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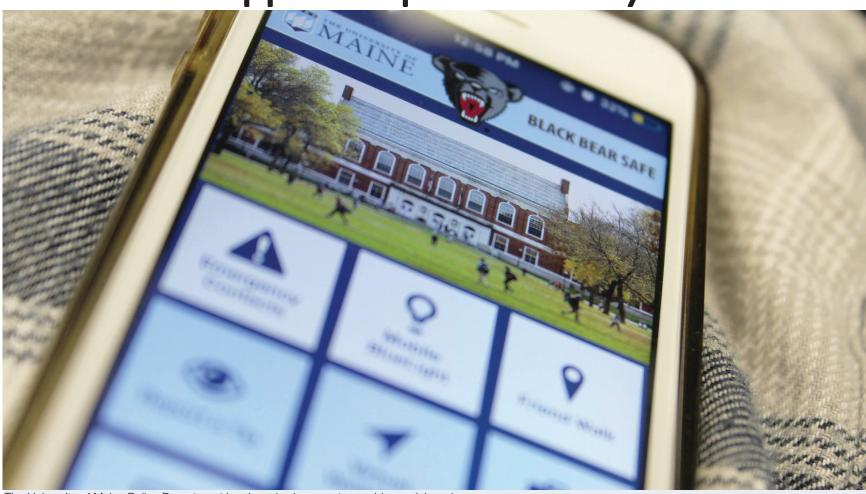
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## **UMPD** releases "Black Bear Safe" app to help community



The University of Maine Police Department has launched an app to provide a quick and easy way to access on-campus safety resources.

Photo by Antyna Gould.

### Leela Stockley

**News Editor** 

The University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) recently developed and released a smartphone app called Black Bear Safe in an attempt to make the campus a safer place for students.

The app, which is free, is available on Apple's App Store as well as on Google's Play Store. Through the app, students are able to access a wide variety of services to help them stay safe, whether they are reporting an incident anonymously or using the app to contact emergency services.

Black Bear Safe offers the ability to

quickly call 911 or area police stations at the press of a thumb. It also allows app users to send an emergency dispatcher their location from the app, which allows responders to more easily find someone in distress. This feature, called the "mobile blue light" function, is reminiscent of the physical blue light stations located **UMaine** campus, which allow users to speak with a dispatcher at the press of a button. The mobile app is a viable option for students to be able to reach out to UMPD if they are not within the distance of a blue light station.

The app also has a form that lets people anonymously submit tips about incidents on campus. If you use the app to report an incident, you can attach a photo or video of the incident to alert UMPD as to the severity. UMPD anticipates that this feature will be used to report fender benders and other minor car damages.

The Black Bear Safe app will also provide emergency plans, which will help guide people through situations where they may need advice or support. There are also ways to access support services for Title IX services, health counseling and mental health counseling.

Fourth-year student Ryan LaGross has already used the app. LaGross has an undiagnosed condition that causes him to have unpredictable seizures. He had been looking for ways to keep himself safe if he felt a seizure starting, and opened up dialogue with UMPD on how to get in touch with emergency services or a dispatcher before he became unresponsive. Black Bear Safe, which allows you to alert emergency services through the touch of a button, was a good option for LaGross.

"I can feel my seizures coming on about one minute in advance, so I determined that it would be best to call for first responders in case I do get hurt," LaGross said. "They showed me a simple function on the Black

Bear Safe app that allows you to choose which emergency number to use so I just pressed 'UMaine Police Department' and luckily had enough time to explain where I was and that I was having a seizure before my seizure actually started."

LaGross notes that when he can feel a seizure coming on it is crucial he contact a dispatcher quickly.

"When I feel the seizures start I get extremely disoriented but the app is very simple to use and I had no problem navigating the emergency contacts and choosing the right one," LaGross said. "The emergency contact feature that I did use was very quick. I don't remember exactly how long it took but I just hit the correct contact and the next thing I remember is talking to a police officer, it likely took a maximum of 10 seconds."

The app is a good way to help maintain a feeling of safety within the UMaine communi-

"Because it is fast and simple, I think this app could be used by everyone. It can be helpful in maintaining a general feeling of safety for individual students and the UMaine community as a whole," LaGross stat-

## Two fires leave 22 people homeless in five days

### Charles Cramer Contributor

On Saturday, Sept. 21, a fire in Old Town's center, between Main and Water Street, resulted in significant damage to a number of commercial and apartment buildings. Four days later, on Wednesday, Sept. 25, another fire began in the five-unit apartment complex at 1144 Stillwater Avenue. No one was killed or injured in either of the fires.

Saturday's fire started at 274 Main Street in Old Town's downtown waterfront area caused extensive damage before spreading to the adjacent building at 270 Main Street. A police dispatcher claimed to have first been informed about the fire at nearly 10 p.m. on Saturday night, shortly before Old Town fire rescue arrived on the scene. In a subsequent investigation, Maine State fire marshals were able to determine that the fire had begun on the building's third floor. Because of sustained damage, the marshals were unable to access the fire's area of origin and were unable to determine its cause.

One of the commerbusinesses damaged by the fire, Serenity Salon and Spa, was owned by Helen Mace, a beautician who is currently looking for a location in which to reopen her salon. The nearby Hidden Treasures Boutique, located at 270 Main Street, was entirely ruined. Firefighters from across Penobscot County responded to the blaze, with some coming from as far south as Hermon, staying until nearly 1 a.m., when the fire was finally extinguished. Nearly all of the 270 Main Street apartment building was destroyed during the five-hour inferno. The surrounding buildings and businesses, which were also affected by the blaze, managed to avoid

complete destruction. Both Main Street and Water Street in downtown Old Town were reopened for traffic on Monday, Sept. 23. The American Red Cross is currently working to assist 11 of the displaced individuals in their search for temporary housing while maintaining that this number could still rise.

Old Town's second fire of the week began on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. and continued into the early afternoon. Wednesday's fire left another 11 people, two of them children, without homes. The Maine State fire marshals determined that the cause was the careless use of a candle.

Although the building's apartments, especially those on the third floor, suffered serious damage, officials believe that they can be refurbished to their previous condition in the coming weeks.

Old Town's City Council held a 'Rapid Response' meeting Friday afternoon, from 1:00 to 3:00, during which representatives from the State's Department of Labor and Eastern Maine Development Corporation explained to the affected people what type of assistance they would be eligible to receive to aid in their search for a job or application for un-

employment benefits. As Orono's northern neighbor, the city of Old

Town is not only a beneficiary of students' commercial activity, but also a place in which many University of Maine students and faculty reside. However, neither Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Robert Dana, nor its senior director of public relations, Margaret Nagle, were aware of any UMaine students having been displaced by either

Those interested in helping residents affected by the two fires can do so online at www.oldtown.org, by either supporting local businesses or donating directly to a local recovery fund.

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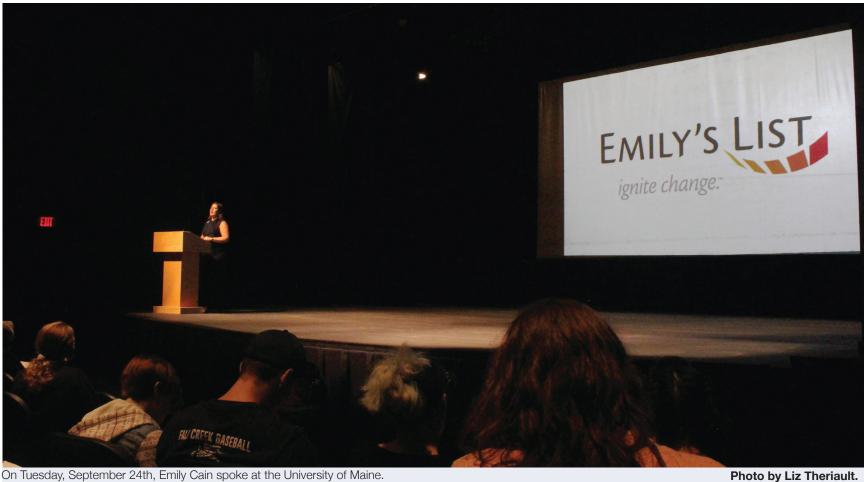
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# News

# Emily Cain speaks on women's empowerment



On Tuesday, September 24th, Emily Cain spoke at the University of Maine.

#### Lia Suleiman Contributor

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the University of Maine community gathered in the lobby of the Class of 1944 Hall, just in front of Hauck Auditorium. It was a bustling and lively scene, filled with students, faculty, alumni and supporters of the university. Each person in the room was there for the same reason; to listen to a lecture delivered by Emily Cain, an executive director, politician and UMaine alumna.

Cain has made her mark on both local and national politics many times throughout her life. At only 24 years old, Cain was elected in District 19 to the Maine House of Representatives. She served eight years in the Maine House of Representatives, before being elected as a State Senator for District 30 in 2012. After serving a decade in the Maine State Legislature and running two

unsuccessful campaigns for U.S. Congress, Cain became the executive director of the Political Action Committee (PAC), EMILY's List.

At Hauck Auditorium, Cain extensively discussed her career in politics with the audience to a full house. Citing Charlie Salvin as her inspiration, Cain talked to the audience about her success as the state's youngest legislator. She also detailed the journey that she undertook to become the first woman Floor Minority leader of Maine, noting that she "passed good laws and balanced budgets" throughout her career.

Cain then described the work she has done as the executive director for EMILY's List - a PAC that helps elect Democratic, pro-choice women - and how it has helped many women around Maine. She noted that since she had accepted this position in 2017, she has brought

progressive changes. During Cain's time as the executive director, the staff of EMI-LY's list had increased by 30%, and 49,000 women had reached out to them for campaign assistance within the past year. EM-ILY's List has also helped elect dozens of women during the 2018 election cycle. According to Cain, "40% of these women

For Cain, allowing women the opportunity to run for office and win is important.

were women of color."

"Women in politics are what holds the system together. Women in politics pass more bills and do more bipartisan work. These things, especially bipartisan work, are important to the vast majority of American voters," Cain said.

Within the past year, the gender gap has been closing in the political arena. More women are running for offices and being elected than ever before. Cain takes pride

in her work with EMILY's List to help more women succeed in politics.

"The good news is, women are coming to run for office, and I am so excited that at EMILY's List, we can play a role in helping them get started and then win their races," she said.

Many of Cain's supporters also see gender equality as something to strive for and are hopeful for the change that programs like EMILY's list may bring. Lauren Turcotte, a first-year student of the UMaine Honors College finds inspiration in the fact that there are more women in politics. She acknowledged that it makes a huge difference for young women to see strong role models in political positions of power.

"I think a nation isn't equally represented until every single person who needs representation is in those positions in politics," Turcotte said.

Virginia Hugo-Vidal, a

political science and international relations double major, aspires to become an elected official. Cain's work with EMILY's List is a source of inspiration for her.

"Women cannot succeed without EMILY's List doing the work it does, because by electing pro-choice, Democratic women, it gives women the stability they need in politics," Hugo-Vidal commented.

Both Turcotte and Hugo-Vidal find the work Cain has done with EMI-LY's List to be inspiring, and feel as though representation is necessary in the current political climate.

Even considering all of the country's gains, Cain made it clear that there is still a lot to be done. Gender inequality is still a very prevalent issue, especially in the political arena.

"Women make up over half the population, and not even 25% of congress," Cain noted.

According to the Center for American Women And Politics, men still dominate the American political system. Throughout American history, only four women have served on the Supreme court, 25 have held seats in the Senate and 102 have held seats in Congress. This means that women make up only 23.7% of both levels of Congress and 33% of the Supreme Court.

Cain, whose work has inspired and enabled women to break through the glass ceiling into the world of politics, delivered a rousing lecture. Cain taught the UMaine community valuable information about the work she's done for women in politics with EMILY's List all while encouraging the progress and development of women's rights, leaving the audience informed, inspired and ready to take action.

## Mabel Wadsworth Center will soon offer vasectomies

#### **Charles Cramer** Contributor

Bangor's Mabel Wadsworth Center will soon become the first female reproductive healthcare center in Maine to offer the vasectomy, a male procedure healthcare that results in sterilization. This expansion in the Center's healthcare is expected to take place sometime next month and comes as part of their initiative in furthering reproductive healthcare access to all people, regardless of gender.

The Mabel Wadsworth Center is named for Mabel Wadsworth of New York, a registered nurse who moved to Maine after her graduation from nursing school and devoted herself to providing birth control access for women in rural areas. Wadsworth

eventually became the first president of Maine's Family Planning Association then went on to lend support to the center that now bears her name. She has been awarded both the Maryann Hartman Award and a doctorate of humane letters by the University of Maine.

Her private, non-profit health center expresses its mission as "providing a feminist model focused on sexual and reproductive health through education, advocacy and clinical services," and is now, along with Portland's Planned Parenthood and Fort Kent's Maine Family Planning, one of only three abortion providers in the State.

Abbie Strout, the Mabel Wadsworth Center's Director of Education and Community Engagement, spoke with the Maine Campus about the center's introduction of vasectomies, and the medical specifics of such a procedure. Most people in the Bangor area who are currently interested in a vasectomy, she explained, visit a urologist at either the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center or a private practice.

"While we can't necessarily predict wait time, we do anticipate that our fees will be lower because we offer MabelCare, a sliding scale program for uninsured folks to get discounted services," Strout said.

The payment options for those interested in the procedure will be divided into three separate brackets: people earning less than \$18,735 each year will only be charged \$525; people earning \$18,735-31,000 will be expected to pay \$750;



The Mabel Wadsworth Center, located on Mt. Hope Avenue in Bangor, is now offering vasectomies.

Photo by Haylee Scovil.

and all persons making more than an approximate \$31,000 each year, will be billed a total of \$1,000. In order to maintain its independence, the Mabel Wadsworth Center

refuses to accept any

federal government fund-

ing, with the exception of Medicare and Medicaid.

"We will be the only provider in the region who is culturally competent in serving people who are transgender or non-binary," Strout explained. "We decided to offer [vasectomies] because it fits within our mission and we heard that there was a need in the community."

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# UMaine observes National Hazing Prevention Week

Leela Stockley
News Editor

This past week, the University of Maine took part in observing National Hazing Prevention Week (NHPW). The weeklong event spans the last week of September and is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of how hazing has impacted many lives across the country. The week of Sept. 23-27 was observed within the UMaine community by many of the constituents of the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council and the administration and faculty of UMaine.

In past years, the university has had to

intervene with student organizations to prevent hazing, so observing NHPW has a large impact on the wellbeing of the community. Last year, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity did not join in rush week because of hazing allegations.

National Hazing Prevention Week was established in 2007 by HazingPrevention.org, a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness of how to identify hazing as well as the effects that hazing has on communities. HazingPrevention.org recognizes that hazing doesn't only affect students on academic campuses; their goal is to bring together communities in the discussion of the issue. They sponsor programs throughout elementary, middle and high schools, as well as at university and college campuses and military training facilities.

UMaine celebrated the week by encouraging students to engage in a conversation about hazing. Many of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council members were given the opportunity to table at the Memorial Union to hold discussions and participate in NHPW.

The UMaine Student Affairs Department also hosted a table in the Memorial Union and encouraged passing students to sign a banner to pledge their support towards NHPW and to show that the UMaine community is dedicated to hazing recognition and prevention.

Robert Dana, the vice president for student life and dean of students is dedicated to the effort to prevent hazing at the university.

"Hazing obviously has its roots in establishing bonds and connections to a group. Hazing is, however, a dangerous and typically demeaning behavior that actually weakens bonds and loyalty to a group. If a group seeks to establish a common bonding experience the

best and most effec-

tive efforts assure that the activity is safe and respectful of people," Dana said. "Embarrassing, shaming, frightening or otherwise subjecting a person to any expectation that they must do something to be accepted is wrong."

Dana noted that the UMaine community can be stronger if the members focus on ways to form positive, uplifting connections with others in their social group.

"Instead [of hazing], dignifying someone and sharing healthy and positive experiences that all members participate in likely will lead to a strong bond, a stronger group, and a set of experiences that everyone

is proud of and which demonstrates a healthy group," Dana said.

Dana also noted that UMaine is a zero-tolerance community when it comes to hazing.

"Hazing can be found in any sort of group but we have zero tolerance for it - whether subtle or severe - and my hope for this community is for all of us to be part of the no hazing imperative," Dana said. "Here we do not haze. We're better than that and all of us pulling together can assure nothing like this is now or ever a part of our community culture."

## UMaine professor to attend climate council

Emily Molino
News Editor

year, Distin-This guished Maine Professor Ivan Fernandez was among many experts from the University of Maine that were asked to serve on Maine's Climate Council. Some of the newly appointed members of the council include state leaders, science and technology experts, nonprofit leaders, municipal leaders, tribal representatives and a representative of Maine's youth. Among these individual members on the council, there are many different working groups that will also be looked

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ine's School of Forest Resources, the Climate Change Institute and the School of Food and Agriculture was asked to serve on the council because of his research background. Fernandez is a professor of soil and has focused a large amount of his research on the effects that the weather can have on Maine and climate control itself.

"I am one of two scientists appointed to the Maine Climate Council itself, as well as the co-chair of the Science and Technical Subcommittee (STS)," Fernandez said. " As such, I will also participate in the Steering Committee. There are a number of other University of Maine faculty

and staff involved as members of the STS as well as various working groups."

He and other scientists will be working to find Maine based solutions to change the outcome of climate change in Maine, with the hope that this kind of research will spread to help others combat the effects of climate change.

"I have been involved with Maine climate initiatives for at least two decades, including those in agencies involved with climate change under the previous administration," Fernandez said. interactions "Those continued in the Mills administration, and of course, Governor Mills moved Maine from falling way behind on climate change to jumping to the front of the line to lead."

Work on climate change in Maine has been on the back burner for the past couple years, and with this new initiative put forth by Gov. Mills, Maine is in the process of catching up with other states, and may possibly take the lead in the fight against the debilitating effects of climate change. Fernandez believes that this will have a profound effect on the state of Maine as a whole. With this initiative, Maine may take the national lead on the research implementation and of efforts to combat the effects of climate change.

The climate council is comprised of members of the State Legislature, members of the Executive Branch of Maine's government, and executive directors of the Maine Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust. There are also distinguished members of the Maine community with background in climate science, experts on climate change adaptation and emergency management and various other members of the community with a vested interest in climate change management, such as farm and local business owners.

# UMaine expanding courses offered to high schoolers

Bhavana Scalia-Bruce News Editor

The state of Maine is making progress toward administering single accreditation for all schools that are a part of the University of Maine System. The accreditation will accommodate all of the University of Maine locations at Farmington, Orono, Augusta, Fort Kent, Machias and Presque Isle, and will include the University of Southern Maine in Port-

Currently, each university receives a different accreditation given to them by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), regardless of the fact that

they are all part of the University of Maine System. For a university to have and maintain an accreditation signifies to the NECHE that they have acquired a certain quality level. Eesha Pendharkar of the Bangor Daily News describes accreditation as "essentially a stamp of approval that shows it meets a benchmark of equality."

The Chancellor of the University of Maine System Dannel Malloy proposed a recommendation for a state-wide single accreditation which was approved by the board of trustees. Pendharkar writes how this improvement has the potential to benefit the 300,000 stu-

dents in the system, as well as the educational institutions themselves because it means each of the universities will be working together more

The single accreditation will benefit students who are taking courses at other universities because it helps to ensure that most, if not all of the classes taken, will be transferable between campuses. Additionally, high school students deciding to take advantage of the UMaine courses offered at many high schools around Maine will be ensured the credits will be applicable at any of the UMaine locations.

Furthermore, UMaine

is trying to increase its numbers of high school students taking courses at the university. The credit high schoolers earn through the University of Maine System can be transferable, and in the past has been applicable to any of the UMaine institutions. Often, these courses stand in place of traditional Advanced Placement (AP) courses, which require students to take an assessment at the end of the year. If the student is not able to score a three or above on the AP test, they often will not earn any transferable credits from that semester's work.

Students who have taken classes in high

school through the college system find it very beneficial once reach a university. Jasper Sommer, a third-year student, took advantage of the opportunity to gain college credit while still in high school. Sommer had taken courses at the University of Southern Maine (USM) in Portland throughout his high school career and earned college credits in psychology, multiple calculus courses and statistics.

"Taking these courses at USM really helped me along with my degree at UMaine before I even knew it. All the courses I took transferred here which has sped my progress along. I would

strongly recommend it to any and every high school student to take advantage of this opportunity," Sommer said.

Bethany Rozzi, a second year, also took classes through UMaine while still in high school. Rozzi, who took a math class online through the university, is grateful for the opportunity to get ahead in her college credits.

"It was definitely a financially smart move to take math in high school. I have the credit now, and it's one less course I have to take in the future," Rozzi said.

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ation in 1984, used many of its services, such as screenings for cancer and sexually transmitted diseases and other types of care ranging from hormone therapy to annual wellness exams. For privacy reasons, the Mabel Wadsworth Center does not keep specific data on its patients but estimates the number of UMaine

students it services each year to be significant.

As part of its local outreach, the University's Women's, Gender, and Department Sexuality has created a community partnership with the Mabel Wadsworth Center. Currently, the department has two of its faculty members, Jacquelyn Gill, an associate professor of paleoecology, and Liliana Herakova, a professor of journalism and communications, on the Mabel Wadsworth Center's board of directors.

"The Mabel Wadsworth Center is committed providing to informed, client-cennon-judgmental healthcare to everyone, regardless of gender, race, sexuality, age, etc.," Herakova said. "The addition of vasectomies to their already long list of services supports that commitment, extending affordable sexual and reproductive care to even

more people. I think these are all important steps to supporting and enhancing the health of our community, which is why I became a client and joined the board of the Mabel Wadsworth Center, and is also why the health communication class I teach at the University of Maine collaborates with them."

"We here in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program are excited to see the continued expansion of the ser-

vices available at Mabel Wadsworth Center," Susan Gardner, the director of the Rising Tide Center women's, gender, sexuality studies program at UMaine, told the Maine Campus. "The addition recent services of vasectomy Mabel demonstrates Wadsworth's commitment to reproductive care for all genders. We're

porter of their work."

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number of vasectomies will be performed by a physician working in tandem with a nurse practitioner. Each patient will be required to attend a consultation before and after the procedure. Although only one nurse practitioner is currently being instructed in the procedure, the Center may decide to train more nurse practitioners if there is enough demand.

## This Week in Student Government

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

Leela Stockley **News Editor** 

The Tuesday, Sept. 24 neral Student Senate meeting began with the approval of the Sept. 17 meeting minutes.

General Good and Welfare:

Vice President Chase Flaherty went over Robert's Rules item of the week with the senate. This week's rule was how to call for a division and the steps to take after.

New Senators, Officer Appointments, Resignations:

Sens. Camryn Hammill and Isaiah Bedsole were sworn into the senate.

Club Maintenance:

Representatives from the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) were looking for preliminary recognition so the club can use the University of Maine name and gain more publicity. This motion was passed.

Representatives of the Caribbean and Latinx Student Alliance were looking for final recognition. Because these were both previously separate clubs that went through prelim, all they needed for the approval of their joined club was final recognition. This motion was passed.

**Guest Speakers:** 

Jennifer Desmond came to the Senate to speak on the Dirigo Leadership Conference and encouraged members of the senate to attend.

**Executive Reports:** 

President Bentley Simpson encouraged

members of the senate to attend the leadership conference. He reported that the swingset project is in motion and he is currently working on possibly putting an outdoor ice rink in place on campus. He reminded the senate that his meeting with Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Robert Dana is coming up and that they should go to him with concerns. Lastly. he reported that the university's convocation he attended went well.

Vice President Flaherty thanked senators signing up for the different committees and reminded the Senate that the fall Senate retreat is coming

Vice President for Financial Affairs Jack O'Donoghue reported that there were allocations of funds for the Mountain Bike Club for \$600 and the Spikeball Club for \$399.96.

Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray reported that changes are being made to the online database that will make the site easier and more comprehensive.

Vice President for Student Entertainment Logan Aromando reported that he is currently working on making waivers for the bumper ball tournaments and that Halloween events are in the works.

Advisor to Student Government Lauri Sidelko reported that she will be giving out a link to a webinar on free speech on college campuses and



encouraged the Senate to watch it. She added that there will be a haunted house on campus this year as well as a costume contest. She reiterated that the convocation went well and congratulated President Simpson on his speech.

Periodic Reports:

University of Maine board of trustees Representative Abby Despres reported that she is working on gaining more publicity as well as coming up with a feedback form for the senate.

Chair of the Fair Elec-Practices Commission Matthew Akers reported that elections were to be held later that meeting.

Director of Communications Owen Vadala encouraged members of the senate to take a look at the website and give feedback on how it's run-

Reports of Standing Committees:

Marketing and Public

Relations Representative Owen Vadala reported that the first general meeting went smoothly.

Political Activism Representative Cody Embelton reminded members of the senate to register to vote.

Services Representative Emmeline Willey reported that the committee held their first meeting and is currently working on a number of projects around campus.

Representative Boards:

Commuter and Non-Traditional Students Representative Ian Johnson reported that there was a mixup with the last pancake breakfast but it has been worked out and the breakfast would move to the next week.

Honors College Student Advisory Board Representative Lauren Ryan reported that she will be attending the Honors College faculty meeting coming up. Interfraternity Council Representative Andrew Arsenault reported that they kicked off National Hazing Prevention Week.

Panhellenic Council Representative Stephanie Poirier reported that there were to be two philanthropy events held this week and that chapter numbers have been finalized. Senior Class Council Representative Joshua Minor reported that 2020 merchandise is now available for purchase in the bookstore. Sustainability and Environmental Actions Division Representative Dalton Bouchles reported that the group is planning a river cleanup for this vear.

Community Association Reports:

Student Heritage Alliance Council Representative Anna Schaab reported that many different members of clubs are going to conferences around the state representing their clubs.

Collective Feminist Representative Miranda Synder reported that the club is holding their first implicit bias training for the semester soon.

Wilde Stein Queer-Straight Alliance Representative MJ Smith reported that the club is collaborating with the Mind Spa for an upcomina event.

International Student Association Representative Hannah Hollbrook reminded the senate that coffee hour would be coming up for this week.

Consent Agenda: \$600 for reallocation from new jerseys to race registration fees for the Mountain Bikers' fall 2019 race season was passed.

Spikeball allocation of \$399.96 for the purchase of four Pro Spikeball kits with a lifetime warranty was passed.

Unfinished Business:

An act to allocate funds to Student Organizations \$6,500 for the 2019-20 academic year annual license of "Eventus" was rejected.

New Business:

An act to extend the life of the Student Conduct Code Oversight and Review Committee into the next academic year 2019-20 was passed.

Nominations and Elections:

Sen. Imam was elected center for undergraduate research representative.

Sen. Ransley was elected graduate student senate representative.

Nominations:

Sens. Redwood, Hebert, Embelton, Hammel and Orgel were nominated for legal services liai-

Sens. Embelton, Hammel, Adams, Kelley, Bedsole and Shea were nominated for faculty senate student representative.

Sens. Ransley and Shea were appointed to President Simpson's cabinet.

The senate then into executive moved session.

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"I am one of two appointed scientists to the Maine Climate Council itself, as well as the co-chair of the Science and Technical Subcommittee (STS)," Fernandez said. " As such, I will also participate in the Steering Committee. There are a number of other University of Maine faculty and staff involved as members of the STS as well as various working

He and other scientists will be working to find Maine based solutions to change the outcome of climate change in Maine, with the hope that this kind of research will spread to help others combat the effects of climate change.

"I have been involved with Maine climate initiatives for at least two decades, including those in agencies involved with climate change under the administraprevious tion," Fernandez said. "Those interactions continued in the Mills administration, and of course, Governor Mills moved Maine from falling way behind on climate change to jumping to the front of the line to lead."

change in Maine has been on the back burner for the past couple years, and with this new initiative put forth by Gov. Mills, Maine is in the process of catching up with other states, and may possibly take the lead in the fight against the debilitating effects of climate change. Fernandez believes that this will have a profound effect on the state of Maine as a whole. With initiative, Maine take the national on the research implementation of efforts to combat the effects of climate

The climate council is comprised of members of the State Legislature, members of the Executive Branch

of Maine's government, and executive directors of the Maine Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust. There are also distinguished members of the Maine community with a background in climate science, experts on climate change adaptation and emergency management and various other members of the community with a vested interest in climate change management, such as farm and local business owners.

# UMaine granted \$1.4 million to develop offshore wind technology

Emily Molino & Leela Stockley **Contributor &** 

**News Editor** 

This year, the University of Maine was

granted \$1.4 million to go toward floating offshore renewable wind energy technology. This competitive award is meant for projects that will make

wind turbine technology more efficient and has been granted to 12 other programs around the United States to fund the pursuit of renewable energy. The

award was announced by Maine Sens. Angus King and Susan Col-

To go forward with this project, the UMaine Advanced StrucCenter will be using technology from NASA that was originally designed to be used in rockets to help monitor and manage vibra-

tures and Composites tions caused during use. This technology, used in the floating turbines, will counteract the turbine's motions

See Wind on A7

## Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

### Leela Stockley News Editor

Sept. 20 - 10:22 p.m. While on duty, an officer of the University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) noticed a female first-year on the second floor of Knox Hall with a bottle of wine. The UMPD officer spoke to the resident and had her dump out the wine. She was compliant. The res-

ident was referred to the Student Conduct Code Committee.

Sept. 20 - 10:40 p.m.
Resident Assistant
(RA) staff in Knox Hall
called UMPD after finding Cooper Braverman
of Houston, Texas in
possession of a usable
amount of marijuana.
UMPD determined that
Braverman was under the
legal age and was not in
possession of a medi-

cal marijuana card. The UMPD officer also found alcohol in Braverman's room. The officer dumped out the alcohol. Braverman was summoned for possession of marijuana by a minor and was referred to the Student Conduct Code Committee for the possession of alcohol by a minor.

**UMPD** 

Sept. 20 - 10:42 p.m. A UMPD officer was called to the second floor of Oxford Hall by RA staff. The RA had noticed a student drinking, and the UMPD officer spoke with the resident. The resident was compliant, the UMPD officer dumped out the alcohol, and the student was referred to the Student Conduct Code Committee for the possession of alcohol.

Sept. 21 - 1:00 a.m.
While on patrol, Officer Morse of the Orono
Police Department (OPD)
noticed a vehicle speeding on Main Street near
Leadbetter's gas station.
Officer Morse conducted a traffic stop and approached the vehicle.
Officer Morse noticed an open 18 pack of Natural
Light beer in the passenger seat of the car. After speaking with the driver,

Cooper Chamberlain, 19, of New Gloucester, Officer Morse conducted a field sobriety test and determined that Chamberlain was inebriated. Chamberlain was arrested and had a blood alcohol test conducted at OPD which tested under 0.8. Chamberlain was charged with violating license restrictions and summoned for the illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor.

Sept. 21 - 5:45 p.m.

While on an alcohol detail, Officer Leskey of OPD was called by an employee of Bells IGA who reported a fake ID. The employee had recorded the phone number on the license, and Officer Leskey called. The number belonged to Hanna Sevigny, 19, who lists an

Orono address. Sevigny admitted to being in possession of a fake ID. and using it to attempt to buy alcohol. Officer Leskey arranged to meet with Sevigny, who was compliant, and she was summoned for the possession of a fake ID.

Sept. 22 - 1:00 a.m.

A UMPD officer was called to Androscoggin Hall after three female residents returned to the dorm in an Uber. One of the residents was throwing up, the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps were called, and the student was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor. All three of the residents were referred to the Student Conduct Code Committee.

## Briefs

Quick news from around the country

### Leela Stockley News Editor

Sept. 24

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D) called for an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump after a whistleblower's report revealed a genuine concern for Trump's communication with the president of Ukraine. The official transcript, which reveals Trump asking for an investigation into presidential hopeful Joe Biden, was released the following day.

"There's a lot of talk



about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great," Trump says in the official tran-

Currently, 223 dem-

ocratic members of the House and one independent member of the House support the impeachment proceedings.

Sept. 26
Gov. Janet Mills, a strong supporter of climate action in Maine, held the first meeting of the Maine Climate Council on Thursday in Hallowell. The first meeting of the Maine Climate Council outlined the goals of the council and discussed how to

encourage Mainers to re-

duce their carbon emissions while keeping costs low. Attending the Climate Council were various climate experts from around the state, members of the state legislature and various local business owners.

Sept. 26

State Sen. Rebecca Millett announced on Thursday that she has plans to propose a bill that would call for a ban on sales of vaping products in Maine. The bill would

not completely remove vaping products from Maine markets - it would only ban the products until the U.S. Food and Drug Administration declares that the products are safe to use. This ban follows a string of vaping related health incidents, as there have been 12 deaths and at least 800 cases of lung illnesses that have been linked to the use of vaping products. Maine reported its first vaping-related lung illness last week.



# The World This Week



Sept. 25

Greta Thunberg and many other prominent voices, including Gov. Janet Mills of Maine, spoke at the United Nations Climate Summit to voice their concerns about climate change, the climate emergency, and the inaction of global leaders in the fight against climate change. Thunberg made headlines after she berated global leaders saying, "You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words." Sept. 28

Wally Conron, the inventor of the Labradoodle dog breed, expresses regret for creating the breed. Conron, who initially bred the dog as a seeing-eye dog for a blind woman whose husband was allergic to dogs now notes that most of the breed suffers from

dogs, now notes that most of the breed suffers from mental health or inbreeding issues, calling the Labradoodle "Frankenstein's Monster of dog breeds."

Sept. 28

Elon Musk revealed the SpaceX rocket "Starship" on Saturday. The rocket is meant to be a reusable spacecraft that will carry both humans and cargo between Mars and Earth. The rocket, which will be able to land perpendicular to the landing surface has a reflective metal exterior. A test launch is anticipated within the next two months.

### This week at UMaine...

What's happening this week at UMaine

### Monday

Possibilities for Partnership: University-Indigenous Nations and Research in the 21st Century 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Norman Smith Hall, Room 107

### Tuesday

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies - Fall Colloquium Series 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bangor Room, Memorial Union

### Wednesday

Sixth Annual March Against Domestic Violence 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. University Mall

### Thursday

Graduate and Professional Programs Open House 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Stodder Hall

CHISPA Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hill Auditorium

### Friday

Bruce Barth and Anat Cohen 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall

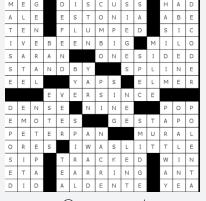
### Saturday

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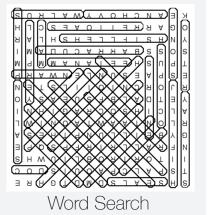
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### **Diversions** Answer Key

Puzzles, comics and more on A8



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Sudoku

# **Opinion**

Monday, September 30, 2019

# Editorial: Action is needed to protect students and families from frequent building fires

Liz Theriault **Opinion Editor** 

At least eight buildings have been impacted or lost to fires in Old Town since 2018. That means in just two years, families, university students and business owners have lost important, foundational parts of their lives to flames. Most recently, Old Town fell victim to two separate fires just three days apart. On Sept. 22, the building next to Yamas Bar and Grill in downtown Old Town was heavily damaged in a nighttime fire that spread to neighboring buildings. On Sept. 25, a fire in an Old Town apartment building left nine adults and two children without a home. It seems that devastating fires have become almost commonplace in our small college community. With these surges

should come together as a community to support those affected and take a second look at their building and fire safety ordinances.

It's obvious to anyone renting out apartments or driving down Stillwater Avenue that many buildings in Old Town are on the older side. This can be advantageous in some ways to college students who are looking to rent out bedrooms or houses that won't break their usually limited banks. However, older buildings also run the risk of having higher fire danger.

Currently, the Town of Old Town complies with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) -1 Fire Prevention Code, 2006 Edition, the International Building Code, 2009 Edition, and NFPA -101 Life Safety Code, 2006 Edition. These documents lay out rules, regulations and

standards that different buildings need to meet in order to be in compliance with town ordinances.

But the NFPA releases new Fire Prevention codes and Life Safety Codes every three years. Currently, there are four updated versions of each set of codes, all with new amendments and additions to previous years' regulations.

Currently, the 2006 Fire Prevention and Life Safety Codes have four compliance options for the different types of buildings in Old Town.

The first compliance option applies to apartment buildings that are three or fewer stories in height and have ten or fewer dwelling units. Buildings that meet these requirements do not have to have fire suppression or detection systems installed throughout the units. second option

applies to apartment options that include dent, outdated regulabuildings that have a complete fire detection and notification system and requires that buildings that meet this standard must have fire alarm systems installed throughout the units.

The third compliance option includes buildings that have fire sprinkler protection in select areas, including corridors, stairs and at every unit door. This option does not require sprinklers in living areas. The fourth and final option applies to apartment buildings that have an automatic fire sprinkler system throughout the residence and requires that all areas of the dwelling unit be provided with sprinkler protection.

Many newer apartment complexes in the Old Town and Orono area, such as The Avenue or the Reserve, meet the compliance

sprinkler systems. Yet many, if not most, old houses and apartments are equipped only by fire alarms.

Policy and regulations grow and change with time in order to adapt to circumstances, technology and new knowledge. For example, smoke and fire detector regulations have changed throughout time to improve safety. The first code from 1976 required alarms only near bedrooms. Then, in 1981, a new code implemented a rule that activation of a detector must be audible within closed bedrooms. Then in 1994 and again in 1997, new codes updated rules which required detectors to be interconnected on all levels.

In times like this, when tragedy strikes, we often actively seek out the cause. Whether these local fires have been caused by accitions or resident mishaps, they impact real people trying to live their lives, and no matter what, we should be taking steps to help them and prevent others from the same tragedies.

The town of Old Town should take this time to take a look at their current fire safety and building codes and consider updating their compliance with some of the newer recommended codes from the NFPA. The Old Town community has rallied around their fellow citizens to provide aid, donate money and extend support for those affected by the fires. The town government should do the same by ensuring that fewer students, fewer families and fewer residents are impacted by home-stealing fires in the future.

# The baseline of bullying

Kylie Welch Contributor

of life-altering events,

the town of Old Town

anyone and it's likely they will have a story about some kind of bullying they or someone they know endured in their schooling, oftentimes coming to peak around middle school and early high school. In my high school, a pretty mild place as far as bullying goes went, I recall being on the receiving end of profanities, thrown trash, and up call to the severity occasional tripping. I was not an outlier;

these were occurrences that happened to a majority of students and was accepted as a culture within the school. However, none of the light bullying and teasing that my friends and I experienced was anywhere in comparison to other schools.

For example, the recent death of a 13-year-old Californian student at the hands of school bullies has shaken the nation this week and it is a wakeof the issue of bullying. The victim, who

received support from teachers and administrators in his school, was still helpless due to the bullying he received at the hands of his classmates.

When facing bullying, it seems like something that will never be able to be nipped in the bud. Even our current president has been regarded as a bully for how he speaks to those categorically under him. Bullying is seen on any sports team, in any workplace, in any club. It almost seems

as though in our culture, bullying appears in any context which requires ambition and a strong work ethic. The cycle seems never-ending. Once you have paid your dues by being a victim of bullying, you will earn the position and power of the official bully your-

The question remains, is there a way to get rid of the culture of bullying all together and if so, how? As deeply ingrained as bullying is in our school systems, athletic teams and organizations, the solution lies not in replacing principles or getting rid of Division 1 sports or Greek life, but rather in an entire societal change, something that is not able to happen overnight. We need to hold our leaders responsible for conducting a climate of respect and support to all, not just those above us. We need to teach our children to be just as kind to the garbage man as they are to a CEO and that there's no shame in

being a little slower, a little quieter or a little weirder. In order to make such enormous changes to the world that we want the next generation to grow in, we have to take a look at ourselves and how we treat one another, and if we consider success a process that requires stepping on others to get to the



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## CMP's Transmission Corridor asks Mainers to sell-out the north woods

Nate Poole Contributor

The state of New Hampshire rejected a plan to run a powerline corridor through the state's famous White Mountain Wilderness in order to hydro-energy redirect from Canada to Massachusetts in February of 2018. The New Hampshire regulators decided that the corridor, dubbed the Northern Pass, didn't do enough for the state to justify the damage it would cause the rich tourism industry in the Whites. As a result. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker turned to the state of Maine and struck a deal with Central Maine Power (CMP) to use existing corridors in Maine for his initiative while also cutting away over fifty miles of pristine

what has been formally called the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC). CMP has suggested that the project will yield significant economic and environmental benefits for the state of Maine, but the state of New Hampshire turned down the deal because they knew it wasn't in their best interest; Maine regulatory powers need to recognize and reject the corridor for the same reasons.

The majority of CMP's 145 mile line would run parallel to existing power lines, but a significant scar, about 53 miles, would have to be carved through Maine's North Wilderness and across environmentally vulnerable areas as well as recreational areas like the Appalachian Trail and the

Kennebec River Gorge if the project were to proceed. The corridor itself would be 150 feet wide and include a 75-foot buffer on each side. The entire project is estimated to cost \$950 million in total, none of which would be paid for by the state of Maine or its residents. Most of the costs will instead fall on the state of Massachusetts, which is seeking to reach carbon dioxide reduction goals set in 2008. Central Maine Power itself and its parent company, Avangrid, stand to make \$60 million a year over the course of the 20year contract.

The stakes are high for all communities, but no more so than the Forks community whose small economy relies on ecotourism for the Appalachian Trail and white

water rafting businesses. For these Mainers, who rely on the beauty and serenity of their environment for their businesses, CMP has promised to pump tens of millions of dollars into the Forks community and those around it which may be negatively affected by the corridor. This, in short, is not much more than a bribe for those residents, and one that may not last them as long as they might think. Spokespeople for CMP have also argued that the corridor will save Mainers tens of millions of dollars on electricity prices, when in reality, according to Maine Public, the savings per household could range from \$1.50 to 10 cents a month. After the money runs out and Mainers realize the savings aren't all that special, the beauty and the wildlife of the North Woods will have already been permanently disrupted.

The plan is neither in the best interest of the state's economy nor the actual reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Seth Berry, Maine's co-chair on energy and utilities, suggests that, "by sending [power] east instead of west [Massachusetts] will create more demand... for what's called backfilling from the West." Clean energy is not being created anew, it is simply being routed to another source, thus leaving space open for more power to be generated through the use of fossil fuels. Berry argues that instead of letting another state run "a qiant extension cord" from Canada, Maine should invest in its own clean energy solutions like off-shore wind or solar power and sell that energy for profit.

The NECEC is far from passing, as it has to be approved by multiple state and federal regulators before any ground can be broken, and Mainers opposed to the corridor are currently petitioning for a referendum on 2020 ballots. Just this month the Land Use Planning Commission postponed their decision on whether the corridor is an appropriate use of state lands.

The wild, isolated expanse of the North Woods is a vital aspect of Maine's identity, and its fate should be a referendum in itself upon what will become of "The Way Life Should Be"

# Thrifting: a growing trend in sustainable fashion

Kate Ladstatter
Contributor

As prices continue to rise in traditional clothing stores, more and more people have redirected their attention, as well as their monetary support, to thrift stores. Eclectically arranged and each possessing an endearing charm, thrift stores offer customers an ever-changing and usually quite unpredictable set of goods at undeniably affordable prices.

Thrift stores have been around since the turn of the 20th century but were not an established industry until the 1940s when the London-based Red Cross and Oxfam laid the

foundation on which the industry would develop. From that point on, the practice only grew, becoming staple locations for those looking for both secondhand goods and low prices. This remained the status quo for thrift stores throughout the 20th century as their popularity ebbed and flowed with the fluctuation of the economy.

More recently, the public opinion of buying secondhand has begun to change in accordance with society. The negative connotation related to buying secondhand has significantly dissipated in response to the increasing presence of humanitarian and environmen-

tal movements. These movements sparked a gradual shift in consumer support for fast fashion to more sustainable options. Unfortunately, some of these "more sustainable options" come with a steeper price tag, leading cause-conscious consumers to the doors of thrift stores.

In part, the rise of "thrifting" in recent years can also be attributed to social media influencers frequenting the locations. Videos of these influencers scouring their local secondhand shops on camera and showcasing their notable finds have achieved notable popularity; the internet trend has aided in thrifting's

rise, spreading the news of the boutiques' unique charm and value to their

fan bases. Some approach the rise of thrifting and the demand for unique secondhand goods with an entrepreneurial spirit. Using only a phone, some savvy individuals have started up their own businesses by selling goods they find at their local thrift stores on social media, and make quite a profit doing so. This take on thrifting opens up a dramatically larger market for those looking for secondhand goods, increasing the reach of the industry from just within a community to a more global platform allowing people from all

over the world to select goods from all over the There is a broad spectrum of reasons behind the growing popularity of thrifting but at least a portion of the appeal lies in its uncertain nature. It is impossible to tell before you open a thrift shop's door what exactly you'll find; sometimes it will be dozens of unappealing t-shirts and other times there will be unique pieces with unbeatable prices that you wouldn't be able to find anywhere else. It is also important to mention the positive societal impact of thrifting: apart from the environmental benefits, these establishments often raise funds for various causes.

Customers are also often able to donate goods to locations which serve as a more sustainable, and sometimes even more profitable, option to simply throwing unwanted clothes away.

In the area around the University of Maine there are several options for someone looking to pick up thrifting as a hobby. Located directly in Orono are Orono Thrift Shop and Tokos Boutique, while GoodWill and Salvation Army are located in Bangor. Some reliable online locations for thrifted goods include doubledoublevintage.com and gullygarms.com.

### Wind from A4

and will allow for lighter platforms, increased turbine production and lower cost of energy. The combination of the motion monitoring technology and floating turbine platforms is a new method that could revolutionize the process of adapting floating wind turbines.

"With this funding, we plan to further stabilize our floating wind turbine hull in extreme storms by integrating NASA rocket vibration suppression technology into the design," Habib Dagher, executive director of UMaine's Advanced Struc-

tures and Composites Center, said. "This will help lighten the hull and further decrease our already very low electricity costs."

UMaine has had years to anticipate how to implement a project like this. Over the last 12 years, UMaine has been designing and implementing the first grid-connected offshore wind turbine in the U.S. As the university develops more wind turbine technology, it will be tested in the Harold Alfond W2 Wind-Wave Ocean Engineering Laboratory.

"This program will leverage the unique design, numerical modeling and scale model testing expertise located at the UMaine Harold Alfond W2 Ocean Engineering Laboratory to significantly advance this concept and offer a cost-competitive solution to industry" Anthony Viselli, the manager of offshore model testing and structural design at the University of Maine Advanced Structures and Composites Center, said.

This program will give the UMaine engineers the experience that is needed for other projects like this. If the university is able to successfully implement an offshore wind turbine, the engineers will be able to generate data on the effectiveness of the model. This

will then allow them to move forward with other technology to harvest renewable energy. This project will also hopefully be the first of similar designs.

As Maine pushes toward more renewable energy options, technology like floating turbines could revolutionize the way that power is generated throughout the state and throughout the nation. The Gulf of Maine is famous for its powerful winds, and by generating wind power in the Gulf of Maine, floating turbines could potentially generate enough power to heat every home in Maine and provide electricity

for electric cars.

Another hope is that this project will lead to many more floating turbines and may even lead to the first offshore grid that contains only floating turbines

# THUMBS UP DOWN

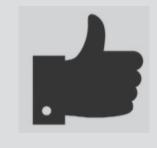
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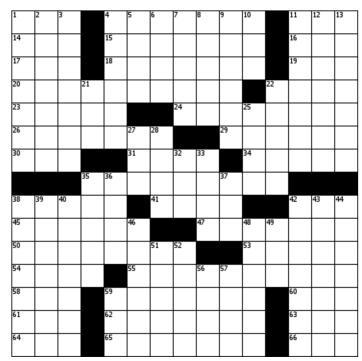
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# Jiversions

### Crossword



onlinecrosswords.net. Answer key located on A5

Across

1. Computer memory unit

4. Kick about

11. Rooked

14. Beer alternative 15. One of the Baltic

states

16. Sixteenth U.S. president, familiarly

17. Hamilton's note

18. Fell heavily

19. Master's command 20. William "The Refrigerator" Perry quote, Part 1

22. Disney film "\_\_\_ and

Otis"

23. Wrap brand

24. Biased

26. Passenger status

29. Pliable strip used for

drawing curves 30. Japanese delicacy

31. Pomeranian barks

34. Fudd of toons

35. Part 2 of the quote

38. Thickly populated

41. Love potion's number 42. Burst

45. Overdoes it onstage 47. WWII German police

50. Wendy's playmate

53. Lengthy painting

54. Tramcar contents

55. Part 3 of the quote

58. Swill opposite

59. Traversed 60. Come out on top

61. Airport terminal letters

62. Bit of women's wear 63. Formicary denizen

64. Completed

65. One way to cook spaghetti

66. Indeed, in Psalms

Down

1. French artist Henri

2. Build up

3. War planner 4. Stand up for

5. Catalina, e.g.

6. Leave speechless

7. Fast food menu choice 8. Remove a diaper

9. Major assaults

10. Melancholic

11. Member of a certain

sect of Orthodox Jews 12. City in central Texas

13. Type of ring

21. Embargo

22. Choreographer Agnes de

25. Something to build on?

27. Free ride, in a tour-

nament 28. Exaggerated tale

32. ''... chi, \_\_\_\_, ..."

33. Melodize

35. Colorado park 36. Go off in a new

direction

37. Formerly known as 38. Removed from office

39. Retired professors

40. Reporter's need 42. Not the complete

distance 43. Iridescent

44. Cornmeal concoction

46. Type of staircase 48. Scarcely detectable amount

49. Entombed king

51. Endow

52. Mother-of-pearl

56. Largest organ

57. Catholic observance

59. Darjeeling, for one

### Word Search: MARINE LIFE

**ANCHOVY** BARRACUDA CLAM CLOWNFISH COD **CRAB DOLPHIN HALIBUT JELLYFISH** LAMPREY **LOBSTER MANATEE MARLIN OCTOPUS** 

**OYSTER** 

**PENGUIN PORPOISE PRAWN SARDINE SCALLOP** SEA LION

**SEA OTTER SEA TURTLE SEALS** SHELLFISH SHRIMP

**SPONGE** 

**STARFISH STINGRAY** 

SQUID

**WALRUS** WHALE

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### Sudoku

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

### Difficulty level: Hard

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### Word Scramble: School bus

1. eaosns

6. geees

2. dcsku

7. erka

3. tofrs

4. alef

8. orbwn

9. goeanr

5. cenhag

brown rake ducks

bigactivities.com



UMaine memes for drunken teens



UMaine memes for drunken teens

Flip this page for puzzle answers

# 2010WS

### MUSIC

# Tyler Childers keeps backcountry sound

### RATING

Photo via musictalkers.com

coldly determined bit, a

love song from the hard-

ened heart of a blue-col-

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Childers' work is a sto-

ry, a long one, about

the day to day of av-

erage people, working

paycheck to paycheck

and trying to have a

good time in between.

almost bluegrass —

sound is one that would

sound just as at home at

a performance for thou-

sands as it would in an

almost-empty bar with

bourbon-stained floor-

boards and not enough

light. Childers and his

band give the listener

the feeling that they're

hearing something that's

usually only reserved for

a few backcountry folk

at a bar almost nobody

frequents. All in all, it's

an interesting album

from a band and a singer

that made it big but can

still put each individual

listener back in the plas-

tic chairs of that imag-

inary bar, and they're

still holding on to the

classic twang and tale of

a back-country Appala-

chian country band.

country-western

lar East Kentuckian.

#### Owen Baertlein Contributor

This is Maine. People pick blueberries and potatoes, own lobster boats, canoe down wild rivers and across pristine lakes and scour the County for moose. But every now and then, don't you need something to listen to while you cruise down I-95 with the window open and an elbow out in the sun? Or while you sit on the porch, smoking a pipe and watching the sun go down over the Appalachians? Maybe you just need a song to listen to while you fix that wire fence for the third time and curse at those cows that keep busting through to get to your neighbor's pasture? You might be thinking to yourself, "woah, that got a little backwoods country a little fast." It sure did, folks, it's a country

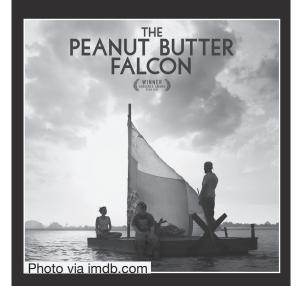
album.

Tyler Childers' new album "Country Squire" checks just about all those boxes and then some. Do you want a little sad-time music - something of a soundtrack for bad days? Give "Creeker" a shot. Maybe you're having a bit of a rags-to-riches day. "Country Squire" (the song, not the whole album) might be a good fit. The point is, there's something for just about everyone. The roughand-tumble honky-tonk Childers brings to the stage makes equal use of the six-string and the fiddle, plus a jaw harp at one point. Now of course, one question lingers: does it have a banjo part? Yes, it does. It's country, so by law, it must have a banjo part. It even has an overt reference to living by a paper mill in the titular song, so even if you might not feel like you're country enough yet, you can at least listen to one song that can be applied to an alarming majority of Mainers.

Childers' style of Appalachian country is just about as close as you can get to the working-class American theme. One of his songs, "Bus Route," covers a childhood crush he had on a classmate and how they talked on the bus ride home from middle school. "House Fire" is a

MOVIE

"The Peanut Butter Falcon" will bring a smile to your face



### **RATING**

#### Sierra Semmel Contributor

For anybody in need of a pick-me-up, Zack Gottsagen is here for you. In "The Peanut Butter Falcon," Gottsagen makes his debut as an actor and absolutely nails it. Gottsagen's character, a 22-year old with Down's Syndrome named Zak, buddies up with Tyler, played by Shia LaBeouf, to create a storyline of adventure, of fugitives on the run, of boys with a dream that will have you grinning as you walk out of the theater.

The movie follows the young men as they hike south, each with their own goal in mind. Zak, who ends up on the road with Tyler after escaping a nursing home, has dreams of becoming a wrestler, inspired by videos he spent his time watching in the nursing home before his escape. Tyler, on the other hand, is on the run from some minor trouble he's gotten himself into, involving fire and theft. The two team up and head south - and. as per usual, it's all about the journey rather than the destination.

As a young man with Down's Syndrome, Zak has grown up in an unfortunate situation. His family abandoned him, leaving him in a nursing home with the elderly, and he is more than capable of living a much more fulfilling life. Yet the film doesn't focus on his past or his hardships - it focuses on his desire to achieve his dream of becoming a wrestler. From his escape from the nursing home within minutes of the movie's start to the credits at the end, his determination is palpable and inspiring. Zak knows he's different - he addresses it throughout the movie - but he doesn't allow it to hold him back, and his attitude will undoubtedly brighten your day.

The rapport between Zak and Tyler adds multitudes to the film as well. Though there's a lot going on throughout the movie, from Tyler escaping a troubled past to a romantic subplot on the side, you'll walk away remembering their friendship above most other aspects of the film. Tyler doesn't even blink at any of Zak's setbacks; he

doesn't react when Zak calls attention here and there to the fact that he has Down's Syndrome, that people might not expect much of him because of it. Tyler leaves no room for this as an excuse or an explanation and expects Zak to be able to keep up with him on their journey as he would anybody else.

Not only does Tyler push Zak, but also vice versa. Zak brings out a softer side of Tyler, forces him to become responsible for someone other than himself, gives him someone to care about. With a loss in his family's history, Tyler's character begins the movie slightly hardened. He looks out for himself, but it takes Zak's presence to teach him how to care for someone else, to show him that he's not alone. The relationship is mutually beneficial in so many ways, and their interactions are incredibly heartwarming throughout the movie.

The film has

other subplots as well. The boys are pursued not only by enemies of Tyler's who are established in the beginning of the movie, but also by a caretaker of Zak's back at the nursing home. But the caretaker, Eleanor, played by Dakota Johnson, adds another layer to the plot as she becomes a love interest for Tyler. From the beginning, Eleanor gives a glimpse into the good side of the nursing home, into the employees there on the ground who genuinely care about the residents there, a stark contrast to the administration of the home, which is shown early in the movie as well. Though relatively predictable, the relationship that develops between Eleanor and Tyler is far from cheesy, and the three of them leave you a bit jealous, despite everything else going on, that you aren't on this journey with them.

Overall, "The Peanut Butter Falcon" is a feel-good film, heartwarming, hilarious and inspiring. Both the film and Zack Gottsagen's debut performance as an actor deserve a round of applause.

### **PODCAST**

### 'Call Her Daddy:' you hate to love it



### **RATING**

### Sierra Semmel

Contributor There is a phenome-

non that has been taken up among college girls (and guys) across the country, and it is so wrong it's right. Alexandra Cooper and Sophia Franklyn's "Call Her Daddy," a weekly podcast with episodes each Wednesday, is filthy, raunchy and in some ways a feminist's nightmare, but it's nearly impossible not to listen to, and even harder not to laugh at. Despite some of the blatant honesty and hot takes that could be perceived as rude (because they often are), the podcast has somehow found a way to be empowering and something to band girls together.

If you're just tuning into "Call Her Daddy" for the first time, and you're anything like me, you might listen to about three minutes and think, "this is awful." This summer, after hearing about it constantly for months and dragging my feet so as to not hop on the bandwagon and support Barstool Sports, I finally, begrudgingly, put my headphones in and decided to give it a

In under a minute, I was already rolling my eyes, questioning how girls listen to this. Aren't we better than this? I asked myself. Haven't we evolved past this attitude of do-anything-for-boys, this need to be "hot" or "cool" specifically for the opposite sex and this fixation on reputation and looks? I continued to scoff at not only what they were saying, but also their style of delivery. The girls use profanity nearly every other word, and they do not shy away from the vulgar topics. I was certainly rolling my eyes... but I was also still listening.

After seven minutes or so, they'd won me over. Their direct style, though appalling at first, becomes impressive as you realize that these girls aren't pretending - they really do not care about what they're saying or how they're perceived. Their episodes discuss sex, reputation, looks and more, containing tips and advice on all of the above. Their honesty is shocking, sometimes brutal; in a recent back to school episode, "College Life: Being

Hot vs. Not," the girls dis-

cussed the social scenes at various schools and how to navigate them and play to your strengths.

"Know your interests and stay in your lane," they advise in the episode. "Maybe you don't wanna f---in' go to the humongous athlete

Throughout the episode, they also address the so-called "scale" to rate girls, and how it differs between schools.

"Pay attention to the school you are at because the school is going to determine where you are on the scale," they say, before advising how to act depending on where on this scale you fall.

Explaining that, even typing those words, sounds incredibly degrading; I cringe when I think about it. However, there's something about the way Cooper and Franklyn address these topics that just works. The pair address how awful what they're saying is, they admit it and they say it anyways - because, let's face it, they clearly have the social scene figured out. They deliver their horrific advice in such a blunt manner it's impossible to not only laugh with them but to also kind of agree

"This sounds a little f--ed up," they often preface their messages with. Or, as they at one point say in the College episode, "this is gonna hurt feelings, this is gonna rub people the wrong way - but it's the f---ing truth."

At the end of the day, it's their shamelessness that makes their messages acceptable. Their brutal honesty carries over into their stories about their own lives as they completely overshare, giving listeners the chance to realize that though these girls seem to have it all figured out, they had plenty of cringe-worthy experiences to get there.

So although not everybody's made for the "Daddy Gang," as they call their fan base, the podcast is worth checking out, but allow yourself at least three minutes of eye-rolling before you judge their content. And try not to take it too seri-

## #YouMaine: Farming, fraternity and football

### Ali Tobev Contrbutor

While most college students spend their weekends doing homework, going to parties or hanging out with friends, Samuel Dorval spends his weekends on the Atlantic Ocean working on his oyster farm in Brunswick, Maine.

Dorval, along with fellow second-year mechanical engineering student, Max Burtis, and second-year University of Rhode Island student, Max Friedman, started Ferda Farms in March of 2018. Dorval has spent every weekend commuting back to Brunswick from Orono to work on the oyster farm.

school-As high ers, Burtis, Dorval and Friedman began digging clams on the Atlantic coast at low tide but wanted to find something to do during high tide in the summer. Since Burtis lived right on the ocean, he, his family and the other two boys decided to grow oysters.

Since its creation in 2018, Ferda Farms has

gone from a summer hobby to a company that sells market products at events throughout Maine. At Ferda Farms, Dorval runs social media accounts, business to business transactions and customer relations. The marketing student plans to work on the marketing-related aspects of the company.

When he is not clamming or working on his farm, Dorval is a member of the FIJI fraternity on campus.

"Bonding in brotherhood and scholarship, I thought would help make my college experience more meaningful. And putting yourself towards something more meaningful, instead of self-sustained goals," Dorval said. "Scholarship and friendship are two of our main values. Spending time in the library, putting my feet toward getting good grades and actually making something out of my schooling, means something to me. A lot of people just hang out and don't really make much of their schooling and I didn't

Dorval was a member of the Brunswick High School football team that won a state championship in 2016 and who were runners up in 2014 and 2015. His success in high school and love of football inspired him to work as a manager for the University of Maine football team in 2018. The football team won a CAA championship and was an FCS semi-finalist. He used that time to become familiar with the staff, learn how the program worked and decide if he wanted to try to walk on. He decided not to return this year because of the time commitment that Ferda Farms takes and he knows that he wants to invest his future in the

He began his first year as an electrical engineering student but switched to marketing at the beginning of this year. He initially thought that electrical engineering would prove valuable on the oyster farm but found that marketing was more practical. He plans to graduate a year early from UMaine



Samuel Dorval on farming, fraternity, and football.

Photo by Antyna Gould

and work full time on his oyster farm.

Doval is currently working on finding a bigger lease for the farm in order to produce more oysters for market sale. They are currently working on their tumbler system to separate market sized oysters from the rest. They are also working to produce 50,000

oysters by the spring and continue production through this win-

### Ghandi from A12

rights work, my antiwar work, my feminist work ... I spent about ten years in the anti-Appartide movement ... To understand what was happening, Gandhi was a nonviolent alternative. My first publication on Gandhi was

in 1974," Allen said. Allen has also conducted his own research under Fulbright and Smithsonian grants to India and the Maine Presidential Research and Creative cial sciences, physical Achievement Award.

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ture. He encouraged students, faculty and community members to pursue research that is truly impactful to society and can benefit everyone. Pursuing research in order to obtain a degree, secure funding or secure tenure will only serve individual interests and will not better society or humanity as a

want that."

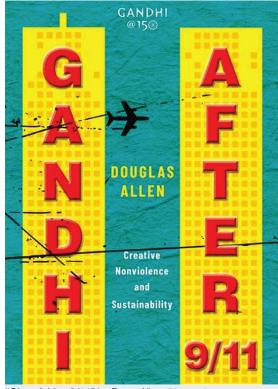
Allen urged attendees to pursue creative, original research while highlighting terconnectedness the humanities, sosciences, medicine, The research was a economics and many relies on and is needed by the others in order to form holistic and comprehensive research and practices.

In regard to students, Allen encourages them to pursue moral, truthful ways of living, encompassing the way that they approach school, their social lives and their lives after college.

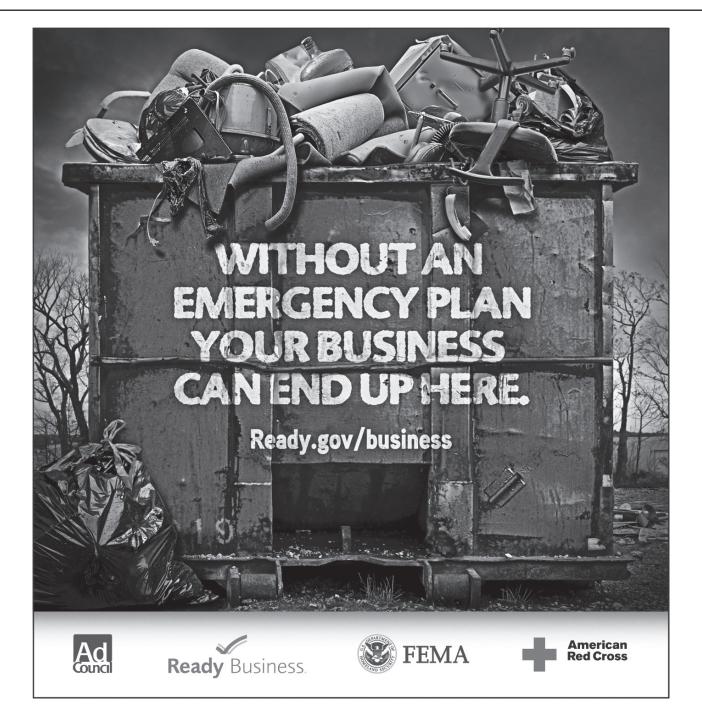
"I want to encourage students to think more about their own values, their own life and the kind of world that they want to live in. Students are so often so intelligent, so motivated, but they're lost and are working long hours, they have

jobs 30-40 hours a week and are in such student debt ... If they discussed or read some of these things from Gandhi, they would live a more interesting, less alienated life," Allen said.

The next Socialist and Marxist Studies Series takes place on Oct. 10. It features Stephen Coghlan, associate professor of freshwater fisheries ecology and is titled "Economics As If the Future Matters: Energy, Climate, Money Planetary Bankruptcy."



"Ghandi After 9/11" by Doug Allen Photo via amazon.com



# UMaine Museum of Art brings in fall exhibit



The University of Maine Contemporary Art Museum, located in downtown Bangor, just opened its newest exhibit.

Photo by Matt Lavoie.

### Owen Baertlein Contributor

Visitors to the University of Maine's Museum of Art this semester will find three brand new exhibits featuring work from eight new artists from across North America. From Joan Belmar's otherworldly "Way Stations" compositions to the poplar wood creations of Rachel Hellmann, the Museum of Art brings creative minds together for a new academic year.

One of the exhibits, "Studio Visit," is a new idea that brings back previously displayed artists with six total new works. The lack of a solid theme helps expand the range of pieces, from geometric compilations of fantastical, hardedged, boldly colored shapes to chaotic, eccentric forms dashed onto canvas with a wild hand and wilder eye. One of the latter is a featured piece from Alfred Gisholt. It features a deep black background, almost an abyss, accented with shapes with just enough form of their own to suggest to the eye that they could be anything the viewer wants them to be. With "Art Studio 1," Gisholt seems to have created a piece that could believably be just about anything the viewer wants to see. On the opposite end of the spectrum are the woodworking talents of Rachel Hellmann, who brings three-dimensional works of acrylic on poplar wood to the "Studio Visit" exhibition. "Glance," a sharply defined creation of a geometric nature, looks almost like an alien creation, something so incredibly unique and fascinating that it seems almost to take up the viewer's entire eye.

Joan Belmar, on the other hand, is a

master of the art of a seemingly entirely new genre. Belmar's creations make heavy use of circles and almost topographic features. Ranging from circular pieces taller than a person to sheets of paper hardly larger than a placemat, Belmar has created a number of works that bring to mind a combination of NASA-esque topographic maps and a serious acid trip. Overlapping circles make up the background of his pieces, and in some circles, grids are overlaid in an almost three-dimensional pattern. Waves and splashes of ink move over the circles in a pattern reminiscent of the storms on Venus. In one piece, "New Constellations/Red," one could swear that the background is a satellite image of Jupiter. The Chilean native opens the viewer's eye to what else might just be out there.

"Circles...suggest, like a Russian doll that contains one inside the other, world or way stations within other worlds," Belmar says of his pieces.

Two enormous works hang on a wall of their own, circular pieces easily six feet in diameter. They seem to map out a planet arising from an artist's active mind, something nobody will ever see until the ink splashes

down on the paper. While Belmar brings to life imaginary scenes of an otherworldly galaxy, Nina Jerome takes her inspiration from the very forests of her residence. exhibition, titled "Entangled," showcases the order-in-chaos of nature. One piece, made up of 9 individual panels, measures 7 feet, 6 inches by 7 feet, 6 inches. The enormous grid of panels features a tangle of blue, gray and black vines, throwing themselves about the piece with wild abandon unique to the wilderness of New England. The compositions range from dream-like scenes of invading vines and branches to a beautifully lifelike rendering of a tree trunk wound up in reddish vines. This piece, called "Entangled Spring," is accompanied by a charcoal sketch, "Study for Entangled Spring," which provides a unique and interesting look in at the progression of a piece that many people might assume was an unplanned product of a creative mind. The bones of "Entangled Spring" are evident in the study, and it is clear that one is the product of another. Though "Entangled Spring" is a depiction of the wild tendencies of the brush, there is a certain harmony in the disarray of the vines swarming around the composition and one that is certainly worth

a visit on its own. The UMaine Museum of Art will display these exhibitions until Dec. 21 of this year. From Joanne Freeman's "Untitled 1," a small but incredible array of bold colors and hard-edged forms, to the extra-terrestrial dreamscape nature of Joan Belmar's work, there's an exhibition for just about every taste. Admission is free, and with its location in Bangor, the Museum of Art is a solid hit for anybody looking for a cultural activity on the weekend.

# UMaine professor sheds light on China's presence in Latin and South America

### Noah Loveless Contributor

On Thursday, Sept. 26, Professor Stefano Tijerina gave a lecture titled "China and It's Impact on the Latin American Economies" as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series put together by Chispa Centro Hispano and several University of Maine de-

partments. Tijerina, who is from Colombia, obtained a Ph.D. in history from UMaine focusing on business history and is now a lecturer in the management department in the Maine Business School. For his talk in the lecture series, he focused on China's growing economy and business investments across the

globe with an emphasis on how China's growing influence has changed Latin America and how those coun-

tries are changing. Tijerina explained that China's growing economic influence is slowly changing the world economy from an atlantic-centered market to a pacific-centered market by extending their influence. According to Tijerina, China had already begun to split up parts of the unity that existed in South America, pointing to Chile's decision to split off some of its ties to the continental economy and focus instead on Chinese business dealings. Tijerina states that Chile "doesn't care about its links to South Ameri-

ca" or the U.S. for that matter, instead hoping to focus on economic

relations with China.

For Tijerina, this shifting from unity highlights an unfortunate belief held in South America that there is "no cultural connectivity."

"We still believe we are our competitors, rivals," our Tijerina says.

China has benefited from this feeling of separation as well as anti-American sentiments in the western hemisphere and beyond, Tijerina pointed out. Many countries are less interested in doing business with the U.S. due to memories of past colonialism and exploitation, and these countries now see China as a better

option. China creates the idea of relatability by sending the message that they were an "upward nation" and an "emerging economy," and therefore they understand what it's like to be in this position.

"You can achieve the same thing we have achieved," said Tijerina regarding Latin America.

China has also tried to give the impression of not being involved in the party politics of the nations they are investing in. What they are really trying to do is gain influence through financing projects.

"China sells to the left and to the right. Politics are not a prob-

lem," said Tijerina. The reality is that financing billion dollar projects in developing countries gives China immense power and even if the investments are coming from "private" Chinese businesses, most of these large companies are owned, in large part, by the government so their national interests are of considerable importance.

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In the end, one of the main issues for Tijerina is how Latin American countries can begin to develop and grow on their own. Latin America has spent centuries being controlled by outside forces and even if this time with China seems different, Tijerina says, it is really just continued exploitation. Tijerina stressed that China only wants to extract resources just like the U.S. and others have done before, and if Latin America wants to develop their own countries they have to stop outside influence from foreigners.

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## Fall weather in Orono brings students out to explore



Looking for something fun to do this fall? Try a sunflower maze!

### Photo by Haylee Scovil.

### Bria Lamonica Contributor

Fall in New England is a time of year that many residents of Orono and students at the University of Maine look forward to. The crisp leaves and end to the humid summer weather bring people out of their houses to enjoy the outdoors. One of the many popular activities for students in the fall at UMaine is to go to local farms like Treworgy Family Orchards. Trewordy Family Orchards, located in Levant, has a host of affordable fall activities to participate in.

"I went to Treworgy farms recently to go apple picking, and we had a great time. We were able to pick our own apples, and also pet the goats and

see the other animals they have," fourth-year athletic training student Nick Soper said. "Along with that, we got a chance to buy fresh apple cider donuts, which are probably the best ones you can get in the area."

Some of the activities Treworgy Family Orchards offers include apple, blueberry and raspberry picking. a corn maze, free hayrides and an in-house gift shop and ice cream stand. The farm also sells pumpkins, hot apple cider, homemade desserts, fresh fruits and vegetables, holiday festive and decorations. Conant Orchards in Etna, and Sullivan's Orchard in Charleston are also popular destinations for fruit picking and outdoor fall activities.

"I am planning on

apple-picking this weekend and I am really looking forward to it," first-year English graduate student Nick Weller said. "I haven't been apple picking since I was like five years old and [I] am excited to kick off fall."

As fall brings new activities and places to visit, the University of Maine's campus also has an array of available sports games campus events that kick off the fall season. Sororities and fraternities on campus are hosting a variety philanthropy and fall events, includhaunted houses, pumpkin carving and craft-making activities.

"I am really looking forward to our haunted house this year and all the Halloween activities that will be going on in the Union,"

fourth-year parks, recreation and tourism student Kimberley Stoddard said. "Fall is such a fun time of year to be on campus and it definitely brings everyone together. When the winter hits, it is hard to spend time with your friends outside around campus, but fall is a nice in-between season where you get to

do that." UMaine offers various festive events free to students throughout the season. Pumpkin carving, painting and decorating, and trivia nights are just a few of the planned activities available throughout the months of October and November. If you are looking to get off campus, the Orono Bog Boardwalk, Acadia National Park, downtown Bangor and

other places in the lo-

cal area offer seasonal events and hours to accommodate the students and families who are looking to get immersed in the fall sea-"I love this time of

year because of the fun and positive atmosphere. There are so many things to do in Maine during the fall season. The new school year brings with it the changing of the leaves and the smell of pumpkin candles, which are my favorite," third-year civil engineering student Claire Klaus said. "I also really love going on hayrides through corn mazes and doing things like apple picking with my friends."

Whether you are staying in the local Orono area to enjoy everything that fall has to offer or taking a road

What's happening in and around Orono this week

### Tuesday, October 1 Women's, Gender, and

**Sexuality Studies** - Fall Colloquium Series 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Bangor Room, **Memorial Union** Wednesday, October 2 Sixth Annual March Against Domestic Violence 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. University Mall Thursday, October 3 Graduate and Professional

House 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Stodder Hall Thursday, October 3 **CHISPA Hispanic** Heritage Month Lecture Series 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 Hill Auditorium Friday, October 4 **Bruce Barth and** 

Programs Open

Anat Cohen 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall

trip to see a festival or sight, fall is a time that everyone can enjoy.

# Doug Allen gives lecture on Gandhi's philosophies pertaining to nonviolence

#### Ali Tobey Contributor

On Thursday, Sept. 26, philosophy professor Doug Allen gave presentation Gandhi-Informed Philosophy, touching on topics of nonviolence, truth, morality and research. His lecture was a part of the fall 2019 Socialist and Marxist Studies Series (Controversy Series) and the 2019-20 Philosophy Department Colloquium Series.

Allen began his lecture by talking about his most recent book "Gandhi After 9/11: Creative Nonviolence

Sustainability," was released on June 4, 2019. Allen described how Gandhi's teachings are still relevant to our world

Allen also pointed out that there have other 9/11like events that have shaped and influenced perceptions violence in society. Events in our history like the implementation of slavery, the forced migration of Native Americans and the Holocaust have all been violent periods in regard to the physical harm inflicted and the rhetoric that followed.

Following attacks like 9/11 in the United States and the 2008 Mumbai attacks in India, Allen pointed out that there has been a shift in our cultures toward violence. Violence does not only encompass physical harm inflicted on another, but also includes linguistic, economic, cultural, religious and environmental

Born in 1869 in In-Gandhi was a prominent philosopher, activist and the leader of India's nonviolent independence movement against British colonialism in the

country. He was assassinated in 1948. During his life, Gandhi was involved in establishing nonviolent protests in India and South Africa to protest racial segregation, discrimination and other injustices.

In his book, Allen discusses the Gandhi's vance of teachings, his theories and practice, his approaches to technology and how these ideals can apply to our current world.

Allen's initial interest in philosophy began during his freshman year at Yale University. He began as a physics student intending to work in the physical sciences. But after taking an introduction to philosophy class, he changed his major and began his work in the humanities.

"My first semester I took a philosophy course, with a world-famous philosopher ... and I was so moved by him that I changed my major. But then I didn't know that I would continue in philosophy. When I first went to India ... I was very young and living in the holiest city in India and studied at the best philosophy department in the

country and took all

of these Ph.D. classes in philosophy ... and we never mentioned Gandhi," said Allen.

He began researching Gandhi after living in the South and seeing the impact that Gandhi had on Martin Luther King Jr.'s work and how nonviolence other theories could benefit everyday life. Allen is now considered one of the world's leading scholars in the phenomenology of religion and the philosophy of Gandhi.

"Gandhi was important for me in terms of my life, my civil

See Ghandi on A10