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New group on campus bases mission on non-partisan politics

Leela Stockley
News Editor

Since the 2016 election, tensions between political parties have risen and divided the nation and even smaller communities like the student body at the University of Maine. After President Donald Trump was sworn into office, it became difficult for members of both parties to find common ground on issues such as health care, immigration and gun control. This has polarized political ideologies and expression in communities around the nation.

However, a new student-led organization has arisen out of the contention between the Democratic and Republican ideologies on the UMaine campus. After the socially and politically tumultuous autumn of 2019, the Young Americans of Liberty (YAL) created a chapter at UMaine in October. Since then, the group has been working hard around campus and in the Orono area to raise awareness of their organization and their beliefs.

The YAL is an organization with the goal of promoting and protecting student liberties. It is overseen by Dylan Oliver, a third-year business management and economics student, Jack Wolfenden, a second-year forestry student and Matthew DelMonico, a second-year history student. The current group at UMaine is a chapter of the national Young Americans for Liberty Foundation, a

non-profit organization that seeks to "recognize the natural rights of life, liberty, and property" as outlined in the Constitution. The student organization works to educate students about their rights, with a focus on first amendment rights. They are hoping to work with the UMaine faculty and administration to create a more transparent free speech policy, while advocating for students' rights to peacefully protest.

Oliver, the president of the organization, said that he feels as though there is a lot of misinformation about the group in the student community. He hopes to advertise that the group is not an alternative to conservative groups on campus, such as Turning Point USA and the group formerly known as the UMaine College Republicans.

"A large amount of the student body misunderstands [our mission], we get grouped in with one side or the other [in terms of political affiliation]. In terms of ideology, we welcome a very diverse group of people from various political backgrounds. Some of our members identify as libertarian, some identify as Democrats ... some identify under third-party demographics such as the Green Party. We hope to isolate ourselves from party politics and [rather] anchor ourselves with common ground ... that common ground is to promote liberty," Oliver said. "We hope to, we



UMaine students, such as Dylan Oliver (second to right) and Haley Surette (far right), pose with their Young Americans for Liberty table at the Student Organization Fair this past Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020.

Photo by Will Bickford.

can and we will work to bridge as many different cultures as possible. Everybody gets liberty, we promote liberty for all ... by doing that we can promote [a] cultural impact."

Wolfenden, the organization's vice president said that he feels strongly about giving everyone the opportunity to voice their opinions. He hopes that the group will be able to reach more people in order to help spread the stories of people from varying walks of life.

"The law of the land, the law of liberty, applies to all. [We hope] to amplify the voices of those who may not be heard, we want to hear from the people who are from different perspectives [and help them feel] as though their voice is being heard," Wolfenden said. "We are all

Americans, we might come from different backgrounds, but at the end of the day, we are all citizens of this nation and we want to work to better this nation."

One of the organization's biggest goals for their interaction with the UMaine community is to promote open dialogue, rather than debates about which political ideology is the best or the most effective.

"We know that there are groups who feel debate is positive, we don't really agree that a debate is a positive way to ... sit down and find common ground. With debates, there's always a winner or a loser. We hope to be able to host more round-table and town-hall types of discussions [about today's issues]," Oliver noted. The group hopes to

host discussions with local politicians who share their values of liberty for all, and their goal is to open a discussion about hard topics that are often avoided in political campaigns.

"We are hosting Eric Brakey this spring, [we hope] it will be a more casual discussion with a politician," Oliver said. "We need to hold our politicians to the same standards we hold our neighbors, [not as] this image they project [on capitol hill]."

The most important goal that the organization hopes to achieve in the spring semester is working with the UMaine faculty to create a more transparent set of expectations that deal with students' right to freedom of speech. Currently, the school has policies surrounding

organized protest that YAL feel are restrictive and inaccessible to everyone.

"Currently, you have to talk to the chief of police 48 hours in advance of an event that you plan to protest. [Frankly] we feel as though it is prohibitive to a lot of the members of the student body. As long as it doesn't disturb the peace, it's a peaceful protest ... we shouldn't have to seek approval [to exercise our rights]," Wolfenden said. "If I want to go stand on the mall, I should be able to. I'm not hurting anybody. We want to work towards an open dialogue on campus about these issues."

For those interested in the Young Americans for Liberty, contact Dylan Oliver at dylan1.oliver@maine.edu.

Democrats deliver impeachment articles, Trump's defense take offense

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On Jan. 21, the United States Senate convened on Capitol Hill to try the impeachment of President Donald J. Trump. The Senate's trial of Trump's impeachment came just over a month after the House of Representatives voted to impeach Trump over allegedly asking a foreign leader, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, for intel about his po-

litical opponent and rival, presidential hopeful and former Vice President Joe Biden.

This impeachment marks a historic event, as Trump is only the third U.S. president to go through the formal impeachment process.

Shortly after the trial began on Tuesday, all U.S. Senators, their lawyers and the press entered the room. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R) opened up the hearing with statements.

On the first day of the proceedings, Mc-

Connell established the ground rules for the trial, the Senate voted down multiple amendments from Democrats which aimed to introduce new evidence and McConnell made controversial last-minute changes to the rules after criticism from Democrats and Republicans.

After 12 hours of heated debate, the Senate passed the ground rules for the proceedings with a vote along party lines of 53 to 47. The main contention point, as

has been discussed since the impeachment was passed in the House of Representatives, was the introduction of additional testimonies to provide additional evidence relevant to the charges against Trump.

While the majority of Republicans have backed Trump throughout the impeachment proceedings, many Democrats have publicly called for Trump's removal from office. Rep. Adam Schiff (D) of California who has notoriously been the

target for many of Trump's strongly-worded tweets is leading the proceedings.

Schiff has been a strong supporter of Trump's removal from office since the proceedings started in December. Just before the impeachment trial started, Schiff delivered a testimony in which he called out Trump and other Republican politicians for what he viewed as corrupt behavior.

On the second day of the proceedings, the Democrats walked

the Senate through a timeline of the actions by both Trump and other administration officials involving Ukraine. Schiff highlighted three days, July 24-26, and noted that he felt as though they "tell so much of the story" about Trump's alleged actions. Schiff also noted that he feels as though the issue of Trump's misconduct must be resolved through the Senate, stating that "we cannot be assured that the

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News

UMaine to offer opportunity to first-year students to retake failed courses



The University of Maine System is offering first-year students the opportunity to retake their failed courses at no cost.

Photo by Brendan Ward.

Maria Maxsimic Contributor

The University of Maine System recently implemented the “Make the Grade” Student Success Initiative which will provide a free three-credit course to first-year students that fail a course during their first semester of college.

First-year students often struggle for many different reasons. The first semester of college can be challenging for some as they may be living far away from home, attempting to balance multiple jobs or simply because it is a change of pace.

“Make the Grade” will attempt to offset the number of first-year students who are faced with the

decision of dropping out after a challenging first semester. The pilot initiative was largely supported by the University of Maine System Chancellor Dannel Molloy as he set a goal to increase the number of students that stay in school and decrease the number of students that decide to leave University of Maine System campuses. “Make the Grade” is a part of a larger student outreach campaign, known as “Maine Values You.” This student outreach campaign focuses on providing Maine college students an affordable, world-class education from the state’s public universities.

According to the system’s website, “only 44% of first-year Maine public university students who

fail a course in their first semester return for the start of the next academic year.” In the fall of 2018, first-year students who failed a course were thought to be more than twice as likely not to return for the next academic period when compared to their peers that did not fail a course.

This free course will save in-state students approximately \$780 that they would typically pay for a three-credit class.

This policy was announced at the end of the fall semester’s finals week, on Friday, Dec. 20 and will be put into practice at the University of Maine System’s seven campuses across the state. At the beginning of the spring semester, students that meet the

criteria will be contacted about the program.

All seven of the campuses have slightly different eligibility requirements for participants of the initiative. Each university will experiment with unique approaches to offer services that will aid their individual students and their specific needs.

The flagship UMaine Orono campus as well as UMaine Machias have decided that they will reach out to eligible students at the beginning of the semester and these students will be given a tuition waiver that they will have up to one year to use on a course based on their individual academic needs. These students will also be given a mentor, which could be an associate dean or staff

member in the student affairs office that they will meet with regularly to discuss their trajectory for degree completion.

According to the University of Maine System website, UMaine’s Orono campus “is committed to the success of its students and research shows that learners who take the time to connect with staff within their academic units and in student life have a greater chance of finding a major that motivates them and compels them forward toward their preferred careers.”

In comparison, UMaine Augusta (UMA) will provide eligible students with a “Make the Grade” grant for the opportunity to retake one class that is four credits or less.

Students eligible for this grant must have earned a grade lower than a D+, or an L or WF, during their first semester of college, in the fall of 2019. UMA will cover the tuition cost for this class to be taken during the spring semester of 2020, and the student will be responsible for covering the fees associated with the course.

The University of Maine System, along with educators around the state, hope that initiatives like this will help retain students who have potential in order to allow them the opportunity to get the best education possible. Through supporting students financially, UMaine hopes to see an increase in student success and satisfaction.

College Republicans no longer recognized by UMSG

Bhavana Scalia-Bruce Contributor

After acting as the faculty advisor for the group formerly known as the University of Maine College Republicans for approximately a month, Professor of Political Science and Chair of the University of Maine Political Science Department Amy Fried resigned from the position in December of 2019. Fried is an advisor for multiple political groups at UMaine as well as the overseer of the Maine Policy Scholar Program.

In years prior, Fried had acted as the faculty advisor for the UMaine College Republicans and over the past three years had been an off-and-on advisor for the group. Currently, Fried is the ad-

visor for the UMaine College Democrats, as well as the UMaine chapter of the Young Americans for Liberty.

In October of 2019, Fried became the advisor for the UMaine College Republicans when the group leaders approached her about not being able to find a new faculty member after an incident that took place.

“I decided to serve as advisor because I strongly support viewpoint diversity and student political engagement,” Fried stated. “I resigned after the group invited a speaker who the Young Americans for Liberty removed from their speakers’ bureau because of her ties to a Holocaust denier, Nick Fuentes. Holocaust denial is not only false historically

but [perpetuates] anti-Semitic views.”

Fried also wanted to distance herself from the “hardline anti-immigration stance [of the group], as well as their use of social media to get a rise out of people.”

Since losing a faculty advisor, the group formerly known as the UMaine College Republicans are no longer able to seek recognition from the University of Maine Student Government (UMSG), will no longer receive UMSG funding and can no longer affiliate their group with UMaine by using the title of the university in the name of their group.

The aftermath of the College Republicans association with controversial figures like Fuentes has led to some internal

loss of interest in the particular conservative viewpoint that the group touts, with members leaving to join other on-campus political groups such as the UMaine chapter of Turning Point USA, a conservative group at UMaine, and the Young Americans for Liberty, a group which welcomes students of any and all political affiliations.

Jacob Palmieri, a fourth-year political science student and former member of the College Republican’s executive board, explained that the group of students, “are just your everyday college Republicans.”

“Our mission is to promote the GOP agenda and platform. Our events are meant to allow students on campus to get another point of view and

to further the political dialogue. All of our events are open to the public and we welcome people of all political affiliations to come,” Palmieri said.

Palmieri stated that he did not feel as though the group was disbanded and that the group did not express any reaction to the loss of UMSG support.

“I don’t think we were ever ‘disbanded.’ However, it was unfortunate what happened to our group. We have never once called on other groups to be shut down. I think it is quite disgusting to wish to shut down political speech this way. Sadly, many on campus have openly called, helped and cheered our club when it seems like we no longer would be allowed to exist. We hear a lot about want-

ing to make a safe learning environment on a college campus but that safety hasn’t been extended to us. Many people in our club have expressed concerns about this,” Palmieri said. “The [group formerly known as the] UMaine College Republicans have been leading the charge as it pertains to promoting political dialogue on campus. We hold events open to everyone and attend events with an open mind trying to understand those who disagree with us. It seems to me that the problem people have with our club has nothing to do with rules or inviting speakers but simply the fact that we are conservative.”

UMaine hosts fifth annual VEMI Lab Rapid Research Week

Bhavana Scalia-Bruce
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While campus was mostly quiet during the month of winter break, a group of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty stayed in the Orono area to take part in the fifth annual University of Maine's Virtual Environment and Multimodal Interaction Laboratory (VEMI) Rapid Research Week. The event took place in Carnegie Hall on the UMaine Orono campus.

Professor and Director of the VEMI Lab Richard Corey co-coordinated the VEMI Rapid Research Week. Corey worked alongside Nicholas Giudice, the director emeritus of the VEMI lab, as the original creators of Rapid Research Week. The two initiated the week "as a way to teach our students the fundamentals of research in an engaging and fun way," Corey stated.

Corey noted the diversity of disciplines represented in Rapid Research Week, em-

phasizing that the ability to conduct and share diverse research topics benefits all involved undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty. He also emphasized that the students had a large impact on making decisions regarding the layout and presentation of the week. Since the point of the event was to put students first, Corey noted, their input was encouraged throughout the process of planning and implementing the activities throughout the week.

"22 Students and 10 faculty and staff members came together for a one-week immersive research education experience. The students came from dozens of different departments," Corey stated. "The Rapid Research Week Instructor Team consisted of Giudice, whose work focuses on spatial informatics, Caitlin Howell, whose work focuses on biomedical engineering, Fayeza Ahmed, whose work focuses on psychology, Kaitlyn Haase

of the VEMI Lab, Raymond Perry of the VEMI Lab and myself."

Because the week was set up to encourage students and faculty to share their research, the focus was on innovation rather than in maintaining a traditional classroom structure. Rapid Research Week allowed community members to adopt a more collaborative approach to innovation and apply valuable knowledge or skills.

Theo Erikson, a first-year mechanical engineering student who works as an undergraduate developer at the VEMI Lab, explained that Rapid Research Week makes UMaine unique by offering an opportunity for students who are developing their research.

"As far as I know, no other university has an event quite like Rapid Research Week. It might be my intense lack of objectivity, but I don't think anywhere else could," Erikson said.

Erikson elaborated on the intensity of the opportunity offered at



Over winter break, members of the Virtual Environment and Multimodal Interaction (VEMI) Lab conducted an entire months worth of research in one week.

Photo Contributed by Emily Blackwood.

the events of Rapid Research Week.

"Throughout the week the teams took shallow dives into various aspects of the research process," Erikson said. "By the end of the week, each team had produced a literature review, a white paper and a presentation. An entire day of Rapid Research Week was devoted to running partici-

pants an experiment designed during the week.

The data from that experiment was processed and used in both the white paper and the presentation."

Erikson hopes to be able to participate in any future events hosted by the VEMI Lab that are similar to the Rapid Research Week.

UMaine hopes to continue to offer this

opportunity for students in the future to gain research knowledge, interact with peers in a meaningful way and promote constructive learning opportunities. For those interested in the VEMI Lab, more information can be found at <https://umaine.edu/vemi/about-us/> or at 207-581-2151.

Penobscot Nation receives funding for tribal elder housing

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Contributor

On Jan. 15, the Penobscot Nation celebrated the official opening of their new 24 unit apartment building, which was made possible by a California company's \$2.1 million financing deal. This apartment building, known as the Penobscot Elder Homes, will provide affordable housing equipped with special features for the elders within the Penobscot tribe.

The Penobscot Nation is a native tribe that is considered to be a sovereign nation. This can impose challenges when looking for investors for projects such as building an apartment complex, as many in-

vestors often do not see the benefit of investing in first nations' communities. However, a generous investment from Hunt Capital Partners was able to help the people of the Penobscot Nation.

The California company closed on the financing deal with the Penobscot Nation in April of last year. According to the company's website, Hunt Capital Partners specialize in the syndication of federal and state low-income housing, in addition to interest in historic and solar tax credits. The money the Penobscot Nation received came in the form of federal low-income housing tax credit equity financing. This is the Penobscot Nation's first low-in-

come housing tax credit deal.

The total project cost was \$5.79 million. To cover the cost, Bangor Savings Bank contributed a \$750,000 construction loan, and MaineHousing provided a \$3 million construction loan. The Penobscot Nation was able to provide \$3.4 million to cover costs from soft construction to permanent loans.

The new building will have 16 one-bedroom apartments, as well as eight two-bedroom units. The building was designed to be a place for tribal elders to live and was equipped with specific features for them. The building includes a common space for residents and a laundry room, in addition to a

commercial kitchen that will be used to provide meals. Eight of the 24 units will also be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible.

"Maine has an older demographic and a lot of people are aging, so this provides affordable housing for the elderly. Another nice feature of [the building] is the layout of it ... [it has] handicap accessibility and walk-in showers. It is made so that people can age in place as opposed to having to move," Michael Bush, the Penobscot Nation Housing Department Head, said.

Almost half of the households on Indian Island have a head of household that is age 55 or older. Those that qualify to live in one of the units must meet other

standards as well. They must have incomes up to 50 or 60% of the reserve's median income. For a single occupant, the income limit is said to be \$31,080, and for two occupants the limit is said to be \$35,520.

The complex is strategically situated less than a mile away from a health clinic and all residents will have the ability to use the transportation and community services coordination that the tribe provides.

In the past, there was an apartment building that housed a number of elders within the Penobscot Nation. This building was known as the Nohkomess Apartment and was built during the 1970s. It had eight units, but due to lack of maintenance, it was no longer

suitable to house people in. It was torn down prior to the building of the new apartment building. All of the families that had been living in this complex will be moved into the new units.

The new complex is thought to be the solution to the overcrowded senior households that were on the reservation, while also providing many helpful features that residents can take advantage of. Through initiatives like this, communities can begin to build stronger foundations that will provide the opportunity for many community members to thrive through inclusive and accessible support systems.

Community members begin planning Orono and Maine's shared birthday

Lia Suleiman
Contributor

This year marks Maine's bicentennial having been part of the union for 200 years. The state of Maine was incorporated into the union on March 15, 1820 after becoming independent from Massachusetts, seeing a period of economic and agricultural prosperity following its induction into statehood.

On March 14, the town of Orono will hold an event to celebrate both the town's 214th birthday and the state of Maine's bicentennial anniversary. Community Development Director David L. Milan said that the Town of Oro-

no, a state-wide bicentennial committee and the University of Maine are currently hard at work planning this celebration to conjoin the two momentous days.

Milan found the fact that these two events were so close in date surprising and coincidental.

"[The bicentennial celebration] was almost an ironic event, because we were looking at creating a March event to celebrate Orono's birthday," Milan noted.

By combining two large celebrations into one, it will make event planning much easier on the community.

"When we found out that the Bicentennial

Committee was looking for communities to host bicentennial activities in March as well, and it's for the same week, we said, 'Well it just makes sense to partner and do these things together,'" Milan explained.

Milan also discussed his hopes for this celebration. One of the goals of this celebration is to highlight some of Orono's most popular sites, as well as the communities of people who live in Orono. Milan noted that the celebration is planning to include a historical house tour, a fun run and a taste of Orono dinner, among other activities.

Committee mem-

bers, town officials, restaurant owners and others will hold the taste of Orono in one of Orono's most prominent buildings, the Stone Manor. This is an event for local restaurants and breweries, such as Orono Brewing Company, to offer guests samples of some of their most popular dishes. While the event will serve as an opportunity to advertise and network with others to spread the word about the opportunities in Orono, it will also serve as a fun and refreshing way to celebrate community accomplishments.

Milan noted that local chapters of organizations like the Boy

Scouts of America, the American Legion and the Orono Historical Society will also attend the event. Milan stated that he had reached out to Penobscot leaders and invited them to take part in the celebratory events. While the Penobscot leaders have yet to respond, Milan is hopeful about including the Penobscot Nation in the celebrations.

The state of Maine will be hosting events related to the celebration of the bicentennial around the state throughout the year. Many of Maine's libraries are hoping that this celebration will reinvigorate Mainers' interest in Maine's history,

and are encouraging people to reach out to their local libraries and historical societies to support their communities' histories.

For more information about Maine's many bicentennial initiatives and celebrations visit <https://www.maine200.org/calendar>.

Weekly Updates

This Week in Student Government

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

Maria Maxsimic Contributor

The General Student Senate meeting on Jan. 21 began with the approval of the Dec. 10 meeting minutes and agenda.

General Good and Welfare:

Vice President Chase Flaherty welcomed everyone back from the winter break in classes.

New Senators, Officer Appointments, Resignations:

Vice President Chase Flaherty reported the resignation of Sens. Mikaela Shea, Elisabeth Redwood, Daniel Adams and Matthew Fishbein. Anthony Frebiso was appointed as a senator.

Executive Reports:

President Bentley Simpson reported that Student Government would be having a meeting regarding their plans for "Fresh Check" Day that is put on by the Student Wellness Resource Center each year. Additionally, he reported that there would be a meeting for senators regarding Winter Carnival on Jan. 24, and a cabinet meeting on Jan. 22. Lastly, he reminded senators of the Student Organization Fair occurring Jan. 22 in the Memorial Union.

Vice President Chase Flaherty welcomed senators back and reported that nominations for vacant positions would occur during this meeting and that elections would be held next week.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Jack O'Donoghue reported that there are new positions for Executive Budgetary Committee (EBC) available and that the University of Maine Student Government, Inc. (UMSG, Inc.) would consider hiring an Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) during the medical leave of the current EAA.

Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray reported that the Student Organization Fair would be held on Jan. 22 in the Memorial Union.

Vice President for Student Entertainment

Logan Aromando shared that most entertainment acts for spring events had been booked and that the production for events is in the final stages. He shared that the Maine Day concert date (April 25) would be shared on social media on Jan. 21. Additionally, he reported that there are many volunteering opportunities for senators during Winter Carnival.

Student Government Advisor Lauri Sidelko reported that Winter Carnival would occur during the second week of February. She shared that there will be updates in the Memorial Union consisting of new furniture, decals on the walls and new tables in front of the bookstore. Lastly, she reported that there is a new event management process being instituted from the university for events meeting certain criteria (50+ people, bonfires, etc.). These events will need to start filling out event management paperwork, moving forward.

Periodic Reports:

University of Maine Board of Trustees Student Rep. Abby Despres reported that there is a board meeting on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27 that is open to the public. She reported that there is a new graduate representative to the board of trustees. Lastly, select members of UMSG were invited to the president's office to discuss academic affairs positions with the university's trustees.

Chair of Fair Election Practices Commissioner Matthew Akers reported that spring executive elections would be held in the upcoming days. Additionally, he shared that he would be holding office hours to answer questions regarding the positions.

Director of Communications Owen Vadala reported that the Maine Day concert date was posted on UMSG, Inc.'s Facebook page and would be shared on other platforms in the near future.

Representative Board



Reports:

Commuter and Non-Traditional Students Rep. Ian Johnson reported that the first pancake breakfast of the semester will be held at some point during the week of Jan. 27 to Jan. 31.

Honors College Student Advisory Board Rep. Dominique Dispirito reported that they would be holding elections for their vice president and other vacant positions. Lastly, Dispirito reported that their board has been working on their plans for Maine Day and received a grant from the campus activity funds.

Senior Class Council Rep. Joshua Minor reported that the council plans to host another night event with Orono House of Pizza this semester. Additionally, he shared that the council will be participating in Winter Carnival by hosting a trivia night. Lastly, he stated that any senior is welcome to join the council.

Sustainability and Environment Action Division (SEAD) Rep. Dalton Bouchless reported that there are three new executive board positions open within the group. SEAD is working with another group to promote alternative transit in Orono. Additionally, SEAD is hosting U.S. Senate candidate Lisa Savage and she will be coming to campus during the month of February. Lastly, SEAD will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day this year and spring fling.

Community Association Reports:

Feminist Collective Rep. Hannah Thomson reported that the vagina monologue auditions would be held on Jan. 23.

Wilde Stein: Queer-Straight Alliance Rep. MJ Smith reported that pride week, lavender prom and their drag show are currently being planned.

International Student Association Rep. Hannah Holbrook reported that on Jan. 24 they will be holding elections for their vice president position. Additionally, coffee hour is happening every Friday at the North Pod of the Memorial Union.

New Business:

Vice President Chase Flaherty held nominations for open positions within UMSG, Inc.

Accepted nominations for Faculty Senate Student Representative:

President Bentley Simpson nominated Sen. Austin Westfield.

Sen. Benjamin Orgel nominated Sen. Camryn Hammill.

Accepted nominations for Student Legal Services Liaison:

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Elisabeth Redwood.

Accepted nominations for the Representative to the Graduate Student Senate:

President Bentley Simpson nominated Sen. Sarah Brindisi.

Sen. Peter Alexander nominated Sen. Harrison Ransley.

Accepted nominations for the Orono Town Council Liaison:

President Bentley Simpson nominated

Sen. Peter Alexander.

Accepted nominations for the Old Town City Council Liaison:

Sen. Frank Kelly nominated Sen. Peter Alexander.

Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray nominated Sen. Austin Westfield.

Accepted nominations for University of Maine Security Representative:

Sen. Frank Kelly nominated Sen. Peter Alexander.

Accepted nominations for the Center for Undergraduate Research Liaison:

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Olivia Lovejoy.

Accepted nominations for the membership position:

Sen. Zach Wyles nominated Sen. Gabriela Reyes.

Accepted nominations for policy and procedure:

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Harrison Ransley.

Sen. Harrison Ransley nominated Sen. Zach Wyles.

President Bentley Simpson nominated Sen. Emmeline Willey.

Accepted nominations for political activism:

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Cody Embelton.

Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray nominated Sen. Frank Kelly.

Accepted nominations for services:

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Emmeline Willey.

Accepted nominations for President Pro-Tempore:

Sen. Zach Wyles nominated Sen. Harrison Ransley.

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Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray nominated Sen. Emmeline Willey.

Accepted nominations for Sergeant at Arms:

Sen. Peter Alexander nominated Sen. Benjamin Orgel.

Accepted nominations for Executive Budgetary Committee (EBC) positions:

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Frank Kelly.

President Bentley Simpson nominated Sen. Camryn Hammill.

Sen. Emmeline Willey nominated Sen. Olivia Lovejoy.

Sen. Peter Alexander nominated Sen. Gabriela Reyes.

President Bentley Simpson nominated Sen. Frank Alexander.

Vice President for Student Organizations Taylor Cray nominated Sen. Sarah Brindisi.

Accepted nominations for Student Organizations Committee (SOC) positions:

Sen. Frank Alexander nominated Sen. Anthony Frebiso.

Sen. Emmeline Willey nominated Sen. Kylie Trawick.

Sen. Harrison Ransley nominated Sen. Gabriela Reyes.

Sen. Benjamin Orgel nominated Sen. Camryn Hammill.

Sen. Gabriela Reyes nominated Sen. Cody Embelton.

Sen. Harrison Ransley nominated Sen. Sarah Brindisi.

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Main Motion:
Sen. Camryn Hammill moved the main motion.

President Bentley Simpson reported that UMSG, Inc. would hire an EAA during the medical leave of the current EAA and for prior training. This position would be from Jan. 27, 2020 through May 1, 2020. The work schedule would be Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the amount of \$3,900.

The act to hire a temporary executive administrative assistant was passed by the senate.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Trump from A1

vote will be fairly won," should Trump gain a spot on the 2020 electoral ballot.

Throughout the Democrats' presentation, Trump broke his own personal record for most tweets and retweets in one day, as he directed diatribes at the House impeachment managers.

Day two of the proceedings closed with Schiff presenting the idea that, "If you find him guilty, you must find that he should be removed. Because right matters, because right matters. And the

truth matters. Otherwise, we are lost."

During day three of the proceedings, House impeachment managers pointed out more evidence of actions conducted by officials close to Trump, highlighting the withholding of military aid to Ukraine, the alleged involvement in a pressure campaign on Ukraine and referenced the notes between Lev Parnas and Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, as evidence that Trump had directed an announcement for an investigation into the Bidens.

On Saturday, Trump and his associates had the opportuni-

ty to defend Trump against the articles of impeachment brought on during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's Senate proceedings. Trump's defense team will have three days, and up to 24 hours, to launch their defense. The first day of defense started with Trump's team taking the offensive against Democrats, claiming that they were "partisan witch-hunters trying to remove him from office because they could not beat him at the ballot box."

Trump's defense also repeatedly stated that there was the burden of proof to meet in the trial, and that the

Democrats had failed to meet that. While Republicans refused to discuss bringing witnesses into the proceedings, Trump's defense team accused House Democrats of cherry-picking facts in order to leave out contrary information that would have skewed the narrative.

After the two-hour session, Democrats noted that they felt more inclined to demand calling witnesses, like John R. Bolton, the president's former national security adviser, to provide eyewitness accounts of the events.

"They kept saying there are no eyewitness

accounts," Sen. Chuck Schumer (D) of New York told the press. "There are people that have eyewitness accounts. The very four witnesses, and the very four sets of documents that we have asked for."

Trump's team will have two more days to present a defense. A vote on whether the Democrats will be granted access to witnesses and documents will come in the next week. After the president's defense is complete, the senators will then be allowed to submit questions in writings which will be read by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.,

who is presiding over the trial. The Senate will then consider any motions to dismiss the case or to call witnesses and demand documents. If no witnesses are called and no motion to dismiss the case is passed, the Senate will then move to final deliberations on conviction or acquittal. A verdict may be delivered during the next week.

Police Beat

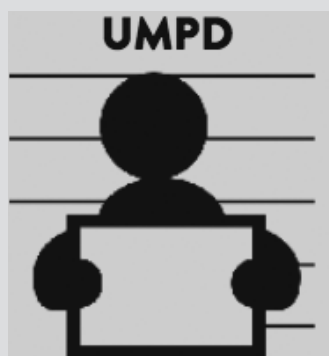
The best from UMaine's finest

Leela Stockley
News Editor

Jan. 17 - 7:30 p.m.
While on duty, Officer Irish of the Orono Police Department

(OPD) received a call from Thriftway reporting the attempted use of a fake I.D. by Christopher Paquin, 18, of Massachusetts. Paquin had attempted

to purchase alcohol and was asked for I.D. which was found to be fake. When Officer Irish arrived, Paquin was compliant. Paquin was summoned for a



civil violation and has a court date set in February.
Jan. 19 - 9:04 p.m.
While on duty, an officer from the University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) received a call from a resident assistant (RA) in Androscoggin Hall reporting that they smelled marijuana on the first floor. The officer responded to the call and found three male students in possession of a mason jar and multiple baggies

full of marijuana and various paraphernalia items. The students were compliant with the UMPD officer and were not charged with an offense. The students were referred to the Student Conduct Code Committee.
Jan. 22 - 1 p.m.
A student reported to UMPD that they had left a black Acer laptop in Deering Hall, which had gone missing and was presumed stolen. There is an ongoing investigation

into the whereabouts of the laptop. If anyone has any information, please call UMPD at 581-4040.
Jan. 23 - 10 a.m.
UMPD received a report that a drink cooler located outside of the Reserve Officer Training Corps weight room was broken into and over \$300 worth of drinks were stolen. UMPD is still investigating the incident. If anyone has any information, please call UMPD at 581-4040.

Briefs

Quick news from around the country

Leela Stockley
News Editor

Jan. 21
Tuesday evening, Gov. Janet Mills delivered her second State of the State address. Mills declared, "We are

not Washington; we are Maine," and went on to talk about bipartisan progress that was made around the state in the last year. Mills' speech highlighted the importance of supporting prosperity

for Mainers by taking actions to strengthen the economy, build the workforce, improve healthcare and fight climate change. She also highlighted that this year will mark the 200th anniversary of



the state of Maine joining the union.
Jan. 23
The state of Maine Medical Examiner's Office reported this past week that the number of Mainers who have died from drug overdoses rose in the past year, after a dip in numbers during 2018. A report from the Medical Examiner's Office stated that 277 Mainers lost their lives to drug overdoses in

the first nine months of 2019, which was a 4% increase from the 354 deaths recorded in 2018. Gordon Smith, Maine's director of opioid response, stated that he has hope that Maine is doing all it can to address the opioid epidemic and mitigate the number of deaths from opioid use.
Jan. 24
The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers' Market

Promotion Program awarded the Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets (MFFM) \$160,111 for their "Workplace to Market Project." According to a press release from Sen. Angus King's office, the funding will help the MFFM "discover new, innovative ways to increase farmers' market turnout ... helping to strengthen Maine's farming sector."



The World This Week



Jan. 22

During Rep. Adam Schiff's (D) presentation of evidence in the impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump, more than one-third of the 53 members of the GOP broke the rules and walked out. According to the rules of the proceedings, senators are not allowed to leave the floor for any reason while the impeachment trial is in session.

Jan. 23

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved the hands of the symbolic Doomsday Clock 20 seconds closer to midnight, warning the world that the Earth is closer than ever to a man-made apocalypse. The clock currently shows that the world is 100 seconds away from doomsday, which is the closest it has ever been to "symbolic doom," and is the first time the clock has surpassed the two-minute mark. Rachel Bronson, the president of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists noted that, "We are now expressing how close the world is to catastrophe in seconds — not hours, or even minutes".

Jan. 23

Puerto Ricans have taken to the streets in anger and protest of conditions after finding in the past week that emergency aid had been sitting unused in a warehouse as the U.S. territory struggles to recover from months of natural disasters. Officials have been waiting for millions of dollars in aid to assist with rebuilding infrastructure after the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017, and have recently requested aid after a 6.4 magnitude earthquake damaged hundreds of homes on the island.

This week at UMaine...

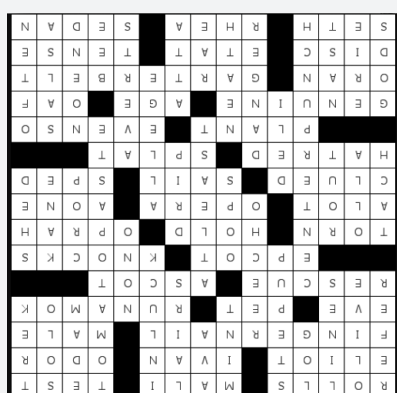
What's happening this week at UMaine

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Monday Lunch Talk: Efficient Memory-Usage Techniques in Deep Neural Networks 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Boardman Hall	Faculty Recital 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall	John Stass, "Minimalism ... Enough is Enough" 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The Sculpture Studio	New Writing Series: Lisa Robertson 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. IMRC, Stewart Commons	2020 Visions: The Humanities at UMaine 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Buchanan Alumni House	2020 Bangor Humanities Day 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Bangor

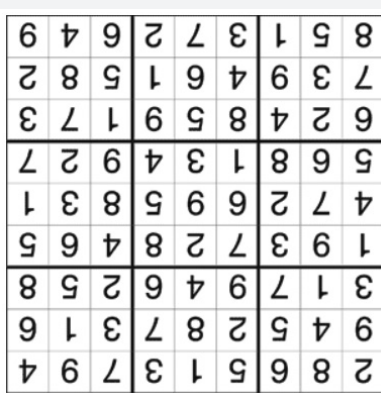
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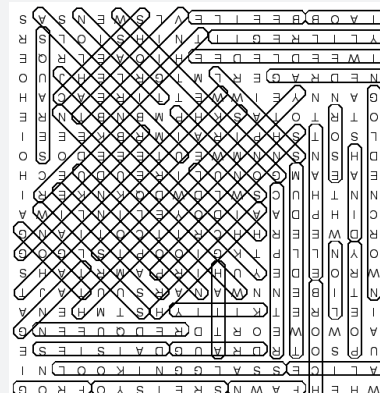
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Opinion

Monday, January 27, 2020

Editorial: Diversifying Hollywood is in the hands of the consumers

Liz Theriault
Opinion Editor

“Once you overcome the 1-inch-tall barrier of subtitles, you will be introduced to so many more amazing films,” Bong Joon-Ho said, calling out the cultural shortsightedness that plagues Hollywood, in his 2020 Golden Globe acceptance speech for his film “Parasite.” His words rang true for minorities everywhere, who sat through yet another award show celebrating predominantly white men.

“Parasite” won in the category Best Foreign-Language Film, after collecting more than \$23 million in the U.S. box office. Despite its success, much of America’s film and television consumers still hold a distaste for subtitles, and, by proxy, films led, written or directed by minorities. And even though “Parasite” won a Golden Globe, categories such as “Best Foreign-Language Film” often serve as consolation prizes to keep certain types of films in the mar-

gins and outskirts of Hollywood success.

This is evident in how in the 91-year-long history of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, only 11 non-English speaking films have been nominated for best picture, and none have ever won.

The UCLA College Division of Social Science releases an annual Hollywood Diversity Report, which examines race, gender, sexuality and ethnic-minority-representation in film and television media. In 2019, the Hollywood Diversity Report found that both people of color and women remain underrepresented in every category of industry employment, including film leads, film directors, broadcast, scripted and reality show leads as well as cable and digital scripted and reality show creators. Each category remains dominated by white men, who represent some of the entrenched cultural stereotypes Hollywood needs to shake.

The internet was host

to an uproar after the announcements of the 2020 Golden Globe award candidates revealed yet another all-male line up for consideration of Best Director, seemingly snubbing Greta Gerwig, who many expected to see on the list for her work directing “Little Women.” The categories of Best Screenplay and Best Motion Pictures also did not hold a spot for any films directed by women.

This announcement seemed to coincide perfectly with the historical evidence that women-directed films are often overlooked by Hollywood. Female representation has increased on the screen, but top grossing films are still seeing a lack of female directors. Only 4% of the top 1,100 studio films of the past decade were directed by women. Only a total of three films were directed by women of color.

When women aren’t allowed access to the platform that allows them to tell their stories, films portray less genuine and

candid representations of what womanhood really is. Yet Hollywood is not the only institution to blame. Society as a whole also needs to be held accountable for its tendency to favor what it has known for so long now — films led, written and directed by white men.

The Hollywood Diversity Report also found that in 2016-17, films with minority leads decreased in representation at the Oscars compared to other years, and films with the most racially and ethnically homogenous casts were the poorest performers in terms of 2016-17 box office revenue. This is no coincidence. Many award programs often defend their nomination choices by stating they choose films based on their success. If Americans are not watching diverse films or streaming diverse shows, the possibility for success falls away for media that bring race, gender, sexuality and ethnic diversity to the screen.

But the progress that

has been made deserves to be recognized. At the 2020 Golden Globes, Asian American actress Awkwafina made history with her win for best actress in a musical or comedy. The actress won for her role in “The Farewell,” where she plays the role of a young woman of a Chinese family that is attempting to hide the fact that she has cancer from her grandmother.

Television also made history with the recent addition of Bowen Yang to the cast of Saturday Night Live. Yang is the first Chinese-American cast member, and one of the first openly gay cast members, along with Kate McKinnon.

These new levels of representation are so important, as consumers of media often take valuable lessons and shape their versions of reality off of what they see presented to them on the screen. If diverse Americans do not see themselves represented in television or film, it limits the roles and stories they see themselves

possibly pursuing in their real lives.

To break this cycle of underrepresented or awarded films and shows, both Hollywood and society need to start actively seeking out new content creators, artists, producers, directors, actors and actresses who bring diverse stories to the screen. As America diversifies, there is no shortage of talented women, people of color, and LGBTQ performers, directors, writers and producers that can bring to life the stories of all Americans.

As Joon-Ho stated, the separation between so many Americans and an entire new world of important media is a 1-inch-thick barrier of subtitles. Break down that barrier by seeking out diverse films and shows, supporting diverse artists and remembering that white, English-speaking humans are not the only ones with relatable and resounding stories to tell.

The Senate needs a lesson in professionalism

Owen Baertlein
Contributor

The impeachment of the President of the United States is not something that should be taken lightly. In essence, it means that one of the most powerful people in the world and the leader of one of the most powerful nations in the world has abused the power of their position, or otherwise committed a crime. They are, in other terms, an insanely powerful criminal. It

is a case that is historic in its proportions and it’s only the third time in American history that it’s happened. And in the case of the impeachment of President Donald Trump, it seems the U.S. Senate could use a reminder on how to conduct themselves at a trial.

Recently Republican and Democratic senators alike have not taken the impeachment hearings as seriously as they should. Multiple news sources have reported sena-

tors dozing off, working on poorly-hidden crosswords or even leaving the room entirely. Given the fact that leaving the Senate chamber during the trial is against the rules set by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the decision by both Democratic and Republican senators is not only disrespectful but downright illegal.

Even aides were complicit, with some attempting to cover for their napping bosses. At one point, Chief

Justice John Roberts had to ask the Senate to behave, as if he was a schoolteacher admonishing immature students. Fact-checking sites have even pointed out half a dozen misleading or blatantly false statements by the President’s defense team, including the often-repeated allegation that preliminary hearings were held behind closed doors and GOP members disallowed.

In any other fair and legal trial, this alone

would give good cause for distrust of the GOP defense team. But with blatant lies on behalf of the President and tweeted taunts from President Trump in Switzerland, the Republican party refuses to give the impeachment hearings the time of day. Republican senators standing at the back of the room near the cloak-rooms (where their phones had to be left) were seen openly yawning as Representative Jason Crow explained

the crime the president committed by withholding military aid to Ukraine. Then there are the politicians who decry the fact that the President hasn’t been given the chance to represent himself, which is a valid point until it comes to light that Trump has refused to testify and actively campaigned against allowing testimony of witnesses who would reportedly exonerate him.

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Whether or not Trump gets impeached, the American people deserve the truth

Nate Poole
Contributor

Despite relentless coverage of the Senate impeachment trial on major news networks, the process itself does not stand to result in anything more than an acquittal of the president. Regardless of this reality, the fact remains that Congress has invoked the most serious and severe executive check within its toolbox, and Donald Trump cannot be allowed to subvert this fundamental element of the Constitution without being held accountable for the truth.

While strictly speaking with regards to the

constitution, it may be acceptable for the Senate to move on without allowing witnesses to come forward, but it would be a severe disservice to the American people. Former White House National Security Adviser John Bolton has said that he would be willing to testify, and as someone who has direct knowledge of the president's interactions with Ukraine, Americans should be afforded every opportunity to hear what he has to say about their president.

On Jan. 15, Nancy Pelosi and the other members of the House voted to send the articles of impeachment to the

Senate. The articles allege that the president abused his power and obstructed justice by leveraging nearly \$400 million in military aid and a White House visit to pressure the president of Ukraine into investigating the son of former Vice President Joe Biden. Contributing to the obstruction of justice count, President Trump has gone out of his way to block his senior aides and former advisers from testifying.

The president's arguably overzealous invocation of executive privilege has resulted in many of the most important names in the impeachment case from being called on by representatives, forcing

Nancy Pelosi to send the articles to the Senate with the hope that Democrats will find a way to get vital witnesses to come forward during the Senate trial. This step will prove difficult, as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged "total coordination" with the White House leading up to the Senate impeachment trial, according to The New York Times.

McConnell has controlled the impeachment trial every step of the way in the Senate and thus has postponed any chance of calling witnesses until after the opening arguments, which should be completed by early next

week. Sen. Marco Rubio from Florida argued they should only vote on the evidence collected in the House for impeachment: "Our job is to vote on what the House passed, not to conduct an open-ended inquiry."

A poll from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research indicated that 7 in 10 respondents believed that Trump should allow top aides to testify while only 45% said that the Senate should convict him. In other words, of the Americans who are aware of the trial, even those who believe that President Trump should be acquitted would like to hear

from those he prevented from coming forward in the first place.

Regardless of what the president may or may not think, this is not one of his hotels or television shows where he is beholden to no one but himself. He is accountable to the American people above all else, and, whether or not there is a Senate majority determined to acquit him, those who elected him deserve to know just what it is that he's been up to, especially when John Bolton is waiting in the wings to tell them.

The inside view: An introduction to the ResLife system

Owen Baertlein
Contributor

The University of Maine is a community full of people with diverse views, experiences and beliefs. However, even with the enormous amount of distinctive experiences, there is one that almost all of us share; most of us have, at some point, had a resident assistant (RA). In the coming weeks, the Maine Campus will be running a series of articles concerning the RAs of UMaine, how they work, how they feel about the RA role and what a day in the life might look like. Through a number of one-on-one interviews with the RAs themselves, the Maine Campus will be looking into just what it means to be an RA at UMaine.

The RAs (and Community Assistants for those residents of DTAV/Patch) are the backbone of resident life here at the Uni-

versity of Maine are the first resource for any student in trouble; they offer support, resources and, to an extent, a shoulder to cry on. That being said, despite how close they are with their residents, RAs actually make up the bottom tier of the Department of Resident Life (ResLife) hierarchy.

There are six housing complexes on campus, each made up of three and four dorm buildings. The names of each complex are usually acronyms; the complex of York, Aroostook and Kennebec, for instance, is referred to as the YAK Complex. Some are locations, like the Hilltop Complex or Stewart Quad.

Each of these complexes are run by a Residence Life staff member that is as unique as their residents. Some complexes have up to sixteen RAs, others barely warrant nine. Some floors in the build-

ings have two RAs, some have none at all. Every complex's staff is comprised of a lead RA and an Assistant Community Coordinator (ACC). The lead RA works as a leader of the staff as well as a bridge between the RA staff and the ACC. Their tasks include planning the nightly 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. duty shifts for every night, attending Residence Hall Association and Council meetings and providing their staff with a voice, as well as many other tasks. They report to their ACC, who is the representative of the building in ResLife's professional staff. They provide their boss, the community coordinator (CC), with a ground-level view of what's going on in their buildings and complexes. The CCs report to the director of ResLife and are responsible for overseeing a few ACCs.

With RAs being the "boots on the ground," so

to speak, they have to be provided with extensive and professional training. RA training usually takes place two weeks before classes begin in September and a few days before classes begin in January. It usually involves policy training, diversity and inclusion training and something called behind closed doors, (BCDs), where professional staff act out situations for RAs to handle one on one. Some BCDs, including those dealing with sexual assault or self-harm can be rough. Some RAs have issues shouldering the burden of the tougher scenarios, and some have even had the same situations happen on a personal level. Throughout the year, to keep the RAs and their training up to date ResLife mandates between three and four in-service training sessions, which vary from training courses put on by ResLife to events

such as the Tunnel of Oppression last year.

Even with all that training, the demands of the job can be stressful. As rewarding as it is for each RA to know they've done all they can to assist their own residents in getting through the year, being a shoulder to cry on or the safety net for as many as 70 students can be a lot. RAs are given four nights off each month that must be requested a week in advance, though the advance notice varies by building. If they don't have time off, RAs must be back in their rooms by two in the morning, they must answer the door when someone knocks and they are encouraged to leave their doors open during their free time in order to make themselves available for anyone who might need them.

There are even academic demands. ResLife requires a minimum GPA

of 2.5 from each RA. If this requirement is not met, they will ask the RA to resign as the department claims it considers the academic performance of the RA far more important than the resident assistant job itself.

All in all, even with the disagreeable students they may run into, the RAs and CAs of the University of Maine continue to excel at a job that is arguably one of the most demanding on campus. From providing emotional support to helping students figure out study times to even the little things like making sure everyone flushes, they do it all.

The Maine Campus will be discussing various topics within the RA position and breaking down topics such as payment, mental health, treatment, and more.

Senate from A6

Given the flippancy that the U.S. Senate as a whole has given the impeachment hearings, it's fair to say that

the behavior of these grown adults who represent the American populace at home and abroad is disappointing at best. The impeachment process should be treated with the utmost respect that

any weighty legal hearing deserves. American citizens who are called up for jury duty are told that it is the privilege of living in a democratic nation. So why is it that even though we aren't allowed to walk out of

the courtroom in the middle of a hearing, it was acceptable for Republican senators to leave the chamber while prosecutors presented vital evidence against President Trump?

Regardless of how it all shakes out, this trial should go down in history as a sorry example of the behavior of America's so-called professional politicians. They have shown themselves to

be petulant, immature and childish, and it would be in the nation's best interests to remember that.

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Star Trek: Picard
LUSH Cosmetics
Vitamin C & D
Meghan and Harry leaving the Royal Family

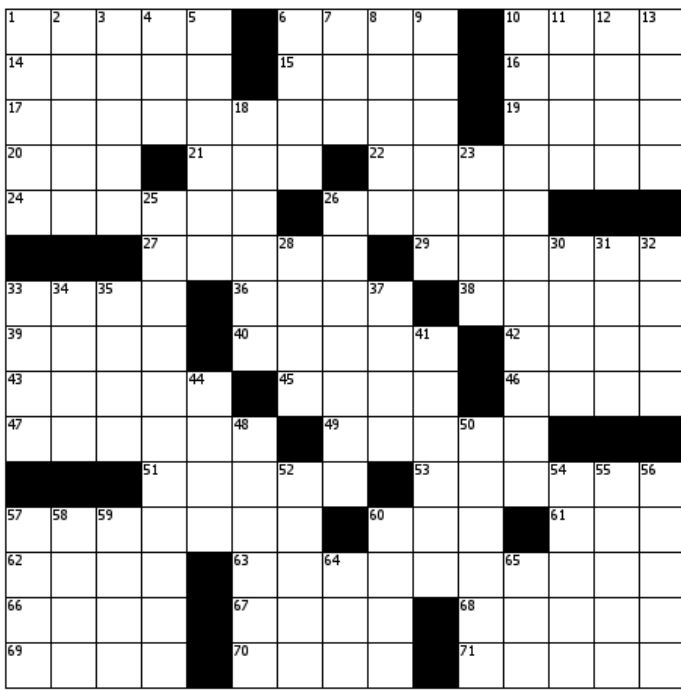


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The Goop Lab
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Monarchies



Diversions

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- 1. Spread complements
 - 6. Timbuktu's land
 - 10. Touchstone
 - 14. Gangbuster Ness
 - 15. Lendl of the court
 - 16. Nose twitcher
 - 17. Itch reliever, some-
 - 19. Virile
 - 20. Genesis mother
 - 21. Word with name or

- project
- 22. Go on a rampage
- 24. Extricate
- 26. Broad neck scarf
- 27. Popular center
- 29. Negative criticisms
- 33. Unable to choose
- 36. Wait on the line
- 38. First name in talk
- 39. What little things mean
- 40. Lincoln Center presentation
- 42. In a class by itself
- 43. Like all good cross-words
- 45. Crossjack
- 46. Went like jehu
- 47. Bad blood
- 49. Relative of "thud"
- 51. Factory
- 53. Nonetheless
- 57. The real McCoy
- 60. Time of your life
- 61. Bumbler
- 62. Algerian seaport
- 63. It's supportive
- 66. It may be compact
- 67. Coup d'___
- 68. On tenterhooks
- 69. Adam's third

- 70. Three-toed bird
- 71. Assembly line item

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- 2. Antipasto item
- 3. Grand opening sights
- 4. Record of a voyage
- 5. Escalate
- 6. Money maker?
- 7. Actress Gardner
- 8. Wildlife refuges
- 9. Fortunate
- 10. Sauce thickener
- 11. Mild yellow cheese
- 12. Aria
- 13. Take a hike
- 18. Deep canyon feature
- 23. It's verboten
- 25. Metal-working tool
- 26. In any event
- 28. Cry over spilled milk?
- 30. Equestrian stick
- 31. "Batman" creator
- 32. Out back building
- 33. RPM indicator
- 34. Spicy stew
- 35. Mop the floor with
- 37. Inspid one
- 41. Maintain
- 44. Where heroes are made
- 48. Reason for concern
- 50. Thwarts
- 52. Under, in verse
- 54. "___ in sight"
- 55. Puente's music
- 56. A great deal
- 57. "___ and Generals"
- 58. Sandusky's lake
- 59. Political cartoonist Thomas
- 60. "___ boy!"
- 64. "Norma ___"
- 65. Quilters' gathering

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Horoscopes

By Antyna Gould

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

A new year full of new visions is coming your way. A Saturn-Pluto alignment creates the need to clear out the clutter of last year that can affect your career, status and reputation in the new year. Focus on a few things that energize you and build a solid foundation on them. Cut out the half-committed relationships in your life and begin working towards a better you. This means holding yourself accountable and being true to you.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

Push yourself to make new connections this year. Connect with a person you hold close in your heart. Such an action will bring new information to light that, if used strategically, can create positive benefits in the future. Most importantly, remember to form a strong connection with yourself and your true feelings. This relationship with yourself will make for a solid foundation to make those new connections.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

There is always room to improve and evolve into a better version of yourself. A new year is a perfect opportunity to do just that. What better way to create a new you than by diving headfirst into a pursuit you have denied yourself from doing for a long time? While something new can be exciting, remember to come up

for air and reflect on how far you've come. A Saturn-Pluto alignment is a time to align with yourself. Start by creating a support system that will help you in your pursuits.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

In the past, you have avoided making healthy connections that benefit your happiness. Challenge yourself this year to do just that, especially within yourself. Continuing on the theme of connections, a Saturn-Pluto alignment may create some conflicts in your relationships. By taking a moment to look at the situation through their eyes you can create a stronger relationship. Take a moment to look at things differently, even if it means stepping outside your comfort zone.

Leo (July 23 - August 21)

Make room for downtime among your many successes. Creating a balance will only make for long-lasting success. To keep the success going you have to be in tip-top shape. A Saturn-Pluto alignment in your work and health sector is the perfect time to view aspects of your professional life that may be affecting your health. While recognizing and changing these issues may not be easy, the benefits outweigh the loss.

Virgo (August 22 - September 23)

Don't ignore your desire for entertainment. Better yet, create the en-

tertainment yourself and immerse yourself in some much-needed playtime. The old ways of entertaining have dulled. It's time to rework your leisure time and pursue a new source of joy. Let the good times continue when Saturn and Pluto align in your joy sector. Let yourself radiate with bountiful joy. Transform how you express yourself, show the world what a fabulous character you are and watch the positive forces naturally come your way.

Libra (September 24 - October 23)

Step outside the confines of your home and enjoy the outside world with what is left of this month. Giving your neglected responsibilities and problems the attention they need will make for positive results in your future. Saturn and Pluto align in your family and home sector this week. Look inside your personal life and identify the areas of your home that are no longer structurally sound. Make the changes for a better home, even if it may not be the ones you want to make.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)

Lean into your personal affairs and allow them to gain momentum this month. As Saturn and Pluto come into alignment within your communications sector, choose a personal interest that you have long neglected for a while. Direct the momentum into it and fly toward success. With success

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: Medium

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comes power, realize the power you possess in your own thoughts and words. What you say can change how you see the world and how the world sees you.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 22)

Don't keep yourself out in the cold this year, step inside and surround yourself with comfort. With Saturn and Pluto aligning in your financial sector, you may see some good things coming your way. However, the meaning of money will diminish if you first don't take time to appreciate your own self-worth. To increase your self-worth, create a fantastic support system in which you are comfortable and lasting benefits will come your way. Shine some light on the problems in your life. Watch as the glow of your self worth

shrivels up your enemies.
Capricorn (December 23 - January 20)

Balance is everything. With balance comes power. While you strive for your fierce independence, you yearn for companionship. Don't deny yourself the company of others you desire. Find a balance that suits you both and see a powerful year unfold before you. Be cautious though, a Saturn-Pluto alignment creates pressure to succeed and achieve in ways beyond your means.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19)

Create some time and an environment where you can rest and reflect. However, this does not mean you have to isolate yourself to achieve that goal. With Mars moving into your social sector, your social engagements

will get a much needed boost. Spend time with the people that give you the feeling of waking up after an afternoon nap. Take things slow this month, like a flower, and take your time to blossom so you can show your full beauty to the world.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)

This year is the time to transform your dreams and take the initiative. As Mars moves to the top of your solar chart, a feeling of ambition will spring forth. It's the time to buckle down and be serious about long term goals. Don't let others tell you what to do, you know the best path for you. Let this leadership bleed into your sense of self-worth and may your actions begin to reflect your feelings.

Reviews

▶ MUSIC

Confessional album “Manic” takes pop music to a new level



Photo via pitchfork.com

RATING ★★★★★

Bria Lamonica
Staff Writer

Ashley Frangipane, known by her stage name Halsey, released her third album on Jan. 17, 2020. The new project, titled “Manic,” includes 16 new songs that have alternative pop fans talking. With a total run time of 47 minutes, the album doesn’t disappoint with its ballads and heartfelt confessions from the popular singer. Interesting song titles and a colorfully depressing album cover are just a few of the quirks that typically accompany Halsey’s style and music, and she never fails to impress.

Halsey’s unique sound and her grungy-alto voice allow her pop and alternative music to reach a new dimension of emotion, drama and rawness. This album tells her fans a story over the course of the album’s 16 songs. This is well-reflected in the album cover that clearly exposes her face in a way that it has never been shown before on her covers or on social media; with this album, she wants her listeners to see her.

The first song of the album, titled “Ashley,” sets a dramatic and starkly honest tone for the rest of the songs that follow. Halsey’s voice accompanied by beautiful instruments is what makes this song so captivating and worthy of being listened to.

“Graveyard,” which was released as a single in late September, is a more upbeat pop song that talks of pining for love, as well as Halsey’s devotion towards the people she cares about most. With its electronic and techno vibes, it adds an interesting twist into the otherwise alternative sounding mix.

“I HATE EVERYBODY,” the seventh song on the album, really captures the title of “Manic.” Halsey expresses her emotions in this song, singing of her desire to be by herself and celebrate solitude despite being a human who wants connection. The lines, “I hate everybody / Well then why can’t I go home without somebody,” capture

the feeling that many young adults are faced with when they desire a relationship or companionship while also wanting to face things alone. Her honesty makes this album relatable on many levels deeper than the surface, and there is a lot of reading between-the-lines meaning with this song in particular that brings with it heavy emotion and reflection.

“3am,” the eighth song on the album, is a guitar-heavy upbeat song that’s style approaches that of country music, which is in contrast to Halsey’s typical alternative pop sound. She plays with notes and octaves in this piece and experiments with style. It is one of the most colorful and instrumental songs in the bunch.

“Without Me,” a song in the album that was originally released as a single on Oct. 4, 2018, highlights the classic and rich-sounding tone of Halsey’s voice that she makes iconic in many of her hit songs. The way she plays with her voice brings something new to the world of pop music.

There is a lot of variety in this album, and a song for every mood and feeling. Halsey brings her audience through a rollercoaster of personal testimonies and emotions, and you are able to experience everything along with her. There is something for everyone’s taste in this new album, and no two songs are the same or even similar.

▶ MUSIC

Chelsea Cutler’s road to humanity: ‘How To Be Human’ album review



Photo via soundcloud.com

RATING ★★★★★

Sierra Semmel
Culture Editor

“Are you listening?” indie-pop singer Chelsea Cutler sings in the fifth song on her debut album, “How To Be Human,” which she released on Jan. 17. And with the lead single “Sad Tonight” surpassing a million streams in just two days, it’s safe to say that, yes, we are.

Cutler’s album is a rollercoaster of emotions. From the first song, the aforementioned “Sad Tonight,” to the last, the 22-year-old artist brings listeners through her journey of self-discovery, love, heartbreak and mistakes — her journey of being human. The project comes from a year and a half of songwriting and producing, and the finished product displays the growth she underwent during this time. As we have come to expect from Chelsea Cutler, she does not hold back, giving listeners a heavy dose of emotion that’s displayed on every track.

I’ve had the privilege of being close friends with Chelsea Cutler since her senior year of high school when her music journey was just beginning with some acoustic covers on Soundcloud. With three solo EPs since 2017, a joint project with Jeremy Zucker in 2019 and a handful of singles and features between each. Cutler’s album was highly anticipated by her nearly 11 million monthly Spotify listeners. The finished product consists of 15 songs written and produced by Cutler, as well as the bonus track “you were good to me,” her early-2019 single with Zucker. Both are signed to Republic Records and managed by the group Mutual Friends.

Near the end of 2018, Cutler sent me a song she’d recorded on her tour bus in the microphone of her headphones while she created a beat and melody on her laptop. The song was the beginning of “How To Be Human,” the title track of the album, and she immediately told me that she thought she had something going with it. Little did she know, that choppy, back-of-the-bus recording was the beginning of the most personal collection of music she’s ever created.

Over the course of the

next year and a half, Cutler wrote and produced over 20 songs that were contenders for the album, each coming from incredibly genuine personal experiences and emotions. The details Cutler gives in each song remain an appealing facet of her music; she uses her lyrics to paint an incredibly revealing, specific and personal picture for her listeners, allowing her fans to connect with her, view her as a real human and feel her pains and triumphs.

These details come out in many of the standout songs on the album. “Crazier Things,” the 15th song, was the very last one that made it on the tracklist. A stark contrast to her bouncy pop-synths on “Sad Tonight,” “Strangers Again,” “Are You Listening” and others, “Crazier Things” is dreamy and guitar-based, with Cutler pouring out her emotions to someone she’s loved and lost. The song is laden with specific details, as she sings in the final chorus, “... first time that you told me / you thought that you loved me / that bar in the city / I thought you were drunk but I knew deep down that you meant it / wish that I had said it...” Her soft vocals paired with the strumming of a guitar create a beautiful, incredibly heartfelt work of art. Cutler finished and perfected the song around midnight the night before the album was due, and it made it on as the 15th track, despite her and her team’s original plan for a 14-song album.

Earlier on the album, Cutler spills her heart out with another standout track titled “nj,” which she considers to be “the most powerful song she’s ever written,” as she told Billboard upon the album’s release. The song consists mainly of vocals, with minimal music in the background, and the lyrics read like a letter to the one that got away. “Wanna take you out in SoHo / get your favorite order / wanna fight the way we did when we got too drunk together / share our music on the subway and wear each other’s sweaters,” she sings lightly, almost speaking the words into the atmospheric musical backdrop. **To Continue this article, please visit mainecampus.com**

▶ MOVIE

The anti-date-night movie: “Marriage Story”

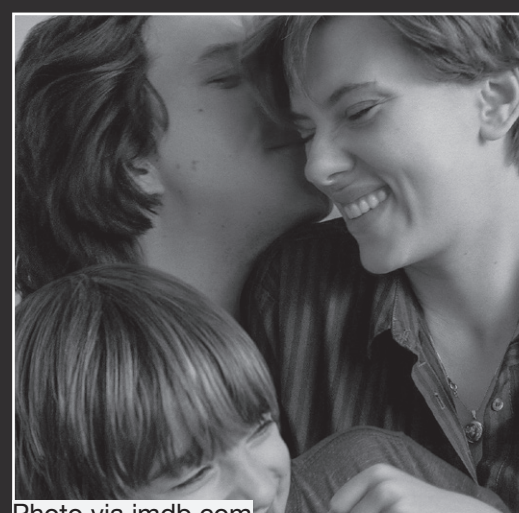


Photo via imdb.com

RATING ★★★★★☆

Noah Loveless
Contributor

It’s January, meaning we’re fast approaching this year’s edition of the Academy Awards. The award season is often full of controversy and the Academy is certainly an imperfect institution. It’s not uncommon for them to present award nominees that can range from confusing to disappointing, particularly when big categories inevitably leave out worthy contenders or pick movies that don’t seem especially interesting. But not all is necessarily lost. A number of incredible movies are up for Best Picture, like the Korean thriller “Parasite” which received six nominations in total, as well as Greta Gerwig’s moving rendition of “Little Women,” also with six nominations. And with six being the apparent lucky number, Noah Baumbach’s “Marriage Story” received six nominations as well.

“Marriage Story” is the thirteenth full-length film that Baumbach has directed and tells the story of a couple, Nicole Barber (Scarlett Johansson) and Charlie Barber (Adam Driver), as they go through the process of a divorce. The plot is direct and we see them communicate amicably at the beginning, grow tense and angry as the divorce becomes real and ultimately reach a deeper understanding of themselves as the dust of the separation settles.

If you’re entering this movie expecting it to be standard as far as drama movies go, be prepared to be pleasantly surprised, as it may prove much more gripping than expected. Horror movies and thrillers provide stress and excitement in the movie theater, but something about watching these divorce proceedings take place before you is a physically exhausting watch.

Charlie and Nicole own and work in a theater company together, and when they decide to get a divorce, they consistently say that

they want things to be easy, with “no lawyers.” But they eventually both sign hefty checks for legal representation, and in their naivete are forced to realize that there is nothing “easy” about what they are trying to do in separating. While the lawyers appear to almost encourage them to treat each other as an opponent, it really feels like they are being forced to enter arguments that they never seemed to have and instead avoided while they were together.

“Marriage Story” succeeds in large part due to the construction of Nicole and Charlie as characters as well as the actors that bring them to life. While their divorce is not easy, it is also strangely not hard. The process works, then it doesn’t. They say they wanted an easy divorce, but inevitably find themselves in aggressive conflict, Driver and Johansson delivering intense scenes of yelling and screaming. These contradictions feel like they represent the hardest part of divorce: attempting to be without someone you were with for so long. Moments of love pepper Nicole and Charlie’s divorce, as she still cuts his hair and they spend family holidays together.

The characters are complicated and the actors do a compelling job of making the characters feel so average and flawed. The ending is a little neat and tidy but, just as the divorce is the hardest part of separating, it is the most exciting part of the film, kind of like watching a car accident, except no one gets hurt and instead, everyone moves to West Hollywood.

#YOUMaine: spirited junior shows school pride at hockey games



The man behind the mask. Michael Perry is best known for dressing up in UMaine armor, leading the student sections in cheers at various sporting events.

Photo by Antyna Gould.

Bria Lamonica
Staff Writer

Michael Perry cheers in the stands as he watches the crowd go wild after another goal. Priding himself on his school spirit and game attendance, the 20-year-old is no stranger to the University of Maine ice hockey community and the comradery that goes along with it.

"[The hockey at UMaine] is always a great atmosphere and I love listening to the band and chanting along with everyone

during the games," Perry said.

His participation in public skate and weekly stick and puck at the Alfond Arena has also been an important part of his presence on campus.

"It's also a great way to meet new people," he said of attending both the hockey games and the skating events at the Alfond. "I love to play when I can and it keeps you active and meeting new people all the time."

Growing up in Bow, New Hampshire, Perry came to Maine to

pursue his passions and follow his love for hockey. Perry's family has a rich history of attending UMaine, as his mom, dad, older sisters and many of his coaches and teachers in high school are all alumnae. Perry is a third-year mechanical engineering technology student and is a part of Alpha Delta fraternity, the service fraternity on campus.

"Our fraternity is in charge of Bananas, the school mascot, and we also run a service called The Late Night Local. It's a van that

drives around from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays to pick up students who need a ride home," Perry said. "It is especially important in the winter when it can get really cold in New England. We want to keep people safe."

The Late Night Local is a free volunteer service that is open to all UMaine students, and students can find a ride or get in touch with drivers by contacting one of the Alpha Delta brothers or by looking out for flyers and social media posts. Perry

often participates in this service, Acadia Day in the fall semester and Adopt-A-Highway, an act that helps clean up roads in the Orono area every year. Besides being involved in his fraternity, Perry is also a part of the UMaine Blade Society, an on-campus fencing club that teaches sporting combat. The group meets on Tuesdays and Fridays and is open to anyone who is a UMaine member with health insurance.

After graduation in May of 2021, Perry hopes to design gui-

tars or work as a blacksmith doing hands-on projects.

"Make a good group of friends when you get to college and find something that you love doing," Perry said. "There is something here for everyone at this school, it's just a matter of finding it."

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ily use those colors, I also will work with a full-color pallet. It's all dependent on what the image needs, and thankfully we have a fully stocked print shop which can meet any color whim I have."

As a senior, she was

also able to shed some light on the experience of studying art in a university setting and some of the surprises that come with the environment.

"Something that surprised me is how even when working under a lot of pressure and seriousness there's always still a sense of humor and

play when it comes to the art-making process, and I've been really lucky to have been able to feel that while studying in this discipline," Bradstreet said. "There can be real fear sometimes going into critique, but there are also lots of laughs. Being able to engage with professors and other students on that

messy, human level has really helped my art and process."

In addition to looking back at her undergraduate career, Bradstreet looks forward to post-grad life.

"When I graduate, I plan on taking at least a year and moving Southwest to immerse myself in the art culture there, all while devel-

oping my own work," Bradstreet said. "After that time, I plan on applying to several MFA programs to continue my papermaking and printmaking studies."

The work presented at the "16 Minds" exhibition presents a varied and thoughtful body of work by a class of students that will certainly continue

to do interesting work in a cultural landscape that will benefit from their input.

The exhibit will run through Feb. 7 in Lord Hall Gallery on the UMaine Orono campus.

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University of Maine Museum of Art brings color and culture to downtown Bangor



The University of Maine Museum of Art 2020 Winter Exhibition in downtown Bangor features the collections by various artists. The new acquisitions will be added to the museum collection. The collections are on display through May 2, 2020.

Photo by Brenden Ward.

Sierra Semmel Culture Editor

Located at 40 Harlow St. in downtown Bangor, the University of Maine Museum of Art (UMMA) has opened four new exhibits for its winter season. The exhibits feature artists from across the United States, and the open space of the museum showcases a variety of visual art, from acrylic and oil on canvas to an LED-illuminated stainless steel display, tucked behind curtains as part of Deidre Murphy & Scott White's "Oculus" exhibit.

The exhibits each season are chosen by George Kinghorn, the executive director and curator at UMMA, and the museum boasts the honor of being Maine's "only collecting institution devoted solely to exhibiting and collecting contemporary art," according to the museum's website.

"Rhythm from Within" is the first exhibit that one will encounter upon entering the museum, and it consists of a series of unique greyscale photographs

by Michael Philip Manheim. Manheim, a professional photographer since 1969, has been featured in exhibits worldwide, including Germany, Greece and Italy; his photography is also held in collections throughout the United States, perhaps most notably in the Library of Congress and the International Photography Hall of Fame.

Manheim's exhibit seeks a new approach to still photography. The collection uses in-camera multiple exposures and displays the movement of human beings, specifically aiming to capture the ability of professional dancers to physically express their emotions. Out of the four winter exhibits at UMMA, "Rhythm from Within" is the only one that utilizes only black and white imagery.

Teresa Dunn's "Cover the Waterfront" is a stark contrast to the work of Manheim, as visitors to the museum will exit Manheim's black-and-white photography display and enter a world of color.

Raised in Southern Illinois, Dunn is a Mexican-American artist and uses her dual-heritage identity as an influence and inspiration for her art. Dunn utilizes color, space and light to tell stories in her art, particularly stories of the contradictory tensions of her identity. "Cover the Waterfront" features several circular oil and flash compositions on paper and panel. Dunn's exhibit cites the circles as symbols of contradiction, representing "isolation and belonging, loneliness and solitude, internal conflict, journey, the difference between home and homeland." The paintings in the exhibit create a fictional environment that shows the world of a female protagonist and her associates on an island, and, with the content of each piece, the viewer is left to contemplate the meaning and how it fits into the larger story that the display tells.

The next exhibit featured is "Oculus," by Deidre Murphy & Scott White, a mar-

ried couple of artists that collaborated to create this collection. "Oculus" consists of a series of paintings by Murphy and a series of wall-based sculptures by White, with the two combining to exhibit the artists' pondering on the relationship between art and scientific discovery. Three of the pieces, together called "Phosphorescence," represent a series of Petri dishes used by scientists. The exhibit shows science through art and art through science, with some pieces giving a microscopic perspective while others zoom out to a macroscopic level. White's work pairs perfectly with Murphys to create a dynamic exhibit, using his sculptures to address issues such as the effect of pollution and climate change on animals and nature. A unique twist on the connection between art and science, his display "Ursa Major" can only be viewed by entering a closed section of the exhibit, protected by black curtains. Inside, White has created two smooth,

domed fixtures, facing each other on opposite walls of the pitch-black room, and both are lit from behind with color-changing LED lights, "meant to re-contextualize the phenomenological events we see in the night sky," the exhibit description explains. Together, Murphy and White have created a fascinating union between science and art.

"Fresh Paint" is the fourth of the museum's winter exhibits, featuring art from 21 different artists that have been given to or purchased by the museum over the past four years. Each piece is unique; there are landscape pieces, sculptures, abstract pieces and more. The museum reviews pieces periodically as considerations for future displays, and Director and Curator Kingham is the sole decision-maker for which pieces make it into the museum. To submit pieces, artists must send a cover letter, resume, artist statement and photos of their art for consideration. The Museum

receives a high volume of art regularly as submissions.

A light, open and modern display, the UMMA has been in downtown Bangor since 2002, where it thrives as an expansion of the University of Maine community. The winter exhibits will be on display until May 2, 2020. Entry to the museum is free, and a schedule of events (from educational programs to trivia and entertainment) is available on the museum's website, umma.umaine.edu.

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side which groups are right for them. Sports and activity clubs, as well as academic and subject-focused organizations, were also present at the event to help explain the significance of school involvement within subject departments. The Sustainability and Environment Action Division (SEAD) is a group on campus who tabled at the fair and strives to represent students

and the need for environmental change.

"Getting yourself immersed in activities on campus is almost just as important or even more important than your academics in a sense," fourth-year economics student and President of SEAD Dalton Bouchles said. "Once you're out of college, it's usually the connections you make in college that matter more than your academic performance."

The Society of Physics Students is another academic club

that represents the physics students on campus and connects them with faculty and students in related fields. With hundreds of different majors and program options, UMaine has created academic organizations that serve as representation for the students who have a passion for their major or area of interest.

"I am involved in the Society of Physics Students as the vice president. We do outreach within our department and in the

community to show people that physics can be cool, and isn't a scary or foreign thing," second-year physics student MaggieBeth Turcotte said. "Certain activities we do throughout the year include Super Smash Bros tournaments, Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream at our last meeting of each semester, study and review sessions for the introductory physics classes before exams, board game nights and other fun things within our department."

UMaine has something for every interest, hobby and passion, and the Organization Fair is a great way to see all that the school has to offer. Getting involved can help relieve stress, introduce you to new people and create memories that help enhance the college experience.

"I met a lot of my friends through this club and from being involved on campus in general and putting myself out there so I can experience new things," Turcotte

said. "It's great to have something to do besides classes, and it was nice as a first-year student to meet older students who I could learn from and connect with."

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NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

🕒	<i>Highroad - Ke\$ha</i>	Jan. 31
🕒	<i>Walls - Louis Tomlinson</i>	Jan. 31
🕒	<i>Dreaming of David - Ryan Beatty</i>	Jan. 31
🎵	<i>The Rhythm Section</i>	Jan. 31
🎵	<i>Gretel & Hansel</i>	Jan. 31
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Senior art exhibition “16 Minds” presents a wide range of student work



The University of Maine 2019 senior art exhibit titled, “16 Minds” is open to the public in Lord Hall until Feb. 7.

Photo by Antyna Gould.

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Tuesday, January 28
Faculty Recital
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

Wednesday, January 29
John Stass,
“Minimalism ... Enough is Enough”
12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
The Sculpture Studio

Thursday, January 30
New Writing Series:
Lisa Robertson
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
IMRC, Stewart Commons

Friday, January 31
2020 Visions: The Humanities at UMaine
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Buchanan Alumni House

Saturday, February 1
2020 Bangor Humanities Day
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Bangor

Noah Loveless
Contributor

Currently on display in the Lord Hall Gallery is the senior art exhibition “16 minds,” featuring the art of 16 University of Maine seniors. The works displayed incorporated a variety of media including a number of prints, paintings, sculptures, photography, digital works, mixed media and found objects.

Art made with printmaking techniques makes up a large number of the works on display. The printmaking styles showcased included woodblock,

relief, silkscreen and intaglio prints, and the seniors’ work address a variety of subject matters. Some works appeared to focus inward, like Olivia Bradstreet’s complex and strange woodblock prints, while others displayed intricate handiwork and wonderful design, like Kendra Green’s large patterned prints. Other students, like Katelyn Jordan, used painting to capture everyday photo-like moments with lifelike detail. The body of work presented by the seniors showcases their wide variety of talents, interests, themes, con-

cerns and skills. One artist in the exhibition, Olivia Bradstreet provided some of her thoughts and described her experience as an art student here at UMaine. She has worked in several mediums but is currently focused on printmaking. “My medium as of now is primarily woodblock relief printmaking. I also work with fiber, specifically needle felting and hand sewing to create 3D pieces. I really enjoy fiber as a medium and asking questions about the intersections of craft and fine art, which is something I was lucky

enough to get to study at Haystack last summer. This year, I am continuing to build my print portfolio with larger relief prints, and I am completing my Honors creative thesis which is in the hand-made paper medium,” Bradstreet said. Bradstreet has several prints in the exhibition, including a number of intense and striking woodblock pieces that present abstract scenes in black or red. “For my larger prints I wanted that immediate positive/negative space to read, and with black, you can more easily demon-

strate working in both black line and white line,” said Bradstreet. “Black is an excellent color — it’s deep, and it can be dramatic, and it’s rich when done in oil. I always choose an oil ink because I want the inherent luminosity that is in the ink mixture, much like oil paints. Black, red and white paper is a striking pallet, and I chose it for my ‘Bite Me’ print collection because I wanted to reference those ‘thank you for shopping’ plastic bags as well as Barbara Kruger’s propaganda art. Although I primar-

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Winter fair alerts students to on-campus opportunities

Bria Lamonica
Staff Writer

On Jan. 22 in the Memorial Union, the annual Winter Organization Fair took place. Dozens of students gathered around tables in the rooms of the Union, eager to discuss involvement opportunities with interested students and answer any questions.

“I think it’s important for people to get involved on campus because it gives them an opportunity to get into an activity where you can relieve stress and meet new people,” second-year marketing student and member of the UMaine women’s rugby team Siobhan O’Connor said. “Personally for me, doing rugby is a way that I can stay fit throughout

the semester and meet really great people that not only have the same interests as me but also can help me with my classwork and spend time with me.” The UMaine Women’s Rugby Club team is a popular sport on campus that allows students to connect with other athletes and make lasting relationships. Rugby was one of the many club sports teams present at the organization fair; the various clubs and teams displayed banners and flyer information for students. Blackbearthon was another organization that attended the fair to encourage volunteers and disperse information. “Joining clubs is a really good way to network and form friend-



The Student Organization Fair took place this past Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in the Memorial Union.

Photo by Will Bickford.

ships. One way I chose to get involved was by signing up for Blackbearthon and being a part of the planning team,” third-year social work student Ma-

riah Davis said. “It’s a dance marathon put on by UMaine every year that benefits Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. It’s on March 28th in the Rec Cen-

ter, and is a great way to make a difference on this campus and to help shape and change the lives of children in need.” With the hundreds

of clubs and activities to choose from, UMaine offers organization fairs and events that help students de-

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Sports

Monday, January 27, 2020

HOCKEY

Women's Hockey goes 2-2-3 over Winter Break

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UMAINE RESULTS

1/24	Women's Swimming & Diving @ New Hampshire	Loss	116-154
1/24	Women's Ice Hockey @ Connecticut	Loss	1-2
1/24	Men's Ice Hockey @ Boston College	Win	4-3
1/25	Men's Basketball @ UMBC	Loss	53-63
1/25	Women's Ice Hockey @ Connecticut	Loss	2-5
1/25	Men's Ice Hockey @ Boston College	Win	3-2

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4

BASKETBALL

Women's Basketball goes over Winter Break

While the University of Maine wasn't in session...

B3

Men's basketball fights to 3-4 over break



Black Bears take charge on their opponent's side of the court in a commanding 86-63 victory over Binghamton University.

Picture from Archive.

Adam Cloutier Contributor

As March approaches, the college basketball scene intensifies as teams prepare for conference tournaments and a shot at March Madness. Over the past few weeks, the University of Maine has been on winter break but the men's basketball team has continued to play out their season schedule. They played in seven games over the break, with four of them being on the road.

Over the course of the seven games, Maine won three. On Dec. 29, they took a break from the cold and completed the longest travel distance in Division I sports to compete at the University of Hawaii, where shooting struggles led to a 91-51 loss. Fourth-year guard Sergio El Darwich led the team with 11 points while shooting 50% from the paint and from beyond the arc. His teammates didn't fare as well, with the unit combining to go 6-22 from beyond

the arc and 20-55 from inside. Additionally, the zero points on fast breaks compared to Hawaii's 14 spelled a hard loss for Maine.

The Black Bears then started the new year with a home win against Columbia, credited to a combined 50 points from fourth-year forward Andrew Flemming and El Darwich, winning 75-72. Flemming corralled 11 of the team's 37 rebounds, while El Darwich was credited with three steals.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, Maine hosted Stony Brook in what would be a 52-73 loss due to more shooting struggles, with the Black Bears combining for 5-24 beyond the arc. The lone bright spot for the Black Bears out of the contest was the performance of third-year forward Nedeljko Prijovic, who put up 17 points, corralled four rebounds and blocked a shot. With the consistency of shooting being a continuous issue, look for the Black Bears to attack the paint going forward.

Shortly after the loss to Stony Brook, Maine hit the road on Wednesday, Jan. 8, to take on their long-time rival, the University of New Hampshire Wildcats. Both squads played stellar defense, bringing the game down to the wire. Unfortunately for the Black Bears, the Wildcats came out on top with a final score of 57-51. Maine's shooting percentages all went up in the second half, while New Hampshire's decreased, but the additional offensive efforts weren't enough to overcome a late surge by the Wildcats, where they rattled off multiple fast-break baskets to take the advantage. A late three-pointer by Flemming brought the Black Bears back within reach, but the basket was too little, too late.

Riding back to back losses on the road, the Black Bears kept their trip in motion, competing in another divisional matchup against the University of Albany on Saturday, Jan. 11. Prijovic put up an efficient

26 points, including an impressive 5-11 from beyond the arc, but his efforts weren't enough to lift Maine past Albany in a nail-biting 76-70 loss.

Maine then proceeded to host the University of Massachusetts Lowell in hopes to end their three-game losing streak. El Darwich quickly took control, managing the Black Bears on both ends of the court en route to a 104-98 win. El Darwich played surgically, finishing an assist shy of having a triple-double of 36 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds. Flemming played a strong second fiddle to El Darwich, and Maine seemingly found their offensive identity after playing quite confused in previous contests. In their last game of the break, Maine hosted Binghamton University on Sunday, Jan. 19, with the Black Bears attempting to win back to back conference games. El Darwich's hot streak continued as he led the team with 26 points, Flemming and Nedeljko also as-

sisted with a combined 29 points and 12 rebounds to give Maine the 86-63 win.

The Black Bears season, following El Darwich's resurgence, is starting to pick up as they have had multiple close games and wins in their last several contests. Maine's key issue to address is their inability to win when traveling; they hold a 1-10 record on the road this season in comparison to their 5-4 record on their home court. Some keys to their recent success have been due to better rebounding, the reduction of turnovers and the rise of El Darwich. During Maine's back-to-back conference wins, El Darwich averaged 31 points, seven rebounds, and just over nine assists per game. Due to these performances, he was awarded the America East Player of the Week.

Over this past week, the Black Bears hosted the reigning American East champs, the University of Vermont. Maine showed up

ready to make Vermont work for every basket and forced a closer contest than expected.

It became a game of seconds coming down to the wire, as Maine ended up losing 59-57. The Black Bears showed up ready to play and took a quick 6-2 lead over Vermont. After holding the lead for almost the entirety of the first half, Vermont fought to take it back but couldn't seem to put up any substantial cushion. In the final minute of play, Vermont all but took control of the game clock and held off an intense Maine squad. The contest, though ending Maine's two-game win streak, showed the team's resolve and mettle within the conference.

The next contest will be at home, on the University of Maine's campus this coming Saturday, Feb. 1, against the University of Hartford.

Super Bowl 54 preview

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One game remains in the NFL's 100th season and the stage is set in Miami for Super Bowl 54 between the AFC champion Kansas City Chiefs and the NFC champion San Francisco 49ers. These two teams have been among the cream of the crop since the kick-off of week one,

In 2013, then long-time Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid took over the head coaching job for

the Kansas City Chiefs, a team that spent many years in the basement of the NFL with several last-place finishes. Reid and his offensive mind took that team and acquired free agent quarterback Alex Smith from the San Francisco 49ers. The pairing resulted in a playoff berth in Smith's first season in Kansas City. Reid led the Chiefs to the playoffs in three of his first four seasons, though they were quickly ousted multiple times by Tom Brady's Patriots,

Andrew Luck's Colts and Ben Roethlisberger's Steelers.

Going into the 2017 season, the Chiefs selected quarterback Patrick Mahomes with the 10th overall pick in the draft. The former Texas Tech gunslinger sat behind Smith during his first season. With Kansas City sitting readily at a bye in week 17, Reid elected to rest his starters against a Denver Broncos team that was already out of the playoff picture, but not out of fighting spirit. Mahomes had

his way with the Broncos' defense in his debut, standing tall in the pocket and delivering strikes, even with Denver's perennial All-Pro linebacker Von Miller pressuring him heavily throughout the contest.

Though it was just one game of tape to make a judgment on, Reid believed in Mahomes' youth and raw talent more than Smith's precision passing and limited range, trading the latter to the Washington Redskins in the 2018 offseason.

Mahomes' first season as a starter was absolutely sensational, throwing 50 touchdowns and over 5000 yards while leading the Chiefs to the AFC championship game. Mahomes fell just short of leading the Chiefs to their first Super Bowl in 49 years after a thrilling AFC Championship contest against the New England Patriots that went into overtime. In that game, the Chiefs appeared to have a game-winning interception, but the play was nullified due

to an offsides penalty on pass rusher Dee Ford prior to the snap. This gave the Patriots another chance that they ultimately would capitalize on it.

Ford now plays for San Francisco. Despite a strong 4-0 start to the season, Kansas City began to struggle after Mahomes suffered a knee injury. The injury caused Mahomes to miss a few weeks and resulted in three losses in four weeks. At first glance, the injury

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Women's hockey goes 2-2-3 over winter break



Second-year defender Ida Press (left) and fourth-year goaltender Carly Jackson (right) skate off the ice after ousting the Merrimack College Warriors this past weekend.

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2 Maine - 3 Boston University

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team fell in overtime to the No. 8 Boston University Terriers in game one of a weekend series on Friday, Jan. 4. The Terriers started fast out of the gate, getting the first goal of the game just five minutes into the period. The Terriers extended the lead to 2-0 with just under two minutes to play in the first period as they skated into intermission with all the momentum. In the second period, fourth-year goalie Carly Jackson kept the Black Bears in the game, making 17 saves and keeping the Terriers off the scoreboard. Third-year forward Michelle Weis scored her second goal of the season to cut Maine's deficit to 2-1. With less than seven minutes remaining in the game, second-year forward Celine Tedenby blocked a shot in her own end and took it coast-to-coast to tie the game at two. The game was forced to go to overtime where the Terriers took advantage of the extra time and scored with less than three minutes left in the frame. Jackson made 36 saves on 39 shots while Maine had 29 shots on goal.

3 Maine - 3 Boston University (OT)

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team tied the

Terriers 3-3 in the second game of the weekend. The first period had the Black Bears scoring three times and the Terriers scoring once. Unlike Friday night's game, Maine's offense got going in a hurry. Second-year forward Liga Miljone started off the scoring by getting her sixth goal of the season, putting Maine up 1-0. Second-year defender Ida Press fired a slap shot from the blue line to make it 2-0 favoring Maine early in the first period. Under a minute later, the Black Bears would increase their lead to 3-0 as Weis scored her third goal of the season. The Terriers answered back with one of their own at the end of the first period to cut the lead to 3-1. BU found the back of the net in the sixth minute of the third period as Maine's lead was cut to 3-2. On the powerplay, the Terriers found the equalizer to tie the game at three with 10 minutes left in the game. The game would require overtime for the second time on the weekend, this time with it ending in a 3-3 tie. Jackson finished with 32 saves with Maine only attempting 17 shots on goal.

4 Maine - 2 Holy Cross

On Friday, Jan. 10, the Black Bears skated away with a 4-2 over the Holy Cross Crusaders in the first game of the weekend series. The first period was a defensive battle. Maine took 19 shots

in the first period but could not get one past the Crusaders' goalie. For Maine, Jackson stopped all 10 shots she was faced with. Maine broke the game wide open by scoring three times in the second period. Weis continues to light the lamp for the Black Bears, finding the back of the net first for Maine followed by Miljone scoring her seventh of the season and doubling Maine's lead shortly thereafter. The third goal of the period was scored by fourth-year forward Brittany Colton which was her fourth goal of the season. In the third period, the Crusaders cut the lead from 3-0 to 3-2 with two goals to help bring them back in the game. Maine would finish off the Crusaders when second-year forward Ali Beltz scored an empty-net goal with 24 seconds left in the game to help Maine pick up the 4-2 win.

0 Maine - 0 Holy Cross

On Saturday, Jan. 11, Maine tied Holy Cross 0-0 in the second game of the weekend series. Neither team could get the puck past the opposing team's goalie in the scoreless Hockey East match. Jackson made 21 saves and picked up her third shutout of the season. Maine took 40 shots on goal but could not find the back of the net.

1 Maine - 1 Merrimack (OT)

Maine tied the Merrimack Warriors 1-1 on

Friday, Jan. 17. The first period had the Warriors striking first as they got a takeaway and went coast-to-coast to score. Early in the second period, Maine tied it up when Tedenby went coast-to-coast and buried it behind the Warriors' goalkeeper. In overtime, both teams had opportunities to win the game but neither could find the back of the net as game one of the weekend series ended in a 1-1 tie.

2 Maine - 1 Merrimack

The second game of the two-game series started out the same as the first game, as the Warriors collected the first goal of the game and the lone tally in the first period. The second period was a back and forth battle between the two teams as the Warriors carried their 1-0 lead into the second intermission. Maine would tie the game up as first-year forward Ida Kuoppala picked up her ninth goal of the season for the Black Bears. Kuoppala wasn't done there as she continued on to score the game-winning goal with eight minutes remaining in the period. Her 10th goal of the season came on a short-handed situation where she corralled in the loose puck in front of the net. Jackson would pick up the win, her seventh of the season and 40th of her career, finishing with 25 saves while Maine took 47 shots on goal.

1 Maine - 2 University of Connecticut

Maine fell to the University of Connecticut Huskies 2-1. Third-year forward Savannah Bouzide put Connecticut on the board first after lighting the lamp in the ninth minute. The Huskies' defensive pressure led to a Maine turnover. The puck was scooped up by fourth-year defender Tristyn Svetek before she dished it off to second-year forward Danielle Fox. Fox sent a quick pass ahead to Bouzide, and she slotted one into the bottom right corner to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. Connecticut took the lead into the first intermission. Maine broke through and tied the game at the 14-minute mark of the second period, as Kuoppala was able to snipe a high-arching shot into the top left corner. Maine continued to be aggressive in the third period as they held an 11-5 shot advantage, but the Huskies were the ones to break the 1-1 tie. Fox snuck a backhand past Jackson to take the lead with 10 minutes left in the game. The Huskies held on to beat the Black Bears in game one of the weekend series. Jackson had 21 saves on 23 shots while Maine racked up 27 shots on goal.

2 Maine - 5 University of Connecticut

In the second match-up against Connecticut on Saturday evening, Maine fell to the Huskies 5-2. The

Huskies found the back of the net first, as second-year forward Viki Harkness scored her fifth goal of the season to get the early advantage. Just 18 seconds later, Maine answered as Tedenby netted her seventh goal of the season to tie the game at one. Third-year defender Taylor Wabick for the Huskies scored as she deflected the puck into the back of the net. The second period was very similar to the first period as Connecticut came out and netted the first two goals of the period and extended their lead to 4-1. Fourth-year forward Catherine Crawley scored twice for the Huskies in the second period, collecting her ninth and 10th goals of the season. Maine closed the gap to 4-2 when Kuoppala netted her 12th goal of the season on the powerplay. In the third period, Connecticut put the game out of reach by scoring their fifth goal of the night. Jackson made 16 saves on 21 shots and Maine tallied 16 shots on goal. Maine falls to 10-12-5 on the season and 6-10-4 in Hockey East play.

The Black Bears will return to their home ice where they will take on the University of New Hampshire Wildcats on Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1. Both games are scheduled to begin at 2 pm.

Women's basketball goes 3-4 over winter break

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While the University of Maine wasn't in session over winter break, the women's basketball team continued to work and spent a lot of time on the road. After winning the American East last year, the reigning champs are looking to kick their season into gear and make it back to back

conference victories. Over the course of winter break, Maine played in seven games winning only three.

On Dec. 30, Maine traveled to Philadelphia to play Drexel University. Neither team could gain any substantial lead until Maine fell to an eight-point deficit in the third quarter that they would not recover from, losing 70-57. First-year

guard Anne Simon dropped an efficient 23 points in the loss while collecting a team-high eight rebounds as well. A rough 8-26 from beyond the arc limited the Black Bears offensively, while Drexel didn't notch a single three-point attempt in the fourth quarter.

On Jan. 2, Maine hosted Hartford in an attempt to win their first game of the new

year. After many lead trades, Maine took a six-point lead to end the first half. Maine came out firing in the second half, gaining a substantial lead to end the game with an 87-73 win. The win was led by 20 plus point performances from third-year guard Kelly Fogarty and fourth-year guard Maddy McVicar. Fogarty carried the Black Bears from range, hitting seven of 11 attempted shots beyond the arc, while third-year guard Dor Saar couldn't buy a bucket from beyond the arc, missing all nine of her shot attempts. Maine's bright spot of the night is winning the turnover battle 22-10, but they need to focus on capitalizing on those extra possessions.

Maine then got back on the road to play

Stony Brook in New York on Jan. 5. Maine had the lead at the half but had third-quarter struggles, only scoring eight points in the quarter and causing a deficiency that they would not recover from, losing 73-69. Fogarty once more led the team beyond the arc, hitting four of her eight attempted shots from

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Top NFL draft prospects

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When it comes to the upcoming 2020 NFL Draft, there is essentially no debate about who is going to be the first pick overall. Louisiana State University's fifth-year quarterback Joe Burrow going to the Cincinnati Bengals appears to be the lock of the decade. Burrow began his final season at college as a projected fifth-round pick with incredibly low odds at winning the Heisman trophy. By the end of the season, he completely sprinted away from the rest of the Heisman candidate pool and won the award by an overwhelming margin. From a fan's perspective, Burrow would be entering the black hole for quarterbacks, but that perception is a bit overblown. Burrow will begin his NFL career with a cast of wide receivers in speedster John Ross and wide-out Tyler Boyd while running back Joe Mixon has proven to be a

bell-cow back. Though not guaranteed, it would be surprising to see tight end Tyler Eifert and veteran wide receiver A.J. Green not return, especially if the Bengals want Burrow to succeed and develop quickly.

That gives Burrow a significantly better supporting group than most first overall pick quarterbacks. The big question will be how well the Bengals staff can develop Burrow into an NFL level player. Undoubtedly Cincinnati has to be working on a system where they can use Ross and his blazing speed in a role similar to that of the Kansas City Chiefs' track runner Tyreek Hill.

As for the second overall pick, that also appears to be a spot reserved for Ohio State defensive end Chase Young. Many say that Young is the best overall player in the draft and that he has the potential to make more of an impact in the NFL than former Buckeyes Joey and Nick Bosa.

The Redskins, behind their new head coach Ron Rivera, would be foolish to pass on the generational talent that is capable of just wrecking an offensive game plan, especially after inheriting one of the worst defenses in the league.

One of the bigger question marks is Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa. Tagovailoa suffered a serious hip injury at the end of the season that put an end to his collegiate career. Going into the season, Tagovailoa seemed to be the consensus top prospect until the emergence of Burrow and his hip injury. However, Tagovailoa will still likely be picked high in the draft. Miami was expected to finish the season with the worst record in the league which would have put them into position to draft Tagovailoa, who was likely their guy at the beginning of the season. All things considered, Miami still seems like a fit for Tagovailoa, and they could wisely have

him sit behind journeyman quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick for his first season, giving him more time to recover and learn the team's offense.

The New York Giants have the fourth pick of the draft. With Chase Young essentially locked to go to division rival Washington, the Giants will face him twice a year for the next decade, which would be a nightmare for the Giants' young quarterback, Daniel Jones. This is even worse when you consider how poor the Giants' offensive line has been for the past few years. Looking to protect their quarterback of the future, the Giants elect to dip into the offensive line talent of this draft and go with offensive tackle Mekhi Becton from Louisville. Becton makes use of every bit of his 6-foot-7-inches tall, 370 pounds frame, paired with an athletic ability that makes him nimble in pass protection. If the Giants want their young QB to de-

velop into the player they think he can be, it is crucial for them to keep him healthy by surrounding him with a good offensive line. Even beyond Young, the Giants will be facing the likes of defensive linemen Demarcus Lawrence, Robert Quinn, Brandon Graham, and Fletcher Cox twice a year as well.

If a shakeup is to happen in this draft, look no further than general manager John Elway and the Denver Broncos sitting at 15th overall. With Alabama wide receiver Jerry Jeudy looking to be one of the best prospects since current All-Pro Julio Jones, Elway could look to trade up for the young speedster. After a dreadful couple years searching for a quarterback in the post-Peyton Manning era, the Broncos look like they may have their guy with big-armed quarterback Drew Lock. Lock took over for the Broncos in the final five games and they finished the season 4-1 down the

stretch. After an iffy start to the season, the Broncos finished strong and will look to build off of that going into the next season. The Broncos have a solid supporting cast offensively with running back Phillip Lindsay, last year's first-round pick tight end Noah Fant and the emerging wide receiver Courtland Sutton who truly elevated to a Pro Bowl level talent this past year, despite his inconsistency in the quarterback position for a majority of the season. Pair up Alabama's playmaking wide receiver with Sutton and the Broncos offense can really elevate into something special. The combination of Lock, Sutton, Jeudy, Fant, and Lindsay will surely strike fear into the eyes of opponents. With Sutton and Lindsay both entering their third years in the NFL, this could be a long-lasting offensive core with the potential to take over the NFL in the years to come.

Men's hockey continues to soar, going 3-1-1 over winter break

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5 Maine - 1 AIC

On Sunday Dec. 29, the University of Maine men's hockey team defeated the American International College Yellow Jackets 5-1 at Alford Arena. Maine quickly jumped out to a controlling lead, as third-year defender Veli-Matti Tiuraniemi tore through the Yellow Jackets' defense early, and the Black Bears continued to pour on the offense. Fourth-year forward Patrick Shea netted two goals of his own to round out the first period, giving the Black Bears a 3-0 lead they would not look back from. The Yellow Jackets scored their lone goal in the second period to tighten Maine's lead to 3-1. However, they were not long for the contest. The fourth goal of the game for Maine came off the stick of first-year forward AJ Drobot, followed shortly thereafter by fourth-year forward Mitchell Fossier burying the Yellow Jackets with an unassisted tally of his own, giving Maine a firm 5-1 lead they would not relinquish. Third-year goaltender Jeremy Swayman made 42 saves on 43 shots while Maine generated 49 shots on goal.

2 Maine - 2 Omaha (OT)

The University of Maine men's hockey team welcomed the University of Nebraska at Omaha to Alford Arena on Friday, Jan. 3. The two teams skated to a 2-2 tie battling to the end. Omaha's third-year forward Kevin Conley

scored the lone goal in the first period to take a 1-0 lead over the Black Bears. Maine skating with a man up for five minutes tied the contest at one goal apiece. Fourth-year forward Tim Doherty collected a pass from first-year defenseman Levi Kleiboer and buried the puck in the back of the net. Omaha extended their lead to 2-1 in the second period. Doherty once again scored for the Black Bears to tie the game at 2-2 in the third period. Both teams battled through the overtime period but could not find the back of the net. Swayman finished with 41 saves on 43 shots.

3 Maine - 2 Omaha

The second game of the weekend series ended with Maine picking up the 3-2 win over Omaha at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, Maine on Saturday, Jan. 4. Omaha picked up the first goal of the game and the lone goal in the first period once more, as second-year defenseman John Schuldt scored from the slot off an assist from Conley. Maine came out in the second period and tied the game at one when fourth-year forward Samuel Renaker exited the penalty box. Third-year forward Eduards Tralmaks gave Maine the 2-1 lead in the second period when Doherty found him streaking down the far side of the ice. Tralmaks gathered the puck and buried it behind Omaha's goaltender. Omaha tied the game up early in the third period. Maine found the back of the net with just

two minutes left when Tralmaks tipped in the game-winning goal. Swayman finished with 32 saves and Maine recorded 27 shots on goal.

2 Maine - 0 USA

Maine defeated the USA Developmental Team 2-0 on Saturday, Jan. 11, behind first-year goaltender Matthew Thiessen's first career shutout. On the powerplay midway through the first period, Tim Doherty buried the puck to collect his third goal in two games, giving Maine the 1-0 lead. In the second period, Maine extended the lead to 2-0 as fourth-year forward Ryan Smith ripped a shot off of the pipe and into the net. Thiessen finished with 30 saves for the Black Bears.

2 Maine - 3 UConn

Maine fell to the University of Connecticut 3-2 in a Hockey East battle in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Maine picked up the early lead as second-year defenseman Jakub Sirota scored his first goal of the year and the first of the night for the Black Bears. For the third game in a row, Doherty found the back of the net and extended the Maine lead to 2-0. Connecticut found some momentum at the end of the second period as they scored their first goal of the night. A turnover behind Swayman immediately turned into a Huskies' goal. The poor puck control turned into two quick passes and another Huskies' goal. In the third period, the Huskies took the lead and carried it to the end of the game. Swayman collected 23 saves on

the night as Maine fell to 10-9-4 on the season.

4 Maine - 3 Boston College (OT)

The University of Maine men's hockey team defeated the fourth-ranked Boston College Eagles 4-3 in overtime on Friday evening at the Conte Forum. The first period started off with great offensive trades and shots on goal from both teams, but the intensity didn't pick up until there was just over five minutes left in the period. Eagles' third-year defenseman Ben Finkelstein ripped a one-timer off the pads of Swayman, where first-year forward Mike Hardman collected the rebound and scored over the recovering goaltender. Boston College extended its lead to 2-0, as first-year forward Alex Newhook dropped a pass to the right goal line for first-year forward Matt Boldy, who spun a no-look return feed for Newhook to one-time inside the left post.

Maine came out of the first intermission firing, scoring after just 27 seconds into the second period. Doherty finished a 2-on-1 with Fossier, one-timing a forehand effort past first-year goaltender Spencer Knight's outstretched glove from the right-wing circle. Maine tied the game 2-2 just four minutes later when Fossier sauced a lateral feed past the stick of an Eagles' defenseman in a 2-on-1, freeing up Drobot for a wrist shot inside the left post to tie the game.

The third goal of the second period for the Black Bears came on

the powerplay with a little over three minutes to play. Second-year forward Adam Dawe centered a pass to Fossier just inside the crease and he tipped the puck into the right corner to give Maine the 3-2 lead. Just two minutes into the third period, Boston College tied the game back at 3-3 when third-year forward Logan Hutsko picked out the glove side corner through a screen. Each team fought to the end of the third but neither team could get one past the keepers. With under three minutes left in overtime, Tralmaks won a battle below the goal line and worked the puck to the front for Doherty, who slipped a backhand inside the right post glove side to give Maine the upset win over the Eagles. Swayman finished with 37 saves on 40 shots while Maine tallied 25 shots on goal.

3 Maine - 2 Boston College (OT)

Completing their sweep of the Eagles, Maine hosted Boston College for a second night and once again forced overtime, but Maine found a way to skate off victorious.

Penalties paved the way to scoring for both teams, with the first three goals of the contest all coming on the power play. With Doherty sitting for a high sticking penalty, the Eagles soared into the Black Bears' zone. Fourth-year forward Julius Mattila buried the puck behind Swayman, taking the early lead for Boston. Less than a minute later, fourth-year defenseman Jesper Mattila accrued a cross-check-

ing penalty and was tossed in the sin bin, sending the Black Bears on the attack with the man advantage. Completely controlling the Eagles' defensive zone, the Black Bears shuffled the puck around until it ended up on the open stick of Tiuraniemi, who fired a clapper through traffic in front of the net. By some means, the puck slipped through all the commotion and past the tender, leveling the score at one apiece.

Through the contest, the Black Bears gave Boston College eight power-play attempts, compared to the three that they had themselves. However, the efficiency of Maine in convert on those power plays was evident, as Maine scored two goals on their three attempts while Boston College scored one goal on eight attempts.

In the second period, Maine continued to make costly decisions, including a teamwide penalty for having too many men on the ice and a delay of game penalty on Shea. Maine would continue to hold the line defensively, regardless of their numbers disadvantage, and Swayman stood tall as a stalwart between the posts. A minor holding penalty against Eagles third-year forward Aapeli Rasanen sent Maine on the attack once more, and Fossier buried a clapper off of an assist from Doherty and Dawe deep in the Eagles' zone. Maine held the 2-1 advantage as both teams skated

Around the College Circuit



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

01/22	Hartford	54	01/25	Vermont	47
	UMBC	61		UMass Lowell	61
	Maine	65		Binghamton	63
	Vermont	47		New Hampshire	53
	Stony Brook	67		Albany	68
	Binghamton	60		Hartford	63
	Albany	51			
	UMass Lowell	53			

AMERICAN EAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	OVERALL	
1	Stony Brook	19-1
2	UMass Lowell	11-9
3	Maine	8-13
4	Binghamton	14-6
5	Vermont	9-11



MEN'S BASKETBALL

01/22	UMBC	69	01/25	Maine	53
	Hartford	60		UMBC	63
	UMass Lowell	75		Hartford	62
	Albany	101		Albany	48
	Binghamton	83		New Hampshire	77
	Stony Brook	79		Binghamton	69
	Vermont	59		UMass Lowell	62
	Maine	57		Vermont	92

AMERICAN EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL

	OVERALL	
1	Vermont	15-6
2	Stony Brook	13-8
3	Hartford	11-10
4	Albany	11-10
5	New Hampshire	10-9
6	UMBC	9-12



WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

01/24	Providence	1	1/25	New Hampshire	5
	Boston College Holy	2		Holy Cross	2
	Cross	0		Boston College	2
	New Hampshire	3		Providence	5
	Maine	1		Boston University	6
	Connecticut	2		Merrimack	3
	Northeastern	4		Maine	2
	Vermont	0		Connecticut	5
	Merrimack	1		Northeastern	10
	Boston University	1		Vermont	2

HOCKEY EAST (WOMEN'S)

	OVERALL	
1	Northeastern	21-3-1
2	Boston University	17-5-3
3	Boston College	13-10-3
4	Connecticut	14-11-1
5	Providence	14-10-2
6	New Hampshire	13-11-2



MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

01/24	Maine	4	Vermont	3
	Boston College	3	Merrimack	4
	Vermont	5	UMass Amherst	1
	Merrimack	5	New Hampshire	1
	New Hampshire	1	Maine	3
	UMass Amherst	0	Boston College	2
	UMass Lowell	0	Connecticut	2
	Boston University	5	Quinnipiac	3
01/25	Boston University	2		
	UMass Lowell	2		

HOCKEY EAST (MEN'S)

	OVERALL	
1	UMass Amherst	16-8-2
2	Boston College	15-7
3	UMass Lowell	13-7-5
4	Providence Friars	14-6-5
5	Boston University	9-8-6
6	New Hampshire	13-9-2

UPCOMING SPORTS



Friday, Jan. 31
Men's Track vs. New England 10 a.m.

Women's Hockey vs. New Hampshire 2 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs. Merrimack 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
Men's Track vs. New England 10 a.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Hartford 12 p.m.

Women's Basketball @ Hartford 2:00 p.m.

Women's Hockey vs. New Hampshire 2:00 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs. Merrimack 7:00 p.m.

The rise of the new king; Zion's debut highlight's slow NBA week

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After tearing his meniscus in the pre-season on Oct. 13, the New Orleans Pelicans' rookie and first overall pick, Zion Williamson, made his regular-season debut against the San Antonio Spurs. After having a historic year of college basketball with Duke, Pelicans fans have been eager to see what he can do on an NBA court.

Williamson weighs in at 285 pounds and stands at 6-foot-7-inches tall, giving him the length and size to compete on the edge against smaller defenders while also being able to beat centers in the paint. This has led

him to be labeled as the top prospect coming into the NBA since LeBron James rose to stardom back in 2003. During his debut, the Pelicans were limiting Williamson's minutes on the court to ease him into the intensity and speed of real NBA action. Though it took some time, Williamson eventually eased into his rhythm and caught fire from beyond the arc in the third quarter. Williamson drilled four shots on four attempts from beyond the arc, in addition to making a few impressive moves to the basket on his way to scoring 17 straight points. During Williamson's limited 18 minutes of play, he scored 22 points, collected seven rebounds

and notched three assists. With the Pelicans four spots back from the last playoff spot, fans are excited to see if Williamson can supercharge this young core of players to help push them into the playoff picture.

Over in Los Angeles, the Clippers and Lakers continue to battle for not just the top spot in the Western Conference but for the label as the best team in the league. Swiss army knife forward James and center Anthony Davis have led the Lakers to keep the first seed for the entirety of the first half of the season. Sitting at 36-9 and dominating most matchups, the Lakers have been one of the major talking points of

the league. Meanwhile, their neighbors across the locker room have begun to heat up after a near dormant start. Reigning Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard and All-Star Paul George have led the team to 31-14 record and are favored by many to be the team to beat in the playoffs.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the Lakers and Clippers will square off for the third time this season. During their first two games, the Clippers controlled the game and won by ten in the first contest and won by five in the second. As many predict these to be the two biggest contenders in the league, fans are waiting to see if James, Davis and the

Lakers can finally pull out a win in the third battle of Los Angeles.

Over in the Eastern Conference, with Leonard gone, forward Giannis Anetokounmpo and his Milwaukee Bucks are steamrolling their way to the first seed. Led by the former MVP Anetokounmpo and former All-Star Khris Middleton, the Bucks sit at the best record in the league at 39-6. Though many had hoped for the Boston Celtics and their infusion of Kemba Walker to reignite the spark in that locker room, the spark has seemingly not gathered fast enough. Without a true contender to oppose them, the Bucks stepped into the first spot and have held it

all season. With the season halfway over, Anetokounmpo is in the conversation for getting back to back MVPs as he has averaged 30 points, 12.9 rebounds and 5.6 assists in less than 30 minutes a game. With Middleton continuously stepping up and every player following their role, the Bucks have been a force to be reckoned with.

With Anetokounmpo dominating alone in the East, and so many other superstars fighting it out in the West, it'll be interesting to see how free agents shift in the off-season based on their desire to make it to the Finals.

NHL 2020 All-Star weekend sees new skills challenges and integration of NWHL

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With the week of Jan. 20 came the NHL All-Star week, an opportunity for the league's best of the best to show off their skills both on an individual level, and at a team level with the best players within their respective divisions. The annual All-Star game, though falling after the skills showdown, is the true heart of the weekend festivities.

While the All-Star games of most other sports aren't taken seriously, the best of best stormed the ice on Saturday, Jan. 25, to decide which conference held superiority. The display of talent and youth from both the National and American leagues was enough to make even the Great One smile, as the legend himself Wayne Gretzky stood on the sides as an honorary coach for the festivities of the weekend.

In typical fashion for the league, the Atlantic Division faced off against the Metropolitan Division, while the Pacific Division faced off against the Central Division.

This weekend is a nightmare for All-Star goaltenders looking to keep their good name as being the stalwarts of the league. However, the rotation

throughout the contests hardly gives the tender a chance to settle in; four players suited up and guarded the net for the Metropolitan Division, but none were enough to stop the Atlantic's best from racking up nine goals. The lack of defense in these games is to be said, as players are simply trying to score the crispest goals they can, so the inflated goal scoring isn't just due to the infusion of talent.

Boston Bruins' right winger David Pastrnak and Ottawa Senators right winger Anthony Duclair each collected a hat trick for the Atlantic team, though each of their respective third goals came on empty nets.

On the other side of the coast, the Pacific Division quickly dispatched the Central, burying them 10-5, led by a Justin Bieber cosplayer in San Jose's left winger Tomas Hertl who notched four tallies. Edmonton Oilers forward Leon Draisaitl and Calgary Flames forward Matthew Tkachuk paired up for some crisp puck movement and a score for each.

Though it may seem impossible, hometown fans of the St. Louis Blues that were there to support their players on the Central team, ended up cheer-

ing for their long-time enemy in Blackhawks' right-winger Patrick Kane as he scored for the Central team. Kane enjoyed the moment, cuffing his glove to his ear as if he couldn't hear the cheers of the Blues fans. St. Louis got the last laugh though, as the Central Division fell to the Pacific, and Kane ultimately lost in their stadium once more.

In the finale, a fitting battle of the coasts, the Atlantic and Pacific teams squared off for the true All-Star game. The two-period contest, though not considered intense, featured some excellent action from hockey's best; Toronto Maple Leafs' goaltender Frederik Andersen dolphin dove at a slap shot to deflect it, Pastrnak set up Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman for a beautiful tip-in just 30 seconds into the game, and, finally, McDavid fed Hertl for the game-winning clapper. Pastrnak was awarded MVP, and although arguments will be made that Hertl's five goals merited the recognition, the award isn't that significant to either player's career moving forward.

While the All-Star game is an entertaining scoring battle, All-Star players' moment to shine is in the skills

competition.

Going into the All-Star weekend, everyone predicted Oilers' star center Connor McDavid would pick up the title of fastest skater, a competition that consists of a single, timed lap around a specified region of the perimeter of the rink. To their surprise, New York Islanders forward Matt Barzal skated a 13.175-second lap around the rink to pick up the title for the fastest skater in the National Hockey League, besting McDavid by 0.275 seconds.

The save streak competition is for the goaltenders. They have ten skaters come in on a breakaway and the goalie who stops the most breakaways in a row wins. Jordan Binnington of the St. Louis Blues, playing at his home rink in front of a St. Louis-heavy crowd, gave the fans a reason to celebrate. He was the last goalie to take the ice for the save streak competition and proceeded to rack up 10 straight stops for the win. Andrei Vasilevskiy of the Tampa Bay Lightning finished second with nine shots stopped.

Defensemen Jacob Slavin of the Carolina Hurricanes took home the title in the accuracy shooting competition, which is set up with the shooter in the slot and

five targets in the net. The objective is to hit the targets in the least amount of time possible. Slavin completed the challenge with a time of 9.505 seconds. Forward Tomas Hertl of the San Jose Sharks came in a close second place but he was stuck on the top right target which opened an opportunity for Slavin to take the crown.

In similar fashion, the hardest shot competition sees players line up at the blue line, and hit the puck as fast as they can into the goal and through the sensors, measuring the puck's velocity. Former Calgary Flames and St. Louis Blues star defenseman Al MacInnis, a seven-time winner of the event, started the proceedings with a 100.4 mph slapper at the age of 56. Montreal Canadiens defenseman Shea Weber's first attempt was good enough to win the title (105.9), but he took another attempt for fun and beat it (106.5 mph).

This year the skills competition saw a new event, the shooting stars challenge. This competition featured players going into the stands to shoot for targets at center ice that each had designated point values. Chicago Blackhawks' forward Patrick Kane and the Toronto Maple Leafs'

forward Mitch Marner were tied at 22 points after the initial round, which led to a one-shot tiebreaker. Marner missed completely, giving the longtime Chicago Blackhawks standout the opportunity to hit a two-point target for the win.

Though many young talents such as McDavid, Pastrnak and the Colorado Avalanche's Nathan MacKinnon, were on display, the true highlight of the weekend is the increased inclusion of women in the weekend's festivities. Members of the NWHL were invited to compete in 3-on-3 contests, in addition to competing in skills challenges such as the fastest skater.

With the inclusion and further propulsion into the national spotlight, women's hockey will hopefully continue to expand and thrive, especially with girls around the world watching their potential role models compete alongside the men's players. While the two entities aren't at complete equality yet, the movement is in the right direction and it wouldn't be surprising to see the NHL and NWHL pairing up to put together more interesting events for All-Star weekends to come.

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NBA STANDINGS

Eastern Conference		OVERALL
1	Bucks	40-6
2	Celtics	31-14
3	Heat	31-14
4	Raptors	30-14
5	76ers	30-16
Western Conference		OVERALL
1	Lakers	36-10
2	Mavericks	32-13
3	Nuggets	32-14
4	Clippers	31-14
5	Rockets	28-16

NHL STANDINGS

Eastern Division		OVERALL
1	Bruins	29-10
2	Bay Lightning	29-15
3	Panthers	28-16
4	Maple Leafs	25-17
5	Sabres	22-20
Metropolitan Division		OVERALL
1	Capitals	33-11
2	Penguins	31-14
3	Islanders	29-15
4	Blue Jackets	27-16
5	Hurricanes	29-18
Western Division		OVERALL
1	Blues	30-11
2	Avalanche	28-15
3	Stars	27-17
4	Blackhawks	24-21
5	Jets	25-22
Pacific Division		OVERALL
1	Canucks	27-18
2	Oilers	26-18
3	Flames	26-19
4	Golden Knights	26-20
5	Sharks	25-20

Upcoming Games:

NHL:

Monday, January 27

Washington @ Montreal
 New Jersey @ Ottawa
 Toronto @ Nashville
 Tampa Bay @ Dallas
 St. Louis Blues @ Vancouver
 Anaheim @ San Jose

Tuesday, January 28

Ottawa @ Buffalo
 St. Louis @ Calgary

Wednesday, January 29

Toronto @ Dallas
 Nashville @ Washington
 Calgary @ Edmonton
 Arizona @ Anaheim
 Tampa Bay @ Los Angeles
 Vancouver @ San Jose

Thursday, January 30

Montreal @ Buffalo
 Nashville @ New Jersey
 Los Angeles @ Arizona

NBA

Tuesday, January 28

Golden State @ Philadelphia
 New York @ Charlotte
 Boston @ Miami
 New Orleans @ Cleveland
 Atlanta @ Toronto
 Denver @ Memphis
 Washington @ Milwaukee
 Phoenix @ Dallas
 Clippers @ Lakers

Wednesday, January 29

Chicago @ Indiana
 Memphis @ New York
 Detroit @ Brooklyn
 Utah @ San Antonio
 Houston @ Portland
 Oklahoma City @ Sacramento

54 from B1

seemed detrimental and looked like it may have been the end of Mahomes' 2019 season and effectively the Chiefs' playoff hopes. Instead, he came back in just a few weeks and led the Chiefs to a 6-1 record in their final seven games to win the division and lock up a first-round bye.

In the divisional round, the Chiefs looked completely dismantled, falling down 24-0 to the Deshaun Watson led Texans at the beginning of the second quarter. Mahomes and the Chiefs could not have been less worried, hammering out four consecutive scoring drives to

take a commanding 28-24 lead heading into halftime. After giving up 24 unanswered points to begin the game, the Chiefs went on to outscore the Texans 51-7 through the rest of the game, stunning Houston 51-31. The Chiefs hosted the AFC Championship at Arrowhead Stadium for the second year in a row, and this time they were able to pull through and defeat the Tennessee Titans, who were coming off consecutive upset wins against New England and Baltimore.

As for San Francisco, head coach Kyle Shanahan has masterfully spent the past few seasons building his team through the draft, trades and free agency to get them to their

juggernaut status. In 2017 at the trade deadline, he made a deal to bring in Patriots backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. Garoppolo began starting for the 49ers that season after they had fallen to 1-10, and he led them to five straight wins to close out the season at 6-10. That offseason, San Francisco's front office went all-in on Garoppolo's youth and began bringing in multiple players to stack the roster, including a long-time opponent of 49ers passers, prolific Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman. Sherman negotiated his own three-year deal with San Francisco, swearing vengeance on a Seahawks team that had released him following an Achil-

les tear.

The 49ers' 2018 campaign was ended quickly when Garoppolo tore his ACL in week three of the season. Without Garoppolo at the helm, the 49ers fought hard but were quickly vanquished in many of their contests that season, gifting them the second overall pick in the last draft, where they selected Ohio State's defensive end Nick Bosa, who has been a home run hitter on the best defensive front in the league. Bosa joined fellow first-round picks Arik Armstead, DeForest Buckner, and the aforementioned Ford. The loaded defensive line was an absolute nightmare for opposing teams and the terrific play from the defense

was complimented by a well-balanced 49ers offense, which features a strong passing attack from Garoppolo, phenom tight end George Kittle, veteran wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders and rookie wide receiver Deebo Samuel, all paired with their three-headed monster running back trio of Raheem Mostert, Tevin Coleman, and Matt Breida.

It is incredibly hard to pick a favorite for the game. As incredible as both teams have been all year, it seems like now they are both peaking. The Chiefs' passing attack and the 49ers defense have been unstoppable in each teams' respective playoff runs. The Chiefs open up as one-point favorites

according to Vegas, which means they don't even know which way to go on this contest. The Chiefs went into the AFC championship with a suspect run defense and completely shut down Derrick Henry, holding him to 69 yards after he had run for 600 yards in his previous three games before coming into town. If the Chiefs can repeat their previous performance and make the 49ers run game a nonfactor, they'll force a fireworks show between Garoppolo and Mahomes. It's difficult to imagine the former MVP losing to a quarterback who threw nine passes in the NFC Championship game.

3-4 from B2

three. Stony Brook impressively blocked six of the Black Bears shots, while Maine wasn't able to register a blocked shot.

Following the loss, Maine headed back home to host the University of New Hampshire in a rival game on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Maine's ball-handling and smart defense led them to control the majority of the game, including popping off for 27 points in the

third quarter, allowing for a 67-50 win. McVicar led the Black Bears with 17 points, hitting three of six shots from beyond the arc, in addition to notching two assists and a block. Simon and Carroll both played second fiddle to McVicar, each putting up 13 points and gathering the majority of the team's assists and rebounds.

Maine stayed at home for their second game in a row to host the University at Albany. Carroll proceeded to put up her second double-double with

21 points and 10 rebounds, while Saar hit five of 10 shots from beyond the arc en route to her own 21 point night. With both players firing on all cylinders, they propelled Maine to its second straight win. Maine took an early lead that Albany couldn't recover from, holding a 10 point lead three minutes into the contest and leading to a final score of 60-49.

Maine then got back on the road to conclude their last two games of winter break. First, they traveled to

play the University of Massachusetts Lowell on Saturday, Jan. 15. After some second-quarter struggles, Maine went down nine points then continued to trade scores for the rest of the games, losing 66-57. Simon led the way with 15 points and seven rebounds.

Maine then traveled to Binghamton University in New York. Both teams traded scores until the fourth quarter, where Binghamton's squad uncorked an 11 point scoring run leading to a 73-63 loss for Maine. The loss came

despite an impressive 28 point performance by Simon. This would conclude the seven-game stretch while Maine's classes were not in session.

After a slow start to the season, Maine has started to play better team basketball as the season goes on. Although they sit at 8-14, Maine has managed to keep a winning 4-3 record within the American East Conference. Maine has many returners who have been to March Madness and know how to win conference

championships. These veterans also have the help of some new players such as Simon who competes for the top scorer position on the team. As the conference tournament approaches, Maine appears to have the pieces to have a shot at winning it again.

Tune in Saturday, Feb. 1, as Maine travels to the University of Hartford to take on the Hawks.

Soar from B6

into the intermission, following an additional series of power plays netting zero goals for either squad.

Skating back on and into the third, Maine held their own on two

more power-play opportunities handed to their opponents, but couldn't stop the full strength Eagles midway through the third. Skating with the puck, fourth-year forward Ron Greco decided to fire a bullet from just inside the blue line and found the sweet spot

just over Swayman's stick-side shoulder. With neither team able to force the advantage, the contest went into the extra period once more.

Not needing a penalty advantage to clean up loose ends, Shea forced a turnover in the Eagles' zone and

passed the puck out to Doherty. Doherty flipped around to the front side of the net and fed a sneaking Shea on the goaltender's opposing side for the tip-in goal. The victory extends Maine's active win streak against Boston College to five games, while addi-

tionally improving the Black Bears' record to 12-9-4.

Maine will next take the ice at home against the Merrimack Warriors on Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30 with the puck dropping at 7 pm.