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On Aug. 31, 2021, the University of Maine opened its classroom doors to welcome students and professors back to in-person learning. This year, a majority of classes are taking place in person, as opposed to the previous academic year, where most classes were held in an online format.

The university is offering more in-person experiences this semester per the requirement that every student must receive a COVID-19 vaccine to participate in in-person classes. The atmosphere on campus is much more vibrant compared to last year. Students can be seen congre- gating on campus and UMaine is supporting a variety of in-person activities, including the Student Organization Fair.

Additionally, many students are finding it easier to learn in the classroom, as it is more motivating than online. "Going back to in-person [classes] has definitely been an adjustment but it’s going well. The biggest thing that I have noticed is how different the atmosphere is," said Gundermann. "I find it is a lot easier to engage with the material when you are in person talking to your classmates and professors." As a Maine Learning Assistant, I find it is a lot easier to help students and guide their understanding in person as opposed to through Zoom," Gundermann shares.

"There has been a shift in the atmosphere at UMaine," shares Gundermann. "I think that it is good that everyone is going to be vaccinated by October 15th. I believe that this is an important step to everyone feeling comfortable and safe in their learning environment." Gundermann states.

According to the Sept. 3 Friday Futurecast, which is a weekly newsletter sent out to all UMaine students from the desk of President Ferrini-Mundy, "as of Sept. 2, more than 77% of UMaine full-time employees and 93% of residential students ... have verified vaccinations required in PointClick." There are no statistics available on commuter students, which makes up a significant portion of the student body, but seeing as though all students must be vaccinated by Oct. 15, one can imagine that most students are taking the vaccination requirement seriously.

The most recent Black Bears Care update, sent out on Sept. 8, the administration thoroughly explained their policy regarding student vaccination. The email states that all students must be either fully vaccinated or have an exemption from getting the vaccine by Oct. 15, and that this information should be uploaded to the digital portal.

These policies apply to students learning in the live classroom setting as well as remote students who haven’t submitted their exemption form. If a student does not take action to receive a vaccine or obtain an exemption, and the student does not withdraw themselves from classes, UMaine will automatically withdraw the student after Oct. 25.

The email also states that there will be no special refunds for room and board, tuition or student fees if students fail to comply with this university policy. If students need to withdraw from classes, it is advised they speak with the financial aid office to discuss how withdrawal will impact their financial aid eligibility. Students can opt to withdraw from classes, UMaine will automatically withdraw them after Oct. 25.

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On Thursday, Sept. 2, an incident of assault took place at the University of Maine and was reported to the UMPD. The event took place on the University Mall at 9 p.m. The campus issued an emergency alert to notify the student body of the incident and asked for assistance in locating the perpetrator.

The attacker was described as a tall brunette male. In a later email, the crime was revealed to be an act of violence perpetuated against an LGBTQ+ member of the UMaine student body.

“An unknown male subject grabbed a female from behind, bruised her face, kicked her in the head, and ran off,” read the UMPD crime alert. As of now, the suspect has still not been located.

In the aftermath of this event, UMPD also released a number of crime prevention tips. They advised that students travel together if they are going out at night, keep an eye out for potential changes at all times.

The message was not entirely comforting for all UMaine students. Cammy Chick, a fifth-year animal and veterinary sciences student, spoke about her discomfort regarding UMPD’s reaction to the situation. “I should have told you not to walk alone when the attack happened at 5 p.m. on the business part of campus,” Chick said in response to UMPD’s statement. She then elaborated on what she felt was the real root of the issue: “Don’t accept these kinds of people into this school. Don’t let the [violent] tall white man with brown hair described in this email walk free.”

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The DOEs reaction to the attack happened at 5 p.m. on the business part of campus.” Chick said in response to UMPD’s statement.

The question shouldn’t be ‘what can we do to be safe?’ It should be ‘how do we prevent this from happening again’.

As of now, UMPD has not found the perpetrator. Any tips can be submitted to the UMPD contact page, or through the UMPD non-emergency dispatch.

For other resources partnering to LGBTQ+ services, visit the UMaine Office for Diversity and Inclusion.

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Welcome back Black Bears!

On Aug. 27, the University of Maine welcomed the class of 2025 to its campus with a “hearty Maine haka.” An incredible ef- fort has been made by the entire student body and staff to ensure a safe return to campus. UMaine’s require- ment mandating that all students fully vaccinated against COVID-19 have served as an important reason in allowing a safe return to campus, and the indoor mask mandates implement- ed until Sept. 30 provide additional safety in the transition to in-person classes.

While these mea- sures ensure the physical safety of ev- eryone “on-terms,” it’s also important to consistently acknowled- ge the mental and emotional challenges faced during this time. You’re apprehensive about this semester, you’re not alone. The Maine Campus is looking for ways to share resources for anyone who has succeeded academically, socially and mentally here at UMaine.

Students and teach- ers are official “hearts” in-person. This transition may prove challenging for the incoming class, who experienced last year and a half of edu- cation remotely. However, receiving care of both your men- tors is critical throughout college, but is easily neglected in the world of academia. The uni- versity understands the hardships faced by incoming students and offers resources and accommodations to alleviate this transition.

UMaine has recent- ly announced that they are offering the Pass/ Fail option for classes again to alleviate stress for students. If you’re interested in this option, they want you to know it’s a process with your aca- demic advisor.

This begins the ques- tion: in your sign this week, how can we do things better? To keep the conversation going, we will be using the college cul- ture in our daily lives to see what we’re doing right and what we’re doing wrong. Our goal is to improve and further support our students and faculty.

To prepare ourselves for internships, jobs and the terrifying title of soon-to-be graduate, stanc- ing hanger over our shoulders is ever- so, yes, it is and it does. The Maine Campus is looking for students to fill a slot within the opinion, cul- ture, sports and news sections. If you’re interested in writing for professional set- tings where they found that holding least one writing skills are one of the most important professional readiness. An analysis of job ad- vertisements has also found that writing and communication skills are among the most important qualifications across every job.

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Leah Savage
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I think that anyone who has been enrolled in college over these past two years will agree— it’s been a weird time. Whether it’s true or just a result of way too much alcohol and too little sleep, we’re also feeling un- cluttered by awkward Zoom calls and face- to-face lectures.

There’s a universal sense of fatigue and irritability. I’ve heard this before in my final year of college and even in college students prepared for the professional world that awaits in graduation this May.

The Counseling Center of the Maine Campus launches a new service this month: the Counseling Center’s Virtual Career Center. Designed to help students identify and pursue job opportunities, this tool is intended to support students throughout their career. The service is fully student-run and provides students with professional readiness. An analysis of job ad- vertisements has also found that writing and communication skills are among the most important qualifications across every job.

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The signs around you this week, the power of a capricorn. At the center of this sign, the Sun, is surrounded by the planets Mercury and Mars. Mercury is currently moving through Virgo— a time when you will work to establish a strong foundation for your career. Mars is currently moving through Libra— a time when you will work to establish relationships. Libra is a sign of diplomacy and cooperation. An adopt-open door policy within yourself, will attract many poten- tial new relationships. Enjoy develop- ing the new connections you make by relating to each other. There is a lot of Capricorn in this sign. During this time, you will be able to better care of your health. This will be a great time to improve your health, to better care of yourself. Meet up with a friend, schedule a health check, and find a support system to help you through this time.

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Marvel's new release "Black Widow" leaves superhero fans with mixed emotions

Abigail Martin

The 2021 film "Black Widow," based on the Marvel comics, is deserving of critical acclaim. Released in theaters on July 9, the film saw around an eight-thousand dollar profit during its opening weekend. In movie theaters alone, the film has grossed more than three hundred thousand dollars so far.

"Black Widow" is a part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe and is considered by film critics to be an action-packed adventure movie. However, given the nature of the plot, there are some oddly out-of-character elements incorporated into the film as well.

The film was directed by Cate Shortland and is a mystery thriller. The music, done by Lorne Balfe, has great elements that really add to the film. The film stars a number of famous actors including Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh and David Harbour.

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Unfortunately for Black Widow, the moment of action in the film, Black Widow confronts the antagonistic force that was against her didn’t stop at anything in re- gard to bringing her down.

The highlight of the movie is the side con- siderable force that made a more for all around compelling experience, as it allowed the audience to witness a more sisterly than Black Widow. The hardship Black Widow faces character face throughout, as well as the hardships and un-success ships seen in the begin- ning of the film, made for a compelling experience.

Additionally, the main filming location, Budapest, Hungary, was an interesting backdrop for the expedition by Anya. Born and raised in Scotland, her upbringing with hiking and kayaking imbued his interest in this field. The UMaine website notes more than 60 expeditions he’s taken in his life, where he’s traveled to some of the most remote places on the planet. He has also received many awards for his contributions. His past well-known discoveries include abrupt climate change by atmospheric circula- tion, exploration into undiscovered areas in Antarctica and human impacts on both cli- mate change and the planet’s ecosystems.

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Kion Tupper of Searsport, Maine brings a great sense of com- plexity to what being a student means. Tupper attended Searsport District High School in his hometown where he received a worth- while level of high school education while participating in multiple extracur- riculars. After taking the Praxis stan- dardized tests that are often used by college admis- sions decision teams, he was "recognized as the first National Merit Scholar ever to attend Searsport District High School."* He has worked on his own to challenge his high school teach- ers to challenge their students, and students just do the school work they are assigned. In Tupper’s world, he is more than that. For example, he explained how his science and math teachers were extended by his abili- ty to comprehend those two subjects.

*1 recount many times in his past where he would have to speak up in class to tell the teach- ers that they answered their sample problems incorrectly. As he said, flashing back on his times in high school, Tupper is just one example of how stu- dents can challenge the minds of their teachers. He says it is not always the other way around. Tupper has also been im- pressed with Tupper’s ability to essentially play devil’s advocate, and with his ability to reason in conversa- tions relating to impor- tant political, social and other societal is- sues.

From a young age, Tupper has been inter- ested in robotics and technology. He was an active and influen- tial leading member on his high school’s robotics team, and did the same on his high school’s robotics team. Tupper fell in love with the University of Maine campus, as well as the staff members he met during his time at the Consider Engi- neering school. Although he applied to a number of other select colleges and universi- ties, after considering his financial situation, Tupper chose Maine because it was the most cost-effective for his undergraduate studies.

Tupper's interest in technology and com- puter science hasn’t wavered, leading him to declare his major in computer science. However, Tupper is now considering a min- or in political major in conjunction with his major in his early interest in poli- tics.

Given his National Merit Scholar status, Tupper has held together a minimal amount to attend UMaine. He was granted his place in the Honors College. Even though the Hon- ors College has their own specific hous- ing, he wasn’t initially placed in it during his freshman year as he was more interested in living on the engineer- ing floor in Coles Hall. However, he did end up having the year living in Penobscot Hall, an Hon- ors College residence hall.

Throughout his sec- ond year, he has enjoyed his time in his previous home in Penobscot Hall. He has been involved in his school’s robotics team, and he has currently taken over leadership of the team. Tupper has been learning that he has a passion for robotics and he is excited to have been given opportunities to work on projects through- out his time at UMaine, and this will likely re- main the case. Tupper works for Network- ed Media at the University of Maine as a student Network Tech- nician. He has been doing this work for about a year.

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Who is to say you have to feel guilty enjoy- ing this dessert? You know what they say: an apple a day keeps the doctor away! Ap- ple dumplings are a most common eat- ing in the northeastern United States, espe- cially around the state of Pennsylvania. Sept. 17 is also Interna- tional Online Country Music Day, National Pet Bird Day and National Online Learning Day.

Wednesday: National Guacamole Day

A fan-favorite food, guacamole has been a staple appetizer paired with tortilla chips at parties. National Gua- camole Day is the perfect opportunity to indulge in the avocada- based dip. Guaca- mole goes back all the way to the 14th cen- tury, originally invented by the Aztec people. This famous dip can be made in countless dif- ferent ways at home. Many put ingredients like beans, corn, or even garlic in their guac. If you feel guilty indulging, don’t! Avocados are high in vitamins and have healthy fats that can lower your cholesterol.

Friday: National Apple Dumpling Day

A good year to butter your dough and get busy baking. National Apple Dumpling Day is the perfect opportunity to indulge in the apple dumpling. This savory pastry made from dough, butter and the season’s best apples is a real crowd pleaser.

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Maine football drops their first two games to start the season

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A rough 0-2 start for UMaine, but James Madison and Delaware are arguably the two best opponents Maine will face this regular season. UMaine’s next game will be on Saturday, Sept. 11 at noon, where they will host Merrimack College at the Alfond Stadium. Merrimack will be another tough test. Merrimack has started the season 2-0, with wins over Saint Anselm and Holy Cross. Both of their wins have been by double digits.

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Sports Editor

Opening night was bittersweet for the University of Maine Black Bears. UMaine welcomed fans back to the Alfond Stadium for the first time since 2019. The energy was felt all throughout the venue, and it was comforting to see fans back in a loud stadium on campus. Sadly, the University of Delaware would crash the party and jump out to a 17-0 lead by the beginning of the second quarter. UMaine would not go quiet, unlike last year when Delaware beat Maine 37-0. Third-year quarterback Joe Fagano would get the offense going in the second quarter, leading UMaine on a six-play 73-yard drive. The drive was capped off by a 29-yard touchdown pass to second-year receiver Michael Morris, cutting the Delaware lead to 10. A wild sequence would see UMaine score two touchdowns in 1:05 of gametime. On the first play of the drive, UMaine scored on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Joe Fagano to fourth-year receiver Zavier Scott. UMaine’s defense felt the momentum and followed it with a three and out defensive stop. Delaware would elect to punt. Maine blocked the punt and second-year receiver Montgo Moss would return the blocked punt for a touchdown, putting UMaine up 21-10. A last-second field goal would make it 24-17 lead.

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