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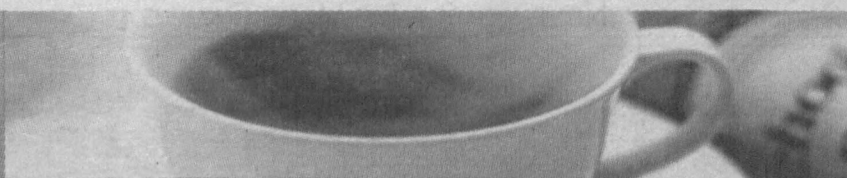
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# The Maine Campus

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## UM online courses draw more students

By Macey Hall  
For The Maine Campus

There is a sharp increase in the number of students enrolling in online courses at the University of Maine. Professors are offering more of their courses online, along with different courses that are not available in normal lecture style.

The number of online courses offered through UMaine for the 2007 fiscal year, including summer, fall and spring semesters, was 204. This number increased to 250 for 2008. Five years ago, the number of courses was a mere 154.

"In 1996, 0 percent of the student credit hours were attributed to online courses, and now over 11 percent of all student credit hours are generated through distance and online learning," said Jim Toner, director of Distance Education at UMaine.

"Distance and Online Education offer courses in many disciplines throughout the year. Courses are delivered through various technologies and formats including interactive television, compressed

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## Lobster prices at 20-year low

By Brian Chalifour  
For The Maine Campus

Lobster lovers don't have to splurge to put the local delicacy on their tables. Despite the sluggish economy, local lobster prices have reached the lowest price that consumers have seen in two decades.

The severe drop in lobster prices is greatly hurting the local fishing industry.

"Lobstermen are struggling to break even when going out and getting lobster," said Robert Bayer, a professor of animal and veterinary sciences at the University of Maine and executive director of the Lobster Institute.

Lobstermen are paid approximately \$2 per pound for lobsters. The low sale price coupled with fuel and production expenses makes it difficult for lobster boat captains to make a profit. On top of employee salaries, boat captains pay \$4 for a gallon of diesel fuel and \$40 for a bushel of bait.

Reed Asherman, a student at UMaine who works on a lobster boat, said some lobstermen

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*Fit for Kings*

## I have a dream...

The Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King

Opening & Dedication



William P. Davis ♦ The Maine Campus

Dean Robert Dana speaks at the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King plaza at 3 p.m. Friday.

## Reflective space dedicated to honor, celebrate MLK

By William P. Davis  
For The Maine Campus

The Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King plaza opened Friday afternoon with an unveiling ceremony. Speakers included Doug Allen, professor of philosophy, University of Maine President Robert Kennedy and Joe Perry, president of the NAACP's Bangor area chapter.

The ceremony opened with a performance by Euphony. Allen then spoke, thanking the workers for their quick work and stressing the importance of honoring the Kings. Allen said the project was meant to "celebrate the memory of the Kings ... [and] keep alive the continuing relevance of the Kings." He noted the 10 quotes in the plaza and said they are meant to "challenge us."

Perry spoke of the sacrifice the Kings made, asking the crowd, "Would I have done that?" He encouraged the crowd to "work for freedom for each of us."

Kim Harris and David Roth performed several spiritual songs, including one marking the progression of African Americans through society and noted, in song, the historical importance of Sen. Obama's run for the White House. They engaged the crowd in several songs, saying the Kings would not have approved of "people standing around not singing."

Robert Dana, the vice president for Student Affairs, spoke of the "responsibility to do good" and said the King

legacy gives students across the country the courage and fortitude to continue their good work.

President Kennedy said, "We stand here together today as a community committed to the ideals exemplified by Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King. We are saying loudly and proudly that intolerance and injustice have no place in our society. That we are willing to stand up and make a difference, as did the heroes for which this plaza is named."

Construction of the memorial took two months, but it has been almost two years since the idea was proposed. It was officially announced at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast in January, 2007. There has been a long tradition of honoring Dr. King with the annual breakfast, but Kennedy explained the Kings deserve a memorial as well because "Symbolically he, more than anyone else, really stands for the struggle for civil liberties and social justice in this country. ... Nobody in the history of this country has lived it and struggled and sacrificed more than Dr. King, I think."

The memorial was funded with both university and private funds. Kennedy explained there was maintenance done on the steam lines under the plaza, but that there was "very significant private funding." It was expected to cost up to \$300,000, with an additional \$200,000 earmarked for the work on the steam lines. The plaza was designed by Sasaki Associates of Boston.



# Students urged to vote for "moral authority"

By Megan Neff  
Copy Editor

Former Gov. of Vermont and Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean stressed the importance of the upcoming election for younger voters during his visit to the University of Maine on Wednesday.

"I don't know if it's the most important election in my lifetime, but I know it's the most important election of your lifetimes," Dean said. "If you decide you don't care about it, you get the kind of government we've had for the last eight years. This is not normal; we don't have presidents that don't care what the Constitution says [and] think it's okay for Americans to torture prisoners."

He applauded the university for registering 1,100 students during early voting, but offered a D grade to the students for the day's turnout, saying he wished for a higher number.

"This is your time to begin to change the direction of your country, to change it to the direction that you will grow up with and your children will grow up with. This is your time; do not blow it."

Dean spoke highly of Sen. Barack Obama, citing him as someone able to address issues such as Iraq, the economy and health care.

"The difference between John McCain and Barack Obama is 98 years in Iraq," Dean said. "[Obama] thinks like you. He looks like your generation, knows what they look like, and he wants to bring people together, like your generation."

Dean said the U.S. is spending \$10 billion per month in Iraq.

"We need that \$10 billion right here in Maine and the United States of America. We've done our jobs in Iraq; we've gotten rid of Saddam Hussein. Now let the Iraqis govern themselves, and let us bring that money and our troops back here."

Dean said health care needs to be available for everyone.

"For John McCain to call that socialism is just plain ignorance," he said.

The main issues voters need to concern themselves with is how the next president will heal national partisanship and restore the moral authority of the U.S., Dean said.

He cited the Good Friday Accords and the Camp David Accords as examples of policy formed through moral authority.

"You can do those things if you have the moral authority to bring people to the table. If you don't have the moral authority, people won't pay any attention to you," he said. "We need an America that commands moral authority."

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Howard Dean  
Democratic National  
Committee Chairman

Dean also endorsed Tom Allen for senator to replace the republican incumbent, Susan Collins, saying she voted with President Bush 80 percent of the time. He placed particular emphasis on the Senate race, as the Democratic Party needs to win eight seats in order to have a 60 percent majority in Congress, which would be a filibuster-proof Senate, according to Dean.

"Give us a chance," Dean said. "If you don't like us, there's another election in two years."

Dean's speech was met with applause and praise.

"I give a lot of credit to Dean for bringing a youth and energy to the Democratic Party," Maine House Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, said.

Voting begins Nov. 4, and voter registration will be available to students when they go to cast their ballot. To register, students need a piece of mail with an on-campus address, as well as some form of photo identification. Voting will be available on campus from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Memorial Union.

# Gore speaks on clean energy via Webcast

By Jordan Rowe  
For The Maine Campus

Al Gore compared himself to John F. Kennedy Wednesday night during a live Webcast event. The University of Maine PowerVote group and other students listened to Gore talk about the environment and energy.

During the Webcast, which reached more than 100 universities across the nation, Gore answered questions submitted by students. He emphasized recent developments in renewable energy resources and the responsibility young people have — especially college students — in the election.

The most dominant topic for Gore was the environment. He compared his goal for use of 100 percent clean-energy sources to John F. Kennedy's goal to land on the moon in 10 years. He pointed out that it took a little more than eight years after Kennedy

announced his goal for Neil Armstrong to land on the moon — a feat that most thought was impossible. Therefore, it should be easy for the U.S. to make the switch to clean energy within a decade, according to Gore.

Gore said that though some people are skeptical of making major energy changes right now, based on the current financial crisis, it is the perfect time for energy investments. Also, with the creation of an energy infrastructure comes the opportunity for jobs.

The event was presented by PowerVote — a student-run, nonpartisan

movement that encourages students to vote and challenge elected officials to immediately take action to solve environmental issues.

Rob Goodwin, a senior involved with PowerVote since the year began, was impressed with how in-synch the goals of PowerVote are to Al Gore's.

"It was really awesome to see that what we're saying and what [Gore] is saying there's really no difference," Goodwin said.

Before Gore's broadcast, a few students wondered if he would take a stance on the upcoming election. Though Gore did not take a side on the Obama-McCain race, he strongly

ly encouraged students to exercise their right to vote.

"We are in a position to make history, and this election is the turning point," Gore said.

Maine House Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, running unopposed for re-election, attended the Webcast, spoke

before Gore's presentation and answered questions afterward. She said long-term solutions to excessive energy use are what matter the most, especially in Maine.

Cain, like PowerVote, encouraged everyone to hold elected officials accountable for promises they make about the environment and energy.

"I was really impressed with the simple way that he put it," Goodwin said.

Sonja Allen, a junior at UMaine, was happy to hear Gore's views on the energy situation.

"I respect what he has to say," she said.

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Al Gore  
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# Explaining the unexplained

UMaine Paranormal Investigation Club explores the unknown

By Aislinn Sarnacki  
Staff Reporter

Creepy shadows, unexplained whispers and creaking doors — all in a day's work for the University of Maine Paranormal Investigation Club.

"The basic theme is to do investigations of haunted houses, cemeteries and other places that ghosts have been sighted [and] also to investigate paranormal activity that our members are interested in," said third-year wildlife and ecology student David Sawyer, the group's unofficial president.

The club, formed in 2004 by Toby Paradis and Michelle Shandorf, is a small student group in the process of rebirth. The group fell apart when several members graduated last year. They hope to increase membership, become more active and apply to the General Student Senate for official university status, according to Lindsay Ropniak, the group's unofficial secretary.

Only three members are still active from last year: Sawyer, Ropniak and anthropology and psychology student Dylan Cookson.

In the past, club members visited homes, barns, cemeteries, schools and residence halls. Urban legends claim that Balentine and Estabrooke Hall are haunted.

"I used to live there [Estabrooke Hall], and I don't think anyone could pay me to live there again," Sawyer said.

The group is also working toward building an Web site to upload videos, pictures and audio files. One common recording is Electronic Voice Phenomenon — unexplained sounds gathered on tape recorders during investigations. Ropniak has developed a home page and some links at [umaine.edu/umpic/home.htm](http://umaine.edu/umpic/home.htm).

In time, the group aims to provide information about ghosts, demons, elementals and UFOs. They have hours of recordings from past investigations.

"We try to approach these things with a high degree of skepticism," Ropniak said.

Interest in paranormal activity does not end upon graduation. Although Shandorf doesn't belong to any official paranormal organizations, she still ghost hunts for fun.

"I love to investigate and play a little Ouija board. My favorite investigations have been Brewer Middle School ... and Corinna, where we investigated a farm," Shandorf said.

TV shows like "Ghost Hunters" on the Sci Fi Channel and "Most Haunted" on the Travel Channel are good examples of what the club is about. Members want to make it clear they are

not "ghost busters." They do not capture ghosts, expel spirits or quell hauntings. They investigate situations and encourage people to present them with locations they suspect to be hot spots for paranormal activity.

Before taking a trip, the group researches and gathers equipment to prepare.

"We would like to begin fundraising to earn money to begin purchasing more equipment for the group and books to start a small collection of references for future members to utilize as well as to help pay for any trips for investigations we may do," Ropniak said.

At last week's meeting, five new people attended and planned to return with interested friends. The club hopes to conduct at least one investigation by the end of the semester.

"When I found out about UMPIC on FirstClass, I thought it would be a lot of fun to see some of this stuff firsthand and provide a skeptical point of view where possible. I am absolutely open-minded, and I think the best thing that could come out of a group like this is that we would discover some new phenomenon," said sophomore new media student Zev Eisenberg.

The group wants to make it as easy as possible for students to join. New members don't need to fulfill any requirements or even sign up. Students can contact the group on its FirstClass conference or attend a weekly meeting held Mondays in the Coe Room in Memorial Union at 5:30 p.m.

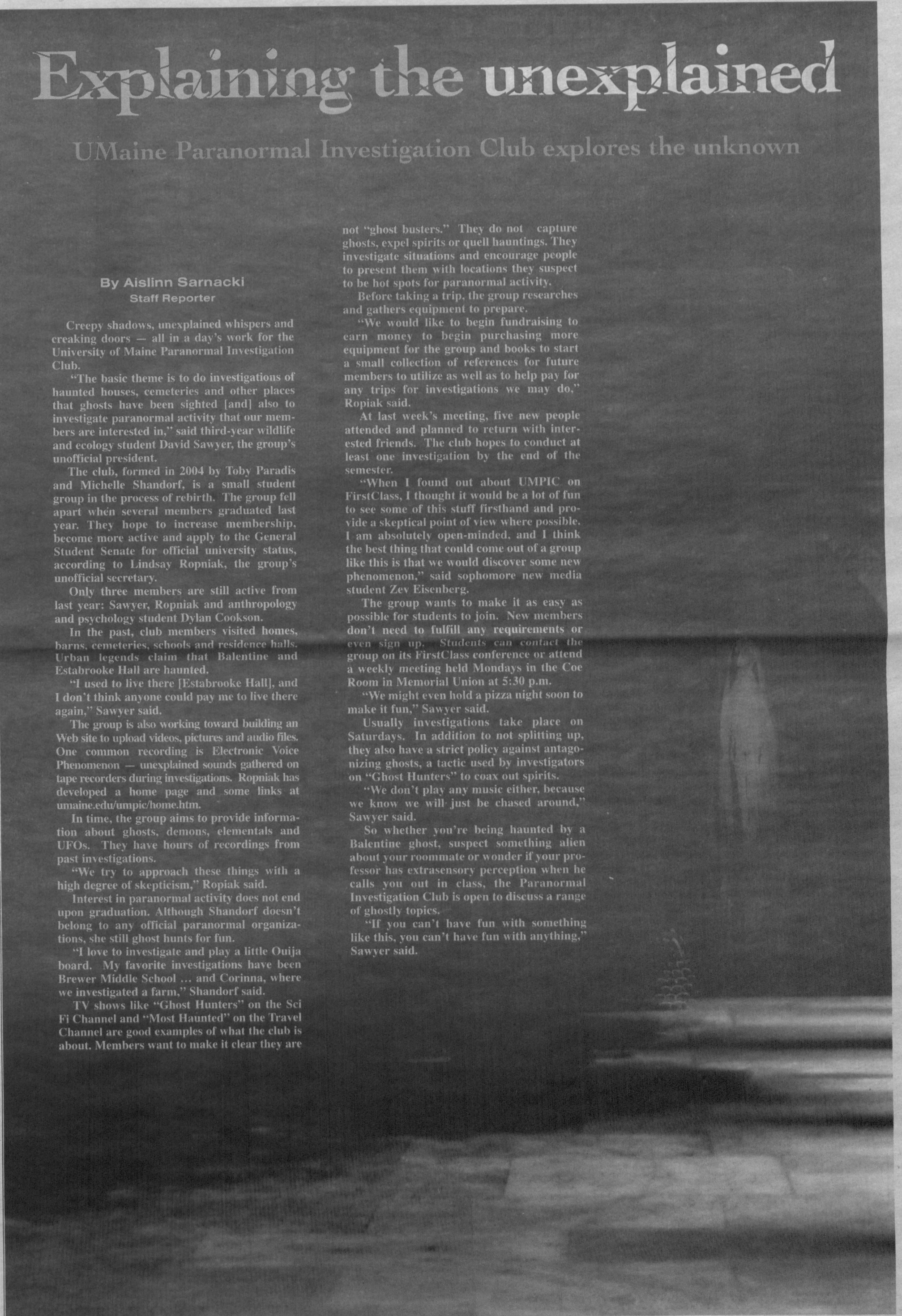
"We might even hold a pizza night soon to make it fun," Sawyer said.

Usually investigations take place on Saturdays. In addition to not splitting up, they also have a strict policy against antagonizing ghosts, a tactic used by investigators on "Ghost Hunters" to coax out spirits.

"We don't play any music either, because we know we will just be chased around," Sawyer said.

So whether you're being haunted by a Balentine ghost, suspect something alien about your roommate or wonder if your professor has extrasensory perception when he calls you out in class, the Paranormal Investigation Club is open to discuss a range of ghostly topics.

"If you can't have fun with something like this, you can't have fun with anything," Sawyer said.





# New research center available for undergraduates

Collaborative effort meant to help students, faculty connect and encourage creative efforts

By Melinda Hart  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine took another step in its strategic plan with the Center for Undergraduate Research. CUGR will serve as a database for research and other projects at UMaine, pairing undergraduate students and faculty via interests and concentrations.

"We're just getting started," CUGR Director Nancy Hall said. "The opportunities are already taking place; we just need a forum to let people know about it."

According to Hall, the forum will clear up common questions among undergraduate students, such as "How do I get involved?" and "What funding is available?"

Workshops will be held to discuss the processes of research and the interface of different research. Hall hopes to develop a regular series of workshops. She believes it is important to publicize these events, making sure students are aware of opportunities. UMaine Today magazine will be publishing a story on CUGR next month.

CUGR will also aid in curriculum development. Many undergraduate students have to do independent research before earning their degree. Getting involved in research projects early on will prepare them for their own research.

"The sciences provide a good model for undergraduate research," Hall said. CUGR will serve as the research experience for the undergraduate program, providing a resource for students to get hands on experiences in their field.

"It's huge," said Ben Wasserman, a senior wildlife ecology and math student. "It's like a dry run at graduate school. It's a good experience; you can test out a possible field and develop skills."

Similar to the research experience for the undergraduate program, CUGR will also offer external

opportunities away from campus. Hall said these opportunities are a little different from internships.

"I've had a lot of interest from faculty," Hall said. "What faculty really likes is to see growth in their students. Interfacing students and faculty in research experiences allows that."

Marcus Collado, a senior wildlife ecology student, has benefited greatly from this aspect of research. "Through [my] research, I met and connected with experts in my discipline," Collado said. "These connections showed me how much I needed to learn, and fostered a great respect for gathering knowledge, synthesizing it and applying it in creative ways."

Graduate students may also be involved in CUGR, taking a mentor role in the research process. Hall clarifies that funding from CUGR will not be available to graduate students because they have funds of their own.

CUGR has been four to five years in the making. "It's truly been a ground-up process," Hall said.

The Center for Teaching Excellence has also been a part of CUGR development. The initiative began when Hall and a group of teachers tried to define what research is and how undergraduate students are involved. Hall saw that idea materialize with CUGR.

The Center is built on a "broad-based perspective on what research means," according to Hall. The forum is available for all students. Once the Web site is up in approximately a month, opportunities will be easily accessible to students and faculty.

"This is one thing that prospective students and their families are looking for," Hall said. Participating in research projects makes students stand out to employers and other schools.

CUGR's office will be in 124 Alumni Hall, which will serve as a resource library.

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Nancy Hall  
Director  
Center for Undergraduate Research



Photo courtesy of Victoria Blanchette

The pink tulip garden has been planted for a second time in front of Fogler Library.

## Club Canada takes UM students north of border

By Rhiannon Sawtelle  
Staff Reporter

It's time to celebrate our Canadian allies. Our northern neighbors have had time to appreciate their culture this week; did you join in? Non? Dommage!

Oct. 27 to Oct. 31 was Canada Week on campus. Sponsored by the Canadian-American Center, events included lectures and lessons for all ages.

If you missed out on the happenings, Club Canada is on the move. Separate from the week's celebrations, the group is in its first year as an official campus club. The group is expanding its horizons and membership. In this semester, they have new members and an excursion to Canada under their belt.

Officially Societe du Canada, the group, was formed in January 2007 and became legitimate with student government the following October. Since then they have attended a curling tournament, viewed Canadian movies, offered their time at Culture Fest and most recently traveled to Ottawa.

In conjunction with CAN 101, Introduction to Canadian Studies, 15 students, including five from Club Canada, took the opportunity to visit Canada's capital for a weekend. The trip is an annual event on campus.

The group drove three university vans to Ottawa on Oct. 23 and returned home Oct. 25.

Events were planned daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., getting the students involved deep within the Canadian government. The foreign affairs minister was even on hand to speak to the group.

Among other things, the group was able to tour Parliament, the Canadian equivalent of America's Capital building. Other attractions included the famous Museum of Canadian Civilization and an IMAX theater.

After a day of learning, the students were able to enjoy the nightlife. In the heart of Bytown, a historic restaurant section of the city, students were free to explore the culture of the past and present.

"It was a chance to learn more about Canada ... A chance to see the structure of Canadian government," said Matthew Mulkern, prime minister of Club Canada.

"Everyone had a good time ... The first night we were all bonding."

This was Mulkern's third time on the university sponsored trip.

"Visiting Parliament was the highlight of the trip. Up at the top of the Peace Tower you can see all of Ottawa. It's beautiful," said Katherine Rowbotham,

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Matthew Mulkern  
Prime Minister of  
Club Canada

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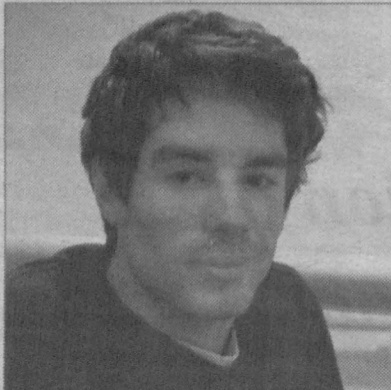


With future voter, Sam Slavin.



# Word of mouth

Which presidential candidate do you hate more and why?



Obama would do a better job.

Jason Means  
Third-year  
History

He [McCain] has an 85 percent chance to die in office.

Land Cook  
Fourth-year  
Theater



I don't really hate either of them.

Max Terry  
Fourth-year  
New media



[McCain] Cause he's a republican.

Rachel Hasty  
Third-year  
Child and family  
development



He's [McCain] really immature and not capable of generally running the country.

Sarah Smith  
Fourth-year  
Nursing



He [McCain] doesn't agree with the same topics as me.

Vivienne Cyr  
Second-year  
Biology



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deputy prime minister of Club Canada.

"I'm very interested in Canadian politics," she added.

With only 5 - 10 committed members prior to the trip, Mulkern noted that Club Canada recruited at least five new members in Ottawa.

"The club is in much better shape than last week," he said. "There's been a lot of new interest."

Club Canada tries to meet every month to discuss future events, but Mulkern said they are pretty lenient. "We're a pretty laid back club. We just try to have fun."

Mulkern admits the club does not have a huge presence on campus, but they are there to enjoy Canadian culture and have a good time. He hopes to increase the numbers of the club even more.

The club is open to "anyone who's interested in Canada in one way or another," according to Mulkern. Most members speak some French, but it is not a requirement.

The Ottawa trip and increased interest in the club has led the group to plan more for the future. Currently they are interested in a spring trip to Montreal, hoping for a late March excursion.

Club Canada met last Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Bumps Room in Memorial Union. Discussion included the proposed Montreal trip and election of new officers due to the increased membership.

The next event they are planning is Culturefest, which will be held in the Field House on Nov. 8. Culturefest is an annual fall event sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the International Student Association. In conjunction with International Week, it is a day-long celebration of culture with food, dance, style and exhibits. Club Canada plans to host a table with T-shirts, food, donations and Tim Hortons coffee.

Students interested in joining the group should contact Matthew Mulkern on FirstClass or read the Club Canada folder.

## Lobster from page 1

have stopped going out for lobster because the cost of one day of fishing outweighs the profit of selling the lobster. Some local

businesses are trying to aid local lobstermen — grocery stores are advertising the low prices, pushing consumers to purchase lobster and local Toyota dealership used lobster in a promotion to sell vehicles.

Bayer attributes the sudden drop in lobster prices to the slumping economy. Consumers have been keeping their wallets closed as much as possible due to fear of America's economic future.

Customers have been lining up to take advantage of low lobster prices across the state. Market Basket is selling lobsters at \$4 a pound. Stonington Lobster Company has the cheapest lobster in the state at \$2.75 per pound.

The low demand for lobster could have a direct effect on Maine's economy, which is responsible for 80 percent of lobster consumed in the U.S. Maine brings

in 63 million pounds of lobster a year for national export. The Maine lobster industry contributes \$1 billion a year to Maine's economy.

Matt Rego, a senior engineering student at UMaine, said he will take advantage of the low cost and cook lobster for himself and his roommates. Lobster prices usually drop in the fall because lobsters molt and get a new shell, which means less meat will be in the lobster. The Lobster Institute reports that some consumers are even purchasing lobster and freezing it for later consumption.

The university is also taking advantage of the cheap lobsters. This week, the university held a "surf and turf" steak and lobster dinner at York and Hilltop Commons, where students could have a lobster for one meal swipe.

Consumers who are looking to buy lobster in the future should call the local supermarkets and farmers' markets and check pricing.

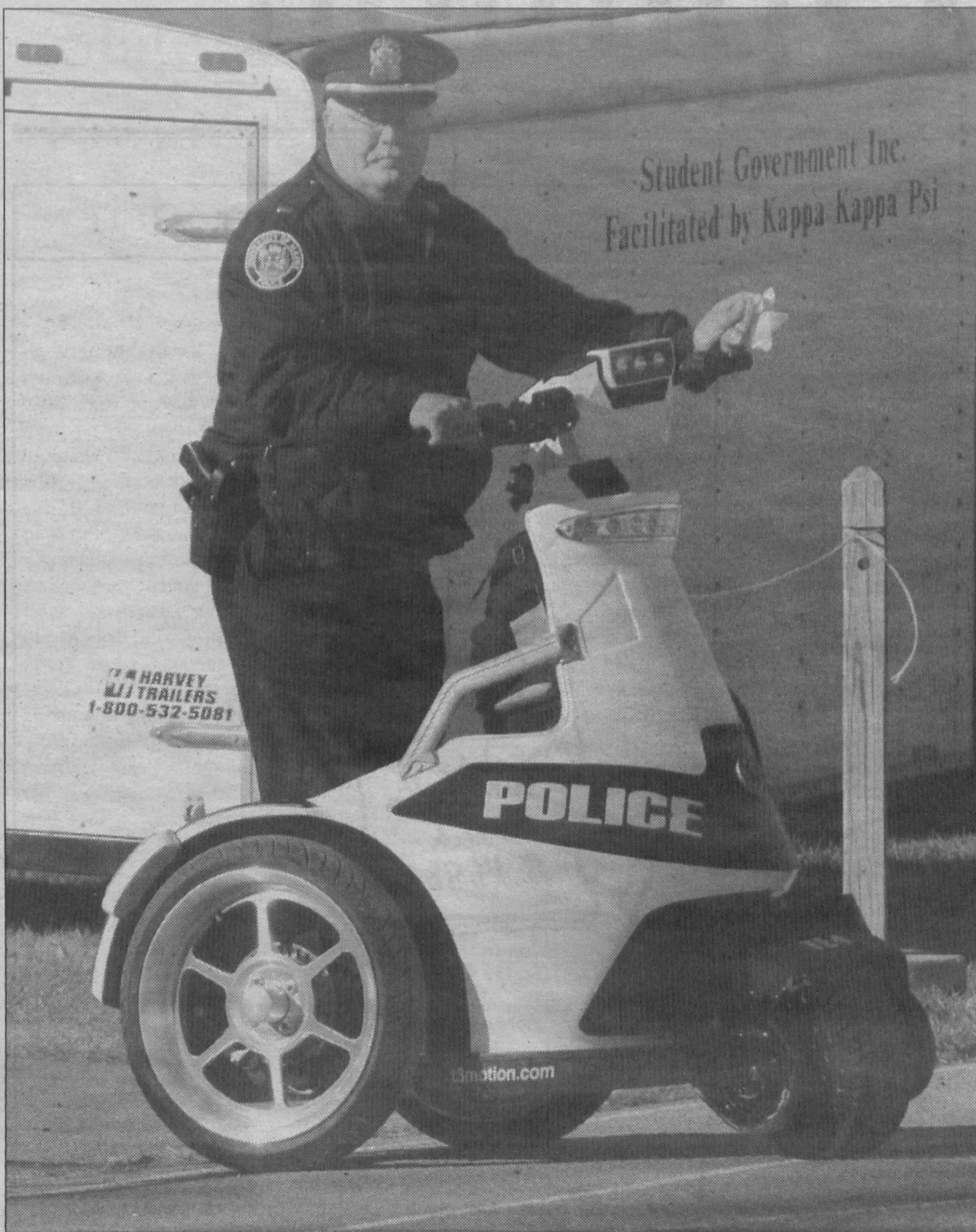
Information on how to freeze lobster or send lobster to family or friends is available at Bayer's Web site, lobsterinstitute.org.



Eryk Salvaggio ♦ The Maine Campus

A squirrel chomps on some berries high in a tree outside of Memorial Union on a crisp autumn day.





Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Officer Paradis rolls in luxury with a doughnut in hand at Saturday's football game on his police specific T3 Series Personal Mobility Vehicle.

## Online

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on the technology utilized, students participate in the class live or asynchronously through materials archived online," according to the UMaine Continuing and Distance Education Web site.

"A big reason why people take classes online, especially in the summer, is that it saves the commute. It is also more convenient, as students can listen to the lectures at their convenience. They might have jobs, and online learning allows them to work, but still get a full education, as they can do their work at their own time convenience," Toner said. "Online learning replicates what's happening in the classroom, but enhances the classroom experience. If there is something you missed or did not understand, you can go back and access it."

Students are utilizing the benefits of online courses, with 7,772 students registered for the 2008 fiscal year. The most popular online courses at UMaine include Introduction to Food and Nutrition, Music Appreciation, Religions of the World and Dynamic Earth.

As technology changes, online courses are changing as well. Many professors are now offering "hybrid" courses, a mix between an online and traditional classroom setting. An example of this is biology, where students attend the lecture portion online and the lab section in person. Some courses require students to have a computer with a video camera and microphone, as they use video chat to meet in groups or discuss the material.

"It is a mode of learning that is convenient for students. They can meet with their groups

video, Internet, intranet, video streaming technologies and combinations of these systems. Depending

from wherever there is an Internet connection. It can be related to tuning in to a radio. They can also listen to the lectures on their iPods while they're on the bus to Bangor, jogging or anywhere. With the Internet, students can access the content of the course at any time — material they used to have to be physically on campus for," Toner said.

While any student can take an online course, they are typically recommended for students who like to work independently, are self-motivated and are comfortable with computers, text-based media and e-mailing their professor when they need clarification. Many opt for online courses because they need a flexible schedule.

"I took an astronomy lab online last semester because I was already taking five classes, so I did not want to have to go to a sixth class, and I liked the flexibility of watching the lectures when I wanted," second-year communications student, Nicki Reiner said.

Junior elementary education student Jake Keefer also signed up for online courses for similar reasons.

"I like not having to physically go to class, and I like that I can be comfortable in my own room when watching the lecture, instead of in a class of 300 [students]. It was much more convenient to listen to the lectures when I wanted," Keefer said.

Toner attributes much of the success of the Distance Education to the professors.

"It's the faculty that is so creative; they work hard to develop these courses. They offer them because they see the students enjoying them. As long as students are registering or 'voting,' they'll keep offering more. I have to congratulate both the faculty and the students at UMaine for the growth of the online program."

*"I like not having to physically go to class."*

Jake Keefer  
Junior Elementary  
Education student

# Police Beat

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

## Well that blew up in your face

A fire alarm was triggered in Androscoggin Hall at 2:03 p.m. on Oct. 29. The Orono Fire Department determined Steven Ensworth, 18, Orono, was responsible. Ensworth lit fireworks in his room, and the smoke and sparks set off the fire alarm. Ensworth was summonsed for possession of fireworks.

## New meaning to fast food

A call came in at 11:39 p.m. on Oct. 30 from a male who had been standing in front of Cumberland Hall by Long Road. He reported that a person in a red pickup truck drove by and threw an egg at him. Police were unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

## Custodial speculation

A suspicious complaint came into Public Safety at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 31 from a custodian in Estabrooke Hall. It was reported that there was a male asleep on the couch in the TV lounge, and he did not appear to be a resident. Officers arrived to find the male was a resident of Estabrooke. He explained that he was too tired to go to his room and decided to sleep on the couch.

## It's not illegal, but you should stop anyway

It was reported that two men were smoking marijuana in their car in the Belgrade Parking Lot on Oct. 28 at 12:22 p.m. An officer located the two suspects who were smoking a bag of tobacco, not marijuana.

## Learn your limits and your age

Public Safety and an ambulance came to Cumberland Hall at 11:41 p.m. on Oct. 30 for a heavily intoxicated female on the first floor. The female was identified, and it was determined that she was 18 years of age. She was taken to the hospital for treatment.

## Illegal trafficking

While patrolling the Hilltop Parking Lot on Oct. 31 at 1:46 a.m., an officer noticed the stop sign from the Rangley Road and

Hilltop Road intersection was missing. Additionally, the blue faculty parking sign from the northeast corner of Somerset was missing. Both signs were found on the ground around their respective posts. Only the stop sign was damaged, and both signs were put back in place until they can be repaired. Public Safety is concerned with finding the perpetrator due to the potential danger surrounding the removal of the signs.

## Healthy vandalism

On Oct. 30 at 2:25 p.m. Cutler Health Center called Public Safety because a spray-painted silhouette of a face was found on the west wall of the building. At this time, it is unknown how much it will cost to remove the spray paint.

## \$90 of damage

After leaving a gold Ford Explorer in the Tennis Court Parking Lot from Oct. 24 to Oct. 26, a student reported to Public Safety that someone slashed one of the tires. The call came in on Oct. 30, and there is \$90 estimated in damage.

## Your marijuana is too loud

An officer responded to Estabrooke Hall at 12:56 a.m. on Oct. 29 where the smell of marijuana was permeating the fourth floor. The officer determined which room the scent was coming from and knocked on the door. Two residents were home, and the smell became stronger when the door opened. They allowed the officer into the room, and he then asked if they knew why he may be there. One resident suggested it was due to noise, but the officer corrected them and said it was for marijuana. They were then asked to turn over any marijuana or paraphernalia they had. Scott Alexander, 20, Orono, removed a plastic bag with a usable amount of marijuana inside from his sweatshirt pocket. Alexander was summonsed for possession of marijuana.

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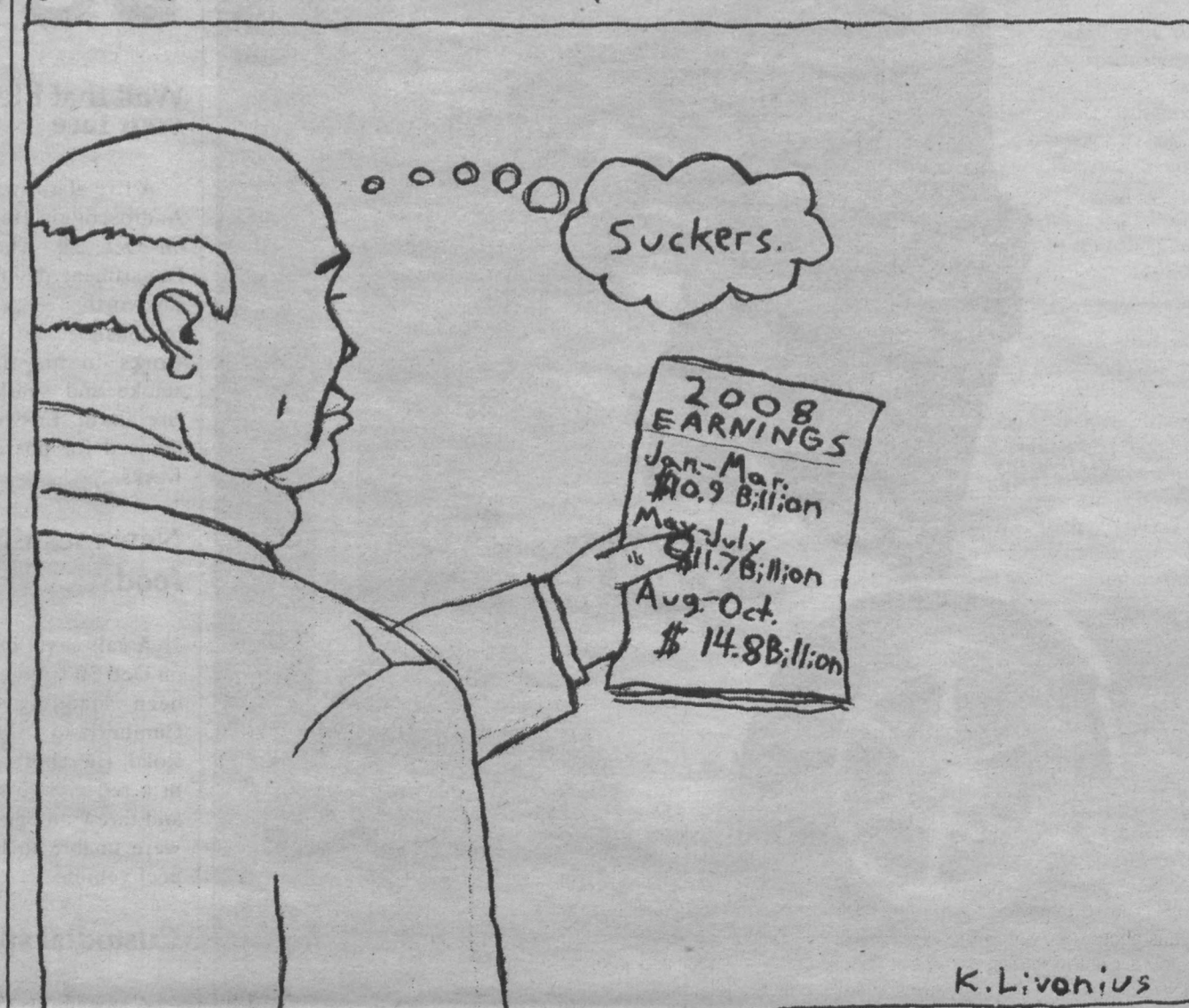
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# Opinion

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Exxon Mobile Reflects upon its consumers...



Nick McCrea

## Office of President not equipped to deal with all the change we might want to see

The U.S. presidency is easily one of the hardest jobs on the planet. Think about it: Who on Earth is expected to do more in the course of four years for a population of more than 300 million than the president? In fact, it may be flat-out impossible for a modern U.S. president to be considered completely successful and effective in his or her position.

Every single U.S. president — at least since F.D.R. — left office with a lower approval rating than when they started — with the exception of our buddy Bill Clinton. Harry S. Truman came into office with a rating of nearly 90 percent. He left with the approval of just more than 30 percent — it dipped to 22 percent at one point. After the terrorist attacks of 2001, just under 90 percent of the public supported George W. Bush's reactions and decisions. Since then, his rating has dipped into the 20s.

Why does the public's support change so drastically? It's because the structure of the presidency makes it impossible for him or her to do what the public would view as a "good job."

Presidents today are expected to fix everything — the economy, the environment, the energy crisis, foreign affairs, conflicts, partisan stalemates — and find the cure to cancer in their free time.

The result is that presidential candidates promise to eliminate all these problems, and after the election, the public backs them, expecting them to save the world and turn it into an utopia. After a couple of years, the public realizes things aren't getting done and support plummets.

Call me a pessimist, but no president will ever fix the world — whatever that means. They may get an issue or two ironed out in their four or eight years in office, but that will be about it. It's just not what the office was created to do.

The Founding Fathers created the Office of President to act as a check on Congress and vice-versa. He was also meant to be the commander in chief of the armed forces, receive foreign dignitaries, grant pardons and be sure the laws of the U.S. were faithfully executed; that's it. Congress was meant to be the primary force of power in U.S. politics, while the president was more a figurehead.

It's funny how things work out. Every president since George Washington has done something to expand and add to the

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daniel Bowman's editorial, "Nader: Mucking up Elections and Bumming out Dems since 1996," displays a great deal of resentment for the Independent presidential candidate, yet little knowledge of Ralph Nader's policies and platforms or the important role third-party candidates play in our politics.

Ralph Nader and Green candidate Cynthia McKinney represent the only genuine anti-war candidates on the ballot. Sen. Barack Obama's Iraq "withdrawal" plan is ambiguous at best,

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relying heavily on Blackwater and other private mercenary firms, and he wants U.S. forces re-deployed to Afghanistan, essentially trading one war for another.

Nader's opposition to military aggression in the Middle East is absolute. He also calls for cutting the bloated, wasteful military-spending budget, while Obama wants to increase it.

Additionally, Nader would clamp down on Wall Street's corporate crime spree; he advocates for universal healthcare and plans to invest

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# States must take action toward ending unethical 'robocall' campaigning

Jennifer Fortier

With the recent controversy surrounding Sen. John McCain's "robocalls" here in Maine and nationwide, most people seem to be complaining more out of annoyance than because of what the robocalls are saying. We already have a heavily-staffed industry of people who call us at inopportune moments — promising lower car insurance rates or asking our opinion on the latest processed cheese product to hit the market. They're called telemarketers. So I am here to suggest a different course of action beside the familiar choices of whining or cursing.

When telemarketers interrupt my evening meal, I often refrain from calling them the string of expletives that first springs to mind, but politely and calmly ask them to put me on their do not call list. Enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, and backed by the Do Not Call Improvement Act of 2007, this simple action is supposed to free me from the call lists of that particular company, and many others — permanently. That's right, with this new act there's no more renewing my "subscription" every five years.

So if one simple sentence can protect me from the never-ending telephone calls about switching my long-distance provider and donating to various medical causes, why can't it provide me with the same protection from the candidates and their minions during an election year?

Just a little tidbit of information here: but did you know that political robocalls

are exempt from all federal regulations, as long as they identify the candidate responsible and provide a contact number? On the bright side, 23 states already have additional legislation regarding political robocalls. New Hampshire already enacted a law that anyone on the Do Not Call list should not receive political robocalls, and California requires a live person to come on the line first and ask permission for the recording to be played. To go even further, North Dakota, Minnesota and Indiana have made all robocalls that don't include a live operator illegal — although several people in these states reported getting the same McCain robocalls as the rest of the country, which could result in fines for the McCain campaign. Whoops.

In this world where every four years we endure months of mudslinging, as well as having certain political ads ground into our brains, could it really be this easy to free ourselves from this tiny part of the overall disaster that is the frenzied partisan politics of an election year? I believe as American citizens we have the right to protect ourselves from the unethical, last-ditch attempts used by politicians to discredit their competitors. I also believe that it is our duty to rally together and join the many other states that already have the brains to stand up and say no to political robocalls.

Jennifer Fortier is a senior marine biology and microbiology student.

## President

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powers of the presidency. Through the gradual addition of powers, the president became the political powerhouse, probably against the wishes of the founders.

All presidents want to do a lot. They all have the best interests of the country in mind, but expectations are just too high. The president and his staff can't solve the thousands of national and global problems. They don't have the resources. Partisan politics,

congressional disagreements, constitutional restrictions and term limits are all hindrances to a president's efforts to accomplish their goals — and they will never live up to the public's expectations.

So take it easy on our next president. Hopefully he will be effective enough to put duct tape on things that can't be fixed permanently and will find solutions to at least a few of our problems. I guarantee, however, that the next president will leave office four years from now less loved than when they started.

Nick McCrea is editor in chief for *The Maine Campus*.

## LETTERS CONTINUED ...

in wind, solar and other forms of alternative energy, not nuclear, or "clean" coal.

Nader is not a secret "Republican agent," and those who blame him for Al Gore's infamous 2000 loss incorrectly assume Nader-supporters would have automatically shifted their votes to Democrat, had Nader not been on the ballot.

Finally, I wish to counter the notion that a vote for Nader is a "wasted" vote. The truth is the last two decades have found the Democratic Party moving significantly to the right. When the democratic Congress has spent the last two years continuing to fund the Iraq War,

voting to legalize Bush's warrantless spying program and refusing to impeach the most impeachable president in modern history, how can one claim they are better than the Republicans?

Ralph Nader serves as an alternative to the two-party, corporate duopoly which offers only endless war for empire, bailouts for the wealthy elites and constant erosions of our civil liberties. Call him a stubborn "spoiler" if you must, but his voice deserves to be heard.

- Adam Marletta  
Graduate Student



William P. Davis

# The right and wrong things to think about this Election Day

It has been a long election season, and the thought that somebody might change who they're going to vote for a day before the election is pretty ridiculous. I thought I would take a little time and appeal to everyone to think, one last time, of who you're voting for and why.

I had someone say to me the other day that she's voting for Sen. McCain because he shares her values. We all know the Republican party has worked hard to portray themselves as the party of values. While I know "family values" issues, such as abortion and gay marriage, are important to many people, please don't vote based on those issues. We are electing a commander in chief, our chief diplomat, not a chief moral officer.

Please don't vote based on who your parents or friends are voting for. This is a decision that should be made independently, without the influence of anybody. Yes, we all have people in our life we love and trust, but in these important decisions, we must evaluate both sides and think for ourselves. Who do you think has the best tax policies for you? Do you have healthcare, and if not, under which candidate do you think you have the best chance of getting some?

Please don't vote based on anything you hear on TV. I don't care whether it's FOX, the mother of all conservative bias, or MSNBC, the mother of all liberal bias. Chances are if you heard it on television, it's been massively blown out of proportion or, in some cases, isn't true at all. Because of the instant nature of television, stories do not have the time to be evaluated before they go on air, unlike how newspaper stories are evaluated. Because of this, many false stories make it onto the airwaves.

Please don't vote based on character issues. Barack Obama is black; John McCain is old. Sarah Palin is sexy; Joe Biden isn't. This might possibly be the worst way to vote, and I can only assume if you vote based on any of those issues you have the brain capacity of a four-year-old.

Think, one last time, about why you're voting. Do you want lower taxes? Renewable energy? Clean water and air? Healthcare, retirement plans for your parents or maybe a retirement plan for yourself? Take one last look at the issues most important to you and make sure you know why you're voting.

Most importantly, please vote. We all have the chance to steer our country in the direction of our choice. It is a chance most people in the world do not have and will never get. It is a chance our fathers and our father's fathers fought for, and died for. It's a chance our peers are dying for right now. It's a chance that only comes around once every four years, so make it count.

William P. Davis is a first-year journalism and violin performance student.



Eryk Salvaggio

# It's not about who wins or loses, but who casts the vote

I acknowledge that I will be relieved, for many reasons, when this election ends.

I am sympathetic to every side of this fight. I am tired of the word "maverick," and I am tired of mocking the same word. I am tired of Bill Ayres, Joe the Plumber, Lipstick, Pigs and ACORN. Most of all, I am tired of the idea that voting is a waste of time.

Maybe the voting booth is a place that has no real meaning. Perhaps you have always been skeptical of people and you do not want to hand over a piece of paper declaring that you believe in something. It's understandable.

After all, we've been tossed into a mud-stained democracy run by blowhards and fools, many of whom condescendingly sneer if we express an interest in an idea or a candidate they don't like. We've heard about how so-and-so is a terrorist and so-and-so doesn't show up for any votes; how one side is embroiled in scandals and how the other side has no experience; how one is too religious or not religious enough, or the wrong religion, or has the wrong kind of really amazing, powerful, empowering speeches.

My advice to you, skeptical voter, is one more layer of noise, but bear with me. I'm asking you to put the noise aside and vote, even if you don't believe that vote will count. I'm asking you to walk into the multi-purpose room on Tuesday, sign an affidavit if you haven't registered, and cast a vote. Just this once, just to see how it feels.

I am tired of hearing about how this generation always says it will vote, but doesn't. I am tired of being ignored by candidates because they don't think we'll make it to the polls. Let's face it, you've probably been late to class for worse reasons: hangovers, flirting, video games, boredom, hunger, who knows? Why not have a better excuse?

Maybe your guy loses, maybe your guy wins, but there are plenty of reasons to believe that winning or losing doesn't matter. What matters is mustering up an ounce of faith in a broader system, taking the risk of being wrong and taking the plunge toward the single inch of progress you want for this world. You stake your claim and it's terrifying.

Voting, you see, is not just about politics. It's about working up the courage to believe in something you want to believe in. It's the moment when you ask someone on a date even if you think you aren't cool enough. It's the moment when you raise your hand in a class to give an answer you kind of, maybe, think you know. It's not the vote that matters, it's the risk you take when you cast it: that you might be wrong, certainly; that it might break your heart if he wins, and becomes just another politician, the kind of guy who made you not want to vote in the first place. I believe the courage of asking for an impossible kind of dream is more important than the pleasure of getting it.

You can decide if that's reason enough to vote. But to not vote is to say no to possibility, and yes to whatever you get stuck with. Sure, if you vote, you might not make it to that boring class on time, or have time to read the next article and eat your lousy sandwich. You can resign yourself to fate, or you can design your own. You don't need to tell anyone you voted, or who you voted for. You can have a secret moment where you said yes to your rightful stake in the world, where you let yourself become the type of person who has ideals and takes action to make them come to fruition.

The ballot doesn't care if you aren't cool, or if you have all the answers. It just wants to know one thing: Who are you voting for?

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# Style

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## Dropkick Kickin' Back

An interview with Tim Brennan of Dropkick Murphys

By Nick McCrea | Editor-in-chief

The Dropkick Murphys are an institution in the Northeast's Irish-American and punk rock scenes. Known for their ties to Boston sports teams, the group has increased their following hugely, thanks to hits associated with the Boston Red Sox, like "Tessie" and "I'm Shipping Up to Boston."

Dropkick will perform at the University of Maine on Nov. 6 in the Field House and warns fans to be ready "for one hell of a ride." Guitarist, accordionist and backup vocalist Tim Brennan spoke with The Maine Campus via telephone.

**McCrea:** So, you're kicking off your November tour in Orono. Why here?

**Brennan:** We're just trying to start kind of close to home. We figure Orono's a good place to start as far as routing goes. We're starting up there, and then we start working our way down south and then back across the country.

**McCrea:** Have you ever been to Orono before?

**Brennan:** I think we might have been to Orono once before a while back, but normally we're in Portland and don't come that far north.

**McCrea:** I heard that your opening acts dropped out kind of last second from this tour. Tell me a bit about who you got to take over for them.

**Brennan:** At this point, I believe we have Everybody Out!, which is the original guitar player from the Dropkicks [Rick

Barton's] new band. And then, I think Angel City Outcasts are playing. Both of those bands were awesome to jump on at the last minute like that because, like you said, we had one opening band drop off and then another one had a problem getting visas so they could come into the country and stuff like that. But these two bands stepped up, and it will go off without a hitch.

**McCrea:** Dropkick formed in 1996, how long have you been with the band?

**Brennan:** I joined the band in 2003, so five years.

**McCrea:** How did you meet your band mates?

**Brennan:** I knew one of the old guitar players from just playing in bands together when we were younger — like, my band would play with his band back then. Then he ended up joining Dropkicks and he got me a job working for Dropkicks, and once people in the band found out I could play instruments, they had me join, but I had started off working as like a merchandise guy.

**McCrea:** The Dropkicks kind of started out as a group of buddies who would get together to play in the basement of a barber shop outside of Boston and kind of grew from there. How much do those origins play a role in the band?

**Brennan:** They play a big part! I mean, we try to treat every

show like we're playing for five people in a basement somewhere. We just kind of work as hard as we can, trying to win over the audience, even though we might not have to because it might just be Dropkick fans coming to see the show, but we still work pretty hard up there. We try to be as in touch with people as we would be if we were playing on the floor down in a basement somewhere.

*"We try to treat every show like we're playing for five people in a basement somewhere."*

Tim Brennan  
Dropkick Murphys

**McCrea:** Why is that? Why have you guys tried to approach this whole thing as if you were still just with a small contingent of fans?

**Brennan:** Well, we'll play bigger shows, like we'll go over to Europe and play festivals and stuff like that, but you just get really detached when you play to 60,000 people or whatever and there's a barricade that's about 35 yards away from the stage and you can't really connect with people like you would be able to in a smaller club or

something like that. And, I mean, we're the kind of band that sort of feeds off the energy of the audience, so we sort of need that packed, chaotic space.

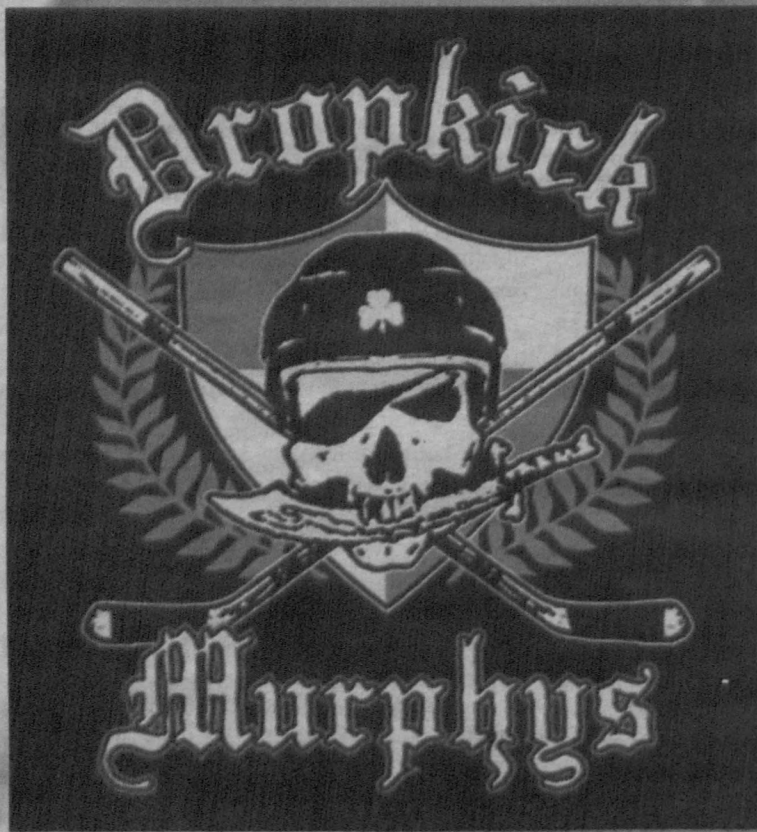
**McCrea:** How important is the Irish heritage of Dropkicks' members to the band's music?

**Brennan:** It's very important because we incorporate that sort of Irish folk thing into our punk-rock songs. We all came from a background where we heard traditional Irish songs and music growing up. If you're going to do something like we do, then you sort of need to know a little bit about it and know what it's supposed to sound like. Luckily a bunch of us were pretty well versed in that stuff, so that we could be as authentic as possible with our folk side.

**McCrea:** So, you've got your influences like The Pogues, The Dubliners and such. What's your favorite Irish group that you draw your inspiration from?

**Brennan:** The Pogues, definitely. The Pogues are my favorite. When I was a kid, I was just into rock music and stuff, but when I heard The Pogues it made me want to learn how to play the accordion and the f---ing tin whistle and stuff like that. Before that, I'd just never really heard music like that sound so ballsy, and so that really turned me on to the

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## Cultural melting pot of coffee

Weekly ISA event moves outdoors to celebrate British holiday

By Spencer Mortori  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine International Student Association fought darkness and bitter cold on Friday to celebrate a unique cultural tradition.

Early on Halloween evening, the ISA gathered in the Steam Plant Parking Lot for their weekly International Coffee Hour. This edition was dedicated to the British celebration of Guy Fawkes Night and was, according to ISA President Sangam Lama, "one of the best coffee hours we have had."

To begin the festivities, Peter Felix, a student from England, gave a brief description of the importance of Nov. 5. Felix said that on that date in 1603, English soldiers thwarted a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

Guy Fawkes was found in the cellar of the building with multiple kegs of gun powder, ready to start a revolution. He was caught, tortured and hanged. The prevention of what could have been a disastrous event is now a major historical holiday in British culture.

"There are several ways in which we celebrate. First, there's the bonfire. Second, is the burning of an effigy of Guy Fawkes. Also, towns across the country hold huge fireworks displays," Felix said.

UMaine's international community didn't have a bonfire, effigy burning or fireworks, but there was indeed a celebration. "We had students trying new things; bobbing for apples and roasting marshmallows," said ISA Vice President Lianne Lackey.

Students sipped coffee and munched on Felix's homemade gingerbread. Before the sun set, the Capoeira Club entertained the crowd with their performance of an ancient Afro-Brazilian ritual.

The Capoeira Club formed a circle and passed around an African instrument called a berimbau. In the middle of the circle, two members sparred with each other. The fighting include various martial arts techniques and different African and Brazilian fighting styles.

"I felt it was fantastic," said ISA Treasurer Ogheneovo Dibié. "The choreography involved, twisting and turning the way they did, was simply mesmerizing."

According to Lama, UMaine hosts 417 international students from more than 75 countries.

"The ISA is very important. Back home, I know what my friends eat. I know what they wear. I know everything about my culture," Lama said. "These coffee hours give everyone the opportunity to learn about a new culture, about someone else's way of life."

International Coffee Hour is held every Friday at 4 p.m. in Memorial Union's North Dining Room.

"It is especially important for us to help people understand that International Coffee Hour is open to all students, staff and faculty; American or international," Lackey said. "Overall, coffee hour is just a great way to meet new people from all over the world and learn through many different activities and events."

Upcoming flagship events for the ISA include Culturefest on Saturday, Nov. 8, and Oronoka, an international dance party, on Nov. 15. Oronoka will take place at the Bear Brew Pub and will feature strictly international music, and it is open to anyone more than 18 years old.

"The purpose of this organization is to bring together people from all races, cultures and ethnicities," Lama said. "Our events are entertaining, social and fun. Everyone should come."



Flags from across the world stand on display above the salad bar in the Union.

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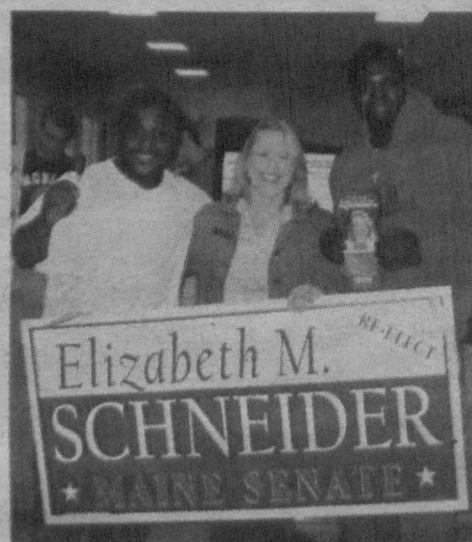


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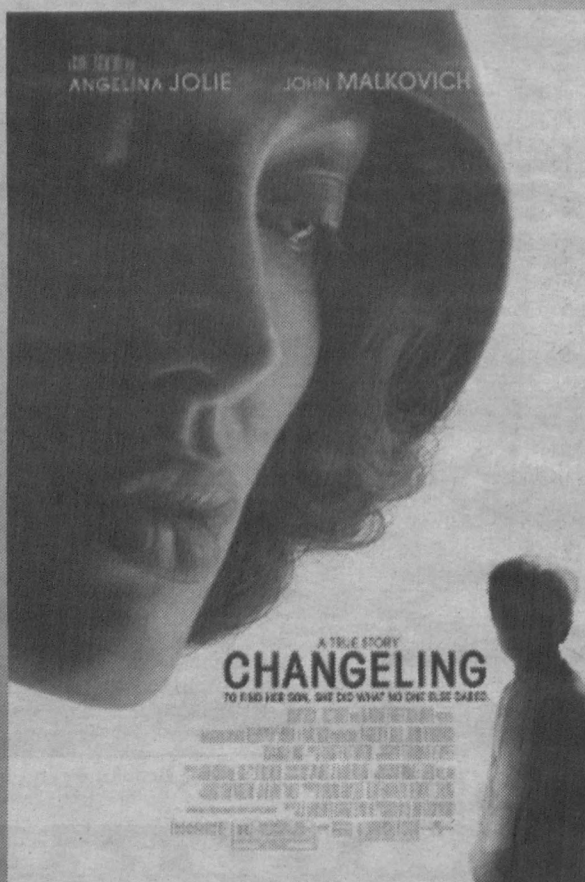


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By Spencer Morton  
Staff Reporter

Clint Eastwood's directorial talent combined with Angelina Jolie's acting skill make "Changeling" an engaging film about police corruption, gender feuds, murder, psychological torture and betrayal.

Christine Collins (Jolie) comes home from work in March of 1928 to find her son, Walter, has gone missing. Weeks pass and the Los Angeles Police Department find the missing boy and return him to his mother.

Not so fast ...

Collins claims this child is not her son, that the police are making a huge mistake. The plot soars into a world of corruption and political agendas after Jolie's character takes a firm stand that she is being deceived.

As the tale unravels, it turns into much more than the initial premise. It brings forth subplots and problems we still face in society today. "Changeling" has a dark, gloomy feel, but at the same time, themes of hope, determination and prosperity shine through.

Jolie is amazing as a grieving mother. She acts with conviction and emotion and is extremely believable. Her character is complex and smart and should be recognized come award season. Alongside Jolie are strong performances by John Malkovich, a minister determined to expose police corruption, and Jeffrey Donovan, a captain in the LAPD.

The real magic happens behind the camera with Eastwood. He paces the film with such grace and intensity. The muted, dull color palette of the film evokes a sense that justice and equality have been equally suppressed from dreary 1930s Los Angeles. Eastwood again proves he is a premier director in the film industry.

Collins' search for truth, justice, peace and closure are portrayed with such power that it will be hard for audiences to not be completely immersed in this film.

Grade: A

## CD REVIEW

Tom Gabel – "Heart Burns"

By Mario Moretto  
Opinion Editor

I need to preface this review by saying I did not go into it with a completely open mind. I've been a long-time fan of Tom Gabel, front man for Against Me!, a formerly folk-punk act now reduced to boring rock 'n' roll. And like many Gabel fans, I was nothing short of heartbroken when I heard Against Me!'s latest CD, "New Wave." It was like getting sucker punched in the gut. So when I heard Gabel had a solo EP coming out, I was nervous. Really nervous.

Would it be a return to Gabel's folk-punk roots? Would it be a recreation of his band's seminal "Acoustic EP" or just more "New Wave" tripe? While not completely sold on this album as the second coming of my former hero, I did enjoy it.

The lyrical content is timely. "Cowards Sing at Night" is a not-so-thinly veiled jab at Sen. John McCain's use of his time in Vietnam as a centerpiece of his campaign. Gabel urges over and over, "Come back home Johnny / Come back home from Vietnam," suggesting the senator never really left. Another choice track is "Amputations," featuring back-up vocals by Alkaline Trio's Matt Skiba, in which Gabel laments the loss of youth suffered by young men and women in the service.

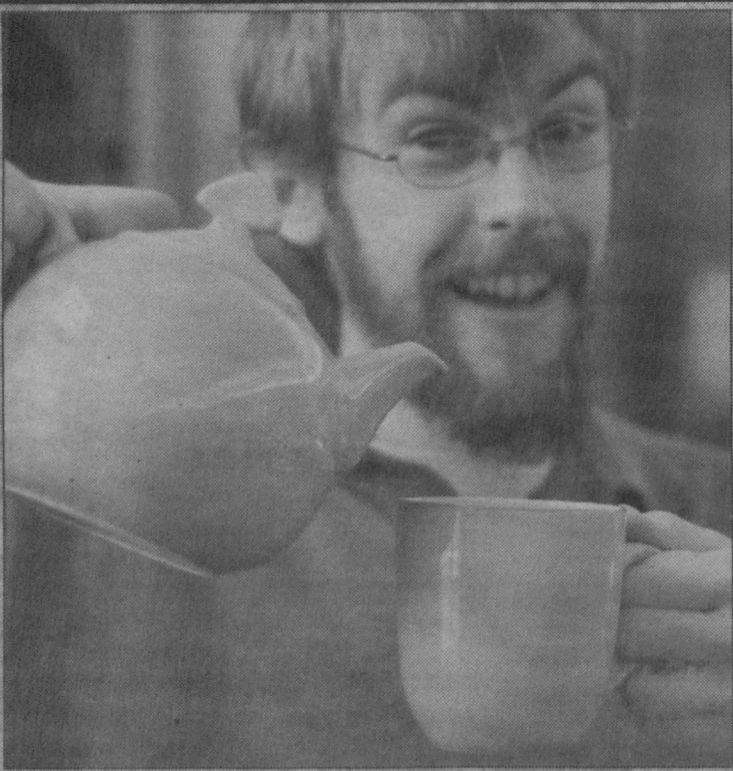
The buzz around the record centers on "Anna is a Stool Pigeon," which Gabel wrote in response to hearing about environmental activist

Eric McDavid, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiring to use explosives to damage corporate and government property. McDavid was caught with the help of an undercover agent, Anna, who posed as a fellow activist. According to the song, "Eric fell in love with an FBI informant / He shared his dreams of revolution / Now he's sitting in solitary confinement / Anna thinks she a hawk, but she's just a f---ing snitch." You can say what you will about Gabel's "selling out," but the fact that he signed to a major label but still has the balls to pen, record and promote a song that sympathizes with militant radical activists shows a level of chutzpah that I can still get behind.

The only real throwaway track on the album is "Random Hearts," which sounds like an abandoned song from "New Wave."

It's almost as if by separating himself from the Against Me! brand, Gabel was able to reclaim the sense of urgency and honesty that used to be his hallmark, especially on "Harsh Realms." This song could easily have been released on "... As The Eternal Cowboy" and been right at home there with "Cavalier Eternal." It outshines the hell out of the album's supposed centerpiece, "Anna is a Stool Pigeon," with its stripped down setting where Gabel is most at home — just him and his guitar.

Grade: B



This week the Tea-Totaler explores a rare, but delicious herbal tea (or "tisane") called buckwheat tea, which I first learned about from a friend who was studying abroad.

My friend Sam was a wonderful correspondent while he was traveling in Japan, but just after Christmas in 2007, instead of the usual postcards or letters, he sent

me a small package. Attached to the gift-wrapping inside the package was a brief note. On the outside, the paper simply had a Japanese character, next to which it said, "It means 'tea'!"

Inside, the note read "Merry Christmas! Dear Jeff, here's one of my favorite teas: soba-cha, or buckwheat tea. Brew for about eight minutes, leave in, and drink!

## The Tea-totaler

By Jeff Hake

Your friend, Sam." Admittedly, I was a little baffled. Buckwheat tea? As in, buckwheat the grain?

My mild confusion was abated when I opened the wrapping and found a plastic package covered in Japanese characters and filled with what looked like small round pellets of off-white Styrofoam. I felt as though I should be skeptical, but I had heard of plenty of other strange teas before, and I no reason not to trust Sam. So, I followed his instructions and made a cup.

I had no need to be skeptical; soba-cha is delicious. It is unfortunate the taste reminds me of Puffed Wheat cereal, because by that measure, it seems buckwheat tea would taste gross. However, that can only partially describe the flavor.

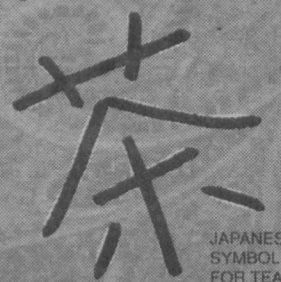
Prepared by roasting buckwheat kernels, the resulting brew is a yellowish-green. The taste, beyond being reminiscent of

cereal, is also nutty, slightly acidic and thick enough to make me feel a little fuller after drinking it. In sharing it with friends, I thought I would receive some negative reactions, but instead, they were similar to mine. The consensus is that it is a strange-tasting tea, but quite good at the same time. In reading further about buckwheat tea, I've also found it is good for you, being high in minerals and rutin, an antioxidant.

Soba-cha is a wonderful treat to have around, and I still have a good amount left because I've been storing it well and drinking it sparingly. I can also stretch how much I have by brewing it two or even three times. At one time, I was nervous about running out, because I could not send my friend back to Japan to fetch me more, but I've since found that it can be ordered online. The Fragrant Leaf ([thefragrantleaf.com](http://thefragrantleaf.com))

sells "soba tea" in 7.5 oz. increments for \$10 each which, while sounding expensive, will produce almost 50 cups of tea.

If you're willing to compromise somewhat, buckwheat tea can be more easily found as a blend with green tea, which adds an astringent quality to the buckwheat — a nice change from the more mellow flavor of it alone. I recommend buckwheat tea to anyone looking for a smooth but hearty, caffeine-free tisane and especially to those for whom rooibos, another hearty tisane, isn't their cup of tea.





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rock side of the Irish spectrum.

**McCrea:** Where'd you grow up?

**Brennan:** I grew up in Hartford, Conn.

**McCrea:** Did you ever get a hard time from your friends for picking up the accordion?

**Brennan:** No, I mean my friends were all pretty cool about it because I came to them with the Pogues or whatever, and they didn't really have much to make fun of because the music they came out with is just so undeniably bad-ass that people couldn't knock me for trying to learn the accordion.

**McCrea:** What's your favorite song subject?

**Brennan:** Well, as far as writing's concerned, I take care of the music side of things, along with some of the other guys. The lyrics are all written by Ken [Casey, lead vocals and bass] and Al [Barr, lead vocals]. I really enjoy when Ken writes about his childhood and stuff like that because growing up, he went through a lot of s--t. "The Meanest of Times," the newest record we have, is about a lot of that. I like when he writes those types of things, because then we can say, "Well, what the hell does that mean?" when he writes a story about when he was growing up.

**McCrea:** One of the things I've noticed about your music is that a lot of it is inspired by historical references. "Tessie" was originally a Red Sox rally song in 1902 and "I'm Shipping up to Boston" is based on a Woody Guthrie poem. Where does the band look for these sorts of ideas?

**Brennan:** Well as far as those things, "Tessie" was an old Broadway tune or something that we just revamped in our own way. "Shipping up to Boston" was a pretty easy one because they're Woody Guthrie lyrics, so we just had to write music to it. As far as picking those out, I think Ken was just looking for stories that jumped out at him, and anything related to Boston is likely to do that.

**McCrea:** Dropkick Murphys are now unavoidably tied to Boston sports teams. The Bruins have picked up your music,

and obviously the Red Sox did the same around 2004. What does the band think of this tie to the sports world?

**Brennan:** Well, you can't live in Boston and not be a Boston sports fan. We were excited about the Red Sox thing and the Bruins thing. The Red Sox ties gave us the opportunity to go to a lot of games and hang out at the park when there weren't games going on; those are always really good times. Then with the Bruins, we got to play at a couple of those games, and that was fun. The Patriots asked us to do the national anthem once, and stuff like that has always been a blast. It's fun for us because we're all really big into sports.

**McCrea:** Who's your team? Do you have any one that you're most partial to?

**Brennan:** I prefer the Red Sox over the other sports teams. I mean, I really like the Celtics as well, because I played basketball growing up and stuff, but I've really grown to appreciate the Red Sox.

**McCrea:** Who's your favorite player?

**Brennan:** My favorite player is probably Mike Lowell [Red Sox third baseman].

**McCrea:** Great choice. What do you guys like to do when you aren't playing?

**Brennan:** We just hang out at home a lot. We like to spend time with our families and get together as a group to practice and stuff like that. We just try to take care of anything that we miss, being out on the road for such a long time.

**McCrea:** Is there anything else you want to say to the students at UMaine?

**Brennan:** Well, we're pumped to get back out on the road again, and being that you guys are our first show, I think that hopefully you guys are up for one hell of a ride, because we're going to have a whole lot of energy that night.

**McCrea:** Final question, I'm Irish-American, I play guitar. Could I have any future with the Dropkicks?

**Brennan:** Haha, we'll see man, we'll see. We're an ever-growing operation. So, who's to say? At the moment, we've got a pretty good group going, but you never know what might happen.

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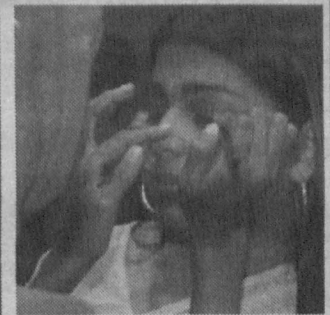
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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 to April 20

Unpleasant news regarding your sentimental life might spoil your mood. You are advised to remain cautious no matter what. Avoid making promises to your loved one if you are not sure you can keep them.

### Taurus

April 21 to May 20

In the morning, you might learn that you will shortly have to leave on a business trip. Your loved one will feel unhappy with the situation, because you were supposed to spend the day together.

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You might encounter financial difficulties that will make you feel uneasy at a party. You are advised to remain balanced and avoid over-reacting. You should also avoid heated arguments with your friends.

### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Your loved one might get angry with you because you intend to cancel a short trip. Today your chances to succeed in business are thin.

### Leo

July 23 to August 22

You could feel unhappy with the unexpected changes occurring at work. You are advised to remain calm. There's nothing you can do about it.

### Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will have to make a difficult decision. You are running the risk of a serious quarrel with your loved one on one hand, and ending the relationship with a close friend on the other.

### Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Creativity and determination will help you succeed in professional and business activities. Your sentimental relationship will be going well. Avoid making reproaches to your loved one for a trifle.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

In the afternoon, you might face a misunderstanding with your loved one because of financial difficulties and your differences over a trip you were supposed to take together.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You will have to leave on a trip for a family interest, which might not unfold as you expect. You should not remonstrate with your loved one.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

This morning you will tend to be irascible because of your problems at work. In the afternoon, you will have a good time at home in the company of your friends. You might make plans for a short trip.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You are advised to avoid making hasty decisions. You should seek the advice of an older person with a richer experience in the field.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

This morning you might be angry because your loved one has spent too much money. To avoid a quarrel with your loved one, you need to be less stubborn.

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# DISTRACTIONS

### The Cynic

By Jeff Swenson



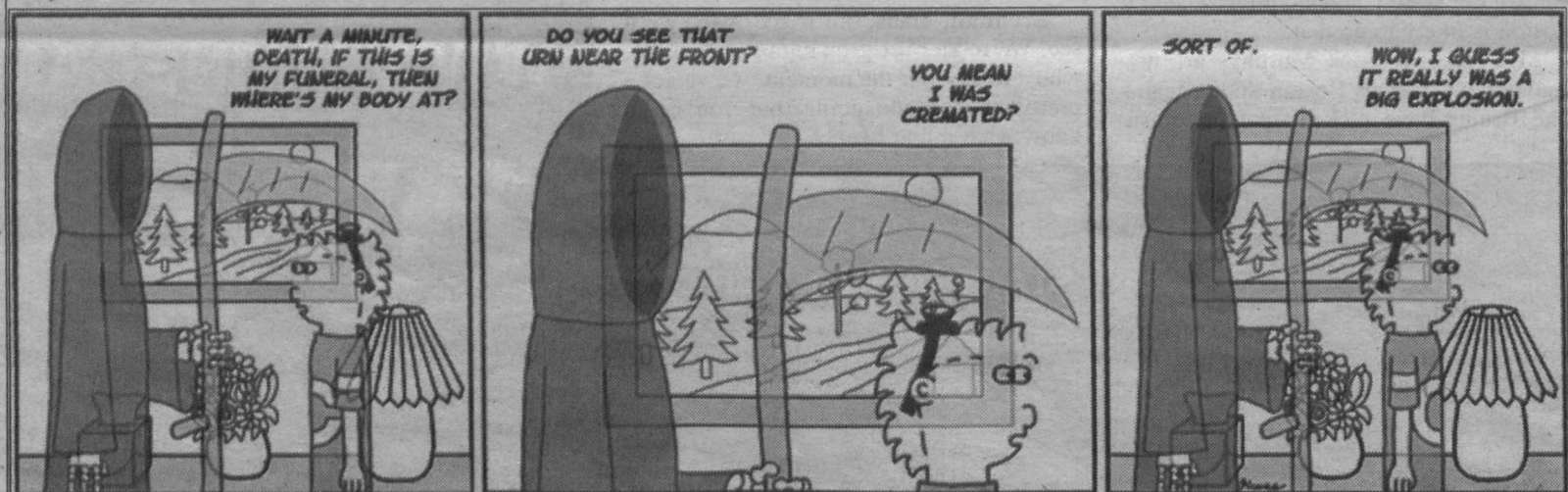
### Soap on a Rope

By Bob Roberts



### Last - Ditch Effort

By John Kroes



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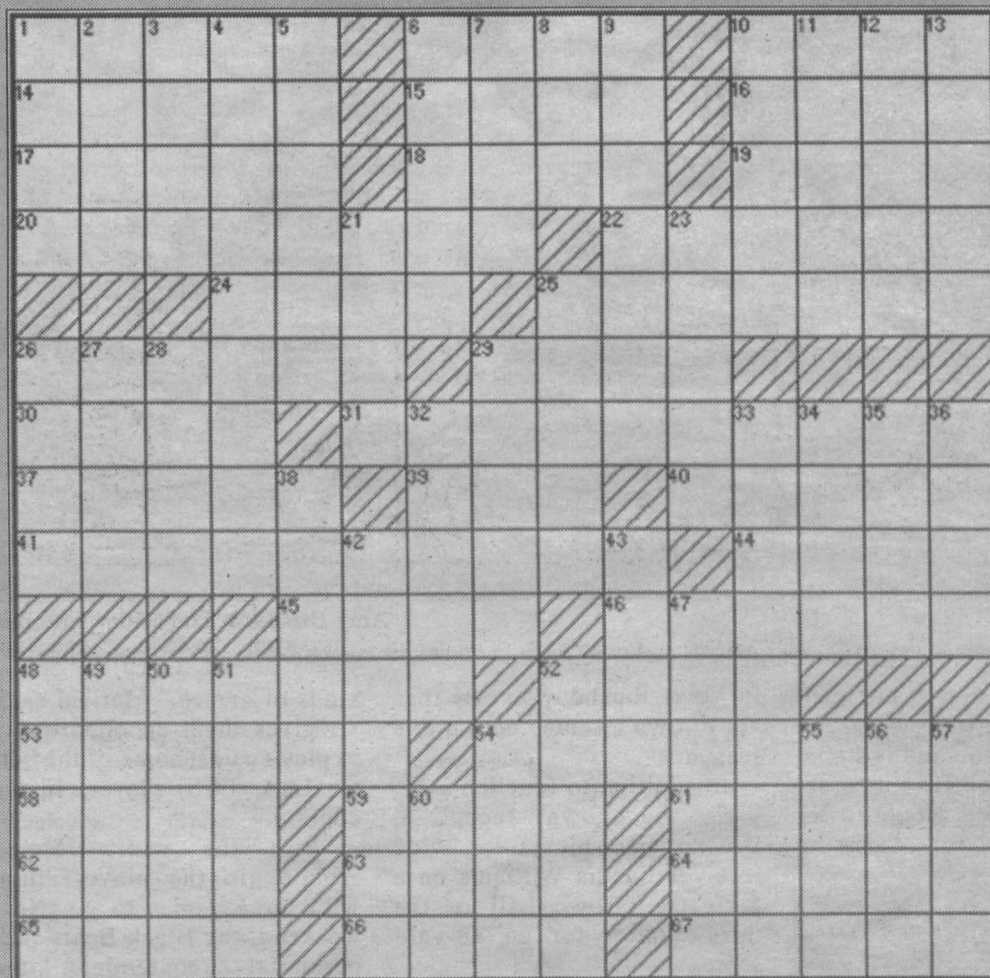
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1. Loamy deposit  
6. Sediment  
10. Shut a door forcefully  
14. Fund  
15. Notion  
16. A thin flat slab  
17. Pore  
18. Smooth-tongued  
19. Train track  
20. At an unstated period  
22. Lollygag  
24. Stop for a horse

25. Cassock  
26. Forge  
29. Blockhead  
30. Achy  
31. A shortened version of a written work  
37. Cognizant  
39. Petroleum  
40. Not inner  
41. Unendurable  
44. An elaborate Hawaiian feast  
45. Former vice-president Al  
46. Stop working  
48. Disinform

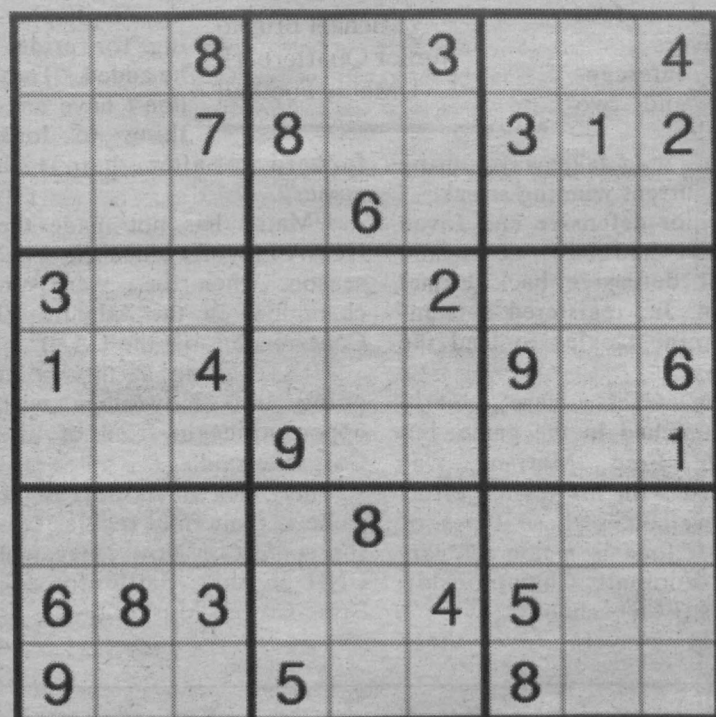
## DOWN

1. Not more  
2. Not deceived by  
3. Ancient Biblical kingdom  
4. An indefinite location  
5. Bandage  
6. Greek letter  
7. Doing nothing  
8. Floral necklace  
9. Yellow journalism  
10. Swagger  
11. Tropical vine  
12. Set straight  
13. Donnybrook  
21. Corn Belt state  
23. Expenditure  
25. Pig feed  
26. Jacob's brother  
27. Scattered  
28. Fourth sign of the zodiac  
29. Clan  
32. A panel or committee  
33. Large number  
34. Decorative case  
35. Close  
36. Not false  
38. Keen  
42. Used to plan long drives  
43. Historical periods  
47. Draw out  
48. Hoarder  
49. Foreword  
50. Maraud  
51. Oversight  
52. An award, usually for bravery  
54. Scoundrel  
55. Competent  
56. Adolescent  
57. Swirl  
60. Earned Run Average

52. French Sudan, today  
53. Toward the center  
54. Pause  
58. Cease  
59. A fitting reward (archaic)  
61. Raised to the third power  
62. Cupid, to the Greeks  
63. Region  
64. Left the engine running  
65. A strong line  
66. Gloomy atmosphere  
67. Minuscule

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## Advice Girl

I need to lose weight! I don't know where to begin though, since there are so many diet options out there: low carb, vegetarian, diet pills — they all sound like they work on the commercials, but I know it can't be that easy. I've talked to my friends and family, but none of them have any experience with trying to lose weight. I thought you might be able to tell me about some diets that work and some that don't.

Honestly, most of the diets out there are fads or just plain unhealthy. Some might work, but they are really expensive and require a lot of sacrifices. If you need to lose a great deal of weight, say fifty pounds or more, I would speak with your doctor about the right way to go about doing it. But if you just want to lose a few pounds, I would suggest 30-60 minutes of cardio per day, like biking, running, walking, or using an elliptical, along with strength training a couple times a week to tone your muscles. The Student Recreation and Fitness Center and

other area gyms have trainers available who can help you come up with a personalized plan. Even if you can't afford to go see the trainer every week, try to meet with them once or twice so they can help you come up with a success plan. Combine your fitness routine with healthy eating. Try to get all of the nutrients you need by taking a multi vitamin, get plenty of fruits and vegetables, and trade in your enriched white bread for whole wheat. To cut back on sweets, try limiting yourself to one dessert a day. Choose snacks that will keep you full, but not pack on pounds, like baby carrots, grapes or almonds. If you are having trouble keeping motivated, there are several things you can do: Recent studies have shown that keeping a food and exercise diary can help you stay on track. Let family and friends know what you are doing so they can encourage you. Buy yourself a cool gym outfit that you'll look forward to wearing during your workouts. Good luck!

Let Advice Girl help you out: [advice\\_girl@post.com](mailto:advice_girl@post.com)



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8 p.m.  
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Thursday, Nov. 6  
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Field House  
\$10 UMaine students  
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\$20 general public

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Monday, Nov. 17  
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## FILM

Kickin' Flicks: "The Chronicles of  
Narnia: Prince Caspian"  
Wednesday, Nov. 5  
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
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## ART

New Work  
A faculty exhibition by the  
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Photographs by Andy Warhol  
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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
University of Maine Museum of Art  
Bangor  
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Angelo Ippolito exhibit  
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9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
University of Maine Museum of Art  
Bangor  
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21st annual Culturefest  
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Games Night: Scrabble  
Monday, Nov. 3  
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Marketplace dining rooms,  
Memorial Union  
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Dialogues in Diversity  
Wednesday, Nov. 5  
8:30 - 10 a.m.  
Coe Room, Memorial Union  
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## Hockey

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with one shutout.

UMaine countered with freshman Scott Darling, who came into the game as the statistical leader of the Black Bear goaltenders, earning a shutout in his first start in Alaska and taking the loss in a 2-1 defeat against Northeastern last Saturday.

Darling was once again phenomenal between the pipes, allowing a lone goal on 29 attempts and securing the 4-1 win.

The Black Bears started better in the second game, taking more shots in the first 10 minutes than in the entire first period the previous night. Neither team could convert on their opportunities. Niagara had eight chances to UMaine's seven.

UMaine started the scoring one minute into the second period on a power play. Nyquist sent a shot through from the right point that Pagliero had trouble containing. Hahn picked up the rebound and flicked it in to the goalie's left on a second effort.

The Black Bears capitalized on another power play at the 4:29 mark when defenseman Jeff Dimmen fired a slapshot from the blue line that beat Pagliero stick side for his first goal of the season.

Niagara narrowed the lead to one just over a minute into the third period when defenseman Tyler Gotto sent a wrister from the point that Darling mishandled and could not cover before Rocco got a stick on it and put it between his pads.

"It was a shot through a screen. I picked it up late, and I just got a piece of it and it dropped in front of me," Darling said, describing the goal. "Before I could freeze it the guy [Rocco] whacked it through my five-hole."

Shortly after, the Black Bears gave Niagara a 5-on-3 advantage and once again killed the penalties to hold Niagara's high-powered offense.

UMaine widened the lead back to two midway through the third period when sophomore Josh Van Dyk sent a wrister from the blue line that redirected off Hahn into the goal for the Black Bears' third power-play tally of the night. Nyquist was also credited with an assist on the play as his pass set up Van Dyk.

The Black Bears capped the scoring 12:50 into the period when Nyquist chipped the puck out of the UMaine zone to House, skating up the right side. House crossed to Brian Flynn on an odd-man rush and Flynn roofed a wrister from the left face-off circle.

"It feels good to get it out of the way," Flynn said of his first collegiate goal. "It was exciting."

Pagliero took his fourth loss of the season, while Niagara drops to 2-5-1. Darling earned his second win, and the Black Bears bring their record back to .500 at 3-3-0.

"The team came out and played as good as they did last night and made my life easier," Darling said.

UMaine coach Tim Whitehead was pleased to see the team bounce back from a frustrating weekend against Northeastern. The Black Bears capitalized on three of six power play opportunities in the second game, which had been a point of concern the previous weekend.

"It was good to get some pucks in the net, and guys to realize that they can score if they get to the net well, and release the puck quickly," Whitehead said. "I was very pleased to see the goal light on a few times for us."

Niagara coach Dave Burkholder looks for his team to regroup after a difficult weekend in Orono.

"Both their goalies — I don't know if either one of them made a mistake for the weekend — and their power play was more than we could handle, that's for sure," Burkholder said. "If you would've told me flying in here, 'Thursday we're going to hold Maine to 45 shots in two games, and we don't get a win,' I would've said, 'you're crazy.'"

The Black Bears return to action Sunday afternoon when they host defending NCAA National Champion Boston College at 4 p.m.

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Tim Whitehead

Coach

UMaine Men's Hockey



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Simon Danis-Pepin makes a pass before a Niagara player comes in for the check.



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Nick Payson makes his move to keep the puck from Niagara's defense.

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### Three Stars of the Weekend

★ 1st — Chris Hahn, Sr., F, UMaine  
Scored first three goals of his senior campaign, including two Saturday night on Niagara's star goaltender Pagliero.

★ 2nd — Gustav Nyquist, Fr., F, UMaine  
Scored his second goal of the season in the first game and assisted on four more.

★ 3rd — Tanner House, So., F, UMaine  
Scored his first two goals of the season in the first game and added an assist the following night.



# UM clinches AE berth

By Brett Frye  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine field hockey team has had one goal all year to win the America East Conference. Coming into Saturday's matchup with Fairfield University, they needed a victory and then they were in the tournament. Senior captain Nicole Emery made sure of that as UMaine knocked off Fairfield 3-1.

Emery scored the first goal of

the game just under five minutes into the contest. The Black Bears carried that momentum the rest of the game.

Fairfield outshot UMaine 15-10, but the game was dominated by the Black Bears.

UMaine took a 2-0 lead seven minutes later on a hard shot by freshman Stephanie Gardiner. Gardiner came in as the America East Rookie of the Week for her performance last weekend in Vermont. It was the second time she garnered the honor.

Fairfield would cut into the lead with a goal with just under 15 minutes left in the game, but the Black Bears would respond. Sophomore Maire Dineen slid a pass between defenders and freshman Jocelyn Mitchell tipped it by the goalie.

"We started off fantastic," said UMaine coach Josette Babineau. "Key goal for [Emery] to get us started."

"We knew this game was all

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Maire Dineen tries to block a pass from a Fairfield player on Saturday. UMaine won 3-1.

# Weekend brings squad together

By Candace Daley  
For The Maine Campus

Just like every year, the University of Maine men's ice hockey team ends their preseason with a bonding weekend at Camp Roosevelt. The team is split into three groups, led by senior co-captains Simon Danis-Pepin, Jeff Marshall, Matt Duffy and Chris Hahn, who then draft the rest of their teammates. The teams compete for the Black Bear Cup, being awarded points for different events.

They played a variety of sports and games such as ultimate Frisbee, canoeing, football and soccer. The final event they played was tug-o-war. The squad had the chance to spend some quality time together during the evening, and even though it rained during their campfire, Marshall said it was a great chance to connect with everyone.

"We spent a lot of time getting to know each other. We have a big freshmen class this year. This was a good chance to welcome them all in," Marshall said.

He enjoyed the chance to work with Danis-Pepin in the preseason to get an idea on how the rest of the season would flow together. He said it was their first chance to really get together with everyone.

"We're a balanced pair. We have different personalities, and we tend to feed off each other," he said.

The bond that has been created, even this early in the season, was apparent when freshmen Will O'Neill, Kyle Solomon and Gustav Nyquist joined one of their captains, Danis-Pepin, for an interview. Nyquist teased that Danis-

Pepin's team had cheated, while Danis-Pepin shot back, "this weekend showed the men from the boys." All four laughed in good fun as they all agreed the overall experience of the bonding weekend was a great one. The joke went on, as Danis-Pepin and O'Neill made sure to remind everyone their team had won.

"A lot of the bonding was made even before bonding weekend. The seniors and freshmen are closer than in previous years," Danis-Pepin said. "Our team values are more similar and focused. Team bonding helped us focus."

Simon Danis-Pepin  
Senior Co-Captain  
UMaine Men's Hockey

O'Neill spoke of how welcoming the team was, that Marshall and Danis-Pepin had stepped into their leadership roles and were doing a great job bringing everyone together.

"Great leadership starts at the top and trickles down," O'Neill noted.

According to Hahn, this year's freshmen class is further ahead than the others that he remembers and that overall everyone has meshed together well.

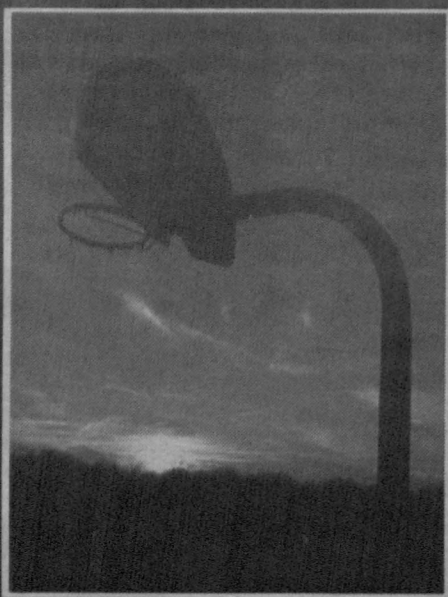
"It was good to get away from a typical weekend at school with no distractions," he said.

With 'Team Danis-Pepin' winning the Black Bear Cup, and the bonding weekend behind them, the team has put its focus toward having a great season branching off from their newly established bonds.

The Black Bears sit 3-3-0 overall and 0-2-0 in Hockey East currently after a weekend sweep of Niagara University. They return to action Sunday when they host defending NCAA national champion Boston College at 4 p.m.

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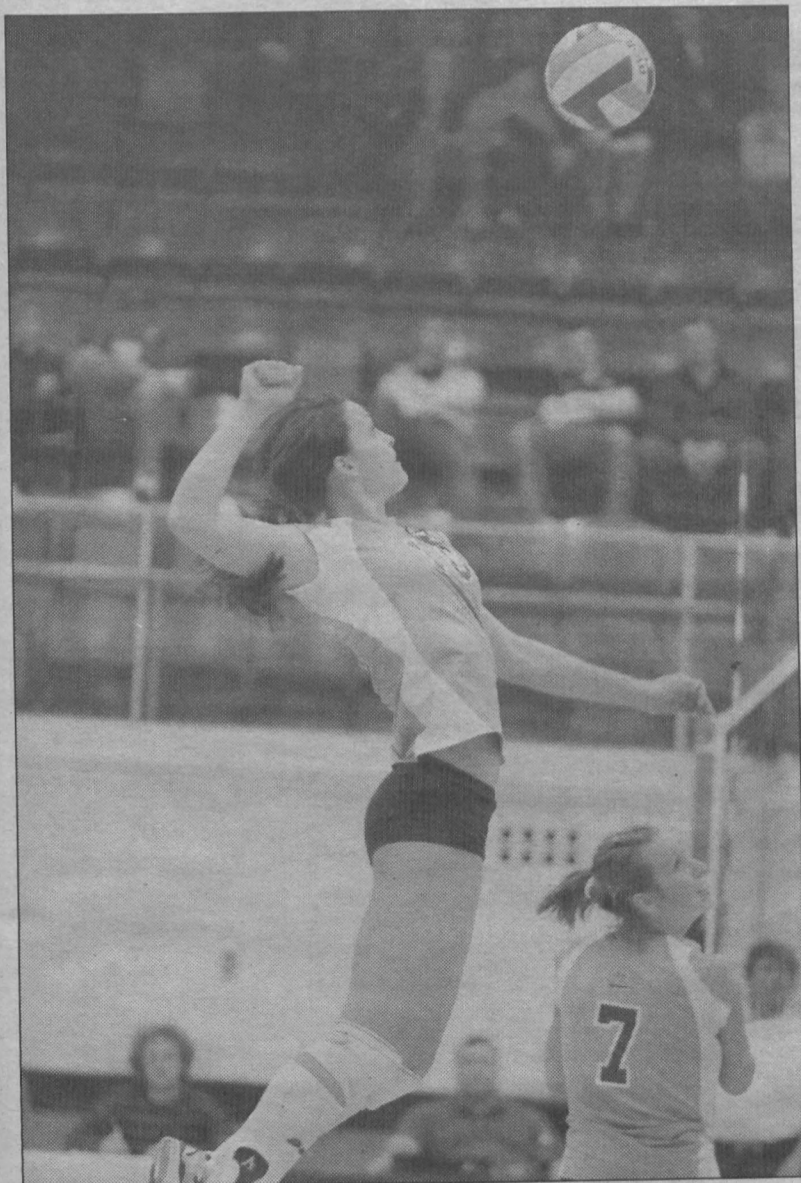


Men's hockey  
Sunday at 4PM  
UMaine vs. Boston College

## Don't drink and drive







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Brittany Kiehl requests spaces as she soars for a kill against UMBC on Friday night. She had 10 kills on the night.

# Seniors win grudge match, bounce UMBC

By Seth Poplaski  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's volleyball team won again in dramatic fashion on Friday. They defeated the University of Maryland Baltimore County in a close five set match (25-21, 25-23, 14-25, 20-25 and 18-16).

With the win, the Black Bears improved their record to 11-11 on the season and 4-4 in America East Conference play. UMBC fell to 15-10 on the season and 4-4 in America East Conference play. The two teams are now tied for third place in the conference.

Earlier this month, UMaine played UMBC in Maryland and dropped the match in another close five-setter. Laura Goettsch, senior hitter from Woodstock, Ontario, said this was a big win for the team and that it was great to get redemption for the past match.

"It's such a great feeling; it felt like a conference championship match. This was a huge win for us and places us in a good spot for conference right now," Goettsch said.

Lindsay Allman, senior hitter from St. Louis, Mo., led the squad to the victory with 16 kills and 14 digs.

Senior setter Jessica Wolfenden, a native of Ottawa, Ontario, also contributed to the winning effort with 42 assists and 14 digs. Ashlee Wright, a senior defensive specialist/libero from Muncie, Ind., led all UMaine players with 19 digs.

*"This was a huge win for us and places us in a good spot for conference right now."*

Laura Goettsch  
Senior Hitter  
UMaine Women's  
Volleyball

After taking the first two sets, the Black Bears began to falter as they dropped the third set, losing by 11 points.

"The third game is always a hard game," Wolfenden said. "I think we got a little tense and didn't play as relaxed as we did in the first two games. They switched up their line-up a lot, so we were seeing new things happening on their side, and it took us awhile to adjust and figure out how to score."

UMaine also dropped the fourth set but came out swinging in the fifth to take the win. With tensions high, both teams had opportunities to extend their lead, but both sides also committed unforced errors by serving the ball long multiple times. In the end, Amy Lawson, senior hitter from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, had a momentum-changing block to keep the Golden Retrievers from taking the lead. Just a few points later, Allman put down a ball to give the Black Bears a 17-16 lead. The team took the match on the next point.

The team regained their composure for the fifth set and brought home a huge win.

"We just focused on the things we had to do on our side and played point by point," Goettsch said. "When our passing and serving is on, we execute great plays and come out with wins."

The Black Bears return to action next Friday as they travel to take on Hartford. The team will return home for their season finale on Nov. 14 against Binghamton.

Note: UMaine played Albany on Sunday. A full recap will be in Thursday's issue.

## UM routs Hamilton

By Laila Sholtz-Ames  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's rugby team destroyed Hamilton College of New York on Saturday's playoff game at Lengyel Field.

Coming off a strong win against Brown University, the Black Bears built on that momentum with a convincing win of 53-3.

The team had a balanced scoring attack from the team, including multiple scores by seniors Rocco Andreozzi and Andrew Higgins who have had great games throughout the season. The Black Bears also cracked down on defense, as they held Hamilton to only a field goal. The team, coached by 2007 UMaine graduate and current project engineer Mark Grimes and economic professor George Criner, put in many hours of strength and conditioning drills throughout the week and were happy to see the hard work finally pay off.

"The team carried it out very well, and we see the results. They stayed focused, had the fitness with them, and made few errors," Criner said.

Hamilton came out strong in the first half and made a few advances down the field, but the Black Bears soon took control and dominated for the rest of the

game. The balanced scoring and stifling defense proved to be too much for Hamilton as the Black Bears scored eight tries and earned one of their biggest wins of the season. With the win, the team is now ranked in the top five in the country, certainly a high point of the season.

"One of the best things of the season thus far is taking second place in New England for the first time in our history and beating No. 5-ranked Brown to secure

a home playoff game," co-president and co-captain Tony Purpura said. "The worst would have to be our two losses, a tough one to UNH, but it turned out to be beneficial because it refocused us."

The team will advance to the Northeast Rugby Union's U.S. Regional Finals at West Point next weekend. This is the UMaine team's third

playoff game this season, following a win over Brown University and a loss to Middlebury College.

Coach Criner believes that his team has what it takes to win, as long as they keep the intensity and focus.

"At this level in the playoffs, a few mistakes can cost you the game. This is where the focus comes in. If we stay focused and play very hard, we can stay with about any team."

The Black Bears are currently 2-1 in the playoffs this season.

*"If we stay focused, and play very hard, we can stay with about any team."*

George Criner  
Coach  
UMaine Men's Rugby

## Great Danes cruise

By Kevin Bailey  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's soccer team hosted the Great Danes of the University of Albany in a conference match on Wednesday afternoon. Albany proved to be too much for the Black Bears to handle, scoring three times en route to a 3-0 victory.

UMaine dipped to 4-9-2 and 1-5-1 in conference play, while Albany moved to 12-3-1 and 5-1-1 in America East competition.

UMaine came out of the gate fast and strong against an Albany team that sat atop the America East standings. Their intensity appeared to catch the Great Danes off guard, as UMaine had several early chances, but senior keeper Steward Ceus stood strong in net for Albany, turning the shots away.

In the 16th minute, Albany was able to strike first. Bjorn Bekkers took a cross from Claudio Dantas and put a tremendous shot into the upper corner of the net, beating UMaine senior goalie Nemanja Kostic.

"Their first goal was the best we've given up all season," senior back Kyle LeDuc said.

"Off of a volley, that's just a very tough shot to stop."

At the 28:15 mark, the Great Danes doubled their lead. This time it was Dantas with the goal, off of a feed from teammate Mike Peters. It was Dantas' ninth goal of the year. Albany took the 2-0 lead into halftime along with a slight edge in shots 10-9.

The Great Danes added an insurance goal in the 66th minute. Erik DiLorenzo took a direct kick and found L.J. Papaleo in the box. He buried the shot to complete the 3-0 victory.

Despite coming up scoreless, the Black Bears played up to par with Albany, even outshooting them 19-12.

"It was a tough one, because we felt like we dominated a good proportion of the game," LeDuc said. "It's just a matter of finding the back of the net."

Kostic made four saves for UMaine, and the team allowed more than two goals for the first time all season, a testament to the strength of their defense all season long.

UMaine played its final conference match against Binghamton on Sunday at Alumni Field. The Black Bears won 1-0.

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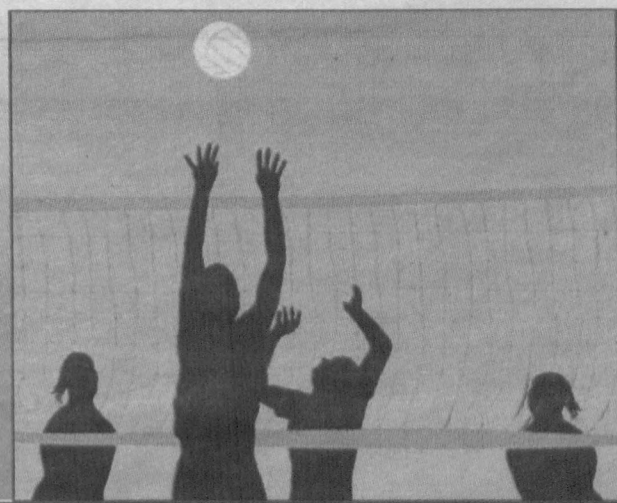
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## Hahn, House power UM past Niagara

Men's hockey snaps two-game losing streak with sweep, power play unit shines

By Steven McCarthy  
Staff Reporter

So much for a lack of offense. The University of Maine men's hockey team entered the weekend with just four goals to their credit in as many games. They tripled that sum in a pair of games against one of the elite teams in the nation, sweeping Niagara University 4-2 and 4-1 in the Purple Eagles' second visit ever to Alford Arena.

Senior Chris Hahn and sophomore Tanner House scored multiple goals on the weekend, and freshman Gustav Nyquist added a goal and four assists to lead the Black Bears to a confidence-boosting result.

The Black Bears struggled out of the gate Friday night, tallying just four shots in the first period. With a man advantage 9:22 into the game, the Purple Eagles capitalized when forward Vince Rocco sent a slapshot from the point that deflected off UMaine junior goaltender David Wilson onto the stick of center Brian Dowd. Dowd tipped the puck up near the crossbar and batted it down behind Wilson. The play was reviewed for the possibility of a high stick by Dowd, but the goal was not overturned.

The Black Bears came out of the locker room with renewed passion. Starting the period on the short end of a 5-on-3, the Black Bears killed off one penalty and, still down a player, skated shorthanded into the Niagara zone. Sophomore defense-

man Mike Banwell found Nyquist between the face-off circles, ready to fire a wrister past Niagara goalie Adam Avramenko. It was the second goal of the season for Nyquist and the first shorthanded goal for the Black Bears.

UMaine took the lead 2:45 into the period on a power play. A shot by Hahn deflected off Avramenko behind the net to Nyquist. House

up with three minutes left in the period when forward Ryan Olidis skated in front of the crease and beat Wilson to his stick side.

Just over six minutes into the third period, Niagara attempted to clear the puck from their zone, but Hahn intercepted the pass in front of the net and converted on the one-on-one with Avramenko for what proved to be the game-winner.

The Black Bears got some breathing room at the 13-minute mark as Avramenko lost his balance when freshman forward Brian Flynn directed a pass from behind the goal to House in front, who buried the wrist shot.

"It was a good job by Flynn getting in there, and then knowing that the goalie was out of position and throwing it out," House said.

The second victory of the season for the Black Bears was earned despite being outshot 35-22 for the game. Wilson saved 33 shots, improving to 1-2-0 on the season while Avramenko saved 18 in his first start of the season. It was also the 700th victory for the UMaine men's hockey program in its 28-year existence.

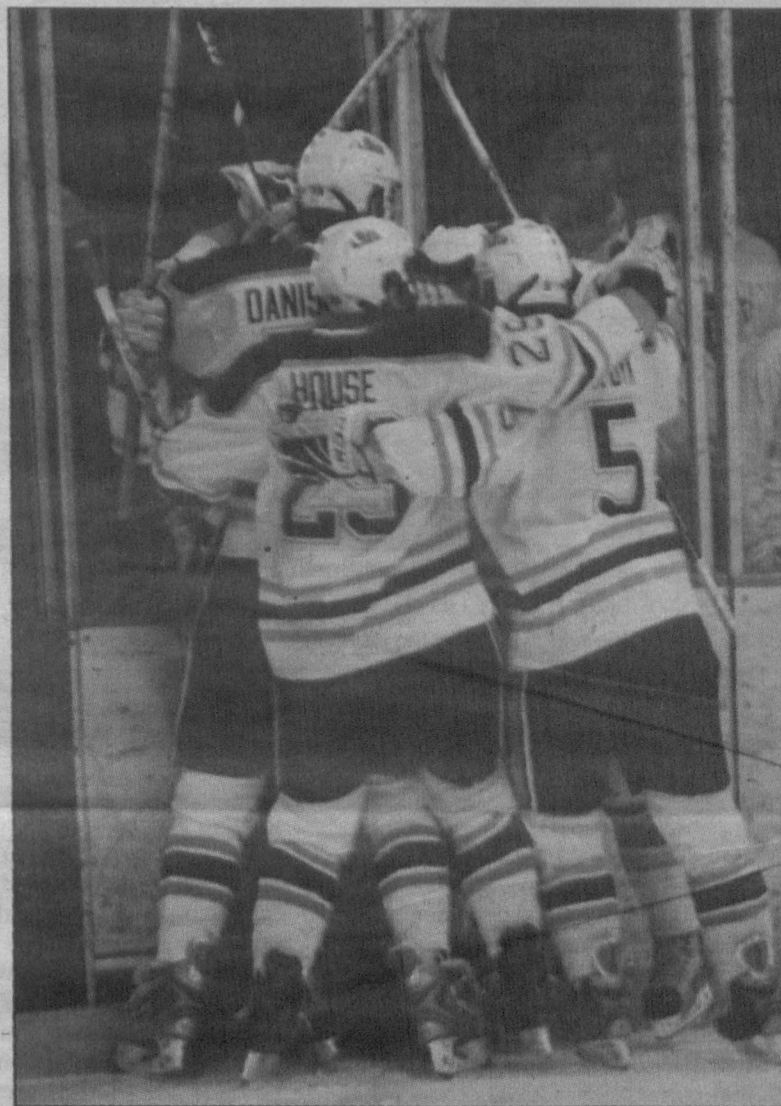
In the second game, Niagara called on their regular starter in goal, Julianio Pagliero. Pagliero was eighth in the nation in save percentage last year, leading the team to an NCAA tournament berth. He started all six games for Niagara prior to the weekend, earning a 2-3-1 record. See **HOCKEY** on page 17

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positioned himself at the left post for the pass from Nyquist and flicked it to the roof of the goal.

"I just tried to get in the right spot there for [Nyquist]," House said. "I knew he was going to find me, and the goalie was really deep and looking the other way, so he didn't have much chance."

Niagara evened the game back



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

The Black Bears celebrate Chris Hahn's first goal in Saturday night's game against Niagara. Hahn had three goals on the weekend.

## Freshmen tandem helps Black Bears sail

Rushing attack racks up season-high 375 yards, six different players score touchdowns



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Jhamal Fluellen rushes in his second touchdown of the 55-7 win against Iona on Saturday.

By Adam Clark  
Sports Editor

Many refer to Penn State University as "Linebacker U," due to its rich tradition at the position.

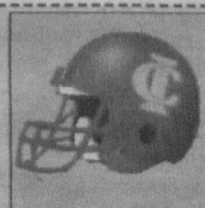
The University of Maine football team may be carving out a niche of their own as "Running Back U."

When senior all-conference tailback Jhamal

Brown rushed for 136 yards and a touchdown and redshirt freshman Roosevelt Boone added two touchdowns as UMaine amassed 375 yards on the ground in a 55-7 romp over Iona College at Alford Stadium.



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Fluellen went down with an injury earlier this year, in stepped redshirt freshmen Derek Session and Jared Turcotte. On Saturday afternoon, with Session out due to injury, two other freshmen stepped in.

True freshman Pushaun

The Black Bears improved to 6-3 overall with their fourth straight victory and remain 3-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). Saturday's game was a non-conference contest, as Iona (3-6) is affiliated with the Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

"Very, very pleasing win for us," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove. "When I addressed

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