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Hot Wheels



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The Orono Fire Department unveiled their new firetruck, worth \$800,000, the same day four university students were displaced from their upstairs apartment on Pine Street Jan. 16 due to a fire. **Story on page 2.**

UMS vs. the RIAA

Students are first in nation to go to court

By Jess Fish

Ten students in the University of Maine system have decided to take the RIAA's accusations of illegal file-sharing to court. What makes their case groundbreaking is that two of these students are being backed by a university program.

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic has agreed to represent two students as part of its discounted program for clients who cannot afford legal representation. The clinic is a part of the University of Maine School of Law and trains third-years as student attorneys. Hannah Ames and Lisa Chmielecki will represent the two defendants under the supervision of clinic director Dierdre Smith.

The other eight students have collectively hired Bob Mittel, an attorney at the Mittel-Asen law firm in Portland, to represent them.

Smith said that the complaint filed by the RIAA against students is "incredibly broad and general, with no specific allegations." In these types of cases, the prosecutor must have enough plausible cause or concrete facts to press their lawsuit.

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Local mumps outbreak spurs UM enforcement

Students required to receive MMR vaccinations

By Meghan Hayward

In a third attempt from the University of Maine to notify students they needed to show proof of two doses of MMR or provide documentation of immunity, students were handed letters during the first week of classes.

The notification comes as a result of a mumps outbreak in Maine.

According to Richard Young, Practice Manager at Cutler Health Center, e-mails were sent through FirstClass in November when the first cases of mumps were found. Young said a second e-mail was sent on Dec. 28 after the news of the mumps outbreak.

"Students at the university have done a tremendous job taking care of their records," Young said. "They have been extremely receptive to the notifications and have acted quickly."

Young said that at the time of the mumps outbreak 1,961 students had

incomplete records. As of the first of this week, that number was down to single digits.

While flyers that were spread across campus stated "No mumps immunity, no classes, it's that simple." Young said that no students were withheld from classes.

Mumps is an acute viral infection of the salivary glands. Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle ache, swelling and tenderness of the salivary glands at the angle of the jaw.

Transmission can occur through coughing and sneezing, contact with saliva or from contact with surfaces that have been contaminated with the mumps virus.

If a student doesn't meet the immunization requirements, there are some exceptions that would allow him or her to still be enrolled in school. These exceptions include a physician's statement declaring the vaccination is medically inadvisable or if a student or parent states in writing an

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Students are indicted following Baxter's death

Two men face alcohol-related charges

By Nick McCrea

A grand jury in Portland indicted two University of Maine students on Jan. 11 for their involvement in a party that resulted in the alcohol-related death of 19-year-old UMaine soccer player Adam Baxter.

UMaine student Anthony Lord, 21, has been charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, resulting in death, as well as three misdemeanor counts of furnishing alcohol to minors.

Baxter's former teammate on the UMaine Black Bear soccer team, Sean Meehan, 19, has been charged with the Class C crime of furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol and two counts of the same crime on a Class D level.

Authorities and prosecutors believe Lord provided the alcohol for minors at the party in a Portland residence, including the drinks that led to Baxter's death. They also say Meehan hosted the party at his parents' home, which led to the charges against him.

Medical examiners previously stated that

Baxter's death was alcohol-related. More toxicology tests have been done out of state.

First responders arrived at the Meehan home early in the morning on Nov. 24 in response to a call that someone was having difficulty breathing. They found Baxter at the residence, unconscious and unresponsive. They pronounced him dead at the scene.

Baxter was originally from Britain but came to UMaine, where he became one of the University soccer team's most promising athletes. He was ranked third on the team as a freshman and garnered 2007 America East All-Rookie Team honors.

Meehan could face up to five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine for the Class C charge. The two lesser charges could bring one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000 for each count.

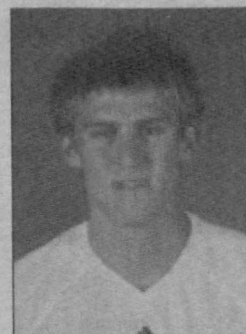


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Silver where? \$10,000 in kitchenware goes missing

Dining equipment theft is serving up increasing meal costs

By Sara Breau

There have been 1,225 pieces of dinnerware including cups, plates, bowls, and 213 pieces of silverware stolen from Hilltop Commons this year according to Associate Director of Residential Dining, Kathy Kittridge.

A reported \$5,000 worth of dishes has been taken from the commons throughout the course of the first semester. Currently, tabletop displays state the number has climbed to \$10,000.

A first-year resident from Oxford Hall said that he has taken a basic set of silverware for his room because he didn't have any to use. Another student admitted to having taken cups, bowls and silverware on occasion, as well as a salt, pepper, cinnamon and sugar shakers. She blamed her thefts on bets placed with her friends.

Some students feel the cost of the dishes they stole does not negatively affect the university because of the high cost of the meal plans.

"It's just too bad, really, we get all these brand new dishes and make an effort to have nice ones for the students to use, then they go and take them from us. At Stewart Commons, students were not allowed to bring their backpacks into the cafeteria ... so many dishes were being stolen that we would run out of them halfway through meals, which led to us having to go out and buy more," said Gina Conners, Customer Service Supervisor.

"We have been concerned with the amount of theft at Hilltop Commons and will need to work on security for next semester," Kittridge said.

Kittridge was hoping to get the dishes back to prevent unnecessary heightened costs for the university and dining services which could lead to a rise in the cost of student bills. Tara Loomis, Director of the Department of Residence Life,



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During the last few months, more than \$10,000 worth of dishes have been stolen from the commons.

suggested an amnesty box be put in the Hilltop Commons for students to return stolen dishes.

Conners agreed that this was a good idea and something that she would be willing to do, if it meant that some of the dishes would be retrieved. Conners also suggested students not be allowed to bring backpacks into the commons.

Conners said she has spotted students leaving the commons with bulges under their clothes, which she said were dishes but said she is unable to stop them since it is considered an invasion of privacy unless the dishes are fully visible.

Helping students displaced by fire

Students given emergency housing, UM offers free meal plans and textbooks

By Heather Steeves

A Pine Street fire pushed four University of Maine undergraduate students out of their Orono apartment Wednesday at approximately 10 a.m. on Jan. 16 according to the Orono Fire Department. A mattress, which had blankets draped over it, was against an electric baseboard heater and this is what started the fire, according to Lieutenant Bryan Hardison. The fire was confined to the upstairs which now has heat and smoke damage.

UMaine offered emergency temporary housing and meal plans to the students. Two of the displaced students lived in the free housing which was offered to them from Jan. 17 through Jan. 22. The university also gave the students textbooks at no charge.

"Everyone with the university treated us as if we were their own kids. They worked really hard to help us get back on track," said Patty Perlman, a resident of the apartment.

"We've offered emergency housing. They've been placed in a residence hall with a temporary meal plan," said Andrea Gifford, the Director of Student and Administrative Support Services. "Our priority is just to get them what they need."

"It makes my stomach turn to think what would have happened if it started in the middle of the night. I always thought if there was a fire I would grab everything I own on the way out, but when it actually happens all you can think about is the people you love and if they are OK," Perlman said.

The fire left one fireman injured. He slipped on ice while entering the apartment and twisted his ankle.

Hardison said both Orono and Old Town Fire departments were at the Orono station celebrating the unveiling of a new fire truck when the call came in from one of the residents of a downstairs apartment at 9:52 a.m.



Tyler, from the comic strip "Boxer Romps," respectfully requests that you get your pets spayed or neutered.

WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

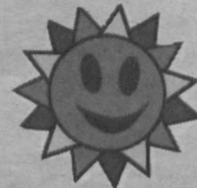
Thursday | Snow showers

19 -1
high low



Friday | Mostly Sunny

16 6
high low



Saturday | Partly cloudy

22 16
high low



Sunday | Partly cloudy

30 16
high low



Monday | Partly cloudy

28 21
high low



Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Open Session of the UMaine Diversity Leadership Institute
10:00 a.m.
Coe Room, Memorial Union
Learn about UMDLI and how you can become a member.

JAN 24

FRIDAY

Walk-in Resume Critiques
12:30 p.m.
Career Center, Memorial Union
Get ready for the Career Fair by having your resume critiqued.

JAN 25

SATURDAY

Swimming and Diving
11:00 a.m.
Stanley M. Wallace Pool, Memorial Gym
UMaine vs. Boston College.

JAN 26

To submit your event to The Maine Campus Community Calendar, please send time, day, date, location and fee information to Heather.Steeves@umit.maine.edu or drop it off in our offices, located in the basement of Memorial Union. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

Orono Town Council requires landlords to register

Votes unanimously on regulation to keep up-to-date records on rental properties

By Sam Cohen

The Orono Town Council unanimously passed a proposal to reform Orono's regulation of rental housing in a meeting held on Jan. 16. The new regulation will require landlords to register with the town and provide information regarding their rental units for a fee.

The site description requires information such as: the maximum occupancy of each unit, the number of unrelated renters in each unit and sketches of property lines. It also requires the location of trash containment and parking areas.

Campus residence halls, fraternities, sororities and community living centers, such as Orchard Trails, are unaffected by this ordinance.

During the meeting, Councilman Geoff Gordon said the ordinance was necessary. "The town has zero information on who owns rentals and how they're used. We need to know who is responsible. If there is a complaint about trash lying around we need to know who to call. It also helps for planning purposes," he said.

Registration is required once a year, and the fee will be approximately \$25, although the council has not yet finalized this figure.

Landlord Kurtis Marsh thinks the fee will raise costs for students. "There is already huge pressure on owners from the oil prices. This fee gets passed on to the students and will raise prices, and frankly I doubt the fee will stay at \$25," he said. Marsh is the

President of the Greater Bangor Apartment Owners & Managers Association and rents out more than 150 apartments. The \$25 fee will be charged to each apartment individually. "I don't think it should cost \$25 to charge owners to fill out a couple sheets of paper. It is sad to pass costs on to students. It's not necessary," Marsh said.

Mary Cathcart, a senior policy fellow at the Margaret Chase Smith Center on campus and Orono resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance at the meeting. "It's good for the town to know where the apartments are. It's good for comprehensive planning reasons," she said. "We have to be concerned with sprawl. There is some sprawl, even in Orono, which most people don't realize. Planning is important so we know the best place to put new housing."

Town manager Catherine Conlow agrees. "We don't know how many units are being rented, and that makes it very difficult for population counts. Especially since we have such a transient population," she said.

The ordinance also calls for the creation of a Rental Property-Town Advisory Committee. According to the ordinance, the purpose of the committee "shall be to serve as a communications and educational liaison between the town and owners and agents of rental units and properties."

The committee will be appointed by the council and will consist of ten members — three owners of rental units, two tenants of rental units, including at least one University of Maine student, one representative of the

town police, one from the town fire department, one representative of the administration of UMaine and two neighborhood representatives.

The committee will communicate with owners, review complaints and organize informational sessions.

According to Conlow, the council would like to add a new bus transit route throughout Orono. She said that in order to know where to build bus stops, the town needs to know where people live.

Conlow said that the fee is necessary to create mapping programs which will allow for future planning. She believes the fee is insignificant. "It's a minimal amount of money compared to the benefits one might receive."

The fee will be set in a different ordinance. A date for the vote has not yet been determined.

"The housing stock will be integrated into a comprehensive plan, but Orono doesn't have a plan yet. This ordinance will help everything run better," Conlow said.

This ordinance will require landlords to give information regarding the names and addresses of all owners of a rental unit, emergency contact information from the owner, the name and contact information of any possible local agents, names and addresses of the people responsible for utilities, a site description, and the expiration dates of leases according to Town Planner Evan Richer. It is separate from the previously enacted moratorium that prohibits more than three unrelated roommates from living together.

GSS back to business

Lyons roars into the vice presidency

By Jess Fish

The General Student Senate began its spring session Jan. 15 by instating Senator James Lyons as Vice President of the Student Senate.

President Moran's nomination of Lyons was passed unanimously by the Senate.

Since the position was vacated late last semester following the impeachment of former President Pomerleau, the Senate has been without a vice president.

"He has a good grasp of the procedures and will serve as an unbiased moderator," Moran said of Lyons.

Since he was chosen by the presidential cabinet and not elected, Lyons said he has no platform. "My job is to try and help the Senate maximize efficiency." He explained that coordinating the efforts of the numerous committees and groups within the senate is his primary goal.

"He spends a great deal of time considering decisions and evaluating opportunities and outcomes — he's demonstrated that in many Senate meetings. He will be a great vice president," said Vice President of Student Entertainment, Derek Mitchell.

Lyons was a senator for two semesters and served on several committees. This past semester he was also a member of the Presidential Cabinets.

Gustavo Burkett, of Campus Activities and Events, introduced Black Bear Link, an online program similar to Facebook. It will allow student groups at UMaine to communicate easily with their members and can also be used individually to record extra-curricular activities. Burkett said the program should be ready for student use by the end of the month.

Tara Loomis, Director of Residence Life, announced plans to change the way student housing is distributed. Starting this year, students will choose their on-campus housing through a lottery system based on credit hours.

Mitchell presented an addendum to next semester's Student Legal Service contract. The current contract expires at the end of the spring semester. Presently students can receive legal advice from the department, but Mitchell is looking for a company that would also represent UMaine students in their legal disputes. Mitchell said he hopes to find a company with an annual price range of \$45,000 to \$80,000.

Mitchell also announced the purchase of an ice rink for Lengyl Field. In past years, part of the field has been sectioned off and doused with water to provide a makeshift surface for skaters. The bumpy surface dulled skates and Mitchell said the new rink will come with a miniature Zamboni machine to keep the ice smooth. The rink, which costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000, will be installed Friday and should be ready for use Saturday morning.

Senator Rolando Barraza resigned from his position. Dillon Bates was appointed as the final member of the Presidential

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What do you Think



Ashley Stinson
First-year
Earth Sciences major

What current issue has you thinking?

The writer's strike and the effects it's having on the entertainment industry, news shows and the new seasons of TV shows. It's just everywhere.

What improvements would you like to see at UMaine?

Better parking! I wish they would plow parking lots more often. Parking at Hilltop is really inconvenient because I can never get my car out.

What's the best experience you have had at UMaine?

I just joined the Student Senate. I wanted to see what was happening on campus and really try and affect change.

New SG president takes the hot seat

Steve Moran takes on an unexpected role as his running mate steps down

By Meghan Hayward

If you're ever tuned into the University of Maine radio station, WMEB on Tuesday and Sunday mornings, you've listened to a show called "3 and Out." One voice of that show is your new Student Government (SG) President, Steven Moran. In both two-hour segments, Moran discusses football and basketball.

During the summer, Moran is the voice of children ranging in age from 8 to 12 at a summer rec camp.

"It's a blast to be able to stay young at heart and spend my summer leading children, playing games and going to the beach, all while getting paid," Moran said.

Now that spring semester is in full swing, Moran is back to leading, not just children but the UMaine student body.

"I am really excited about the opportunity to work for the students," Moran said. "Obviously it doesn't come under the best of circumstances."

Those circumstances being that UMaine's former Student Government President, William Pomerleau, resigned from office eight days after his re-election.

Pomerleau's resignation came after Senator Abtin Mehdizadegan circulated a petition which was signed by 503 members of the undergraduate student body. The petition cited 13 examples of "subversive conduct" regarding his duties as president. His resignation made Steven Moran, the former vice president of SG, the new president.

SG President is one of the many roles Moran has on campus. He is also president of the Speech and Debate team, treasurer of Senior Skulls and vice president of the Class of 2008.

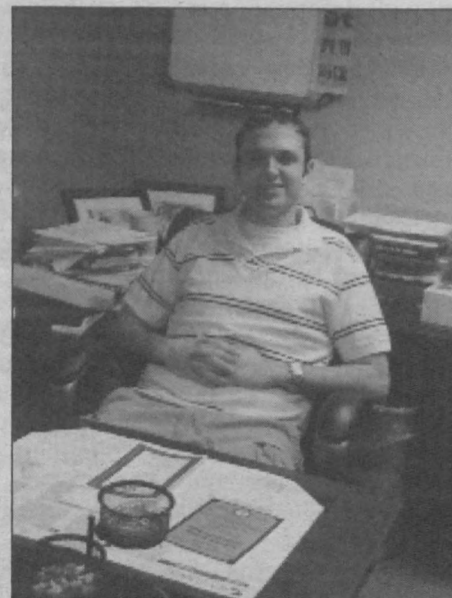
Moran always knew he wanted to be involved in the leadership of SG but never thought the timetable would work out.

"I have full faith and confidence in President Moran as both a leader and an administrator. He truly represents the pinnacle of student leadership at the University of Maine," said James Lyons, SG Vice President.

Since Moran was Pomerleau's running mate, he plans to take the ideas Pomerleau had and mix in some of his own for a personal touch. Moran's biggest focus is to improve the public's image of SG. He wants to work to connect directly with the students so their voices can be heard.

"One of our major roles is to be the bridge between the students and the administration," Moran said.

In addition to improving the image of SG, Moran plans to work on a student lobbying day to allow students to meet their legislature and get more interested in what's going



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SG President Steve Moran.

on. He will also be meeting with Bill Hockensmith of the UMaine bookstore. "I like the idea of tax-free textbooks," he said.

One thing that has already been accomplished is the issue of the micro-fridges that students have had to rent. "We are actually going to sell them so that students who want to stay on campus for a couple years can buy their own. It is actually more cost affordable than renting," Moran said.

He will continue to work with dining services to try to get students as many meal options as possible, as well as to try to keep costs down. Moran does recognize that the dining issues are always a hard line to walk.

It was the opportunity to continue to make change and his fondness of being a leader that drew Moran's interest of holding several offices within Student Government.

"Steve has been a strong leader within Student Government. He has focused his time at UMaine on the organization, spending time as senator and vice president before moving on to president," said Derek Mitchell, Vice President for Student Entertainment. "He remained strong and balanced even through organizational turmoil and challenges, and in just a few days has taken so many steps forward on the path of restoring student faith in their Student Government. Steve will be a fantastic president."

"Steve has the most experience, connections and qualifications of any student on this campus," said former Student Government President, William Pomerleau. "I am confident he will lead our students with the utmost professionalism and efficiency."

Once his time is up at UMaine, Moran plans to either attend graduate school to study educational administration or go to law school. "I will be returning to UMaine next year to finish my double major and complete my term so I have a little bit longer to consider my possibilities," Moran said.

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Sexual assault under investigation

Public Safety received a report of a sexual assault from a female student at 3:07 a.m. on Jan. 18. The victim reported the assault took place in a Gannett Hall room and said the alleged suspect was an acquaintance. "We are certain that this does not pose any sort of danger to our community," Detective Chris Gardner of Public Safety said. The case is still under investigation.

Stabbing in dorm

A 20-year-old was stabbed in York Hall on Jan. 18 at 5:15 a.m. The victim, a non-student, was visiting two females in their dorm room when a male visitor, identified as Nicholas Brotschi, 19, of Orono, became aggravated with him. Brotschi was visibly intoxicated. He allegedly came at the victim from across the room with a jackknife and stabbed the victim in the leg. The female resident physically removed Brotschi from the room. Brotschi returned to the door several times to apologize. Police were called and the victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. Brotschi was arrested, charged with aggravated assault and taken to Penobscot County Jail.

Snow bank strike

An officer in a police cruiser witnessed a vehicle strike a snow bank outside Deering Hall at 1:28 a.m. on Jan. 13. The driver, Khaleid Butoto, 21, of Orono, failed a sobriety test, was placed under arrest for OUI and was transported to Penobscot County Jail. Butoto's breathalyzer test displayed a BAC of .21.

Officers open-door policy

A resident assistant in Hart Hall reported observing two underage residents drinking alcohol on Jan. 18 at 10:16 p.m. Officers responded and confiscated 23 cans of beer. Of

the four student occupants, three admitted to consuming alcohol in the room. Residents Richard Cannon, 19, and Jason Dubois, 20, both of Orono, were charged with furnishing a place for minors to consume. Visitor Derrill Vezina, 19, of Orono, was charged with possession of liquor by a minor.

Swerve and search

A fishtailing vehicle failed to stop after being signaled by an officer with a flashlight in front of Aroostook Hall at 1 a.m. on Jan. 18. The officer caught up with the vehicle as it parked in Aroostook Parking Lot. Driver Damian Tacito, 20, of Orono stated he did not know it was a police officer and that he was not drinking. After a failed sobriety test, Tacito was placed under arrest for an OUI and transported to Penobscot County Jail. A vehicle search uncovered a marijuana pipe, small digital scale and an open box of Glad sandwich bags. Tacito was issued a summons for drug paraphernalia.

Post-break bug

Public Safety responded to report of a female in need of medical attention in a bathroom of Oak Hall at 12:49 a.m. on Jan. 19. Upon arrival officers learned the female, identified as Courtney Mack, 20, was intoxicated and charged her with possession of liquor by a minor by consumption.

RA eavesdrop

An RA of Androscoggin Hall reported suspicion of two males being in possession of drug paraphernalia after overhearing a conversation about a marijuana pipe on Jan. 20 at 12:36 a.m. An officer responded and charged Sean Sullivan, 19, of Orono, with possession of drug paraphernalia after he admitted to possessing the suspected pipe.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki

'Fostering' innovation

Most recent gift to help Innovation Center

By Derek Mitchell

The Student Innovation Center received a financial infusion during break — a \$1.5 million gift from Bion and Dorian Foster of Hampden.

The Student Innovation Center, which will now be known as "The Bion and Dorian Foster Student Innovation Center," opened in 2006 as a campus resource to help students to transform ideas into products and services.

"It is fitting that this facility will bear the name of Bion and Dorian Foster," UMaine President Robert Kennedy said in a press release. "[The Fosters] are true innovators and entrepreneurs who have succeeded in business and become community leaders because they exemplify the skill, intelligence, work ethic and creativity that we strive to develop in our students," he said.

Bion Foster's support of the Innovation Center was a "natural opportunity," he said, citing his years of service to the university since his graduation and his strong business background. "I've been a self employed business man, and sort of an entrepreneur, all my life." He says he hopes the Innovation Center will foster that same energy in UMaine students. "The Center will help students develop their ideas and see those ideas mature," he said. In the long term, he hopes the Center will provide opportunities for young people in Maine, reducing the "brain drain" effect as college educated students leave the state in search of better paying jobs.

Bion and Dorian Foster made the gift on behalf of their four daughters and their families. This is not the

Fosters' first gift to the University. In recent years, they have provided financial contributions to the athletics department, the Page Farm and Home Museum, the Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition, the University of Maine Alumni Association and the campaign to build UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House, where a board room is named in their honor.

The Fosters' gift will also provide support for the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, where a second floor multi-purpose room is named for the family, along with scholarship funds through an endowment at the University of Maine Foundation.

The Innovation Center provides students with expert, one-on-one advice and counseling on business development, financing and marketing, as well as office and meeting space for student companies and projects. The Fosters' gift will provide for on-going maintenance of the facility and allow staff to provide more programming and educational opportunities for students.

Bion Foster was Maine's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2001, and has served UMaine as a former member of the President's Development Council, as Chair of the University of Maine Alumni Association Board of Directors and currently serves on the University Board of Visitors.

His community service resume includes leadership roles in the Bangor Regional Development Association, Affiliated Healthcare Services, the John Baptist Memorial High School Foundation and the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. He currently serves as Hampden's economic development director, a position he has held since 1999.

RIAA

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are alleging illegally downloaded music. They only have IP addresses and are suing "John Does" when they send letters. Under education privacy laws, the university is responsible for distributing them and notifying the specific students of the RIAA's actions against them.

Kyle Kernan, a UMaine student, received notification of the RIAA's allegation through the IT center and at first dismissed it as a hoax. He described his notification as "riddled with ambiguity" and said it did not state his name.

This is the situation for most students being sued by the RIAA. Smith said the accusations generally contain a lot of "boilerplate," or standardized language and do not specifically state why the students are being sued.

If the court agrees with her stance, all the charges could be dismissed. However, the process can be lengthy, and a verdict may not be reached for several months.

Kernan, who paid the RIAA \$4,000 this winter, said he decided against hiring an attorney to get his charges dismissed.

"My understanding was that it was impossible to get cases dismissed." He said that after paying for a lawyer, he would have spent just as much as if he paid the settlement. "Why fight it when it takes so much time and energy?" Kernan said.

Ray Beckerman, a New York City attorney, has been working since 2005 to change this impression among students. He said that in recent months the number of students fighting the RIAA surged. He named several schools across the coun-

try where defendants have successfully had their charges dismissed.

Beckerman cited the case of Tanya Anderson, an Oregon woman who successfully counter-sued the RIAA for negligent misrepresentation and deceptive business practices.

On Jan. 18, the court upheld her right to an attorney's fee, or monetary compensation for her lawyer. Beckerman said this was great news for students because it means a smaller financial risk for their lawyers and a greater likelihood that they will take student cases.

"Everything is just encouraging people to get more and more involved," Beckerman said.

"I've heard too many stories of students digging themselves into a hole of financial misery," Kernan said. "Students have to focus on schoolwork and their futures, not the tiresome recording industry."

Beckerman suggested students pool resources to hire an attorney as a group. He said that one attorney charges the same price to represent a group as he would to represent an individual client.

"If you're a defendant, you don't know if anyone else is fighting back," Beckerman said. To combat this problem, he keeps a blog called Recording Industry vs. The People which is available at recordingindustryvspeople.blogspot.com.

On the Web site, defendants can find information on court decisions regarding the RIAA.

Beckerman has also convinced Pike and Fischer, a legal publishing company, to provide public access to court documents concerning RIAA prosecutions, in hopes that defendants can use them in their cases. The information is available free at www.ilrweb.com.

Mumps

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opposition to the immunization because of a religious belief or for moral, philosophical or other personal reasons.

Students who are enrolled in a distance education program offered by a school or who don't physically attend classes or programs at a school facility are also exempt. Anyone who is not seeking a degree and comes to campus for only one class is also included in the exemption.

Joline Blais, assistant professor in new media, refuses immunization. Blais' refusal is a result of research and medical advice.

"Our pediatrician in New York City from one of the leading hospitals advised us against immunizations," Blais said. "Last month I even ran into a father who believes his son's autism was due to a vaccine."

Blais is uncomfortable with the lack of discussion and debate on a university campus about this issue.

"I feel uncomfortable being the strong arm of the Center for Disease Control in handing out the threat letters," Blais said.

She also said she is uncomfortable with the language "bringing into compliance" and "compulsory vaccines" that is used in what she refers to as a "panic campaign."

Blais thinks that with so many people abiding and having the vaccine, the worst case scenario is having a large population of people without lifetime immunity.

"I would love to have my kids get the mumps as children and then have lifetime immunity," Blais said. "It's less painful for children to have mumps then it is adults."

The MMR vaccine usually is not covered under insurance for people over the age of 18 because it's considered a wellness category.

Cutler Health Center charges \$55 for the vaccine. Young said the price of the vaccination depends on where you get it. He said he has seen it range from \$55 to \$75.

Cutler has administered more than 300 vaccinations in the past two weeks. Students with any questions or who need to update their immunity are encouraged to contact Cutler Health Center at 581-4005 or by email at rlmishou@maine.edu.

Cabinet. Christina Soyden was elected to the Executive Budgetary Committee.

A resolution passed unanimously to allocate \$1,105 to the International Students Association which will be used to fund the coffee hour for this semester. An allocation of \$650 to fund "Meet Your Student Government" breakfasts was sent to Executive Budgetary Committee. A

resolution concerning the Student Government Web site passed with a voice vote. Other allocations included \$850 to Maine Peace Action Committee, \$339 to Alpha Kappa Psi and \$1,200 to Rotaract.

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RIAA's tactics being resisted by students

The University of Maine School of Law is giving the University of Maine system the status of the first to challenge the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for lawsuits against their students. Instead of settling with the RIAA, the UMaine School of Law is defending students in court.

The RIAA loses money from lawsuits when challenged in court. Typically, students are encouraged to settle for amounts of money which, while large, are often smaller than the sums required to hire a lawyer and pay court fees.

With Maine Law's assistance, legal questions about the RIAA's approaches may finally be resolved. For one, many legal experts have questioned the use of "John Doe" subpoenas, which are essentially blanket subpoenas that some believe deprive students of their rights to contest lawsuits in their early stages.

Because no one has taken it upon themselves to take the issue to court, the legality of these tactics has not been tested. If they're found out of line by a court of law, we could see severe changes in the approach the RIAA uses in regards to tackling the issue of copyright violations, which have hit UMaine students several times in the past two years.

This is no excuse for file sharers to slay the fatted calf. This activity is still illegal. However, the act of file sharing has been met with a traditionally inappropriate response by the RIAA — charges of \$4,000 for a song available on iTunes for 99 cents are unreasonable, and depriving students the right to due process in order to obtain these fees is beyond the pale.

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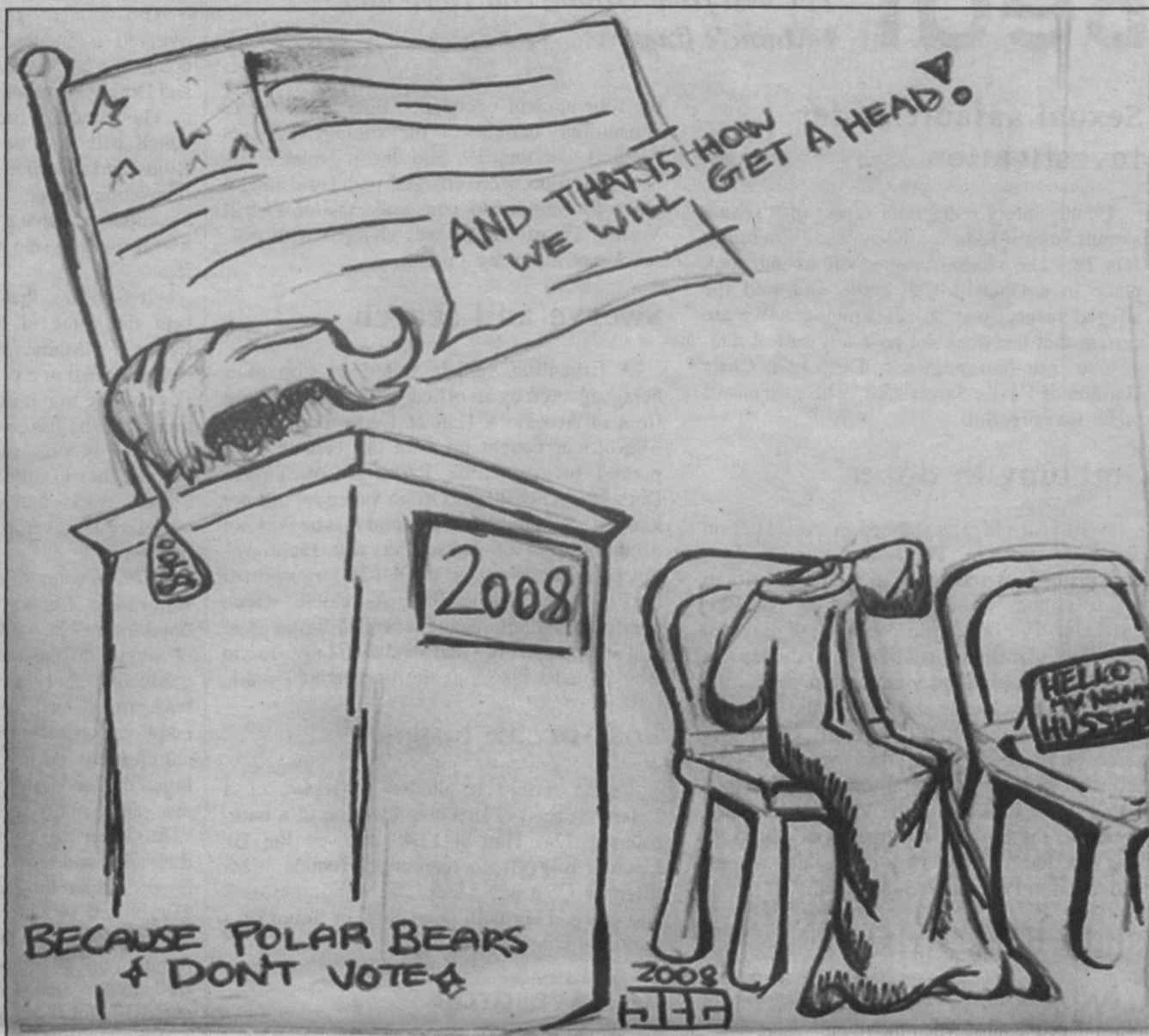
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Pattie Barry

Voter disengagement leaves pressing issues unaddressed

It becomes routine to say it every election year: "Get involved!" "Rock the vote!" "Use your voice!" You might hear one such phrase, pause for a second, plan on it, but then ultimately when election day comes, you have class, then work and then homework and never really make it to the polls because, "Hey, I know a lot of other people that vote like me and so my vote doesn't really matter."

You'll read this and it might cross your mind when it comes to the party caucuses in Maine in early February. However, when it does cross your mind, I ask you, one 20-something to another, please consider the following:

It is more important in this election than ever before for the younger generation to express its voice.

I'm not saying that it hasn't always been important. I am saying that this election is the most important election yet. Too many decisions about our economy and our environment have been put off for too long by our previous leaders, and we are losing options

fast. If we don't choose a leader that takes action to make change now, we might not have a choice in 2012.

We need leadership that has a plan to face what now appears to be an imminent recession. We need someone who is going to address the sub-prime mortgage crisis and the culture of debt in this country. We need someone who is going to put a stop to predatory lending and rein in inflation.

We need leadership that will help the more than 47 million uninsured citizens in this country. We need someone who is going to stop and question why the U.S. is the only developed country in the world that allows pharmaceutical companies to advertise drugs — which they have done to the point that they are spending more on advertising than on research and development.

We need leadership that understands that citizens' privacy and civil liberties are pivotal to the protecting the security and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello, my name is Roger Carlson and I recently moved to the area. I would like to bring to your attention a problem that is threatening my well-being. On a number of occasions over the past four months, I have found college-age students sleeping inside of my mailbox.

Let me explain. I have a large mail box because I am ill. I have struggled with Congenital Nephrotic Syndrome (a kidney disorder) since I was young and three times a week I receive a large package in the morning with my medication and refills for my equipment.

This is where the problem with the sleeping students comes in. Twice in

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September and once in December, I found a student sleeping inside my mailbox. During the December incident they were

unable to make my delivery because the student was completely inside the mailbox, and they couldn't wake him. Because of my condition, I am not able to easily leave my house and pick up the delivery and I became violently ill.

I am not sure if students are sleeping in my mailbox because they think the size is funny, or if it is because they are intoxicated and don't want to finish the walk back to campus (I was in college once, I know), but I have faith that they would stop sleeping inside of it if they knew it could hurt me. I wanted to get the word to you before the upcoming semester begins.

Roger Carlson

UMaine College Republicans engaging in questionable conduct

Kyle Michaud

The students of this campus ought to know the exact reasons and motivations behind the University of Maine College Republicans' (CR) actions last semester. In particular, the controversy surrounding their request to General Student Senate for funding for the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) and the situation with Professor Paul Grossweiler. I want it to be understood that I was there at the group's meetings — and I am no longer a member of the organization.

The first situation was their plea to the GSS for funding for CPAC. This was the first of two incidents which I believe were meant to deliberately sabotage UMaine's reputation. CR chairwoman Danielle Palmer asked for \$7,000 in funding for a total of 25 students to attend the CPAC event — a few days of activity.

I attended both the meeting at which we were told of GSS' response and the meeting in which we "organized" the trip, at which we came up with a rough head count. Both meetings took place in the Coe Room and numbered less than 10 to 12 students. One could claim that Palmer asked for a figure exceeding our true needs, and expected it to be reduced. However, the group asked for double and proceeded to make the case that they were discriminated against when the figure was cut by \$5,000.

When the group began its discussion of what to do about the situation, there was no mention of taking the appropriate steps to address the situation. If GSS' denial of the funds was due to our political orthodoxy, wouldn't one want to prove this unequivocally?

They felt it unnecessary. I suggested that we wait until GSS' minutes were made public and then take action. Instead, the chair and other members proceeded to contact conservative individuals that donate to the university and, they claim, convinced them to halt their contributions. One "success"

mentioned by Palmer was \$10,000 that she managed to convince the donor to withhold. In addition, Palmer and Nathan Walton, the head of the Maine Chapter of the College Republicans, made a press release crying foul over the incident.

The second situation is the Grossweiler controversy, which came closer to the actual results they were seeking. The group's treasurer, Rebekah McDade, aided by the Leadership Institute, had made public the "anti-American" remarks that Grossweiler later maintained were examples of how an individual can challenge free speech and hence obtain extra credit.

McDade discussed her invitation to "The Today Show," and expressed her fear of appearing because she felt the show was too liberal. McDade backed away from doing the show and it is easy to understand why: if she was made out to be a raving conservative McCarthyist, her plan to pad her resume at the expense of UMaine's reputation would backfire. If she was truly offended and impelled to speak out against the comments, at least she could have called in to the show and made her case. Fox News, the network the CR's had hoped would contact McDade, remained silent and so did she.

It is important for me to share my belief that the CR's are engaging in a forced and calculated attempt to sabotage the reputation of the school. If Palmer has only thwarted the one \$10,000 donation then I consider this university lucky. However, this type of behavior impacts us all. If McDade had found her way onto a Fox News broadcast, Grossweiler's life would have been made far more difficult.

The student body should know of this behavior and be armed by this information with the necessary tools to protect our university.

Kyle Michaud is a former secretary of the UMaine College Republicans.

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integrity of our homeland, because the actions this administration have taken in the name of "security" and "freedom" have so distorted the true definition of those words that they become practically Orwellian.

We need leadership that not only admits that global warming is real and is happening now, but will also take immediate and decisive action to curb our environmental impact before half of the world is underwater. We need leadership that signs the Kyoto protocol and works with other nations to protect our planet.

We need leadership that is going to stop spending money the federal government doesn't have. The Iraq War has ballooned the federal deficit to unfathomable proportions, and our credit and dollar values are falling every day. Social Security is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately, as wave after wave of baby boomers start to retire this year. How are we going to pay them the benefits that we have promised them? In the next year, we are going to either pay a lot more in

taxes or they are going to receive a lot less in benefits. This is inevitable and we need a leader who will address this.

The mainstream media shies away from these issues, trying to manipulate us into voting on a candidate for superficial qualities that have absolutely no bearing on a person's ability as a leader. You shouldn't care that Rudy Giuliani wore a dress once, or that John Edwards spent \$400 on a haircut, or that Barack Obama's middle name is Hussein. What you should care about is that the next U.S. president is educated about these issues and prepared to take action, not pander to the party line.

Our country will have to face these issues sooner or later — with or without our input. In reality, these are all decisions that will have a dramatic effect on the future of our generation and this country. It is likely that our generation will be the first in a long time that is less prosperous than our parents'. If we don't make our voices heard now, we might not be able to do anything at all when that day comes that our generation is in charge.

Pattie Barry is a fifth-year new media major.



Megan Neff

Sexual harassment knows no boundaries based on gender

As a female living on the University of Maine campus, I have been exposed to many of the lectures and much of the literature concerning safety and the prevention of sexual assault that young co-eds are subjected to when they go away to school. Even if a person wished to avoid hearing all these things, it's nearly impossible. Recently, Safe Campus Project posted several fliers around campus in order to raise awareness of sexual harassment and sexual assault. Right away, however, something about these fliers struck me as wrong.

Anyone else who has seen these fliers may have noticed the same thing. They have a "female" symbol on top and are flanked down each side with purple and green ribbons. While some fliers did have good information about how to avoid sexual harassment or dangerous situations that might encourage it, the demographic was all wrong.

All of the fliers I found around campus were directed towards women. They all included language such as "Tell her," "Respect her..." or "Encourage her..." There was not a single pronoun that was either ambiguous or male-oriented. I realize, of course, that many believe that men cannot be raped for simple biological reasons, and that opinion varies from individual to individual. I will not try to argue for or against it here, but there are other reasons why this upsets me.

While many believe men cannot be legitimately raped, they can be sexually harassed, especially in the workplace and that, according to the UMaine Policy on Relationship Abuse and the Workplace, is

prohibited. Men can be harassed and teased by bosses, professors or coworkers just as easily as women can, yet the fliers posted by Campus Safety Project do not reflect that. One flier even went so far as to describe the typical type of male that women should be wary of — yet we hear constantly about female teachers who sleep with their male students. That alone should be proof enough that sexual harassment against men does exist in at least one form, if not more.

Safe Campus Project reported that there are 226 sexual assaults at UMaine every year, according to estimates of the Department of Justice. We don't know how many of those are men, but it's probably safe to assume that for every 226 women that are sexually attacked or harassed, there's at least one man who suffers the same. Excluding men from public announcements about sexual harassment makes it more difficult for men to come forward with their testimonies, and of course makes the idea of men being sexually harassed even more alien than it already is.

The Safe Campus Project has agreed. Even though their recently posted fliers may not have included all victims, their services are available for anyone who needs them, regardless of gender. Victims are encouraged to report crimes or simply to get support that they might need. We here at UMaine need to send a message that no type of sexual harassment against anyone will be tolerated, it is never the victim's fault — be it a man or a woman — and it is never OK.

Megan Neff is a second-year journalism major.



Holly Barber

'Tis always the season to spread joy and goodwill to humanity

Congratulations to the University of Maine community: we have made a successful transition to 2008. I typically do not make New Year's resolutions. Like most people I know, setting a goal at the beginning of the year does not motivate me any more than on a typical Wednesday, and I usually follow through with no more gumption. This year is different.

When I look at my community, country and world, I discover my faith in humanity is wavering. Have we lost our ability to be civil, dignified, kind and appreciative? The optimist in me would like to believe that we have merely misplaced these qualities, or perhaps they are hibernating this winter. I bring this to your attention now because I see these qualities make a short appearance during the holiday season, but it would be nice if it continued long after the new year begins.

This year, a resolution will not do. A revolution is in order, starting now. In a time where we do not trust strangers, let alone our neighbors and community members, it is time to be more honest. I see people being fake-nice to others, then turning around and judging them from head to toe. This is not civil; it is exhausting and calculating behavior. You wouldn't stand in line at the grocery store and watch someone steal ten candy bars without saying something; why, then, are you going to let people steal your sense of friendship and comradery without saying something?

Some people may be unaware that their behavior is inappropriate, and I invite you to respectfully and honestly tell these people why their behavior is not welcome in our society. So often we act without understanding: how we impact those around us. Well, this revolution is your opportunity to voice how others impact you. What they do with the politely delivered information is their business.

Additionally, we do not appreciate the people who make our lives more comfortable nearly

enough. It is essential to tell people how much you appreciate them while they can still hear you. Spending just a moment of time to give a loved one, co-worker, classmate, or perfect stranger praise can infinitely change his or her attitude and outlook. It has been shown that appreciation of work or effort can increase one's self-efficacy, which increases motivation and effort. So long as you are addressing people respectfully and genuinely, concern for how you are portrayed for speaking your mind should be the least of your worries.

Let's not give up on humanity — let's raise the bar and increase our expectations of one another. Go ahead and draw upon some good ol' fashioned morality, dignity and honor to hold one another accountable. Shed the selfishness and hold out your hand to someone who deserves it.

I would like to share with you the final verse of a great poem "The Man in the Glass" by Anonymous: "You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years/And get pats on the back as you pass/But your final reward will be heartache and tears/If you've cheated the man in the glass." Make sure you are truly happy with every decision you make and are proud of what you see in the glass.

Even if only one person reads this and decides to act, I will be proud. If you scoff at this, then I hope I run into you on campus so you will know how a smile can change your mind. I know there are others in our community that feel the same way, so dust off your smile and good-hearted nature and put them on display for all.

This New Year's Revolution is not difficult or time-consuming; it's merely genuine and involves the kindness necessary to create the sort of society we want to thrive in. This is a team effort to make our society better, and we can start with UMaine.

Holly Barber is a second-year graduate student in the counselor education program.

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Style & Culture

MUSIC

Java Jive
The Project
8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 29
North Pod, Union

Sidcar Radio
8 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
North Pod, Union

Lidral Duo
Chamber Jazz Afternoon
Concert Series
4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
The Bear's Den

ARTS

"Test Everything"
Senior Art Show
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open Daily
Lord Hall Gallery

A Legacy of Collecting: the
Vincent A. Hartgen Years
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine Museum
of Art
Norumbega Hall (Bangor)
Free with MaineCard, \$3 w/out

MOVIES

Kickin' Flix
Gone Baby Gone
7:30 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
Bangor Room, Union

MPAC Peace & Justice Film
Series:
Hearts and Minds
7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
#140 Little Hall

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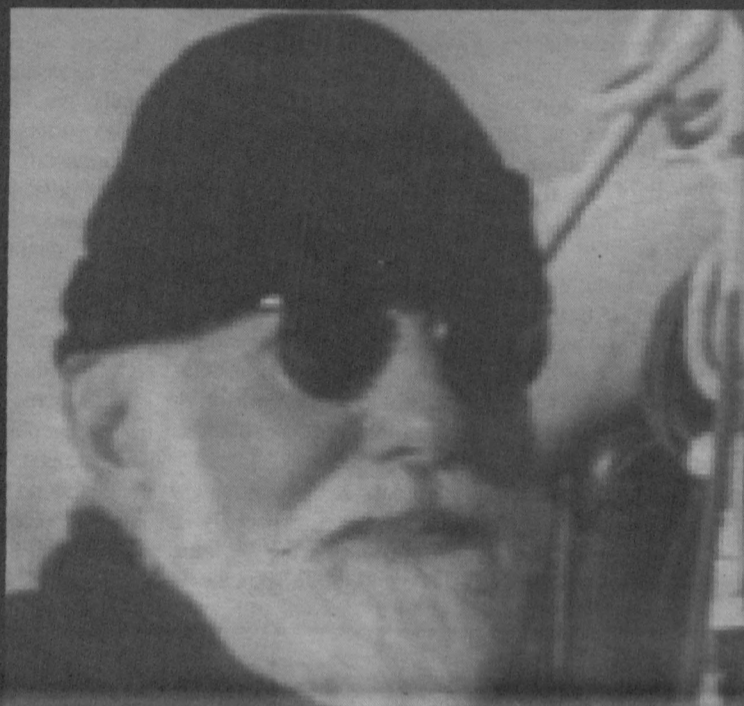
Comedian
Craig Baldo
9 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25
Dining Room, Union

Planetarium Shows
Hubble Vision
7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
Wingate Hall
For ages 10-and-up

Our Sky Family
2 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27
Wingate Hall
For ages 5-7

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In Memoriam



By Derek Dobachesky

Sylvester Pollet, a University of Maine English professor with a life-long passion for poetry, died on Dec. 20. He was 68 years old.

Pollet had been diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2003 and underwent an experimental treatment which did not have the same debilitating effects that traditional chemotherapy can have, according to Naomi Jacobs, chair of the UMaine English department and a close friend of Pollet.

Pollet devoted much of his time and effort to editing for the National Poetry Foundation at UMaine. In addition, he published his own series of chaplets called "Backwoods Broadides," single-page pamphlets featuring Pollet's own poetic works alongside those of "some of the most famous poets in America today, as well as translations from five or six languages," Jacobs said. He published 100 of these chaplets from 1994 to 2006.

Pollet, who taught creative writing at UMaine for the last 25 years, first moved to the state in 1971 as part of the back-to-the-land movement with his wife, MaJo Keleshian. Pollet was born in Woodstock, New York and raised in the state by his father, painter John Pollet, and mother, sculptor Betty Strassburger, according to a piece in *The Ellsworth American*.

Following in his family's artistic tradition, Pollet received his bachelor's degree in English from Dartmouth College in 1961, according to *The Ellsworth American*. He then lived in Greenwich Village, New York City, working in a bookstore before selling nearly all of his possessions and moving to Ellsworth, Maine with Keleshian. After purchasing some land, Pollet proceeded to build a house by hand, Keleshian said.

As Jacobs said, Pollet was "willing to live simply." Keleshian recounted that her and Pollet had a wind generator for 10 years, heated their home with wood and raised much of their own food.

In addition to his interest in poetry and living simply, Pollet had a long-standing interest in sailing. He owned a 26-foot sloop sailboat he named Echo for 20 years, Keleshian said. Pollet often encouraged friends, including Jacobs, to go sailing with him out of Castine



By Brett Sowerby

On Monday, Jan. 21, the University of Maine lost yet another valuable member of its faculty. After a long struggle with his health, Burton Norval Hatlen — known by most of his students as Burt — died at the age of 71.

Born in 1936, Hatlen grew up in California. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1958, he received a doctorate in English from UC Davis.

Hatlen came to UMaine in 1965 and was a faculty member here for more than 40 years.

He was instrumental in developing UMaine's National Poetry Foundation and served as its director for 15 years.

Many students may remember Hatlen from the Honors program where he taught several sections, gave lectures and oversaw "A Cultural Odyssey," a course that encouraged students to experience the artistic community in Orono.

Hatlen enjoyed opening students' eyes to new forms of art. "There's a lot of resistance and a lot of skepticism and a certain amount of stereotyping," Hatlen said of introducing others to creative expression.

Having a long and illustrious career at UMaine, Hatlen has a left a void in the faculty that may never be filled.

A celebration of Hatlen's life and his accomplishments will take place later this spring on the UMaine campus.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Hatlen's name, they may send them to The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fund, University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, Maine, 04469.

For any UMaine staff seeking counseling, they may go to the Employee Assistance Program on campus. The Counseling Service provides support for all students and staff.

Hatlen is survived by his wife, Virginia Hatlen and daughters Julia Hatlen and Inger Daniels as well as first wife and mother of Julia and Inger, Barbara Karlson.

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CLOVERFIELD

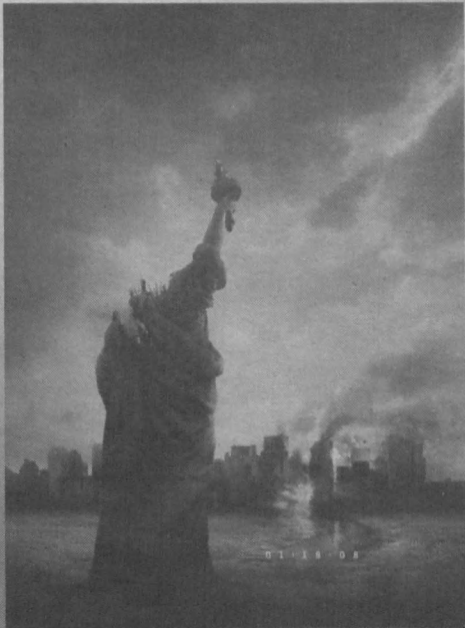


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By David Dauphinee

The night before Rob — Michael Stahl-David — is to leave his life in America for a job in Tokyo, his friends throw him a surprise send-off. For the first 20 minutes of "Cloverfield," we're forced to listen to a bunch of twenty-something's whine about their lives and missed opportunities at love while we wait for the big ugly to show up.

Oddly enough, however, there are a few funny lines here, an empathetic moment there and this scene begins to look oddly similar to senior year. We suddenly care who these people are. We see a situation very familiar to collegiate life, one that some of us have even lived through ourselves. Then the building unexpectedly shakes, the lights go out, a building explodes in the distance and the head of our lady liberty is thrown down Columbus Avenue.

Armed with only their video camera and sense of sarcasm, Rob, his brother Jason — Mike Vogel — and a few friends must negotiate a devastated Manhattan that has been invaded by something horrifying and unknown.

As moviegoers, we've pretty much witnessed everything Hollywood has to offer at this point. We've seen the aliens invade and we've watched the monsters crawl from the dark abyss. About the only thing left to surprise us anymore is "originality of origin." Where do the creatures come from, why are they here and what do they want? The kicker about Cloverfield, however, is that these are the three questions the movie doesn't answer for you. One goes into this movie expecting the McGuffin to be the creature from the black lagoon on steroids and instead it turns out to be the device in which the movie is told through: the camcorder.

The real special effect here is not making the creature realistic but in making the viewer actually care about the people on screen more than the monster that isn't. With the cleverest use of a camcorder since the Blair Witch Project, Matt Reeves — "The Pallbearer," TV's "Felicity" — uses the device to tell two stories simultaneously. While watching the destruction unfold, we discover it's recording over previous encounters between the love interests. We're granted brief glimpses, due to gaps in the playback, into the lives of the people being lost to the devastation. Overall, these flashbacks total maybe three minutes all together and somehow come out being enough.

So often now, with the world being seen mainly through the camera phones and camcorders of those that seem to be present when s--- happens,

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Spring TV lineup offers perennials and new buds

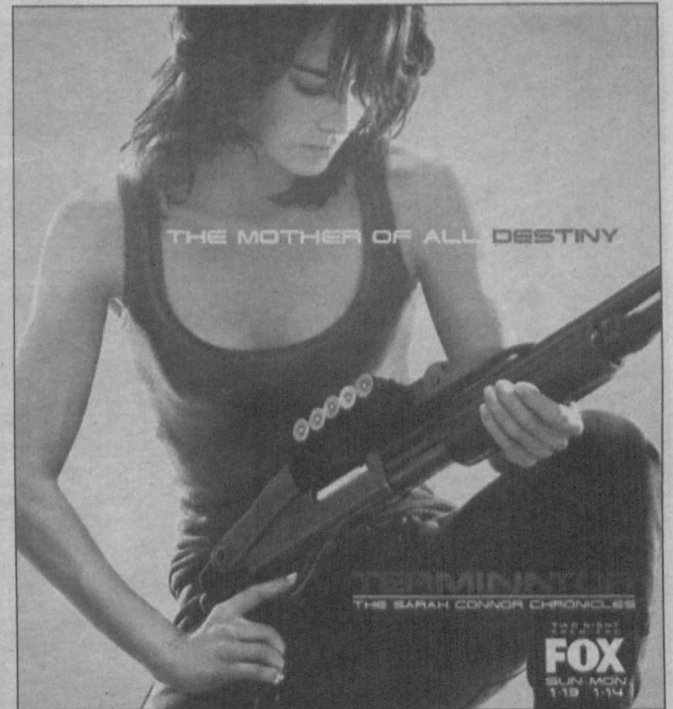


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By Kyle Kernan

Since The Writer's Guild of America went on strike late last year, many favorite shows were suddenly suspended. "Desperate Housewives," "Grey's Anatomy," "24," "House," and "The Office" are only a few. No need to fear, however, the winter season offers short runs for noteworthy programs if you are growing tired of the repetitive game and reality shows or the constant ramblings of politicians.

Science-fiction and adventure drama seem to be the answer that the TV gods have bestowed to our televisions this season. "Lost" returns for its fourth season for eight episodes on Jan. 31, while Fox Network has scheduled multiple episodes for their new series "The Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles." Its first episode drew in nearly 23 million viewers.

Other acclaimed series that return include the formerly cancelled apocalyptic drama "Jericho" on CBS and NBC has cashed in for a 9-episode run of the fourth season of "Medium," which chronicles a telepathic woman played by Patricia Arquette— Mondays at 9 p.m. CBS has also secured rights to air Showtime's highly acclaimed and provocative series of a serial killer, "Dexter."

If you are unaware what the show "Jericho" is, it's

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Aussie Hollywood icon found dead in NYC



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By Kyle Kernan

Oscar nominated actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead Tuesday of a suspected drug overdose in a Lower Manhattan apartment in SoHo, police said.

The actor was discovered in one of the apartment's bedrooms at 3:31 p.m., when a housekeeper tried to inform him that a masseuse had arrived for a scheduled appointment. He was found unresponsive. The exact cause of death has not yet been determined. Various medica-

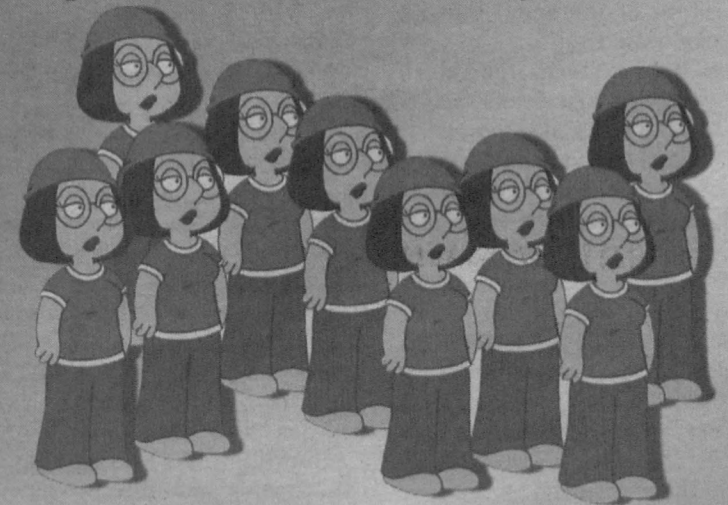
tions were found around Ledger's bed, no note was found and there was no indication of foul play, New York City Police spokesperson Phil Browne said.

Students around the University of Maine Campus offered their thoughts and heartache for the tragedy. Sophomore English major Shawna Swift called Ledger's death "heartbreaking." In response to the AP comment that he may have died from cardiac arrest by the AP, "I did not know you could die from cardiac arrest from sleeping pills," Jessica Blum, a sophomore said Ledger's death was "shocking, I didn't expect it." Sophomore Greg Weaver "thought it was a hoax." There is speculation that Ledger became sleep deprived while filming "The Dark Knight," as he limited himself from social contact. Anna Flemke, a 4th year Studio Art Major thought that Ledger's death could be accidental, in that "trying to get into character had promoted his lack of sleep, he could've taken too many sleeping pills and died because of it." There is definite fear that sleeping pills and other prescription medicine can have adverse effects if not taken properly. "If this happened to Health Ledger, it could happen to anyone," Flemke said. "Drugs are pretty easy to get around a college campus."

Health Ledger was born in Perth, West Australia in 1979 and became interested in drama and acting in high school. At age 19, Ledger moved to Los Angeles to find work. Ledger's first breakthrough role came in 1999 with teen comedy "10 Things I Hate About You," and later "The Patriot," in 2000, which

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Imagine if Seth MacFarlane created only one character.

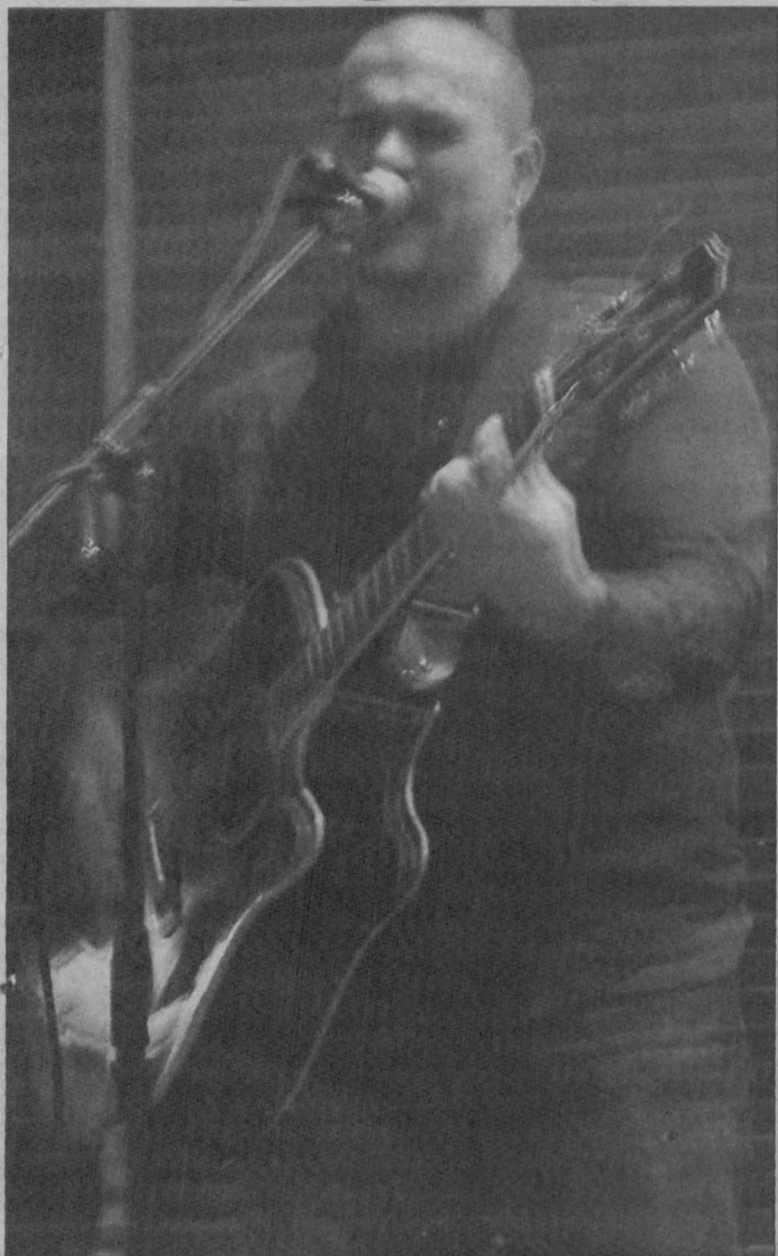


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Josh Cramoy 'Hit' Java Jive stage, Spears style



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Java Jive, Now held in the Bears Den on Tuesday nights, featured singer and guitarist Josh Cramoy.

By Andrew Wright

School is back in full swing after a three-week-long break. For many, that means 9 a.m. classes, book fees and Commons food. Fortunately, it's not all bad. In addition to the return of the smell that no one can quite figure out in your dorm, it also means the return of Java Jive, this week, featuring Josh Cramoy at the helm.

Cramoy, a young man based out of Boston, Mass., has traveled everywhere and somehow landed here in Orono. With his Chris Daughtry looks — and sense of style — choir-singer vocal range and Johnny Cash-black guitar, he hit the stage in The Bear's Den Tuesday night.

Cramoy took little time to set up; he was no sooner on stage than performing for the crowd. The first song in the line-up was none other than "If You Could Only See," a cover of the '90s rock band Tonic. The '90s theme seemed to hold true for the rest of the evening, and, unfortunately for those looking to see more into the performer's original style, so did the covers.

Luckily, one of the few self-written songs of the night, "Ready for You," had a pumping quarter-note guitar, full vocals and a consistently image-driven lyrical format.

Though acoustic rock was the main event, that didn't mean the man of the hour — or so — didn't have a sense of humor. The 1999 chart-topper

"Hit Me Baby One More Time," by America's punch line Britney Spears, was given an appropriate rendition by this man from Mass. Cramoy, apparently extremely comfortable with his sexuality and manly image, sang this Spears' song with all the heart and soul that an 18-year-old female's pop song can be sung by a 24-year-old male.

The audience regained composure just in time for Cramoy to perform one of his medleys. It started with "The General" by college phenomenon Dispatch, then into the theme song to the television show "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," and transitioned smoothly into "What I Got" by Sublime and finished with a return to "The General."

Throwing it back to his originals, Cramoy performed two more before the night was up, including "By Now" and "You and I." Both can be found on his new album that can't actually be purchased yet. Interested listeners can go to www.myspace.com/joshcramoy-band and listen to a few of the songs off his CD.

The line-up for next week is The Project, a student-based musical talent competition. Similar to an open-mic night, this contest ends with a prize for the winner. Students and alumni, hand picked due to their adamant knowledge of music, will judge the competition. E-mail Brian Monahan or sign up on the message board between the Union and library.



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Overtones deliver on new CD

Rustic Overtones, "Light at the End," 2008

By Lisa Haberzettl

Maine-born band Rustic Overtones is releasing their first album since returning from a five-year hiatus. *Light at the End* features 12 new tracks that highlight their ability to mate a catchy tune with meaningful lyrics. The band's striking instrumental arrangement, paired with accessible vocals, make every song moving and relevant.

The collection opens with a strange 17-second track titled "The Calm," a brief experimentation with sounds that blend seamlessly into the second track and first distinguishable song on the album, "Rock Like War," a celebration of making the best of stormy days. It began with a vivid image of a dreary winter day and ended with frolicking in a summer rain. Lead singer Dave Gutter sings, "It's just a thunderstorm, baby, / there's nothing you should fear. / The sky's broken," shortly before slipping into an infectious round of "na na na's."

The third track of the CD, "Letter to the President," is told from the point of view of a soldier writing to the president about war-front experiences. Unlike most songs protesting war, the speaker comes across as more battle-weary than war-torn. The opening verse explains "I always hit my target; / I just miss my happy home." The song is a refreshing addition to the sea of embittered anti-war songs.

Jazz and Big Band influences run rampant in

the following tracks, including "Troublesome," "Hardest Way Possible," and "Black Leather Bag."

"Carnival," is a humorously sad song about a man losing a girl when she runs away to join the circus. The lament runs, "She loved the carnival more than she loved me. / How can I hold her like the strongest man alive?" While the premise of the song is ridiculous, anyone who has ever loved and lost for some stupid reason is sure to empathize.

The title song, "Light at the End," is exactly what it sounds like. The speaker in the song tries to stay positive when everything conceivable goes wrong: "This wicked world is twisted sideways, / but all things will turn around."

Following the suggestion of the title, Rustic closes out the album with what is possibly the happiest song since Simon and Garfunkel's "49th Street Bridge Song." The song, titled "Happy," lives up to its name and leaves the listener feeling ultra-relaxed and mellow.

Living up to its name and hype, *Light at the End* is sure to please Rustic's already substantial fan base and create new fans of any listener. While the CD is not scheduled for release until March 18, fans can go online to www.myspace.com/rusticovertones and listen to four tracks from the new album.

Grade: B+

Pollet

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bor and enjoyed spending birthdays on the deck at Dennett's Wharf in Castine.

After beginning his teaching career at UMaine, Pollet earned his master's degree in 1985 and continued to teach creative writing part-time, in order to continue to focus on his personal interests outside of his career. Jennifer Moxley, an associate professor and creative writing teacher at UMaine, said Pollet's students, "had nothing but good things to say about him" and that "he was really good at encouraging young people to follow their poetic dreams."

Kelesian recalled of her late husband: "The general consensus, and on my part too, is that he was a pretty extraordinary and gentle human being."

Pollet is survived by his wife Kelesian of Ellsworth; his daughter, Noelle Pollet of upstate New York; and his son, Matthew Stephan of upstate New York.

The "I'll Just Have One More" Martini

- 3 oz. gin or vodka
- 1/2 oz. dry vermouth
- 3 olives
- 1 automobile
- 1 long day
- 1 diminishing attention span
- 1 too many

Combine ingredients. Drink. Repeat.
Mix with sharp turn, telephone pole.

Never underestimate 'just a few.'
Buzzed driving is drunk driving.

Ledger

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grossed \$113 million in ticket sales and propelled him into Hollywood heartthrob status.

Ledger had found it difficult to discover his true talents as an actor when his roles categorized him as the mainstream romantic hero. "In a way I was spoon-fed a career," he told the *Glasgow Herald* in 2005. "It was fully manufactured by a studio that believed it could put me on their posters and turn me into a product ... I hadn't figured out properly how to act, and all of a sudden I was being thrown into these lead roles."

In time, Ledger defined himself as one of the generation's most talented actors in his performance of Ennis Del Mar in "Brokeback Mountain." The story of two cowboys who grow to share a secret romantic relationship had posed many questions of whether Ledger could inhabit a serious role. The portrayal of emotionally complex Ennis was going to be a challenge. Ledger's performance had earned him substantial acclaim and respect for his maturation and ability to take risks as an actor. "He's one of the best actors of his age," said Ang Lee, *Brokeback*'s director. "He has complexity and intensity, and he's meticulous." The role had earned him an Oscar nomination.

Ledger's portrayal of famed villain The Joker will be seen in this summer's second installment of the Batman franchise, "The Dark Knight." His performance has already roused much anticipation for the film. Glimpses of the character in recent trailers show a far darker and depraved version of Bob Kane's character.

The dark turn of The Joker may give insight to what Ledger had been going through. Gary Susman, of *Entertainment Weekly*, offered a personal reflection for the actor in respect to the roles he has chosen and how they have dictated aspects of his life. "It's always facile to read an actor's off-screen life into his choice of roles," Susman wrote, noticing his roles have become darker, if not personal, since "Brokeback Mountain." He is seen in portrayals of a drug-addicted lover in 2006's "Candy" and of Bob Dylan in last year's "I'm Not There," a chronicle of Dylan's own failed marriage and anxieties of fame, echoing Ledger's true life separation with Michelle Williams and frustration with the press.

DON'T SMOKE

Seriously,
it's bad for ya lungs

Spring TV

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OK, many others don't know either. The slump in new and returning programs may give the apocalyptic drama "Jericho" a resurrection. The show had been cancelled by CBS last May, but angry fans campaigned for a second season and they'll get it on Feb. 12. Seven episodes are in the can for the series and ready to air. The series begins with a visible nuclear detonation on Denver, Colo. and a loss of power and modern communications that isolate Jericho, Kan. The show features several mysteries involving the backgrounds of major characters, the perpetrators of the attack and the extent of damage to the United States and its government. The pivotal character in this story is Jake Green, played by Skeet Ulrich, the son of Mayor Johnston Green. Jake steps up to become a leader in Jericho, fighting to protect the town and its citizens.

To fill the holes of previous shows, CBS bought the rights to Showtime's series "Dexter," starring Michael C. Hall, who starred on HBO's acclaimed series "Six Feet Under." Hall plays Dexter Morgan, a Miami-based serial killer who works with Miami Metro Police Department as a blood pattern analyst. The series is strange and original as the sociopath at a young age was adopted by a police officer who teaches him to channel his tendencies of violence upon criminals. On Feb. 8, the first season of the show will be aired on CBS.

Fans of "The Terminator" franchise will have the opportunity to enjoy new adventures of Sarah and John Connor in "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles." The premise of the show is the same as the three other films, except there is no Schwarzenegger robot around to protect Connor. Instead, a machine disguised as a teenage girl joins the cast. This female android and Sarah Connor create a Thelma and Louise-type dynamic as the heroes fight off FBI agents and evil cyborgs. The show begins five years after Sarah and John destroyed Cyberdyne, a company which eventually causes a nuclear holocaust and computer program, Skynet, to raise a machine war over the human race. The series has already shown promise as *Entertainment Weekly* gave its premiere a "B+."

Probably the most anticipated premiere of the dreary winter season, "Lost," kicks off eight episodes on Jan. 31. Last year's finale shook millions of fans with the death of loved character Charlie and a flash-forward which revealed Jack, played by the show's gallant Mathew Fox, and Kate, played by the beautiful Evangeline Lilly, are off the island in the future. Jack calls out to Kate in the last seconds of the finale, "we have to go back!" The turn brought "Lost" into the spectrum of wonder and speculation again as the second season drew out no offering to whom "The Others" were and instead bored viewers as Locke and Eko were caught up in the hatch for too long. Now that the hatch is a forgotten memory, we got to know "The Others" a little better, Jack and survivors may reach home while others stay behind and new enemies will be forged with the presence of the shady rescuers. Locke will get to know who mysterious "Other" leader Jacob is as story-telling heaven is set to ensue once again for the Emmy-winning series.

Cloverfield

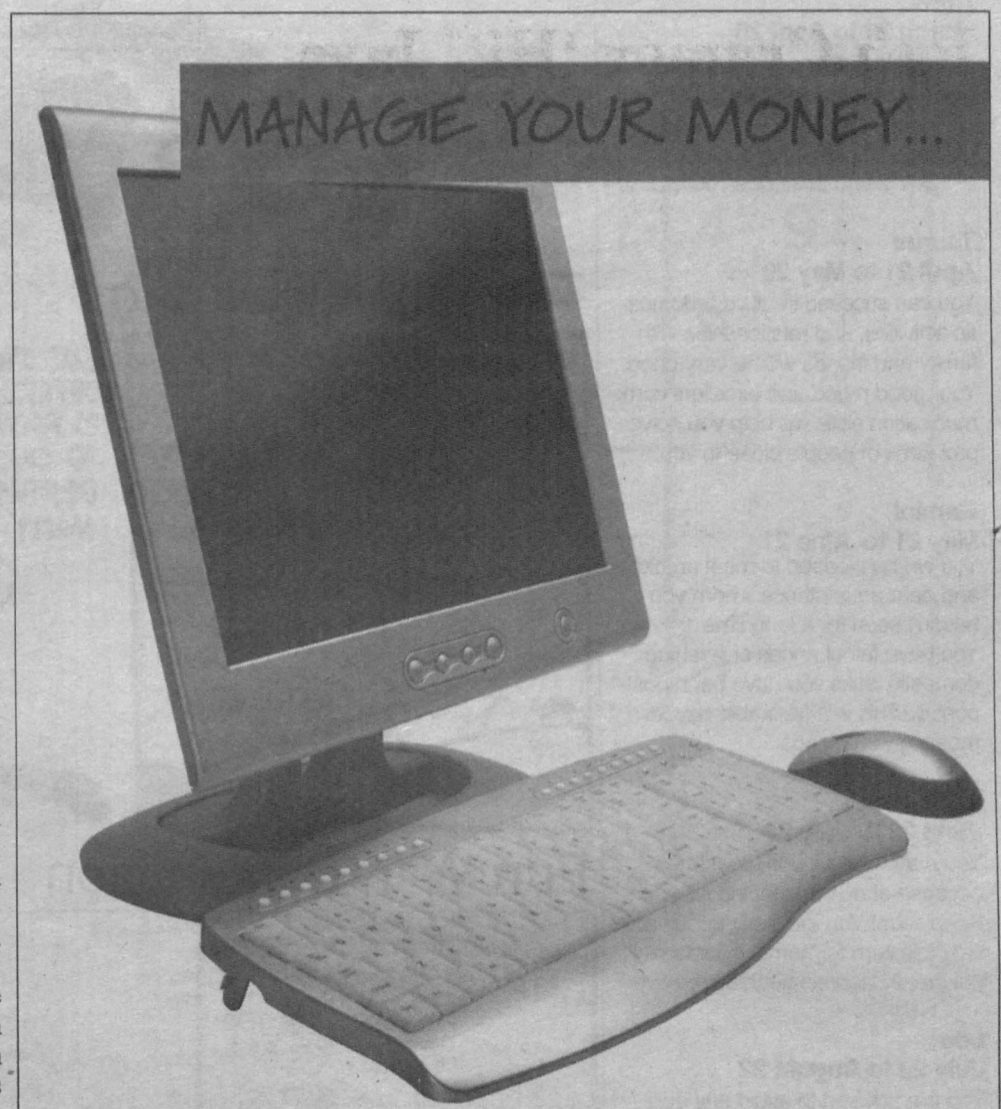
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it makes sense that the end of the world should be seen through an amateur lens. Reeves stylistically uses the handheld film technique to create a real-time feel that could, most likely, not have been done conventionally. —woozy stomachs be warned.

In the end, this is not the typical creature feature about a monster consuming expendable extras in various grotesque ways. Ironically, it ends up being about friendship and loyalty surviving in an environment of fear, destruction and uncertainty — insert time-of-war reference here.

Few people over the age of 35, however, will get *Cloverfield*. Many reviewers have looked at the destruction and CGI and use words like "tacky," "sadistic" and "crude" all while missing what everyone under 35 — or anyone with a shred of innocent observation left — still sees, that the state of the world we are currently living in is "tacky," "sadistic" and "crude."

Grade: B+



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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

You will feel rather concerned about personal issues and tend to neglect your sentimental life. You intend to make significant changes, but you are advised to postpone your plans.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You can succeed in all your domestic activities, and relationships with family and friends will be very good. Your good mood and excellent communication skills will help you solve problems of people close to you.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You will be pleased to meet an old and dear acquaintance whom you haven't seen for a long time. You have fair chances of finishing domestic tasks you have been postponing. This is a favorable day for meeting with friends.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You may have to work overtime because of an unexpected situation. Keep calm! You are likely to buy a valuable item for home. Your family will greatly appreciate your initiative.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

You are advised to avoid any business involving high risk. This is not the time to push your luck nor try to obtain easy financial benefits. You might lose money and even get in trouble with the law.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will be in a very good shape and can be very successful in business. Trips and romantic meetings are also favored.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Today you might make an important step in your life. Keep calm and don't worry! In the afternoon, a close relative will offer you financial support.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Your communication skills are great and you will have the opportunity to establish a new friendship. If this relationship will be based on trust, it may prove to be long lasting.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You are advised to rely on intuition in your professional and business activities. You may want to consider an older person's advice as well.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You might encounter difficulties at work because of your being unable to focus. In the afternoon, you will unexpectedly run into a dear person who may invite you to a party. Don't miss the chance to meet with old friends!

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You will spend the morning in the company of your loved one and friends. In the afternoon you will be busy making preparations for a short trip.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

You are advised to take advantage of today's favorable auspices. You have good chances of completing an important task that you have begun some time ago.

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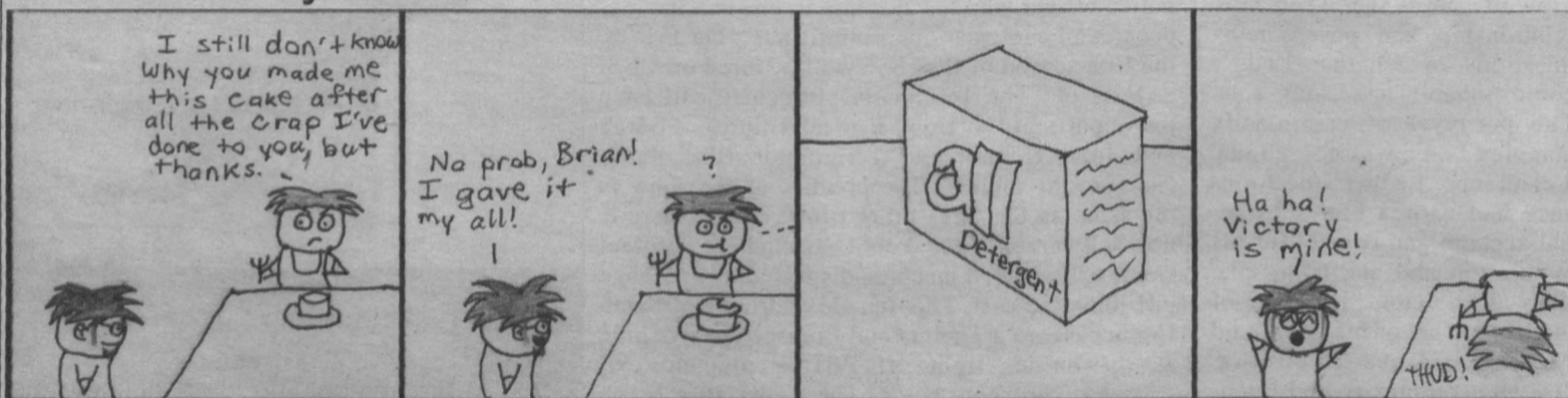
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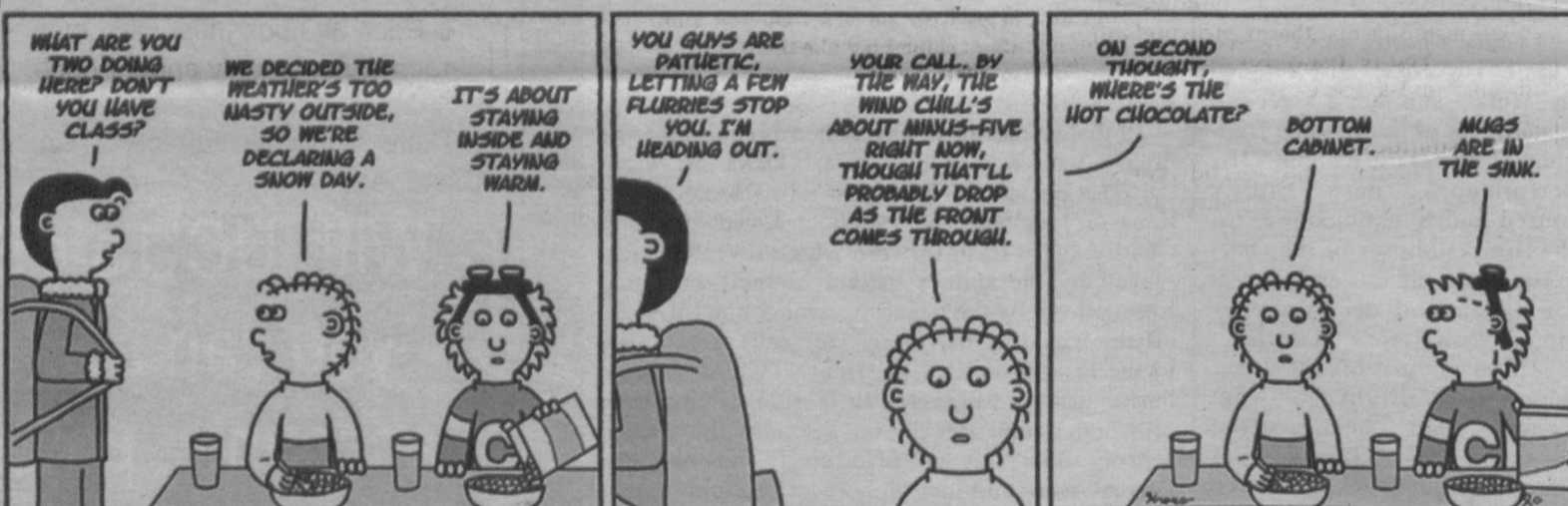
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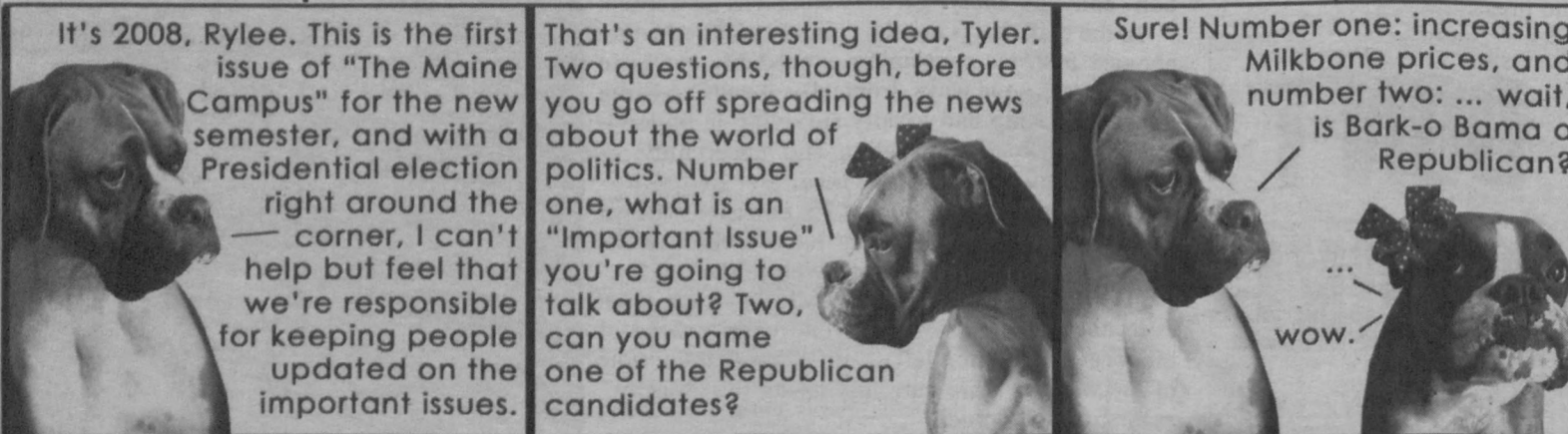
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By Alicia Mullins



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SEX MATTERS

By Dr. Sandra Caron

Why is it awkward to think about our parents having sex?

Male, First-Year

We grow up slowly and, for most of us in our early years, that is not the perception of who our parents are. When we grow up, it is unfamiliar because we have not seen them in that light. We were naïve and unaware. It is hard to imagine them as anything but parents. I think it is wonderful that our parents can be loving and caring and get excited about each other – to still be sexually active and express their love in that way.

Is it weird for a woman to be able to orgasm orally but not vaginally? My friends and I have talked about this a lot and we all have the same "problem." It doesn't bother me but I was just wondering why some do and some don't?

Female, Junior

What you describe is a common experience for many women, in which she does not get the level of stimulation needed to reach orgasm from intercourse, but she is able to reach orgasm through oral sex because it provides more direct stimulation of the clitoris. Often this is due to the way our bodies are structured and the amount of clitoral stimulation received through intercourse. The "problem" as I see it is that we have perpetuated an image of what sex is supposed to look like and implied that there is "only one right way" to reach orgasm. That is the unfortunate (and weird) part.

One of my friends told me that he had heard that when a girl ingests semen that it helps with her acne. Do you know anything about something like this?

Male, Senior

I would like to meet the guy who formulated this theory. One of the reasons we have science is to test out various hypotheses, and without adequate research we don't know the answer. However, it might be useful to look at his former girlfriends to see if they are low on acne.

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I feel like I'm ready for sex but when it comes down to it I get really nervous and scared. Does this mean I'm not really ready?

Female, First-Year

I believe it is natural to feel nervous and scared when we do something we don't know much about at that point. If you are unsure about when to become sexually involved, you may want to spend time talking this over with your partner. If you are unsure, I feel it is always better to err on the side of waiting rather than rushing into something you may regret later. Certainly any sexual relationship should be based on mutual consent. Some other guidelines indicating you might be ready for sex include:

1 You're ready for sex if you're not trying to prove your love, increase your self-worth, prove you're mature or rebel against parents or society;

2 You're ready for sex if it will be an expression of your current feelings rather than an attempt to improve a poor relationship or one that is growing old;

3 You're ready for sex if you can discuss and agree on an effective method of birth control and share the details, responsibilities and costs;

4 Finally, you are ready for sex if you can discuss sexually transmitted infections and provide protection.

Deciding whether or not you are ready to become sexually involved is an important decision and a choice we make for ourselves. It should be a responsible one and it's yours alone. No one should force or push you into it. Don't wait until the last minute to decide; there are lots of things to consider. You decide!

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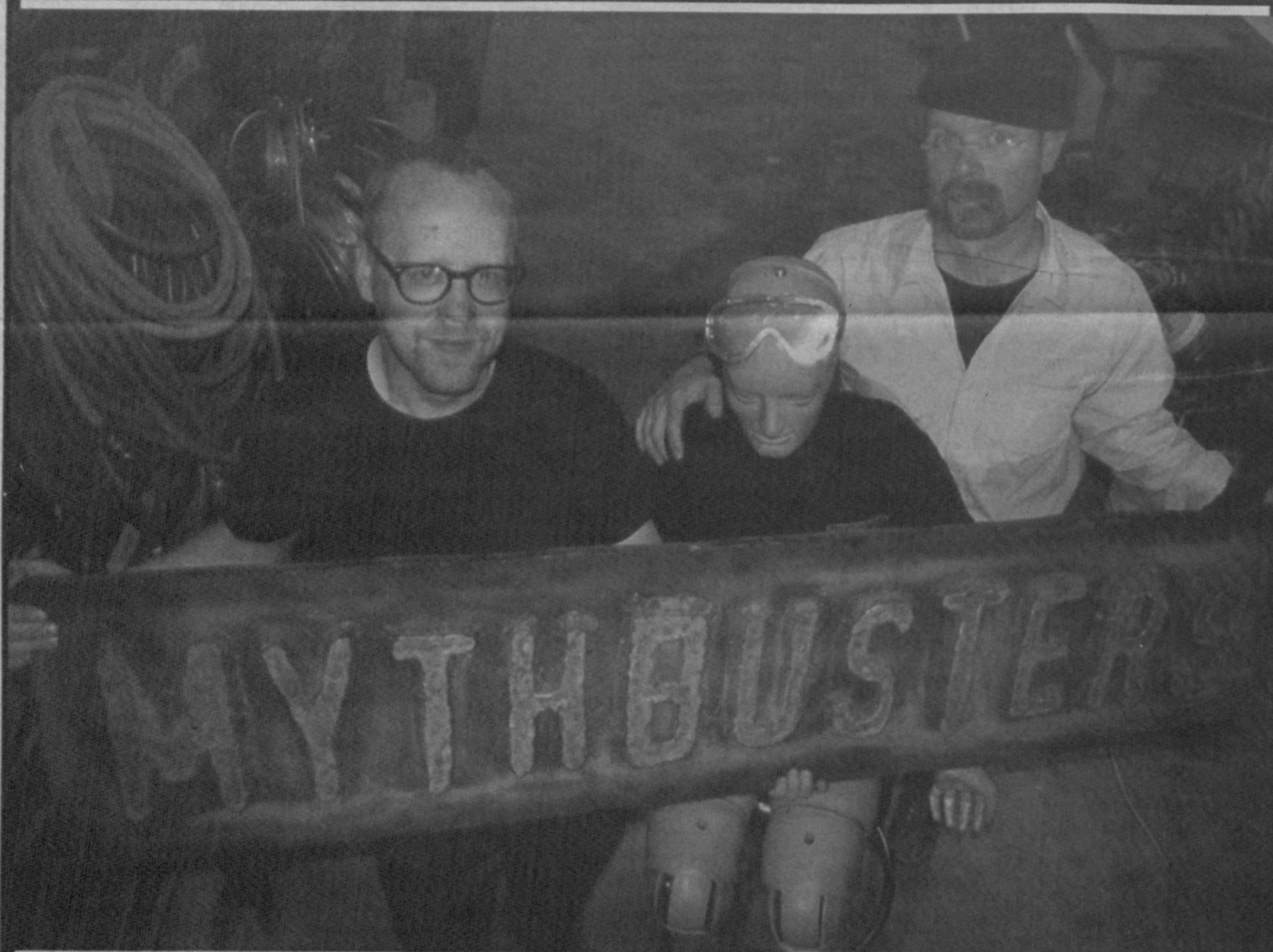
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34. Berserk
36. Scarce
37. Expectorate
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50. Gateway
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53. Naked people
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Red Sox trophy comes to UM

By Seth Poplaski

On Oct. 28, 2007, the Boston Red Sox did something that no other team has accomplished in this millennium. They won their second World Series of the twenty-first century, sweeping the Colorado Rockies. On Monday, the 2007 Red Sox World Series Trophy took a visit to the Alford Arena for many adoring fans to admire its beauty and snap a quick photo.

As soon as the doors opened, people both young and old lined up to catch a glimpse of the second trophy the Red Sox have earned in four years.

As the line lengthened, the anticipation and excitement grew. The people in line watched as members of Campus Recreation set up for the upcoming basketball game later that night. The clock struck 1:30 p.m. and a familiar tune to all Red Sox fans began to play throughout the Alford, "Sweet Caroline," performed by Neil Diamond, resonated throughout the rafters of the building.

Members of the UMaine baseball team were the first to see the trophy in all its glory in the lobby of the Alford Arena. After they had taken their photos, it was open for the general public to experience.

Fans in line anxiously waited their turn with the trophy. Jim Berry of Orono brought his family to see the prized possession of Red Sox fans.

"As a long-time Red Sox fan, I found it important to bring my daughter to see the trophy. We're looking forward to seeing many more," Berry said.

Kate Berry, daughter of Jim Berry, was also excited to see the trophy.

"The Red Sox are my favorite team. We like to watch them play as a family," Berry said.



Seth Poplaski ♦ The Maine Campus

WZON paid to have the 2007 World Series trophy brought to Bangor and Orono. The trophy had to have its own seat on the flight.

The Berry family all agreed that their favorite player was Big Papi, David Ortiz.

Courtney Smith, a first-year UMaine student, said that seeing the trophy was exciting, though it was not her most memorable Red Sox experience.

"This rates second," Smith said. "I got a hug from Gabe Kapler. I also saw the 2004 trophy outside Fenway Park after their first parade."

After reaching the trophy fans had to abide by strict guidelines, including only one picture per group and under no circumstances could they touch

or grab it. Most fans were happy just to see the trophy, and picture-taking was just icing on the cake. Kevin Lord of Bangor hoped this would not be the last trophy that he ever saw.

"It's neat to see it here. It's a nice change from all the heart-break in all the previous years," Lord said.

With the recent success of the Red Sox and the death of the "Curse of the Bambino," Red Sox fans throughout Maine can feel confident that this will not be the last World Series trophy to grace the state, and the campus, with its presence.

Bears turn Husky hopes to mush

By Kevin Bailey

In a sport with seasons as long and enduring as collegiate hockey, streaks and trends are bound to form throughout the year. Sometimes a team can become caught in a rut, and the only way to emerge from it is to put a foot down and take a stand. This is the situation the Black Bear women's hockey team found itself in, having not found the winning column since their season opener against Sacred Heart. On Sunday, in Orono, the team rediscovered its recipe for success and dominated the Northeastern Huskies en route to a 4-1 victory. The University of Maine picked up its second win of the season while the Huskies dropped to 5-14-2 overall.

The first period saw balanced attacking and effective defense. Neither squad seemed willing to give an inch.

Early in the second period, UMaine seemed to undergo a transformation and really turned up the intensity. Their aggressive style helped them get on the board first. At the 13:54 mark, Taryn Peacock

rifled a shot at the Northeastern goalie, and despite the initial save, sophomore Abby Barton was right there to bury the rebound, making it her second goal of the year.

With just 22 seconds remaining in the period, Northeastern nabbed a huge goal. After stealing the puck in her own end, Colleen Sanborn

Women's Hockey

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moved it to Erin Reil who then slashed up the middle of the ice and ripped a shot from just inside the blue line. UMaine's Genevieve Turgeon was unable to get in front of it and the goal allowed the Huskies to pull even.

Maine responded in prime fashion by working their way into a rhythm and eventually breaking the stalemate at the 5:21 mark. In a counterattack, Robyn Law took a pass from Courtney Fox and left it for a trailing Taryn Peacock. The

sophomore skated in for a break-away and put a shot past the Huskies' goalie, her fourth goal of the year.

Just over three minutes later, the Black Bears struck again. At a nearly impossible angle, Pam Patterson ripped a shot at the goalie which ricocheted off the inside of her pads to give Maine a 3-1 lead. Rolling with the momentum, Maine was able to add one more insurance goal with 2:34 left. Coming off of a five-on-three shorthanded situation, sophomore Lexie Hoffmeyer gained possession of the puck in the neutral zone and found nothing but open ice between her and the goalie. She put two beautiful dekes on the Husky goaltender before sneaking the puck cleanly into the back of the net.

UMaine's Turgeon had another standout performance, tallying 25 saves and allowing just one goal.

UMaine will be in action again this weekend as they travel to Boston University to take on the Terriers on Jan. 26 and 27. The Black Bears will return home the following weekend for a two-game stand against rival New Hampshire.

Black bears fall in defensive struggle

By Dillon Bates

They say defense wins championships, but good defense can do a whole lot more than that. It can be a game saver or an incredible aggravator, depending on which side you are on. For the Black Bear women's basketball team, defense dominated their contest against the visiting conference-leading Hartford Hawks.

Unfortunately, the Hawks' stingy "D" was too much for the struggling Black Bears as Hartford forced 27 University of Maine turnovers, overcoming an impressive defensive effort from Coach Blodgett's team.

The game started off with the two teams going stride-for-stride. Both teams had brilliant early performances on the defensive end, with the score remaining at a low 6-4 Black Bear advantage. The tough defense continued well into the half, as Hartford held an 11-9 edge with fewer than 10 minutes remaining in the half.

However, for the rest of the first half, Hartford seemed to figure out UMaine's game plan, pulling away late in the half to take a 31-19 lead heading into the locker room.

The Black Bears came out energized in the second half, determined to break the Hawks' defense. Despite UMaine's best efforts, Hartford maintained its stifling defense throughout the second half,

outscored Maine 25-19 to win 56-38.

Despite a strong effort, the young UMaine squad could not recover from fatal turnovers; Hartford recorded 25 points off of turnovers to UMaine's six.

Tewksbury was the bright spot for the Black Bears, as she recorded the game's only double-double — pulling down 10 rebounds and helping Maine to out-rebound the Hawks 39-32.

With the win, Hartford climbs to a conference best 14-4 overall, and 4-1 in America East. UMaine falls to 1-3 in conference play and 4-13 overall.

ing its success and they will become a dominant force.

"We need to just take it one game at a time and learn from our mistakes; we need to stick together," Owes said.

The Black Bears look to turn things around on the road against the two-time defending conference champion University of Albany and will return to Alford Arena on Sunday, Jan. 27 to face Binghamton at noon.

on the Versus channel.

This Friday night the UMaine Black Bears welcome the eighth-ranked Boston College Eagles to Alford Arena and hope to pull away with another win against the team who is tied for first place in the Hockey East standings.

"This is a big weekend for our team. If we win, it will bring our team back on the map and be the next step into making the postseason," Bishop said.

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The Black Bears have four players averaging over 10 points per game. They average 37.3 rebounds per game, and they are getting substantial production from the first-year players.

Owes said his team needs to get control of the little things disrupt-

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"Mike was a really humble guy, and it is so cool for him to be so successful," Bishop said. The UMaine Alumnus will play on Saturday, Jan. 26, as part of the NHL All-Star weekend. The game will start at 7 p.m. and can be seen

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UM fights to correct course

After a turbulent winter break, Black Bears seek consistency

By Danny Bartlett

The University of Maine men's basketball team was 4-6 going into Christmas break on Dec. 21. Now the team is 5-13 overall, 1-4 in conference play and has dropped to the bottom of the America East Conference standings. Still, the young team remains optimistic and hopes to work out the kinks.

"We're doing some things well," sophomore guard Mark Socoby said. "We just need to do everything consistently, every game, and when we start doing that I think we'll start getting some W's."

The team's struggles began with a lopsided 105-60 loss to the University of Connecticut on Dec. 22. They beat the University of Maine at Augusta in an exhibition match 109-69 but followed that up by dropping three consecutive, close road games to Canisius College, Colgate and conference rival, Stony Brook. On Jan. 12, the Black Bears upset conference leader University of Maryland

Baltimore-County, 77-74. Since then, the team has lost to Vermont, New Hampshire, and most recently Hartford, both close games.

"It's better to learn from a win, but you definitely still learn from a loss," sophomore guard Junior Bernal said. "There are some good things in there, we just need to keep working and try to play better

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defense and make some big shots."

The Black Bears had their fair share of big shots on Monday night against Hartford but still came up short. Bernal hit a three pointer at the buzzer for a 36-29 halftime lead. The Black Bears held a 13-point lead early in the second half but found themselves trailing by four with 7:25 remaining. Junior guard Kaimandre Owes hit a three to pull within one and Socoby

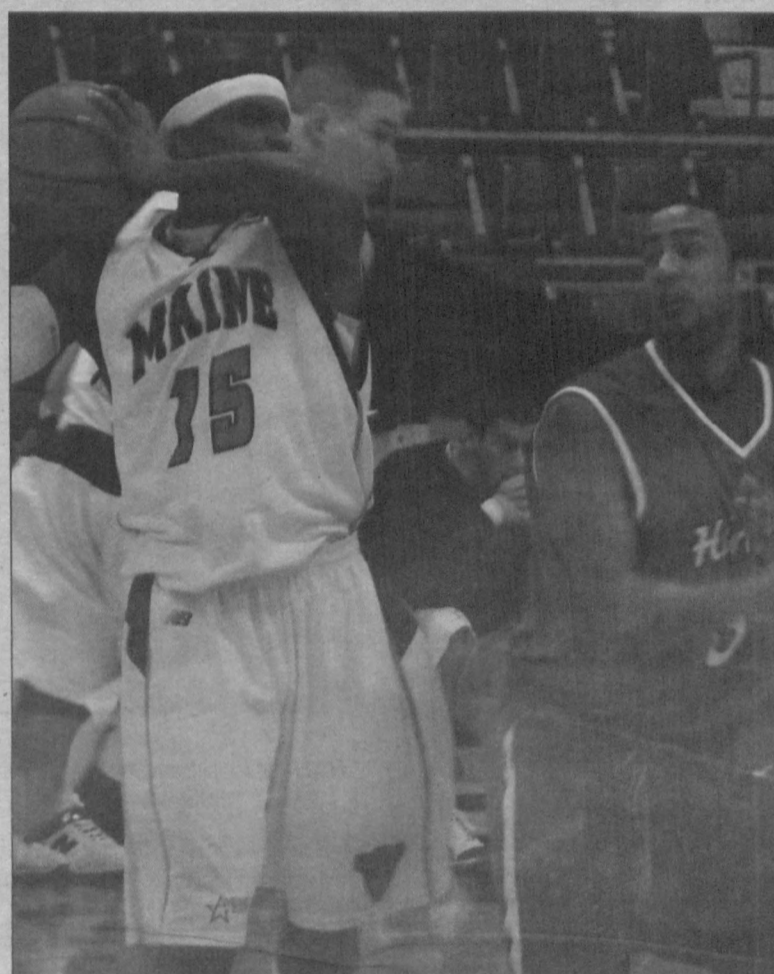
added two threes with defenders in his face to help UMaine take a 63-62 lead with 4:30 left to play.

Owes hit two free throws to put UMaine down one with 31.5 seconds to play. Hartford made two free throws to go up 72-69. Senior center Brian Andre scored with fewer than 10 seconds remaining, but Hartford responded again by making two free throws to go up by three. Maine blew its last chance to score off a low inbounds pass that Socoby could not hold onto and lost out-of-bounds. UMaine lost in a nailbiter 76-71.

"I want to win for them," Coach Woodward said after the game. "This is a good team and they work hard."

Owes led UMaine against Hartford with 19 points, five rebounds and four assists. Bernal added 18 points, six rebounds and four assists. Socoby, UMaine's leading scorer on the season, turned in nine points after battling foul trouble through most of the game.

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Kaimondre Owes, junior guard, protects the ball from Hartford's Michael Turner.

Men's swim team treads water

NCAA "certification issues" force five athletes out of the pool

By Dana Bulba

After a rigorous winter training session in Florida, the University of Maine's swimming and diving teams traveled to their first meet of the semester at Providence College. The women slaughtered Providence 207-88, while the men lost 154-140.

Five members of the team were unable to compete at the meet due to "NCAA certification issues," according to UMaine Athletic Director Blake James.

"It was a mistake made by the Athletic Department," James said. "Everything will be taken care of before the next meet."

"I'm pretty sure there was some miscommunication within the athletic department," said team co-captain Mike Goede, who was among the five players not allowed to compete. "I know that if we had all of our seniors swimming and diving we would have cleaned house [in Providence]; it's unfortunate that the athletic department may have cost us the win."

Goede, his co-captain Keith Burgie, Issac Forbes, Lauren Cassidy and Candace Coville were unable to compete due to the error.

The UMaine women dominated almost every event. Courtney Healey was untouchable in the backstroke events - taking first in

both the 100 (1:08.72) and 200 (2:29.03) meter. Colleen Miller, Adi Levy and Megan McLean also took first in two events each. Miller came in first in the 800-m freestyle (9:18.20) and the 100-m freestyle (1:01.02), Levy in the 200-meter butterfly (2:28.28) and 400-meter freestyle (4:40.41) and McLean in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:17.55) and the 200-meter IM (2:33.27).

Mackenzie Grobmyer followed closely behind McLean for a second-place finish in the 200-meter

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IM (2:33.75). Grobmyer also placed second in the 200-meter fly (2:30.33) and the 100-meter fly (1:09.47). Erica Simpson also placed second in the 100 and 200 backstroke events going 1:12.99 and 2:35.22, respectively.

"The women's team came away with a solid win," Grobmyer said. "We just have more talent than Providence."

The women went 1-2-3 in the

200-meter backstroke, lead by Lily Herbold (2:48.54), closely followed by Caitlin Shelley (2:52.26) and Erin Little (2:56.46).

Jeremy Bender and Cully Wakelin led the men's team in first place wins. Bender won the 800-meter freestyle (9:01.06), the 400-meter freestyle (4:21.85) and the 200-meter IM (2:17.11). Wakelin won the 100- and 200-meter freestyle events with times of 54.68 and 2:02.00.

"It was nice to get back into competition after a big break from it, and I think we are all looking forward to the next couple meets and champs coming up," Bender said.

John Quinn fared well in the freestyle events taking first in the 50 freestyle (25.80) and the 200 freestyle (2:04.13).

Dustin Carrier and Tyler Isherwood went 2-3 in the 100-meter breaststroke; Carrier with a time of 1:15.14 and Isherwood in 1:16.46. Carrier took second in the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 2:42.45.

"Our times were good; we were simply stretched too thin on the guys side," Goede said. "Everyone really stepped it up, with Cully and Bender coming right out and winning the first couple events. After that we kept stacking up the points, but we just could not overcome the initial deficit."

Bears upset Friars

Bishop joins Maine hockey's 50-win club

By Caleb Savage

The University of Maine Black Bears and Ben Bishop got back on track and defeated the Providence Friars 4-0 on Saturday night earning "Big" Ben Bishop his fourth career shutout, and his third against the Friars. With the win, UMaine improves to 8-10-2 on the season and 4-7-2 in Hockey East play.

Bishop's performance was stellar. He blocked 41 shots and collected his 50th career win to make him the fifth goalie in UMaine history to garner 50 wins or more. He now ranks among greats like Garth Snow, Scott King, Blair Allison and Alfie Michaud.

When asked what it felt like to be added to such an elite group in the history of UMaine hockey, Bishop said, "It is a great honor to then see these players go on and play in the NHL, and it would be nice to get 67 wins, to break Garth Snow's record of 66 wins."

Each goal was scored by a different Black Bear, with Matt Duffy contributing the first goal for UMaine. The Black Bears have yet to lose a game this season in which they score the opening goal. From there, the Black Bears held back nothing. The score remained 1-0

through the second period, but once the third period started the Black Bears fired on all cylinders.

UMaine scored less than five minutes into the third period, when Wes Clark tallied his fourth goal of the season to put the Black Bears up 2-0. Shortly after Clark scored, Jeff Marshall fired a shot from between the circles to beat the Friars' goaltender. With a commanding 3-0 lead late in the third, the Black Bears finished the Friars off with an empty-netter from Vince Laise to secure the game for UMaine.

Saturday night's game saw an excellent performance from every Black Bear, and for a goalie to record a shutout it requires

the whole team to play well. Bishop is grateful for the performance of his star defender Brett Tyler, who "came up big in the game, and cut off a few plays where he was faced with a two on one. Brett had a really good game and saved a couple of goals," Bishop said.

Recently, Bishop's old roommate, Mike Lundin, who is now playing in his rookie season for the Tampa Bay Lightning, was selected to play for the NHL's Young Stars Team.

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