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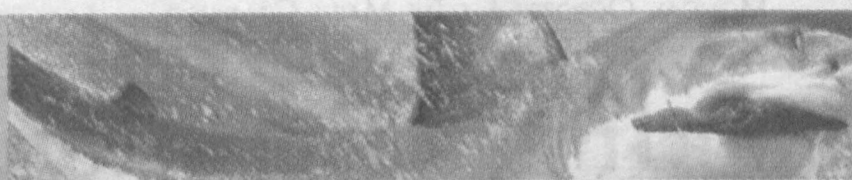
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The Maine Campus

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Students speak up on Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative

By Jessica Fish
Assistant News Editor

University of Maine student and faculty reactions to a proposed tobacco ban are still mixed despite months of research by the Tobacco Free Campus Committee.

According to Lauri Sidelko, co-chair of the committee, extensive efforts were made over the summer to gather the opinions of faculty and staff. She said the committee will be working to educate and listen to students' views this fall.

Research has been gathered from universities that have already gone tobacco-free and found success with their programs. Last spring, UMaine Student Government conducted an online survey asking for student and faculty opinions on the initiative. The survey, which had more than 1,000 respondents, showed a 29 percent approval rating. According to committee co-chair Polly Moutevelis-Burgess, the survey has not been included into the committee's research on the basis that its presentation was flawed.

Sidelko said all recommendations made by the committee have to be submitted to

university President Robert Kennedy, Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Dana and Vice President of Administration and Finance Janet Waldron, although Kennedy has the final say.

The subject has sparked controversy on campus, as many students are still not sure if going tobacco-free is the right step for UMaine.

A smoker's point of view

Josh Burnell is a fifth-year electrical engineering and technology student and a self-described user of "all forms of tobacco."

"If they crack down and enforce everything, I'm probably going to go more smokeless tobacco ... It's not as apparent," Burnell said.

"It's a public university — there are private universities that are dry, that are absolutely chem-free. A lot of them are religiously associated, but they're still private schools, whereas I've been paying taxes since I was 16."

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UM's disaster plans

By Emma Thieme
For The Maine Campus

When disaster strikes, the University of Maine relies on the Safety and Environmental Management (SEM) department to lead the way to safety.

The SEM department manages laboratories, oversees training programs and teaches classes on environmental health and safety. Students with jobs on campus usually receive required training from this department.

In the event of a crisis, the University of Maine answers with an "all hazards" response plan, beginning with the SEM department. The guidelines for this plan focus on prevention, preparedness and recovery.

UMaine's prevention includes developing a plan beforehand and training people in advance to prevent potential hazards.

Preparedness is responding to the emergency with the appropriate plan and communicating with team members.

Recovery begins when the emer-

gency has been brought under control and a return to normal activities can begin again. Recovery includes restoration, renovation and returning all emergency systems to working order.

Communication is key in an emergency response plan, which is why UMaine is certified to operate what is called a National Incident Management Plan in addition to its Emergency Response Contingency Plan (ERCP). The National Incident Management Plan allows for the same communication used nationally between all responding parties in an emergency. It assures that in the event of an emergency there will be no confusion between terminology, principles and concepts.

SEM's emergency response plan is not just for emergencies. "Anytime we can practice our plan, we do," said Wayne Maines, director of SEM. The plan was used during the Maine Hello program this year to help reduce traffic.

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A cut above



Photo courtesy of the UMaine Woodsmen Team ♦ The Maine Campus
UMaine Woodsmen Team member Sasha Bogdan competes in the underhand chop at the Unity meet.

Out of the woods: UM's lumberjacks and jills

By Aislinn Sarnacki
Staff Reporter

Some students toss Frisbees on the mall or shoot hoops in the Field House to relax after a stressful exam. Others pick up an axe and walk to the edge of campus to let loose on a few logs.

Lumberjacks and lumberjills have been a part of the campus community at the University of Maine for more than 40 years. They have formed a team dedicated to learning old woods skills and logging traditions.

Members of UMaine's Woodsmen Team hone their skills at the edge of campus at a practice area they call "the shed," formally called Roger Taylor Hall. Located in the woods next to Hilltop Parking Lot, the small red building sits in a clearing surrounded by stacks of wood and chopping blocks. Inside, a smoky aroma comes from a woodstove in the

corner. Saws and axes hang on the walls.

"You go up there and split some wood or chop a block, and you feel a lot better," said Benjamin Jones, Woodsmen Team vice president.

The team consists of approximately 30 members. They compete against universities throughout the U.S. and Canada, usually entering eight meets per year. They practice year-round — rain, snow or shine.

"We like to have fun. In the past we have been pretty competitive, but if you aren't having fun at the shed then something's wrong," Jones said.

Jones is a fifth-year wood science and technology student who has been on the team for more than four years. Most of the team members are forestry or engineering students, but people from any academic track are welcome to join.

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Making connections: Climate & technology

A social solution for an environmental problem

By Bryan Stackpole
For The Maine Campus

The Socialist and Marxist Studies Series continued Thursday with Professor Mark Anderson speaking about his theory on the connection between the climate, economics, growth and happiness.

Anderson feels many people see problems caused by technology as having a technical solution, but he stressed that this is not what society needs.

"There is not a technical solution for these problems. There is only a social solution," Anderson said.

Anderson wanted to urge people to use alternative sources.

"Add a 50 cent per gallon tax for each of the next five years if you want to solve the energy crisis," Anderson said.

He acknowledged most people are aware of global warming and clamor to find a new technological way to rid themselves of it. Anderson said addressing the issue causing the problem is a better way to solve it.

John Chandler, an engineering student who attended the lecture, felt this was an interesting change from what he was taught in class.

"It was good to hear the other side of it. Being an engineer major, we're taught there is always a technical solution, while Professor Anderson gave the other view of things," Chandler said.

The professor said little things such as replacing light bulbs are ways to help with the climate issue, but he encour-

aged online research to see what does more to help the environment.

Anderson said the average American uses 21 tons of carbon a year, and said a person should take notice of where they fall in comparison.

Anderson touched on human tendencies such as thinking that more is always better and said no one yet calls the current economic situation a recession. He said the crisis of not negative growth, but no growth, is tied to the human tendency of always wanting more.

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Mark Anderson
Professor of economics

He said growth does not always correlate to being happy. Anderson said American wage increases in the last 40 years show that even though pay has doubled, people are no happier than they were with less. He felt that real happiness comes from doing what is best for oneself.

Kate Hassett, another student who attended, felt the lecture was informative.

"I really enjoyed this lecture a lot. It helped build upon the ideas taught in EES 100 [Human Population and Global Environment]," Hassett said.

The Studies Series will take a week off and be back after break with a lecture from Moorhead Kennedy, a former hostage in Iran. The lecture will move to the Totman Room in the Memorial Union Oct. 16.

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Commons cuts trays, uses less water, soap

Students take less food when only given plates

By Kathleen Dame
For The Maine Campus

This year, the University of Maine dining service has discontinued the use of trays at York Commons, joining the ranks of colleges across the country attempting to reduce energy use and water consumption.

Kathy Kittridge, UMaine's director of dining operations, cited more than 24 schools that have switched to trayless dining.

In New England, campuses include the University of Connecticut, Vermont's Middlebury College and Maine's Unity College, according to UConn dining services.

Kittridge said two of the main goals of the UMaine initiative are saving resources and providing a healthier student atmosphere.

From a nutritional standpoint, students tend to take only food they know they will eat if they have to carry it to their table by hand.

"It's a hassle, but it's making you think, too, about what you want," Yasmin Boyorak said. Boyorak, York's customer service supervisor, said she has seen the trends with trays and now without.

She said students used to load up trays on the north end of the commons, they then went to the south end and added more on to their trays. Plates full of uneaten food, with bites taken out, would come into the dish room at each meal.

Now, the dishes that come in are mostly empty. Many students take what

they can eat and finding that once they do, they are not hungry enough to go up for seconds.

"I was floored at the amount of food we are not throwing away this year," Boyorak said.

Last year, dining workers took out two to three bags of food waste per meal. This year, it has been reduced to one bag.

Because less students are loading trays with uneaten food, purchasing costs have dropped. Kittridge said dining did not do a before and after budget comparison to find out the savings, but she was sure "we have cut way, way back."

"I was floored at the amount of food we are not throwing away this year."

Yasmin Boyorak
York customer service supervisor

She said UMaine is saving on labor costs in the dish room. Where four people were needed before, dish room staff has been cut in half, leaving more workers to clean tables and help customers.

Without as many plates going through the dishwasher, York uses less water. Boyorak said before the switch to trayless, the dishwasher ran constantly, wasting hot water, dish soap, sanitizer and a rinse agent.

Susan Little, York's dining service manager, said students were surprised by the idea of no trays at first, leaving dishes and food on the tables, but "once they understood the reasons, they were fine with it."

Lauriane Laliberte, a second-year nutrition student who lives in Aroostook, said, "I don't really mind. I think it's good that they are trying to conserve energy."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

"Fishes that Construct their Niches: The Impact of Evolution on Temperate Lakes and Tropical Streams"
12 p.m.
Room 204, Nutting Hall
By Eric Palkovacs, part of the Wildlife Ecology Seminar Series.

OCT. 6

TUESDAY

Go Purple Day
Campus-wide event
Wear purple to raise awareness of domestic violence. Organized by the Safe Campus Project.

OCT. 7

"Madison's Hand: Interpreting the U.S. Constitution"
3:30 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
By Mary Sarah Bilder, professor of law, Boston College.

WEDNESDAY

Dialogues in Diversity
8:30 a.m.
Coe Room, Memorial Union
With Lily Alavi, wife of Bahman Baktiari.

OCT. 8

"Perspectives on Family Care-Giving: Experiences of Adult Daughters"
12:15 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
By Sandy Butler, Martha A. Eastman; Care Manager, Pro Elder Consulting LLC, Renate Klein and Marha Prolulx, District Operations Manager, DHHS; part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program Fall 2008 Lunch Series

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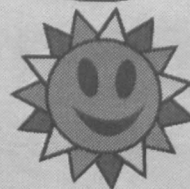
WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

Monday | Partly cloudy
53 **35**
high low



Tuesday | Sunny
57 **38**
high low



Wednesday | Partly Cloudy
61 **42**
high low



Thursday | Partly cloudy
61 **49**
high low



Friday | Mostly Cloudy
59 **44**
high low



Building up steam

By William P. Davis
Production Assistant

Few people visit the steam plant, but the workers there know if nobody worries about it, they're doing their jobs correctly. They know it's best if the only thought given to how the buildings on campus are heated occurs after seeing steam leak from a man-hole. Even so, they appreciate a visit now and then, such as when art students stop by to paint the brightly colored, geometrically patterned pipes that fill the building.

Since 1910, the University of Maine steam plant has been operating non-stop to keep heat flowing to buildings on campus. The steam plant operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Shutting down the plant would mean not only the loss of heat to almost all the buildings on campus, but also damage to the machines. There are 11 full-time employees who keep an eye on temperatures and pressures every second of every day.

The exact workings of the steam plant are complex, consisting of five boilers in the plant and approximately 8 miles of pipe throughout the campus. The plant acts as a circular, self-servicing entity, relying on itself to ensure smooth operation. For example, the water is heated before it enters the furnaces, almost to boiling point, by steam from the same furnaces.

The water is, of course, a central part of the entire process — without water flowing through its tubes, the furnaces would melt in minutes. The water is purchased from the city and further treated to soften it and remove as many impurities as possible. While the water from the city is clean enough to drink, with the amount of water the steam plant uses a day — more than 200,000 gallons — the otherwise harmless impurities can build inside the furnaces and pipes. When the oil furnaces are in use the steam is also used to heat up the thick, almost tar-like oil used in those furnaces.

When the water enters the furnace, it is circulated in pipes and heated by a fire at approximately 1,200 to 1,500 F. The steam is pumped at high pressure to each building on campus through the network of pipes, and the heat is radiated into the air. Once the steam condenses back into water, it is piped back to the steam plant, where it is reused.

About 85 percent of the steam makes it back as water; the rest is lost because of leakage. A worker explained that recycled water is "the best kind of water" because it is in its purest state and does not need to go through the chemical purification process again.

How the campus was heated prior to the steam plant is not exactly known, but the steam plant's superintendent, Chuck Spalding, said the individual buildings were probably heated with wood stoves or furnaces.

In 1910, the steam plant was constructed to serve as a centralized source for heat. The plant originally burned coal, but in 1946 the plant installed two oil furnaces that remain in place today. Two larger oil furnaces and a furnace equipped to burn both natural gas and oil are used today, with the gas-burning furnace doing most of the work.

When they do use the oil-burning furnace, it burns as many as 14,500 gallons of no. 6 oil per day in January.

Besides being cheaper to operate, the gas-powered furnace also has the added bonus of producing less emissions than the oil-powered furnaces, Spalding said. Therefore, the natural gas powered furnace operates most of the year, with one of the oil furnaces used in the winter months as needed.

The employees of the steam plant work hard for little recognition. They are in charge of millions of dollars worth of equipment and are a crucial gear in the workings of the school. It gets toasty in the steam plant, but they keep on working.

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How

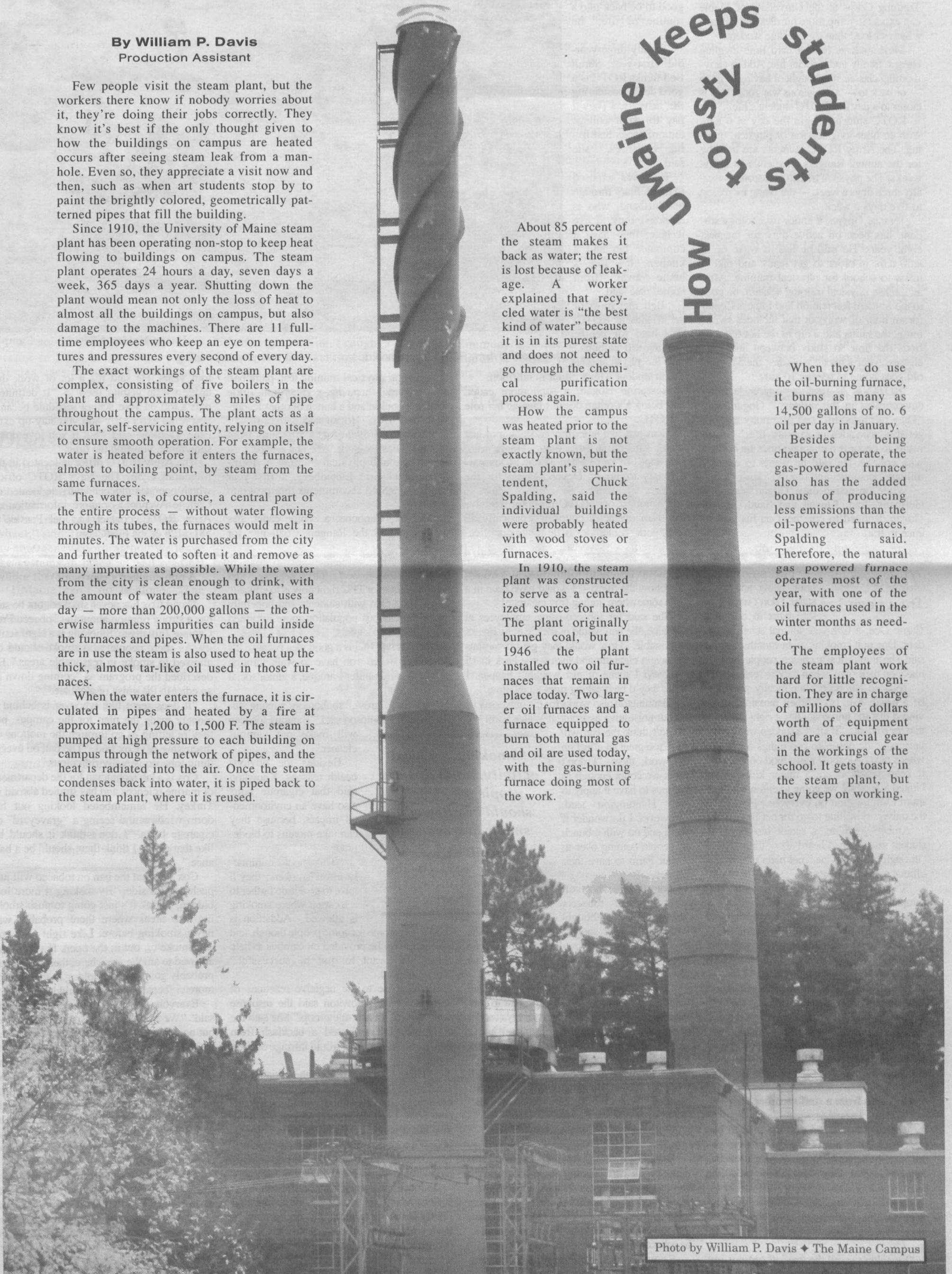


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What it takes to be a student soldier

By Hasan Haider
For The Maine Campus

Members of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Maine can expect to jump more hurdles and balance a heavier load than the average student.

Most students have a hard time juggling classes, family and a social life. Add in early-morning classes, the thought of having to go to — or back to — a dangerous war zone: This is closer to a day in a ROTC student's life.

ROTC students begin the day at 6 a.m. with an hour-long session of physical training. The Army ROTC students are training for the annual Rangers Challenge in a few weeks. The physical training sessions — usually three days a week — are being increased to five days a week.

Terance Gogan, a junior psychology student, has been on active duty for the past eight years. He said he has to wake up at 4:50 a.m. in order to get ready and bike 3 miles to school for physical training. After an intense physical training session, he goes to the Student Recreation and Fitness Center for an hour of workout that includes swimming, the sauna and a dip in the hot tub. He finds the time to study between and after classes. After a hectic workday, the 31-year-old goes home to see his 10 kids.

"ROTC is a great beginning learning environment in the military," Gogan said. "They teach us drill and ceremony and we get the basic idea of military life." Gogan wants to become a chaplain once he is done with college. He said he wants to counsel military personnel and family.

While on active duty, Gogan served in Germany, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Gogan declined to comment on his experience in Iraq.

"After being overseas, in rigorous and different uncontrollable situations it's good to be back into a routine of life," he said.

Twenty-three-year-old first-year Sarah Bell thinks ROTC is a good deal, considering the benefits. "They'll pay for your college tuition, books and living expenses," she said.

Bell was exposed to the military through her husband, who is on active duty. "I like it here; they have a computer lab and a kitchen. It's like a home away from home," she said.

Bell met most of her friends at ROTC. "It's hard for people that live off campus," said the physical education student with a minor in nutrition.

Katherine Hogan, a sophomore cadet, said being a woman doesn't change her role in ROTC.

"I'm just like any other cadet — not just a girl. I'm like another man," Hogan said. She hopes to be selected as one of ten participants to go to Devon, Mass. for the Rangers' Challenge.

"Amongst our ROTC program we have the team obstacles course — basically all teamwork. It includes rifle range qualifica-



Hasan Haider ♦ The Maine Campus

Members of Army ROTC stretch and do leg-lifts during their physical training.

tion, regular physical training test, paint ball and grenade throwing competition, little wind navigation and a bunch of other leadership challenges," Hogan said.

The annual event hosts 30 teams from the Northeast region. "We are selected on attendance and physical training performance," said Eric Lichtenberg, a first-year cadet. "I would recommend this program to anyone."

Mariano Cannone, a senior cadet, has participated in the Rangers Challenge for

four years. He said it's a lot of work that takes a little getting used to. "It definitely puts a toll on your school schedule because you're up extra early and you stay up extra late," Cannone said, "but if you love doing something, you find the time."

The Army ROTC office is located in the Memorial Gym. The Navy ROTC office, which operates independently, is located on College Avenue. For more information on Army ROTC, contact Lt. Joel Peaslee at 581-1126 or via FirstClass.

Tobacco from page 1

"I pay \$600 a credit hour, being an out-stater. I don't want to be told what to do," said Carrie Doe, a fifth-year animal sciences student. Doe quit smoking eight months ago but said she thinks it's a choice people have to make on their own, when they're ready.

Tobacco has been scientifically proven to be a health risk, but Burnell remains unconvinced that the university has a right to decide that for students. "If all of a sudden we give the university the power to ban things for health, what's next? Alcohol? Fatty food on campus? If heart problems are a major killer in the United States, are we going to enforce a minimum exercise limit on everyone? How far is the university willing to go for our health?"

Amber Wetmore, a senior bio-chemistry student said she had heard about the initiative "through the grapevine," but hadn't heard any official announcements.

"I've heard about it happening on other campuses, but this is the first I've heard of it at UMaine. I thought it was pretty ridiculous when I heard about it on other campuses," Wayne Sowers, a senior biology student, said. "Smoking outside, how does that affect anyone else?"

Burnell said the initiative does not reflect the desires of most students. He cited the GSS survey conducted last year as proof of this.

"I am opposed to it, and I don't think it was well thought out. I think it was slipped under the radar. I don't think it [the committee] gave the students a vote."

Concerns from a staff member

Meghan Hannington said the plan to ban tobacco on campus isn't feasible for a campus this size. "There are so many people on this campus ... that they couldn't enforce [the ban]."

As a former smoker and human development student, Hannington said she used to smoke walking along the mall between classes.

"I wouldn't go all the way off campus just

to have a cigarette [if I still smoked]. I wouldn't follow the rules — I would have been in a hole somewhere, hiding [my cigarette]."

She said for tobacco-using employees at UMaine, the ban would make cigarette breaks impossible. "How would they get off campus to have a cigarette and then come back in 15 minutes? I mean, it just wouldn't happen. I think they'd be breaking rules all the time."

Hannington also works for the university as an administrative assistant at Witter Farm but doesn't think the ban will have too great an effect on her work there. "I don't think we count enough as campus to have it apply to us," Hannington said. "However, I do wonder if we'll end up with a bunch of people coming over to Witter Farm to have their cigarettes."

For those who still want to use tobacco, Hannington thought smoking in cars should be permitted. She explained that in the closed-in atmosphere of a car, the smoke wouldn't be bothering anyone else.

"I don't think it [the initiative] was handled well ... I've done lots of classes on how to conduct appropriate research and surveys, and I don't think that they [the committee] had a very good, representative sample. I don't think that people even knew that it was happening."

As for whether or not this program will work at UMaine, Hannington was clear on her position. "Will it be a success? No. Not at all."

Opinions of TFC supporters

Bailey Knowlton, a fourth-year biology student, began campaigning for a tobacco-free campus over a year ago. "I had a meeting with several deans and administrators to suggest tobacco-free corridors. We decided from that, that the campus would be better off overall to be tobacco-free."

Knowlton said the confusion among

students stems from "a lot of hearsay." She said the focus for TFC right now is to educate, discuss the plan with students and hopefully make the campus population more informed about the group's goals.

"I think it [TFC] is a good idea because it's obnoxious when you have to walk through smoke," said Jennifer Laroque, a junior social work student.

"It's really gross," sophomore nursing student Sarah Thompson said. "Banning tobacco will make our campus cleaner."

Besides the obvious health reasons, Knowlton said that cigarette butts also have an environmental impact, because they can take months to biodegrade.

"This should minimally affect smokers; they'll have to go a little farther to a location where smoking is allowed. Addiction is

hard to overcome for some people though, and resources will be provided on campus to help those who want to quit be successful," Knowlton said.

In response to the negative reactions of some students, Knowlton said the response was "typical for this age group." She said the committee had expected a backlash from those who felt the plan would infringe on their rights.

"Those who are upset by the initiative are reacting to the idea that the university is changing policy ... without consulting the student body. I can understand why they'd think this, but it is not a right to use tobacco products; it's a choice, and one which is negatively affecting others or the environment," Knowlton said.

Laroque mentioned a successful ban in the state of Maine on smoking in restaurants. "It [TFC] is the same thing. No one wanted to have smoking in restaurants, that's why we banned it. Maine is clean, and we want to keep it cleaner."

A non-smoker's viewpoint

David Cox has never smoked, but he still has a strong opinion about the Tobacco Free Campus Initiative. "Smoking is a legal activity. As such, people who smoke should be allowed to smoke in reasonable areas." He described the program as "coming down as an edict in the guise of a choice."

"It does seem like whoever is behind it already made the plan for the campus, but they're letting us go through the motions of discussing it," Cox said. "The ban on everything tobacco is really ridiculous."

Cox is a lab technician for the department of marine sciences and has studied abroad in Turkey. He remembered looking out his dorm window and seeing a "graveyard" of cigarette butts. "I don't think it should be like that either. I think there should be a balance."

Cox said that the ban on tobacco will just push users inside. "By making it more forbidden, I think it's just going to push smoking into areas where there probably was never smoking before. Like right now you can smoke ... out in the open. If you're not allowed to smoke anywhere, then people are probably going to be smoking in their rooms more ... because they'll be hidden."

Everyone has seen the propaganda, Cox said. "We know cigarette smoking is bad, but as adults we have the option to say yes we'll smoke or no we won't smoke."

Citing the survey conducted by GSS, he said that a lot of students commented on spitting tobacco. "A lot of people didn't like spitting tobacco because it's gross ... People spit out gum. I got gum on my clothes once at a computer cluster — that's gross too. But I'm not going to say that people should ban chewing gum."

Cox suggested building gazebos for smokers so people who dislike the smoke can avoid it. "I don't think it's saying that the university is encouraging smokers, but rather the university is saying that we know these people are here, and we accommodate all people."

Professor leaves school to fly fish in Florida

By Sarah McClarie
For The Maine Campus

After nearly three decades of employment with the University of Maine, Professor Robert Whelan faces his retirement — well, “partial phased retirement.”

Hanging from one of the many bookshelves in his office is an army paratrooper figurine, the mention of which launches a conversation about jump school.

“The third week was tower week. We went up a 250-foot tower and had to parachute down. I was young and sort of ambitious ... I’d never do that now ... Old men get scared, or they get smarter — one of the two,” Whelan said.

Whelan teaches English at UMaine. Of his courses, the most noteworthy is the Nature of Story, taught each fall.

“Nature of Story — I call that a license to kill,” he said with a grin. Whelan uses the course to enlighten students’ understanding of the personal effects of the Vietnam War

through literature and through his experiences as a veteran.

Completion of two tours in Vietnam — preceding a tour in Korea — led Whelan on the path to his position as a professor at UMaine. Not shy to share personal stories, when asked if he had ever eaten dog while in Vietnam, he answered, “on more than one occasion.”

“I would stay overnight in the villages [on my second tour], and that’s where I ate it. It was good ... I think my stomach is bombproof from my time in Vietnam.”

Years after his tours, Whelan voyaged back to Vietnam in 1995.

“They’ve got KFC, Pizza Hut and Wal-Mart now. It’s like we won the war,” Whelan said.

He hasn’t planned another trip to Vietnam; for his retirement, he plans to fly fish in the Florida Keys.

“The water is mostly knee-high, it’s all sight casting. I caught a tarpon on a fly for the first time this summer in July,” he said.

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Women make their mark in a male-dominated field

By Rhiannon Sawtelle
For The Maine Campus

After more than a half-century of male domination in the field, female engineering students at the University of Maine founded the Society of Women Engineers in 1950. A non-profit group, the society empowers women and acts as a networking and funding resource.

SWE members at UMaine are taking full advantage of the national group. The only chapter in Maine, the women work to empower themselves and others in their field.

“We are here to develop leadership skills,” President Amber Simmons said.

Twenty percent of the College of Engineering students are women, 15 percent identifying themselves as civil engineers. Although the numbers are low, the members are not fazed.

“I feel like I have an advantage,” SWE Secretary Sarah Hunnewell said. Simmons said she is used to being the minority, taking engineering classes in high school. She doesn’t let it dissuade her.

“I don’t feel like the minority. We all

know each other,” she said.

The group has 20 members with a majority of underclassmen. The group said these numbers stem from recruitment at welcome weekends and engineering workshops in Somerset Hall.

The group has many activities planned within its expertise for the community. The women often hold meetings at Margaritas on Wednesday nights and meet more frequently when an event is being planned.

The group’s October event is “Science in Action.” The event works with local Girl Scout troops and teaches them about engineering. Throughout the day, they learn about each field and do a project pertaining to each. At the end of the event, Girl Scouts earn science merit badges.

“Our mission is to promote women in engineering,” Simmons said. SWE’s motto is “advance, aspire, achieve.”

The group attends the SWE regional conference, helps with the engineering formal in the spring and has judged a local middle school science fair in past years.

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Disaster

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SEM is not the only department with a strategy for emergencies. Every campus operation has its own plan of action. “We’re not going to reinvent the wheel,” said Tom Spitz, SEM’s facility emergency coordinator. “We leave the systems in place ... and readjust where there is a need for it.”

UMaine can’t do it alone. “The most important partner is the community,” Maines said.

UMaine has formed ties with community partners such as the

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Wayne Maines
Director of Safety and
Environmental Management

Orono Fire Department, local police and the American Red Cross.

“We know each other’s faces — that’s important,” Spitz said.

UMaine students have to be prepared for anything on campus. “Students are already trained to be a great resource in any emergency. They are all healthy and smart people that we can count on,” Maines said.

In a time of emergency, students should expect to become part of the solution. They could be asked to help with small tasks such as unloading a truck or passing out water.

“Students here are all flexible, self-sufficient and really engaged. Those aren’t the things that we teach in school; they got that on their own,” Spitz said.

Visit the American Red Cross Web site, redcross.org, for more information on emergency plans.

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www.maine-campus.com

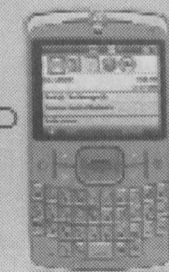
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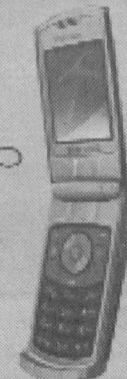
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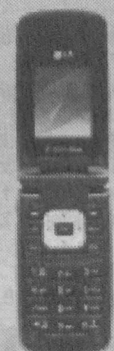


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River restoration may help salmon, birds

Collaboration of environmental groups hopes to buy dams to help fight the 'frog monster'

By Daniel T. Saulnier
For The Maine Campus

Local groups are banding together to work on a multi-million dollar project to restore the Penobscot River and project the multitude of animals that depend on it by purchasing defunct dams and building fish ladders to help struggling species.

Last Wednesday, more than 30 people attended a discussion led by four representatives from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust.

The presentation, organized by Penobscot Nation tribal historian James Francis, is the first in a series of lectures involving Maine's environment.

The Penobscot is the longest river running through the state, and it connects to the Stillwater along with other rivers.

The Penobscot River Restoration Trust focuses on restoring the ecological health of the river and preserving the culture and traditions of the native Penobscot tribe. This project is in the process of purchasing and removing two dams and installing a fish passage on a decommissioned dam along the river. The trust is an effort among six conservation groups: state and federal agencies, the Penobscot Indian Nation and the hydropower company, PPL Corporation.

"For the last two or three decades there have been battles over whether or not dams should be in place," said Laura

Rose Day, executive director of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust.

Many of the dams located on the Penobscot are decommissioned and no longer generate electricity. The trust was established with a goal to provide solutions for environmentalists and the energy companies. The condition of the river and the dams were displeasing to both organizations. The Penobscot River Restoration Trust is working with PPL corp. to provide hydroelectric energy through the dams while still providing a safe passage for fish.

"We have a detailed research and monitoring program, which is not done as much as it should for other watersheds, so this provides an excellent opportunity for the Penobscot," said Gordon Russell from the Maine Fish and Wildlife Department.

The Penobscot River arguably contains the most potential habitats for migratory fish in the North Atlantic. The trust focuses on restoring the populations of 11 migratory fish species — most notably the endangered Atlantic salmon, which many fish population studies report are on the brink of extinction.

Most of the trust's support comes from efforts to restore the salmon, with involvement from organizations such as The Atlantic Salmon Federation.

The salmon's ability to leap out of the water when traveling upstream provides an opportunity to use man-made

structures called fishways. These "fish ladders" are put around dams so fish can leap from one pool of water to the next until it passes over the dam. Russell pointed out that fishways are never 100 percent efficient.

"It's not as easy as installing a fishway at every dam, because some fish don't use the fishways," he said.

Migratory fish, such as Atlantic salmon, swim upstream to spawn after spending a year or more in the ocean. The chance of fish survival drops significantly after passing their first dam and gradually declines to near zero percent by the time the surviving fish reach a fourth dam.

Russell said the most significant problem is that 97 percent of spawning salmon habitat is upstream of the three dams near the mouth of the river. This is the focus point of the trust.

"We're only focusing on a small, critical part of the river, rather than the whole river," Russell said.

The trust is in the process of purchasing these dams.

"The presence of fish [in the Penobscot] creates a ripple effect for the rest of the surrounding ecosystem," Day said.

One of the ambitions for restoration of the Penobscot is the goal to reconnect the interspecies relationships in the river ecosystem. With increased amounts of fish there is an enhanced prey base for birds and mammals. This

also improves the chance for salmon smolt — young fish — to travel downstream.

By improving fish populations the Penobscot River Restoration Trust hopes to restore the critical connections between freshwater and marine resources. Almost as critical is the cycling of marine nutrients through the rivers, which will provide healthier water quality and improved aeration.

"The River is a spiritual link to our ancestors," said Maria Girouard, director of the Penobscot Nation Cultural and Historic Preservation. The Penobscot tribe, whose ancestral area once covered much of the state, considers the Penobscot River as the "heart of their homeland."

The river provided plants, fish, wood, medicine, canoes, drinking water and transportation for trade. This river-based culture also rooted much of its legend into the river. To describe its connection to the river, Girouard read the Penobscot legend of Gluskab, who destroyed an evil frog-monster that consumed all the water in the rivers.

"We can liken the dams today to the frog monster in the story," Girouard said.

The legend states that some of the ancestors had been so relieved to see the water they jumped in and became aquatic animals.

"We have an invested interest in the river; after all, we are the river."

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Wednesday October 1, 6:00 p.m.

Erev Yom Kippur
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Kol Nidre
Wednesday October 8, 5:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur
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Wednesday October 15, 5:30 p.m.
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Whelan

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"I'm just fortunate that I got this job and that I've been able to work at the university for 25 years now. If I'd have planned it and said how I'd like my life to go after the army, I couldn't have planned it any better than what happened — unless of course I won the lottery."

Women

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Gamble for a job fair. The meeting will be a session on how to prepare for an interview. It is open to everyone for a small charge and free to SWE members.

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nizes women in the field. The group describes itself as a "driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women," according to its Web site.

The UMaine chapter of SWE is open to all fields of engineering at the school. The chapter's Web site invites men to join. For more information, contact Amber Simmons on FirstClass.

Dining

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They considered it for Hilltop, she said, but there dining only offers all-you-can-eat during certain meal periods. She said it does not make much sense to have it during a la carte periods when students only pay for a certain amount.

One additional environmental plan dining has is applying for a grant to get a pulper installed at York, similar to the one at Hilltop to extract recycled water from food waste.

UMaine invites students wishing to voice concerns and suggestions about dining to come to a student committee meeting with a tentative date of Nov. 12.

Police Beat



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It's going to get drafty

A window was smashed in Oxford Hall at 11:48 p.m. on Oct. 2 off the east wing, on the second floor. A witness said he was in the hallway when the incident happened, but it didn't occur to him to look outside for the perpetrator. The responding officer examined the window and found that the object thrown at the window appeared to have come from inside. There is approximately \$135 worth of damage to the window. The case is still under investigation.

Lock ALL the doors

On Oct. 2 at 10:07 p.m., a resident reported that her vehicle had been burglarized. The Honda Accord was parked in the Steam Plant Lot from Aug. 26 to Oct. 2 with one door unlocked. A brown leather Claire's bottle and wallet were taken, including pieces of identification and credit cards. Authorities are still investigating the matter.

They didn't leave a message

A resident reported at 3:29 p.m. on Oct. 2 that his vehicle was struck in the Jenness Lot. His Toyota Corolla was left there from Sept. 18 to Oct. 2. When he returned to his car, it had been struck by another vehicle, damaging the left rear panel and back bumper. Damage done to the car is worth \$500. No contact information was left at the scene, and police are seeking more information.

Hard to eat a sub with stealth

The Marketplace notified police at 12:04 p.m. on Oct. 2 when they identified a shoplifter. When an officer responded to the scene, an employee told him that they saw the suspect eat most of a meatball sub before throwing it away and walking to the cash register with his friend. They laid their items down on the counter, and the cashier asked if there was anything else they needed to pay for. They responded "no," made their purchases and went to sit down in the dining

area. The manager stopped the suspect to ask why he didn't pay for the sub. Jeffery Falvey, 19, Orono, replied he lost his MaineCard. Falvey was summonsed for theft by unauthorized taking.

Keep an eye on your stuff

Police received a call at 12:23 a.m. on Oct. 2 when a student left her bag on the floor outside one of the exits of DPC 100. When she returned to her bag, her Vera Bradley zip case was gone. The zip case held \$4 and her MaineCard. The matter is still under investigation.

Everyone wants your bike

Numerous bike thefts were reported on Sept. 30 from all around campus.

An off-campus student reported at 10:06 p.m. that she had left her Fuji bike unlocked outside of Fogler Library. She left the \$300 bike at 7 p.m. and returned to find it stolen three hours later. Later that evening, the Student Campus Security Corp. located the bike on the quad side of Gannett Hall. The bike was returned to its owner.

At 9 p.m. another student reported a bike theft from Fogler Library. He or she was in the library for two hours, leaving his or her bike unlocked. When he or she returned, his or her Trek red 18-speed mountain bike was missing. The bike is valued at \$450.

Another call came in at 6 p.m. when someone left his or her black and neon green mountain bike out on the North side of Memorial Union. The \$50 bike was not there upon return.

A Ralieg M30 mountain bike was left unlocked on the bike rack outside of the Memorial Union. The \$200 was left unattended between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

Lastly, at 4:19 p.m. it was reported that a blue L.L. Bean bike was missing. The bike was locked to a post outside of Cumberland Hall on Sept. 27, and is valued at \$150.

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Lumber from page 1

"You walk up to the shed and say you want to join the team. You just start going to the practices and learning the events. We will teach them to you one at a time," Jones said.

The university's home meet will be on March 22. For competitions, six men and women make up a team and each university may enter multiple teams. There are solo, double, triple and team events that require a wide variety of skills and equipment.

At this spring's home meet there will be events such as the axe throw, super swede, single buck, standing block, fire build, underhand chop, pulp toss, cross cut and log roll — to name a few.

Practices are not scheduled but members meet or practice solo whenever they have free time.

In addition to team T-shirts, most events require protective gear. Lumberjack armor includes eye protection, hard hats, chaps, metal shin guards and chain-mail foot protection.

The meet host establishes the rules for protection and conduct. During the Muddy Jack & Jill meet at Colby College on April 5, teams could be disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior and cussing, according to Colby's rulebook.

At Colby's meet each team must be composed of three men and three women. In most meets men and women compete on separate teams. Women's competitions differ slightly in features such as log weight and size.

The UMaine team this year mostly consists of lumberjacks. Although a few lumberjills are signed on, they are struggling to fill all the slots on a six-woman team.

"Girls doubt themselves ... their strength," lumberjill Katherine Spencer said. "But it's not about how strong you are. It's about learning how to use the strength you have."

Spencer is a member of the professional circuit in Canada and has competed in woodsmen meets for over five years. She is eager to teach any women who would like to join the team.

Each event is so unique that team

members tend to specialize. When asked about his favorite event, Jones said, "Definitely water boil. There's an art to it. You have to know what you're doing [and] think pretty good under pressure ... it's the last event of the day. Everybody likes that event."

In the water boil, the participants are given a log, matches and a can of water. Whoever can bring the water to a boil first, wins. If you can accomplish this in two to three minutes, you are pretty good, according to Jones.

Lumberjack Levi Guimand prefers super swede, where he cuts through a log four times with a bow saw. It requires "a good sawyer, a lot of endurance and a good piece of equipment," he said.

UMaine's major competitors in the U.S. are Colby College, Unity,

Dartmouth and the University of New Hampshire. Nova Scotia Agricultural College and University of New Brunswick bring the team to Canada for meets twice a year.

To raise money for equipment and travel expenses, the team sells raffle tickets and T-shirts in Memorial

Union and at meets. In the past, several local businesses such as Tim Hortons, the UMaine Bookstore, Margaritas, Harvest Moon Deli, Pat's Pizza, The Bear Brew Pub and The Sea Dog restaurant have donated raffle prizes. Student Government allocations also help with expenses.

Some of the equipment has been won in competitions. In a meet last spring, the team won an axe. People from the community also ask them to split wood in the fall and some of that wood is donated to the team.

Inside the woodsmen shed, a framed certificate from 1975 hangs on the wall. The light of a kerosene lantern reflects off old trophies perched on shelves. The members are proud of their team's history.

"We talk to a lot of people around town who remember the woodsmen team from long ago," Guimand said. Several UMaine professors are former members.

For more information on the Woodsmen Team, contact Justin Gammon or Katherine Spencer on FirstClass.

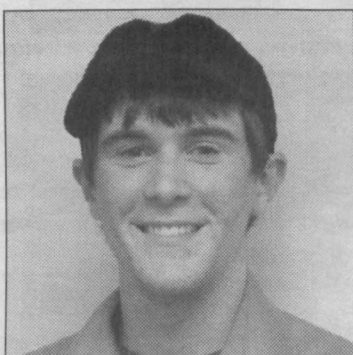
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Going green or just trying to rake some in?

The University of Maine says it has a modest environmental impact, but is it really trying? The university recently ranked C on greenreportcard.org, a Web site for an independent reviewing organization that rates colleges on their effort to lessen environmental impact.

UMaine received its lowest grade on financing endowment. Students do not have the full picture of the money that funds the university's green initiatives — where it comes from or where it goes.

The university, despite its promise to add additional bike racks to meet student demand, seems to have added few or none since the semester began. As a result, bike thefts have skyrocketed. The new Wells Commons' LEED certification is exhibited constantly, but how much of it is a serious desire to reduce an environmental impact, and how much of it is just public relations? The building is not yet certified, but it is advertising how "green" it is.

The university does try to reduce its environmental impact in some ways. UMaine designed the Recreation Center to be LEED certified, and UMaine has a dedicated recycling program. Clearly, the university pursues green initiatives. The question students should ask is: Is the motivation going green, or raking in the green?

UMaine needs to be more open about its motivations and release information about its endowments, as well as do more to keep up with student biking demand. If UMaine was more transparent with its desire for a green campus, students could rest easier and feel better about their university.

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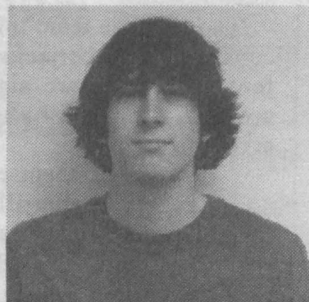
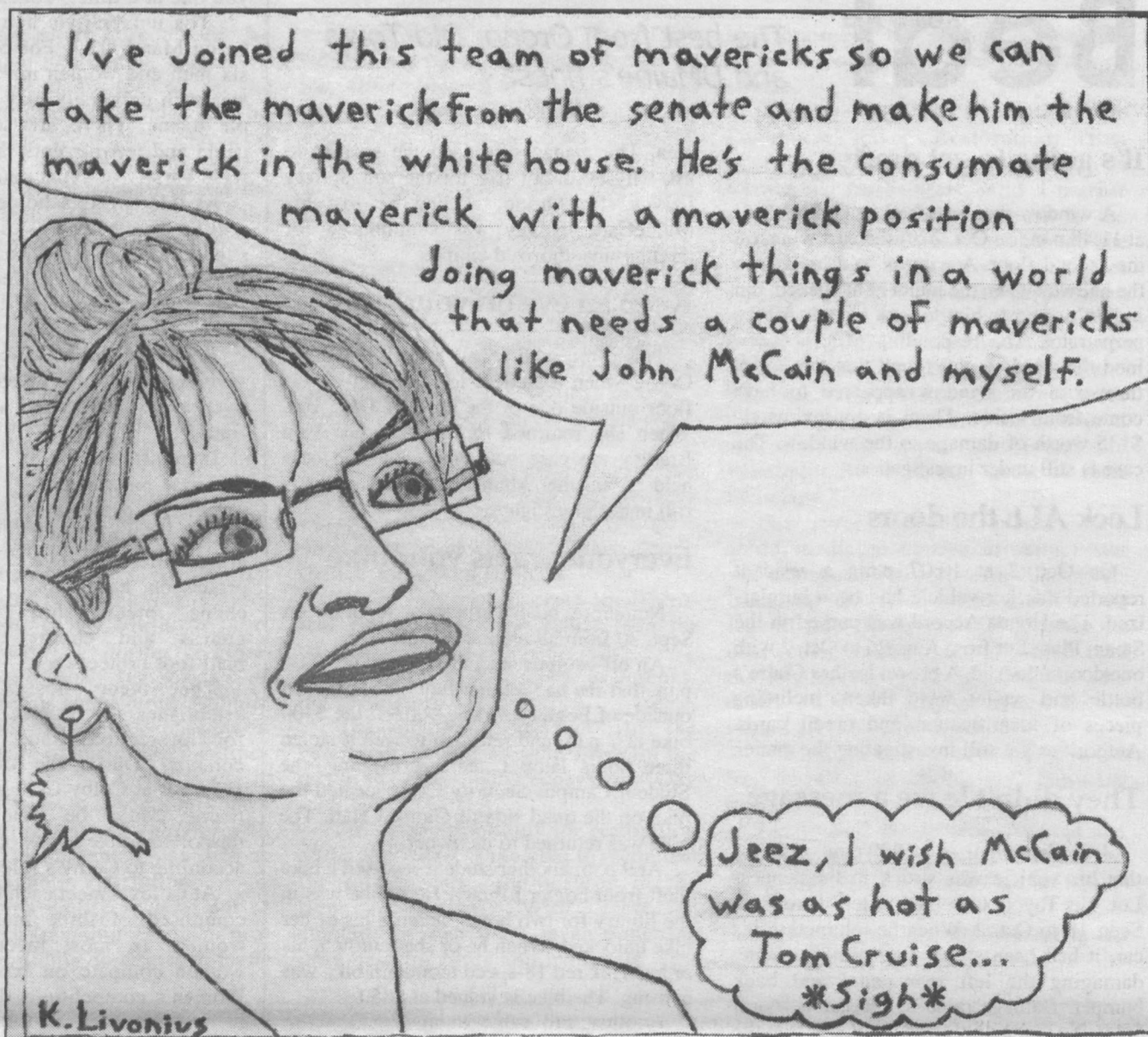
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Perspectives

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William P. Davis

The Wall Street bailout: A bad bill that blows billions on bloated businesses

The House and Senate, in their haste to stem the tide of the rapidly declining stock market, approved a bad bill that bails out Wall Street but does little to address the problems of ordinary citizens. (I am so never going to use the phrase "Main Street.") While action certainly needs to be taken to protect our country's financial system, throwing money at the problem will almost certainly not help. In fact, we stand a very good chance of being put in an even worse situation if the companies being bailed out continue to operate and grow.

Any bill put together with such haste and urgency can never fully address the problem. The bailout bill is no exception. It took \$150 billion of tax breaks for people who don't need the money to entice the House to approve the bill, and it still fails to address the problems of under-regulation and corporate greed. It was a reversal of roles that democrats, not republicans, were the ones supporting big business. Unfortunately, republicans killed the original bill for the wrong reasons; they wanted less of the already insufficient oversight, and the fact that they caved after being bought off shows their true colors.

Sens. Obama and McCain, too, supported the bailout. Terrified of being accused of killing the economy, both urged their parties to vote for the bill. Most impressive, however, was McCain's pivot from taking responsibility for the package to blaming House democrats for the bill's failure. You can't have it both ways, McCain; if you're responsible for creating the bill, you're equally responsible for its demise.

Of course, this is all a moot point, because it's a bad bill. Our government should have resisted the urge to bail out the multi-billion dollar companies who so thoroughly screwed the American people. Instead of supporting the companies who caused the problems, our government should have allowed them to fail and instead supported smaller companies. This would do more to help local economies and in the long run would be better for the U.S. economy.

I know my plan sounds risky, but by letting these bloated finance companies succeed and allowing existing banks to further be consolidated into three or four big banks, the government is gambling our future. These banks will always be more interested in making money than providing a service, and in a few years, this country will find itself back in the same boat it is in now.

Existing loans need to be guaranteed. If, for example, Sallie Mae goes under, colleges will lose millions of dollars because Sallie Mae is the biggest guarantor of student loans. This obviously cannot happen. Instead, the government should buy all the loans from these overgrown companies and sell them to smaller banks. This would cut the major companies down to a manageable size, provide income and jobs in small communities and reduce monopolization.

Nothing will happen overnight and the economy might continue to move downward. However, a market adjustment after years of artificial growth driven by day traders and prospectors is long overdue, and the bill recently approved by Congress does nothing to address long-term concerns. A more comprehensive and better thought-out bill needs to be passed, or our country's mortgage markets, and our economy as a whole, might never recover.

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The energy crisis: "To drill or not to drill?" isn't the question

Anna Burgess

Offshore oil drilling is a core issue in America's national energy crisis. Taking into consideration the concerns of climate change and energy dependence, the government's course of action is anything but clear. Debaters may yell: "Drill, Baby, Drill!" or "Alternative Energy," but I have to ask: When did extremism ever work in such a diverse nation? Instead, we need to step back to look at the mess we have driven ourselves into.

The global crude oil production rate is stuck at 86 million barrels per day. America produces 6 percent of that total, yet we consume 25 percent of the total production. Oil — at least for now — is a necessity in America. Without it and the foreign sources we rely upon, we will not be able to keep up with our standard of living. What about the Middle East situation? — Cough, Cough — Yeah, we are a "heartbeat away" from falling.

At any rate, there is always the concept of alternative energy. It is a possibility that would maintain our comfortable lifestyle and a cleaner world. The truth is that wind, solar and wave power, along with bio-diesel fuels such as cellulose ethanol, and hydrogen fuel cells are not ready to support the guzzling United States of

America. Essentially, investors see them as viable commercial technologies in the long term, but they are still science fair projects today. The high costs of alternative fuels in addition to America's energy consumption make alternative energy dependence unrealistic at this time. Development is needed. Ironically, the sophisticated technologies used to produce and develop alternative energies depend upon oil to function and are manufactured using petroleum. Therefore, we need oil to

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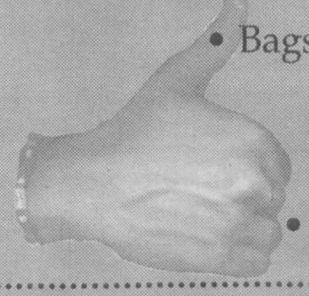
It is essential for Americans to realize that this is not a black and white issue. If we start drilling now, domestic oil may not come for decades. Is that a reason not to do it? We can just wait

and complain until we are in a proper pickle, and that is when we will compromise and do something about it. In all sincerity, there is a middle ground. We must strive for energy security and clean fuel. Sadly, the well-being of the environment must be apart of this compromise; it is the only realistic way it can be protected in the future. When all is said and done, it is not going to happen overnight. All options need to be exhausted to enhance the chances of a speedy success.

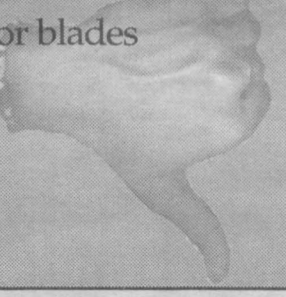
Anna Burgess is all over the solution to the energy crisis.

The truth is that wind, solar and wave power, along with bio-diesel fuels such as cellulose ethanol and hydrogen fuel cells are not ready to support the guzzling United States of America.

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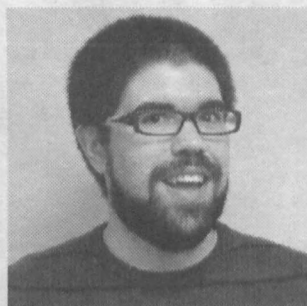
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Eryk Salvaggio

Darn' Tootin! Palin, passports and U.S. political resentment

Gov. Sarah Palin, who is in line to become one of the most powerful thinkers on American diplomatic and trade policies, got her first passport in 2006. Alongside the stamps of the four countries she has visited since is the entire history of modern politics.

"I'm not one of those, who maybe came from a background of kids who, perhaps, graduate college and their parents get 'em a passport and give 'em a backpack and say 'go off and travel the world.' No," Palin told Katie Couric, "I've worked all my life. In fact, I've usually had two jobs all my life until I had kids. I was not a part of, I guess, that culture."

How you interpret her answer will say a lot about the lens of your personal relationship with class and politics.

Read it closely: Palin does not just say that she has worked all her life and didn't have the chance to travel, a position many Americans are in. Instead, she frames the idea of a passport as a cultural artifact of wealth — like opera or escargot. The idea that kids from working class families can work and save for a trip to Europe, as I have done, becomes an elitist thing.

Is the idea of liberal elitism unfounded? No. But liberals never understand what it is. It's not tied to money or class. Nowhere is it more on display than in reactions to Sarah Palin. Liberals cannot believe that she exists: Palin prides herself in raising a family, marrying her high school

boyfriend and helping the community that raised her. Jaded and educated, liberals see this all as a cynical game of deceptions.

Social conservatives embrace the ideals of small-town lives that work hard and make do with simple pleasures. Some people hate this, but some people love it, and see government and social change as threats handed down by those with power — politicians, the media, the wealthy — to those who don't — Joe Six-Pack — because they never sought power beyond their own homes and families.

Obama never seemed to resent the people who had it easier than he did: Instead, he strived to join the ranks of the resented. Sure, Barack Obama was raised by a poor, single mom and worked his way up to graduate from Harvard Law School, but that story doesn't resonate with the Palin demographic — despite being the perfect example of the "raise-yourself-up-by-the-bootstraps" philosophy of conservative thinking on, shall we say, "urban issues." It doesn't matter that instead of flying around the world or backpacking through Europe, Obama served his community as well; his small town just happened to be Chicago.

Democrats and social liberals need to understand this divide before they can reconcile the two Americas. There's a lot the two sides have in common. We should focus on that.

Eryk Salvaggio founded "McCain Supporters for Obama."



Michael Craft

Government needs to stop lecturing and let citizens grow up

My nine-year-old son came to me the other day and asked in a deliberate tone if I could stop lecturing him.

"I didn't realize that I was lecturing; I thought I was just being your dad," I said, to which he replied. "Well, I just don't like talking to parents anymore, it's not cool."

As I was just about ready to slam the proverbial hammer down on him about the importance of family communication and the responsibility that was on him to respect my "authoritah," I had an epiphany.

It was much more subtle than the kind of epiphany with angels heralding. I was facing the end of total parental domination; I knew I had to give him some freedom.

For us parents, this new twist has its pros and cons. Some pros point to our changing role from participants to observers as he navigates his ever-changing world. Being in fourth grade will change the way he approaches both problems and opportunities. The con is more of the parental urge to insulate him from failure of any kind.

So here comes the analogy.

For far too long, our government has been the parent and we the people have been the nine-year-old. Most people in government, republicans and democrats alike, have told us to respect their "authoritah." The recent news about the financial crisis, the energy crisis, the immigration crisis, and any other crisis that one could think of has led to a kind of parental panic by the government to insulate the American public from the "pain" of change.

Try as the government might to insulate us, they have handicapped the individual citizen. They have induced victimization instead of resilience, which only increases their parental power. Overbearing

parents, like our government, will ultimately shift blame for their shortcomings to someone or something else. Our government is far too eager to shift blame onto capitalism, while hiding the fact that it was their blanketing laws creating these messes in the first place. In the name of equality, high corporate taxes, the U.S. has the second-highest corporate tax in the world behind only Japan. It stifles industries like manufacturing and development. These high taxes put burdens on the hunt for energy in our own country.

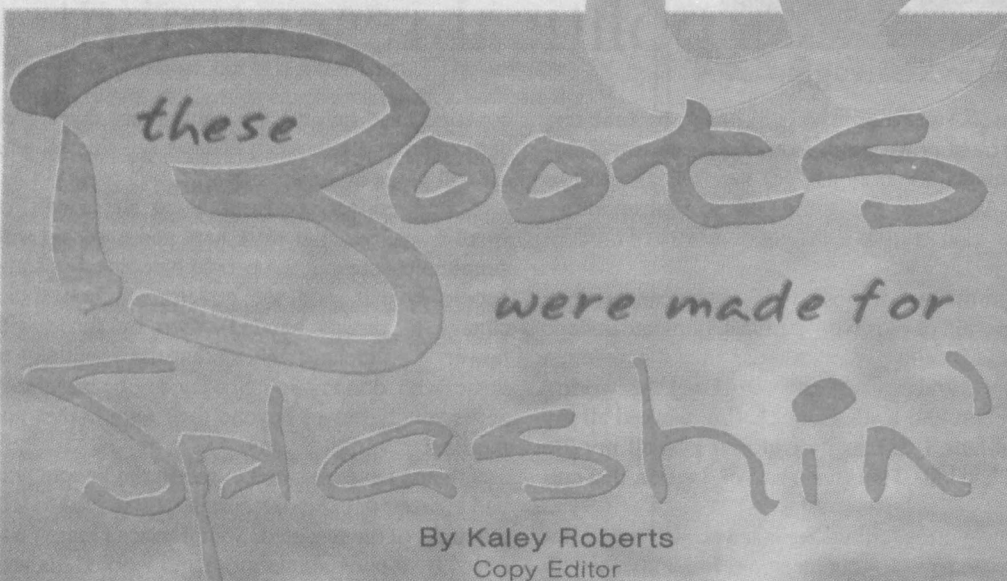
While the government demonizes an average of 8.5 percent profit from oil companies, it fails to find anything wrong with taking in a 100 percent profit through taxation. In the name of fairness, our government mandates that banks loan money to people who cannot afford it or else fines are applied. The real clog in our financial system is over regulation, not the other way around. In the name of the worker, amnesty, because of the blanket belief that Americans won't do jobs that don't pay \$25 an hour. This leaves those that have played by the immigration rules with more questions than answers.

What action has our parent government done in the past 50 years to stem the burdensome interventions in the lives of individuals? It could be that government doesn't understand that they are lecturing way too much. Or it could be that the "I'm just trying to be a dad" line is an excuse to hold onto their power for a little longer. It also could be that we are unwilling to talk, not because it's not cool, but because it doesn't get us anywhere.

The real tipping point will be the universal acknowledgement that individuals and government are on a precipice of a relationship change.

Michael Craft is a history and education student.

Style & Culture



Gumboots, wellies, rain boots. Regardless of what they're calling them, hords of students around campus rely on rubber boots to keep their feet dry and their rainwear colorful this fall.

"You see rain boots everywhere on campus. You literally cannot go three steps without seeing a pair," said second-year English and social work student Laura Dodge — her own rainy day footwear adorned with pirate skulls.

"My rain boots are blue with black on the bottom and I wear them so my feet don't get gross when I'm walking to class," said Jessie Araujo, a second-year communication student.

Rain boots as we know them have been around in one form or another since the 1800s. First Duke of Wellington Arthur Wellesley commissioned his shoemaker to produce a pair of calf-high boots that would function for riding and combat but still provide style and comfort. Soon after, the Wellington boot was born.

Wellington boots were originally fashioned out of leather, until 1852, when Charles Goodyear discovered a way to vulcanize rubber. Goodyear used this new rubber to make tires while his friend Hiram Hutchinson utilized it to turn fashionable Wellingtons into the most universally useful boots on the market.

Fast-forward more

than 50 years to World War I. Soldiers were deep in the trenches, up to their knees in mud and who knows what else. Wellington boots were standard issue during the war and caught on once again with the public, this time because of their practicality and affordability. Men, women and children in the U.S., United Kingdom and beyond have loved them ever since.

Nearly every retailer that sells shoes has some selection of rain boots, but if you're looking for the best variety of designs and styles, you don't need to look any further than target.com. Priced from \$13.99 to \$29.99 — plus shipping, Target boasts more than 70 pairs of rubber boots on its Web site, and offers a selection of prints varied enough to satisfy almost everybody. The recent additions to the Web site are blue and red political party-themed boots, adorned with either donkeys or elephants, depending on affiliation.

With all the different styles on the market, anyone can find a great, affordable pair to match their personality, party or even their living quarters.

"I got my rain boots at Charlotte Russe, and

they're pink and orange plaid to match my room," said second-year communication student Brielle Virginbrooks. "I wear them so I can jump in all the puddles on campus."

Despite the prominence of rain boots on campus, male students donning them are a rare sight. With all the comfort and function that rubber boots offer, it's a mystery as to why.

It could be the lack of men's rain boots on the market. While stores like Target, Wal-Mart and even the Gap offer dozens of rubber boot designs, it's hard to find an affordable pair for guys that will survive the harsh Maine weather. With some serious Web surfing, men looking for quality rain boots can find worthy choices at zappos.com and piperlime.com — but they don't come cheap. Gentlemen will pay roughly \$50 for a solid pair.

As sturdy as a good rain boot is, buyers can't expect their pair to last forever. After a good amount of wear, the rubber seaming along the back and the side of the boots tends to tear and let water in.

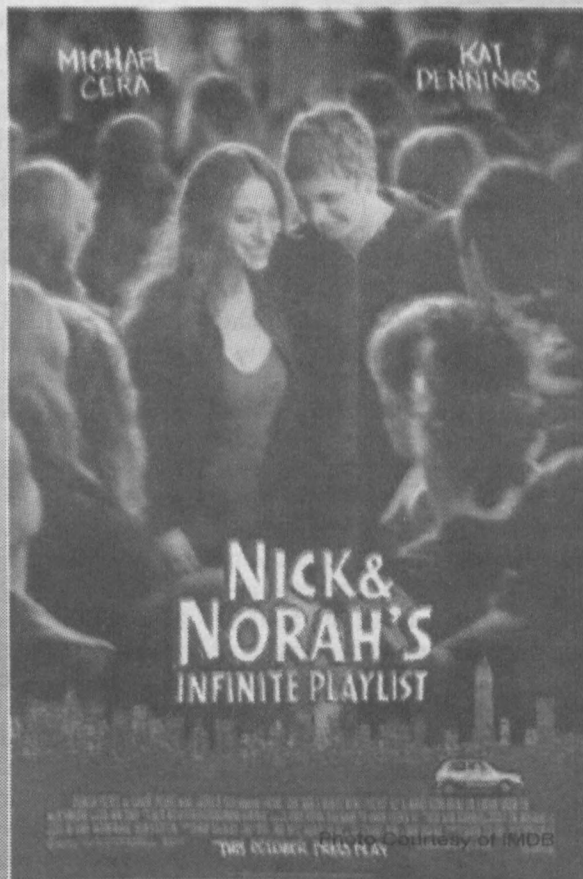
In order to get the most time out of your boots, make sure they are the right size. Oversized boots split on the sides because of the way your feet step in them, while a boot that is too tight can break around the heel and toe.

Whether they're covered in orange slices or comic book characters, don't be afraid to put on your rubber boots and splash your way through puddles around campus.

Kaley Roberts ♦ The Maine Campus
Puddle Jumpers Katie MacDonald and Laura Dodge are just a few who take part in the rubber decorative rain boots trend that stomps through the campus on wet days.



"NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST"



By Kaley Roberts
Copy Editor

In 2006, "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist" made history. Acclaimed young adult writers Rachel Cohn and David Levithan teamed up to give teens an unforgettable book. Readers fell in love with the titular duo and their one-night foray into music, love and everything else the New York City night scene has to offer. Soon after, they fell in love with the idea of a major motion picture based on the popular book. This year that dream was brought to life.

"Infinite Playlist" follows Nick (Michael Cera), a heartbroken bassist

and Nora (Kat Dennings), a reluctant rich girl trying to find answers out in the world. Both Nora and Nick are music nuts, and their eerily similar musical tastes bring them together on a quest to find a secret concert put on by their favorite band.

Trying to stray away from his clean-cut image, Cera makes a bold choice with the role of Nick. Considering the character is originally moody and a little vulgar, the movie version of Nick starts out a bit wimpy. Dennings is equally unexpected in the role of Nora, but the two work together to create instant chemistry in the leads. They offer the audience perfect comedic timing and flawlessly recreate the awkward chuckles and silences that come along with young love.

The film's surface plot feels unoriginal. Girl meets boy; boy is hung up on a flawless and devious ex; boy and girl search for a band called Where's Fluffy across New York in a yellow busted-up Yugo. Who hasn't seen that before?

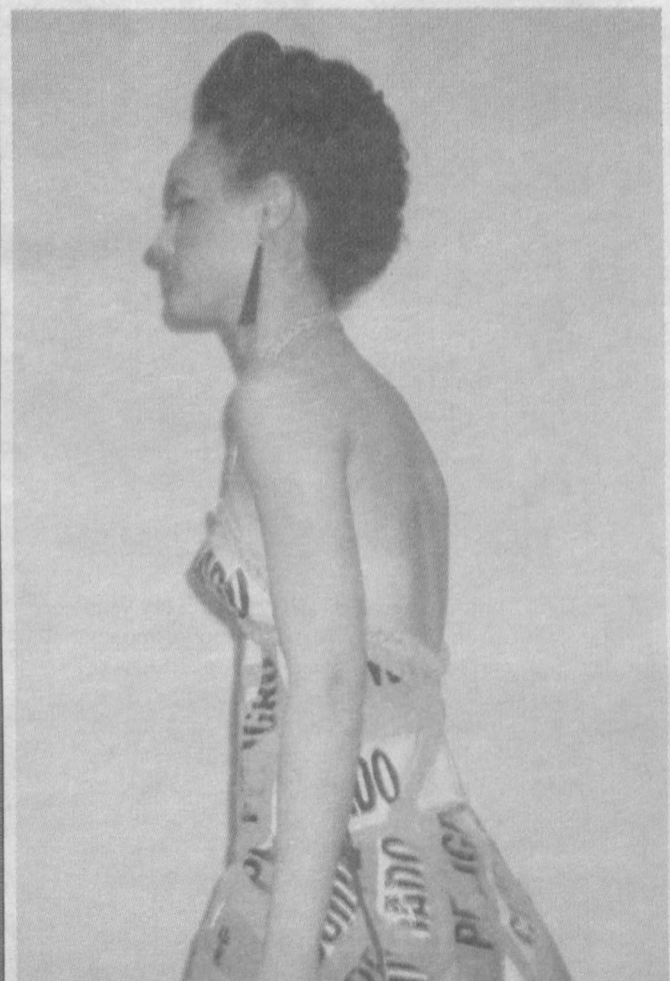
Great dialogue, a spot-on supporting cast and a beautiful cityscape amp up the film, transforming it from a cookie-cutter teen flick to a memorable, at times risqué, look at life and love in the music scene.

Dennings and Cera may be Hollywood stars, but the real shining moments in the film come from its soundtrack. In the book, music was an integral part of the

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On the catwalk

Fashion Challenge struts at UMMA



Candace Daley ♦ The Maine Campus
Semaj Cruz participates in the Fashion Challenge last Friday, modeling a caution tape dress.

By Candace Daley
For The Maine Campus

Friday brought something to Bangor that the city had missed for a long time: a night of spectacular fashion and artistic creativity. The University of Maine Museum of Art hosted the first Fashion Challenge to welcome the upcoming art exhibit, "Celebrities and Socialites: Photographs by Andy Warhol."

Designers and fashion enthusiasts gathered to watch the challenge unfold. The challenge reflected the show "Project Runway" — the 10 design teams were given 18 days to create an outfit a celebrity or socialite would wear during a night out on the city. The challenge stipulated that teams could only use unbleached muslin fabric and whatever else they could find at a drug or hardware store.

The results were incredible, ranging from silver metallic dresses to halter dresses made of different colored caution tape or shower curtains. The dresses were fun, flashy and fabulous.

The evening began with a runway show from Bangor's

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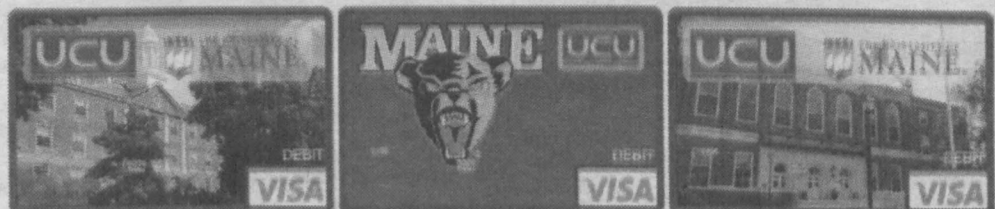
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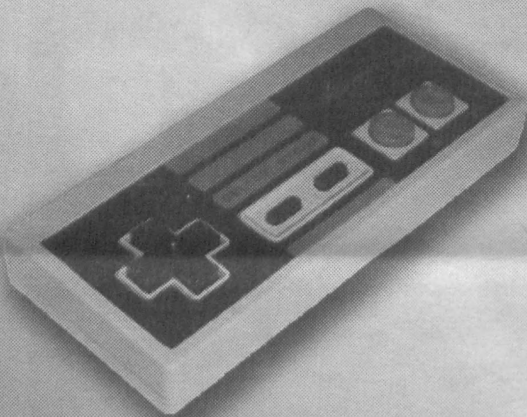
For The Maine Campus

people in expensive-looking suits sitting at a long desk, staring at PowerPoint presentations, mouths watering at the thoughts of the Excel documents to come. Games are largely engineered by teams of marketers who have studied our demographic's "tastes," — people who have decided that we need oatmeal-skinned space marines with bulging biceps and heavily sexualized half-naked female sidekicks, or we simply won't be entertained enough to buy the sequel.

The preceding list reflects the film industry of the 1960s, adjusted for inflation: a handful of studios buying and selling casts, crews and other studios gluing new talent onto dated frameworks, hiring writers to produce scripts and actors to play parts based solely on past ticket sales. Hollywood routinely ostracized innovators and murdered the idea of change. They did anything an analyst could guarantee would be profitable.

Without going into too much detail (it's on Wikipedia, after all): Just prior to the start of the 1970s, there were revolutions in film and love was finally given the reins. This hasn't happened yet with video games, and if any of us actually care about the medium, we need to try to move things along. It almost took an industry-wide crash to change film; if it's up to me — which it's not — we won't need to come to that. Let's get a little dialogue going on around campus, anyway.

Next time I'll talk about the games coming out between now and the end of the year. There are a few that might be pretty good. I've got one in mind that may be a four-star piece of work. If you think you know what it is — or you've got anything to say at all, really — send me an e-mail. Guess the game right, and I'll buy you a coffee or something.



More people are playing video games every year. You've heard the industry is making more money than film, maybe. Video gamers will spend tens of thousands of dollars in the course of their lives; some even more than that. If this money is important to us — and hey, let's just assume it is — why is it we don't seem to care what they're giving to us in exchange?

This might end up being something of a bleak column from time to time. It's because the video game industry, like a few others, is full of hate; it is an industry reliant on marketing and PR. It suppresses creative people while it tells us that the trash it constantly churns out is gold. It is obsessed with deceptive gimmicks and cash-in sequels. It gets depressing.

Video games today are a shallow entertainment medium in the public eye, and the way things are, we can't really expect any difference. People tend to be quick to compare the arc of the video game industry to that of the graphic novel; a more appropriate parallel can be drawn to the film industry. Nobody thinks that film is an unimportant medium today, but this hasn't always been the case.

Let's look at the major video games we play today: They are largely produced by groups of

Java Jive still alive

Student duo Sons of David keep it acoustic

By Angela Larson
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's own Sons of David will showcase three times the material of their usual campus performances on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at Java Jive.

The group, comprised of students Jonah Bruce and Geoffrey DeBree, both on vocals and acoustic guitar, won The Project last semester. The Project is UMaine's musical competition, where acoustic acts play 20-minute sets for fans and judges.

"We have an hour this time instead of trying to cram everything we want to do into 20 minutes. We can do a lot more, and with a 20 minute set it's kind of tough to really ... put together a show. I mean, a lot of times it takes at least 15 just to really warm up an audience," DeBree said.

The duo have played together since their senior year of high school, performing at various events on campus and open mic nights in Orono and Portland. The name is not in any way religious.

"Both of our dads were just named David and we needed a new name and we picked that," DeBree said.

"Freshman year we were Binary, which was cool, but we were freshmen so we wanted a new name," Bruce said.

Sons of David have entered The Project for the last three years. Last year, after coming close in prior attempts, they put together a winning run.

"It was great to finally win; we made it to the finals the year before and there were four people in it and they announced the top two, and we weren't one of them. It was fun to do it, but just not quite making it was hard, but then the third year we got there and we won, so it was cool," Bruce said.

This Tuesday, the band is hoping to improve upon its winning performance. In addition to their usual set of original songs and covers, they will incorporate some new ones that they've been working on recently. Show-goers should also expect some exciting guest appearances. "We definitely have some friends that we're hoping to bring up," DeBree said.

Also, unlike their performances in The Project, this time they will play for the crowd instead of a group of judges. "We don't really have to appeal to the judges or anything like that so we can be as creative as we want, do whatever we want. It's a lot less nerve-racking to not get judged," DeBree said.

Not everything will be different though. The band plans to reprise their extended medley of cover songs that made them a crowd favorite last year. "It's got a lot of songs that people love in it, at least one because there's a lot of them. So if people want to hear that again and if there's a good crowd then there's a good chance that we'll play it," Bruce said.

The show takes place this Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Union.

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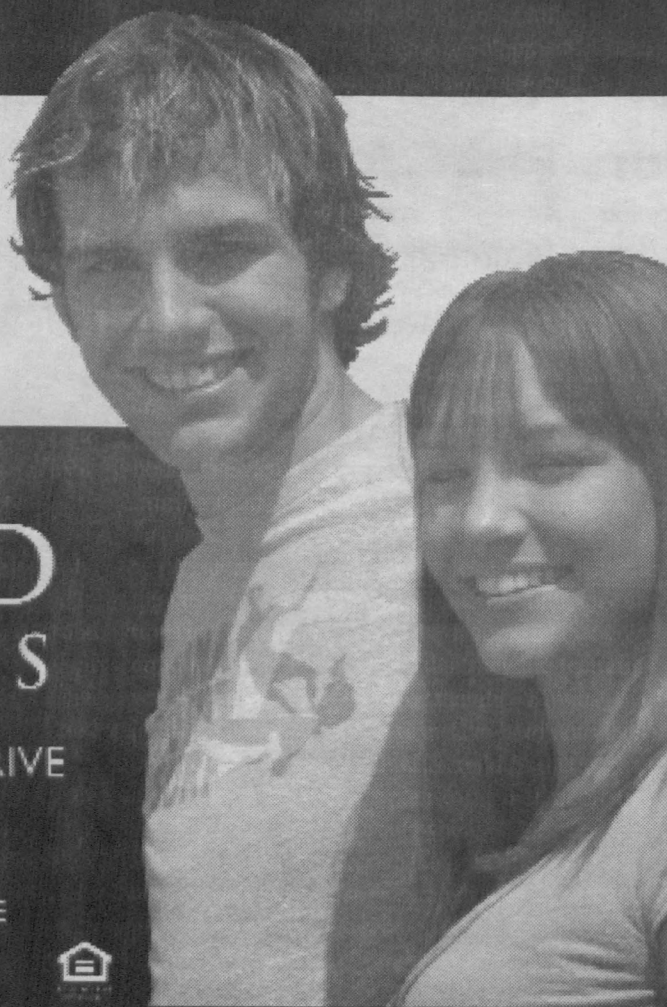
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character's interactions and in the movie that same music is brought to life and given the opportunity to take center stage. One of the first songs we hear is Bishop Allen's "Middle Management," and it helps set the tone for the rest of the fun and fast-paced night.

Hardcore fans beware: The movie is much lighter than the book and strays from other aspects of the original you may be expecting to see. But if you are open to it, you will be pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

Well rounded with classic moments from the book and new ones thrown in to keep the audience entertained, "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" is sure to please viewers looking for a smart teen comedy with heart and rhythm.

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BBC filmographer to premiere new film at UMaine

Rick Rosenthal, award-winning director and marine biologist, will screen "Superfish" and speak Wednesday

By Zach Dionne
Style Editor

Students who wait year-round for Shark Week on Discovery Channel will have something to sink their teeth into on Wednesday, Oct. 8 as Rick Rosenthal, Emmy-winning cinematographer, producer, director and marine biologist, will premiere his new film, "Superfish," in 101 Neville Hall. The talk is sponsored by the University of Maine's Biology Club.

The documentary focuses on sailfish, more commonly known as swordfish, after the species endured a decimating level of hunting in the 1970s and '80s.

"The [film] kind of goes into why they're in so much trouble," said Michelle Ortega, a fourth-year

biology student and the vice president elect of the Biology Club. "[Rosenthal] follows it from the baby fish up into full-grown fish and shows all the cool stuff that sailfish really do ... and why it's worth saving."

In a telephone interview while filming in Nova Scotia, Rosenthal focused on "how important it is for these big apex predators to still be on the planet."

"They're being fished really hard and they're magnificent animals that are emblematic of a healthy, open ocean."

UMaine students will experience the unseen, international version of "Superfish."

"This version I'm showing is narrated by Sir David Attenborough, who's the greatest

voice in the history of filmmaking," Rosenthal said. Attenborough also narrated BBC's "Planet Earth," which Rosenthal contributed "The Deep Ocean" segment to. A "Superfish" DVD with extra features and a "making of" piece will be on sale. The film aired in an earlier form on PBS — extensive clips are available on the network's Web site.

The talk portion of Rosenthal's visit will focus on the current work he's doing with "the big pelagic fishes — the marlin, the sailfish, the tuna" and the current state of the ocean.

Ortega had a connection with Rosenthal in their mutual hometown of Santa Barbara, Calif. and suggested him as a guest speaker for the club. "It became larger than life for

us," she said.

Rosenthal was an academic marine biologist prior to his film work. "I felt that our message wasn't getting out by our research papers and journals, and that maybe our peers were reading it but the public wasn't. So I started picking up the camera and doing outreach ... and saw how tuned in and turned on the people were when you gave live presentations and showed the material."

Talks and film showings continue to be a crucial part of the process for Rosenthal. "One of the strengths of going out into the public and giving these presentations is to reach out and not have it just on the television or YouTube — we've got to get out there and connect. I think we need that feedback from the public so they understand better about

what's going on out there."

Despite a prolific career helming dozens of films, Rosenthal cites experiences rather than individual documentaries as highlights. "I think we've been lucky and had firsts, like swimming with the first white sperm whale — a Moby Dick baby — in the Azores, or I filmed the first giant blue fin tunas feeding natural in the Atlantic — these are thousand-pound fish, feeding right next to me," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal will also speak with the Fisheries Club, Women and Science and the Marine Science Club throughout the day.

"Superfish" will play at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Rosenthal will speak at about 6:30 for an hour, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Fashion

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Bella Luna while designers put finishing touches on their models' makeup and accessories. An up-tempo, tribal-style salsa pounded from the speakers as people tapped their feet along with the beat, waiting patiently for the challenge runway show to begin.

Finally the designers were introduced and their motivation presented. Influences ranged from Marie Antoinette-meets-hardware to the sexy lips of Marilyn Monroe to discotheque-meets-Dysart's. The results were as unique as the inspirations.

Following the nine outfits presented, the four judges examined the creations. Four finalists would be chosen. During this time another local designer was showcased.

Once the four finalists were announced, they were asked two questions: their opinion of the relationship between fashion and art and the biggest challenge they faced while creating the outfit.

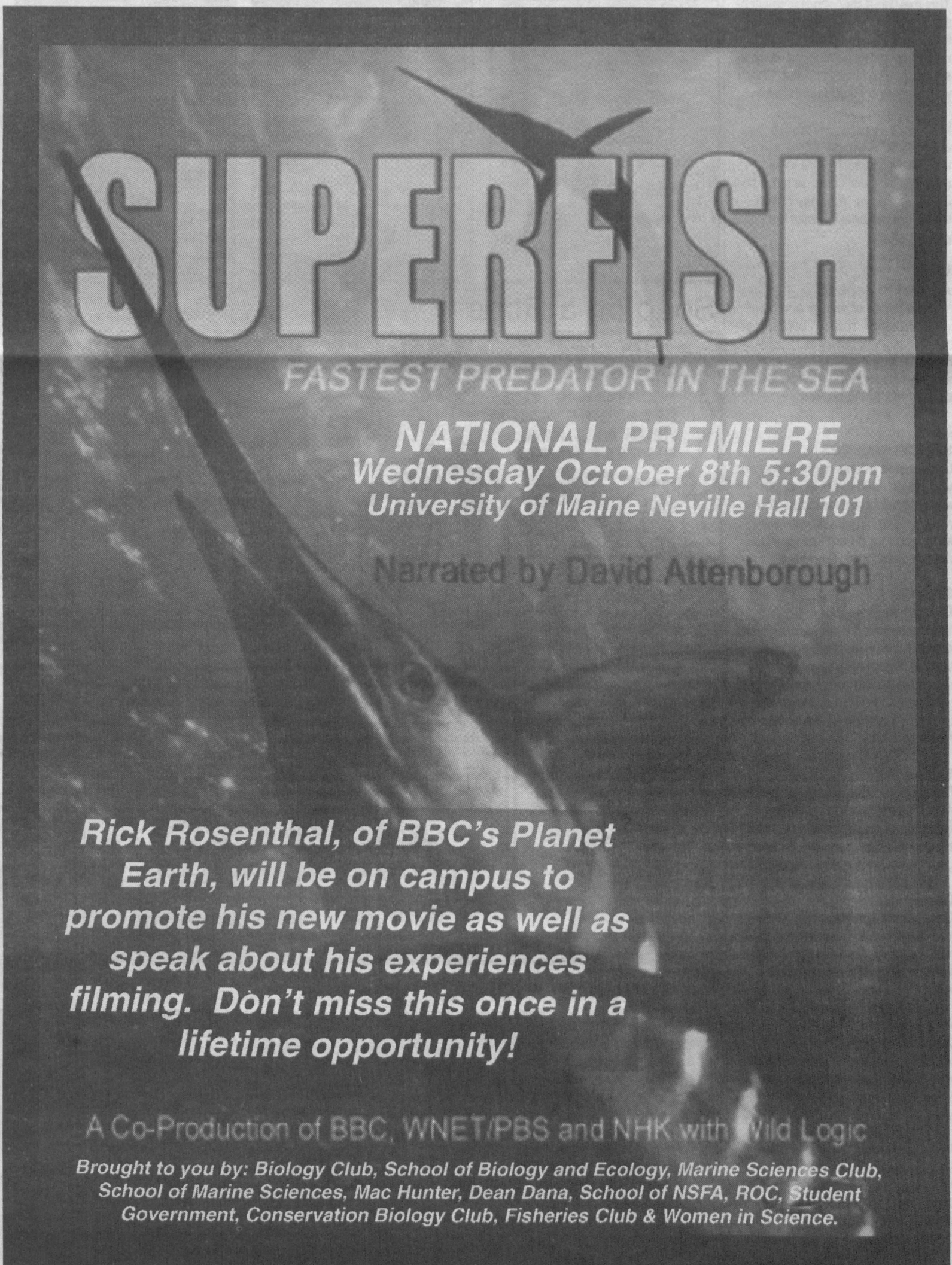
After brief remarks from UMMA Director George Kinghorn, the top two were announced. The runner up was a mother and daughter team, Meredith and Max, who created a long dress out of a red, black and white shower curtain. The dress had impeccable attention to detail, from the ring the model wore down to the hem of the dress, which was adorned with hanging laminated tassels.

The winner was a sister team, designer Shanice and model Semaj Cruz. The judges chose this dress, a pink, orange and yellow halter dress made of caution tape with a pink rope hem around the neckline. The dress won because of its wearability, fit on the model, cuteness and details.

After the show, guests were invited to stay for a reception with a cash bar and musical performance by Ukulele Funk. Guests were also given a first peek at some of Andy Warhol's photos.

According to Kinghorn, the show was a great success, and he had a lot of fun during his involvement. He was also excited about how many new people the show introduced to the museum.

Overall, the night was a huge success for fashion lovers. It was very fun and showed that Bangor has a hidden taste for fashion — you just have to know where to look.



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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

You may start new actions, especially in the social department. Today you can count on the support of your friends and loved ones.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

The results of your efforts have started showing: financial rewards and social success. Chances are, you will buy a valuable item you have been wanting for long.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

This is a favorable day for your sentimental and social life. On the other hand, you are advised to remain cautious at work and in business. You may be facing financial difficulties, but you have no real reasons to worry.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

This may be a day of great satisfaction for you in society and in the financial department. In the afternoon, you might have to leave on a short trip for a family interest. Check your papers and luggage carefully!

Leo

July 23 to August 22

It's been a favorable time in all respects, and will continue to be so for several days. You may obtain significant material benefits but not without effort.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will be full of energy and have valuable ideas. You can succeed in the social and intellectual departments. Partnerships are going very well and it's a good time for closing deals and signing papers.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Unexpected events might occur, and you are advised to not schedule anything important for today. You may run into old friends who will invite you to a party. Postpone business meetings and long trips.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You will succeed in all your domestic activities and will enjoy your family's support. People will appreciate the changes you are proposing. Don't get involved in more activities at a time, and don't turn down a helping hand!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Avoid getting into a quarrel that might affect your relationship. In the afternoon, you will receive a piece of good news from a close relative.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You may be very successful in business meetings. Relationships with family and friends are favored as well.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You may have some minor misunderstandings with your loved one. You can easily clear it up with kindness.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

You could be in a state of confusion because of sentimental problems. Don't try to solve all your problems by yourself!

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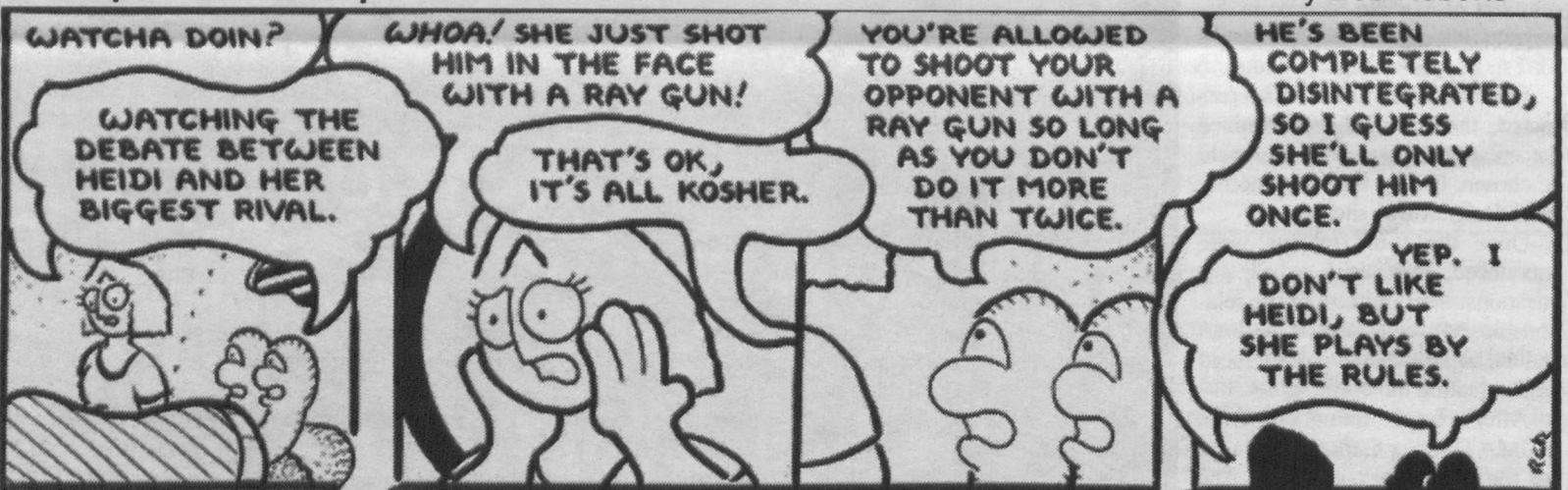
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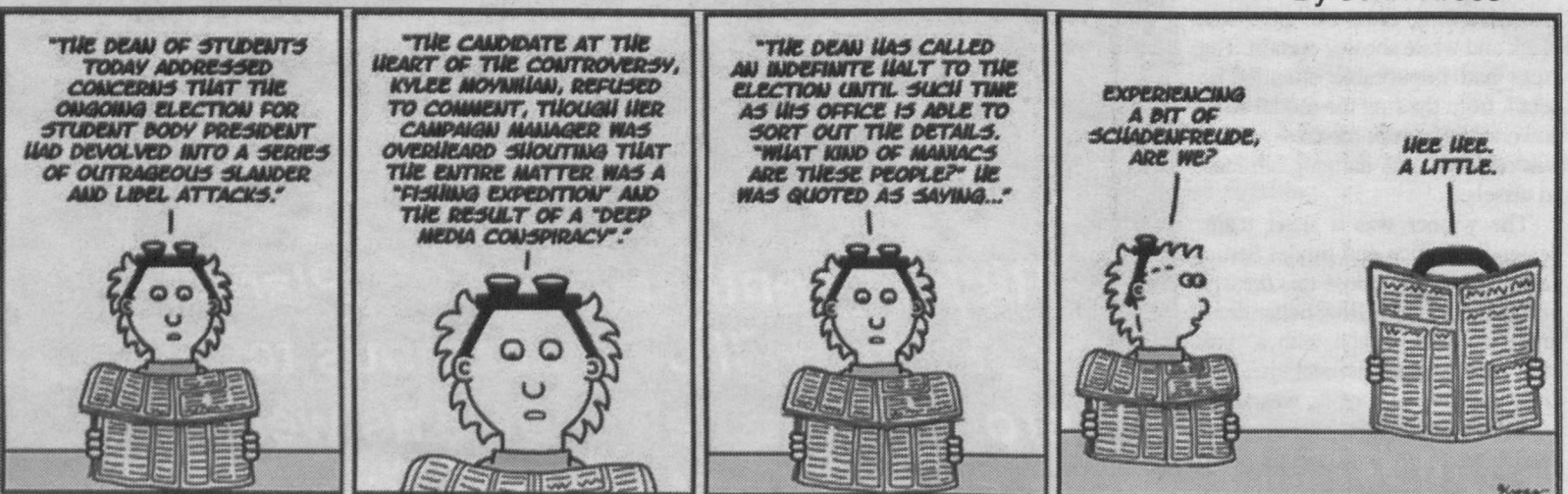
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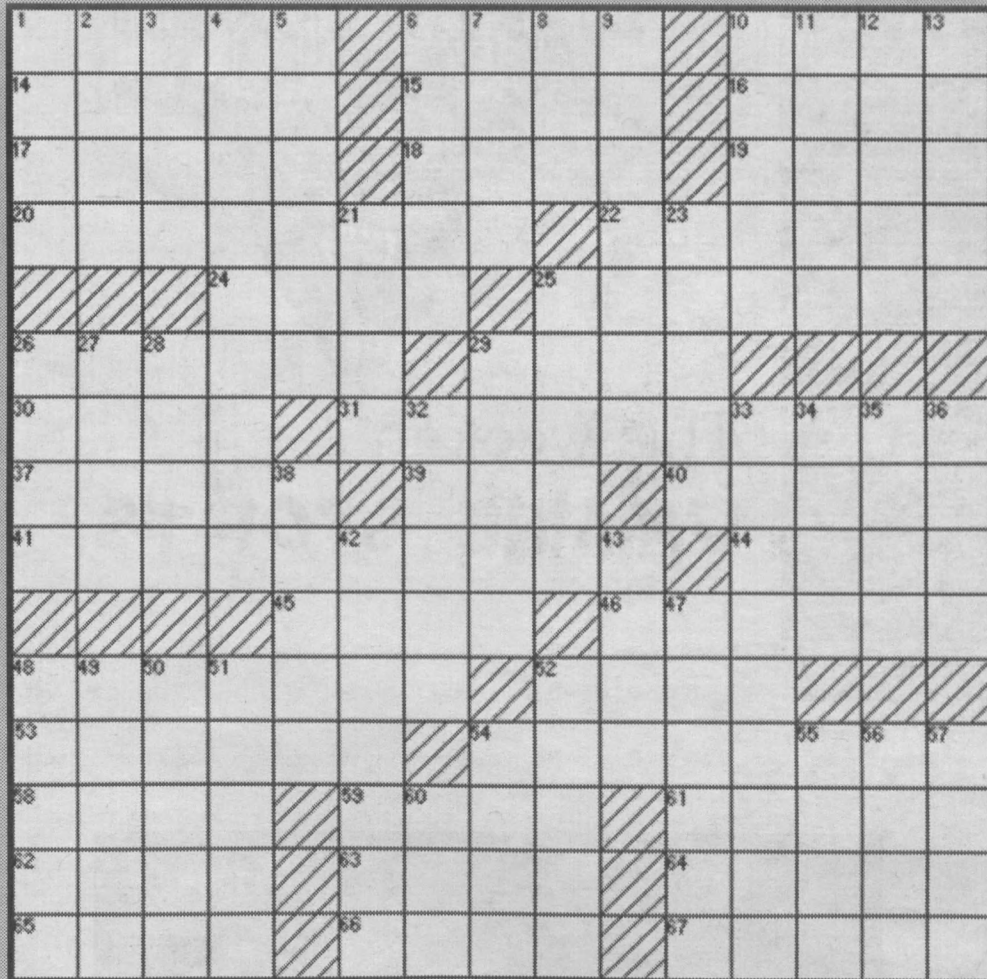
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ACROSS

1. Shop
6. But not quite all
10. Money
14. Levitate
15. Smell
16. Look at flirtatiously
17. Betel palm
18. Heredity carrier
19. Compensated
20. Cartilage
22. Twine
24. Resound

25. Weird
26. Steps
29. 5280 feet
30. Farewell gesture
31. From that time on
37. Catkin
39. Lyric poem
40. Exchange
41. Concerning
44. Encourage
45. Entreaty
46. Took five
48. Baronial

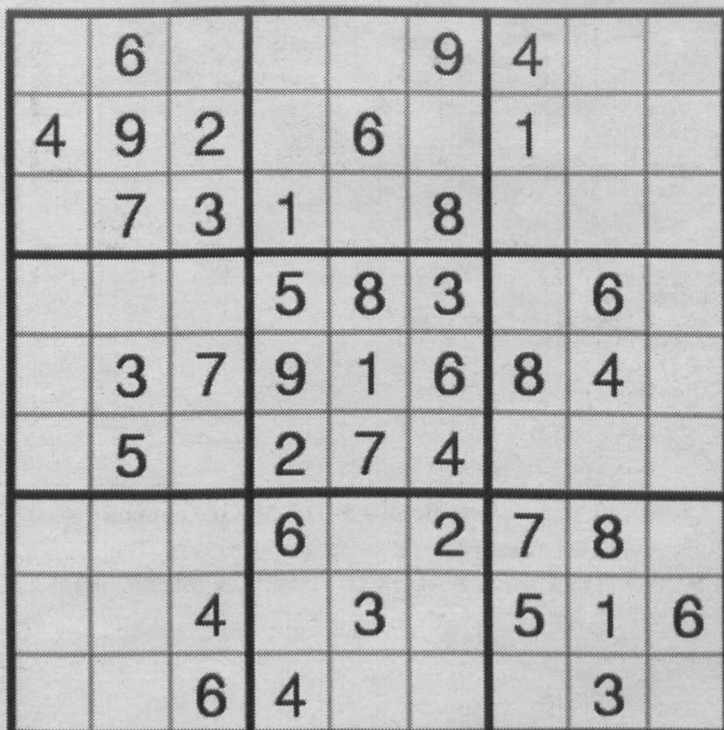
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1. Fraud
2. Ripped
3. Roasting appliance
4. Receiver
5. Found at the end of a pencil
6. Big shot
7. Lyric poems
8. Male offspring
9. Railroad support
10. Dried coconut meat
11. Once more
12. This cradles a broken arm
13. Row of shrubs
21. Group of actors
23. Delicacy
25. Femme fatale
26. Exchange
27. Not wild
28. Affirm
29. TV, radio, etc.
32. Bees make this
33. Thwart
34. Wench
35. Border
36. Marsh plant
38. Become narrower
42. Sickness
43. Smile
47. Not the youngest
48. Ancient upright stone
49. Claw
50. Stop (nautical)
51. Anxious
52. Undue speed
54. One who accomplishes
55. Purposes
56. Tumbled
57. Dog biter
60. Regret

52. Sword handle
53. Bar
54. Scalp flakes
58. Distinctive flair
59. Cupid, to the Greeks
61. Artist's workstand
62. Not a win
63. Cooking fat
64. Inscribed pillar
65. Initial wager
66. Arid
67. Electrical pioneer Nikola

ANSWER KEY ON PAGE 16

SUDOKU PUZZLE



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HOW TO PLAY

- Each row (horizontal line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
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There is only one correct answer!

Advice Girl

I am not a very social person. I want to make friends, but I am shy and easily peer-pressured into things I don't want to do. I could go to a party I heard about this weekend, but most of the people going are 21+, and there will be alcohol. I'm 20, and I know someone will probably encourage me to drink. I don't want to be a loser, but I don't want to be a boozier either. Help!

It's good that you recognize that you are easily pressured and want to remedy that. You can practice saying no by thinking of some excuses you won't feel dumb saying in a social setting, like "I can't

drink for health reasons." That way, people will probably stop pressuring you and won't ask questions. Ask one of your trustworthy, non-drinking friends to back you up or be there to discourage you from doing something you will regret later. If you really don't think you can restrain yourself, don't go to the party. There are plenty of activities on and off campus that don't involve drinking. Congratulations for sticking to the drinking laws.

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Free

The Lidral Duo chamber jazz
Thursday, Oct. 9
4:15 - 5 p.m.
The Bear's Den, Memorial Union
Free, all ages welcome

FILM

Kickin' Flicks: The Incredible Hulk
Wednesday, Oct. 8
7:30 and 10 p.m.
100 DPC
Free

DANCE

Emerging Dance Works
Performance
Thursday, Oct. 9
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall
Class of 1944 Hall
Free

ARTS

Eastern Maine Community College
photo exhibit
"The Nature of Things and the
Things of Nature"
Photography by Grace M. Bartlett
Through Oct. 31
Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.
EMCC Library - Second Floor,
Katahdin Hall
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GENERAL

Games Night: Capture the Flag
Monday, Oct. 6
8 p.m.
Marketplace dining room, Memorial
Union
Free

Performing Somali Identity in Maine
with Kristin Langellier
Tuesday, Oct. 7
3:45 p.m.
401 Dunn Hall
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Take Back the Night Rally and
March
Tuesday, Oct. 7
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University mall
Free

New Writing Series presents Tom
Pickard
Wednesday, Oct. 8
8:00 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall
Class of 1944 Hall
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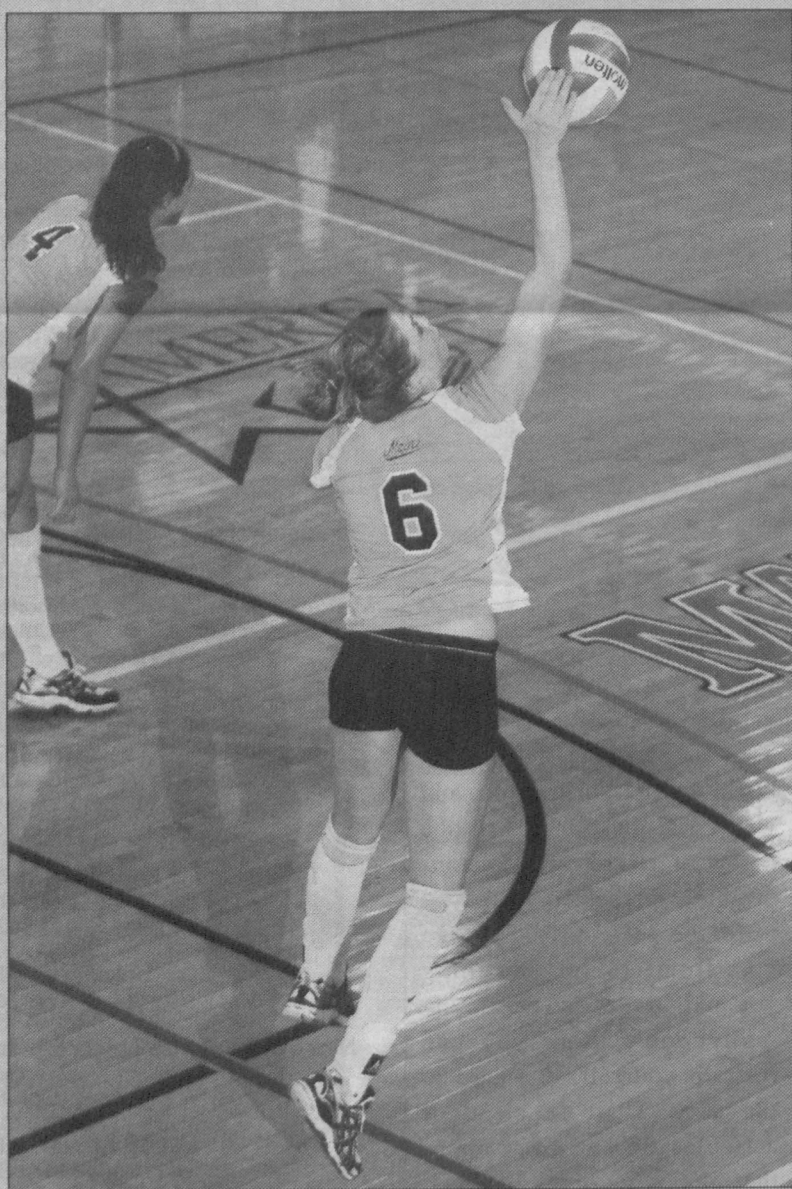


Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Nemanja Kostic makes a crucial save in Saturday's tie against UMBC as Daniel Tannous and Kyle Leduc look on.



This week in UMAINE SPORTS



Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus

Paige Tortorello serves the ball in a past game against Husson. The Black Bears were unable to beat Albany on Friday and lost 3-0.



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Hailey Blackburn chases down a Bryant player in last month's game. The women's soccer team won their game in Albany on Thursday 1-0.

Soccer from page 19

"I thought our first 30 minutes was as good as we've played all year," Atherley said. "We possessed the ball exceptionally well, we were combining, and we created very dangerous chances and really had Albany on their heels."

The Black Bears created several scoring opportunities in the opening half, as LaBelle, Stephenson, and Fleury all recorded multiple shots on goal.

"We were really connecting; we got a lot of chances," Stevenson said, who had two shots on goal. "I thought we came out really strong

and got a good start and got a goal to go ahead, and then we just fought hard."

UMaine senior goalkeeper Jasmine Phillips was once again solid in net, recording 12 saves in securing her 32nd career shutout. Phillips dove and held onto Albany's most significant scoring try on a hard shot from 20 yards out with 15 minutes remaining in the match.

"That's a big-time save, and she kept us in the game," Atherley said.

Phillips' counterpart, Amber Maisonet, made eight saves for Albany.

Thursday's game also marked the return of

sophomore midfielder Kelsey Wilson to the lineup, starting the second half after missing time with a hamstring injury.

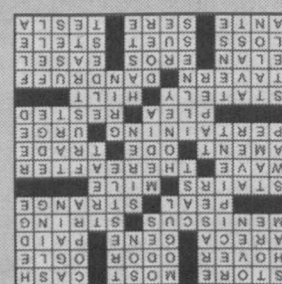
"She came in, and it didn't look like she'd been gone at all," Stevenson said.

The Gorham native has a goal and an assist in the first half of the season.

The Black Bears face a tough weekend challenge, traveling to Vestal, N.Y. on Sunday to take on Binghamton. The Bearcats took on UMBC in Baltimore Thursday and came away with a 1-0 win.

The team returns to Alumni field on Oct. 9 when they host Hartford at 3 p.m.

Crossword Solution





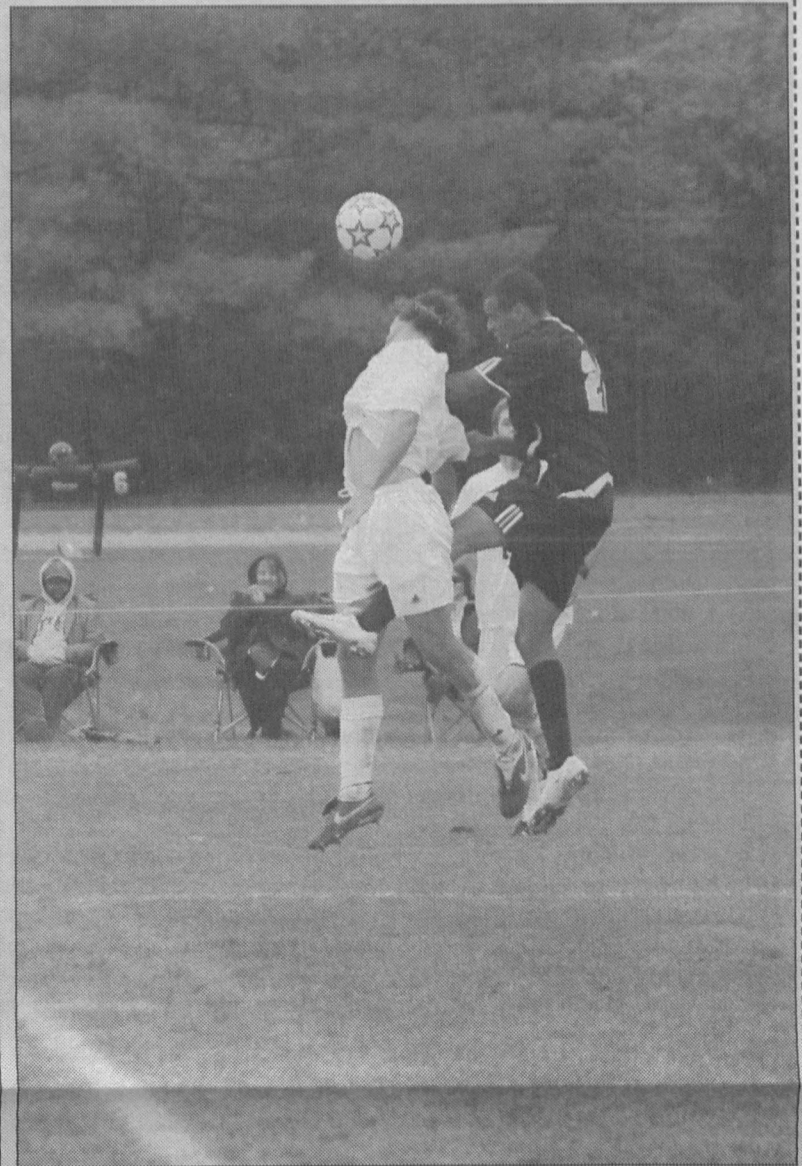
Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine played UMBC in the America East opener Saturday afternoon. Nikola Bogdonovic was given Man of the Game honors as he led the Black Bears to a double overtime 0-0 tie, even after an injury in the second half.



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Stephanie Gardiner turns the ball away in a previous game against Bryant.



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Jordan Antonucci sacrifices his body to head the ball away from a UMBC player in Saturday's tie.

Black Bear Roundup

Compiled by Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Wednesday Oct. 8

Men's Soccer at UNH
3 p.m.
Durham, N.H.

7 p.m.
Mankato, Minn.

Fredericton, NB

Football at Delaware
6 p.m.
Newark, Del.

Thursday Oct. 9

Women's Soccer vs. Hartford
3 p.m.
Alumni Field

Cross Country at New
Englands
Noon
Boston, Mass.

Men's Soccer at Hartford
7 p.m.
West Hartford, Conn.

Friday Oct. 10

Men's Ice Hockey at New
Brunswick (Exhibition)
6 p.m.
Fredericton, NB

Field Hockey vs. UNH
Noon
UM Field Hockey Complex

Sunday Oct. 12

Field Hockey vs. Rutgers
Noon
Providence, R.I.

Women's Ice Hockey at
Minnesota State-Mankato

Women's Ice Hockey at
Minnesota State-Mankato
3 p.m.
Mankato, Minn.

Men's Ice Hockey at New
Brunswick (Exhibition)
6 p.m.

Women's Soccer at Boston
University
1 p.m.
Boston, Mass.

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Three-Point Play

By Michael Pare
For The Maine Campus

WNBA is a league destined for obscurity

This week, the WNBA Finals began and would have ended without my knowledge, had I not stumbled upon game one airing on ESPN2. Surprised as I was, I lingered just long enough to glean that the Detroit Shock and the San Antonio ... Silver Stars (sorry, had to look that one up) were playing for the championship. The entire WNBA season passed by with hardly a blip on the sports radar, and once the season is over the eventual champion will be forgotten to history and the fading memory of my friend's grandmother—the only known fan of the WNBA. You can call me sexist, and you can call me a non-believer, but there are three simple reasons why the WNBA will never rise above obscurity:

- Schedule: The WNBA season runs from May to October — during the NBA's offseason. In the sports market, this pits it against baseball, America's traditional pastime, and football, America's contemporary pastime.

- Product: Let's be frank. The WNBA is in no way a compelling product to watch. For American sports consumers who are used to watching the NBA, MLB and NFL, the WNBA offers only novelty and inferiority by comparison.

- Marketing: Intentional or not, the WNBA comes off, to me, as one big gimmick. Lets explore this from the view of a collegiate women's basketball player. After the college basketball tournament ends, put on your Sunday best because draft day is tomorrow. At the draft that nobody watched, you are picked by a team whose name connotes electricity or high temperature (seriously, eight of the 14 teams: Sparks, Shock, Suns, Sol (Spanish for sun), Fever, Mercury, Storm). Since you were a collegiate star, you are immediately a WNBA all-star and command a salary of up to \$40,000 per year. You will play your entire career with a ridiculous-looking basketball, attaining a maximum payscale of under \$100,000 per year and retire in anonymity.

All that is missing for the WNBA to become "A League of Their Own" is the girls playing in dresses. But you know what? The girls in that movie loved the game so much they were willing to make that sacrifice to make their dreams their livelihood. As long as the WNBA is content to be nothing more than a dream fulfiller and the women content to be unsung heroes, there will be a place for them in sports.

Manny vs. Jason Bay in retrospect

Manny Ramirez was always an enigmatic figure in Boston — once vilified and later accepted by the media for his aloof nature. Every season brought the guarantee of hall of fame production but with questionable character. Frustration over his refusal to report to camp on time, hustle on defense or run out ground balls culminated this season in his trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 53 games since, Manny has taken his game to another level, batting .396 with 17 HR and 53 RBI. The Red Sox finally made a personnel mistake, right? Not so fast. They didn't just give Manny away. They got a nice ballplayer in return: Jason Bay.

Since his arrival in Boston, Bay has hit .293 with 37 RBI and filled in very well at left field. Perhaps more importantly, Bay, 30, is younger than Ramirez, 35, and does not cost \$20 million to keep on the payroll. He may be inexperienced in the postseason, having played for the woeful Pittsburgh Pirates his entire career, but so far he has been unphased, hitting two home runs and leading the Sox to a 2-0 lead over the Angels in the ALDS.

Jason Bay has certainly cushioned the blow of losing Ramirez's bat, and made apparent what a distraction Manny was to the organization. With Ramirez off the books, the Red Sox have found a capable replacement and positioned themselves to sign their young nucleus, guaranteeing competitiveness for years to come.

The biggest question mark regarding the deal was never how it would affect the Red Sox in the regular season, but how it would affect them in the games that really matter — the postseason. Manny has been a rock for every team he has ever been with, while Bay has no experience, having spent his entire career with the unsuccessful Pittsburgh Pirates. Inexperience has not been a factor so far in this postseason, as both Ramirez and Bay have hit home runs twice in leading their respective teams. Ramirez's Dodgers completed the sweep over the Cubs to move on to the NLCS. Bay and the Red Sox are up 2-0 against the Angels.

Note: Red Sox vs. Angels Game Three concluded after press time.

Shot from inside the arc this week

Harmon

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Although schoolwork and extracurricular activities dominate most of his life, he said running is what he enjoys the most.

"Running means the world to me. It teaches me that you need to work hard to succeed in all walks of life. Running really makes you self-reliant. You really believe in yourself after seeing that you set a goal, and work really hard to obtain it."

His role model is his father, whom he claims runs almost as much as he does.

"I run around 70 miles a week, but my dad, at 48, runs over 50 miles a week," he said. "I barely remember

a time in my childhood where he didn't make time in his day to go for a run. He is the Scarborough High School cross country coach and was my coach in high school."

In his spare time, Harmon enjoys playing the guitar and singing Bon Jovi, Led Zeppelin and Queen. He also enjoys cheering on his favorite UMaine sports team,

field hockey.

"Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, I sit with UMaine field hockey players in every class. I really admire them for their work ethic and intensity during their workouts and games."

Although Harmon is only one of many student athletes, he definitely stands out as someone who tackles many commitments.

"I know a lot of people on campus have harder schedules than mine, and I really admire them," Harmon said. "But running a five-mile workout at a five-minute pace really drains me, especially with all the activities and schoolwork I have going on afterwards."

His broad range of interests and activities shows us all that a lot can be accomplished with time management and dedication.

Harmon plans on running in the upcoming Murray Keatinge Invitational this Saturday at UMaine.

Chris Harmon
Junior
UMaine Cross Country

"Running means the world to me. It teaches me that you need to work hard to succeed in all walks of life."

Runners

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time of 25:11.23. Bartlett entered the final stretch in eighth place before his finishing kick propelled him to the sixth slot.

"The lead pack had places four through about 10, and I was able to catch two more at the end with my kick," Bartlett said. "I should have stayed closer to the Yale runners, or at least started my kick sooner, but these are the things I need to work out now to be ready for regionals."

Bartlett had commented on the possibility of a showdown with former Greely High School standout and Dartmouth senior captain Ben True, but no runner could catch True, who finished the race in 23:57.79, more than half a minute faster than his closest competitor.

"I was with Ben True ... for like 800 meters," Bartlett joked. "He took off quick right off the bat, and I didn't bite on it. I

figured if I was going to race with him, it was only going to be if he came back to the pack."

True led the Dartmouth men to first place in the meet, as all five of the team's scorers finished in the top 10. The Black Bear men, bolstered by strong performances from freshman standout Riley Masters (26th, 25:46.26), juniors Corey Bean (36th, 26:06.06) and Chris Harmon (45th, 26:34.41), and senior captain Chuck Theriault (49th, 26:50.21), took fifth place.

"I have to be happy with my time today. I ran a personal best by a minute," Masters said. "We still have a lot of season ahead of us, so I hope my time will continue to drop, and I will peak when I need to."

Both teams will compete next weekend at the New England championship meet in Boston. The Black Bears will have a long layoff following that meet and won't see competition again for a full three weeks.

Bears

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Coach Whitehead was not seen in his familiar position behind the bench for the scrimmage, as he took an opportunity to step back and critique the early tendencies of his team. He was pleased with the effort shown by both teams in attempting to connect with each other and make plays happen.

"The young guys played well, and I thought everyone belonged out there and certainly contributed in a positive way," Whitehead said. "We've got a long way to go, but it's a very good start for us."

The most significant fault Whitehead noticed was the frequency of turnovers by lines that are still unfamiliar with each other. Several puck management errors proved costly, typically resulting in goals or penalties.

The three goalies on the Black Bears roster all saw significant time in net in the two periods. Junior David Wilson, who saw action in four games last year as the backup for Ben Bishop, started for the White team.

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Tim Whitehead
Head Coach
UMaine Men's Hockey

Freshman Scott Darling was introduced to the Alford crowd starting for the Blue team. Freshman Josh Seeley replaced Darling to finish the first period, then switched teams during intermission to give Wilson a rest midway through the second. Each goalie saw plenty of action, as the White team had 27 shots on goal in the two periods and the Blue team had 23.

The two exhibitions in New Brunswick on Oct. 10 and 11 will be the last rehearsals for the Black Bears before they begin the regular season in Fairbanks, Alaska at the Alaska Goal Rush Tournament where they will face the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The team returns to Alford Arena on Oct. 24 and 25, when the stakes will be much higher than they were Saturday night, as Hockey

East conference opponent Northeastern University comes to town for the regular season home opener. The Huskies were picked fourth in the Hockey East Preseason poll, while UMaine was selected ninth.

Hockey

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giving up one final goal to North Dakota.

In order to be successful throughout the season, Turgeon said that the team "needs to play more consistently from game to game." She also recognized and gave credit to North Dakota after the game two loss.

"They were noticeably more of a presence

in the crease and in my face today and were able to capitalize on a lot more chances." Both Yani and Turgeon believe that if the Black Bears play to their potential that there is "no question that this team is a playoff team." Turgeon also said that the main goals for the Black Bears are "to be a top-six team in America East and be a competitive playoff contender."

UM initiates fresh faces Danes downed

By Steven McCarthy
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's hockey team gave fans a taste of winter Saturday night, as they took to the ice for the annual preseason Blue-White intersquad scrimmage at Alford Arena.

Fans were pleasantly surprised as they found their seats and got their first look at a newly installed scoreboard system in the arena. It features a video screen displaying instant replay and graphics on the center ice scoreboard, and smaller screens showing game information at opposite ends of the ice. The new arrangements were made to meet NCAA facility requirements.

The Black Bear faithfuls also got their first opportunity to assess the highly anticipated recruiting class that makes up nearly half of the roster coach Tim Whitehead assembled for the 2008-2009 season.

Senior captains Jeff Marshall and Simon Danis-Pepin warmed up on opposite ends of the ice, as they led evenly balanced squads in a scrimmage consisting of two 25-minute periods. A shootout followed that allowed players to show off for the crowd in a laid-back environment.

Newcomers to the team did not disappoint. Freshman forward Kyle Solomon was first to

light the lamp for the Blue team 2:46 into the first period on a redirected shot from freshman line mate Brian Flynn.

Solomon's goal was the only one produced in the period. After the intermission, both

Men's Hockey

Blue	5
White	1

teams put on a show, beginning with Solomon returning the favor for Flynn, setting up a one-timer from the left side that Flynn sent past White team goalie David Wilson 1:12 into the period.

"[The freshmen] all know how to use the puck. They all know how to make plays."

Glenn Belmore
Sophomore Forward
UMaine Men's Hockey

The White team got on the board 11:51 into the second when sophomore forward Glenn Belmore tipped a Nick Payson shot by Blue goalie Scott Darling to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Blue team went on to score three more times in the period, securing the lead with goals by sophomore forward Keif Orsini, junior forward Brett Carriere, and the second goal of the game from Belmore, who switched teams midway through the period.

The 5-1 result is meaningless to both sides, as the primary purpose of the game was to give the team a progress report heading into a pair of exhibition games on the road against a talented University of New Brunswick team.

Belmore, who emerged as the star of the night was impressed by the ability of his freshmen teammates in their first appearance in front of the home crowd.

"They're all very skilled hockey players. They all know how to use the puck. They all know how to make plays, so it's very, very easy to come in and have those guys on your line."

The scrimmage carried far less significance than a regular season game, but the players maintained the intensity of a game situation.

"We had a lot of fans here watching us and we don't want to show them the wrong impression," Danis-Pepin said. "We wanted to come out and play as hard as we can and show them right off the bat that we mean business this year."

See **BEARS** on page 18

By Steven McCarthy
For The Maine Campus

Any hopes the equipment manager had of an early night Thursday were dashed before the women's soccer matchup between the University of Maine and Albany even got underway.

Rain postponed the start of the America East Conference contest by approximately 45 minutes and left a moist pitch that was significantly torn up after 90 minutes of action.

The home whites were discolored by the messy field after only the warm-up, but that was the last concern on the minds of the Black Bears as they grabbed momentum early and never relented on the way to their fourth win of the season.

The 1-0 result was the first victory in conference play for the Black Bears, who improve to 4-2-4 on the season and 1-1-0 against America East opponents. Albany falls to 2-11-0 overall and 0-2-0 in the conference.

Following a devastating 1-0 defeat by the University of Maryland Baltimore-County last Sunday in the conference opener, the Black Bears were anxious to get back to their winning ways against a struggling Albany team. The Great Danes arrived in Orono riding an eight-game losing streak,

and had been shutout in their previous three matches.

Despite Albany's lopsided record, UMaine coach Scott Atherley and his players are experienced enough to respect the ability of teams with poor records, particularly conference opponents.

"Record means nothing when it comes to your conference games, because every game is going to be an absolute dogfight," Atherley said.

UMaine had no mercy on their slumping opponents, getting on the scoreboard less than two minutes into the match when senior forward Christine LaBelle dribbled uncontested from the left side and beat Albany keeper Amber Maisonet for her team-leading fourth goal of the season.

LaBelle's goal proved to be the game-winner, as sound defensive play by the UMaine backs limited Albany's clear shots on goal. The unpredictable playing surface forced a conservative strategy in front of the goal. Atherley commended junior back Cristina Di Ielsi and her teammates for keeping the ball out of trouble.

The Black Bears threatened to extend the lead midway through the half on a sequence that resulted in senior midfielder Kim Stephenson's header off a Veronique Fleury cross skimming the right post.

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Women's Soccer

UM	1
Albany	0

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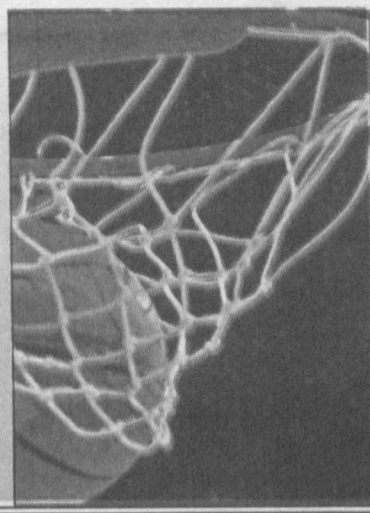
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UMaine splits with UND to open season

Turgeon continues to build on UMaine's saves record, adds 92 in Fighting Sioux series

By Benjamin Violette
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team earned a weekend series split against the University of North Dakota at the Alford Arena. UMaine won the first game of the series and its regular season, with a 3-2 victory on Saturday. The Black Bears fell to the Sioux in game two on Sunday with a score of 7-3.

UMaine's record now stands at 1-1-0 for the 2008-2009 season.

Black Bear senior goalie Genevieve Turgeon added to her all-time save record of 1,973 coming into the season by making 46 stops in each game.

The Black Bears were outshot by an aggressive North Dakota attack over the weekend, 92-37.

Game one saw a very well prepared team battle through a tight game. The Black Bears

jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first period with goals from juniors Lexie Hoffmeyer and Jenna Ouelette. Ouelette's goal came with two seconds remaining in the period and gave the Black Bears momentum going into the second period.

The momentum quickly shifted in North Dakota's favor after a quick goal, 2:19 into the second period, by Kelly Lewis before UMaine's Amy Stech sealed the game with a goal midway through the third period.

"We definitely need to work on crashing the net more often to

open up more scoring chances," said UMaine senior Vanessa Vani, who compiled one goal and two assists over the weekend and now stands 10 assists shy of claiming the all-time assists title for the Black Bears.

Game two displayed an almost completely different Black Bear team, one that was not aggressive at the net. UMaine gave up an early goal



Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus

Genevieve Turgeon makes a stick save during a third period North Dakota power play. Turgeon had 46 saves to help UMaine beat ND by a score of 3-2.

4:15 into the game before two quick goals of their own, by Stech and Ouelette within 1:43 of the North Dakota goal.

The Black Bears gave up the

lead to nearly unstoppable North Dakota offense, giving up five consecutive goals to the Fighting Sioux.

UMaine was able to gain

back one goal with a Vani power-play goal at the 5:31 mark of the third period, before

See **HOCKEY** on page 18

Sprinting past mediocrity

Self-proclaimed "nerd" exhibits all-around aptitude

By Dayna Margarita
For The Maine Campus

Have you ever wondered what a student-athlete does every day? Or perhaps how they tackle so many commitments in their daily lives?

A perfect example is Chris Harmon, a third-year political science major and student-athlete on the cross country and track and field teams. Harmon, a native of Scarborough, is the third-best runner this year for the cross country team and a star distance runner during the indoor and outdoor track seasons. In past cross country meets this year, he placed 36th at the Dartmouth Invitational, 17th at the University of Massachusetts meet and second in a dual meet against the University of New Hampshire. His hard work pays off, but what is even more incredible is all the commitments he takes on in his daily life.

"I typically spend between three and five hours a night doing homework in the library," Harmon said. "Some people ask me if I sleep there. I

go out with my friends but only after my schoolwork is done so I feel like I deserve it."

In addition to his endless amounts of studying, Harmon admits to being somewhat of a "nerd" in his classes.

"It's a little embarrassing being a nerd in my classes because I sit in the front row in



Chris Harmon

every class, and answer every question when I can. I feel like it's a way to a girl's heart but I always feel better when I do well on tests so I always put a strong effort in."

Harmon usually wakes up and goes to the commons every day, either meeting friends for

breakfast or sitting and introducing himself to random freshmen.

"Everyone my age either lives off campus or cooks their own food. I enjoy meeting new people. It's always interesting," Harmon said.

Every day in his schedule is busy, but Tuesdays are his busiest. After eating at the commons, Harmon goes to his two 75-minute classes, eats lunch, and then goes to his cross country workout from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Harmon is also a former student senator.

In addition to his many activities, Harmon is working on a Constitutional Sources Project, which is an online job based in Washington, D.C. He is also considering running for student body president this next election.

"Between school, running and my extracurricular activities, I have a busy schedule, but I usually find time to watch movies or play guitar," Harmon says. "My roommates and I all have instruments, so we have a little house band. It's a lot of fun."

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Rain-slicked race

Duke, Dartmouth dominate Keatinge

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With a sunless sky overhead and slick ground underfoot, the University of Maine hosted the annual Murray Keatinge Invitational on Saturday morning.

Following a week of heavy rain, conditions on the cross country course were improved although remnants of the rain still remained, creating a slick running surface on parts of the trail.

Freshman runner Corey Conner, who finished 12th overall in a time of 18:25.37, discovered the extent of the slickness firsthand.

"At the start of the race I fell on the ground. I slipped on some mud, and I was flat on my face," Conner said. "I kind of checked out for a second, but then Hilary [Maxim] was like, 'Come on, we can do it,' so I got back in it."

Maxim not only urged Conner on to the finish, but willed herself through the five-kilometer course in 18:43.44,

good for 26th place.

"I was right next to Corey ... and then all of a sudden she was on the ground," said Maxim. "I tried to grab her, but there were so many people around." Conner was also supported by juniors Chelsea Leeman (38th, 19:03.35) and Vanessa Letourneau (43rd, 19:14.13) as well as senior captain Stephanie Jette (48th, 19:22.69), who combined to propel Maine to a sixth-place

team finish. The returning champion Duke women successfully defended their Murray Keatinge title, placing three runners in the top 10 and all five of their scorers within the top 20 competitors.

"The level of competition at this meet was definitely better than any meet we've had so far," Maxim said. "I really didn't know what to expect, but I think as a team we did the best we could with the conditions."

Junior Miles Bartlett finished first for the men's team, earning sixth place overall, in a

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Cross Country