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On Dec. 2 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the McGillicuddy Humanities Center (MHC) held their final public event of the year called Reaching Readers. This was a hybrid event with attendees in-person and on Zoom. Mike Sokolove, the director of the MHC, introduced the event. He thanked the panelists for their willingness to present their work and also extended thanks to the center’s humanities specialist Karen Sieber-Siebrecht’s last day of working with the MHC on Dec. 2, and during her two years at the center she has put in a lot of work connecting the public to the humanities.

This event showcased three separate panels. Margo Leuenberger, a visiting professor in English with a special interest in Native American literature and culture, was the past director of the MHC. She co-authored a book titled “Still They Remember Me: A Quest for Spiritual Justice.” Fried presented her book first. Each author was asked to describe what sources they used and what audience they were intending to write to. The driving point in Fried’s book was that political distrust has been steadily increasing over the last 50 years. She published this book with Doug Harries, the political science professor at Loyola University. The book was published under Columbia Press. Fried feels that political distrust is a tool used by conservatives to do one or more of the following: build organizations, provide messages to vote electron campaigns, reframe institutional power and to wage in policy battles (especially those surrounding health care). There has been a shift from public skepticism about government, which can be healthy, to delegitimizing the government entirely, which is harmful. Events like the Jan 6, 2021 insurrection on the U.S. Capitol shows how much these ideas have seeped into our society and some positive outcomes that stem from government distrust.

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Spotify Wrapped 2021: The Maine Campus’ top music of the year

### TOP SONG:
- **"Party Rock Anthem"** by LMFAO
- **"More Than My Mind"** by Mac Miller
- **"Woke Up In The Walls"** by Juice WRLD
- **"Montero (Call Me By Your Name)"** by Lil Nas X
- **"Slide"** by Calvin Harris and Snakehips

### TOP ARTIST:
- **Taylor Swift**
- **Lil Wayne**
- **Drake**
- **Lil Baby**
- **Lil Uzi Vert**

### TOP GENRE:
- **Pop Rap**
- **Indie Folk**
- **Dance Pop**
- **Modern Rock**
- **Dance-Hall**

### MINUTES LISTENED:
- **20,796**
- **28,974**
- **13,457**
- **12,607**
- **49,076**
- **62,580**
- **14,073**
- **29,074**
- **20,796**

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### YouMaine: Fourth-year student looks forward to finishing out her studies at UMaine

Amber Coxen is making the most out of the time she has left at UMaine. "I think what really stands out to me about going to UMaine is how dedicated everyone is to ensuring that people are not only succeeding in what they’re doing, but also growing into being the best adult or professional they can be," Coxen said. "Everyone here genuinely cares."

Growing up in Daytwn, Maine, just outside of Saco, Coxen attended Thornton Academy before attending UMaine. She is studying biology with a concentration in pre-med and anthropology.

Coxen will be receiving two bachelor’s degrees rather than having the two majors listed on one bachelor’s degree. Her family and home life were an inspiration for choosing what she’d like to do in the future. Coxen hopes to join her two majors to become a doctor. She plans to apply to medical school after she graduates.

"It’s time to study too pre-med because I’ve always had a passion for medicine and think it’s really powerful to be able to help others," Coxen said. "I have a family that is all medical professionals, so it seemed like a natural choice for me. I also really had a passion for understanding why people needed the help that they do, and getting a more cultural relativist perspective was why I combined anthropology."

Coxen’s dream medical school is Tufts University, but she appreciates all the avenues that are available to her and where she’ll eventually end up. Althought she is unsure of what kind of specialty she’d want to pursue as a doctor, dermatology and cardiology are some standouts. She also hopes to work at a small family practice. "I think it’s better to have interpersonal connections and especially close connections with the people you’re treating," Coxen said. "That way you get the humanities side and just have a broader connection with the community you’re working for rather than just treating someone once and saying ‘see you later.’"

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### Spotify Wrapped

Spotify Wrapped a bit, including new features such as letting listeners know their musical auras. Here at The Maine Campus, we’ve collected our top artists, songs, genres and minutes listened to share. Whether it includes new, upbeat songs or Retrovibes tracks, our Spotify Wrapped has a unique mix with something for everyone.

- **"GANG GANG (with Lil Wayne)"** by Polo G
- **"More Than My Home"** by Morgan Wallen
- **"Lento"** by Autoheart
- **"Fluorescent Alchemy"** by Arctic Monkeys
- **"Lil Baby, Gunna and Lil Uzi Vert"**
- **"Uzi Vert"**
- **"Lil Wayne"** by Polo G
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- **"Underground Hip Hop"**
- **"Pop Rap"**
- **"Indie Pop"**
- **"Modern Rock"**
- **"Indie Folk"**

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Monday: National Microwave Oven Day

It’s officially the week before finals and now’s the time to break out all the late-night snacks. Monday is National Microwave Oven Day, the perfect opportunity to cook up some popcorn, ramen or instant mac and cheese.

Invented in 1945, Percy Spencer discovered the transformative power of microwave radiation when working with active radar, causing his candy bar to melt in his pocket. Spencer then patented his microwave oven invention and brought it to life in 1947. Monday is also Walt Disney Day, National Gazpacho Day and National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Tuesday: National Letter Writing Day

Perhaps an art lost during the internet age, letter writing is a wonderful way to show someone you care. Especially with the end of the fall semester quickly approaching, celebrate National Letter Writing Day by picking a few people who mean the most to you and draft up a handwritten note to slip into their desk or send in the mail. Tuesday is also National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance, World Trick Shot Day, National Illinois Day and National Cotton Candy Day.

Wednesday: Pretend To Be A Time Traveler Day

Do you ever wish you lived in a different era? Now is the perfect time to daydream. Inspired by pop culture icons such as “Back to the Future” and “Dr. Who,” Pretend To Be A Time Traveler Day embraces the exploratory nature of science fiction to discover where we’ve been or where we’ll go as a part of the human race. To celebrate this holiday, open to a blank page and brainstorm some of your most character-defining moments in the past and set goals for one, five and ten years in the future. Wednesday is also Techno Day, National Llama Day and International Day of Veterinary Medicine.

Thursday: National Pastry Day

One of the most indulgent holidays this week, National Pastry Day gives us an opportunity to treat ourselves before the impending doom of finals week. To celebrate this holiday, visit your local bakery such as Bagel Central or Frank’s Bakery in Bangor to purchase and enjoy your favorite desserts with friends. Alternatively, seek out a favorite pastry recipe and warm up by baking at home. Thursday is also Techno Day, National Llama Day and International Day of Veterinary Medicine.

Friday: Nobel Prize Day

Nobel Prize Day concludes the week in celebration of Alfred Bernhard Nobel, a Swedish engineer, chemist, entrepreneur and philanthropist. An incredibly prestigious award to receive, there are several categories of nomination: physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, peace and economic sciences. To celebrate this holiday, familiarize yourself with recent winners and their achievements here.

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

Rebekah Sands
Editor in Chief

Photo via sciencefocus.com.
Every NBA season seems to have very clear front runners for who will be the champions come the season’s end. In the 2021-22 season, you had the Boston Celtics, in the 1990s the Los Angeles Lakers, in the 2000s the Chicago Bulls, and the 2020s the Los Angeles Lakers again with the Lakers and the Brooklyn Nets. Though every season will bring new hope for a team that has stood out from the pack yet. However, some have the potential to surpass others.

The Phoenix Suns are currently tied with the best record in the NBA, continuing off of last year’s surprise run to the finals. They are led by star shooting guard Devin Booker, who is averaging 22.9 points, 4 assists, and 2.7 steals. Center Deandre Ayton is second in the country in points with a double-double with 16.1 points and 13.1 assists.

The Suns are back on a winning streak even though they had to replace the injured Devin. Phoenix is 5-2 on their 7-game winning streak and 23-9 overall. They are not off to a great start defensively, like most of this season’s so far, averaging 27.8 points on 45.9% shooting, 4.5 assists, and 2.4 steals. Andrew Wiggins has had a breakout season so far, averaging 18.6 points on 49% shooting, 4.5 rebounds, 6.8 steals, and 3.8 assists. To help out their team even more, All-Star shooting guard Klay Thompson is back, averaging 15.7 points, 5 assists, and 1.2 steals. Center Deandre Ayton is second in the country in points with a double-double with 16.1 points and 13.1 assists.

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Buffalo Bills vs New England Patriots game preview

Michael Corrado Contributing Writer

With the NFL season winding down, every game matters for the teams still fighting for a playoff spot. There is no bigger matchup than this Monday night when the Buffalo Bills and New England Patriots face off.

The Patriots are coming in hot, riding a six game win streak that’s put them in the second seed in the AFC. They have not played any great teams during this stretch; the best team they have beaten is the Los An- geles Chargers on Hal- loween.

The Bills have struggled the last few weeks, losing in em- barrassing fashion 5-0 against the two-win Jacksonville Jaguars, and then the Colts de- feated them at Gillette. The Bills quarter- back Josh Allen has had a very good sea- son so far this year. While he might have had less than 300 yards at the beginning of the year, Allen has averaged 227.4 yards from 268.5 of his passes for 3,071 yards and 23 touchdowns to 10 interceptions. He has had issues with turnovers in the last few weeks that has cut down in order for the Bills to win this week.

The Patriots quar- terback Cam Newton has continued his very solid rookie season with another strong performance against the Tennessee Titans. Coming into this game, he has completed 70.3% of his passes for 2,850 yards and 16 touchdowns to eight interceptions. He has yet to put up any eye pop- ping numbers, but he has played surprisingly consistent for a rookie in this year. He continues the way and does not turn the ball over, New En- gland’s offense should do well this week.

Devin Singletary leads the Bills in receiving yards with 459 yards and 98 at- tempts for two touchdowns. Veteran Cole Beasley is sec- ond in the league with 62 catches for 530 yards and four touch- downs. Tight end Devin Asante has also contributed with 21 catches and one touchdown. With the Patriots having issues stopping the run this year, the Bills could come to look for more from their running backs, but it is hard to see anyone having a big game.

The Bills gained a big part of their off- ense back two weeks ago when leading quarterback Josh Allen returned. He has by far been the run- ning back on the team with 154 carries for 634 yards and 6 touchdowns. With the Bills having the fourth fewest run defense, Harris will continue this way and does not turn the ball over, New En- gland’s offense should do well this week.

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In what has been one of the most ex- citing Premier League seasons in recent memory, the race for the league title is hot-ter than ever. While the top six teams have remained fairly un- changed, this year’s title tight race has made for some surpris- ingly exciting and high stakes bouts. Con- sidering the signing of Cristiano Ronaldo hasn’t even propelled Manchester United into this race yet, it’s clear that the Premier League title com- petition is second to none in domestic com- petitions across the globe.

With Pep Guardiola’s Manchester City claiming the top spot in the league this past weekend and stringing together five straight wins, it’s a very good position to be in for the City. Guardiola has put in the faith in the Eng- lish youngsters, contin- uing to provide them with minutes.

While the Manchester City team is currently third in the league with 34 points, only trailing Manchester City by one after re- covering nicely from a three game winless streak. With their defense finally back at full strength thanks to Vin- ente Vieira’s return, and the resurgence of defender John Stones and goalkeeper Ederson, they have looked unstoppable so far this season. Mohamed Salah has been arguably the best winger in world foot- ball this season leading the Premier League in assists with 11.5 and the team with five inter- ceptions. However, they still need to improve their defense as they have the fourth fewest shutouts in the league.

While Chelsea hold the lead in the title race going into last Saturday, a last sec- ond stoppage time goal from West Ham’s Arthur Masu- le and a VAR decision went against their short side netting to win the game and three points to the Hammers and not only tightened the Manchester City lead, but also knocked Chelsea down from the top spot in the league.

West Ham has transformed under for- mer Manchester United manager David Moyes. They’ve quickly moved all across the field, making a push for a top four finish and as well, the title race could go either way. It will look to fight their way into the top four as well, the title race looks like to be a three horse race between Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool for the title.

The tight race for the Premier League title

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In response, the Bruins pulled their backstop and directed the puck to the empty net, ending up rattling off the back of the goal frame to give Nashville a comfortable 5-2 victory.

Hextall proved himself handy with his stick later on in his career. While Hextall controlled the puck before sending a trash can lid across the ice. He scored just like Hextall against the Boston Bruins.

In his final NHL season, Nashville goaltender Pekka Rinne became the most recent goalie to score. In a regular season game against the Blackhawks, Rinne dropped to one knee and used all his might to lift the puck in the air. The shot outpaced a Chicago defenseman and ended up rattling off the back of the goal frame to give Nashville a comfortable 5-2 victory.

Legendary Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood became the next goalie to score a goal seven years after Hextall’s second goal. In a game during the 1994-95 season against the Hartford Whalers, Osgood slid to control a shot with his stick and unleashed a laser beam down the ice. Flubbing and spinning, the puck comfortably went into the middle of an empty net to cement Osgood’s legacy as one of only twelve goalies to have ever scored in the league.

While Hextall scored the first, one of his understudies, Martin Brodeur, became known for his ability to play puck with his stick and score. Brodeur scored just like Hextall did in a 1997 playoffs game against the Montreal Canadiens, and he scored twice more in his career thanks to some fortunate deflections into empty nets on the other end of the ice.

In part due to Brodeur’s sporadic and adventurous playstyle, the “trapwedge rule” was implemented into the league’s rules, limiting the areas in which a goalie is able to control the puck.