaving Vice President of Student Entertainment Dumas and President Floreani to discuss concrete plans soon. Meeting time is Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Representative Board Reports

The Honors College Student Advisory Board thanked UMSG, Inc. for funding their event in Estabrooke Hall. Honors Open House will be held March 23. Maine Day meal pack planning is still underway. Next Thursday, they will be hosting a movie trivia night in the Bear's Den.

Community Association Reports

The Student Heritage Alliance Council will be holding its Multicultural Mosaic in the Memorial Union on March 30.

The Feminist Collective's events for Women's History Month are underway, with a feminist book discussion to follow next Monday. To cap off the festivities, a final Women's History Month celebration will be held March 20.

The Wilde Stein Queer Straight Alliance has com-

pleted its contracts for the upcoming drag show. Pride Week planning is underway.

New Business

Interfraternity Council and Alpha Omicron Pi requested \$1,700 for their Mr. Fraternity contest.

The request was granted.

Student Heritage Alliance Council requested \$1,180 to purchase flags of diversity and cover labor costs to hang them on the bridge between the UMaine campus and downtown Orono, as part of their new Diversity Week events. They hope to make the flag hanging a tradition, and as such, they will attempt to speak with town officials to reduce the cost of labor in the future.

The request was granted.

Amendments were made to Rule III of the Standing Rules, Section 5, subsection (c), and Rule IV of the Standing Rules, Section 1, subsection (ix), to allow a liaison for the Center of Undergraduate Research (CUGR) to attend the General Student Senate.

An amendment was made to Rule II of the Standing Rules, Section 2, subsection (b), paragraph (i), to specify that the 2.0 GPA requirement for senators refers to their cumulative GPA. An amendment was also made to Section 2, subsection (h) to reflect an amendment made earlier to lower the cumulative GPA requirement from 2.5 to 2.0, for the sake of consistency.

An amendment was made to Rule V of the Standing Rules, Section 3, to have Executive Evaluations conducted on "the second to last regular meeting of the senate before the end of each academic semester," as opposed to "the last regular meeting." This will make it easier to divide responsibilities among senators.

Amendments were made

to Section 2 of Articles VI and VII of the Constitution, changing the lists of entities in each list to reflect current groups on campus. The act to amend Article VII,

Section 2 was further amended to reflect the Student Heritage Alliance Council's actual name ("Council," not "Center").

Amendments were made to Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution. In subsection 1, the senate membership seats number was lowered from "no less than thirty-five (35) and no more than

fifty-five (55)" to "no less than twenty-five (25) and no more than thirty-five (35)." Added to Section 3 was a significant change in the structure of Senate elections.

"Senate seats shall be determined on a college-based system, where each respective Undergraduate Academic College (Maine Business School, College of Education and Human Development, College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture) shall be represented in the GSS," with the number representing each College determined "based on the respective population of that College." It is believed that this change will improve the currently limited and stagnant election pool.

Amendments were made to Rule II of the Standing Rules to match the amendments made to

Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Senator O'Donoghue was elected University of Maine Security Representative.

Moon Walk from A3

4,500 years, which Keszoecze explained was from when the glaciers started to retreat northward and the people moved farther and farther north, as more land was available. She shared that the archaeology project had been a collaboration between the University of Maine, National Geographic and the Hazel Smith Fund.

The hike came to an end

as the group looped back onto the icy path that they had started on, passing by the summer parking lot and the starting point for many of the trails. Keszoecze took the opportunity to point out the Trail of Senses, which is accessible for people with mobility concerns such as those who use wheelchairs or walkers. She explained that it incorporated every sense except taste, which initiated some jokes from the group.

After having stayed together, walking in a line for

most of the evening, the group broke up into twos and threes for the final portion of the walk, some working hard not to fall on the slippery surface. Before everyone went their separate ways, Keszoecze thanked everyone for coming and reminded the guests in attendance that she could accept donations, as all events are donation based. Before getting into their cars, many hikers joked about not seeing the moon and how the paper cut-out was almost as good as the actual full moon.

Hirundo is entrusted to the University of Maine as a resource available to the faculty and students to do research and use the facilities, but some people present at the hike expressed feelings that it was underutilized. Keszoecze said that she would love to see people of all disciplines working with the refuge. She mentioned groups who are already using the facility, such as wildlife ecology and botany students, as well as groups of engineers who are working on projects there.

"It helps everyone tremendously to do something like this. They do the design work, present to us, actually do the work. We have students come out and help with the nesting project. I had some of the students come out to help with the Canoe Trail. If people want to do a project out here, there's always something they can do," she said.

Hirundo will be hosting another Full Moon Walk for the Blue Moon on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. For a donation, anyone can come

and participate. For students interested in attending the event, but don't have transportation, the German Club will be carpooling to Hirundo for the walk.

The refuge is also open seven days a week from dawn to dusk, and in the warmer months there is more programming as well as the opportunity to rent and use canoes.

This Week in Politics: Gun Control

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This week has been eventful regarding guns and the regulations surrounding them. Within the past week, there have been bipartisan meetings on Capitol Hill as well as decisions made by multiple businesses regarding their sales of guns and relationships with the NRA.

Capitol Hill

This past Wednesday, Feb. 28, President Trump met with Congress members from both sides of the aisle to discuss the government's future plans on gun regulations. Trump surprised many when he called for gun control legislation that would stretch background checks to weapons sold at gun

shows and over the internet. He also called for legislation that would aim to keep guns from mentally ill people, make schools safer and restrict gun sales to some young adults.

At one point of the meeting, Trump suggested that law enforcement should have the ability to take guns from mentally ill people who present a danger to themselves or others, before obtaining a court order. "I like taking the guns early," Trump said, adding, "Take the guns first, go through due process second."

Trump also suggested that legislation should raise the minimum age requirement for buying rifles from 18 to 21, pointing out that handguns have a minimum age of 21, while weapons such as that

used in the Parkland shooting have a minimum age requirement of 18.

At the meeting, Trump rejected a bill known as concealed-carry reciprocity, telling Representative Steve Scalise of Louisiana, "You'll never get it passed. We want to get something done." This bill would allow a person who has permission to carry a concealed weapon in one state to carry a concealed weapon in every state.

Businesses bring change to store policies and ties to NRA

In the wake of the Parkland shooting, multiple businesses have taken steps to change store policies or their relationship with the NRA.

The first of the many businesses to respond to

the shooting was the First National Bank of Omaha, who will stop issuing an NRA-branded card after listening to customer feedback and reviewing its partnership with the organization.

Since then, multiple businesses have decided to cut their ties to the NRA, including Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Delta Airlines, United Airlines and many more.

Businesses like Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, L.L. Bean and Kroger have gone so far as to make changes to their policies regarding the sales of weapons.

Walmart, which stopped selling modern sporting rifles such as AR-15s in 2015, announced that it will raise the minimum age for purchasing firearms and ammunition

from 18 to 21. Walmart will also remove items that resemble assault-style rifles, including toys and nonlethal airsoft guns, from its website.

Dick's will make similar changes to their store policies. The company will no longer sell assault-style rifles, removing them from sale at all 35 Field & Stream stores, as well as firearms to people under 21. They will no longer sell high capacity magazines and will continue to not sell bump stocks, which gives semi-automatic weapon a faster firing rate. Dick's has already stopped their sales of assault-style weapons from its stores after the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012.

Kroger will no longer sell firearms and ammunition to anyone under the age of 21

at Fred Meyer stores and will no longer accept any special orders of assault-style rifles in Alaska.

University of Maine Campus Gun Policies

Weapons are to be stored only at the University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) and must be in a single-sized case for storage at the precinct. A picture ID must be presented when removing weapons from the UMPD. Weapons will only be released to whomever the weapon is registered to. Sanctions will be brought against those with firearms found in their rooms or vehicles. For more information, visit the UMaine website and read the firearms guide.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine and Orono's finest

Nina Mahaleris
Contributor

Feb. 24
12:13 a.m. - University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) reported to Androscoggin Hall after receiving a call with a complaint of criminal mischief. Officers found 19-year-old Ryan Schmitt in consumption of alcohol. Schmitt was summoned

for possession of a usable amount of marijuana, sale and use of drug paraphernalia.

4:15 a.m. - The Orono Police Department (OPD) responded to a call Saturday morning at Orchard Trails Apartments (OT) after a complaint that a car had driven off the road. OPD found a vehicle belonging to 20-year-old Marina Currier of Mt. Vernon,

parked on the lawn of the community center in OT. Currier was charged with failure to report an accident by the quickest means and is scheduled to appear in court on March 22.

4:55 a.m. - Old Town Police responded to a complaint on Saturday morning of an incident that occurred on the corner of Godfrey Drive and Bennoch Road in Orono. Police found a white sedan that ran over the curb and was parked in a snowbank. Twenty-year-old Matthew Allen was found unconscious behind the wheel. Officers performed a field sobriety test, called an ambulance and medically evaluated Allen. He was taken to the Orono Police Station and took an intoxilyzer test.

OPD reported Allen's blood alcohol level was over twice the legal limit. Allen was charged with operating under the influence and was summoned to appear in court.

11:28 p.m. - Officers observed a motor vehicle violation near Munson Road on College Avenue. UMPD stopped the vehicle and administered a field sobriety test after suspecting the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Twenty-year-old Benjamin Williams was placed under arrest and voluntarily took a blood alcohol test. Results showed he was over the legal limit of consumption while under the age of 21. Williams was arrested and received a summons for operating under the influence

and was later released on his own recognizance.

Feb 25
12:11 a.m. - UMPD arrived at Gannett Hall following a report of marijuana. Ezra Leverett, 18, was summoned for possession and use of cannabis. Evan Wood, 19, received a summons for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

1:24 a.m. - Officers reported to an incident in Gannett Hall. UMPD reported 19-year-old Christopher Crean was under the influence of alcohol and was given a warning for disorderly conduct. Crean received a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Feb. 26

7:15 p.m. - UMPD officers responded to a call at Androscoggin Hall regarding marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Officers found 18-year-old Kathleen Moriarty with alcohol, marijuana and paraphernalia. Moriarty received a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

2:50 p.m. - Orono Fire Dept. and UMPD responded to a call about a strange odor at Hancock Hall. Upon investigation, officers found marijuana smoke and 20-year-old Bennett Rothston in possession of cannabis without a medical card. Rothston received a summons for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Briefs

Quick news from around the country

Taylor Abbott
News Editor

Feb. 24
Canadian skier David Duncan was arrested during the Olympic Winter games after stealing a vehicle alongside his wife, Maja

Margrethe Duncan and trainer, William Ryan Raine. The three claimed they were not able to bear the cold temperatures in Pyeongchang, noticed an unattended vehicle with a running engine and decided to take it. After driving

about two miles, the group was pulled over and all were arrested for theft. Raine was driving the car and was arrested for driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.162, which is over three times the legal limit in Pyeongchang.



They all released apologies to the Olympic committee as well as to the owner of the car that was stolen, and further actions were not taken. A statement released by Chris Overhold, a member of the Olympic committee, said that the three would be expected to conduct themselves in a more professional manner in future events and be responsible in representing Canada and its values.

March 2
Two people were killed

at Central Michigan University (CMU) on Friday, March 2 in the Campbell Hall dormitory. James Eric Davis, Jr. is the suspected gunman who is being held responsible for the deaths following a domestic dispute. CMU has a no-weapons policy in place and was put in secure mode, meaning that students were not allowed to enter the building and had to remain in their rooms or classes with the doors locked and blinds drawn. The hospital in the

area was also put on lockdown. The suspect was released from the hospital early Friday morning after allegedly being treated for drug-related issues the previous night. This comes the day before CMU's spring break, and many parents and friends who were planning to pick up students were sent to a local hotel until the campus lockdown was lifted. Davis, Jr. was not located by officials until hours after the shooting occurred.

Candidates from A1

the work that she has built. To do this, Fernni-Mundy says that through everything she is learning and seeing, "this relationship is a very positive one. While the two institutions [Machias and Orono] are quite different, it is important to understand what those differences are and looking at the strengths that each one has and how they can learn from one another."

Fernni-Mundy is also very interested in the Machias campus as it plays a critical role in the region. This provides a setting for an education for those in the area in a way that is "quite nicely tied to the place", according to Fernni-Mundy. The emphasis that they [Machias] have there are aligned well with what the region has to offer, what the workforce might need with developing and advancing learning opportunities for those students."

Another important focus for the students as well as the state of Maine is facilitating economic growth with initiatives to keep graduates in Maine. Fernni-Mundy recognized that to do this, a skilled workforce is necessary in order to take on leadership and key roles in the industries and activities within that state.

"A pretty fundamental way for the University to influence economic growth is to be producing outstanding graduates who want to stay in the state and want to contribute as leaders in a whole host of sectors. I also understand the importance of partnerships and understanding the needs of the business community in the state, and looking for ways to get together and advance the activity at the University can be supportive of those needs," Fernni-Mundy added.

Fernni-Mundy was excited

to be on the UMaine campus "I'm very grateful for the visit I'm having here, for the time that people have taken for me, and I am very excited about the possibilities for this university," Fernni-Mundy said

Dr. Amit Chakma

Chakma has been the president and vice chancellor at University of Western Ontario since 2009. He was previously the academic vice president and provost at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. He studied at the Algenan Petroleum Institute, where he graduated first in his class. Chakma went on to the University of British Columbia, where he got his master's and Ph.D. in chemical engineering. He has been given an honorary degree of science from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh and an honorary degree of engineering from the University of Waterloo. He was born in an area of Pakistan.

With his experience from University of Waterloo and Western Ontario, he has come up with three main areas that he would like to work with if selected as president

The first is making sure that the model of education is student-centric. He believes that all public universities should be student-centric, including his current university and UMaine.

"Whether it's globalization, technological changes, massive disruption in the job market, the list goes on. There is no easy answer to some of those and that's why it requires careful evaluation and discussion as to how to prepare our students better," Chakma said.

His second area would be ensuring that resources are available to accomplish what is necessary.

"In my current role and in my future roles, I have no choice but to pay attention to the resources. I do that by taking a longer-term view, which means to make longer-term

relationships with the governments, with other partners, with donors, to raise money for endowments, for scholarships, for this or that," he said

The third issue he spoke of was enrollment, specifically in terms of international and out-of-state students.

"The university is already doing so, but more out-of-state students in my mind is a good thing. More international students, in my mind is a good thing."

He added one more area based on what he had seen at the university, which was interdisciplinary initiatives. He praised the 15 interdisciplinary research institutes that Maine has compared to the two at Western

"Graduates will increasingly need background from different disciplines so they are invariably educated," Chakma said "A more interdisciplinary approach to teaching, learning, research, the better we are. And that may differentiate this university from many others."

He was able to identify these common themes and experience them through his work at Western and Waterloo, giving him more background and practice, which he could apply to Maine

"When you serve for a long enough time, you are able to initiate things and see how they work out. I didn't see the results of those institutes after eight years at Waterloo, but now nine years after that, I can see them," he said. With this experience and time in the position, he was also able to see what didn't work.

While Chakma has this experience, it is also at Canadian Universities and might not transfer to the United States. According to Chakma, the biggest difficulty with this transition would be the dynamics of the political system in which you are working

The World This Week



Feb. 26 - More than 110 Nigerian schoolgirls go missing after a raid on a Nigerian school.

Feb. 28 - Students in Parkland, Florida resume classes after a brief orientation on Sunday.

March 2 - Nor'easter spanning from Georgia to Maine hits, causing mass flooding, heavy snow and high winds.

"How do you relate to the governor? How do you relate to the elected representatives? What role the senate plays? That's one part that would be new to me, but in all of those, at the end of the days, it's about making your story a compelling one, that doesn't change, and I'm familiar with that," he said.

If appointed, he plans to take the time to get to know the way the politics in Maine work, while making many visits to the university to meet people he would be working with.

"So I'll be asking the board of trustee, the chancellor and others, if they're so willing, to please introduce me to key people. Not only politicians, volunteers, supporters, community leaders and whatnot. That process takes a little bit of time, but I've done it, in many different jurisdictions."

In addition to understanding the dynamics of the political system, he would also want to familiarize himself with the UMaine campus.

"My interests are in the future and I would not have participated in this search process with my limited knowledge if

I didn't see a better future for UMaine," Chakma said.

Based on what he has seen of the university, he thinks that it would be a good match for him and serve as a good final task for him to work on.

"We all get older and in my case I'm very conscious that I don't have too much time left, so this would probably one of my last major tasks. That doesn't mean that I'm not going to do anything, but I want to make sure that I'm taking on a task that will be rewarding for all parties, that one can really make a difference."

Although this could be his last endeavor, he would have to wait because his current position legally requires at least six months' notice. The earliest he said that he would be able to come would be October, possibly January, as Western is currently in the search for a new provost, which they will name this month.

"Short answer is I'm not available in July because I have to give six months notice, so we'll just have to find a way of what is right for UMaine and what is right for me and Western. The last thing I want to do

is leave Western in a situation that is not good for the institution," he said.

Chakma was on campus March 1 and 2 and similar to the other candidates, he also traveled to Machias on March 2 to visit the facilities and have an open session there.

"There are many ways of evaluating potential candidates, and still projecting a very positive image of the community and the people I have met so far have done exactly that," Chakma said.

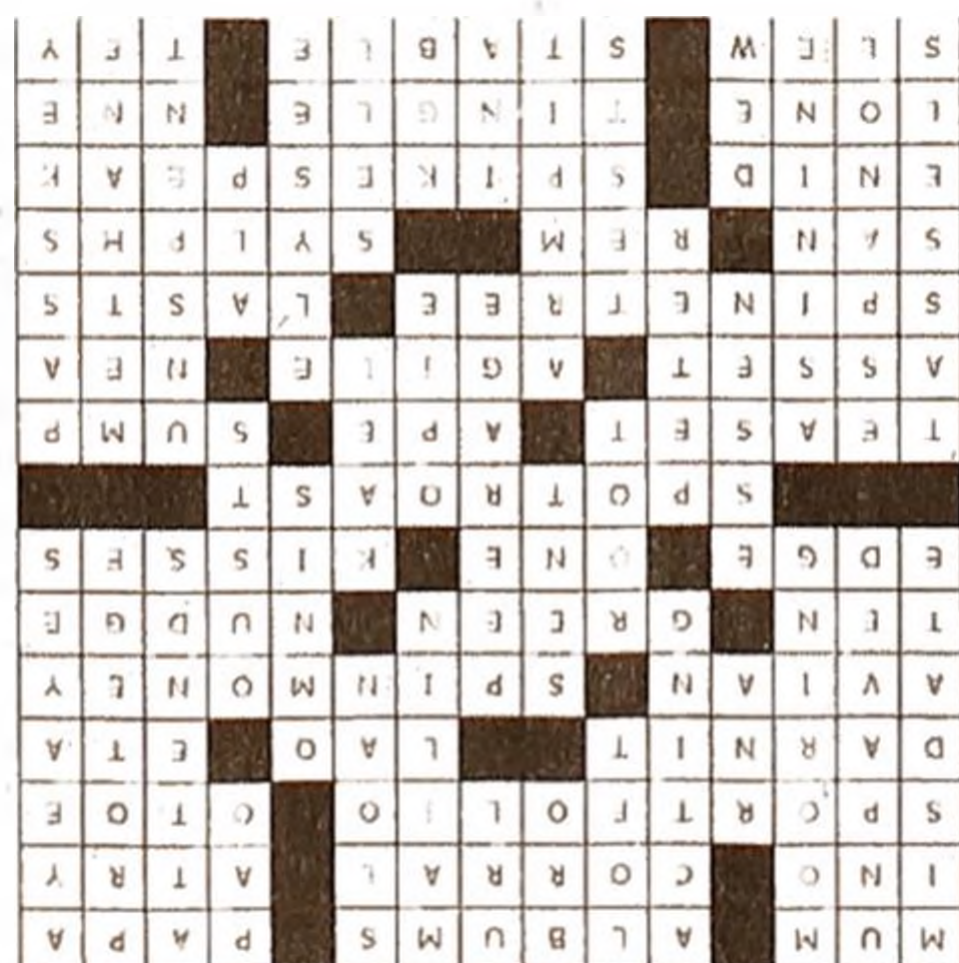
"People have been wonderful to me."

The Presidential Search Committee will make a decision this month about who will take the office when Hunter leaves June 30, 2018. The committee is made up of 18 members from Machias, Orono, the board of trustees and the board of visitors. They accepted feedback on the candidates visits to campus until 11:59 on March 4.

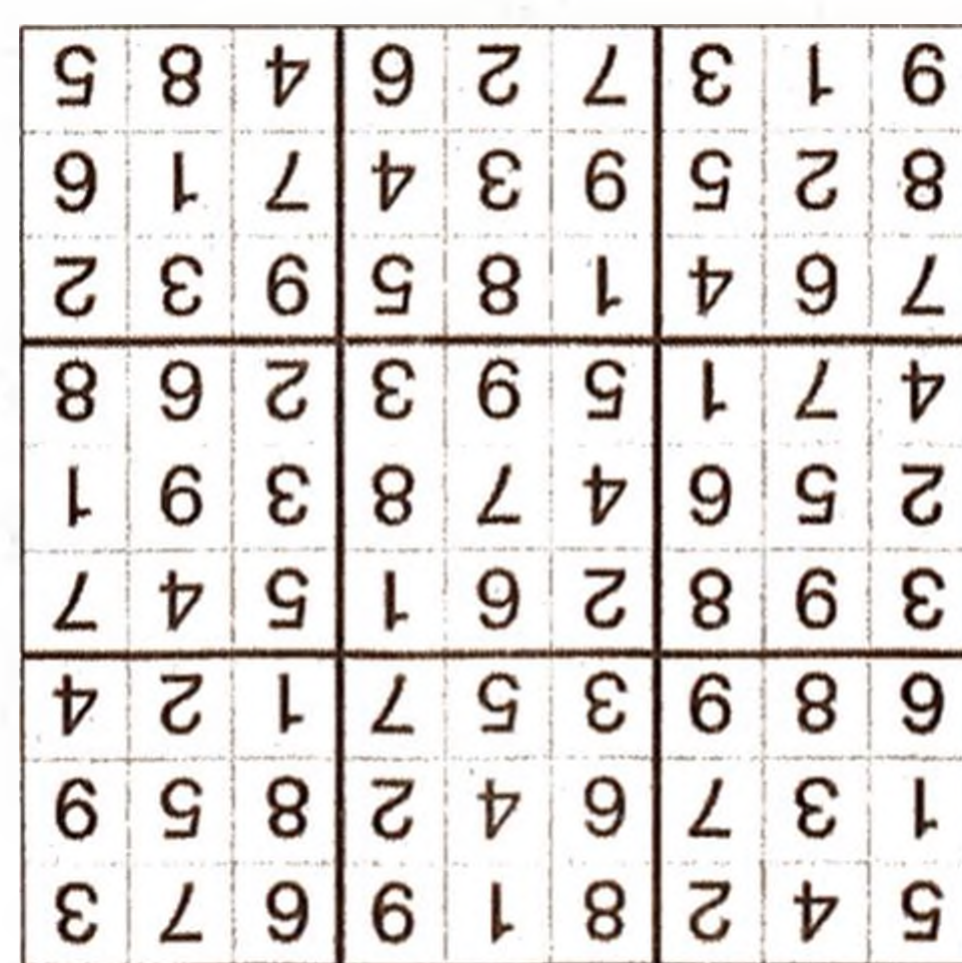
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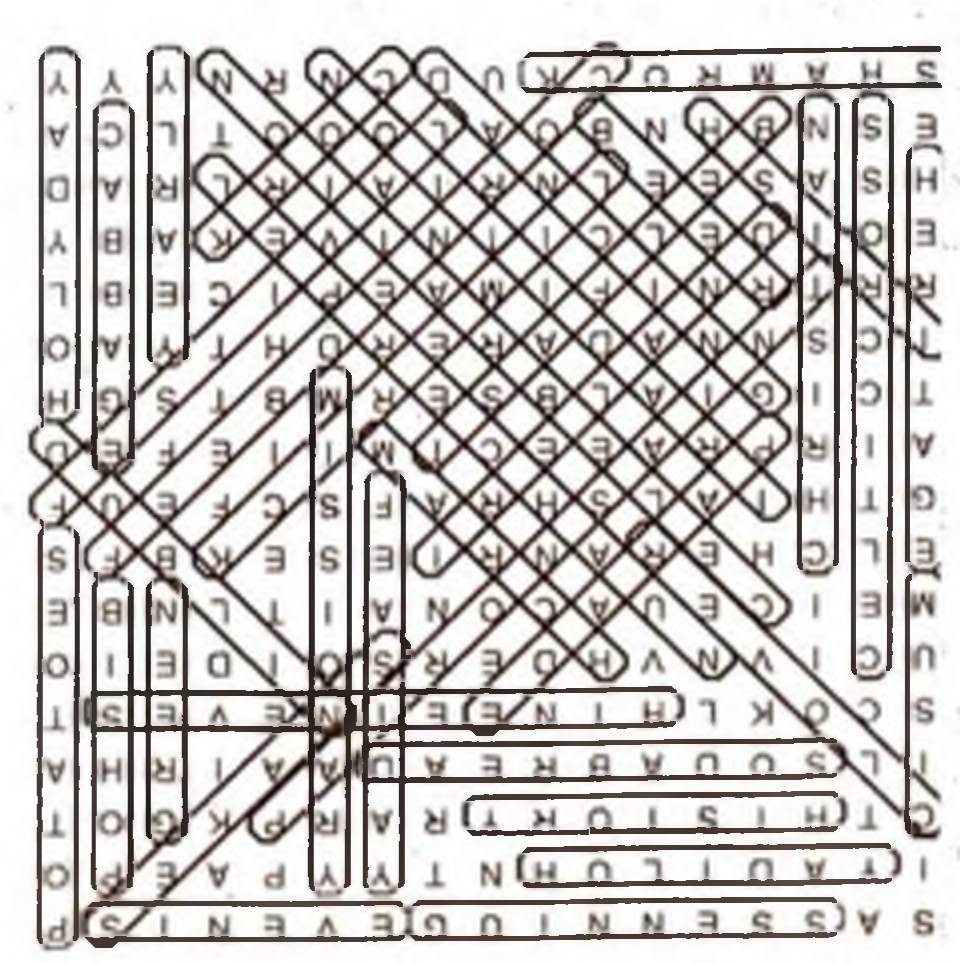
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Monday, March 5, 2018

Editorial: Asserting space for women on campus

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Opinion Editor

As a student minoring in Women's, Gender and Sexuality (WGS) studies, it's emotionally taxing to have watched this department face such uncertainty in my four years at UMaine. The WGS department deals with material that's relevant to everyone, regardless of their education or career aspirations. Beyond our majors, we are social beings in a diverse world. WGS works to help students better understand gender and sexuality, but also "race, ethnicity, class, nationality, ability, and other sites of social inequality," along with aspiring to

"...make visible women's contributions and struggles," as their umaine.edu page states. While social issues are increasingly divisive and sparking global discourse, it's crucial for our university to make space for women on campus.

The UMaine campus is home to thousands of women — recent demographics report that over 50 percent of students are women. Yet women on campus have faced consistent struggle since I came here — for representation, resources and safe spaces. The Women's Resource Center (WRC) was shut down in 2015 and returned last year, after exhaustive

campaigning led by students. The WRC's revival is a symbol of change for women on campus, but we can't let the joy of its return overshadow the implications of its previous removal.

The center was shut down in 2015 due to insufficient budgeting, but its closing highlights an area of student life that the university system may be overlooking. Much of the advocacy efforts for reinstating the WRC laid in arguing its importance to the community. There's something in that strategy which speaks to a deep-seated problem our campus faces — that we need to convince others that women's

resources, education and safety are indeed a worthy cause — is concerning. To me, and many others on campus, this seems like common sense. If we make room for a commuter lounge and veterans association, we should make room for a women's resource center.

Located in Room 227 in the Memorial Union, the WRC offers substantial educational resources, as well as basic contraceptives and menstrual hygiene products. To further serve the community, their volunteer staff are trained in safe zone and mandatory reporting policies. They are one safe haven in times of turmoil for students.

Alongside their own in-office work, the WRC also teams up with other organizations to hold relevant programs and workshops around women's issues. This year, Women's History month will be celebrated through an incredible collection of events throughout March. The increased activity around Women's History month this year further signals the desire and necessity to keep strongholds for women at UMaine.

The WRC is financially supported by donations and volunteering work done by passionate students. Its return is owed to the sacrifice and sweat of young women, for oth-

er women. It's disheartening to see the necessity of this student-led advocacy, knowing that safety should be undisputed for all students, and that the women who devoted their time to championing the WRC's return could have served other issues. How much impact could the university have made, if the WRC's temporary closing had never happened? Who needed help and found closed doors? These are questions I hope we never have to ask again, if UMaine continues to fearlessly assert that women have a right to safe places and resources.

Journalism in Russia: Resistance from all sides

Brawley Benson
Contributor

It wasn't the bucket of feces, the endless death threats or being followed in a car that told her journalism was too dangerous. It was her car being set ablaze that finally forced prominent Russian journalist Yulia Latynina to leave her country last September. "I left because I was horrified by people's lack of responsibility," she said in an op-ed for *The Moscow Times* last fall. Lack of responsibility indeed. Journalism in Russia is among the more dangerous professions for Russian citizens who, on all sides, are bombarded by resistance.

When another Russian journalist, Anna Politkovskaya, died in 2006, the international community recognized there was a problem. Gunned down in the elevator of her apartment building, Politkovskaya was researching possible government ties to

terrorism.

She has come to symbolize what *The Guardian* calls the "[killing] of free media in Russia." After Politkovskaya's murder, everyone knew what dangers confronted notions of free speech, especially the kind directed toward the government.

The modern iteration of this quasi government-sanctioned war on journalism partly owes to the vicious early-2000s second war in Chechnya. Journalism there was suppressed by the heavy hand of the Kremlin, using the tools of restricted access, intimidation and in some cases physical violence. There were many mysterious deaths, and many blatant ones, too, that never got resolved.

Politkovskaya falls into that second category. Her killers were sentenced to life in prison in 2014, but whoever paid for the obvious assassination still remains unknown in 2018, 12

years after her death.

But we mustn't place all the blame on government oppression. When you look at violence associated with journalism in Russia you see a shocking number of attacks, threats and killings perpetrated by other citizens. If governmental aggression towards free media comes from above, then this comes from below.

In October of 2017 a man pepper sprayed a guard, went up 14 floors in an elevator, and stabbed the head operator of the Ekho Moskvyy radio station in the neck. She lived. Two months later a journalist in southern Rostov region, Vyacheslav Prudnikov, was shot during a meeting with local government officials. The attacker cried, "You criticize local authorities too much, we'll kill you." He also lived.

The common thread between these stories and

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Rising support for universal based income

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There is a profound gap between the upper and lower class in America that has existed for years. Due to this, many people have been pushing for the establishment of a universal basic income in hopes of remedying the exponentially increasing poverty rate. Universal basic income is defined by The International Monetary Fund as "a cash transfer of an equal amount to all individuals in a country." Some may argue that a universal basic income will march us directly into a lifestyle of laziness, but several famous figures like Mark Zuckerberg claim that establishing this system will provide flexibility for hard-working people, like those who have lost a job due to artificial intelligence. In 1967, Martin Luther King Jr. suggested a "guaranteed income" for those at

the lowest income level as a way to battle poverty.

Guy Standing, co-founder of Basic Income Earth Network, seeks to debunk the general consensus that "if you give people a basic income, they will become lazy and stop doing work." He describes this claim in an interview with MSN as an "insult to the human condition... Research has shown that a basic income can improve people's [overall] mental and physical health, as well as encourage them to pursue employment for reasons other than just a need to put food on the table." He continues to explain that the growth in inequality between classes has "triggered a perfect storm" for a set basic income.

A survey conducted 10 years ago revealed that only 12 percent of the population would advocate for some sort of basic income. The same study done by Northeastern Universi-

ty shows that 48 percent support the idea in 2018. The university conducted a separate study that shows that 75 percent of Americans genuinely believe that artificial intelligence will take away more jobs than it creates, which contributes to the 36 percent increase in supporters over the past 10 years.

Though proposals vary, they are similar in that they all involve a system in which the federal government sends out regular checks to everyone, no matter their earnings or employment. A study over universal basic income has begun in Finland. The trial launched at the beginning of 2017 and is scheduled to end at the beginning of 2019. For two years, participants are receiving 560 euros (around \$685) a month and researchers are focusing on how this "free money" affects work ethic

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The role we all play in sexual assault at UMaine

Sarah O'Malley
Culture Staff Writer

One in four college women will survive a sexual assault or an attempted sexual assault in their time at college, according to anonymous reports of multi-campus surveys sampling thousands of college students nationwide. There are roughly 5,000 female students currently enrolled at UMaine.

It's easy to say sexual assault is bad. It's much harder to make an impact that will reduce those statistics. It's not simply a problem with the perpetrators; it's a problem with the culture. I'm sure you're all too familiar with the "hookup culture" that colleges cultivate. We live in a world where men are expected to take sex from women as much as possible. Men are expected to always want sex, and women are expected to comply. This is detrimental to everyone. Men are rewarded socially for hooking up with women. The opposite isn't necessarily true. We all know this. We see it happening. We know the survivors and the assaulters. It happens every day on this campus. And we all play a role.

I am that one in four. I lost my virginity to a man who took it from me forcefully. I let him into my bed, and the sex was consensual, until it wasn't. I told him no. I told him stop. My words meant nothing. After he finished, he left me, bloody and sob-

bing, and walked out without saying a word. We never spoke again. And you want to know the part that keeps me up at night? I have no idea if he knows what he did was wrong. I know it was, but does he? I think that's the crux of this issue. I know countless women, some of my closest friends, who have been assaulted on this campus. Every time I hear about someone who has been hurt like that, all the emotions flood back to my first-year self, sobbing in my dorm bed. I feel sadness and grief, and then anger. "How could these men hurt these women like that?" I think to myself, over and over again. The answer is — they think it's okay. It's time to tell them it's not.

My situation, along with so many of my friends, is not black and white. It's not a stranger hiding in the bushes, preying on girls passing by. These people are our friends, colleagues and classmates. These things happen behind closed doors. There is no evidence afterwards, and most assaults morph into a "he said, she said" situation. I recently learned the term "sexual coercion," and a switch went off in my head. It's defined by the University of Michigan as "a tactic used by perpetrators to intimidate, trick or force someone to have sex with him/her without physical force."

I realized that was applicable to so many assaults because that's how some

men think sex is supposed to work. Again: they think it's okay. We need to tell them it's not.

This is not an easy subject to talk about. For me, it's personal and emotional. I have a boyfriend of three years who I love dearly, and we have fought about this issue many times. We are both seniors in college and have friends who have accused other friends of assaulting them. It's a very conflicting position to be put in. Do you disown one friend on the word of another? They are still most likely a good person. Good people do bad things sometimes. Everyone makes mistakes. They might not even realize they violated that person. But they did, and the hurt they caused is very real. That pain, shame and anxiety is usually the woman's burden to bear. Most guys will walk away scot-free.

Honestly, I don't have all the answers but I'm tired of doing nothing. I know we can't eradicate sexual assault from this world, but I refuse to simply accept the statistic of one in four women. I don't want my children to have to endure those odds someday.

So, what do we do? My boyfriend recently asked me this, after one of my good friends had been assaulted by one of his good friends. I told him the first step is continue having civil conversations about sexual assault. It's a sensitive topic especially when it comes to

people we love, but it's not going away. We need to talk, and then take action.

I'm writing this piece for me, but also for him. Our fights all circulate around that crucial question "What can we do?" Well, here's three things we can start with.

Believe survivors. Not just the ones you like, or when they accuse people you don't like. I know that false accusations are real, but from my experience, most women are telling the truth. It isn't easy to speak out, and it isn't without consequence. I know women who have lost close friends and job prospects, or suffered academically for speaking up. Ask yourself: why would they lie? What do they have to gain from lying? Some women are harassed, crucified, slut-shamed or not believed when they speak. Not pressing charges doesn't mean something didn't happen. Pressing charges can be emotionally exhausting for survivors, with a grim outlook. According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) out of every 1,000 rapes, 994 perpetrators will walk free.

But listening isn't a preventative measure; it will only minimize damage. We have to change the way men treat women. This requires men to talk to other men. Women have been talking for too long with too little impact. Sexual assault is typically considered a "women's issue," but statistically

speaking, it's men who are perpetrating this violence. Men need to step up. Talk to your friends, fraternity brothers, classmates and colleagues. Normalize consent (think FRIES; Freely given, Reversible, Informed, Enthusiastic, and Sober). Call them out when they make rape jokes. They've never been funny. Call them out when they refer to each other's girlfriends, sisters or female friends in sexual ways that would upset the women if they heard. You know what I'm talking about. Call them out when they post sexist memes. They might make you chuckle, but they also might confirm sexist beliefs your friends have, consciously or not.

If you know someone who has been accused of assault, talk to them about it. Not in an accusatory or demonizing way; that's not productive. Tell them how they hurt that person. Tell them not to do it again. You don't have to stop being their friend, but you have to let them know what they did was wrong. Intervene if you see men treating women in ways that make you uncomfortable. If you're feeling weird in a situation, chances are the woman is feeling 10 times more uncomfortable.

Finally, we have to put the pressure on UMaine to do better. I love UMaine. I've spent nearly four years here and they've been the best four years of my life. I am so happy I came here. But as much as I love my uni-

versity, I can critique it when necessary. I know women who have gone through all the appropriate channels to report their assaults, to no avail. We need to see actual consequences take place. Our school has a mandatory reporting policy that includes professors, RAs, Women's Resource Center employees; pretty much everyone on the payroll. That's incredibly problematic, and blatantly favors the university's needs over student's. The university is currently facing a civil lawsuit for failure to comply to Title IX regulations and inadequate responses to sexual assault. I think it's far overdue. At the same time, UMaine has boasted about our high safety rating from the National Council for Home Safety and Security. We need to make our voices heard that sexual assault is happening here and now, and the University needs to take more preventative, consequential action.

You might think the advice I've given is too general, but I would argue that change comes down to small choices we make every day. Calling your friends out is hard. Challenging authority at UMaine is intimidating. The only way we can improve is to demand better of ourselves, our peers and our beloved school. Changing a culture happens at a glacial pace. But continuing on the way things are just isn't good enough.



Caitlyn Burman | Cartoonist

Russia from A6

many others, including Politkovskaya's, is not the elevators. In some way these cases are responses to what is envisioned as a breach of values and codes of conduct. As is the Russian way, historically, these things tend to emerge as intense bouts of political expression. The increas-

ing Westernization of the country in the post-USSR era has met an equally resurgent front of latent Soviet resistance. Some people are still stuck in the Soviet mindset that contradicts the values expounded by these western-looking news outlets. That friction between forces sometimes causes an explosion, and we get attacks on journalists.

A journalist I met in Rus-

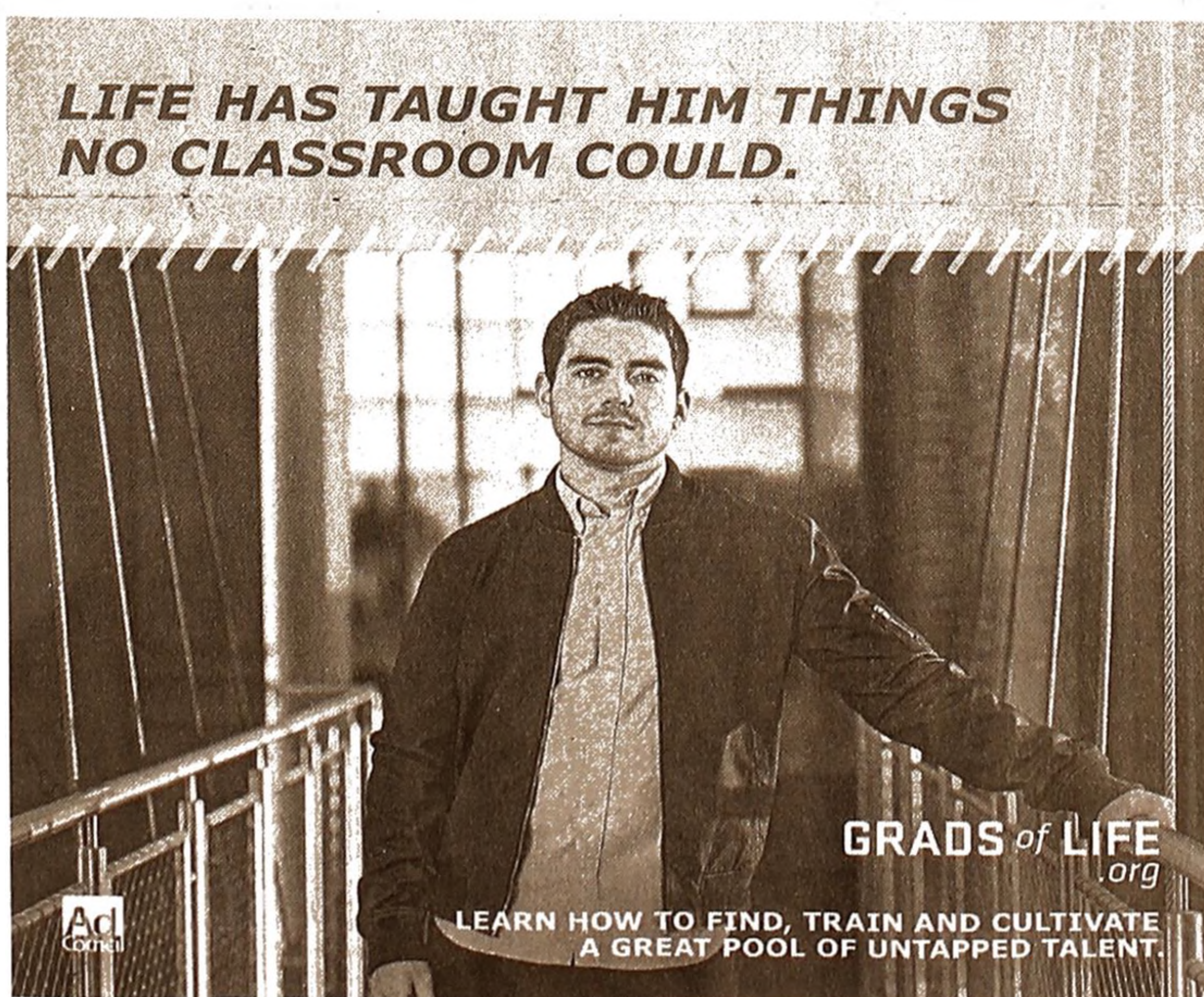
sia told me that at state news outlets, when writing veers too far from the agenda, they repeat the motto "that's not our angle." That's about the nicest way journalists can be confronted with the harsh reality that free speech is a revolutionary profession in a deeply status quo country. Usually, they experience it first-hand in opposition from conservative populations and all

levels of government. The misconception is that it all comes from this latter group, but that lessens the issue. Journalism in Russia is suspended in an environment more dangerous than merely the government can create. It's attacked on both sides, from the government above and a few individuals below.

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and overall motivation. Though several people argue that establishing a universal basic income will do more harm than good,

the positive consequences outweigh the negatives. In addition to the flexibility it can provide to workers who've lost their job to robots, it might just be the answer we need in order to defeat the poverty epidemic.



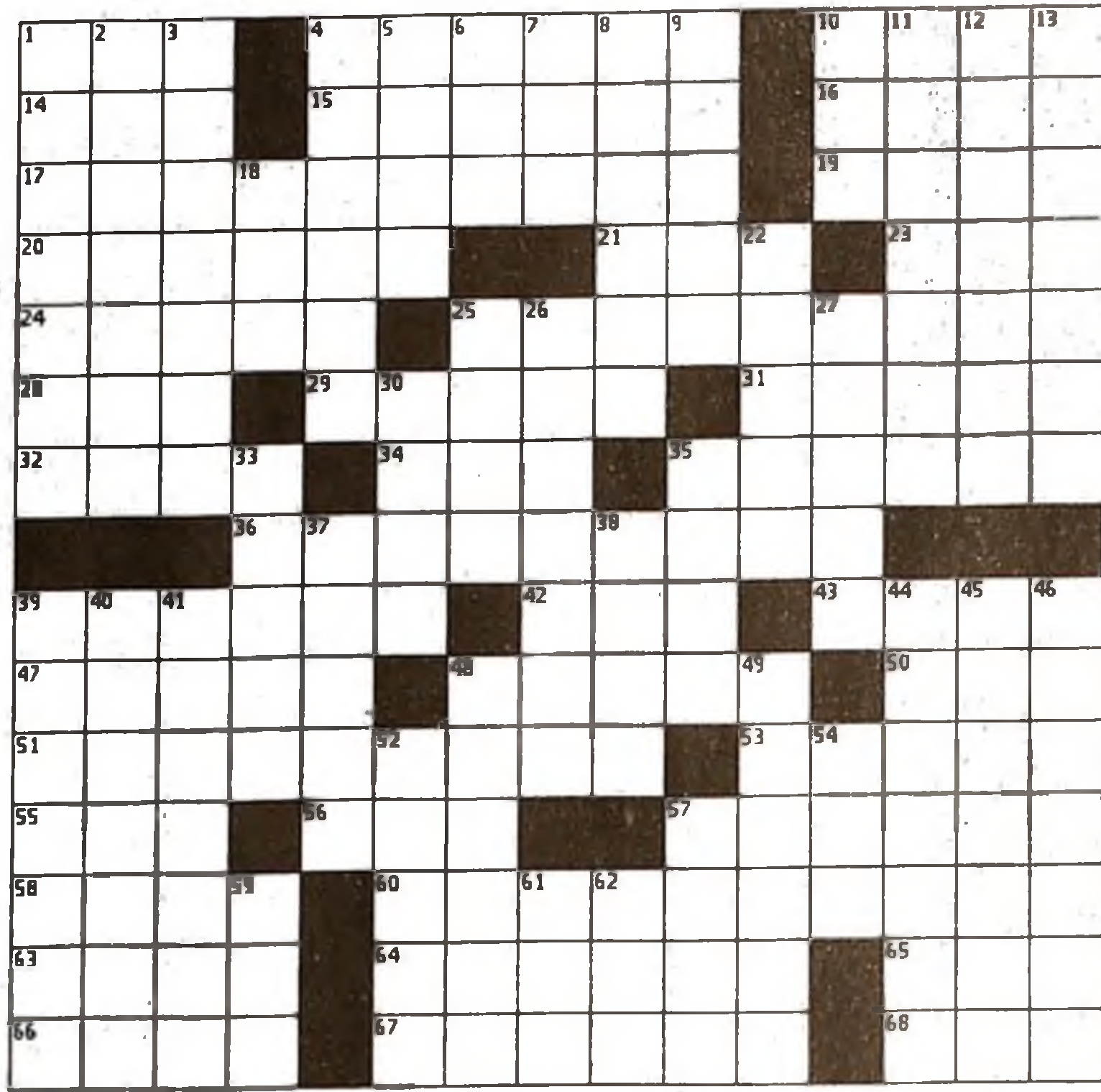
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| Mud Season | Flood Season |
| Spring Break | Spring Forward |



Diversions

Crossword



Across

1. Fall bloom
4. They may be full of shots
10. P, in radio lingo
14. Daughter of Cadmus
15. Gather
16. "Why not give it ___?"
17. Baseball book?
19. Oklahoma tribe
20. "Nuts!"
21. Southeast Asian language
23. Flying letters
24. For the birds
25. Public relations budget?
28. Perfect number
29. Environmentalist
31. Wink accompanier
32. Lip
34. Barely any
35. XXX, perhaps
36. Cook with a laser?
39. Girl's toy
42. O'Neill's "The Hairy

Down

43. Collection pit
47. Charm, for instance
48. Nimble
50. "Shakespeare in Amer. Communities" co-sponsor
51. Sticker bush cousin?
53. Wears well
55. ___ Bernardo, Chile
56. Dream indication
57. Graceful women
58. Author Bagnold
60. Lee's best?
63. Excite
64. Excitement manifestation
65. Storm hdg
66. Bunch
67. Dependable
68. "The Daughter of Time" author

Down

1. Err as to the origin of
2. Covered with dirt or gravel, say
3. Tying up
4. Temporary
5. Attic, e.g.
6. Certain sib
7. WWW address
8. Kind of ballot
9. NY hospital co-founder
10. Kung ___ chicken
11. Goes to
12. Mentor's charge
13. Responses to bridge bids?
18. Cell component
22. Old Dodges
25. On its way
26. Nobility
27. Boots out
30. It engages in underground activity
33. Krupp Works city
35. "I Lost It at the Mov-

ies" author

37. Fizzle (out)
38. Maybery boy
39. Curtain adornments
40. You'd hear it in Toledo
41. Idiomatic
44. Like funds on hand
45. Coal mine product
46. Door opener
48. Secret target?
49. Palace overseas
52. Doctor's orders
54. Jungfrau, e.g.
57. Market
59. Drops on the ground
61. ___ big way
62. Former CIA counterpart

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Word Search: St. Patrick's Day

- BEER
- BELFAST
- BISHOP
- CABBAGE
- CELEBRATION
- CELTIC CROSS
- CHRISTIAN
- CLOVER
- CORK
- CORNED BEEF
- DANCING
- DUBLIN
- EVENTS
- FEAST DAY
- FESTIVAL
- GREEN
- GUINNESS
- HERITAGE
- HISTORY
- HOLIDAY
- HOLY DAY

- IRELAND
- IRISH
- LEPRECHAUN
- LIMERICK
- MARCH
- MISSIONARY
- MUSIC
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- SODA BREAD
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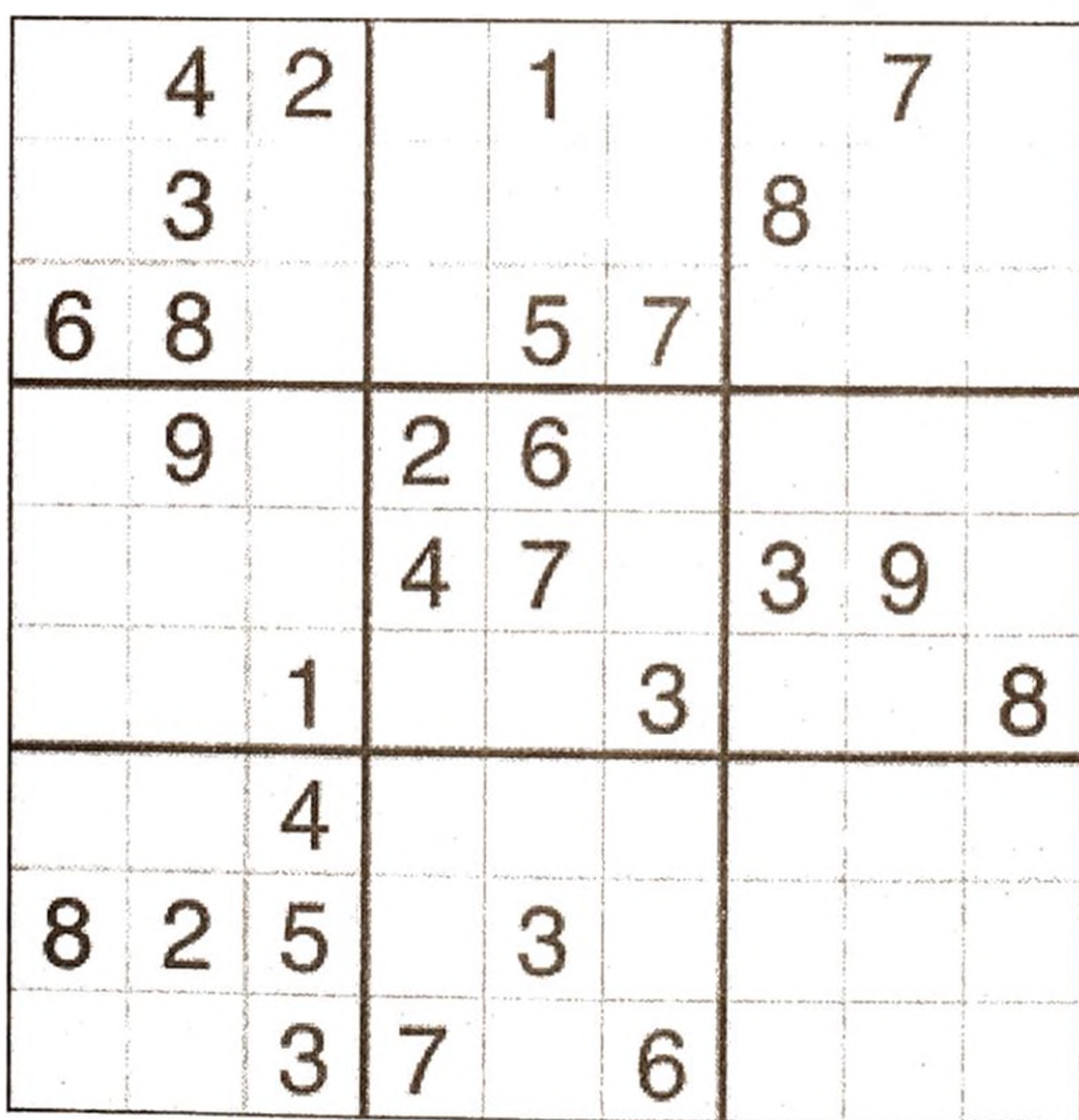
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty level: Easy



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Word Scramble: Spring

1. MSOSOBL
2. WRAM
3. RBSID
4. OFDAIDLF
5. WOGF
6. OWESFRL
7. LETM
8. NPATL
9. HCATH
10. IPNCCI

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XKCD

By Randall Munroe

"GENERATIONS" ARE ARBITRARY. THEY'RE JUST LABELS WE USE TO OBLIQUELY TALK ABOUT CULTURAL TRENDS. BUT SINCE PEW RESEARCH HAS BECOME THE LATEST TO WEIGH IN, AND EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD POINTLESS ARGUMENT OVER DEFINITIONS...

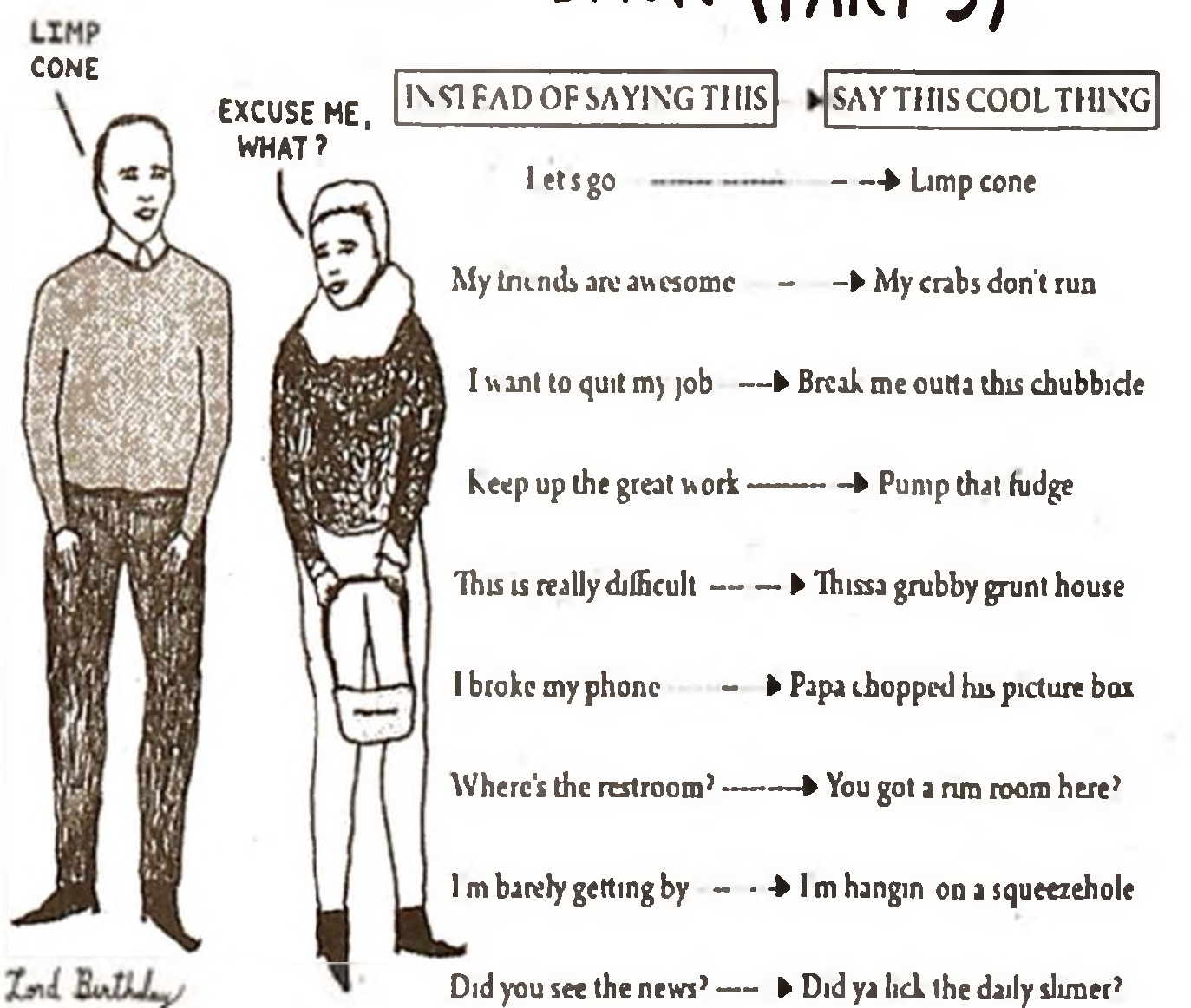
XKCD PRESENTS A DEFINITIVE CHRONOLOGY OF THE GENERATIONS

- 1730-1747 THE FOUNDERS
- 1748-1765 GENERATION f
- 1766-1783 THE ADEQUATE GENERATION
- 1784-1801 GENERATION AE
- 1802-1819 THE GENERATION WE CUT A LOT OF SLACK BECAUSE THEY PRODUCED LINCOLN
- 1820-1837 THE GILDED GENERATION
- 1838-1855 THE SECOND-GREATEST GENERATION
- 1856-1873 GENERATION - - - -
- 1874-1891 THE 'KIDS WHO DIED IN THE GILDED GENERATION'S FACTORIES AND MINES
- 1892-1909 OOPS, ONE OF US IS HITLER
- 1910-1927 THE GREATEST GENERATION
- 1928-1945 THE SILENT GENERATION
- 1946-1963 BABY BOOMERS
- 1964-1981 GENERATION X
- 1982-1999 MILLENNIALS
- 2000-2017 GENERATION #
- 2018-2035 ZUCKERBERG'S ARMY
- 2036-2053 THE HOVERING ONES
- 2054-2071 SPARE PARTS
- 2072-2089 MORE GEN-XERS SOMEHOW
- 2090-2107 THE PAPERCLIP MACHINES
- 2108-2125 THE MIXED BAG (PRODUCED 4 LINCOLNS, 1 NAPOLEON, AND 2 HITLERS)
- 2126-2143 THE PROCEDURAL GENERATION
- 2144-2161 GENERATION Ω
- 2360-2378 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION

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Reviews

MUSIC

If you don't Know APC, Now is the Album to Start



bandcamp.com

RATING ★★★★★

Noah Loveless
WMEB Staff

American Pleasure Club (APC), formerly Teen Suicide, is a Baltimore-based indie rock band, though the styles and influences they draw from can make them appear to be hardly one single genre. Having released their first music in 2011 under the Teen Suicide name, they began releasing under their current name in December and released this album, "A Whole F---ing Lifetime of This." This album chronicles a sense of maturity in the band in terms of sound as they explore many diverse sounds from ambient, to folk, to drum and bass on this accomplished collection of emotional tracks.

The bandleader of APC is Sam Ray, a highly prolific solo artist recording under other names like Ricky Eat Acid. The influence of Ray's sound on this album is evident, with many ambient and drone influences seen on tracks like "Let's Move to the Desert" as well as drum and bass elements on tracks like "Just a Mistake." APC's development away from an earlier raw punk sound can be seen as a result of Ray's evolution as an artist himself.

The musical elements of "A Whole F---ing Lifetime of This" have seen a variety of approaches to new sounds. One element that can be seen in the undercurrents of the album is the emo-style vocals and lyrics. Lyrics surrounding themes of sadness, introspective angst, and love can be seen on tracks like "Seemed Like the Whole World Was Lost" in which the first verse is:

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along with it.

"We teach everyone the Stein Song and how to do the intro. We hold those traditions dear because we are the ones who start everything else that goes on," White said. "The drummers, we have to teach how to do the penalty cheer."

The music that is played every year is passed on through the upperclassmen, with different sections teaching the new members what to do for different movements and traditions throughout the game.

Everyone had a different way of making it to the band either through participating in the band or experiencing their music. They all know, though, that with-

"Lately I get to feeling like I'm drowning / and I don't know what to do / I'm so in love with you but I think I got to give it up"

Similarly, track four, "Sycamore," touches upon existential themes of loneliness lyrically as well as a pop-inspired hook. The vocal samples are pitched up in a style that is vaguely similar to the vocals on Bon Iver's latest album "22, A Million." This track is definitely a highlight for its emotional impact and excellent use of textures and sounds. The production is both lo-fi on vocals and crisp and dreamy on the synths and electronic samples.

Another notable track on this album is track six, "There Was a Time When I Needed It," which features a pulsing drum beat and a soaring '80s-sounding guitar line that gives the track a feeling of personal reflection while on the dance floor. The song gives the feel of a nostalgia or hope that that summer won't end, like in a teenage romance movie.

At this stage in their career, American Pleasure Club doesn't seem to be perfect but "A Whole F---ing Lifetime of This" represents a significant stage in their development. Their sound has diversified widely thanks to the influence of leader Sam Ray. Lyrically, the themes have developed as well, taking more nuanced approaches to relatable human experiences. Make sure to look forward to an even more exceptional album to come from this group in the future.

out the Pep Band Black Bear sporting events would not be the same.

"I like the enthusiasm. I like that the band is a part of the entire experience. People have been to games when the band is there and isn't and it isn't the same. I like how they contribute to the entire experience of the event," Paulsen said.

Although there may be no rhyme or reason for why the band does what they do, they have made Black Bear hockey and basketball into what they are today: institutions of UMaine. Lucky for us, they love doing it too.

"We're just happy to be there before, during and after the game no matter what," Waldron said.

NETFLIX

Netflix's "Grace and Frankie" is a friendship love story



netflix.com

RATING ★★★★★

Sarah O'Malley
Staff Writer

It's no secret that opportunities for actresses drop significantly after they turn 50. It gets worse after 60. And if they're 70? Forget about it. That's part of what makes Netflix's show "Grace and Frankie" such a breath of fresh air. It's a show about two wonderfully different, yet perfectly matched 70-year-old women, without only focusing on their age. There are episodes about their sex lives, romantic relationships, family dynamics, embarrassments and accomplishments. But overall, it's a story about female friendship.

The series begins with the revelation that Grace and Frankie's husbands, Robert and Sol, are leaving them to pursue a homosexual relationship with each other. Both couples had been married for 40 years, and it turns out the last 20 of which Robert and Sol, business partners at a divorce firm, had been fooling around. This shock sets the series in motion, and while it initially destroys the women, it also sets them free to begin a new chapter of their lives.

The title roles are played by Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin, and the casting is undeniably perfect. Fonda plays Grace, an uptight cosmetics mogul whose aged beauty and sophisticated style makes her a stark opposite to Tomlin's character, Frankie. Frankie is an absolute gem, an overall-wearing hippy art teacher who talks to herself regularly and has a habit of enjoying recreational drugs. Over time the wom-

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their time in Orono, as they are heavily involved with incoming students and are more or less an extension of the admissions office. They give tours on campus, call prospective students to tell them about upcoming events and host open houses and events such as Accepted Students Day.

While Deoul came to UMaine primarily for the football program, the campus and its community have assured him that he made the right choice.

"I'm active in clubs and activities and Team Maine. I always tell people that a one word summary of UMaine is 'opportunity,'" Deoul said. "The coach-

en come to lean and rely on each other, and eventually they fall in love as friends. They relate over the turmoil caused by their unfaithful gay ex-husbands, but along the way realize that they are more similar than they initially thought. They go on all kinds of adventures, experience spiritual awakenings and endure existential crises. They have an amazing chemistry together, and their age plays in their favor as they reminisce often of good times long past.

But something that will strike viewers off guard is the undeniable humor of the show. Although it tackles tough issues like addiction, infidelity, divorce and death, it will still have you smiling in the end. Fonda and Tomlin are comedy legends, and nail their title roles perfectly. Even college students will find themselves laughing at these "chronologically advanced" women.

The show premiered on Netflix back in 2015 and has since added four additional seasons for viewers. Last February the series was renewed for a fifth season. "Grace and Frankie" has been recognized at the Primetime Emmy Awards and the Golden Globes for Tomlin and Fonda's roles. Each season consists of 13 episodes, roughly half an hour long.

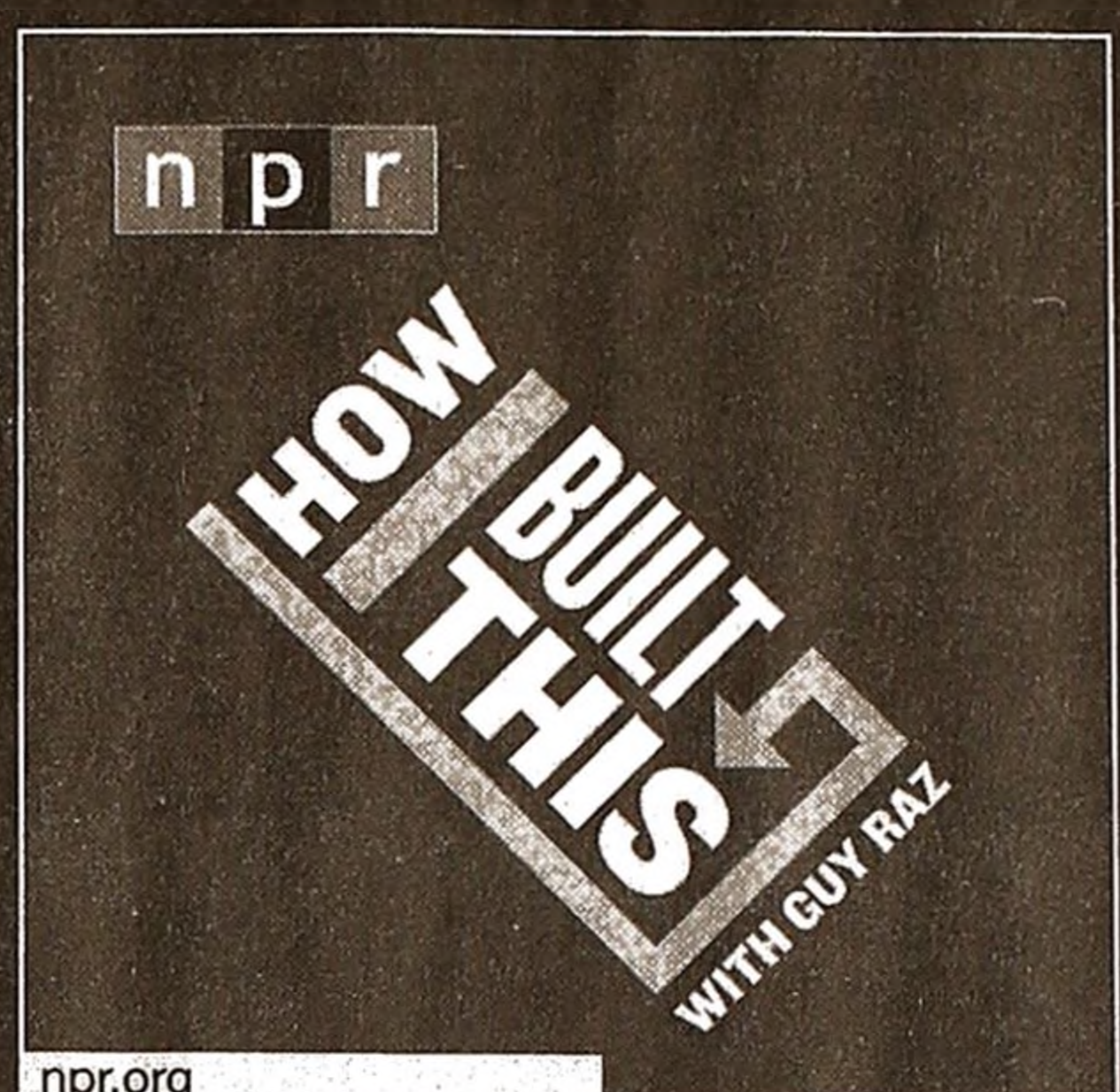
es gave me an opportunity to play here, I didn't have much opportunity to play elsewhere, and now I start on the football team. And all the people you can meet and network with? I never thought I would have this many contacts in my phone."

"The coaches have stressed to us from day one that our jersey, our name, us representing the Black Bear football program is so much more than playing on the field," Deoul said.

Deoul has been active on the football field as well, punting for 2,422 yards and playing in all 10 games last season as the starting punter. Deoul finds inspiration in athletes Eli Manning and Derek Jeter. But he made it clear that his true role models are his parents and his sister, who plays

PODCAST

"How I Built This" with Guy Raz gives inside scoop into the beginnings of our favorite businesses



npr.org

RATING ★★★★★

Jordan Houdeshell
Editor in Chief

I don't know how I happened to stumble upon "How I Built This" with Guy Raz, but I do know that I am glad to have found it. As the title indicates, NPR produces this podcast hosted by Guy Raz, where he interviews people who created and founded companies worldwide. The companies he focuses on are well-known internationally, with a shorter segment at the end about an up-and-coming company.

What originally drew me in was my interest in the inspiration behind some of these companies that are commonplace in today's society. The first episode I listened to was about Instagram and I was blown away by how the company started from chaos. After that, I was hooked and continued to listen to episodes on companies that I am interested in or whose products or services I use.

After listening to over 10 episodes, I was concerned they would begin to get repetitive and boring, but each start-up story is different. Some are more complex, while others started from a simple idea that someone had confidence in. TOMS, which was started by Blake Mycoskie after a trip to Argentina where he saw kids who needed shoes to attend school, is one of the more complex stories. Before he started TOMS, Mycoskie had already founded and sold four businesses. The episode went through each one, finally culminating with the explanation of how TOMS was created.

The episode doesn't just end when the company becomes successful either. In the TOMS episode, Raz

asked questions about the negative commentary TOMS has received about whether it is actually helping the communities it intends to, or if it makes them more reliant on others. Giving the founder the opportunity to discuss controversy such as this makes it so much more than a start-up story. It tells the story of a company from the very beginning to where it is now.

Many of the companies almost didn't make it to where they are now, but it was thanks to someone with a goal and the support of others that they were able to create lasting companies. Hearing many of these stories, it seems unfathomable how a pipe dream could become a business used by millions. One example of this was Lonely Planet and how the founders, Maureen and Tony Wheeler, started the company as a way to raise money while living in Australia. They put the first books together on their kitchen table, folding and stapling them together to sell them to local bookstores for \$1.80. Today, Lonely Planet is the largest travel guide book publisher in the world.

The versatility of the podcast makes it approachable for people with all different interests. It is one of those podcasts where I like to pick and choose my episodes instead of subscribing to them all. Some of my favorites have been on Clif Bar, Airbnb, Lonely Planet and Teach for America. One that surprised me was the episode on Bumble, which was a company I was not familiar with, but I was nevertheless still intrigued by the story of how it

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about is impossible without directly asking a participant. Even then, there are a fair amount who aren't entirely sure, just happy to be out marching on a rare sunny day.

I've been here for long enough now that it's started to feel less like a grand adventure and more like any other semester of college. I know that sounds ungrateful, considering that traveling through Spain is an opportunity that very few people have. I hope that that feeling is coming from me being stuck in my coughing until my head hurts. I need these rains to let up, or to figure out how to be my own tour guide.

Jazz vibes fill the walls of Minsky Hall



On Feb. 28, UMaine School of Performing Arts hosted a Chamber Jazz Recital at Minsky Recital Hall.

Evan Loignon, Staff.

Griffin Stockford Contributor

The Chamber Jazz Recital was held in Minsky Recital Hall on Friday, Feb. 23. Four University of Maine jazz groups came together for a friendly and non-competitive battle of the jazz bands.

"Basically we have a big jam session at the beginning of the year and they figure out who they have for what instruments and then they divvy them up between the different combos," Jake Gebhard, a trumpet player from the second group, said.

While each group played three songs, they each also had very different styles and approaches to their performance.

The first group seemed to have a beach theme, which

was reflected by the titles of their three songs: "Sandu," "Stormy Weather" and "Wave." The songs transported me to a rainy day on an island, where there were no expectations and only relaxation. The band presented itself with a very classic look, as the two guitar players in the back wore white shirts with ties that gave off a throwback 70s vibe as they plucked their way through three guitar-heavy tunes. All three songs included many solos as well by almost everyone in the band, particularly trombonist Sam Nichols, whose long solos gave the music a unique flare.

The second group was much different than the first, with both a trumpet and a violin in the mix. In their final song, "All of Me," Gebhard on trumpet and Lindsay Waller on

violin had a solo duel where it jumped back and forth from one person to the other. It was a successful contrast between the two instruments and something I didn't expect to see.

"It's a lot of fun trying to balance between the trumpet and the violin because you have a brass instrument and a string instrument, so you have to work to balance one another," Gebhard said.

Gebhard says that he and the other students in his group chose their own music and had only been practicing their songs for about three weeks.

"We're allowed to choose our own songs, so we're encouraged to pick something we're interested in," Gebhard said. "We arrange it, we pick out the order we want to solo in, so we've got a lot of free-

dom in our combos."

Group two's songs gave off a bit of a British feel, as if they'd been plucked right from the movie "Paddington 2." They were upbeat, felt extremely jazzy and relied heavily on trumpet.

Group three incorporated a singer, as Eric Schessler's crooning immediately triggered similarities to Frank Sinatra.

"I try to follow some of the older style like Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra," Schessler said. "Seth MacFarlane, the guy who makes Family Guy, actually sings in that style so I listen to a lot of him. His tone is really rich so I try to find a lot of that in my own tone."

The group's song choices also required Schessler to vocally improvise with long series of "boo-dops" and "zoo-

bops," which Schessler says come to him in the moment.

"I'm making it up on the spot, it's whatever vowel or consonant comes to mind," Schessler said. "I'm listening to the other parts and finding the notes within the chord and playing around with it."

The band was also more blues-oriented, playing slow but perky tunes that felt upbeat but not rushed. "Blue Skies," the band's final tune, felt like walking through a park on a beautiful spring day.

The final group was the largest and included upright bass and piano. There were solos performed by everyone, including some upright bass that required intense and meticulous strumming. The highlight, however, was violinist Anthony Viselli, whose swaggerous solos were full of

passionate movements to the music, which only added to the performance.

One of the interesting contrasts between all four bands was their attire. The first group was fairly loose, the second had a black and maroon theme, the third wore fairly dark clothes but was not too coordinated, and the fourth wore dress clothes of various colors. None was really better than the other and all styles fit the music. Minsky Hall worked perfectly for the type of show, as it felt formal but not too formal and the wooden backdrop gave off a very jazzy feel.

Keep an eye out for these jazz troupes in the Memorial Union, as they each perform there at some point throughout the semester and each offer a unique approach to the genre.

10 ways to make a difference at UMaine

Sarah O'Malley Staff Writer

One of the many amazing things about the college of our hearts always is its endless opportunities to make an impact, whether it be on this campus, in the state of Maine, for the United States or on a global scale. The best way to get involved is to collaborate with some of the amazing service, activist or political student clubs. With so many options, meetings and events it's hard to know where to begin. Here are 10 organizations that are a great place to start.

Apply for student government positions. This is a terrific way to meet dedicated students and utilize your power and voice in matters that directly impact the student body. Student government oversees financial affairs, student organizations, legal services, student entertainment, student senate and a host of

other committees. Applications for student senate can be completed online through the UMaine website. Many times positions go unfilled, so even if you don't think you're the best candidate, you may have more of a shot than you think.

Get involved with political clubs. Our school has clubs for both Democrats and Republicans, which host guest speakers every semester. Maine Gov. Paul LePage just hosted a town hall planned by the UMaine College Republicans, and Attorney General Janet Mills visited campus courtesy of the UMaine College Democrats not too long ago. No matter your political affiliation, you'll find passionate political advocates in both groups.

Attend a Partners for Word Health meeting. They meet every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Coe Room of the Memorial Union,

and plan four medical missions every year. As a national non-profit, their website lists their goal as "collect unused medical supplies from local medical facilities and distribute them to countries in need, effectively limiting the negative impact on our environment, to send local medical personnel on medical missions to developing countries, [and] to educate our local community about global health issues."

Make new friends through Best Buddies. This group is all about fostering compassionate one-on-one relationships between students and local people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For those who want to get involved, stop by the Coe Room on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. to meet some new friendly faces.

Learn more about environmental conservation from the Green Team. Their purpose on the UMaine orga-

nizations webpage is defined as "increasing awareness, creating action, and taking action with regard to efficiency and sustainability on campus and in the community." They have led national campaigns as well as small scale efforts to encourage students on campus to lead greener lifestyles. Join them weekly on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Little Hall Room 205.

Advocate for human rights with Amnesty International. With their annual Write for Rights campaigns and the upcoming Social Justice Social, Amnesty is a great place to start for people who want to make a global impact. Like both their official and UMaine Facebook pages to stay up to date. Some of their current focuses include relief work for Syria's civil war and advocating for indigenous people around the world.

Volunteer with a service sorority like Gamma Sigma

Sigma. Not only are they the only service-based gender-inclusive sorority on campus, they are accepting of all interested parties, no need to worry about rushing. Each member completes at least 25 service hours per semester, so if you have a passion for community service and want to make lasting friendships, check out their Facebook page for more details.

Change the conversation around mental health at an Active Minds meeting. With the goal of de-stigmatizing mental health on college campuses through education and awareness, each meeting is partially devoted to discussion and takes place every Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Lown Room of the Union. The group also puts on events throughout the semester and tables regularly.

Raise money for cancer patients and families with Colleges Against Cancer.

They host the annual Relay for Life to fundraise for the American Cancer Society, which is a fun-filled event that makes an impact in our community. Show your support for families whose lives have been touched by cancer, and like their Facebook page for more information.

Support racial justice with the Black Student Union. Although Maine is one of the least diverse states, we still have a flourishing black activism community on this campus that aims to combat anti-black racism in our state and our nation at large. Throughout the month of February, Black Student Union hosted an array of events that emphasized celebrating the diverse history and accomplishments of African American citizens. Weekly meetings take place on Fridays at 3 p.m. in the Office of Multicultural Student Life.

Ramblings from a rainy week

Finn Bradenday Contributor

I'm still in the process of recovering from a nasty cold/stomach bug that I've had since the night after I sent in my last column for publication. Combined with the return of heavy rains that haven't relented in five days, finding adventure has been difficult. Forgive me while I use this space to go off on several tangents as

I try to work out the differences in Spanish and North American culture.

Everything here happens late. I've met very few Spaniards who possess a sense of urgency about life. You'd imagine it would be relaxing, not needing to worry about time or missing appointments. Coming from Maine, where things generally run on schedule, I've ended up exasperated and lost on more than

one occasion. My classes are scheduled to start at the top of every hour, but showing up earlier than five minutes past has resulted in soul-withering glares from professors teaching the class preceding mine, which without exception runs several minutes late. It's rare that my professors walk into class earlier than 10 minutes past.

This flexible relationship with time flows into

all aspects of everyday life. Meals are postponed by two hours or more, dinner is rarely eaten before 9 p.m. and no one goes to bed before midnight, any night of the week. I feel like a senior citizen just writing this. I don't know how anything gets done here, considering that the work day seems to go from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the entire city, except the bars, shuts down on Sun-

days. I can't buy groceries, but I can get a beer at 11 in the morning.

All the time spent away from work allows for plenty of political involvement. Every Sunday there has been a different political protest in the streets. I live a block from the town square which allows me a front row seat for these demonstrations. Last week the issue at hand was that nurses were not receiving equal pay; the week

before, that retirement pensions were not high enough. These protests, or marches maybe, because they're always peaceful from what I've seen, are so common that they never make it beyond local news. The streets will be full of demonstrators, well beyond a couple thousand people, and finding any information on what people are upset

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Art Speaks: IMRC artist resonates with the crowd



As part of Tuesdays at the IMRC series, UMaine professor Andy Mauery spoke about her art on Feb. 27.

Evan Loignon, Staff.

Bria Lamonica Contributor

Andy Mauery stepped up to the brightly lit podium, and got ready to share her work and stories with the University of Maine community on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

As a sculptor, artist and educator, Mauery has been teaching at UMaine since 2000. The title of Mauery's presentation was "One is the Loneliest Number" and it featured dozens of examples and pictures of her sculptures and sketches.

"I approach art through

the lens of the human," Mauery said "I want to make plain the complexities of life."

Mauery's sculptural work incorporates fibers and human hair into different figures that represent many of the problems humans deal with in our everyday lives, and some of the problems we create in our world and for the environment. She also creates pieces that relate to endangered species, human existence, animal extinction and death, as well as barriers and curtains.

One of her pieces, called "Desperate/Disparate," was

a collection of fiber sculptures, a series of mortality sketches that were created in 2012.

"A sketch has a fixed timeline and purpose," Mauery said. "We find our meaning as humans and we build our web. Hair has its own politics, it's deeply personal, every mammal has it which is so intriguing."

Mauery also created an Oil Skull Sketch in 2010 that was a collection of stitched fibers wound into burial clothes, depicting certain animals and shedding light onto the problem of hundreds of

animal species going extinct.

Mauery's presentation included many visuals and examples relating to the topics that interest her the most and are the center of attention in many of her works. She also discussed her reoccurring and new projects she is working on, as well as the people who have impacted her artistic life the most. Mauery used sports metaphors, including a hockey goalie and a track relay event, to describe many of the problems we face as humans that have an impact on the world around us, especially on the animals and

other species we coexist with.

"The passing of the baton represents a deeper life meaning. We have the past, present and future, all represented in the baton, it shows the reality of our meaningful existence as humans on the Earth," Mauery said.

With almost every seat in the room filled, Mauery was asked many questions by fans and members of the audience who were interested in her work and what it stood for.

"As someone who loves art and works on sculptures

and sketches myself, it's nice to see an art professor in the spotlight, showing everyone what it truly means to be passionate about art and things you love," first-year student Rachel Thieme said. "It was very inspirational and I learned a lot about myself as an artist, and also about Andy Mauery as a role model and figure in the art world."

Mauery is currently working in a bacteriophage lab to learn more about microbiology and the creation of art in relation to science, and will be displaying her work in Lord Hall Gallery this July.

#YouMaine: Derek Deoul feels right where he belongs at UMaine



Derek Deoul feels right where he belongs at UMaine.

Aliya Uteuova, Culture Editor.

Griffin Stockford Contributor

The first two years at the University of Maine, Derek Deoul spent his time committed to school, football and recovering from a torn meniscus. The third-year punter and kicker from Washingtonville, New York thought he had a full plate until he found something else on campus that he loved.

"The first two years I was doing me. I did my homework, I did football and that was really it," Deoul, a business management student, said. He calls the two commitments his "full time jobs."

But then he stumbled upon Team Maine, an active group of students at UMaine whose mission is to assist new students in their transition to higher education and the UMaine

community.

"A guy who just graduated this past semester, Sam Lenson, he's my best friend and he worked with Team Maine. He had me do orientation — it was actually weird because I wanted to do it with him and then he bailed out last second," Deoul said. "So, I went into it not really knowing anybody this past summer and ended up loving everyone that was a part of it. So

much so that I joined and got a job with them."

Deoul recognized his own difficulties with the transition from high school to college and wanted to make it easier on others entering UMaine.

"When I was home I always wanted to give back to my community back home. Now that I'm up here [in Orono] this is my community and I want to give back and help peo-

ple get adjusted to college easier," Deoul said. "We all know transitioning from high school to college is so tough on all of us, time management-wise and just being in a new environment."

Deoul says he's seeing the results of his involvement already, something he talks about with a huge smile on his face.

"We did a reception down in Boston and there

was a family that was saying how much I had already affected their college experience," Deoul said. "It was just really cool to get that type of feedback and to know that what I'm doing is actually affecting people in a positive way."

It would be hard to find someone on campus who hasn't interacted with Team Maine at least once during

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NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

Ⓞ Outsider, Three Days Grace	Mar. 9
Ⓞ American Utopia, David Byrne	Mar. 9
Ⓞ Deeper, Lisa Stansfield	Mar. 9
🎬 Gringo (in theaters)	Mar. 9
🎬 The Hurricane Heist (in theaters)	Mar. 9
🎬 A Wrinkle in Time (in theaters)	Mar. 9

Reviews

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"Grace and Frankie" 🎬

"How I Built This" 🎧

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Pep Band cheers UMaine while doing what they love



UMaine Pep Band played jazzy tunes at the Men's Hockey game against UNH on Friday, March 2

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Monday, March 5

Feminist Collective Book Discussion 5 – 6 p.m. Fogler Library Classroom 1 Free

Monday, March 5

Public Talk by Shauna Shames 5 – 6 p.m. Bangor Public Library Free

Tuesday, March 6

On Friendship: A Brief History of the Concept from Aristotle on Facebook 4 – 5 p.m. AP/PE Space, IMRC Free

Wednesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 7

Stephen E. King Chair Lecture 7 – 8 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall Free

is the added element of movement and playing outside to consider, requiring significant practice before being ready to perform. The only thing that the Pep Band needs to learn is the music, the different dances and the cheers that go

See Pep on A9

Jordan Houdeshell
Editor in Chief

When most people, when think of the University of Maine hockey, think of the student section with the Naked Five, the cheers, chants and overall enthusiasm associated with the Black Bears. For both hockey and basketball though, these games would not be the same without the Pep Band. Performing at all men's hockey and men's and women's basketball games, the Pep Band is as much of a staple as the game itself. When it comes to increasing school spirit, the Pep Band has us covered.

"There is a sense of school spirit that you will not be able to find anywhere else but in the UMaine Screamin' Black Bear Pep Band. It doesn't matter if we are winning or losing, the band is always there to play and cheer on our team," third-year child development and family relations student Julia Waldron said.

Waldron has been a member of the pep band since her second year,

when she was convinced to join by her friends in Symphonic Band and Tau Beta Sigma, the honorary band service sorority. She joined Marching Band first, shortly followed by Pep Band when she realized she had found her place in sports bands.

"It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Waldron said.

Other members of the band reiterate this sentiment.

"It's awesome that we create [the atmosphere at the games]," second-year elementary education student Abby Elkins said. "We played at the women's hockey games last weekend and they were very grateful. It was awesome to know that we made that much of an impact on people."

Although the bands typically don't play at the women's hockey games, for the first round of America East play at home, the band played at all three of their games against Boston University. They also travelled down to Portland to play at the women's bas-

ketball game, but they are only able to travel to select championship games. Band Director Christopher White said that if the teams make NCAA playoffs, the band will definitely go, but other games are hit or miss depending on the location, sport and importance of the game.

Not everyone knows that the Pep Band isn't a club at the university. Instead, it's a class that students can take for one or zero credits, which can help fill general education requirements. They have scheduled class time where they practice their music, complete with a syllabus and a grade. This semester the enrollment for that class is at 119 students, which is enough to have three bands. By having three bands, it makes it so that students don't have to play at every single game, but instead at every third game. According to the band's graduate assistant Erik Paulsen, this helps to avoid burnout over the season.

With the season being as long as it is, this could be a real concern. The band starts when the bas-

ketball and hockey teams start in mid-October and goes all the way through the end of playoffs in mid-March. Although this may seem like a huge commitment, the people who do it are passionate about the work they do

"No matter the score at any time during the game, we are all also happy to be there. We get to play and cheer for our school," Waldron said

It's more than just rooting for the team though. White says being a part of any band, including the Pep Band, is key to being part of the campus and getting more out of your time at the university.

"Being part of a band is part of being a part of campus in a different way. It's campus life. Anyone who puts more than just the classes into the community is going to get more than just the classes out of it," White said.

Anyone who knows Black Bear hockey or basketball knows the traditions and cheers that go with it. Whether it is the penalty chant or hearing the Stein Song at the beginning of

every game, the band fills that need, full of spirit and traditions

"If we are playing a song we've never played before, we'll just make up our own moves to it or yell things randomly. To do it and see all the new people pick up on it, it's like, 'We made that'," Elkins said.

Both Paulsen and White said that the students and the crowd just add things along the way to form the traditions that the student section knows and loves

"I can't tell you why, but I can tell you we just did something over and over again until it happened. And why do we do it, is there some secret reason... no. Not that I know of at least. The same thing with the audience. Someone started a dance and someone thought it was cool and so it caught on," White said.

Although both the Marching Band and the Pep Band perform at sporting events, the two groups are different bands. There are different people within the two bands and the structure of them is also distinct. With Marching Band, there

Students stage sit-in protest to voice concerns

Sarah O'Malley
Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 1, University of Maine students staged a sit-in protest at a routine Board of Trustees meeting in Estabrooke Hall. They voiced concerns over recent proposed changes to the political affiliation and free speech policies. The public meeting took place in the Rudman Conference room on the second floor. Although the meeting dealt mostly with budgeting discussions surrounding internet and technology projects on campus, 11 students attended to ensure that the board members present were aware of their apprehensions.

The policy in question is titled "Institutional Authority on

Political Matters," and aims to safeguard the university's non-profit status by restricting faculty and staff from engaging in political action, discourse or discussion on university time or property. This has raised a few eyebrows around campus, as many have expressed concerns that it could stifle faculty and staff's ability to share their perspectives on and knowledge of their fields of study, and possibly infringe on freedom of speech capacities.

The students present were mainly pushing for more information to be released on the matter, as neither the specific language of the policy nor the date for the scheduled vote have been released.

Kirsten Daley, a fourth-year student and president of the

Black Student Union, organized and led the protest. Holding a sign that said "release the language" and backed by a variety of fellow student activists, she explained her message.

"Today we were just trying to push to get them to release the language of the freedom of speech rules they're trying to vote on to the general student body so that we know what they're voting on," she said. "And they also should release when they're going to be doing this vote. Right now, they said it's not set in stone and they don't know when they'll be voting. But it is important for the student body to realize what is going on behind closed doors; what these rules mean to changes to their faculty and staff's jobs to their places on

this campus, to the place of political action on this campus."

Daley prompted the board with her questions about the vote date and language, but was met with vague answers and repeatedly referred to Samuel Borer, the student body representative on the board. Borer was absent from the meeting. Although the board affirmed that the vote date will take place in March, specifics have yet to be released.

The board also referred to a March 2017 adoption of a new version of freedom of speech policies, which passed abruptly and has been effective since. That policy states that "free speech requires tolerance for diversity of opinion and re-

spect for an individual's right to express his or her beliefs, however unpopular they may be, without social or legal prohibition or fear of sanction. Tolerating and respecting another's views, however, does not mean those views are immune from critical scrutiny. Indeed, it is the university's responsibility to foster an environment where all are free to critically evaluate the ideas presented to them, and to accept critical evaluation of their own ideas." The full policy is available for viewing on the UMaine website at maine.edu/about-the-system/board-of-trustees/policy-manual/section212.

Daley's crucial concern is the ability to stay up-to-date on these issues, saying, "being able to be informed on these

topics is the only way we're going to make sure that we know that our freedom of speech is safe and that our faculty and staff also have that freedom to do political action. Political action has been vital to college campuses since colleges started...and to challenge that and to try to stem political action is only going to make our campus worse."

According to the UMaine website, "all board meetings are open to the public... The University of Maine System Board of Trustees consists of 16 members, 15 of which are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Maine Legislature." The information regarding the next meeting has yet to be released.

Sports

Monday, March 5, 2018

UMAINE RESULTS

3/3	Men's Basketball @ Vermont	Loss	60-75
	Men's Hockey vs. UNH	Win	3-2
3/4	Softball vs. Nebraska Omaha	Loss	2-4
	Baseball @ University of Miami	Loss	1-7
	Women's Basketball vs. UNH	Win	64-48

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4



MEN'S HOCKEY Black Beats sweep UNH Wildcats

The Black Bears will move on in Hockey East Playoffs.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY Women's hockey falls to Northeastern

Black Bears fall in conference semifinal

B3



Maine gives Vermont a tough fight in regular-season finale



Isaiah White takes a drive at the net in hopes of scoring two points against the Vermont Catamounts during the first half on Tuesday February 27.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff

Chase Whitney Contributor

On the night of Feb. 27, the Maine Black Bears rounded out their regular season at home in the Cross Insurance Arena in Bangor. The America East-leading Vermont Catamounts, who are almost surely bound for the NCAA Tournament with a record of 25-6, were the opponents for the night.

At 7:08 p.m., the game tipped off. The Catamounts started off the game firing from beyond the arc, with third-year guards Ernie and Everett Duncan each canning a three-ball. The Cat-

amounts are a very slow, methodical and efficient team, which is a testament to Head Coach John Becker's success with the program. A two-time America East coach of the year, and a contender for national coach of the year last season, Becker has built a winning culture at Vermont and brings the team to March Madness almost every year. They are also currently tied for the longest active road winning-streak in the nation with Gonzaga University.

Defense was clearly an emphasis for Vermont early on, as the Black Bears struggled to nibble away

at the 5-point lead Vermont built early on in the game. The Black Bears would put together a few nice possessions, but then Vermont would thwart any attempt at a run with their stout defense and slow pace of play, which were the two big difference-makers in this game.

With about 10 minutes to go in the first half, Maine was still hanging close, using some toughness on the offensive glass and in the paint to get themselves to the free throw line. However, they didn't have much of an answer at the defensive end, with Vermont going 10-16 from the field,

including 5-7 from three-point range, in the first 12 minutes, while Maine shot a dismal 8-22 from the field.

One bright spot for the Black Bears in the first half was second-year forward Andrew Fleming. A Mainer himself, Fleming is a force inside and can also stretch the floor a bit with his jump-shot. If he can continue to develop his jumper, he will be an impact player in the America East conference. Very few players with his size and speed can stretch the floor, and that would also be a very valuable piece for the Maine offense to work around.

Head Coach Bob Walsh decided to go to a full-court press with about five minutes left in the half. Vermont was slicing them up in the halfcourt, so maybe forcing them to go the whole way down the floor with someone in their jersey would help. The Black Bears ended up trimming a few points off the lead and went into the half down 33-28. Fleming led the Black Bears with nine points and four boards, and fourth-year forward Drew Urquhart led the Catamounts, also with nine points but grabbing two rebounds.

The Black Bears came out of the locker room with

initiative; an and-one from both Fleming and third-year guard Aaron Calixte, the team's leading scorer, followed by a three from Calixte cut the Catamounts' lead to just 3 with 16:40 remaining in the game. About a minute later, Calixte converted on another and-one and the Black Bears tied the game at 39 with 15:47 to go. A Vermont timeout was called to stall the momentum that Maine was building. Their hot shooting cooled off a bit in the start of the second half, a main reason that the Black Bears were able to tie it up.

See Men's Bball on B5

Softball wraps up play at Mizuno Classic

Emma Lindblad Contributor

The University of Maine softball team (4-6) traveled to Stillwater, Oklahoma for the Mizuno Classic. The tournament consists of five games for the Black Bears, against Saint Francis University (SFU), Oklahoma State University and the University of Nebraska Omaha on Friday, March 2 through Sunday, March 4. The Black Bears kicked off the classic on Friday, March 2 when they played the Red Flash from Saint Francis (10-7) in game one of a doubleheader. The Black Bears fell to the Red Flash 4-1 in their opening game.

Starting in the circle for the Black Bears was fourth-year Molly Flowers

Last season Flowers went 6-10 with 26 appearances and 20 starts, while striking out 79 hitters in 94.1 innings.

Starting in the circle for the Red Flash was second-year Abby Trahan. Last season, Trahan was named the NEC Rookie of the Year and was a member of the NFCA All-Region Third Team. She appeared in 35 games and was ranked 60th in Division 1 in hits allowed per seven innings (5.3).

In the top of the first, Saint Francis fourth-year Sierra McKee scored the first run of the game off of a wild pitch, 1-0. Then, fourth-year Hayley Norton lined a double to center field which brought in third-years Cheyenne McKee and Cassidy Troxell, 3-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Black Bears made a pitching change, putting in first-year Kyleigh O'Donnell to replace Flowers.

In the top of 5th, SFU scored again when fourth-year Madison Cabell hit a home run to put the Red Flash up by four.

In the 5th inning, Maine got on the board when third-year Meghan Royle hit a solo homer to the left to make cut the lead to three. That would be the last run as SFU went on to win it 4-1.

Softball falls to Oklahoma State University

The University of Maine softball team played their second game of the day on Friday, March 2 against the Cowgirls from Oklaho-

ma State University. After only playing five innings, the Black Bears fell to the Cowgirls 19-1.

Starting in the circle in game two for the Black Bears was Flowers. Pitching for the Cowgirls was third-year Samantha Clakley. Last season, Clakley was named to the Second-Team All-Sun Belt Conference and SBC All-Tournament Team while appearing in 45 games.

In the first inning, Oklahoma State got on the board early off of a sacrifice from first-year Sydney Pennington to give them the 1-0 lead. The runs kept coming when two more Cowgirls crossed home plate.

In the bottom of the second, there was a home run from second-year catcher

Mackenzie Thomas, resulting in an 11-0 Cowgirls lead. Maine would get on the board in the top of the fourth inning with a solo shot to the left, 12-1.

Unfortunately, it just wasn't Maine's day, as the Cowgirls would go onto score seven more runs, resulting in a final score of 19-1.

Softball downs SFU in day two of Mizuno Classic

The University of Maine softball team returned to Cowgirl Stadium for day two of the Mizuno Classic for a doubleheader against SFU and Oklahoma State on Saturday, March 3. In game one, the Black Bears defeated the Red Flash, 8-3.

The starting pitcher for the Black Bears in game

one was fourth-year Annie Kennedy. Last season, Kennedy made 24 appearances with five starts and went 5-3 with a team-low 4.04 ERA and 30 strikeouts.

The starting pitcher for the Red Flash was second-year Adrian Smith, who last season made 22 appearances with 11 starts, with one at third base and 10 as designated player.

In the top of the fourth inning, Maine struck first when fourth-year Erika Leonard and third-year Maddie Decker both scored to give the Black Bears a two-run lead. Then fourth-year Kristen Niland scored off of an error by the Saint Francis catcher.

See Softball on B6

Black Bears sweep Wildcats, move on in Hockey East Playoffs



Men's hockey plays game two of the series Saturday, March 3, beating UNH 3-2.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

Arman Garavanian Contributor

The University of Maine Black Bears (17-14-4, 10-11-3 HEA) hosted the University of New Hampshire Wildcats (10-19-6, 5-14-5 HEA) on Friday night at the Alfond. It was the first game of the best of three series in the Hockey East opening round.

In net for the Black Bears was first-year goaltender Jeremy Swayman

(14-10-3). Fourth-year goalie and assistant captain Danny Tirone (10-16-6) got the start in net for the Wildcats.

A little over two minutes into the first period, third-year winger Brendan Robbins tried to go short side on a two on one to put Maine on the board early but was met by the Tirone's glove. About seven minutes in, Maine had another chance to take the lead when second-year

winger Mitchell Fossier beat a UNH defender and cut across the middle but rang the post.

About nine minutes later, Maine's fourth-year winger Nolan Vesey was sent to the box for cross checking. Eight seconds into the ensuing power-play, UNH second-year center Liam Blackburn put home a rebound to take a 1-0 lead. Just under two minutes later, Maine thought they tied it but the

goal was waved off for a high stick. After further review the call was upheld. Although they didn't leave the period with the lead, the Black Bears dominated the first in shots, 19-9.

Maine was able to tie the game just over three minutes into the second period when Robbins slipped between two defenders to beat out an icing call and slapped the puck on net, slipping it between Tirone's blocker

and his body. Maine had a chance to take the lead two minutes later when UNH second-year defenseman Anthony Wyse went to the box for tripping, but they weren't able to convert on a couple of good chances.

The Wildcats had their chance to take the lead later in the period when fourth-year winger Jason Salvaggio took a shot from the high slot, but Swayman came up with a huge glove

save to keep the game tied at one. Maine finished the period still leading in shots 31-20.

UNH looked like they had taken the lead three minutes into the third period when the puck deflected off first-year winger Charlie Kelleher's helmet and dropped into the net. The goal was waved off and the game remained tied. Less than a minute

See **Hockey** on B6

Black Bears beat up on UMBC, downing UNH

Adam Darling Sports Editor

The University of Maine women's basketball team (21-9, 13-3) opened up play in the America East tournament by defeating the University of Maryland-Baltimore County Retrievers 65-43 in the opening round of the America East tournament.

Maine started off the game with a 10-0 run, spearheaded by second-year guard Blanca Millan's eight points. UMBC finally got on the board with a free throw by first-year forward Janee'a Summers. Maine scored three more points before fourth-year guard Laura Castaldo drained a 3-pointer. The

two teams ended the quarter with the score 13-4 in favor of the Black Bears.

For the first 2:45 of the second, both teams traded off buckets to keep the Maine lead at nine points. Redshirt third-year guard Tanesha Sutton scored four straight points before the Retrievers could get back on the board. The Black Bears went on to lead the game by as many as 20 points before second-year forward Lucrezia Costa hit a buzzer beater to send both teams to the locker room for halftime with Maine leading 33-15.

Maine held a wide edge in shot percentage over the Retrievers, shooting 40.6 to 20.7 in the first half. Neither team could hit a 3-pointer,

with both teams hitting just one during the first 20 minutes of play. Maine held the edge in rebounds at 25-18, assists at 8-4 and turnovers at 6-2.

It was another low scoring quarter in the third, but there was promise when Sutton hit a shot just 11 seconds in. UMBC would get three points back on a free throw and an easy layup on two separate occasions, but back-to-back threes from Millan and first-year guard Dor Saar helped the Black Bears maintain their 20 point lead. The Black Bears would eventually take a 47-25 lead into the fourth quarter.

The fourth was arguably the best offensive quarters for both teams. UMBC got

off to a strong start, shrinking the deficit to under 20 points early in the fourth quarter before third-year guard Parisse Rossignol answered with five straight on a 3-pointer and a pair from the line. Both teams made major lineup changes, but the reserve player that shone was third-year guard Maddy McVicar, who scored five of Maine's final six points to wrap up the scoring.

The Black Bears outshot the Retrievers 39 percent to 29.6 percent from the field, including 31.8 percent to 26.7 percent from beyond the arc. Maine would also win the rebounding battle 41-35, out assist the Retrievers 15-12 and force more turnovers, at 13-7.

Millan led the way for Maine with a game high 21 points. Rossignol and Sutton both finished in double figures with 15 and 11 respectively. Summers finished as the only player on UMBC in double figures with 13.

Maine downs UNH, reaches America East conference title game

The University of Maine women's basketball team punched their ticket to the America East conference championship on Sunday afternoon with a 64-48 win over the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

Scoring was hard to come by for the first three and a half minutes of the game, with the only points for either team coming

when second-year forward Fanny Wadling put the Black Bears on the board 49 seconds into the game. Millan hit a 3-pointer before fourth-year forward Kat Fogarty got the Wildcats on the board with a layup. Almost all the scoring for the first quarter came between 6:13 and 2:10, when the Black Bears built up a nine point lead. Maine led 15-6 after the first.

A pair of layups by Millan and Rossignol put Maine up 13, but New Hampshire started staging a comeback. Fourth-year guard Aliza Simpson led an 8-0 run with six points on a pair of jump shots, including one from behind

See **W.Bball** on B5

Maine baseball drops two of three to Hurricanes

Matt Hammond Contributor

Maine (3-8) took only the first game in a three-game series in Miami. The Black Bears faced off against the University of Miami Hurricanes and won game one in a 6-1 victory. Fourth-year pitcher Justin Courtney started game one for the Black Bears. The Bangor native was stellar with over six innings pitched. Courtney allowed just one hit and one run, a home run to Miami right fielder Romy Gonzalez. Other than that, Courtney was brilliant on the mound. He struck out

8 batters in the game and walked three.

Courtney would not be the pitcher to pick up the win though. First-year pitcher Matt Geoffrion earned the victory for the Black Bears in 2.1 innings of relief pitching. Geoffrion struck out five of the 11 batters he faced. He walked two and allowed just two hits. Second-year Cody Laweryson struck out one batter in the two thirds of an inning he pitched. The Black Bears struck out 14 Miami batters collectively.

The game was a pitching duel until the sixth inning. The game was

scoreless until Gonzalez launched a sixth-inning home run. Miami starting pitcher Jeb Bargfeldt threw 7.1 innings of ball, seven of them scoreless. Bargfeldt allowed six hits, one run, and one walk in his start. The Oklahoma native struck out three batters in his performance.

Maine fourth-year designated hitter Jonathan Bennett led the Black Bear's offense. The Pensacola, Florida native was 2-4 in the game at the plate for the Black Bears, and drove in two runs as well. Maine fourth-year catcher Christopher Bec also

2-4 at the plate and drove in two runs. Bec, a Miami native, also drew a walk. Second-year first baseman Cody Pasic went 1-3 with a walk, a run, and an RBI to his credit. Third-year second baseman Caleb Kerbs was 1-3 and scored two runs for the Black Bears.

Maine's four-run eighth inning was the big shift in the game. The game went from a pitching duel to a slugfest. Miami reliever Andrew Cabezas took the loss without recording an out in the game. Cabezas walked two, allowed two hits, and was charged with three earned runs in the game.

The Black Bears showed more patience at the plate with just having batters strike out four times in the game. Miami's 14 strikeouts as a team was indicative of their offense in the game.

Miami comes out on top after 15 innings of play

Miami squeaked out with a victory in a hard fought 15 inning battle over against UMaine. The Hurricanes tied up the game in the 14th on a wild pitch making the score 5-5. The Black Bears scored in the following half inning on a wild pitch and took a 6-5

lead. The Hurricanes would then score two runs in the bottom of the 15th to win the game.

The Black Bears used six different pitchers in the lengthy game in Miami. Second-year pitcher Trevor DeLaitte started the game for Maine. He pitched 2.2 innings, surrendered three hits and one run, walked one and struck out two. The lefty also recorded two wild pitches in 49 pitches thrown in the game. Third-year pitcher Nick Silva pitched 2.2 innings as well for UMaine. The Miami na-

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Women's hockey falls to Northeastern in conference semifinal



Women's hockey falls to Northeastern in their conference semifinal game Saturday, March 3

File Photo.

Emma Linblad Contributor

The No. 10 University of Maine women's hockey team (19-14-5) traveled to Boston, MA to play against the Huskies from Northeastern University (18-16-3) in the Women's Hockey East Semifinals on Saturday, March 3. Unfortunately, Maine's season came to an end as they fell to the Huskies 2-1. Maine made history Feb. 23 when they defeated Boston University in the quarterfinals, which was their first playoff win in pro-

gram history. This was also Maine's first appearance in the semifinals since 2006. For the Huskies, this was their eighth straight season competing in the conference semifinals.

Starting in between the pipes for the Black Bears was second-year Carly Jackson, who became the first Black Bear goalie to finish the regular season with the lowest goals against average in Hockey East (1.88).

Starting in between the pipes for the Huskies was first-year Aerin Frankel, who was named Hockey East's

Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week, after making 44 saves on 47 shots against the University of New Hampshire.

Early in the first period, Maine got on the board first when first-year Daria Tereshkina scored off an assist by second-years Tereza Vanisova and Brittany Colton, 1-0.

Towards the end of the period, the Black Bears went on the power play after a Northeastern penalty for goalie interference. After two minutes on the man advantage, the Black Bears couldn't convert.

The Huskies equalized off

of a goal by first-year Veronika Petey with less than a minute left in the period. After 20 minutes of play, Northeastern led Maine in shots on goal, 6-5 and in face-offs won, 10-9.

In the second period, the Huskies went on the power play after a Maine tripping penalty, however, they couldn't capitalize on the two-minute advantage.

Then, the Black Bears went on the power play after a Huskies high sticking penalty. However, Maine could not capitalize on their opportunities, keeping the score tied at

one.

After 40 minutes of play, the Huskies continued to lead the Black Bears in shots on goal, 21-10 but both teams were tied in faceoffs won, deadlocked at 19.

The Huskies took the lead when second-year Matti Hartman scored her eighth goal of the season off of assists by fourth-years McKenna Bran and Denisa Krizova. That would be the last of the scoring as Northeastern went onto win 2-1.

Recently named Hockey East Coach of the Year, Rich-

ard Reichenbach will have some decisions to make for next season when it comes to replacing the five seniors that will be graduating, most notably fourth-year Brooke Stacey. With how young his team is, and now having them gained playoff experience, this should not be too much of a challenge.

Northeastern captured their first Hockey East title with a 2-1 win over the University of Connecticut. They had previously won three Eastern College Athletic Conference titles.

Maine Hockey vs. Providence preview

Arman Garavanian Contributor

After sweeping the University of New Hampshire Wildcats, the Maine Black Bears will take on the Providence College Friars next weekend in the Hockey East Quarterfinals.

Maine heads into the three-game series with a record of 18-14-4 overall and 10-11-3 in the Hockey East regular season. The Black Bears are ranked sixth in Hockey East.

Providence enters the game as the third seed with an overall record of 20-10-4 and a Hockey East record

of 13-7-4.

Maine has yet to beat the Friars in two meetings this year, losing by a score of 3-0 in the first game and 3-2 in overtime in the second.

First-year Jeremy Swayman, Maine's primary goaltender enters the series with a save percentage of .922, a goals against average of 2.66 and an overall record of 15-10-3.

Providence premier goalie, third-year Hayden Hawkey has a save percentage of .916, a goals against average of 2.12 and an overall record of 20-10-3. The Montreal Canadiens'

2014 sixth round draft choice may have to find a way to stop a large number of shots if Maine brings the offensive pressure that they showed against New Hampshire.

Maine is coming off a 92-shot weekend against UNH, which is an outrageous amount for only playing two games. For Maine's fourth-year left wing Nolan Vesey and first-year right wing Eduards Tralmaks it was a bounce back series as both players scored to end their scoreless slumps.

Vesey went 13 games without putting a puck in the net until Saturday night

when he beat UNH fourth-year goalie Danny Tirone on a beautiful shot to the top right corner.

Tralmaks' goalless drought lasted nine games before scoring Saturday night when he put away the eventual game-winner on a rebound goal.

Tralmaks and Vesey both felt like they needed to end their goalless streaks in order to help their team win. They were also hopeful that ending their droughts could create momentum for them heading forward in the tournament.

"Nolan and I actually

talked about it. We said we needed to score to win," Tralmaks said following Saturday night's game.

"When none of them fall it can get frustrating," Vesey said "It was good to see one finally go in. Hopefully it will open the floodgates for me."

Third-year defenseman Rob Michel had a breakthrough game on Saturday as well, dishing out assists on all three Black Bear goals and earning first star of the game. Michel entered the game with 14 points on the season; five coming from goals and nine from assists. He also

had a strong game defensively to go along with his offensive presence.

Maine will be faced with the task of shutting down first-year forward and St. Louis Blues' 2015 third round pick Erik Foley. Foley has been red-hot all year with 15 goals and 19 assists for a total of 34 points in 32 games. He also carries an impressive plus/minus of +14.

Maine will look to carry the momentum from the opening round series into the quarterfinal series against Providence.

Now, THESE are the Celtics I've seen all year

Chase Whitney Contributor

Wow, it is POURING rain right now. You know what rain reminds me of? Basketball. Why? It doesn't, but more importantly our Boston Celtics have been back in action for almost a week now. A nine-day all-star break is asinine, by the way. What do I do at night other than sit on the couch and watch basketball? Do I watch something else? Do they even have anything else on TV anymore? Beats me. But what doesn't beat me is the Celtics. They beat the teams they play in their games, which is good. If

you told me the Celtics were gonna go 3-0 coming off the break, I would say "You're right, because that's what happened!"

I think this is partly (mostly) due to the return of Marcus Smart. It's always a plus to have a big tough scary bulldog on the floor, especially when he's really good at basketball. Smart's defensive impact is obviously noticeable, but I think his contributions on offense go under-appreciated. I must admit, I am the first one who screams "NO" when he shoots anything from outside the paint. However, his passing and cutting are utterly picturesque, to

put it simply. You can see the way he moves off the ball when Al (Horford) or Kyrie (Irving) have it, and how that sets up both him and them for open shots. Always finding open space on the floor. He may not be the flashiest or most skilled offensive player, but he sure is Smart! (Like his last name)

What Marcus lacks in flash, Kyrie more than makes up for it. He has proven to be worth everything the C's gave up for him.

Here is a tweet from ESPN's Celtics reporter Chris Forberg:

"Kyrie, including tonight, in four games since

the All-Star break:

27.0 PTS (108 in 114 min)
53.8 FG% (39 of 67)
52.3 3PT% (19 of 35)
6.0 AST
6.0 REB
1.0 STL
1.5 TO
28.5 MPG"

Seriously though, he has kicked it into a whole new gear since he left LA. 52.3 percent from three since the break? I know it's a small sample, but still, with this type of shooting from your best player, it's hard to lose games. All the young guys on this team better follow suit because I can tell he's gearing up for a run at the Finals. He

knows what it takes, and he wants it. We'll see if the young guys can step it up a bit too. Guys like Jayson Tatum and Terry Rozier stepping up late in the season will go miles in the playoffs, where depth is crucial. The Celtics have the edge in talent against most teams, but they lack in experience. These guys gotta soak it all up from Kyrie and Al (to an extent) if they don't want that lack of experience to bite them.

This is a HUGE game coming up against the Rockets on Saturday. We all remember that 26-point comeback a few months ago. I'd prefer to not have to do that this time, but

knowing the Celtics, they'll be down by 8-12 with 10 minutes to go and then they'll pull a 15-3 run out of the clouds and win. This game should be a good test for the playoffs; the Rockets are probably the best team in the NBA right now, and if they can lock them down in their own arena, that'll be a huge confidence boost. Confidence is key with this team, because when they're slumping, oh my god are they awful. But whatever mojo they have got going right now is working, and they are very much not awful. Keep it up fellas.

Around the College Circuit

UPCOMING SPORTS



Friday, March 9

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

03/01 Vermont	2	03/03 Merrimack	3
Massachusetts	3	UMass Lowell	2
03/02 Vermont	4	New Hampshire	2
Massachusetts	3	Maine	3
Merrimack	2	03/04 Vermont	1
UMass Lowell	1	Massachusetts	5
New Hampshire	1		
Maine	4		

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

HE RECORD

OVERALL

1	Boston College	18-6-0 (36)	18-13-3
2	Northeastern	15-6-3 (33)	21-8-5
3	Providence	13-7-4 (30)	20-10-4
4	Boston University	12-8-4 (28)	17-13-4
5	Connecticut	11-12-1 (23)	15-17-2
	Maine	10-11-3 (23)	18-14-4
7	UMass Lowell	11-13-0 (22)	17-19-0
8	Massachusetts	9-13-2 (20)	16-18-2
9	Vermont	6-12-6 (18)	10-19-7
10	Merrimack	7-15-2 (16)	12-19-4
11	New Hampshire	5-14-5 (15)	10-20-6

Men's Track
@ NCAA Indoor Champ, College Station, Texas
TBA

Women's Track
@ NCAA Indoor Champ, College Station, Texas
TBA

Softball
v Loyola University Chicago
2 p.m., Tampa

v Quinnipiac
4:30 p.m., Tampa

Baseball
@ University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
7 p.m.

Men's Hockey
@ Providence
7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Men's Track
@ NCAA Indoor Champ, College Station, Texas
TBA

Women's Track
@ NCAA Indoor Champ, College Station, Texas
TBA

Softball
v Robert Morris
9 a.m., Tampa

v South Dakota St.
11:15 a.m., Tampa

Baseball
@ University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
3 p.m.

@ University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
7 p.m.

Men's Hockey
@ Providence
7 p.m.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

02/27 Binghamton	54	03/03 UMass Lowell	77
Albany	71	UMBC	89
Vermont	74	New Hampshire	60
Maine	62	Hartford	71
UMass Lowell	92	Maine	60
New Hampshire	77	Vermont	75
UMBC	62	Stony Brook	69
Hartford	53	Albany	60

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

AE RECORD

OVERALL

1	Vermont	15-1	26-6
2	UMBC	12-4	22-10
3	Hartford	11-5	19-12
4	Albany	10-6	22-10
5	Stony Brook	7-9	13-18
6	UMass Lowell	6-10	12-18
7	New Hampshire	6-10	10-21
8	Maine	3-13	6-26
9	Binghamton	2-14	11-20

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

02/28 UMass Lowell	65	Albany	60
UMBC	73	Vermont	42
03/03 UMBC	43	Binghamton	68
Maine	65	Hartford	72
Stony Brook	54	03/04 Maine	64
New Hampshire	71	New Hampshire	48

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

AE RECORD

OVERALL

1	Maine	13-3	21-9
2	Albany	12-4	24-6
3	Binghamton	10-6	19-11
4	Stony Brook	10-6	18-12
5	New Hampshire	9-7	19-11
6	Hartford	9-7	18-12
7	Vermont	5-11	8-22
8	UMBC	3-13	5-26
9	UMass Lowell	1-15	4-26



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Boston Red Sox sign J.D. Martinez, now what?

Matt Hammond
Contributor

The Boston Red Sox have announced their signing of free-agent slugger J.D. Martinez. Martinez spent last season with the Detroit Tigers before being traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Between the two clubs, Martinez hit a career best 45 home runs and drove in 104 runs. The Boston Red Sox were lacking in the home run department last season, hitting an American League worst 168 home runs as a team. The American League East rival New York Yankees' Aaron Judge and freshly acquired right fielder Giancarlo Stanton combined for 111 home runs. Judge hit an AL best 52 home runs while Stanton hit a National League and MLB best 59 home runs for the Miami Marlins.

The signing of Martinez will be problematic for somebody on the Boston Red Sox roster. Martinez is expected to play right field, a position recently held by all-star Mookie Betts. Betts playing center for the Sox is not out of the ordinary, but that switch would move all-star center fielder Jackie Bradley, Jr. Bradley, who is an inconsistent hit-

ter, has arguably the best arm in baseball. His defensive skills set him apart from the rest of the Red Sox players, but his streaky bat is less than desirable. Left field will be played by 2017 AL Rookie of the Year runner-up Andrew Benintendi. Benintendi hit 20 home runs, drove in 90 runs and stole 20 bases in his first full season with the Red Sox. With him and Betts being too valuable to play less or trade, Bradley Jr. may potentially be on the move.

Should Martinez be put into the lineup as designated hitter, it would throw a wrench in Hanley Ramirez's role in the organization. Ramirez signed a four year/\$88 million contract with the Sox in 2015. Ramirez hit 23 home runs and drove in 62 runs in the 2017 season. Ramirez plans to bring those numbers up this season.

"You're gonna see it, for sure. Literally, I was hitting with one arm last year and I hit 23 [home runs]. Now that I feel good, there are not going to be excuses. Better go out there and hit 30," Ramirez said in a story on ESPN.

Though Ramirez has high hopes for 2018, even his role might be diminished

to platoon playing time. Back in December, the Sox re-signed their 2017 first baseman Mitch Moreland to a two year/\$13 million deal. Moreland, an all-star as well, is expected to make starts against right handed pitchers. The lefty slugger hit 22 home runs and a career best 34 doubles for the Red Sox in 2017.

The Red Sox will have further position battles down the line when former MVP Dustin Pedroia returns from the disabled list. To fill his void before Opening Day, the Red Sox signed utility player Eduardo Nunez. Nunez joined the Red Sox last season around the trade deadline after leaving the San Francisco Giants. Nunez bat .321 and slugged eight home runs in just 38 games with the team.

So the Red Sox have platoon first basemen in Hanley Ramirez and Mitch Moreland, platoon designated hitters in J.D. Martinez and Hanley Ramirez, platoon right fielders in Mookie Betts and J.D. Martinez, and potentially platoon second basemen in Eduardo Nunez and Dustin Pedroia. It will be interesting to see how Alex Cora juggles his lineup on a day-to-day basis.

Potential Free Agency moves for Patriots

Sam Wheeler
Contributor

NFL Free Agency officially begins on Wednesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. ET. With the splurge of offseason moves New England made a year ago, it's tough to imagine they'll match last year's spending. Regardless, there are plenty of positions they need to address, and some will come via free agency.

1. Defensive Tackle. An intriguing option could be former New York Jet Muhammad Wilkerson. The 2011 first round pick was recently released by the team after signing a 5-year deal worth \$86 million just two years ago. Over his first seven seasons the 28-year-old proved he can be an explosive player on the field, but off the field issues have overshadowed his play at times. He was inactive the final three games of last season for violating team rules, which included missing and showing up late to team meetings. The Patriots have a history of taking gambles on players with backgrounds similar to Wilkerson's. If they can get him at the right price, it's worth a shot.

2. Cornerback. With Malcolm Butler most likely on his way out, who will the Patriots find to play across from

Stephon Gilmore? Richard Sherman has come up in discussions, but something tells me Seattle won't give him up. Even if they do, their asking price may be too high. Another name has been former Patriot Aqib Talib. This move would make more sense if Denver ends up parting ways with the five time Pro Bowler. Talib is 32, but has yet to show signs of a significant drop off in play. He's made it to five consecutive Pro Bowls and has stayed relatively healthy, missing only one game last season. He's familiar with the Patriots defense and would be a good complement to a younger Gilmore. If the chance is there, New England should try and bring him back.

3. Running back. After Dion Lewis' career year, his asking price may be out of the Patriots' range. New England has not shied away from letting players walk in the past, and the same might happen to Lewis this offseason, especially after eclipsing over 1,100 yards from scrimmage. This could be another position New England addresses in the draft, but if they decide to look into the pool of running backs, Isaiah Crowell and Jeremy Hill could be potential fits. In the past New England has split the running back duties

between a couple of players, so their target doesn't have to be an over-the-top type of player. Crowell is only 25 and is coming off a season which saw him hit 1,000 yards from scrimmage. His yards per carry (YPC) average dropped from 4.8 to 4.1 behind a solid offensive front, but given his age there is plenty of room for growth. New England could bring him in on a cheaper deal than Lewis and see if they could lift his numbers back up.

Jeremy Hill is another option and provides similar skills to those of Lewis. Hill had an exceptional rookie season in 2014 where he gained over 1,110 yards on the ground while adding 215 receiving yards. His production has gone downhill since then. The 26-year-old hasn't averaged more than 3.8 YPC since his rookie season and played in only seven games last season. It would be another gamble, but the Patriots have had success on reviving the careers of other players in the past. Again, this situation only happens if Lewis leaves. It's rumored he's asking for at least \$18 million over three years, with \$10 million guaranteed. New England could decide to pull the trigger on him, but if they don't, they need a backup plan.

If the NHL playoffs began today

Adam Darling
Contributor

The NHL playoffs are fast approaching, and it is always fun to see what the matchups would be like if the season was over today. Obviously, there are still a lot of games to play, and these pairings are bound to change, but let's look at it right now. Why not?

The Tampa Bay Lightning would open things up with the Carolina Hurricanes (and yes, like many fans from the Nutmeg state, I am salty about the Hartford Whalers leaving for Carolina) Tampa Bay

has the most points in the NHL and stands in line to win the President's Trophy. A matchup with Carolina should not be a challenge, as the Lightning lead the Hurricanes in the overall season matchup 2-0-0.

The Boston Bruins and the Toronto Maple Leafs would get an Original Six matchup in the first round. Boston has been playing out of their minds as of late, including a recent 8-4 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins. They have a tough schedule going the rest of the way, as 15 of their final 19 games are against "quality opponents". The

Maple Leafs hold the season edge over the Bruins at 3-1-0, so passing them in the standings is not out of the question.

The Washington Capitals square off against the New Jersey Devils. New Jersey is a streaky team, and when things are going well, they can matchup with any team in the league. They have a tough road, one similar to Boston, where all but four of their final 17 games are against quality opponents. If Alex Ovechkin and the Caps are going to get this monkey of not being able to win the Stanley Cup off their backs, this would be

the best place to start.

Speaking of the Penguins, they would open up with a matchup with their in-state rivals, the Philadelphia Flyers. Pittsburgh holds the edge in the season series, and they have a far easier schedule to play the rest of the way, so this seems like an unlikely matchup.

Out west, we have the expansion Vegas Golden Knights taking on the Minnesota Wild. Vegas has far and away exceeded my expectations, sitting in second overall in the Western Conference behind Nashville. The Wild have

been a thorn in the Golden Knights' side, having taken the previous two contests. They meet up at least once more on March 16 at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

The San Jose Sharks would meet up with the Los Angeles Kings. The Sharks continue the pattern of having a tough road with 13 of their final 17 games coming against quality opponents, but would hold the edge over Los Angeles, taking three out of four from them during the season.

The Nashville Predators square off against the Anaheim Ducks. The pattern of

parity in the NHL continues, as the Predators get 15 of 18 games against quality opponents. Nashville holds the season edge at 2-0-0, and the two teams will meet up on March 8 to wrap the series.

Lastly, the Winnipeg Jets would take on the Dallas Stars. Dallas has played well this season, currently 14 games over .500, but it will be interesting to see if they can keep it up in their final 17 games. Winnipeg holds the season edge at 3-0-0, and can finish off the sweep when the two teams square off in Winnipeg on March 18.

Men's Bball from B1

Vermont quickly got back on track, however, by continuously feeding it inside to their bigs, Urquhart and redshirt fourth-year forward Payton Henson, who dominated the paint for the remainder of the game.

Vermont used an 11-3 run to make the score 50-42 with 11:40 remaining in the game. At this point, they really paced the game, knowing that if they can slow it down and get easy buckets off of Maine's lacking press defense, they'll come out with the win. Fourth-year point guard Trae Bell-Haynes, Vermont's best player and America East Player of the Year in 2017, began to take over the game. Vermont rode him down the stretch, despite Calixte and

Fleming repeatedly making tough shots to keep Maine in the game. With eight minutes to go, Vermont had stretched it to a 13-point lead, and it never got much closer than that, as Vermont held on to win the game with a final score of 74-62.

Black Bears Season Comes to a Close in Burlington

On Saturday March 3 the eighth-seeded Maine Black Bears were in Burlington to take on the top-seeded Vermont Catamounts in the opening round of the America East Conference Tournament.

Despite being the lowest-seeded team in the tournament, the Black Bears jumped out to a surprisingly strong lead to start the game. Third-year forward Ilija Stojilkovic and Calixte each got the ball rolling with a three-pointer

in the early minutes. Bell-Haynes, along with fellow Urquhart, held the reigns for the Catamounts early on, with Urquhart pulling down some tough boards and causing havoc on the defensive end with blocks and steals. The Catamounts slowly chipped away at the Black Bears' early lead, attempting to pound away at them by slowing the pace and forcing them to make stops on defense. For a while, the Black Bears held the advantage, finding the open spaces and knocking down their jumpers. However, Bell-Haynes and Henson hit some shots at the end of the half to vault the Catamounts ahead of the Black Bears 36-33.

The Black Bears came out of the locker room determined to pull off the historic upset, as the Catamounts are almost ensured to be playing in the national

tournament. But stopping the Catamounts slow offensive attack has always been difficult with Becker at the helm. Bell-Haynes continued to power the Catamounts in the opening minutes of the second half. He used his skill to get inside, force the defense to collapse on him, and made the decision whether or not to go up himself or kick it outside. He's a tough player to stop, and the Black Bears struggled to do so in the second half, despite finding ways to limit him in the first. Fleming was a bright spot in the second for the Black Bears, as he continues to show his development late in the season. A massive body in the lane, he can force players to alter their shots, and can hog boards when he wants to. The Catamounts built the lead up to 12 with eight minutes left off

a layup from Henson, and it never got much smaller than that the rest of the way. Knowing it would be their final game, Walsh inserted fourth-years Garvey Melmed, who plays guard, and Ilker Er, who plays forward, into the game. Each player scored during their final game, a nice send off for the two Black Bears. Er's jumper with three seconds left made the score 75-60, and that was all that was written for the Black Bears 2017-2018 season.

The Black Bears have a lot to look forward to. Redshirt second-year Isaiah White, who was the high-scorer with 17 points on a 50 percent field goal percentage, has proven his ability to carry an offense. Calixte, who struggled a bit, recorded 11 points on 4-15 from the field, less than his usual, efficient self. Off the bench, third-year

guard Vernon Lowndes Jr. had nine points, slashing to the rim for some nice-looking buckets.

For the Catamounts, the usual suspects were at the top of the box score. Bell-Haynes had 21 points and four assists, and Henson also had 21 points of his own. Urquhart recorded a double-double with 10 points and 12 boards, a dominant force in the paint for the entirety of the game. The one player who struggled for Vermont was Ernie Duncan, who is normally a sharpshooter, but went 3-12 from the floor, including 3-10 from beyond the arc.

The Black Bears will end their season here, but the Catamounts will continue America East play against Stony Brook on Tuesday, March 6. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

W. Bball from B2

the arc, and a free throw to make the score 19-14. Maine would eventually build their lead back to 10 with a Sutton free throw, but fourth-year center Carlie Pogue cut the deficit down to eight again. The Black Bears took a 10 point lead to the locker room for half time when Rossignol

hit a buzzer beater, running the score to 31-21.

Maine held the edge in shooting percentage (41.4 to 29.6), 3-point percentage (42.8 to 28.5), rebounds (24-21) and assists (8-3). UNH did force more turnovers at 6-5.

The Black Bears got the second half started on a high note. Sutton hit a jumper just 14 seconds in the quarter, then Millan hit a 3-pointer. New Hamp-

shire went on a mini-run as Pogue drained a pair of free throws, Fogarty hit one from beyond the arc, and fourth-year guard Britani Lai sank one from the charity stripe to cut into the lead. The Black Bears wrapped the quarter up by scoring seven unanswered points to carry a 47-28 lead into the final quarter.

Maine stretched their lead to as much as 23 points, and New Hampshire

cut it down to 14 with 2:39 to go in the game. Saar and second-year guard Julie Brosseau drained four straight free throws before the reserves took over. First-year guard Kelly Fogarty hit a 3-pointer, then UNH first-year guard Amanda Torres hit a couple free throws of her own before the final buzzer.

The Black Bears dominated in the paint, out-rebounding the Wildcats 37-

32 and outscoring them in the paint 20-8. Maine outshot New Hampshire 45.3 percent to 29.1 percent. They outshot them from downtown as well, at 35.3 percent 28.6 percent.

Millan (16 points), Sutton (14) and Rossignol (13) all finished in double figures for the Black Bears. The Wildcats had Lai (game high 17 points), Fogarty (12) and Pogue (10) all finish in double figures. Foga-

rty and Pogue both turned in double-doubles, pulling down 10 and 11 rebounds respectively.

Maine will play for the America East title on Friday, March 9, against the University of Hartford. Tip off is set for 4 p.m. at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine.

Professional Sports This Week

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL
1	Toronto	44-17
2	Boston	44-20
3	Cleveland	36-26
4	Washington	36-27
5	Indiana	35-27
6	Philadelphia	34-27
7	Milwaukee	33-29
8	Miami	33-30

NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL
1	Houston	49-13
2	Golden State	49-14
3	Portland	37-26
4	Minnesota	38-28
5	New Orleans	35-26
6	San Antonio	36-27
7	Oklahoma City	37-28
8	Denver	35-28

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL PTS	
Atlantic	1	Tampa Bay	94
	2	Boston	88
	3	Toronto	85
Metropolitan	1	Washington	81
	2	Philadelphia	79
	3	Pittsburgh	78

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL PTS	
Central	1	Nashville	91
	2	Winnipeg	85
	3	Dallas	79
Pacific	1	Vegas	87
	2	San Jose	79
	3	Los Angeles	77

Upcoming Games:

NBA:
Tuesday, March 6
Philadelphia v Charlotte
Atlanta v Toronto
Miami v Washington
Houston v Oklahoma City
Denver v Dallas
New York v Portland
Brooklyn v Golden State
New Orleans v LA Clippers

Thursday, March 8
Brooklyn v Charlotte
Philadelphia v Miami
Boston v Minnesota
Phoenix v Oklahoma City
San Antonio v Golden State

Softball from B1

Saint Francis got on the board when third-year Mikayla Bower scored a run to pull them within two. However, the Black Bears answered back when fourth-year Rachel Carlson scored on a single to left.

In the fifth inning, Royle hit a homer to the left, scoring Leonard, third-year Laurine German and second-year Emily Gilmore to make the score 8-1.

Then, in the bottom of the fifth, first-year Jordan Frank hit a home run in her first career at-bat to make it 8-2. A pitching change was then made for the Black Bears, with first-year Lilly Volk coming in to replace Kennedy.

In the bottom of the 7th, the Red Flash cut the deficit to five when first-year Tayven Rousseau scored off of a hit from second-year Taylor Hoover.

That would be the last of the scoring as the Black Bears go on to win it 8-3.

The Red Flash will finish the tournament with a single game against Oklahoma State.

Softball falls to Oklahoma State

The University of Maine softball team played their second game of the day and their fourth game of the Mizuno Classic against the Cowgirls from Oklahoma State University (12-6) on Saturday, March 3. The Black Bears fell to the Cowgirls, 8-0 after five innings.

Starting in the circle

for the Black Bears was Kyleigh O'Donnell, who received both losses on Friday versus SFU and Oklahoma State.

Starting in the circle for the Cowgirls was second-year Logan Simunek, who made 27 appearances last season, starting five games and finishing the year with a 6-3 record.

In the bottom of the first, the Cowgirls got on the board first when fourth-year Vanessa Shippy scored off of a ground-out by third-year Madi Sue Montgomery. They made it 2-0 when Pennington hit her fifth home run of the season.

Then fourth-year Jessi Haffner made it 3-0 when she launched her fourth homer of the season. In the bottom of the second, the

Cowgirls made it 4-0 when fourth-year Maddi Holcomb scored off a drive by Shippy. Then, shortly after, Shippy scored again off of a single by Montgomery to make it 5-0.

In the bottom of the third, a pitching change was made for Maine, with Flowers coming in to replace Kyleigh O'Donnell. However, shortly after, Haffner hit her second home run and made it 6-0.

Fourth-year Randee O'Donnell made it 7-0 after a hit batter forced a run in.

In the bottom of the fifth, Shippy scored off of a single by Pennington to make it 8-0 and that would be the final score.

Black Bears fall Mavericks

The University of Maine

softball team played their final game of the Mizuno Classic against the University of Nebraska at Omaha (9-11) on Sunday, March 4. Unfortunately, the Black Bears fell to Nebraska Omaha 4-2, leaving the Classic with two wins and three losses.

Starting in the circle for the Black Bears was Kennedy, who was 2-0 going into the game after four innings with four hits and letting up one run on Saturday. Starting in the circle for Omaha was first-year Aubrey Hacke.

In the first inning, third-year Natalie Mostek scored the first run of the day off of a double by second-year Emily Klosterman. Then, Klosterman scored to make it 2-0 Omaha.

Then Decker put the

Black Bears on the board when she hit a home run to make it 2-1. However, fourth-year Kelly Pattison hit a home run of her own to give Omaha a two-run lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, Omaha third-year Demi Dobbs hit a home run to make it 4-1. Then, in the top of the 6th, German scored to decrease the lead to two.

That would be it for the scoring as Nebraska Omaha went on to win it 4-2.

Maine will begin a stretch of 13 games in eight days on Friday, March 9, when they take on Loyola University Chicago at 2 p.m., then Quinnipiac University at 4:30 pm. Both games, as well as the other 11, will be played in Tampa, Florida.

Baseball from B2

ive allowed three hits and two runs, walked one and struck out two batters. Silva also hit three players in the game.

Pitcher Greg Veliz started the game for the Hurricanes. The second-year righty from Key West struck out eight Black Bear batters over four innings of work. He walked five batters and allowed just one run. First-year Daniel Federman was next on the mound for the Hurricanes. Federman pitched two innings, allowed two hits and one run. He struck out two batters.

One highlight in the

15-inning match was Maine pitcher Eddie Emerson. Emerson, a third-year from Lewiston, Maine, struck out 11 batters in 5.1 innings of work. The 6'3 southpaw managed to strike out half of the batters he faced in the game. He walked six batters, threw a game high 106 pitches and allowed just one hit in his brilliant outing. Laweryson was tagged with the loss in the extra innings. He pitched one inning, allowed five hits, walked one, allowed three runs and struck out two.

Bennett was a beast at the plate again. He was 3 for 6 in the game, scored two runs for the Black Bears and was walked twice. Kerbs was 2 for 7

at the plate with three runs batted in. His RBIs were clutch in that his ninth inning RBI tied the game, and his 14th inning RBI took the lead. Second-year outfielder Kevin Doody went 2 for 6 at the plate with a run scored. Bec went 1 for 6 and drew two walks for the Black Bears.

Miami takes final game over Black Bears

Miami took the series tie-breaker in a 7-1 win over the Black Bears. Second-year pitcher Evan McKendry started the game for the Hurricanes. He pitched an absolute gem. McKendry threw six innings, allowed five hits, let up one run and struck out 10 Black Bear batters in the game. His domi-

nance earned him the victory, making his record 2-1 on the season. The Black Bears were blanked by Miami's pitching on Sunday. Miami fourth-year pitcher Michael Medavilla struck out two batters over two innings of relief work. He walked one batter and allowed just one hit. Fourth-year Cooper Hammond pitched the last inning for the Hurricanes, allowing two hits to the five batters he faced.

Third-year pitcher Chris Murphy picked up his third loss of the season for the Black Bears. The Massachusetts native pitched 4.1 innings, walked six, allowed six runs on four hits and struck out four batters. He threw 97 pitches in the

game and hit two batters. Fourth-year pitcher John Arel relieved Murphy in the fifth inning. Arel pitched 2.2 innings, allowed four hits, hit two batters and struck out three. First-year infielder Ben Terwilliger made an appearance on the mound for the Black Bears. The New York native allowed one run on two hits, walked two and struck out a batter in his inning of work.

Maine fourth-year centerfielder Brandon Vicens hit well in the game. The Florida native was 2 for 2 at the plate with a triple and a double. He also drew three of the Black Bear's four walks. Third-year designated hitter Danny Casals was 2-4 at the plate. Bennett went 0-3 with a strikeout,

but drew a walk and scored a run. Doody was 1-4 at the plate with a strikeout.

The Black Bears will return to action Friday, March 9. They will begin a four game series with University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Edinburg, Texas. The Vaqueros have won their last two games and are currently sporting a 7-4 record. Maine will look to better their record before conference games begin March 24. Miami will go on to play Florida International University on Wednesday March 7 at 7 p.m.

Hockey from B2

later, Fossier hit the post and the puck was loose in front but nobody could manage to dig it home. A few minutes later, Maine's second-year center Tim Doherty went to the box for tripping. On the penalty kill, first-year winger Emil Westerlund came up with a huge block to once again keep the game knotted at one!

Maine's fourth-year center Cedric Lacroix finally broke the tie with just over three minutes to go in the game when he buried a rebound for his fifth goal on the season. UNH pulled Tirone with 1:45 to go but 21 seconds later, Doherty put one in the open net. Maine sealed the deal with just over a minute left when Lacroix dove and poked the puck into the empty net for his second of the game.

The Black Bears won by a score of 4-1, putting

an astounding 49 shots on net to New Hampshire's 27. They also took a 1-0 series lead heading into Saturday night's game.

"We played better as the game went along, but we didn't play that rush well," UNH Head Coach Dick Umile said, referring to Lacroix's go-ahead goal.

Red Gendron, Maine's head coach also commented on the game.

"We were solid, but we've got to be better tomorrow night. Their goalie played great," he said

Lacroix was impressed with his team's persistence.

"We didn't get flustered after they scored the first goal. We played well. Their goalie played very well. We got a lot of shots," he said.

Maine completes sweep

The University of Maine Black Bears returned to the ice Saturday night for game two of the three-game series with the University of New Hampshire

Wildcats. For UNH it was win or go home as Maine had a chance to close out the series with a win.

Swayman was back in net for the Black Bears and Tirone got the start again for the Wildcats.

Maine had the game's first chance early when Doherty received a pass in front from Vesey but Tirone was there to make the stick save. Maine had another good chance midway through the period when Fossier protected the puck. He drove past a UNH defenseman but just missed the far side corner, lobbing the puck over the net. Less than a minute later, UNH jumped out in front when second-year center Liam Blackburn cut across the slot and patiently waited until Swayman was down and out to lift the puck over him. The Black Bears left the first period down 1-0 but doubled New Hampshire's shots 14-7.

Maine was able to knot the game at one just over

three minutes into the second period when Fossier redirected a shot from third-year defenseman Rob Michel. Shortly after, Fossier thought he had another when he dug home a rebound three minutes later, but the goal was waved off due to a whistle prior to the puck crossing the line.

Just under the midway point of the second, Swayman came up with a huge save with the left pad to keep the game tied. Maine had an opportunity about five minutes later when they had a two-on-one rush on a penalty kill. Robbins cut across the high slot and tried to beat Tirone up high but the puck deflected off the knob of his stick and up into the netting for a whistle.

With just over three minutes to go in the period, Robbins went to the box for a high stick at the same time that Salvaggio went for roughing, creating four-on-four play for two minutes. During the four-on-four, Vesey took a

pass from Michel as they entered the zone and released a bullet, beating Tirone far side to the right corner to take the lead. The goal was reviewed but the call was upheld. Maine finished the period up 35-18 in shots.

About nine minutes into the third, Maine had a chance to go up two when they had a three-on-one opportunity but couldn't get a shot off. They had another chance three minutes later on a two-on-one but once again came up short when Tirone made a big save with the left pad. Maine went on the power play with less than four minutes to go in the game when first-year defenseman Max Gildon was sent to the box for slashing. Less than a minute into the power play, Michel let go of a one-timer that was saved by Tirone but left in front for first-year winger Eduards Tralmaks who buried it to go up two goals. New Hampshire added another goal but it wasn't enough,

as Maine went on to win by a final of 3-2, sweeping the Wildcats.

"We played strong both nights," Fossier said. "Tirone played very well but thankfully we were able to sneak a few past him."

Tralmaks, who scored the game-winning goal, felt like this was a much needed game for him, commenting "I had lost my confidence in past games, but this was huge."

Vesey also mentioned that this was a good bounce-back game for him.

"When none of them fall it can get frustrating," he said. "It was good to see one finally go in. Hopefully it will open the floodgates for me."

"Nolan [Vesey] and I actually talked about it," Tralmaks said. "We said we needed to score to win."

Maine is set to take on Providence College next weekend in the Hockey East Quarterfinals.