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## Bike theft accelerating on campus



UMaine has seen an increase in bike thefts on campus during the first four weeks of the semester.

Brawley Benson, News Editor.

### Brawley Benson News Editor

The first bike that Michael O'Clair brought to college was his father's. It was an antique, at least 30 years old. O'Clair had a lock. He took every precaution to secure his only mode of transportation. He clipped the two plastic ends together and fumbled with the rotating numbers every time he went inside, regardless of if it was for 20 minutes or eight hours. On a day like any other, O'Clair got out of class, rode to his dorm, locked the bike and went inside. When he came out 20 minutes later, he was surprised at what he found.

"I came back out and the bike was just completely gone. The lock was gone and everything with that. I was 100% sure I locked that bike," O'Clair said.

Bike thefts like O'Clair's are an all-too-common occurrence at the University of Maine. What's unique about his story is that it wasn't just that first bike that was stolen. It was the next two as well.

"I came back early for win-

ter training for track. It was the beginning of the year — early January," O'Clair said. "I figured that was my own doing because I didn't lock that bike up because I was the only person in my entire dorm."

When Michael left his dorm — just like the last time — where he should have found his bike, he only found a patchwork of snowy footsteps. He admitted that it was likely because he hadn't locked the bike that it was able to be stolen so easily, so he got a new lock and a new bike.

O'Clair's third attempt to keep a bike on campus was short lived as well.

"I went into the Field House to do a little bit of studying," he said. "Still had it locked up. And when I came back, this time I found that my lock was broken, and the lock was still there. But the bike wasn't there at all."

O'Clair's last experience is an increasingly common one for students at UMaine. According to statistics from the University of Maine Police Department (UMPD),

since the beginning of the fall semester there have been 15 reported bike thefts. Only four bikes have been recovered.

UMPD noted that bike theft is no new issue, but this fall semester has seen a particular surge in the number of incidents in which the lock was broken. This now tends to occur more often than not. Since the beginning of the semester, eight complaints reported a broken lock compared to six in which the stolen bike was not locked.

In some cases, the thieves take the lock, and in others they leave it. On Sept. 16, UMPD responded to a call from DTAV/Patch that someone had found three broken bike locks on a bike rack outside the apartments. When O'Clair's first bike was stolen, the thieves took the lock and all.

Spencer Ward is a third-year computer science student and has a similar story.

"I never saw any sign of even just my lock. I never saw that lock again," Ward said of the theft of his bike from a bicycle rack near Penobscot Hall last year. It was

a relatively-common type of lock: plastic cord surrounding a core of metal wire.

"If you had the right tools you could definitely cut it," he said. "It wasn't like one of those ones with the thin wires that you could probably cut with pliers."

After discovering that his bike was missing, Ward's first inclination was to search for the bike himself, then alert UMPD. However, contacting the police proved unhelpful.

"I checked every bike rack I could find. No sign of it," Ward said. "I went to UMPD. I reported it stolen. I gave them a pretty clear description, showed them a picture of the bike, and they told me they would get in touch with me if they ever found it. I never heard anything back."

Ward noted that he could have done more to secure his bike. Penobscot Hall is one of the dorms on campus that offers indoor bike storage options, but he noted that the door locked at 9 p.m. every night, usually well before he arrived home.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) recommends

that students' first measure to secure their bikes should be to "buy a good quality bike lock that is easy to deploy." After that, "it is strongly suggested for those who live on campus to lock their bikes in the bike storage room, if possible," said Brandon Richards, president of RHA.

"These rooms are open to anyone in the building, so they should still make sure to lock their bikes. There is a new building access policy in effect this year, and it is that only the residents of such halls can get into their hall. This further reduces the amount of people that have access to the bike rooms," Richards said.

Jim Rose, owner of Orono's local bike shop Rose Bicycle, goes a step further and says people should always bring their bikes inside for the night if possible. Rose said that most bike thefts are "a theft of opportunity, somebody faced with a long walk home late at night, maybe too many drinks [in their system], so not the best state of mind." Still, he acknowledged that extra pre-

cautions should be taken in light of the recent spate of cut bike locks.

Rose said that if your bike is stolen, you should call your local bike shop, in addition to contacting the police. Students at UMaine also have the option to register a bike with UMPD, who will then provide a metallic identification sticker. If the stolen bike is recovered, officials would be able to match the sticker to the owner and return it.

However, there is a big "if" in that situation: the bike needs to be recovered.

Recent incident reports from UMPD exhibit common characteristics: the bike was left unattended on a bicycle rack overnight — near a dorm or apartment on campus — sometime during the night the lock was cut with what appears to be bolt cutters and the bike is usually not recovered. Whether the bikes are being sold or put to some other use is not known.

The thieves could be reselling the bikes, but Rose stated that its extremely uncommon for people to try to sell a stolen bike to his shop.

## Old Town's Riverfest brings community together for an array of events

### Kiana Plumer Marketing Director

Kicking off Friday night, Old Town celebrated its annual Riverfest this weekend, Sept. 28-29. Riverfest is a two-day festival that includes events from Old Town high school's homecoming football game to a parade with floats sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

The events began at 5

p.m. Friday afternoon in Binette Park with a prayer from an Old Town local, Rev. Bruce Stevens. Stevens, a pastor for 25 years, has opened Riverfest with a prayer for the last 10 years.

"This event brings everyone together, especially on Saturday morning," Stevens said.

Following a prayer, the national anthem was sung by Zeny Robbins of Milford,

and the festivities were officially underway.

The first event of the evening was a talent show, where Alyssa Co-meau, a young local, had the crowd cheering after a cover of "This is Me" from "The Greatest Showman." Morita's School of Dance also took the stage with performances from their pre-school, first- and second-grade groups.

At Old Town high

school, the Coyotes took to the Football field at 6 p.m. for their homecoming game against Maine Central Institute. After a hard fought battle, the Coyotes were defeated with a 56-0 end score.

Friday night's events closed with a 9 p.m. firework show, as well as music and dancing in Binette park and a closed Main Street.

Saturday morning, Main

Street was lined on either side by eager spectators waiting for the parade, which began at 10 a.m. Floats in the parade varied from Boy Scout Troop 16 of Old Town, to the local Dairy Queen. The University of Maine marching band participated, and played an instrumental version of their school song, the "Maine Stein Song."

Many politicians also made an appearance at the

parade, and shook hands with locals along the side of Main Street. gubernatorial candidates Janet Mills and Shawn Moody both attended, as well as State Senator Eric Brakey and Congressman Bruce Poliquin.

Binette Park was filled with vendors selling food and crafts until 4 p.m. Saturday. Holden resident and

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# News

## National Voter Registration Day engages students on campus



Tuesday, September 25th was National Voter Registration Day.

Antyna Gould, Staff.

### Emily Turner Contributor

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the nation celebrated National Voter Registration Day, and the University of Maine partnered in this effort to get people registered to vote.

Efforts to engage students on campus included two booths in the Memorial Union and on the university Mall, which registered close to 200 voters. Over a dozen students also signed up to volunteer on election day. In addition to the on-campus activities for voter registration, those helping out with the event also spent the week going into classrooms in the Bangor and Old Town areas to hand out voter registration cards.

The windy weather did not deter those wanting

to take part in their civic duty. Max Harris, a business-marketing student, and several other first-year students took advantage of the opportunity that the National Voter Registration Day booth presented.

"I was hesitant to register to vote because I didn't think registering was this easy. It's a good event to have," Harris said.

In addition to registration cards, the booth on the Mall offered election-related freebies such as stickers and raffle tickets. Participants who entered the drawing had the chance to win a selection of prizes ranging from gift cards to the UMaine Bookstore, UMaine versus UNH hockey tickets and an iPad. Members of the campus community also had the opportunity to fill out a sign explaining "Why I Vote"

and be photographed with it as part of a video to promote voter turnout.

Voters had many different motivations that brought them out on National Voter Registration Day, but overall the consensus was that it was an opportunity to make a change and have their voices heard.

Noah Robbin, a first-year business student, made his reasoning clear and simple: "It's every citizen's duty; you cannot complain if you didn't vote."

The Union also had a table where people could register to vote. Marina Cucuz is a graduate student at UMaine who tended the table. Cucuz said she was representing the 500 Women Scientists group of UMaine, a national grassroots organization

that builds local chapters where women in STEM, or science, technology, engineering and math, can "meet regularly, develop a support network, make strategic plans, and take action," according to the group's website.

"We all should definitely vote and it's very convenient that it is done right here on campus, so there is really no excuse to not do it," Cucuz said.

Despite the convenience of on-campus voting, student voter turnout is traditionally low, especially during midterm elections. Last midterm election the student turnout was only 29 percent which is a factor contributing to the local push to get students voting this year, according to professor of political science Rob Glover. Since 2002, eligible voter turnout

as a state has continuously increased and this year is projected to be a larger turnout, according to a report from News Center Maine.

"Voting is both a privilege and a right, and the stakes have never been politically higher," Dana Carver-Bailer, a volunteer administrator, said.

Maine is being watched closely by the nation since the split presidential electoral vote last year. Now, the whole nation is curious as to how the state will vote in 2018. The congressional race between Republican incumbent Bruce Poliquin and Democrat Jared Golden is also of great interest as it has the potential to go either way. If Golden wins, that would be the first time an incumbent lost in Maine's second Congressional District since 1916.

If you missed the chance to register on National Voter Registration Day you can still register or request an absentee ballot in the Student Wellness Center any time before Oct. 5. There is also the opportunity of same-day registration in all Maine elections.

## Journalists convene for Bangor news forum

### Hailey Bryant Contributor

Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Bangor Arts Exchange hosted "What's Going On with the News?" a public forum organized by the Maine Humanities Council and moderated by executive director Hayden Anderson. This event was part of a year-long series of programs titled "Journalism, Democracy, and the Informed Citizen," which aims to educate people on the role of journalism and give them the opportunity to ask questions about the way news gets made.

The panel was composed of three prominent Maine journalists: Erin Rhoda, editor of Maine Focus at the Bangor Daily News, Cliff Schechtman, executive editor at the Portland

Press Herald, and Michael Socolow, associate professor in the University of Maine's Communications & Journalism Department.

The forum opened with a basic description of what journalists do, with explanations from Rhoda on how reporters choose topics, how they decide who to interview, and the process of fact checking, as well as the purpose of reporting itself.

"People forget that this is an empathetic profession," said Rhoda. "I feel like I'm always looking out for the public. I want to uncover stories that aren't being told — they aren't being told because no one knew to ask."

Rhoda also said that the news isn't always negative. Sometimes problems are newsworthy, but just as

often, stories are centered around new solutions.

Schechtman gave the editor's perspective. As the person who runs the newspaper, the executive editor is responsible for setting the standards. How will the paper handle anonymous sources? Will it focus on hard news or narrative writing? Does it prioritize investigative "watchdog" reporting or light informative articles? These are all questions that the executive editor has to answer.

Another decision the editor must make is figuring out which details are necessary. "Everyone in a newsroom is making ethical decisions," Schechtman said. "It's important to have compassion. Your reporting can make or break somebody."

Telling the truth is the top priority, but Schechtman said that it's also important to think about the sensitivity of your readers. If a high school basketball team loses its game and the photographer gets a photo of players crying on the bench, the news team has to decide if that photo is crucial enough to risk embarrassing the students.

Socolow addressed the ways in which Maine's news landscape is distinct from other parts of the country. The most stark difference is that Maine is the first state where almost every daily newspaper is owned by the same person; there's only one daily in the state that Reade Brower, a Camden resident who the New York Times referred to as the "Media Mogul of Maine," does not own.

"I don't feel at all powerful," Brower told the New York Times in 2017. "All of the papers continue to operate autonomously."

Audience members were given the opportunity to ask the panel members questions, leading to discussions of topics from fake news to inherent racial bias to election day reporting. The overarching topic, the intersection of journalism and democracy, came up throughout the conversation as well. It is a reporter's job to speak with politicians and government officials, get direct information about the workings of the government and give that information to the public.

Socolow called upon the education system to help people understand the media, saying that

many schools neglect to teach media literacy and as a result people enter adulthood without the ability to read news critically.

Ultimately, the panelists imparted the idea that journalism is designed to work for the people.

"The press watches how those in power treat the public," Schechtman said. "We are fallible. This is a human pursuit. But there is no freedom without us."

# Water security summit creates space to discuss indigenous rights



On Saturday, September 29, the Water Security Summit, sponsored by Community Water Justice, Sierra Club Maine, and The Penobscot Nation, was held at the Buchanan Alumni House.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

## Emily Coyne Contributor

A water security summit was held in the University of Maine's Buchanan Alumni House Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The forum discussed grassroots action on water rights and security in Maine.

Summit attendees entering the Alumni House were met near the entrance by a woman offering to engage them in an indigenous ceremony known as "smudging," which consists of burning sacred herbs and is used in some situations for spiritual cleansing or blessing.

Tara Houska of the Couchiching First Nation in Ontario, Canada, is a tribal attorney and environmental activist based in Washington D.C. She fights for indigenous rights and justice, serves as the national campaign director of Honor the Earth — a non-profit organization that supports environmental justice connected to indigenous groups — was an advisor on indigenous communities affairs to presidential candidate Bernie Sanders and was one of the first people to speak at this forum.

"Maine is one of those examples, as an attorney, that it's a completely dif-

ferent world when it comes to indigenous rights and when it comes to indigenous peoples and their relationship to the state," Houska said. "We're here to talk about water as life. We're here to talk about the impacts and shared struggle that we have for water. Indigenous peoples are the current holders of 80 percent of the world's biodiversity."

Throughout the day, members from various organizations came and went, giving their opinion on the issues, leading discussions and raising questions about water security. All events were bound by a common theme: connection to Maine.

Michelle Sanborn is the president of the New Hampshire Community Rights Network and is also the New Hampshire community organizer for the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). She gave a presentation on the "Grassroots Movement for Community Rights and Rights of Nature" which focused on protecting people, communities and the environment.

Sherri Mitchell, a Native American rights attorney, teacher and activist was born and raised on the Penobscot Reservation on

Indian Island in Old Town, Maine. She was the final guest speaker of the afternoon, giving a talk on what it means to be Penawahpskek. Mitchell is an activist and author of the book "Sacred Instruction: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change." Mitchell is also the executive director of the Land Peace Foundation, an organization dedicated to the protection of indigenous

land and water.

"Maine is blessed with a plentiful supply of water, but there are growing threats to the quality and quantity of our precious resource," the Water Security Summit's website stated. "To effectively address those threats, it's imperative that concerned citizens and groups addressing water issues share information and coordinate efforts toward protecting

our water resources."

The afternoon offered opportunities for guests to break into small groups for "table talk" on the topic of water security, and provided a space for activists to share their ideas, information and accomplishments. An hour was also scheduled for lightning talks on broader water challenges in Maine, including discussions on topics such as the Juniper Ridge Landfill

in Alton, Maine, led by Ed Spencer, and fish passage on Maine rivers, led by Landis Hudson.

You can find more information and sign up for email updates on the event's website: [mainewaternibi.wixsite.com/securitysummit2018](http://mainewaternibi.wixsite.com/securitysummit2018).



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Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

## Faculty positions the focus of economic justice lecture

### Hailey Bryant Contributor

The stereotypical image of a well-dressed college professor with round glasses and an elbow-patch jacket implies a high salary, likely a tenured position and stability in the world of academia. However, for many instructors, this is far from reality.

Derek Michaud, a lecturer of philosophy at the University of Maine, presented this week's installment in the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series, a talk titled "Contingent/Adjunct Faculty as an Economic Justice Issue."

Michaud's path to his current title was a long and convoluted one, as is the case for many instructors. He alternated between "teaching assistant" and "adjunct instructor" at various institutions from 2000-13 before coming to the University of Maine, where he was an adjunct lecturer from 2012-18.

All adjuncts are contingent faculty, but not all contingent faculty are adjuncts. Adjunct refers to a higher education instructor who is hired on a part-time basis, often teaching a full course load. Contingent, however, can be part-time or full-time, and includes

adjuncts as well as graduate students who are instructing classes on their own.

Michaud noted that there are misconceptions surrounding contingent and adjunct faculty. One is that adjuncts only make up a small percentage of a school's faculty and that they only teach one class here and there. According to the Government Accountability Office, as of 2017 approximately two-thirds of all courses in the United States are taught by contingent faculty. In fall 2017, within the UMaine system, around 867 adjunct professors collective-

ly taught 4,667 credit hours of coursework, which equals around five credits per professor.

Another misconception is that adjuncts are either fresh out of school or retired. The majority of adjuncts, according to Michaud, range in age from 36 to 65. Many of these part-time professors have a master's degree or a doctorate — Michaud himself earned his doctorate in theology at Boston University in 2015 — but are denied the privileges that come with being a tenure-track professor, including the salary.

In a 2015 article for the

Guardian, adjunct professor for the Legal Education Institute at Widener University Lee Hall wrote: "This year I'm teaching five classes (15 credit hours, roughly comparable to the teaching loads of some tenure-track law or business school instructors.) At \$3,000 per course, I'll pull in \$15,000 for the year ... I receive no benefits, no office, no phone or stipend for the basic communication demands of teaching."

Hall has to carefully manage her data usage, because her personal cell phone is her only method of communicating with her students.

Hall isn't alone. In his presentation, Michaud said that only 7.9 percent of adjuncts are paid for work outside the classroom, which includes class preparation and office hours. 40.4 percent attend faculty meetings without pay, while over 50 percent aren't allowed to attend faculty meetings at all.

# Weekly Updates

## This Week in Student Government

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

**Kendra Caruso**  
Contributor

#### New senators, officer appointments and resignations

Sarah Brindisi and Zack Wyles were sworn in as new senators.

#### Club maintenance

The Senate granted recognition to the Student Maine Education Association, a club that seeks to help students be more competent educators after graduation.

#### Executive reports

President Logan Aromando will be serving on award committees around campus in the coming weeks. A new Fair Election Practices Committee chair will be voted in by the Senate next week. The number of student senators has increased to 18 officials. President Aromando announced that the Student Government conference will be held from April 13 to 14, 2019.

Vice President Bentley Simpson is planning a trip to Acadia National Park for a hike and picnic for Student Government members.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Bradley Bailey reported \$479,369.89 in unallocated funds. He reported a return of \$49.40 in unallocated funds from the South Asian Student Association. The office budget for CRU, a University of Maine Christian group, was tabled. The Senate tabled Wilde Stein's request for

funding regarding Coming Out Week.

Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray reported that the printer reported on in last week's meeting was claimed by the International Student Association. The Black Student Union was selected as the club of the week.

Vice President for Student Entertainment Corey Clafin reported that he is continuing to work with various student organizations about future campus events

#### Periodic Reports

Faculty-Senate Student Representative Harrison Ransley talked about developing online teacher evaluations. He talked with faculty about child care facilities, new solar rays and other unspecified topics.

The Student Legal Services Liaison Cody Embelton mentioned a new policy through the District Attorney's office for civil violations. Senator Embelton encouraged student organizations to seek legal advice from Attorney Sean O'Mara if they have any legal questions.

Orono Town Council Liaison Cameron Bowie mentioned to the Senate that no town council meeting was held that week.

The Director of Communications Austin Steward discussed his plans for working with student organizations about advertising their events.

#### Reports of Standing



#### Committees

Director of Communications Austin Steward reported on behalf of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee. He said he is still working on flyers for first year residence halls informing them about legal services available to them.

Senator Harrison Ransley with the Political Activism Committee is planning a meeting with Professor Robert Glover about voter education on Oct. 10.

Chase Flaherty with the Services Committee mentioned that dining halls started using locally sourced sunflower oil from Caribou, Maine. Local food sourcing on campus has increased by 22.8 percent from last semester. Extra cubbies are expected to be available to student population within the coming weeks. Dining has updated their menu. Shrubbery was removed along Hilltop road. Hilltop Dining has improved its Wi-Fi signal.

There are new emergency shelters in Hilltop and Wells dining halls. There are 13 new security cameras at the Hilltop lots. Parking passes are moving to an online purchasing system. The UMaine Bookstore has new online textbook access. Students can submit photos for their MaineCard online. Administration is considering a move to bracelets with chips to replace MaineCards.

#### Representative Board Reports

Senator Chris Toothaker with the Commuter and Non-Traditional Students group reported that next week is Commuter Week.

Chase Flaherty reported that the Honors College Student Advisory Board was working on a monthly movie event and a Halloween event. They discussed implementing minor changes to the Honors curriculum.

Cole Lemelin with the

Interfraternity Council on campus is working with the town of Orono to host a community benefit event.

Stephanie Poirier with the Panhellenic Council is hosting a recruitment debrief to hear opinions concerning the chapter.

Sheldon Green with the Sustainability and Environmental Actions Division is in the beginning stages of planning a TEDx event on sustainability at UMaine.

#### Community Association Reports

Meghan Frisard reported that the Feminist Collective is working on a Take Back the Night event on Oct. 16 in the North Pod of the Memorial Union.

A representative from Wilde Stein: Queer-Straight Alliance talked about the group's planning of events for Coming Out Week. The group is developing an updated budget for funding requested from the Student Senate.

Zarni Chanapatdaychaporn with the International Student Association informed the Senate about the continued work on the Culture Fest slated for November. They are planning a dance, volunteering and collaborating with the Figure Skating Club to set up a time for free ice skating in October. A winter formal is being planned for a date yet to be decided.

#### Consent Agenda

CRU was awarded \$200 for their office budget by the student senate.

Commuter and Nontra-

ditional Students (CANS) was awarded \$350 for lunches and daily contests for commuter week by the student senate.

#### Unfinished Business

The Student Senate voted Emmeline Willey to the position of the Old Town City Council Liaison.

#### New Business

The Student Senate allocated \$1,875 to CRU for its fall conference.

The Student Senate allocated \$2,275 to the Dressage Team for their 2018 show season.

The Student Senate allocated \$4,000 to Club Volleyball for uniforms, tournament and travel fees in their 2018-19 season.

The Student Senate allocated \$2,730 to Crew for travel expenses and equipment.

## Student retention the focus of recent faculty forum

**Emily Coyne**  
Contributor

The University of Maine has seen a steady increase in the number of first-year students in recent years. Yet according to information from the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost, between 20 and 25 percent of first-year students do not return to UMaine for their second year. A forum was held last week to address the issue of student retention beyond the first year.

On Thursday, Sept. 27 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., a faculty forum was held in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union, where Provost Jeffrey Hecker shared data and analyses about student retention, as well as a draft proposal for how administrators, faculty and staff can improve first year students' academic and social success.

Most first-year students are either coming straight out of high school or are succeeding a gap year. This means that it is frequently the students' first time living away from home, living with strangers and meeting a more diverse population. All of this plays a role in creating a positive experience for the student and there are many ways to measure these factors.

Provost Hecker said that although UMaine has an intense focus on research as a land, sea and space grant university, its main mission is to educate students.

"We are not an elite institution who only accepts the top students. It makes our job challenging sometimes but it is what the University of Maine is all about," Hecker said.

Students who are first-generation, Pell Grant-eligible or come from underrep-

resented populations have some of the lowest rates of retention.

According to an exploratory analysis written by the UMaine Office of Institutional Research in 2018, "First-generation students are less likely than non-first-generation students to return after their first year (67 versus 78 percent, respectively), and those who did return are less likely to have earned 30 or more credits by the beginning of their second year (62 versus 69 percent). Pell recipients have a lower retention rate than non-Pell students (72 versus 77 percent) and further, they are less likely to return their second year with at least 30 credits (61 versus 71 percent)."

Provost Hecker's plan is multi-faceted. It encourages faculty to think about restructuring class curricula, working with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty

Senate to ensure that every student has the opportunity to participate in a high-quality first-year success course, as well as implementing other practices and softwares that other universities have been successful with.

In the past, UMaine has implemented programs such as the Engaged Black Bear Initiative, which is a program where students can earn E-Badges for participating in different activities in areas such as service, community-based research and leadership, civic engagement and volunteerism. This program was launched in the spring of 2015.

The exploratory analysis noted a strong correlation between academic performance and likelihood of continuing education past the first year.

"There is a strong relationship between first-semester performance and retention.

Fewer than half of students having a first-semester GPA of 1.5 or below return the following fall," the study said. "In contrast, 86 percent of students earning above a 2.5 GPA do so. The withdrawal rate of students with a first-semester GPA between 1.5 and 2.5 is eight percentage points lower than those who earned above a 2.5 GPA. Less than 50 percent of returning students who earned a first-semester GPA of 2.5 or lower return with at least 30 credits."

Many factors come into play when looking at first-year student retention, and some members of the UMaine administration are aware they need to take steps to keep students on a path of success during their time in college.

"The University of Maine is committed to providing the best academic and interpersonal experience possible

as we strive to develop engaged, active and successful students who will make a real difference in Maine, the region and beyond," Provost Hecker states on his UMaine webpage.

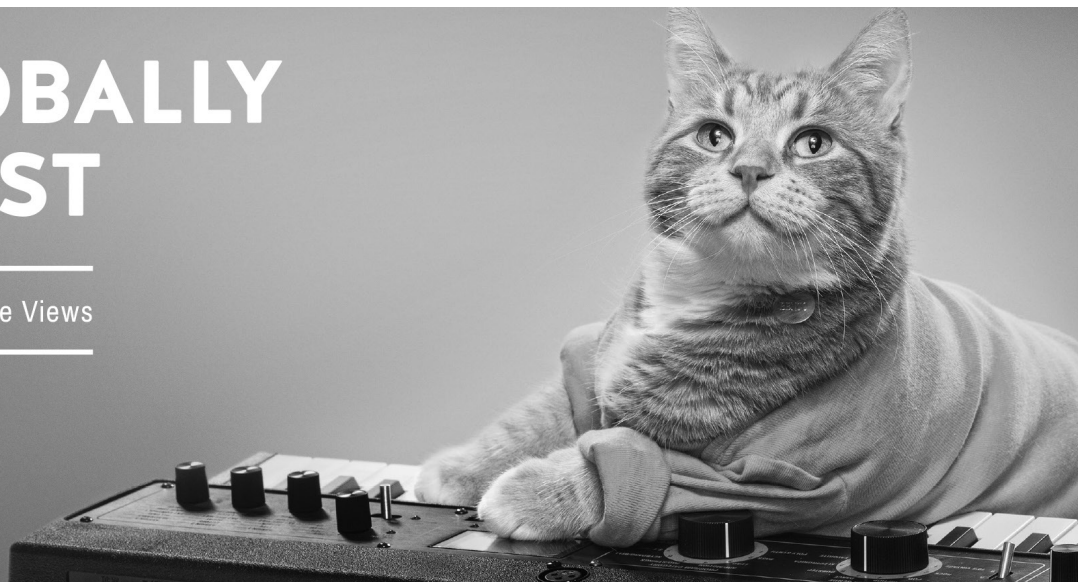
For students or members of the faculty who would like to share ideas and resources or volunteer, the Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Robin Delcourt can be reached at [audesse@maine.edu](mailto:audesse@maine.edu). More information about this forum and the data mentioned above can be found on the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost website.

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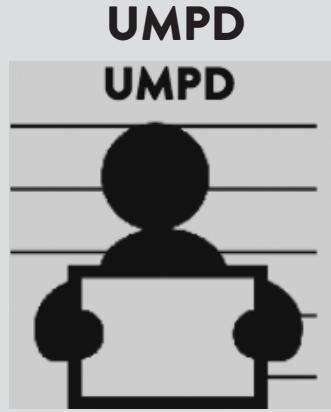
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# Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

**Brawley Benson**  
News Editor



**Sept. 22 - 1:00 a.m.**  
Officers responded to The Avenue apartment complex for a security complaint. Near a building in a rural section of the complex, a security guard saw a car pull into a parking stall but no individuals left the car. The guard approached the car and found 19-year-old Alek Grimes engaging in intimate relations with a woman in his car. The guard interrupted the two individuals and noticed that Grimes was visibly intoxicated. The guard called the Orono Police Department

because Grimes had clearly been drinking and driving. Officer Dupuis arrived and confirmed that Grimes was indeed drunk. Grimes claimed he only drove a short ways to get to a more secluded part of The Avenue. Alek was arrested for operating under the influence after failing a field sobriety test. While taking inventory of the car, Sargent Barrieau found marijuana paraphernalia and two fake ids. Grimes was also charged for these offenses as well and was given a court date of Nov. 8.

**Sept. 22 - 11:30 p.m.**  
Officer were called by the security company contracted by the Orchard Trails apartment complex. The complaint alleged that a female was walking down the road with a male carrying a vinyl piece of the Orchard Trails fence. Officer Gray caught up to 19-year-old Naomi Carr, who said she was walking and stumbled upon the piece of fence and decided to take it as a souvenir. Carr was charged with theft as well as illegal possession of alcohol by a minor for the two cans of beer she was carrying. She

was summoned for a Nov. 8 court date and the piece of fence was returned to security.

**Sept. 23 - 1:17 a.m.**  
Resident assistants found 18-year-old Jack Boyer passed out and intoxicated in the south stairwell of Gannett Hall. University Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC) came and determined Boyer did not need medical attention. He was referred to Student Conduct Code Committee for possession of alcohol.

**Sept. 23 - 2 a.m.**  
After the ordeal earlier in the night, Officer Gray of the Orono Police Department decided he was going to stake out the Orchard Trails fence. He parked his car down the road and waited. It wasn't long before he heard two individuals, 18-year-old Seth White and 22-year-old David Durham, damaging the fence down the road. Officer Gray approached the individuals on foot. He saw them slamming the fence, kicking the

slats out and running into it with their shoulders. When Officer Gray confronted Durham and White, they denied attacking the fence, but Officer Gray noted he had been recording the ordeal with his body camera. The males were summoned for criminal mischief and given a court date of Nov. 8. They were also issued a trespass notice by Orchard Trails.

**Sept. 23 - 10:00 a.m.**  
A white and blue \$400 FELT bike was stolen from an Aroostook Hall bike rack sometime overnight. The bike lock was broken. There are no suspects.

**Sept. 23 - 2 p.m.**  
A male came into the University of Maine Police Station and reported that he believed his skateboard was stolen from his car when he was picking up gun ammo from the station earlier in the day. Officers asked him where else he had been. The man noted that he had gone to Alltown Market as well during the

day. The next morning he came in and reported that he had found his skateboard under a car at Alltown Market.

**Sept. 24 - 9 a.m.**  
A woman called in a complaint from the Dunn Hall parking lot on campus. She said that her car was damaged in a hit and run incident. The perpetrators scratched the mirror and side of the vehicle. Police are investigating possible leads.

**Sept. 24 - 4:05 p.m.**  
Officer responded to a complaint of a burning smell in Shibles Hall, room 311. They arrived and determined the heat had been turned on but the system malfunctioned and kept heating the room. The temperature was approaching 100 degrees, according to reports. Orono Fire Department came and cleared the alarms and attended to the malfunctioning system.

# Briefs

Quick news from around the country



**Brawley Benson**  
News Editor

**Sept. 27**  
Professor of Psychology Christine Blasey Ford testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on her allegations that she was sexually assaulted by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Ford stated that the assault took place in 1982, when both she and Kavanaugh were students in high school. Kavanaugh allegedly groped Ford, pinned her down and tried to forcibly take off her clothes.

In early July, after Trump announced Kavanaugh as his pick for Supreme Court judge, Ford contacted her

congresswoman, Anna Eshoo, and The Washington Post. Ford then took her story to California Senator Dianne Feinstein who did not reveal the information until after the initial stages of the confirmation process due to, she said, her obligation to maintain Ford's confidentiality.

Throughout the whole process Kavanaugh has defended his innocence. He also testified last Thursday. On Sept. 8, the day after the testimony hearings, President Trump ordered an FBI investigation of the claims.

**Sept. 25**  
Comedian Bill Cosby was sentenced to three to ten

years in prison on Tuesday. The 81-year-old was immediately taken to jail, fined \$25,000 and ordered to pay for the costs of prosecution.

In April, 2018, allegations of sexual assault came forward against Cosby. The plaintiff, Andrea Constand, stated that Cosby gave her drugs and sexually assaulted her when she was working for a university basketball team and seeking career advice. More women came out with similar stories of Cosby using drugs to take advantage of them.

The case was seen as a success for many connected to the "#MeToo" movement. The movement seeks to bring the discussion of

# The World This Week



**Sept. 25**  
President Donald Trump spoke before the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, gushing about the accomplishments of his administration.

**Sept. 30**  
A 7.5 magnitude earthquake triggered a tsunami in Indonesia. As of Sunday, the death toll was over 800 people.

**Sept. 30**  
On Sunday, a United States warship sailed close to Chinese man-made islands in the South China Sea. The U.S. claimed it is exercising its right to "freedom of navigation."

sexual assault committed by people in positions of power — who have traditionally had impunity due to their status and social pop-

ularity — to the forefront. The movement started in fall 2017, after many allegations came out against film producer Harvey Wein-

stein, who was arrested and charged with rape and other offenses in May, 2018.

## This week at UMaine...

What's happening this week at UMaine

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Application for December graduation deadline	French Table: Little Hall 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Wednesdays @ the Wilson Center 6 – 8 p.m.	Last day to drop classes without them appearing on transcript, deadline 4:30 p.m.	International Coffee Hour 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Football versus Villanova University 3:30 p.m. at Alford Stadium
Community weak: Free pizza in commuter lounge 11:30 a.m.	Lunch N Learn 11:30 a.m. in commuter lounge		Spanish Tablee: Little Hall 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Halloween: Celestial Origins 7 – 8 p.m. Emera Astronomy Center	Women's Soccer versus University of Albany 1:00 p.m. at Mahaney Diamond

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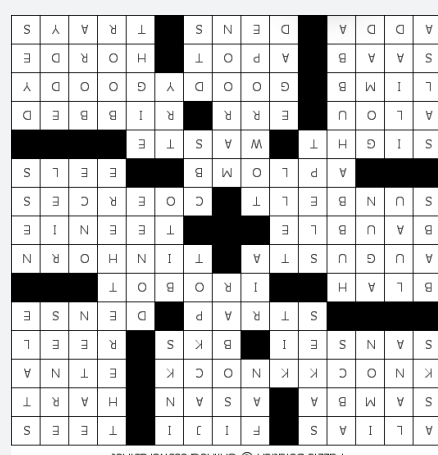
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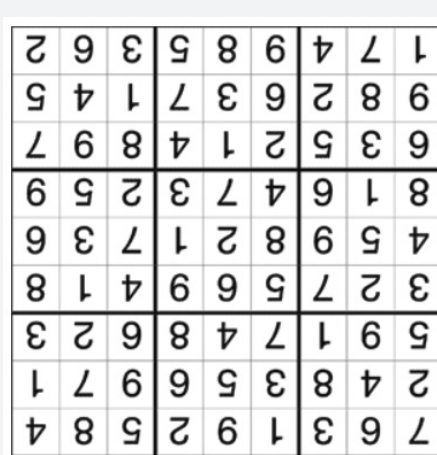
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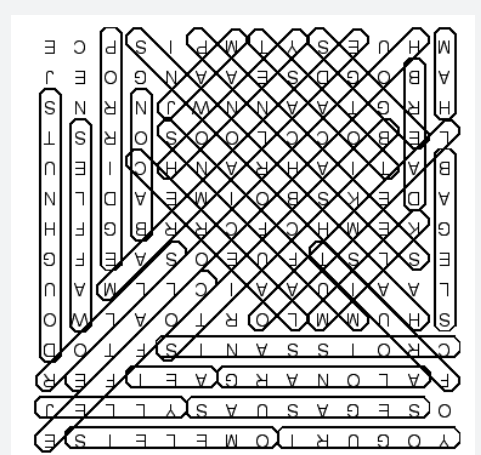
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# Opinion

Monday, October 1, 2018

## Editorial: October is domestic violence awareness month

**Liz Theriault**  
Opinion Editor

As the first days of Octobers approach, many are preparing for warm, happy fall events. The month brings about thoughts of apple picking, corn mazes, scarves, pumpkin flavored goodies and Halloween. However, amongst the many fall activities, October also serves as an important awareness month for an issue that deserves just as much attention, if not more.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Also known as intimate partner violence, domestic or relationship abuse, domestic violence is defined by The National Domestic Violence Hotline as “a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship.” Domestic violence can have many appearances; it can look like physical harm, emotional abuse, threats and intimidation, economic deprivation, the use of fear and more.

One in four women and one in nine men experience violence from

their partners in their lifetime. One in five women are survivors of rape. One in three women and one in six men have experienced sexual violence, according to NoMore.org. The list of statistics like these, unfortunately, could go on for some time. Because of this, Congress designated October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. In 1994, the Violence Against Women Act was brought into law, which established a fund for social service agencies that support victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Outside of government, private institutions have taken it upon themselves to form help and advocacy centers to help bring survivors of domestic violence the help and justice they need. The Domestic Violence Awareness Project is a national organization that helps support the “national, tribal, territorial, state and local advocacy networks in their ongoing public education efforts through public awareness, strategies, materials, resources, capacity-building, and technical assistance,” according to their website.

The organization helps run campaigns to change public opinion and belief systems that support or propagate violence and abuse, as well as hosts events, trainings and workshops.

NO MORE is another global organization comprised of nonprofits, corporations, government agencies, media, schools and individuals. They work to end domestic violence and sexual assault through media campaigns, community engagement, grassroots activism and fundraising, outreach and more. These organizations serve as stepping stones for large cultural change, and are leading the nation, and hopefully the world, down the path of understanding and bringing an end to domestic violence.

Maine is not exempt from domestic violence. In order to combat this, Maine has many laws surrounding domestic violence, threatening, terrorizing, stalking and assault. Penalties can result in jail time between one and five years, and fines between \$2,000 and \$5,000. However, despite these laws to protect victims, Maine citizens are still in danger of

experiencing domestic violence.

In 2017, half of Maine’s homicides were domestic violence related. Nine deaths, including the deaths of a seven-week-old baby and a four-year-old child, were classified as domestic violence homicides, according to the Bangor Daily News. Another BDN article written in 2016 states: “despite having one of the lowest violent crime rates in the country, domestic abuse accounts for a large proportion of violence in our state. The rates of domestic violence assault and domestic homicide are higher in Maine communities than in the rest of the country.”

It is important to also consider college campuses as locations where domestic assault exists. According to an article published by the Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC) organization, “college-aged women have the highest per-capita rate of intimate partner violence.” The article also goes on to state that 21 percent of college students report having experienced dating violence by a current partner and 32 percent report

having experienced dating violence by an ex-partner—and these are only the statistics of those who report. The sense of college campus community can often prevent students from reporting for fear of repercussions from friend groups or social media communities. Beyond that, 70 percent of young victims may not even realize they are being abused.

Domestic and sexual assault can be more prevalent on campuses than we care to admit. However, there are centers and organizations right here in the Orono area or on the University of Maine campus to help those in need. According to breakthecycle.org, 58 percent of college students do not know what to do to help someone who is a victim of domestic violence, and 28 percent don’t know how to find help for themselves.

UMaine’s Counseling Center is a confidential resource center on campus, with experienced staff ready to provide services and programs in professional and relaxed settings. The Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon

and 1-4:30 p.m., and can be reached by phone at 207-581-1392.

The Office of Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention is another UMaine resource for those who may be concerned about themselves or their friends being involved in domestic or sexual abuse. This office provides support, resources and referrals, and can help answer questions and concerns. They can be found in the Memorial Union, or at 207-581-1406.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are not light topics. They occur every day all around us, and the UMaine community should understand the responsibility of educating themselves to be ready to help those who may be in need, including themselves. Take this October as a time to start working towards a safer community for all.

## Should there be a Statute of Limitations for Kavanaugh?

**Nate Poole**  
Contributor

The statute of limitations for sex-related crimes in Maine reads as follows: “A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault must be commenced within 8 years after it is committed.” In other words, a Class A crime, such as the sexual assault of a minor, could be rendered unpunishable after eight years under Maine state law. Similar sorts of unofficial rules have existed in American society

to this day, as a way of normalizing and accepting crude behavior from a time when it was perhaps more acceptable. But in the wake of the #MeToo movement, this unofficial statute of limitations has been, ironically, limited. In the face of accusations of sexual assault from over 35 years ago against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, the obvious question to raise is whether one should be held accountable for the actions of his youth, and in a broader sense, for how long should one’s transgressions follow them? In the case of a

Supreme Court justice, the answer is certainly more than 35 years.

On Sept. 27, Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his accuser, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, testified under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee which gained a considerable amount of media attention but had little effect upon the confirmation process. In defending his former student, Yale Law Professor Akhil Amar explained the reasons for applying a statute of limitations to combat the unreliability and malleability of memory and the disappearance

of physical evidence over time. Dr. Amar also suggests that there is a general desire in the public to give young people a fresh start in the wake of mistakes. If Kavanaugh were on trial, he may indeed not deserve to have his life ruined as a result of an accusation pertaining to multiple decades ago, but he is not on trial. Kavanaugh is effectively interviewing for a position as a Supreme Court justice, and thus should be held to a much greater degree of scrutiny.

While Kavanaugh’s alleged sexual assault has been routinely diminished

by some conservative senators, the #MeToo movement has garnered no such tolerance for those like the comedian Louis C.K. and his case of sexual harassment. During the #MeToo movement’s height in 2017, five female comedians came forward accusing C.K. of exposing himself to them between the mid-90s and 2005. In this case, the passage of time made little difference; after confirming the accusations C.K. lost his television, movie and comedy special deals and was effectively forced to fall off the public map. In his public statement on

social media, the comedian noted that the 13 years without incident was a result of what he’d learned “later in life,” and he also recognized that realization as “too late” in the eyes of the public.

The question that arises from these recent examples is how far past actions should follow an individual. It is evident in juxtaposing C.K. with Kavanaugh that the perspectives of some conservative senators are not at all in line with that of the court or public opinion. Although this juxtaposition is not entirely equal, there remains an undeniable dis-



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# Do we use the word “Nazi” too lightly?

**Avery Norman**  
Contributor

Let me paint a picture for you: the year is 2016. As Americans, we’ve just finished eight years with one of our most dedicated, humble and historically significant presidents ever, Barack Obama. This was a major achievement for the United States, whose past is far from clean. By no means did this undo our tarnished past, nor did it heal the visceral, raw wounds of hatred, however, his election was a catalyst for a reenergized generation, forever altering our perception of the way in which we can effect

change upon the world. Yet another major milestone in American politics was upon us; the would-be election of our first female president, Hillary Clinton, who was without a doubt the most qualified candidate of the entire election cycle. Everyone was so assured of her victory that Trump’s bid almost seemed like a joke, a prank to increase his reality TV ratings, however, it was all too real. Forward to today, our commander in chief is a man who openly hates all who oppose him, shows prejudice toward those who don’t share his skin color and openly bragged about shooting something on 5th Avenue

without losing voters (no seriously, he said that).

We’re two years into a four-year prison sentence. With each waking day, the headlines get worse and the feeling of shame becomes more intense with every 240 character tweet. One of America’s largest modern follies is still in control of the country. The United States is at it’s most polarized point possibly since the Civil War. Protests that turn bloody are the new norm, with large acts of violence becoming more frequent. All the while, we’re losing the ability to see political opposition as our fellow citizens, rather than belligerents in

some Orwellian dystopia. Frustrations rise, tempers flare and next thing you know your political opponents are without a doubt dubbed Nazis.

Don’t get me wrong, I, like most who share my opinions of the current administration, disagree with just about everything our current president says, does and implies. That being said, I strongly disagree with labeling them as Nazis. Perhaps we’ve overstepped our own linguistic boundaries. Let’s dig in a bit deeper.

Nazi was a colloquial nickname for someone within the ranks of the Nationalsozialistische Deut-

sche Arbeiter Partei (NSDAP). As history shows, some of the most vile, immoral, revolting and shocking people were Nazis; people who were so blinded by power, charisma and racism that they committed atrocities unparalleled in the modern world. So shouldn’t we save this term for truly the worst among us? While I believe Trump and his cronies are some of the most truly repulsive, disagreeable, and sleazy humans around, I don’t believe they ideologically, nor through their actions have come close to rivaling true Nazis. We can’t allow our own differences to divide us so deeply that those

who have differing opinions are suddenly compared to some of the most vile men in history. At the end of the day be engaged politically and let your voice be heard, but don’t downplay the suffering and death of millions by failing to see your fellow citizens’ intrinsic worth and dignity as humans because of their differing opinions.

## I believe Dr. Ford

**Taylor Abbott**  
Editor in Chief

As I read the news headlines this week following the questioning of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Hon. Brett Kavanaugh, I have become more and more disgusted by the opposition. I’ve seen memes at the expense of Ford, saying things along the lines of “In 2020, I’m going to accuse the democratic candidate of sexually assaulting me.”

One of the biggest most vocal opponents against Ford’s testimony was Senator Lindsey Graham, who said that “This is the most unethical sham since I’ve been in politics,” and later on said, “Boy, y’all want power and I hope you don’t get it.” By saying this, Sen-

Graham completely put the blame on Ford and gave the upper hand to Kavanaugh.

This is the problem with the rape culture that exists within our society. Some have even gone as far as accusing the Democratic Party of hiring Ford to ensure that Kavanaugh does not get appointed to the Supreme Court. The victim blaming that we see in these scenarios happens all too often when instead, we should be holding those that committed the assaults accountable for their actions.

I believe Dr. Ford. In all of this, she has had absolutely nothing to gain. Her family has received death threats and she’s needed additional security doing day to

day tasks, such as grocery shopping and bringing her children to school. When she was being questioned on Thursday, she responded to questions with grace and clarity to the best of her ability. Kavanaugh, on the other hand, was angry, rude and emotional.

During Kavanaugh’s opening statement, he spoke on how his name had been tarnished amid these allegations. Following this, he had several emotional outbursts during his testimony. If the roles had been reversed, with Ford yelling in response to questions, she would have faced a large amount of criticism, because she would have been deemed hysterical and unable to hold herself together.

Maybe it’s accountability that our society lacks, or maybe it’s the fact that men like Brock Turner can commit such a heinous crime and essentially walk away because he should not have to go to prison for “20 minutes of action,” according to his father.

I applaud Ford for coming forward and sharing her story. Since Thursday, the number of calls that the sexual assault hotline receives has increased by 201 percent above the typical average, according to USA Today. By telling her story, Ford has given men and women a voice and the courage to tell their own stories. She took the power away from her attacker and stood up for victims all around the country. Watch-

ing Ford talk about her assault brought me to tears, not only because of the trauma she described but also because of her bravery.

It’s time that we as a society start believing survivors and allowing their stories to be heard. It’s time that we start holding the accused accountable for their actions and it’s time that we get rid of the double standard that women face against men. It’s been said before, but it’s time to hold people accountable for their actions and to end the excuses.

It does not matter that the event happened over three decades ago. It does not matter that Ford did not come forward with her story in that time. What

matters is that Kavanaugh has been able to live his life normally for decades while Ford has had to live with that pain. His actions cannot be excused, regardless of how old or how intoxicated he was during the attack. He sexually assaulted someone and he needs to be held accountable for that. And lastly, we need to take victims more seriously and the jokes about victims must come to an end if a productive conversation wants to be brought to the table.

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Fall break nearby

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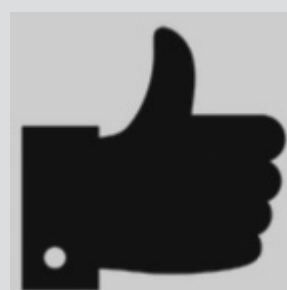
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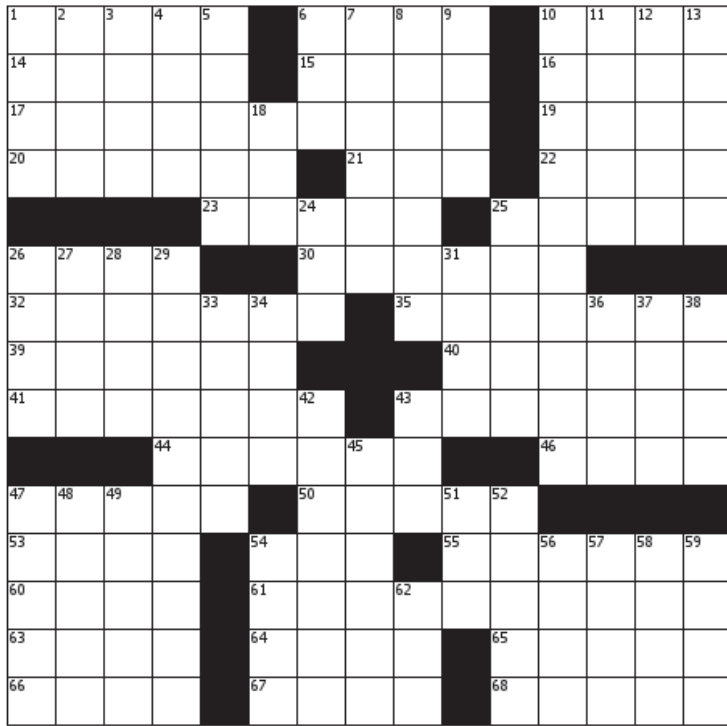
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# Diversions

## Crossword



### Across

1. Swindler's name, possibly
6. South Pacific archipelago
10. Wooden props
14. Duple-time dance
15. Dumb-ox connectors
16. Male red deer
17. Start of a joke
19. It has been active in Italy
20. Grandchild of Japanese immigrants
21. Library vols.
22. It might wind up on a dock?
23. Standee's support
25. Obtuse
26. Mediocre
30. Asimov classic
32. Masters locale
35. Cheap and insignificant
39. Trifle

40. Half of a pair meaning very small

41. Retirement region
43. Pressures
44. Unshaken nerve
46. Sargasso swimmers
47. Spot
50. Expend recklessly
53. Felipe, Jesus or Moises
54. Behave humanly
55. Teased
60. Tree appendage
61. Words squealed with delight
63. 900 or 9000
64. Words before "of gold"
65. Mass of humanity
66. Start of a recipe directive, perhaps
67. Some reading rooms
68. Waiter's weights

### Down

1. Shows curiosity

2. Turner, the Sweater Girl

3. Springsteen's "\_\_\_ Fire"
4. How-to stuff
5. "Land \_\_\_ alive!"
6. Kind of club
7. Weather map line
8. Highest prize
9. India and indelible
10. Words of consolation
11. Put away, in a way
12. Fish hawks' relatives
13. No longer novel
18. Young ferret
24. Drowned valley
25. Charity recipient
26. Streisand, familiarly
27. Waikiki wing-ding
28. "Son of \_\_\_!"
29. Old leerer's cheer
31. \_\_\_-Honey (candy bar)
33. Failed as a night watchman
34. Famous archer

36. Not repeatedly
37. Cambodian currency
38. Top Untouchable
42. Water-skiing accessory
43. "Gunsmoke" network
45. Strand
47. Condiment for a taco
48. Story of Achilles
49. Descend into dementia
51. Make an effort
52. Center fielder, in the scorebook
54. Relative of "Zounds!"
56. Unmannerly person
57. Cold north wind
58. Canoeer's worry
59. Turns red, maybe
62. "The Lost Weekend" subject

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## Word Search: Summer

- BACON
- BAGELS
- BISCUITS
- BREAD
- CEREAL
- COFFEE
- CROISSANTS
- DOUGHNUTS
- EGGS
- FRUIT
- GRANOLA
- HAM
- HASH BROWNS
- HONEY
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- JAM
- JELLY
- MARMALADE
- MILK
- MUFFINS
- OATMEAL
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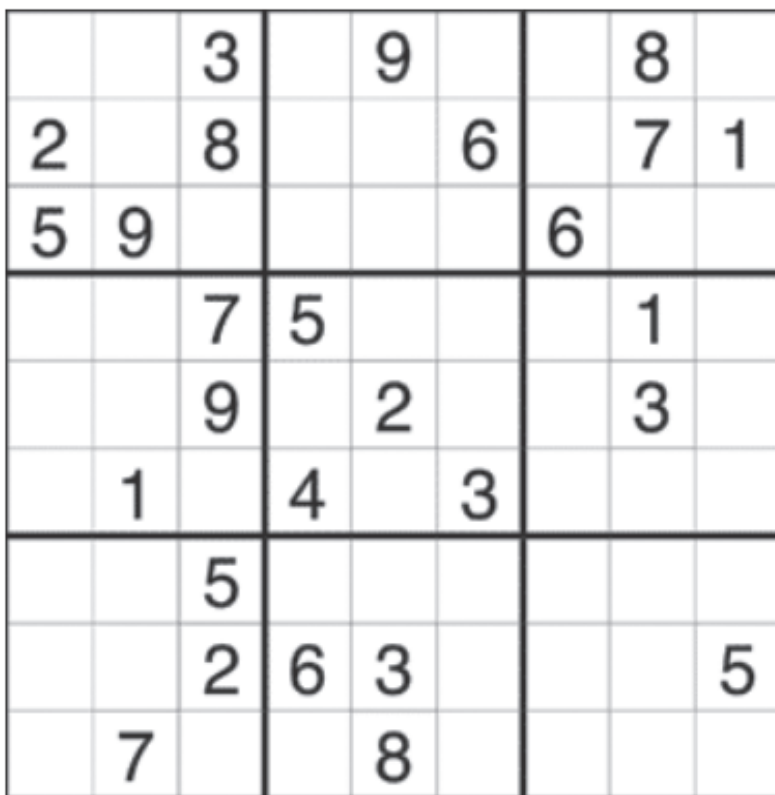
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## Sudoku

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

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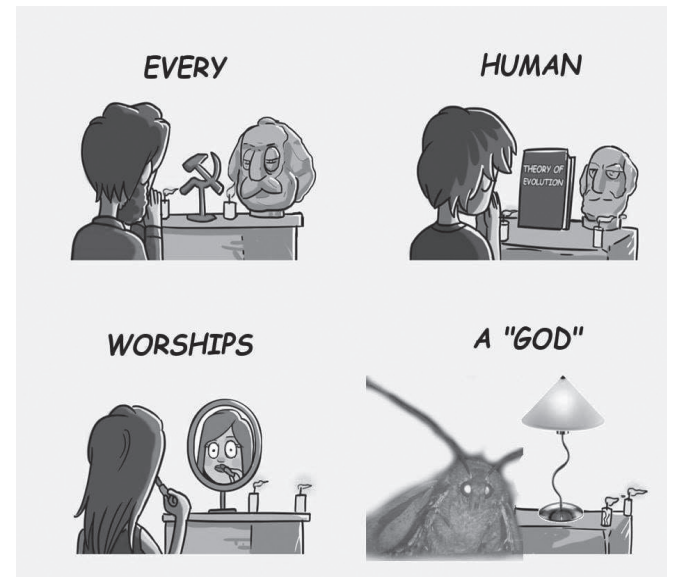


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## Word Scramble: Fitness

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| 2. elub   | 7. aklbc  |
| 3. teihw  | 8. eiegb  |
| 4. meil   | 9. rmace  |
| 5. owrnb  |           |

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# Reviews

## MOVIE

**“Fahrenheit 11/9” continues Michael Moore’s bumbling tirade against the American right.**



photo via IMDb

### RATING



**Finn Bradenday**  
Contributor

Michael Moore is back this fall, as morally right and as journalistically corrupt as he's ever been. “Fahrenheit 11/9” is his newest venture, delving into the atrocities committed by politicians over the last 30 years, tying them to Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign.

Moore is more heavy-handed in “11/9’s” critiques of the United States than I have ever seen in films by the documentarian/propagandist. The film opens with a jubilant showing of the days and weeks leading up to Nov. 8, 2016. Shots of Hillary Clinton’s supporters dancing and cheering at her election night party in New York City, accompanied by Rachel Platten’s “Fight Song” dominate the first 10 minutes. Moore also cuts to melancholic views of Trump’s election night party.

He rolls his version of the montage we’ve all seen: pundits and talk show hosts predicting a landslide victory for Clinton, progressing to announcements of Trump’s building lead in battleground states, and ending in the bone-chilling proclamation that Trump would be our next President.

My assessments of this project, positive or negative, do not lie in my political alignments with Moore. I feel I should make clear that we do subscribe to nearly identical ideologies. I found myself becoming emotional at times throughout “11/9.” I sympathize and identify with Moore’s target audience. I felt the same pain in my heart that I did on that day almost two years ago.

My argument is in his method. I believe that Moore is a major contributor to, if not a cause of, the widening divide between American political parties. Under the guise of a voice for America’s unheard working class, Moore promotes his ideas without recognition of an opposing view. He uses the assumption of near-unanimity among America’s constituents to thrust his unsourced arguments upon anyone willing, or unwilling, to listen.

There was a noteworthy mirror between one of Moore’s performances in “11/9” and

one in his 2002 installment, “Bowling for Columbine.” In “Bowling for Columbine,” Moore presents himself at the home of Charlton Heston, then-president of the National Rifle Association. Moore asked Heston to apologize for holding an NRA event in Columbine, Colorado after the deadly shooting at Columbine High School. When Heston declined and excused himself from the interview, Moore began following him around his mansion, needling him to react. Heston was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease the same year and retired from the NRA presidency.

During a segment of “11/9” focused on the national neglect of the water crisis in Flint Michigan, Moore procured a sizable tanker truck with the words “Flint Water” painted on the side. He introduced himself at Michigan Governor Rick Snyder’s home (through the intercom) and upon getting no response, proceeded to empty the tanker truck with what was supposedly lead-poisoned water from Flint’s public water supply onto Snyder’s lawn. This was after Moore attempted to place a citizen’s arrest on Governor Snyder in Snyder’s office, unsuccessfully.

These acts are meant to affirm that Moore is willing to throw himself into the fray for the betterment of his product, but come off as desperate, final measures to provoke a reaction from unwilling subjects.

Moore spends little time actually covering the Trump presidency, no more than a third of the film’s running time. A majority of that coverage is spent drawing parallels between the Trump administration and Adolf Hitler’s Third Reich. This approach to critiquing the Trump presidency, regardless of appeared truth, is especially counterproductive to repairing the rifts that have appeared in our society. I don’t believe that many conservative minds have been changed by comparing the American far right to the Nazi movement.

At best, “Fahrenheit 11/9” can serve as a galvanizing agent for America’s left. At worst, and far more likely, it will push conservatives further from understanding the left’s driving dissatisfaction.

## PODCAST

**“Potterless” allows listeners to reimagine a classic**



photo via potterlesspodcast.com

### RATING



**Liz Theriault**  
Opinion Editor

The round glasses; the strategically placed lighting bolt; the white owl; the broomstick. If you’re like me and have grown up with a deep, cherished love of Harry Potter, a familiar face immediately springs to mind. With over half a billion books sold in 80 languages, “Harry Potter” is a series familiar to many and a symbol of nostalgia and childhood innocence.

Now imagine the seven-book, eight-movie series and remove the nostalgia. This is the intent of Mike Shubert, the 26-year-old host of the growing “Potterless” podcast. Shubert, along with a different guest every two episodes, releases a podcast once every other week, recounting his experience reading the “Harry Potter” series for the very first time. The only catch: he seems to have removed those rose-colored glasses that many of us don whenever we want to revisit the magical series.

Each episode, of which there are currently 51, features Shubert describing details of a few chapters of a book at a time, going over the notes that he takes as he reads, and discussing his initial reactions, thoughts and predictions with a snarky, snappy and sarcastic sense of humor. His guests — lovers and haters of the series alike — are there to provide their own unique takes while attempting to stay away from any spoilers.

While the podcast’s tone is overall one of casual comedy, Shubert’s humor can get a bit harsh at times if you’re like me and enjoy the happy feeling you get whenever you hear the familiar music or read the familiar words of “Harry Potter.” Having a background in engineering, paired with a few more years under his belt than those who first read the series in their youth can cause Shubert’s view of the series to be critical and sassy. He frequently questions the physics behind the magic, points out holes in the plot and passes judgment on characters’ decisions, that

a younger audience would never notice.

Instead of getting wrapped up in the magic of a children’s book, Shubert and his guests provide a comical, and sometimes too-critical rendition of a familiar series. This is disclosed in the description of the podcast and is the appeal for many listeners hoping to revisit the series with a new perspective.

The “Potterless” podcast also hosts a unique opportunity for listeners to be a part of something larger. Shubert set up a Patreon page for the podcast — a website where fans can sign up to donate a certain amount of money per episode, to help Shubert purchase equipment, travel to events and produce the podcast. With each rising level of donations, members are offered more gifts in return, starting with access to stickers and a shout out on the show, to special merch, special question and answer sessions with Shubert and exclusive additional episodes. On top of this, each month Shubert donates one dollar for each “Potterless” Patreon member to a charity, chosen from a list of suggestions from his listeners. His most recent donation was \$478 to the Ghana Educational Collaborative.

Shubert’s cynical view of “Harry Potter” is one that’s taken with a comedic goal in mind. While his opinions are sometimes over the top and can frustrate those who don’t want all of the magic of “Harry Potter” shattered, his jokes land well, his guests are always entertaining and I find myself laughing along as I relive the “Harry Potter” series in a new perspective. I suggest this podcast to any level of “Harry Potter” fan.

The “Potterless” Podcast can be found on Spotify, iTunes, Soundcloud and the “Potterless” Podcast website.

## GAME

**1995-set thriller gives insight on LGBTQ experience**



photo via wikipedia.com

### RATING



**Annabelle Osborne**  
Contributor

“Gone Home” is a 2013 first-person exploration game produced by indie developer Fullbright. The game is set in 1995 and perfectly encapsulates the grunge aesthetic of the era. It follows Katie, who has just returned home from a year in Europe. When she gets back, she finds an empty house that feels haunted. With the clamoring thunder outside, it feels as if there is going to be a jump-scare around every corner. In the place of the expected ghosts a player would correlate with haunted houses is Katie’s family. All that remains of them is their stories, the stories that Katie has missed because she has been gone for so long.

As soon as Katie gets to the house she finds a note from Sam, her little sister. The note begs Katie not to dig for answers and says that they will see each other again. Sam narrates the story through journal entries. These voiceovers tell the story of Sam starting school, struggling to make friends and coming to terms with her queer identity once she falls in love with friend from high school Yolanda “Lonnie” DeSoto. The subplot features Katie and Sam’s parents, Jan and Terry, struggling to keep their marriage afloat. This paradox of one relationship blooming against the backdrop of another struggling adds to the heartbreaking nature of this game.

The soundtrack is filled with music from riot girl bands Bratmobile and Heavens to Betsy, as well as a fictional band called “Girlscout” played by the Portland, Oregon-based band The Youngins. The songs make you feel as if you’re truly a part of 1995 and transports you into the shoes of Sam and Katie.

The game leaves you with the feeling that you’re always being watched. Personally, I never once felt at ease throughout the game, but this did not deter me from playing through more than once. There are so many tiny details of this

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# Bold Ignited Street Fair empowers local community

**Kiana Plumer**  
Marketing Director

The Mabel Wadsworth Center (MWC) held their BOLD Ignited Street Fair in downtown Bangor at West Market Square this past Friday, Sept. 27 from 6-8:30 p.m.

The fair aimed to raise awareness and take action against the Hyde Amendment and other policies that make it difficult for low-income Mainers to have access to affordable abortion care. This event comes as a sequel to last year's event, the BOLD Future Street Fair.

A lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) against the state of Maine is currently underway. The ACLU claims that a constitutional right is being violated by the state by not paying for abortions through MaineCare.

The MWC's partner companies such as Planned Parenthood Maine and Partners for Peace were present with information pamphlets and giveaway swag. The tables formed a circle and music played to allow dancing throughout the night.

A photobooth to take pictures with "Sassy the Uterus" was set up and managed by the event coordinator Nik

Sparling. Chalk was available to write encouraging messages on the square, some included "abortion is our right," and "abortion is healthcare." The word "vote" was also written many times.

At 7 p.m., music was paused and the event coordinators took to the microphone to give remarks. Among the speakers was Andrea Irwin, the executive director of the MWC.

"It's really important that when things are this hard we continue to think about positive, proactive ways that we can keep moving our vision of justice forward," Irwin said.

Irwin criticized MaineCare's lack of coverage for abortion, emphasizing how many Mainers cannot get an abortion due to finances.

"We are punishing women with this policy, and we will not stand for it anymore," Irwin said.

Sparling also spoke, discussing the positive atmosphere she was trying to produce through this event.

"Tonight is about us, about us all supporting each other. The news has been really hard to look at, as I think you know, so tonight is about creating a culture of passion, support, and love, for us and by all of



Bangor Dragon Keepers performing at BOLD Ignited Street Fair

Photo by Kiana Plumer.

us," Sparling said.

While women hugged one another and posed for pictures with Planned Parenthood signs that read "Protect safe, legal abortions" some of the people passing were empowered and inspired. Julia Smith, a fourth-year student at the University of Maine and writer for Her Campus attended the

event, and was moved by the positivity of the fair.

"It was truly something to witness such a strong group of people come together to support a great cause," Smith said. "The atmosphere was so welcoming, and I was able to learn a lot about the resources offered in the Bangor area. The speakers were passionate

about this cause, and clearly cared about their community."

At 8 p.m., a local group of fire dancers called Dragon Keepers performed, with solo and group routines. They performed fire breathing, as well as articulate dances with batons and other instruments. Their flames spoke to the mood and theme of igniting

visions.

For more information and resources visit the Mabel Wadsworth Center website at <https://www.mabelwadsworth.org>.

## Less peace, more protests surrounding the Irish housing crisis

**Taylor Houdlette**  
Contributor

The first time I heard about the Irish housing crisis was during my first week in Ireland, when our family decided to go on a tour of the Ring of Kerry.

The bus driver was a friendly, salt-and-pepper-haired man who loved answering questions. When my mother asked him about the average price of houses in the area, he said that very poor houses typically listed for 500,000 euros. He briefly mentioned that one of Ireland's biggest issues was a housing crisis which he said started due to the 2008 financial recession, similar to the one that occurred in the U.S. at the same time.

Ireland's housing market has not yet seen a full recovery and is still struggling to plan new housing developments and build new houses. According to our bus driver, most of Ireland's architects and developers left during the recession to seek better work elsewhere in Europe.

A few days ago, I got the chance to see what some citizens think of the housing crisis. I had walked to the Cork City Centre to do some shopping at the English Market; if you ever get a chance go to Cork City, make sure to visit this large in-

door food market. There were a large number of people on the way to the market, which was unusual because it was raining out. The closer I got to the market, the thicker the crowd was getting.

People on the outskirts of the crowd were carrying bright red flags with the hammer and sickle symbol. I was intrigued about what they were silently protesting.

Pushing through the crowd of people holding red hand-painted signs, I found the center where a man wielding a bullhorn was rallying the crowd into preparing for a march on the Cork City Centre. A woman came over and handed me a flyer that headlined "Solidarity with Housing Occupations," and had the branding of the Socialist Party at the bottom. The man with the bullhorn talked about how the Irish government wasn't doing enough to provide affordable housing options to Irish citizens. He accused the Irish government of withholding rural land that could be used to build affordable housing units and not listing empty houses around the cities of Dublin and Cork.

When I stood back to take a photo of the gathering before they marched off into the city, I could imagine the red signs and flags like seeping wounds

standing out against the mass of dark raincoats of the protesters.

The flyer also cited an incident of abuse by the Gardai (the Irish police force), who allegedly assisted a group of masked, unnamed men in forcibly removing peaceful protesters from a property in Dublin. The Gardai were accused of using police batons and pepper spray on the crowd. That peaceful protest was organized to "highlight the scandal of houses lying empty while 10,000 people are homeless."

The scandal surrounding the protesters' forced removal also comes from how the masked men arrived in unmarked white vans that had generic British plates on the backs of the vehicles. The men wore no identification, which the flyer cites as being in direct violation of legal regulations, though it does not name which regulations were violated. The protest allegedly ended with six protesters arrested and four injured. The flyer ended with an accusation directed at Leo Varadkar, the Irish Minister for Defense, who the Socialist Party indicates is the mastermind behind state-versus-citizens housing issues.

I felt very ignorant of the situation and went back to Google the accused, Leo

Varadkar. He is a household name among those who follow Irish politics. He has held many major positions in the Irish government since 2007, including minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport, minister of Health and minister of Social Protection. He is currently Minister for Defence and has been since June of 2017.

It was quickly apparent to me how involved Varadkar is in the government, as he is also the prime minister of Ireland (known in Irish as "Taoiseach," closest translation is "chief-tain"), plays an active role in Irish parliament and leads the Fine Gael party (a popular liberal-conservative, Christian political group in Ireland).

Several articles about Leo Varadkar's response to the protests in Dublin, and the building anger from the people, reported that he justified the ski-masks and balaclavas as well as their aggressive actions to remove the protesters.

Varadkar addressed the unmarked individuals as a private security firm that was tasked with assisting the Gardai in their removal of the protesters. He said that he disagreed with the garb of the security firm, even though they were wearing outfits similar to the Gardai. Apparently, this isn't the first time that the Gardai or private

security firms have been used to dissolve protests centered around the housing crisis. As the protests increase numbers and anger, more Gardai have been called in and have had to use force.

Yesterday, I returned to the city center to buy some prosecco to mix with local elderberry syrup (like your average college student does). I stopped into a local wine shop run by a woman and her son. I'd been in the store before while the protest was marching through the city streets. The owner was friendly enough that I felt comfortable asking for her opinion on the protests.

She began talking to me about how the protests aren't as peaceful as they portray themselves being. In the case of the protest in Dublin, the protesters were occupying the property surrounding empty houses, which is illegal. The owner also said that protesters have been occupying empty houses as a form of peaceful protest, which is also illegal. She agreed with the Gardai in their firm removal of the protesters from these properties.

The shop owner also went on to talk about her disapproval of the Irish welfare system, which she said provides too much for people and gives them "the idea that they are

entitled to choose what they want and where they want to live." She said that many people on welfare need affordable housing and want to find housing in the city, where there are many amenities, even though there is little for available housing in the city.

If these protesters really wanted affordable housing, the shop owner explained, then they would move to more rural areas of Ireland where there is more available, affordable housing. The shop owner believed that many of the people participating in these protests want city housing without paying the steep price that comes with it.

I have a feeling that this is just the start of my exposure to the Irish housing crisis and the debate surrounding it. Even right now, as I am writing this in the University College Cork library near a window, I can hear and see a stream of students chanting affordable housing slogans and holding signs while they march through campus. I'm looking forward to further researching this issue and talking to the Irish citizens about their own thoughts on the issue.

## Shakespeare continues to inspire students in and out of the classroom

**Bria Lamonica**  
Contributor

In a state school of over 9,000 undergraduate students, 125 English students might not seem like a lot. Despite the low enrollment numbers, the English department makes sure their presence is known on campus and that each of the department's programs makes a mark on the University of Maine community.

On Sept. 26 from 6-9 p.m., English students at UMaine had the opportunity to gather together and watch Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus." The film was available to view on the first floor of Raymond

H. Fogler Library.

This historically controversial and well-known Shakespearean classic was adapted for film by director Julie Taymor in 2000. The film deals with topics and subjects still pertinent to society and culture today such as racism, violence, sexism and revenge. Although critiqued and viewed by the public as a play that includes too much gore and sensitive themes, it is still widely reviewed in the literary world for its significance and historical relevance.

"This was such a good way to allow students to have the chance to watch and talk about what we read in class together," third-year English student Ally Cyr said. "This

play is definitely one of my favorites because of how complex it is and how many things there are to discuss."

Students enrolled in the course "Shakespeare and English Renaissance" have been studying "Titus Andronicus" as one of six Shakespeare plays discussed and analyzed throughout the class. Other plays on their syllabus include "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Othello," "Macbeth," "All's Well That Ends Well" and "Winter's Tale." The class is currently taught by Professor of English and Stephen E. King Chair in Literature Caroline Bicks.

"This seemingly simple tragedy unfolds into a chaotic mess that is shown both in

the film adaption and by actually reading the play in class itself," Hannah Dyer, a third-year English student, said. "It was fun to be able to read the play and discuss it in class, and then also have the chance to view the entire film with other peers who were there to ask questions to and discuss things with."

The original play was written by Shakespeare between 1588 and 1593. It centers around a man named Titus Andronicus, a general from Rome coming home after a 10-year war. Andronicus takes prisoners of war, including Tamora, queen of the enemy warriors. Her lover Aaron is with her, along with Tamora's sons, and together the

family stirs up chaos and mayhem that eventually leads to a tragic revenge story.

"The story of Titus and his family is one that has many ties to familiar Greek and Roman ancient foundation stories. In our class, we spend a lot of time going over the historical background that shapes and frames much of Shakespeare's writing, and part of this past comes through in the language and action of the film," Cyr said.

Taymor takes her own spin on the classic play by staging each scene in dramatic ways that reveal the character's intentions and motivations. The subtle changes from the written play to the filmed adaptation were put in place to make

internal dialogue and character revenge plans more easily visible to the audience. The five-act play was condensed into a 162 minute film.

"We have so many interesting English classes and programs offered here. They all give us a lot of opportunities to get together with other students and discuss what we are passionate about, such as this one," Ethan O'Rourke, a second-year English and education student, said.

The English Department office is located in 304 Neville Hall, and hosts readings, discussions and other events available to learn more about on [english.umaine.edu](http://english.umaine.edu).

# Siempre vida España

**Taylor Abbott**  
Editor in Chief

May 25, 2018: The day that I embarked on my biggest adventure yet. For the first time in my life, I had the opportunity to leave the east coast and the small, rural towns that I have occupied for the first 20 years of my life. On this day, the countdown was over - I was starting my travels out to Lisbon, Portugal.

I began planning this trip during the summer of 2017, shortly after my father died unexpectedly. Most of that summer has been blacked out of my memory, but I knew that I couldn't just spend the rest of my days grieving, so on a whim one warm August morning, I booked the trip.

This trip, through EF Ultimate Break, would be a ten-day-long excursion, spanning three cities: Lisbon, Portugal; Madrid, Spain; and Barcelona, Spain. This trip is something I'd dreamed of since I was nine years old, singing along to the "Cheetah Girls 2" soundtrack into my hairbrush. The movie, which was filmed in Barcelona, was (and quite honestly, still is) one of my favorite movies of all time.

There was one catch to this trip: I would be traveling to Portugal by myself. My excitement to travel overcame my anxieties about entering a new country by myself. My excursion began in Portland, Maine, where I flew down to Washington-Dulles International Airport for a six-hour layover before my overnight flight to Lisbon.

Through the last year and a half, everything in my life has changed. One of the only constants in my life has been my mother, and I do not think that words could ever properly express just how much she has been there, even during times when she is unable to hold herself up. It had been nearly an hour since I had last seen my mother, but I was already panicked about not seeing her for ten days.

My first struggle on the trip happened while I was still in the airport in Portland. I had packed my belongings incorrectly and had to throw away an entire bag of toiletries. Immediately, I panicked, called my mother, and told her how I was not ready to do this trip

alone. I remember her telling me over the phone, "Honey, this is just one bump in the road. You're fine." Tears sprung to my eyes because for the first time I was venturing without my mother by my side. For the first time, I was completely independent, but no matter what, she was still there.

While hanging out in my terminal at Washington-Dulles during my six-hour layover, I binge-watched "Gilmore Girls" and wrote in my travel journal. I even made a few friends in the terminal.

The flight to Lisbon was long and I did not get a single wink of sleep the entire flight. I would like to blame this on excitement, but the three drinks that I inhaled at the Starbucks next to my terminal gate would beg to differ.

The first step out of the airport in Lisbon is a moment that I will never forget. The sun was bright, the air was fresh and my hopes were high. This was uncharted territory on my map and I was thrilled to see what the world had to offer me.

Because of the way that I booked my tour, I stayed in hostels in each city. I met up with a tour group in Lisbon and shared a room with five other girls. Despite the small rooms, small showers and uncomfortably warm nights, the bonds that I made with all of the girls are what contributed to the experience and made these ten days the most incredible.

Portugal was stunning. The history there is rich, the views were incredible, and the hills were steep. During the day, our tour guide, Antonio, would show us some of the highlights of the city, and then come afternoon, we would have free time to roam around and go back to places in which we wanted to spend more time.

One of my favorite excursions in Portugal was the walk (more like the climb) up to the Castelo de Sao Jorge. The trip to the castle was exhausting and felt like it would never end, but once we reached the top, all of the pain and soreness that existed within my body went away. From the top of the stone castle, you could see the entire city. The view was breathtaking. I tried all the wine and sangria that my



Sitting on the bench in Park Guell in Barcelona, Spain.

Photo provided by Taylor Abbott

body could handle and took in the culture and views every second that I could.

I could go on for hours about my love for Spain. Being in Madrid did not seem real. This trip had been planned for so long, I had to pinch myself every morning just to make sure that it was not a dream. Here, we visited several different historical sights and buildings. Among my favorites were the Royal Palace of Madrid, the Museo Reina Sofia (Museum of Queen Sofia), and an event in the Plaza Mayor where a helicopter dropped 100,000 poems. I was able to see Picasso's Guernica in person, I heard the tales of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, and I ate more paella than my body could handle.

The dropping of 100,000 poems was incredible. After spending the day in Toledo, Madrid's neighboring city, my tour group and I returned to the Plaza Mayor where a helicopter was circling, getting ready to release the poems into the city. As the slips of paper began to fall from the sky, hundreds of spectators jumped for joy in hopes that they would catch one. After a few moments, I caught one, and then as we began walking back to our

hostel, another one practically landed in my hand while I was walking.

The last stop on my trip was Barcelona. This was the part of the trip that I was most excited about. One of my favorite songs, Ed Sheeran's "Barcelona" had been playing on repeat during the months leading up to the trip. Everything about this city felt like a dream, from the buildings designed by Gaudi, to seeing the Sagrada Familia in person, or the Park Guell, where "Strut" from the "Cheetah Girls 2" was filmed. None of this experience felt real at all.

One of the last nights of my trip fell on the anniversary of my father's death. The feeling hit me like a ton of bricks. I had planned that morning to go out to a few bars that night with a few friends that I had made on the tour but realized shortly into the day that I needed to tend to myself, so I stayed in and dealt with my emotions. Losing a parent is hard, but losing a parent as unexpectedly and unsettlingly as my siblings and I did has made every emotion that much more difficult to process.

I counted my blessings every single day. A year earlier, I was not even sure that

I would be able to return to college. Losing my dad took such an emotional toll on my body and mind.

What people don't tell you about dealing with a death is that the pain you feel never truly goes away, you just find a way to deal with the grief. For myself, I found solace in writing and staying occupied. I also decided to take some of my grief and turn it into good and signed up for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out Of the Darkness Walk in my father's name, and between my siblings and I, we raised over \$350.

My last day on the Iberian peninsula was bittersweet. While I was excited to go home and sleep in my own private room, I knew that there was so much more left for me to see. Summer classes were waiting for me at home and my car was in need of some love. But in these last ten days, I had learned so much about myself. I was a brand new person with brand new experiences under my belt and I traveled to a different country by myself. I realized that I am independent, I am strong and I am brave.

My biggest inspiration through all of this has been

my mother. On the good days, she's there. On the bad days, she's still there, with a smile on her face and arms wide open. Seeing her deal with trauma with so much grace and class has made me appreciate the woman that has been there for every event in my life, from the boring band concerts in elementary school to the airport when I finally made it back to Maine after 12 hours in flights and layovers. Without her raising me to be independent and courageous, I would not have been able to take on this journey alone. She was there for every time I called home to panic or talk about the views and memories that I was making. I owe her everything.

To anyone that is struggling to come to terms with emotional turmoil, know that you are not the problem. Traveling helped me realize this. Take care of yourself, and find a healthy outlet to help yourself deal with these feelings. This can be through seeing a counselor, writing in a journal or going for a run. Whatever you do, make sure you're putting yourself first and making your health a priority. You are not crazy and you are not defined by the past.

## President of Wilde Stein Makes an Impact Within the UMaine Community

**Niamh Toomey**  
Contributor

Aiden Ciaffaglione is one of many students on campus involved in many campus organizations and communities. He is a member of the Residence Hall Association, a Resident Assistant, president of Wilde Stein and a full-time student. Although sometimes his participation in a number of organizations leaves him busy, Ciaffaglione is always willing to lend a helping hand or a bit of understanding to someone who needs it.

Ciaffaglione, of Southington, Connecticut, uses his involvement in the community to encourage students to expand their perspectives. As president of Wilde Stein, an organization for LGBTQ students, Ciaffaglione plays a role in a lot of activities that take place on campus. He enjoys what he does with this group.

"It's honestly really fun. I basically get to organize meetings with the executive board, outside organizations, LGBTQ services, and other people to make sure that we have inclusivity and diversity on cam-

pus," Ciaffaglione said.

He works with a number of people to run Coming Out Week, which is an upcoming annual week-long celebration of LGBTQ individuals openly embracing their identities. With an involvement in this particular awareness week, Ciaffaglione has a hand in planning a number of educational and cultural activities that will be taking place all over campus over the course of the week.

He will also be a part of Gay Thanksgiving, an event that offers a fun thanksgiving-style meal for LGBTQ students, who

may not be accepted at home, and their allies. Another event that Ciaffaglione will be an organizer for is Transgender Day of Remembrance, which is a vigil and awareness day to remember transgender individuals who have lost their lives because of their identities.

Ciaffaglione describes his work as an RA in Oxford Hall as rewarding.

"Life as an RA is fun, I get to work with a really cool staff and a lot of people from different backgrounds, and help make this dorm a home away from home for a lot of people,"

Ciaffaglione said.

This involvement in the community has allowed him the chance to offer activities to his first-year residents, including a workshop on safe sex in college. This position has also given him the opportunity to give a "queer peer education workshop" at a regional Residence Hall Association conference to further encourage diversity and spread knowledge about working with the unique challenges and situations faced by queer and trans students living on college campuses.

Ciaffaglione is just one of many students involved in campus organizations that raise awareness and offer resources to those who live or attend classes here at the University of Maine.

Wilde Stein meets Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Student Life Lounge on the third floor of the Memorial Union, and encourages people from all walks of life to stop by and join the conversation.

## Riverfest from A1

and retired nurse Sandy Umble was tabling alongside her partner, the Old Town Animal Orphanage, selling dog jackets. Umble has a close relationship with the orphanage, as she donates homemade blankets to them consistently. UMaine's Kappa Delta Phi was also present, painting faces to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Shoes 'N' Sheers 4-H

club was present Saturday in Binette Park holding a free petting zoo with animals from miniature donkeys to Nigerian dwarf goats.

Other vendors included the University Credit Union and the Old Town Elks Lodge which sold lobster rolls. Bounce houses were set up for kids, along with a mechanical bull for older teens and adults.

Old Town's Riverfest came to a successful close following Saturday's festivities. It proved to be a positive and successful day for

Old Town and surrounding locals to come together and celebrate.

For more information and photos of Riverfest, visit their facebook page at [facebook.com/Old-Town-Riverfest-124272050919656](https://www.facebook.com/Old-Town-Riverfest-124272050919656)



Janet Mills posing in front of UMaine marching band at 2018 Riverfest

Photo by Kiana Plumer

FEATURED STORY

## Black Bear Abroad

A weekend on the coast in Vina del Mar and

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### NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

🕒 <i>Wanderer, Cat Power</i>	Oct. 5
🕒 <i>TPC, Tokyo Police Club</i>	Oct. 5
🕒 <i>Trench, Twenty One Pilots</i>	Oct. 5
🎬 <i>A Star Is Born (in theaters)</i>	Oct. 5
🎬 <i>The Happy Prince (in theaters)</i>	Oct. 5
🎬 <i>Venom (in theaters)</i>	Oct. 5

### Reviews

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## Anonymity allows students to discuss sexual health



The Women's Resource Center hosts an anonymous way to ask questions about Sex in College.

MJ Gautrau, Photo Editor.

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

**Monday, October 1**  
**Commuter Week:**  
**Free Pizza**  
**11:30**  
**Wade Center, Memorial Union**  
**Free**

**Tuesday, October 2**  
**Tuesdays at the IMRC**  
**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**IMRC, Stewart Commons**  
**Free**

**Wednesday, October 3**  
**March Against Domestic Violence**  
**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**  
**The Mall in front of Fogler Library**  
**Free**

**Thursday, October 4**  
**Healing Our Democracy**  
**Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture**  
**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
**Hauck Auditorium**  
**Free**

**Thursday, October 4**  
**Loteria: Latin American Bingo**  
**8:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
**North Pod of Memorial Union**  
**Free**



### Olivia Shipsey Culture Editor

On Monday, Sept. 24, The University of Maine's Women's Resource Center (WRC) along with the Student Alliance for Sexual Health held their second Sex In College event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event aimed to give students a platform to ask questions about sex and relationships, as well as become familiar with the WRC's services.

Hosted by Julia Haberstick, a fourth-year women's gender and sexuality studies student, the WRC's event welcomed students, offered snow cones, coloring pages and information on sexual health.

"This event was aimed at first-years," Haberstick said. "We're adamant on getting our name out there, letting students know what resources we have to offer. We

wanted to host a welcoming event to all the first-years (and others) who may have questions regarding sexual or reproductive health."

While the WRC aims to create a space where students can feel free to openly discuss sexual interests and issues, they are painfully aware of the stigma surrounding the topic of sex. To combat this, the event offered students a way to ask their questions anonymously.

"It can be awkward or intimidating asking questions regarding sexuality because there is a sense that because our culture is so sexualized, we should all have it figured out by now, but that's simply not the case. Anonymity eliminates that fear of being judged or ridiculed," Haberstick said.

Haberstick believes that high school sexual education doesn't fully prepare

students for college life. According to Planned Parenthood, many states only require abstinence education, and only 13 states require sex education to be medically accurate. Haberstick hopes the WRC's efforts to educate will help minimize this stigma surrounding sex on campus.

"Our culture is saturated in sex, yet we don't teach consent or pleasure and typically use scare tactics to prevent teens and students from being sexually active," Haberstick said. "We know this doesn't work, states with abstinence-only education have higher rates of STIs, unwanted or teenage pregnancy and abortion. We want students to know that everyone has questions, sex is normal and we're here if you need us!"

To prepare for the event, and keep the WRC's resources up-to-date, members are

constantly gathering materials and checking statistics.

"I gathered information from sources like Planned Parenthood, Mabel Wadsworth and others to compile a broad array of topics I thought people might have questions or concerns about," Haberstick said. "Information on contraceptives, healthy relationships, consent, abortion, gender and sexuality."

For many students, fear isn't the only thing inhibiting sexual wellness and security. Fiscal stability often comes into play, as menstrual products and contraceptives aren't always inexpensive or easily accessible.

"These resources are basic to every student's well-being. If folks are financially strained and can't afford menstrual products or pregnancy tests, we're here to provide them for free! Regardless of financial security,

all students have the right to a safe and welcoming campus environment," Haberstick said. "Worrying about your reproductive or sexual health can be exhausting and can really take away from a student's ability to learn and engage in their academics."

Students who are interested in asking anonymous questions haven't missed their chance. The forum will stay open indefinitely and can be accessed here, or by scanning the QR code posted in the WRC. The answers will be published in their monthly newsletter.

Located in Room 227 of the Memorial Union, across from the Rainbow Resource Center, the WRC is open every weekday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by to talk with Haberstick or any of the center's members about the project and learn what the WRC has to offer.

## 10 Halloween Costumes That Won't Offend Anyone

### Maddy Jackson Contributor

It is that time of year, we need to start thinking about what to wear on All Hallows' Eve. It is very important to stay safe on Halloween by taking care of your friends, not drinking too much and making sure you plan your night ahead of time, but it is crucial that you have a creative and non-offensive Halloween costume.

Each year the issue of cultural appropriation arises. No one wants to be that guy or girl who shows up in a hurtful costume, not even realizing the problems with it. To be clear, cultural appropriation means enactment of a minority's culture by a dominant culture, not out of recognition or respect. Here are 10 Halloween costumes that are original, fun and don't im-

pair anyone's good time on Halloween.

**An animal.** Women always get shamed for dressing up as animals for Halloween, but this is a safe and easy way to get creative. There are so many possibilities, and you have a great amount of creative rein on your outfit choice and makeup design.

**Your favorite character from the TV show or movie you love.** Picking a character from a movie or tv show that you love is a great option for fun and lighthearted costumes. Whether you choose to be Dwight from "The Office" with some glasses and a yellow dress shirt, or Detective Jake Peralta from "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" with a leather jacket and police badge, there are so many options you can do.

**A Disney supervillain.** Main characters from Dis-

ney movies are overdone. Try instead a fun twist on the Disney universe by dressing up as an evil villain. Whether you are an Yzma or more of a Gaston, there are many fun and non-offensive options for you to choose from.

**A lighthearted pun.** Some of the funniest costumes are ridiculous puns. This costume suggestion includes such puns as holy guacamole (which consists of an avocado-themed outfit and angelic halo), smart cookie (which consists of a graduation gown covered in chocolate chip cookies) or the spice girls (which requires a few friends and shirts labeled with spices such as cinnamon, tarragon, etc.).

**A University of Maine icon.** As UMaine students, this should be an easy one. There are several iconic figures from the Universi-

ty of Maine, so you have many different avenues to take. For example, you could throw on a UMaine jersey, make some paws and ears, give yourself a pink nose and some threatening teeth and you're Bananas the Bear. Or on a different route, you could go as a UMaine hockey player, your favorite UMaine president (respectfully of course) or the ever familiar "Lot Full" sign.

**Your favorite athlete.** This is for those of you who like to wait until the last minute to come up with a costume idea. You probably already have the jersey of your favorite athlete, so throw it on with your least used pair of gym shorts and you've got a quick and relevant costume.

**Decades.** There are many things about the past that you should not make a costume out of, howev-

er, there are so many fun things about the past that we can celebrate. Sport some bell bottoms and a tie-dye halter top with some big, curly hair for the '70s, or acid-washed jeans and neon spandex tops with a mock perm from the '80s. Not sure you want to go that far back? Throw on a white tank top, some bedazzled jeans, spike your hair and grab a few friends to be a boy band from the '90s.

**Food.** Everyone has a favorite food, so why not dress up as yours? Bonus points if you bring some of the food that you are dressed up as to share with your fellow partygoers.

**Seasons.** This one offers a lot of room for creativity. Maybe you want to represent the flowers of spring, or the sunshine of summer, the colorful leaves of fall, or a snowman (a.k.a.

a UMaine student trying to get to class) for winter.

**Superheroes.** 2018 has been a huge year for superheroes with the release of Marvel's "Black Panther" and "Infinity War." Any number of these superheroes could serve as inspiration for a fun and relatable costume. However, I must warn once again not to appropriate a character's culture for the purposes of a costume.

Overall, there is nothing wrong with having fun on Halloween. It is just important that the way in which you have fun does not impose on anyone else's good time. So, be safe, have fun and don't wear a costume that you think either appropriates someone's culture or could be harmful to others.

# Sports

Monday, October 1, 2018

## UMAINE RESULTS

9/27	Women's soccer vs. New Hampshire	Win	1-0
9/28	Field Hockey @ New Hampshire	Loss	2-3
9/29	Football @ Yale	Loss	35-14
9/30	Women's Soccer @ Binghamton	Loss	0-1
	Field Hockey @ Albany	Win	2-1

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4



ULTIMATE FRISBEE  
**Ultimate Frisbee club with strong outlook on coming year**

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WOMEN'S SOCCER  
**UMaine Black Bear soccer claws ahead of UNH Wildcats.**



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## Women's hockey comes out with impressive performance



Second-year Maddie Giordano attacks the Varsity Red's net.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

### Emily Norris Contributor

In an exciting exhibition match against the University of New Brunswick, the University of Maine Women's ice hockey team came away confidently with a 7-0 win.

The Black Bears started shooting within the first few seconds of the game. After a faceoff won by the Black Bears, Martens made three straight saves, followed by a shot by first-year Ida Press that sailed into the net, putting the Black Bears on the board and making the score 1-0. Press was assisted by first-year players Celine Tedenby and Ali Beltz. In regular fashion for a typically passionate crowd, the Black Bear student section cheered.

Following the goal, shots by second-year Taylor Leech and third-year Jessica Jacques were both saved by Martens, lead-

ing to faceoffs in UNB's zone. Shortly after a turnover subsequent to a Black Bear-won faceoff, Varsity Reds Jenna Maclean and Tamina Kehler took shots at the Black Bears' goal and failed to score. After several saves by Martens, there was a power play, and senior Alyson Matteau scored the second goal to put the Black Bears up 2-0.

After a thrilling series of faceoffs and blocked shots by both teams, first-year Liga Miljone scored the next goal for the Black Bears in their rapid-fire lead of the first period with an assist by second-year Anna Zikova. The rest of the first period was a strong clash between teams, but the Black Bears prevailed after many shots by both sides. Despite valiant efforts by UNB players Martens and Sydney Desrochers, UMaine assistant captain and fourth-year Cailley Hutchison hammered her way to a fourth goal

with an assist from third-year Jessica Jacques, putting the Black Bears up 4-0 at the end of the first period.

In the second period, UNB came out fighting, standing as a firm wall against UMaine, with Varsity Reds goalie Kendra Woodland saving several constant shots. Other shots flew overhead or flew wide, but in the end the Black Bears' overpowering offensive efforts paid off with Tedenby scoring a goal, with the puck sliding right between Woodland's legs and into the net. That was the only score of the second period, putting the game at 5-0 before a stalemate ensued for the rest of the period.

The third period saw the Varsity Reds fighting hard to bring themselves back into the game, but the Black Bears' offensive dominance was constantly deep in UNB territory. Rapid fire shots and a sturdy defense con-

stantly stealing the puck as it strayed back to the Black Bear's territory stifled any efforts from UNB. The Varsity Reds also proved agile adversaries, pushing their way on a few offensive series that caught the Black Bears off guard. However, they failed to score.

Meanwhile, the Black Bears pushed through their way through UNB's defense on two more occasions. The sixth goal for UMaine was scored by first-year Ally Johnson after three missed shots and a block. Tedenby struck again with the seventh and final shot with an assist by Beltz, bringing to score to an overwhelming 7-0.

In a post-game interview, the Black Bears' Head Coach Richard Reichenbach commented on the game strategy.

"Our strategy was really to keep it very simple. The last few weeks we've been working on a lot of our sys-

tems and our team play," Reichenbach said.

Reichenbach also mentioned the importance of attention to detail at full speed. He was pleased with their progress and the footage they'll get to look at to help guide improvements. He indicated there was a lot more to the team compared to last year and that there was less uncertainty with so many veteran players returning.

"We're really excited about this year. We have a lot of returning strengths and we're excited to see the freshmen go to the ice," Reichenbach said. He also praised the first-years for their confidence and poise.

The biggest challenge of the game, according to Reichenbach, was not knowing what to expect from New Brunswick as a first-year team. He also remarked that they played well, in the second and third period especially, and that

they were well coached.

Black Bears goalie, second-year Loryn Porter, also gave post game comments.

"It got pretty intense in the last little bit with the penalty kill, but I feel like we did a pretty good job in keeping stuff to the outside," Porter said.

The biggest source of pressure, according to Porter, was doing better after setting records last year. She remarked that UNB had a good offense and that UMaine first-years all played well. She hopes that the success of this first exhibition and the team chemistry continues for this exciting season of UMaine Women's ice hockey.

The official season opener is on Oct. 5 when the Black Bears take on the Quinnipiac Bobcats in Hamden, Connecticut.

## Tiger Woods: The comeback that nobody saw coming

### Morgan Ford Contributor

On Oct. 23, 2018, golf fans marveled as they gathered around one player that was surprising the nation. Tiger Woods, a golfer that many thought was done has been showing glimpses of his old self in 2018. With many close matches, he has struggled with securing a victory. The 42-year-old found it, though, at the PGA Tour Championship.

Woods is considered by most to be one of the best golfers in history. With a

decade long stretch of victories, it seemed like he would easily surpass the record of 82 tour victories set by World Golf Hall of Fame member Sam Snead. At 65 PGA tour victories, the title of being the most decorated in history was in sight for Woods.

Things got complicated in 2008, however, when he was forced to get knee surgery and miss two months of play. The next year, Woods was back, adding six more victories to his total. This was also the last time he has won the Player

of the Year Award.

It was a few more years before Woods saw success again with eight wins in the span of 2012-13. Many believed that this was the end for Woods. In the following years he had four back surgeries and not a single tour victory. During this time, Woods also was convicted of a DUI and went into rehab in 2017. After this, Woods didn't come back at the same level of play.

Woods scored victory number 80 at the East Lake Golf Club's Tour Championship, a feat that many

would have never expected less than a year ago. With a strong first hole, Woods sunk the shot to get a birdie. After this, Woods focused on maintaining his score and was able to remain at the top for the entire tournament. Saturday, the second day of the tournament, Woods was back, coming in extremely clutch as he was tied for first with Justin Rose.

Woods entered the day as calm and collected as ever, sinking a birdie at the first hole. This gave him a two-point lead since Rose

had a bogey for the hole. However, this lead was minimal, since there was a total of 35 holes left to go. But this birdie gave Woods the spark he needed, driving him to sink five more birdies on the next six holes. This gave Woods the edge that he needed to stay in the lead. In the end, he took home the victory with only two fewer strokes than second place Billy Horschel.

Not only was Woods ecstatic about his victory, but many of his fellow golfers and famous golf enthusiasts shared their thrill as

well. The victory was a long time coming and proved to the world that Tiger Woods isn't done winning quite yet.

Woods will be playing again this weekend, Sept. 28-30, for team USA at the Ryder Cup. Woods was selected in early September as a wildcard by team captain Jim Furyk. After this recent win, the results are quite promising. Woods has been on team USA eight times for the Ryder Cup, but this is the first time since 2012. The question now is: how long do we have to wait for victory number 81?

# Ultimate Frisbee club with strong outlook on coming year



Jacob Sirois, member of the ultimate frisbee team, tries to find someone to pass the frisbee to.

Matthew Lavoie, Staff.

## Emily Norris Contributor

While many of the club teams around the University of Maine campus only compete in one season, the Club Ultimate Frisbee team plays nearly year-round.

The club, divided into male and female teams, publicly appears as one unified organization for fundraising and other events. The two separate clubs

have their own elected officers, with a president for the men's club and a president for the women's club. The two cabinets of officers work together to coordinate fundraising events, tournaments and the team's massive tournament that runs the duration of spring break, called the High Tide Competition. The competition is hosted in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina every year and is a gathering for club

ultimate frisbee teams at colleges across the nation.

This past weekend the team headed to Lemony Spring, Rhode Island, for a tournament. The club often finds they have to register multiple teams, considering the amount of people currently active in the club. To put that into perspective, the men's club consists of 30 active members, but only 22 people can go to an average size tournament such

as the one held in Lemony Spring.

This is a typical open tournament, which for the University of Maine club that they would only send an all men team to the tournament. The two divisions of the club often don't compete at the same tournaments outside of High Tide, instead equally splitting their funding to ensure both clubs are able to play at a similar number of tourna-

ments.

Elected as the secretary of the men's club this past school year, second-year Stefen Reese fondly remarked about his first-year as a member of the organization.

"High Tide is a lot of fun," Reese said. "The whole team goes and it is a great bonding experience between the two clubs, and the older members are able to bond with a lot of the

new younger members. The trip cost \$200 out of pocket for me last year, and we're working to lower the price point even further this year."

Reese encouraged anyone interested in ultimate to attend practice. Practices are held Mondays and Wednesdays on the The Reserve Officers' Training C

## Black Bear field hockey loses tough game to Wildcats

### Leela Stockley Contributor

On Friday, Sept. 28, the University of Maine field hockey team fell to the University of New Hampshire Wildcats 3-2 after an admirable game. Despite the setback, the Black Bears played well and worked hard.

While the Black Bears played well, they didn't have the same high point tally that they have maintained throughout the season so far. The Wildcats took the lead early on in the game, and the Black Bears couldn't quite make up the difference.

The first point of the game was scored by Wildcat forward Katie Audino 13 minutes into the game. An unfamiliar feeling for the Black Bears, being down in the score to start a game for the first time this season didn't last long.

First-year Nina Keur's first shot on goal, and first point for the Black Bears, came from a valiant effort. After receiving a pass outside of the circle, she dribbled a few feet and then aimed high, getting past multiple Wildcats and their goalie.

The goal scored by Keur marked her fifth goal of the

season, which tied for fourth on the team in scoring. Keur's point was met with joy from her teammates, as they happily congratulated her on the field after the shot went in.

After one half, the Black Bears were outscored by a point despite outshooting the Wildcats. Their second goal was scored by fourth-year Samantha Wagg, who received a pass from third-year Riley Field and scored her sixth goal of the season, which also happened to be her 30th career goal.

Although fourth-year Libby Riedl didn't score any goals herself, her hard work resulted in five out of the eleven attempted shots for the Black Bears, leading the team's offensive effort.

Goalie Mia Borley put in a strong effort for the Black Bears on five Wildcat attempts, making two saves for this game for her second loss of the season.

Although the game against the Wildcats didn't result in high points or even a win, the Black Bears showed how important teamwork is. After every goal, the Black Bears cheered each other on and congratulated each other. The team could be seen supporting each other, running together in a pack be-

fore the next play.

After Wagg had scored, an almost instantaneous reaction broke out from her teammates: raised hands, still holding their sticks, pumped into the air. The cheering could be heard across the pitch.

The Black Bears weren't able to capitalize on multiple penalty corner shots at the end of regulation due to a strong Wildcats defense keeping the game safely out of overtime.

The Black Bears' next game is Sunday, Oct. 7, at the University of Vermont. The Catamounts current record is 4-6, so a road win for the Black Bears is completely feasible, getting them back on track after back-to-back losses. With a strong, young nucleus of players developing, the Black Bears have a positive outlook on the rest of the season and seasons to come.

## Black Bear Football loses to Yale University

### Zach LaBonne Sports Editor

The University of Maine Black Bears football team (2-2) travelled to New Haven, Connecticut this past Saturday, Sept. 29, to take on the Yale University Bulldogs (2-1) in a rough contest for the Black Bears, as they fell to the Bulldogs 35-14.

The Black Bears, missing starting quarterback Chris Ferguson as he recovers from an upper body injury suffered in last weeks' loss to Central Michigan University, were outgunned by the Bulldogs. Thrust into the starting job, red-shirt first-year quarterback Isaiah Robinson performed admirably, completing 10 of his attempted passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns. Unable to control the game without the powerful aerial offense typical of the Black Bears the first two weeks of the season, Head Coach Joe Harasymiak had to change up his offenses' tempo.

Relying on a strong ground attack, the Black Bears ran the ball a total of 29 times throughout the game. Running backs Joe Fitzpatrick and Ramon Jefferson kept up their reliability behind a strong offensive line, rushing for a collective 67 yards on 15

combined carries. Neither running back was able to find the end zone though, as the Black Bears came up short on drives often. Going a poor 3-13 on third down, many of the Black Bears turnovers came off of incomplete passes from Robinson, as he had 17 incompletions on the night.

The Bulldogs had similar, limited success rushing the ball, going up against a Black Bears defense that leads the conference in fewest rushing yards allowed per game at 40.7, held their own, but allowed 90 total yards rushing by the Bulldogs.

Yale's strong passing performance is what won them the game, as second-year quarterback Kurt Rawlings controlled the game, leading the Bulldogs by completing 22 of his 34 attempted passes for 306 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. Bulldogs' wide receiver, third-year JP Shohfi, led his team in receiving with 10 catches for 124 yards, but no touchdowns. Rawlings found fellow third-year wide receiver Reed Klubnik for six catches, 85 yards and three touchdowns.

While Rawlings was able to pick apart the the Black Bears' secondary, the front seven held their own, racking up six tackles for loss,

totaling a loss of 41 yards for the Bulldogs' on the night. Fourth-year defensive back Jeffrey Devaughn had a career high nine tackles on the night, leading the Black Bears defense in tackles. Linebackers second-year Deshawn Stevens and third-year Taji Lowe anchored the front seven, limiting the Bulldogs ground attack and pressuring Rawlings. Stevens finished the night with seven total tackles, including one for loss, while Lowe finished the night with six total tackles, with two being for a combined loss of eight yards. Lowe also sacked Rawlings once, having a strong performance for an otherwise poor outing for the Black Bears.

The Black Bears found themselves down 14-0 heading into the second half, and fought back and forth with the Bulldogs for most of the third quarter. Rawlings finally managed to lead his offense down the field, scoring again to put the Bulldogs up 21-0 after covering 71 yards in three and a half minutes.

This score led to an ensuing shootout between Robinson and Rawlings, who both marched their offenses down the field for the rest of the quarter and the beginning of the fourth

See **Football** on B4

# UMaine Black Bear soccer claws ahead of UNH Wildcats



First-year midfielder Birte Speck charges after the ball in close game against UNH.

Matthew Lavoie, Contributor.

## Morgan Ford Contributor

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the University of Maine Black Bears (4-4-1) faced off in a home match against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats (5-4-1). New Hampshire started the game with a 1-0 record for playing teams in the America East conference, while Maine had a record of 0-1 due to their loss against divisional rival Stony Brook. This rivalry game promised for an interesting and close

match. This proved to be true as the two teams refused to allow an easy goal. In the end, Maine came out on top with a 1-0 victory over the Wildcats.

The all-time record between the two teams at the start of the match was 15-15-2. With the win, Maine took the lead, which was impressive due to the Wildcats' win over top five-ranked Arizona State University in late August.

The game started with first-year Julia Mahoney breaking toward the goal

for a one-on-two attempt at a goal. The shot was wide, but it set the tone for how the game was going to be played. 10 minutes into the game, the Wildcats almost scored with a corner kick directly into the box over third-year keeper Annalena Kriebisch. The Black Bears' defense freed the ball from the chaos within the box and put it into the hands of Kriebisch.

The rest of the half was quite uneventful with both teams landing only a few shots on target. One of

which being an attempted bicycle kick on target by third-year Emilie Andersen with a little over a minute left on the clock.

The second half started saw a little more action for Kriebisch as her and the defenders worked to fight off the Wildcats. The defensive skill was too much for the Wildcats, as they couldn't seem to find a way to get the ball into the back of the net.

Maine had limited success with getting an accurate shot off as well, but this

changed with 10 minutes left to play. The scoreless, tied game was ended by third-year Nicole Bailey. With a precise cross into the middle by third-year Priscilla Domingo, Bailey was able get her foot on the ball and power it past Wildcats keeper Mia Neas.

This win for the Black Bears meant a lot for their conference standing. Placing them above the Wildcats with a record of 1-1-0. The Black Bears are heading down their American East conference game series,

playing every team in their conference over the next few weeks. Kicking off the stretch with an away game at Binghamton University (1-1-0), Sunday, Sept. 30 in Vestal, New York. Next Thursday, Oct. 4, will see the Black Bears host the University of Hartford (1-0-1) and then the University of Albany Sunday, Oct 7. The University of Hartford, a team that is ranked as number one in the conference with a seasonal record of 8-1-2, will be a true test of the Black Bears' mettle.

# New Philadelphia Flyers mascot is a hit on Twitter

## Leela Stockley Contributor

On Monday, Sept. 24, the Philadelphia Flyers announced their new mascot: a seven foot tall, orange creature that goes by the name of Gritty.

The creator of Gritty, David Raymond, who also created the city's baseball mascot the Phillie Phanatic, designed Gritty to resemble the character Sully from the Pixar film "Monsters Inc."

The reaction to Gritty has been mixed, as many people are not sure what to make of this new mascot. The character looks a lot like the Muppet Animal,

with a crazed expression on its face.

Although Gritty looks, well, gritty, the character has been endorsed by the Phillie Phanatic. Tom Burgoyne, the man who has worn the costume of the Phanatic for the last three decades, said "I actually think it's really cool looking, and kids are going to think he's really cool. I particularly like that they've given him a beard, because so many Flyers players have beards."

Due to Gritty's striking appearance, the new mascot has been a hit on social media. As is common for many mascots, Gritty has been granted its own official

Twitter account, and some of the tweets have garnered a lot of attention.

One of the most memorable moments from Gritty's twitter account is an interaction with Flyers rivals', the Pittsburgh Penguins. After a tweet from Gritty with a picture of the mascot gained notoriety, the Penguins' retweeted the picture of Gritty with the comment: "lol ok." Gritty, amid social media attention, responded: "Sleep with one eye open tonight, bird."

Gritty's social media presence has prompted a slew of memes, many imitating Gritty's face onto images from horror movies.

Raymond has said about Gritty's recent social media fame, "The Flyers wanted something that was tough and soft at the same time ... something that's unique always has flaws. That's what sets characters up for success, because those are the ones people respond to."

The final tweet on Monday night from Gritty was a recreation of Kim Kardashian's famous 'picture that broke the internet'. Gritty tweeted "Goodnight, internet" accompanied by a picture of the mascot posing with a Gatorade sports bottle, aiming what is presumably champagne into a glass that is balanced on

the mascot's rear end.

While Gritty's social media antics have gained attention in the last week, the Flyers are hopeful that the mascot's presence will help connect with younger hockey fans and encourage them to support the Flyers.

Stephanie Farr, a culture writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, told NPR, "Going really weird and almost unsettling was better than going normal and boring. I think that the strangeness is more likely to grow on Philly fans than just keeping it safe."

Recently, a Colorado-based brewery reaffirmed the appreciation for

the strange by using Gritty's face as the label for one of their newest brews, which has been named the Nightmare Fuel. Gritty's likeness on the label has been depicted as missing a couple teeth and a little bruised up, in true hockey fashion.

Gritty has also made national news, with a feature on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

Although Gritty appears a little off-putting, the mascot is the first that the Philly Flyers have had since 1976.

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# Around the College Circuit

## UPCOMING SPORTS



### NCAA FOOTBALL

9/29	<b>Maine</b>	14	<b>Michigan State</b>	31
	<b>Yale</b>	35	<b>Central Michigan University</b>	20
	<b>Penn State</b>	26		
	<b>Ohio State</b>	27		
	<b>Notre Dame</b>	38	<b>Baylor</b>	33
	<b>Standord</b>	17	<b>Oklahoma</b>	66

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

1	<b>James Madison</b>	4-1
2	<b>Stony Brook</b>	4-1
3	<b>Rhode Island</b>	3-1
4	<b>Elon</b>	3-1
5	<b>Towson</b>	3-1
6	<b>Maine</b>	2-2
7	<b>Albany</b>	2-2
8	<b>Deleware</b>	2-2

### OVERALL

**Thursday, Oct. 4**  
**Women's Soccer**  
 vs. University of Hartford  
 6 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 5**  
**Women's Hockey**  
 @ Quinnipiac  
 6 p.m.

**Saturday Oct. 6**  
**Men and Women's Cross Country**  
 New England Championship  
 Boston, Mass  
 12 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
 @ Quinnipiac  
 3 p.m.

**Football**  
 vs. Villanova  
 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday Oct. 7**  
**Women's Soccer**  
 @Albany  
 1:00 p.m.

**Field Hockey**  
 @Vermont  
 1 p.m.



### FIELD HOCKEY

9/28	<b>Old Dominion</b>	1	<b>North Western</b>	2
	<b>Georgetown</b>	2	<b>Michigan</b>	3
	<b>Richmond</b>	3	<b>Penn State</b>	3
	<b>James Madison</b>	4	<b>Rutgers</b>	2
	<b>Maine</b>	2		
	<b>New Hampshire</b>	3		

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

1	<b>Albany</b>	7-2
2	<b>Vermont</b>	4-6
3	<b>New Hampshire</b>	3-6
4	<b>Maine</b>	8-2
5	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	5-4

### OVERALL

### Football from B2

quarter. On the drive following the Bulldogs last touchdown, Robinson threw twice for 63 yards, including a deep 50-yard touchdown catch and run by third-year wide receiver Earnest Edwards. The drive only lasted 44 seconds, and gave the Black Bears a spark on of-

fense they'd been lacking all game.

Rawlings came right back onto the field and drove the Bulldogs' offense right down and into the end zone, throwing for 74 yards on the 75-yard drive, hitting Klubnik for their second score on the day, making the game 28-7 going into the fourth quarter.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Robinson

dialoed up a 63-yard bomb that landed perfectly in the outstretched hands of third-year wide receiver Jaquan Blair. Cutting the score to 28-14, the Black Bears had found an offensive groove, and were handed another golden opportunity when first-year defensive back Katley Joseph intercepted Rawlings on the ensuing drive. The interception, the first of Joseph's colle-

giate career, gave the Black Bears excellent field position, putting the ball at the Yale 30-yard line.

However, the Black Bears' offense was unable to score, and the Bulldogs ended up getting the ball back after the Black Bears had a failed conversion attempt on fourth down, needing 13 yards to get the first down.

Rawlings came back

onto the field one last time for the night, guiding his offense down the field and connecting with Klubnik for their third-and-final score of the night. Putting the score at 35-14 with under two minutes left in the game, the Black Bears' offensive resurgence in the second half was too little, too late as they fell to 2-2 after starting the season 2-0.

Plagued by the injury to

Ferguson, the Black Bears have the whole week to prepare to host Villanova at home on Oct. 6, and hopefully Ferguson will be in playing shape by then, as the Black Bears have put together a team that can compete against any opponent in their conference, when healthy.



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# Rugby clubs looking forward to exciting season



Stephanie Piccininni pushes through Springfield's team, as UMaine went on to win 62-15

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After winning Beast of the East in Rhode Island in 2017, an event spanning from April 14-15 of 2018, the University of Maine's men's rugby team went on to defeat Framingham State University and Salem State University during the week-end long tournament. This launched them into the fifth-ranked spot in the nation by the National Small College Rugby Organization.

Despite these victories, scrub-half Nathan Bradstreet indicated that it was a hard year after los-

ing a significant amount of members, as roughly 15-20 fourth-years graduated. Other players left the team due to their busy college schedules.

"We sort of had to find ourselves again and I think we're going to do a lot better this year," Bradstreet said.

He was optimistic because a lot of the players with at least a year under their belt were coming back and they kept some veterans from last year who are leading the team toward a revival. Among these returners he named are the current presidents of the club:

Preston Spear, Andy Martel and Mitchell DelFrate.

To encourage young members to join, the club actively recruits new members, and often participates in many organization promoting fairs on campus.

As always, they hope to win the National Collegiate Rugby Tournament in Colorado, which they came only one game away from winning last year.

Bradstreet also indicated that the Rugby Club is a good, friendly environment and that anyone who joins will feel like, per Bradstreet's words, "one of the boys." He called his team-

mates "characters" and spoke fondly of the playoffs.

Club President Preston Spear highly recommends rugby for anyone looking to play a team sport.

"I had an older brother play in college and I was able to watch a few of his games. At first I didn't know if it was for me but after being in college for a year I decided that I wanted to get back into a team sport so I tried rugby," Spear said.

Despite the intimidation factor of going into a contact sport without padding, Preston is quick to encourage any newcomers to join. "Rugby teaches you how

to protect your body both when getting hit and getting tackled and leads players to feel more comfortable on the field," Preston said.

He added that most of the players coming in have never played before or haven't played for a few years.

On Saturday Sept., 22, UMaine lost to the University of Maine Farmington Beavers at Farmington with an ending score of 41-7. According to UMF's Daily Bulldog, the Black Bears were impressed and surprised by the Beaver's experience. Despite this, the Black Bears' rugby team proceeds uncowed to match-

es against the University of New Hampshire, Maine Maritime Academy, Bowdoin College, Colby College and Bates College. Practices are held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. on Lengyl Field. Men of all skill levels are welcome.

Outside of the practice environment, the club operates as a friend group, so anybody with any degree of interest in rugby should join, adding to an already expansive team. The team goes to the gym together, constantly in a push to improve themselves and the team.

# Thursday night football features major NFC showdown between Rams and Vikings

## Zach LaBonne Sports Editor

Thursday, Sept. 27, the Minnesota Vikings traveled to Los Angeles to take on the L.A. Rams, losing the contest by a final score of 38-31. The game featured two of the deepest rosters in the National Football Conference, and before the season began the two teams looked to be contenders deep into January per their performances from last year.

After a historical three-game stretch to open the season, third-year starting quarterback Jared Goff had a career night for the Rams, completing 26 of his 33 attempted passes for 465 yards, five touchdowns and a perfect passer rating of 158.3. Goff, the first overall pick in the 2016 NFL Draft, has been developing into quite the elite quarterback under second year head

coach Sean McVay. McVay, the youngest head coach in league history, has transformed the Rams from an annual 6-10 mess into one of the most well-rounded teams in the league.

The key to McVay's success thus far has been to let Todd Gurley tear his way through opposing defenses and allowing Goff to drop back and hit any of the plethora of receivers at his disposal. Goff's lead receiver, second-year wideout Cooper Kupp, finished the day with nine receptions for 162 yards and two scores. This level of performance from Kupp, along with his mastery of his route tree, is propelling him up to the level expected of a Pro Bowl caliber player. With the Patriots' slot receiver not being on the field in over a year, Kupp is slowly fighting his way into the conversation as the league's best slot receiver.

Gurley's rushing statistics, 17 rushing attempts for 83 yards and no touchdowns, were just around his average for the year, as he's currently averaging 20 for 85 yards and one touchdown per game this season. Though Gurley's role in the Rams' offense may appear to be diminishing, McVay has just been using Gurley in a more efficient manner.

After depending on Gurley to put up at least 125 yards per game last year on 25 plus carries per game, McVay now has the trust in his third year signal caller to allow Goff to drop back to pass more often.

The addition of free agent left tackle Andrew Whitworth last offseason helped Goff blossom, as Goff's rookie season saw him being pressured on the majority of his dropbacks to pass. Whitworth, a 35-year-old veteran, is actually four years older than head coach

McVay.

Vikings' quarterback Kirk Cousins had quite the outing himself, dropping back to pass a remarkable 50 times, completing 36 of those throws for 422 yards and three touchdowns. Cousins was forced to carry the Vikings' offense, as their ground attack was abysmal on the day, only putting up 54 yards on 17 attempts.

One of the scariest defensive pairings on paper in NFL history, All-Pro defensive linemen Aaron Donald and Ndamukong Suh were pressuring Cousins all day, tearing through the Vikings' offensive line. The duo combined to sack Cousins three times on the day, while rookie defensive end John Franklin-Myers also sacked Cousins once.

Arguably the best wide receiver combination in the league, Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs both had stellar performances, but they

weren't enough to propel the Vikings to victory. The duo combined for 19 catches, 258 yards, and one touchdown.

Cousins just couldn't keep up with the balance of the Rams' offense, nor could he avoid the pressure from the Rams' defensive line. A lack of depth along the offensive line and a non-existent run game have been the tale of the tape for the Vikings, as they've yet to win a game since week one of the regular season. With their bye week scheduled for week 10, head coach Mike Zimmer will have to head back to the drawing board during practice this week to try to save Cousins from having to carry the offense.

The Rams, now cruising into the quarter season mark with a 4-0 record, have looked unstoppable no matter what opponents have thrown at them. The

only suspect part of the team is currently the undermanned secondary, which Cousins took advantage of on Thursday night. Missing starting cornerback Aqib Talib and having fellow starting cornerback Marcus Peters playing through a calf injury, the Rams secondary looked quite thin as veteran cornerback Sam Shields was forced to take on either Diggs or Thielen alone on a majority of the Vikings' offensive downs.

With a young offensive nucleus of Goff, Gurley, Kupp and McVay, along with incredible depth on defense with Suh, Donald, Talib and Peters, the Rams have built a strong team that will be a force for the foreseeable future. The Rams next tough schedule matchup is back to back weeks, hosting the Green Bay Packers in week eight before traveling to New Orleans to take on the Saints in week nine.

# Professional Sports This Week

MLB AMERICAN CONFERENCE RECORD

Central	1	<b>Cleveland</b>	90-71
	2	<b>Minnesota</b>	77-84
	3	<b>Detroit</b>	64-97
East	1	<b>Boston</b>	107-54
	2	<b>New York Yankees</b>	100-61
	3	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	89-72
West	1	<b>Houston</b>	103-58
	2	<b>Oakland</b>	97-64

MLB NATIONAL CONFERENCE RECORD

Central	1	<b>Chicago</b>	94-67
	2	<b>Milwaukee</b>	94-67
East	1	<b>Atlanta</b>	90-71
	2	<b>Washington</b>	82-79
West	1	<b>Colorado</b>	90-71
	2	<b>Los Angeles</b>	90-71

**Upcoming Games:**

**NFL:**  
Monday, Oct 1:  
Kansas City Chiefs @  
Denver Broncos  
Kickoff 8:15pm

Thursday, Oct 4:  
Indianapolis Colts @  
New England  
Patriots  
Kickoff 8:20pm

Sunday, Oct 7:  
Atlanta Falcons @  
Pittsburgh Steelers  
Kickoff 1:00pm

Jacksonville  
Jaguars @  
Kansas City Chiefs  
Kickoff 1:00pm

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