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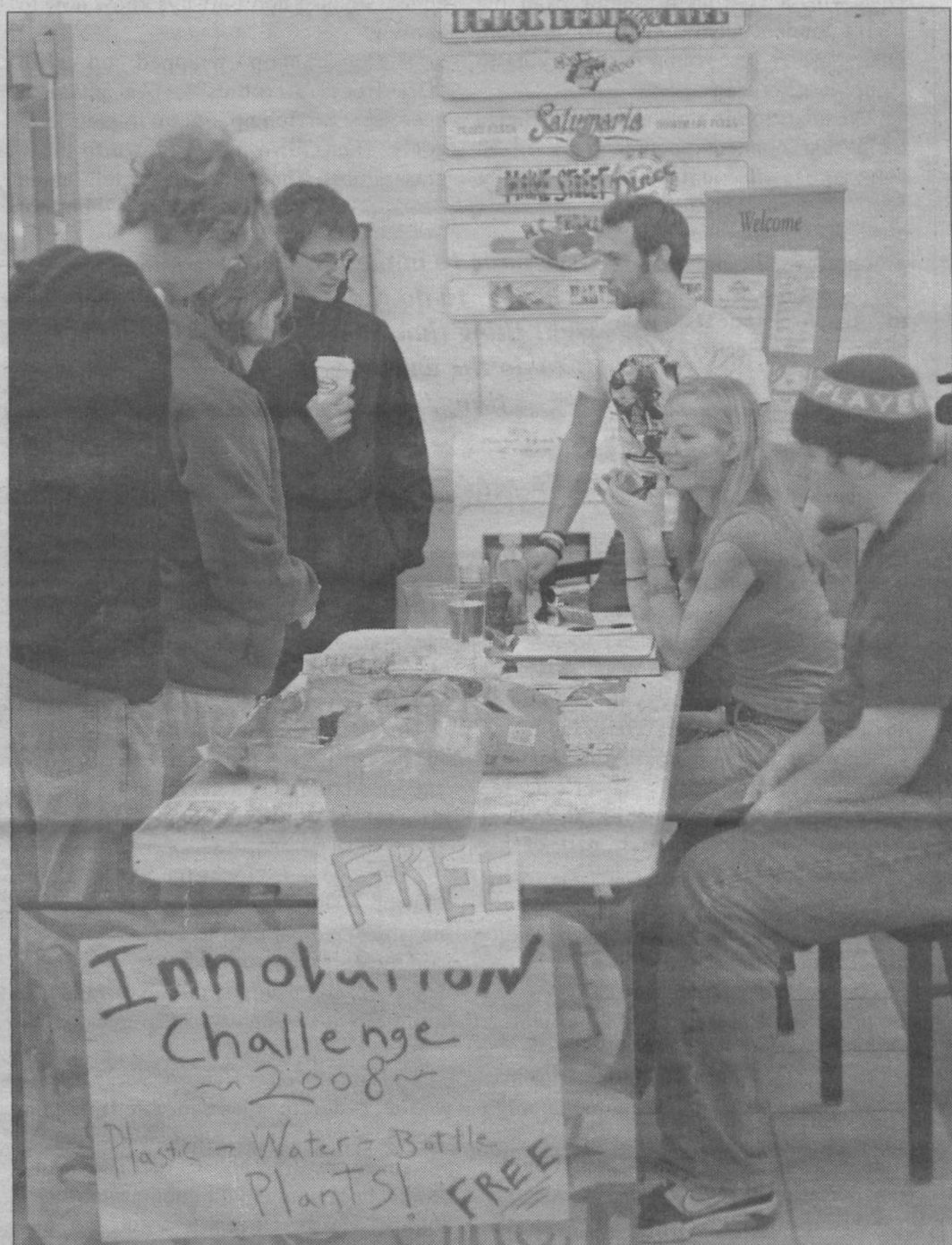
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Innovation station



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Daniel Pierce, Victoria Polito and Zachary Goater tend their booth for the Innovation Challenge in an attempt to create new value to water bottles by supplying soil and seeds for students to plant and take home flowers with them. See story on page 3.

Baldacci cuts UM budget by \$5.3M

Board attempts to cap tuition rise at 6%

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

The University of Maine System set a goal for in-state undergraduate tuition per campus to rise no more than 6 percent next year, which — if successful — will make tuition \$251 per credit hour at UMaine, according to UMS Director of Budget and Financial Analysis Miriam White.

Gov. John Baldacci ordered UMaine to reduce its budget by about \$5.3 million Nov. 19, which may make the 6 percent goal difficult to reach.

UMaine's undergraduate in-state tuition increase was 9.6 percent in 2009. If UMaine's state funding decreases next year, the university will likely see a similar increase in undergraduate in-state tuition balanced with program reductions, according to UMaine President Robert Kennedy.

Baldacci signed an official curtailment order demanding reductions of all state agencies on Nov. 19. Baldacci ordered UMS to reduce its budget by \$8,372,135 — approximately \$2.2 million less than originally anticipated. UMaine is shouldering \$5,375,308 of the curtailment.

Campus security, student

employment, scholarships and student food services budgets may have to be reduced to fulfill the order, according to a curtailment impact report from the governor's office. UMS campuses may have to consider tuition "adjustments," but only as a last resort, according to the report.

Of the seven colleges in the

UMS, UMaine has the second-highest undergraduate tuition rates — second only to the University of Maine at Farmington, according to the

system office 2009 fiscal year budget report.

UMaine had the second-lowest in-state undergraduate tuition increase rate in the 2007, 2008 and 2009 fiscal years. According to Janet Waldron, vice president for Administration and Finance, the reason UMaine's tuition is so much higher is because UMaine does more research than universities like UMA or UMF.

State funding to UMS increased by approximately \$300,000 in the 2009 fiscal year to \$186 million. This was a 4.4 percent drop in the annual rate and \$7.7 million less than 2008's increase. If this trend of declining state funding

Tuition rates per credit hour for in-state undergraduates at UMaine by fiscal year		
2007	2008	2009
\$199	\$218	\$239

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Faculty Senate discusses "major" jargon

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

The University of Maine Faculty Senate, on Nov. 19, fought to resolve confusion about student record form terms that break from what professors have used in the past. The senate also discussed the burden of cutting \$5.3 million from its current budget and whether it will mean increased student tuition.

Sen. James McClymer said he was somewhat annoyed by new student record forms that replace the word "major" with "plan."

Sen. Stuart Marrs said the change was because "plan" is the term used in MaineStreet, so the student record forms were changed to maintain consistency.

"That does seem to be an absurd position — you can't change words on a computer screen," McClymer said with a hint of sarcasm.

Marrs said it's possible to change the terms in MaineStreet, but only with a consensus agreement from the seven University of Maine campuses.

Sue Hunter, associate provost, said part of the problem was the PeopleSoft software.

"We can't necessarily make changes

in every screen because we don't have a way of programming it," Hunter said.

Senate President Dianne Hoff said she preferred to use "more recognizable" language.

"I just think it's more appropriate to use terms that aren't corporate, but that are more academic," Hoff said.

The 2010 budget impacts, following President Kennedy's announcement of Gov. Baldacci's \$5.3 million curtailment order on Nov. 19, was discussed.

"There's still a huge reduction from the current year's budget ... and we have to produce our 2010 budget by that base amount. There's a lot of pain yet to

come," Kennedy said.

The \$5.3 million will be taken out of UMaine's 2009 budget and the resulting amount will be used as the template for the 2010 fiscal year — the "base amount."

Student Government representative Nate Wilde asked whether tuition will rise because of the curtailment.

"[There is] really no forecast, no firm number right now. We expect some tuition increase, but what that number is is anybody's guess right now," Kennedy said.

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SG candidates discuss campaigns

Student Senate talks elections, passes \$8,200 resolution for ROC with very little debate

By Alex Leonard
Staff Reporter

Student Government presidential and vice presidential candidates laid out their platforms at Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting.

The first candidate to speak was Sen. Owen McCarthy. He outlined his basic platform and what he would like to see accomplished.

McCarthy stated his No. 1 priority was to make campus parking more convenient and eco-friendly.

He said he spoke with University of Maine parking director Alan Stormann about creating a shuttle system from Orchard Trails and downtown Orono, which could alleviate some of the parking troubles in the MCA lot.

He added that he would like to extend library hours in both the morning and evening to allow greater convenience for students.

McCarthy also included his idea to increase opportunities for leadership development through expanding the role of the vice president of Student Organizations.

He ended his speech by stating he planned on being flexible and that he wanted the senate to "encourage [students] to vote, encourage [students] to become educated."

Sen. Robert Goodwin was the next candidate to speak, and his focus was on students. He acknowledged the major issues: parking, dining and rising tuition costs. He made it clear the senate must first "gain a better reputation" with students. Goodwin stated the senate must do this by reaching out to the student organizations and use their "great power."

"I think the most important thing a student can do to voice their opinions, voice their concerns and get them heard by the administration is simply by voting on Dec. 1," Goodwin said.

The third candidate for president is Gimbala Sankare. Sankare's speech was the longest of the three and focused more on individual students and their ability to learn.

"Our No. 1 priority is to make sure students can continue their education," Sankare said. "[Students] don't get the operational excellence they deserve."

He used personal examples of loans not being properly handled and how that nearly cost him his educational experience. As a result, he said, some students are being punished for errors that are not always their own. He demonstrated a program that he would attempt to implement if elected called the "Bridge Loan Program." The plan is for the president to work with the university to give aid to those who find themselves in a financial predicament so they can continue to learn. He said the recent budget cuts may complicate his program, but he felt strongly about it and was determined to have it succeed.

Sankare also outlined a plan to create a student welfare committee that would oversee the student services to maintain integrity on behalf of students. If created, the committee would survey Parking Services to make sure the correct number of passes was allotted, as well as Dining Services and Resident Life to ensure quality on campus.

The final speech was made by the lone vice presidential candidate, Ross Wolland. Wolland discussed his belief in a mutual respect and knowledge of the senate and students they represent. He also talked about continuing to be a progressive and productive student senate so the necessary changes can be made in the future.

The executive debates will be on Monday, Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the FFA Room of the Memorial Union.

Residents on Campus asked for \$8,200 from the senate, which was granted for the Quebec trip in February. The resolution passed with almost no debate — except for senators praising the trip as a valuable experience. Tickets go on sale Monday, Dec. 1 at 9 p.m.

Other allocations included \$200 to Pre-Law Society and \$250 to the Alpine Ski Club.

Energy Action Day teaches conservation

By Anya Rose
For The Maine Campus

On Energy Action Day, Nov. 14, a group of young people came together on campus to come up with ways to change the world.

"We're not experts," said Morgan Goodwin, a visiting presenter from the Sierra Student Coalition in Washington, D.C. "We're just young people trying to figure it all out."

The coalition is a chapter of the Sierra Club that connects people ages 14-30 from across the country who are working for environmental change. Members of the group travel to universities and host workshops to teach students to become better leaders and organizers.

Zo Tobi, a workshop leader, told how he was inspired by a conversation he had as an undergraduate student. His professor asked him one day

if he'd ever live in the woods by himself, like Henry David Thoreau. Tobi answered that he would.

"My professor said to me, 'That's the wrong answer. One day, you're going to have grandkids, and they are going to ask you, 'What did you do in that historic time?'" Tobi deferred his master's degree and became a staff member of the student coalition. He considered it part of his duty to change the world.

At the workshop, there was also a general consensus that University of Maine students are apathetic.

The group brainstormed ways to fix the problem of getting people motivated. Student apathy was one of the main points on the list of problems to fix. Other issues on the list included: high levels of carbon in the atmosphere, population growth and lack of enough public transportation.

"We have to make it cheaper to do the right thing than it is to do the wrong thing," Tobi told the workshop attendees.

Workshop speakers emphasized the importance of planning and coming up with tangible goals. "If it ain't written down, it ain't a plan," one of the

PowerPoint slides stated.

Community organizing is also about convincing people they can have an effect.

"It's about taking that next step," said Rob Goodwin, president of the UMaine Outing Club and Energy Action Day co-organizer. "People have a lot of knowledge; they just don't always know how to apply it."

The workshop wrapped up with "Grassroots Aerobics" — a physical exercise. "Stretch up, up, up to your high goals. Then down, down, down to those grassy roots. Then reach to the left, and a

little to the right—but not too far right."

A brainstorming session was also held to see what students want to happen on campus. Many expressed the desire to see the university use less energy, pointing out that some buildings are left heated all night with all the lights on, even though no one is in them.

"We have to make it cheaper to do the right thing than it is to do the wrong thing."

Zo Tobi
Workshop leader

Some attendees suggested billing students in dorms according to their energy use, appealing to the idea that most people will not make changes unless it directly affects them.

Dr. Habib Dagher, professor of civil engineering at the university gave Energy Action Day's keynote. He shared his goals to start wind energy farms off the coast of Maine.

"The gulf of Maine is the Saudi Arabia of wind," Dr. Dagher said as he showed maps of wind patterns in the U.S. Dagher said the gulf of Maine is the coldest place in the world during the month of January, and that's just when we need energy the most.

The proposed offshore wind farms would generate the equivalent of 40 nuclear power plants. Dagher described a system for heating houses that uses wind power, heat pumps and geothermal technology. He is currently trying to get funding for the project and is looking for more students who might be interested in working on it.

For more information on the Sierra Student Coalition, visit its Web site at ssc.org.

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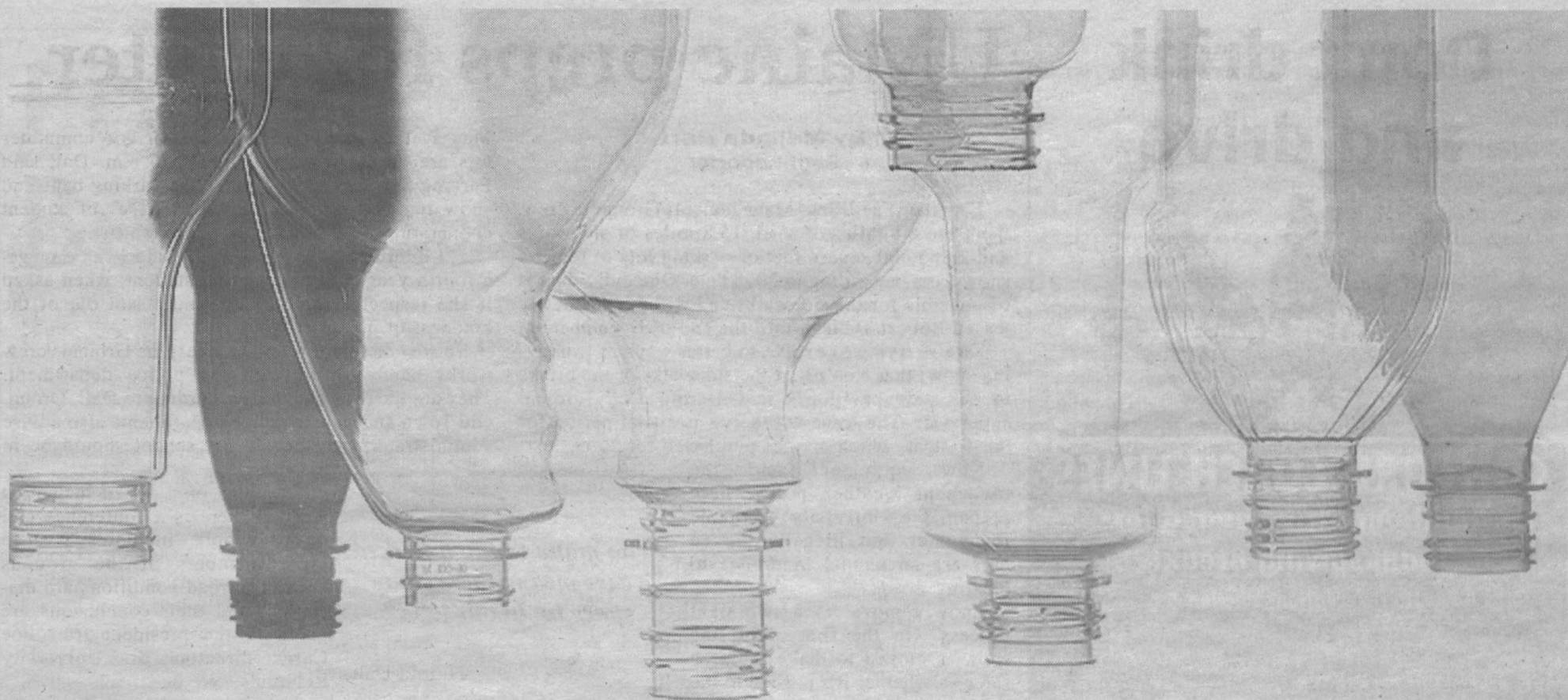
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Students quench thirst for innovation

By Rhiannon Sawtelle
Features Editor

Lifejackets and plant pots: two new ways to use water bottles. These are some of the ideas that stemmed from the question of how to change the world with an everyday object.

More than a dozen University of Maine students, in four teams, competed in the Global Innovation Tournament this week.

The Web-based challenge started at Stanford University three years ago. It reaches 55 schools in 12 countries including China, Singapore, Scotland, England, Canada and the U.S. This is UMaine's first year hosting the challenge.

The challenge at UMaine is hosted by the new Foster Student Innovation Center on campus and was open to all students.

As part of Entrepreneurship Week

on campus, students who entered the innovation tournament were presented with an everyday object on Nov. 12. Their challenge was to create value out of the object — which could be monetary, social or artistic.

Past objects include rubber bands and sticky notes.

This year, the object was a water bottle. Students could use any size, shape and amount of bottles they chose. There was no limit on the other materials for the project.

Once the object was announced, teams had until Nov. 17 to create a new use for bottles and produce a less than 3-minute video displaying the new product.

A video production session was offered on Nov. 13 at the Innovation Center to help students with the technical aspects.

"Part of being an entrepreneur is coming up with new ideas and

products, which may not always be a new invention. They could be an improvement on an existing technology or everyday item," Jesse Moriarity said in an e-mail. Moriarity is the Innovation Center Coordinator.

The videos were posted to YouTube and were judged at UMaine before being entered at the global level.

The top three videos at UMaine were announced Wednesday and will continue on to the global level. The winning teams were presented with a slew of prizes and awards.

Prizes ranged from lunch with former Gov. Angus King, won by the team led by Chuck Drew, to a private concert won by the team led by Dan Pierce. The team led by Evan Manley won the "Best of Orono" package, which included gift certificates from local restaurants and four hockey tickets.

Each team that entered also

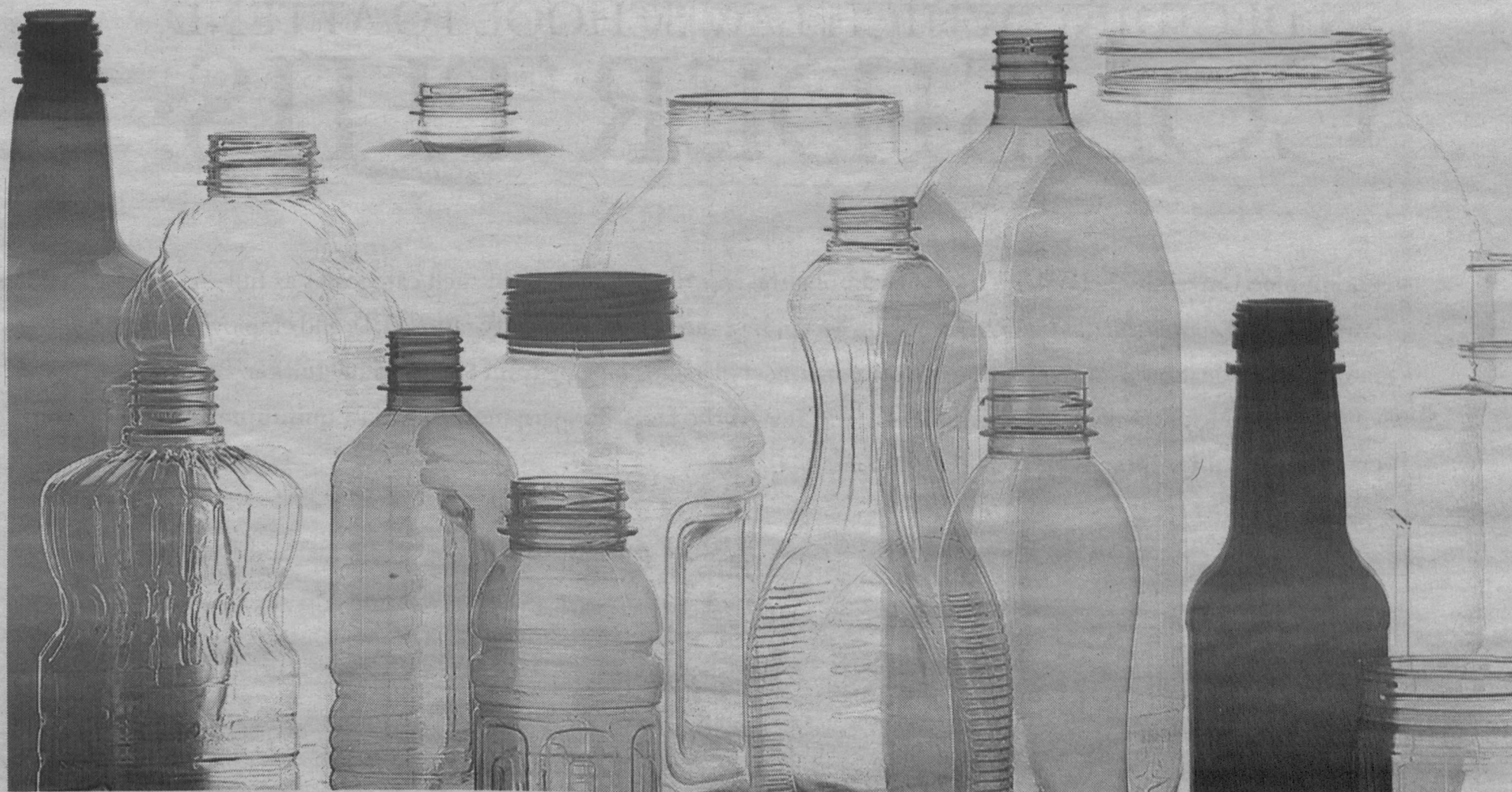
received a personalized award.

"I learned a lot from this experience and had a great time in the process of making the product," Manley said.

"Part of our goal here at the Foster Student Innovation Center is to help students, faculty and staff start small businesses, work on projects, inventions or ideas," Moriarity said. "A lot of times those new products or ideas involve using an everyday item or a product that we're all familiar with in a new way."

Global winners will be announced Dec. 5. There will not be a global prize, but the winners will have their video posted on a special page on the Stanford challenge Web site.

"We are also hoping to expose as many students as possible to everything the Innovation Center has to offer them, no matter what their major or passion," Moriarity said.



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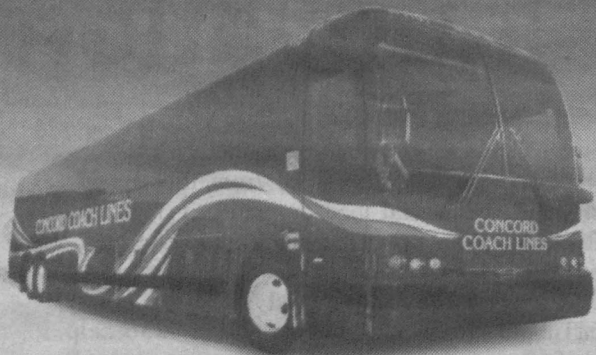
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UMaine preps for winter

By Melinda Hart
Staff Reporter

For the Facilities Management Grounds crew, there are 6.8 miles of road, 15.8 miles of sidewalks and 2,855,400 square feet of parking lots to remove snow from, according to 2008 data. One individual is responsible for the sidewalks and will use the newly leased Bobcat Toolcat until the end of December.

"We're trying to evolve to better ways of [removing snow] that won't hurt the sidewalks or the bricks in the new pavilion," said Harold Dall, ground supervisor. The lease will serve as a trial period for the Toolcat, which may be purchased for 2009.

New equipment and the inclement weather policy help prepare the University of Maine for winter, but illegally parked cars are an annual hindrance to clearing roads.

Snow removal is a two-night process. On the first night, the snow is moved to make the area safer — whether it's pushed to the side or sanded and salted. This is done between midnight and 7 a.m.

This biggest struggle for the Grounds crew, according to Dall, is illegally parked cars. Ten to 30 cars may be towed per night. Towing those cars takes up a lot of time on a tight schedule.

"Too many random parked cars means there's no space to do our jobs," Dall said.

There is a strict no-towing policy in place for the Grounds crew, and they'd rather not have to call the towing company, according to Jeremy Chubbuck, associate executive director of Facilities Management.

"We're not in the lots until 12 a.m.," Chubbuck said, "and we let students move their cars when they come running out to the parking lot at midnight." The towing bill per car comes to \$75 for students.

The winter parking ban is in effect from Nov. 1 to

May 1. This means all staff, visitor and commuter lots are closed from midnight to 6 a.m. Dall said Parking Services tries to make the parking bans and snow removal schedules clear in hopes of student cooperation.

"I didn't want to get towed," said Leah Savage, a fourth year civil engineering student, when asked if she respected the parking bans. "Not out of the kindness of my heart."

To stay on top of problem areas, the Grounds crew works hand-in-hand with the police department. They are the eyes and ears, according to Dall. Orono, Old Town and Veazie police departments also advise administrators whether or not school should be in session.

At 5 a.m. on a day of inclement weather there is a conference call of 10 people, including five to eight members of the grounds crew. The road conditions are discussed, and their conclusions are given to the president from Joe Carr, director of University Relations.

"Sometimes it's difficult to know what is the right thing to do," Carr said. "We don't have any make-up days in place."

As for the policy itself, Carr said it is solid, and there have been no complaints. He encourages students to rely on 581-SNOW, a recorded phone message that announces whether classes have been postponed or canceled by 6 a.m.

"The media is not always reliable," Carr said about television and radio stations notifying students about class cancellations. "The staffs at those places are dealing with a tremendous amount of input. 581-SNOW is the most reliable, most accurate and the quickest."

Carr ranked 581-SNOW first, the text message second, FirstClass announcements third and the media last as the best ways to learn if school is canceled.

"Too many random parked cars means there's no space to do our jobs."

Harold Dall
Grounds supervisor



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Closet boyfriend

An officer arrested a male for criminal trespass in Androscoggin Hall at 1:15 p.m. on Nov. 17 after he discovered the individual hiding in the closet. The officer was interviewing a first-floor resident as part of a follow-up investigation on the vandalism spree that occurred Homecoming Weekend. He observed some clothes moving in the closet and moved the clothing aside to find the resident's boyfriend, Kyle Little, 18, Milford, Mass. The Dean of Students had issued Little a letter on Nov. 5 advising him not to return to residence halls or he would be treated as a criminal trespasser. Little was allegedly involved with an estimated \$800 damage to the MCA earlier this year. Little was placed under arrest for criminal trespass, charged with violation of condition of release for committing a new crime on bail and transported to Penobscot County Jail.

Elevator trap

Police received a call for help from three people stuck in an elevator in Hancock Hall at 7:29 p.m. on Nov. 16. Police and the Orono Fire Department responded and were able to free the individuals. The elevator was placed out of service until it could be checked.

Trail of glass

A custodian in Neville Hall reported a broken north-side window at 5:45 a.m. on Nov. 17. The window was part of the fire exit. Estimated damage is \$250.

An officer performing property checks discovered a broken basement window on the south side of the Canadian American Center at 11:06 p.m. on Nov. 16. Estimated damage is \$50.

Police received a report of a broken window to the door of Oxford Hall at 2:03 a.m. on Nov. 16. It appears to have been kicked in. Estimated damage is \$100.

Handicap hogs

Police received report of several handicap violations in the Alford Arena Parking Lot at 8:36 p.m. on Nov. 16. The complainant had a handicap placard but was unable to find a parking spot due to unwarranted parking. Officers arrived and ticketed four vehicles in violation.

Incredible hulk at large?

A phone and a water fountain were ripped from the wall in Androscoggin Hall sometime between 3 and 3:44 a.m. on Nov. 16. The phone by the entry of the hall was completely torn from the wall. The first-floor south-side fountain was hanging by its pipes. The damage was significant, according to police. Public Safety asks anyone with information to contact them. If they are unable to find the individual(s) responsible, the damage will be estimated and charged as student dorm damage for all Androscoggin residents to pay.

Concerned caller

A worried friend called Public Safety to Patch Hall to check on an intoxicated male at 1:38 a.m. on Nov. 15. UVAC and police responded and found the 22-year-old resident to be conscious and alert. He refused to be transported to the hospital.

Boisterous brotherhood

A resident of College Avenue reported a noise complaint that brought officers to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house at 11:40 p.m. on Nov. 14. The complainant reported a loud argument. House officials told officers the disturbance had been caused by an intoxicated fraternity brother who had become angry and was given a ride home. The fraternity was warned to keep the noise down.

Power outage strikes UMaine

Residence halls on the south and west sides of campus lost power from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Nov. 14, according to Tara Loomis, director of ResLife. Parts of Orono located on the same power grid also lost electricity.

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Faculty

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James McClymer posed a question about getting federal money to assist financially hurt universities such as UMaine.

"Ooh, a bailout," Hoff said.

Kennedy said there has been a request from the system level about getting part of the government's \$700 billion bailout, but that there hasn't been much receptivity from the people handing out the money.

Board of Trustees representative Robert Rice said the proposed budget for the next biennium is sitting at 4 percent more than this year.

"We've been told no way that that's going to happen," Rice said.

Rice also announced the implementation of a new campus violence policy defining procedures for on-campus reports and reports to the university of off-campus problems. The new policy is

an extension of the previous one.

Enrollment has decreased by 94 students to 11,818 and the system has sent the state a \$60 million bond request for building refurbishment and other things, which, if approved, will be sent to voters for final confirmation.

The University Environment Committee said it was meeting with Facilities Management to work with it regarding better energy-building on campus.

Wilde said undergraduate Student Government senators are willing to serve on Faculty Senate committees if faculty members want them.

The senate passed a motion to create the Program Creation and Reorganization Review Committee. The committee will review proposals for creation and reorganization of academic programs.

Tuition

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continues, tuition will rise because UMaine will get less money than it needs.

Students won't be left with the whole bill, according to the university.

"We get our fair share of the state appropriation, and if the state appropriation decreases, then we have to turn to tuition in order to balance our budget. But we never increase tuition to the level that would cover all of our costs, because we would then lose our students," said Claire Strickland, director of Budget and Business Services.

For the last four years, UMaine has been forced to decide how much to increase tuition each year, at the same time trying to decide how much that increase will deter students. The university looks at increases other land grant universities are considering and what has worked for UMaine in the past to decide where to cap tuition. Then the university tries to increase financial aid and marketing to out-of-state students while cutting parts of the budget to make up the difference, according to Strickland.

"We look at what all of our costs are for the next fiscal year including compensation, including student financial aid increases including library acquisition increases, energy, etc., and then we look at what the gap is between our projected revenues and our projected costs, and we try to peg tuition such that it isn't inordinately affecting students' ability to come back to school," Strickland said.

The resulting tuition increases, when combined with other revenue sources, leaves a neg-

ative gap between income and the university's costs, according to Strickland. UMaine uses that gap to determine what to cut from the budget.

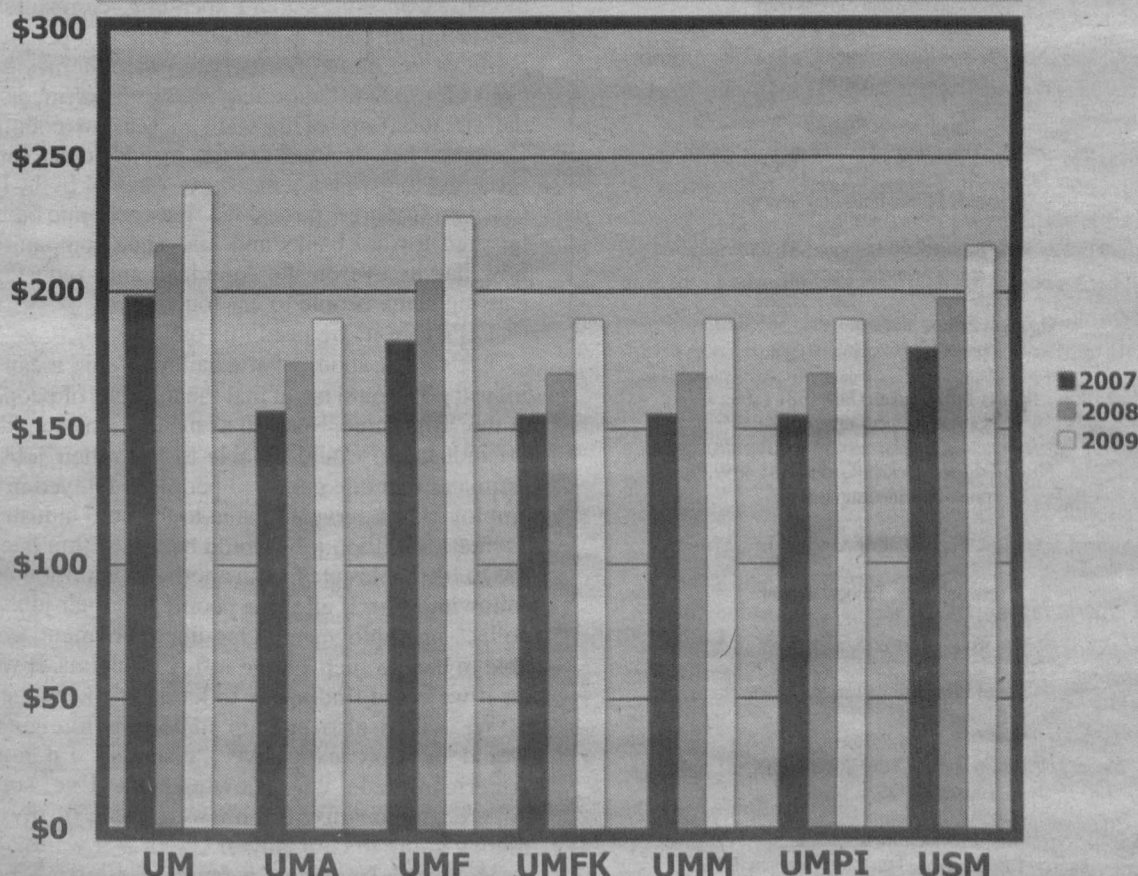
"The campus then needs to decide what it needs to give up — give up in positions, give up in operating budgets — in order to balance the budget, and that's where you see positions that have been eliminated and operating budgets that have been reduced," Strickland said.

UMaine's students, operations and visitors generated \$360.6 million in revenue during 2006, according to a university economic impact report. The money Maine puts into the university doesn't produce revenue that goes straight back to the state government, according to John Diamond, executive director of External Affairs. UMaine benefits the economy, but students should still expect tuition increases to coincide with state funding decreases.

"The distinction is that the economic impact of the university is not money that necessarily goes into the state general fund; it's money that flows through the economy, some of which comes back to the state in the form of sales tax or income tax, but a lot of it does not," Diamond said. "It supports business of all kinds; it helps pay local property taxes which are not part of the funding stream that the university receives — and a host of other purposes."

Most of the revenue UMaine produces comes from sales of sporting event tickets, food and returns from grants and state funding, according to Todd Gabe, professor of agricultural economics.

Tuition rates per credit hour for in-state undergraduates by school and fiscal year



The University of Maine's goal for tuition rates per credit hour for the 2010 fiscal year:
\$251 (tentative)

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UMaine students deliver to innovation tourney

The Issue: Global Innovative Tournament

What We Think: Student creativity brings attention to student innovation center.

Creativity is getting the attention it needs at UMaine. Innovators on campus were recognized Wednesday night for their initiative. More than a dozen students took part in the Global Innovation Tournament — turning everyday objects into something of value.

Their efforts have brought a positive attention to the Foster Student Innovation Center and proved that our students are motivated.

Participants had five days to turn a water bottle into a new and useful product and produce a 3-minute or shorter video about it. There was no funding for the project. Of the 55 schools and 12 countries participating in the tournament, the University of Maine was the only school in the state and one of few in New England to take part. That's not bad for a state school continually finding itself a victim of budget cuts.

We applaud the four teams that took part and encourage the three moving on to the global level of competition. Because of them, we can look forward to reusing plastic bottles as lifejackets and plant pots.

The Innovation Center has not received the attention it merits since its opening in Oct. 2008. The center provides assistance to students, faculty and staff in starting small businesses and working with new ideas and inventions.

It is nice to see students utilizing this facility and working creatively to become the entrepreneurs we will need in the future.

The above editorial is written by the editorial board, whose members are Nick McCrea, Mario Moretto, Zach Dionne, Heather Steeves, Dylan Riley, Jessica Fish, Rhiannon Sawtelle and Lisa Haberzettl.

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It's simple: our auto industry needs a bailout, and America needs our auto industry

News on the U.S. economy has worsened in the past few months. Consumers aren't spending, companies aren't hiring, unemployment is steadily rising and people are scared. Families are being ejected from their homes because they can't afford their ballooning mortgage payments. This is not the situation any of us want to see our country in. Now, Congress has decided to step in and inject funds into the economy to give it a jump start — again. In the beginning of October, Congress passed its first economic bailout package targeted toward banks and insurance companies. Congress now has its eye on the American auto industry, and that's causing some people to cry foul.

Let's face it: we need this bailout.

Let's think about what a bailout would mean for the auto industry. It would mean that the millions of people employed at the "Big Three," as well as the millions employed in spin-off industries, would be able to keep their jobs. GM alone estimates that one out of 10 people employed in the U.S. are employed in a service related to the auto industry. They also estimate 3 million jobs would be lost within one year if GM has to file bankruptcy, with another 2.5 million being lost the following year. If all these people lost their jobs, they would collect unemployment. Our unemployment system is not able to handle such a large influx of claims. It would be better if we could find a way to let people keep their jobs.

We would also end up importing foreign cars, which would be more expensive. Personally, I'd rather own an American-made car knowing that I've supported the American economy. I don't want more of my hard-earned money going to Germany or China — I want it to stay here.

However, I am not in favor of allowing Ford, GM or Chrysler to give their CEO's, who are clearly not the most responsible people, any kind of bonus. If the company wants to dip into its own personal savings, then go right ahead, but I do not want my children to have to repay loans that an executive used to go on vacation or buy a jet. These executives need to wake up and realize we are not willing to line

their wallets anymore. It wouldn't hurt them to have to live like the rest of us for a while.

For all of the skeptics out there who are saying they aren't in favor of a socialist government policy — this is not socialism. Injecting capital into the economy is merely Keynesian economics at work. Keynes' "General Theory," when simplified, states that during a recession people save less and spend more, so the government must make up for that decrease in spending by spending and investing more — which is what we have been doing. When the economy is back to normal, then we can stop the excess government spending. I'm not going to lie. I look at the size of the federal deficit and cringe because I know I'll have to pay some of that back, but it has to be done.

The auto industry hasn't made the wisest choices in the past few years. They have spent unwisely and aren't producing the types of high-mileage, quality cars that can compete with Toyota and Honda. If Congress passes this stimulus package and puts in place the right provisions such as no CEO/executive bonuses, developing new technology for cleaner cars, etc., we will be better off in the long run. It's similar to having a cold. You take that disgusting tasting cough syrup and eventually you feel better. This is a bitter pill for America to swallow, but it's an important step toward making our economy better.

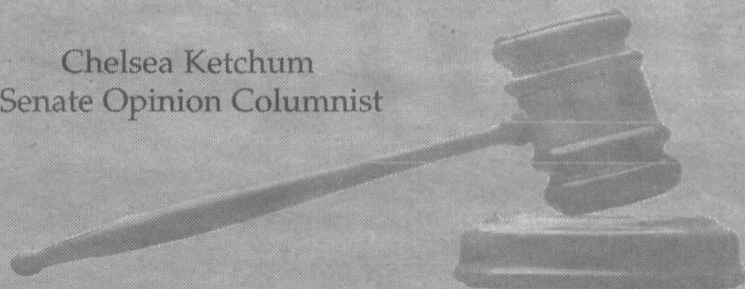
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Senate Beat

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Pres. hopefuls speak out

The candidates for student body president presented their platforms to the senate during the General Student Senate meeting on Tuesday. The first thing I thought as I read the agenda was, who are the candidates?

Frankly, I didn't get my answer from the Senate, or even most of the candidates in their speeches. This wasn't for lack of trying on my part; I went through the basic channels any student would think to go through. I went to the Student Government Web sites. They have two of them, and it isn't very clear which one they actually update, but there isn't a list of candidates on either one. Nor is there a list in any of their FirstClass folders. In the end, I got the names of the candidates after their speeches from another reporter.

The first presidential candidate to speak was Sen. Owen McCarthy, and from the way he addressed the senate, he was friends with many of the people there. His speech was informal, and mainly consisted of two buzzwords that have been plaguing the senate for the past couple of weeks: public transportation and library hours. He wants to institute a shuttle service from campus to downtown and Orchard Trails, running every half hour. I'm not quite sure how he plans to make this happen, but he really, really wants it. He also argued that library hours need to be extended earlier so students can print things for their 8 a.m. classes. He failed to mention the only people who could run the library that early are other students.

The next candidate was Sen. Robert Goodwin. He's a new senator, compared to the rest of the senate, because

he's only been there for a year. This made him sound more estranged from the people he was trying to reach out to than McCarthy. The planks of his platform didn't help him out any either, since it consisted mainly of reforming Student Government's image. That which wasn't based on reform was based on changing library hours.

These first two candidates sounded remarkably alike in their delivery. I was busy trying to pick apart slight differences in the short amount of time before the last candidate stood up to speak.

However, the moment he stood up, his charisma pretty much put the other two candidates out of the running for me. Gimbal Sankare was the only presidential candidate who opened with his name and qualifications, the only one with a prepared speech, and the only candidate who was even remotely worth paying attention to.

He's gone through some of the worst things a student can when his application for financial aid was rejected. Instead of abandoning school, he went into debt so he could continue helping the students he represented as the president of the Class of 2010. Unlike the other candidates, he seems to genuinely care about the issues that directly affect the student body. Best of all, he didn't mention library hours once.

So there are your candidates for student body president, as I saw them, presenting their platforms to the Senate. The candidates will debate in the FFA Room of Memorial Union on Monday, Nov. 24. They will be taking questions from students. Election day is Dec. 1, so save the date.



Jennifer Fortier

The post-election Thanksgiving and its implications on pie

We all know Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks. Whether the thanks is for a day spent with family or for the fact that time does not stand still and the day of hell must eventually end, that's your call. But a post-election Thanksgiving can suddenly mutate from a normal day of putting up with my uncles' banter to teetering dangerously on the edge of controlled insanity.

At the beginning of our family Thanksgivings, conversation covers normal topics — how all the kids are doing in school, who's gotten married or passed away in the last year — all the gentle stuff. After a few hours and platefuls of food, the conversation morphs into a laundry list of all the jokes my uncles have heard over the past year and saved just for the occasion. After eating a few pieces of pie and spending an hour lying prostrate on the couch, the night turns into a no-holds-barred contest of one-upmanship to see who can come up with the raunchiest, most un-P.C. joke. No subjects are withheld — their selections are racist, homophobic, sexist, 9/11-oriented, you name it — with extra points for utterly degrading anecdotes.

You might have guessed by now that the majority of my family members are elephant-riding Republicans. Our last post-election

Thanksgiving was focused on the glorious re-election of President Bush. It was my first time at the polls, and I was understandably peeved, having voted for Kerry. I spent most of the day sulking and filling the void in my soul with mashed potatoes. After this election, I can only imagine what they'll come up with this year. Hmmm ... we elected an African-American who's been accused of being a Muslim, whose name is one letter different from that of public enemy No. 1 and who may or may not have worked with "terrorist" Bill Ayers. Translation? Goldmine. I can also guarantee at least five references to Sarah Palin and what they'd all like to do to her in the Lincoln bedroom.

That being said, you cannot pick your family. I have to admit, when I'm not busy being completely offended, I find them hilarious. However, this year my battle may be more than I am capable of fighting. I dread the ridicule that will ensue when I reveal the political miracle I participated in this year. I just have to hope when I announce that I was able to convert both my mother and their own dear brother to the Obama cause, they'll still let me have pie.

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Brian Curry

Didn't vote for Obama? Get ready, it's gonna be bumpy

The balloons have fallen, the victory speeches have been made and now it is time to get down to business. Let's begin by cleaning house, shall we? We'll start with all those who opposed President-elect Barack Obama. I hate to say it, but this isn't winning any votes of confidence from me regarding the direction in which our country is bound to move.

On Tuesday, the Democratic caucus voted 42-13 against a resolution that condemned the statements made by Sen. Joe Lieberman during the 2008 bid for the Whitehouse. As a long-time friend of Sen. John McCain there was no surprise as to where Lieberman's loyalties resided. However, a witch hunt is afoot. Sen. Bernie Sanders implied that Lieberman's alliance with the Republican Party might undermine the country as a whole. "Appointing some to a major post who led the opposition to everything we are fighting for," said Sanders, "is not 'change we can believe in.'" What about the change we want?

We have recently seen a great shift of power in this country as a whole. Presumably the people have spoken, but there will be a need for a proper check-and-balance system to ensure both parties are heard and there is even control in the government. This balance is at risk of being lost.

This is pointedly clear with the attempted ousting of Lieberman from his positions in the Senate. If we allow our senators political control that would exclude anyone who doesn't agree with their views, then I am afraid that means government will not benefit the people. We have seen it in the past with the Roosevelt, Carter and Bush administrations. If there is a one-sided senate serving concurrently with the presidential administra-


tion, the voice of Joe the Plummer won't be heard — regardless of political affiliations.

A sense of doom is apparent in many on the conservative right. With many ideals that are so contrary to my own, I find it hard to put faith in a Democratic Senate to not only benefit me, but also to leave me alone. Now that this search has begun to shun the non-believers of the anointed one, what does that mean for me? I did not support President-elect Obama, but I have decided to reserve judgment regarding his capabilities until I see where we are headed. However, if a good senator like Lieberman is going to get the axe for his decisions, then what about the common man who chose something different? Is this to become the new status quo? Are we to shun, refuse and destroy anything that doesn't assimilate? I had a similar incident during the 2004 election. I was berated and asked not to post to a folder anymore because my choice in voting was too "republican" to fit their diversity mold. I don't find this kind of "citizenry" appropriate.

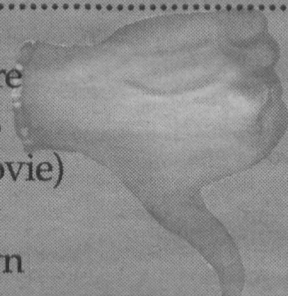
Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid made a statement to diffuse the impending witch hunt. "I defy anyone to be more angry than I was," he said in caucus on Tuesday. "Is this a time when we walk out of here and say, 'Boy, did we get even?'" Probably. But that is something that will never be uttered in public. The thick of it is that if you are not in the Obama class, then there is a fair chance you will not see the kind of representation you want. It's time to batten down the hatches folks, and pray for daylight. "Change we can believe in?" Indeed.

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The Maine Campus Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



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Style & Culture

O.A.R.

By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus

O.A.R. played to an energetic crowd Monday night, turning the University of Maine Field House into a concert hall. The band, often said to be at its best live, certainly lived up to its reputation.

Virginia Coalition opened to a small crowd that was pleased with their catchy beats and lyrics. The group from Alexandria, Va. performed eight songs, the most memorable being a cover of "Lean on Me," complete with booming crowd participation.

When O.A.R. appeared, the crowd had filled out and was ready. Starting off with the lead track from their July full-length release, "All Sides," the crowd quickly got into it.

Lead singer Marc Roberge gave the large venue an intimate feel by keeping a dialogue going with fans throughout the night. "What is Mine," "One Day" and "Living in the End" were some of the songs played from their most recent album.

This may have been the one fault with the show; although the band played crowd-pleasing favorites "Hey Girl" and "City on Down," they focused heavily on new material and left out some classics.

As the show progressed, the Field House took on the atmosphere of a lazy summer night. The lighting helped, transforming the ceiling of the venue into a replica of the night sky.

O.A.R. played a long set, closing with a duet between Roberge and Virginia Coalition's lead singer. After the electric "Poker, Poker," chants from the audience, the band returned to the stage and performed their current single, "Shattered," and a lengthy redux of "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker."

"This was my seventh time seeing them, and the concert keeps on getting better and better. The version they played of 'Hey Girl,' I heard at my first concert 3 years ago, so I love that they switch up the songs," said first-year student Madalyn Zielinski.

O.A.R. is known to encourage recording at their shows, with the promise that no two shows are the same. Their live song interpretations were the highlight of the show for many.

"The remix of 'Poker' at the end was awesome and was a great conclusion to a great show," said fourth-year student Rob Sampson.

The show, which had many fans singing along, featured smooth solos from saxophonist Jerry DePizzo and solid performances from drummer Chris Culos and guitarists Richard On and Benj Gershman.

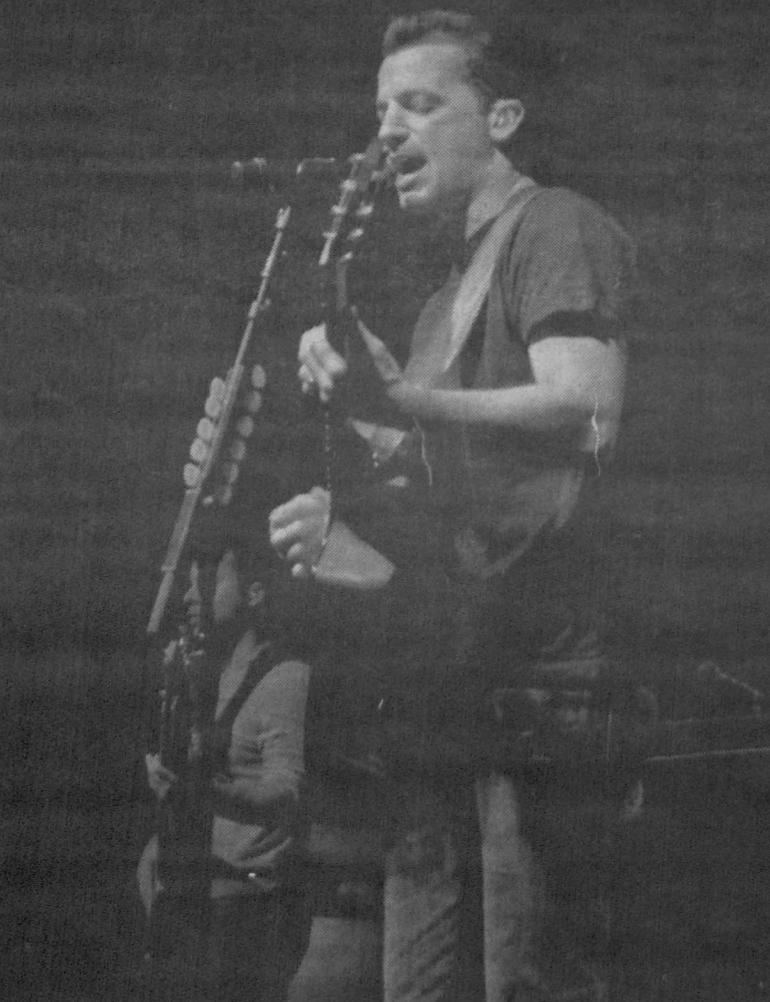
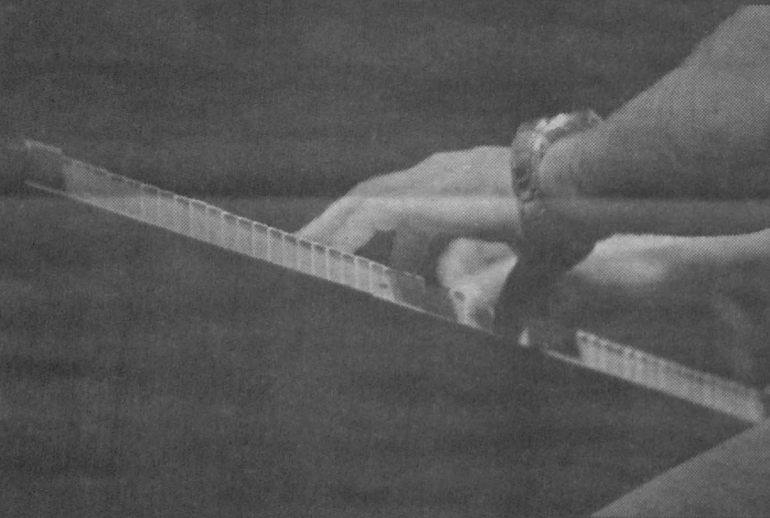
As the evening came to a conclusion, the fans all seemed to agree with Roberge when he ended the night with, "That was awesome, Maine."

Crowd of more than 2,500 treated to group's signature blend of reggae and jam rock

Gabrielle Nasberg ♦
The Maine Campus

Clockwise from top: O.A.R. performed in the Field House on Monday night; Benj Gershman of O.A.R.; Jerry DePizzo of O.A.R.; Marc Roberge of O.A.R.; Paul Ottinger of Virginia Coalition plays keyboard.

The Field House took on the atmosphere of a lazy summer night.



Memorial Union magic

Campus Crusade for Christ brings illusionist to Hauck

By Mario Moretto
Opinion Editor

Students filled Hauck Auditorium to capacity on Tuesday night — sitting for two hours, jaws dropped, wondering what just happened.

It wasn't the first time magician Jim Munroe — brought to the University of Maine by Campus Crusade for Christ to present his magic show, MAZE — received that response.

"I learned my first real magic trick when I was about 12 years old," Munroe said in an interview before the show. "I learned to make a spoon disappear. I knew it was good because my parents were like, 'What just happened?' instead of the response I had been getting, which was, 'Aww, that's great.'"

Munroe did street magic in Memorial Union and around the library throughout the day, spreading the word and building hype for his show. It worked — students lined up from the doors to Hauck

all the way to Union Central.

Show-goers were allowed into the auditorium about 20 minutes before 8 p.m., and seats filled almost immediately. The stage was set with a table at the center and a projection screen showing what could best be described as morphing Rorschach images. Funk and rock music played loudly through the speakers, creating a mystical atmosphere. Five minutes before the show started, a large countdown appeared on the screen and the music swelled.

The director of the MAZE Entertainment Group, Brad Fogerty, took stage first, telling the audience the MAZE's "job is simply this: to mess you up." He then introduced the man of the hour, Jim Munroe.

The magician took the stage and immediately brought two young women up from the crowd. Without saying a word, he performed his first mesmerizing illusion. After swallowing a rather long piece of string, he seemed to

be in pain. Lifting his shirt, he revealed the end of the string, protruding from the skin on his stomach.

Speaking for the first time in the show, he asked one of the women to hold the end of the string, but "not to pull, just pinch." Screaming in agony, he stepped backward and the string was pulled out of his stomach. A camera was trained on him the whole time, showing the audience in the back what was happening on the giant screen on stage. The crowd squealed, laughed and cheered with delight.

The climax of the show involved three audience volunteers, a phone book and a secret. One volunteer was given a rolled-up piece of paper and asked to hold it high. The key volunteer sat at the table and was given a phonebook. Munroe asked her to flip to the white pages, and asked an audience member to pick a number

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Student and football player Desmond Randall gets ready to pick a card from Jim Munroe's deck.

WMEB Spot

"Global Madness" with Rachel Hirsch

By Kegan Zema
Staff Reporter

deep in thought] my freshman year of high school.

Rachel Hirsch, a fourth-year women's studies and zoology student, hosts the weekly radio show "Global Madness," Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m.

MC: When did you first start doing your show, and how did you get involved with WMEB?

Hirsch: I have been doing my show since last spring. I wanted to get involved because I felt like Maine needed more global flavor.

MC: What countries or cultures do you focus your show on?

Hirsch: It's pretty much all over the place. I mean, I have a lot of Middle Eastern music, I have Indian music, Irish, Finnish, ... But I also have different genres from different places, like Nightwish. They are from Finland, but they sing in English, and they're a very popular metal group. And there are other bands I play that are relatively well-known as well, just to accommodate everybody.

MC: How did you first become interested in listening to music from other cultures?

Hirsch: I was [never] into the ordinary or what most people listen to. I'm from Chicago, so I grew up respecting world cultures, and it just stayed with me.

MC: How do you go about acquiring the music for your show?

Hirsch: A lot of it is my own collection, but I've had a few friends in the past that I've gotten music from, and I've always kept it.

MC: How long have you been listening to what you would qualify as global music?

Hirsch: Since ... [pauses,

MC: How do you believe culture and music are tied, and how is that portrayed on your show?

Hirsch: Every culture has stereotypes, so I try to get a variety. Some music breaks stereotypes of certain cultures, and I think since a lot of people have an interest in music — everybody has an interest in music — if they like something, perhaps they can go research more about that specific culture. Also, songs provide stories. Music is something to start with. Music can't cover every stereotype of cultures; it can't completely do everything. It's entertainment; it's something that can start something for people. I just hope [my show] helps open people's eyes and minds to different cultures.

MC: Do you ever focus on traditional or folk songs from certain areas, or is it mostly just the popular, modern music?

Hirsch: I do a combination of both. I've played some traditional Indian music, as well as Bollywood modern music.

MC: Why would someone want to listen to your show, apart from its cultural aspect?

Hirsch: I play various genres. I play some hip-hop, R&B. One [artist], her name is Mala Rodriguez; she's from Spain. She's becoming very popular over here, and she's very popular in Spain and Latin America.

MC: Have you ever traveled to any of the countries you play music from?

Hirsch: I have not done any traveling ... yet [laughs].

"Global Madness," part of the complete WMEB lineup, can be heard on 91.9 FM, online at wmeb.fm and on channel 20 of campus television.

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Gadget Review

By Zach Dionne
Style Editor

I'm driving to Boston. Alone. It's dark, and I have directions printed from Google Maps. My options are to turn on the dome light and try to read while navigating the notorious city conditions or to simply wing it and get terribly lost.

With the prospects grim, I turn on the LG Decoy and access the Verizon GPS. I type in the address I'm trying to find, and within an instant, the phone is talking to me — navigating me flawlessly, guiding me every time I make a wrong turn. I'm not alone anymore, and I'm not going to get lost anymore.

So I'm biased — this phone saved my life. Sort of.

Joking aside, the features Verizon and LG integrated into this slick slider phone are phenomenal. It's a great gadget for someone looking to keep things moderately simple — for the cell phone user not looking to upgrade to a full-keyboard phone like a BlackBerry or a piece of touch screen wizardry like an iPhone. It's reminiscent

of basic flat or flip-phone styles, with a few nifty twists.

LG's Decoy looks similar to the run-of-the-mill devices that have debuted and quickly become standard over the last few years — until you flip it over. The Decoy's big boast is it's the first phone to include a built-in wireless Bluetooth headset. It's a little bugger — under two inches vertically and about half an inch wide — that snaps in and out of the back of the phone, easy as pie.

Unfortunately the Bluetooth widget, despite high-quality sound and comfortability in the ear, sounds anywhere from annoying to awful from the opposite end of the conversation. I tried it driving on town roads, on the highway and sitting completely still in my house and was met with constant exasperation and occasional dropped calls. The headset syncs up with the phone quickly and is sinfully convenient, but it's just not refined enough for calls. The Bluetooth is viable for listening to music or having that lovely GPS lady chatter into your ear, though.

The phone itself is glossy as heck. Expect scratches and smudges aplenty with long-term use, and maybe cracks or breaks if great caution isn't taken. But the 2.2-inch display is nice, and the 2-megapixel camera takes sharper photos than the specs would suggest. While I'm not crazy about the joystick directional key, it's an acquired taste, and the rest of the buttons make for a smooth interface.

The Verizon VCast music and video offerings are a treat. Although songs are pricey at around \$1.99 — the library is pop-heavy and starving for obscure artists — it's not a vast stretch to splurge on a few favorite tunes to have on the go. The video section is fantastic, with full episodes, deleted scenes and clips of shows from more than 20 television networks. I was able to take the Decoy from the home screen to streaming clips of "The Office" in under one minute.

While browsing the Web on a phone can feel superfluous and irritating, it's doable with the

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CD REVIEW

Snow Patrol: A Hundred Million Suns

By Lisa Haberzettl
Head Copy Editor

With a combination of somewhat imaginative lyrics and a few catchy tunes, Snow Patrol's "A Hundred Million Suns" is decidedly OK.

The best part of owning "Million" is the insert booklet. For one, the album art is inspired — perhaps more inspired than the music — featuring photography of red, orange and yellow origami stars. Whoever designed the insert was kind enough to include song lyrics, which is always a plus.

Snow Patrol was smart to open with "If There's a Rocket Tie Me To It." It's one of the catchier tunes on the album, a status it achieves without repeating the same chorus lines five times. The track starts out slowly but picks up with the chorus, "A fire, a fire, you can only take what you can carry / A pulse, your pulse, it's the only thing I can remember."

"Take Back the City" is the next noteworthy piece. Another catchy, upbeat song, it has the potential to gain a slot on a "Cruising Around With the

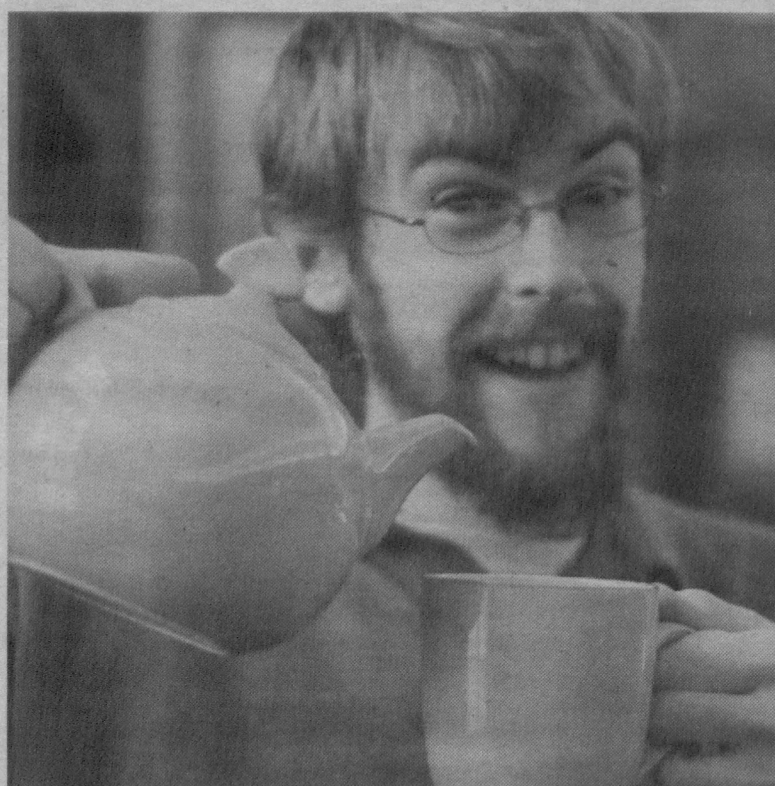
Windows Down" or "Night Out" play list. Its only — and major — flaw comes in its unnecessary repetition of the same three chorus stanzas.

After that, all songs pretty much drop off the radar of interest, with the exception of the last. Most tunes are monotonous and have the same relationship back stories: either they're breaking up, really in love, or breaking up in spite of being in love. Titles are also unimaginative and occasionally misleading, as is the case with "Set Down Your Glass," which is, sadly, not about drinking.

After all this mush of mediocrity, the saving grace for "A Hundred Million Suns" comes in "The Lightning Strike," a three-part, 16-minute song. The tunes are lulling, not boring. The lyrics are sweet and simple, not contrived. Its length and triadic construction are brave for a pop song.

Overall, "A Hundred Million Suns" isn't that bad. It's certainly not the worst album out this year. Unfortunately, there's nothing remarkable about it, either.

Grade: C



This week, the Tea-Totaler decided to get a little dangerous — to play with fire, even if in name only. Today we kick back with a pot of gunpowder green tea.

This style of tea is grown and processed primarily in China's Zhejiang Province, on the central coast, though there are also varieties from Taiwan (Formosa gunpowder)

and Sri Lanka (Ceylon gunpowder), and it could realistically be produced wherever green tea is grown.

Simply altering a step in the processing of the leaves creates gunpowder green tea. Typical green tea leaves are first allowed to dry, then are heat-treated, allowed to wilt further, roasted for four to five minutes in a swiftly moving pan, rolled into

By Jeff Hake Tea-Totaler

Playing with fire: Gunpowder green tea

loose balls — nowadays usually done mechanically, but at one time commonly rolled by hand or even with the feet — then roasted again and finally left to dry until the leaves have dulled to green.

The only difference with gunpowder teas is that, when the leaves are rolled, it is done more deliberately so that each individual leaf becomes a small, tight gray ball. This method is sometimes used for other kinds of teas, especially oolongs, because it dramatically increases the shelf life of the leaves. These kinds of teas may also be referred to as "gunpowder teas," but generally, this term is limited to green teas.

The appearance of these tightly-rolled, lead-colored leaves is similar to the early form of cannon or musket gunpowder, hence the unusual name. It is also sometimes called pearl tea for similar reasons, but this name can be ambiguous and misleading and is used less often.

Before learning this commonly accepted explanation, I thought "gunpowder" simply referred to the

flavor of the tea itself. Green tea is normally earthy tasting, with a medium to light flavor and green-yellow color. Gunpowder green is different.

I'm not sure if I have ever had a stronger kind of green tea. The taste is astringent hedges the boundary of bitterness, while the color is much darker with a greener hue. In addition, the tight rolling of the leaves produces very little leaf dust; the liquid is less cloudy than the typical green tea.

Nevertheless, the overall biting quality seemed ample reason to give it a violent name like "gunpowder," and it still connotes thoughts of an abnormally strong green tea. In addition to these qualities, gunpowder green is also high in minerals, containing vitamin C and a day's serving of flouride.

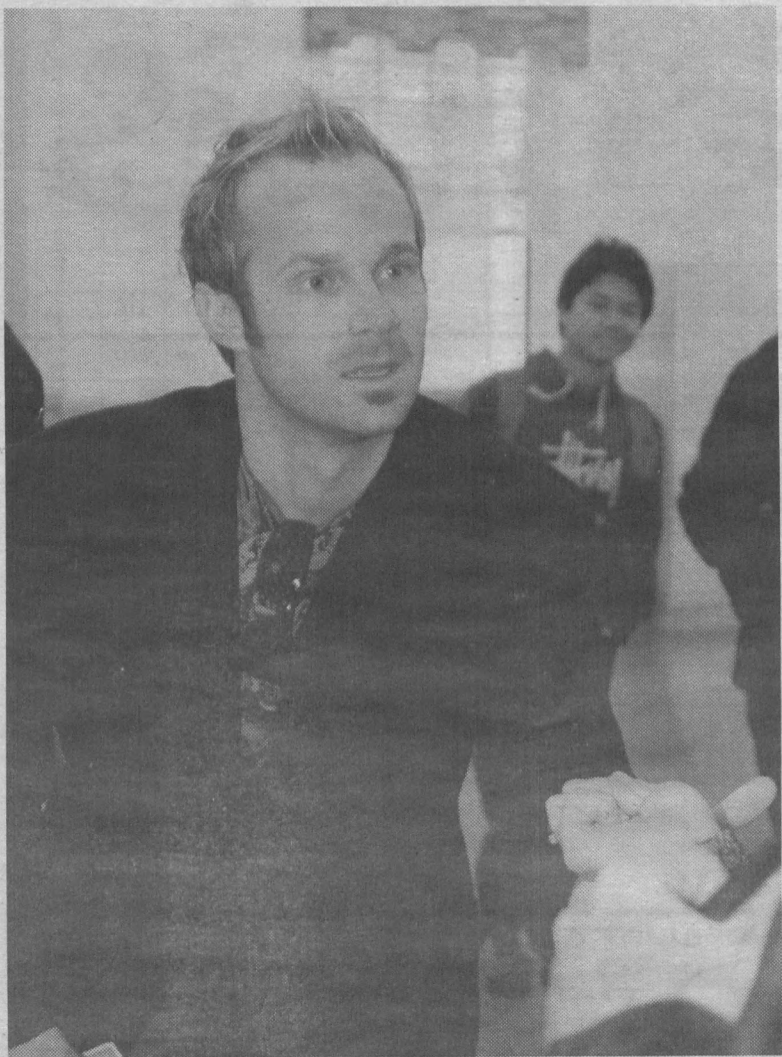
Gunpowder green should be brewed for 3 to 4 minutes, like most green teas. Because it is a very dense blend, one can use just one teaspoon of leaves per cup. The temperature of the water should be around 155-180 degrees, which, for

those of us without thermometers on our water boilers, is basically water which has been brought to a boil and then left to cool for one or two minutes.

The gunpowder green I am currently enjoying was bought at the Belfast Co-Op Store. It is recommended one look for shiny rolled leaves, which indicate the gunpowder green is fresh. Stores can get away with selling old varieties because of its long-shelf life, but it will not be as high quality. While I don't claim to have seen a large amount of this tea in my life, the blend I bought recently appears to be fairly shiny and only cost \$12.99 per pound.

This tea is usually recommended for drinking in the afternoon or evening, but I found it enjoyable even this morning as I wrote this column.

If you have a tea question you would like answered, or have any other comments, etc., please don't hesitate to write me at jeffrey.hake@umit.maine.edu. Thanks for reading!



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Jim Munroe stares into the eyes of Human Sexuality professor Sandy Caron while she holds tightly to a now-ripped 6 of spades. When she opened her hand, she revealed the card was whole again.

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between 25 and 229. The man chose 111. The volunteer with the phonebook flipped to that page, and Munroe seemed nervous.

Pensively asking the first volunteer to open the sheet of paper and reveal the phone number, the audience was shown it was incorrect. Munroe paced nervously, mumbling slightly. Irritated, he addressed the audience. "It's a free show guys, what do you expect? ... I feel like Michael Jackson at Toys 'R' Us right now."

The audience remained quiet, save for one man's shout of "We forgive you!" as Munroe walked to the table. He ripped the tablecloth off and threw the table forward onto the floor, revealing the correct phone number written in huge print on the table's top. The audience roared.

After a round of applause, Munroe sent the volunteers off stage and spoke with the audience. "We are going to take a five-minute intermission and here's why. It's not for you to get up and go to the bathroom. I'm going to talk to you about my world view — about what I believe to be true. ... I happen to be a Christian. If you feel like you're going to be offended by a Christian world view or whatever, I really thank you for coming to the show."

"The last thing I want people to think is that I'm like the guy who preaches about the homosexuals out in the quad or whatever. ... For those of you who do stick around, it's just getting interesting."

A few departed, but most stayed. After the intermission, Munroe came back on stage and did a trick involving guessing how much change an audience member's mother had on her, the answer being revealed over the audience member's cell phone, then moved on to his message.

"I travel all over the country, and I talk to a lot of students. I've dedicated my life to figuring out

deceptions. ... I'm a little bit of a professional on what it means to be deceived." He went on to say that "the biggest deception I think people fall into is 'being religious.' So many people are deceived about what it means to be religious."

Munroe's "Christian world view" was inclusive, and he railed against people who used "hellfire and brimstone" in attempt to spread their religious message. In an earlier interview he commented that what was needed in ministry was "conversation," which often couldn't happen because people were so intent on "conversion."

"The Christian church today is really judgmental — there isn't a lot of care. It's all, 'I'm right; you're wrong. You're going to hell; I'm going to heaven. If you want to be like me, come on.' I can't stand that."

After speaking with the audience for a few minutes, Munroe performed another trick. He put a huge black sack over his head, effectively blinding himself, and proceeded to dangerously stab a knife into a wooden surface upon which his hand was placed. Jabbing the blade quickly between his fingers, the crowd recoiled, anticipating the worst, but no blood was shed.

He addressed the crowd again: "People think Jesus said, 'if you want to follow me, then you must be a total jerk to everyone else.' Am I right? I'm not making this up. But all he said was, 'Follow me.'"

After leading a prayer with the crowd, some of whom bowed their heads, Munroe tied up a few loose ends with some show-spanning tricks — too complex to describe here — and took his leave.

Munroe succeeded in providing a thrill-packed night of illusion and deception.

"I think the honest reaction from the crowd is, 'I'm just happy to have seen something great,'" Munroe said in a post-show interview. "People are appreciative to meet a Christian who isn't really pushing anything."



Gadget

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Decoy. I purchased a Wikipedia application and approved heartily; while it's not the same experience as an Internet browser, the convenience of being able to wiki anything on the go is like a divine power. The Decoy's battery lasts for several days when used primarily as a phone; too much Web or GPS use drains the battery in hours.

The Decoy costs \$180 with a two-year service agreement with Verizon. If you're a casual cell person looking for a little more than an alarm clock and a calculator, but not ready to make the transition to a handheld faux laptop, give this gadget a try. **Grade: B+**



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Top 25 Albums for 11/20

1. **Electric Six** "Flashy"
2. **Japanese Motors** "Japanese Motors"
3. **XXTeens** "Welcome To Goon Island"
4. **Megazilla** "Please Please Sorry Thank You"
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6. **The Emeralds** "Love Is Rolling"
7. **TV On the Radio** "Dear Science"
8. **Marnie Stern** "This Is It..."
9. **Pretty & Nice** "Get Young"
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11. **Gang Gang Dance** "Saint Dymphna"
12. **Ryan Adams & The Cardinals** "Cardinology"
13. **The Postmarks** "By the Numbers"
14. **Savina Yannatou** "Songs of an Other"
15. **Metallica** "Death Magnetic"
16. **Tobacco** "F--ked Up Friends"
17. **Azeem** "Air Cartoons"
18. **Polysics** "We Ate the Machine"
19. **Dub Specialist** "Dub"
20. **Various** "Putamayo Presents: African Party"
21. **Inhale/Exhale** "I Swear.."
22. **Thievery Corporation** "Radio Retaliation"
23. **Various** "Johnny Cash Remixed"
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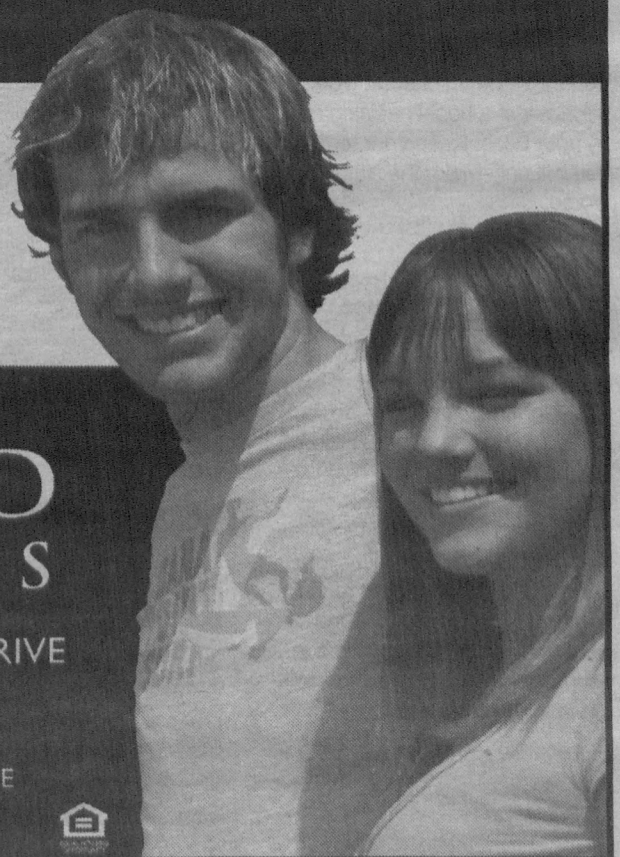
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Horoscopes

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Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You might have to leave on a trip that will prove to be costly. This trip could bring you satisfaction in your love life. You will have an unexpectedly good time with a group of people.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You might be disappointed by a person whom you used to trust. You should not feel discouraged, for you have many true friends. All is well in your love life.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

In the morning, you could feel confused and may face difficulties in social and financial departments.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

An older person will offer you the chance to join in a business partnership. Avoid making a decision without asking your loved one's opinion first.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You may feel stressed because of difficulties with one of your business partners. Postpone any major decisions regarding investments.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Today you might not be in the best physical or intellectual shape. Avoid taking risks, for your chances to succeed are rather thin.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Today you might meet a person who will win your heart at first sight. Don't rush, and don't make any decisions regarding your love life. You could make an irreversible mistake.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

A shortage of money might prevent you from leaving on a short trip. Your loved one will be upset with the situation. You might be unable to explain things convincingly.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You might be agitated at work because of a hasty decision made by your boss. Keep your temper or you will only make the situation worse.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

An older relative will lend you a major sum of money you asked for some time ago. In the afternoon, you might be offered a side job. Avoid making a hasty decision.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

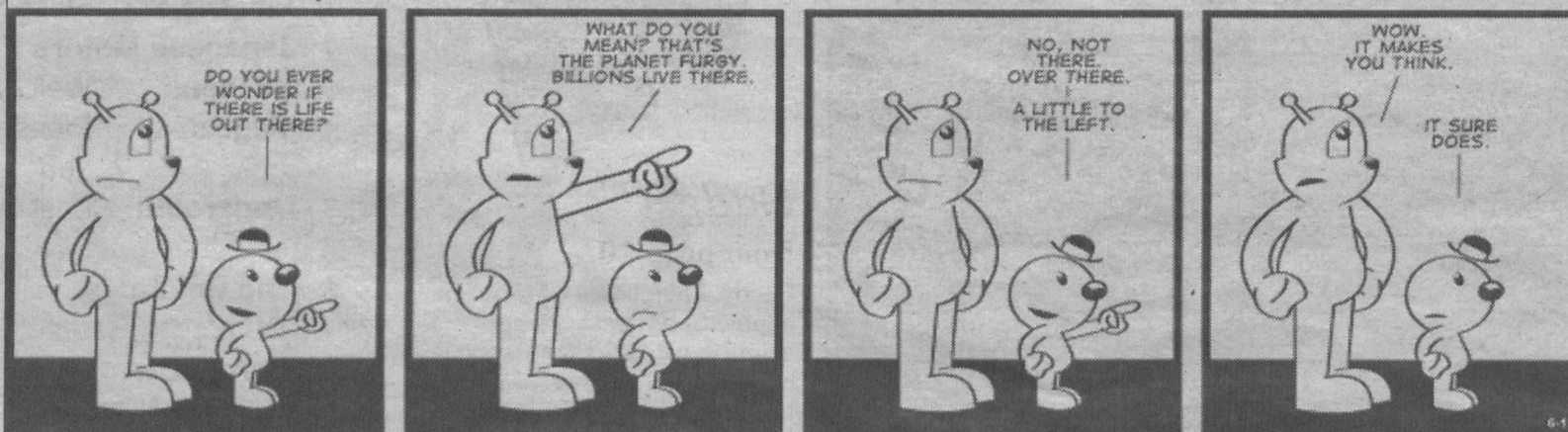
This morning you may feel your head is in the clouds and tend to neglect important matters. You may want to avoid getting involved in new activities, for you could easily make the wrong decisions.

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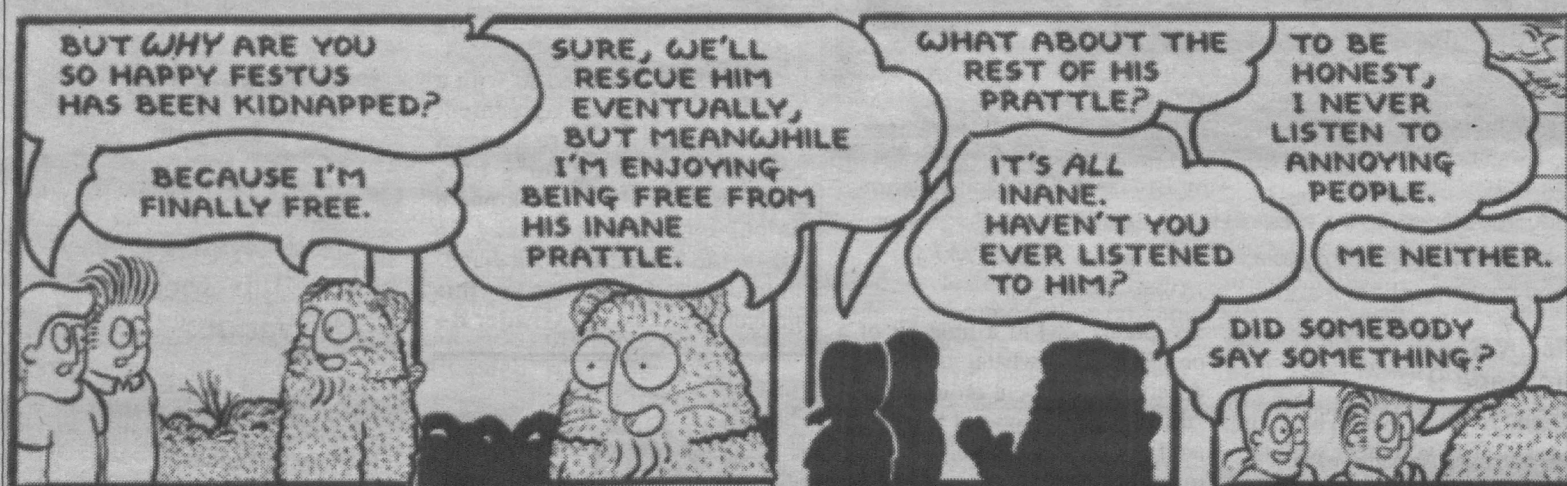
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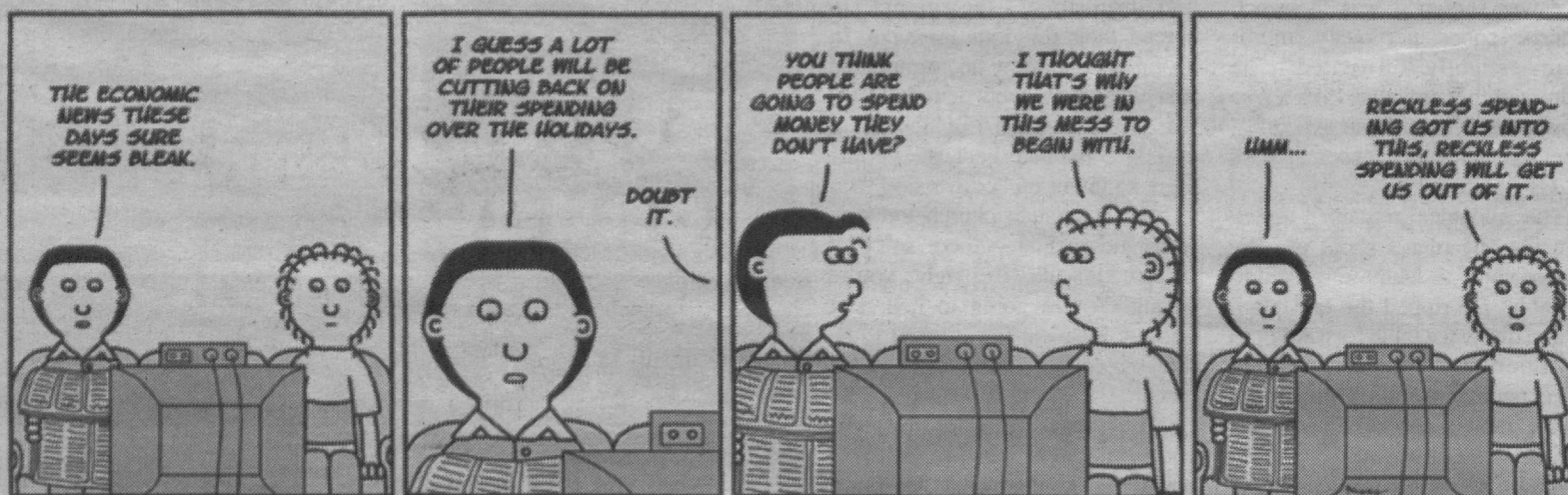
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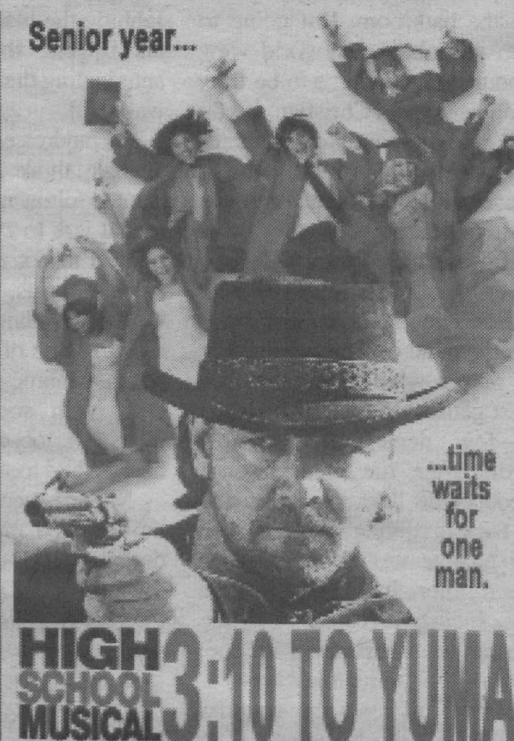
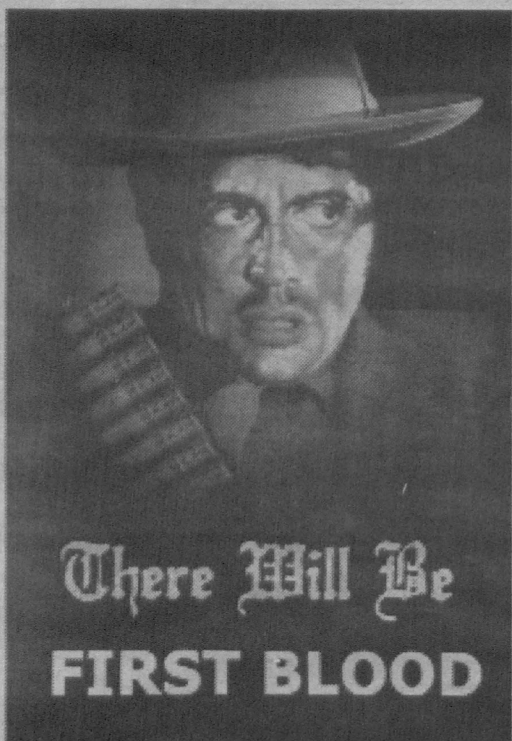
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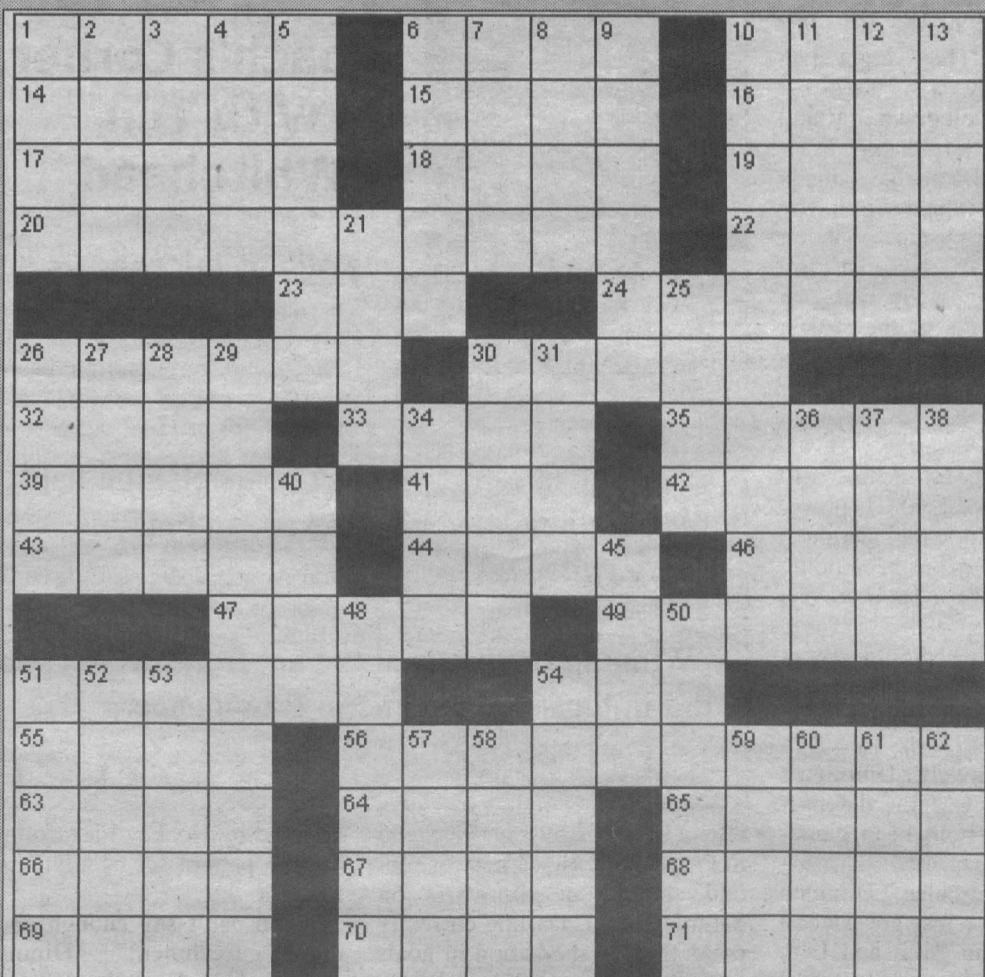
Now Playing

By Zach Dionne & Alicia Mullins



The Maine

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Sensational
6. Killed
10. Survey
14. Positive pole
15. Ocean motion
16. Operatic solo
17. Expression
18. Assistant
19. Flaccid
20. Compendium
22. Nile bird
23. Exist
24. Set ablaze
26. A type of porridge
30. Liberated
32. Distinctive flair
33. Joy
35. Mistake
39. Keen
41. Anger
42. Australian "bear"
43. Depart
44. Shopping center
46. Bearing
47. Model
49. Leopardlike cat
51. A usual practice
54. Black gunk
55. Dwarf buffalo
56. Promoting well-being
63. Counterfoil
64. Roasting appliance
65. Marsh plant
66. Cash drawer
67. "Your majesty"
68. Runs in neutral
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71. Beginnings of plants

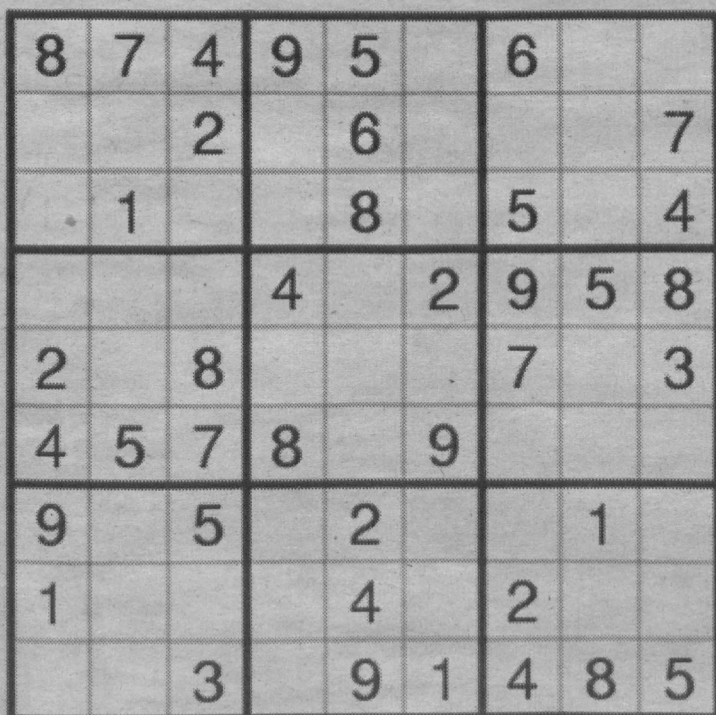
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1. Secular
2. Cancel
3. Agitate
4. False god
5. Abase
6. Condition
7. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
8. Cocoyam
9. Twerp
10. It's the same backwards as forwards
11. Small African antelope
12. Throttle
13. Oversight
21. Rugged rock
25. Nerd
26. Sense
27. Wings
28. Indian music
29. Unavoidable
30. Savage
31. Whirl
34. City in Peru
36. Train track
37. Margarine
38. Rave
40. Start over
45. A unit of bread

48. Raise in a relief
50. Emergency
51. Hindu social division
52. Up to a time
53. In Christianity, these go to heaven
54. Article of faith
57. Wickedness
58. A Roman emperor
59. Formally surrender
60. Doing nothing
61. Matured
62. Not more

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— Frank

Well Frank, I think this is tough. You guys have been together long enough to make an emotional attachment, and clearly she doesn't want you to go. Having said that, you obviously want to do what you want. You did well in letting her know your intentions, and I would stick by that. Relationships often involve some compromise, and because this is such a huge decision, the fact you want her to come with you shows your commitment. I would continue doing what you are doing and evaluate what is most important in your life. It is a hard decision, but sometimes that is life. If you love her then be with

her. I'm sure you can find a job closer. If you really want the job, go for it. Remember, you only live once.

Dear Advice Dude,

My parents recently told me they could no longer pay for my schooling because of the recent economic troubles. I have practically no money and don't know what to do for next year. I am graduating in 2010 and have just one year to go. Where do I find the money I need?

— Kayla

Times are certainly tough Kayla, but there are options. The FAFSA loan program is designed to help students and forms for those are available until the end of the 2009 school year. Also, banks will generally give loans to students, especially if you have decent credit. I would look into it with your parents and see if they can help you. They've helped pay for your schooling in the past, and maybe they can help you find outlets for you to pay for next year. Remember, most people are willing to help you if you are willing to put forth a little extra effort.

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7:30 p.m.
Hauck Auditorium
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Black Bear Men's Chorus and
Athena Consort fall show
Sunday, Nov. 23
2 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944
Hall
Free with MaineCard, \$6 public

FILM

Kickin' Flicks: "The Dark Knight"
Friday, Nov. 21
7:30 and 10 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union

FUN

Pub Mix: Slam poetry
Thursday, Nov. 20
8 p.m.
Bear's Den, Memorial Union

DANCE

Emerging dance works performance
Thursday, Nov. 20
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944
Hall

Contradance w/ special guest caller
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The Challenges of Creating
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Marijuana Collective" Doesn't Mean
You Just Come and Collect
Feat. Wendy Chapkis, USM professor
and author of "Dying to Get
High"
Thursday, Nov. 20
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
7 p.m.
Devino Auditorium, DPC

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Celebrities and Socialites:
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UM looks to extend five-game win streak

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

The last time the University of Maine men's hockey team won five consecutive games, they were opening the 2006-2007 season in which they made their 11th Frozen Four appearance.

The streak of seven wins posted by that memorable team could be matched this weekend if the Black Bears can earn their fourth weekend sweep in a row while hosting Merrimack College.

UMaine (6-3-0, 3-2-0 Hockey East) is currently in a three-way tie for fifth place in Hockey East with the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and the University of New Hampshire. Merrimack sits ninth, one spot above last-place Providence College, who the Black Bears took four points from last weekend.

Merrimack had a similar down season to the Black Bears last year, finishing at 12-18-4 (6-18-3 Hockey East), but graduated just one senior, who was not among their top performers.

The Warriors have shown signs of improvement in their first 10 games, taking defending national champion Boston College to overtime twice, but they bring a mediocre 3-5-2 (1-4-1 Hockey East) record into Orono after a 2-1 loss to the University of Vermont on Sunday.

The Black Bears expect Merrimack to present a challenge

similar to Providence, as a team searching for consistency and looking to gain some confidence by stealing a pair of wins from a quality team.

"Everyone's doing their jobs. Everyone's working really hard. But we're not going to take Merrimack lightly," UMaine freshman goalie Scott Darling said. "They tied BC this weekend, so it's another battle, and I think we're ready for it."

Men's Hockey

The offense is beginning to produce more consistently for the Black Bears, who scored three goals in each game in Providence. Forwards Gustav Nyquist, Tanner House and Brian Flynn form a line that has

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Scott Darling
Freshman Goalie
UMaine Hockey

accounted for 11 of 20 UMaine goals. Nyquist leads the team with five goals, three of which were scored in the most recent

pair of games.

"They've been a great line," sophomore defenseman Jeff Dimmen said. "They've got such good chemistry, and they just work it really well down low, and they get the puck in the net."

The Black Bears have made the most of lapses in discipline by opponents, scoring nine goals on the power play. Nyquist and House also scored the first two shorthanded goals of the season Saturday night. The Black Bears surrendered their first power-play goal in over 175 minutes in Friday's 3-2 win.

"I expect special teams will [be] huge this weekend — power play and penalty kill," Dimmen said. "Power play has been doing fairly well, so we'll see if we can keep it going."

Dimmen has shouldered a more significant role in his second year on the blue line along with classmates Josh Van Dyk and Mike Banwell. Dimmen's two goals lead UMaine defensemen and have both been game-winners.

"It's definitely nice," Dimmen said. "[Friday] I just got a good pass from Flynn. Him and Lem Randall made a couple good plays, and I was just lucky enough to get the puck on my stick. So it's definitely nice to be in a little more of a role this year."

Darling has started the past four games, and recently garnered the Pro Ambitions Hockey East Rookie of the Week honors



Coach's Corner with Tim Whitehead

Keys to success vs.
Merrimack

"Consistent effort each night — playing hard for 60 minutes, not letting up, and playing every shift."

"Winning the battle at the net front, which we did in the second game in Providence."

after a two-win, 59-save weekend in Providence. He earned his second shutout in six starts on Saturday night. Darling currently ranks third in the nation in goals against average (1.00) and save percentage (.961).

"Everything's going really good so far. I just really like how the game is played in college hockey," Darling said. "I think it works out for me."

Darling is the third UMaine freshman in three weeks to be

honored by Hockey East, following the pattern set by Flynn and Nyquist.

"You can't say enough about these freshmen," Dimmen praised. "Up front they've been scoring goals and playing great offense and defense. In the net Scotty has been playing unbelievable, and our defense has been stepping up huge."

The puck is set to drop for Friday and Saturday's games at 7 p.m. at Alford Arena.

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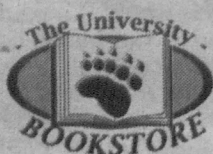
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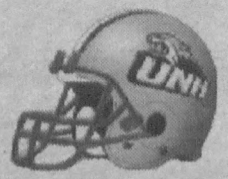


Caitlin DeVore ♦ The Maine Campus

David DeKastrozza turns to start the drill over as the hockey team prepares for their next series against Merrimack this weekend.



UMaine seeks to take back Brice-Cowell Musket from UNH



By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

In 2002, the University of Maine football team defeated the University of New Hampshire 31-14. That was the last time the Black Bears defeated the Wildcats and also the last time Jack Cosgrove's squad advanced to the Football Championship Series playoffs.

UMaine looks to follow in the footsteps of the 2002 team when they battle UNH at Alford Stadium on Saturday afternoon in the annual Battle for the Brice-Cowell Musket. The Colonial Athletic Association North Division crown and a possible playoff berth are both on the line.

After their sixth-straight win — a 37-7 throttling of the University of Rhode Island on Saturday — the No. 17 Black Bears now sit 8-3 overall and 5-2 in the CAA. UNH (8-2, 5-2) defeated the University of Massachusetts 52-21 over the weekend and are tied for first in the division with UMaine.

In recent years, Sean McDonnell's Wildcats have had their way with UMaine, winning five straight, including last year's 39-14 rout in Durham, N.H.

Despite UNH's domination over the past five years and all of the postseason implications associated with this rivalry game, Cosgrove has engrained in the

minds of the UMaine players one thing: winning back the Brice-Cowell Musket.

"Coach already explained to us not to worry about the playoff berth and the North Division championship," junior wide receiver Landis Williams said. "Just think about the Musket ... if we win this game, the rest of the things will handle themselves."

To win on Saturday, the Black Bears must contain an explosive, quick-strike offense led by sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman.

Stepping in for the graduated Ricky Santos, a former Walter Payton Award winner and All-American, Toman (193-for-281, 2483 yards, 25 touchdowns), leads the top offense (427.4 yards per game) in the CAA.

"I watched the film not too long ago, and he's got a rifle arm," senior linebacker Andrew Downey said. "It seems he picked up right where Ricky left off."

Toman's favorite targets include senior wide receiver Mike Boyle (53 receptions, 871 yards, 8 TD) and junior tight end Scott Sicko (39 rec., 469 yards, 7 TD).

Anchored by a solid offensive line, senior tailback Robert Simpson (124 carries, 665 yards, 6 TD) leads the running game.

Defensively, the Wildcats have been the team's Achilles' heel, often being bailed out by a high-

powered offense. This season, UNH has only surrendered 22.6 points per game and despite only recording 12 sacks, they make up for it by forcing turnovers. They rank first in the conference in takeaways with 31, while UMaine fol-

"Just think about the Musket ... if we win this game the rest of the things will handle themselves."

Landis Williams
Junior wide receiver
UMaine Football

lows with 26. Wildcat senior linebacker Matt Parent (81 tackles), the reigning CAA Defensive Player of the Week, leads the unit.

"I see their defense and our defense with a lot of similarities: high-motor, turnover-driven, pursuit to the ball and good tackling," Cosgrove said.

For UMaine, they will try to continue their recent success with the running game. Led by red-

shirt freshman H-back Jared Turcotte (90 car., 582 yards, 7 TD), who had three touchdowns on the ground against URI last weekend, the Black Bears hope to build on their six-game winning streak.

Junior Michael Brusko, a run-first quarterback, will be forced to throw the ball during the contest, as UNH will employ as many as eight or nine players in the box in an effort to stop the run.

Brusko, the most efficient passer in the CAA, has only thrown the ball 66 times since taking over for the injured Adam Farkes midway through the season. Brusko has only thrown one interception during that span and has thrown for seven touchdowns.

When Brusko throws the ball, he spreads it around, with junior wide receiver Landis Williams (20 rec., 294 yards, 5 TD) and sophomore wide receiver Tyrell Jones (21 rec., 334 yards, 4 TD), serving as the chief pass catchers on the outside. Turcotte (22 rec., 239 yards, 1 TD) and senior tailback

Jhamal Fluellen (14 rec., 98 yards, 1 TD) serve as the top targets out of the backfield.

Defensively, the "Black Hole" held their opponent to single digits for the third time in the last four games.

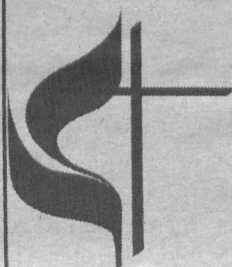
In order to be successful, the second-rated pass rush in the conference, led by senior defensive end Jovan Belcher (6.5 sacks), must put pressure on Toman.

Downey (75 tackles) and senior linebacker Sean Wasson (71) lead the contingent in the middle.

The secondary has matured nicely after some early-season injuries, with senior free safety Lamir Whetstone (5 interceptions) providing the leadership.

Saturday will also mark the last time the Black Bear seniors play at Alford Stadium, as it is Senior Day. With a loss, their careers will probably be over, but with a win they could extend their playing careers.

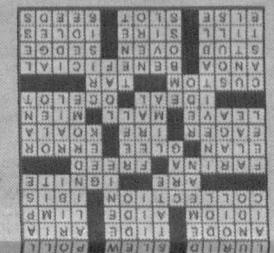
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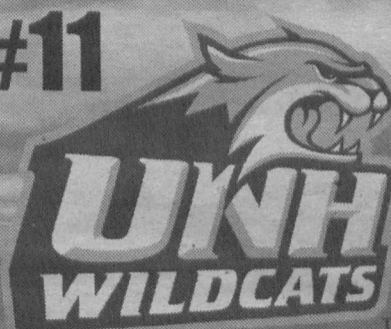
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Offense's worst nightmare

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

When Jovan Belcher is evaluated by NFL scouts they will knock him for his size, the competition he has faced and anything else they can focus their nit-picky eyes on.

That doesn't bother the senior defensive end, who has grown into the unquestioned leader of the University of Maine defense.

He went from barely being recruited out of high school to starting as a true freshman and contributing to one of the nation's top defenses at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level. After switching positions halfway through his career, Belcher has turned into an elite player in the FCS and has racked up numerous awards along the way.

The Black Bears' co-captain will hit the turf at Alford Stadium for one last time Saturday afternoon on Senior Day when No. 17 UMaine clashes with the No. 11 Wildcats of the University of New Hampshire in the "Battle for the Brice-Cowell Musket." The Colonial Athletic Association North Division Title will also be up for grabs, as well as a possible playoff berth.

Due to its remote location and lack of high-class facilities, UMaine is at a recruiting disadvantage, unlike most of the southern schools. Most top players in the Northeast don't even consider the Orono campus as an option, so coach Jack Cosgrove and his staff are faced with finding players who get overlooked, with Belcher being a prime example.

The 6-foot-2, 228-pounder didn't attract much interest out of high school and was more known for his prowess on the mat. He was a three-time All-American wrestler at West Babylon Senior High School in West Babylon, N.Y.

"He was lightly recruited, but was an impressive young man that had enough of the things you look for on tape that make you pay attention," Cosgrove recalled.

When Belcher first stepped on campus, the 16-year head coach knew he had something special. In a preseason scrimmage, he was listed as a third-string linebacker, but after such an impressive performance, he became the starting outside linebacker, a position he would not relinquish, using his intensity

to thrive.

"I get a little hostile," said Belcher of his on-field persona. "Once you step on that field, it's a totally different atmosphere."

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"Jeff Comissiong, who recruited him and who's now a [defensive] line coach at Boston College, said he was a special kid in the way that he handled himself," Cosgrove said. "A very polite, soft-spoken young man."

As a freshman and sophomore, Belcher anchored a solid line-backing corps, and after the graduation of All-American Matt King, he moved to defensive end to take advantage of his speed. It was a move that was difficult at first, but the 2008 CAA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year was willing to embrace the role.

"A football rule [is] you never really want to put your hand on the ground," Belcher said. "You always want to be standing up. [The transition] took a while because I jumped right into it, but I got more comfortable as the season went on."

In the final month of last season, Belcher burst onto the scene, garnering CAA Defensive Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks and sacking All-American quarterback Ricky Santos four times in the season finale at UNH.

With his great performance at UNH, Belcher finished the season leading the CAA in sacks (10.0) and tackles for loss (17.0), which was good enough for First Team All-CAA and Second Team All-American honors.

Heading into his senior season, Belcher received numerous accolades, including being a Buck Buchanan Award finalist, an award given to the top defensive player at the FCS level.

With the recognition, he has also been the direct focus of many teams when drawing up a game plan as he rarely sees one-on-one coverage.

"I've never seen more offenses worry about an individual than Jovan Belcher," said Cosgrove, who has coached current NFL players Stephen Cooper and Mike DeVito.

"It's frustrating," Belcher said. "You think you got one guy beat and you see two more coming at you."

Even though he is the focal point of the defense, Belcher has had a successful season. He ranks first among CAA defensive linemen in tackles (86) and is tied for second in sacks (6.5).

Belcher's high-end motor and relentless pursuit of the ball carrier — something that has carried over from his days as a wrestler — are his greatest attributes on defense.

"We have an expression around here: 'Play forever,'" Cosgrove said. "He epitomizes that."

Off the field, Belcher has career goals as well. The child development and family relations student is expected to graduate.

uate in December after just 3 1/2 years.

"I would like to work with young adolescents around the high school age that [have] gone down a bad road in life and guide them to better things with their life," Belcher said.

The NFL also is a dream of Belcher's, who will get a significant number of calls leading up to the draft this spring.

But first, the senior has his eyes set on the current prize at hand: the Brice-Cowell Musket. With a win against UNH Saturday, it will punch the Black Bears' ticket to the playoffs and serve as a storybook ending to Belcher's star-studded career.

"I want us to be national champions. I want to take this school to a place it's never been before."