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# Transgender Day of Remembrance honors those lost to violence



Transgender Day Of Remembrance asks Trans allies to step up to stop violence against people who are transgender.

**MJ Gautrau, Photo Editor.**

**Emily Coyne**  
Contributor

Throughout the nation, people observe Transgender Awareness Week annually from Nov. 12-19. Part of this week is reserved for Transgender Day of Remembrance, a time to gather and remember those lost due to transphobic hate crimes. The University of Maine's Transgender Day of Remembrance was held on Friday, Nov. 30, on the university Mall.

The Wilde Stein: Queer Straight Alliance group, a student organization aimed to spread awareness and acceptance of sexuality, gender, and the LGBTQ community across campus, originally organized the Day of Remembrance for Nov. 16 but had to postpone due to inclement weather.

"The whole idea of [the day] is to ... bring not only the trans community together but also the campus in general, to show that we don't support hate here and no matter your identities, you are welcome here and protected by us," Aiden Ciaffaglione, the president of Wilde Stein and organizer of this event, said.

In all, the event hosted 12 guest speakers — more than any previous year — to share their thoughts. This was followed by a candlelight vigil.

Assistant Vice President and Senior Associate Dean of Students Kenda Scheele was first to speak, followed by Silvestre Guzmán, the director of the Office of Multicultural Student Life and the Rainbow Resource Center. After Guzman, several other represen-

tatives from the Rainbow Resource Center and the Office of Multicultural Student Life spoke.

"It shows that not only is it happening here but it is also happening on a global scales," Ciaffaglione said. "We ... have a responsibility to almost everyone to make sure that this issue is being addressed."

Ciaffaglione also noted that UMaine administration has been extremely helpful and supportive in the planning of this event.

Kierst Finsand, a pre-doctoral intern at the UMaine Counseling Center, and Jessica Browne, a licensed clinical social worker and co-coordinator of outreach at the Mind Spa, were among the speakers at the event.

"The burden of increasing awareness cannot fall on the trans

community . . . it's our job as individuals but also as a counseling center community to help co-create the spaces where safety can be cultivated and in turn, support can be cultivated," Finsand said.

Browne also commented on the role of the Counseling Center in supporting UMaine's transgender community.

"We're always trying to meet with the oppressed, the underrepresented. We try to identify the risk factors and the barriers to getting help and we recognize with counseling, in general, there is a lot of stigmas and there is already a barrier to walking through our door," Browne said.

The UMaine Office of Equal Opportunity's nondiscrimination notice states: "The University of Maine

System is an EEO/AA employer, and does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, including transgender status and gender expression, national origin citizenship status, age, disability, genetic information or veteran's status in employment, education, and all other programs and activities."

According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) organization, the Transgender Day of Remembrance, which is also widely known as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance, has been observed since 1999 and was originally organized as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998.

This year, the day honored 24 people

who had lost their lives between the years of 2016 and 2017 due to transphobic hate crimes in the United States. Wilde Stein noted that there are over 300 other people from various countries that were not listed or identified.

You can find more information about Wilde Stein by contacting Aiden Ciaffaglione at [aiden.ciaffaglione@maine.edu](mailto:aiden.ciaffaglione@maine.edu).

# Natural Resource Council gathering talks about the future of Maine's environment

**Emily Turner**  
Contributor

In downtown Bangor on Monday Nov. 26, Bangor Green Drinks and Natural Resource Council of Maine (NRCM) Rising hosted the event: "Maine's Next Gener-

ation of Environmental Advocates." The event discussed the results of recent federal and state elections in reference to Maine's environment, including what environmental issues are being discussed in Augusta and how people can make

their voices heard.

The event was oriented toward young people and getting them more involved in environmental movements around Maine.

With the allure of both free beer and pizza, the host space welcomed a cohort of

people, both young and old, who were interested in the environment and eager to share their knowledge and ideas.

Jeremy Vroom, who is a part of the leadership team of NRCM Rising, got involved with the group as it

aligned well with that he believes in.

"Since I work in the outdoor industry I see the strong role the environment plays in Maine and we need to work to protect it," Vroom said.

He is one of the environmental advocacy

group's nearly 20,000 members, a number which makes it one of the largest such groups in Maine. Vroom works to put on events like this one all around the state.

According to its

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# News

## New dean of undergraduate Maine Business School expected to be named before next semester



The Business school searches for a new Dean.

Antyna Gould, Staff.

### Charles Cramer Contributor

The University of Maine is currently in the process of selecting the new undergraduate dean for the the Maine School of Business. Last week, the four finalists for the position, Erin Steffes, Faye Gilbert, Catherine McCabe and Michael Johnson-Cramer, visited Orono to meet with the president and provost, and to give presentations to interested members of the UMaine community.

In order to determine the best possible candidate for the position, a search committee made up of 13 members, most of whom are faculty and administrators in the Maine Business School, has been asked to form opinions on each of the four candidates based on their resumes and presentations by Dec. 3.

Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at UMaine Dr. Jeffrey St. John, said the decision would

come down to “a careful appraisal of potential fit, feedback from campus constituencies, including Maine Business School faculty, staff, and students, and input from the search committee.”

“The [University] seeks the best possible candidate for the job,” St. John said.

The feedback provided by the search committee will be delivered to the University Provost Dr. Jeffrey Hecker, who will, in consultation with the President Joan Ferrini-Mundy, then make the final decision.

The position of undergraduate business dean was vacated in December 2017, when Dr. Ivan Manev, who had been the undergraduate dean of the Maine School of Business for seven years, decided to take an administrative leave of absence. In the intervening time, the position has been held by Professor of Management Dr. Niclas Erhardt since the spring of 2018.

According to Heck-

er, Manev’s tenure as the dean of the undergraduate business program was in many ways marked by success.

“With Ivan’s leadership, undergraduate enrollment has boomed, the downward trend in graduate enrollment was reversed, the school was successfully re-accredited, and significant gifts to MBS were secured,” Hecker said.

The reaccreditation to which the provost referred to has been designated upon the University of Maine by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.

The AACSB credential is considered both prestigious and uncommon, and approximately only a quarter of all the business programs in the United States have earned this accreditation. The AACSB reviews each accredited university’s business program every five years.

The ability to ensure that UMaine will be able

to keep its AACSB certification is an important consideration that the University will have to make in regard to its next undergraduate business dean. Three of the four current finalists for the position have either worked with or been recognized by the AACSB.

Whoever is chosen as the new undergraduate dean of the Maine School of Business will be in charge of a student body of over 1,200 undergraduates with enrollment rates climbing each year.

According to statistics from the UMaine Office of Institutional Research, the Business School has set a record number for enrollment in each of the last four consecutive years.

Maine Business School undergrads have performed well on national comprehensive exams, and the University is ranked in the top 20 percent nationally among other business colleges, given its stu-

dents’ performance on the ETS Field Test.

Among the UMaine Business School students who graduated with a B.S degree in 2016, 95 percent reported finding full-time employment within six months of their graduation, the highest such percentage among programs at UMaine.

Of those graduates who majored in accounting, 75 percent were able to pass the CPA Exam on their first attempt, a much higher rate than the New England average of 57 percent.

The statistical improvements the Maine Business School has made over the past five years, along with its recognition by several reports, including the U.S. News & World Report, as a top Business School, have made the position of Maine Business School undergraduate dean highly desirable. All of the four finalists for the position are academically and

professionally experienced; two of the four finalists are the current deans of their business schools.

When asked when he believed the decision would be announced, St. John said that it would likely be, “at the earliest date feasible,” and that he anticipates that the new dean should be able to start working early in the spring 2019 semester.

It is expected that the new dean will head the undergraduate program at the Maine Business School for at least three years, according to St. John. That means that whoever is chosen as the next dean will likely remain in that position until at least the spring semester of the year 2022.

## UMaine student places first runner up in Miss Maine USA pageant

### Emily Turner Contributor

University of Maine student Julia Van Steenberghe recently participated in and placed first runner up in the Miss Maine USA pageant on Nov. 25. Miss Maine USA is the official prelimi-

nary competition to the Miss USA competition owned by The Miss Universe Organization.

Van Steenberghe is a third-year student studying elementary education and child development, and was a part of the UMaine Cheerleading team her first and second year.

This was her first time ever competing in a pageant, and she was only one spot away from moving on to Miss USA. All the other women who were placed in the top five had previously competed in either the USA pageant system or a different system.

Van Steenberghe said she had never considered doing any pageants until prompted by her coach.

“As someone who was a competitive cheerleader my whole life, I wanted to continue to push myself both physically and mentally in a competi-

tive atmosphere,” Van Steenberghe said. “I really found myself and became confident in who I am.”

Van Steenberghe said that there are stereotypes attached to pageants, but for her it was an overall positive experience, citing the competitors’ sup-

port for each other and many of the people she met through the process whom she now considers friends.

“It’s about being more than pretty. They’re looking for confident, healthy, and intelligent women,”

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# New dining products highlight campus commitment to sustainability



UMaine dining switched to more eco-friendly food containers.

Antyna Gould, Staff.

## Brawley Benson News Editor

Beginning this semester, University of Maine Dining is getting some of its products from a new vendor, World Centric, a company based out of Petaluma, California. Among the most prominent additions to the selection are new compostable plant-based bioplastic packages for food in the Memorial Union.

Dan Dixon, a research assistant professor for the Climate Change Institute and the director of sustainability on campus, said the key feature of the new packages is that they are “produced from non-fossil, plant-based oils.”

Director of Dining Services Glenn Taylor said the selection of these new products was made during a

vendor showcase at the annual meeting of the National Association of Collegiate and University Food Services in July. The primary consideration for Taylor was aesthetics, but he noted, “sustainability is always on our mind.”

When he got back to Maine, Taylor contacted UMaine Dining’s paper contractor based in Augusta, Performance Food Group NorthCenter, about switching over to World Centric’s products, which the company’s website says are compostable.

Even though Taylor’s decision wasn’t motivated primarily by notions of sustainability, it was something that he considered after the fact. Taylor enlisted the help of different organizations on campus, including the Office of Sustainability,

to test the new products.

“I took a box of [the new] serving container samples for testing at the new Coastal Resources of Maine waste handling facility currently being constructed in Hampden,” Dixon said.

According to the Office of Sustainability’s website, in 2012 UMaine purchased a 40-foot-long composting system from Green Mountain Technologies. This system is housed on campus and is able to process 450,000 pounds of food waste per year.

While the materials and composition of dining products is an important consideration in their compostability, Taylor said half the fight is making sure that people are disposing of waste properly so that it goes to composting facili-

ties.

“It involves us identifying ‘How is a customer, how are you going to know which container to put this stuff in to make sure that that product gets up to the compost site?’” Taylor said. “That’s always the hardest thing, even for me.”

For UMaine Dining, the recent switch to World Centric’s products is one part of a larger effort toward more sustainable food practices on campus.

“We have a composter in Hilltop, a digester at Wells,” Taylor said. “We’re trying to take our products and our waste and get it composted properly, and we also have a food recovery system where Black Bear Exchange is picking up food every week.”

During Taylor’s 44 years at UMaine, he

has seen many changes in the way sustainability is handled in on-campus dining. Among the most significant changers, he said, were 2007 renovations that allowed for the installation of a pulper machine at Hilltop Dining.

“It can take hundreds of pounds of everything from the paper napkins to all the food waste and grind it into a mush ... before ‘07 that was all trash,” Taylor said.

Dixon noted that such changes are prime examples of the “good effort” UMaine Dining is making toward more sustainable practices.

“[UMaine Dining has] managed to achieve an annual average of 20 percent local food served campuswide,” Dixon said. “They have financed, constructed, and now

operate an in-vessel composting system on campus to handle pre-consumer food waste. They have installed digesters in some of the commons kitchens to handle post-consumer food waste.”

For Taylor, initiatives toward sustainability in UMaine Dining such as the introduction of compostable packages are opportunities to learn and grow — for the community, dining services and himself.

“We’re all here for the same reason,” Taylor said. “It’s all education. Food is education.”

## Discussion of UMaine’s strategic vision continues

### Kendra Caruso Contributor

Provost Jeffrey Hecker hosted the second in a series of forums on Nov. 29 in the Wells Conference Center regarding the new strategic vision and values he and new University of Maine President Joan Ferrini-Mundy are developing. The forums are designed to get input from the UMaine and UMaine Machias communities about developing that vision.

“We believe that it is important to articulate a shared set of values and that all members of our community should have a voice in developing these value statements,” Hecker said. “We are using the

term ‘strategic values’ to capture the idea that these value statements will be used to guide decision-making for the next several years.”

Hecker announced three goals they intend to establish while developing this initiative. These goals include further developing research and scholarships, stewarding state partnerships and fostering learner success.

At this forum, the goal Hecker focused on was “fostering learner success.” Faculty and community members from the audience and members from UMaine Machias via video conference chimed in with questions and suggestions about the wording of

the goal and what the department should make a priority in their vision for the future of UMaine.

Some members of the community voiced concerns about diversity.

“Expanding diversity and inclusivity are essential to fulfilling our tripartite mission of teaching, research and service. This assumption is embedded in the three strategic value statements we have drafted. Through our conversations with faculty, staff, and students to date it is abundantly clear that there is shared recognition of the centrality of diversity to the university’s future success,” Hecker said.

Hecker and Fer-

rini-Mundy have researched the current climate of colleges in the United States and the challenges they face when recruiting students. Hecker discussed Maine’s shrinking youth retention rates and noted the development of a plan that encourages students graduating from UMaine to stay within the state.

Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Robert Dana spoke briefly about establishing goals for his department and what needs to be prioritized.

“We will be working on retention initiatives, early warning for students needing support, and diversity and inclusion on campus,”

Dana said. “Our efforts will support our mantra of students first in partnership to build a kind, caring and compassionate community. Introspection and an overall evaluation of what we are doing and where we are heading is always a healthy approach to making campus better and the university stronger.”

Hecker and Ferrini-Mundy haven’t set a timeframe for this plan. They intend to work on these goals for however long it takes to reach them.

The next forum, “Creating and Innovating for Maine and Beyond,” will be held on Dec. 6 in the Wells Conference Center.

“We have purposely not identified a specif-

ic period of time during which these values and goals will guide decision-making. The higher education landscape in Maine, and indeed in the United States, is changing rapidly. Our goal is to develop a strategic vision and a set of processes that allow for rapid adaptation to this changing landscape,” Hecker said.

# Weekly Updates

## This Week in Student Government

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

### Kendra Caruso Contributor

#### Club presentations

The University of Maine American Society of Mechanical Engineers thanked the Student Senate for providing funding for their coaster derby competition at University of New Brunswick. 14 members attended and they placed sixth out of seven.

The Dressage Club thanked the Student Senate for providing funds for their competitions this semester. They reported that the show season was successful.

The UMaine Woodsmen Team thanked the Student Senate for allocating funds for the group's competition this season. The funding went towards entry fees and other competition costs.

#### Guest speakers

Advisor to Student Government Lauri Sidelko gave a speech to the Senate about increasing their participation in Student Government events and promotion on campus.

#### Executive reports

President Logan Aromando talked to

the Student Senate about switching to a college-based election system for students running for the Senate next semester. He announced he is in the process of finalizing scholarship decisions and noted that the first 500 tickets to the football game held on Saturday, Dec. 1, would be free to UMaine students.

Vice President Bentley Simpson reminded senators to attend events on campus and said that he and Aromando were preparing for an upcoming meeting with University administration.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Bradley Bailey told the Student Senate that he would be announcing a new number for unallocated funds later in the meeting.

Vice President for Student Entertainment Corey Claffin told the Senate that the comedian show went well. He reminded everyone about the spring concert being planned for April 27, 2019.

#### Periodic reports

Faculty Senate Student Representative Harrison Ransley reported on what was



discussed at the recent faculty-senate meeting.

Chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission Matthew Akers reported to Student Senate that he is working on finalizing the timeline for Senate elections. Applications are expected to open around Dec. 3, and the election will be held after winter break.

Orono Town Council Liaison Cameron Bowie reported that he attended a Town of Orono workshop. He told the Student Senate about a retail marijuana shop that has submitted a business application and the Light Up the Town celebration in Orono on Dec. 3. He also mentioned a sewage overflow that had

occurred near Orchard Trails.

Director of Communications Austin Steward reported on an end of the semester survey that will be handed out to organizations.

#### Representative board reports

Chris Toothaker with the Commuter and Non-Traditional Students Representative Board reported that the group is planning on hosting a pancake breakfast with mulled cider and apple pancakes on Dec. 2.

Cole Lemelin with the Interfraternity Council (IFC) reported that the group will be having a motivational speaker come to campus on Monday, Dec. 3. He

also mentioned that the IFC has a new executive board.

Sheldon Green with the Sustainability and Environmental Actions Division announced that the group will be hosting a TEDx event in the spring.

#### Community association reports

The Student Heritage Alliance Council reported that the Multicultural Thanksgiving on Nov. 15 was the most successful one to date. The group is planning another movie night for Nov. 30.

Brianna Belair with the Feminist Collective announced that the Collective will be hosting an event called the Vagina Monologues in the spring semester.

The Wilde Stein: Queer Straight Alliance reported that the Trans Day of Remembrance was rescheduled for Nov. 30. The group will also help host Pride Week in April.

A representative from the International Student Association reported that the group was planning to host a karaoke night on Nov. 30 in the Multicultural Office in the Memorial Union and a masquerade formal in Wells

Conference Center on Dec. 7.

#### Consent agenda

The consent agenda to allocate \$200 to the Horticulture organization for their office budget was approved. The Senate approved \$250 for a movie night that the Commuter and Non-Traditional Students Committee will host.

#### New business

The Student Senate voted to allocate \$1,849.73 to the International Student Association for the group's masquerade formal.

The Student Senate approved \$1,540 to the UMaine American Society of Civil Engineers for an event they will host this spring.

The Student Senate tabled a motion to establish a special committee called the Student Conduct Code Committee within the Student Senate for next meeting.

The Student Senate approved the EWE Maine Icelandic Sheep club to reallocate funds within their office budget to more accurately reflect their needs.

## Police shooting incident results in temporary closure of portion of Stillwater Ave.

### The Maine Campus

A New Hampshire man was killed after an armed confrontation with police in Old Town in the early hours of the morning of Nov. 29.

Officer Joseph Decoteau ordered Adrian Bunker, 37, of Merrimack, New Hampshire, to pull over his gray

Silverado pickup truck around 3:20 a.m., according to the Bangor Daily News.

In the ensuing incident, which is still under investigation, Decoteau shot and killed Bunker.

At around 6 a.m., students at the University of Maine received an emergency text alert to seek an alternative route

to class if traveling from Stillwater Avenue in Old Town between the Hannaford Plaza and College Avenue.

A post on the Old Town Police Department (OTPD) Facebook page made around 6 a.m. said a 0.7-mile stretch of road surrounding both sides of Pembroke Drive would be closed down

until further notice. Officers assured that there was "no risk to the public."

Around 1 p.m., OTPD updated its Facebook page to say that the incident had been resolved and the section of Stillwater Avenue between the Pine Haven Mobile Home Community and Hannaford shopping

complex would be reopened.

Decoteau has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an official investigation by OTPD and the Maine Attorney General's Office.

According to a Facebook post from OTPD, Decoteau is from Douglas, Massachusetts, and graduated from the

Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro in May of this year, finishing second in his class.

### Maine from A2

Van Steenberghe said.

Van Steenberghe's fall semester was full of preparation, including driving to Portland nearly every weekend

where she trained with her coach on interviewing and walking practice, among other things.

There are three aspects to the competition: swimsuit, evening gown and interview. During the interview,

which Van Steenberghe said was her favorite part, the women are asked about topics ranging from their desired dream job to what law they would make if they had the opportunity. Competitors are completely unaware of

what they or any of the other women are being asked until their turn.

According to Van Steenberghe, this process was a large commitment but all worth it.

"If you're interested, go for it and just trust

yourself and be yourself," Van Steenberghe said. "Don't let anyone influence you."

The Miss Maine Scholarship Program defines itself as a non-profit organization that raises and awards scholarships while also

providing young women of Maine opportunities for growth and achievement.

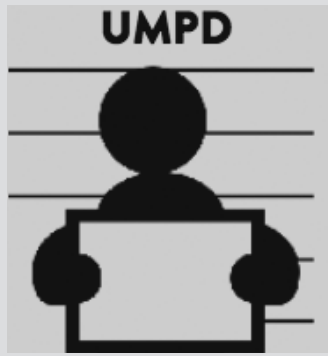


## Be nice to animals!



# Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest



**Brawley Benson**  
News Editor

**Nov. 24 - 3:13 a.m.**  
Orono Fire Department and the University of Maine Police Department were

called to the fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho for a pulled fire alarm. When they arrived, the responders and officers spoke with the only two brothers in the house at the time

who told them that a pipe had burst in the attic. There was clear damage on the second floor and water was dripping down to the first floor. The responders shut off the

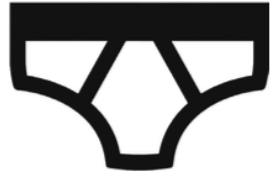
alarm system until the pipe could be repaired.

**Nov. 28 - 6:55 a.m.**  
A Community Connector bus was driving down Kelly Road in the direction of Main Street in Orono when, after hitting a patch of black ice, it crashed into a guard rail. The driver said he was unable to stop the vehicle as it careened through the intersection. No passengers were on the bus and the driver sustained minor injuries. As a result of the

accident, the bus had a broken headlight and broken front bicycle rack. A tow company was called to take the vehicle away.

# Briefs

Quick news from around the country



**Brawley Benson**  
News Editor

**Nov. 27, 2018**  
Russian forces on Sunday shot at and took control of three Ukrainian ships in the Sea of Azov near Crimea. As many as 24 sailors of the vessels were taken hostage by Moscow for attempting to cross the Kerch Strait linking the Sea of Azov with the Black Sea. The Ukrainian hostages are rumored

to be detained at the nearby port of Kerch. Kiev maintains that the ships were in international waters when the incident occurred but Moscow disagrees. In response to the incident, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko declared 30 days of martial law in some territories near the area. The Sea of Azov borders Crimea, the key strategic peninsula administered by Russia since the country annexed the region in

2014.  
**Nov. 30, 2018**  
World leaders gathered in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Friday to begin two days of talks for the annual G20 forum. The G20 (also known as the Group of Twenty) is an international economic forum between the governments of the world's most economically powerful countries, including the U.S., China, Russia, Sau-

di Arabia, Japan and the European Union, among others. In 2014, G20 member states accounted for 75 percent of world trade and two-thirds of world population, according to the forum's website. At the forum, it was announced that India, the world's largest democracy, would be the host country in 2022.  
**Dec. 1, 2018**  
Flags were flown at half-staff around the nation on Saturday in honor of former President George H.W. Bush, who died on Friday at the age of 94. Bush was the longest-lived U.S. president ever at the time of

his death. Bush served as the 41st president from 1989 to 1993. His administration dealt with a recession in 1990 and passed several precedent-setting bills, including the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. In foreign policy, Bush spearheaded the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I) and declared a partnership with Russian President Boris Yeltsin after the fall of the U.S.S.R. He oversaw U.S. involvement in the Gulf War and helped negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement. Bush was preceded in death by his wife

of 73 years, Barbara, who passed away in April. As of Sunday, a state funeral was being planned and Bush is expected to be laid to rest in Texas alongside his wife, the state which he made his home and forged a political career.

# Green from A1

Facebook page, NRCM Rising is a group created by the Natural Resource Council of Maine in 2014 that aims to connect people in their 20s, 30s and 40s who care about the protection of the environment. The organization holds events all around the state and teaches about how to make positive change on the state and federal level. Sophie Janeaway, the climate and clean energy outreach coordinator for NRCM Rising, discussed the three solutions areas — transportation, energy efficiency and clean energy — that her organization is working to get passed through the Maine legislature. The second half of

the event was dedicated to showing people how their voices matter and what they can do to make them heard. Todd Martin, who is a part of the NRCM Rising team, said he sees the incoming governor and legislature as a big opportunity for more sustainable policies the state of Maine. The best solution on this front, he suggested, is for people to get in contact with their representatives. "State legislators are voting for us so it is our responsibility to know who they are, and what they stand for," Martin said. "Plus you need to tell them what you think." Sharon Klein, an associate professor in the UMaine School of Economics, agreed with the optimism for opportunities of better renewable energy. "There was a lot of

enthusiasm for this change from Mainers and the legislature," Klein said. "The new legislature and Governor can carry that momentum forward and finally make much-needed changes that can make solar farms more economical and accessible." There have been several bills attempted in the legislature that could strengthen the renewable energy economy, especially solar energy, in Maine. However, many were vetoed by Gov. Paul LePage. With the change in leadership, many people like Klein and the event organizers are hopeful for the future state of Maine's environment.

# The World This Week



- Nov. 27, 2018**  
A U.S. military airstrike in Helmand, Afghanistan killed 23 civilians.
- Nov. 30, 2018**  
19-year-old British student, Muhammed Fathi Abulkasem, was arrested in Egypt after taking a photo from the plane he was on that featured a military helicopter in the shot.
- Dec. 1, 2018**  
Left-wing Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador was sworn in as president of Mexico.

# This week at UMaine...

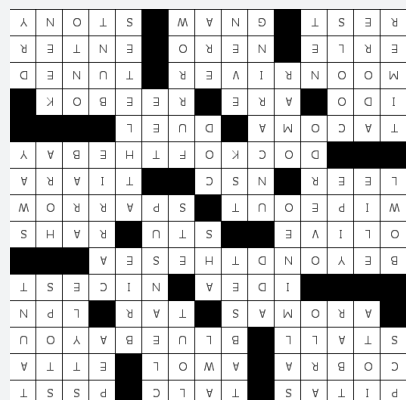
What's happening this week at UMaine

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| Multicultural Monday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Office of Multicultural Student Life | WGS Colloquium Series #3 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Bangor Room                                    | Wednesday's at the Wilson Center 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wilson Center | Lunch and Learn: Public Speaking Tips and Tricks 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Upstart Center for Entrepreneurship, 20 Godfrey Drive, Orono | Truth, Healing, and Change in Dawnland 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Murray Hall        | Women's Basketball vs Brown University 1:00 o.m. Cross Insurance Center in Bangor |
| Jazz Ensemble 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall                          | Men's Basketball vs. Fordham University 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cross Insurance Center in Bangor | German Table 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Little Hall                      | Spanish Table 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Little Hall  | Maine Masque Staged Reading of "I'm Still Alive" 5:00 p.m. Hawk Auditorium | Ornaments by Nature 2:00 p.m. Hirundo Wildlife Refuge                             |

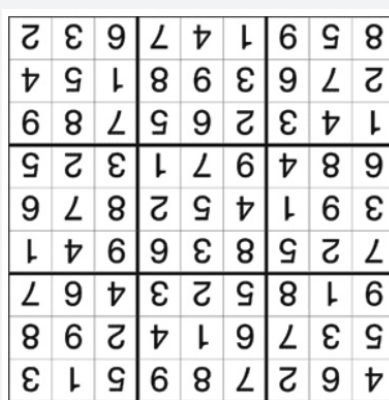
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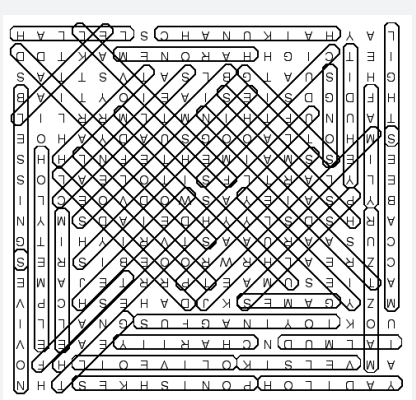
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# Opinion

Monday, December 3, 2018

## Editorial: New sexual assault guidelines decrease liability of universities, at expense of victims

**Liz Theriault**  
Opinion Editor

The public now has 60 days to weigh in during the public comment period of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' new sexual misconduct regulation guidelines. The guidelines, although leaked online in September, were formally announced by the Department of Education in November and narrow the definition of sexual harassment, as well as a college or university's obligation in response to any allegations. Despite being framed by DeVos and her department as leveling the playing field for both the victim and the accused in situations of sexual misconduct, the new regulations, above all, protect schools and sway the favor of investigations and rulings towards the side of the accused.

Obama era regulations, released in 2011 through a "Dear Colleague" letter, put in place stronger enforcement of Title IX regulations by colleges and universities and required schools to quickly and equitably respond to sexual harassment and assault allegations. These former guidelines defined sexual harassment as "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature" that results in a hostile environment and required schools to act on misconduct if they knew or "reasonably should" know of student-on-student harassment.

DeVos' pro-

posed guidelines would compress the definition of sexual harassment into a smaller and more restrictive definition, where sexual harassment is "unwelcome conduct on the basis of sex that is so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it denies a person access to the school's education program or activity." Furthermore, schools would only be held liable to take action if the student makes a complaint known through official channels; in other words, telling a trusted professor, coach or resident adviser would not be enough.

These guidelines also change the status of evidence needed in investigations for universities or colleges to take action against an accused student. Before, a "preponderance of evidence" was required and meant that an accused had to be found "more likely than not" to have committed sexual misconduct. Now, "clear and convincing" evidence is required, demanding more of victims when coming forward. The general stance of these new regulations states that "clear and convincing" requirements strengthen due process and promote equality throughout the investigation. However, Jess Davison, executive director of the group End Rape on Campus, said in an interview with Vox that "they're implementing a standard that is not neutral," because the

"preponderance of evidence" standard "assumes neither party is right or wrong" and "puts both students on equal footing," while "clear and convincing" standards sway the favor towards the accused.

In the case of Title IX proceedings, the use of looser evidence requirements, such as the "preponderance of evidence" is appropriate because the potential penalties are lower than in criminal cases, where the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standards are utilized. The "worst that could happen to a student" is expulsion, according to Alyssa Peterson, the policy and advocacy coordinator of Know Your IX, an American political advocacy group founded in 2013.

Additionally, the regulations allow for institutions to choose which levels of evidence they require, either the former Obama era guidelines or the new proposed rules, which would result in confusing national standards and different students having different levels of protection or standards depending on where they were.

Beyond even the logistics of what these proposed regulations would mean for victims of sexual assault and harassment on campuses, many are worried that DeVos crafted the new guidelines without the best interest of survivors at heart. Before the release, DeVos met with various groups, such

as Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE), Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) who advocate for the rights of people accused of sexual assault, and the National Coalition for Men (NCFM). Further, the president of NCFM has been quoted blaming a victim of caught on-camera assault committed by football player Ray Rice, saying "if she hadn't aggravated him, she wouldn't have been hit." The input of an organization whose leader had sided with an indicted assaulter should not be taken into consideration when attempting to level the playing field between victims and the accused.

Unfortunately, issues of rape and sexual misconduct are not unknown to the college of our hearts. In the case of the University of Maine, 41 cases of rape and 18 cases of fondling were reported in the last three years, according to the University of Maine 2017 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, provided by the University Of Maine Police Department in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistic Act of 1998. UMaine has standards and resources in place for victims who wish to come forward but these could be affected by the proposed regulations.

Additionally, recent news states that a former UMaine baseball pitcher, Clay Conway, was charged in

November with raping six women in his home state of Delaware. He attended UMaine for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years before transferring to the University of Delaware. The alleged rapes occurred over the last five years, and Conway was expelled from the University of Delaware in September for "sexual assault and dating violence." During the university's investigation, it was found that Conway "more likely than not" assaulted women, based on information from the victim and several witnesses, "more likely than not" choked the victim and "may have" mentioned "driving her dead body into the Delaware River," according to the Bangor Daily News.

While there were never any reported sexual misconduct cases involving Conway while he was a student at the University of Maine, having a former UMaine student accused of such severe instances of assault serve as a reminder that these issues do not fall far from home.

These new regulations proposed by DeVos may have changed whether or not Conway would have been expelled from the University of Delaware, since they used the "preponderance of evidence" standard to find that Conway "more likely than not" committed the alleged rape.

Finally, the proposed rules could allow institutions to

enter dangerous territory of refusing to investigate sexual misconduct even in cases of rape. An opinion piece written by Dana Bolger, co-founder of Know Your IX for the New York Times, cites a court case, *Ross v. Corporation of Mercer University*, where rape was ruled to not count as sexual harassment under the new standards "because a one-time act of violence is not 'pervasive.'" These new regulations increase the amount of gray area in instances of reported sexual misconduct, make it harder for students to see their claims investigated and decrease the level of equality between the victim and the accused in Title IX proceedings.



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# Opioids: a college crisis

**Kylie Welch**  
Contributor

The opioid crisis is something that can no longer be ignored as it has been in years past. We all remember the presentations in middle school and high school about the dangers of drugs. Programs like D.A.R.E. had friends or families of those who had been afflicted with drug addiction visit schools to speak out. Despite this, drug education was oftentimes general, impersonal and took a sobriety-based platform in regards to drug use, which of course can be

unrealistic in the real world.

College provides an environment in which it is easier to access pharmaceuticals than it is, as a minor, to find someone to buy you alcohol. There are countless jokes on various social media platforms about the pros and cons of Adderall induced homework binges the week before finals or mixing Xanax with alcohol on nights out. The casual manner in which young adults are taking prescription medication allows for an easy leap to the addictive and deadly world of opioids and painkillers.

Popularized by pop culture, taking opioids such as Percocet and Oxycodone, and concoctions such as Lean which contains Codeine, now seems to be used in the same way as alcohol and marijuana: recreationally. Rap songs such as “Mask Off (Molly Percocet)” performed by artist Future and “Zack and Codeine” by Post Malone were at the top of the charts over the past year and are still in the beloved playlists of students all over the nation.

The casual attitudes surrounding these types of addictive prescrip-

tion painkillers seems to have had a hand in the increasing number of opioid-related deaths in the United States. The Center for Disease Control released the information that in 2017 alone over 70,000 Americans had died of drug overdoses, more than all the U.S. deaths in the Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined. The Guardian reports that there is no discernable location or class which opioids seem to be affecting, as they are reaching any and all U.S. citizens.

Despite the glorification of these drugs in

the media and by celebrities, their dangers have also been brought to light, most recently with the death of rapper Mac Miller who overdosed on a mixture of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid which is up to 50 times more powerful than heroin, cocaine, and alcohol. Many young adults took his death as a personal loss due to his young age and impact on the younger generations.

In order to fulfill a desire that so many people have due to an addictive relationship with prescribed opioids, drugs such as heroin and fentanyl have become more

popular and more prevalent, to the point where deaths related to cocaine mixed with fentanyl overdoses have increased over 400 percent in the last three years, according to NPR. In a world where drug use seems to be just as trendy as Gucci, young adults who are exposed to its use must make themselves aware of the risks and uncertainty associated with taking any sort of drug, because at the end of the day, there is no such thing as a ‘safe’ drug.

# New blood in the Democratic caucus is just what it needs

**Nate Poole**  
Contributor

In the wake of the “blue wave” that has rushed over the House of Representatives, another less conspicuous wave has also come over the Democratic caucus. With the elections for a new speaker nearly upon Congress, and despite some calling for immediate new leadership, it has become clear that Nancy Pelosi will most likely regain her position as the House Speaker, along with Rep. Steny Hoyer (Maryland) and Rep. James Clyburn (South Carolina), who will return to the number two and three leadership positions, respectively.

All three of these leaders are in their late seventies. Pelosi, who became the first female speaker in 2007, appears

to be aware that the sun is setting on her leadership, and has referred to this time as “transitional.” In such a drastically fluctuating political climate, it is time for new faces and new ideas to come to the forefront of the legislative branch.

Midterm voters didn’t just vote for a party, they voted for a diverse group of individuals who happened to align with ideals of the Democratic party, with widely varying origins and political philosophies. There are more than 60 incoming elected officials to Congress, and 27 of them are under the age of 50. Congresswoman elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez became a midterms superstar as the youngest member of Congress ever at 29 years old, as well as a self-proclaimed Dem-

ocratic Socialist. Along with this milestone, two representatives will serve as the first female Muslims in the house and another two will be the first Native-American women elected to Congress. Sharice Davids is the member-elect from Kansas’s 3rd district; she is a member of the Ho-Chunk nation, an openly gay woman and a professional mixed martial artist turned attorney before running for office. It is evident that the American people want to see not only younger faces, but also faces from parts of society that have never been a part of legislative process until now.

It isn’t just the American people that are showing a desire for new ideas and leadership, but also the incumbent representatives in Congress as well. Rep. Hakeem

Jeffries of New York beat out Rep. Barbara Lee of California for the number five leadership spot in the Democratic Party, positioning him as the speaker-to-be when Pelosi and her contemporaries decide to make their exit. With Jeffries at age 48 and Lee at 72, Democratic House members made it clear that fresh, ambitious and charismatic party leadership is what they are trying to create as they prepare for their reintroduction as the majority in Congress. Jeffries is nothing if not the perfect representation of the new Democratic Party. He is popular within the party for his gift for rousing off-the-cuff speeches, and Rep. Juan C. Vargas has even compared him to former President Barack Obama.

The ambition of

the newly elected representatives is now on display, as they arrive just in time for the election of a new speaker. Elections create a unique opportunity for new members of the house to gain leverage for their desired committees and personal initiatives with Pelosi. Ocasio-Cortez has made it clear that she is vying for a highly coveted position on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and will likely take advantage of Pelosi’s ever-so-slight moment of vulnerability to move for it. Meanwhile, another young midterm star, congresswoman elect Ayanna Pressley from Massachusetts, made a deal to support Pelosi so long as she promises to bring a gun background check bill to the House floor.

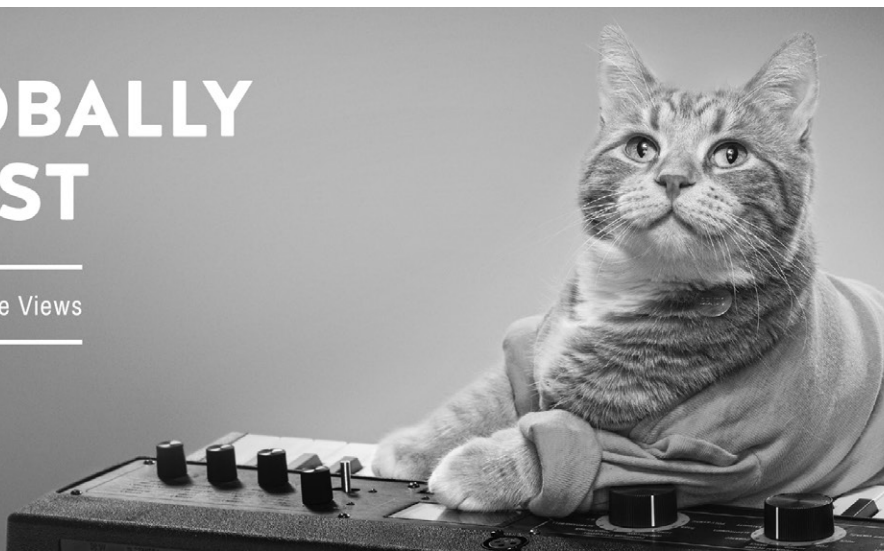
The “blue-

wave” is certainly an exciting buzzword, and it’s encouraging to see what seems to be a reaction to the current administration’s transgressions and shortcomings, but the truly compelling story lies in the changes occurring within the Democratic Party itself. There are numerous new faces, with backgrounds, beliefs and stories that have yet to be encountered within the lawmaking process at the federal level. The young talent in the Democratic Party presents positive aspects of past lawmakers while also bringing a fresh ambition and charisma that will hopefully reinvigorate an aging party. Right now it seems we will have to just wait and see, but my real hope is that Congress will do anything but.

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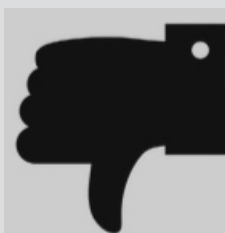
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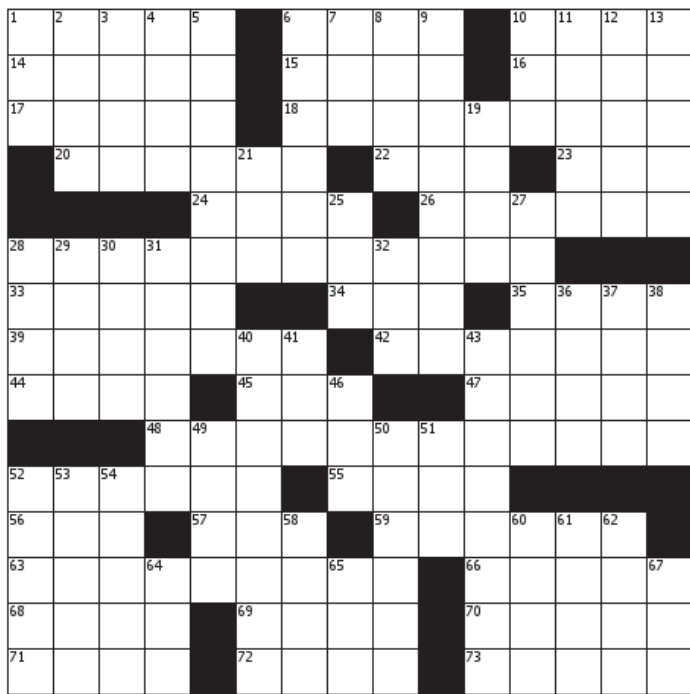
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# Diversions

## Crossword



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**Across**

- 1. Falafel holders
- 6. Fine-grained mineral
- 10. "Want to hear a secret?"
- 14. Jungle reptile
- 15. Truant, in the USMC
- 16. Blues singer James
- 17. Play for time
- 18. Linda Ronstadt hit
- 20. Olfactory stimuli
- 22. Parking lot topper

- 23. Hosp. employee
- 24. Brainstorm
- 26. Sweetest and kindest
- 28. Bobby Darin hit
- 33. It could be stuffed
- 34. Actor Erwin
- 35. Stadium sounds
- 39. Fall, while surfing
- 42. Finch
- 44. Glance impolitely
- 45. U.S.A. defense agency
- 47. Diamond-studded topper
- 48. Part of an Otis Redding hit
- 52. Puget Sound city
- 55. Combat for two
- 56. Familiar vow
- 57. Exist
- 59. Footwear giant
- 63. Henry Mancini hit
- 66. Got into pitch
- 68. Gardner of fiction
- 69. Roman ruler
- 70. Step into
- 71. Lull
- 72. Trouble persistently
- 73. Pitiless

**Down**

- 1. Some IBM products
- 2. Small amount
- 3. Vail device
- 4. One of Woody's kids
- 5. "Rebel Without a Cause" actor
- 6. Programmed command for fixed indentations
- 7. Leatherworker's tool
- 8. Big galoot
- 9. Makes quite a profit
- 10. Word with soup or shooter
- 11. Vogue
- 12. F3.5 and F4.0
- 13. Reproach bitterly
- 19. It's cheesy
- 21. Cookbook direction
- 25. Patient sounds?
- 27. King novel
- 28. Big sports event
- 29. Peace Nobel
- 31. "Oh, my!"
- 31. Strain one's muscles
- 32. Toy store aliens
- 36. League type
- 37. Israeli dance
- 38. Oscillate
- 40. Not concerned
- 41. "For shame!"
- 43. They participate in big games
- 46. Icelander's catch
- 49. Tent tycoon
- 50. Plow line
- 51. Start of a giggle
- 52. Official recorder
- 53. Hold precious
- 54. Chills
- 58. Free from fluctuations
- 60. It can be a drag
- 61. Understanding
- 62. Quick-witted
- 64. Spiker's barrier
- 65. Historic time
- 67. Unbattered

## Word Search: Hanukkah

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| BIMUELOS    | HALLEL         | OLIVE OIL  |
| BLESSINGS   | HANEROT HALALU | PONTSHKES  |
| CANDLES     | HEBREW         | PRAYERS    |
| CHANUKIAH   | HOLIDAY        | PSALMS     |
| CHARITY     | HOLY TEMPLE    | SEVIVON    |
| CUSTOMS     | JERUSALEM      | SHAMASH    |
| DAIRY FOODS | KISLEV         | SONGS      |
| DREIDEL     | LATKE          | SUFGANIYOT |
| EIGHT DAYS  | LEVIVOT        | TALMUD     |
| FAMILY      | LIGHTS         | TORAH      |
| FEAST       | MA'OZ TZUR     | TRADITION  |
| FESTIVAL    | MACCABEES      | YEARLY     |
| GAMES       | MATISYAHU      | YEHUDIT    |
| GELT        | MENORAH        |            |
| GIFTS       | MIRACLE        |            |

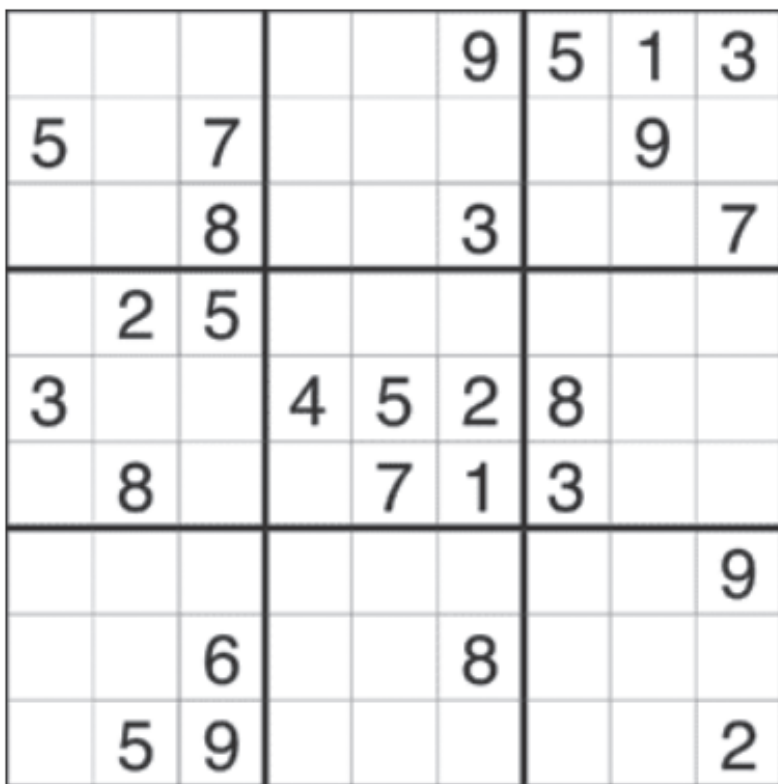


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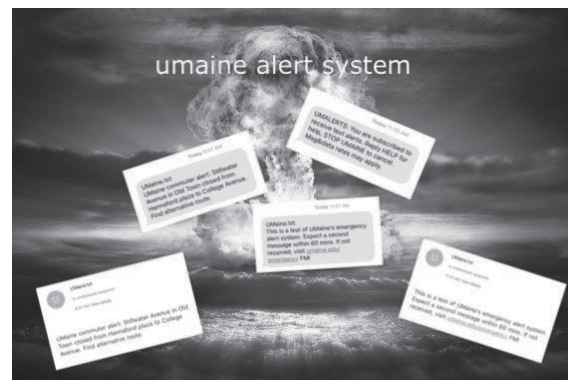


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Me when union workers say it's gonna be a few more minutes for chicken tenders



UMaine memes for drunken teens



UMaine memes for drunken teens

## Word Scramble: Football

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|----------|------------|
| 1. pslya | 6. cchat   |
| 2. pssa  | 7. taslce  |
| 3. eamt  | 8. ufosc   |
| 4. okclb | 9. egyptre |
| 5. ptnu  |            |

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# Reviews

## MUSIC

**“Upside Down Flowers” explores nostalgia, dreams and the unknown**

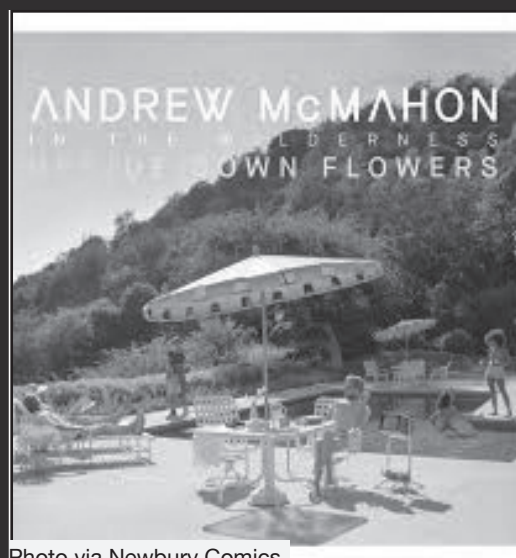


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### RATING



**Niamh Toomey**  
Contributor

Andrew McMahon has released his third album, an 11-track exploration of his life called “Upside Down Flowers.” Although the album “Andrew McMahon In The Wilderness” is not his first solo project as an artist, he produced music under the title “Jack’s Mannequin” from 2004 to 2012, he has breathed a different kind of enthusiasm for the ups and downs of life into this project.

The album’s announcement on McMahon’s website says, “Welcome to the land of Upside Down Flowers. We don’t live here because it’s easy, we live here because it’s beautiful.” He explains the meaning behind a number of the tracks, as well as the people who inspired them, stating, “When I close my eyes and think about these songs I see the faces of the people I wrote them for. Some are so real I can conjure our shared lives in waves of nostalgia and others are a fiction I’ve grown to love so dearly over time they might as well be old friends.” At its core, “Upside Down Flowers” is about, and for, the people in McMahon’s life, both real and fictional, no matter what his relationships to them are. It’s a love letter to his family, to his past and to the uncertainty of the future.

“Upside Down Flowers” opens with “Teenage Rockstars,” a look into his past and his first band, “Something Corporate.” Nostalgia is a common theme within McMahon’s recent music; it is also explored in “Halls” and “High Dive” from his debut album, “Andrew McMahon In The Wilderness.” Other common themes he explores on “Upside Down

Flowers” include fatherhood, his battle with leukemia, the frequent movement of his family and his relationship with his wife.

Soundwise, “Upside Down Flowers” relies heavily on powerful bass lines. Although few tracks are danceable, dissonant vocals give a dreamlike vibe. McMahon’s unique, soaring vocals set the album apart from many other indie albums of the past few years, and the electronic modifications to the vocals seek only to give effect, rather than drastically alter the sound of his voice.

Standout tracks from the album include “Paper Rain,” the tale of a fictional father who goes to Las Vegas in an attempt to gamble away all of the family’s money problems, as well as “Ohio” and “Goodnight, Rock and Roll.” “Ohio” explores his feelings about leaving his father and his life in Ohio to move to California with his mother and his sister Katie. It expresses the bittersweet and conflicting feelings that come with both leaving a home you have always known and leaving an abusive parent behind. “Goodnight, Rock and Roll,” explores the death of rock and roll idols such as Tom Petty and David Bowie through the eyes of a musician who has been influenced by the various works that these artists have released.

Despite the new sound that McMahon has produced with this album, the differences are very much welcome and offer listeners an evolved sound very much within the realm of previous tracks and albums. No matter where McMahon heads next, it’s sure to keep listeners engaged and feeling like they’ve stepped into their favorite indie film.

## MOVIE

**“Creed 2” revisits a cinematic staple**

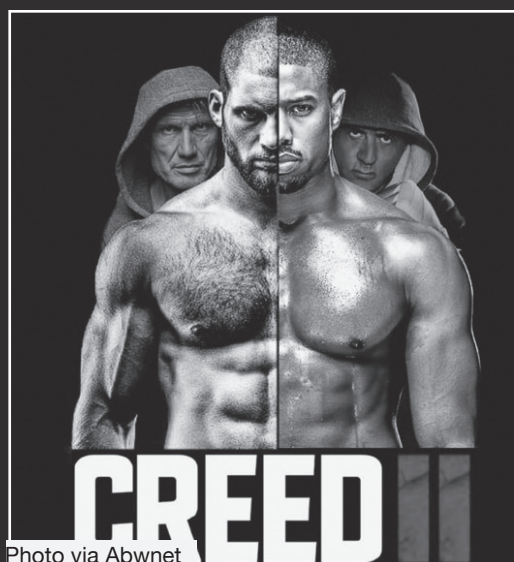


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### RATING



**Edward Crockett**  
Contributor

“Creed 2” is directed by Steven Caple Jr. and features the talents of Michael B. Jordan as Adonis Creed, Tessa Thompson as Bianca Taylor, and the great Sylvester Stallone as Rocky Balboa. In this chapter of the Rocky/Creed boxing franchise, Adonis Creed must learn to provide for his new family while overcoming his demons, as well as those of his father.

The film picks up roughly three years after the events of 2015’s “Creed,” and shows that Adonis and Rocky have claimed the title of world heavyweight champion. However, trouble arises when Ivan Drago, the man responsible for the death of Creed’s father, and Victor Drago publicly challenge Creed for the title.

Jordan is brilliant in the title role and Sylvester Stallone once again owns his trademark role as Rocky Balboa. Creed and Rocky have a compelling dynamic throughout the film that builds upon what was set up in the first one but complicates the relationship and brings it to a new level.

The story doesn’t treat Ivan and Victor Drago in a way that you would expect, especially if you’re a fan of, and know the Rocky lore. The film’s best attribute is its focus on the themes of family, personal struggle, loss and revenge. All of these aspects are given plenty of room to breathe, ultimately making for a well-balanced and entertaining film. Further, Caple Jr. does a great job taking the

reins of the franchise from Ryan Coogler, who directed the first film. It’s clear that Caple Jr. made it a point to match the tone of “Creed,” which is not easy for a new director to do. The script is also well written and is chock-full of wonderful character moments that are both memorable and genuine.

I felt that the iconic score from the Rocky films and from the first “Creed” wasn’t used as much as it could in the sequel. I felt that the initial introduction of Viktor Drago was rushed. The film shows more of him as the story plays out, but the plot develops Ivan’s motivation more than Viktor’s, which could bother some viewers as he is the top contender facing Adonis. The Rocky movies are a staple of cinema and both “Creed” and “Creed 2” continue to solidify that.

I will note a disclaimer for the film: make sure you’re up to date on all of the previous films, particularly, the “Rocky” films and “Creed.” “Creed 2” draws much of its story from previous installments and it’s more enjoyable if you’re all caught up. All things considered, I enjoyed “Creed 2” as both a sequel to the first film and as a worthy addition to the Rocky franchise.

## PODCAST

**Explore the inside of your favorite cult**

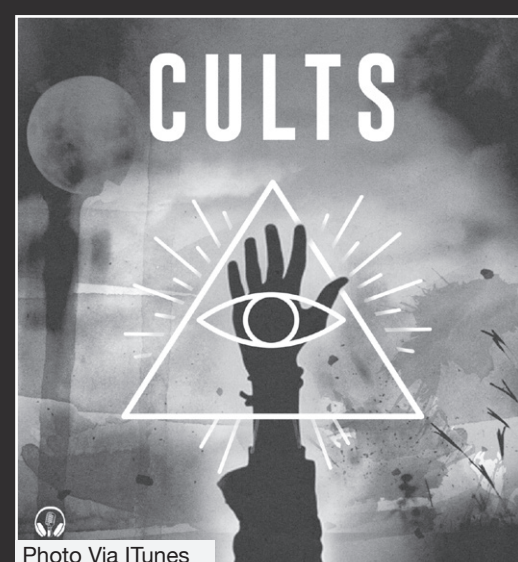


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### RATING



**Olivia Shipsey**  
Culture Editor

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a member of a cult?

Every Tuesday, Greg Polcyn and Vanessa Richardson highlight a different cult and explore the history and psychology behind how they came to be. With a little over 60 episodes, they have covered notorious groups including the Order of the Solar Temple, Heaven’s Gate and the Manson Family. Most cults are explored over the course of two episodes, the first focusing on the life and mind of the cult leader, and the second examining the cult and its members.

Polcyn provides historical context, helping listeners understand the way politics, culture and religion play into the cult’s beliefs and formation. Richardson goes inside the minds of those involved, examining the behaviors of the cult’s leaders and members and how their psyche may have affected their actions. Every episode is marked with a disclaimer that while Richardson is not a psychologist or a psychiatrist, she grounds her contribution in significant research. However, after hearing her speak on these conditions fluently and citing many credible sources as she does, it is easy to trust her analysis.

Polcyn and Richardson bring a compelling eeriness to the show, their voices both electric and sterile. I believe this is caused by how scripted the show is. Their conversations are stripped of anything comforting or familiar which makes comments such as “Thanks, Greg” and “You raise an interesting point, Vanessa” almost robotic. While this may be off-putting

to some listeners, I feel it adds something wicked.

“Cults” is one of many shows on the Parcast Network. Parcast was created by Max Cutler in 2016 when Cutler decided he wanted to create a different type of program. The network is distinct due to its thematically dark content, thorough research, high production quality and enjoyable storytelling. Other shows hosted by the network include “Kingpins,” “Hostage,” “Assassination” and “Serial Killers.”

“I kind of went reverse logic in the sense that I wanted to launch in an area that had a lot of competition. I thought that by adding production value and bringing storytelling into it, we could be different,” Cutler said in an interview with Forbes Magazine, on why he wanted Parcast to focus on the true crime genre.

While true crime may be in the cultural limelight, “Cults” gives its audience something different. There are no additional ploys, it is a show which desires to give you information and understanding about this strange phenomenon. Each episode comes in at almost an hour, but the scripting allows the listener to stay engaged throughout. You finish every episode feeling as though the only way you could understand the group better would be to have been a part of it.

Listen to “Cults” and any other show on the Parcast Network on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Spotify, or Stitcher. Episodes older than six months are now available in their ad-free archives through Stitcher Premium.

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# Finding a personal narrative in Russia



Photo courtesy of Brawley Benson.

## Brawley Benson News Editor

Outside the train, dark fields faded and hovered in sight before disappearing behind thickets of trees. The scene seemed to repeat itself with no variation except for the changing pattern of distant streetlights, which appeared in smaller and smaller clumps as we moved farther from Moscow. We sat on the floor of the metal space at the end of the train car, dreaming of getting to the apartment and taking off our wet boots. Men and women with bundled red faces stood leaning on the walls, tired from working all day in the city.

We didn't make eye

contact, as we were advised. They said Russians don't smile at each other in passing, that it was strange and dishonest. Before going abroad, these stories of caution were recounted alongside others: carry 2,000 extra rubles for bribing the police, develop a taste for vodka, don't let your Americanness show.

Instead, we listened to music on the floor of the cabin. The five of us in the group — two Americans and three Russians — took turns making suggestions, but when "Saturnz Barz" by Gorillaz came on, the first song everybody in the group knew, we stopped talking, content with having finally found a

shared taste.

Music was always a companion on the twisted, crisscrossing paths of the Moscow subway and bus system. Now it was a way to communicate among friends, when our own imperfect grasp of each other's languages failed us.

I hadn't run into any issues with what the news and common depictions of Russia had warned me about. I was never a victim of our countries' political animosity, or a confrontation with the notorious police. It helped that I always tried to blend in. A big coat could make anyone look normal provided everyone else was wearing one. After October in Russia, you

could rely on that deception.

As we pulled into the station, people lifted their suitcases and backpacks, and patiently formed uneven queues near the sliding doors. When the doors opened they spilled out silently, as if the train were exhaling its passengers into the frigid night.

We walked to the apartment in the cold and I remembered how frightened I'd been, imagining situations exactly like this. What I'd seen and what I'd been taught had trained me to think of What I'd seen and what I'd been taught had trained me to think of Russia as a dangerous place, where anyone you ran into in

a concrete alley could bring harm to you.

We arrived at our destination: a gray Soviet-era apartment complex. On the fourth floor, our friend's father offered us slippers to wear in the house, tea to keep us warm and beds to sleep in after we visited his favorite bars. He had stocked his kitchen with cookies and bottles of water.

Again, I thought of how this situation ran against all my notions of what Russia was like. I felt that the narrative I'd been exposed to dictated that this country should be cold, dangerous and uninviting. Only one of those was true.

In reality, it was that the people I met like my

Russian friend's father — who insisted he buy us drinks at every bar and try his homemade borsch at his restaurant — that made the country so memorable and subversive to expectations. I saw that there were so many dimensions to this place being left out of the stories being told in my home country. There is more to it than just politics, protests, economics and threats to the United States. There is a personal narrative, one that serves ugliness in equal measure with beauty, history and humanity.

## Make December merry and bright with these seven holiday party ideas

### Olivia Shipsey Culture Editor

Whether you had your Christmas tree up the day after Thanksgiving or have been patiently waiting until December to get into the holiday spirit, 'tis the season to celebrate and cherish those you hold dear. What's the best way to gather people together? A holiday party. Here are seven themed holiday parties to consider hosting.

**Cookie Decorating Party** - Nothing brings people together like the smell of sugar cookies. It doesn't matter if they are made

from scratch or Pillsbury pre-cut Christmas tree cookies, get together with your friends in the most convenient kitchen and get creative. If you don't feel like baking, buy a few gingerbread house kits and attempt to build a gingerbread mansion. Just make sure you leave a few cookies for Santa.

**Caroling Party** - While many of us have been attempting to hit the high notes in Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" for a while, why not share those harmonies with your friends and family? Go door-to-door in your dorm or

carpool to your friends' residences. Don't forget to invite your victim along to the next location with you. End the night with some Carol-oke and hot beverages. Don't worry, being a good singer is not a prerequisite for this activity.

**Deck the Halls Party** - This one is for the crafter elves. Get your friends together and make some paper snowflakes, decorate ornaments or make festive garlands. Design Christmas cards to send to those who couldn't make it. Purchase a variety of gift wrappings and make it a group activity. Just

remember to leave your gifts for those in attendance at home.

**Ugly Sweater Party** - Any kind of holiday party is enjoyable, but an ugly sweater party adds a certain level of tackiness that's not always overtly acknowledged during the holiday season. Instead of a regular gift exchange, encourage party-goers to bring the worst or most-unnecessary gift they can think of. This would be well-paired with a screening of "Christmas Vacation" or "A Christmas Story."

**Ice Skating Party** - What sounds better than bundling up, drinking a hot choc-

olate and lacing on some skates with your friends? UMaine offers public skate at the Alford Arena on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Public skate is free with Student ID or RecCard, or check out the Penobscot Ice Arena in Brewer.

**Scrooge Party** - For those of us feeling a little "bah, humbug," consider hosting a Scrooge party. Eat non holiday-themed food like Chinese take-out, buy lots of candy and watch a horror movie. This will provide a great escape for those who are tired of the holiday cheer.

**Vintage Yuletide Party** - If your favorite holiday movies are "It's a Wonderful Life" or "White Christmas," you may be interested in a more old fashioned gathering. Encourage your friends to dress to the nines, spin some Bing Crosby or Nat King Cole albums on a record player, and serve hors d'oeuvres and punch by the fire (even if that fire is a Youtube fireplace live stream). Make it a potluck and play some card games after dinner. Don't forget to hang some mistletoe.

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ting along it's because they haven't talked to each other," Abbott

said. "I can't tell you how many times I've said 'Did you talk to them about this?' and they go, 'No.' If they talk first, and then the issue persists, that's

when I sit them both down and talk it out. It's all about communication and respect."

To Abbott, the most rewarding parts of the job are the connections

and friendships he has made. As an RA it is essential to be good at communication, something that Abbott not only succeeds at but enjoys.

"I like interacting with hundreds of people each day, and I like being a go-to person if somebody needs something," Abbott said. "It also opens

up a bunch of different opportunities for me. Interacting with my staff is a lot of fun too. Work friends are always good friends."

# Singers take the stage in fall showcase



The all-female identifying a cappella choir, Renaissance, hosts a fall showcase, November 30.

Photo by MJ Gautrau.

## Bria Lamonica Staff Writer

Filling almost every seat, University of Maine students and community members packed Hauck Auditorium on Nov. 30 and waited in anticipation for the UMaine Renaissance Annual Fall Showcase.

"Everyone was so excited and talking to each other before the show," Autumn Rogers, a first-year biology student, said. "There wasn't a single dull moment, and the groups had the audience shouting for an encore and clapping on their feet."

UMaine Renaissance is a group of 12 women singers from

the UMaine community who performed at and hosted the event. They invited the Maine Steiners and UMaine Farmington's Clefnotes to share the stage. Each group took turns performing their a cappella numbers.

Renaissance started off the night with many upbeat songs, which included a rendition of "Raining Men" by The Weather Girls with hand clapping, stomping and beatboxing. The group sang a mixture of classic sing-along hits as well as newer pop songs.

"I saw Renaissance perform at my high school, senior year. I thought they looked like they had a lot of fun, and they sounded

amazing," Brooke Pietri, Assistant Director UMaine Renaissance, said. "I saw them perform for the University Singers my freshman year here, and decided I really wanted to be a part of this tight-knit group of girls."

Pietri is a third-year music education student and is also vice president of the University Singers.

The Clefnotes followed up the performance with three songs they arranged. These include "My Name is No" by Meghan Trainor, "The Night We Met" by Lord Huron and "Boondocks" by Little Big Town.

After a short intermission, the Maine

Steiners took the stage with a performance of "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show and their own mashup of other classic songs. The Maine Steiners are a 14-member all-male a cappella group.

"All three of the groups brought something unique and different to the showcase, no two singers sounded alike," Rogers said. "There was a good mix of energetic, upbeat songs and slower, quieter ones."

UMaine Renaissance finished out the night with Mumford and Sons' "Timshel" and Queen's "Somebody to Love." The members took turns speaking into the microphone giving

thanks to the audience and credit to the members who arranged each song.

The women of UMaine Renaissance perform many concerts and shows throughout the semester. The small audition-based group was founded in 1999 and has been performing a capella music at UMaine ever since.

"The wide variety of music genres and singing ranges got the audience excited and kept them engaged. It's always a pleasure to see all the girls dressed up and hear them perform well-known songs we can sing along to," Kimberly Stoddard, a third-year parks, recreation

and tourism student, said.

The group rehearses five hours a week on Mondays and Fridays from 6:30-9 p.m. and an additional five hours with the University Singers. On Jan. 15-18, UMaine Renaissance will be going on their annual winter tour. On Feb. 9, UMaine Renaissance and the Maine Steiners will be representing UMaine at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella at the Berklee Performance Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

To see a live stream of the performance you can visit the UMaine Renaissance Facebook page.

## "From the Second Wave to the Tidal Wave" offers discussion on women's issues

### Noah Loveless WMEB Staff

On Thursday, Nov. 29, the University of Maine's Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, along with the Rising Tide Center, screened the documentary "From the Second Wave to the Tidal Wave" from director and activist Pam Maus.

The film depicts the stories of three women and their experiences with second-wave feminism, a movement which began in 1960. Maus explored how their experiences could be related to today's current societal and cultural issues regarding women.

Maus has an unorthodox route to documentary filmmaking. After receiving a masters degree in counseling, she explored a variety of pursuits

ranging from working for the 1992 Bill Clinton presidential campaign, working as a private chef in the South of France, stints at the Harvard Business School and owning a bed and breakfast on the coast of Maine.

Being a documentarian is one of Maus' newer passions. Even though she didn't have much experience in filmmaking, it was her varied past that led her to pursue filmmaking as a form of storytelling. Her education in counseling has also informed her documentaries, as she finds it to be a process of inquiry into how people engage with issues in the world.

"I wanted women from different parts of the country with different experiences of the second wave," Maus said, on finding subjects for her document-

The three women featured were from various areas of America, with vastly different understandings of the feminist movement that came about in the 1960s. The documentary told the stories of women's experiences in college, like that of Arkansas State Senator Joyce Elliott who was a subject of the film.

"I thought I'd be able to get a basketball scholarship ... because I was a really good athlete. I did not know, no matter how good I was, women could not get scholarships," Elliot said.

Using personal stories like this, Maus demonstrates that even across region, race and personal experiences many women were experiencing the same obstacles and poor treatment. The larger goal of Maus' activism is to

demonstrate that there is a further generational connection between women of the second wave before, and what she calls the "Tidal Wave" today, which is what she describes as the organized feminist response in the wake of the 2016 election.

"People knew so little about the second wave today. I wanted to put history in perspective [as we] finally had one of my contemporaries [Hillary Clinton] about to be president," Maus said.

She found that there was a very important connection between Clinton's 2016 campaign and the fact that Clinton experienced the rise of the second wave firsthand. She wanted to inform people on the enduring relevance of the feminist progress made in the 1960s and 1970s.

A Q&A was hosted after the screening

between the director and the audience. The discussion after the documentary allowed the audience, which was made up of college students and community members, to describe their experiences and pose their own thoughts and questions to Maus and others.

As an activist, Maus has been increasing her role working with groups like Midcoast Women to provide opportunities and strength for marginalized women through collaboration. Through this group's storytelling events many women get a chance to use their voices and share their personal stories.

Maus has noticed the power of activist organizations like this and says that these groups are very different, but in the end, all work together in harmony. This is a possi-

ble thesis to her documentary work as well as how diverse women can be victims of injustices.

In spite of and in response to the problems women face, Maus had words of advice for the current generation of women.

"I want women to learn about advocating for themselves, not at the expense of everyone else, but just that women often tend to be last in relationships ... [and] understand that you're a whole person in addition to everything else that you're doing," Maus said.

Maus' work can be found on her website [pammaus.com](http://pammaus.com) and Midcoast Women can be reached at their website [midcoast-women.org](http://midcoast-women.org) as well as their Facebook Page.

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NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

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| <i>Ticket To L.A., Brett Young</i>           | Dec. 7 |
| <i>Evil Genius, Gucci Mane</i>               | Dec. 7 |
| <i>The Prophet Speaks, Van Morrison</i>      | Dec. 7 |
| <i>Mary Queen of Scots (in theaters)</i>     | Dec. 7 |
| <i>Anna And The Apocalypse (in theaters)</i> | Dec. 7 |
| <i>The American Meme (Netflix)</i>           | Dec. 7 |

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## Sex week gives students the opportunity to learn about their health and sexuality



The Sex Carnival provided students with information on sexual health, pleasure, and reproductive education. Photo by MJ Gautrau.

**Niamh Toomey**  
Contributor

Last week the Student Alliance for Sexual Health (SASH) hosted "Sex Week," a series of events that allows students to learn about their health, rights and sexuality in a sex-positive and stigma-free environment. Each presentation or discussion granted students the opportunity to explore different aspects of sex and sexuality, while also attempting to disseminate and clarify student's knowledge about such things.

A "Know Your IX: Learn About Survivors Rights" event was held on Monday morning, offering students the chance to learn more about the rights of sexual assault survi-

vors, harassment and other forms of sexual violence. Tuesday morning, organizers held a clothing swap in the Lown Room of the Memorial Union, and later hosted a "Make-up Extravaganza." Other events included "Body Positivity and Ice Cream," their semi-annual "Sex Carnival" and an event on the "Crisis Pregnancy Center."

At the "Crisis Pregnancy Center" event, organizers offered an open discussion about the minimal, and sometimes false information provided by clinics known as crisis pregnancy centers. Students compared the website of First Step, a crisis pregnancy center, to that of the Mabel Wadsworth Center, a local clinic that offers

abortions, STI/STD testing, gender-affirming hormone treatments and other health services. A major topic of discussion was how to tell the difference between clinics that offer abortion services and crisis pregnancy centers, which do not.

The week ended with the Sex Carnival, a popular event held in the Memorial Union that gives students, faculty and other community members the chance to come together and learn about different aspects of sex regardless of orientation and gender. Booths included information from local organizations, such as the Mabel Wadsworth Center, the 1 in 3 Campaign, Partners for Peace, Rape Response Services and Planned

Parenthood Generation Action. Other booths offered information on consent, pronouns, transgender health, menstruation, contraception, sex work and other relevant concepts.

Liliana Bonarrigo, a second-year political science student and a member of the UMaine Feminist Collective, assisted with setup and ran the prize table. Like many others, Bonarrigo enjoyed the music and games at the Sex Carnival.

"I think the Sex Carnival destigmatizes a lot of misconceptions about sex as well as sexuality and gender, since there's also a focus on trans health, menstruation, etc. It makes what would generally be potentially uncomfortable topics

and makes them fun," Bonarrigo said.

Upon arrival attendees were given a welcome bag filled with flyers for several of the organizations present, condoms and other items such as pens and lip balm. Visiting all booths was encouraged, and if a person in attendance visited every table they could be entered to win a prize.

"I think people should know that it's an event about sex, but it's meant to be a comfortable space for people and to give people the opportunity to learn and ask questions in an environment that normally wouldn't allow for that, while still having fun," Bonarrigo said.

**go!**

What's happening in and around Orono this week

**Monday, December 3**  
Jazz Ensemble  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Minsky Recital Hall

**Tuesday, December 4**  
WGS Colloquium Series #3  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
Bangor Room

**Thursday, December 6**  
New Writing Series  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
IMRC, Stewart Commons

**Thursday, December 6**  
UMaine Fall 2018 Poetry Slam  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
North Pod, Memorial Union

**Friday, December 7**  
Collective Ground - 2018 Senior Exhibition  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Lord Hall Gallery

## #YouMaine: RA strives to make UMaine a great place



Photo provided by Abbott.

**Edward Crockett**  
Contributor

At the University of Maine, resident assistants (RAs) act as ambassadors between students and the university. They work to keep students safe, inform residents of clubs and opportunities and attempt to lend a helping hand. This notion couldn't be more true for Marshall Abbott.

Abbott is a third-year communications and marketing student. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing vid-

eo games and singing with the UMaine Black Bears Men's Chorus.

This is Abbott's second semester as an RA and he takes a lot of pride in making a positive impact on campus. Over the course of his time working in both Kennebec and Hart Halls, he has become a pro at navigating the social and professional waters of the RA life.

"We're told to be students before RAs, but it's pretty easy to balance work and school. Sometimes it can be daunting but it's not too bad. It's about

time management and being a resource for people mostly," Abbott said.

Abbott's experience as an RA has in some ways been unusual. He began working after the formal training sessions had been completed, but this did not stop him from diving in head first and attempting to excel.

"When I first got hired, I sort of got thrown into it without any training, but you tend to fall into the role as time goes on," Abbott said. "Most days it's pretty average, you

wake up, go to class, eat dinner and go to bed. On the days that you're on duty you call in, sit at the desk, do a couple sets of rounds and make sure that no one is violating any housing agreements. It's not too bad."

One of the most challenging aspects of Abbott's job is handling conflicts between residents. This common issue, as Abbott explains, is just a part of his duties.

"Most of the time if residents aren't get-

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# Sports

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## UMAINE RESULTS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Men's Basketball unable to close, continues losing streak**

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| 12/1 | Football vs. Jacksonville State | Win  | 55-27 |
|      | Women's Hockey @ Vermont        | Loss | 2-3   |
|      | Men's Basketball @ St. Peter's  | Loss | 59-63 |
|      | Men's Hockey @ Vermont          | Tie  | 3-3   |
| 12/1 | Women's Basketball @ UNC        | Win  | 85-73 |

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4

### BASEBALL COLUMN

**America's pastime is past its prime**

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## UMaine Football advances to quarterfinals after victory over Jacksonville



Third-year wide receiver Earnest Edwards beats Gamecocks' second-year corner Jacquez Payton, scoring as Maine beat Jacksonville State 55-27.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff

### Zach LaBonne Sports Editor

The University of Maine Black Bears hosted the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks for the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs. The Black Bears won 55-27 on one of their best performances this season.

The contest, only the second ever home playoff game in school history, showed the team's cohesiveness and dedication throughout the season. At a pep rally put on by the university on Thursday, Nov. 29,

fourth-year defensive back Jeffrey DeVaughn reflected on one of the main driving forces for the team this season.

"We lost one of our teammates earlier this year, the tragic part is he was only 18 years-old," DeVaughn said. "He has been with us all season, through the ups and downs, we carry him with us everywhere, to road games and home games, everywhere. I know he is here with us everyday. This is very, very important to me because I am 23 and I played my five years of football here, he didn't play one snap, one practice. I tell

my teammates everyday to take no opportunities for granted, even in life."

DeVaughn's words rang true to his teammates, and the Black Bears efforts continued to be rewarded.

Maine's dynamic backfield, composed of second-year quarterback Chris Ferguson and first-year running back Ramon Jefferson, spearheaded the offensive efforts for the Black Bears. Jefferson amassed 186 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries, gashing the Gamecocks' front seven. Second-year running

back Joe Fitzpatrick, giving Jefferson a break in certain offensive formations, carried the ball seven times for 50 yards.

With the Black Bears' rushing attack bearing the load of carrying the offense down the field, Ferguson completed 14 passes on his 26 dropbacks, throwing for 159 yards and five touchdowns. Anchoring the incredible performance through the air and on the ground, the Black Bears offensive line won the battle in the trenches, only allowing Ferguson to be sacked once on the day.

Jacksonville, winning the coin toss, elected to kickoff to Maine. Gamecocks' Head Coach John Grass, aware of Maine's third-year return specialist Earnest Edwards' ability to score, ordered fourth-year kicker Cade Stinnett to squib the kickoff, preventing Edwards from getting the ball in his hands. Following a short drive that resulted in a Maine punt, the Gamecocks' offense came out onto the field.

Jacksonville's second-year starting quarterback Zerrick Cooper fared poorly against the aggressive "Black Hole"

defense throughout the game, completing 19 of 44 passing attempts for 365 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. Right out of the gate, the Gamecocks' offense ran into trouble. On back to back rushing attempts, Cooper handed the ball off to second-year running back Jaelen Greene, who was stopped in the backfield for a loss. Facing third down with 13 yards to gain for the first down, Cooper dropped back to pass, only to be taken down by third-year defensive lineman Kayon Whita-

See **Football** on B6

## NFL Scoring at All-Time High Due to Rule Changes, Offensive Powerhouses

### Leela Stockley Contributor

Since the beginning of the NFL season this past fall, there has been a trend sweeping through the nation. NFL teams are scoring at a greater rate than they have been in previous years. On Nov. 19, a contest between the Los Angeles Rams and the Kansas City Chiefs ended with a final score of 54-51, which marks the first time in NFL history that both teams scored more than 50 points in a single game.

In the second week of the NFL season, all 32 teams collectively scored 1,465 points. In the first two weeks of the 2017 season, teams had only scored 1,249 points, meaning that teams were averaging about 39 points per game. During the beginning of the 2018 season, teams were averaging almost 10 points higher, with most teams scoring about 47 points per game.

This impressive increase in point scoring can be attributed to several factors. This

year, a new roughing the passer rule was introduced, amid controversy. This rule prohibits a rushing defender from unnecessarily driving a passer into the ground after the passer has thrown the ball. This rule is designed to help keep players from collapsing onto the quarterbacks, but it has also made it harder for defensive players to take down the quarterback without receiving costly penalties.

A new catch rule has also been introduced. This rule states that the

receiver who is going to the ground while making a catch does not have to maintain control of the football while they are on the turf for the catch to be legal. The league has also banned helmet-to-helmet contact and is emphasizing the penalty for illegal contact to protect players.

In 2018, it seems as though the typical NFL mantra that "Defense wins championships" is going by the wayside, as strong offensive units take over the modern game. The

development of the quarterback position throughout NFL history, leading to the highest concentration of quality passers in the league at one time, has also played a hand in the scoring efforts.

"By and large, the NFL has really tried to enhance scoring and benefitted the offense," ESPN NFL analyst Tim Hasselbeck told Real Clear Sports.

A huge factor in changing the NFL landscape in the past couple years has been the prevalence of depen-

dency on quarterbacks. The quarterback position has essentially turned into a field general, commanding the entire offense and, in certain instances, making play calls during the drive.

The most notorious rule change came in 2009, when a rule was clarified to mean that a defender cannot initiate a roll or a lunge and forcibly hit the passer in the knee area or below, even if they are being contacted by an-

See **NFL** on B5

# Men's Basketball unable to close, continues losing streak



Third-year guard Isaiah White charges to the hoop in Maine's 73-59 loss to Princeton University.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

## Morgan Ford Contributor

The University of Maine Black Bears continued to struggle this week, losing to Quinnipiac, Princeton and Saint Peter's University. Although Maine didn't grab a single win this week, they had a few close games against Quinnipiac and Saint Peter's University.

The first game saw the Black Bears head back out on the road for their sixth consecutive away game. The team travelled to Connecticut on Sunday, Nov. 25. There the Black Bears faced off against the Quinnipiac Bobcats, coming out strong in the first half, leading by seven heading into halftime.

Maine's drastically improved shooting accuracy paved the way for the team. Draining 43 percent of their shots

from beyond the arc as a unit, Maine comfortably controlled the offensive aspect of the game. Quinnipiac didn't fare nearly as well, scoring only 25 percent of the shots that they put up.

Opening up the second half with the score at 26-19, Maine's lead was diminished in the first four minutes, as the Bobcats scored nine unanswered points. Just 10 minutes into the half, Quinnipiac had driven up the score and found themselves up 41-34. The Bobcats hit three consecutive 3-pointers in a row, and their improved accuracy tore apart Maine's defense.

The game ended with a score of 50-58. Unable to stop the Bobcats' second half charge, Maine walked off the court, unable to capture their first victory of the season. The leading scorers for the game

were third-year Isaiah White with 19 and third-year Vincent Eze with 10. Second-year Vilgot Larsson led the team in rebounds with nine, followed by third-year Andrew Fleming contributing seven boards.

Following a quick break, Maine hosted the Princeton Tigers on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Although the Black Bears had the home court advantage, they were unable to recapture their marvelous shooting from the first half against the Bobcats, allowing the Tigers to run up the score in the eventual loss.

White led the Black Bears scoring 15 points in the first half, including all three of Maine's successful shots from beyond the arc. Princeton knocked down eight of their 14 3-pointers to challenge Maine and bring the Tigers' lead to

36-25 by half time.

The Black Bears came out of the locker room with renewed energy and spirit, locking down their defense and improving their offensive efforts. Princeton's fourth-year guard Devin Cannady still cut through the Black Bears' defense, scoring a total of 20 points in the second half, and 28 points overall. Maine's Fleming attempted to match Cannady, putting up 15 points himself in the half. This effort was still not enough to outscore the opponents. In the end, the Black Bears lost 59-73. White and Fleming both ended the game with 19 points.

The last game of the week was on Saturday, Dec. 1. The team travelled to New Jersey to compete in their closest matchup of the season against the Saint Peter's University Peacocks.

Each team fought hard, forcing the game into overtime.

Both teams came onto the court strong, scoring several quick baskets. Maine's Fleming and fourth-year forward Ilija Stojiljkovic led the offensive charge, scoring eight points and 10 points respectively. The Peacocks were able to put themselves up by seven during the first half, yet a strong offensive surge from the Black Bears diminished the lead swiftly.

The second half was more of a defensive battle, with both teams striving to pull ahead. Going shot-for-shot as the clock ticked down, neither team was able to gain a sizeable lead. At 51-51 as time expired, Maine went into their second overtime of the season.

The Peacocks found their rhythm in overtime,

outscored Maine 12-8 for the win. Much like in their game against University of North Texas, the Black Bears were unable to maintain energy going into the extra five minutes of action.

Maine's next contest will be at home on Tuesday, Dec. 4 against Fordham University. The Black Bears will then travel to New Hampshire on Saturday, Dec. 8 to face off against Dartmouth College. Despite Maine's poor record the team has yet to play a team within its conference, giving hope to an otherwise weak season.

## The Boston Bruins go 1-2

## Nick Boutin Contributor

The Boston Bruins started off their week by traveling to play the Toronto Maple Leafs on Monday, Nov. 26. Boston fought hard in a 4-2 loss to a tough Maple Leafs team. Bruin's right wing David Pastrnak scored both of Boston's goals against Toronto, giving Pastrnak 19 goals on the season.

On Thursday, Nov. 29 the Bruins hosted the New York Islanders. The Bruins won 2-1 over the Islanders in a shootout. Left wing Brad Marchand tallied his seventh goal of the 2018-19 season in the second period to tie up the game. Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask stopped all four shootout chances the Islanders had. The Bruins netted their last shootout opportunity to

clinch the game.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Bruins hosted the Detroit Red Wings. The Red Wings came away with a 4-2 win with help from a goal by University of Maine alumni Gustav Nyquist and a locked down net from another UMaine alumni, goaltender Jimmy Howard. Bruins forward David Backes scored his second goal of the season in the first period. The Bruins' second goal was scored by defenseman Ryan Donato, his second of the season. The Bruins record falls to 14-8-4, putting them in fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

### NHL's three stars for November.

The first star of the month was Winnipeg Jets forward Patrik Laine. He recorded 18 goals and one assist for 19 points in 12 games

played this month, including three big nights against the St. Louis Blues, Florida Panthers and the Vancouver Canucks. He recorded five goals on Saturday, and picked up two hat tricks against the Panthers and the Canucks.

The second star of the month was forward Colorado Avalanche center Nathan MacKinnon. MacKinnon netted nine goals and 14 assists for 23 points in 14 games. He had three games with over three points and had a six-game point streak with two-plus points in each game. MacKinnon is second in the league in points with 41 through 26 games.

The third star of the month is Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury. The Golden Knights' keeper went 9-4-0 in the month of November with a 2.23 goals against av-

erage, and a 0.920 save percentage. Fleury recorded five shutouts in November and is tied for the most wins in the league. Fleury has helped lead the Golden Knights to a five-game winning streak.

### Hot teams in the NHL

The Buffalo Sabers are 8-1-1 in the last 10 games and sitting at third in the Atlantic Division.

The Washington Capitals are riding a seven-game winning streak and are 8-2-0 in the last 10 games giving them a one-point lead in the Metropolitan Division.

### Cold teams in the NHL

The San Jose Sharks are ice cold, losing their last four games in November and dropping to fourth place in their division.

The Montreal Canadiens are currently on a five-game losing streak dropping them down to fifth place in their division, five points behind the Boston Bruins.

### Teams on the rise

The Vegas Golden Knights are riding a five-game winning streak going into the month of December, putting them at 14-12-1 on the season.

The Anaheim Ducks



# America's pastime is past its prime

**Emily Norris**  
Contributor

The United States has always boasted baseball its national pastime. However, a 2014 survey taken by the Harris Poll shows that football has overtaken baseball in popularity for the past 30 straight years, with 35 percent of fans saying that football was their favorite sport while only 14 percent of the vote supported America's "favorite" pastime.

According to Jonathan Mahler of the New York Times, the decline of baseball began during the 1950s and 1960s, when baseball spread away from its urban, northeastern roots. Baseball embraced legend and nostalgia to generate interest in areas that wouldn't have given them that attention otherwise.

"Baseball's never-ending nostalgia trip has made it an in-

herently conservative sport, one that's forever straining to live up to its own mythology," Mahler said in his article.

The southward expansion of baseball has resulted in it becoming a highly regionalized sport, which may be another reason for a decrease in national popularity. Lack of success among a wide variety of teams may also be a reason for decreasing fanbases. In a typical postseason when baseball is in the national spotlight, the Yankees and Red Sox dominate, leaving a large portion of baseball fans without a team to root for.

In stark contrast the NFL includes a variety of teams from different areas across the U.S. each playoff season. The one and done style tournament also creates a level of excitement that baseball seems to be lacking.

"It seems almost

incredible that Jonathan Mahler doesn't explicitly state the obvious reason baseball is fading from the national discussion: too many games that simply go on too long ... A little NFL-like precision and discipline will go a long way toward reviving what is the most joyous of all games," Jeffrey Lyons, a movie critic and author of four baseball-related books, commented in a letter to the New York Times.

Football is faster, louder and more attuned to pop culture as opposed to an increasingly dull baseball market that lacks branding and appeal to a younger crowd.

That isn't to say that football isn't without its own faults. The number of football players who are up and coming continues to decrease in recent years.

In New Jersey, coaches at numerous schools are strug-

gling with a shortage of players to fill their rosters. In 2017, there were nearly 1,700 fewer football players than the previous year. This is a problem considering that New Jersey has a long history of grooming top college players, many of whom have later played for the NFL. According to experts, this could be due to the high rates of injury in football leading to parents being hesitant about their children participating in the sport.

According to surveys taken by Toluna, the solution to the decreasing popularity of America's national pastime might lie in how long a game lasts, or it maybe just in the way that it is viewed. The Toluna research showed that there is a marked difference in perception of pace between fans watching in person from the stands and those watching live on TV.

42 percent of surveyed sports fans said that, while in the stands, the game felt just right. Whereas out of those watching on TV or on a mobile device, 32 percent said the pacing was fine. The exception was the more regular fans who enjoyed the game just as much on the screen as they did in person.

An article on ESPN with suggested improvements for baseball viewing includes, among other things, shorter commercial breaks and fewer mound visits. If the game were a faster pace, 74 percent of millennials surveyed said they would consider watching, allowing the MLB to access a demographic they're currently missing out on.

For now the challenge for the MLB is to find the balance between appealing to a new group of potential fans, without losing the ones who already love baseball.

With so much to gain, so little to lose and with baseball still ranked as the second most popular sport in the United States, the "national pastime" is far from obsolete.

## Beantown, a 21st century sports capital

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Boston, Massachusetts is a city heavily rooted in American history for its service in the American Revolution, its selection of several prestigious universities, and the beautiful culture up and down every street from the North End to Fenway.

But even more memorable than the cobblestone streets is the passion of Bostonians for their national level sports teams. TD Garden, home to the city's NHL and NBA franchises, the Boston Bruins and Boston Celtics, has had its seats filled for the better part of the last two decades

thanks to the consistent playoff aspirations for both franchises.

Historical Fenway Park, standing the test of time since its opening day on April 20, 1912, owns the memories of some of the greatest players, plays, and games ever seen in professional baseball. The vaunted "Curse of the Bambino," given to the Red Sox following the trade of Hall of Famer Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1918, being shattered by the Boys from Beantown in 2004 gave rise to an incredible Red Sox fan base.

As Red Sox fans celebrated their first World Series title in 86 years, the New England Patri-

ots hoisted their third Lombardi trophy in four years. They did so under the reign of Head Coach Bill Belichick, a man who perfectly embodied Boston's spirit, showing that hard work and dedication to your craft will reap its rewards. Belichick's system, simplified to the statement "Do your job," has become the mantra of Boston's fans. Future Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady, a sixth round draft selection, displays the exact strength and heart the city of Boston holds itself. Defying the odds as a sixth rounder, Brady's perseverance as an individual and commitment to Belichick's system have

developed him into one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever step onto the gridiron.

Since the year 2000, these four franchises have combined to win 11 national championships. The Patriots lead with five championships, in years 2001, 2003, 2004, 2014 and 2016. The Red Sox are second with four championships, in years 2004, 2007, 2013 and 2017. The Bruins and Celtics each have a championship, coming in 2011 and 2008, respectively. Since the turn of the millenium, the only other city to have their professional football, basketball, baseball and hockey teams compete in

league titles is Philadelphia, but only Boston has been able to win a championship in each sporting arena.

For a new generation of sports fans growing up in the New England region, Boston's unprecedented success has given fans a true contender in at least one sport every year. With a young, talented roster that lost to LeBron James' Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference Finals last season, the Boston Celtics will be a team to watch late into the NBA season. Belichick and Brady, no matter how often the world has doubted them, continue to defy the odds as the Patriots dynasty re-

mains intact and in the hunt for a sixth Super Bowl championship.

Winning the World Series in Fenway this season, the Boston Red Sox roster remains intact and ready to push for another World Series victory next year. The Boston Bruins, with newly named Head Coach Bruce Cassidy and a strong roster, are pushing forward towards their first Stanley Cup since 2011. With multiple teams still capable of winning championships, Boston's future looks bright heading into the next decade.

## Black Bears go 1-0-1 versus the Catamounts in huge Hockey East Series

**Nick Boutin**  
Contributor

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team emerged victorious against the University of Vermont Catamounts in overtime, 2-1, on Friday Nov. 30 in Vermont.

The Black Bears started out the game strong. Just four minutes into the first period, second-year defenseman Alexis Binner played the puck up the far side boards to fourth-year forward Brendan Robbins. Robbins corralled the puck and sprinted towards the Vermont net, firing a shot off the crossbar and into the goal, giving the Black Bears a 1-0 lead. Third-year forward Tim Doherty was also credited with an assist on the goal.

With three minutes

left in the first period the Catamounts answered with their own goal, scored by fourth-year Conor O'Neil on the doorstep of Maine's net. Fourth-year defenseman Keith Muehlbauer and Sam Becker stopped the initial Vermont attack, but second-year forward Vlad Dzhioshvili picked up the loose puck. Dzhioshvili threw a shot towards second-year goaltender Jeremy Swayman. The shot cleared the Maine defense, finding O'Neil, who was waiting on the weak side. O'Neil buried the puck into the open net, tying the Hockey East contest, 1-1. This score remained going into the first intermission.

The second and third periods were dictated by penalties. Maine was called for three consec-

utive penalties to open up the second period. Vermont also received a penalty towards the conclusion of the second period. Despite the power plays granted to both sides neither time was able to benefit from 5-on-4 hockey, while each goalie posted two perfect frames.

Third-year forward Ryan Smith scored the game winning goal in the five-minute overtime period. Third-year forward Mitchell Fossier fought for and carried the puck behind the net until he was able to pass it off to third-year forward Chase Pearson. Pearson, with an immense amount of patience, let the play develop in front of the net. As soon as Smith found space, Pearson put the puck on his stick. Smith's one-timer found its way

over Vermont's goaltender's shoulder and into the net. The Black Bears won their third hockey east game of the 2018-2019 season on their overtime goal. Second-year goaltender Jeremy Swayman finished the game with 34 saves out of 35 shots.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 the University of Maine Men's hockey team skated to a tie with the Catamounts, leaving the weekend with a 1-0-1 record.

The two goaltenders dominated the first period with second-year goaltender Swayman saving 13 shots and Stefanos Lekkas turning away 10 Maine shots. The Black Bears took the lone penalty of the period.

The Catamounts started off the second period strong. One

minute into the second period, Liam Coughlin scored on an odd-man rush and gave his team a 1-0 lead in the opening minutes. Catamounts' second-year forward Max Kaufman started the rush with a pass along the fair sideboards. Second-year forward Alex Esposito grabbed the puck and fed it to an unmarked Coughlin, who scored on Maine's open net. Vermont held a 1-0 lead only one minute into the second period.

The Black Bears answered with a goal of their own seven minutes later. As third-year forward Pearson's shift was ending, he intercepted a Catamounts' pass. The junior led an attack accompanied by third-year forward Patrick Shea and second-year defenseman Brady Keeper, but

his resulting shot was blocked by a Vermont defender. The rebounding shot found its way to Shea, who waited behind the net for the play to develop. Keeper crashed the net and was rewarded with a pass. The defenseman did not waste this opportunity, tying the game at one goal a piece. Going into the second intermission the game was tied at 1-1.

The third period started out with a lot of defensive back-and-forth play between both teams. The Black Bears broke the 1-1 tie, with 10 minutes left in the game as second-year forward Eduards Tralmaks punched home Maine's second goal of the contest. Third-year forward Tim Doherty

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# Around the College Circuit



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

|       |                     |    |                           |    |
|-------|---------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| 11/27 | <b>UMass Lowell</b> | 57 | <b>Holy Cross</b>         | 65 |
|       | <b>Seton Hall</b>   | 90 | <b>Vermont</b>            | 40 |
| 11/28 | <b>UNH</b>          | 39 | 11/29 <b>UMass Lowell</b> | 69 |
|       | <b>BU</b>           | 60 | <b>LIU Brooklyn</b>       | 64 |
|       | <b>UMBC</b>         | 42 | 11/30 <b>UNH</b>          | 36 |
|       | <b>American</b>     | 64 | <b>South Florida</b>      | 79 |
|       | <b>Canisius</b>     | 48 | <b>Fairleigh</b>          | 54 |
|       | <b>Albany</b>       | 42 | <b>Binghamton</b>         | 73 |
|       | <b>New Paltz</b>    | 50 | <b>William &amp; Mary</b> | 45 |
|       | <b>Stony Brook</b>  | 87 | <b>Hartford</b>           | 50 |

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

|                       | CONF. | OVERALL |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 <b>Stony Brook</b>  | 0-0   | 6-1     |
| 2 <b>UMBC</b>         | 0-0   | 6-2     |
| 3 <b>Maine</b>        | 0-0   | 5-2     |
| 4 <b>Binghamton</b>   | 0-0   | 5-3     |
| 5 <b>Vermont</b>      | 0-0   | 4-4     |
| 6 <b>UMass Lowell</b> | 0-0   | 3-5     |
| 7 <b>Hartford</b>     | 0-0   | 3-5     |
| 8 <b>Albany</b>       | 0-0   | 1-6     |

## UPCOMING SPORTS



**Tuesday, December 4**  
**Women's Basketball**  
 @ Harvard  
 7 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
 vs. Fordham  
 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 7**  
**Men and Women's Track**  
 @ Dartmouth  
 3 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
 @ Harvard  
 6:00 p.m.

**Football**  
 @ Weber State University  
 8 p.m.

**Saturday, December 8**  
**Men and Women's Track**  
 @ Dartmouth  
 TBA

**Men's Hockey**  
 @ U.S. National Team Development Program  
 7:00 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**  
 vs. Brown  
 1:00 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
 @ Dartmouth  
 2 p.m.



## MEN'S HOCKEY

|       |                      |   |                       |   |
|-------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 11/30 | <b>Merrimack</b>     | 1 | <b>Boston College</b> | 4 |
|       | <b>Northeastern</b>  | 9 | <b>BU</b>             | 1 |
|       | <b>UNH</b>           | 1 | 12/1 <b>Maine</b>     | 3 |
|       | <b>Providence</b>    | 1 | <b>Vermont</b>        | 3 |
|       | <b>UConn</b>         | 4 | <b>BU</b>             | 0 |
|       | <b>Massachusetts</b> | 7 | <b>Boston College</b> | 0 |
|       | <b>Maine</b>         | 2 | <b>Providence</b>     | 3 |
|       | <b>Vermont</b>       | 1 | <b>UNH</b>            | 1 |

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

|                          | CONF. | OVERALL |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 <b>UMass</b>           | 7-0   | 12-1-0  |
| <b>Northeastern</b>      | 5-1-1 | 9-3-1   |
| 3 <b>Providence</b>      | 5-2-1 | 8-4-3   |
| 4 <b>Boston College</b>  | 4-1-2 | 4-6-2   |
| <b>Boston University</b> | 4-4-2 | 4-7-2   |
| 6 <b>Maine</b>           | 3-3-2 | 5-7-2   |
| 7 <b>UMass Lowell</b>    | 3-3-1 | 7-6-1   |
| 8 <b>UNH</b>             | 1-4-3 | 2-7-5   |

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

|       |                       |   |                      |   |
|-------|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| 11/30 | <b>Maine</b>          | 2 | <b>Northeastern</b>  | 3 |
|       | <b>Vermont</b>        | 1 | <b>Holy Cross</b>    | 5 |
|       | <b>BU</b>             | 3 | 12/1 <b>Maine</b>    | 2 |
|       | <b>Boston College</b> | 2 | <b>Vermont</b>       | 3 |
|       | <b>Providence</b>     | 4 | <b>Bates College</b> | 2 |
|       | <b>UConn</b>          | 1 | <b>BU</b>            | 4 |
|       | <b>Merrimack</b>      | 2 | <b>UConn</b>         | 2 |
|       | <b>UNH</b>            | 3 | <b>Providence</b>    | 1 |

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

|                            | CONF.  | OVERALL |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 <b>Northeastern</b>      | 11-1-2 | 12-2-2  |
| 2 <b>Boston College</b>    | 9-4    | 12-6    |
| 3 <b>Providence</b>        | 8-2    | 13-3    |
| 4 <b>Boston University</b> | 5-4-4  | 6-4-4   |
| 5 <b>Merrimack</b>         | 6-5-1  | 10-5-2  |
| 6 <b>UConn</b>             | 4-7-1  | 8-9-1   |
| <b>Maine</b>               | 4-7-1  | 10-7-1  |
| <b>UNH</b>                 | 4-8-1  | 5-9-3   |

# Women's Hockey ends two-game series 1-1 against Vermont

**Emily Norris**  
 Contributor

On Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1, the University of Maine women's hockey team traveled to Vermont to take on the University of Vermont Catamounts.

Kicking things off in game one, both teams came out firing. The Catamounts sent three shots at UMaine's goal, one went wide, one was blocked and the third hit the crossbar. The Catamounts' first-year defender Ellice Murphy accrued a penalty for checking three minutes into the game, sending the Black Bears to the power play. Just after the penalty, UMaine's first goal of the game was scored by third-year forward Tereza Vanisova, marking her 13th goal of the season and putting Maine ahead 1-0.

Unable to capitalize on a power play following a tripping penalty against fourth-year forward Lydia Murray, the Catamounts continued to fight against a strong Maine defense. Fourth-year defender

Taylor Flaherty finally found her gap, sneaking a shot past Maine's third-year goalie Carly Jackson.

Attempting to push the advantage following their score, Vermont's offensive efforts came out in full force, taking eight shots on goal compared to Maine's four for the remainder of the period. Forced on the defensive for the majority of the period, the Black Bears buckled down, holding off all of the Catamounts attacks, but were unable to succeed offensively themselves.

Vermont came back onto the ice with their same ferocity as before, firing seven shots at UMaine's goal in just as many minutes. Maine's defense held strong, keeping the score 1-1. Feeling a change of pace, third-year defender Ebba Strandberg fired a one timer off of the feed from second-year forward Michelle Weis, which snuck past Vermont's fourth-year goalie Melissa Black. Unable to score on four shots each, both teams ran out the remainder of

the period with a score of 2-1.

Opening the third period, Maine skated onto the ice with drive, attacking Vermont's net with four shots in the first five minutes of play. Vermont managed to turn the tide shortly afterward, assisted by a power play off of a checking penalty against first-year defender Ida Press. Under a minute later, Vanisova found herself in the penalty box as well for checking, giving the Catamounts a five-on-three advantage. The Black Bears tightened up their defensive efforts, and were able to thwart any offensive attempts made by the Catamounts until both penalties eventually expired.

Strong defense, penalties and faceoffs told the tale for the remainder of the period. With under two minutes left in the game, Vermont pulled Black off the ice and sent six attackers at the Black Bears' net. Jackson, with the help of strong Maine defensive lines, held off the charge and the Black Bears skated

off with the victory.

"There have been some games this year when I thought we beat ourselves and this wasn't one of them," UVM coach Jim Plummer said, "We played the way we wanted to and created abundant chances, but this was another game where we, maddeningly, just didn't finish. Credit to Maine, they made one more play than we did, but I would love to see this offense play up to its capability."

With the previous night's defeat still lingering in the air, Vermont stormed onto the ice Saturday, firing the first shot on goal just seconds after the puck had dropped. Maine responded swiftly, as second-year defender Taylor Leech sent back to back shots at Black, but both were deflected. Despite the intense offensive exchanges, both defenses held strong, until second-year forward Olivia Kilberg managed to sneak the puck past Jackson right as the Catamounts' power play had expired.

Maine, building a

trend for quick responses, tied the score at one as fourth-year defender Alyson Matteau scored the first goal for UMaine after taking off down the ice. Using the quick change in momentum, Maine went on the offensive, however none of their five shots found their mark against the Catamounts' defensive efforts.

In the second period, the Catamounts' offense ignited, firing 16 shots on the Black Bears net within the first seven minutes of play. The last shot of the barrage found its mark, as fourth-year forward Saana Valkama poked the puck into Maine's net, giving Vermont the 2-1 lead.

Maine's second-year defender Anna Zikova, taking the feed from fourth-year forward Cailey Hutchison, tied the score at two-all just 30 seconds later.

Both teams continued to exchange offensive bombardments, until Vermont's first-year defender Maude Poulin-Labelle received the puck from Valkama and cranked a slapshot that flew past Jackson,

giving the Catamounts the 3-2 advantage. The Black Bears attempted to retaliate with six shots and the Catamounts remained on the offensive until the end of the period. But neither team scored, leaving the score at 3-2.

For the third period, although the Black Bears played more aggressively, neither team scored. They went on a rampage against the Catamounts, firing 18 shots on goal. The Catamounts only managed five shots, but won the vast majority of faceoffs. Despite exchanging multiple penalties, neither team was able to capitalize on their respective power plays and Vermont left the ice the victor.

Maine will stay on the road for their next series, traveling to Massachusetts to go head-to-head with Harvard University on Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8.

# Black Bears fall in first indoor track meet against UNH, have hopeful season outlook



Track and Field dall to the University of New Hampshire (99-89), December 1.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

## Leela Stockley Contributor

The University of Maine men's and women's indoor track teams competed for their first meet of the season on Saturday, Dec. 1 in a home meet held at the Memorial Gym. The teams worked hard, but fell to the University of New Hampshire Wildcats. The men's team combined to score 89 points to UNH's 99, and the women's team combining to score 83 points against the Wildcat's score of 94.

Saturday's meet was the first of two times this indoor season where the Black Bears will compete against the Wildcats.

Third-year Ariel Clachar brought in the first points of the meet for the women's team, winning the long jump with a jump of 5.61 meters. Second-year Anna Shuman won the triple jump, with a jump of 11.25 meters. First-year Brianna Ewing brought in five points with a time of 9.15 seconds in the

60-meter hurdles.

Second-year Cassidy Hill won both the 60-meter hurdles, finishing with a time of 7.82 seconds, and the 200-meter dash, which she finished in a time of 25.71 seconds.

Fourth-year Hayley Lawrence won the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:44.

The women's 4x400 relay also took a top finishing spot. The winning team, made up of fourth-year Lauren Magnuson, second-year Brittany Torchia, Hill, and first-year Samantha Sudol, finished with a combined time of 3:57.

The first win for the men's team came after first-year William Green won the pole vault, vaulting a height of 4.25 meters. He was closely followed by a win from second-year Troy Davis, who won the men's high jump after jumping a height of 1.98 meters. First-year Elijah White won both the long and triple jumps, with jumps of 6.8 and 14 meters, respectively.

Fourth-year Kelby Mace brought in second place for the Black Bears in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.08 seconds. He was accompanied by first-year Ethan Orach, who brought in second place in the 800-meter run, with a time of 2:00. First-year Travis Nickerson was also awarded second place in the 1,000-meter run, after bringing in a time of 2:38. He was closely followed in the event by teammate second-year Cooper Nelson, who finished third with a time of 2:44.

Fourth-year Aaron Willingham finished the 3000-meter run with a time of 8:34, which was almost 30 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher from UNH.

The men's 4x800 relay team, comprised of Nickerson, first-year James Oliver, Orach, and second-year Colin Tardiff, won the event with a time of 8:17.

The only Black Bear to place in the heptathlon, which is comprised

of the 60-meter dash, long jump, high jump, and the pole vault, was third-year Cam Cleathero, who took home first place.

Cleathero, a third-year, is excited and hopeful to see where the season takes the Black Bears. During the meet, he commented, "I'm excited for this year, we have talent that came in, on both sides, both guys and girls. It's going to be good, we got pretty much everybody back this year. I think we only graduated two seniors."

Although this was their first meet of the indoor season, the Black Bears have been preparing all year.

"I love the atmosphere of the team. Whether it's before a lift or after a practice, they're always having fun. But everyone knows how to put the work in, and everyone is super welcoming, we do team events, it's super fun," Zack Westman, a first-year, said.

Second-year Catharine Christensen

agrees.

"I think being on this team is really great, we're all really supportive of each other," Christensen said on Saturday.

The women's team captain, Hayley Lawrence, has noticed a change in the team since she was a first-year.

"I've been on the team four years, I've done every season. I think as a captain, personally I've seen a lot of the girls grow. My freshman year, there was some distance. But, being a senior, I've noticed the whole team bonding aspect, and growing really close this year, that's been really exciting to see. We're all just really supportive of each other," Lawrence said.

The Black Bears were well prepared for their first meet, after working hard throughout preseason. They also have a goal set: make it to the America East Championship meet.

"I'm really excited

for America East, the last meet of the season where we race against everyone in our conference. It's kind of a big meet, a lot of adrenaline, it's what we work towards each year," Lawrence said.

Cleathero noted that Saturday's meet helped Black Bears get a feel for the season.

"It's more of just a shake-up today, the first meet of the year. It's not really competitive, it's more just getting into it and starting up again," Cleathero said when asked how he felt about going up against rivals UNH.

Although Maine was unable to take a win away from the first meet of the season, they are prepared to work hard and plan to improve as the season goes on.

Their next meet will be in Hanover, New Hampshire, as the Black Bears will be competing against teams from Dartmouth and the University of New Hampshire.

## NFL from B1

other player. This rule came to be known as the "Brady rule," as it was put in place after New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was knocked out for the entirety of the 2008 season after tearing his ACL on a cheap hit

from the Chiefs' then safety Bernard Pollard.

Overall, new rules are striving to keep a lot of the stress off quarterbacks' knees, head and neck. By preserving the wellness of these players, they can perform better, and often see an increase in the longevity of their career.

Some of the offensive credit goes to

the coaches on the field who are decisively innovative and offense-minded, such as Sean McVay for the Rams, Doug Pederson for the Philadelphia Eagles and Kyle Shanahan for the San Francisco 49ers.

Just 19 games into his tenure as head coach of the Rams, McVay's team is averaging

over 30 points per game, as well as seeing nearly 375 offensive yards each week. McVay has become well known in the league for his offensive creativity and locker room presence.

Although these measures have led to offense-driven contests, NFL games with higher scoring are getting

higher ratings. In 2017, the ratings for the NFL during the regular season had dropped 10 percent from the ratings in 2016. This year, 11 weeks into the season, the ratings have climbed by 4 percent.

With a trend of higher scoring in recent history, it remains to be seen if the NFL will adapt again and see

if defensive coordinators can create new schemes to stop teams from running up the scoreboard.

## M. Hockey from B3

grabbed the loose puck and looked to attack the net, throwing the puck towards the crease. Vermont's goaltender defended the original shot, but Tralmaks was there for the rebound. With traffic all around him, the sec-

ond-year managed to find the back of the net, putting Maine up 2-1 with ten minutes left in the game.

Vermont quickly scored just 30 seconds after Maine grabbed a one goal lead. Joey Cipollone was left alone next to the Black Bears' net. Kaufman found his linemate who tied the game for the Cata-

mounts.

Less than two minutes of game play later, third-year forward Fossier and Becker started a rush for Maine. The forward went between the Catamounts' goaltender's legs for his second goal of the Hockey East contest.

Owen Grant tied the contest for Vermont with the last goal

of the game. The forward wired a shot from the top of the far side face-off circle. With all of the traffic in front of Maine's net, Swayman was not able to pick up the puck and Kaufman tipped the shot. Due to the deflection, Vermont tied the score with only three minutes left in the game.

The two Hockey East

foes failed to break the 3-3 tie in the five minute overtime period. Maine used their timeout with eight seconds left in the game but was unable to get a shot in, resulting in the Black Bears second tie of the 2018-19 season. The Black Bears' record on the 2018-2019 season improved to 5-7-2 and 3-3-2 in Hockey East

play.

The Black Bears will travel to Plymouth, Michigan to take on the U.S. National Development team on Dec. 8. Puck drop for the exhibition is scheduled for 7 p.m.

# Professional Sports This Week

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE RECORD

|   |                           |       |
|---|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 | <b>Toronto Raptors</b>    | 20-4  |
| 2 | <b>Milwaukee Bucks</b>    | 15-7  |
| 3 | <b>Philadelphia 76ers</b> | 16-8  |
| 4 | <b>Detroit Pistons</b>    | 13-7  |
| 5 | <b>Indiana Pacers</b>     | 13-10 |
| 6 | <b>Boston Celtics</b>     | 13-10 |

NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE RECORD

|   |                              |      |
|---|------------------------------|------|
| 1 | <b>LA Clippers</b>           | 15-6 |
| 2 | <b>Denver Nuggets</b>        | 15-7 |
| 3 | <b>OC Thunder</b>            | 14-7 |
| 4 | <b>Golden State Warriors</b> | 15-9 |
| 5 | <b>Memphis Grizzlies</b>     | 13-8 |
| 6 | <b>L.A. Lakers</b>           | 13-9 |

Upcoming Games:

- December 4**  
 Bulls @ Pacers  
 Magic @ Heat  
 Kings @ Suns  
 Jets @ Islanders  
 Wild @ Canucks
- December 5**  
 Nuggets @ Magic  
 Wizards @ Hawks  
 76ers @ Raptors  
 Oilers @ Blues

## Football from B1

Whitaker forced Cooper to fumble the ball in the process, which was recovered by first-year defensive lineman Jamehl Wiley on Jacksonville's three-yard line.

Handed fantastic field position, Ferguson stepped back onto the field and found third year wide receiver Jaquan Blair for the 4-yard touchdown, giving the Black Bears a 7-0 lead following the chip shot extra point from second-year kicker Kenny Doak.

Jacksonville's ensuing drive had hope, following a free first down thanks to a roughing the passer penalty against Maine, until back to

back rushing attempts by Jacksonville resulted in a combined 7-yard loss. Faced with third-and-17, Cooper kept the ball and rushed for six yards, forcing the Gamecocks' punting unit to send the ball back to the Black Bears.

Paired with strong rushes by Jefferson, Ferguson picked apart the Gamecocks' secondary, finding fourth-year tight end Julian Dunn for a 20 yard completion, and followed that up by uncorking a 41-yard bomb down the sideline to Edwards, who caught the ball and dove in for the score.

Following another extra point from Doak, the Black Bears led 14-0 with five minutes left to play in the first quarter.

Following a strong return by Greene, Cooper and the Gamecocks' offense set up shop on their own 38-yard line. With two successful rushing attempts from first-year running back Michael Matthews, paired with an incomplete pass from Cooper, the Gamecocks faced a fourth-and-1 situation on their own 47-yard line. Grass kept his offense on the field, having fourth-year running back Leander Burrowes take the direct shotgun snap in the heavy set package, second-year linebacker Deshawn Stevens and DeVaughn met Burrowes in the backfield, forcing a turnover on downs.

Ferguson and the Black Bears' offense marched back onto the

field once more, kicking off the drive with a 20-yard rush by fourth-year wide receiver Micah Wright on the sweep. Eventually facing third-and-11, an incompletion from Ferguson was negated by defensive pass interference, giving the Black Bears a first-and-10 on the Gamecocks' 13-yard line. Jefferson punched the ball ahead for a nine yard gain, and on fourth-and-1 Ferguson found Edwards once again, and Maine held the 21-0 lead before the first quarter had even ended.

Cooper and the Gamecocks' offense came back onto the field, and immediately changed up their offensive tempo. Cooper hit Greene for a 42-yard gain, and on the

following snap found third-year wide receiver Jamari Hester for the 36-yard touchdown, on a drive that lasted 30 seconds.

Following a short drive that resulted in a punt for Maine, Cooper ran back onto the field with his offense and connected with Hester once more, who took off down the sideline for the 70-yard score. Maine's massive lead had been diminished even faster than it had been built.

Ferguson and the Black Bears' offense, starting their drive at their own 27-yard line, and began to dissect the Gamecocks through the air and on the ground once more. Ferguson hit Blair for an 11-yard gain, with Jefferson followed up

with a 42-yard scamper up to the Gamecocks' 20-yard line. Ferguson threw up the ball in the left corner of the end zone, and Wright came down with the 50/50 ball for the score.

The Black Bears scored twice more before the end of the first half, running away with the score at 42-14. The second half of play saw both offensive units slow down, and the Black Bears stormed off the field as the play clock expired with the 55-27 victory over the Gamecocks.

Maine, now ranked seventh out of the eight remaining teams, will travel to Utah to take on the third seeded Weber State University Wildcats on Friday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., which will be shown on ESPN 2.

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