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UMaine Student Accessibility Services hosts panel discussion on student support



Photo from Facebook @UMaineSAS.

Samantha Sudol Contributor

On Sept. 27, representatives from the University of Maine Student Accessibility Services (SAS), Counseling Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising & Academic Services Center held a panel discussion on different services offered on campus to support students.

To begin the session, Brent Elwood, the associate director of the Counseling Center, discussed how the center is here to support students. More-

over, the goal is to help people in distress by giving them the tools needed to deal with the issues they're going through so they can succeed in school and everyday life. While some students get what they need in four to five sessions, students can make as many sessions as they want.

"We don't put a limit on sessions because people's lives don't work that way," says Elwood.

Sara Henry, the director of Student Accessibility Services at UMaine, continued into the next portion of the

discussion. SAS is the office that works with students who have disabilities, chronic health conditions or for any other student who needs accommodations. Approximately 10% of people use accommodations on campus.

"We see everybody. An accommodation is an adjustment made to a course, work environment, activity or setting that enables an individual who is not able to access that environment, access that environment," said Henry.

Henry stresses that the goal is not to

change the curriculum rigor, but to make adjustments in how the student interacts with the course material. These adjustments can include screen readers for those with reading disabilities or vision impairment and extra time or separate testing locations for students with ADHD.

Henry and Elwood came together to reiterate how important it is to look for signs that may indicate that a student needs help. If you notice a student attending class, interacting, looking fine and doing okay, and then over the course

of the semester they stop coming to class, turning in work and assignments and engaging in ways that don't fit what they used to do, these are all visible signs that they aren't communicating. If anything doesn't feel right, that's enough to call and let counseling services know.

"How do we get our arms around someone and help someone when they are in distress? Some people hold it together well in some contexts, and not in others," says Elwood. "[We want] to look at them and see how we can best sup-

port them. At our core, we are there as a care team." It is helpful to normalize counseling because everyone goes through different hardships and may need someone to talk to.

UMaine professor participates in publication of civil engineering material

Megan Ashe Contributor

Per Gårder has taught civil engineering at the University of Maine since 1992. He recently edited the 2021 edition of "Transportation Safety and Security," which is one of several installments in the International Encyclopedia of Transportation. This is a fundamental text in the field of civil engineering.

Gårder was the safety and security volume editor and he wrote the introduction to this volume, as well as a few of the articles

featured in this publication. This text is a primary reference tool for researchers in the field.

There are a lot of ways to study safety and transportation. It can be viewed through a sociological lense, an engineering perspective or through a combination of both.

Gårder grounds his research in the four types of transportation safety. The first type is subject safety, which relates to how safe people feel using modes of transportation.

"We are often really bad at assessing ob-

jective safety by being drivers or passengers in cars or airplanes, etc. But subjective safety is of some interest. We want people to feel safe, but not too safe. By being a bit worried, we become more careful," explained Gårder.

The second type of transportation safety is nominal safety. This means that basic guidelines are met to ensure safety. These guidelines must be followed to avoid any lawsuits against the engineers.

The third type is theoretical safety. This is when engineers use

physics or hypothetical ideas to improve transportation safety.

Gårder shared that this type is often overlooked. "There is often not much relationship between what theoretically should happen and what actually happens if such changes are made."

Gårder claimed the last type of transportation safety is the most important. Actual safety, sometimes called objective safety or substantive safety, is the amount of crashes per injury severity. This gives a lot of concrete data about the amount of crashes.

We should not believe that things got 50% more safe if we go from four crashes in one year to two the following year. There is obviously random variation around 'expected numbers' which is the average number of crashes that would have occurred in, for example, 2021 if we could repeat 2021 many times over without changing background factors," said Gårder.

He felt that the U.S. has extremely safe air travel and good train safety, but motioned that there are improvements to be made on

road safety. To improve safety in the Orono area, Gårder proposed that there be better bike access to Bangor from Orono. He believes that a separate bike lane between the two towns could reduce accidents.



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News

UMaine partners with the City of Bangor to reduce carbon emissions

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Editor in Chief

The University of Maine and the city of Bangor have joined forces to create a regional climate change action plan.

Earlier this summer, UMaine signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bangor to target negative impacts on the local climate. The memorandum aimed to create a climate action plan that targets greenhouse gas emissions in the area. The hope is that the regional climate action plan will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030.

Furthermore, they hope to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

The planning process has not yet begun, although it will involve drafting emissions inventories as well as climate vulnerability assessments. These reports account for the amount of pollutants released into the atmosphere in a given time period and help to assess what changes need to be made in climate action.

UMaine's Climate Change Institute has already announced that they hope to make UMaine carbon neutral

by 2040, so the partnership with Bangor in pursuit of a similar goal was a logical step in climate action.

"Once we get this MOU finalized, which will be very soon, then we will be working more deeply with our partners to really take a look at what the research tells us and where we can make a difference," UMaine President Joan Ferrini-Mundy said on the partnership.

UMaine's CCI has been focused on the mission towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions since its foundation. The institution is one of the oldest climate change

institutes in the United States and offers a wide range of resources pertaining to local climate change issues.

One such resource is the 10Green website, which allows users to track and rate the air quality in various parts of the world on a scale of 1-10.

"By creating 10Green.org, CCI has enabled municipalities and individuals across the United States to gain awareness of the quality of air that they live in and breathe daily," says UMaine's CCI website on the importance of having climate awareness, and access to the data they provide.

"CCI integrates transformational field, laboratory and modeling activities to understand the physical, chemical, biological and socio-cultural components of the climate system of the past and present, to better predict future changes in climate and their impacts here in Maine and across the globe," says the CCI's website about its mission as one which is centered around a brighter future, the same mission being pursued by this new memorandum between Bangor and UMaine.

Ferrini-Mundy expressed her faith in UMaine's new partner-

ship venture with the city.

"[Finding ways] to best protect our planet and to look to the future [is a big theme for us]," Ferrini-Mundy told News Center Maine. "We have deep knowledge through our research efforts across multiple domains that we need to bring to the local communities and to be helpful as the state of Maine, and our communities plan going forward."

For more information about UMaine's climate change initiatives please visit the UMaine CCI website.

UMaine hosts "Rendezvous for Sustainability" lecture



Photos by Percy Ulsamer.

Kathryn Luck
Contributor

The COVID-19 pandemic has heavily restricted people's ability to see and connect with other people. However, exploring the outdoors is still an opportunity that many have been able to take advantage of. One of the most attractive aspects of Maine is the vast beauty of its environment. The town of Orono is now working to create a central hub for people to gather and appreciate the beauty this town has to offer. Plans have begun for

the town to construct a volunteer-based outdoor recreation center which will host activities that encourage people to appreciate and explore the nature in the town. The town has purchased 7 acres of land for the project, enough for a central building and parking lot.

The Orono Economic Development Corporation founded this project. The property is located on Taylor Road in Orono, sitting next to both the Orono and Bangor Trust trail systems. The property was purchased in 2018, but only now are

plans for renovation finally coming to fruition. The Orono Land Trust also purchased nearby ponds in order to better expand the area, making it a more attractive stop for hikers, bikers, and bird-watchers. The center will be extremely beneficial for students as well giving them opportunities to explore the outdoors, socialize with friends, and give back to the community through volunteer positions.

"I'm pretty involved in the community with volunteer work so even if I weren't going to participate in using

the facility, it would be awesome to work as a volunteer for it," third-year elementary education student Madeline Hanlon said about the new facility. "Especially with everything being shut down with [COVID-19], myself and other students are always looking for more recreational activities especially ones that get you active."

Fundraising events for the facility are going to begin soon, and the town will be looking for as much support as possible to get it done. The Town will also be looking for volunteers to help gut

the property in order to get it ready for renovations. The new rec center has the potential to be a strong asset for the town which will better show off the nature that surrounds us. Though, there are residents that want to make sure that the land is preserved properly, and not neglected.

"I want the town to make sure that the land is preserved in an environmentally friendly way so that the most people can get the most out of it," third-year psychology student Chloe Lunt said.

Students looking to volunteer will have to

wait until later in the fall for the opportunity, as COVID-19 has temporarily put a hold on the project. Students or community members looking for more information on the project should contact the Orono Economic Development Corporation for more information. Outdoor recreation and physical activities are core focuses of the University of Maine and the surrounding community. So the opportunity to expand opportunities to do so will likely be looked on favorably.

Weekly Updates

This Week in Student Government

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

Avery Norman
Contributor

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, The General Student Senate held their weekly public meeting on Zoom. This was a result of one of their members testing positive for COVID-19.

“I’m so glad to be joining you from quarantine, if you didn’t know I’m the person who had COVID,” said Frank Kelly, the GSS vice president of financial affairs.

Kelly disclosed that he is currently asymptomatic and is currently quarantining alone at his home.

This is following the senate’s very recent return to in-person meetings after being remote all last year due to COVID-19.

“We are due to come back next week, the situation was handled pretty well so good job to everybody for doing your duty and getting tested and doing whatever you may have to,” said GSS President Zachary Wyles.

GSS committees were also expected to meet remotely throughout the week, but all are set to return to in-person meetings on Monday.

Club representatives were still able to participate remotely in this public meeting. Noah Bourassa, a representative of the Men’s Volleyball Club was seeking preliminary recognition due to being previously inactive.

“There was no one else that wanted to play or wanted to help out so I said, ‘fine, we’ll be inactive,’ and now I’m back and so many people are coming up to me saying they want to play or they want to keep playing or they want to learn,” said Bourassa.

According to Bourassa, the club was handed to him in an unprofessional way, and became inactive when he returned back home due to COVID-19 last year. Many students have been coming to him insisting the club be reactivated.

“I decided that this is something that falls on me and I need to bring this back and it’s my responsibility, so I’m doing my best right now,” said Bourassa. After a clear majority vote, Bourassa’s request was passed by the senate.

A representative from



the Women in Business Club was present seeking final recognition of their club.

“The mission of the club is to develop and empower women in a Maine business school through networking, education and professional and personal advancement,” said club speaker Maggie Fahy. After a clear majority vote, the senate approved the club’s request.

Other new business for the senate included allocating funding to the Mountain Biking Club. This is the second time that the Mountain Biking Club has spoken before the senate this semester, as two weeks ago they received funding for their

group rides and other activities.

“Everything is going well, our group rides have great attendance and our last group trips went really well,” said club treasurer Peter Riehl.

Riehl reported that despite their recent success, due to lack of attendance to a race over the past weekend, they are returning \$543.02 to the senate and are asking for \$2,100 for their next two trips.

“I would encourage the senate to amend the resolution to include a line stipulating that funding is contingent upon the Mountain Biking Club being in good standing with student life. That’s all I can

really say about that but I would encourage the senate to do that,” said Kelly.

Mountain Biking Club speaker Peter Riehl asked for clarification on this and if their funding was going to be withheld before speaking with student life.

“As of right now you guys are in good standing with the university, there’s no real clean way to do that, that’s just a line in there for our protection, but this weekend you will be able to get your funding,” said Kelly.

After the period for debate the senate approved the allocation of \$2,100 to the Mountain Biking Club.

There were also several nominations for committee roles during the meeting.

After Senator Jacob Chaplin resigned from his position on the Orono Town Council Liaison, the senate nominated Senator Sydney Bloom who accepted the nomination.

There were also many nominations for the Executive Budgetary Committee as there are four open positions.

“In the committee you can expect to learn a lot about the financial policies of the University of Maine Student Government Inc., as well as how non-profit finances work in general,” said Kelly, the head of the committee. “You’ll get to work closely with me and try to help all of the clubs on campus use their student activity fee in ways that are fulfilling and meaningful to the student body,” said Kelly.

Senators Kyle Ricker, Pam Allen, Michael Delorge and Connor Bray were all nominated for the position. Finalizations of the nominations will occur in a future meeting.

The senate plans to have all committees return to in-person activities starting Monday.

Tune Into This!

What’s happening this week at UMaine & Beyond

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
On this day in 1957, Sputnik 1 was launched by the USSR. This was the first artificial satellite that orbited Earth.	Lays has just released new limited edition potato chip flavors based off of old fan favorites. Check out classic flavors like Funyon and Cool Ranch Dorito repackaged in potato chip form!	Today is national noodle day. Enjoy a nice bowl of pasta, some ramen or some chicken noodle soup to celebrate!	The University of Maine Center for Student Involvement is hosting a s’mores and movie night. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. on the University Mall, weather permitting.	Kick off fall break with a round of MINGO hosted by the UMaine Center for Student Involvement. There will be big prizes and plenty of fun to be had starting at 9 p.m. in the North Pod of the Memorial Union.

Police Beat

Maddy Gernhard
News Editor

9/24

A catalytic converter was reported stolen from a 2005 Ford Ranger parked in the Hilltop Lot. It has an estimated value of \$800. This is the seventh reported theft of a catalytic converter within the past month per UMPD reports.

9/26

1 a.m. Four first-

year students were found on Long Road by UVAC, and referred to conduct.

9/26

7:05 p.m. Damage was reported by an anonymous Campus Eyes tip at Androscoggin Hall. The suspect was apprehended and referred to conduct.

9/27

8:40 a.m. An unknown suspect defecated on the fourth floor of Dunn Hall,

and fecal matter was found smeared on the walls of the women’s restroom. There is no suspect under investigation currently.

9/27

2:40 p.m., The sign outside of the Alpha Sigma Pi house was reported damaged, and a suspect is currently under investigation.

9/27

A Pi Kappa Phi sign was stolen, with damages estimated

around \$300. A suspect is currently under investigation.

9/29

3:55 a.m. Unknown persons stole a Subaru from Witter Farm. The vehicle was recovered hours later at Witter Farm, and no damage was done to the vehicle.

9/29

8:51 a.m. A biker was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Sebago Road and the Grove Street

extension. The bicyclist crossed traffic in front of the car and was hit. They suffered minor road rash injuries.



Opinion

COVID's still here. Why isn't our strategy?



Graphic by David Jakacky.

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In March of 2020, students received an email telling us that all students would be sent home and have to transition to remote education. The following year forced us to adjust to virtual learning and cope with the disarray caused by the pandemic. Last year, the university made great strides in helping us return to in-person learning while prioritizing our health and safety. We had mask mandates, weekly testing, quarantine dorms, contact tracing and travel restrictions. Academically, we had hybrid zoom classes, reading days, options to take classes virtually if needed and more flexible attendance policies.

These practices effectively controlled our COVID-19 cases and protected our community last year, but the pandemic is not over as of the Fall 2021 semester. COVID-19 is still here, but our COVID-19 strategy is

not.

The rules are vague, the communication is lacking and students are beginning to express their concerns about the school's insufficient COVID-19 strategy. While the vaccine mandate requires that all students are fully vaccinated in order to protect the community and reduce the virus' transmission, students are still getting sick, and the measures previously taken to help us are no longer in place.

Last year, Knox Hall was reserved as a quarantine dorm. Students who tested positive for COVID-19 or had known to be exposed were required to move into the hall and quarantine for ten days. This year, as sent in an email titled "Covid information for residents," the university announced its new policy. "We will ask most students to return home for their isolation period. We have very little space available for on campus isolation." The University of Maine

has a large out-of-state population, and unfortunately, traveling home isn't as easy for some students as the university has implied.

Furthermore, there's little clarity on how students will continue to attend classes, virtually or not at all, should they test positive or be exposed. "Pack what you will need for 10 days in isolation," the email continues. "Don't forget things like academic coursework, chargers and medications you'll need!" This language undermines the significant implications a ten-day quarantine has for many students and provides little logistical support.

There is additional concern as the newest Delta variant spreads faster, further complicating the housing situation on campus. At the least, we need an improved contact tracing system that can keep up with the high transmission rate. Currently, the school reports 44 known cases at UMaine, which it identified through the

"UMS asymptomatic screening and verified self-reports of university students, faculty and staff from independent testing." Our COVID-19 response is now reliant on everyone self-reporting, but currently there is little incentive to do so.

Part of this arises from confusion regarding absence policies in class. Students have experienced frustration due to many teachers' strict attendance requirements. With no Zoom option required for classes many continue to attend classes even when they present symptoms. The mentality is to not get tested if you feel sick, due to concerns surrounding missed classes and falling behind in schoolwork.

A way the university could alleviate this issue is by reinstating the pass/fail option and offering Zoom classes for students who choose to isolate.

While we may have returned to in-person classes, we're still combatting issues we faced last year. Stu-

dents are still getting sick, we're still wearing masks and we still face an uncertain future. For example, we were told the mask mandate would be implemented until Sept. 30. Recently, that has been updated until late October.

Although based on hopeful testing outcomes, by frequently changing mandates, students are faced with unstable expectations regarding UMaine's broad COVID-19 strategy. Telling students at the beginning of the semester that UMaine will uphold the mask mandate for the entire semester would have reduced worries over the university's concern for student safety.

While the university holds the primary responsibility for their COVID-19 strategy, it should be noted that students also need to adjust our attitude. Students continue to gather at bars, sporting events and large gatherings even when they feel sick. We should discourage each other from going out when

sick and encourage reporting our symptoms and getting tested.

The future of our COVID-19 response needs an increased effort by both students and the school. UMaine should consider reinstating the pass/fail option and creating more convenient options for quarantining. We also need a clear agenda on the future COVID-19 response and what to anticipate for next semester. Ideally, students should be allowed to participate in all classes via Zoom should they test positive for COVID-19 or choose to isolate due to known exposure.

While requiring the vaccine was a huge step toward protecting our student body, these additional measures would provide a support system that encourages students to get tested and to refrain from attending classes when sick.

Parents and teachers need to step up for young girls with ADHD

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Many young girls are charging headlong into stressful academic environments without knowing they have a learning or behavioral disorder such as attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This lack of critical awareness of their mind's wiring leaves many girls trudging through their academic careers convinced they're lazy, irresponsible or too incompetent for their field.

Only a small percentage of women with ADHD get a diagnosis, and this often occurs much later in their life than men, who often are diagnosed in elementary school. Classroom settings favor children who are quiet, compliant and get along well with their peers. Young boys with the disorder often present the hyperactive subtype, which often causes friction against academic and social norms. Teachers communicate these behaviors to parents,

who corroborate the teacher's concerns with behavior they see at home. They take their child for a psychological evaluation, which results in the ADHD diagnosis.

Girls tend to present the inattentive subtype, which is not as readily noticeable to teachers and parents. A young girl daydreaming and drawing in her notebook, although unfocused, isn't disrupting the classroom. She often presents a bubbly, sociable disposition. Most parents and

teachers only look for hyperactive, disruptive behavior modeled after the stereotypical 'male' symptoms. They fail to recognize that when young girls struggle to complete work, focus during class or have difficulty understanding concepts, it may stem from ADHD.

Without knowing the true root of the obstacles they face, girls in this position heavily internalize their perceived faults and can become self-critical. Young women seeking medical and psy-

chological help will often see their ADHD symptoms dismissed as 'normal' behaviors of 'flighty' girls or receive a misdiagnosis. These misdiagnoses commonly cite the existing ADHD symptoms as a mood disorder or something else that is targeted with medication, often antidepressants, long before the root cause is addressed.

Ultimately, the medical community and many adults view ADHD as not affecting women, and it's time

to challenge these outdated, harmful stereotypes. Teachers and parents should understand how the inattentive subtype manifests in young girls and not dismiss such behavioral patterns as 'flighty' or 'ditz.' Ensuring girls receive a proper diagnosis at an early age will allow for the development of self-management strategies that will help them throughout their academic career, as well help them gain a sense of self-worth.

Horoscopes



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Aries (March 21 – April 20)

Although the beginning of the week is relatively calm (as calm as it can be with Mercury in retrograde), the new moon in Libra appears in your house of relationships on Wednesday. Go with your gut — is there tension in need of proper addressing? At the same time, Pluto goes direct in your area of career and public image. Prepare to stir the pot and commit.

Taurus (April 21 – May 20)

This week, the new moon in Libra takes place in your area of sense of purpose. Working with Venus entering Sagittarius in your eighth house of all things taboo, stay true to your fire as you find the balance between what you desire and how to make it yours.

Gemini (May 21 – June 22)

How many plates do you have spinning in the air, Gemini? On Wednesday, the Libra moon settles in your creative house, so it's time to work on finding a balance and putting your visions on paper. Venus enters your house of relationships the next day and asks you to take the leap and explore new aspects of your bond. Check off a bucket list item with a friend today.

Cancer (June 23 – July 21)

This week, the Libra new moon will hit your area of home and foundations. Are you sure you've got a handle on what's keeping you grounded? As Pluto stations direct in your house of sharing and relationships, so now might be the time to reinvent your base before it crumbles.

Leo (July 22 – Aug. 23)

Especially with the Mercury retrograde happening until the end of the month, watch what you say as the moon in Libra falls into your communication sector. It's time to find your boundaries and pick your battles. Channel this energy as Venus enters your fifth, creative house. Do some writing, work on Inktober or bake some pumpkin muffins.

Virgo (Aug. 24 – Sept. 23)

How's your relationship with money? The Libra moon falls in your financial and work ethic sector this week, and now might be a good time to give yourself a mental and physical budget. With Pluto reinventing your creative area, reinvest your time into things that will help you grow.

Libra (Sept. 24 –

Oct. 23)

It's okay to be visibly unstable — the moon is stopping by to visit. Be emotional and then do a face mask, it helps. Lean into what comforts you, but don't be afraid to mix things up as Pluto stations direct in your house of home.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Whatever is ending for you this week, Scorpio, is going out with a bang. With the new moon in Libra as a symbol of the ultimate form of balance and justice, get ready to rock with Pluto direct as the planet of reinvention in your 12th house of death and rebirth. You'll come out better on the other side.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

This might be a heartwarming week for you, Sagittarius.

As the Libra moon settles into your house of friends and hopes, lean into those around you and stay positive to balance out the bad vibes as things get tough. Venus enters your house of self, so take a little extra time to self-care and reflect on what parts of your identity keep you grounded.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

The Libra new moon will hit your career of finances and public image, so hold off on making a finsta or posting your hot takes on Twitter this week. As Pluto stations direct in your house of personal identity, now might be a good time to vibe-check getting that new haircut and really think about it before you begin to toy with your outward image.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)

It's time to stop

and take a breath. On Wednesday, the Libra moon settles in your house of learning and travel, so it's time to work on finding a balance between your social and academic lives this week. Venus falls into your social area on Thursday, so even though it's tempting, set some boundaries on how much time you're spending with your friends instead of on school or resetting with me-time.

Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)

Don't be too hard on yourself this week. This week, the new moon in Libra takes place in your area of all things taboo. Working with Venus entering your house of career and outward perception, stay true to your fire as you find the balance between what you desire and how to make it yours.

Brothel vs brotherhood: The housing divide between men and women in Greek life

Sydney Jackson
Contributor

Driving down College Avenue, alongside the University of Maine, you'll pass numerous, extravagant fraternity houses with large Greek letters proudly displayed above their doorways a representation of an age old tradition on many college campuses across the country. You'll see members of UMaine's 16 fraternities sunbathing on their porches or playing frisbee in their front yards.

However, you don't see the women that make up the eight sororities on UMaine's campus. You won't see any Greek letters of these organizations above any doorways. There is no indication that these sororities

even exist on College Avenue. Instead, you'll find these women in the basements of the residence halls on campus. Each sorority is assigned an underground oasis to perform all the duties that are required of them as a chapter, while up above, the fraternities of this campus are provided their very own homes to do so.

But this may not be the case any longer.

Chrissy Skidgel, a fourth-year nursing student and a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi at UMaine, began a sorority housing initiative last semester after learning that it was in fact possible for the women of Greek life at UMaine to have houses, but this possibility was never openly talked about.

The so-called "brothel rumor" could explain this discrepancy. The rumor says that only a certain number of women can live in a house before it's labelled a brothel, according to The Daily Pennsylvanian.

Skidgel sent out a questionnaire to all members of Greek life, as well as posted it on the Facebook pages of the UMaine classes of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. The form posed multiple questions, including if the participant was a member of Greek life themselves, if they were aware that sororities were permitted to have houses on campus, if they had heard of the "brothel rumor" and if so, what their understanding of it was as well as if active sorority members

would be interested in having housing for their chapter on UMaine's campus.

Skidgel emphasized that her main point in beginning this process was to ensure that sorority women had the opportunity to have a recognized house.

There were 217 total responses with 136 responses attributed to Greek life members. When these Greek life participants were asked if they had heard of the "brothel law" myth, 89.7% of them said that they had. For those women in Greek life, 94.1% said that they would be interested in having sorority housing.

During a recent All Greek meeting, Skidgel presented her housing initiative to all of Greek life. Her call

to action was initiated by the question: "Who has heard of the brothel rumor as the reason why sororities are not allowed to have houses on campus?" Every hand went up in that room.

"That's why I talked at the All Greek meeting. Because we decided that if this is going to be something that actually works, it needs to be all hands on deck. It just catches wind better if you have everyone involved, so I wanted to get a representative from each chapter to basically give me their own perspective on what their own chapter would want," said Skidgel.

"The pandemic ... revealed a lot of the inequality between [fraternities and sororities] on campus, because

with all the pandemic restrictions, none of the [sisters] could go in their chapter rooms. All the [brothers] had their houses," explained Skidgel as her primary motivation for beginning the housing initiative.

This fight is far more than just about sorority members being able to live in a house, but represents the sexism that permeates in all levels of society. These women don't just want to be able to have a house to say that they have a house, but they want to be as equally represented as the fraternities on campus. If things are to change, we must begin at the root and work from there.

Culture

Campus Club Spotlight: Anthropology Club



Photo by Aidan Leavitt.

Aidan Leavitt Contributor

Clubs are back in full swing this semester at the University of Maine. Thanks to stringent safety protocols, meetings continue to be conducted in person. With clubs operating virtually for so long, this semester in particular has seen an increase in clubs' membership. This has been the case with UMaine's Anthropology Club.

Headed by President Allisyn Tidd and President-elect James Bilella, the club has seen its membership multiply in just a few meetings this semester. Anthropology Club is centered around the field of anthropology, which is the study of humans in the past and present.

Tidd took the reins about a year ago during a bit of a lull in membership and has been seeking out department members and potential guest speakers ever since.

"I got in touch with the club's advisor, Dr. Dan Sandweiss, and started sending out department emails so all could hear about it," said Tidd.

Sandweiss is a professor of anthropology and quaternary climate studies at UMaine and a well respected name in the field of archaeology. With some help from Sandweiss and others the club has grown from five members to about 20-30 active members since last semester.

Everyone is welcome to join the Anthropology Club. The meetings feature a di-

verse range of people and majors.

"The club is for everyone," said Tidd. "Most people only get exposed to anthropology through ANT 100, and most people in college don't start out as anthropology majors because it's not included in high school curriculum. We wanted to make sure everyone knew about it."

The club is about communicating and promoting discussion on the many facets of anthropology, including cultural, linguistic and biological anthropology and archaeology. It's about exploring the field, but it's also about having fun while facilitating connections between anthropology majors.

"We want other anthropology majors to meet each other and

connect because most people don't see other anthropology majors until their last few years," said Tidd. "The club is a great place to meet people interested in the same things."

This past week's meeting featured a presentation from UMaine Research Associate Jamie Wren, who works with prolific forensic anthropologist Dr. Marcella Sorg at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, presented his dissertation research entitled "Effects of Alcohol on the Human Cranium." His research dove into the alcohol-related biological processes that encourage osteoclast production, which in turn breaks down bone. His work was inspired by a series of forensic cases he and Sorg worked together

on. Wren also spoke at length about his data collection and filtering processes, a topic of particular interest to those who intend to use their degree to do scientifically based research. Wren's research aims to give medical practitioners a better idea of the effects excessive alcohol consumption has on the human skeleton and how it might inform treatment.

Many more guest lecturers are slated for the following few months, including local archaeologists like Dr. Sandweiss and Dr. Bonnie Newsom of the anthropology department at UMaine, who will present on Oct. 20 and Oct. 27.

"We've got a lot of great speakers lined up for the next cou-

ple weeks," said Tidd. "We're looking forward to making the club useful on campus, including exploring opportunities for volunteering."

Whether you're an anthropology student or not, the club is open to all who have an interest in the study of past and present human culture. To join, contact Tidd at allisyn.tidd@maine.edu

Meetings are held every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in 232 South Stevens Hall.

National Holidays: Oct. 4 through Oct. 8

Meaghan Bellavance Culture Editor

Monday: National Cinnamon Roll Day

Kick off the cooler days of fall by filling your belly with something sweet and warm like a cinnamon roll, since today is National Cinnamon Roll Day. According to national-today.com, cinnamon rolls date way back to around 2000 B.C., imported from Egypt to China. Enjoyed by hundreds of families today for breakfast, this decadent house-filling aroma is always a catch. Be creative when making your cinnamon rolls: Make pumpkin spice cinnamon rolls or try cream cheese frosting! Oct. 4 is also National Golf Lovers Day, National Taco Day and World Animal Day.

Tuesday: National Do Something Nice Day

Today is National Do Something Nice

Day. Pay it forward with an act of kindness to either a stranger or a friend or family member. Pay for the coffee order behind you in line, or simply give someone walking by with a compliment. You could even sign up as a volunteer for an organization in your community, help someone carry their groceries to their car or remind family members that you love and care for them. It is no secret that we should all be nice toward one another every day of the year, but take today to make sure positivity is spread far and wide. You never know who may need it. Oct. 5 is also National Get Funky Day and National Kiss a Wrestler Day.

Wednesday: National Noodle Day

Today is the perfect opportunity to be creative and let your artistic senses flow. On National Noodle Day, the recipes are limit-

less! Gather friends and family and create your favorite noodle dish. Whether it be store-bought or homemade ramen, chicken noodle soup or even spaghetti and meatballs, get cooking. To spice things up even more, have a cook-off gathering. Everyone can bring their favorite noodle dish and voting can determine the fan-favorite winner. Oct. 6 is also National Mad Hatter Day, National Coaches Day and National Plus Size Appreciation Day.

Thursday: National Frappe Day

Oct. 7 was made for those with a sweet tooth. Today is National Frappe Day. This popular drink can be enjoyed many different ways. Many dairy bars across New England offer frappes as a thicker milkshake made with just about any ice cream flavor and combination. On the other hand, if you



Photo by Olivia Schanck.

head over to Starbucks or McDonald's, it is a well-known, delicious frozen coffee beverage offered in an assortment of flavors, usually based around either caramel or mocha. Treat yourself to your favorite kind of frappe today! Oct. 7 is also National Depression Screening Day.

Friday: National Fluffernutter Day

If you're from New England then you have

surely heard of the native sandwich called the Fluffernutter. According to national-today.com, in 2006 the state of Massachusetts proposed to make the Fluffernutter their official sandwich. Although the proposal failed, this famous sandwich still lives on. There have even been festivals held celebrating the condiment Fluff in New England. Similar to a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, swap out the jelly for

some Marshmallow Fluff and you have yourself a Fluffernutter. This national holiday is definitely one you don't want to miss out on! Oct. 8 is also National Pierogi Day.

All holidays were found on national-today.com. Be sure to keep up to date with our regularly featured holidays featured both on our Instagram @themainecampus and website.

LCD Soundsystem's 'This is Happening' was ahead of its time



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Aidan Leavitt Contributor

4.5/5 Stars

In May of 2010, electronic dance-punk group LCD Soundsystem released their third studio album, "This is Happening," to the masses. What followed was a meteoric rise to stardom for a band that has been on the cutting edge of innovation and experimentation since its inception back in 2002.

The album offers a glimpse into the life of frontman James Murphy, and ergo the lives of the group's other members, as the band navigates the hectic lifestyle that comes with being on the cusp of a mainstream breakthrough. Murphy explores themes of hedonism, personal growth and relationship struggles with a unique style that is both witty and

introspective.

"This is Happening" opens with the slow-building anthem "Dance Yrself Clean," an oddly peppy track about a strained relationship set amongst scenes of revelry. It's an odd juxtaposition, but one that works to great effect. Though its lyrics are dramatic and angsty, Murphy's vocals seem held back, denying the listener the full power of the song's emotional undertone. This in turn allows the synth and drums to take over and imbue the song with the electronic backbone that makes it hard not to bop to.

The album's next track, "Drunk Girls," is a song that should certainly be played more at parties and get-togethers. Whether the song is a critique, celebration or simply a snarky observation of drinking culture is dif-

ficult to discern. Regardless, it has decent vocals, pretty straightforward guitar, drum work and some comical writing. Murphy's clever one-liners are scattered throughout the playful track and never cease to elicit a smirk. It's a tad repetitive, but it's all in good fun.

"One Touch" is next and like its predecessors, powerful synths and drums build into a mesmerizing groove. Murphy co-wrote the track with keyboardist Nancy Whang and lead-synth/DJ Gavin Russom, which makes sense as it relies heavily on their respective instruments.

Tracks four and five, "All I Want" and "I Can Change," delve deep into Murphy's relationship issues and desire for resolution. "All I Want" sonically resembles a Joy Division song with its muffled,

monotonous vocals and droning guitar. Interestingly enough, the song was intended as a tribute to David Bowie's 1977 hit "Heroes." Murphy would later go on to collaborate with Bowie, playing the drums on the Starman's final album "Blackstar," released in 2016.

Next up on the tracklist is the more traditional indie rock track "You Wanted a Hit," which maligns the music industry, and the spirited "Pow Pow." The latter is an infectious electro-house beat where in Murphy rambles on about his contemporaries and his own position within the music community.

The album rounds out with "Somebody's Calling Me," a song that includes the head scratching synth-vocal pairing, and the much more palatable

"Home." Soft and bouncy, with lyrics that air on the side of melancholy, the final track is a fitting conclusion for the album.

With many acts in the indie scene incorporating more electronic style music and focusing heavily on production, it's easy to see LCD Soundsystem's body of work reflected in the likes of recent releases by The Strokes and Tame Impala, among others. Rock and electronic music can be a tasteful pairing, but it can also feel dated rather quickly due to its technologically limiting nature. Every year new hardware and software pushes the limit of what's sonically possible. In this genre, experimentation is needed to stay ahead of the curve, and that's exactly what LCD Soundsystem have managed to do

with "This is Happening" and their prior releases.

Murphy himself has stated the group has drawn a lot of inspiration from boundary pushing acts like The Talking Heads and David Bowie, and while this album is definitively unique, it doesn't feel as bold as 2007's "Sound of Silver." Murphy and the band have tightened up their musical style and particularly their production on this piece, which is ultimately the winner here. It's adventurous without risking too much, and the band is completely dialed in, which gives the whole album a well-polished feel. It's absolutely worth the hour and five minutes runtime.



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Sports

UMaine women's ice hockey falls to Saint Anselm 3-2 in home opener



Photo by Olivia Schanck.

Patrick Silvia
Sports Editor

Last year the University of Maine women's hockey team did not play a single home game due to the pandemic. On Oct. 2, 2021, the Black Bears played a game at the Alfond Arena for the first time in 595 days.

"That was unbelievable. The crowd was awesome. I thought the energy was awesome. Obviously we gave them an entertaining game in the wrong way," said UMaine's head coach Richard Reichenbach after the game.

Sadly the result on opening night went the "wrong way" as Reichenbach put it. Saint Anselm picked up the 3-2 victory despite being outshot 54-19 by UMaine.

The game started

out about as badly as it could have for the Black Bears: 22 seconds into the game Saint Anselm scored. Fourth-year Saint Anselm forward Erin Meyers deflected a shot past UMaine fifth-year goalie Loryn Porter to immediately put UMaine down 1-0 on the scoreboard.

Despite this early goal against, UMaine responded well and outplayed Saint Anselm for a majority of the first period. However, late in the first period, Saint Anselm scored again. Fourth-year forward Kelly Golini picked up a rebound in front of UMaine's net and put it past a sprawling Porter.

At the first intermission UMaine was down 2-0. A late first period penalty by Saint Anselm meant UMaine started the second pe-

riod on the power play. A theme of the night was the Black Bears' struggles on the power play. Saint Anselm took seven penalties and UMaine was unable to score a single power play goal.

"I thought our powerplay was just, we were slow to move things," Reichenbach stressed post game. "I mean I think the biggest thing for us was just doing things at a little bit quicker pace."

No goals were scored in the second period, but UMaine looked the far more dangerous team and it felt as if goals were inevitable for the Black Bears.

Fourth-year forward Ally Johnson scored UMaine's first goal of the game early in the third period. First-year forward Mira Seregely shot a puck toward

the net, then Johnson deflected the shot into the back of the net and cut Saint Anselm's lead to 2-1 with over 16 minutes left in the game. Fourth-year defenseman Ida Press and Seregely picked up assists on the play.

Shortly after cutting Saint Anselm's lead to one, UMaine fifth-year forward Jen Costa took a body checking penalty, one of three UMaine had in the third period. It took four seconds on the power play for Saint Anselm to capitalize.

Saint Anselm won the face-off after the penalty in the UMaine zone, immediately putting the puck on Porter. Porter saved the initial shot, but gave up a rebound that Saint Anselm third-year forward Devin Porazinski picked up and put past Porter to give Saint

Anselm a 3-1 lead.

UMaine's leading scorer last year was third-year forward Ida Kuoppala, and when UMaine needed a goal their star forward stepped up. With just over 10 minutes left in the third period, Kuoppala found the puck in the slot and went top shelf to beat third-year Saint Anselm goalie Allie Kelley. This was Kuoppala's first goal of the young season.

UMaine looked dangerous in the final 10 minutes, but a few penalties against UMaine and Kelley making some crucial saves stopped them from being able to tie the game. Saint Anselm's defense let up a lot of shots for Kelley to stop, but Kelley was up to it. Kelley stopped 52 shots in the contest and made some big saves throughout the

game. Kelley received the first star of the game for her performance.

It was not a good result for UMaine, but it meant a lot to the team to have a game at the Alfond Arena for the first time in a while. "It was nice on so many different levels to not have to travel, and play at home, and have friends, family and fans in the stands," said Reichenbach. "It was something the players have been talking about for a while."

After this loss the team's record stands at 0-3. The team will travel to Long Island University for a two game series where they will be looking to pick up their first win of the season.

2021-2022 Boston Celtics season preview

Last season the Celtics were a big disappointment. Coming into last season, the Celtics were one of the favorites to reach the finals and potentially win it all, but then everything fell apart. The Celtics finished as the seventh seed and lost in the first round in five games to the Brooklyn Nets.

The longtime Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge decided to retire and the Celtics promoted coach Brad Stevens to the position, leaving the head coaching position open. The Celtics filled the vacancy by hiring Ime Udoka from the Brooklyn Nets as their new head coach.

Udoka is the first African NBA head coach. He was a top assistant coach under one

of the best coaches in the game, San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. Udoka might not have any head coaching experience but he's a well respected coach nonetheless and seems like a very good fit for the Celtics.

The Celtics were very active this offseason in the free agent and trade markets as well. They brought back fan favorite Al Horford after letting him leave in free agency in 2019. They also signed veteran big man Enes Kanter, as well as guards Dennis Schroeder and Josh Richardson.

They were able to bring in Schroeder on a very favorable contract after he rejected the Los Angeles Lakers contract that would've been up to \$84-million,

and instead signed with Boston for a one-year \$5-million contract.

In trading for Horford, the Celtics gave up Kemba Walker, a player once touted as the key to the Celtics winning a title, who underwhelmed in Boston. Along with losing Walker, the Celtics also lost veterans Evan Fournier and Tristan Thompson. The Celtics also traded Moses Brown to the Mavericks in order to bring in Josh Richardson.

Coming into this season, the players returning for the Celtics have looked really good, especially Jayson Tatum. Tatum is coming off his best season with the Celtics, averaging 26.4 points on 45 percent shooting from the field and averaging 39 per-

cent from the three point line. He also averaged 7.4 rebounds, 4.3 assists, 1.2 steals and 0.5 blocks a game. Expect Tatum to have a big year.

In Walker's absence, Jaylen Brown should step up to be Tatum's right hand man nicely. Last year, Brown averaged 24.7 points, 3.4 assists, 1.2 steals and 0.6 blocks per game. With the addition of Dennis Schroeder this year, Brown will switch from shooting guard to small forward, which should be a smooth transition for him.

Big things should also be expected of both Dennis Schroeder and Marcus Smart. Both players are very good defensively but also help out offensively as well. Smart averaged 13 points a game on 40 percent

shooting, and he averaged 6 assists, 1.5 steals, and 0.5 blocks per game last year.

Last year with the Los Angeles Lakers, Schroeder averaged 15.4 points, 5.8 assists, 1.1 steals and 0.2 blocks per game. With the Celtics this year, his numbers should remain about the same with how he is used.

With Al Horford returning to Boston, we want him to play a big role on this squad like he did before. While he might be 35 years old, he should still produce as the Celtics' center this season. Last year with the Oklahoma City Thunder, Horford averaged 14.2 points, 3.4 assists, 6.7 rebounds and 0.9 in blocks and steals.

The bench for the Celtics is very unprov-

en but has a lot of potential this season. Josh Richardson and Robert Williams should be big players coming off the bench, but we'll see how players like Grant Williams and Payton Pritchard do this season with more minutes. Enes Kanter was also brought in for veteran leadership off the bench which should help the Celtics.

After coming off a disappointing season, the Celtics made a lot of big moves on their roster and in the front office. Time will tell if what Boston did will lead to a championship or just another disappointing year.

UMaine women's soccer falls 2-0 to UVM on rainy night in Orono



Faculty Art Exhibit

Photo by Percy Ulsamer.

Michael Corrado Contributor

On a cold and rainy night in Orono, the University of Maine women's soccer team took on the University of Vermont in a midseason clash. The Black Bears pressed high early on, forcing Vermont into rushed decisions. Second-year midfielder Delaney Labonte looked to add to her team-leading two goals on the season, sending the ball into dangerous areas as UVM looked to counter.

Vermont eventually broke through via a goal from fourth-year forward Cricket Basa only ten minutes into the contest. After sprinting down the wing, the Vermont native slotted home the opening score into the far left corner of the

goal, forcing the Black Bears into recovery mode early on. Basa looked to beat fourth-year Maine goalkeeper Kira Kutzinski again at the 17-minute mark, but had her strike parried away.

With the attacking contingent dealing with the wet conditions, fourth-year Black Bear defender Julia Mahoney unleashed a shot from distance that forced Vermont goalkeeper Lydia Kessel into a save only five minutes after Basa's chance. Switching the tempo again, Vermont's third-year midfielder Frances O'Donnell found herself in space alone and sent a shot toward Kutzinski, who preserved the deficit with a great reactionary save.

Maine regrouped and charged back up

the field to press Vermont in, nearly equalizing the score when fourth-year forward Gaby Panagakos's strike at the 38-minute mark whistled just over the bar. UVM answered with a chance of their own, when first-year forward Kate Bossert had her shot from close just barely kept out with a phenomenal kick save from Kutzinski just before halftime.

Heading into the second half the Black Bears were down 1-0 and the mission was clear for them: get back in control of the match. Early on in the second half, Maine's play mimicked that of a team that would end up on top at the end of 90 minutes. Labonte had a chance to score on a volley about eight minutes into the half, before a long looping ball from third-year

defender Halle Rogers rolled past everyone, nearly tying up the score.

Vermont took back control of the game with authority only minutes later after a brilliant dummy from first-year midfielder Bailey Ayer led to a completely uncontested goal from fourth-year midfielder Alyssa Oviedo, making the score 2-0 in favor of Vermont. The Black Bears weren't going to roll over and give up that easily though, and they made that very obvious soon after. Fourth-year forward Emma Donovan came within inches of cutting the lead in half when her 60-minute header bounced by the post.

Defender and fourth-year captain Tina Bucknor used her cannon of a leg to deliver free-kicks from a

distance throughout the half, causing mayhem in the opposition's eighteen-yard box. Maine continued to search for an answer, with Donovan coming the closest of any Black Bear during the game when her shot from in-close was kept out after an acrobatic lunge from Vermont's Kessel. With 20 minutes to play, opportunities were beginning to run scarce for the Black Bears.

Vermont's offense was not ready to give up just yet, despite being up 2-0. A late chance from Vermont forced a save à la famous German goalie legend Manuel Neuer, as Kutzinski slid out to the edge of her box to deny a third Vermont goal with a stunning double save, keeping the Black Bears' hopes alive.

With the whistle sounding at the 90 minute mark, Maine had officially fallen to Vermont 2-0. Post-match, head coach Scott Atherley remarked on the team's effort. "I thought our team had really good energy, came out and we were very aggressive in their half with the press, forcing turnovers," said Atherley. "It's tough to win when you can't put the ball in the net, but there were a lot of good moments we had in the game, but ultimately the outcome was based on scoring goals."

This loss puts the team's record at 2-4-2 heading into their next match against the University at Albany on Sunday Oct. 3 in Albany, New York.

Getting to know UMaine's new men's ice hockey coach Ben Barr

The University of Maine's new men's ice hockey coach is Ben Barr. Barr was born on Dec. 16, 1981, in Duluth, Minnesota. He played prep school hockey at Shattuck-Saint Mary's, in Faribault and went on to graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Barr now lives in Orono, Maine, and is looking to lead the men's hockey team to victory.

Barr spoke highly about his time as a student-athlete at Shattuck-Saint Mary's, which has produced many famous NHL players, such as Sidney Crosby, Zach Parise, Jonathan Toews and Ryan McDonagh.

"I learned so much from playing at SSM and I was able to experience a great educational environment as well," said Barr.

Barr went to RPI when he was 18 and acknowledged that he wasn't as prepared as he thought he'd be.

"I went on to college when I was 18, which

wasn't necessary. I wasn't ready to play there but I did have four great years there. The team didn't win any championships but we did have winning seasons," he said. "I got a good education and got the opportunity to play college hockey in a great conference."

In his four years at RPI, he played in 140 games, scored 25 goals and had 39 assists. Barr was named captain of the team in his fourth year at RPI.

Barr talked about the culture shock moving from Faribault to Troy, New York. "You don't see a lot of people coming from Minnesota to New York," he said. "It was definitely a culture shock, but it was a great experience in tons of different ways."

After his time at RPI, Barr moved to Albany and worked as a mortgage broker while also volunteering as an assistant coach at RPI. During his time as a volunteer coach, Barr learned how to be a coach and work with

college athletes.

"In the coaching world, we get in as volunteers and then work our way up to paid coaching positions."

Barr returned again to RPI as a volunteer coach after coaching a local pee wee team, the Capital District Selects.

Barr's first paid coaching position was with Union College as an assistant coach in 2008, where he worked under Nate Leaman. In Barr's four years at Union, he was a part of the coaching staff that led the team to win the Cleary Cup. The team also took a trip to the NCAA tournament and lost to Minnesota-Duluth, who went on to win the national championship.

After his first paid coaching job, Barr followed Leaman over to Providence College in 2012 to continue working with him. Barr then moved on to an associate head coach at Western Michigan University in 2014.

At Western Michigan, Barr got to work

with Andy Murray, his former head coach at Shattuck St. Mary's. Barr valued that he got to learn from someone who also helped him develop as a player.

Barr moved on to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he spent six years on the coaching staff. He was first an assistant coach in 2016 and then moved up to associate head coach from 2017 to 2021. In Barr's first season with UMass Amherst, the team won only five games all season. It took them three years to finally reach the NCAA tournament in 2019. The team developed and grew over the years and slowly started winning more games, eventually leading them to win the Hockey East tournament for the first time in 2019.

The team made their first appearance with Barr in the NCAA tournament the same year and made it to the national championship game where they lost to Minnesota-Duluth.

Last season, Barr also won the 2021 national championship with UMass Amherst along with the Hockey East tournament. He was then appointed to be the head coach at UMaine after the sudden passing of former head coach Red Gendron.

Now at the helm of the men's hockey team at UMaine, Barr plans to improve the culture within the program. He reiterated the importance of evaluating the situation and working on the program's culture.

"It starts with me, then filters down both on-ice and off-ice within the team and not just what the students and fans will see on Friday and Saturday nights," Barr said.

Barr stressed the importance of being held accountable both on ice and off ice. He wants the team to be great students, to work well with the community and hopes that this will translate to the team working well together on the ice.

Barr's expectations for the team this season are rather simple. He expects the team to come to the rink, come with a high level of commitment and effort, a positive attitude and a growth mindset.

"If we take care of those things, we'll give ourselves a chance to win every night," he said.

When asked about the opportunity to be the head coach here at UMaine, Barr was both humbled and honored with the opportunity presented to him.

"I'm humbled and honored to have this opportunity, it's not going to be an overnight turnaround, it's going to be a process over a few years. I'm confident that we'll get to where we need to be and I'm looking forward to going on this journey with the UMaine community and the state of Maine," Barr said.

UMaine women's basketball season preview



Photo by Olivia Schanck.

Dalton Bartlett Contributor

In last year's shortened season, the women's basketball team had a very successful season. They went 17-3 and finished in first place in their conference for the regular season, but fell short in the conference tournament, losing in the finals to Stony Brook.

This season marks head coach Amy Vachon's fifth season with the women's program. Her record as head coach stands at 77-39. She was named the America East Coach of the Year in both the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons.

Vachon is a former UMaine women's bas-

ketball player herself, and she was an assistant coach for the school from 2011 to 2017 before becoming the interim head coach in the 2017-2018 season after head coach Richard Barron took a leave of absence due to an illness. After that season, she was promoted to full time head coach after Barron became the men's head coach.

Coming into this season, the squad is losing some key seniors to graduation but none as big as Blanca Millán. Millán finished her very successful career at UMaine winning both the America East Player of the Year and America East Defensive Player of the Year

for the second time.

Along with the seniors the team lost, one of UMaine's best players in Dor Saar transferred to Middle Tennessee for her final season in college basketball. Losing her production hurts, as during her three years at UMaine she was named to the America East All-Conference First Team in 2021, America East All-Conference Second Team in 2020 and the All-Rookie team in 2019.

UMaine is returning with their second leading scorer last year in third-year guard Anne Simon. Last year she was named to the America East All-Conference First Team

and won America East Player of the Week Honors on Feb. 23 after averaging 12.5 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists while shooting 45.4-percent from the floor, 32.9-percent from three-point range and 73.6-percent from the free throw line while starting 19 of 20 games. She's coming into this season as one of the team's best players and she should be in for a very good season.

UMaine also returns with their third leading scorer in fifth-year Maeve Carroll. In her previous season she was named to the America East Second Team after starting in 13 of 15 games while averaging 10.7 points,

6.1 rebounds and 3.2 assists while also maintaining a 47.1% shooting percentage from the field. She should be in for a big year this upcoming season as the clear second best option offensively for the team.

The rest of the team we really haven't seen play that much, since it's a pretty young squad. A lot of the role players from last season are gone so we'll see how the younger players do with more playing time.

Some new players to watch this year are Paula Gallego, a first-year guard who was very successful in Barcelona playing on teams against players who were two years

older than her. Penelope Mathieu-Castillo is a first-year forward from Montreal, who was a two-time captain during her high school career and the MVP of her team in 2018-2019. Bailey Willborn is a guard who is also a first-year. She is from Wichita, Kansas and was her league's MVP in 2021.

The first game of the season for the Black Bears is an away game on Nov. 9 against the University of Nebraska. With this team being as inexperienced as they are, expect big seasons from Simon and Carroll, and we'll see how the young players perform this upcoming year.

A lookback at the career of Jimmy Howard

Michael Corrado Contributor

The first of a line of NHL-caliber goaltenders to grace the University of Maine, Jimmy Howard and his run to the 2003-04 Frozen Four will live on in Black Bears history for the rest of time. After spending three years in Orono and cementing himself as the all-time leader in goals against average, save percentage and shutouts, the New York native was selected in the second round by the Detroit Red Wings in the 2003 NHL draft. Since then, Howard has completed an All-Star caliber career, spending his entire time in the NHL with one organization, the Red Wings.

At UMaine, Howard backstopped the Black Bears after taking over the job with Mike Mor-

ison's transition to the NHL in the 2002 season, hopping into the driver's seat as a first-year. In 21 games Howard was able to earn a record of 14-6, while putting up a 2.45 goals against average and a .916 save percentage in his first season.

The very next season, Jimmy Howard's play elevated to an entirely new level and helped carry Maine to its first national championship game in two years. The team was unable to overcome the University of Denver thanks in part to some questionable referee work, but after putting up the greatest goaltending season in the history of the NCAA, Howard was destined for the NHL.

He spent one final year at UMaine, but they failed to reach the Frozen Four and

Howard subsequently joined the team that drafted him, the Detroit Red Wings. At the outset of his career, Howard backed up all-time great goaltender Chris Osgood, splitting time with Detroit and their AHL affiliate the Grand Rapids Griffins while he honed his craft.

While it took about half a decade, in the 2009-10 season Howard finally got his shot at the starting job, beating out University of New Hampshire product Ty Conklin and starting 63 games in his first full year. His play warranted nominations for the Calder trophy as the top rookie league-wide, though he would finish second in voting behind Tyler Myers of the Buffalo Sabres.

For the next eight years, Jimmy Howard was a constant

in between the pipes for Mike Babcock's Red Wings teams, helping preserve their long standing streak of playoff appearances that ran from the 1990-91 season until the 2015-16 season. Howard's phenomenal play in the 2012-13 season saw him put up a 21-13-7 record to go along with a 2.13 goals against average and a .923 save percentage. As a result, management offered Howard a six-year, \$32 million contract extension.

He was named to the NHL All-Star Game in the 2014-15 season after putting up a goals against average of 2.11 with a record of 16-7-7, but was physically unable to participate after he suffered a groin tear just weeks before the competition. Following the injury, his level of

play seemed to take a hit and fellow goaltender Petr Mrazek saw increased minutes as a result. After tweaking his knee the season after, Howard was sent to Grand Rapids for a rehab assignment, but saw himself recalled the same season in a more limited role.

Howard returned as the starter for the team in the 2017-18 season, but despite seeing his goals against average begin to rise again, Mrazek and others slid into the slowly opening vacancy, subsequently pushing Howard out of the first spot over the next two seasons. Though his career was coming to an end, Howard still managed to record his 200th win and start in his 500th game, accomplishments that few Americans, let alone players, have achieved.

Following the conclusion of the 2018-19 season, Howard was given a one-year contract extension to play his final season in Detroit. The now 35 year-old only featured in 27 big league games in 2019-20, while serving a short stint in Grand Rapids for a couple of games. This season would be Howard's last, and after the Red Wings declined to extend Howard, he announced his formal retirement in January of 2021.

Jimmy Howard's time at UMaine without a doubt prepared him for the sensational NHL career he put forward, with many of his accomplishments still holding weight to this day.

