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UMaine Dungeons and Dragons Club achieves full recognition



UMaine Dungeons and Dragons meets every Friday night as the largest D&D community on the East Coast.

MJ Gautrau, Photo Editor

Contributor

On Feb. 19, the president and other members of the University of Maine's Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Club petitioned the General Student Senate for their club's final recognition. Being formally recognized by the Student Senate is the latest achievement in the saga of what has become both the largest and fastest growing club at UMaine.

Since the club's beginning during the fall semester of 2017, when it could list only 15 people on its roster of members, the D&D Club has quickly and astonishingly grown, and has now generated trademark amounts member enthusiasm.

D&D Club's Presi-

dent Cameron Bowie, a fourth-year history and political science student and Student Government tor, said that he is as amazed by the rapid growth as anyone else.

"We noticed extreme growth after our tabling event at the fall exhibition of clubs out on the campus mall," Bowie said. "We got 147 signatures from that event if I recall correctly."

According to Bowie, the D&D Club has grown to be not only largest in-per-"Dungeons and Dragons" gathering in Maine, but the largest of its kind on the East Coast. The rapidly increasing number of players has required the club to use more than one classroom for weekly meetings, and a request by the club to

move from room 107 in the Donald P. Corbett building to room 100 of the same building was recently approved by UMaine faculty.

"Once our club had the massive increase in membership from ... fall it's been a lot of word of mouth among our players and now every Friday we basically take over the Commuters Lounge along with most rooms in the DPC," Lars Johnson, a fourth-year engineering survey student and the club's internal communications director, said.

Although it has grown quickly, the D&D club has been able to remain relatively well organized.

"We have a couple tiers of sorts," Johnson said. "Executive positions, our senate, DMs and our player base."

The DMs that Johnson mentions are the club's "Dungeon Masters" and their task is not a simple one. Each DM is responsible for overseeing a group of players that average between seven and eight people. It is up to the DM to narrate new adventures that will continue a game's progress.

"It was pretty common that those DMs who really dedicated themselves to making sure all players had something to do, could be DMing for 20 [plus] hours a week, with a few going over 30 hours," Johnson said.

Bowie, who is also the club's "grandmaster," said that he is honored and humbled to serve it in such capacity.

"To have the trust and confidence of

creative intelligent, and witty individuals is more than I deserve, and I give 30-40 [hours] of my week to the club to try to be a touch worthy of that confidence," Bowie said. "The role means I administer to the club, in this function I draw on my training as a historian more than anything. Our executive board is based on the Star Chamber privy council in England and works very well. Other aspects of administration I craft from my time as a [Student Government] senator, basing mechanism on Senate function."

Both Bowie and Johnson have taken pride in the club's economic prudence and its support of local businesses. Bowie, himself a lifelong Orono resident, explained during a speech to the Student Senate that the club does not charge membership dues and that almost all its money has been raised internally. He also stated that the D&D Club has become a regular patron of nearby restaurants, especially the Orono House of Pizza.

"I know for a fact that we have already couple recruited a of delivery drivers from the surrounding businesses, and this of course has been without any funding," Johnson said.

Throughout growth, the club has attracted players from every level of skill and dedication. Claire Lupien, a third-year chemical engineering student who describes herself as a "fairly ca-

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Amy Fried the recipient of 2019 Career Recognition Award

Brawley Benson News Editor

Amy Fried, a professor in the political science department at the University of Maine, is the recipient of the 2019 Career Recognition Award. Given by the Rising Tide Center, the award seeks to recognize female faculty members at UMaine

who have made significant contributions to the community through their research, teaching, leadership and out-ofclassroom service.

"My focus is a special niche in work on public opinion, as I write about the social and political uses of public opinion," Fried said. "I'm very proud of working on policies to make

the university better for faculty when it comes to work-life balance, an issue that affects all but especially women faculty."

Fried has been at **UMaine** teaching since the fall of 2017, when she was part of a cohort of social sciences and humanities professors funded by Stephen and Tabitha King.

She said that some of her proudest achievements while at UMaine include writing three books, two of them single author and one co-authored coming in 2020.

"I'm also proud of the great work of students I've taught and mentored, both at the university and after they've graduated," Fried said.

"My colleagues in the Political Science Department are excellent teachers and scholars who are committed to serving the state, and I'm so glad to be a part of that group and proud of what we do despite our limited numbers."

Recipients of the Career Recognition Award must be women with more than 10 years of experience in any discipline at UMaine. Only associates or full professors are considered by the selection committee which is composed of peers, at least two previous award winners and the director of the Rising Tide Cen-

"Acknowledging the

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Sunday



High: 32° Low: 22°

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News

UMaine hosts annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration



On Saturday, March 2, people gathered at the Wells Conference center for a breakfast in honour of Martin Luther King Jr.

Charles Cramer Contributor

On Saturday, March 2, in the Wells Conference Center, the University of Maine held its 23rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration. The event, which had been postponed from the national holiday on Jan. 21 due to inclement weather, was co-sponsored by the greater Bangor area branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the University of Maine Division of Student Life.

The event, which took place nearly 54 years after the famous Selma to Montgomery marches began, featured a keynote address by Amy Sneirson, the executive director of Maine's Human Rights Commission, and included the bestowal of **UMaine's Peace Writing** Prize.

Michael Alpert, the current chair of the greater Bangor area branch of the NAACP and the director of the UMaine Press, began the breakfast by touching on both King's legacy and the state of race relations in contemporary America. Alpert's remarks were followed by those of Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Robert Dana and the University's Provost Jeffrey Hecker, who each similarly celebrated the memory of the Reverend King.

"The Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration is a joyous celebration of Dr. King's legacy and values," Alpert said. "It is an event that welcomes all students and community members."

Since its beginning in 1996, the breakfast has become the Bangor NAACP's largest yearly fundraiser well as a yearly tradition.

"We celebrate social justice, civil rights and nonviolence," Alpert said. "Interested students should know that they will feel at home when they join us."

"The annual Breakfast Celebration is always inspirational, providing an opportunity to consider the alignment of our mission with Dr. King's values and to publicly rededicate ourselves to achieving his vision," Dana said. "We have a responsibility to be a place where civility is prized, differing viewpoints respected and varied approaches to problem-solving discussed. In our thoughts and actions, we need to embrace the role of educated citizens in the ongoing global struggle for social justice and change."

Following Provost Hecker's remarks and the opening of a buffet breakfast, Amy Sneirson began to deliver her keynote speech. During her address, Sneirson spoke about experiences involving discrimination that she recalled from both her youth in Massachusetts and her career in the legal system, appealing to the attendees for their help in improving America's future.

A lawyer by trade, Sneirson has practiced as an associate attorney in a Portland law firm as a civil rights attorney for the Maine Center on Deafness. She also practiced as an assistant in the state's Litigation Department of the Office of the Maine Attorney General before being chosen as the Maine Human Rights Commission director in 2011.

The main message of Ms. Sneirson's speech was to "meet hate with love," which was fitting for the event, since the same message had been often communicated by King himself.

The Peace Writing Prize awarded during the celebration was named for Ms. Dorothy Clarke Wilson, a lifelong Mainer who is best known for her novel "the Prince of Egypt" and its 1957 film adaptation "The Ten Commandments."

A biography in the breakfast's program described Ms. Wilson as an "internationally known peacemaker" and someone who was "committed to writing on social issues and world peace."

Gabrielle Sands, a second-year psychology student, was this year's prize winner. Her essay titled "A Soliloquy Caught in a Dialogue" expressed personally held views connected to an address made by

"I believe that for social change to truly be effective, it must first start with the self," Sands wrote. "The individual must no longer sit idly by as those around them are being oppressed, they must be active in their effort to make change."

King in 1962.

After the event's conclusion, **James** Varner, a UMaine class of 1957 alumnus and longtime member of Bangor NAACP, encouraged attending students to join the organization and expressed his gratitude to the student population on behalf of the greater Bangor chapter.

"Please make joining the NAACP and the Maine Human Rights Commission a priority," Varner said. "By doing so, a person will help to preserve King's legAntyna Gould, Staff

Tickets for the breakfast were free to students and ranged from \$15 to \$20 for non-students and chil-

Maine's Gov. Janet Mills and the University's President Joan Ferrini-Mundy, who had both expressed a desire to attend the breakfast, had to cancel their appearances because of scheduling conflicts.

On Thursday, March 7, UMaine will host Brian Purnell, a professor of Africana studies and history at Bowdoin College who will deliver a lecture in the Bodwell Lounge of the Collins Center for the Arts on King. Professor Purnell's upcoming visit will be sponsored by the Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecture Fund, the Department of History, the Office of Multicultural Student Life, the Black Student Union and the McGillicuddy Humanities Center.

Member of UMaine football team charged with assault waived his arraignment

Brawley Benson **News Editor**

Ramon Jefferson, 19, a player on the University of Maine football team, was charged with domestic assault and criminal mischief last week. Jefferson could face up to a year in jail and a fine of \$2,000.

The charges stem from an incident last Wednesday, Feb. 27, in which police responded to a house in Bangor for a complaint of domestic assault. About two hours later, Jefferson was arrested in his home in Old Town and taken to the Bangor police station.

Jefferson

has

ferson, a running back, was still listed as a member of the UMaine football team on the team's online roster.

"UMaine's Student Conduct Office in the Division of Student

and pleaded guilty. He

is scheduled to appear

As of Sunday, Jef-

in court on May 8.

Life is conducting a thorough investigation and any interim disciplinary actions, such as suspension from the university, are being determined today," according to a Thursday statement from UMaine. "Jefferson will not participate in athletics activities pending the outcome of the inves-

tigation."

The charges against Jefferson are the latest in a string of incidents involving players on UMaine's athletic teams. Last week, three members of the women's hockey team were suspended for an altercation that took place at a local bar and a fourth player on the

team was suspended following an arrest for operating under the influence.

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Fresh Check Day brings awareness about mental health to campus

Staff Writer

Campus Activities and Student Engagement, the Counseling Center and other University of Maine departments collaborated to bring Fresh Check Day to UMaine on Feb. 26. Fresh Check Day is an event created by the Jordan Porco Foundation designed to bring students together around mental health awareness.

Hosted in the North Pod, the event featured a variety of booths with representatives from health and wellness groups and other organizations on campus.

One booth called "At Ease" aimed to raise awareness about the high suicide rate among

military veterans. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, non-deployed veterans are 61 percent more likely to kill themselves than members of the general population. The booth encouraged visitors to consider this through playing a carnival basketball game.

Benjamin Evans, an event programmer at the Office of Student Life, helped organized the event. He said the event's purpose is to reduce the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health in general, as well as to make resources visible to those in need.

"We're just trying to make sure that students know they have someone to talk to, and that it's okay to not to feel okay," Evans said.

UMaine's Bodwell Center was also featured with a booth encouraging participants

Gloves boxing program. Pink Gloves is a boxing-based exercise program with a focus on mindfulness, body-pos-

"We're just trying to make sure that students know they have someone to talk to, and that it's okay to not feel okay."

> **Benjamin Evans** Student Life

to cut up polyester blankets and tie knots in them to make scarves. The scarves were then donated to the Bodwell Center to be given to the homeless.

The UMaine New Balance Student Recreation Center sent an envoy from the Pink itivity and respect. The program does not contain fighting and does not train using one-onone sparring.

Also featured at Fresh Check Day was a booth for "Systema," a Russian martial arts and self-defense course offered at the Recreation

Center with a studio in downtown Bangor. According to its website, "Systema is a comprehensive method used by combat professionals and common people alike to be the victor in dangerous situations."

In total, there were 10 booths all designed to give students the opportunity to consider the mental health of their peers, as well as that of themselves. If students visited all 10 stations, they were entered into a raffle to win different prizes, like a Yeti mug.

Other booths included "Know Your Limits" and "UBelong" stations.

In the former, participants tried to guess the volume of "one drink" of alcohol. They also asked people to learn about signs of alcohol abuse among peers and served Grenadine and seltzer "mocktails." The latter challenged visitors to hold Ping-Pong balls underwater and compare the struggle to that of non-traditional students juggling careers, families and perpetual anxiety.

The Jordan Porco Foundation is a nonprofit founded in 2011 by the parents of Jordan Porco, a college student who killed himself during his freshman year. The organization is built around the mission to reduce the stigma of suicide, facilitate peerto-peer communication and promote seeking help for depression.

Ransley and Simpson begin their campaigns for UMSG President





The official candidates for Student Government president, Harrison Ransley and Bentley Simpson, are announced.

Matt Lavoie, Staff

Emily Turner Contributor

The campaign for the new University of Maine Student Government (UMSG) executives got underway last week. Bentley Simpson, a thirdmarine science student and Harrison Ransley, a second-year economics and political science student, are the candidates for president while Chase Flaherty, a second-year mechanical engineering student, is running uncontested for

currently Simpson serves as the vice president of Student Government and he's been involved as a senator since the fall of his first year at UMaine.

vice president.

As a senator, Simpson served as the sergeant at arms, the liaison of services and auxiliaries and a student representative in the Faculty Senate. Simpson cites one of his favorite things about his roles with Student Government as the sense of camaraderie and working relationships he has

built along the way.

In addition to Student Government, Simpson is a brother of Alpha Tau Omega where he serves as the public relations chair, and he tutors for the Marine Science Department.

Harrison Ransley has also been a part of Student Government since his first month of coming to UMaine. He said that he wanted to be a part of the organization right away.

"People talk about their fraternity or sorority as pivotal in their college experience for relationships, persondevelopment and service," Ransley said. "When people say that, I think of Student Government as that type of organization for me. It's full of great people."

Outside of his position as a senator in Student Government, Ransley is also a member of the Green Team, Tango Club and the new Dungeons and Dragons Club. He said that during his time in Student Government, he has sat on most of the organization's commit-

One of the most significant committees on which Ransley has served is the Student Conduct Code Oversight and Review Commit-(SCCORC), which he currently chairs. He also helps draft policy amendments in the Policy and Procedure Committee, represents students on the Faculty Senate, offers recommendations for campus improvements in the Services Committee and works with political clubs to promote voter turnout and political civility on the Political Activism

Committee. Ransley said one of his high priority goals as president would be to successfully amend the Student Conduct Code and to help expand the counseling center at UMaine. This first goal is something he has been working on as a senator this semester, but it might not be done until

the fall semester of 2019. "I believe changes to

the code are necessary

because some basic rights one would receive outside of the university do not exist within the code," Ransley said.

The second change is important to Ransley because he feels there needs to be stronger mental health support for those who need it. He believes students should not be afraid to ask for what they need and that Student Government could be more aggressively working for the

students on that front. "Historically speaking just about every bill we send up the chain of command gets rejected," Ransley said. "Why not change tactics? Our job isn't to be part of the administration or agreeable with them, it's to help the students. To be clear I do believe they are trying to help and I do believe the Student Conduct Code gets most cases right. However after investigating there are some pretty reasonable amendments that I think should be

implemented after being

thoroughly fleshed out in

SCCORC".

Simpson's platform, on the other hand, is heavily influenced by one goal: making campus feel like more of a community.

"I want to see more campus wide events and ensure all students get their dollars worth," Simpson said.

Among other things, platform has stemmed from Simpson's impression that a lot of clubs hold events off campus. He wants to place more of an emphasis on club fundraising and holding events on campus. Simpson explained some ideas including more workshops, campus projects and a semi-formal event of some sort — all things can be targeted toward students.

"Every student pays the \$53 student activity fee and I want to have events for [students] not in clubs," Simpson said.

He also feels that his time as vice president has given him the inside view on what goes into getting things done in Student Government, in addition to allowing him to build good relationships with UMaine administrators.

"There is a lot of bureaucracy that goes into getting things done," Simpson said. "That's the result of being a public university, some of the things we try to do are not immediate changes but it builds a relationship that helps to find a solution."

Student Government serves as a way to connect administrators to students and Simpson feels his year as vice president has allowed him a strong foundation to build off.

Elections for the president and vice president of Student Government for 2019-20 will take place on March 25, either online or in person in the Wade Center.

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Weekly Updates

This Week in Student Government

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

Finn Bradenday

Staff Writer

Club maintenance The University of Maine Car Club was approved as an official student organization. An active club for the past few years, the 40-plus members get together every week at the College Avenue Car Wash to talk about and appreciate each other's cars. The club puts on events throughout the year, including a go-karting day in Scarborough, a drag racing event in Winterport and an autocross race at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. They hope to raise money to build a go-kart to use in autocross and obtain an on-campus, heated space to meet.

Guest speakers

Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Robert Dana gave a motivational speech to the Student Senate, encouraging them in their work and voicing his support.

Executive reports

President Logan Aromando has been working to get a speed-reading workshop on campus. Speed reading is a method of maximizing the value of study time, according to Aromando. The workshop is likely to be held in

March but is not confirmed. He mentioned that the Student Government presidential debate will be held March 11 at 5 p.m. and encouraged all senators to attend. Aromondo finished by mentioning that the Maine Day Committee would be meeting on Friday to go over volunteering events that are planned for the day.

Vice President Bentley Simpson said that the spring Senate training went well and encouraged senators to read over the presentation.

The new Vice President for Financial Affairs Jack O'Donoghue reported unallocated funds of \$199,908.

Vice President of Student Organizations Taylor Cray reported that the club of the week was the Society of Women Engineers.

Vice President of Student Entertainment Corey Claflin reported that his committee was continuing to plan for the spring concert and have either already met or will meet with representatives from UMaine Parking Services, the Emera Astronomy Center and the New Recreation Balance Center. Claflin said that he has confirmed security for the night of the concert and is working to get food trucks to the event.

A representative for



Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Robert Dana said the pothole issue on campus is being addressed, but will not be fixed until spring when it is feasible to repave.

Periodic reports

Chairman of the Fair Elections and Practices Committee Matthew Akers reported that executive elections had begun with nomination forms having been due Feb. 20. Campaigning began on Friday,

March 1.

Representative to the Graduate Student Senate Tiffany Tanner reported that the graduate school will be holding a thesis writing and formatting workshop on March 7, 6-8 p.m., in Stodder Hall.

Reports of standing committees

Chairman of the Membership Committee Zachary Wyles reported that the meeting's catering for Senate meeting was from Chick-Fil-A. He apologized for the lack of vegetarian food.

Chairwoman of the Services Committee Emmeline Wiley reported that the Bear's Den is adding caloric information to its menu. She also mentioned a slew of new improvements, repairs, innovations and renovations including leaks in the roof of Hilltop Dining that were patched and that the roof will be replaced this coming summer; carpeting is being removed and replaced in all the Hilltop residence halls and elevators are getting repainted this summer; and there is a new website to report lighting issues on campus. Wiley noted that potholes cannot be fixed during the winter because uncured asphalt crumbles in low temperatures. She told the Senate that the circulating petition will not accomplish anything, arguing that it's too expensive of an undertaking.

Representative board reports

Chair of the Sustainability and Environmental Actions Division (SEAD) Dalton Bouchles reported that SEAD held its first meeting of the year on Feb. 26.

Community association reports

Representative for the Student Heritage Alliance Council (SHAC) Max Zakian reported that the council is preparing for its Multicultural Mosaic event. They have solidified catering and music, he said, and the event will be held on March 29 from 6-9 p.m. in the Bandor Room of the Memorial Union. SHAC is also planning an International Bazaar event for the week after Diversity Week during which foods will be sold from all of SHAC's representative committees.

The International Student Association reported that it is assembling a second annual "Oronoca" event for the coming months.

New business

\$2,000 was allocated to the UMaine chap-

ter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for a trip to Tucson, Arizona for the AIAA Design, Build and Fly Competition. \$1,300 was allocated to the Caribbean Club for their Carnival Madness event. \$3,000 was allocated to the Orono Student Nurses Association for a hotel and registration fees at the National Student Nurses Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. \$8,000 was allocated to UMaine Cheering for registration, hotel and airfare to the National Cheerleaders Association

Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida. \$2,543 was allocated to the UMaine chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for a hotel and registration fees for the AICHE Regional Conference at the University of Massachusetts Amherst from March 29-31.

The Senate voted to change standing rules, requiring that all new senators attend training before being sworn in.

D&D from A1

sual player," explained how the club's format allows students to play for as much time as

they are able.

"No matter how much stress or homework you have piling up, you can always take a few hours off to scream and throw dice at things to let a little steam off whenever you need to, because the unique setup means that there will always be people looking for a game,"

Lupien said. "I love playing with this group because you can commit exactly how much time you have available, and you always get the same reward."

Lupien said that the club is open for plays of all skill levels, even beginners. Its function as a unique social gathering has, like its organization and accessibility, helped the D&D Club attract many new members.

"It started out as a club where a few nerds would meet after class on Fridays, but it quickly evolved into a group of people that I consider my closest friends," Ryan Pelletier, a second-year psychology student and one of the founding members of the club, said. "The people I have met, the social bonds that I have created, and the experiences I've had in this club are something I will never forget."

The club's faculty advisor is Robert Bowie, a medical doctor, professor in UMaine's Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Department and the father of President

Cameron Bowie.

"I was recently asked to advise," Bowie said. "They take pride in [running their club] well ... It's a positive activity for the students and as a professor and physician I am glad for this."

Taylor Cray is a third-year political science and women's, gender and sexuality studies student who also serves as UMaine's vice president of student organizations for Student Government. In her role, she has interacted with the founding of the club

and it's members, who she says are a "pleasure to work with."

"In regards to the Dungeons and Dragons Club, they are a passionate and motivated group of individuals, and it is obvious that they love what they're doing," Cray said. "As VPSO, my favorite part of the job is being able to work with club presidents and members to create and maintain organizations that benefit not only the individuals involved, but the UMaine community as a whole."

After being asked about the club's plans for the future, Johnson said that the goal is to keep expanding and recruiting new members

"[All] are welcome to join us in DPC 100, Fridays at 4:30 and let your inner nerd burst free and lose yourself screaming as you land a critical hit on the boss," Johnson said.



Fried from A1

significant contributions of accomplished faculty has been shown to inspire peers seeking role models and mentors," according to an information sheet about the award. "Recognizing the achievement of senior women faculty is a proven strategy for enhancing diversity and fostering inclusive excellence."

Fried was one of the individuals who wrote the original grant that led to the creation of the Rising Tide Center. Established in 2010,

the center, whose full name is the Rising Tide Center for Gender Equity, was initially focused on "recruiting, retaining and advancing women faculty in the sciences," according to the center's website.

The founding grant for the award has since ended, but the center continues to engage the community around and raise awareness on gender equity issues. The center is also closely tied with the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program on campus.

According to a UMaine press release, the Rising Tide Center's Career Recognition Award "seeks to raise the profile of women faculty to advance gender equity in academia." When asked if she has seen such shifts in her career in academia, Fried noted that there is still more work to be done.

"There certainly have been such shifts although some disciplines have moved more quickly than others," Fried said. "It's like our political system. There are more women than ever in elected office but we're still far from equal representation."

Police Beat

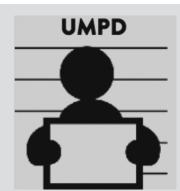
The best from UMaine's finest

Brawley Benson News Editor

Feb. 22 - 11:00 p.m.
Officer Angelo of
Orono Police Department (OPD) saw a lot
of people coming out
of a residence on Mill
Street in Orono. Angelo knew the building
as a place which has
had large parties in the
past, so she stayed
around for a while, telling people to dump out
their alcohol. Angelo
left and then returned

when she came back she talked to a group of women, at least one of whom was under 21 and visibly intoxicated. This prompted Angelo to make contact with the people who lived in the building where the party was being held. After talking to Luke Carlyle, 20, Sebastian Lombardi, 21, and Deandre Copeland, 19, she summoned them for providing minors a place to drink alcohol.

some time later, and



Their court date is April 4

Feb. 23 - 2:25 a.m. University of Maine Department Police (UMPD) officers responded to the second floor York Hall for a complaint of an intoxicated male. During their conversation, the male, Joseph Pacitti, 19, became increasingly agitated, and officers warned him to calm down, giving him

a disorderly conduct

warning. Pacitti continued to be verbally belligerent with officers, and they threatened him with arrest. After continuing to not back down, Pacitti was arrested.

Feb. 24 - 1:20 a.m.

Officer Gray of OPD was driving on College Avenue when he saw a car going over the speed limit in the other direction. He stopped the car driven by Joshua Donnelly, 22. Donnelly said that he had a couple drinks a few hours before and underwent a field sobriety test. Gray brought Donnelly to the police station where he blew over the legal limit on an intoxication test. He was arrested for operating under the influence and given a court

date of April 4.

Feb. 24 - 5:00 a.m.

UMPD received a report of an erratic driver in the York Parking Lot. Officers arrived and tracked marks through to snow through the Grove Street Extension Lot, the York Village Lot and the York South Lot. The car was eventually found on a road near Aroostook Hall on a snowbank. The driver, Christopher Weber, 19, was visibly intoxicated and failed a field sobriety test. Officers arrested Weber for operating under the influence, displaying a false driver's license and driving to endan-

Feb. 24 - 6:24 a.m. UMPD officers responded to a pulled fire alarm at Knox Hall. They reviewed video footage and saw the individual who pulled the alarm, who they then managed to track down. The student, Luka Oelker, 18, was summoned for falsely pulling a fire alarm.

Feb. 27 - 10:18 p.m.
Officers responded to Hancock Hall for a complaint of an odor of marijuana on the first floor. They arrived and summoned Theodore Mahaleris, 20, who was in possession of marijuana.

Briefs

Quick news from around the country

Brawley Benson News Editor

Feb. 27

The Pakistani military shot down two Indian planes last week as tensions continue to escalate between the countries.

The incident comes after an act of terrorism carried out by a Pakistani-based group killed 40 Indian military personnel in early February.

Both India and Pakistan claim the territory of Kashmir in northwestern India. The countries have fought two wars since independence over what many call one of the most heavily militarized regions of the world.

March 1

President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un held a summit last week. After their meeting, Trump said that he believes Kim Jong Un had no knowledge of American student Otto Warmbier's treatment while in detention be-

Previously, Trump had been hard on the North Korean government for its treatment of Warmbier, even going so far as to say in

tween 2015 and 2017.

2017 that Warmbier was "tortured beyond belief by North Korea."

Warmbier's parents came out against Trump after his remarks, saying "Kim and his evil regime are responsible for the death of our son Otto ... no excuses or lavish praise can change that."

March 1

The New York Times broke a story last week that a United States citizen was likely tortured in Saudi Arabia.

Dual American-Saudi citizen Walid Fitaihi, 54, was reported taken from his hotel room and had undergone torture, including being electrocuted and whipped, after being detained in late 2017.

Fitaihi remains in detention by the Saudi government.

March 2

A prosecutor in Sacramento County, California, announced that charges would not be pressed against two police officers who shot and killed Stephon Clark last year.

Schubert said that the officers who shot Clark did not break the law in their conduct. On Saturday evening, protestors gathered outside the Sacramento police headquarters to voice their dissatisfaction with the announcement.



The World This Week



Feb. 27

Ukraine pulled out of the annual Eurovision Song Contest due to political tensions with Russia.

Feb. 28

The attorney general of Israel, Avichai Mandelblit, announced that he plans to indict Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on charges of corruption.

March 1

After more than two months of protests, Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir stepped down as the head of the country's ruling party.

This week at UMaine...

What's happening this week at UMaine

Monday

Feminist Collective Women's History Month Kickoff Event, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. North Pod

Talking Trash: Creating a Circular Food System in Maine, 3:00 p.m. Norman Smith Hall Rm. 107

Tuesday

Pancake Breakfast and Feminist Crafting, 9:00 a.m. Lobby of Memorial Union

Spring WGS Colloquium Series #3, 12:30 p.m. Bangor Room

Wednesday

Women's History Month Lunch and Learn, 12:00 p.m. Office of Multicultural Student Life

Dinner and Dialogue: 'Reclaiming Women's Power: Leading While Female', 6:00 p.m. Wilson Center

Thursday

The Wire and the Case for Radical Optimism, 12:30 p.m. Bangor Room

LGBTea Party: Feminism and Queerness, 2:00 p.m. Rainbow Resource Center

Friday

Friday Feminist Craft Series, 3:00 p.m. Women's Resource Center

No Man's Land Film Festival, 6:30 p.m. DPC

Saturday

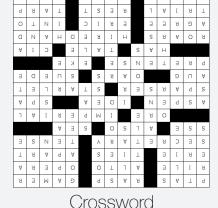
Women's Climbing Event, 10:00 a.m. Maine Bound Adventure Center

Men's Ice Hockey v. Boston University, 7:00 p.m. Alfond Arena

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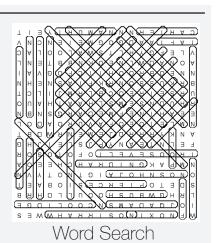
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Puzzles, comics and more on A8



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Sudoku



Monday, March 4, 2019

Editorial: Rise of hateful rhetoric parallels with rise of hate groups

Liz Theriault **Opinion Editor**

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has released a report that the number of hate groups in the United States has risen for a fourth year in a row. The United States is now home to 1,020 hate groups, including neo-Nazis, white supremacists, black nationalists, neo-confederates and the Ku Klux Klan. Proliferation of racist, xenophobic and generally violent political rhetoric from specific leaders of our country and the ability to recruit members, organize events and raise money on online platforms have contributed to the violent attitudes of the United States that fails to reject and even fosters the rise of hate groups.

The **SPLC** stated that the number of hate groups rose seven percent in 2018, and has been rising every year for the last four years. When deciding what determines a hate group, the SPLC cited that violence was not a prerequisite, but instead focused organizations whose "leaders, activites, or statement of principles attacks an entire class of people," according to the New York Times. Because of this, groups that are anti-LGBTQ, anti-immigration or anti-semitic but not necessarily physically violent are listed as hate groups as well.

The rise of hate groups is concurrent to the 30 percent increase in the number of hate

crimes in 2018. The An-

ti-Defamation League Center on Extremism found that 50 people were killed by extremists in 2017, making it the fourth-deadliest year for domestic extremist related killings since 1970. Of these crimes, 73.3 percent of all extremist related fatalities can be linked to domestic right-wing extremists, while only 23.4 are attributed to Islamic extremists.

Geography and location play a large part in the conglomeration of hate groups. University of Utah researchers conducted a study that found hate is "concentrated in places that are poorer, less educated, less diverse and whiter, more religious, and more conservative." These areas tend to see racial diversity, class divides and religious differences as "attacks" on their values and traditions. Fueled by fear, these areas turn to hateful rhetoric and actions to protect the way of life they believe is under threat.

But beyond geographic location, the turn to online platforms by extremist hate groups has proliferated their ability to cause harm, both physical and psychological. Joan Donovan, media manipulation research lead at Data and Society, a research institute, said in an interview with NPR that the ability to communicate through online platforms has made it easier for hate groups to recruit members and spread their message.

"I saw how these groups communicated and spread out to other spaces online with the intent of not tect privacy, who had telling people specifically that they were white supremacists, but they were really trying to figure out what young men were angry about and how they could leverage that to bring about a broad-based social movement," said Donovan

A recent and tragic example of a hate crime occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia, in the summer of 2017 when a member of the "Unite the Right" hate group drove his car into a group of protesters, fatally striking one individual and injuring many more. The original "Unite the Right" rally had been planned, organized and funded through online platforms such as PayPal, Facebook and the gamer chat app Discord.

After the Charlottesville attack, these platforms, along with others, went on a purging spree to ban or delete any message boards and profiles linked to the event or organization. Facebook banned pages such as "Right Wing Death Squad" and "White Nationalists United," and Reddit banned a hard right community called "Physical Removal," who had called the Charlottesville attack a "morally justified action," according to the New York Times.

Beyond online platforms, these extremist groups are also turning to video games to recruit young, primarily male, members. NPR published a story featuring a father, John, whose last name was withheld to profound neo-Nazi propaganda print-outs in his son's room. His son was an avid player of online multiplayer video games, where gamers can chat with one another over headsets as they play. It was here that white supremacists befriended John's son, where they talked with him about his problems at school and suggested "some of his African American classmates as scapegoats," and "above all, they offered him membership in a hierarchy: whites against others," according to NPR.

While gaming platforms attempt to monitor their players for happenings such as this, Greg Boyd, who represents various video game corporations for the law firm Frankfurt Kurnit, states that it is impossible to catch everything. The three biggest video game platforms collectively host 248 million monthly active players, ac-

cording to Boyd. "That's the population of Spain, France and Russia. And then imagine that you're monitoring all of their text chat ... all of their voice chat, in literally every language, dialect, and subdialect spoken in the world," Boyd said in an interview with NPR.

AmericanProgress.org conducted a study with Southern Poverty Law Center and Free Press to find the best ways to stop the online proliferation of these groups. However, they ran into a large roadblock: the First Amendment. In order not to infringe upon an individual's right to free speech, the organizations found that the best way to mitigate harmful recruitment and message spreading was for internet companies to choose self-regulation of what occurs on their platforms. They advised that these companies put efforts into hiring experts, training staff and funding human content reviewers with relevant expertise to search out and delete extremist organizations that promote hateful rhetoric or violent actions.

However, even if all internet companies chose to take this route, there are still far too many powerful and influential leaders who use hateful and violent rhetoric on the campaign trail and in office that encourage hate groups and endorse their actions.

President Trump is a prime example. Heidi Beirich, the director of intelligence project at SPLC stated that the rise of hate groups started during the early days of the 2016 election campaigns, when Trump began peddling anxieties about immigration. Before 2016, the number of hate groups had fallen for three years straight.

Nathan moe, an assistant professor of political communication at Louisiana State University, found that the use of "mildly violent political metaphors" such as "fighting for our future" increased the support of violent actions in individuals with aggressive personalities. Another national study from 2016-17 by researchers at the University of Massachusetts found that "exposure to Trump's racist comments about Mexicans during his campaign made people more likely to write statements offensive that were toward not just Mexicans but other groups."

Trump's racist and xenophobic language endorses violent actions. After the Charlottesville attack, Trump refused to condemn "Unite the Right" and said that "many sides" shared blame for the violence. Trump, as a leader of our country, bears a responsibility for maintaining peace and condemning violence, yet he consistently fails to do so. An interactive map published on AmericasVoice.org shows images of Trump's face in various locations across a map of the U.S. If a face is clicked on, corresponding instances of violence, threats, or attacks on individuals or groups from certain races, ethnicities, or genders that happened at that location pop up with a description of how Trump or a supporter of Trump incited the instance with hateful language or

Maine is not immune to hate groups. On the interactive map, a Trump face rests over Bangor. When clicked on, the 2016 Bangor Daily News report of an African American man who was punched and

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Defunding the right to decide

Kylie Welch Contributor

As a 20-year-old female college student, I am beginning to pay attention to some aspects of so-called "adult life" more than I ever have before; most notably regarding reproductive health. Over the course of my three years at the University of Maine, and especially within my major of political science, the topic comes up more often in my life than just scheduling an annual checkup. I have been exposed to the services this campus offers such as the Women's Resource Center and the school's ties with the Mabel Wadsworth Center in Bangor. After the positive experience I've had regarding female reproductive health so far as a young adult, it was upsetting to read the New York Times earlier this week and see the headline "Trump Administration Blocks Funds for Planned Parenthood and Others Over Abortion Referrals."

Living within an administration that so greatly disrespects women's access to not only safe abortions but also accessible reproductive healthcare and education is a great stressor within the lives of many women, myself included. Having

been born into a post-Roe v. Wade world and coming of age in a Democratic administration that pushed boundaries and worked incredibly hard to advocate for women's health, it was easy to get comfortable with the idea that I would not have to worry about options for my body and reproductive health.

The Trump administration continuously infringes on that sense of security and threatens to leave women without adequate healthcare and education. The administration also introduces the threat of unsafe abortions done by performed by those who are

not professionals in the field. By cutting funding to Planned Parenthood, women will be forced to spend more time, money and resources traveling to and searching to find to travel and search for doctors' offices which will perform abortions often at a more expensive rate compared greater cost than at to Planned Parenthood, who which offers discounted and free abortions in certain

By defunding Planned Parenthood, the administration is directly impacting women from lower-income households. Those who receive funding from Title X, the only federal

funding program available for family planning services, are not able to use that program to fund an abortion. By defunding Planned Parenthood, women who have Title X funding, and others, may lose access to cancer screenings, birth control or abortions. This proposal to defund the organization is not just a way to cut spending and save money, but functions as a statement made by Trump that he does not care about women, or their right to choose. Between Trump's blatant disdain for reproductive health and his choice of Brett Kavanaugh to become a Supreme Court justice— who has spoken about his wishes to repeal Roe V. Wade— the year of 2019 is one in which women will have to fight for the right to for reproductive health, the right to choose and for women to make their voices heard.

As Women's History Month dawns, the women of America must keep fighting to have our opinion be heard by our leaders. There is no time to be exhausted by the cards that we have constantly been dealt by the Trump administration, but rather it's time to let our anger fuel our fight.

"Free Solo" explores the power of non-fiction filmmaking in 2018

Nate Poole

Contributor

There were plenty of notable awards and performances at the Academy Awards last Sunday. Rami Malek won the Best Actor award for his portrayal of Freddie Mercury, "Roma" got snubbed for the Best Picture award by "Green Book," and Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga sang the song from their movie that is more popular than the movie itself. It is an event where nearly all of the famous faces in Hollywood collect, eager to receive some validation from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Out of all of the prestigious awards and faces, the award for Best Documentary might as well have been an informal bathroom break for the casual viewer, as many wish to pay closer attention to the more popular categories. But for the directors of the winning film, husband and wife duo Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin, the award caps the end of a series of successes that have brought the adventure documentary "Free Solo" an unprecedented amount of success for a nonfiction film.

The documentary combines Chin's eye for a dramatic image, that he obtained from his work as a National Geographic photographer, with Vasarhelyi's filmmaker intuition for dramatic narrative, as they record Alex Honnold's historic climb of El Capitan, a 3000-foot cliff face of granite rising up out of the Yosemite Valley. One would think that the compelling aspect of the film would be the fact that Honnold, a fanatic among daredevils in the climbing community, attempts the climb alone and without any ropes or harness to save him hence the title "Free Solo." Yet for all intents and purposes, a seemingly niche film, such as "Free Solo" that is confined to a specific low-profile sport is not likely to be getting all sorts of awards and certainly shouldn't be breaking any records. But like its subject, the film has succeeded by taking calculated risks and being honest.

There is no actual reality that can be conveyed through film, as the medium is inherently biased with its physical and mental perspective fixed by directors and their camera lens, but there is a great divide between the likes of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" and the documentaries that have reinvigorated this genre of film as of late. Instead of superficial subjects and superfluous conflicts, Chin and Vasarhelyi opt to portray Honnold's journey to the peak of El Capitan in a way that is honest, respectful, and compelling. Instead of sensationalizing the climb of El Capitan itself, Chin records the climb in a way that mimics Honnold's own zen-like attitude. The real tension drama occurs below as those that care for Honnold, specifically his girlfriend Sanni, have to deal with the helplessness resulting from his immovable determination to risk his life for this singular pursuit.

The directors do not shy away from showing Honnold's willful lack of empathy, as the audiences watches him say in one interview, "I've had this problem with girls a lot ... they're like, 'Oh I really care about you' and I'm like ... if I perish it doesn't matter, you'll find somebody else." Then he pauses and it's clear that he finally registers what he's saying,

at least a little bit, as he backpedals uneasily saying, "Maybe that's a little too callous."

This is the power of "Free Solo," and of nonfiction film-making. This is the reason that documentaries made \$112 million in 2018, and the reason "Free Solo" broke indie box office records. The honest and real portrayal of an individual is the driving force behind this documentary, and the decision to explore Holland's flaws and celebrate his success in spite of them, instead of morphing him into a cartoon or sex symbol as other entertainment mediums might, helps make the documentary stand out. In an interview with Variety, Jimmy Chin attributed the success of documentary films in recent years to the fact that, "people are also looking for truth" and that "non-fiction filmmaking is ... ultimately journalism."

Pure, objective truth is impossible to obtain, and one could argue that in the current political climate it is being twisted beyond recognition. The only other option is subjective truth, the kind of truth a director can convey through a screen to share the humanity of a man capable of a herculean feat, and the consequences that feat generates. Holland's story isn't confined to overreactions and ephemeral relationships, but a story of perseverance and growth that continued up to the moment he and Sanni stood aglow on stage as his film's directors received their Oscars. It will continue still as those who experienced his story remember the moment he completed his lonely ascension of El Capitan to finally embrace his loved ones at

When it comes to diversity, UMaine could do better

It's Women's History Month. The month where we all celebrate the strong women in our society who have helped paved the way to get women to where we are now. In the academic world, it wasn't until 1840 that the first American woman, Catherine Brewer Benson, graduated with an undergraduate degree from Wesleyan College in Georgia. It took another 26 years for a black woman to earn a degree, and over 30 years for the first woman to earn a Ph.D.

In the fall of 2018, almost 180 years af-Benson received her degree, there were over 11 million women attending college. This puts females at just over 56 percent of the student population in the United States. While women have fought to get to where they are today finally representing a large portion of the student population, there are still areas of academia where women continue to fight to break through the glass

According to Catalyst, a non-profit organization that works to advocate for women in the workplace, only 38.4 percent of women hold tenured positions at universities. There are numerous reasons why tenured positions are preferable to adjunct or non-tenured positions. Tenure offers greater job security, greater pay, benefits and the ability to pursue research opportunities. The number of female tenured professors becomes even more abysmal when looking at women of color, with Asian and Pacific Islanders, the largest group represented, coming in at only 4 percent of the tenured population.

As far as the University of Maine goes, these numbers are even lower. While the University of Maine System boasted that in the 2016-17 academic year that 43.7 per-

cent of the faculty state-

wide are women, only 37 percent of the faculty at the System's Orono location were women and of that, only 30 percent were tenured. To give you an idea, there were over 500 professors at UMaine and just over 320 had tenure. The number of women who had tenure: 100. While the number of minority women tenured at UMaine isn't given, there were only 50 in total, meaning that the number of women of color working for UMaine was likely below 15 (assuming it follows the trend of 30 percent women to 70 percent men). While the numbers of female professors increase slightly when looking at untenured faculty (from 30 percent to 37 percent), this number is still way below what it could be. These women, who are untenured, likely also face job insecurity, lower pay and the other benefits that come with being

fits that come with being a tenured professor.

This leads to the important question:

what does it really matter? Isn't the overall improvement that we've had enough? Not really. In a world where women are fighting for greater representation, whether it's on the big screen, in STEM fields or in politics, we've started to realize that everyone in society deserves to have somebody they can look up to. Not only as an idol but somebody who they see a part of themselves in. As an international affairs student, I remember being so excited when Tammy Duckworth was elected to the House of Representatives. Even though she was Thai and I'm Korean, I felt a sense of pride and hope that there are other Asian-American women who are blazing the trail for women like me.

Everyone deserves to have someone to look up to and be inspired by, including people in academia; that includes all women, especially women of color. So when it comes to the diversity of the faculty at UMa-

ine, we could do better and the student body deserves to see themselves reflected in those

they look up to academically.

THUMBS UP DOWN

Playing cornhole

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"Been trying to meet you"

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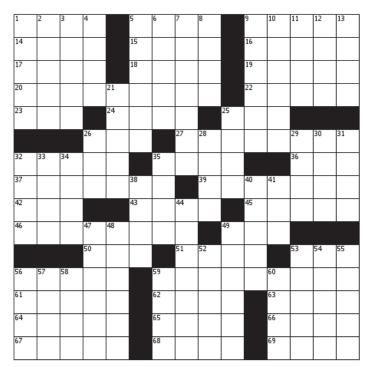
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Sudoku

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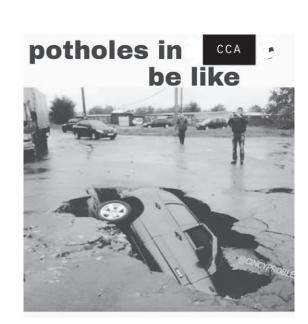
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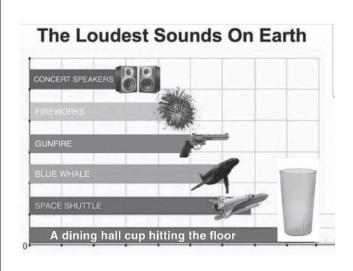
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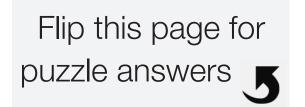
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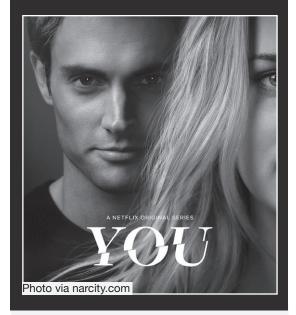
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Kehlani commentates on variety of relationships in her new mixtape



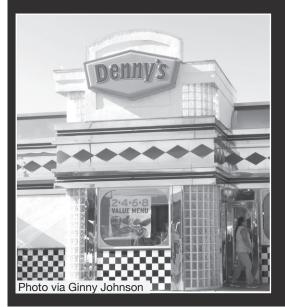
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'YOU' blends classic thrills and suspense with modern dating culture



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Popular diner restaurant chain provides a hub for college students



RATING

Ali Tobey Contributor

In her new rhythm and blues mixtape, "While We Wait," Kehlani depicts events in her life, including her commentary on modern relationships. She attests that relationships require a lot of work and communication sings about how they have to be nurtured in order to grow, and if they fail, the emotional fallout can last a long

time. This is her first fulllength project since she released her first album, "SweetSexySavage," in 2017. The title, "While We Wait," and the nine songs on the mixtape can be seen as an ode to the daughter that Kehlani is expecting this month. Her songs are tightly written and feature simplistic production, allowing her vocals to shine.

"While We Wait" features a wide variety of relationships that showcase Kehlani's intelligence emotional in her analysis of their events. In her opening song, "Footsteps," she sings "But still, cheers to being honest / neither of us knew what we wanted," describing a relationship that gradually came to an end after neither side knew themselves enough.

In other relationship-centric songs, including "Feels" and "Too Deep," she sings about a no-strings-attached relationship that loses its simple nature once feelings are developed. In "Nunya" featuring DOM KENNEDY, Kehlani sings about an ex-boyfriend that was constantly prying in her

personal business. The upbeat song, "Morning Glory," offers a take on a different type of relationship: the one that she has with herself. On this track she sings: "If you don't want me at my goodnight / then you can't

have me at my morning glory," a lyric inspired by self-confidence. She describes the comfort that she feels in herself with her makeup, wigs and outfits, and notes that she is the same person with or without these material things.

In addition to failed relationships, Kehlani discusses the fear that she felt going into a relationship. In "Butterfly," she sings about the emotions of two people who are scared of what a carefree connection could become. After pushing past the fear of sparking something new, listeners get to see the relationship progress when she describes how she wants to get to know more about the person that she is involved with in "Love Language."

The mixtape also features Ty Dolla \$ign on "Nights Like This", and 6lack on "RPG." Her songs offer a number of different beats and styles that showcase the variety within the R&B style. Her lyrical runs and soulful edge are merged with more up-tempo hip-hop style songs to create variance throughout the project.

She calls on past experiences to provide the basis of the concepts in her songs. The songwriting in "While We Wait" shows undisputed growth in her abilities from her 2017 project. Her songs are raw and unapologetically personal.

From emotional fallout to self-love, Kehlani's project has messages that almost everyone can relate to. This mixtape is serving as a placeholder until her full-length album is released later this year. The singer, who was first discovered on "America's Got Talent," can only look to build on the depth and understanding that she has conveyed to fans in her most recent mixtape.

RATING

Edward Crockett Contributor

Guinevere Beck, or Beck as she prefers to be called, walks into Mooney's book shop looking for something interesting to read. She is broke, her poetry portfolio is still far from finished, and she's carrying a wealth of secrets that prevent her from finding herself and moving on in life. The books, however, are an escape. Little does she know that within seconds of entering the unsuspecting shop, she's captured the attention of Joe Goldberg, a lustful stalker with a genius level IQ and a silver tongue that fools even the most attentive of people.

Their meeting is brief, but Beck has unknowingly given Joe the one thing he needs to begin his quest for what he believes is love: her name. This is what happens in the very first scene of the Lifetime show, "YOU." What happens next is ten episodes of edgeof-your-seat thrills, perfect writing and a terrifying story that could easily be based on true

"YOU" is based on Caroline Kepnes' 2014 novel of the same name. Shortly after its publication, the television rights were acquired by Lifetime which aired the first season during the summer of 2018. Despite the show's acclaim, Lifetime decided not to move forward with a planned second season. Netflix then acquired the rights with plans to release the second season later this

By far the greatest thing about "YOU" is the writing. Greg Berlanti and Sera Gamble, the show's developers, have done an amazing job of communicating the themes of Kepnes' novel while successfully articulating the language of young people in the 21st century, especially when it comes

to social media. The

show features a lot of narration by Beck and Joe as they progress further and further into their relationship. This allows the viewer to better understand why these characters make the choices that they do while furthering the plot. The writing is never dull and it never feels forced;

it feels very real.

The acting is also very good, particularly from Beck (Elizabeth Lail) and Joe (Penn Badgley). Lail does a great job with her portrayal of somebody who is essentially living a fictitious existence through her actions and her facial expressions. Badgley perfectly executes the narcissistic and methodical nature of his character without over-exaggeration creating a caricature of himself. The supporting cast also adds compelling side narratives to the show.

"YOU" heavily plays into the potential dangers that social media culture poses to people in our modern age, particularly those between the ages of 18 and 30. The primary question that the novel and the show pose to the audience is "how far would you go for love?" The show aims to answer this through the presentation of stalking both in person and online through the use of Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms. This makes "YOU" a very engaging story to witness because it's so real. The show successfully conveys how easy it would be for someone like Joe Goldberg, an obsessive stalker, manipulate themselves into the lives of others by doing a basic Facebook search. The show does have its fair share of unbelievable elements and sequences, but for the most part, it paints an

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RATING

Bria Lamonica Staff Writer

Many college students at the University of Maine are on a tight budget, which means going out to eat at restaurants is usually an unfulfilled fantasy. Luckily for students living in the Orono and Bangor area, the diner-style fast food restaurant chain, Denny's, provides an affordable place to eat

Located just off the highway in Bangor, Denny's is usually packed on weekends with college students and families. The Denny's chain is known for its affordable food, great customer service and all-day breakfast.

With hundreds of locations across the country, the chain has changed over the years from a seemingly-typical fast food restaurant to a sit-down diner with a retro theme. Every restaurant location is open 24 hours of the day, something college students take advantage of when a 2 a.m. plate of pancakes is

needed. The restaurant is beautiful, clean and has an open and friendly environment that makes for a very welcoming atmosphere. The servers and staff always greet you with a smile, and there is always a dessert to be had with every birthday meal.

Denny's takes pride in their extensive menu, serving everything from mozzarella sticks and loaded nacho tots to cinnamon roll pancakes and hot cups of coffee. They also have value meals for simple and easy affordable dinners and "Fit Fare" options which guide patrons to their healthier meals.

One of the best reviewed all-day pancake options is the "Choconana" pancake breakfast. This plate comes with loaded pancakes, covered in chocolate chips, bananas and whipped cream, two eggs, hash browns, and two slices of bacon or sausage. They are also well-known for their breakfast "slams", which include eggs, meat, hash browns, pancakes, toast and more for an affordable

The booths and tables are plentiful and openly arranged, which allow for bigger parties to have room to talk and hang out. The 50s-style diner counter at the front of the restaurant allows people to grab food and go, or to sit on the stools and watch a sports game or newscast. Many students and families sit at the counter to order handspun milkshakes and side orders of cheap and filling appetizers like nachos and chicken strips.

If snow is in the forecast or driving to the restaurant isn't your thing, the Denny's website now allows you to choose a restaurant location and order food to either be picked up or delivered to you, depending on the location. Bangor only allows customers to pick-up in store, but ordering online can save you the time of having to take a seat and wait for service. Although online ordering is now popular for its convenience and efficiency, going to sit down at Denny's is worth the experience.

The full downloadable menu and the Order Now app are both located on the Denny's website, dennys.com, and the Bangor location is located at 120 Haskell Road, Bangor, ME.

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few beds away - it's a lot, and it can have you

missing home. But it's also amazing and rewarding, and when you walk through the streets of a city you've never been to before but im-

mediately love (Barcelona I'm talking to you), there are few greater

feelings. feeling One great however, was when I

realized how excited I was to be home, and then immediately realized that "home" in my mind wasn't America, but Menachem Begin

144, the Midtown Tower in Tel Aviv. On the flight home, when we flew over the city and I saw our skyscraper, where we live, from the

airplane, I think I smiled out the window all the way until our plane touched the ground.

UMaine holds third 24-Hour civic Hackathon

Edward Crockett

Contributor

In the back corner of the Hackerspace lab lies a table completely covered with plants. Though it may seem hard to believe at first, these plants are arguably the most important piece of technology that's being used in the third annual 24hour civic Hackathon. This year, the Hackathon focused on integrating technology with agriculture, in particular, small farmers and agricultural dependent businesses.

Michael Potiska is an administrative specialist with the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, as well as a member of UMaine's Hackerspace advisory board.

"With the theme of this year's Hackathon being around small agriculture, we wanted to make sure that students and participants had direct access to plants so that they could actually use the sensors we're providing. We have soil moisture sensors, photo sensors, and a variety of other ones that will help students pull information from the plants and figure out how they're living, what their environment is like, and to give them the opportunity to actually use those sensors to their full ability," Potiska said. "The sponsors we're working with from UMaine have provided 160 plants for participants to have direct access to and they'll be able to check them out just like they would with a piece of technology. The plants are just as much hardware for this event as the sensors and all of the other tech."

Along with the various projects that students conducted over the course of the all-day event, students also participated in featured prize challenges. The hacking took place in various rooms across the Memorial Union including the Hackerspace the Totman room and the Walker room. The hacking began at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, and ended at 1 p.m. the next day.

egories that we're going to be asking students to work in. One is what kind of information can you collect from a plant, or the orchard, or the maple tree or whatever it is you're working with and how will you get that information back to someplace where it can be processed," Peter Schilling, the director of innovation in teaching and learning, said. "Another part is figuring out once you get that information, what are you doing with it. Can you send it to an app on a phone that can help a farmer visualize it and take action? Another criteria ... will be the cost. The less expensive it is the better because it's about small farmers and families and how we can make solutions available to those peo-

The Hackerspace lab is a relatively new edi-



The event helps students of varying disciplines hone their skills, gain career opportunities, and win prizes.

Photo by Antyna Gould.

tion to the facility. The space was inspired by the collaborative media lab in the Raymond H. Fogler Library that began in 2001 in order to give students access to hardware and software they otherwise wouldn't have access to.

"At that time there wasn't a whole lot of digital media technology that was available to students. We had a conversation again in 2015-2016 to see what we could do today to give students access, and that sort of folded into a technology toolkit that we believed every student coming out of the university should have," Schilling said. "They way in which they're going to collect information and analyze data has a lot to do with apps and phones, but it also has to do with drones and robotics and all that stuff. So, instead of the original collaborative media lab where the gear was expensive and high end, now it's just new, so Hackerspace is really designed to give students access to a suite of hardware and software that they can experiment with and use to figure out questions and answers."

The inception of the lab came from research that was being conducted by other departments at UMaine. One such group was the marine research lab that, just like the students at Hackathon, works to find solutions to problems in small agriculture and find

safer and less expensive ways to study the inhabitants of the ocean.

"When I pitched Hackerspace, the marine research lab was tracking the migration patterns of orcas. A generation ago you would get in a little rubber boat with a gigantic hypodermic needle and every couple of days you'd chase down the orcas and freak everybody out. I'm sure it was a grad student who figured out that we could duct tape sponges to drones and fly them through the spouts," Schilling said. "They got better data, no one was freaked out, and it got their project off to a great start. From there, the idea of Hackerspace grew alongside other projects and labs at the

university."

The Hackerspace lab is continuously coming up with innovative ideas to help improve the technology of today. The lab is equipped with internet devices and prototype resources, making this year's Hackathon an exciting event on campus. The space is available to all students and can even be reserved for use by clubs and organizations.

For more information about Hackerspace, visit the lab in room 114 of the Memorial Union or visit its website at umaine.edu/hackerspace. You can also follow them on twitter at @UM_Hackerspace to see updates on Hackathon and weekly ongoings in the lab.

10 ways to continue highlighting black voices after Black History Month

Olivia Shipsey **Culture Editor**

Since 1976. February has served as the United States national recognition of Black history. Every February, social media becomes flooded with insightful text posts, history-centric black programming becomes heavily featured, and for 28 days there is heightened effort to promote the work of black minds. While this is a critical effort to recognizing marginalized voices, once the calendar moves forward. it is important to make sure these voices aren't taken out of the spotlight.

The following are ten ways to celebrate black history throughout the vear.

Start a conversation

One of the best and easiest ways to recognize and learn about black history is to prioritize the voices of black people in your life. Ask them what they think you should know, how they feel about American history and who they currently admire in the community. This one is easy because it only requires you to practice active listening.

Educate yourself and your friends

Look for new events hosted by the Black Student Union on campus; they host fun and educational events which can provide insight into black culture and history. Or take your education into your own hands and host a "study" session. On a stack of index cards, write the names of important figures and events in black history. On the other side explain their impact, then take turns reading descriptions and learning more about black culture and history. This can be modified to fit the setting or subject, but it is a good way to absorb history and have fun with your

Support black non-

profit organizations Skip one cup of coffee a month and invest that money into a nonprofit which supports marginalized groups. The organization Black Girls Code works to promote young women of color in technology by providing them with the tools and education they need to succeed. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a civil rights organization, headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, formed to advance justice for African Americans, eliminate

race-based

discrimina-

tion and to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights. Campaign Zero is another great organization that works towards minimizing police violence through increased accountability, improving community interactions and limiting police interventions.

Explore how your favorite music genre benefited from black musicians

While jamming out in your car to Beyoncé or Prince, take time to recognize how black artists have played a large role in creating the music we love. Due to the appropriation of black culture, including music by white culture over the course of history, their contributions extend further than one might realize. Blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll, rap and even a lot of current pop stemmed from African-American origins. Never forget to make sure you're on the lookout for black artists you haven't heard of.

Learn about black history's unrecognized

Take a moment during your lunch break or your morning Instagram scroll to learn more about an unsung hero of black history. If you don't know where to start, learn about the work of Nannie Helen Burroughs or Ella Baker. At the 1900s National Baptist Convention in Virginia, Nannie Helen Burroughs, a religious leader, civil rights activist and feminist, gave a famous and transformative speech titled "How the Sisters Are Hindered from Helping," which was considered essential to the civil rights movement. While her speech gave Burroughs momentary fame, Ella Baker worked for five decades behind the scenes of the movement, playing an integral role in many influential organizations and events, including with the NAACP and Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Visit a museum that

highlights black history Next time you're in Washington D.C., check out the National Museum of African American History & Culture, a Smithsonian Institution museum which attempts to view American history through the lens of the African American experience. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute promotes a comprehensive understanding of the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and

1960s. Founded in 1968,

the Charles Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, Michigan houses the world's largest permanent exhibit on African American cul-

Actively consume produced media

black creators Listen to "2 Dope Queens," podcast hosted by Jessica Williams and Phoebe Robinson which has led to a new HBO series. Watch "Blackish," an ABC sitcom which creates an important social and political commentary on the complexities of being black in modern America. Read the work of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the Nigerian novelist who wrote "Purple Hibiscus," "Half of a Yellow Sun" and "Americanah."

Learn about the Afri-

can diaspora The African diaspora refers to the scattering of African descendants around the world due to the Transatlantic Slave Trades, from the 1500s to the 1800s. This diaspora transported millions of people from Western and Central Africa to different regions throughout the Americas and the Caribbean. The largest populations of people descended from those who were forcibly transported

from Africa are in Brazil and the United States, totaling about 80 million

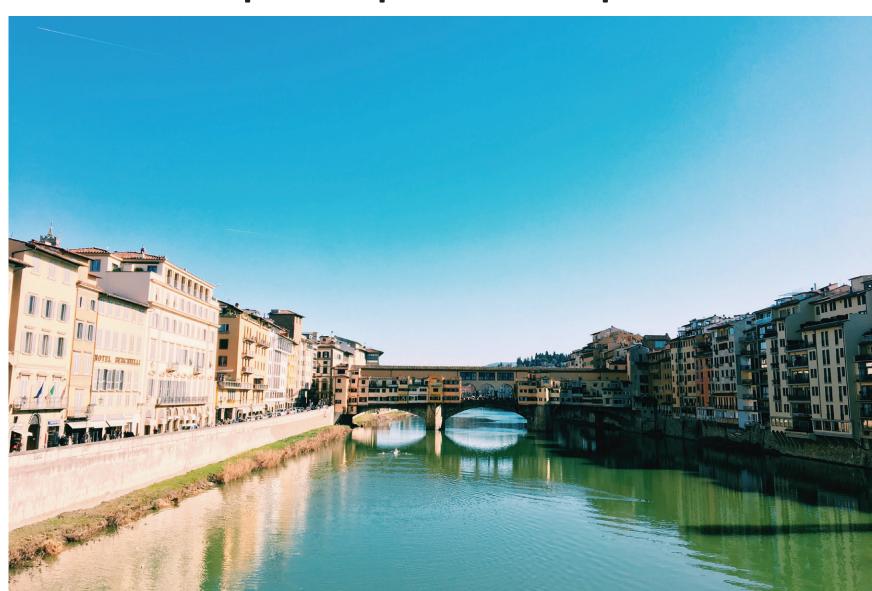
Support black businesses owners

Next time you're on the hunt for the perfect gift, maybe skip Target and search for a small business to support. The 2010 U.S. Census Bureau says that black or African American people only make up less than 2 percent of Maine's population. While this might make the task of finding a black-owned business to support a little more difficult, it makes it even more important.

Share on social me-

In our current climate, sometimes a post on social media can inspire a conversation or a question. A tweet or share can act as a catalyst for interest and understanding. While it is important to further your efforts offline, that doesn't mean sharing a post on social media isn't beneficial. Follow a black activist, journalist or politician and give them a wider audience by sharing their posts. Look critically at who you follow, what they stand for and how they influence your opinion.

A quick trip across the pond



The river in Florence.

Photo courtesy of Sierra Semmel.

Sierra Semmel Contributor

In a stark contrast to the single week of vacation I'm used to during spring semester at the University of Maine, Tel Aviv University is quite liberal with our vacation time. Instead of just a single spring break, we have two different long vacations in the course of the spring semester during which everybody takes advantage of the proximity to Europe. For this first break, my roommates and I booked flights from Tel Aviv to Rome, from Rome to Barcelona, and from Barcelona back to Tel Aviv for a nine-day trip.

Before coming to UMaine, I took a gap year to travel around Europe a bit. I went alone, with a backpack and a train pass, and hit nine countries in Europe, in addition to spending half a month in Israel to start the trip. So unlike my roommates, this brief trip to Europe wasn't my first rodeo.

There are many different ways to travel in Europe. You can opt to stay in hotels, hostels, Airbnbs, or even Couch Surf (an app where people offer open beds or rooms in their house to backpackers and travelers for free). I try to have the most authentic backpacker experience when I go (and I like to take it easy on my wallet), so I stay backpacker hostels and have used the Couch Surf app twice. This style isn't for everyone though, and traveling with people who were not used to it was something new for me. On this trip, my roommate and I stayed in hostels everywhere we went, and she, as a first-time hostel-stayer, got to see firsthand that it can be kind of hit-or-

The first morning in Italy, we took a train to Florence. Florence was what I had expected in some ways, but also completely different. The streets are gorgeous and remind me of the streets that I'd seen

in some other countries during my gap year: narrow and lined with very old buildings, many of them colorful with sculptures casually littered along the buildings or in a plaza. What surprised me however, was how small the city was. After one day, my roommate and I felt like we already knew our way around. We covered about 13 miles in that first day, weaving through the streets, doing some shopping, splitting a bottle of wine casually as we walked around (can't leave that detail out as it might be the best part of Europe).

My favorite thing to do when traveling might be simply walking around a city until I feel like I know it, at least a little bit. After this first 13-mile day, that became our norm. I think museums are amazing and there's so much to learn from them, but when traveling alone or backpacking, I find that

I think because Florence is so small, the amount of American

I'd rather just explore.

study abroad students is more noticeable than in larger cities. This was something I didn't love about the city; I don't love traveling somewhere and feeling like I'm just amongst other tourists rather than the locals, or feeling as if everything I'm partaking in is a tourist trap. I always try to choose hole-in-the-wall places to eat or places that seem to be favorites for the locals rather than places that cater to tourists, but sometimes the places with the best reviews and ratings end up being packed because of their reputation, so I just have to accept it and enjoy the food.

We spent about a day and a half in Rome before flying to Barcelona, and the contrast between Florence and Rome was astonishing. As small and quaint as Florence is, Rome is large and busy, crazy and honestly a bit dirty. I found the ruins fascinating though, as you might stumble on some

on any corner. The Colosseum was a must and it didn't disappoint, nor did the Roman Forum and the Pantheon; the history there is pretty breathtaking. I did prefer the quieter, cleaner, more colorful streets of Florence to the busy and packed streets of Page bayears.

Rome, however. The last half of the trip we spent in Barce-Iona. If I could do it over again I'd flip the order, and spend the first half there instead, when I was less exhausted it was by far my favorite city and possibly one of my favorites that I've been to in all of Europe so far. It reminded me of a cross between Ecuador (where I spent some time in high school), Tel Aviv and America. The Ecuador resemblance came from the outskirts of the city, where the houses seem to climb the hills and mountains that surround it. The Tel Aviv resemblance comes from the warmth, the palm trees and the beach, and the slight American resemcity center, not in looks but in modernity and variety of shops and food places (but the fact that there was a Five Guys, a Taco Bell and a KFC in the city center probably also aided this resemblance).

Traveling, as I've come to know, is exhausting. I've done it alone for months and now I've done a bit of it with some friends, and there are pros and cons to both. Alone, it can be lonely; there are times when all you want is to share the experience with someone. At the same time, it's liberating to be completely on your own, with your own agenda. With friends, it involves compromise, planning and a lot of time together. I can't say I prefer one way over the other. It can be challenging, difficult and certainly uncomfortable. Staying in hostels, having to lock up your things, showering in common showers, listening to strangers snore from a

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are powerful and can make change."

Bev Uhlenhake, the mayor of Brewer, shared a story of her father and how she came to grow up in a family where openness and political activism were encouraged.

"He said to me once, 'Women can do this thing called politics,' which although didn't get me thinking about running for office right away, did get me to realize that we can make a difference too," Uhlenhake said.

Uhlenhake was also a former candidate for state senate and is an active member of the Maine local government, striving to improve rights for women and sharing her political views with other officers and groups of women.

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Mary Cathcart is a

local resident of Orono who grew up in the 1960s. Previously a member of the UMaine NEW Leadership Program, Cathcart is still an active member of the community and a voice among the others involved in women's rights activism on campus. She was not able to cast her first vote as a woman until 1964, before the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and shared her story with the panelists and guests in atten-

dance
"Because of the time
period that I was living
in, I had to read a part
of the Constitution and
tell an employee what
it meant in order to be
able to vote. This was
a way they tried to stifle and repress many
citizens from voting, especially women and African Americans," Cathcart said.

The panel represented a diverse discussion of issues related to women. Maulian Dana, a Tribal Ambassador for the Penobscot Nation, decided to get involved in the community and government in order to help decrease marginalization and to help meet the needs of tribes in Maine. She is an activist who now represents the Penobscot Nation in front of the local government.

"We couldn't vote in the Maine State Elections until 1967 as a nation, and Maine was the second to last state that allowed Native Americans to vote," Dana said. "The government thought of our Native people as 'the Indian problem,' and we have to jump way back in order to remember the hardships they faced in order to get to where we are today."

Olivia Baldacci, the youngest member of the panel, is a Bangor High School senior, an activist, and an active member in her community. Interested in women's reproductive rights and feminism, Baldacci answered questions and told the audience that she strives to start making a difference in her high school years.

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high school years.

The panel also discussed other topics of sisterhood, female empowerment, accountability and what it means to be a female at any age in the United States.

"Sisterhood is being able to have difficult conversations and still come out of them being better people than we were before. This is crucial to our movement whether all women like each other or not," Uhlenhake said.

Judicaelle Irakoze joined the panel discussion and mediated the conversation, asking each panel member their takes on different feminist situations. Irakoze, who is originally

from Burundi, is a fem-

inist, writer and founder of the non-profit organization Choose Yourself. Irakoze also created the Girl Talk platform as a way to bring women together in an open environment where difficult conversations could safely occur.

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safely occur.

"At my non-profit organization, our job is to create conversations in different areas all over the world. We want to bring women together and discuss certain issues, both in America and other parts of the world," Irakaza said

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Irakoze also works
to help save women
from refugee camps
and writes about political events and issues
— most recently the
Kavanaugh trials. The
first time she was able
to vote was in this past
midterm elections.

"We have to ask ourselves who we are voting into power, we have to make sure these women elected to represent us will be the right choice and speak for our needs," Irakoze said. "When we vote bad, it hurts."

History Women's Month has been celebrated at the University of Maine for many decades, each year with new events and activities. The next upcoming events are on Monday, March 4, when the Feminist Collective hosts a Kick-Off Event in the North Pod of the Memorial Union, and on March 5 a Pancake Breakfast and Feminist Crafting will take place in the lobby of the Union.

To learn more about the panel discussion or first a list of future events, please visit https:// umaine.edu/news/blog/2019/02/27/womens-history-month-begins-with-intergenerational-conversation/

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NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

O	Cheers, The Wild Reeds	March 8
(Live In London, Flight Of The Conchords	March 8
0	There Will Be No Intermission, Amanda Palmer	March 8
	Captain Marvel (in theaters)	March 6
	Triple Frontier (Netflix)	March 6
	The Current War (in theaters)	March 7

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Denny's

Adam Barr speaks to UMaine students about his experiences as a television writer



On Saturday, March 2 Barr lead a workshop which gave students insight into how to develop a television show pilot.

Photo by Matt Lavoie.

Ali Tobey Contributor

Adam Barr grew up in Lewiston, Maine where his parents were deeply involved in the community. Through their work, they got to meet with people from different races, religions and socioeconomic backgrounds. His mother worked for a non-profit organization that provided education and job training to developmentally disabled adults and his father was a salesman that drove all over the state to meet clients. Barr often accompanied his father on these visits which took them all over the state to visit clients' farms, businesses and

From these trips, Barr learned how to see people and to care about their stories as his parents did. Barr gained a passion for knowing people deeper, who they were, how they live and how they hurt. Most importantly, he wanted to know what was funny about them. On one visit, he recalled his fa-

homes.

ther selling calendars to a husband and wife who owned a slaughterhouse in Turner, Maine. Standing with them in their living room, flipping through calendars, he noted they were still wearing their bloodstained aprons from work. Barr, talking to a crowd at Wells Conference Center on Friday, March 1, said he is inspired by peoples' unique quirks.

"And in Maine," Barr said. "There is no shortage of quirks."

In high school, Barr had teachers who encouraged his love of the humanities. He enjoyed theater, Shakespeare and Robert Frost. His parents would drive him to chamber concerts or to the library to further cultivate his love of reading and writing.

It was not until college that he decided to pursue a career in screenwriting. His friends, who had already graduated, told stories about writing for shows like "Saturday Night Live" or "Fresh Prince of Bel Air." This nudged

him to start writing scripts.

Since becoming a writer and moving to Los Angeles, Barr has worked on television shows like "Will and Grace," "The New Adventures of Old Christine," and a comedy news show called "Not Necessarily the News." He also works within the community, volunteering and helping students develop their own passion for writing.

The University of Maine Stephen E. King Chair in Literature Caroline Bicks brought Barr to UMaine to discuss his story and the relevance of his work as a writer. As the King Chair, Bicks works to promote literature and the humanities at the University. The goal of her lecture series is to bring people to campus that are using their humanities backgrounds to make a difference in the world.

"I knew that Adam would be perfect for this series because he is using his talent as a writer and storyteller to address larger so-

cial issues in a medium that reaches millions of people," Bicks said. "He and the writers he works with have to think every day about how to find the right words and scenarios to address difficult but timely problems."

Since the reboot, Barr and his fellow writers have continued to discuss relevant topics like race, gender, sexuality, age, body image and sexual assault.

In writing about relevant topics, Barr hopes to begin a discussion among viewers. During the original seasons of "Will and Grace," Barr would read letters from young fans thanking them for sparking the conversation about the LGBT community. These fans were able to start to talk to their families about their sexuality because they were able

to relate to the comedy.

Since the reboot, the writers still work to create a conversation among viewers. By discussing socially relevant topics, they hope that fans can bond over the

comedy and talk about hard topics.

"I don't pretend that television has the power to heal all wounds ... But they demonstrate that tv can serve a purpose beyond mere entertainment," Barr said. "I've turned down a lot more offers than I have taken. I have no interest in a project that is simply entertainment for entertainment sake. For me a show has to shine some light on the human condition, and I have been lucky enough to work on

the shows that I have." During his series of visits at UMaine, Barr was able to interact with students from diverse parts of campus. He spoke to students in the Maine Business School, the English Department, School of Performing Arts and more. By connecting with these students, he was able to share his own experiences and discuss how Hollywood can stay rel-

In addition to his lectures, Barr hosted a workshop to help writers cultivate their ideas.

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Tuesday, March 5
Pancake
Breakfast and
Feminist Crafting
9:00 am - 11:00
am
Memorial Union
Lobby

Thursday, March 7
Yard Dog at the

Yard Dog at the IMRC! 7:00 p.m. IMRC Center

Friday, March 8
Carnival
Madness
4:00 p.m. - 1:00
a.m.
North Pod, OHOP

Friday, March 8 No Man's Land Film Festival 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. DPC 100

Saturday, March

His workshop taught students how to think about character development, how to create a narrative, and how to tell a compelling story while considering the marketability and audience of their work.

Barr believes with good writing, television can help conversations about hard topics and create experiences relatable for diverse audiences. Hollywood will only remain relevant as long as writers continue to promote diverse casts and socially relevant topics. With that, audiences can become more aware of social topics and can work towards a broader understanding of issues that they face in society

Women's History Month kicks off with panel discussion

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On March 1, in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union, six women sat down to share their stories with the student body. The panel discussion was sponsored by the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program and was an intergenerational conversation about topics that included feminism, women's rights and voting privileges in recognition of Women's History Month.

Dana Carver-Bialer, the coordinator for leadership development at the University of Maine, introduced the panel and started the conversation by posing questions related to women's right to vote in America. Each panelist got a chance to

share their view of what voting means to them, and also to tell the audience about their own personal experiences with womanhood. The six women who spoke on the panel ranged in socioeconomic status, allowing a variety of

different perspectives, opinions and experiences to be heard.

"My grandmother used to use the vacant side of our double family home as a safe space for members of the community to gather and talk about things going on in

the news," Carver-Bialer said. "These conversations start with women first thing in the morning, and they end with women who stay up and talk for hours into the middle of the night. We

Sports



Black Bears' men's
basketball takes two
losses at home

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03/02	Mens Basketball vs. Binghamton	Loss	60-83
	Women's Basketball @ Binghamton	Win	67-60
	Softball @ University of Missouri-Kansas City	Win	5-4
	Baseball @ Liberty University	Loss	2-3
	Men's Hockey @ UMass Amherst	Loss	0-6
	Softball @ Abilene Christian University	Loss	2-9

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University of Maine women's softball recap

Women's basketball ends regular season on 11-game win streak



Team ends on a big winning streak.

Matt Lavoie, Staff.

Morgan Ford Contributor

The University of Maine women's basketball team added wins to conference record this week as they faced off in back to back away games against the University of Massachusetts Lowell Riverhawks and the Binghamton University Bearcats. The women's team has a record of 15-1 against teams in the America East Conference, giving them the first seed heading into the America East Tournament.

Their first contest of the week was against the University of Massachusetts Lowell on Wednesday, Feb. 27. The Black Bears struggled in the first half of the game, letting their opponents score 50 percent of their shots from the field for a total of 18 points. Maine only shot 31 percent from the field and shot 11 shots from beyond the arc, only sinking three shots from deep. Despite this struggle, Maine still only trailed by five points with a score of 13-18 after the first 10 minutes of action. The next quarter saw the Black Bears turn things around, as they scored a strong 17 points while limiting Lowell to just 10. Heading into halftime with a 30-28 lead, the Black Bears intended to keep up their effort in the close contest.

Maine went back onto the court after the half with plenty of confidence in their shooting. Locking down on defense, the Black Bears limited Lowell to five points in the third quarter while putting up 18 points of their own. Maine's shooting averages skyrocketed as well, hitting 54 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc this quarter. The last quarter saw Maine ease up slightly, however they still dominated the court to end the game at a score of 60-41. Fourth-year guard Tanesha Sutton led the women's team in both rebounds and points this game with a double-double, consisting of 19 points and 10 rebounds. Second-year guard Dor Saar also scored in the double digits this game contributing 12 points.

After streaking out of their contest against Lowell with confidence, Binghamton came as a great challenge for Maine on Saturday, March 2. After dominating through the first three quarters of play, the Black Bears looked to be wrapping up the contest with a game high 21 point lead over the Bearcats. Binghamton refused to take the substantial loss, and thanks to multiple substitutions to begin the fourth quarter they were able to make a run, shrinking Maine's lead to just seven by the time the final buzzer sounded. The first and second quarters had identical box scores, with Maine scoring 17 points and Binghamton scoring 13 points. In the first

half the opponents couldn't buy a basket from out deep, shooting 0-10 from beyond the arc. Maine fared slightly better, hitting 2-12 from three. The true difference maker for Maine came at the foul line, hitting 12 foul shots from the line in the first half alone.

the first half alone. The second half saw dominated quarters by both teams. In the third quarter, Maine outscored the opponents 22-10. Binghamton fought back in the final quarter scoring points compared Maine's 10. This run by the Bearcats was largely due to first-year guard Rebecca Carmody. In the end, the Black Bears won 67-60, with four players scoring double digits. Third-year

guard Blanca Millan led the scoring with 23 points. Saar and Sutton scored 11 points themselves, along with third-year forward Fanny Wadling also scoring 11 while collecting 12 rebounds.

Wednesday, March 5, the women's team will play their first game of the playoffs against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats. In the last game that Maine played against New Hampshire, the Black Bears won with a solid score of 69-45. With the home crowd and it being a heavily anticipated rival game, there is no better way to go further in the playoffs than knocking off your rival in the first round.

This day in history: birthdays

Leela Stockley

Staff Writer

On March 3, 1962, Jackie Joyner-Kersee was born in St. Louis, Illinois. Joyner-Kersee is a highly decorated track and field athlete, who is known as one of the greatest heptathlon competitors, as well as a talented long jumper. In 1987, she was named by Sports Illustrated as the "Greatest Female Athlete of the 20th Century" for her athletic feats.

Joyner-Kersee, a six-time Olympic med-

alist, earned three gold medals during her Olympic career which spanned four Olympic Games. To this day, her heptathlon record from the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, remains unbeaten.

While competing at Rome's Olympic stadium during the World Track and Field Championships, Joyner-Kersee proved just how talented an athlete she was when she achieved the highest first day total in history in the heptathlon event, bringing in 564

points more than second-place athlete Larisa Nikitina. She also holds the event world record, after bringing in 7,291 points during the 1988 Seoul Olympics. This record is about six hundred points higher than the men's heptathlon record which stands at 6,645 points after the 2012 Olympics, a record set by fellow American athlete Ashton Eaton.

Joyner-Kersee started her career as an athlete after attending the University of California at Los Angeles, where she played on the women's basketball team as well as competed for the track and field team. During the 1983-84 academic year, Joyner-Kersee chose to red-shirt out of her basketball season to take time to focus on training for the 1984 Olympics, where she would compete in the heptathlon. However, she was still a dedicated basketball player, as she scored 1,167 points during her collegiate career. In 1998, she was honored by UCLA as "one

of the 15 greatest players" to ever attend the university.

After competing in the 1984 summer Olympics, held in Los Angeles, Joyner-Kersee was awarded the silver medal in the heptathlon. She finished only five points behind Australian heptathlete Glynis Nunn. She competed in the event again at the 1986 Goodwill Games and was the first woman to break the 7,000-point barrier after she earned 7,148 points.

In 2000, Jackie

Joyner-Kersee retired officially from active participation in the sports world, and dedicated her life to helping others, especially children and young athletes. The Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation was established in 1988 to improve athletic resources and introduce resources to help improve quality of life, mainly focused in St. Louis, Illinois. In 2007, Joyner-Kersee along with many other world-famous athletes

See Birthdays on B5

Black Bears' men's basketball takes two losses at home



First-year guard Terion Moss drives to the hoop in Maine's 61-70 loss against UMass Lowell.

Matt Lavoie, Staff.

Morgan Ford Contributor

The University of Maine's men's basketball team struggled this week in home games against the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Binghamton University. Both games were against fellow American East teams. The first game was Wednesday, Feb. 27 against Lowell, where the Black Bears worked to outscore their opponent for the second time of the season.

In a rematch similar to their first contest of the season, both teams went back and forth for the entire first half. Maine started off with the lead, but were unable to increase the deficit by any more than five points. As the half went on, the Riv-

er Hawks were able to come back and take the lead. Both teams shot impressively and evenly during the quarter with Maine going 43 percent from the field, 70 percent from the free throw line and 36 percent for from behind the arch. Lowell had similar shooting abilities on the night, with 42 percent from the field, 83 percent from the free throw line and 33 percent from in

At the end of the half, Maine had quite the spread of scorers and a strong 31 points and 18 rebounds. Lowell also ended the half with 31 points, however most of the teams scoring went through third-year guard Chris-Lutete. Lutete scored 17 points but for the second half the Black Bears stopped the scoring threat, only allowing four more points to come from

The second half started out just as evenly as the first half and by the 10 minute mark, both teams were again tied. This changed very quickly due to a sudden run made by Lowell. Lowell jumped up to a 10 point lead with five minutes left and during this time Maine couldn't seem to find their shot. As the final buzzer sounded, the Black Bears walked off with a 70-61 defeat at the hands of Lowell. The leading scorers for this game were thirdyear forward Vincent Eze with 15 points, third-year guard Dennis Ashley with 11 and second-year center Vilgot Larsson with 10

Their next game was played Saturday, March 2, against Binghamton. After losing to the Binghamton Bearcats 66-78 earlier in the season, Maine looked to level the score in this contest. The team was able to keep the game interesting for the first half of the contest, ending with a score of 29-33. Maine's disadvantage came from beyond the arch, where the Bearcats shot 42 percent to the Black Bears' 22 percent.

The Bearcats' shooting only improved as the game went on, hitting an astounding 65 percent. Entering the second half both teams went back and forth, but after a few minutes Binghamton found its groove. The Black Bears increased their outside shooting to 43 percent, but were unable to keep up with Binghamton's onslaught. Not only that, but they brought their shooting from the field to 64 percent and shot 100 percent from behind the foul line. Their explosive offense caught Maine off guard, overwhelming the Black Bears' defense by dropping a whopping 50 points in the second half. While Maine managed to put up 31 points of their own, their offense was no match for the Bearcats' attack, losing by a final score of 83-60. Eze had a double-double for the game with 22 points scored and rebounds, while also contributing three assists. Outside of Eze, only Ashley was able to put up double digits in scoring for Maine, contributing 11

points of his own. The next and final game for the Black Bears this regular season will be against rival University of New Hampshire Wildcats. The game against the Wildcats will be played in Durham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 5. After defeating the Wildcats 62-53 earlier in the season, Maine looks to finish the season strong with a final win to send them into the offseason.

Women's swimming and diving team finish season at the ECAC championships

Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's swimming and diving team finished out their sea-

son this weekend after competing in Maryland at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships. The Black Bears were up against 16 other teams at the championship meet

Representing Maine were first-year Philann Dixon, second-years Annalise McCurdy and Maggie White, thirdyears Inès Khiyara, Emma Blair, Ines Khiyara and Emily Lund, along with fourthyears Shayla Kleisinger, Emma Blackdeer,

March 1-3.

Emily Lund, Juliana McDonald and Beatrix Lavenguir.

After the first meet on Friday, the women placed fifth out of the 17 teams, bringing in a total of 72.5 points during the first day of competition.

Competing Friday in the 200-yard freestyle relay was the team of McDonald, White, Blair and Khiyara. The relay team placed fifth, with a finishing time of 1:35.95. The 400-yard medley team made up of McDonald, Blair, Khiyara, and Blackdeer finished ninth in the B-final, with a time of 3:55.99.

Individually, the team performed well, with McDonald bringhome seventh

place in the 200-yard individual medley (IM) with a finishing time of 2:08.61. Khiyara followed in the B-round of the 200-yard IM, coming in tenth with a time of 2:09.56.

Blair tied for tenth place in B-final of the 50-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 23.83.

Kleisinger competed in the distance events for the University of Maine, bringing home 16th place in the 500-yard freestyle, with a time of 5:08.39.

The Black Bears have had a tough season, with injuries challenging them throughout the year. But the team has stayed positive. White focuses on

how much the team

works to support each better leader. Especialother, and how much it means to each athlete to have that support.

"I know that when push comes to shove, I can turn to anyone for help, guidance, or words of encouragement," Lilli Wiseman noted about the strength of the bond between herself and her teammates. The fourth-year, who was unable to participate at the championships, is

also the team captain. "I've become more myself through being a member on this team - being around people who truly care about you lets you do that. I also have become more responsi-

ble, better with time

management and a

ly this year as a senior, you kind of set an example in hard work ... and in positivity,"Emily Neville, a fourth-year swimmer, said.

She also notes that the team's strenuous training schedule, which spans from September to March, often puts a lot of physical strain on the athletes. The "strength in numbers" approach helps the women stay passionate while they train in the pool and weight room

Neville offered some insight to the team's headspace, saying that the success for the team isn't necessarily based on lower times or higher scores, but positivity.

"When you have to wake up at 5 a.m. to drive to lift, or when you're so sore you can't move ... it can be easy to be negative. But this year everyone has been so positive and [you can see] there's huge power in a positive team," Neville said.

The season came to a positive end at the ECAC Championships after months of hard work, and the Black Bears will continue to stay positive as they look towards their next season.

University of Maine women's softball recap



UMaine Softball spent the weekend in Abilene, Texas for two double headers.

Matt Lavoie, Staff.

Alex Aidonidis Contributor

The University of Maine women's softball team traveled down to Abilene, Texas for two double headers against the University of Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos and Abilene Christian University Wildcats over the weekend of March 1-3.

Kicking off their four game tour, the Black Bears faced off against the Kangaroos and were handed a 7-0 loss and followed up with a 9-2 loss later in the day against the Wildcats. Maine's offense was lacking against

their first opponent, only managing two hits against the Kangaroos. While they managed to get eight hits off of Wildcats' second-year pitcher Samantha Bradley, only two runs were scored. Bradley picked up two runs of her own on offense for the Wildcats, in addition to pitching the entire game.

First-year pitcher Gabbie Siciliano took the mound for Maine against the Wildcats and completed two frames of work before being relieved by second-year pitcher Kylie O'Donnell. The two combined to give up eight hits and

nine runs, while also walking three batters. Multiple errors in the second inning by the Black Bears' infield gave up two runs and three stolen bases, giving momentum to the Wildcats early in the contest, which propelled them forward to their eventual victory over Maine.

The Black Bears were able to bounce back the next day and pick up a win in their second game against the Kangaroos. Maine found themselves down 4-1 late in the game but were able to capitalize with their base runners and in the bottom of

the sixth, second-year right fielder Hailey Perry knocked a solo shot that tied the game at 4-4 going into the final inning. Reliever Lilly Volk delivered strongly for the Black Bears keeping the score tied going into the bottom of the seventh. Second-year catcher Makayla Livingston came in for a pinch hit in which she reached base on a bunt; and a throwing error from the Kangaroo's infield was enough for second-year catcher Amanda Nee to make it home from second base to give Maine a 5-4 walk off win to draw the two game set

against the Kangaroos. Maine's momentum in their comeback victory against the University of Missouri-Kansas City didn't carry over into their contest against the Wildcats, as they lost once more by a final score of 9-2. The girls will now turn their focus to next week as they travel to Kansas for a similar double two game set, as they will once again take

Maine hopes to have a strong showing in enemy territory next weekend. Because

on the University of

Missouri-Kansas City

along with the Univer-

sity of Kansas.

of typical northeast weather, Maine's softball team has quite a bit of waiting time before they will get to play at home in Orono on Saturday, April 13, against the University of Hartford. Until then, the Black Bears will have to make the most out of their road games and steal some wins before they play in their own backyard. When this road trip ends during mid-April, the Black Bears will then play 11 of their final 14 games at home, giving them an advantage in a late season

playoff push.

UMaine men's hockey dropped their last road game to the #2 UMass Minutemen 6-0

Nick Boutin Contributor

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team dropped their final road game of the season to the Univer-

sity of Massachusetts

Minutemen 6-0.

The Minutemen started the game pressuring the Black Bears; second-year goaltender Jeremy Swayman held the Black Bears in the game by guarding the goal like a true stalwart against the Minutemen. Eight minutes into the first period the Minutemen opened up the scor-

ing with second-year forward Oliver Chau picking up the puck from third-year forward Niko Hildenbrand in the neutral zone off an outlet pass from third-year defenseman Jake McLaughlin,. Chau drove to the Maine net and across the crease to lift a backhander past Swayman for his seventh tally of the season.

season.

The Minutemen doubled their lead when second-year forwards Mitchell Chaffee and Mario Ferraro found themselves behind the Maine defense on a two man

breakaway. After faking out Swayman, Ferraro picked up the goal for the Minutemen. UMass controlled the first period as they led 2-0 heading into the intermission.

The Minutemen kept the pressure on in the second period, scoring four goals on the Black Bears to put them away. Five minutes into the period, first-year forward Anthony Del Gaizo scored a backhand goal from the slot with the assist from first-year defenseman Colin Felix. With the Minutemen on the powerplay, firstyear forward Ty Farmer crashed the net and made the score 4-0 with eight minutes left in the second period. Chau and Ferraro collected the assist on the goal. Chau later added his third point of the night, to tie a single-game career best, with his second goal of the game coming at the three minute mark assisted by third-year forward Hildenbrand and second-year forward George Mika. Second-year forward Jake Gaudet followed shortly after, scoring by putting his own rebound past the Sway-

man from the slot. Second-year defenseman Cale Makar and Chaffee earned the assist on the play, putting the Minutemen up 6-0.

The third period was all UMass, but neither teams found the back of the net and the score staved at 6-0. Maine only had 16 shots on goal while UMass poured 45 shots on the Maine goaltenders. Swayman played the first two periods making 27 saves, and fourth-year goaltender Rob McGovern played the rest of the game making 12 saves. The Black Bears move to

14-15-4 and sit at sixth place in the Hockey East standings ahead of Boston College by one point as they go into the last weekend of the regular season.

The University of Maine men's hockey team will take on the Boston University Terriers in a one game series at Alfond Arena in Orono on Friday, March 9. This will be the final game of the regular season and senior night for the Black Bears.

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Women's Basketball vs. UNH 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Friday, March 8 Men's Track vs. NCAA Tournament TBA

Men's Baseball @ Mississippi State

University 7:30 p.m. Women's Track

vs. NCAA Tournament TBA

Women's Softball vs. UMKC 12:00 p.m.

Women's Softball @ University of Kansas 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9 Women's Softball vs. UMKC 2:30 p.m.

Men's Baseball @ Mississippi State University 4:00 p.m.

Women's Softball @ University of Kansas 5:00 p.m.



MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

02/28 UMass Amherst	4	03/02 Merrimack	1
Merrimack	2	Boston University	5
Boston University	1	Boston College	2
Providence	1(OT)	Northeastern	4
03/01 Northeastern	1	New Hampshire	2
Boston College	3	UMass Lowell 2	(OT)
Vermont	1	Maine	0
UConn	5	UMass Lowell	6
UMass Lowell	0		
New Hampshire	1		

UMass Amherst 26-7 22-10-1 Northeastern 20-9-6 **Providence** 18-11-4 **UMass Lowell** 14-5-4 **Boston University**

OVERALL

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

03/01 Boston College	4	03/02 Boston College	5(OT)
UConn	1	UConn	4
Vermont	2	Vermont	0
Northeastern	7	Northeastern	1
Providence	2	New Hampshire	1
Merrimack	0	Boston College	3
New Hampshire	1	Merrimack	1
Boston University	5	Providence	2

HOCKEY EAST RECORD

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OCKEY EAST RECORD	OVERALL
Northeastern	25-5-5
Boston College	25-10-1
Boston University	21-7-8
Providence	24-10-2
Merrimack	16-13-7

University of Maine men's baseball recap

Alex Aidonidis Contributor

As beginning of the season road trips continue, the University of Maine baseball team has had a difficult time finding its footing. The jetlag, in addition to only playing outside for road games, has caused quite a few obstacles for the northern

New England sluggers. Maine's final game of a two game set against the University of Maryland, the Black Bears' offense found life after fourthyear designated hitter Colin Ridley's hit a homer in the top of the fifth inning. Maine was down 6-0 prior to Ridley's solo homerun but it was enough to open up the floodgates for Maine's offense that was able to tack on another five runs in the following two innings. In the sixth inning, second-year first baseman Joe Bramanti knocked in a three-run home run, driving in fourthyear second baseman Caleb Kerbs and firstyear outfielder Mike Sabatine to shorten the gap to 6-4.

In the seventh frame, Kerbs and third-year first baseman Hernan Sardinas each batted in runs to tie the game at 6-6 going into the final two innings. In the bottom of the eighth, second-year reliever Matt Geoffrion was pitching his second inning of the game, but the

Maryland batting order was able to shake off their mid-game woes and bring in three runs on Geoffrion, making the score 9-6. Geoffrion was still able to finish the game for the Black Bears, but was charged with the loss on the game.

Although the game did not finish the way Maine had hoped, they hang their hats on the fact that they were able to come back from a 6-0 hole, fighting back to make it a game to the end. Maine also got a strong relief performance from firstpitcher Jacob Small who took over for third-year southpaw Trevor DeLaite in the bottom of the fifth. Small pitched two strong innings with four strikeouts, keeping Maine in the game and helping spark the mid-game comeback.

After the tough loss, the Black Bears turned their attention to another roadtrip, this time to Lynchburg, Virginia for a three game series against the Liberty University Flames over March 2 and 3.

In a double header on Saturday, the Black Bears took a 0-7 loss with second-year pitcher Peter Kemble on the mound to begin the series. Flames' third-year starter Andrew McInvale kept the Black Bears' offense in check, striking out six Black Bears and only allowing one man to get on base in

six frames of action. Maine's bullpen fared no better against the Flames' offense, with pitcher second-year Matthew Pushard replacing Kemble in the bottom of the third inning. Pushard struck out first-year infielder Jaylen Guy, ending the inning. After a promising bottom of the fourth, in which the infield cleaned up on three consecutive pop flies, Maine's defense began to crumble. Flames' second-year first baseman Logan Mathieu took a fastball from Pushard long, hitting a double out to centerfield that scored second-year infielder Will Wagner. The next man up to bat, thirdyear shortstop Cam Locklear, hit a single out to left that drove Mathieu in for the score. Second-year pitcher Dillon Stimpson relieved Pushard in the seventh and gave up a single to Mathieu, which drove in two runs, wrapping up the

game with a final score of 7-0. Less than an hour

after the end of game one, the Black Bears came back out onto the field and tightened up for a 2-3 loss against the Flames. The Black Bears' two runs came in the fourth inning with Bramanti hitting a double to get himself on base, driving in fourth-year infielder Danny Casa-Is. Bramanti ran in for a score on a double down the right field line

by third-year shortstop Jeffrey Omohundro. Maine's lone scoring inning wasn't enough though, as a run late in the seventh inning by the Flames sealed the Black Bears' loss.

Maine's next series will be at Mississippi State University on March 8-10, where the Black Bears hope to turn around their sea-

The exhibition, Against My Will, is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series and with generous support of the Alton '38 and Adelaide Hamm Campus Activity Fund



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NHL Recap

Nick Boutin Contributor

The Boston Bruins went 3-0-0 this past week, wrapping up the month of February with only two losses, both of which came in close shootouts.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the Bruins beat the San Jose Sharks 4-1, extending their point streak to 14 games. Left-wing Brad Marchand had a goal and two assists for the Bruins, who are 10-0-4 in their past 14 games and have won eight of their past nine. Boston leads the Toronto Maple Leafs by three points for second in the Atlantic Division.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, the Boston Bruins beat the league leading Tampa Bay Lightning 4-1 at the TD Garden. The Bruins scored three goals in under two minutes to beat the Lightning. Goaltender Tuukka Rask made 20 saves for the Bruins (38-17-9). They still lead the Toronto Maple Leafs by three points for second place in the Atlantic Division.

On Saturday, March 2, the Boston Bruins defeated the New Jersey Devils 1-0 at TD Garden. Marchand picked up the only goal of the night and his 27th on the season. Rask made 20 saves for his third shutout of the season and 44th in the NHL. He is 14-0-3 in his past 18 games.

Trade deadline moves

The Nashville Pred-

ators acquired veteran forward Wayne Simmons from the Philadelphia Flyers for forward Ryan Hartman and a 2020 fourth round draft pick.

The Vegas Golden Knights picked up forward Mark Stone from the Ottawa Senators for defenseman Erik Brannstrom, forward Oscar Lindberg and a 2020 second round draft pick.

The Pittsburgh Penguins acquired defenseman Erik Gudbranson from the Vancouver Canucks for forward Tanner Pearson.

The Minnesota Wild traded forward Mikael Granlund to the Nashville Predators for forward Kevin Fiala.

The Boston Bruins

acquired forward Marcus Johansson from the New Jersey Devils for a 2019 second round draft pick and a 2020 fourth round draft pick.

Hot Teams in the NHL

The streaking Boston Bruins capped off a fantastic February that has them in second place in the Eastern Conference.

The Carolina Hurricanes are 8-2-0 in their last ten games, putting them in seventh place in the Eastern Conference and giving them a chance to go to the playoffs. They are leading the Columbus Blue Jackets and the Pittsburgh Penguins by one point for seventh place.

Teams on the Rise

The Arizona Coyotes have been hot going 8-2-0 in the last ten games. They are currently in tenth place in the Western Conference, only two points behind the seventh place Dallas Stars.

The St. Louis Blues have gone 7-2-1 in the last ten games putting them in sixth place in the Western Conference and giving them a five point lead over the Dallas Stars.

Cold Teams in the NHL

The Detroit Red Wings have been cold going 2-6-2 in the last ten games dropping them to 15th place in the Eastern Conference. With a 28-point gap between them and the eighth place Florida Panthers, the Red

Wings look to finish the season with momentum going into next year.

After starting off the season hot, the Buffalo Sabers have gone 3-6-1 in the last ten games putting them in eleventh place in the Eastern Conference. The Sabers are seven points outside of a playoff spot, with 18 games left on their schedule. They'll need a strong push if they have any hope in competing in the postseason action.

Birthdays from **B1**

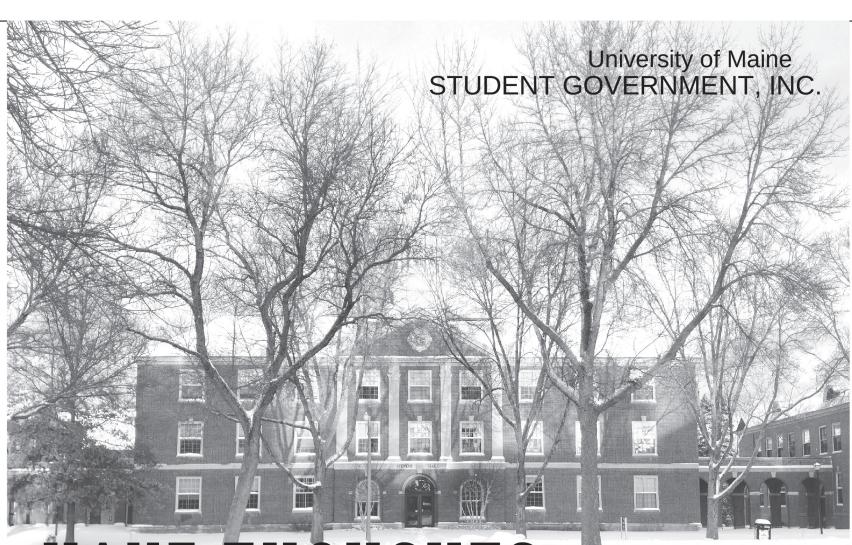
and public figures founded Athletes for Hope, which is an organization that helps professional athletes find communities that would benefit from volunteerism and community support.

She has also been awarded multiple honors as a highly decorated and influential athlete. She was awarded the Dick Enberg Award in 2011 for her dedication to upholding integrity in team sports. Joyner-Kersee has also been given the honor of having an award named after her. In 1996, the Jesse Owens Award was split into two categories: male and female athlete of the year. In 2013, the female counterpart of the Jesse Owens Award was re-

named in her honor and is now called the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Award.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee is one of the strongest athletes of modern time, and is remembered for her duty towards uplifting others as much as she is remembered as a feat of modern athleticism.





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Professional Sports This Week

NBA	EASTERM CONFERENCE	RECORD
1	Milwaukee Bucks	48-15
2	Toronto Raptors	46-17
3	Indiana Pacers	41-23
4	Philadelphia 76ers	40-23
5	Boston Celtics	38-25
6	Brooklyn Nets	32-33

NBA	WESTERN CONFERENCE	RECORD
1	Golden State Warriors	44-19
2	Denver Nuggets	42-20
3	Oklahoma City Thunder	38-24
4	Portland Trail Blazers	38-24
5	Houston Rockets	37-25
6	Utah Jazz	36-26

NHL EASTERN	N CONFERENCE	RECORD
Atlantic 1	Tampa Bay	50-12
2	Boston	39-17
3	Toronto	40-21
Metropolitan 1	New York	37-20

Washington

Carolina

37-21

NHL WEST	TERI	N CONFERENCE	RECORD
Central	1	Winnipeg	38-22
	2	Nashville	37-25
	3	St. Louis	34-25
Pacific	1	Calgary	41-17
	2	San Jose	38-19
	3	Las Vegas	35-26

Upcoming Games:

NBA:

Tuesday, March 5 Orlando @ Philadelphia Houston @ Toronto Boston @ Golden State

Wednesday, March 6 Minnesota @ Detroit San Antonio @ Atlanta Utah @ New Orleans Denver @ Los Angeles

Thursday, March 7 Indiana @ Milwaukee Oklahoma @ Portland

NHL:

Monday, March 4 Toronto @ Calgary

Tuesday, March 5 Ottowa @ New York Carolina @ Boston Florida @ Pittburgh Winnipeg @ Tampa Bay Minnesota @ Nashville

Wednesday, March 6 Washington @ Philadelphia Calgary @ Las Vegas

Thursday, March 7 Florida @ Boston Columbus @ Pittsburgh Minnesota @ Tampa Bay

AAF:

Saturday, March 9 Orlando @ Birmingham Salt Lake @ San Diego

Sunday, March 3 Memphis @ Atlanta San Antonio @ Arizona

Men's swimming and diving closes out season at ECAC Championship

Leela StockleyStaff Writer

This weekend on March 1-3, athletes from University of Maine men's swim team represented the Black Bears in competition at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships in Annapolis, Maryland to close out a successful season.

First-years Rooster Cardin and Cameron Kubik, second-years Jacob Gutkes, Hayden Kasavicha and Kazu Temple, third-years Nick Gould and Andy Sprague, and fourth-year Coulter Morrill all travelled to compete against 19 oth-

er schools in the final championship meet of the season.

On Friday, March 1, the University of Maine men's team finished seventh out of the 20 teams.

The first event of the day where the Black Bears brought in points was the 200yard freestyle relay, with Sprague, Kubik, Gould and Morrill taking home sixth place with a final time of 1:24.38. Gould, Kubik, and Sprague teamed up with Temple in the 400-yard medley reas well, coming in ninth place in the B-final with a time of 3:27.57.

Sprague also com-

peted individually in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 20:81. Kubik also placed 11th in the B-final of the 200-yard individual medley (IM), with a time of 1:51.81

with a time of 1:51.81. The ECAC Championships wrap up the 2018-19 season for the men's swimming and diving team, after a successful season of personal bests team The team improved by leaps and bounds this past season, with the team earning a new school record in the 400-yard medley and the 400-yard freestyle relays. Many athletes improved individual-

ly this season as well,

with fourth-year Kevin Kane earning a personal best in the 500- and 200-yard freestyles. Kubik also earned a personal best at the ECAC Championships during his 200-yard IM competition.

First-year Dalton Sousa personally feels that the team has had some huge successes this season.

"The biggest success the team had this season would have to be all the records, especially the relay record. Those show [this team] has depth...and it's a good sign for the future of the program,"

Teammates felt as though they were

Sousa said.

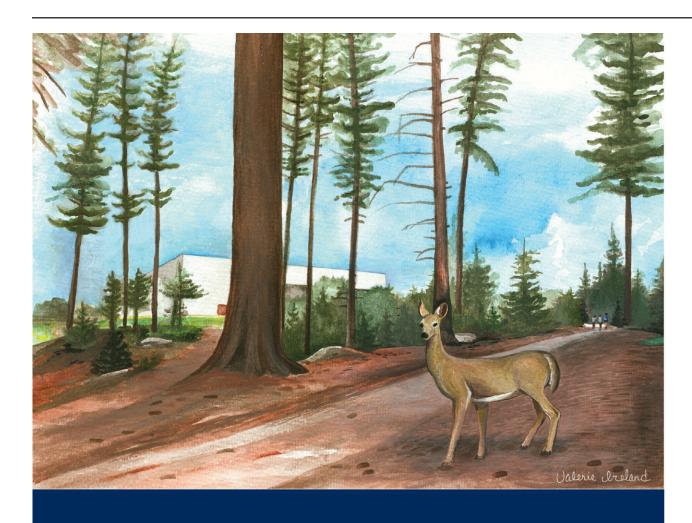
ready to handle the challenge of the ECAC, after coming out of the America East Championships with confidence. During the weekend at the AE Championships, the team broke six of the standing school records.

The team had faced a lot of challenges going into the championship meets, with training schedules and academia putting more strain on the athletes. The team took a training trip to Florida during the season, which put an additional strain on the swimmers' schedules. Despite the challenge, fourth-year Kevin Kane

feels as though the experience helped the team bond.

"[The training trip] was a lot of fun, but it is without a doubt the toughest week of the entire season. Getting through a week of training like that was a great bonding experience for the team,". Kane said.

While the season has come to a close, the team will continue to train hard in preparation for next season.



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