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Wearing Awareness



Adrianne Hess ♦ The Maine Campus

AIDS Aware students Toby Terhaar and Justin Oulette grab free T-shirts while Lauren Reich watches on at a table set up by Peer Ed and Wilde Stein. The hope is to get the word out about how accessible testing is on campus.

Tuition will rise again, highest yet

Budget, staff cuts could delay degrees for some

By Derek Mitchell

The cost to attend the University of Maine will rise again this year, but by how much is unknown.

In November, the University of Maine System (UMS) requested a budget increase of \$8 million to maintain the same level of service in light of increasing costs. That budget increase, added to the current annual state allocation of \$185.7 million, would result in a tuition hike of six percent, or roughly \$13 per credit hour.

That increase would be the lowest increase since 2002, but declining state revenue means the university could instead see the highest tuition hike in more than 15 years. The state will likely not give UMS the requested budget increase.

In fact, UMS could have more money taken away and face a tuition increase as large as 14 percent — the largest since 1992. This is because state tax revenue has fallen short of expectations — \$190 million short.

Though such a cut has not been ordered yet, Governor John Baldacci asked UMS to describe the impact a \$7.1 million cut would have. That means the state would not grant the supplemental \$8 million request the system intended to use to keep tuition down.

This would cut an additional \$7.1 million, leaving a gap of more than \$15 million.

Overcoming that cut would mean an increase in tuition. UMS Chancellor Richard Pattenaude said the increase would be eight percent, in addition to the six percent already anticipated. That, he said, "would result in a one-year tuition increase of an unimaginable 14 percent."

In addition to a tuition increase, responding to this cut would eliminate 150 to 250 staff positions, according to Pattenaude. This also could mean the suspension of some course offerings.

"Nearly 8,000 students could lose the ability to obtain the necessary courses to graduate in a timely fashion," he said.

Pattenaude said the cut would be difficult to handle. "Closing a \$15 million gap would cause serious negative consequences to current students, employees, regional economies, and others who use and depend on the universities for programs and services," he said.

State Representative Emily Cain (D-Orono) is also worried about this increase. "As far as I'm concerned, that is unacceptable."

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UMaine spring breakers: beware

Fun times can put some students at risk for identity thefts and assault

By Meghan Hayward

Warm weather and new adventures are only a flight away. With spring break in a few days, many students are preparing to fly across the nation and outside of North America.

Spring break comes at a time when most students are exhausted and ready for a good time. While this break allows students to get re-energized, it

can also be dangerous.

"There is nothing more exciting than spring break, but it's really important to be safe and be thoughtful about what you are going to be doing," said Dean of Students, Robert Dana.

Florida is a common destination for students during break. What many college students don't know is that Florida ranks fifth in the United

States for identity theft.

The state's high rank is attributed to its popularity as a tourist state. All identity thieves need is a victim's name, social security number and date of birth. Once they obtain these they can open credit cards and take loans out in the victim's name and start ruining his or her credit.

Bankrate.com suggests that

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Greeks, sports claim most GSS funds

Student activity fee spent on activities from Katrina relief to belly dancing

By Eryk Salvaggio

The General Student Senate has distributed more than \$750,000 in the past fiscal year, leaving the current budget with less than \$2,000.

The money has been spent on a range of projects. Some of these are broad in scope, such as sending Rotaract to provide Hurricane Relief

for New Orleans, and some are strictly local projects: \$789 for Alpha Phi Omega to buy a T-shirt gun for Bananas the Bear.

Money for the senate comes directly from the Student Activity Fee, and GSS receives that check in installments, with an estimated \$20,000 expected to come shortly after spring break. "We're not broke," said Steven

Moran, president of the student body.

As the money is spent, the Senate finds its hands tied when it comes to funding. Last week, GSS denied \$1,300 to Maine Masque for a trip to New York, with some senators citing budget limitations.

Sororities and fraternities receive a separate budget line from the general

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Group aims to provide students a 'safe campus'

Federally funded program gives support to UM students who experience interpersonal violence

By Chelsea Cameron

One-in-four women will experience some form of unwanted sexual contact, and most of those happen during the first year of college, according to Noel March, chief of police for Public Safety at the University of Maine.

"First-year students, male and female, are often less experienced with new relationships, alcohol use and social situations that might lead to high-risk behaviors such as unplanned or unwanted sexual activity," March said.

In 2006, victims reported 11 forcible sexual offenses at UMaine, compared to five in 2005 and nine in 2004, according to the Public Safety Web site.

These numbers match those of other universities. The University of New Hampshire had seven assaults in 2006, six in 2005 and 10 in

2004, according to their Campus Safety Web site.

"Unfortunately, it is present here at the University of Maine just as it is among one of the other 4,200 colleges and universities across the U.S.," March said. Public Safety investigates about six or seven assaults per year, but more go unreported.

"One-in-10 sexual assaults among college and university-aged students will be reported," March said. "The choice always rests with the survivor."

A grant from the U.S. Department of Justice allocated funds for the creation of The Safe Campus Project in the spring of 2001.

The project works to stop interpersonal violence and promotes healthy, safe relationships.

The Safe Campus Project receives about 100 requests for services per year, including reports of stalking, harassment, abuse and sexual assault, according to Carey Nason, project coordinator for the organization.

She works with many off-campus agencies,

including legal services such as Penquis Law Project, which offers free legal services for civil cases. Safe Campus Project also hosts and supports events like Rock Against Rape and put up bulletin boards and posters to raise awareness.

March said that when people think of rape, they often think of a stranger in a trench coat attacking them in a dark alley in the middle of the night. The truth is, most assaults are come from people the victim already knows.

Miscommunications can lead to an assault, especially when alcohol is involved, March said.

An instance such as an offer to walk a girl home could lead to the expectation of a hook-up. He said friends should socialize in groups and not go off alone with an acquaintance until you know them well.

Men are responsible for the majority of the assaults, according to March.

"In my view, men need to take a stand with other men to stop these exploitive behaviors that end in a woman being victimized," he said. He also said that in 2004, two men reported assaults against them.

The Safe Campus Project recently posted fliers in girls' bathrooms of residence halls, informing students of their services and what they could do to help a female friend who had been assaulted. Nason was surprised when she got e-mails asking why they only posted fliers directed toward women, and that men are victims too.

"I'm really happy that people gave me their feedback," she said. "It helps us to improve our services."

"On a positive note, there are so many people vested in and supportive of efforts to support and educate around the topic of sexual assault," March said.

The Safe Campus Project is located in 120 Fernald Hall and can be reached at 581-2515.

Committee considers tobacco-free campus

Cigarettes, spit tobacco may be banned as early as next year — met with mixed student reaction

By Tracy Evans

Campus-wide tobacco bans, which have been proposed to the University of Maine Student Government and President Kennedy, are leaving students with mixed emotions.

The Tobacco-Free Campus Committee, co-chaired by Lauri Sidelko, has submitted a modification on the current tobacco regulation which, if accepted, could eliminate all tobacco use on campus as soon as next year.

According to the University of Maine Student

Handbook,

the current regulations state that smoking is not allowed inside any university vehicle or building, including residence halls.

Smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of building entrances.

If the new amendments to this rule are accepted, student fees may drop as insurance costs and property damages go down, but the cost to enforce it may also make a difference.

To those who smoke, this is little consolation. Travis Bourassa, a mass communication major, said, "I do not want there to be a ban," as he stood among a small group of friends, finishing a cigarette outside of Fogler Library. "If I couldn't smoke between classes," said Bourassa, "I would want to smoke in class and then I wouldn't

be able to concentrate."

Another man standing nearby said, "It's bulls---, [the university] is trying to infringe on our rights!"

"The University can't even control illicit substance abuse, how can they control legal substance abuse? There is no conceivable way," Tom Barrows, a 23-year-old anthropology major said.

"If they did ban smoking on campus, I would continue to smoke until they absolutely enforced it; until they take the cigarette out of my mouth," said Bourassa.

Others felt differently; Chris

Pendagast, a junior civil engineering major, said, "Personally, I'd love it."

Some students, including a friend of Pendagast's have serious reactions to

cigarette smoke.

"Banning indoor smoking is good enough, there's enough fresh air for me to feel comfortable and not worry about smelling like cigarettes. I don't [smoke], but who am I to tell people they can't?" said Steve Smith, a senior business major.

Kaj Thomsen, a junior environmental science major, said the ban would be a good thing. "I'm sick of taking trails to class where I have no choice but to walk directly behind someone who is smoking and being forced to suck in all their second hand smoke... [A ban] would be better for them, maybe they'll quit."

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Corrections...

In the Feb. 25th issue of The Maine Campus, several errors were made in relation to a front-page story, "Former UMaine student charged in Homicides." Cushing had been identified as 22, he was 21. The article also referred to a quote taken from Facebook in a potentially misleading manner. For a complete analysis of the decisions behind this piece, please see page 7.

In the same issue, a swim meet photo on page 17 was incorrectly attributed to Rebekah Rhodes. The photo was taken by Andrew Prindle.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Reading by Stephen Cope and Catherine Taylor 4:30 p.m. Soderberg Auditorium, Jenness Hall Part of the New Writing Series.</p>	<p>Go Blue Friday Campus-wide event Wear blue and/or UMaine clothing to celebrate Black Bear Pride.</p> <p>Spring Break Begins 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Family Star Shows Sat.-Sun. in March Jordan Planetarium, Wingate Hall 'Ring Words OD,' ages 8 and up, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. "Destination: Pluto," ages 6 and up, Sundays at 2:00 p.m.</p>

To submit your event to The Maine Campus Community Calendar, please send time, date, location and fee information to news@mainecampus.com 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

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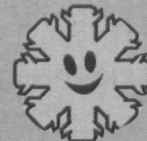
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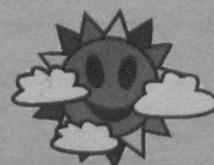
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GSS spends 78 percent of unallocated funds

Senate discusses money for campus clubs, banning first-year students from bringing their cars

By Jessica Fish

Tuesday's meeting of the General Student Senate was a night of last-minute requests from groups seeking funding before spring break this Friday.

Three different groups put forward main motions for funding. These are financial requests, which do not initially go through the Executive Budgetary Committee.

Campus Crusade for Christ was one of these groups. They requested \$500 to help pay for care package items that they are planning to distribute over break to needy families in Lewiston.

The main motion failed, with only two votes in favor of the allocation.

The primary concern of the senate in funding such a request was a senate rule

which prevents allocations to groups who plan to donate the money. No one seemed able to decide if care packages would count as donations. Anh Doh, vice president of Financial Affairs, was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Sen. Samantha Shulman, a member of the EBC, was against the allocation from the beginning. She cited the group's lack of preparation in their presentation as her primary reason. "We don't know what we're funding - if they had come to EBC this motion wouldn't have passed," Shulman said.

President of Student Government Steve Moran suggested that the senate could fund the money to buy tools for a construction project, but the group representatives did not have any information on how much those would cost.

Medlife also presented a main motion, requesting \$1,400 to cover hostel costs during their spring break trip to Ecuador. The group will be working with needy families for two weeks to help improve health education in the area.

Some senators were hesitant to allocate such a large amount because the unallocated funds were less than \$4,000 at the time.

When asked why the group waited so long to request funding, Moran explained that there had been a mistake in the paperwork, and the group shouldn't be faulted for it.

After a short debate, Medlife was given the full amount of their request.

Sen. Robert Goodwin presented a resolution which would cut back on the number of cars allowed on campus. According to his proposal, first-years would not be

allowed to bring their cars to school, unless approved by parking services.

Goodwin said there is talk of making UMaine a more pedestrian-friendly campus. "A lot of other universities have already done it," said Goodwin. "This is just a way to prepare for that."

The resolution was sent to the Services Committee and will be discussed at a later meeting.

Additional allocations included \$150 to the SPIFFY Investment Club, \$699.55 to the Equestrian Team, \$600 to Gamma Sigma Sigma, \$936 to Orono Student Nurses Association, \$1200 to Nordic Ski Club, \$1380 to Kappa Kappa Psi, and \$800 to Psi Chi. Before all allocations were made, the budget was \$9,074.44. At the end of the meeting \$1,908.89 was left in unallocated.

Funds

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student senate budget - starting each fiscal year with \$30,304. With the addition of the Greek Grant Fund, which was drawn from the general unallocated fund, the senate gave Greek institutions an additional \$15,000, which brought the total to about \$45,000.

So far, the organizations are still waiting on improved weather to make the changes the money was granted for, Moran said.

Sports clubs were the second largest recipients of allocations, with \$42,530 going to 13 groups for costs such as jerseys, practice space and tournament fees.

"Sports clubs ... tend to have a system of organization," said James Lyons, president of the GSS. He explained that sports groups have the knowledge of how to request funding and organize. He also pointed to the larger overhead costs of sports clubs. "In sports, there's a lot of expenditures," he said, citing equipment and travel expenses for teams which play competitively.

Sending clubs to conferences totaled

\$16,891.80. The largest single expenditure in this category went to the Muslim Students Association for an Islamic Spirit Convention in Toronto.

Cultural activities garnered \$17,282, with almost half of that - \$8,053.57 - going toward the University Singers to support their spring tour.

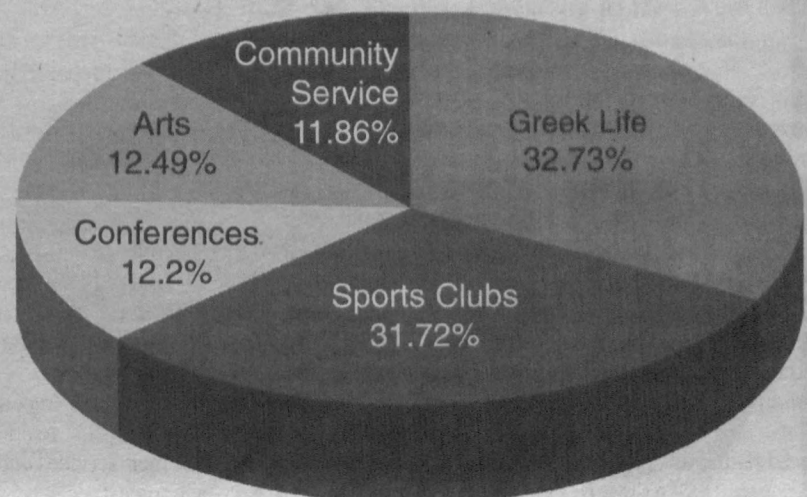
Community service - at home or abroad - amounted to \$16,414 in unallocated expenditures. This money included service work in Honduras, Ecuador and New Orleans. It also funded Get Out the Vote efforts by groups like the Progressive Student Alliance.

"The senate tends to look at individual groups, not categories, when making decisions regarding financing," Lyons said. "It's difficult to categorize projects - a Greek group could be doing a service project, or an academic or service group could be attending a conference."

Derek Mitchell, vice president of Student Entertainment, said that senates are typically of two mindsets.

"Some in the past have thought very long-term, looking to make monies last as long as possible. Others look at each allocation on its own merit without considering longer-term implications,"

Student Government Budgetary Allocations by Type '07 - '08



Mitchell said. "This senate is a bit of both. They do really consider the allocations in terms of fiscal responsibility, but they have heard many compelling requests that they fund simply because they like the idea or program."

As of Jan. 22, Alternative Spring Break had received the largest single allocation, with \$9,271. Tackle Football

came in second with \$8,670.50, and Gamma Sigma Sigma, a female service sorority, received \$8,200.

Moran said that the senate would be evaluating the budget process in the future.

"We have a growing number of groups, which is great," Moran said. "But we need to look at making sure we fund things fairly."



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Police Beat

The best from Orono, Old Town and UMaine's finest

No stalking for you

A male student dining at the Union Marketplace at 6:06 p.m. on Feb. 25 reported an individual at the marketplace who was in defiance of a protection order the complainant had against him. Officers located the individual at Cumberland Hall and identified him as Gene Kim, a 19-year-old non-student from Millinocket. Police arrested Kim, who is under a protection order that bans him from the University of Maine campus, charged him with violation of that order and transported him to Penobscot County Jail.

Snowy speculation

An officer approached a vehicle parked in Aroostook Parking Lot when he observed the passenger-side door open at 12:09 a.m. on Feb. 25. Footprints led away from the vehicle but none lead to the vehicle, implying that someone exited without shutting the door. The officer saw nothing amiss and shut the door.

Stolen faculty decal

A faculty member reported a faculty/staff decal stolen from his vehicle in Neville Hall Parking Lot at 4:07 p.m. on Feb. 24. Someone had entered the vehicle and removed the decal sometime between Feb. 21 and Feb. 24.

Windshield whack

A resident of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity reported returning to his Toyota Corolla parked in the Beta Parking Lot to find a smashed windshield sometime after 3 p.m. on Feb. 23. Someone appeared to

have punched the windshield, according to police. The estimated damage to the car is \$400. The case is still under investigation.

Backpack bunch

Dispatchers asked an officer on patrol to locate four males wearing dark clothing and backpacks walking from Hilltop Commons to Androscoggin Hall at 1:24 a.m. on Feb. 24. The officer found two of the males, identified as Andrew Cook, 18, Orono, and Tyler Dupile, 19, Orono, at the west door of Somerset Hall. Both appeared intoxicated. Cook handed over a bottle of Five O'Clock Gin from his backpack. Cook and Dupile received summonses for possession of liquor by a minor.

Defacing of Delta Tau Delta

White spray paint and broken windows greeted the residents of Delta Tau Delta on the morning of Feb. 23. The president of Delta Tau Delta reported vandalism to the fraternity house at 8:13 a.m. The culprit had drawn vulgarities on the windows in paint and two of the windows had been broken. It does not appear that anyone entered the house, according to police. The estimated damage is \$250. The case is still under investigation.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki

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travelers not carry extra credit cards or important identity documents except when needed. They also suggest examining credit card statements before paying them and when dining, keep track of how the credit or debit card is run through.

Identity theft isn't the only danger to students on break. Alcohol consumption and binge drinking are frequently risky activities students engage in. Often, spring break packages have alcoholic drinks included in the price, which easily lures students in. Vacation packages for Mexico are quick to point out that the drinking age there is eighteen.

Partying, drugs and sex are ways students on vacation choose to express their freedom. All too often, alcohol is the source of this freedom. It tends to erase fear and make one feel as if nothing is holding them back. Alcohol is often referred to as 'social lubrication'. Though the biggest factor in spring break over-consumption is that many college students do not know how to limit themselves.

"For most people, spring break is a wonderful time, lots of fun with friends but for a few, it becomes a bit more, especially when you add alcohol into the picture," said Professor of Human Sexuality and Family Relations, Sandy Caron. "In addition, the anonymity one experiences over spring break by being in a new place, where no one knows you, opens up opportunities for you to try things you might not consider within the confines of the small university, where you have to see these people the next week-end."

Tuition

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able. [Universities] are already cutting. Even before these potential cuts, they are already looking at positions and programs and cutting back on all kinds of things. This would be a hard blow for them to take," she said.

UMaine administrators agree. "[The cuts] would be devastating and very difficult to manage," Director of University Relations Joe Carr said. "A significant cut would reduce the university's ability to provide the high-quality education our students deserve and the people of Maine expect," he said.

Earlier this month, state revenue forecasters reported a \$95 million budget gap. On Monday, the state released new revenue forecasts suggesting that the gap has doubled, and that legislators must now find \$190 million to balance the budget. The Maine Revenue Service attributes this gap to shortages across tax revenue lines from sales tax to real estate, corporate, and individual taxes. While the state is considering many cuts to fill the hole, some may need to come from UMS.

Cain, who sits on the Legislature's appropriations committee, said the budget process is still in its infancy and that exact cuts are unknown.

A study done by the Journal of American College Health found the average man reported drinking 18 drinks per day and the average women reported drinking 10 drinks a day on spring break. Of the 442 women and 341 men surveyed, more than 50 percent of men and 40 percent of women drank until they became sick or passed out at least once.

Another study of college students on spring break showed that of the men who consumed more than 5 drinks and women who consumed more than 4 drinks, 49.7 percent engaged in unplanned sex. Of those, 52.3 percent engaged in unprotected sex.

Cassie Putnam, a fourth-year nutrition major isn't traveling this year but went to Panama City, Florida last year for spring break. "The best part of my trip last year was the warm weather and being able to lay on the beach, I didn't care as much about going out at night."

Two other UMaine students will be heading to New York City for their spring break. Third-year engineering major Brian Hayes will be attending a concert while in the big apple. "I have never been to New York so I am pretty excited to experience the city."

Melissa Kierman, a first-year biology major, is heading to New York City to visit her boyfriend. "We don't have too much planned, just going to relax."

Chris Fournier, second-year mechanical engineering major will be venturing to Port Charlotte, Florida. "I plan to enjoy the warm weather and the break in general."

Dana said to remember to have fun while being safe and not taking unnecessary risks. "Moderation in everything will result in an enjoyable break."

"The governor has proposed no cuts to higher education," Cain said. "The education committee has said, however, should the [budget gap] we have to fill double, which it has, they would take a part out of higher education."

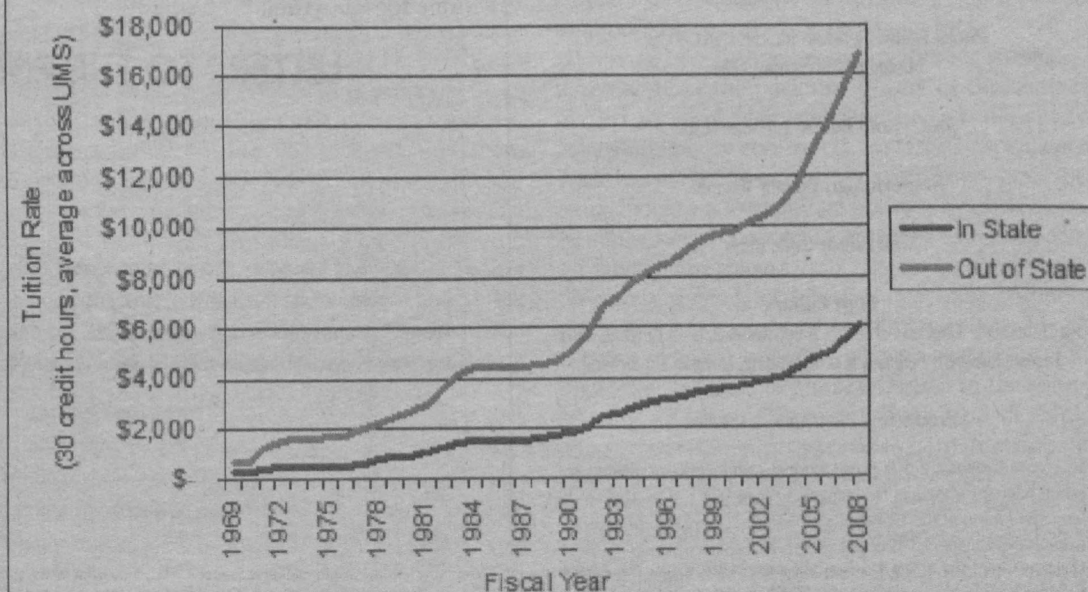
Cain said that education committee members hope not to cut UMS funding, and that they will restore the money if they are able. "They said should the cuts not have to be as deep, the first place they would restore the money is to higher education," she said.

University officials say it is too soon to say how UMaine would respond if ordered to significantly cut back operations. "It is important for all of us to advocate for the University of Maine," Carr said, "and to make the case that budget reductions will have a detrimental impact on the university's ability to continue effectively serving its students and the state."

Cain is optimistic, and hopes cuts to UMaine are not necessary. "We're just at the beginning of these discussions, and there is a lot of support for higher education," she said.

The legislature will continue evaluating budget cuts and proposals in the weeks and months ahead.

Growth of Tuition in UMS



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Funding cuts will cause complications

In addition to research papers and presentations, University of Maine students may face more daunting challenges next year.

After Robert Pattenau, chancellor of the University of Maine System (UMS), originally predicted a six percent tuition increase for next year, the specter of a potential 14 percent increase has now been raised.

This comes after the UMS requested a budget increase of \$8 million to maintain its current level of services. Facing new predictions of a \$190 million budget deficit, Gov. John Baldacci has inquired as to the impacts of a \$7.1 million cut in funding for the UMS.

Chancellor Pattenau predicted a 14 percent tuition increase and the elimination of 150 to 250 staff positions system-wide as a result. He predicted this would result in close to 8,000 students not graduating on time due to the necessary courses not being available.

In light of a report issued by a UMaine associate professor of economics last fall, we consider these cuts ill-advised. The professor, Todd Gabe, estimated that each graduating class from UMaine contributes \$515.5 million to the economy over their careers.

This could be a frustrating position for students, and one they do not have direct control over. The control lies in the hands of the Maine state legislature and Gov. Baldacci. State Rep. Emily Cain (D-Orono) opposes this budget cut. We encourage students to pressure other representatives and senators from their hometowns, as well as Gov. Baldacci, to ensure that they follow suit.

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

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Perspectives

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008



Dana Bulba

For every complaint there is a positive, productive action

I applaud all college students who are satisfied with who they are and what they are doing with their lives — kudos to you. To all complainers, “Debbie-downers” and self-described failures: stop whining, and do something about it.

I once knew this girl — I’ll call her Jill — who was constantly looking to anyone and everyone to contradict her all-consuming insecurities and self-doubts.

She would say things like, “I’m getting fat,” “I’m failing algebra,” “I don’t have any money” and “I never have a boyfriend.”

I suppose typical and kind responses would be along the lines of, “Of course not! You’re wonderful, brilliant and beautiful just the way you are ... I’ll pay for lunch!”

My advice for Jill: Go to the gym, pick up a textbook and stop buying \$6 White Chocolate Mocha Frappuccinos at Starbucks every afternoon. If you do all this, you won’t have time for a boyfriend.

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Honestly, how many ego-boosting conversations does a person need before he or she is content? I think it can go on forever. Putting yourself down and relentlessly fishing for compliments isn’t going to fix your insecurities.

I don’t want to come across as a coldhearted, unsympathetic girl on a soapbox — I can definitely sympathize with almost anyone. It’s the blatant disregard for common sense that has my knickers in a twist. So I have some advice:

If you are unhappy with your weight, start working out and refrain from drinking diet soda with a cheese pizza for lunch. It’s fine once in a while, but if you’re truly unhappy with your outward appearance, then stop eating like you have the metabolism of a nine-year-old.

We also have a brand-new \$25-million recreation facility on campus for you to utilize — you’re paying for it, so jump on a treadmill. Your weight problem isn’t going to be fixed by whining to your friend over a shared freight of french fries.

If you’re failing school, head to the library. Yes, some are naturally blessed with “the gift,” and we’re all envious of them. Yet, you’re unhappy with your grades. Try getting a tutor, form study groups, bring a book to the gym — anything. Sitting around and complaining won’t bring your C to an A.

Everyone knows someone who incessantly complains about his or her finances. I’m not a financial guru or anything, but I can pick up when a person’s debt is his or her own fault. If you’re low on cash, think before you spend. Abstain from purchasing the newest Grand Theft Auto PS3 game or that cute new Coach purse. Have a credit card? Unless mom and dad are footing the bill, I’d hold off on swiping it at your next mall visit. Think before you spend, and don’t splurge.

If you don’t have a boyfriend or girlfriend, and you classify yourself as a self-loather, you’re the problem. Stop raining on everyone’s parade. If you’re happy and content with

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Addressing concerns about the coverage of Matthew Cushing

Eryk Salvaggio

On Monday, The Maine Campus published an article on a former University of Maine student, Matthew Cushing, and his confession to the triple homicide of his mother and step-family, and the arson of their home. His friends and classmates at this university met the article, perhaps expectedly, with tremendous anguish.

As the author of the article as well as the editor-in-chief of this newspaper, I feel that some mistakes were made in our coverage; mistakes that were borne out of solid intentions, but which resulted in an unbalanced, incomplete picture of Cushing.

This piece isn't being written at anyone's request. In fact, it is being written against the wishes of some of The Maine Campus editorial staff. They have a right: Nothing we did in covering the story was unethical or illegal.

It did contain errors. Cushing is 21 years old, not 22. He's not a dropout: he took a semester off. The Facebook quote referring to him being a "rage-holic" was not a glimpse into his mind. It's a joke: probably a Simpson's reference.

I don't know if Matthew Cushing had a temper. I've never met him. What I do know is, from September 2005 until Feb. 22, 2008, he was indistinguishable from the rest of us.

He was a student, taking classes, studying for exams, probably wishing the weather might get better. He likely spent time complaining about common food and tagging pictures of his friends on Facebook. He may have sat where you are sitting right now. He may have been the kid in your seminar class holding the door open as you were leaving. And yet, he is the confessed killer of his own mother, his step-father and his 15-year-old half-brother.

It is undoubtedly one of the most horrific acts imaginable. And while we reported the facts of what happened, as revealed by police and court documents, as accurately as we could, we did not get to the human aspect of this tragedy: that someone just like us has done the unthinkable.

This crime affects his friends, his teachers, the people who knew him. I could not fit their tragedy into the simple facts of what Matthew Cushing

did. The newspaper should have asked. It didn't.

The result is the kind of article we often see in the media: a simplified, black-and-white demonization of "bad people," usually paired with the easy, fluffy treatment of the "good people." Nothing can excuse the brutal act that Cushing committed; but everywhere you look, people are reduced to monsters or superstars, and it takes us further away from what it means to be complicated and human.

Mistakes in judgement were made. We wanted to show a photo of Cushing as a human being and former student instead of showing the mug shot of a confessed killer. In that process, we used a photo a friend had taken without the individual's permission or even the courtesy of a heads up. This, understandably, caused the person tremendous stress and anguish. We wanted to show Cushing as a real person, but we should have had more respect to the complexity of what would have happened to the people on the other side of that camera.

I do not want to appear as if I am apologizing for Cushing. I do not want to cough up the old trope that he is misunderstood, or to offer him pity or forgiveness. What I want to say is this: My coverage, and the coverage this newspaper generated, did not get our readers any closer to understanding how a fellow student could do something as destructive as what he has done, or how unimaginable this tragedy is to the people who know him. On that count, I failed. The media — in this case, me — has a responsibility to make something this overwhelming into something we can begin to comprehend. I didn't.

We have held off on additional stories for this issue because we want to get a complete, accurate picture. We will be posting stories online over break, and will have additional coverage in print after break. I hope it will stand on its own as a way of clarifying the human dimension of this story.

Eryk Salvaggio is the editor in chief of The Maine Campus.

Laziness yourself, I'm sure someone will date you.

If a perpetual self-loather has you by the horns, throw back! Put an end to the pity parties and move the relationship to a more mutually beneficial one.

To all self-loathers: I guarantee your success and hard work towards bettering yourself will build your ego. Don't stay unhappy and rely on others to change your self perceptions — we're getting sick of it.

Dana Bulba is a fourth-year journalism major and is annoyed by lazy, idle little loathers.

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Peter Janarelli

The act of nonvoting is not necessarily equivalent to apathy

First of all, I must say that I condemn apathetic non-voters. There are quite a few people who abstain from their civic duty of political participation, most of whom probably share some combination of ignorance and apathy. This is unacceptable, so I'll give it little attention. Also, as far as I'm concerned, armchair ideology might as well be apathy. To perhaps contradict myself, I have participated in some elections for which I have been eligible, and I, in fact, do advocate participation in elections that offer referenda, which I will discuss later.

My disagreement is primarily with the nature of representative politics. In my eyes, my vote in any election is an act of consent for the subjugation of my will, be it for the presidency, the governorship, the House of Representatives or local officials. Put more caustically, the right to vote is the right to choose your own masters. People often claim abstention from voting is a vote for the status quo. I'd argue the converse: A vote is a vote for complacency; participation — as it may be perceived — legitimizes the status quo.

With the upcoming election, there's a lot of talk of change, but let's not get too carried away. We may have the right to elect some of our government officials, but those officials are the ones with the power to create legislation, that actual chance for change, in government at least. Now, we do have the ability to influence legislation, but this power pales in comparison to the lobbyists and interest groups. Most people simply do not have comparable money and resources. Similarly, don't neglect the major sources of campaign funding. Votes just

don't count as much as money these days.

However, the opportunity of voting for referenda is not one worth abstaining from. This is actually an infrequent opportunity to directly participate in the act of governing. It's worth noting that huge social change has never been made possible strictly by government actions. Abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, worker's rights and so many other important accomplishments were results of social movements, not government. In these instances, popular support pressured the government into enacting laws to preserve its legitimacy.

This brings me to my main argument: If you abstain because of your cynicism of a broken system, recognize that a vote isn't enough to change it, and act. You don't have to agree with me, but don't compromise yourself to a position of choosing the lesser evil. I have a hard time believing anyone out there is in absolute agreement with any candidate, or absolutely complacent with the status quo. You probably wouldn't have to think too hard to find an issue out there for you, whether it is war, corporate profiteering, labor, homosexual rights or even government itself.

So, if you find yourself in discord with the world today, get out on the streets and do something about it. Don't simply resign yourself to sign-waving and petition-pushing. There are many other, more productive avenues for social change. There exist plenty of organizations you could align yourself with, in so many different struggles, so please, abandon your cynicism.

Peter Janarelli will fight for his right to not vote.



Michael Palmer

Clarifying comments about a controversial lecturer on campus

I commend Hosain Aghamoosa on his spirited, articulate expression of his reaction to Dr. Charles Fairbanks' lecture, which was held on campus on Feb. 4. As Director of the new Program in Western Civilization and American Liberty, Fairbanks spoke on my invitation. The program was established this year with a gift from an anonymous donor to the university, which stipulated that I be responsible for its administration.

Mr. Aghamoosa made numerous valid points in his op-ed article on that first lecture in the series, and I do not wish to dispute specific points — many of which I agree with. Ironically, I believe Dr. Fairbanks would also agree with many of Mr. Aghamoosa's points were he able to hold an extended dialogue with him; unfortunately, he is not. I do believe, however, that some points in Mr. Aghamoosa's article could lead readers who did not attend the lecture to misperceive what Dr. Fairbanks said, as well as the nature of the new program.

First, Dr. Fairbanks was not invited to speak on U.S.-Iranian relations, but was asked about them during the question period. Having had insufficient time to explore the complex history of U.S.-Iranian relations, I'm sure Dr. Fairbanks would agree with Mr. Aghamoosa's point that his remarks were not placed in a sufficiently broad historical context. He did agree, however, that America's support of the Shah, which would include, I believe, the installation of the Shah into power, was a mistake.

Second, your readers should know that the remark, "I don't know how placing women's underwear on someone's head counts as torture," was made in the context of a comparison with the way captives have sometimes been treated when they have fallen into the hands of certain terrorist groups: beheadings, dismemberment and bodies being burned and dragged through the streets before cheering crowds.

We are all appalled, I'm sure, at the deplorable acts committed at Abu Ghraib, but we should note that there were no cheering crowds in America. Rather, serious investigations into these atrocities ensued, and even the presumptive Republican nominee for president has condemned the acts or any use of torture by the U.S. This was the point, I believe, that Dr. Fairbanks was making.

I am gratified that Mr. Aghamoosa expressed his "respect" for "the right of Professor Michael Palmer and the anonymous donor to bring different viewpoints to campus," but this statement could lead readers to draw mistaken inferences. Let me clarify.

The anonymous donor who established the program has had no input whatsoever concerning whom I have chosen to invite to speak on campus, nor have I been asked to answer to anyone. It should not be assumed that either I, or the anonymous donor — who is as anonymous to me as to your readers — agree with all the positions of any of the lecturers invited to speak this semester. In fact, if tentative arrangements are confirmed, the last two speakers in April shall be two authors who have published recent books on the political philosophy of Benjamin Franklin, and who radically disagree with each other.

Finally, lest readers think this new program is ideologically slanted, a confirmed upcoming speaker is a registered Democrat who expressed to me his difficulties in trying to decide whether to cast his ballot for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama in the Illinois primary. In short, this is not some kind of "right-wing conservative" lecture series I am directing, but one which I hope will encourage respectful dialogue on campus about controversial public issues — the kind of respectful dialogue in which Mr. Aghamoosa and I have engaged.

Michael Palmer is a professor of political science at UMaine and director of the Program in Western Civilization and American Liberty.

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Bob Marley: WICKED funny man

By
Brett
Sowerby

When a man walks on stage to AC/DC, it's probably going to be a good show. Bob Marley didn't disappoint with his performances in Hauck Auditorium on Tuesday night.

Marley played two shows, the first in Orono at 8:00 p.m. and then at 10:00 p.m. after shooting driving and ice-fishing scenes from a pilot he's filming in Saco, Maine.

After a brief introduction from Student Body President Steve Moran, opener John Cail warmed up the crowd telling jokes about his domineering mother and urban myths about masturbation — adding, in reference to the myth, that he didn't care if he turned into a "Ray Charles Sasquatch." He later discussed the disturbing/sensual dichotomy experienced while watching "Talk Sex with Sue Johanson," the popular show on the Oxygen network with an aged sex therapist.

"John [Cail] has a hard job," Marley said while Cail delivered his set to the audience during the second show. "But the crowd is good."

When Marley finally unwound himself from the stage curtains and made his way to center stage, the audience was sufficiently lubed-up and ready for a good time.

Marley supplied a mix of new material and old favorites in his act, discussing the perils of Maine winters and losing the "clicker" on a regular basis. He also — early in his set — referred to his wife as "The Princess Dale Earnhardt" while trying to extricate her car from a snow bank. What was surprisingly absent from Marley's show was an excess of Maine humor. "I try not to at college campuses," Marley said about the content of his act. He mentioned that people come from all over the country. "That was a set I'd perform anywhere in the country."

One bit many may have recognized was the "Drinking in the Woods" routine — where Marley explains what it's like to enjoy a Maine pit party. "It's like my 'Freebird,'" Marley said of the joke. He called the routine "a little anti-climactic," in the sense that the crowd almost mimes along in time with Marley, anticipating the moves he makes.

Marley didn't think highly of the intelligence needed to find the comedic value in his own act. "If you don't get me ... you're pretty dumb," Marley said. He mentioned how he found a list of jokes he performed when he was younger, playing mainly college campuses. "I think college kids are smarter now," Marley said, pointing out that, had he delivered the jokes from his early career, he would have bombed.

Although most know that Marley grew up in Maine, few realize he graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a degree in community health education. "I got

out of college thinking I was going to teach," Marley said.

He related a tale of when he was 24 years old, just beginning his comedy career, still a senior at UMaine Farmington and playing a show at the Bear's Den here in Orono. The man in charge of security at the time — nearly twenty years ago now — wouldn't let Marley in the doors, even after Marley explained he was the act. The bouncer later apologized, "I thought you were one of those college kids." Marley noted at the time, "I was one of those college kids."

Marley had a bit of advice for aspiring comedians: "You have to be funny," Marley said. "You can't teach it ... it would be kind of like teaching someone how to be short ... You need to write your jokes down and keep trying them ... go get your ass kicked ... you have to be hungry." Marley said of persevering in the comedy field, even in the face of ridicule. Marley suggested staying away from being a shtick comedian. "You need to be a real person [on stage] or people won't get it."

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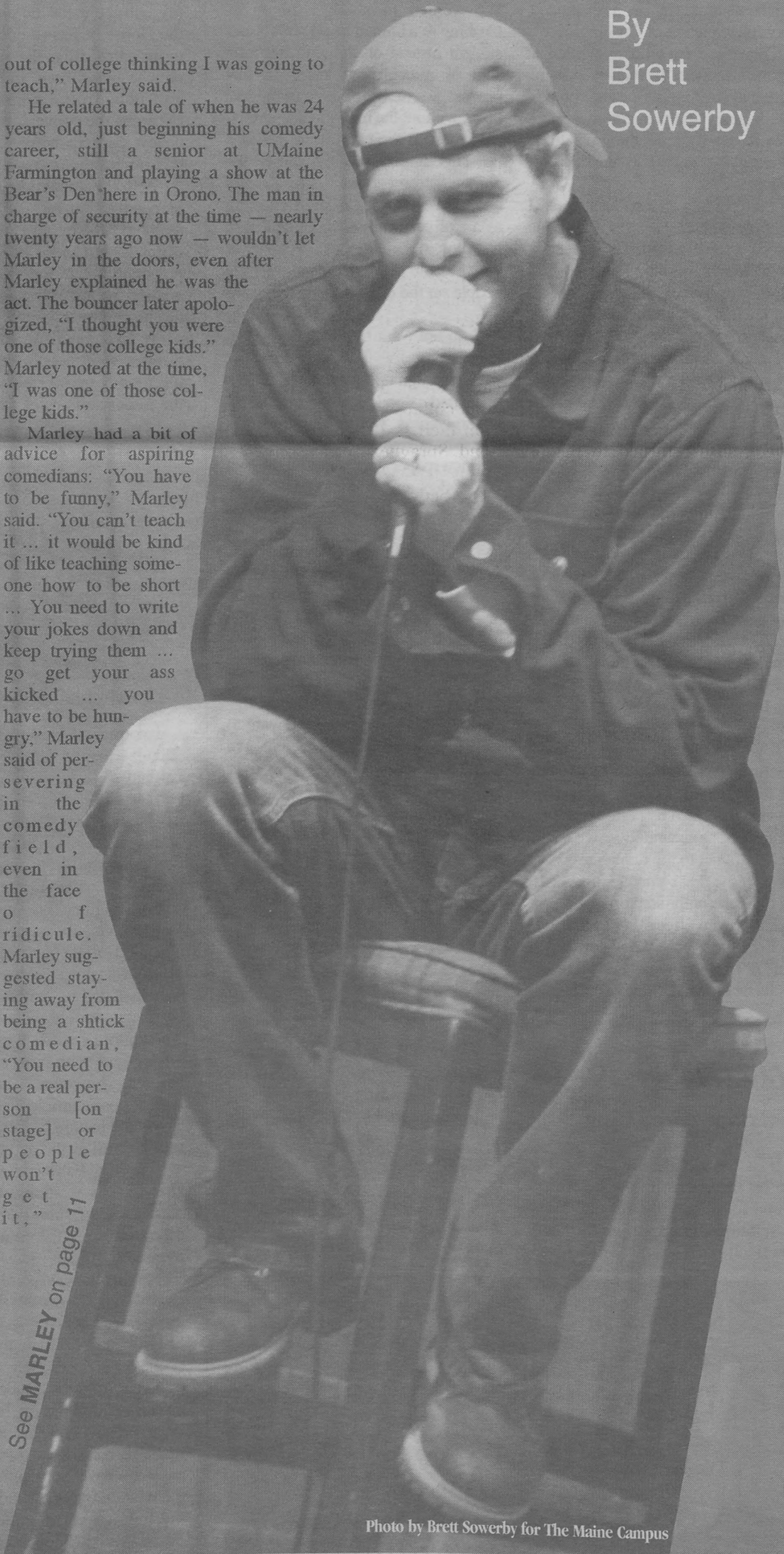


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The Project picks more finalists

Musicality, stage presence, interaction are criteria for winners

By Benjamin Costanzi

It was standing room only in the North Dining Room of Memorial Union on Tuesday night for the third and final qualifying round of Java Jive: The Project. The talent has been competitive so far in this acoustic music contest, with the first qualifying round yielding three solo semi-finalists in Jason Pote, Rachel Joyce and Erik Schwab. The second round was dominated by bands with The Choice Professionals (Nick Mather, guitar; Karl Varian, trumpet) and Sprinkletown (Patrick Gill, ukulele, James Marcel, uke/melodica; Aimee Poulin, tambourine/maraca; Derek Wheelden, guitar) advancing. As a result, tension was high for the last qualifying round featuring both solo and band acts, and many of the already qualified were present to scout the competition.

First up was Miles Hanson who very confidently began his set with two original compositions with heartfelt vocal, and churning guitar. His final song was a cover of Bright Eyes' "Bowl of Oranges" in which Miles switched to some type of conga-like drum and was accompanied by a friend from the audience on guitar. It was a good upbeat cover choice, with great enunciation on some tricky lyrics.

Next up was Dave Sprague — some may know him as 'Action Jack' — playing guitar and piano, and David Smith accompanying on piano. Their first song was a cover of The Format's "Matches" featuring Sprague on vocals and Smith on piano. The vocals were incredibly passionate, and seemed to take the audience aback coming from the relatively diminutive singer. The trend continued in the next song, an original titled "Dotted Lines" written "about a girl" featuring Sprague on piano and vocals. The piano playing was excellently manic-depressive and the vocals were in a Jeff Tweedy-esque realm of hope and collapse, lamenting, "I'm just wasting time." On their last song, Smith returned to the piano and Sprague picked up the guitar and sang the original "On My Way" which again walked the fine line between hope and despair. While the reaction to this performance was mixed, it was a display of great musical pathos, perhaps underappreciated.

Next up was Josh Gastonguay who began his set with a cover of The Foo Fighters' "Everlong" which he felt was written by the "greatest musician in the world after David Bowie." Next was a hilarious cover of the Tenacious-D tune "Karate" which was interesting as Gastonguay happened to resemble Jack Black himself. He rounded out his set with the arena classic "Simple Man" by Lynyrd Skynyrd. Overall, he followed a pretty

tough act but the stiffest competition was yet to come.

Fourth up was Brianna Finnegan, who seemed to be an audible crowd favorite. She began her set with an untitled song which demonstrated her significant vocal gifts. She elaborated on her next song, a cover of Marc Broussard's "Gavin's Song." She really kicked it into high gear with her final song, an ambitious cover of "Sexual Healing" by Marvin Gay which showed off her capacity for both deeply soulful and high fluttering vocals. She also got the crowd involved and clapping along. For the icing on the cake, she performed an impromptu filler set with audience member Jon Bailey, which was a medley of Sufjan Stevens' "Casimir Pulaski Day/Chicago." It was a great spontaneous moment, and the applause was loud.

Last to perform was Sons of David, a guitar duo made up of Jonah Bruce and Geoff Debree. They began their set with an original song called "Taking Advantage" which featured powerful vocals from Debree and piercing solo lines from both players. Their next song, also original, was called "Blame" and ventured into a funkier realm, especially with the guitar work which was again very sharp and locked in. For their final song, they called "Two Meag[h]an's" — Meaghan Brown and Meagan Emery — onto the stage to perform a group cover of Guster's "Demons".

While the talent pool was fertile, ultimately it came down to who best satisfied the three judging categories: musicality, stage presence, and audience interaction. The anticipation was high when the announcement came that Brianna Finnegan and Sons of David had advanced to the semi-final round. They will be in good company on Tuesday, March 25 in the North Dining Hall of Memorial Union at 8:00 p.m. for the eagerly awaited semi-final round.

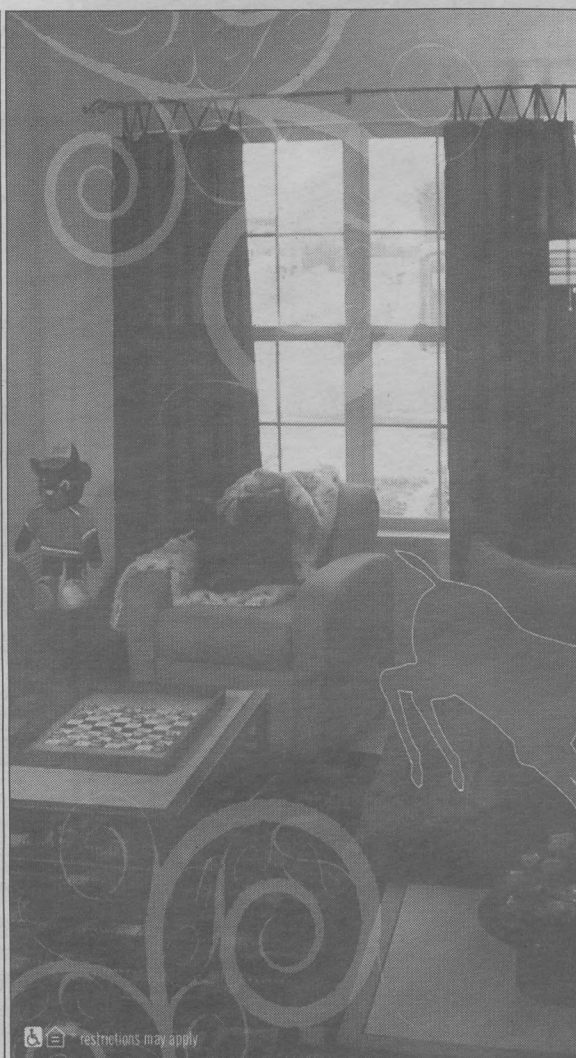


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Student History Club makes some of its own

Club heads into future with new advisor and more members than ever

By Matthew Penney

Members of the history club can usually be found in Stevens Hall, the epicenter of all that is history-related. Tucked away in the Stewart Room, their 20-member club discusses what's next on the agenda in way of trips and events to put on and who will drive the minivan to the next location.

It wasn't always like this though; since its conception three years ago, five members with little-to-no plan had only occasionally frequented the History Club. It wasn't until this year that word broke out that a History Club existed, and an overwhelming — for them — amount of people decided to join. What did the History Club do differently to make people want to join? "I don't think we did anything differently," said President of the History Club, Penney Lary. "There was a lot of word of mouth. I did flyers and posted to the University of Maine forum and the announcements and alerts folder. We would also remind professors about the club and make announcements in classes."

"[The] History Club was very welcoming when I became a member this year," said Jennifer Corthell, a sophomore at UMaine majoring in secondary education. "I joined the History Club because I wanted to be involved in a

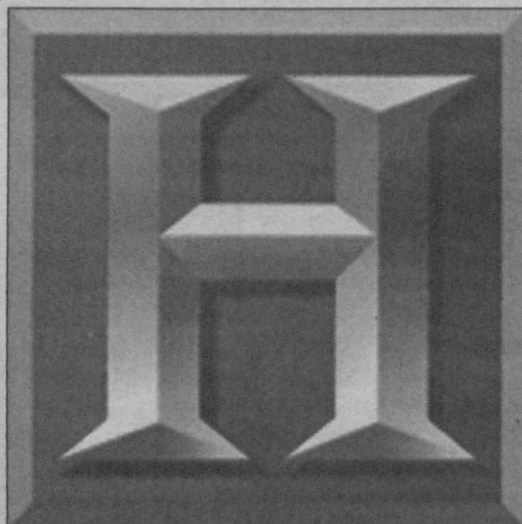
club related to my major. I ended up getting a lot more out of it then I could have ever imagined."

Whatever the motivation in joining the History Club the members who have frequented the club for the past few years are elated with the influx of new faces and new ideas their members are bringing to the table. This makes for a much more diverse group filled with differing backgrounds and personalities. "It's nice to have more people to talk to and to have more people involved so that we're able to actually do something," said Erin Gray, a senior history major, who has been a member of the History Club since her junior year at UMaine.

This year, with the large number of members, the club is planning a trip to Boston in April to visit historical sites. "The people in History Club are great. I'm so excited to be going to Boston with them to explore some of the most historical parts of our nation," said Shandy Collins, a senior at UMaine and History Club member since her junior year.

With the sudden departure of their long-time advisor, Professor Janet TeBrake, it was unknown

what was going to happen to the History Club and who would take over the faculty advisor title to keep the club an active extracurricular activity "I was really upset. She [TeBrake] resigned with no reason," Lary said. "I worked really hard to get the club to this point. I didn't want my hard work and [the hard work of] some others to go wasted," Lary continued. TeBrake refused to com-



ment.

With an insurgence of new members and no one to advise the group, it seemed like the History Club was set to fade in to the distance and never accomplish anything on the UMaine campus again.

With many history majors in the group, one would think that one of the members would be able to get one of their professors to take the job. That's exactly what new member

Sophomore Christina Baker did. "My academic advisor, Professor Liam Riordan, had expressed interest in the position, and I asked him when I was meeting with him if he would be interested in taking the advising position with the History Club, and he said, 'Yes'."

"I was asked by a student in my undergrad course on the American Revolution if I'd be willing to advise the History Club, and I couldn't say no," said new advisor Professor Riordan. "Since the club is really a student organization, my role as advisor is very informal. From my point of view, it aims to increase collegiality among history majors and to build more communication between undergrads, grad students and faculty with an interest in history," continued Riordan.

A history department graduate symposium was scheduled for Feb. 4 in the Bangor Room in the Memorial Union, sponsored by the History Club. The symposium showcased two lectures. One on "He Hath Absented Himself from Her: Saints and Strangers in Plymouth Colony," by Abigail Chandler and the second, "Creating the American Valley of the Kings: The Egyptianization of the Rural Cemetery

Movement," by Joy Giguere.

"I thought it was nice to have graduate students, undergraduate students and professors together. It gave us a chance to talk to some of the professors one-on-one," Erin Gray said. "We sponsored the pizza-and-drinks dinner after the talks ended. It was kind of like the History Club's coming out party. We had never sponsored anything like this before so it was a perfect opportunity to get our club's name out to the public."

With the History Club gaining more members, creating opportunities — such as the pizza-and-soda dinner for the grad symposium and the trip being scheduled in April to Boston — to get their names out in the UMaine community is huge in order to get noticed by other members of the campus. "I would love for the club to be able to go out on regular trips and possibly one major trip a year," said Lary. "I want people to come together and discuss ideas of how they are going to put their history degree to work for them."

Tucked away in the Stewart Room in Stevens Hall, the newly-expanding history club is slowly trying to become a fixture with the UMaine community. With its wide range of diversity and drama, this club definitely has more to offer than just learning and discussing history.

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If this female moose could know that she is advancing the cause of science, she'd undoubtedly be very happy. Actually, she doesn't care, because she's dead. Performing the autopsy is Dr. J Franklin Witter, professor of animal pathology.

"This the Falmouth moose?" asked one of the students, staring at the quarter ton of dead wildlife on the floor of the animal pathology autopsy room.

"This is it," said Dr. Witter, professor of animal pathology, washing the red from his hands. He handed several small circular plastic containers to the technician. "For the cultures," he told her.

"Right now," he explained to the student, "I'm making some studies of the brain which may or may not give us a lead on the cause of death. I have finished a cursory examination of the blood, and nothing's turned up. But I've autopsied a good many of them without discovering any trace at all of the cause."

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Dr. Witter
Professor of animal pathology

The moose — it's a cow, about two years old — turned up at a farmhouse in Falmouth early this month. They usually come to civilization when they get sick. It was decided to take her to the state pheasant farm at Grey, where they kept her alive by forced feed for a few days.

"When she died, they shipped her here," Dr. Witter said. "It's the first moose we've had here in about a year. Sometimes we get four or five a year. Can't tell."

Among the many tests run as a service to Maine farmers, the animal pathology laboratory tests for pullorum, mastitis, Bang's disease, and many other animal disorders.

The contributions of the animal pathology branch are aimed at aiding the state's wildlife program. Dr. Witter said that the laboratory has autopsied beaver, muskrat, otter, red fox and deer already this year.

"But as for the moose, I can't tell you yet what caused her demise," he told the student. "We injected a guinea pig with a sample of the moose's blood yesterday and it's still alright, so we've eliminated any sort of bacterial infection. All that remains is to finish testing the brain."

Why, yes — they'll discover the cause of death. After all, the animal pathology lab facilities are "equal to the best in any college in New England."

Marley from page 8

adding that it takes awhile to find yourself. He also expressed the importance of staying fresh and relevant when he said, "I'm always writing."

Marley explained what it's like to have a good show. He pointed out how important it is to be spontaneous. He compared it to a night out with friends. When it's planned for weeks in advance, it never compares to the buildup; when friends "pick you up after work at 10, and you haven't showered, and they throw you a beer ... it turns out to be the best night ever," pointing out that he switched out one bit he had planned to perform in favor of another after feeling out the audience.

Marley — as well as his opener, Cail — had successful shows Tuesday night that pleased approximately 1,000 people. The shows were not without their setbacks. In the early show during the iPod giveaway, the person sitting in the selected seat failed to find the ticket to claim their free iPod. Apparently, the hidden winning note was tucked away a bit too discretely. Marley made it a point to educate everyone on the whereabouts of the ticket in the second show, but it still took several minutes and a detailed description of the seat number for the occupant to find their spoils.

After the winner got a bit tetchy when ribbed by Marley for her slow finding speed, Marley — jokingly — told her to stop being a "bitch" adding, "I just gave you a free iPod." Add to this mix the fact that one gent decided five minutes before the end of Marley's second set would be a good time to lose his lunch — perhaps from laughing too hard — onto several girls sitting in front of him, it made for an eventful evening of ups and downs.

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I feel duty bound to join hands with the rest of the Campus staff in wishing all of you a welcome back. Most of you, dear friends, kept the Sunday editions of the newspaper busy this summer with all your engagements and marriages. To those of you who are still free, white and somewhere in the years between 17 and 35, I say, cheer up ... the best is yet to come.

The statistics are proof in themselves. Last year the society column listed 115 pinnings, 60 engagements and 50 marriages. So you see, freshman, it's almost as contagious as the air you breathe. For further information on how to go about catching this wonderful disease, consult any upper classmen. In the meanwhile, enjoy yourselves and have a good year.

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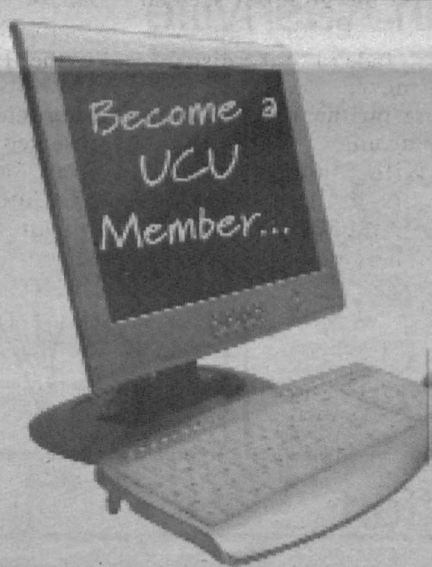
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

This is not the right time for dealing with challenging activities, for you seem to be lacking practical sense. Today you are advised not to take initiative at work or in business. You might prove not to be very inspired.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

This morning you could be in a state of confusion and unable to make yourself understood. You are advised to try and sort out your ideas.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Although you will feel in very good shape, you might find out that you are not being very efficient. You seem not to be quite realistic today.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You might receive a significant sum of money from an older person in the family, and will start making future plans. Don't make any hasty decisions today, for you are lacking practical sense and may fail!

Leo

July 23 to August 22

In the morning you might face some difficulties at work because you will be unable to focus. You are advised to ignore the gossips around you, for they could get you into fights.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

In the morning you could be in a state of confusion and in a rather bad mood. You are advised to avoid taking risks, for your chances to succeed are thin.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You have great plans, especially in the financial department, but you cannot see any encouraging signs yet. Be patient and try to manage your time more efficiently!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

In the morning you tend to be over-sensitive and nothing will seem to please you. Try to get over it as quickly as possible, for it could affect your relationships!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Today is not a good time for you to meet with friends or to deal in business. You will tend to be rather choosy and in no mood to talk. Postpone shopping and investments! You are running the risk of making bad decisions.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Try not to take on too many responsibilities! Success is very unlikely for you today. Fortunately, you will get support from where you least expect it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

In the morning you could be on a state of confusion and have communication problems. You cannot rely on intuition either, therefore you should take no chances.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

Today is not a favorable time for investments or for making future plans. On the other hand, your sentimental relationship will bring you special satisfactions.

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DISTRACTIONS

News Cat — A choose your own adventure comic

By Alicia Mullins

Johnny Everycat has a meeting with the Editor in Chief to get his first news assignment.

Now here's the scoop: the city's got a big shipment of questionable bananas comin' in, and I need you to bust this thing wide open. I'm sure I don't have to tell ya that this is the kind of dirt our small-town newspaper's been waiting for. I'm taking a chance giving you this story when you've never picked up a pencil before ... but I like the cut of your jib, and I'm an ape who trusts his instincts. Just don't let me down, kid.

What should Johnny Everycat do next?

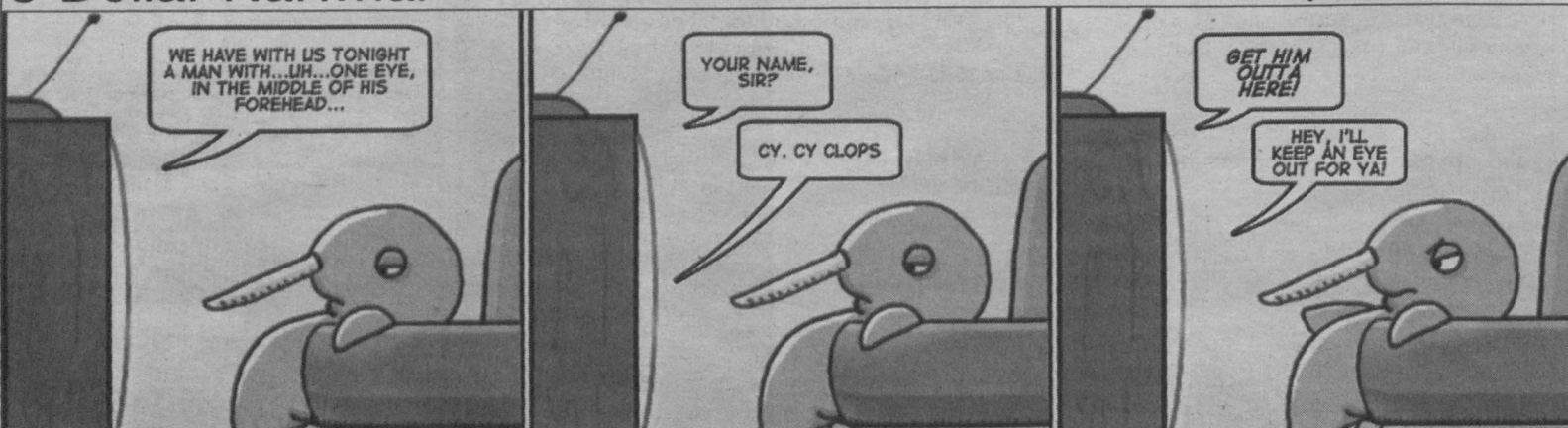
- a. BLOW THAT BANANA STORY RIGHT OUT OF THE WATER!
- b. Take a short nap.
- c. Watch an episode or two of "Flight of the Conchords"

E-mail answers to: Johnnyeverycat@gmail.com

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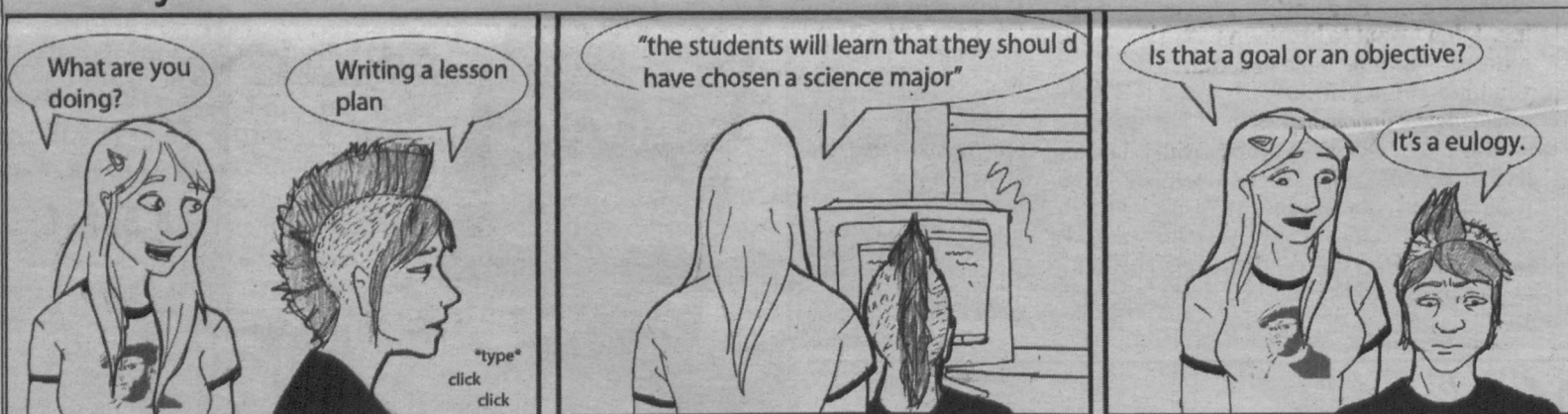
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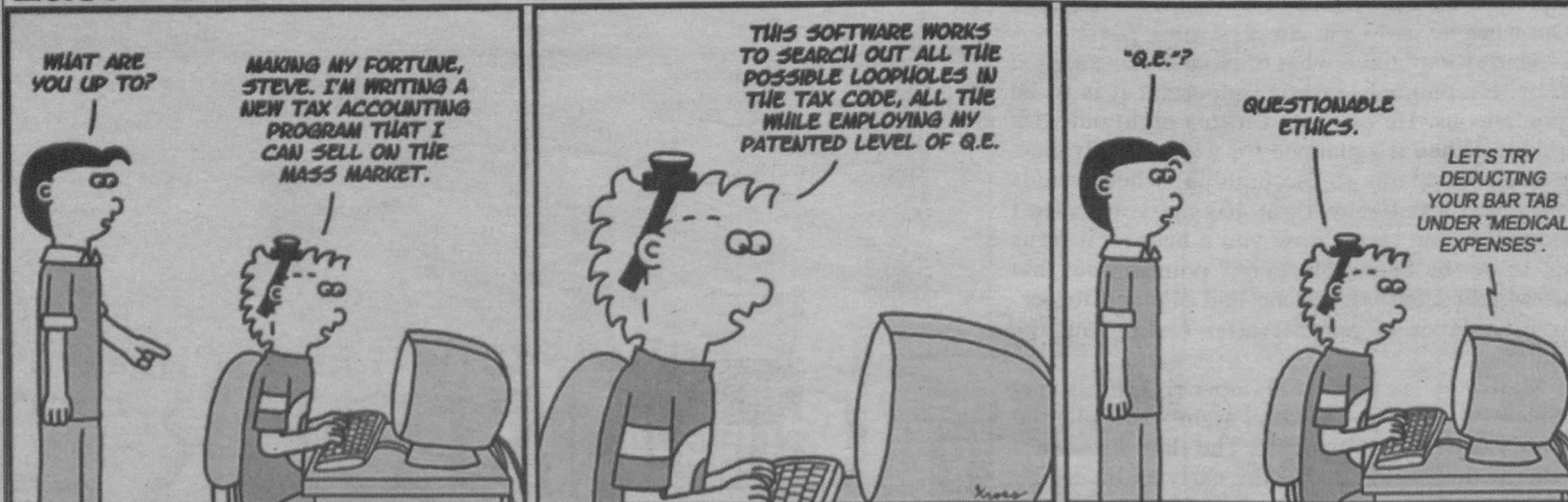
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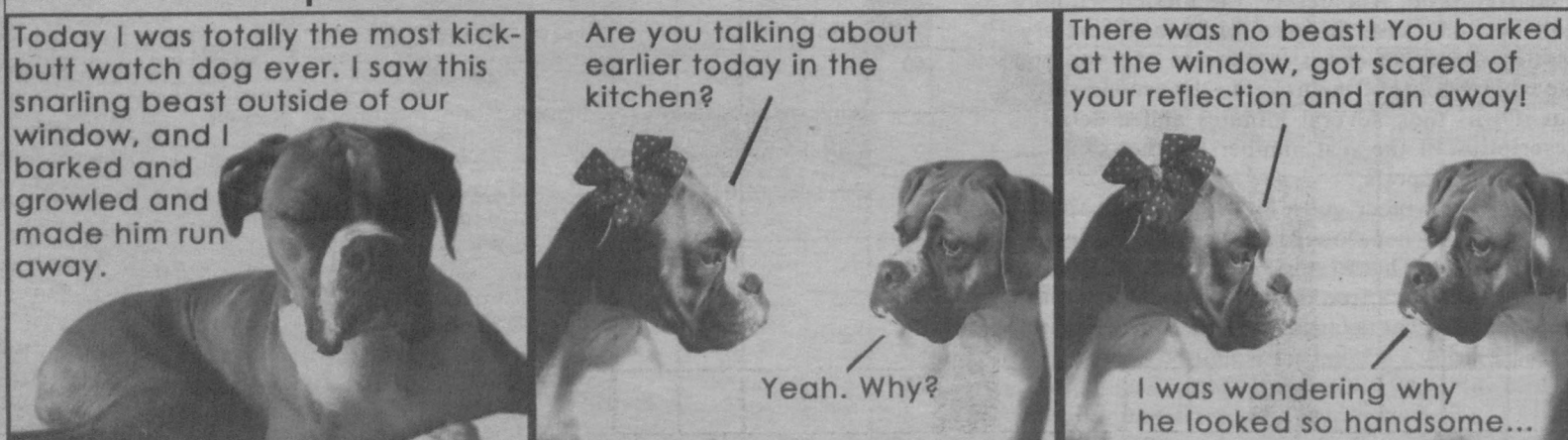
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SEX MATTERS

By Dr. Sandra Caron

I'm going with my friends to Florida for spring break, but I'm really not comfortable with the way I look. My friends say I look fine but I know I'll never find a cute guy. Help!!

Female, Senior

If your friends are truly your friends, they wouldn't suggest that you go to Florida to have a bum time. They obviously expect you're going to have a good time. I suggest you let go of focusing on your imperfections, and go enjoy yourself with your friends. Perhaps a guy will find you while you are having a good time.

Are girls typically less interested in sex and therefore lose interest before their boyfriends do?

Male, Senior

There's no one rule for everybody. While society may try to portray women as less interested in sex, the reality is that people vary. Some women and some men have very high sex drives, while other men and women do not.

I'm not sure what to do. My boyfriend and I have a great time together, but in many ways we're not the same. In fact, the longer we go out, the more pronounced our differences become. He feels that it's okay to have sex before marriage, while I believe in waiting. I don't want to break up with him — but it doesn't seem possible to continue dating, if you know what I mean.

Female, Sophomore

What you seem to be dealing with is incompatible sexual values between you and your boyfriend. Have you been able to talk with him about this? What is his opinion? Are you feeling pressured? What are the things that hold your relationship together? Are you compatible

in many other areas? Compatible sexual values are an important consideration in dating. You should know that some couples develop and maintain a relationship in spite of differences between their sexual values. For example, a person who values sexual monogamy may become involved with a person who values sexual variety with multiple partners. Couples with conflicting sexual values may consider the following options: changing their values, changing their behavior (while retaining their values), accepting their differences, and ending the relationship. In your case, you will need to decide what is best for you. I would hope that you would be able to find the strength to hold onto those things that you feel are important and not feel pressured to change your values or behavior for the sake of saving a relationship.

I broke up with my girlfriend over a year ago, but can't stop thinking about her. Her birthday is this month and I really miss her. I've dated other girls, but nobody seriously. Will I ever get over her?

Male, Junior

Probably. One year isn't really a long time to still be thinking about your old girlfriend, not only with her birthday coming up but also when you haven't established another serious relationship. It's important to look at why you still think about her. Is it the relationship with her that you miss, or just having a relationship? Why did you break up? Often times it can be easier to remember the good times with your girlfriend, while forgetting why the relationship didn't work out. Remember: one of our tasks in life is learning to let go. It's hard.

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- Local Area Network
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- Blackcurrent flavoring
- Broadcasting and/or print
- Pearly-shelled mussel
- Backside
- Explosion
- Buns
- Hotel
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- A method of dyeing cloth
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- Avatar of Vishnu
- Complied
- A type of economic system
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- He digs for metals
- Heroic tales
- A sharp intake of breath
- Beaks
- Edge of a sidewalk
- Dwarf buffalo
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- Jells or crystalizes
- Found on the necks of horses
- Anagram of "Neat"
- Peril
- Against
- A former king of Israel
- Neat
- Downhill or cross-country
- A city in Tunisia
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Baseball

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by playing at Earl E. Wilson Stadium, which sits 2,030 feet above sea level.

Hockey

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The home team began on the right foot as Cristin Allen garnered her fourth goal of the season to put the Huskies up 1-0.

Halfway through the first period, UMaine's Pam Patterson scored her third goal of the season to tie the game.

It took the home team only 43 seconds into the second period for

"It's a bandbox of a place," Trimper said of UNLV's stadium. "The ball jumps out there in the desert."

With a tough non-conference schedule, playing top competition on the road doesn't intimidate UMaine.

their second goal of the game and Thibault put the Huskies up, 2-1.

A few minutes later, first-year Jordan Colliton notched her third goal of the year.

The tie was only short-lived as UConn's Jennifer Chiasson scored on UMaine. Chiasson scored again with only five minutes remaining in the second period and put the Huskies up by a score of 4-2.

The third period started with the Black Bears struggling to make a comeback. Robyn Law scored her third goal of the season only three minutes into the third period to pull

"It's not like we're just going out there to try to compete with them," said Trimper. "We are going to go out there and try to take three games from UNLV."

The three-game series begins on Friday night with the first pitch set for 9:30 p.m.

UMaine within one goal of a tie.

UConn's Jaclyn Hawkins followed the shot and scored to put UConn up 5-3.

UMaine remained relentless, with only a minute left in the game, Taryn Peacock scored UMaine's fourth goal with UConn's goalie absent from the net, but it was too late for the Black Bears who fell to UConn by a score of 5-4.

UMaine returns to the Alfond Arena this weekend for their last regular season play when they play host to Vermont on Saturday and Sunday.

Men's Hockey

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momentum rolling in order to pick up another victory. They started off well, opening up the scoring on a power play 8:40 into the game. Keenan Hopson pushed the puck to Travis Ramsey, who fired a shot toward the goal. Chris Hahn was able to get a stick blade on the puck in front of the net, tipping it past Dainton for the 1-0 lead. With just under two minutes left in the period, Andrew Sweetland added a goal off an assist from Rob Bellamy.

The Minutemen were finally onboard midway through the second period. After receiving the puck from Justin Braun, P.J. Fenton found Chris Davis in front of the net. He managed a shot past Bishop to make the score 2-1.

UMaine quickly responded with just over seven minutes remaining,

at the tail end of a power play. Off of a great look from Bret Tyler, Wes Clark broke away and put a move on the UMass goalie, beating him to increase the lead to 3-1.

Sweetland added another goal to the stat sheet with just under two minutes left as he took a pass from Hopson and beat the goalie five-hole on a breakaway. Despite being greatly outshot in the period 19-5, it was UMaine who capitalized on their opportunities.

Going 4-1 into the third period, UMaine appeared to back off the pressure a bit. It was just the break UMass needed and they thrived on the change in style. The Minutemen nabbed two goals before the period was five minutes old, one from P.J. Fenton and one from Alex Berry.

UMaine made several key stops. With 3:29 left in regulation, Mike Kostka rifled a shot from the blue line that beat Bishop and tied the game at 4-4.

Having let UMass back in the game, UMaine players knew they

couldn't let it slip away. They finally secured the victory with two minutes left in the overtime period. Andrew Sweetland stole the puck and made a pass toward the net to Wes Clark. Clark redirected it into the back of the net and UMaine skated off the ice with the 5-4 victory.

Bishop hauled in 36 saves for the Black Bears by game's end. "These were must-wins, so it's really a huge boost for our team," Bishop said. "We got a couple big players back in the lineup and that really uplifted the guys."

For his efforts on the weekend, first-year Sweetland was named the Hockey East Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week. He tallied two goals and two assists in the UMass sweep.

Sweetland and the rest of the team will continue to hunt for that final playoff spot when they travel to Vermont for a two-game series this weekend.

Bishop

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practice and the last person off. He's a great kid and the catalyst to our team."

If you have to pick just one thing that separates "Big" Ben from his goaltending counterparts on other teams, it would be his 6-foot-7 frame.

"I've always been [the tall kid] so I never had a growth spurt where I had to get used to being taller," Bishop said. "But if I get out of position or alignment just a little bit, that's where a tall goalie can start to have problems, because it'll take that much longer to get back into alignment. If I get my head a bit too far out in front of me, it's going to be farther out in front than it would be on a smaller guy."

While Bishop's size gets him in trouble on rare occasions, more often than not it helps by allowing him to block off large portions of the net to shooters. What has gotten him into trouble from time to time is his aggressive nature in and out of net. Bishop has become known for his willingness to handle the puck around the net and even voyage well out of the crease to stop an opposing player breaking toward him. He has built this aggressive style under the guidance of Assistant Coach Grant Standbrook, who likes to compare Bishop to another all-or-nothing style goalie from UMaine's past — Garth Snow.

"[Coach Standbrook] sides on the side of being really aggressive. He'd rather have you be far out than in the net," Bishop said. "I like to have fun out there. People will sometimes come

up to me after a game and say, 'What were you doing on that one?' or 'Where were you going?' But this is such an instinct sport and you can always end up second-guessing yourself."

This style has served Bishop well and it pays off.

"A few times I've gone a little too far and coach has slapped me on the wrist," Bishop said. "But for the most part it benefits me and I get a lot of comments from shooters saying they had nothing to shoot at, which is what

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Ben Bishop
Third-year goaltender
UMaine Men's Hockey

I aim for."

Bishop started his hockey career at four years old just outside of St. Louis, Mo. His father took him to a St. Louis Blues game one evening and Bishop remembers saying, "I wanna do that, Dad." So he started skating lessons and was a forward for the earliest parts of his career.

"I was the leading scorer on my team for the years I played forward, believe it or not," Bishop chuckled.

Around kindergarten, all the players on his team got the chance to protect the goal.

"I was pretty good at it and I liked it and coach told my dad 'Keep him in goal, otherwise we're not going to win a game all year,'" Bishop said. The rest is history.

Bishop's career continued in storybook fashion when, in 2005, he was selected to play for his hometown team, the St. Louis Blues, 85th overall in the NHL draft.

"It's really a dream come true. It sounds kind of corny to say that, but it really is," Bishop said. "[Before the draft] everyone kept saying 'What if St. Louis drafts you?' and I'd just kind of brush it off because it seemed like it would never happen. Sure enough, I got drafted by the Blues and getting the call from their GM was a pretty surreal moment."

There's little doubt that St. Louis will try to convince Bishop to sign early and bypass what would be his last season at UMaine, according to Whitehead. "However, Ben and his family value his education very much and also value the experience of being in a leadership position, as well as an opportunity to leave a legacy with a four-year career," Whitehead said. "These are all factors that we hope will lead him away from an early signing."

Bishop was willing to give his thoughts on next year's Black Bear squad; "Next year will be even better because a lot of the new guys will have a year under their belt and we have a lot of good freshmen that will get even better," Bishop said. He hinted that he's looking forward to his senior season in the Black Bear blue.

What makes 'Big Ben' tick?

Third-year powerhouse goaltender a leader in Hockey East

By Nick McCrea

Much like his architectural counterpart in London, "Big" Ben Bishop has become a landmark — for University of Maine hockey, at least. Despite the Black Bear's struggles, the third-year goalie has come up as big as his name entails this season and in his career.

Bishop's nickname originated in his first game in a UMaine uniform at the Alford Arena against the Denver Pioneers. The cheer built slowly in the student section and has since grown to a deafening roar anytime Bishop makes an impressive stop.

"It was pretty interesting how it caught on so quickly," Bishop said.

The roar hasn't quieted since.

As of the Feb. 24 overtime win against UMass, Bishop has seen playing time in all 30 games this season — allowing 76 goals on 887 shots for a save percentage of .914. He has been named Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week three times this season. Despite its sterling effort, UMaine has a 10-17-3 record on the season and is trying to sneak out of the Hockey East basement as the year winds down to make the playoffs.

"The hardest part [of this season] has been losing," Bishop said. "It's something different for me and for the people in Maine because they haven't had a losing season in a long time. It's been a little frustrating for everyone."

Bishop, his coaches and teammates came into the season expecting struggles and challenges because of the team's youth and the loss of most of their scoring threats from the 2006-2007 season. Everyone knew that if the team was to succeed, they needed diligent goaltending, which Bishop has tried to deliver by staying healthy and consistent.

"I just tried to come into the season in better shape and help myself avoid injuries, which I've done so far," Bishop said as he knocked on the wooden table sitting next to him in the Memorial Union.



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UMaine's Ben Bishop looks forward to his final year with the Black Bears despite being drafted by the NHL in 2005.

"Ben's done a great job this year, fighting through some challenging times and also dealing with the fact that he's got a young, inexperienced team in front of him," Head Coach Tim Whitehead said. "I've been very proud of how Ben has responded to that challenge. He's playing his very best hockey down the stretch, which

is exactly what you hope for from your goalies and all your players."

"He's the best goalie in the country," Bishop's teammate Billy Ryan said. "He's one of the hardest workers on our team, on and off the ice. He's always the first person on the ice for

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Court change for second game

Outcome uncertain for tonight's Retriever/Black Bear matchup

By Danny Bartlett

The men's basketball team will host the Retrievers of the University of Maryland Baltimore-County tonight at 7 p.m.

The University of Maine Black Bears enter the game on a four-game skid and will attempt to defeat the newly crowned regular-season champion. The first time these two teams matched up, the Black Bears came away with a close 77-74 victory.

In the first meeting, UMaine was lead by Phil Tchekane Bofia with 21 points, Brian Andre with 14 points and Junior Bernal with 12 points, five rebounds and eight assists. Kaimondre Owes chipped in with 12 points while Mark Socoby put up 10 points and 11 rebounds. The Black Bears will be without Bernal for the fifth straight game due to a foot injury.

UMBC enters the game on an eight-game win streak — their longest streak since winning 11 straight in the 1998-99 season.

The Retrievers are 20-7 overall and secured their first America East regular season title with a 71-68 victory over the University of New Hampshire on Feb. 23.

UMBC's top four scorers rank in the top 13 in the conference. In the loss to UMaine, Brian Hodges lead the way with 21 points, Ray Barbosa added 19 points and Darryl Proctor and Cavell Johnson pitched in with 15 points and 10 points respectively.

Men's Basketball

The Black Bears know that in order to come out on top, they are going to have to contain UMBC's scorers and control the boards.

"We need to focus on defense, stop the ball, box out, and get rebounds," Owes said.

Maine out-rebounded UMBC 36-27 in the first matchup. The Black Bears committed 16 turnovers to the Retriever's four in UMaine's victory on Jan. 12.

"We need to take care of the

ball and play more physical in order to win," fourth-year Andre said. He said the Black Bears are going to have to cut down on the turnovers if they are going to be successful.

UMaine only has one game remaining — on March 2 they will travel to Vermont before going into the conference tournament.

"A win would be huge," Owes said. "It would get confidence up in ourselves and in some of the players who have started to play more due to injuries."

The Black Bears are 7-20 going into the game but credit the fans as part of why they stay positive.

"When things aren't going so well, it's nice to have support," Andre said.

"It shows fans appreciate us, even though we come up short," Owes said.

The game against UMBC marks the final men's home game of the season, and the university will honor seniors Brian Andre and walk-on Pat Woodbrey. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. tonight.

Baseball

2/24	UM	8
	Delaware State	7
2/24	UM	11
	Delaware State	2
2/25	UM	16
	Delaware State	7
2/25	UM	11
	Delaware State	3

Exhibition Record: 4-0

Men's Basketball

2/23	UM	60
	Stony Brook	74

Record: 7-20

Women's Basketball

2/23	UM	57
	Binghamton	64

Record: 7-19

Men's Ice Hockey

2/23	UM	3
	UMass	2
2/24	UM	5
	UMass	4

Record: 10-17-3

Women's Ice Hockey

2/23	UM	2
	UConn	7
2/24	UM	4
	UConn	5

Record: 4-25-3

Men's Track and Field

2/22 & 2/23
America East Championship
Eighth place

Women's Track and Field

2/22 & 2/23
America East Championship
Sixth place

An off-the-ice look at powerhouse goaltender Ben Bishop.

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Black Bears score decisive wins on Minutemen

Sunday's overtime victory secures back-to-back wins, keeping University of Maine in playoff contention

By Kevin Bailey

This past weekend, the University of Maine men's hockey team hosted the UMass-Amherst Minutemen for a two-game series in Orono. The regular season is wrapping up, and this was a critical matchup for the University of Maine as they needed both wins to make a push for the Hockey East playoffs. The team stepped it up in a big way, winning Saturday night in a come-from-behind, 3-2 victory and then topped it off with a 5-4 overtime victory Sunday afternoon. The two wins improved

Men's Hockey

UMaine's record to 10-17-3 on the season and 6-14-3 in Hockey East play, while UMass dropped to 11-13-6 and 6-12-5 in conference play.

Saturday night's matchup did not start off as Black Bear fans had hoped. UMass struck first a little more than one minute into the first period when Mike Kostka fired a quick shot from the right face-off circle, beating UMaine goaltender Ben Bishop. Justin Braun and Cory Quick picked up assists on the power play goal.

UMaine responded less than

three minutes later. Working on the power play, Tanner House swung the puck to Billy Ryan, who found Travis Ramsey at the point. The captain ripped a shot from the blue line and beat the UMass goaltender for his third goal of the season. The period ended with UMaine holding a slim shot advantage of 7-5.

The second period passed with a few balanced attacks from each side, and neither team could break the deadlock. As the third period got underway, the Minutemen

caught UMaine on its heels and scored just 37 seconds in.

On a two-on-one attack, Chris Davis fed P.J. Fenton who beat Bishop stick-side to put UMass in front 2-1.

UMaine struggled to come from behind this season, but their determination paid off with 6:10 remaining in the game. After Rob Bellamy dumped the puck behind the net, UMass goalie Paul Dainton tried to gain control but could not. Andrew Sweetland picked it up on the opposite side of the net and found Keif Orsini out in front. He put the puck past Dainton to knot the game up once again.



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Senior defenseman Bret Tyler scored a goal against UMass during Saturday's hockey game. UMaine won 3-2.

The Black Bears completed the comeback with 3:47 left in the game. As UMaine possessed the puck in the UMass zone, Matt Duffy received it and had some

space by the blue line. His shot proved true, ripping into the back of the net for the game-winning goal. UMaine held off the extra skater of UMass to preserve the 3-

2 victory. Ben Bishop tallied 24 saves.

On Sunday afternoon, UMaine players knew they had to keep the See **MEN'S HOCKEY** on page 14

UM sweeps Delaware in four

Bears get best start since 2001, prepare for UNLV road series

By Adam Clark

Last Wednesday afternoon, baseball was the furthest thing from most people's minds as temperatures hovered around the freezing mark and snow covered most of the surface at the Mahaney Diamond.

Sitting in his office in the Mahaney Clubhouse, University of Maine Head Coach Steve Trimper was preparing for the spring trip that would begin over the weekend.

"Our offense should be our strength," said Trimper. "Our lineup 1-9 is strong [and] a little different from past years. We have a solid bench giving us some depth."

Coach Trimper's assessment was a slight understatement.

After scoring 46 runs on 49 hits, including nine home runs, in a four-game sweep of Delaware State, the University of Maine (4-0) matched its best start since 2001. They resume action over the weekend when they play a three-game set at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Even though the four-game series was packed into two days because of inclement weather, the Black Bears did not skip a beat. After rallying in the top of the

seventh inning to defeat the Hornets 8-7 in the season opener, UMaine put away the Hornets early in the last three games of the series, scoring in double-digits in all three: 11-2, 16-7 and 11-3.

"That first game, it was a great game that we persevered," Trimper told Clear Channel Radio. "They're [Delaware State] a good ballclub. I think it was a good team for us to play."

In the four games, the Black Bears were led by fourth-year

Baseball

Curt Smith with .714, 4 home runs, 8 runs batted in and reigning America East Rookie of the Year Myckie Luga with .571, 1 HR, 8 RBI. In addition to the 3-4 hitters in the UMaine lineup, first-year infielder Jarrett Lukas (.333, 1 HR, 6 RBI) and redshirt first-year outfielder Matt Howard (.333, 1 HR) provided some offense off the bench. Pitchers Matt Jebb, Joe Miller, A.J. Balsinde and Justin Latta picked up the wins for the Black Bears.

While UMaine started off the season with four quality wins on the road, this weekend's trip to Las Vegas should be a better

gauge of where the team stands. They face a UNLV Rebels squad that is coming off a disappointing 24-36 season (10-14 in the Mountain West Conference) but is only a few years removed from three straight trips to the NCAA Tournament from 2003-2005.

"It's good to play against good competition and see where we stand," Balsinde said of the Rebels (2-1), who play perennial powerhouse Arizona, California State Fullerton and UCLA in other non-conference games this season.

Led by third-year catcher Michael Brenly (.278, 3 HR, 33 RBI), third-year infielder Xavier Scruggs (.289, 9 HR, 36 RBI) and third-year pitcher Marc Baca (4-3, 3.51 earned run average, 5 saves), UNLV's season will also rely on the development of their youth with newcomers comprising over half of their roster.

"They are a very good ball club," Trimper said. "They play in a tough conference and play some great competition."

While Head Coach Buddy Gouldsmith lost a significant portion of his team to graduation in 2007, the offense remains a strength for UNLV and is aided

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UConn takes series

Despite loss, first-years show talent, skill

By Caleb Savage

This past weekend the women's hockey squad traveled south to take on the powerhouse University of Connecticut. Unfortunately, the University of Maine Black Bears haven't been able to pick up points toward the end of the season, as they dropped both games.

On Saturday afternoon, UMaine only notched two goals as they lost 7-2. On Sunday, UMaine kept it close but in the end lost a nail biter, 5-4. The women drop to 4-24-3 overall and 3-12-3 in Hockey East.

On Saturday, the Huskies scored first on home ice as Dominique Thibault scored five minutes into the game to put UConn up 1-0. UMaine answered back a few minutes later when first-year Jennie Gallo notched in her seventh of the season to tie the game at one goal a piece.

The Black Bears scored their second and last goal when first-year Jordan Colliton put Maine ahead 2-1 with less than seven minutes remaining.

The Huskies didn't wait long to tally another goal as Jennifer Chiasson notched in her fifth goal of the year.

With less than three minutes to

go in the second period, Amy Hollstein scored what was the eventual game winner for UConn, moving the score to 3-2. The Huskies dominated the second period as they outshot the Black Bears by a tally of 15 to 5.

The Huskies came flying out of the locker room, carrying momentum over from the previous period. Nicole Tritter put the Huskies up by two goals as she scored her eleventh goal of the season. Following Tritter's goal, UConn dominated the remainder of the game.

Women's Hockey

Brittany Murphy, who set up Tritter's goal, was rewarded minutes later when Tritter set up Murphy to put the Huskies up by a score of 5-2.

With just under three minutes remaining, Thibault notched her second goal of the game to secure the win for the Huskies by a score of 6-2. With only 27 seconds remaining, Brianna Uliasz finished the scoring for UConn to make the final score 7-2.

UMaine's second game of the series was played on Sunday afternoon. Despite the harsh loss of the previous day, UMaine lessened the scoring gap.

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