State of the University address delivered by President Ferrini-Mundy

The president shared that on Feb. 1, Wash-ington announced that UMaine would have an honor roll of nation-ally recognized businesses that are dedicated to undergraduate leadership and professional development, and included the University of Maine Onro and Machia's president.

During the address, Ferrini-Mundy touched upon a number of differ-ent initiatives that the university is undertaking to improve the academic experience for students.

She noted that the university has expanded its focus on inclusive excellence, and that this focus is reflected in the university's strategic plan.

Ferrini-Mundy also highlighted the university's commitment to diversity and inclusion, including the establishment of a new diversity and inclusion office.

The president shared that the university has made significant progress in implementing its strategic plan, including the expansion of its online and distance learning programs.

Ferrini-Mundy also emphasized the university's commitment to sustainability, and noted that the university has made significant progress in reducing its carbon footprint.

The president concluded her address by thanking the university community for their continued support and commitment to making UMaine a place where all students can succeed.

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UMaine student to try at Wildwater Canoeing World Championships

Jeff Fremouw, a first-year engineering physics stu-dent, has qualified for the 2020 International Canoe Federation Whitewater Canoeing World Championships.

Fremouw, who has been paddling since he was in high school, said that he is excited to be a part of a team that is working together to build a boat shelter.

“I feel a lot of support from the regulars, that is the people I have raced against and who are with me, and I have a lot of friends of different age groups,” Fremouw said.

Fremouw paddles regularly with the Orono Paddlers, a group that is open to all members of the community.

Currently, the Orono Paddlers are working to raise funds in downtown Old Town.

The boat shelter would be held to raise funds that would assist the Orono Paddlers when running their summer camp for children ages 8-12. The sum-mer camp is an opportunity for children to learn and experience paddling with the guidance of the paddlers.

Fremouw said that the Paddlers have a membership re-quirement and that by raising funds to build this boat shelter, more people will have access to paddling op-portunities.

“Boat shelters will be useful in helping people to try to attract the boats across the main road to the water. This was just great for me to see kids and children around. It is a sign of the times, the canoes, which will provide opportunities for the children to acquire this new specialty and to become more involved with this activity,” Fremouw said.

Fremouw said that he would not be in the position that he is now if not for his high-school paddling coach, Jeff Owen.

“Another success for the university has been UMaine’s MBA that was just ranked as a “Top 50 Online Program” by U.S. News and World Report rankings.

UMaine’s research has seen great success in the past year.

“Our research expenditures — rise by 6% to $17 million,” Ferrini-Mundy shared. UMaine is embark ing on the process of receiving an R1 designa-tion in the coming years, which recognizes the amount of dollars that is being done at an institution. Currently, UMaine is considered to be of the same level as UMaine is an R1 designation.

Ferrini-Mundy con-cluded the address by congratulating every-thing on the hard work in the past year and thanking everyone for their contributions.

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Trump acquitted of counts of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress

Seela Stockley  News Editor

Ahead of a week of impeachment proceedings, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, the U.S. Senate voted to acquit President Donald Trump on both counts in his impeachment trial. Trump had been impeached on two counts: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. For-eighnt senators supported a verdict of guilty on Article I, abuse of power, with 53 votes not guilty. Forty-seven senators voted to support a verdict of guilty on Article II, obstruction of Congress, with 53 votes voting not guilty. In order to convict Trump on either Article I or Article II, the Senate would have had to reach 67 votes in favor of finding Trump guilty on each count in order to remove him from office.

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On Wednesday, Fair hosted many Maine-based businesses with the hope of attracting college students and graduates to work at local businesses. Leaders of the vendors acknowledged the importance of student employment, which will make an impact on Maine’s economy.

To find out more about opportunities at UMaine or local businesses, contact the Career Center located on the UMaine campus.

UMaine is dedicated to getting students ready for successful careers and Crisana Black of the UMaine Career Center noted that the fair is a chance for 4,000 students to attend and network with 300 employers in the fair.

"We are excited to help students explore employment opportunities in-person and beyond," said Avery.

In a statement to the press, Coley said that she felt as though Trump would learn from his previous statements.

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The Week in Student Government

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

Commuter Plan motions were tabled, and an amendment was passed to a bill for a free commuter seat on the bus, which was defeated.

New Business: An Act to allocate $15,000 to the UMaine Animal Care Club for the use of a hotel for 16 people in order to compete in animal science competitions and livestock quiz-bowl, as well as to present new students with an orientation to the university at the beginning of the fall semester in 2020. This motion was passed.

A motion to appoint Samuel D. B. and Emma Williams as the Senate Resolution Representative on the President's Cabin Committee was defeated.

A motion to nominate Aliza Swiderski to be the Student Representative for the Board of Trustee was introduced and defeated.

A motion to modify the Student Rules of the General Student Senate, as a modification to a subsection to create a position of representative to the Provost Council, as well as a modification to a subsection which would change the title of the representative of the University of Maine ROTC to be the representative of the University of Maine ROTC was passed.

A motion to allocate $1,200 to the Fishing Club for group ice fishing trips was introduced and defeated.

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A motion to allocate $1,297.10 to the Maine Day Carnival was introduced and defeated.

A motion to allocate $250 to the 2020 Elections Fund was introduced and defeated.

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Police Beat

The best from UMaine’s finest

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Due to inclement weather conditions, officers from the Orono Police Department (OPD) and the University Police Department (UPMD) were unavailable for comment. For inquiries into ongoing investigations, contact OPD at 207-866-4008 or UPMD at 207-581-4040.

Briefs

Quick news from around the country

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News Editor

Feb. 3
Results from the Iowa Caucuses, the first leg of the race towards the democratic presidential nominee, spread across Maine on Monday night as the reporting methods for over 1,500 precincts in Iowa failed. Iowa’s Democratic Party had hoped to introduce an app that would streamline the reporting of ballots, but the app continued to crash. Suspicions of hacking have been discussed, and the Iowa Democratic chair has called for an independent investigation into what happened. Currently, the AP has declared that they are unable to declare a winner, but data from 99% of the precincts indicates that Gov. Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Bernie Sanders are polling close together, with Buttigieg bringing in an estimated 26.2% of the vote and Sanders finishing close behind with 25.1% of the vote.

Feb. 4
On Tuesday, President Donald J. Trump delivered the third State of the Union address since his election to office in 2016. In the address, Trump also spoke on America’s export of natural gas and oil, noting that for the first time in 65 years, the U.S. has become a net exporter of energy. There were no acknowledgments of environmental developments or motions to move towards cleaner, sustainable energy. After the address, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was shown on camera ripping a copy of Trump’s speech up. In a statement, Pelosi stated that she “bore up a manifest of mis-truths.”

Feb. 6
After two weeks of deliberation, results from the Coastal GasLink Pipeline. The pipeline is part of Canada’s attempt to transport more natural gas resources across the country but has been met with a barrage of protests from indigenous peoples who want the project to avoid indigenous lands and territories. Pelican Tower, which have pledged to only use peaceful protest as their way of opposing the pipeline, but on Thursday morning, Royal Canadian Mounted police arrested at least six people who were guarding a roadblock constructed to prevent the construction of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline.

Feb. 7
Thirty Colby College students have been quarantined on suspicion of carrying the Coronavirus after spending their winter break in China. Currently, none of the students have shown any symptoms of the virus, but they are being monitored while they stay at a hotel in Waterville. Colby College released a statement saying that they are closely monitoring the emotional and physical well-being of the students, and noted that they are in close communication with family members and community members in order to address the situation properly.

Feb. 9
Students at Old Town High School will be participating in a collaborative research class to assist scientists in the pursuit of climate change understanding. The class collects data on snow depth, soil temperature, snow water levels and cycling of soil nutrients to help show how Maine’s environment is responding to ecological changes caused by global climate changes. The students are working in a partnership with the University of New Hampshire scientists with funds from the National Science Foundation.

Feb. 12
In the past week, members of the Maine Senate voted on measures to improve environmental practices in Maine, a measure to support a pilot program that will allow veterans to have access to therapy dogs and the Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act, which will disclose the costs and performance of government spending programs. All of these measures were passed.
Editorial: The line between corporate allyship and marketing should not be crossed

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One of the main issues for most resident assistants (RA) is to think of their job as a part-time job. University, the University of Maine is somewhat behind when it comes to their pay agreements. Other schools have moved ahead of UMaine with the compensation offered to their RAs, making it possible for what they receive in their positions to be extremely challenging, and at times, unreasonably low. The University of Vermont and the University of New Hampshire have offered the same compensation to their RAs as well as a $4,100 stipend. However, the pay has not paid out frequently.

For comparison, the University of Connecticut (UConn) RA is paid more than $2.73 per hour. At the University of Connecticut, with about $100 per year paid out in monthly installment form, this would average $8.33 per hour. According to UConn, the average RA pays out-of-state tuition, the highest tuition cost among all 27 of the public institutions. For every hour, a pay rate low enough, if not typical.

Practicing mental hygiene is one way to address the lack of power over these positions. Practicing good mental hygiene is a way of stabilizing to overcome physical problems. As the semester begins, many face physical obstacles that may be encountered. As the semester progresses, practicing good mental hygiene is a way to stabilize and overcome physical difficulties at times. However, with 41.6% of college students struggling with anxiety and 35%-45% struggling with depression, it is an essential part of staying healthy. According to mentalhealth.gov, mental illness is a part of most people's lives. There are physical, emotional, and social issues that can happen. We know how we think, feel, and act to overcome the impact of a level and a societal level. Research done by universi- ty students shows that those characteristics are better able to stay positive for anxiety as well as depression.

Mental hygiene is de- fined as the science of maintaining mental health and disorders and presenting certain symptoms or feelings related to a mental health disorder, as identified by the di- ctionary. As college students, we are affected by our schedules, but there are many different ways to achieve a healthy and stable mind. Eat healthy. It is a common misconception that eating healthy means only green vegetables, no sugar and only drinking water. This is not true. You need to balance your diet in order to maintain healthy eating. If you are physically active, you are likely to notice that your body will not function well if you are trying to lose your level of weight to help with mental health. Alcohol is a depressant. It is always available to you. Last but not least, ask- ing for help is an option available to us. Whether it is on campus or off campus, the main goal is the same, to help us feel comfortable and healthy, no mat- ter what the situation may be. Summarizing yourself with people who support and understand of your struggles can be a powerful mechanism.
**Horoscopes**

*By Antyna Gould*

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**
You have been working hard to reach your goals. Take time to step back, define and feel your spirit before continuing. A stronger you makes for better results.

**Mercury in Pisces**

Transit retrograde on Sunday, Feb. 16 to your privacy sector. Look now and see what part of you is getting the attention it needs to thrive. On the same day, Mars enters Capricorn. Persistence Mars will give you the energy to keep pushing forward. Use this self. This energy coupled with a Jupiter-Neptune transit will create a lasting sense of purpose.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

The start of a Jupiter-Neptune transit will inspire you to explore things outside of your comfort zone through the help of your exceptional support system. Keep the exploration going when Mars enters Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16. This action will give you the boost in energy you need. When Mercur y enters retrograde on the same day, use this energy to find a channel to express what you have had trouble speaking in the past. While a retrograde can cause delays, make sure to keep a positive mindset.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

While starting something new is always fun and exciting, it is best to stick with projects already in progress. On Sunday, Feb. 15 when Mercury enters retrograde be on the lookout for any delays or mixups. However, this does give you time to bring works to a halt. Use this time to look towards your current responsibilities because from Mars entering Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16, you will sort everything out. There is always room for improvement by learning from your past. Cancer (May 22 - June 21)

While Mercury going into retrograde on Sun-day, Feb. 16 can be the cause of accidents, take time on your health and breathe before continuing the uplift the light. Look at the decisions you made in the past — perhaps all have a little perspective. Make changes to plans so they are the most advantageous for you. At the same time, your Pisces taurus will arise in your partner sector when Mars enters Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16. Putting more energy into your home life will help bring about better situations. The Jupiter-Neptune transit will create a lasting sense of purpose.

**Libra (September 22 - October 23)**

Pay attention to your current project. When the Jupiter-Neptune transit begins this week, get to the bottom of lingering problems with your family and friends. The same day, Mars enters Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16. Putting more energy into your home life will help bring about better situations. The Jupiter-Neptune transit will create a lasting sense of purpose.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Creating magic in your relationships when Mars enters Capricorn in your romantic and creative sector on Sunday, Feb. 16. While Mercury entering retrograde on the same day can cause some setbacks, have the energy and courage to push through. It will help bring the issue to resolve, find the courage to work outside of your comfort zone and be creative when it comes to a partnership.

**Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)**

Take advantage of the incredible support system around you to help keep it together when Mercury enters Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16. Don’t forget to show your appreciation of the support on people give, and even those who are far from you. Make sure to keep a positive mindset.

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**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**

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**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

With the beginning of the Jupiter-Neptune transit, take time to enjoy your social life while giving all of your gifts in the projects you’re currently working on. While Mercury could cause delays on projects premature-ly, help bring about better situations. The same day, Mars enters Capricorn, help bring about better situations. The Jupiter-Neptune transit will create a lasting sense of purpose.

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Take advantage of the incredible support system around you to help keep it together when Mercury enters Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16. Don’t forget to show your appreciation of the support on people give, and even those who are far from you. Make sure to keep a positive mindset.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

As the start of a Jupiter-Neptune transit will inspire you to explore things outside of your comfort zone through the help of your exceptional support system. Keep the exploration going when Mars enters Capricorn on Sunday, Feb. 16. This action will give you the boost in energy you need. When Mercury enters retrograde on the same day, use this energy to find a channel to express what you have had trouble speaking in the past. While a retrograde can cause delays, make sure to keep a positive mindset.