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Exploring UM's five year plan

'Super Seniors' are the norm for college graduates in Maine

By Chelsea Cameron

The majority of students at the University of Maine will take more than four years to graduate. One third of students graduate within four years of college while half take 5 or 6 years.

The Consortium for Student Retention Data tracks the retention and graduation rates for 438 private and public institutions in the United States.

On average, from the years 1999 to 2005, 32 percent of students graduated within four years of school, 52.3 percent after five and 57.8 percent after six.

The University of Maine ranks with that average, with 32 percent in four, 52 percent in five and 57 percent in six years.

Among 63 selective, public institutions, UMaine ranks above the average. Only 25.5 percent of students in that group complete school in four years, 46.2 percent in five and 52.4 percent in six.

"It really isn't necessarily a four-year experience," said Ted Coladarci, interim director of the Office of Institutional Studies.

According to Coladarci, several reasons play a huge part in completing school in four years.

Changing majors can cause students to start from scratch. Some of their classes they took for one major may not apply to another. "That will set anybody back," he said.

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The groundhog called it



Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

Snow blanketed UMaine's trails during Wednesday's snow storm. The trails will soon be expanded with a generous donation of 55 acres. See story on page 4...

No Myth: seats up for grabs

Mythbusters, Marley relocate, add seating

By Jessica Fish

A second batch of tickets for comedian Bob Marley and Mythbusters was announced by Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell at Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting.

UMaine students snatched up the first set of tickets in less than six hours Monday morning, prompting Student Entertainment to expand seating.

The Mythbusters lecture has been moved to the Field House, opening 1,500 additional seats.

Student Entertainment and Residents On Campus (ROC) decided to add a second Marley show Feb. 26 at 9:45 p.m.

"The student demand for tickets was just enormous," Mitchell said. The new tickets went on sale at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Two hours later, more than 100 tickets sold for each show, according to Mitchell.

Because of the new location, no free tickets are being offered for Mythbusters. Originally, 100 free tickets were available for students at the door. As Mitchell explained, ROC and Student Entertainment will now pay for stage construction and more chairs. To cover the additional expenses, each ticket will cost \$5.

At press time, less than 100 tickets were available for the second Marley show.

GSS postponed a motion to allocate \$1,312.89 to Maine Masque to pay for transportation to New York City after a half-hour of intense debate. The request

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Will PSA bring bioplastics to UM dining's menu?

Infrastructure and wary consumers pose obstacles for an environmentally friendly alternative to plastics

By Sam Cohen

Plastic forks, cups and condiment containers are a significant part of the University of Maine dining experience. These petroleum-based plastics inevitably end up in landfills, where they can take hundreds of years to break down.

The Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) is pushing to change that by bringing degradable bioplastics to campus, which break down easier than petroleum plastics.

On Tuesday, the group collected signatures for a petition to convince Dining Services to replace the current petroleum-based plastics with recyclable biopolymers.

"Bioplastics use naturally occurring resources and work just like regular plastics. It's another thing that will help with sustainability," said Jeff Hake, a member of PSA.

According to a University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Sustainable Production report,

biopolymer plastics are primarily made with corn but they can be made from a wide range of bio-based materials as a substitute for petroleum. Bioplastics also biodegrade much faster than conventional plastic, taking around 45 days.

Bioplastic requires specific temperatures and moisture levels in order to be recycled. Recycling centers able to complete this process do not currently exist on a commercial level.

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Web sites and sounds

UMaine researchers are developing software to open up access to the World Wide Web

By Adam Welch

It might not be long before the University of Maine's Web site talks back.

A new piece of technology, under development by UMaine faculty members Stephen Gilson and Elizabeth DePoy, will translate Web sites into simplified text, which the computer could then read aloud for users who may not be able to access the original.

The project committee, headed by Robert Kitchin, is working to create a Web-based technology that will simplify the language of Web sites and pass them on as an audio stream to the user. The system is geared at providing clear and concise information to users who may lack the ability to interact with a site consisting of pure text.

"There's a rule of thumb that the language used for public readership should target a fourth to sixth-grade reading ability," Gilson said. A Web site like the Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) is written for a fifth-grade reading level, but the software would simplify it even more, allowing a larger audience to use the site.

The program is one part of the university's push to make all of its Web pages compliant with federal disability laws required of government agencies. While these laws do not directly apply

to UMaine, the changes allow the university to serve as a pioneer in the field of Web site access for the disabled.

The new software does not alter the content of any site choosing to use it, but serves as an alternative method of interaction. This new interface offers a range of possibilities for communities of people unable to work with certain Web sites for any number of reasons.

UMaine has been viewing the program as an aid for their disability services. The university already uses a screen-reading tool, but its focus is limited. The new software would provide a larger scope of practical applications for interested parties.

"We're aware of Web accessibility issues here at the UMaine Web Office," said Caroline Moore, a Web specialist at UMaine.

The developers are targeting anti-tobacco sites as a launching ground.

The project is working under a \$100,000 grant from the American Legacy Foundation, which is devoted to the prevention of tobacco use. If the technology is finalized, there is the potential for a larger demand on the product in a variety of public health and disability formats.

"We'd be very interested in any tools to make it more accessible to an expanded audience," said Dr. Dora Ann Mills, head of the Maine CDC.

Black history month in America's palest state

February's cross-cultural celebration will include lectures, film; variety of groups will participate

By Rhianon Sawtelle

In a state that recently took the title of the "whitest state" in America away from Vermont, Maine is kicking off its celebration of Black History Month. Nationwide, February has been dedicated to celebrating the history of blacks in the U.S. since the mid '70s.

The Black Student Union (BSU), backed by the African, Latino, Asian and Native American (ALANA) center, is making sure that the celebration continues throughout the month. Events kicked off early this month with a karaoke night at the Bear's Den in the Memorial Union.

Five other events are planned throughout February including two lectures, a panel, a film and a dinner. All events are hosted by the BSU, but other groups are working hard to be a part of the celebration.

"We try to support each other," Karina Fernandez, graduate assistant of Multicultural Programs, commented of the many groups associated with ALANA.

ALANA houses seven multicultural student groups in Hannibal Hamlin Hall. The Peace Studies department, Maine Peace Action Committee and Women in the Curriculum all contribute to the month's events.

"I think Black History Month is extremely important for all races because it gives UMaine a chance to learn about other races and traditions that they might not otherwise have a chance to study," BSU President Laila Sholtz-Ames said.

The black population is one percent of Maine's population according to the U.S. Census-Bureau.

"One of our objectives is to recruit people to join the BSU. We really welcome everyone. In addition, our goal is to destroy a lot of negative stereotypes that

are often linked to African-Americans and I think we do a good job in presenting a positive view of African-Americans," Sholtz-Ames said. The group is open to students of all races.

"There is a misconception we are only open to students of color," Fernandez said of the ALANA center.

Children in the U.S. are taught throughout school about Black History Month and the civil rights movement. "A lot of times I believe students think they don't have a reason to learn about Black History Month, but the truth is that everyone can benefit from this," Sholtz-Ames said.

With this in mind, ALANA and the BSU are updating this teaching for a modern culture. "We collaborate with many offices to reach different audiences," Fernandez said.

One event planned for Feb. 21 is a film titled "Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes". As part of the Peace and Justice Film Series, the documentary addresses issues such as homophobia, violence, sexism and masculinity in hip-hop today.

Fernandez noted this was a way of reaching out to modern culture and holding the interest in learning about blacks and their culture. "It [the film] really has a hold on a new generation," Fernandez said.

"People are pretty open to listening to other cultures. The key is to reach people in different ways," she added.

"Our goal is to educate the public and university about African-American events and culture. Our organization is open to all races as we want to provide a welcome environment for all students," Sholtz-Ames said.

More information about ALANA and BSU can be found at <http://www.umaine.edu/multicultural/default.asp>.

Corrections...

In the Feb. 4, 2008 issue of The Maine Campus, a photo of Sarah Tiana on page 13 should have been attributed to Samantha Sansom.

In the same issue, the Men's Basketball photo on page 17 was incorrectly attributed to Rebekah Rhodes. The photo was taken by Jordan L. Moody.

If you spot an error or would like to make a correction, contact eryk.salvaggio@umit.maine.edu.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Long Haul: Building Unity Against Racist Oppression 12:30 p.m. Memorial Union, Bangor Room By Jarvis Tyner, executive vice chair of the Communist Party USA and founding member of the Black Radical Congress. Part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series.	Go Blue Friday All day Campus-Wide Wear blue and/or UMaine clothing to celebrate Black Bear pride.	Barack Obama 2:30 p.m. Bangor Auditorium
The War on Democracy 7:00 p.m. Little Hall, Room 140 Discussion to follow film. Part of the Peace and Justice Film Series.	Men's Hockey: UMaine vs. UNH 7:00 p.m. Alford Arena Part of the Division 1 athletic schedule	Hillary Clinton T.B.A. Student Recreational Center Visit HillaryClinton.com for more information.
	Winter Carnival Late Night 8:00 p.m. Memorial Union Featuring iceless skating rink, video game towers and more. Part of Family and Friends Weekend.	Silver Duo 7:30 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall With Phillip and Noreen Silver on piano and cello; part of the School of Performing Arts season.

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.

WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

Thursday | Light snow

22 **16**
high low



Friday | Snow showers

29 **18**
high low



Saturday | Mostly cloudy

34 **28**
high low



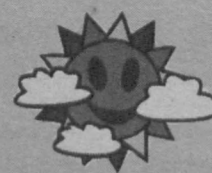
Sunday | Snow showers

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Monday | Partly cloudy

22 **3**
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Maine
"The Selfish State"



"I don't find it funny."

Rick Benner
Social Work

"It made me chuckle because I see it as stupid humor."

Justin Hadley
Undeclared



"I don't know enough about Maine and didn't pick up on what it meant."

Teresa Barrett
Nursing Major



"It's funny because ME is our state abbreviation."

Jillian Galeno
Undeclared



"I understand the concept but don't find the humor in it."

Danni Steele
Business



Trails clearer in Hind's site

Land trust seeks trails within 15 minutes from all Orono homes

By Laura Gardiner

A donation of 55 acres of land to the Orono Land Trust will make hiking more convenient for residents.

The land donation means an increase in the number of options avid trail walkers will have when deciding where to go for their next trek.

The donation was made by Orono resident Jim Hinds, who purchased the land before handing it over to the trust.

Hinds, who is the treasurer of the land trust, also donated land in 2005, helping the trust work toward their goal of every Orono resident having a good trail within a 15-minute walk from their house.

The donation will prevent development on the land, and will enable all of the trails to be available to the general public.

It also means a wider variety of trails will be available to choose from for anyone interested in seeing the Maine wilderness.

The University of Maine is characterized by its close proximity to nature, and has an abundance of clubs offering the outdoors experience.

The land donation gives the Maine Outing club more places to consider when planning trips such as snow-shoeing and ice climbing, according to the club's treasurer Marie Austin.

Austin said the club would see the new land as a possible place to visit for upcoming events. "Depending if there's some good hills, we would definitely look at doing some hiking on the land."

"A lot of our members do a lot of skiing and walking, so we would definitely look at the land as an option," Austin said.

The club already does mountain climbs around the local area, and according to Austin, the more land available to them the better.

For the club, which organizes trips every weekend to several locations, the new land is an added source of untouched hinterland for them to explore.

The donation adds weight to the already large array of wilderness options available to UMaine students, many of whom may not have had the opportunity to experience the Orono trails.

Guy DeBrun, the director at the Maine Bound Adventure Center, said the new land will provide excellent opportunities for people to go out on

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Bioplastics

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Hake believes the impact of an institution the size of UMaine switching to bioplastics would have added benefits in

addition to helping the environment.

"If we could get something like Maine potatoes rather than Midwest corn to use for the bioplastic it could really help the potato industry in Maine, which is not doing well," he said.

Hake referenced a report released by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center called *Potatoes to Plastic*. The report states, "It is economically feasible for Maine potato growers to plant and harvest potatoes specifically for the purpose of providing a source of starch to manufacture PLA." PLA, or polylactide, is the primary commercial product available for bioplastics.

The report also stated that the amount of PLA required could be met entirely by waste potatoes — potatoes left in the field, below grade, or potato waste from processing. The resources required to collect the potato waste are unavailable.

"It would be great if UMaine used the \$55 million research and development money they got from the bond in the election last year to help develop bioplastics in Maine," said PSA member Gabrielle Berube.

For Dining Services, one of the biggest challenges to getting bioplastics on campus is that suppliers don't provide the plastics in the large quantities that the university requires, according to Glenn Taylor, director of culinary services.

Dining Services currently has some bioplastics in stock but they haven't been used because they aren't see-through. "If we can get customers to buy a salad in a container that's not see through then we're good. We have stuff now that is green and cheap," said Taylor.

Dining services has made steps to improve the quality of the products the school uses. The plates in the Union and at Hilltop commons are

biodegradable and they recently made a deal to replace the cups at both locations with bioplastic alternatives. Taylor hopes that by the fall, Wells, Memorial Union and Hilltop will all use bioplastics.

Jeff Hake

Progressive Student Alliance

Another challenge for Dining Services is

to have clear recycling stations for the plastics. According to Taylor, most people throw away their plastic containers. When the bioplastics are implemented, customers will need to learn to recycle the plastic instead.

Hake believes the school needs to change its priorities to make bioplastics on campus a reality. "Right now, the university is focusing on controlling water consumption, which is great, but they need to bring bioplastics to the forefront," he said.

"Change is hard. [The school] gets themselves locked into big contracts that they think they can't break but we've showed them in the past that they can," said Berube.

Taylor said that it is an ongoing process to bring bioplastics to dining services. He said the technology and the availability haven't caught up to the demand. "We're doing everything we can. We just have to keep moving forward," he said.

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10-minute theft

Possessions with a combined estimated value of more than \$3,000 disappeared from a third-floor room of Knox Hall on Feb. 4, between 12:30 p.m. and 12:40 p.m. A resident reported leaving the room unoccupied with the door propped open, and returned to discover their roommate's Sony PlayStation 3, Gateway laptop, 19" Sylvania DVD/TV combo, iPhone, iPhone docking station and Vestal watch had been stolen. Public Safety asks that anyone with information pertaining to this crime contact them.

Nanosecond theft

An iPod Nano was reported stolen from a stationary bike at the Rec Center at 5:38 p.m. on Feb. 1. The student reported taking a 10-minute break from exercising and returned to find the \$200 iPod missing.

Aroma exposure

The smell of marijuana on the fourth-floor of Oxford Hall was reported on Feb. 2 at 12:26 a.m. Officers responded, detected the smell and knocked on the door of the suspected room. The door was opened by Ryan MacGlashing, 18, Orono, who upon being questioned, retrieved a bag of marijuana from underneath his pillow without hesitation. MacGlashing was issued a summons for possession of marijuana.

Alarming aroma exposure

An officer sent to Hancock Hall for a door alarm found a student in possession of marijuana on Feb. 3 at 4:36 a.m. The officer found the south door propped open with a stick and approached the door. They then detected the smell of marijuana and looked

outside to observe two individuals. Upon emptying her pockets, Nicolle Lugdon, 19, of Bangor produced a plastic bag of marijuana from her jacket and was charged with possession of marijuana.

Medical assistance

An officer was dispatched to Hancock Hall to assist an ambulance call for a male in need of medical assistance in a third-floor bathroom on Feb. 2, at 1:42 a.m. Upon arrival, the officer discovered the visibly intoxicated male, identified as John Boyce, 19, Oakland. Boyce was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

Should've asked her out for coffee

An underage individual showed up at the Cumberland Hall Super Bowl party with beer on Feb. 2. At 7:03 p.m., an RA of Cumberland Hall reported to police that 18-year-old Alexander Tomasik, Orono, had arrived at their dorm party with a container full of beer, sat down next to her and asked if she would like a drink. Officers arrived and observed that Tomasik appeared intoxicated and issued him a summons for possession of liquor by a minor.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki

Trails

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their own and hike the Orono hills.

"Anything like this is an extremely positive thing ... Anything that provides more trails is great for the students," DeBrun said.

DeBrun said the land may also offer people

the chance to do things like cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. "It gives people a better chance to get out into the environment."

The areas around Orono are already packed full of great places for adventurers to go, and this latest donation means the outdoor activity for UMaine students are boundless.

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With the rising cost of tuition, most students have to pick up at least one job to make ends meet, and that can take away from study time. For some, this can help manage time, but some are unable to keep up, Coladarci said.

Transfer students have difficulty getting all their credits to count. "If the student is lucky, it all comes in. In some cases, it doesn't." Not every student knows what they want to do when they come to school, so those undeclared students may spend extra time deciding what they want to do.

According to Coladarci, there are many resources on campus for those students who may feel overwhelmed by college. The First Year Residential Experience, still in its first year, is being evaluated to see if it will affect graduation and retention rates. "We will see," said Coladarci.

The Office of Institutional Studies gave a survey to first-year students to evaluate how effective the program is, but Coladarci said "it's too early to say." Explorations and Transitions programs offer help and support for students who might not feel ready to make the transition from high school to college.

The Explorations program is designed to help those students who can not get into a program and choose another or those who don't know what they want to major in. For students who aren't ready for a full schedule, the Transitions program allows them to take 12 credits and have faculty support.

"All of this is with an eye on student retention," Coladarci said. Advising is also a large part of helping students through their experience. "It's part of what we do as faculty." Coladarci, who was a faculty adviser for 24 years, said that advisors can make a difference in keeping students in school when they are having trouble. "That can help you turn the corner."

Al Kezis, associate dean for the college of natural sciences, forestry and agriculture, said advising is one important part of the college experience. His department has a different structure than many others at UMaine. For every program, there is a program adviser and a department chair. Compared to other colleges, "We're probably a little more intrusive," he laughed.

When the students come to school they take an off-campus trip to bond with their advisors, and take a first-year seminar. Most programs take six years to complete, and 69 percent of students within the college graduate in six years, compared to 40.6 percent in four. "I would argue that probably says we are doing something right," Kezis said.

"I want to get this degree, so I'm not going to rush through it," said Danielle Dutton, a second-year ecology major. She plans to complete college in five years, and will finish eight years after she graduated high school. "One of the reasons is that I got a .8 my first semester." Her first year, she was a Chemical Engineering major, it was "not right for me," she said. She also has to work two jobs in the summer to put herself through school. Dutton took two years off after her first year to work with AmeriCorps. They gave her a \$5,000 scholarship so she was able to return this year.

"Money is definitely the biggest obstacle," she said. When she talked to her adviser about her concerns that she wouldn't graduate in four years, "He said I was definitely in the norm." She also said that many students aren't prepared for the responsibility of college. "I wasn't ready for college."

GSS

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was for vans to bring 23 members of Maine Masque to New York City for four days in March to see a Broadway play and attend an experimental workshop.

The original debate concerned the itinerary, which many senators felt was not specific enough. Although Maine Masque had a rough outline of their plans for the trip, several senators felt there were too many options and too few mandatory activities. "It sounds like a vacation to me," said Sen. Carl Anderson.

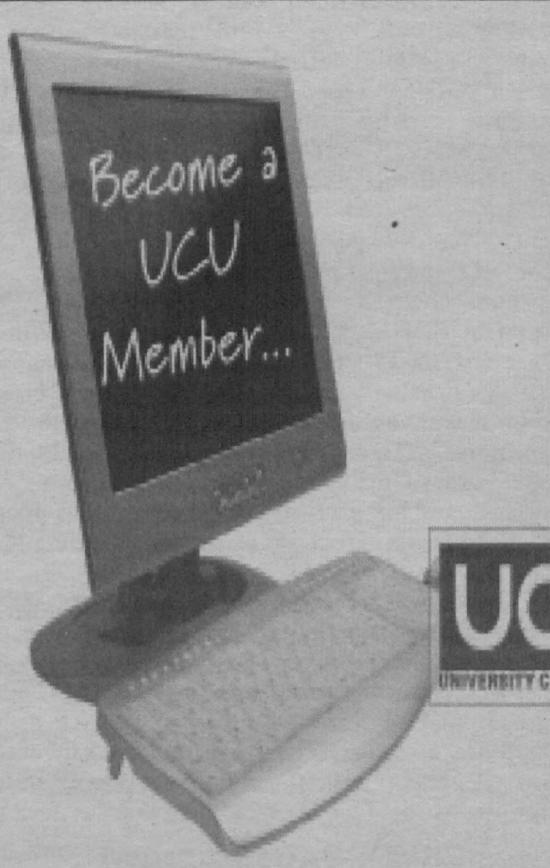
Student Government President Steve Moran spoke in favor of the allocation, explaining that this experience is not available in Maine. He compared the Maine Masque trip with the Quebec trip planned for this semester. He said Quebec did not have a concrete itinerary, and the senate had allocated \$8,000 for the trip.

Ultimately, the senate felt there were too many inconsistencies with the estimated expenses and postponed the allocation for a week so Maine Masque could reevaluate their request.

"We're going to do everything they ask. We'll come up with a more set itinerary, clearer information and get our finances in order," said Anthony Arnista, Maine Masque historian. "This is a very important trip for us."

Thomas Carr, Zachary Jackman, Ben Frenette, Emily Moniz and Zac Frechette were sworn in as senators. After four weeks of recruitment, Vice President James Lyons announced that all of the seats in the senate are now filled.

The Associated Builders and Contractors received final club approval while the senate allocated \$2,770 for Field Hockey club to pay for goalie equipment and tournament fees and the Woodmen Team received \$1,900 toward a competition in Nova Scotia.



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TA-taught courses are overpriced

Teaching assistants (TA) are invaluable to the University of Maine and its professors. However, when a course lacks a professor for a semester, the university dips into the pool of TAs and pulls out a replacement to teach the course. This is fine, especially if there is late notice and the department doesn't have time to find a temporary guest professor who has significant experience in the field he or she teaches. This said, the effectiveness of the teaching can suffer when the university uses them too often.

The most effective courses are those taught by seasoned professionals who are passionate and knowledgeable about the subjects they teach. If the university cannot find someone who meets these qualifications, students in the class may not receive the same quality education they expected when they signed up for the course. The administration for each department should keep an eye on which classes will be taught by TAs and notify students as soon as possible so they can choose to take the course or put it off until an experienced professor is assigned to the course in a later semester.

TAs are not paid as much as regular professors. Why should students have to pay full tuition for a course taught by a TA? They are not only receiving what could be a lesser-quality education, but the replacement professor is receiving less money. This surplus income gives the university an incentive to use TAs in place of traditional professors. UMaine should consider lowering the tuition for TA-taught classes, avoiding the use of TAs for courses whenever possible.

The above editorial is written by the editorial board, whose members are Eryk Salvaggio, Derek Dobachesky, David Dauphinee, Brett Sowerby, Heather Steeves, Nick McCrea, Rebekah Rhodes, Adrienne Hess and Meghan Hayward.

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Perspectives

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Jeff Hake

Apathy amounts to too much confidence in government

Our generation is clearly at a great mental disconnect from our government, our country and our world. No administration in the history of the United States has made this clearer than the bull-headed presidency of George W. Bush.

Past presidents have at least pretended to hold on to the tenets of a democratic republic. The past seven years have found us struggling to keep up with a series of blundering decisions. The administration has been so unheeding of the wishes of the people of this nation that we, the young generation that must inherit the confusion, have felt abandoned — left behind in the dust.

Growing up, we were promised that a democracy is self-righting and that the will of the people is the final decision-maker. Today, we find the president threatening to begin the third war of his presidency and to conduct it with nuclear arms if he deems it necessary.

It is no wonder, then, that the American student protest is a non-entity in comparison to other nations, and voter turnout is low, even on college campuses. Apathy pervades our social atmosphere, but the reason is not that people our age have no faith in government — it's because they have too much faith in their government. If our generation had no faith in government they would be scared and work for change, but because they are not being harmed and things are "good enough" they will allow great injustices to pass them by in exchange for being left alone.

It is a perennial problem, but one that has become amplified quite recently. This is not to place the blame wholly in the hands of just one administration — that would be giving it too much credit. A whole chain of presidents and congresses has increasingly alienated its constituents from the political process by making it appear complex and best left to elected officials.

The pseudo-election of President Bush in 2000 showed that neither Congress nor the citizens of this country are willing to stand up to corruption because those it serves best will still do their job. The re-election in 2004 was manufactured by threats of instability and the promise of more terrorist attacks should the Democrats win. Only the serious ineptitude of President Bush and his exclusive group of friends managed to override this fear, causing the Democratic takeover in 2006.

This, however, was a bastion of false hope. The margin in the senate, while slim, gave a clear mandate to the Democratic party to clean house and end the war. Well, here we are, a year and some months later, and who could say that anything has changed?

Yet there are no riots. Where are the unafraid citizens who will argue with their representatives until they're purple in the face and then protest? None of

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Public safety officers risk loss of students' trust with secretive Facebook accounts

Justin Chase

It appears that several public safety officers at the University of Maine have created Facebook accounts. While this in and of itself may not set off any alarms in one's head, when one looks into the issue with more scrutiny there are some concerns. Namely, officers Robert Norman, Scott Curtis and Paul Paradis are on Facebook and, despite what I am sure is their best effort, have seemingly made no friends, nor do they list their positions at the university, have any pictures posted, list any interests or seem to have actively communicated with any students.

For those of you who do not know, Facebook is a social networking site that allows friends to stay in contact with one another, as well as seek out new friends with similar interests. To get back to my point, it is not a bad thing that they have Facebook accounts, if they would only use them properly. Many professors — and even Dean of Students Robert Dana — have Facebook accounts. The issue is, why are these officers 'under the radar'?

One conclusion one may logically reach is that these officers use Facebook for police work. That on its own does not sound bad, because if you have done nothing wrong you have nothing to hide. However, what is alarming is that if they are conducting police work, why is it anyone can easily see drug users and underage drinkers on Facebook? I refuse to believe our police force is too inept to use an 'advanced search' feature on a Web site. If anyone can find underage drinkers or drug users on Facebook, I am sure these officers can. Maybe Facebook alone isn't good enough for any type of legal action, though if one sees an underage person drinking a beer I am curious what other proof you would need.

Perhaps they're only targeting those who have been listed as problem students. This notion seems so disgusting it hurt my fingers to even type it. But do

we have proof this is not happening? Another alarming conclusion is that perhaps these grown men — twice the age of some of the students on Facebook — are stalking students. I do not wish to jump to any conclusions here, but in any other situation if middle-aged men are on a social networking site for kids without any information, it looks suspicious.

In recent news reports, a university dispatch officer in California is under investigation for posting crude pictures of children at his university on pornographic Web sites. The point here is I, for one, dislike thinking the worst of people, so why haven't these officers encouraged me or others to think otherwise?

If they are conducting police work, why is it anyone can easily see drug users and underage drinkers on Facebook?

The bottom line is that I could hypothesize all day about what these officers are doing. Since I don't know what they are doing, I will point out what they aren't doing. They aren't building trust and respect throughout the university community. They aren't discouraging cynicism about their profession. They aren't using this wonderful opportunity to build relations with students that

could earn them respect and admiration. They aren't following the Department of Public Safety Principles of Policing guideline that states that the public should be aware of what they do. Nor are they following their own code of ethics listed on their Web site, as they are failing to "... behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to [them] or to [their] agency."

The problem that spawns this misunderstanding of these great workers, with whom we could not function without, is the lack of information. I write this article so that I may submit a challenge to these officers: Give us the information we are giving you. Build trust and let us get to know you, as I am sure you are fine officers who want nothing more than to uphold our safety.

Justin Chase is a third-year psychology major.



Eryk Salvaggio

Activists shouldn't fear moderates on crucial issues

Last summer I met with a member of the Czech Republic's chapter of Amnesty International, an organization that monitors human rights abuses across the world.

She told a story about a Pakistani man caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. As fighting erupted in Afghanistan between the U.S. military and the Taliban, a jealous neighbor turned the man in as a member of al-Qaida. He was arrested, flown to Guantanamo Bay and asked repeatedly for information about terrorist networks that he did not belong to or sympathize with.

Eventually, the U.S. released him. He ended up in the Czech Republic, where the Amnesty workers were trying to secure his safe return home.

She asked him, at one point, how he had managed to keep his sanity in that prison in Cuba, interrogated daily, facing conditions stacked against his liberation with the pressures of proving them all wrong.

"He told me that he was being interrogated, questioned by a military officer," she explained to me. "He kept telling the guard that he didn't know anything, and it frustrated the officer, who told him, 'I don't care how many f---ing punks are in the streets trying to close us down, you're never going to leave here until you tell us what you know.' Instead of being disheartened, the man was inspired. For the first time since he arrived there, he heard that people were protesting for him. It had never dawned on him that he had allies."

I can't verify this story, of course. I don't have any names, the facts were delivered in broken English and the circumstances are murky. Nevertheless, having heard it, I have become aware that there is something powerful about the messages sent by those who can be bothered to stand up and speak. I understand the symbolic value of protest.

However, I worry that activists are starting to taint activism. We're told that in the '60s, people cared more; that this generation is lazy, apathetic, and unconcerned with working towards justice. I see it differently.

Another Czech — its former president, Vaclav Havel — wrote that there is only one way "to strive for decency, reason, responsibility, sincerity, civility and tolerance, and that is decently, reasonably, responsibly, sincerely, civilly and tolerantly."

The simple act of standing up with a sign has an enormous symbolic value. Unfortunately, the culture of modern protest has become more complicated. If you really want to make people angry, try acting reasonable. Moderation is the new punk rock.

A case in point: At any large protest against one specific injustice, I will inevitably be bombarded with 700 additional causes. Attending a demonstration to advocate for the trials of Gitmo detainees, I'm told I also must become vegan, abolish the International Monetary Fund and withdraw all troops from Iraq instantly. I must vote for Dennis Kucinich, legalize marijuana, boycott Exxon-Mobil, free Mumia and allow Vermont to secede from the Union. I should hate journalists, love journalists, impeach Bush, impeach Nancy Pelosi and impeach Dick Cheney. If I don't agree with all of these things, I am simply not paying enough attention. I am asked to put every egg in every basket.

In the '60's, protests were meaningful because people paid attention to them; they scared people. They were more than symbolic. Today, they are laden with the frustration of heartbroken activists who are banging their heads against a silent wall.

Don't get me wrong — for the reasons I described above, I do believe protest and civil disobedience have a place in the political process, but it is purely a symbolic message. The world will not change through protest alone. Put the signs down, make some tea and have a conversation.

The heart of social change is a fundamental degree of respect for all people, including your opponents. The rest of it takes work and patience. It needs to be done with compassion, not anger.

Eryk Salvaggio means this with all due respect.

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those things can be found because after a while, the abandonment feels ordinary. We have invested all of our faith in the government and it has failed us, as usual, but it's easier to keep believing than give up and work for change.

This, then, is the most important thing that young people must remember in the 2008 presidential election and when they look back at Tuesday's primary results. We can vote for any candidate we think may bring change to this nation, but come Nov. 5, we cannot go back to trusting whomever has taken

the executive office because then nothing will change.

The common lesson is that there are three equal branches of government, but what we must remember is that superseding those branches are the people of the United States. It is our country, our democracy and it must act according to our will. In order to do that, our representatives must hear our will. The most important thing we must remember is that this is our election, and if we want change, we cannot vote and walk away. We must be vigilant and we must change what our government cannot: ourselves.

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- Clumpy beer
- Shadows
- The So-Called "Super" Bowl

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Thursday, Feb. 7
The Bear's Den

ARTS

Currier and Ives Exhibit
Original lithographs on loan
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Page Farm and Home
Museum

Art by Engineers
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Ends Friday, Feb. 8
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Research

A Legacy of Collecting: the
Vincent A. Hartgen Years
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University of Maine Museum
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LECTURES

Rhetorical Drag: Gender
Impersonation,
Captivity, and the Writing of
History
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 6
Totman Room

THEATER

"The Missing Piece"
Friday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.
& Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.
82 Main St., Orono

"The Last of the Red Hot
Lovers"
Friday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.
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FILMS

MPAC Film Series
"The War on Democracy"
7 p.m.
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Convenience store is stop
of last resort for finding those
exotic brews — from last season.



By Kyle Kernan

A six-pack of beer for \$2.99? Many ask how Tim's Little Big Store on the corner of Stillwater and Maine Street in Old Town can sell beer for so cheap, but the answer is simple.

Owner since 1995, Steve Boucouvalas chose to sell distressed beer at the \$2.99 price. Distressed beer includes seasonal beer, beer with old printed logos — which change constantly for some brands — and discontinued beer.

The alcohol, discontinued beer, food and tobacco are sent from suppliers weekly. This makes it challenging but rewarding for Boucouvalas to give customers as well as the latest brands and the old. "At Tim's Little Big Store, 99 percent of the alcohol is sold at a discounted price," Boucouvalas said.

The regularly-sold six packs go for \$3.99, whereas the suggested price is \$5.19. Boucouvalas also said that some liquor stores can easily sell the warm discontinued beer at a regular price and refrigerate it, but Boucouvalas keeps it warm and sells it for \$2.00 less. The types of discounted beer on display vary from week-to-week. Seasonal beer, which sells year round on the discount shelves, includes Pumpkin Head, a wheat ale by the Shipyard Brewing Company. This lets beer drinkers enjoy Oktoberfest all year with its nutmeg/cinnamon flavoring. The Shipyard

Brewery out of Portland is one of many different Maine Breweries displayed at Tim's.

The discontinued beer that Tim's sells is not expired beer. The store abides the codes and rules for beer shelf time, but various "discontinued beers" leave some with a foul taste in their mouths. Geary's Autumn Ale is one beer that is said to have a "funky taste to it,"

for an unlimited amount of time, but can spoil from bacteria or fungus if not properly bottled. "I brew beer myself and have experienced spoiled bottles from not tightening the bottle cap all the way, or the beer was not sterile,"

Johnson said. He is an avid customer of Tim's Little Big Store. "I'll gladly take on the occasional illness to continue stockpiling delicious microbrews. Oh, and one special beer to keep an eye out for that I've only found at Tim's is Ayinger's Oktoberfest," he said.

Other than microbrews and domestic beer, Tim's carries various imported beers, such as Smithwick's,

Bass and Guinness. Tim's also stocks Smirnoff Raw Tea, Mike's Hard Beverages and wine coolers.

Word of mouth about the store tends to be enormously important. "When you're looking for the cheapest deals, you can't go wrong with a \$3 six-pack," said Neil Spillane, a junior finance major.

"It doesn't matter if you drink or not, it's a well-known little place that most people



according to one beer drinker. Alumni Adam Johnson, a bio-chemistry graduate, said that a good friend of his became sick after drinking Geary's Winter Ale. "Granted, it was old as dirt, but when he tipped it back for a sip, a clump of who-knows-what slid to his lips."

Johnson notifies beer drinkers that they should check the out-of-season beer for sediment. "That's a dead giveaway," he said.

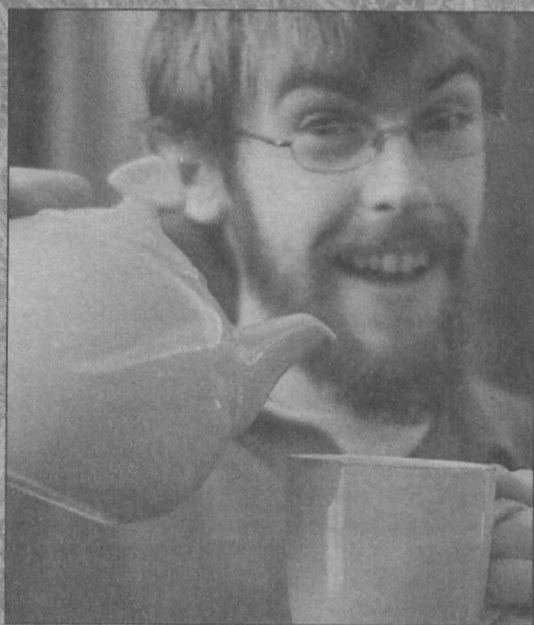
Johnson also said that beer spoils due to the manufacturer not properly sealing the container and not simply because it's old. Beer is sanitary

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Beer on a bargain can be bought in great quantity and variety at Tim's Little Big Store.

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The Tea-totaler

By Jeffrey Hake

The Tea-totaler will explore the concept of tea, different blends of tea and herbal tea on a semi-regular basis. Part 1 gives a brief overview of the history and nature of tea.

Before we ask, "what is tea?" we must first ask, "what ISN'T tea?" Chamomile is not tea, nor is licorice, rooibos, maté, spearmint and jasmine. These are more accurately called herbal teas, and are distinct in that they come from a wide variety of species of plants, and do not contain caffeine — although maté does contain mateine, which will be explored.

Botanically speaking, black, green, oolong and white varieties are the only real teas,

because they are derived from *Camellia sinensis*, a subtropical shrub native to China, India and Cambodia. According to legend — possibly created by tea companies that wanted a nice succinct story for the back of a box — a Chinese emperor was relaxing while en route between cities. Some leaves from an overhanging bush fell into the water he and his entourage were boiling for sterilization. Brown liquid diffused into the water and when the emperor drank it, he found it refreshing — or so the story goes.

In any case, the history of tea begins in China. It is safe to assume that, before the whole "leaf-falling-in-the-water" bit, someone somewhere had put fragrant or tasty leaves into really hot water and drank it. However, true tea quickly became a cultivated crop and eventually spread to the rest of China, India, Japan and other parts of the Far East, popular equally for both recreation and medicinal purposes.

Camellia sinensis continues to be cultivated in those regions, as well as parts of Africa, but it is consumed on all of the continents — even Antarctica, when there are people there. It outstrips all other beverages — including coffee and

excluding water — in total global consumption. Its positive health effects have been proven countless times, and it is considered a more stable and less caustic source of caffeine.

As said before, black, green, oolong and white teas all come from the same plant. The difference is in the preparation. Black tea is typically withered, so as to partially dry the leaf. It is then rolled, which twists the leaf and damages the leaf cells, making the leaves more readily steeped. The leaves are then "fermented" — even though it's not technically fermentation at all — where the leaves are allowed to sit in 75-80 degree temperatures for 2-6 hours.

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SE performances 'Bust' out of venues

Increased capacity for two upcoming shows

By Brett Sowerby

"In the first minute, we sold 100 tickets," said Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell of the Bob Marley comedy show.

Student Entertainment opened ticket sales for two upcoming shows this semester, both the "Mythbusters" talk as well as the Marley show.

In only four hours, SE had sold all 500 of the guaranteed seating for the "Mythbuster" talk. Two hours later, the Marley show, planned for Hauck Auditorium, sold out as well.

Originally, SE had planned to sell 500 tickets to guarantee seating at the "Mythbusters" talk in Hauck auditorium with a similar amount of tickets available at the door. Given the obvious student demand, the talk was moved to the field house to accommodate another 1000 people. Free tickets will no longer be available at the door. However, SE has re-opened ticket sales for \$5 and will soon make them available to the public.

Mitchell announced that Mike and Mike from KISS 94.5 would be moderating the "Mythbusters" talk. After he asked for their presence at the event, they shot Mitchell an e-mail, stating they were "all over

it like a half-priced carnival ride." Mitchell added, "I think it will make for a really fun day."

Originally, 500 tickets were also sold for the Marley show, held in Hauck Auditorium. After the quick sellout of tickets — available only to students with a UMS ID — SE was in contact with Marley's managers who suggested an additional show. "It worked out well ... [Marley's managers] were into setting it up and students were as well," Mitchell said. A second show was then added after the first Marley performance in Hauck. Tickets are still only available to students with a valid UMS ID.

SE had fewer guests and performers this year, instead, exchanging more events for fewer, yet better known events. Both are really well-known acts, and Bob Marley can sell out Merrill Auditorium "I think it worked out well [having fewer shows]. It gave us a lot of flexibility," Mitchell added about re-working the entertainment schedule.

As of press time, there were only about 75 Bob Marley tickets left and about 1000 "Mythbuster" tickets still available.

Marley will perform on Feb. 26 while "Mythbusters" will be hosted on March 30.

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What to get your (not-so) significant other for Valentine's Day

It can be a lot of pressure to pick out the appropriate gift, so here is a guide to help those wondering what to get.

By Chelsea Thibeault

Ladies' guide

Friend, friend with benefits, or "what are we?"

You've hung out together a few times, maybe even many times, but you aren't exclusive — maybe "it's complicated" on Facebook. Let him know you want him as your Valentine with a gift that shows you're interested but not too interested.

Sport memorabilia: If sports are what lights him up, then impress him with a poster of his favorite team or a hat sporting the team logo.

A funny movie: If he makes you laugh, return the favor with a favorite funny DVD of yours.

Chocolates: Guys love candy, just like you do. Plus, you get to share!

Tip: Keep it funny. Let him know it's not serious by keeping the gift on the lighter side. "I thought of you, but I don't think about you."

The boyfriend: one month to one year

You're officially in a relationship, or at least Facebook says you are, so your gift can be a bit more personal. You can still keep the gifts on the lighter side, depending on the duration of the relationship, but clothing and activities you can do together are great gift ideas now, too.

A nice shirt: This is your chance to get your guy into a fashionable shirt.

Intimate games or gifts: Give him a Valentine's Day and night that he's sure not to forget!

Tickets: Does he have a favorite sports team? Comedian? (Bob Marley is coming to UMaine on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.)

Tip: Stay away from things like heart-covered boxers and flowers, keeping his gift more on the manly side. Know what he likes. If these gifts sound weird, they probably won't fit your man. When all else fails, ask his roommate what his favorite booze is.

The long-term partner: one year plus

You've been with each other for a long time now, and this is your chance to remind him that you want to be together for a lot longer. Your gift can be as personal as you want, still reflecting the relationship you've had so far and want to have in the future.

A video game: It's not a conventional Valentine's Day gift, but as they say, "The couple that plays together, stays together."

Wine or a classy hard liquor: Toast to a romantic night in together.

Give him an expensive wine or scotch that he's never had before. It's something you can both enjoy.

iPod: Guys love gadgets, and you can load it with "your" song.

Jewelry: If he appreciates jewelry as much as you, then he will enjoy a new watch, necklace or ring as well.

Tip: After you've been giving presents to each other for a while, it can be easy to fall into a rut. The idea of being practical can be alluring, but a Valentine's gift should be a reminder of why you're together in the first place.

Gentlemen's guide

The crush, friend with benefits, or "other"

She doesn't expect anything from you this Valentine's Day? Good! Just the surprise will be a great gift. But it wouldn't hurt to pick something nice out for her as well.

A romantic movie: Get the "fireworks" started with a good lovey-dovey flick.

Flowers: Roses are treasured by almost every woman. It's even better if you know her favorite flower.

Chocolates: Give a little something sweet to a sweet girl.

Tip: If you don't want it to be more than it is, be careful of what you give, if anything at all. If you don't want things to change, keep it simple, cute, and maybe a little funny. Want her as your girlfriend? A combo of these might be your best shot, but don't go overboard. No matter what, stay away from the sexual gifts. You don't want to give her the impression that you're only after one thing.

The girlfriend: one month to one year

She's your other half now, and things are going great. Your Valentine's Day gift can be a bit more personal, depending on the duration of the relationship, so make sure to pick a gift that fits her and her personality.

Heart jewelry: This simple symbol will let her know how you feel and give her something to show off to her friends.

Dinner out: Let her get dressed up, while you treat her to something other than the union.

Long stem roses: Impress her easily with this classic. A single rose or a couple of dozen, it doesn't matter how many.

Perfume: She likes knowing you like how she smells. Get a perfume you think suits her, and let her know you think it would smell great on her.

Tip: Every woman is unique, so her gift should be unique as well. If you're not creative, anything in a Tiffany's box makes almost every girl happy.

The long-term partner: one year plus

Your relationship is going well, and you don't want to disappoint her on this special day. Your gift should show how much you appreciate her sticking by your side, through all the good times and the bad ones.

A gift basket: Load her up with gifts in a basket filled with chocolates, some of her favorite things, or bath and body products.

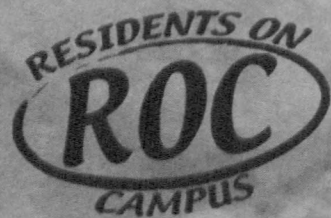
A romantic mini-trip: Take her out for a weekend of skiing or to a spa for a day of relaxation.

Jewelry: Diamonds will let her know how much you care. Precious stones for a precious girl.

Lingerie: This can be a gift for the both of you if you get something she'll feel comfortable in. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

Tip: This is a time for love, romance, and appreciation, not practicality. Don't give her something she can use in the kitchen, just because she's the best cook you know — strap on the apron and cook her something yourself. Can't cook? Get her something special that she wouldn't buy herself.

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Executive Elections

President and Vice President

Papers will be available in the Student Government office Monday, February 4th and will be due Friday, February 15th at 3:00pm.

Election will be held the last week prior to Spring Break.

All candidates must be undergraduate, activity-fee paying members of the on-campus student body.

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The change that he saw

Socialist-Marxist Lecture Series discusses the life and social relevance of Mahatma Gandhi

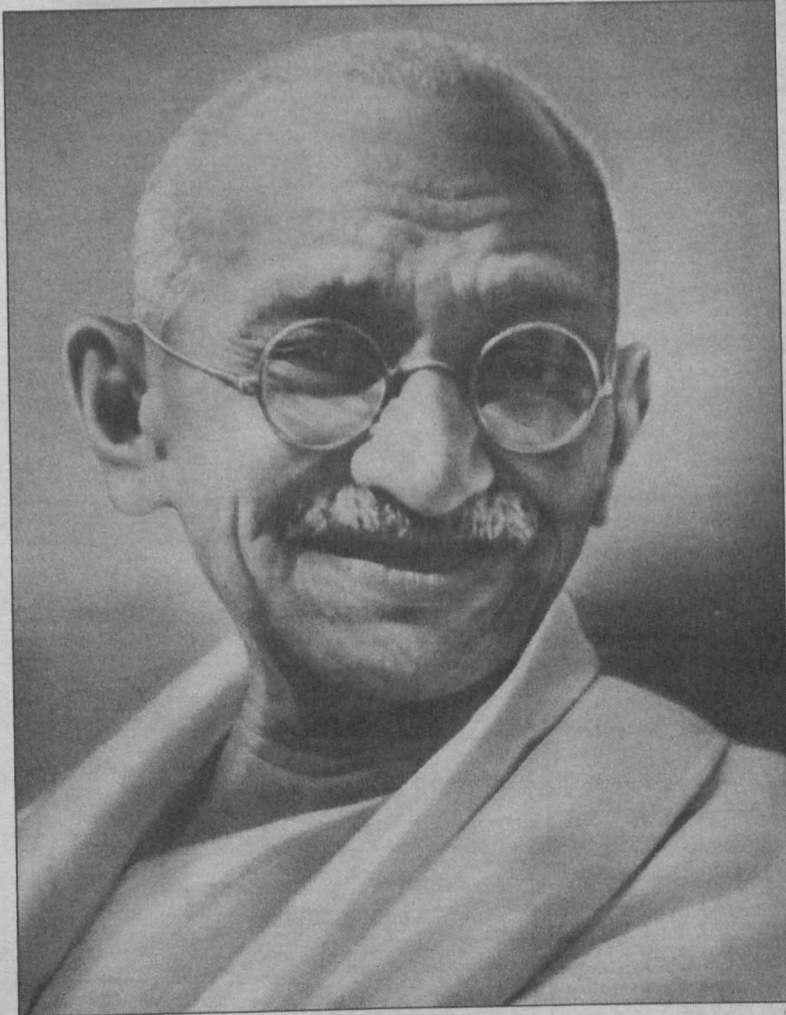


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By Amanda Maccabe

Mahatma Gandhi's relevance in today's world was the topic of Thursday's Socialist and Marxist lecture series, which came on the heels of the 60th anniversary of his assassination. Philosophy professor Doug Allen presented a brief history of Gandhi's life, and read from an article he published in "AirIndia's" inflight magazine that presented his opinion of the relevance Gandhi's philosophy today.

"His message is needed more desperately today than ever," said Allen. "The relevance of Gandhi's philosophy can be illustrated by two of his major concerns that plague the United States, India and the world today. The widespread prevalence of violence, and the widespread emergence of militant, intolerant, violent religion."

His philosophy was concerned with resistance of evil and violence through active, non-violent resistance — a tactic that famously led India to independence from British colonial rule.

Near his death, Gandhi was in despair because of the partition of India. He worked extensively trying to mend ties between Hindus and Muslims in the country. Upon the partition of India and the violence in Kashmir that continues even today, Gandhi saw himself as a failure because he couldn't reconcile relations between people of the two dominant religions within India.

His assassin, Nathuram Godse, blamed him for the partition and the "weakening of India," by advocating for minority — or Muslim — rights and reconciliation. Allen said Gandhi is controversial, but many of his views are critical to solving the pressing problems of our century especially trends of the last decade.

Allen said we live in an anti-Gandhi and hostile world, and that Gandhi objects to the kind of win/lose competition that takes place. Allen said "to modern thinkers Gandhi's approach is counter-productive in achieving results in today's world." He said Gandhi's philosophy gives tremendous status to human reason, tolerance, equality, freedom and concern for human rights.

"Gandhi's philosophy is even more of a powerful critique of many features of the modern world," but it is important to emphasize he didn't reject modernity, said Allen. Instead, "Gandhi's philosophy offers challenges, valuable insights, and alternatives in its proposals about non-violence ... and personal and political transformation."

Gandhi recognizes two kinds of violence; violence of lifestyle or psychological — and the violence of the status quo. This is the kind that turns a blind eye to human suffering, says Allen.

"Gandhi upholds an organic holistic view, emphasizing inter-relatedness of all life. Truth — which he often relates with God — is that unifying and spiritual force that allows us to engage in meaningful relations with other human beings and nature."

His view encourages an understanding and acceptance of religion, with the idea that the "other" religion may provide a different path to truth, and that path can provide a different kind of insight.

Allen said that what unites us is more fundamental than what divides us, and that "true philosophy and religion must be grounded in ahimsa, or nonviolence, which Gandhi often equates with love."

Valentines

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Buying on a budget?

Of course you are; you're a college student! Here are a few tips and gift ideas, no matter your relationship status, who you're buying for, or how much money you have.

Framed pictures are an old standby and can be very personal. Find a picture of the two of you together, or if there aren't any of those yet, a picture of yourself is always nice (a sexy one is nicer).

A homemade card will warm anyone's heart. Not creative? It doesn't matter... it is the thought that counts here.

A CD of songs you burned (from legal download sites of course!). Don't know what they like? Make one of the songs you like, so they can get to know you better.

Show that you know something about them. What's their favorite cereal? Candy? Magazine? Get it, stick a bow on it and write a little note saying how you knew it was their favorite. That's a \$5 purchase with a million dollar smile return. (Added bonus- you could get this with your Maine card at the marketplaces!)

Tip: Stay away from buying gift cards... you may as well be handing over a \$10 or \$20 bill.

Remember, these are guidelines. Buying out of your category is fine, as long as it's a downgrade not an upgrade-going overboard can be a big turn-off. Being unique almost always reins over the ordinary, so you don't have to go big, but go original.

Tim

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should know about just to say they do," said 21-year-old Julie Taylor.

Some are always willing to trust Tim's beer. "Tim's is more affordable. I'm willing to go out of my way to get beer there, and I live in Burby and Bates' backyard," said Allen McLellan, a senior Public Administration major. Some of McLellan's favorite beers on the discount shelves are Samuel Adams' Boston Lager and Winter Ale. A six-pack for either one of these beers normally runs six- to eight-dollars.

The right to mix and match beers gives many the chance to try beers they would not necessarily buy in a regular six-pack. "When I look at my options for beer, it's either spend five- to seven-bucks on a six pack at most places, or go to Tim's and spend 3 bucks for a personalized six-pack. I just choose what types of beers I want. It's a great way to try out new brands without spending much. It just makes sense," said 24-year-old Dylan Grieve.

Owner Boucouvales also recently installed a state-of-the-art identification system called the ID visor in hopes to block underage customers in the store. It scans the customer's ID in the store and can instantly acknowledge a fake ID. "Fines for selling to underage customers are horrific," Boucouvales said. When asked if he is going to sell "discontinued liquor," similar to the \$3.00 six-pack deal, Boucouvales' response was, "it's only a matter of time."

Tea

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They are finally dried at temperatures that can reach 190-200 degrees until the final product contains just 3-4% of its original moisture. Black tea is known for its dark, thick brew and has the highest caffeine content of all teas, at around half that of coffee.

Green tea skips both withering and fermentation, and is simply heated, rolled and dried. Green tea has been found to have the highest antioxidant levels of all the true teas, along with containing less caffeine and being easier on the stomach.

Oolong tea is said to taste like a combination of the two, and this may be due to it being only partially withered and fermented, unlike black tea. Its caffeine level is also somewhere in between the two, but it's not as popular in the United States as the other tea types.

White tea is considered a new variety of tea and still more expensive because of its relative rareness. Superior white tea is said to only come from certain cultivars of tea plant, but it is distinguished more by where it comes from on the plant — the youngest buds and leaves — and its preparation, which involves only low heat and no rolling. The result is a very light tea, containing even less caffeine than green and looking more like chamomile tea.

Final fact about tea: it's the best. Next time: Creme de la Earl Grey!

Be nice to people



Attention: All Student Government Board, Community Association, Committee & Club Members

Budget packets for the 08-09 fiscal year are available now in the Student Government Financial Affairs Office (FAO), Room 152, on the ground floor of the Memorial Union during regular office hours. These packets can be obtained on a daily basis through Thursday, March 20, 2008. Some organizations have been assigned mailboxes in the Wade Center for Student Leadership. For these organizations, the packets have been placed there already.

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REQUIREMENTS: Your club must be considered active, attained final approval status and the president and treasurer must be undergraduate students. To check your club status, please come to the FAO as soon as possible.

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For more information, contact Susan Poll at 1-1778.



Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

In spite of your less than satisfactory financial situation, you will not feel discouraged or lose self-confidence. Even if you feel in a good shape, you are advised to remain cautious in everything you do.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

An older person may offer you the opportunity to join in a business project that would allow you to earn a significant amount of money.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You will be busy before noon, dealing with a long-postponed financial issue. Should the opportunity arise for you to join in a new partnership, you are advised to take the offer, for it may bring about a major change in your life.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

The day begins with a happy event. You will receive a significant sum of money from a business you have recently initiated together with a close friend.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Your energy and commitment will allow you to complete a major project that you have initiated a while ago. A close friend will offer you the opportunity to join in a new partnership which will prove to be profitable.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will feel in shape and in a mood for making future plans. This is a good time for making long-term investments, initiating new business projects and travelling in a personal interest.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You will be enthusiastic and your initiatives will be inspired. Determination will help you have special achievements in your professional and intellectual activities.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You might make a short trip before noon, combining your professional and personal interests. You will feel self-confident and may tend to take too many risks.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You might get into a family quarrel over the current financial difficulties. You will be full of energy and capable of completing an activity you have initiated a long time ago. Don't miss this opportunity!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

This morning you will be very enthusiastic and self-confident, and this will make you very efficient. You will have no communication problems.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You might feel rather stressed because of your tight schedule at work. However, you should not show your discontent to your superiors.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

You have good chances to succeed in all your professional activities and personal projects. Your strong will and self-confidence will help you overcome all obstacles.

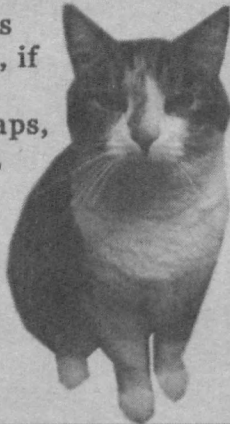
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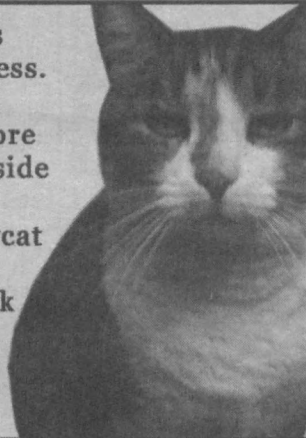
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By Alicia Mullins

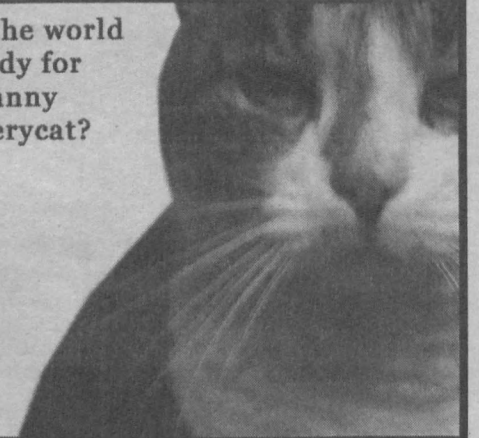
Johnny Everycat is an ordinary feline, if you can believe it. He eats, sleeps, naps, sleeps some more, and on the rarest of occasions, he even trots around his house and plays with bits of string.



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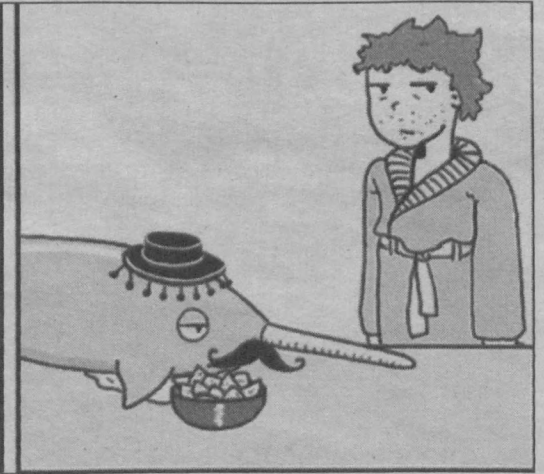
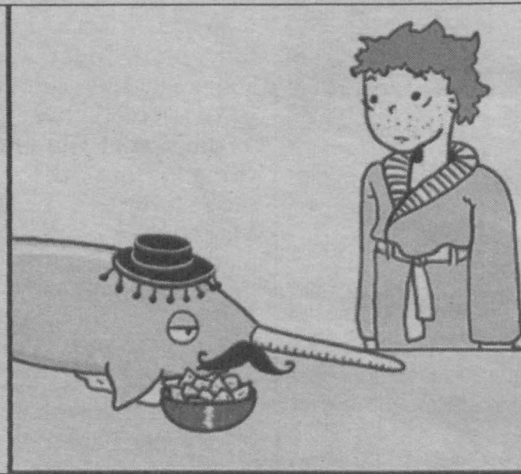
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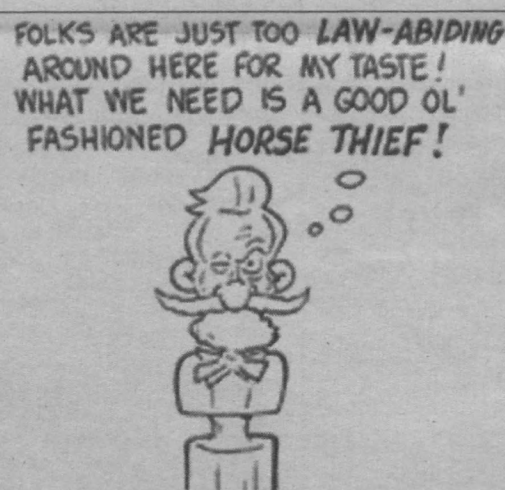
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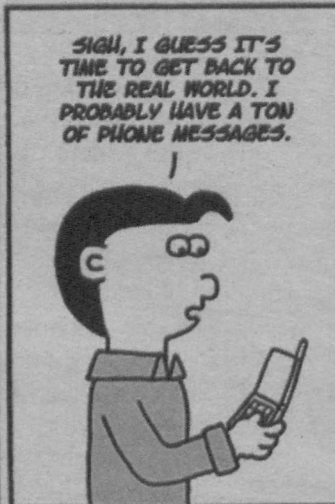
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SEX MATTERS

By Dr. Sandra Caron

If I'm allergic to latex, is there any way to safely protect myself against STD's?

Male, Sophomore

Yes. Non-latex condoms or polyurethane condoms are available if you happen to be one of the few (estimated 1%-6%) that has an allergy to latex. Avanti and Trojan Supra are two examples of male non-latex condoms. These condoms are just as effective as latex, but are less "stretchy" (more loose-fitting) so you need to be a little extra careful to avoid having the condom clip off. For females, the Reality female condom is made of polyurethane and is also an option to consider. Non-latex condoms tend to be expensive – sometimes two to three times more expensive than latex – but less expensive than the price you would pay for getting a sexually transmitted infection! On a side note: The natural animal skin condoms have been around for centuries – while they do protect against pregnancy, they do not protect against STDs, including HIV.

Can guys really fake an orgasm?

Female, Junior

Absolutely. In fact, in a recent survey of students in my human sexuality class, one-third of the male respondents said they had faked an orgasm. Men explained how it is easy for a guy to hide the fact that he had not ejaculated – especially with a condom on – to just pretend he had come when he had really just lost his erection due to being tired, uninterested or just not into the experience. It may come as no surprise to read that three-quarters of the female respondents said they had faked an orgasm. A common reason for why one would fake an orgasm: not wanting to disappoint or hurt his/her partner's feelings. Of course, one has to wonder how hurt the partner would be to know they were being lied to.

Sandra L. Caron is a Professor of Family Relations/Human Sexuality in the College of Education & Human Development. She teaches CHF 351: Human Sexuality and hosts her own national Web site, College Sex Talk. Questions

How do you continue having great sex after being in such a long relationship? *Male, Senior*

This is a typical question from couples that has been together for years. Anything that is routine, which happens over and over again in the same exact way, becomes boring or stale. Even sex (I realize it may be hard for some students reading this to imagine sex ever being boring or stale; you just wait!). For many couples, sex becomes a routine that is performed at the end of the day, when you're both exhausted, just before falling asleep. How can you spice up the relationship? It's important to make things different: changing your positions, places and times; adding little surprises; doing the things that used to turn you on which have now fallen to the side. It's important to find ways to vary your experiences – this means communicating and negotiating with your partner.

Is it true that it's more difficult for a girl to get pregnant when she is on top of the man?

Female, Senior

No. And I would not recommend using this position as a way of preventing pregnancy. Once semen is ejaculated into the vagina, sperm move very quickly up into the cervix on their way to the fallopian tubes. I think this idea may originate from the literature on infertility, when the advice for couples having trouble getting pregnant has been to have the woman lay on her back with her hips under a pillow after her partner has ejaculated, allowing time for more of the ejaculate to remain inside her instead of running out. In theory, this would increase the opportunity for more sperm to make their way up through her cervix, thus increasing her chances of pregnancy.

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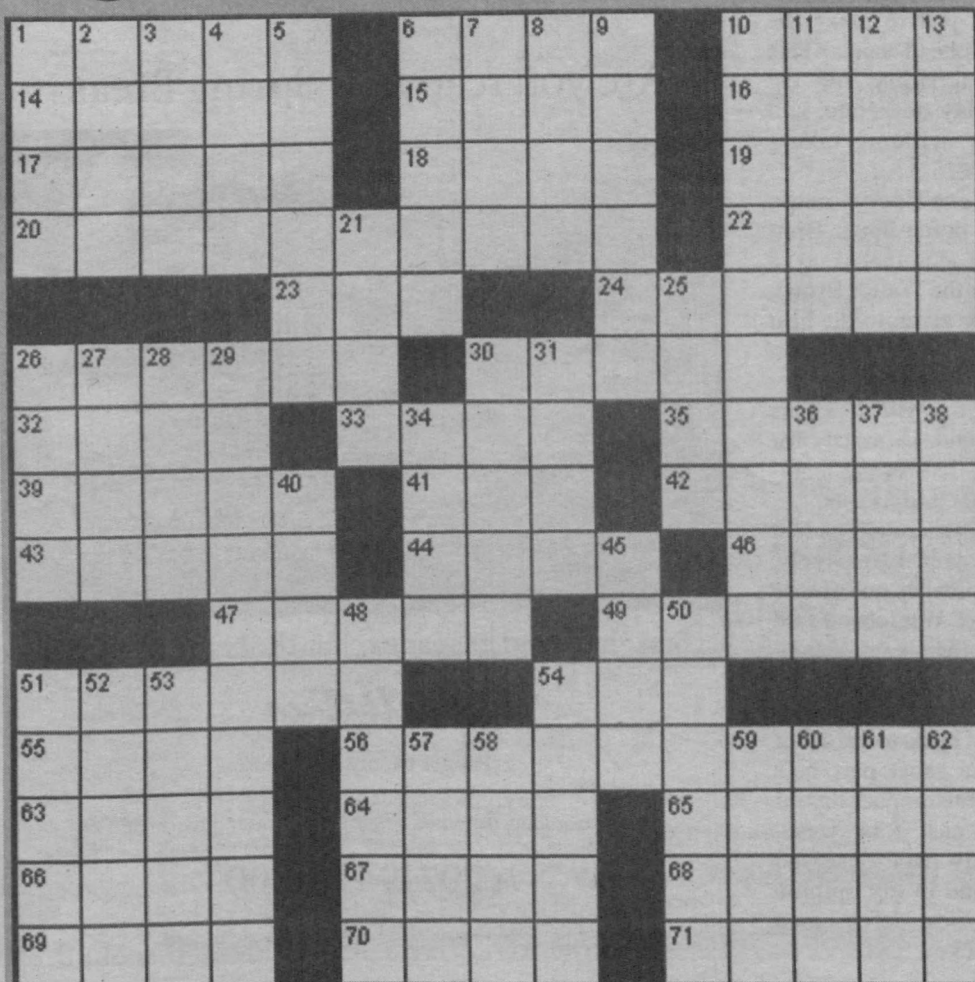
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- Nimbus
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- Hearsay
- Smile
- Being nothing more than specified
- Unlikely
- Chieftain
- Public transit vehicle
- Expose to the air
- A song of praise
- Rubs with abrasive paper
- Scarce
- An Egyptian deity
- Food consumer
- A Slavic people
- Metric unit of area
- Healthcare giver
- Prefix indicating "Water"
- Docile
- Solitary
- Pentateuch
- Utterly exhausted (British slang)
- Engage in superficially
- Used to swab decks
- Shivering fit
- Torment
- Murres
- Modern day Persia
- Strange or spooky
- Used to hold up pants
- Drenches
- Works
- Collections
- Nature of being
- Sugary

DOWN

- A beautiful and graceful girl
- Anagram of "Maul"
- Flaccid
- Secure with cables
- Flashing light
- Heroic tales
- Edge of a street
- Seed coat
- Type of East Indian tree
- An acrobatic flip
- Bowel cleansing
- The quality of being deserving
- A valley in France
- Bulge
- Biblical garden
- A curved structure spanning an opening
- Not one
- Stepped
- Pulses
- Abraham's wife
- A polite way of interrupting
- Bye-bye
- Running gait
- Anglo-Saxon slave
- Anagram of "Deer"
- Hammer or saw, for example
- Psyches
- Employ again
- Makes angry
- Applies (something) to a surface
- Consent
- Constructed
- Residence of a clergyman
- God of war (Greek mythology)
- Rodents
- Cat sound
- A famous American canal
- River in Egypt
- Exam

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Hockey

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17:23 mark, UNH skated off with a 9-1 victory.

It was a tough game for the Black Bears, but Turgeon played well and achieved a milestone: with 37 saves, her career total moved to 1,744 surpassing Lara Smart's mark of 1,710 and good for second place on the all-time career saves list.

On Sunday afternoon, the teams took to the ice again for the second matchup. This time, UMaine had Sarah Bishop in between the pipes. In the first period, UNH had the same overpowering intensity, managing 18 shots compared to UMaine's lone attempt. But Bishop was rock solid, saving each shot and preserving the 0-0 tie as the first period came to a close.

In the second period, a tripping penalty by Madelene Eriksson gave UNH a power play, and they used the advantage to break the stalemate. At the 7:09 mark, Sam Faber buried a goal and Hitchcock and Wright-Ward picked up assists on the play. This opened the floodgates for the Wildcats, as they scored three more goals before the period's end. Faber, Wakefield and Taylor rounded out the scoring and gave UNH a 4-0 lead in a period where they outshot the Black Bears 18-2.

UNH added to their tally with two more goals in the third. Wakefield notched her second goal of the game at the 5:23 mark. Later, with just over 11 minutes remaining, Long added to her three assists by scoring a goal of her own. That wrapped up the scoring, with UNH winning by a score of 6-0. At the end of the game, UMaine's Bishop had tallied a colossal 51 saves, but the Black Bears were unable to get enough offense going to garner a win.

This weekend, UMaine will travel to Massachusetts to take on Northeastern for two games against the Huskies. The games will be on Friday and Saturday night, both at 7 p.m.

UNH

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"Bish" [Bishop] has been such a steady performer for us and given us every opportunity to win hockey games. I'm very proud of how he's fighting through a very challenging season with a young team. He seems to be getting sharper and sharper down the stretch," Whitehead said.

Most of the team's problems in UMass were brought on by penalties, according to Whitehead. The Black Bears were forced to play shorthanded in power play after power play, skaters got tired and UMass' shot totals swelled as a result.

"We addressed it quite harshly over the weekend and again in practice on Monday," Whitehead said. "So the players understand that we can't expect to take high penalty minutes in a game and still expect to come out on top."

As is always the case, UMaine had a formidable opponent in UNH. The Wildcats have one of

Hometown: Portland, Maine

Major/minor: Communications

Favorite class: CMJ 201

Toughest class: CMJ 466

Favorite sport to watch: Basketball and track and field are a toss up

Favorite pro athlete: Ryan Hall

Favorite pro sports team: Boston Red Sox

Sporting event you most look forward to: My first outdoor meet this season. I haven't raced in a while due to injury.

Player Profile



Donald Drake
Senior
UMaine Track

Your happiest moment in sports: Winning the 1000m at America East last indoor season. I persevered through a lot that season.

Funniest person on your team: I'd say Chris Warren, he graduated last year but he is my roommate now. This past weekend he was walking around the house in his tighty-whities, a mullet wig and a ripped AC/DC shirt. It was hilarious!

Your dream job: Running as a professional athlete.

Celebrity you'd like to be for a day: Tiger Woods; he is an unreal athlete. Everyone wants him to endorse their products, and he's humble at the same time.

Favorite food: Chicken parm with ziti and garlic bread.

Best board/computer game: Madden 2008, XBox 360

Best travel destination:

If you mean a place I've never been, I'd say Hawaii, and if you mean the coolest place I've been, I'd say Santiago, Cuba.

Favorite activity in free time: Small ball [candlepin] bowling

Favorite television show: Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and Life of Ryan

Favorite movie: Shawshank Redemption

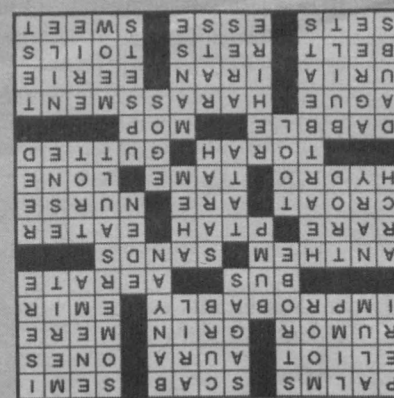
Music that gets you pumped before a meet: I love rap and punk music. Tupac and Blink 182 are my favorite artists.



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Defenseman Courtney Fox protects the goal against Northeastern Saturday night.

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the top defensive corps and goal-tenders in the conference and plenty of offensive weapons.

"We're going to have to bring our very best game. Our players are confident that on any given night we can beat anybody and we're going to have to prove that this weekend," Whitehead said.

The Black Bears have a few weapons of their own set to return to the ice soon. Forwards Keenan Hopson and Chris Hahn are slated to return from long absences — due to injury — for the UNH game. Billy Ryan is expected to be in playing form for the weekend against BU, and the following weekend against UMass. Hahn has been out for a long time after he broke a finger during a game and then broke his jaw in his first practice back with the team. Whitehead hopes the return of three of his offensive powerhouses will help boost his team.

The sense of urgency for this weekend has reached desperation for a UMaine team that isn't used to seeing itself near the bottom of the ladder.

"We've got to scrap and claw

for every point just to make the playoffs," Whitehead said. "This is unfamiliar territory for us. We've got to play desperate, and with intensity, without taking penalties."

In other UMaine Hockey news, UMaine senior defenseman Brett Tyler has been nominated as a semi-finalist for the Walter Brown Award, an honor given to the best American-born hockey player in New England.

Tyler leads the Black Bears with six goals and 10 assists for 16 points. He is tied for the team-lead in both goals and assists.

"This season, where we've lost so much firepower offensively, Brett's been our leader on offense as a defenseman," Whitehead said of the versatile Maynard, Mass. native. "Occasionally that gets him into trouble when the other team transitions back toward our end, but for the most part he's made a tremendous impact on our team over the past four years. This is certainly well-deserved honor for him and in my opinion he's one of the best defensemen you'll see in Hockey East."

Patriots unfazed after epic loss

New England seeks Super Bowl XLIII win after near-perfect season

By Adam Clark

When Tom Brady left the RCA Dome last January following an AFC Championship loss to the Indianapolis Colts, he had a sick feeling in his stomach. So in the offseason, to cure that upset stomach, the Patriots' front office went out and got him some weapons to work with.

Randy Moss. Wes Welker. Donte Stallworth. Never before had Brady played with as talented a group of receivers as that. He had been forced to play with the Reche Caldwell and David Givens of the world, players that are productive when Brady is throwing them the ball, but fall off the radar when they move to a different team.

From the beginning of training camp, everyone knew that the Patriots would be something special if the star-studded receiving cast could work together as a cohesive unit.

Fifty Tom Brady touchdown passes, 23 of which went Moss' way, and 589 points later answered the question of whether the offense could work together. Shattering record after record, the Patriots took each team's best shot each week and were victorious on their quest to match the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins.

The Patriots had to overcome adversity as coach Bill Belichick was thrown under the bus when the Spygate scandal emerged.

The Patriots kept on winning — 14-0, 15-0, 16-0, until they had an undefeated regular season. All the records aside, the Patriots knew that the season would be a failure if they didn't close it out and win the Super Bowl.

Going into Sunday's Super Bowl matchup against the NFC-Champion New York Giants, who the Patriots defeated 38-35 in the last week of the regular season, New England knew that this would be its toughest game of the year. The Giants struggled for a significant portion of the season, but they had as much talent in the league as anyone. With a

defensive unit that led the league in sacks and an offense that had a maturing quarterback, a two-headed monster of a running attack and two current or former Pro-Bowlers at wide receiver, the Giants had the personnel to deliver the biggest upset in sports history. They also knew they could hang with the Patriots, as they did in Week 17.

When Plaxico Burress ran a fade to put the Giants ahead late in the fourth quarter on Sunday, the impossible was on the verge of happening. When Eli Manning took a final kneel, the impossible happened. While Patriots fans sat in front of their televisions in a state of shock, Mercury Morris was driving around the neighborhood in his '72

While the Patriots obviously have very few weaknesses, they do have some issues to resolve during the offseason.

Mustang Convertible, decked out with spinners and hydraulics. Others said, "I told you so." They knew the Patriots were going to go 18-0 and then definitely lose the Super Bowl to a two-touchdown underdog.

With all of that happening around the world, Bill Belichick and the front office of the Patriots quietly slipped back into the locker room, hopped on a plane to New England and starting working toward Tampa: the site of Super Bowl XLIII.

While the Patriots obviously have few weaknesses, they do have some issues to resolve during the offseason. Resign Randy? Resign Asante? Are Junior Seau and Teddy Bruschi leaving? What do they do with a Top-10 pick in the NFL Draft?

Time and time again, Randy Moss has said he wants to be a

Patriot, and Tom Brady wants him to be a Patriot. While it may cost them more than they would like, Moss will likely remain with New England in pursuit of his first Super Bowl victory.

The next question is if you resign Randy, how are you going to resign Asante Samuel? A young, elite cornerback, Samuel is going to get a big payday somewhere. The problem is, the Patriots would probably not have enough money if they were to resign Moss, the team's No. 1 priority.

Next is the major weakness that the team must address in the offseason — the linebacking corps. Wearing down throughout the season due to old age and injuries, the big question is whether or not Junior Seau and Tedy Bruschi will retire, and will Roosevelt Colvin be released due to his big cap number?

Although the Patriots had to forfeit their first-round draft pick in the upcoming NFL Draft as punishment for the Spygate scandal, they have the seventh overall pick from the San Francisco 49ers, one they acquired in a draft day deal last year. What will they do with the pick? There are no linebackers worthy of being selected that high and it may be too high to pick a cornerback, so the Patriots may trade down in the draft.

What do I expect to happen this offseason? Moss will be back, but Samuel won't. Seau and Bruschi will come back for another year in more limited roles. Colvin will be released and Karlos Dansby will be signed to fill the role on the outside. Finally, with the seventh overall pick, the Patriots will take either Leodis McKelvin or Aqib Talib to take over for the departed Samuel.

Will the Patriots make another bid to go undefeated? I wouldn't be surprised, but that does not matter. They are more talented than any team, have the best coaching staff, and will be motivated more than ever going into next season. With that said, they will defeat the Dallas Cowboys to win Super Bowl XLIII.

Woodbrey

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of the game, I'd go in," Woodbrey said.

It wasn't until one of the starting players got injured that Woodbrey finally got his chance to shine.

"I started the next game and ended with a double-double, and I fouled out with about two minutes to go and got a standing ovation from the crowd," Woodbrey said.

Playing solid the rest of the season, Woodbrey entered his last regular season game like it was the last time he'd play competitive basketball.

"After my last high school game, I thought I was done. I definitely didn't think I'd be playing at this level," he said.

Coming into his first year at the University of Maine, Woodbrey was focused on school and left basketball on the back burner for the time being.

"My freshman year I used to walk by the basketball practices in the gym and just peek in and see what the guys looked like," Woodbrey said. "Back then it was real intimidating to see guys that were 6 foot 8 and 6 foot 9. When I first got here I was really thin; I was 6

"Going from playing at the Rec. Center at the beginning of the year, to giving me a locker with my name above it, getting the shoes, the practice gear and all that stuff was something amazing that took getting used to."

Pat Woodbrey
Senior Forward
UMaine Men's Basketball

foot 3 and probably 170 pounds, about 35 pounds lighter than I am now."

Being a basketball fan, Woodbrey would attend games to check out the team and see how he would match up on the court with the rest of the Division-I players.

"I thought I could compete. This is when Kevin Reed and Ernie Turner were playing. Those guys are big-time players who are playing professionally now over in Europe, making a living off of basketball. So those guys were at a different level, but I thought I could be out there; I just didn't go for it," Woodbrey said.

The next year Woodbrey decided he was ready to lace up his basketball shoes again and go out for the team. Unfortunately, his body wasn't ready for the same commitment.

"I ended up tearing cartilage in my knee while I was walking up the stairs in my apartment, so I was out for the year and had to get surgery," Woodbrey said.

Woodbrey, who had been constantly battling injuries, thought his career had finally come to a close until this fall, when he was playing basketball in the Student Recreation Center.

"[Assistant] Coach [Chris] Markwood approached me and mentioned that the team needed to pick up another guy. He knew I tried out before and wondered if I was still interested in trying to walk on this year," Woodbrey said.

When Woodbrey returned from fall break he told the coach he was interested in playing and was thrown right into the mix the next practice.

"Going from playing at the Rec. Center at the beginning of the year, to giving me a locker with my name above it, getting the shoes, the practice gear and all that stuff was something amazing that took getting used to," Woodbrey said.

Woodbrey, who preaches the team over individual goals or stats, tries to help out the team in every way possible, starting in practice.

"If the team wants to get extra shots, I'll rebound for them. Whatever the coaches want me to do to just try to help the team out, I do," Woodbrey said.

Not only is he on the roster as a walk-on, but he has also seen playing time in three games so far.

"The first game I played in was an exhibition game against Dalhousie University. I got to play the last three minutes, and when I first got into the game my hands were shaking and I was so nervous. Once I got up and down the court I was fine," Woodbrey said.

Past the halfway point of the season, Woodbrey now is letting this dream-turned-reality sink in. Although he admits his daily routine has changed dramatically in the past year, he wouldn't trade it in for the world. "To be asked to come play for a Division I team, just to be asked was an honor," Woodbrey said.

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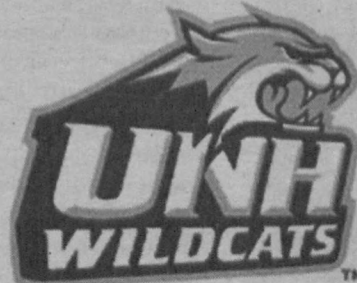


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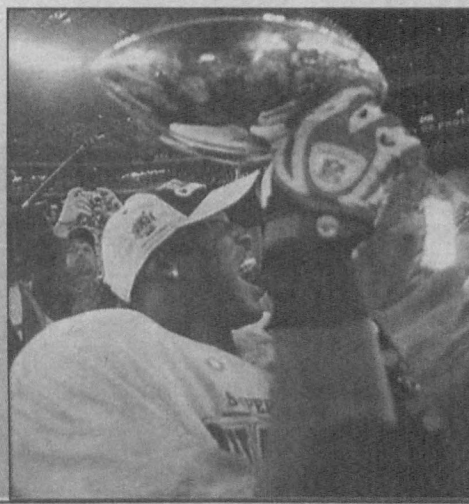
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Anxiety at the Alfond: Bears on razor's edge

Hockey East-leading UNH Wildcats pose serious threat to struggling UMaine squad's playoff hopes

By Nick McCrea

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team is dangerously close to entering a room they have not visited for a long time — the Hockey East basement.

With one month left in the season, the Black Bears stand just ahead of Merrimack in Hockey East at 4-10-3 in the conference and 8-13-3 overall. Climb the standings list eight slots and find UMaine's competition this weekend — first-place University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

This time around, the heated rivalry between UNH and UMaine feels much different than past years when the teams battled near the top of the rankings. The young Black Bear squad is struggling to fight its way into a position to gain a playoff berth, while UNH appears to be cruising with a record of 16-7-1 overall and 12-4-1 in Hockey East. With just a few weekends left in the season, UMaine needs to pick up huge wins against the perpetually tal-



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UMaine and UNH are longstanding rivals preparing to faceoff Friday and Saturday night in the Alfond.

ented Hockey East competitors UNH, Boston University, UMass, Vermont and UMass-Lowell.

"This is now-or-never time for us," Head Coach Tim Whitehead said. "When you combine this with the fact that

we're playing our biggest rivals in UNH, it should be a very intense weekend and exciting pair of hockey games."

UMaine is coming off a difficult weekend in Massachusetts, where they lost one game to each UMass team. Saturday's game against UMass-Amherst was especially difficult to swallow. The Minutemen fired on UMaine goaltender Ben Bishop's net all night. Despite the fact that Bishop turned away 49 UMass shots on goal — a new career high for Big Ben — five found the twine by the time the onslaught ended in a 5-3 UMaine loss.

Much like his British counterpart, Big Ben has become a landmark for UMaine Athletics. This season he has surrendered 60 goals, which may not sound impressive until you consider that he has stopped the puck 631 times, giving him a .913 save percentage. In comparison, UNH's Kevin Reagan, often considered one of Hockey East's finer goalies, has allowed 45 goals but has seen far fewer shots. His save percentage of .922 only slightly outshines Bishop's.

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UM basketball's walk-on asset

Senior Woodbrey plays in Division I after trading sports for time

By Nick Dyer

When high school seniors end their sports careers and move onto college life, most put their glory days in the past along with their memories. This was the case for University of Maine senior Pat Woodbrey, until this year, when he got a chance to set foot on the basketball court once again as a walk-on player for the Black Bears.

The Raymond, Maine native grew up playing basketball but didn't consider it one of his top sports through the years.

"Baseball was my favorite. I loved playing it," Woodbrey said. "That was my better sport from Little League on. I thought I was going to end up being a baseball player."

Although baseball was the sport of choice for Woodbrey growing up, he didn't shy away from basketball at all and started playing at a young age.

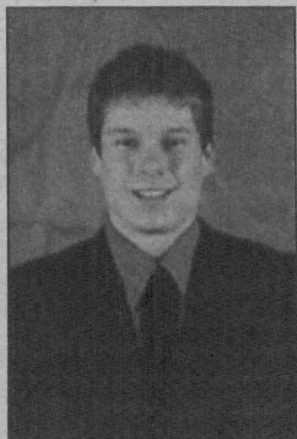
"I got a four-foot hoop when I was little that I had above my garage and started playing with that," Woodbrey said.

Unlike most serious college players, Woodbrey played basketball like it was just another sport. It didn't stand out to him as much but was more intertwined in the various other sports he played

throughout his childhood.

Realizing that he wasn't going to get much playing time in the near future, Woodbrey stopped playing basketball entering high school and focused more on baseball and soccer.

"I just couldn't physically play anymore. My body was just hurt-



Pat Woodbrey

ing too much from growing quickly. I had bad knees and it created a lot of pain. I wouldn't have played much anyways because I was shorter and not as athletic back then," Woodbrey said.

After finally growing into his body and feeling more athletic, Woodbrey started to get back into basketball and focus more on the

sport in his junior year.

Back in the sport and ready to give it another shot, Woodbrey was determined to do anything he could to try and find places to play pick-up games and polish off the rust off the three-year basketball hiatus.

"I would try to play everywhere. My buddies and I would break into the gym of the high school to go play. We'd get kicked out all the time by the athletic director," Woodbrey said. "I would go try to find pick-up games with older guys. I was just trying to find places to play."

After a year of playing pick-up basketball to sharpen his skills, Woodbrey tried out for the Poland High School basketball team his senior year. Going into tryouts not knowing what to expect, Woodbrey gave it everything he had and ended up making the team. Although he had a spot on the roster, the role he had on the team was one that he definitely didn't expect going into the season.

"My senior year in high school was kind of weird. The first half of the season I didn't even play. I'd play a couple minutes in the first half, and then maybe if we were getting beat toward the end

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UNH sweeps Maine

Wildcats outmatch both Black Bear goalies

By Kevin Bailey

This past weekend in Orono, the Black Bear women's hockey team took on the powerhouse Wildcats of New Hampshire. Unfortunately, the Wildcats had too much firepower and the University of Maine fell by scores of 9-1 and 6-0. UMaine has not defeated the Wildcats since the 2001-2002 season.

On Saturday night, UMaine looked to start fast against UNH, who was undefeated in conference play coming into the game. The Black Bears were able to do just that, striking first at the 10:10 mark in the

first period. Off assists from Pam Patterson and Taryn Peacock, second-year Abby Barton gathered a rebound and buried it past the UNH goaltender. UNH answered with just over a minute remaining in the period, capitalizing on a power play. Leah Craig was able to put away a shot that was assisted by Sadie Wright-Ward and Martine Garland. The Wildcats snuck one more goal in with 12 seconds remaining, coming off the stick of Sam Faber on the

power play. UMaine was outshot 17-5 for the period.

Having given up the momentum, UMaine knew they'd have to fight to get it back. But in the second period, UNH began to pull away. Midway through the period, UMaine experienced déjà vu when Leah Craig buried her second goal, again assisted by Wright-Ward and Garland. A minute later, Jenn

Wakefield put away her 15th goal of the year to make it a 4-1 lead. UNH held the shot advantage again, 14-4. The period was especially rough, featuring seven penalties between the squads.

The assault on UMaine goaltender Genevieve Turgeon continued in the third period. At the 2:15 mark the Wildcats struck again. Off an assist from Kacey Bellamy, Jennifer Hitchcock beat Turgeon to get on the stat sheet. Over a two-minute span midway through the period, UNH was able to capitalize on a few counter attacks and tally three more goals. Adding one more at the

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