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In the first question addressed by the panelists, the question was about why children’s literature has a lack of diversity in character representation. The panelists noted that parents and educators should be aware of this lack of diversity and should work to overcome it.

Heidi Heilig, a writer and illustrator, discussed the importance of having diverse characters in children’s literature. She emphasized the need for books that accurately represent a child’s cultural background. She emphasized that diverse characters can be found in children’s literature and that parents should seek out books that are representative of their children’s backgrounds.

Krista Aronson, a professor from Bates College, also spoke about the importance of diversity in children’s literature. She noted that the lack of diversity in children’s literature can have a negative impact on children’s self-esteem and identity development. She emphasized the need for parents and educators to be aware of this lack of diversity and to work to overcome it.

Amber Gray, a subject specialist from Fogler Library, added that while diversity in children’s literature is important, it is not the only factor that parents and educators should consider when selecting books for their children. She emphasized the need for books that are entertaining, challenging, and engaging for children of all ages.

Maddy Gernhard, a contributor to the Maine Campus, emphasized the importance of children’s literature in promoting diversity and understanding. She noted that children’s literature can be a powerful tool for promoting diversity and understanding, and that parents and educators should make a conscious effort to select books that accurately represent children of all backgrounds.

The panelists also discussed the ways in which diverse characters can be represented in children’s literature. They emphasized the importance of diverse viewpoints and perspectives, and noted that diverse characters can be found in a wide variety of genres and formats.

The panelists concluded by emphasizing the importance of diversity in children’s literature and the need for parents and educators to work to overcome the lack of diversity in children’s literature. They noted that diverse characters can be found in children’s literature and that parents and educators should seek out books that are representative of their children’s backgrounds.
UMaine announces class of 2021 valedictorian and salutatorian

UMaine professors research small grains in a collaborative project

The University of Maine is assisting in research funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help bolster the small grains industry. Con- nect University is leading the research which involves researchers from universities na- tionwide. Two researchers from the University of Maine, Ellen Malacarne and Jonathan Mallory, have joined the endeavor alongside researchers from the University of Vermont, the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin, South Dakota State University and Oregon State University. Malacarne is a professor of sus- tainable agriculture at UMaine and Malacarne is an assistant professor of agricultural eco- nomics.

The point of the research is to exam- ine the uses of small grain farming in larger agricultural projects. Because small grains such as barley, oats and rye often times have less value in the agricultural economy, they often go undeni- able. Additionally, the research seeks to find varieties of these small grain crops that will have more value and uses in strengthening supply chains. USDA’s Organic Agri- culture Research and Extension Initiative, has allotted around $20 million in grant money to the research initia- tive. Research will be assessed on the basis of factors such as taste and baking characteristics. The two will also be looking into the rea- sons some varieties of grain have higher sur- vival rates in the wild.

Winter grains, which are planted in the fall and harvested in the next summer, have many benefits for or- ganic farmers. Mallory told the Daily Bulldog. “They are grows easily with weeds, protect the soil over the winter, alfalfa spring workloads and yield more than spring types.”

Malacarne’s research will be centered around small grains and how small grains can sustainably meet those demands in institutions like health care and ac- ademic environments. “Institutions represent a stable, high-vol- ume market, and many want to source more local food,” Malacarne told the Daily Bulldog. “They also have differ- ent price points that other consumers, re-quiring a consistent supply of high-quality product at a competi- tive price."

These research teams will be work- ing to collaborate with partners in the food industry, as well as farmers around the state of Maine. Among these farmers are Am- ber Lambke of Slow- Hogan, the owner of Maine Grains, and a member of the proj- ect’s advisory board, as well as Matt Wil- liams, the owner of Au- rora Mills and Farm in Limestone. The Cornell-led re- search began in Sep- tember of last year, however, Mallory, Mol- lory and Malacarne will begin their research this coming August. The research will con- clude in August of 2023.
Increasing vaccine eligibility in Maine allows more in UMaine community to receive vaccine

On Monday, April 12, 2021

News

We want to be successful in everything we do, but especially when it comes to supporting the mental health of our students. Therefore, we are expanding the menu options for dining halls on all campuses, ensuring that we make sure that students have the best possible experience here. We are also working to make the student government more inclusive, and the student body more accountable. We are also working on expanding our mental health resources, and the two hope to accomplish even more in this election.

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This Week in Student Government

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

David DiMinno
Contributor

The General Student Senate met on April 6 with roll call and the approval of the previous meeting minutes by Senate Clerk John Cyr.

General Good and Welfare:

- Vice President Zachary Wyland: Rule Item of the week, which was moving to the previous. This is used when a senator wants to conclude a debate on an item and move to a vote. The Maine Power Builders Club was reactivated.

Executive Reports:

- President Harrison Ransley has started running interviews for executive board members of the senate. He has also confirmed his work on renovation projects. Vice President of Financial Affairs Jakub Donald is working on unallocated funds and has had to take some fundraising requests, for various reasons. Vice President of Academic Affairs Jai Haeberlin has been doing research under the influence of a former University of Maine RITC Austin Weelkild said that his name was not on the reopening schedule for the men’s ice hockey team.

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Police Beat

Megan Ashe
News Editor

March 24
At approximately 10:20 p.m. Marsyas Bailey, 22, from Otis, Maine was issued a summons for operating under the influence. He has a court date in May.

March 27
At approximately 12:08 a.m. Thomas Mark, 19, and John Ross, 21, were both issued summons for theft. Both have court dates in May.

March 30
At approximately 5:35 p.m. Jordy Ruiz-Manzanans, William Carnegie, 20, Lucas Mitchell, 20 and Ian Haines, 20, were all issued summonses for criminal trespassing.

An act to allocate $3,059 dollars to UMaine Figure Skating.

Allocate $2,490 dollars to UMaine Renaissance for the spring showcase.

Correction of various mistakes in sentences.

All of these acts were passed.

Tune Into This!

What's happening this week at UMaine & Beyond

Monday

Taylor Swift has released a re-recorded version of her fourth album titled "Fearless" which she has called "Fearless (Taylor’s Version)." After a decade of inactivity, Swift has returned to her old mastered tracks from the "vault" such as "Mt. Perfectly." Fearless feels like a special album about her breakup with Calvin Harris. The album is available on music streaming platforms.

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Editorial: Addressing sexual assault isn’t just about awareness, and it can’t happen in a month

By Leah Savage

On Friday, April 9, the Maine Daily News reported on two cases of sexual assault that occurred at the University of Maine Farmington, according to an email to the UMF community from the Daily News published on their website. The Daily News published a troubling article detailing the stories of two students at the University of Maine Farmington who both sought help from the university’s Title IX office after being sexually assaulted. In both cases, committees came to the conclusion that the women’s allegations were accurate before the decisions were bizarrely overturned. The students walked away from their college experiences feeling utterly betrayed by the institutions that they allowed themselves to be vulnerable to. Regardless of ver- dict, that is something that can and should be avoided.

While the Daily News published an article titled “A 2019 study by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). For many, this is an unusual data point, but too often it is one that is ignored or quietly kept from those who would rather not think about it. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the University of Maine’s Title IX Student Services office is working with campus and commu- nity partners to put to- gether a variety of pro- grams and other in-person events, such as weekly “Teal Tuesdays,” a way for the campus to promote awareness for sexual assault. However, the average student might be forgiven for not even knowing about these opportunities, as the information is mostly localized to either the university’s Title IX webpage or buried under a lone tweet.

The New York Times republished an article titled “We’re really seeing increased awareness of survivors. This is a scary process on the ground,” Sage Carson, the manager of Know More, a comprehensive Sexuality Education Resource Center, contributor for changes right now regarding the ways in which they fail to address sexual assault and rape. In her own article published in The Maine Campus, contributor Lash Vegar argued that discussions about sexuality and sexual assault need to start early with young men and women in order to combat the culture of shame and stigma that prevents survivors from coming forward.

Research by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center suggests that Comprehensive Sexuality Ed- ucation, a K-12 style of sex education that develops and builds as individuals them- selves develop behavior- ally and physically, addresses the majority of the risk factors typ- ically associated with sexual violence. This is to say, sex- ual assault cannot be solely or even mostly addressed with policy or formal supports, and it certainly cannot be addressed in a month. Perhaps it should be treated like a lifelong, ongoing process of open communication, free of stigma — like a relationship.
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An investment in support of Bangor’s homeless population is an investment in the city’s future

Leah Savage

Contributor

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our modern world. On top of a public health crisis, the virus has clearly illustrated that many of our public systems are in need of reform. The area of concern which has proven especially relevant in Bangor is the growing rates of homelessness without the adequate shelter and housing capacity to accommodate for this population.

While the exact increase in Bangor’s homeless population is unknown, the Bangor Daily News reported that the city counted 140 unsheltered homeless people in the fall of 2020. At this same time a year prior, the city counted only 25-30 unsheltered homeless people. Rates of homelessness within the community are rising, and for lower income people, getting access to affordable housing is a near impossibility.

While a large amount of money, including the CARES Act, has been devoted to safely housing our homeless population during the pandemic, this money has been focused on finding and short-term solutions for housing. Bangor started housing people in the Ramada Inn to address overwhelming numbers of unhoused individuals. "These quick fixes" were certainly needed earlier in the pandemic, especially during winter months. However, it is time to start using these incoming funds to create permanent housing opportunities.

Makayla White, a behavioral health co-ordinator (MHRT/C) at Acadia Hospital in Bangor, shared her experiences working with homeless patients. White explained that three of her cases are transient (the term the hospital uses instead of "homeless"), and of these cases, many are chronically transient, meaning that they have been unhoused for several months and are often return to homelessness after brief stays in other settings. White also says that, of her caseload, that frequently reach well over 20 individuals, the majority are experiencing chronic housing difficulties.

One of White’s biggest frustrations working with people without housing is that there is a serious disconnect surrounding what some individuals and organizations think that a case manager can do for homeless individuals versus the resources that are actually available. Unsurprisingly, much of this is due to mismatches of finding housing. Many people will come to her saying, "Oh I think a case manager will help me get into Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP) or Shelter Plus Care (programs that offer rental assistance to those with mental health difficulties or who are homeless)," but transient individuals aren’t typically aware that these programs have very strict criteria.

"Oftentimes even when they do qualify, there aren’t any immediate solutions or availability for apartment rentals," White said.

The waiting list for section 8 housing, currently 5-6 years, and these unlawful waitlists are common across all affordable housing options in the area. White says, "For the future, while we hope to see more landowners accepting rental vouchers from the state, and more buildings being constructed or used for income-based housing."

"In a dream world I would love to see funding for a new, large development so that we can shorten the very long waitlist for federal housing," she said.

But this might not only have to exist in a dream world. White also reported that the city of Bangor has received $1 million to help the homeless population. Hopefully some of these funds will be put toward building long-term solutions for the city’s most vulnerable people.

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Sudoku

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

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**Culture**

The Downtown Bangor Beautification Committee’s Adopt-A-Garden program invites people to beautify Bangor.

**Contributor**

Meaghan Bellavance

*The Maine Campus*

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We have 137 gardens, although we are looking to add another dozen or so. We stick to gardens, as Edwards said. “Right now, we have about 85 adopted gardens. We have 21 gardens left, and it’s a 31 re-adopted, so we are about 85 adopted.”

To adopt a garden, it needs to be identifiable on the DBBC website, along with the Adopt-A-Garden application. On the map are red dots that indicate which gardens are available for adoption. Many gardens get re-adopted each year by their previous adopters. You can also adopt a garden at any time of year. Usually, by the end of the season, almost all of the gardens are adoptable.

They are all over downtown Bangor and beyond, and adopters have unique plans for each. Edwards said, “It’s a great opportunity to get creative by making the gardens unique.”

According to Edwards, “We have 137 gardens that are the primary focus of Adopt-A-Garden program, we actually saw a lot of young people become interested in Adopt-A-Garden project, visit www.downtownbangor.com. To adopt a garden, visit www.downtownbangor.com and fill out an application and/or confirm that the gardens are still available. Many gardens get re-adopted each year by their previous adopters. Usually, by the end of the season, almost all of the gardens are adoptable.”

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**National Holidays: April 12 through 16**

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Greg Edwards, Downtown Bangor Beautification Committee’s Adopt-A-Garden program

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April 12 is the perfect Monday to prepare a staple American comfort food: a grilled cheese sandwich.

Whether you have a recipe you stick to or love or you want to experiment, take time to day on National Grilled Cheese Sandwich day to indulge in the gooey goodness of a sandwich with cheddar, Swiss or provolone, or even try it with rye bread instead of white. The opportunities are endless when it comes to personalizing your grilled cheese sandwich. As the weather is getting warmer, you can even have a grilled cheese sandwich picnic with friends.

Tuesday: National Peach Cobbler Day

April 13 is National Peach Cobbler Day. If your sweet tooth has been grabbing your attention lately, today is the day to tame your sweet tooth. Gather with friends or family and enjoy your own peach cobbler. If you don’t want to prepare the dish for others or don’t have the time to make it, you can still enjoy a peach cobbler:

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Easter-themed items such as eggs, bunny figures, and pink flowers. Even if it class is not in the way of your college or home environment, you can still plant a garden. Head over to Lowe’s or Home Depot to pick out the best fruits such as apples and cherries. Even if it class is not in the way of your college or home environment, you can still plant a garden. Head over to Lowe’s or Home Depot to pick out the best fruits such as apples and cherries. In the case of vegetables, you can also get creative by making a delectable dessert, look up the menus of local restaurants. You may get lucky and find a dessert that is perfect for the season. If you don’t want to prepare the dish for others or don’t have the time to make it, you can still enjoy a peach cobbler:

Wednesday: National Gardening Day

April 14 is National Gardening Day. As spring has arrived, there is the perfect opportunity to plant a garden. Head over to Lowe’s or Home Depot to pick out the best fruits such as apples and cherries. Even if it class is not in the way of your college or home environment, you can still plant a garden. Head over to Lowe’s or Home Depot to pick out the best fruits such as apples and cherries. In the case of vegetables, you can also get creative by making a delectable dessert, look up the menus of local restaurants. You may get lucky and find a dessert that is perfect for the season. If you don’t want to prepare the dish for others or don’t have the time to make it, you can still enjoy a peach cobbler:

Thursday: National Laundry Day

April 15 is National Laundry Day. With the semester soon coming to a close and assignments beginning to pile up, take today to catch a break from the laundry you have been needing to do. Instead of thinking of it as a chore, think of it as self-care. Make it fun by doing your laun-

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Friday: National Li-

April 16 is National Librarian Day. Take to-

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Saturday: National Be Kind to Librarians Day

April 17 is National Be Kind to Librarians Day. With June 1 approching, there is still time for Universi-

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students in April to begin their summer break. If they’d like to adopt a garden. For those interested in Adopt-A-Garden, make sure to be prepared to spend time in downtown Bangor to handle the upkeep and presentation of your garden.

Students can also volunteer on a volunteer day such as DBBC’s Spring Clean Up on April 25. Another volunteer opportunity is on May 15 during Big Dig Week, where students can volunteer to help plant flowers in the gardens.

For more information and status updates on the Adopt-A-Garden project, visit www.downtownbangor.com or visit the Downtown Bangor Beautiful Facebook page.
The story revolves around a first-year at Bellas University, Beca Mitchell, who is played by Anna Kendrick. When entering college, Mitchell had her eyes set solely on producing music. However, when she met Aubrey Posen and Chloe Beal at the campus chapel, her eyes set solely on producing music. She was a part of the Bellas, an all-female a cappella group. As a member of the Bellas, she became a part of the Bellas, an all-female a cappella group. Rebec- ka Mitchell in the first film. The writers make a strong effort through- out the film to ensure that the Bellas are the cappella group that is the best scene in all of the film. The Bellas perform is the best scene in all of the film.
The "Hidden UMaine" project by students and professors is overseen by Karen Sieber, the multicultural specialist at the McGillicuddy Humanities Center whose work can be found as an in-focus unit of Bleachers and as taught by professor John V. Dolan, the project's current McGillicuddy Humanities Center's coordinator. The "Hidden UMaine" project focuses on public history and efforts made on creating a sociocultural sense of place on campus. "Hidden UMaine" virtual tour creates a virtual tour, showcasing the connections students ages K-12 who may either be assigned a certain stop to research or to build their own story by using the "Hidden UMaine". The "Hidden UMaine" project is an example of a unique, way, especially during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also wanted this to be something pubic and something that students and the project's apps will attract many potential new relations and opportunities throughout. It's a rabbit hole, you scream to take light the competition surrounding you, there is a chance for new beginnings, a chance for new relationships. Enjoy develop new layers and dimensions to the stories, Sieber said. Students treating their desktop and through their phone, "UMaine's Ugly Ties to Eugenics and the KKK" stop which features former UMaine President Clarence Little. By using the Clio platform, the project is also expandable. It plans to further develop its tour to include narrated tours as audio tours, add stops and incite many Civil Rights era stories at UMaine’s MLA Plaza stop, develop the resources both at Maine and beyond. For more information on the project’s process as well as personal information, please visit their website or social media pages to stay up to date on current events and opportunities.
Apollon Martin

On April 8, the Maine Campus held a panel discussion on the theme of "Climate Crisis," which aimed to highlight the environmental activist work of two Mount Desert Island HS seniors who are local leaders of the "Local Solutions to Climate Crisis" task force. In addition to her work with the environment, Ishmura is a senior at MDI High School and holds the co-president position on her school’s Environment and Conservation (Eco) Team. Additionally, she has worked on other advocacy projects such as declaring a climate emergency in her town of Bar Harbor. Just last week, Ishmura worked on the use of solar energy throughout the state. Ishmura has also been active in the Sunrise Movement and is currently looking for ways to electronize her state. "I think it’s really important for people to know the importance of supporting environmental action on the state level," Ishmura stated.

Katherine Glover, a student at the Climate Justice Maine (CJM) and the Department of Gender, Gender Studies and Sexuality, organized the "Local Solutions to Climate Crisis" talk. Glover also works as the MDI High School and holds the co-president position on her school’s Environment and Conservation (Eco) Team. In addition to her work with the environment, Ishmura is a senior at MDI High School and holds the co-president position on her school’s Environment and Conservation (Eco) Team. She has also worked on other advocacy projects such as declaring a climate emergency in her town of Bar Harbor. Just last week, Ishmura worked on the use of solar energy throughout the state. Ishmura has also been active in the Sunrise Movement and is currently looking for ways to electronize her state. "I think it’s really important for people to know the importance of supporting environmental action on the state level," Ishmura stated.

The panelists brought up the idea of students working on local climate issues in their communities. Ishmura highlighted the importance of working on local issues while also being aware of the bigger picture. "It’s important to have a local focus, but we also need to be thinking about how our local actions can contribute to larger scale solutions," Ishmura said.

Glover added that students can make a difference by being active in their communities and working with local organizations. "Students have the power to make change by being involved in local advocacy work," Glover said.

The panelists also discussed the importance of education and awareness when it comes to climate change. "We need to educate ourselves and others about climate change and the actions we can take to mitigate it," Ishmura said.

Glover agreed, "Education is key. We need to inform ourselves and others about what we can do to help fight climate change."

The panelists ended by encouraging students to get involved in local climate action. "There are many ways to get involved, whether it’s through community organizing, volunteering, or just having conversations with friends and family," Ishmura said.

Glover added, "Every action counts. Whether it’s recycling, using energy-efficient light bulbs, or advocating for policy change, we can all make a difference in the fight against climate change."
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Jeremy Swayman’s debut with Boston Bruins is one of the books

Jeremy Swayman’s debut with the Boston Bruins is one for the books. Monday, April 12, 2021

The University of Maine’s former All-Star goalie Jeremy Swayman’s first career opportunity to start in the NHL was just hours after April 6. The Boston Bruins were dealing with an injury to starting goaltender Tuuka Raaka and had been looking for a goalie to replace him throughout the season, and Swayman was called up to the big league and because the Bruins were on the second game of a back-to-back he would get the start. Swayman seized the moment and led the Bruins to a 4-2 victory. Swayman recorded 40 saves, 23 of which came in the second period. His performance was so impressive that even after two starts that the Manager of the Boston Bruins did not have much to be concerned about, because the goalie will be on the shelf for a while, as Swayman’s first start, he stopped 27 of the 27 shots he faced on route to a 1-0 victory against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Swayman won the first seven games he started. Swayman first shutout came on March 10 against the same team he picked up his first win against, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers.

Swayman performed in his first game with the Boston Bruins. Swayman's performance in his first game with the Boston Bruins was good enough to earn him a second straight start, and on Thursday, April 1, Swayman took the net for the Bruins again. Swayman helped the Bruins to another 4-2 victory, where the only Boston goal was scored by Patrice Bergeron after Bergeron was able to beat Swayman came on a two-man advantage powerplay. Both came within 20 seconds of each other on the same powerplay with Bergeron coming on a one-time slap shot by Alexander Ovechkin and the second coming about one minute from T.J. Oshie. Swayman had been an impressive in his first two starts that the Bruins decided to ride with Swayman since he had the hot hand. In his third start on Saturday, April 10, Swayman came back down to earth a bit and suffered his first career NHL loss. A few rookie mistakes by Swayman had a direct part in two of the three goals against the Bruins. Swayman allowed three goals on the 23 shots. At UMaine fans know, he is a rookie, but it’s not that surprising to see him have this level of success.

In his first career NHL start, Swayman had been called up to the big league a week ago, he was starting for UMaine at the Alfond Arena, and now he is making waves at one of the big clubs in the NHL. Swayman’s play has planted him firmly as the leading candidate to be the Bruins goalie of the future, and the future may be sooner than we had expected.

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