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Voter turnout up on campus

By Heather Steeves
News Editor

More than 3,000 people voted on campus in this year's election, including early and absentee voting. This year the University of Maine had the largest voter turnout in its history.

The 1,309 voters who checked their ballots in Memorial Union on Nov. 4 chose President-elect Barack Obama for president, Susan Collins for Senate and Mike Michaud for one of the House seats.

Sue Hart, Orono's registrar, said it is difficult to pinpoint the number of students who voted in this election because of early voting and off-campus students voting in other precincts.

"I would say it is right up there, if not better, and so much smoother with the help from UMaine-UVote. ... It was a tremendous difference with how smooth everything went," Hart said.

UMaine-UVote was a campus push to get students to register to vote early.

"The news for me is that students at the University of Maine have blasted through all previous records of student-voter participation — on-campus student-voter participation — ever," newly re-elected Maine Rep. Emily Cain said.

In the last presidential election, a total of 1,694

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The results

Senate:	President:	House:
Susan Collins: 668	Barack Obama: 957	Mike Michaud: 868
Tom Allen: 589	John McCain: 309	John Frary: 282

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Maine students came out and showed support for candidates by filling the voting booths on Nov. 4. See all results on page 5 ...

Obama win pleases international students

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

Obama's victory over McCain has some international students pleased. These students cite Obama's proposed policies and international attention as reasons for liking him.

International students will benefit from Obama's presidency, according to Sarah Joughin, director of International Programs at the University of Maine.

"Sen. Obama certainly realizes the importance of working together.

Throughout the world he has talked about this. I can only think that's going to translate into much better relations with all countries," Joughin said.

"People saw we had a very difficult time with the last administration, and

there's a feeling that we're on the right track," Joughin said.

Obama pledges to fix the nation's immigration system by removing incentives to enter the country illegally and increase the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country, according to barackobama.com.

"I feel like he knows what he's doing; he's confident," said Alejandro Velez, a biology and pre-medical student from Colombia.

Velez said he liked Obama's promises of diversified government.

"You have different people from different backgrounds, so you have different points of view," Velez said.

Obama's victory comes almost a month

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"Most people who are from different places like I am believe that his policies will be able to help us, who are coming into this country."

Catherine Umba
Business administration student

UMaine reacts to gay marriage restrictions

By Jessica Fish
Assistant News Editor

In a tightly contested vote on Tuesday, California voted in favor of defining marriage as strictly between a man and a woman. The proposition passed by a margin of 52.1 percent for and 47.9 percent against, according to smartvoter.org.

Charles Chapin, a senior psychology student, said he was "devastated and ashamed" by the repeal. "I think it's outright homophobia," Chapin said. "There is a big difference between marriage and civil unions. California took two steps forward [when it legalized gay marriage] and then five steps back."

Diane Genthner, co-chair of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Council, said it was ironic that on the night the U.S. elected Barack Obama to the presidency, citizens in California restricted who is allowed to marry.

"I'm really surprised and disappointed that California overturned it — California is more progressive in social agendas," Genthner said.

Amanda Turcotte, a senior clinical laboratory science student, agreed. "Why does one

group get rights while one group still has to fight for them?" Turcotte said.

Turcotte said a group called Equality Maine is working to put the question of gay marriage on the ballot for next year. If it passes, Maine would be the first state to pass the issue by referendum rather than a court case.

Genthner said she did not believe Maine is ready for gay marriage. "I think Maine people are 'live and let live' as far as lifestyles and nationality, but there are areas [that] are traditional and conservative," she said.

"I think the mistake is in using the word 'marriage' — it equates [gay marriage] with a religious contract," Genthner said a better first step would be to legalize civil unions.

Turcotte expressed hope with the election of Obama. Obama opposes gay marriage, but he supports gay rights and believes the issue of gay marriage should be decided by the state. "His stance is, 'I'm not going to stop you, but I'm not going to do it for you,'" Turcotte said.

Genthner, Chapin and Turcotte agreed that if Sen. McCain had been elected, the future for gay marriage would look much more bleak.

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Debate fills short senate meeting

By Alexander Leonard
For The Maine Campus

The General Student Senate meeting on election night was shorter than usual, but saw debate on two resolutions totaling \$7,000 in allocations.

The first resolution was to allocate \$3,000 to the men's Rugby Club. The main concern of the opposition was no member of the club was in attendance to speak on its behalf. Vice President of Financial Affairs Justin Labonte spoke for the club, saying the club received allocations from the senate in the past and that representation had never been a problem.

The senators debated postponing the allocation until the next session, but the allocation was needed for a tournament this weekend. Eventually the senate decided that the Rugby Club had a history of proper representation and they were playing for a qualifying seat in a national tournament, so the resolution passed.

Sen. Nate Wildes was originally skeptical of the allocation, saying he did not feel comfortable giving money to an organization that was not present to state their case.

"I know they are a well-organized team ... as a general point, I think it's important that [GSS doesn't] start funding teams, as a precedent, that don't have representation," Wildes said.

Sen. Alexander Ortiz was familiar with the club and felt it was necessary for them to represent the University of Maine.

"I was in favor of the [allocation to the men's Rugby Club] because they are always very well represented ... and a chance at a national title would look very good for the University of Maine," Ortiz said.

The senate discussed the allocation to give the Roller Hockey Club \$4,000 at length in the meeting. The money would pay for a portion of the \$5,000 league fees. The resolution was already postponed two weeks because the club didn't have representation at the senate sessions. Wildes, Sen. Abtin Mehdizadegan and Sen. Sean Rankin called into question the club's organization after many of its members left to join the newly formed Ice Hockey Club.

They again voted whether to postpone the resolution another week, but that was voted down. The senators debated and asked club representative Sean O'Connor questions about whether the club would be able to use the funding if it was granted. O'Connor assured them the funds were vital to the club's success and its continued development.

The resolution passed after Labonte explained the club still would need to contribute at least \$1,000 to join their league. If they were unable to

do so, the club would give back the \$4,000.

Wildes was a lead opponent of the resolution but changed his stance after Labonte clarified the confusion.

"I don't want to fund \$4,000 to a group that doesn't have their stuff together," Wildes said. "However ... I feel comfortable supplying them with the funds under the premise that they have to organize themselves to come up with the remainder of the funding."

Also at the meeting were representatives from Universidad De Las Americas Pueblos Student Government. Marco Rubio, secretary of Student Government at UDLAP, spoke to the senate, using a PowerPoint presentation to show the similarities and differences in the Mexican university's student government. The presentation is part of a program that sends several students from UDLAP to UMaine for a week to learn about the culture, government and educational structure of an American university.

UMaine students are offered a similar opportunity in March to go to UDLAP and experience a foreign lifestyle for a week.

UMaine representative for the program Andrew Johnson spoke to the senate and used his experiences to show the rewarding nature of the trip.

"It gives [UMaine students] a cultural experience ... because many people here are very much unaware of universities outside of the state of

Maine, let alone international universities," Johnson said.

In addition to the allocations to the men's Rugby Club and Roller Hockey Club, the senate granted \$200 to International Students Association, \$875 to Men's Volleyball, \$400 to the Maine Peace Action Committee, \$240 to UMaine Green Team, \$610 to Amnesty International, \$150 to the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and \$725 to Campus Crusade for Christ. Labonte also announced in his report that the following was returned to unallocated: \$550 from Wilde Stein, \$200 from the Student Heritage Alliance Center and \$1,736.70 from the Zipcar program.

At the meeting, President James Lyons also announced that Wildes was his nominee for the senate representative to the Executive Cabinet. Wildes was then appointed to the position. Lyons was excited about the chance to have a new senator fill the position.

"Nate has come into senate this semester and in the time he's been here he's been more than happy to voice his opinion, to give thought to issues," Lyons said. "With the President's Cabinet, a lot of times you get people who have been in the system a long time, and sometimes it's nice to add a fresh voice to that."

"I don't want to find \$4,000 to a group that doesn't have their stuff together."

Nate Wildes
Student Senator

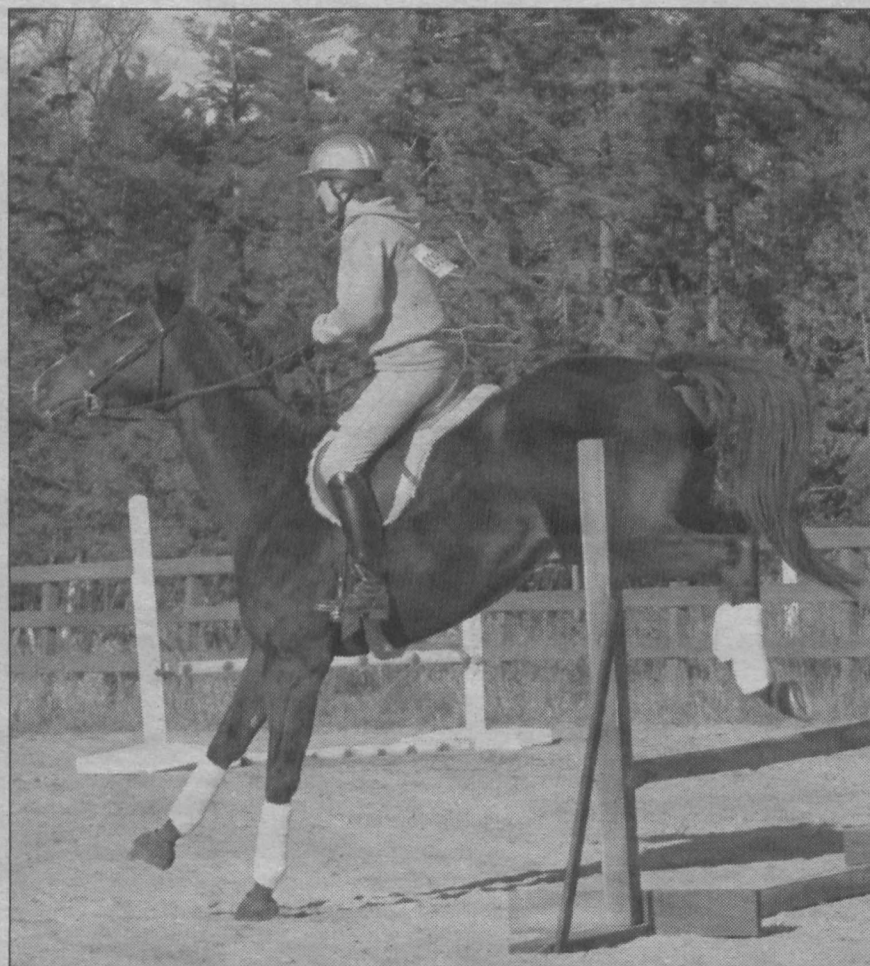


Photo courtesy of the UMaine Equestrian Team

Amy Conforti, a sophomore pre-vet major, equine minor jumps her Thoroughbred, Wally, in a show.

Obama from page 1

after President Bush announced the U.S. was rescinding visa requirements for citizens of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and South Korea, according to the Associated Press. The victory — along with tightening U.K. visa restrictions — will likely make it easier for U.S. universities to attract international students, according to the *The Guardian*, a U.K. newspaper.

"Yesterday, I heard that Obama is winning, and yeah, I think that it's good. I hope that he has some good policies for the international world. We [international students] are facing a lot of problems because of sponsorship ... like, we have caps on it. ... There are lots of international people entering the U.S. every year. If there are more entering options, then it's good," said Nazia Siddiqui, a chemical engineering student from India.

Although international students could not vote, most appreciated the election's importance.

"U.S. politics affect the whole world, it would be kind of divided opinion [in India], someone would think that [Hillary] Clinton would make a good person [for president],"

Siddiqui said.

"Most people who are from different places like I am believe that his [Obama] policies will be able to help us, who are coming into this country," said Catherine Umba, a business administration student and Sudan native.

The son of a Kenyan man, Obama got his own holiday immediately after winning. The president of Kenya declared a public holiday in Obama's honor, according to the Associated Press.

"Most of us are hoping it's similar — economic wise — to Bill Clinton because he helped. Half of us came in the years when he was still president, so, I was hoping he [Obama] will be similar so I'll be able to live life, I guess, and pay for school," Umba said.

"They were praying so hard. They were praying so, so hard that he would get into office," she said about Sudanese citizens. "Unfortunately I wasn't in Portland, Maine, to see how their reaction was, but my people were planning to do a celebration there."

Obama is popular among many countries, especially those in Europe, according to the Associated Press.

Obama will be sworn into office on Jan. 20, 2009.

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Student Legal Services provides free legal services to full-time undergraduates

Ban

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The recent ban repealed a court decision made earlier this May that legalized gay marriage. In 2000, California passed Proposition 22 which stated only marriage between a man and a woman

was valid. California's Supreme Court ruled in May 2008 that this violated the equal protection clause of California's constitution and thereby legalized gay marriage. For more information on Proposition 8, visit smartvoter.org.



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Under the sea with Scuba Scott

By Aislinn Sarnacki
Staff Reporter

Off the Maine coast, University of Maine students swim beneath the waves, exploring a world accessible to few. This is the realm of the UMaine Scuba Club, a small group of certified divers who spend weekends alongside the fishes.

The club consists of four or five devoted divers, but they are looking for new members.

The president, senior mechanical engineering technology student Scott Brown, joined last year, stepping up to the plate when the former president graduated. He received scuba open water certification in 2004, completing a four-week, \$475 course at Johnson's Sporting Goods in Portland.

Members of the club must be scuba certified. For this, Brown points students to Downeast Dive Shop in Dedham, which certifies new divers year-round. The three-week course is taught by certified instructor Bruce Loring. Between eight and 10 UMaine engineering students will be completing the course this Saturday, according to a shop employee.

Diving is purely a hobby for Brown, but most club members are marine science students. Two of the members cannot attend meetings regularly this semester because they are working at the Ira C. Darling Marine Center in Walpole. The research and teaching center has large flowing-seawater tanks and a complete scuba facility.

"It opens up a lot more opportunities in the long run," said sophomore marine science student Maddi Peek, active member of the Scuba Club.

Peek earned certification through her high school in Minnesota in 2006, completing her open water dives at a site off Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean.

"All of the things you talked about in class you could go out and see," said UMaine marine sciences associate professor Paul Rawson, who obtained his certification as an undergraduate.

The club doesn't normally dive with an agenda — except to observe and explore. Maine's marine environment is full of sea anemones, flounder, crabs, starfish, sea cucumbers, shrimp and sand dollars, according to Peek.

The club takes daytrips to local dive sites, usually near Acadia National Park. This semester they have visited Somes Sound and Little Hunters Beach.

At Schoodic Fraser's Point, they ran into a massive lobster.

"Its claws were probably as big as my hand," Peek said.

Diving can be an expensive hobby. A diver should expect to pay approximately \$1,400 for a basic set of quality equipment, according to Brown. He ended up spending closer to \$2,400.

In Maine, diving requires a mask, fins, boots, gloves, wetsuit, tank, weight belt and regulator — a breathing device. Divers also wear a buoyancy compressor, a device that allows divers to maintain neutrality and float freely at a specific depth.

Club members aren't required to own their equipment. Peek rents her gear from Downeast Dive Shop for \$65 per weekend.

"Maine diving has its challenges," Brown said.

Diving in cold water is more expensive than diving in warm water. Cold-water diving requires a wetsuit, boots and gloves to retain body heat. Also, because water density increases as temperature drops, Maine divers must wear weight belts to weigh them down.

Visibility is also different. In Maine, the amount of plankton and nutrients contribute to cloudy waters, according to Peek.

At a depth of around 60 feet, a flashlight is required. "Here a good day is 10 feet [of visibility], where a bad day in the Caribbean is 20 feet," Peek said.

The club requires members to dive in pairs or groups of three, maintaining visual contact at all times. At 10 feet, this proves to be fairly tricky.

For the one-hour dives, club members generally stay at depths of 30 to 50 feet, although earlier this semester they swam at a depth of 65 feet in Somes Sound.

The deeper the dive, the quicker the oxygen supply is used. Usually divers begin with a tank pressure of 3,000 PSI and return to the surface once the pressure has dropped to 500 PSI.

"If you learn to control your breathing, you can stay under longer," Brown said.

The club communicates underwater with hand signals. They would like to eventually purchase an underwater notepad, similar to an Etch A Sketch.

Divers often collect treasures from the seabed. Brown's favorite dive was exploring the Bohemian shipwreck in Casco Bay with his father, where they retrieved more than 100 buttons from sunken cargo. The passenger steamer sunk in 1864.

"[Buttons] are still sitting right at the surface ... and there were chunks of coal. The ship ran on coal," Brown said.

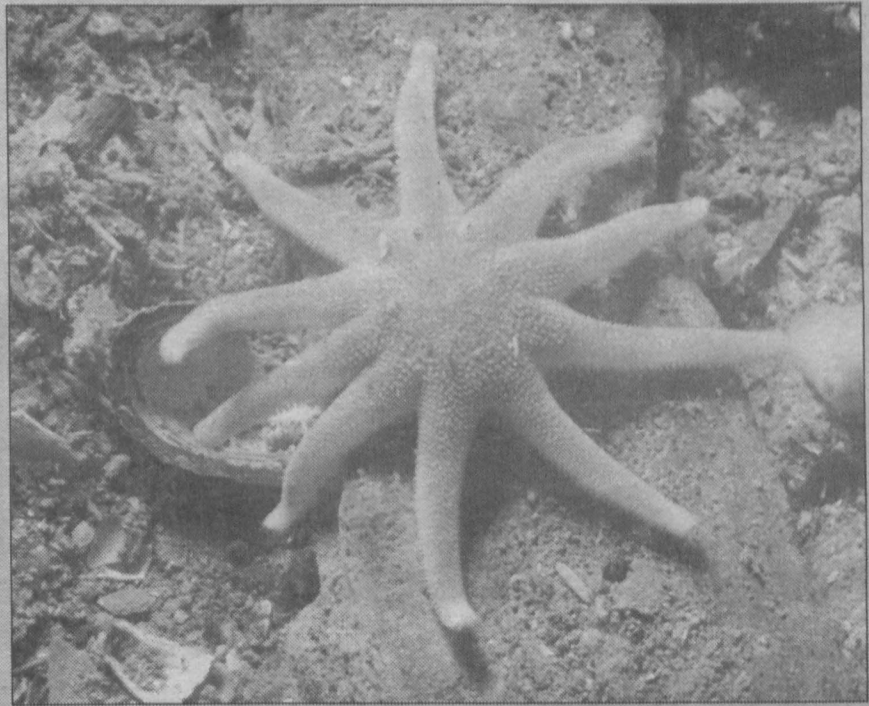


Photo courtesy of the UMaine Scuba Club

The University of Maine Scuba Club explores the waters of Maine, capturing images with underwater photography equipment.

Peek's most memorable dive was at Grand Cayman Island where she swam through naturally formed tunnels in coral reefs. By waving her hands, she directed schools of tropical fish that resembled colorful clouds, she said.

Downeast Dive Shop certifies through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. The program includes classroom time at the shop and pool sessions at Husson University. Students complete training by testing their skills in open water.

Brown was certified through National Association of Underwater Instructors. His education included rescue skills, such as handling situations where a diver may be unconscious or experience a panic attack.

In addition to having several dive shops, Maine is home to organizations such as Maine-Iac Divers, Central Maine Muck Divers and The League of Underwater Superheroes.

The UMaine Scuba Club holds weekly meetings and is in the process of completing the required paperwork to be recognized by the General Student Senate.

Students who are interested can contact the club on its FirstClass folder. Although they generally don't dive in the winter, the club will remain active and plan for spring dives.

A black and white photograph of two young men jumping in the air. The man in the foreground is higher, with his arms outstretched and a joyful expression. The second man is slightly behind and lower. The background is a light, textured surface with several thin, wavy lines that curve across the top and bottom of the frame, creating a sense of motion and time. The overall mood is carefree and nostalgic.

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Unwanted visitor

An officer responded to the fourth floor of Kennebec Hall after a report of "a male making unwanted physical contact with females" on Nov. 1 at 12:52 a.m. Officers located the intoxicated suspect, who produced two forms of identification. One listed his birth year as 1986, the other listing 1989. Police verified his proper identification as Thomas Woodman, 19, Thomaston, Maine. Woodman was not acquainted with the two females. According to the report, he sat between them on a couch on the first floor. He hugged them and placed them in headlocks.

The women retreated to the fourth floor, where he followed them, located one female and kissed her. There was also unwanted touching. She resisted verbally and physically.

Police charged him with two counts of assault, possession of alcohol by a minor and unlawful use of a driver's license. Police drove him to a hotel where he agreed to stay for the night and warned him against returning to university property. He indicated that he understood and said he did not want to go to jail.

Residence Life called police to the scene again at 2:15 a.m. after witnessing Woodman outside the residence hall trying to gain entry. Police located him in Deering Parking Lot, placed him under arrest for criminal trespassing and transported him to Penobscot County Jail.

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Staff Reporter

Costly cabbie

An Old Town Taxi driver called police when a female dropped off at Knox Hall failed to pay the \$12 fare at 5:19 a.m. on Nov. 2. She indicated to the driver that she would retrieve payment from her dorm room, but didn't return. Police found the 18-year-old intoxicated female in her room. She believed she had already paid. She agreed for the taxi to drive her to an ATM where she withdrew money for fare, which by then had added up to \$30. She was referred to Community Standards.

Swipe swipe

A Resident Assistant conducting rounds in York Hall reported a missing card swipe reader at 1:22 a.m. on Nov. 2. The mechanism, formerly located at the west entry, was pulled from the wall and stolen. The matter is under investigation, and the cost of damage has yet to be determined.

That bytes ...

A resident of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity reported a laptop theft at 12:46 p.m. on Nov. 1. The \$1,200 Macbook disappeared from his bedroom sometime between 11 p.m. on Oct. 31 and 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 1. The matter is under investigation.

Vote

from page 1 people voted in the union, and few people attended early voting.

Associate Dean of Students Angel Loredó said UMaine-UVote "super-exceeded" expectations. Loredó headed the committee. He said lines were short on Nov. 4. "The most I ever saw was a 30-minute wait at the most, and that was only once."

Voting in Memorial Union went without a hitch. "At one point, Sue [Hart] thought they were going to run out of ballots, but they didn't because they were able to get some more," Loredó said.

Cain was "blown away" by the turnout. She attributed the high numbers to economic problems jeopardizing post-graduation jobs and the importance of Maine in the election.

"The students I spoke with were excited. The ones I talked with really felt like their vote was going to make a difference, especially because of Maine's ability to split our electoral votes. ... Students from both political parties really felt like their votes mattered yesterday because they were going to decide who got that one electoral vote from northern Maine," Cain said.

"The turnout, the enthusiasm and the drive of these students is overwhelming and inspiring. It was not like this when I was an undergraduate at UMaine, and that was only 10 years ago."

On-campus voters voted with the state — except on Question Two. The state rejected building a casino in Oxford County, but campus voters said they wanted it by a margin of 15 votes.

How people on campus voted on Nov. 4:

President:
957 Barack Obama
309 John McCain

Senate:
668 Susan Collins
589 Tom Allen

House of Representatives:
868 Mike Michaud
282 John Frary

Question One
(Alcohol/Health care)
653 Yes
545 No

Question Two
(Casino)
620 Yes
605 No

Question Three
(Water)
723 Yes
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McCain classy but some supporters, not so much

Sen. John McCain gave one of the most impassioned, hopeful and respectable concession speeches our nation has ever heard. Despite coming out on the losing end of what was sometimes a heated, bitter race, McCain had only good things to say. He praised President-elect Barack Obama and the progress the U.S. has made in electing a black president, and he asked the country to get behind its future leader.

"In a contest as long and difficult as this campaign has been, [Obama's] success alone commands my respect for his ability and perseverance. But that he managed to do so by inspiring the hopes of so many millions of Americans ... is something I deeply admire and commend him for achieving," McCain said.

McCain also sent out sympathies to the Obama family following the death of Obama's grandmother.

The crowd of McCain supporters was less respectful. On almost any mention of Obama's name, a few — or many, depending on the statement — in the crowd broke into jeers, hisses and boos.

McCain tried to calm and quiet his frustrated supporters, repeatedly raising his arms to quiet the crowd while saying, "Please, please, my friends."

We should be disappointed by the reactions of those at the McCain rally who treated our next president disrespectfully, but McCain handled his speech and his supporters like a leader. He showed why he has been such a respectable and able political leader as an Arizona senator. This level of respect from a political leader is refreshing.

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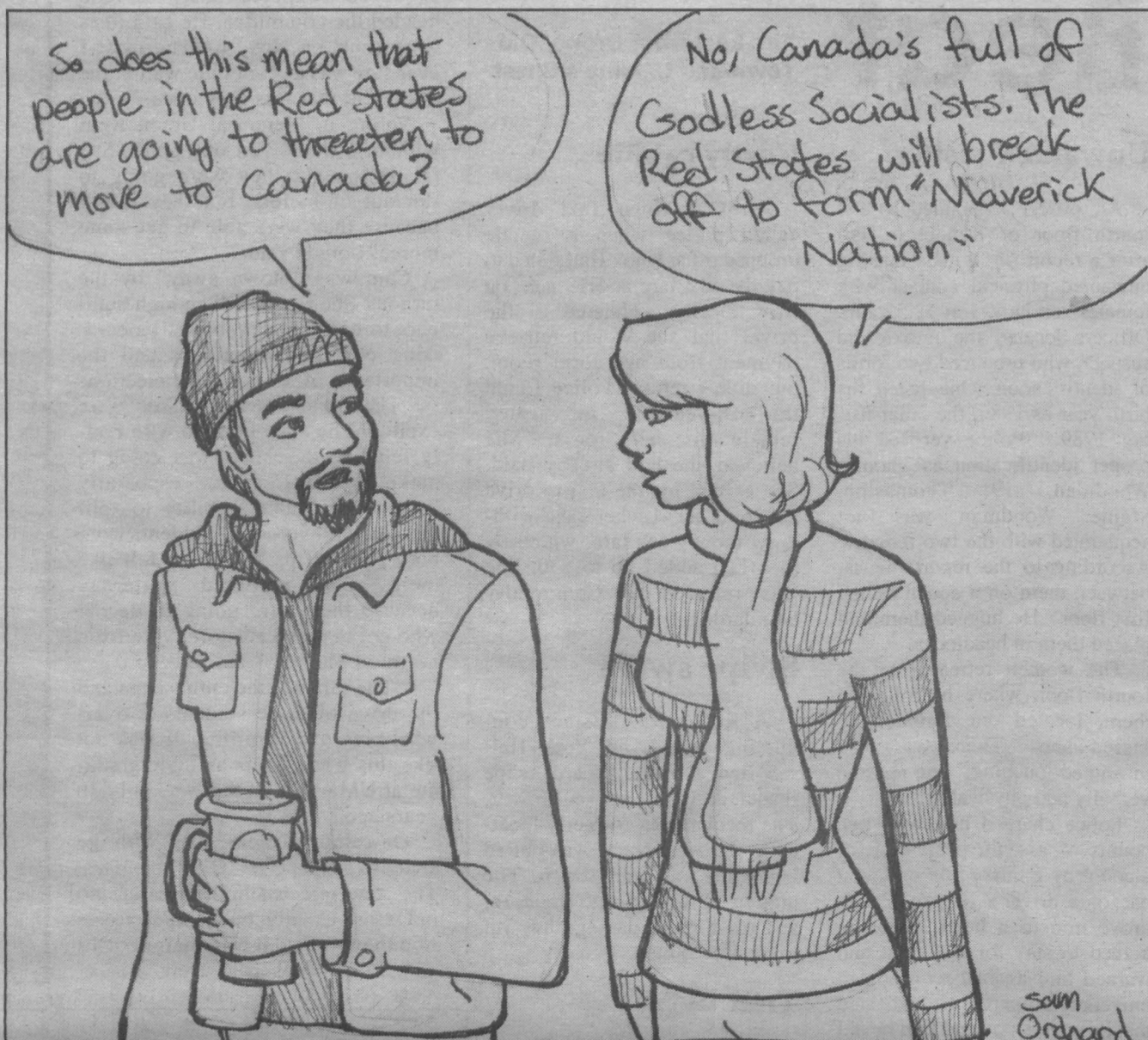
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Opinion

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008



Zach Dionne

New hope and restored world image are sureties; unity is the task at hand

Counting down to Nov. 4, I wondered what the election would be like. A big game, maybe? If my candidate didn't win, would I sigh like I did when the Red Sox got booted in October? Would I lose sleep, something that's only occurred thanks to a few episodes of "Lost"?

I woke up at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5. I slept like a baby.

America came together on Election Day for an inspiring voter turnout and chose the first black president — only decades after those without white skin had trouble getting the seat they wanted on the bus. I witnessed history from my living room.

"These are difficult times for our country, and I pledge to him tonight to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face," McCain said in his concession speech. "I urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together ... Whatever our differences, we are fellow Americans, and please believe me when I say that no association has ever meant more to me than that."

We now face a new concern. Can the 55.7 million Americans who voted for John McCain — as of press time — get behind Barack Obama as our president? Can we go forward with a nation more unified than ever?

Two things are undeniable with our new president-elect. One, our image will improve after smoldering in the dirt worldwide during the years of George W. Bush. I've spoken with friends around the world in Austria, Italy, the U.K. and Spain who view Obama in a positive light, indicative of a rejuvenated, optimistic perspective on our nation.

Moments after CNN.com and The New York Times' Web site began displaying massive Obama victory headlines, I searched the Internet for international newspapers. Web sites from papers in Germany, Finland and Sweden were also proclaiming Obama the new president in massive, triumphant text. This morning, an English friend wrote me a message

reading, "good news for all."

The second truth is Barack Obama symbolizes hope, and I think even the most cynical Americans should think twice before questioning the man's commitment to such a positive goal, even if they don't share his vision of what that "hope" means. He wants change. He wants to set things right.

"That's the true genius of America," Obama said in his acceptance speech. "That America can change ... What we've already achieved gives us hope for what we can and must achieve tomorrow."

I have a poster of our next president above my bed. I want to wake up every day and see this poster as a symbol of hope, as a sign that this dark time in America was only a difficult dip in a steady, but livable, stream of ups and downs in our nation.

And if the times get darker, I want Barack Obama to be a bastion of hope for our future. I imagine my grandfather looking up to FDR as a child, or my uncle admiring JFK as a boy, and I hope I can feel the same way.

"While we breathe, we hope," Obama said in closing. "And where we are met with cynicism and doubt and those who tell us that we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes we can."

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The election is over, but election reform is still important as ever

William P. Davis

The election is over, the results are in and the country has made a decision. Remarkably, there were few problems at the polls despite the extremely high turnout. This shouldn't be taken as a sign that the country has left the polling woes of four and eight years ago behind — there are still problems aplenty in the U.S.'s election process.

There needs to be more federal guidelines on election procedures. Laws vary state to state, and even within each state in the areas of electronic voting, ballot design, early and no-excuse absentee voting, emergency ballot procedures and voter registration. In order to reduce confusion at the polls and provide for the smoothest possible elections, Congress must debate on and pass laws addressing the following issues:

Laws must be passed to ban Direct-Recording Electronic (DRE) voting. Such machines are notoriously unstable and easy to hack, and even the DRE machines that provide a paper trail can be manipulated. Multiple independent security companies have tested multiple DRE machines and proven how easily elections can be artificially swayed. In early voting in several states, reports surfaced of "vote switching" — voters casting their ballot for one candidate but having the machine select another. This usually happens because the machines are not calibrated correctly, but it illustrates just one of the many problems with DRE machines. The standard should be to vote using paper ballots with optical scanners. This method provides quick results on election night and a verifiable paper option for manual recounts.

States that continue to use DRE machines must print a sufficient number

of paper ballots for when the machines inevitably break down. In the South Carolina primary, 80 percent of the DRE machines broke down, leaving voters to cast their ballots on scraps of paper.

States must be prepared for 100 percent voter turnout. This means printing enough ballots for every registered voter and providing more polling places with more voting booths. Five-hour lines should be illegal — waits should be a maximum of one hour at peak times. Not surprisingly, the long lines are often the result of broken DRE machines.

Federal laws must be enacted to ease voter registration. All state laws requiring picture identification must be struck down, as many already have, in order to protect low-income voters who do not

have licenses or passports. Voters should be able to register easily until a week before the election, with stricter guidelines for voting on Election Day. Letting voters register on Election Day will increase first-time voting and will let voters

who have been wrongly purged register again.

Federal law should mandate that early voting begin at least a week before the election. Allowing early voting a month before the election — as Ohio does — is a bit much, but early voting has greatly eased Election Day stress on polling places and provided options for people who either cannot get time off work to vote or can not afford it.

These and other steps must be taken to protect the integrity of our country. Without consistent elections, our social experiment called democracy is liable to fail.

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Jeff Hake

With the election won, Obama's base now demands results

Barack Obama, I would like to congratulate you. You are the next President of the United States and our first black president. You have broken records and shattered barriers on the road to the White House. Your success, compared to the last eight years, is truly heartwarming. Before I ever had the chance to witness or read about them, others told me how inspiring and hopeful your landmark speeches were — whether in 2004 at the Democratic National Convention, your announcement of your bid for the Democratic nomination in 2007 or your speech on race in the middle of intense skepticism during your campaign. You and your party have made possible a record voter turnout, instigating millions to "vote for change" at a time when things appear at their worst for the United States. I voted for you, and I am happy for you and for my country — as are millions of Americans and millions of other people around the world.

However, this wild success came at a price. When you came to the national stage, you spoke with grand rhetoric of a new day in America. You spoke of hope and change. You railed against war, and corporate special interests. You spoke of people being involved in the political process again ... as your rising star became a force to be reckoned with, you capitulated.

You backed off many of the policies that excited me and millions of America's Progressives, Liberals and Democrats, and even many Conservatives and Independents, who had come to face facts about the destructive nature of the Bush administration. Sometimes it happened slowly, such as the transformation of your anti-war stance into a slightly-less-jingoist-than-the-other guys stance. Sometimes it happened quickly, such as your declaration of support for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or the reversal of your stance on

offshore drilling. There are numerous examples where the details of many of your policies do not match the sweeping rhetoric from earlier in your campaign.

Yet my friends and fellow activists — most of them who are hard to the left and have been seething with anger these past eight years — still supported you. Of course there was always the skeptical ambivalence: "Well he's not the perfect candidate by any means, but we can NOT have Sarah Palin in the White House. She is SCARY. McCain is bad enough without her. And of course, Obama is a really amicable guy, and some of his policies are pretty good ..." I shared this sentiment with a number of people, but I was steadfast on voting for you. Until I saw the ballot, that is. Ralph Nader and Cynthia McKinney sat there, equal next to you and Sen. John McCain on the ballot but treated as inconsequential in public discourse.

I wavered. I wanted to vote for them and support them. Still, I stood by you and filled in the little arrow. This country — and the whole world — needs you, and I was not going to let the opportunity to "vote for change" slip by me. Politically, I feel powerful. Morally, I feel shallow.

You rallied millions of people — many of whom were progressive activists and who would not have even voted for Sen. Hillary Clinton — to "stand by you" and put you into the Oval Office. Even though you moved toward the center, we supported you in your historic, unprecedented bid for the White House. Please, don't let us down. We have waited too long for this moment, and given up too much to see you surrender to the corporate agenda and the warmongers. We have voted for you, and so we have put our trust in you. Vindicate us. Don't let us down.

Jeff Hake is a recent landscape horticulture graduate.



Laila Sholtz-Ames

Dream of MLK, Jr. 'alive and well' at new UMaine plaza

Two years ago, I attended the annual University of Maine Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast hosted by the NAACP. During the breakfast, Robert Dana and President Robert Kennedy spoke about creating a plaza garden to honor King and his wife, Coretta Scott King. Sitting at the breakfast two years ago, I didn't believe that such a thing would actually happen — that our university would actually pay homage to two of the greatest civil rights leaders of all time. If such a thing was actually created, I assumed it would be a small plaque placed outside the Memorial Union.

I was the President of the Black Student Union for two semesters and few people came to our events. The Black History Month speeches, presentations, debates and dinners were never well attended and shamefully enough, I have even heard students asking who King was and what he had to do with civil rights. I thought UMaine didn't care about multiculturalism and civil rights. So when Kennedy said a plaza would be created in 2008, I was skeptical at best. When construction started, I walked by the site every day and peered inside, unsure if it would ever actually be opened.

On Oct. 31, after two years, it did. I was excited to finally see the memorial. I walked to the Union for the opening ceremony, expecting to see a few people at the unveiling. Instead, I saw a large crowd gathered — people of all ages, races and backgrounds. There was music, poetry and speeches. The temperature dipped lower and lower, but

the heat and enthusiasm of the crowd grew warmer and stronger. I stood amazed as the large crowd supported a couple that fought for peace, equal rights and justice. When the plaza's inscription was unveiled, it read "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," and I thought it was fitting and appropriate. Here we are, in one of the whitest states in the U.S., and we have created a monument dedicated to these two amazing people.

I was impressed and pleased, and while constructing a monument is not going to cure the racism and ignorance we have in this state, it will go a long way toward educating the public and raising awareness about multiculturalism. It's not just about African-Americans; it's about fighting against hatred and prejudice for people of all races, religions and sexual orientations.

In the plaza, several quotes from the Kings are placed on stone pillars, surrounded by yellow and purple flowers. Looking around, I realized that the flowers wouldn't stay fresh. In fact, they are already dying. As of yesterday, people started writing with chalk on the plaza and I have seen pieces of litter tossed around the area. Regardless, the plaza is still standing and still represents everything that King worked so hard to create. Martin Luther King, Jr. died forty years ago, but it is clear that his dream is still alive and well. Moreover, we have a plaza to show it.

Laila Sholtz-Ames is a junior journalism student.

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Style & Culture

Love in the time of Commedia dell' ARTE

Portland director helms students-centric School of Performing Arts production

By Casey Hill
Copy Editor

Practice makes perfect. The cast and crew of "Scapin" proved it during their dress rehearsal Tuesday night. With days left before opening night on Friday, Nov. 7, there were only minor details left to tweak before running the show in front of an actual audience.

The entire show is highly energized and highly entertaining. Written in the classic Italian comedy style Commedia dell'Arte, the play follows the clever scheming of the cunning and crafty servant Scapino (Anthony Arnista) as he tries to undo the troubles in the love lives of two young men, Octavio (Craig Douglas) and Leandro (Joe Mitchell).

When Octavio and Leandro's fathers, Signor Argante (Ryan Jackson) and Signor Geronte (Dustin Sleight), return home from a trip, they are more than upset to find their sons have fallen in love with two women they find unsuitable. To make matters worse, the women are penniless. Scapino formulates a plan involving lying, trickery and an insane story about kidnap and ransom to help the boys during their time of woe. With the help of some "unbelievable coincidences," the day is saved and all is set right.

This year, the University of Maine's School of Performing Arts is graced with the presence and talent of guest director Julie Goell, of Portland, Maine. This is Goell's first time working with the university's theater department.

"I love it here," she said. "The theater students here are extremely dedicated. They want it really bad, and they're willing to work hard for it."

When she came to UMaine to drop her son off for his first year, she spoke with theater and dance division chair Tom Mikotowicz. Being previous acquaintances, she told him she would love to do something at UMaine. Her position as director for the fall show "Scapin" was finalized last spring.

Auditions for "Scapin" were held in early September with rehearsals starting the next week. Choosing the right people to correspond with the cast of characters was a particularly grueling duty.

"We agonized over casting," Goell said. "There's a lot of talent, and we had so many different choices." It's clear Goell made the right descriptions.

"Each person is so suited to their character. They live in their character's skin," she said.

Written by French playwright Moliere in the 1660s, "Scapin" was later adapted by Mark O'Donnell and Bill Irwin. Adding their own modern elements and using the classical Italian names of the characters, the cast of 13 students has

mastered not only the slapstick comedy of the script, but also the physical aspect.

Goell specializes in Commedia dell'Arte, and physical comedy is her forte, which is a huge part of this classic style of theater. Incorporating the physicality required for this comedic art form has been a lot of hard work for the actors, but they make it seem effortless on stage.

"We've trained basically every night," she said. "We'd have at least a half-an-hour of each rehearsal set aside to work on it."

"There was a lot of extra attention paid to our physical movements because they're so stylized and specific," said Arnista, who plays Scapino. "It was great to work with Julie because she really knew what she was talking about, and that helped us get the hang of the Commedia dell'Arte style."

In addition to directing, Goell also arranged the music for this production.

"It's been an enjoyable challenge," she said. "I had to find the right songs for each character, and that's a challenge, because it has to sit just right and provide energy."

Julie Goell
Director

Cast members are joined on stage by a band consisting of three student accompanists on guitar, percussion and bass, a violinist and a vocalist. Though band members stay mostly stationary in their spots on the right side of the stage, the actors still consider them as part of the show.

"They are characters on stage with us," said Joe Mitchell, who plays the role of Leandro and also serves as assistant director. "It's fun to interact with people providing our background music."

Finding musicians to commit to rehearsal and show times was the biggest challenge for Goell. Guitarist Nick Mather, who joined the show late, was playing in only his second rehearsal on Tuesday night. Mather has quickly adapted to his bandmates and the style of music, and he and the rest of the band sounded incredibly polished.

Along with the slew of musical and acting talent, "Scapin"

boasts a visually appealing set. Light and set designer Dan Bilodeau said that this production is specifically creative in that aspect. This is Bilodeau's first production at the university, and he says it's been wonderful so far.

"The facilities here are great," he said, and it's more of a "slowed-down pace for this show, so it's great in that respect."

He started formulating plans for the set design during the summer. After reading through the script and talking with the director and other designers, construction began at the start of the semester.

"It's going to be great when the actors get on stage with the set and in costume. It's very exciting," Bilodeau said.

After taking the final bows on Tuesday night's dress rehearsal, cast members quickly went to change out of costume and reconvened on stage to go over Goell's notes and discuss issues that came up during the run-through.

Though the actors seemed tired after running the

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"The theater students here are extremely dedicated. They want it really bad and they're willing to work hard for it."

"Scapin"
Hauck Auditorium
Two weeks: Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 8, Nov. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Free for students with a MaineCard. \$10 general public.

Culturefest set for 21st celebration at UMaine

International students will showcase traditions, accoutrements of their nations on Saturday

By Travis Bourassa
For The Maine Campus

Seventy-seven nations are represented by students at the University of Maine. On Saturday, these students will share their cultures and traditions.

The 21st annual Culturefest will feature singing, dancing, food, games and exhibits from more than 50 countries. The event is sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the International Students Association.

"It's a chance for them to showcase home," said Karen Boucias, director of International Programs, of the international student participation at Culturefest.

Along with videos and slideshows, the exhibits will display clothing, jewelry, currency and artifacts from around the world. Attendees will have the chance to ask international students about the culture and history of their home country.

"I think that people are interested in the differences. Students can ask what it is like to study in a different education system or what it's like to grow up in a different country," Boucias said.

Festival-goers can learn about games and sports not typically played in the U.S. One of these games is cricket, which originated in England.

"We'll let them throw the ball and play parts of the game," said Sangam Lama, a computer science and math student. Lama is from Nepal and is the president of the International Student Association.

The food section will feature a variety of dishes from differ-

ent cultures. This year there will be a competition for best traditional dessert. Members of the Culturefest committee cite the food court as being a favorite among students.

"Some people will bring \$50 and say that they want to try food from ten different places. I've done it myself," Lama said.

Students will also have a chance to enjoy traditional music and dancing.

"I love the dancing. It's top-notch. All of the acts are," said Arletta Hayes, a senior anthropology student with a minor in dance.

Hayes will perform reggaeton, a Caribbean and Latin-style dancing. She is not an international student but identifies herself as Haitian, Hispanic and Native American. She feels Culturefest is a great way for her to embrace her heritage.

"My dad always said that I'm a lot of things and I should be able to appreciate every bit of it," Hayes said.

Boucias said Culturefest is a great opportunity for students to learn about their heritage.

"Maybe you have relatives from there. Maybe you're thinking about going there. There's great educational opportunity," Boucias said.

Culturefest is an opportunity for students interested in world traditions, but Lama said it is most important for students to have fun.

"There are so many cultures and so many traditions, but entertainment is a big aspect of it too," Lama said.

Culturefest 2008 will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 in Memorial Gym Field House between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.



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The African Student Association displays cultural artifacts on in its room on the third floor of the ALANA Center.



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"Zack & Miri Make a Porno"



By Zach Dionne
Style Editor

"Zack and Miri Make a Porno" has been dubiously shortened to "Zack and Miri" on marquees, cinema listings and posters across the nation. But it's more than just censorship; it's representative of the film. Throughout Kevin Smith's eighth effort as writer-director, it's unclear which title he aimed to create — the raunchy comedy with the no-no word in the name or the cliché love story about two average 20-somethings.

Zack Brown (Seth Rogen) and Miri Linky (Elizabeth Banks) are roommates. They've been platonic pals for ages, and now they're as broke as ... well, just about everyone in America at the moment. They lose their run-

ning water; they lose their electricity; they come up with a harebrained scheme to make a skin flick with each other and get rich. Bing, bang, boom, it's about that quick.

In short time, they're surrounded by a ragtag group amassed through acquaintance or auditions for the racy home movie. Craig Robinson — better known as Darryl from NBC's "The Office" or his bit roles in almost every Hollywood comedy of the last year — gets some of the best laughs as Delaney. Justin Long has an early cameo in an absurdly unusual, entertaining role. Jason Mewes (the Jay portion of Jay and Silent Bob) is without his trademark golden locks, but fortunately his ridiculous quirkiness is intact.

Seth Rogen is dangerously close to the character that audiences have come to expect since "The 40-Year-Old Virgin." He's a gross-out dude with a cuddly side and a gravelly bear laugh. Elizabeth Banks is the chameleon here, diving into a sensitive role with a comedic bite only weeks after a serious turn in theaters as America's first lady in "W." Rogen and Banks have unconvincing moments but tend to ride good chemistry for most of their screen time.

Even after an astronomical batch of F-bombs and some of the raunchiest material ever put on mainstream movie, "Zack and Miri" falters in its tendencies to cling to sugary sweetness. By the conclusion, dialogue along the lines of "Anything is possible if you dare to dream" is spouted off and expected to be believable. Smith isn't joking here, and it's laughable.

"Zack and Miri"'s message is fuzzy and the characters and laughs are fun, but the means of delivery are skewed. This film should go down as a blip in the landscape of comedy and the career of Kevin Smith.

Grade: C+

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CD REVIEW

Cradle of Filth — "Godspeed on the Devil's Thunder"



By Spencer Morton
Staff Reporter

England's most obnoxious, theatrical and diverse metal act is back with their eighth studio album, "Godspeed on the Devil's Thunder." After receiving much scrutiny for their "softer" mainstream album "Thornography" in 2006, Cradle of Filth are on the right track again.

"Godspeed" is based around 15th century Frenchman, Gilles De Rais, the soldier and nobleman who fought alongside Joan of Arc until he became a gruesome serial killer. The album withholds judgment upon De Rais, opting to look at his decisions through a spiritual, philosophical standpoint.

Vocalist Dani Filth is back with his token black metal screeching and deep, guttural growls. Musically, the classic combination of death and symphonic metal is intact, containing theatrical interludes and choir vocals.

After the opening instrumental track, the listener is

thrust into "Shat out of Hell" — one of the album's worst songs, unfortunately. It's unorganized and annoying. The album flows along smoothly from here with no real stumbles along the way. Highlights include "Tragic Kingdom," "Honey & Sulfur" and the more mainstream "The Death of Love."

I have only one qualm with "Godspeed": Some of the songs are too long. It's easy to make a long metal song, but it's a challenge to make a long metal song that doesn't get boring and repetitive. There are two tracks hovering around nine minutes; they could easily be cut down, as listening interest wanes nearly halfway through.

Overall, Cradle of Filth are slowly crawling back to what made them a creative, ambitious and exciting metal group. "Godspeed" is extraordinarily better than "Thornography" — quite possibly their best work this decade.

Grade: A-



Going public

I remember when my first good friend turned 21, I was 18. This guy was famous among my friends for saying "I drink beer purely for the taste of beer" in the high school days when the prospect of actually enjoying beer was a myth. Whenever we went out to fine Waterville establishments like Pizza Hut, Mike was never without a frothy pint of something.

I'd always heckle him, "Mike, why don't you drink beer at your house?! It's so much cheaper. You're an idiot

for paying \$4 for a stupid beer! You only do it to be cool."

Mike would either insult me back or give me the finger and sip on in satisfaction.

In my post-21 days, I have to hand it to him — there's just something about having a beer in public. The price-per-beer you pay for a six-pack at home and the change you plunk down for a pint at the pub may add up to scary ratios, but more often than not, it's so worth it.

Before leaving for a year abroad in Wales, I considered not drinking a drop of alcohol in my time there. The pound-to-dollar exchange rate was obscene; I knew it'd be an easy way to save a fortune. Now I'm positive that if I'd followed through with this mad scheme, the many dollars amassed wouldn't be anything close to the slew of delicious brews I enjoyed and the memories I created.

In a trip to New York over October break, I visited Hop Devil, a pub with a staggering amount of draft beers and dozens more in bottles. I could have simply appreciated the menu and moved on or purchased a regular, moderately-priced pint. Instead I

bought a one-liter stein for something like \$13. My memory might be a bit hazy of the exact price and size of the Massachusetts Blueberry Ale I slurped, but the experience isn't.

The same goes for my trip to Geddy's in Bar Harbor last weekend. Sure, I could've had a Mountain Dew to wash down my dinner, but why not

The change you plunk down for a pint at the pub may be scary, but more often than not, it's so worth it.

throw down the extra few bucks to try a Moose Breath Ale?

Whether it's a pint of Guinness in the brewery's headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, a Blue Moon with an orange slice while some musicians jam in a cafe in Chattanooga, Tenn., or a \$1 PBR in a plastic cup at the Blues Club in Waterville, nine times out of 10, it's satisfying.

Situations do exist where there's no sense in getting a beer in public. Dropping \$4 on a Michelob, Budweiser or the overrated Stella Artois (this is not a high class product, trust me) purely for the sake of having a beer isn't a buy I can back. But facing a pricier bill to quench curiosity on just about any microbrew is a solid pursuit.

Trying new beers on draft is magnificent, but even finding old favorites you've only had in bottles can be an experience unto itself. When I had a Leinenkugel's Sunset Wheat from Bear Brew's tap in September — the Fruity Pebbles-tasting beer I've enjoyed in bottles many times — it was like having it for the first time, better than ever. Even if you need to pinch pennies and try to wait it out till your cheaper, refrigerated six-pack welcomes you home, beer is deserving of the occasional (or frequent) pub or restaurant splurge.

Cheers!

Beer Police

By Zach Dionne | Style Editor

Top 25 Albums for 11/03

1. **Japanese Motors** Japanese Motors
2. **The Clash** Live at Shea Stadium
3. **TV On the Radio** Dear Science
4. **Fujiya & Miyagi** Lightbulbs
5. **Tobacco** F-----d Up Friends
6. **Marnie Stern** This Is It...
7. **Matt & Kim** Daylight Single
8. **Oasis** Dig Out Your Soul
9. **Various** Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist Soundtrack
10. **XXTeens** Welcome To Goon Island
11. **FOX Japan** Hell
12. **Ben Folds** Way To Normal
13. **sBach** sBach
14. **The Walkmen** You & Me
15. **Willoughby** I Know What You're Up To
16. **Takka Takka** Migration
17. **Dear and the Headlights** Drunk Like Bible Times
18. **Department of Eagles** In Ear Park
19. **Wire** Object 47
20. **Ray LaMontagne** Gossip In the Grain
21. **Solid Gold** Bodies of Water
22. **Pretty & Nice** Get Young
23. **These Arms Are Snakes** Tail Swallow and Dove
24. **Cold War Kids** Loyalty to Loyalty
25. **Deerhoof** Offend Maggie

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show in its entirety, they are excited for opening night. Craig Douglas, who plays Octavio, is feeling good about the upcoming performances and is anxious to have a real audience.

"I try not to think about the audience, but I thrive off of it," Douglas said.

Before each performance, actors prepare with a number of exercises.

"We have a warm up with the whole cast where we stretch, do tongue twisters and focus our energy," Arnista said. Each member has his or her own method of getting into character before going on stage. Arnista prefers to be alone after warming up with the entire crew.

"I try to separate myself from the cast and get into Scapin's mindset. Once I get into that, the play just sort of happens and I have fun."

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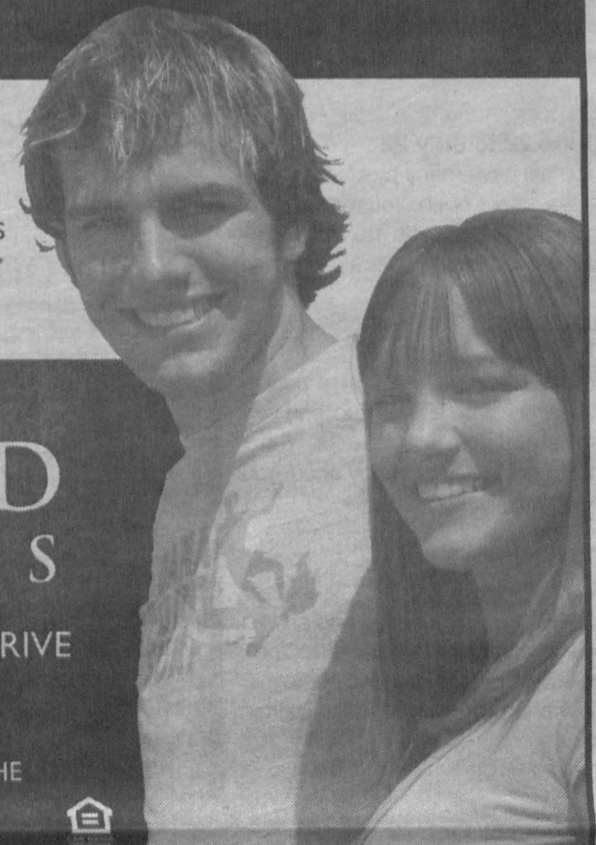
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The results of your efficient cooperation with business partner will start showing. Together you two will manage to complete important work.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

After a less-than-favorable period, your sentimental life will improve. You could fall in love at first sight. You are advised to remain honest.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You could be in a bad mood due to financial difficulties. You will be efficient, especially in intellectual activities. You are advised to focus on education, future projects and strengthening business connections.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You will have many problems to solve before noon. You may feel in great shape, but you are advised to take any support you are offered.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

You will have a very good disposition and will be able to succeed in social and domestic activities. You might not feel very happy about your financial situation.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will be very creative and able to manage very well in business. The investments you intend to make may bring you special satisfactions shortly.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Your charisma will get you noticed and appreciated. You have good chances to succeed in commercial activities. Domestic investments are favored as well. You are advised to avoid controversies with an elder relative.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You might initiate an activity which will soon bring you special professional satisfaction. You will be in good shape and willing to work hard.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You may have to leave on a business trip, on short notice. In spite of the difficulties that you may encounter, you will manage well.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Today you will full of energy. If you are invited on a short trip, you are advised to accept without hesitation. Forget about the expense! You deserve to relax. You are advised to avoid a quarrel with an older relative.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You will make preparations for holidays or a short trip. A relative will spoil your mood for a moment, but his/her advice may prove to be useful.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

This morning you will learn some good news: You are about to receive money. It's a good time to make plans for the future and meet with friends. Your communication skills will be great.

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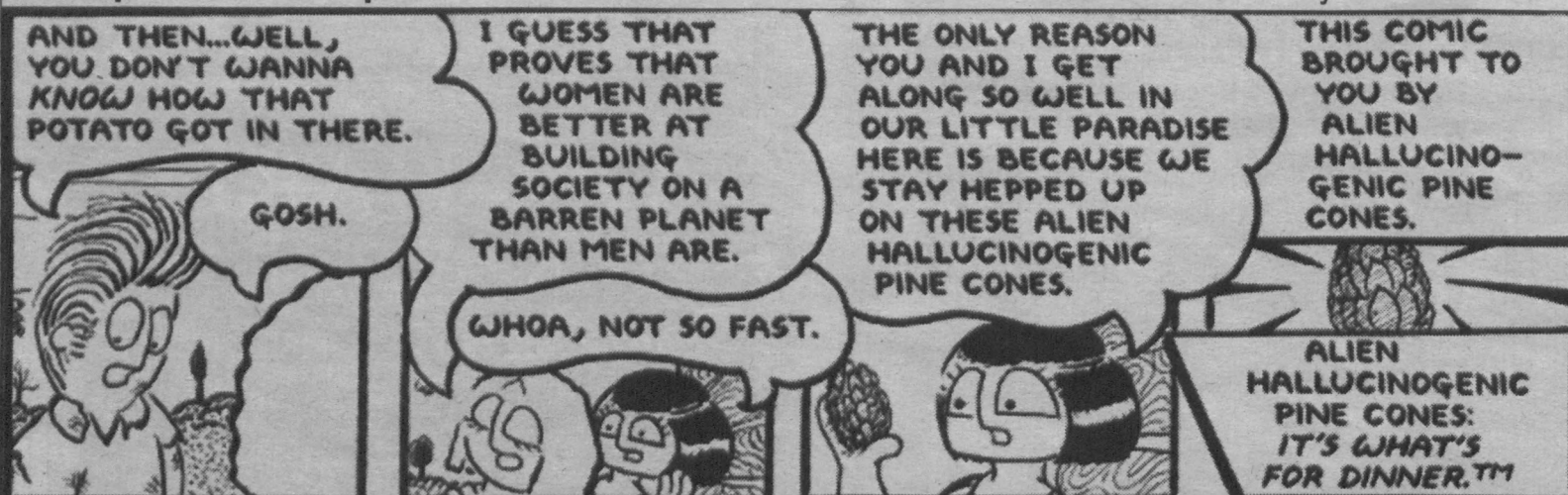
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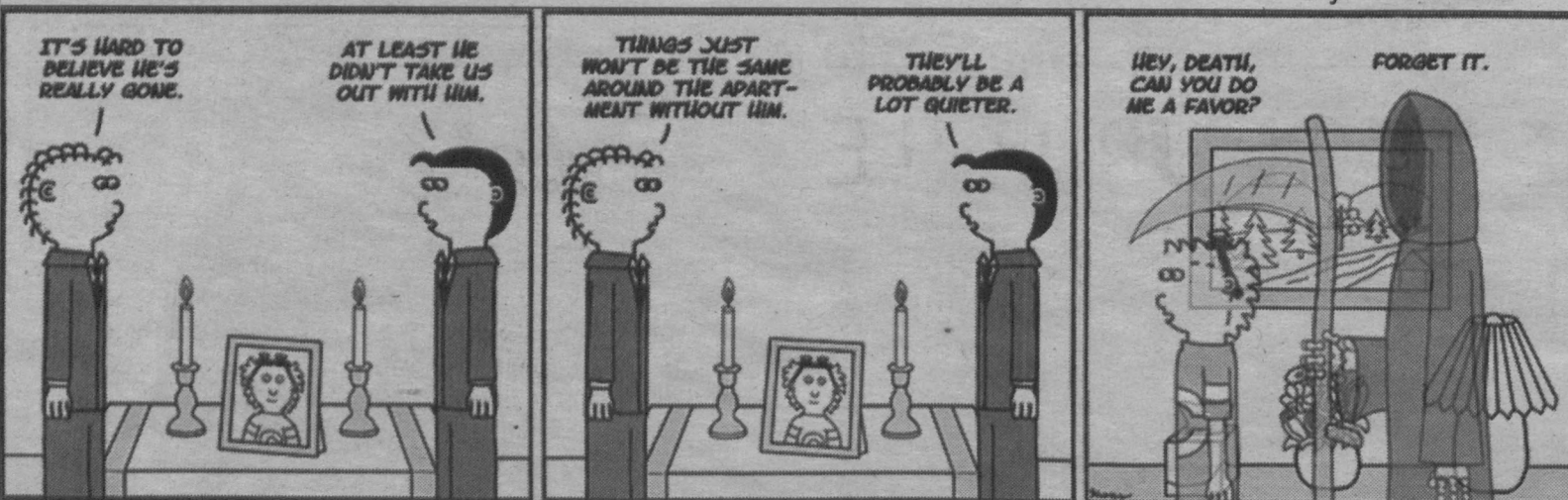
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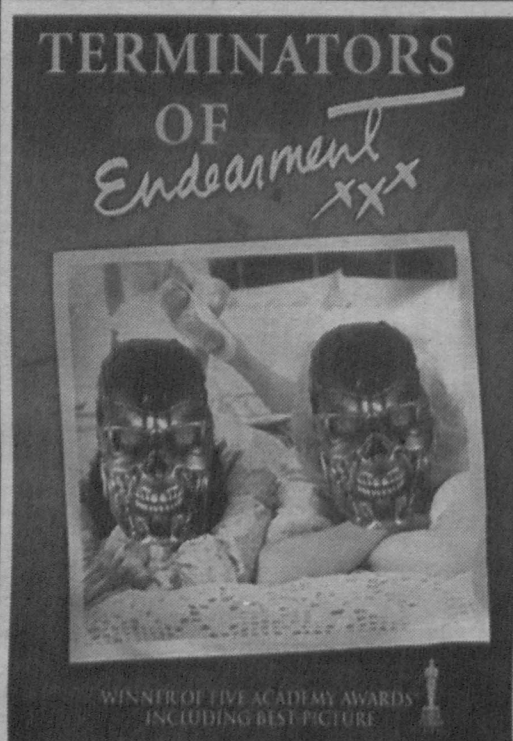
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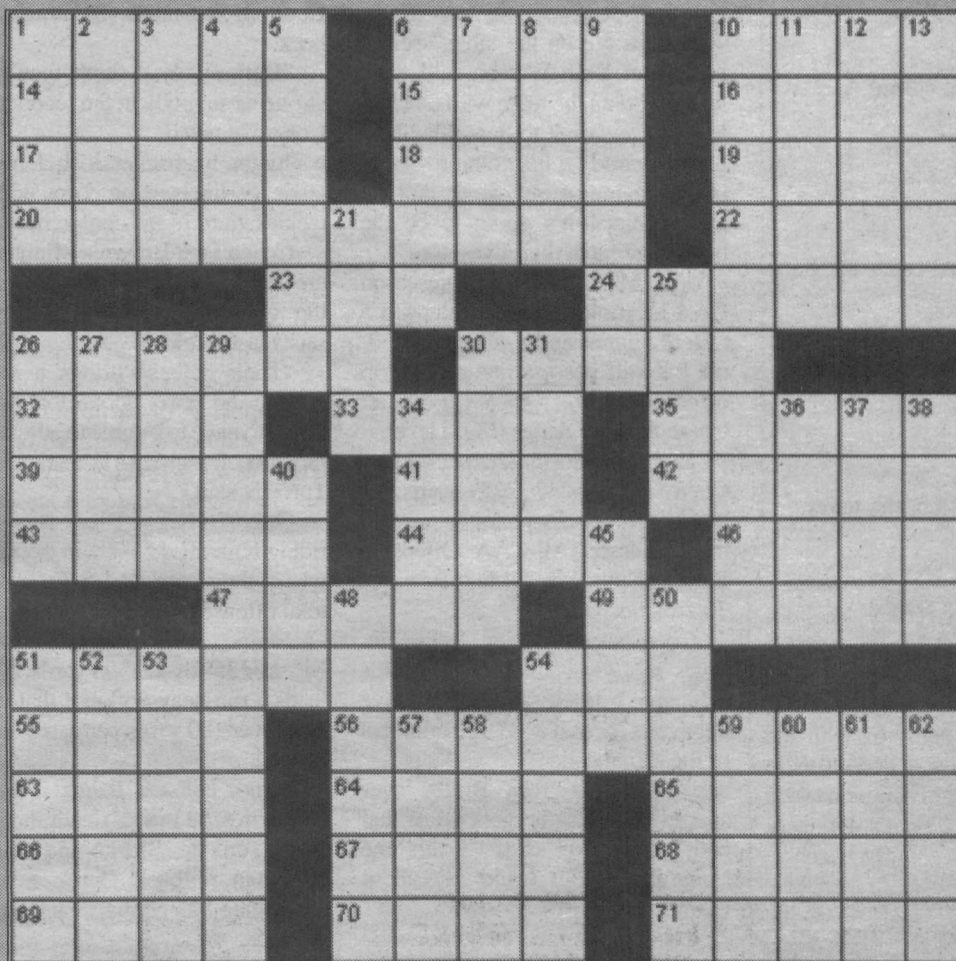
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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Thick pieces
6. Makes lacework
10. Nature of being
14. Maxim
15. Monster
16. A polite way of interrupting
17. Not audio
18. Adolescent
19. Hindu princess
20. A Florida swamp
22. Running gait
23. A hair mousse

24. Different ones
26. Lures
30. Savage
32. Utilizer
33. Hike or journey
35. Sparrows and eagles
39. Avoid
41. Mineral bearing rock
42. Anagram of "Nooks"
43. Lance
44. HIV
46. Festivity
47. Nigerian monetary unit
49. The will of Allah

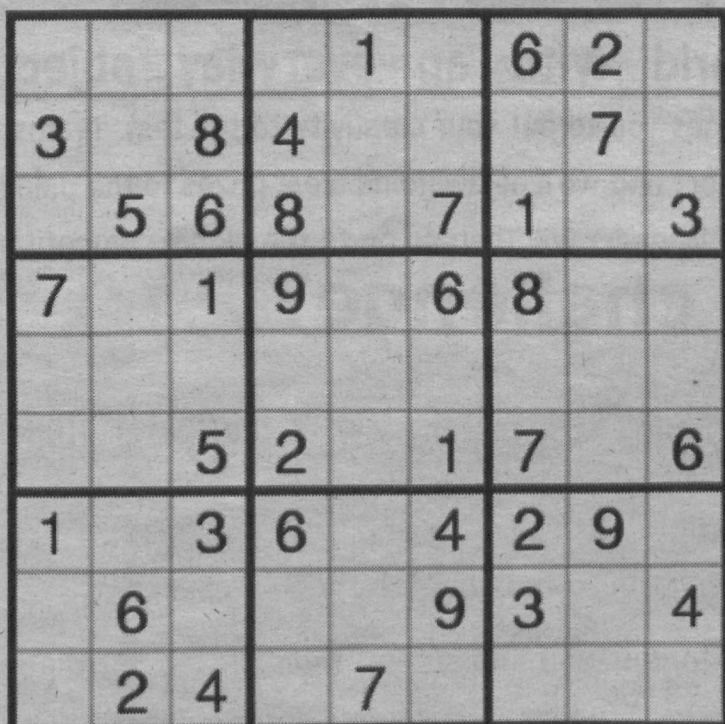
DOWN

1. Rescue
2. Sixty-four in Roman numerals
3. Assistant
4. Afrikaner
5. Air that is dirty
6. The sum
7. Matured
8. Oak or birch
9. Detector
10. Everyone on the planet
11. Apportion
12. Spanish for "Mister"
13. Sends out
21. In order that not
25. Bar bills
26. Clothes
27. Employee Stock Option Program
28. Yield
29. Arrangers
30. A type of weekday
31. Supplemented with difficulty
34. Lion sound
36. Wander
37. Anagram of "Lode"
38. A three-handed card game
40. Historical periods
45. Outer covering
48. Pierce on a stake
50. Consumption
51. Use expletives
52. A plant used in seasoning
53. Employed
54. Wharfs
57. Sixty-nine in Roman numerals
58. Wings
59. Object of worship
60. Car manufacturer
61. Without a fee
62. Scorch

51. Split
54. Broach
55. Genius
56. Complainers
63. Ireland
64. Shaft on which a wheel rotates
65. Love intensely
66. Assert
67. Teller of untruths
68. A divided Asian peninsula
69. Crimson and scarlet
70. Former spouses
71. Church deacon

ANSWER KEY FOUND IN SPORTS

SUDOKUPUZZLE



Daily SuDoku: Fri 7-Mar-2008

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HOW TO PLAY

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

Advice Girl

I'm a first-year student. Last week, my cell went off in class and the professor heard it. I only talked for a minute, but ever since then, he glares at me whenever I walk into the room. I thought college was about freedom.

Yeah, you have more freedom in college, but what you did was just plain disrespectful. Most professors ask that you silence your cell or turn it off in their class, and even if a professor doesn't, it's usually implied. If your teacher didn't say anything about cell phones, you still shouldn't take a call and talk during a class. Your professor is trying to teach while you yap away — it's not only rude to them, but also to the classmates you are distracting. Since your professor doesn't seem too happy with you, the best thing to do is to go talk to him. Apologize for your actions. Professors aren't supposed to give grades based on whether or not they like you, but if you are on the line between, say, a B and a C, your professor may move you down or up depending on your efforts and actions in class. Do the right thing, and go speak with him.

My job is unbelievably boring. I am a clerk at a clothing store, and I get paid minimum wage. My boss is cool, but I work with some pretty annoying people. I get flexible hours so I can get to class on time and have time to spend with my friends. I hate the actual job though. Is there anything out there that isn't so boring?

Your job might be pretty boring, but it sounds like you've got it pretty good — your boss likes you and you have a great schedule. Most college students would love that. If you are bored, talk to your boss and see if he or she can put you somewhere else in the store or move you around so you aren't doing the same thing behind the counter all the time. It's getting pretty hard to find a good job, so if I were you I would stay put and suck it up. As for the people you work with, try to deal with them and maybe get to know them a little better. They might be nicer than you think.

Let Advice Girl help you out:
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go!

CULTURE

21st Annual Culturefest
International exhibits, music, dance,
clothing and food
Saturday, Nov. 8
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Field House
Free

THEATER

"Scapin"
Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15
7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9, 16
2 p.m.
Hauck Auditorium
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public

MUSIC

University Singers concert
Saturday, Nov. 8
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944
Hall
Free with MaineCard, \$6 general
public

O.A.R. w/ Virginia Coalition
Monday, Nov. 17
7:30 p.m.
Field House
\$15 UMaine students
\$20 Maine college students
\$30 general public

FILM

Kickin' Flicks:
"The Chronicles of Narnia:
Prince Caspian"
Friday, Nov. 7
7:30 and 10 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
Free

COMEDY

Maine Attraction: Baron Vaughn
Friday, Nov. 7
9 p.m.
Main dining room, Memorial Union
Free

"Who Cares if Bangladesh
Drowns?"
With human rights advocate Asfan
Chowdhury
Friday, Nov. 7 Saturday, Nov. 8
12 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
Free

ART

New Work
A faculty exhibition by the
Department of Art
Through Nov. 19
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Lord Hall
Free

Celebrities and Socialites:
Photographs by Andy Warhol
Through Jan. 3, 2009
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
University of Maine Museum of Art
Bangor
Free

Angelo Ippolito exhibit
Through Jan. 3, 2009
9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
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GENERAL

The Lobster Gangs of Maine
Maine Heritage Project by Jim
Acheson
Thursday, Nov. 6
3 p.m.
Buchanan Alumni House
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Soccer

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commented. "Our defensive four did a great job this season, and it's the reason we've been able to get shutouts against quality teams."

Before the game, the team honored its seniors for their contributions. Back Corey Sinclair, back Kyle LeDuc and forward Dimitri Anastasiou were all major factors in UMaine's five wins this season, the most since 2004.

"We've had a run of bad luck the past few games that kept us out of the playoffs," junior midfielder Phil Reed said. "It was nice to get a win from playing well and not a loss from being unlucky."

UMaine will take on Harvard University this Wednesday in its season finale. Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m. at Alumni Field.



Coach's Corner with Jack Cosgrove

Three keys to the game at UMass

1. Good start

"In '06, we did not have a great start and we played catch up, but we didn't catch up enough."

2. Play physical

"Any time UMass and UMaine play there is a physical component to the game."

3. Great discipline

"This is the kind of game where individual jobs affect the team and really impact the game."

Football

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attempt to keep its play-off hopes alive with a win. They are tied with UMaine for second place in the CAA North Division.

"Chips are on the table," senior linebacker Sean Wasson said, who ranks third on the team with 64 tackles. "We're going to treat this like a playoff game... It's going to be the biggest game of my career, and for most seniors, it's going to be the biggest game in their lives, too."

The Minutemen, the preseason CAA champions, have dealt with a rash of injuries and a difficult schedule but still possess one of the top offenses at the Football Championship Series (FCS) level.

Led by senior quarterback Liam Coen (156-for-242, 2259 yards, 19 touchdowns), a four-year starter and the preseason All-CAA Offensive Player of the Year, UMass averages 30.7 points per game.

Coen has only been sacked six times this year, a testament to his offensive line, but Cosgrove believes a lot of it is on the shoulders of the signal caller.

"Why isn't Tom Brady ever sacked? Because he gets rid of that ball," Cosgrove said. "That's the same thing you would say about Liam Coen."

Coen's top targets are junior wide receivers Victor Cruz (56 receptions, 923 yards, 6 TD) and Jeremy Home (39 rec., 719 yards, 7 TD) — the top two receivers in the CAA.

In the backfield, junior running back Tony Nelson (97.1 yards per game, 9 TD), the third-leading rusher in the conference, has succeeded behind a veteran offensive line.

On defense, UMass has been suspect at times, allowing nearly 27 points per game, but still has one of

the best secondaries in the nation.

Although senior All-American cornerback Sean Smalls is out for the season with an injury, junior safety Jeromy Miles (2 interceptions) and senior cornerback Courtney Robinson (20 tackles) are back.

"Defensively, I think they're as strong as anybody in the secondary," Cosgrove noted.

Junior linebacker Josh Jennings leads the linebacking corps with 80 tackles, third in the conference.

Coach Don Brown's Minutemen are known for putting pressure on the quarterback. They had eight sacks last weekend.

"Their defense brings a lot of blitzes and crazy looks that we're going to have to be able to adjust to," redshirt freshman H-back Jared Turcotte said.

Offensively, the Black Bears are riding high after 55-7 win over Iona where they compiled 516 yards of total offense (375 rushing yards).

Junior quarterback Michael Brusko (35-for-49, 508 yards, 6 TD) leads a run-heavy offense that averages over 180 yards per game on the ground.

Senior tailback Jhamal Fluellen (91 carries, 433 yards) leads the way, while Turcotte, Brusko and redshirt freshman tailback Derek Session have three touchdowns each on the ground.

Junior wide receiver Landis Williams (5 TD) is Brusko's top target through the air.

The "Black Hole" defense anchored by senior defensive end Jovan Belcher (76 tackles, 6.0 sacks) has given up only seven points in the last two weeks. They also are tied for first in the conference with 20 sacks.

Saturday's contest can be seen on Comcast Sportsnet (Time Warner Cable Channel 38).

Hockey

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instrumental in the sweep of Niagara. Wilson earned his first win of the season Friday night, allowing two goals and making 33 saves. Darling has been outstanding in three starts, allowing just three goals and earning a shutout for a 2-1-0 record.

"They played great. They gave us every opportunity to win," House said. "They did exactly what we could ask of them, so I'm confident they're going to keep that up."

The Black Bears' depth continues to improve, as junior forward Kevin Swallow saw significant time in his much anticipated return last weekend. The Dartmouth College transfer sat out last season and missed the first four games this year with an ankle injury suffered in the Blue and White game.

"Getting Kevin back was a big boost, not just for him but also for our team," Whitehead said.

Sophomore forward Glenn Belmore is expected to return this weekend, after recovering from a knee injury acquired during an exhibition in New Brunswick.

The penalty kill has been a strength for the Black Bears, allowing just three power play goals, but Boston College's 12 power play goals will be a significant point of focus.

"This is an opportunity for us to really see how good our [penalty kill] really is," Danis-Pepin said. "We've been doing well and it's going to be a big challenge for us."

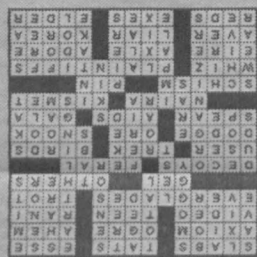
The Black Bears have also been successful with their opponents in the penalty box, capitalizing on four of seven power plays last weekend.

The 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon

time slot is not typically ideal for ticket revenues, but a large crowd is anticipated, given the circumstances.

"We came off a great weekend, and I think that helps us with the crowd," Danis-Pepin said. "We're playing the national champions — a great hockey team, so it's definitely going to be a great game to watch."

Crossword Solution



Global Innovation Tournament

November 12-19

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Are you up for the challenge?

EVENTS

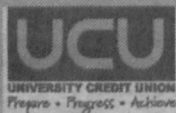
Wednesday, November 12th, 8pm-9pm - Mystery object to be unveiled at a reveal party at the Foster Student Innovation Center

Thursday, November 13th - Video 101 Workshop

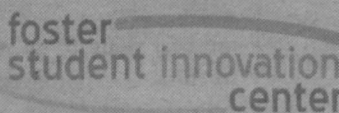
Friday, November 14th - Last day to sign up at eweek.stanford.edu!

Monday, November 17th, by 12pm - Teams must upload their videos to YouTube and submit their URL to Stanford

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UMaine struggles at championship

By Derek McKinley
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine cross country teams headed to Oregon Ridge Park in Cockeysville, Md. for the America East conference championship meets this past weekend.

In lieu of a 650-mile road trip the teams flew into Baltimore, giving them more time to prepare.

"Flying down to Baltimore helped the team's spirits going into the race," said senior captain Chuck Theriault. "It meant a lot that the athletic department cared enough about our success to fly us to our biggest meet of the season."

With a day of practice behind them, the weather in their favor and a daunting 8-kilometer course in front of them, the men's team finished seventh overall. The women climbed 5 kilometers of hills to take seventh as well.

There are nine teams in America East. The meet was generally considered to be a disappointment for both teams, who had been ranked much higher in preseason polls.

"Overall, I think the season was sub-par," junior Miles Bartlett said. "We've been the most consistently good team at UMaine [in] the past five or six years, and we had a complete fallout this season."

"With the talent we have returning next year, nothing but winning the America East title will be acceptable," he added.

Individually, the freshmen talents set the pace for the Black Bears. Even with perpetual front-runner Bartlett in the race, Riley Masters covered the difficult course in 26:20.80 to finish 16th overall and first among the freshmen.

"Miles and I planned on running together for most of the race, [but] he started fading around the 3-mile mark and shouted to me to keep going. I think he was proud of me," Masters said.

Bartlett followed in 25th place with

a time of 26:43.10.

"I haven't run well tactically," Bartlett said. "Sitting back and waiting to strike like I tried to do at conferences obviously won't work. ... I'll need to get out fast and hang onto the lead pack."

Rounding out the scoring team for the men were Theriault (29th, 26:50.60), and juniors Corey Bean (44th, 27:29.80) and Chris Harmon (52nd, 27:46.50).

"With only five runners that can mix it up with the top guys, there's no safety net for those bad days that all

runners have," Theriault said. "A few of our top five had their worst performances of the year. We had no backup for them, and it hurt us."

Corey Conner continued her tremendous freshman campaign as well, placing 11th overall in 18:04.50 and notching another first place finish

among her Black Bear teammates. Conner was also the second fastest freshman in the conference.

"The course was very mentally tough," Conner said. "You had to really push yourself to get through to the finish, because the last legs of the race were where the hills really kicked in and started to eat away at you."

Conner was joined by fellow freshman Hilary Maxim (31st, 18:55.10), sophomore Chelsea Leeman (39th, 19:05.60), senior captain Stephanie Jette (40th, 19:14.80) and her sister, sophomore Allison Conner (43rd, 19:32.60) to round out the scoring team.

"Hopefully, after this season, we can take a small break to rest up and come back stronger for the indoor season," said junior Jordan Daniel. "We have a lot of talent within the team and the group of new freshman have added greatly."

The teams head to New York City this weekend for the NCAA Qualifier, which will be the final meet of the season if no Black Bears qualify for NCAA Nationals.

"With the talent we have returning next year, nothing but winning the America East title will be acceptable."

Miles Bartlett
Junior
UMaine Men's Cross Country

UM downs Bearcats

By Kevin Bailey
For The Maine Campus

Sunday afternoon, the University of Maine men's soccer team played and hosted a tough Binghamton University squad. The Black Bears emerged with a 1-0 victory over one of the top America East contenders. With the win, UMaine moved to 5-9-2 and 2-5-1 in conference play while Binghamton dropped to 10-5-3 overall and 5-3-0 in the conference.

The Bearcats came out strong in the early going, with several scoring opportunities that were turned away by junior goalkeeper Nemanja Kostic.

The Black Bears finally got a counter-attack with 16 minutes left in the half and made the

ball went up and over the Binghamton keeper. Sophomore midfielder Jake Ostrov was on the other side to bury a shot into the open net. Despite trailing in shots on goal, UMaine took the 1-0 lead into halftime.

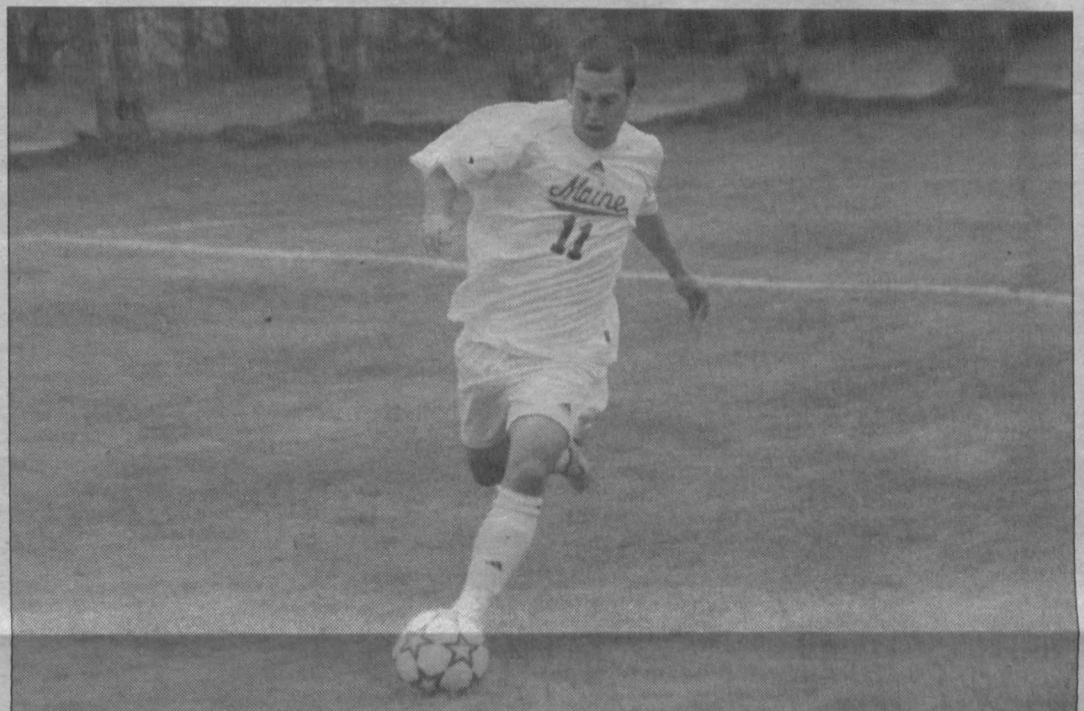
The second half saw more intensity from Binghamton, but the keen defense of the Black Bears kept them from capitalizing on any opportunities. UMaine held on until the final whistle, completing the victory. UMaine's Kostic had five saves and recorded his fourth shutout of the season.

"We just beat one of the best teams in America East," Kostic

"Our defensive four did a great job this season, and it's the reason we've been able to get shutouts against quality teams."

Nemanja Kostic
Junior Goalie
UMaine Men's Soccer

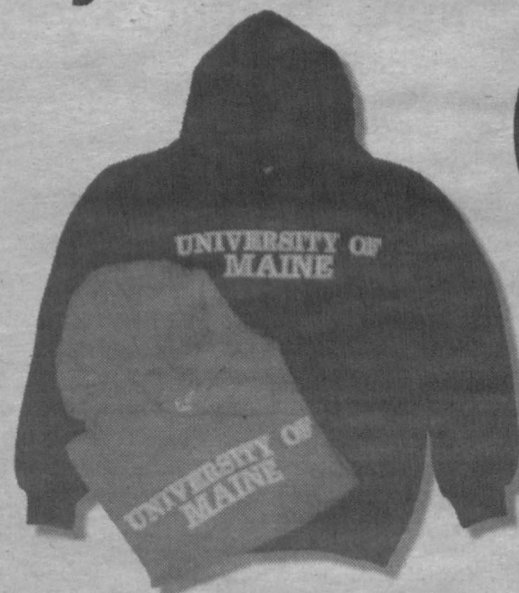
most of it. Senior back Corey Sinclair sent a lob toward the right side of the goal, and the



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Marc Goulet, contender for America East Men's Soccer Player of the Year, controls the ball.

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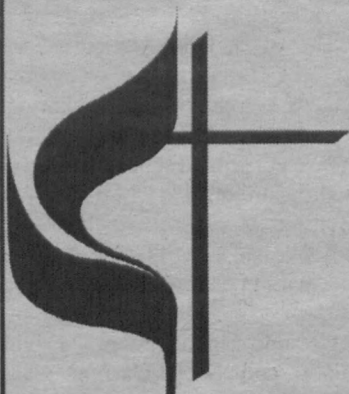
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I am looking for UMaine students who were home schooled for any of their pre-college education. I myself was home schooled and am doing my senior thesis on the experience of home schooling. There will be some small compensation for participation. If you are interested in participating in this study please e-mail me on first class at: mahala.stewart@umit.maine.edu.



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Cosgrove, UMaine look to buck trend

Football seeks to snap six-game losing streak to UMass, keep playoff hopes alive



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Jhamal Fluellen and Mike Brusko celebrate a touchdown in last Saturday's game.

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

The last time the University of Maine football team visited Amherst to take on the University of Massachusetts, they came in with an overall record of 6-3 and 5-1 in the conference. More importantly, they controlled their own destiny with a conference championship and playoff berth on the line.

The Black Bears went on to lose to UMass 10-9 after a missed extra-point late in the game, and their playoff hopes were crushed.

While a conference championship is out of the question, sitting 3-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association, the 2008 UMaine squad is 6-3 once again.

The Black Bears will try to win their fifth-straight game and keep their playoff hopes alive when they

visit McGuirk Stadium in Amherst for a key CAA matchup against the No. 13 Minutemen. Kickoff is slated for noon.

"[The] best thing about our current situation is we have a lot of guys on this team that were there in '06, and we felt like those guys — the [Jovan] Belchers and the [Andrew] Downeys — have grown a lot,"

UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove said.

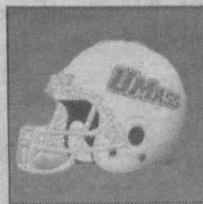
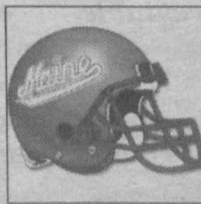
"My thinking is that we're better prepared for it," he added.

"We have the guys that were on that field and know from a more senior vantage point what it's going to take to win down there."

The Black Bears lost to UMass 38-7 in Orono last year and have lost six straight to the Minutemen.

UMass (6-3, 3-2 CAA), coming off a 49-0 thrashing of the University of Rhode Island will

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UM welcomes defending national champs

Men's hockey goes for third-straight victory in nationally televised game vs. BC Eagles

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

For the University of Maine men's hockey team to prove it deserves more respect than the pre-season polls suggest, a win over the defending national champions is a great place to start.

In a nationally televised game set for Sunday afternoon, the Black Bears look to upset Boston College — currently ranked second in national polls. The Eagles return the majority of talent that carried them through the post season a year ago.

"We've got to be ready to go right from the drop of the puck," said UMaine coach Tim Whitehead, whose team improved to 3-3-0 overall by sweeping Niagara University last weekend in a pair of non-conference games.

"We've been pretty disciplined for the most part this year, and we're certainly going to need every ounce of discipline on Sunday because we don't want to give them too many opportunities," Whitehead added.

The Eagles are 5-1-0 (3-1-0 Hockey East), their only loss coming against Northeastern University, who swept the Black Bears in Orono two weekends ago. They are coming off a defeat of Hockey East opponent Merrimack College in an overtime thriller Saturday. Averaging four goals a game, the Eagles double the Black Bears' statistic in the category.

They have not scored less than three goals in a game this season.

"We just have to continue to work on our team defense," Whitehead said. "The more we practice and the more we play, the better we get. We're excited with the progress, but this will be a great challenge for us."

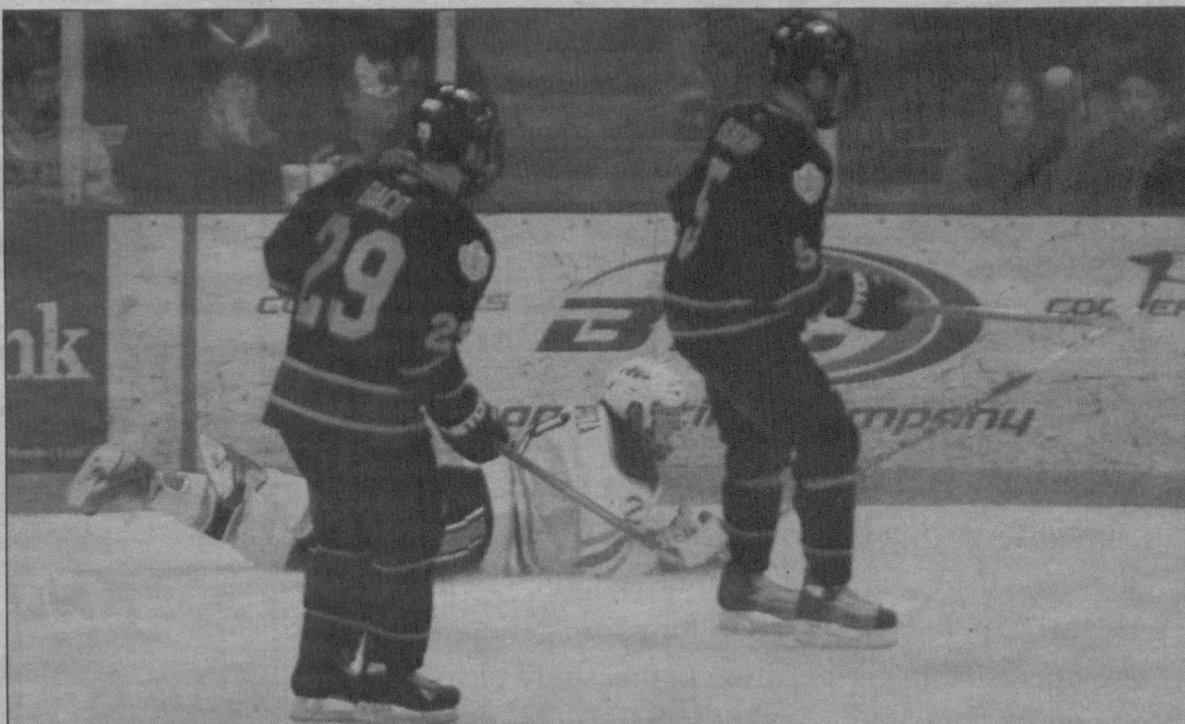
Senior forward Brock Bradford headlines the Eagles offense with six goals in as many games. With three assists, he has nine points, which is second on the team behind sophomore forward Brian Gibbons with 10.

Supplementing Bradford is sophomore Joe Whitney, last year's NCAA East Region Most Outstanding Player. Whitney trailed only Nathan Gerbe in points for the Eagles with 51, which was tops among freshmen in Hockey East.

Gerbe elected to turn pro after his junior year when he led the nation with 68 points and was voted the USA College Hockey Player of the Year.

The Black Bears tallied eight goals on the Niagara goaltenders, but a daunting task lies ahead for BC sophomore netminder John Muse. He started all 44 games as a freshman and was selected to the All-NCAA Tournament Team after posting a 25-11-8 record. His 2.2 goals allowed average was tops in Hockey East.

The breakout offensive performance showed signs of potential after



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David DeKastrozza lies out to keep the puck from two Niagara players.

generating just four goals in the first four games. Forwards Gustav Nyquist, Chris Hahn and Tanner House excelled, combining for five of the team's eight goals on the weekend.

Nyquist's goal and five assists gave him a six-point weekend in his third collegiate series. He was honored as the Pro Ambitions Hockey East Rookie of the Week.

Hahn had a three-goal weekend, elevating him to the lead among

UMaine scorers. He added an assist contributing to his four season points, which is second on the team behind Nyquist's seven.

House scored his first two goals of the season Friday night and assisted on the game-sealing fourth goal in the second game. He joins Hahn with four points.

Wingers Spencer Abbott and Josh Van Dyk have also contributed their share to the offense with three points each.

The Black Bears capitalized on limited opportunities against Niagara, compiling just 46 shots in the two games combined.

"We got limited shots, but we had good opportunities," UMaine senior defenseman Simon Danis-Pepin said. "We had a lot of Grade-A (High percentage) chances and that's what counts."

UMaine goaltenders David Wilson and Scott Darling were

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