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Stodder Hall is receiving a makeover to the back of the building. See story on page 2.

## Student pres. debate Monday

By Jessica Fish  
Assistant News Editor

Fair Elections Practices Commission Chair Tavian MacKinnon has selected local radio personalities Michael Maberry and Michael Moody to moderate the upcoming Student Government presidential debate.

Maberry and Moody are the voices on Late Night with Mike and Mike, a weekly program on WMEB.

"I'm honored to have this opportunity — I've never done anything like this before," Maberry said.

Maberry and Moody are junior history students who began the program last semester. They report on everything from local news to national politics — "anything that strikes us as funny,"

according to Maberry.

One regular feature of the program is an interview with a local student or faculty member. Previous guests include SG President James Lyons, Tobacco Free Campus Committee Co-Chair Lauri Sidelko and representatives from College Democrats and College Republicans.

"It's a good forum for these people to have conversations with our listeners," Moody said.

On Nov. 12, Maberry and Moody interviewed the three candidates for SG president.

MacKinnon cited their experience working with the candidates as one reason for their selection.

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## Coke "killers" on prowl at UM

By Aislinn Sarnacki  
Staff Reporter

Pepsi, Coca-Cola, A&W and Jones — all a part of the same carbonated family? Not according to Killer Coke, a campaign that has reached the University of Maine.

UMaine's 10-year contract with Coca-Cola will expire on June 30, 2009.

"Once Coke knows there's a movement at the University of Maine, they are going to make a lot of calls and do everything they can to keep Coke at the university," Killer Coke Director Ray Rogers said.

The Campaign Against Killer Coke began in April 2003.

The small organization spreads the message that Coca-Cola is involved in numerous unethical practices in several countries. The main goal is to encourage boycotts on Coca-Cola products.

"Lawsuits charge Coca-Cola bottlers in Columbia for contracting or otherwise directing paramilitary security forces that utilized extreme violence and murdered, tortured, unlawfully detained or otherwise silenced trade union leaders," Rogers said.

"We [Coca-Cola] categorically deny any of the allegations that have been made against the company, with respect to

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## ROC removes group's leader

12-0 vote forces Luke to leave due to missed responsibilities

By Heather Steeves  
News Editor

Residents on Campus' general assembly removed its president, Brighton Luke, from office on Monday after more than an hour of debate.

The resolution passed 12-0.

Jordan Schroder, a ROC executive, submitted the resolution after what former Vice President of ROC, Ross Wolland, said was weeks of debate among the executives.

Charges against Luke included missing two assembly meetings, not holding consistent office hours — which forced other executives to take on more work — not returning e-mails and not keeping strong bonds with other organizations.

*"Auxiliary Services was considering doing away with ROC all together, and doing away with the students' voice in activities."*

Christopher Freeman  
ROC representative

"Brighton missed two GA [general assembly] meetings. One there was a warning, the first one however, it was completely — there was no warning whatsoever. It was just Brighton just disappeared," Wolland said.

Luke spoke on the resolution before he was forced to leave the meeting. According to ROC representative from DTAV/Patch Joshua Lewis, Luke said his family issues were beyond his control, and it wasn't indicative of any long-standing problem he couldn't get over.

"Through his actions, he caused the relationships between ROC and other external organizations, administrators and leaders to deteriorate. Lack of punctuality, lack of reliability, lack of tactfulness caused this to happen," Wolland said. "It wasn't until just last week that Brighton secured office hours."

Lewis said the discussion took him by surprise.

"When that was brought up, at first we were all floored by it because we didn't understand why, because everything had been going on perfectly fine in our eyes," Lewis said. "... He [Wolland] asked Brighton to leave, and Brighton whispered to him, 'Do I have to?'"

ROC representative from Hart, Hancock and Oak, Christopher Freeman said. "It was a terrible situation to be the ROC reps in. I couldn't decipher the truth just from the stories I was hearing from Brighton and Ross. We [the general assembly] were not in a position to make that

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# Graduate students find their place

By Jesse Groening  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Graduate School is moving to newly renovated Stodder Hall in January 2009. This new location will hold administrative offices, graduate student housing and something that no other graduate school offers — a live-in faculty member for mentoring.

Stodder was home to Black Bear Catering and South Side Market. The 52-year-old building's \$2.4 million in renovations began early last summer and will finish in January.

Before renovations began, graduate students were asked what they wanted most in on-campus housing.

"They said they wanted flexible leases which would allow them to stay over the summer; they wanted more apartment-style living with kitchens, which would allow them to cook for themselves and, most importantly, a live-in faculty member, for everyday questions, explanations, help and advice," said Scott Delcourt, associate dean of the Graduate School.

Dylan Dryer, assistant professor of

English, will be the live-in faculty member. Dryer will hold editing and writing workshop sessions to help students with their papers and projects. He hopes to hold seminars and invite lecturers to speak to the graduate students about their fields. Dryer is going to be the in-between for feedback and advice between both students and faculty in the graduate studies department, Delcourt said.

"The Graduate School is thrilled to have someone to fulfill the desires that the graduate students wanted," Delcourt said.

In 2005, a committee was created to find money in the budget for a new location for graduate studies offices and on-campus graduate housing.

"The committee found Stodder Hall, which had newly available space on the first floor, from Black Bear Dining and South Side Market moving to Wells Conference Center," said Carolyn McDonough of Facilities Management and committee member. "Graduate students had previously been living in Estabrooke, which was far too expensive to renovate to fit the Graduate School's needs," McDonough said.

Tentatively named Stodder Graduate Studies, the faculty's first floor will feature eight offices for the graduate studies department: three large conference rooms, study lounges, a computer cluster equipped with graduate-specific software, a printer, and a photocopier, Graduate Student Government offices and storage room for expansion. It will also have two apartments for a faculty member and prospective graduate students.

The rooms will be 12-month lease singles, and each wing will have a kitchen and common room at the end of the hall, equipped with a stove, refrigerator and microwave. Across from the kitchen in the adjacent room will be a common room with a dining room table, couches and a television.

"The graduate studies department is meeting every need that graduate students wanted, to help make the Graduate School more of a community and more of a place that graduate students will want to live," Delcourt said.

The first floor will be MaineCard-accessible for graduate students who live on campus and for those who don't.

"We hope this will be the central spot for

graduate students when they are on campus, a place where they can feel at home and can get work done," Delcourt said.

"Stodder meets all the requirements. Space for administrative offices, handicapped accessible, big rooms that renovations could be made easily to, and visible from the road, which was a major selling point because the university highly values and likes to show off the graduate studies departments and all that it has to offer," Delcourt said.

UMaine's graduate studies program is the only one in the University of Maine System. It offers doctorates in 26 areas of study and more than 60 master's degree programs.

"The graduate program has 2,300 students and with the new facility creating a better sense of graduate community, we can foresee the number of students rising a great deal in the next few years," Delcourt said.

Eighty graduate students are already living in Stodder Hall, and graduate studies administrators hope to move in to their new offices in Stodder's first floor mid-spring semester.

## MaineCard office back online after delay

By Erin Thomas  
For The Maine Campus

MaineCard funds can now be accessed online, after an update that streamlined the deposit system and offered several new services to MaineCard users.

For a few years, this service was out of commission, and students were unable to keep record of their meal plans. The Web site is now up and running again, providing full service to students, parents, guardians and all University of Maine employees.

The Web site originally displayed the amount of Black Bear Bucks and dining funds account holders had.

"[The program is] running with many new, enhanced features," said Daniel Sturup, director of finance and administration for Auxiliary Services.

Sturup said the previous online office was taken down this past April, but new aspects make for a safer site. "Guests have access only to make deposits, but cardholders have full access to transactions and balances." The new services include monthly statements, automatic e-mails to warn of low balances and an easier way of depositing money into MaineCard accounts.

Ryan Labelle started using the original service in 2004. He said he used it on a daily basis and was able to keep track of how much money in dining funds he would have each day.

According to Labelle, it helped him keep a limit of spending \$5 a day. "[I] had only a few cents left by the end of the year," Labelle said.

Labelle said being able to access his account online was helpful, especially in the winter, where it saved him from walking to the union to check his balance every day at the MaineCard kiosks. He recalled the site being down for "at least three semesters," but he didn't make any verbal complaints.

Labelle now lives in Patch Hall and no longer uses Black Bear Dining facilities. He still deposits money into his Black Bear Bucks to do his laun-

dry, but he doesn't need to check the balance daily because the laundry swipe automatically displays it.

He said prior to MaineCard Online Office enhancements, the site wasn't directly connected to Blackboard. With recent updates and improvements, it should make checking balances and making deposits easier.

Black Bear Bucks can be used in several locations on campus and at select off-campus locations. On-campus locations include the University Bookstore, copiers at Fogler Library, printing in different departments, MaineBound rental fees, Collins Center for the Arts tickets, concessions at sporting events and, of course, laundry facilities.

Anyone interested in accessing his or her account online should visit [umaine.edu/mainecard/onlinecardoffice.htm](http://umaine.edu/mainecard/onlinecardoffice.htm) for more information.

**"Guests have access only to make deposits, but cardholders have full access to transactions and balances."**

Daniel Sturup  
Director of finance and  
administration for  
Auxiliary services

## Medical marijuana rights fight comes to UM

By Bryan Stackpole  
For The Maine Campus

Medical marijuana and the stereotypes it derails was the topic of the final Socialist and Marxist Studies Series lecture of the fall semester.

University of Southern Maine professor Wendy Chapkis discussed her experiences with garden growers who produced medical marijuana and how her perception of the drug has changed.

Chapkis, a professor of gender studies, said she decided to explore the topic after she found out her friend, Valerie Carrel, smoked marijuana to relieve the pain she endured from cancer. Chapkis initially shrugged it off, thinking it was an excuse.

"During these times [1980s and 1990s] everyone [in California] smoked marijuana. I thought [Carrel] was using [cancer] as an excuse to use [the drug]," Chapkis said.

A movement grew from word of mouth in Santa Cruz in early 1992, she said. It led Carrel to start an organization called Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, distributing it to those who

wanted it for pain relief.

Gay men helping the organization were some of the first to ask about marijuana for medical reasons to counteract HIV symptoms.

Chapkis said the movement grew from there and eventually became one of the only legal marijuana growing sites in the country. She said people who used marijuana for medical reasons weren't the people she expected — the elderly and those who were gravely ill.

She said many patients who seek this medication don't smoke the drug, but ingest it through baked goods or pills. This organization broke many stereotypes she had about the medical marijuana community, she said.

"I expected to see a bunch of people just sitting around smoking pot, but I

found people my age and older seeking medication through baked goods and other forms," Chapkis said.

Rev. Kevin Loring of the Temple for Advanced Enlightenment applauded Chapkis' work of helping raise awareness of the cause.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful book and an excellent discussion. She brings up a lot of excellent points that people really need to stop and think about when it comes down to it. The issue isn't punks out in alleyways causing crime because

they're smoking. This is old people that need our help, that we promised we would be there for," Loring said.

Chapkis said WAMM, a nonprofit organization, doesn't ask its members to pay for the product, some of whom help with the growing and harvesting if they desire. She said there are "free riders," or people who

come and collect, but the majority of the members help the organization.

She said hope may be on the horizon for medical marijuana. WAMM won a court case against the federal government in 2004, during which the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals banned federal action against WAMM and its users. Chapkis seems optimistic that the new presidency of Barack Obama may lead to more state control instead of federal, though she feels this might not happen because of the federal jobs tied to marijuana control.

"The DEA [Drug Enforcement Administration] has no purpose without the war on drugs," Chapkis said.

Some wished Chapkis had addressed other issues regarding this topic.

"I'm surprised she didn't actually address the legalization of marijuana. It seems like medical marijuana is going to be the catalyst toward legalization, which I think is a much trickier issue," Nabozny said.

The Marxist Studies Series will return next semester. The lectures are yet to be determined and will be decided in an early December meeting.

**"The DEA [Drug Enforcement Administration] has no purpose without the war on drugs."**

Wendy Chapkis  
UMF gender studies professor



# UM Table Tennis Club

## Serving up competition

By Rhiannon Sawtelle  
Features Editor

One small white ball and two paddles. The name sounds just like the action of the game: ping-pong. Officially called table tennis, the sport is alive and well in the world of competitive sports.

Fifteen University of Maine students can prove the sports following.

The UM Table Tennis Club has been at the university for two years and boasts a decent membership.

"There was a tremendous turnout for the first year," club founder David Hunter said.

Hunter began the group in the fall of 2006, his first semester at UMaine. He is now a third-year electrical engineering student. He organized similar groups in high school.

"I have played table tennis since I was about eight, and I have followed it very closely. It's incredibly fun, and it's given me the opportunity to meet a lot of people that have the same opinion," he said.

The group has 10 to 15 regular members. Up to 25 have participated at one time.

"It's way more exciting to play than other sports; there's always

action," team-member Jared Boyle said.

The club faced difficulties in its first year, dealing with space and equipment issues. With the new Student Recreation and Fitness Center, the club has been afforded much more playing time.

"The hardest part of starting it [the club] was finding enough tables and a place to play," Hunter said.

The club is becoming more official every year: They are recognized by Student Government and will seek final approval in the near future. The Student Recreation Center recognizes them as a sports club.

Team members hold a club meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Rec. Center. The group also has a ranking system so members can compete with each other outside of scheduled times. The system allows them to keep track of their progress.

As a club, they only play against each other competitively. To play against other schools, they

would need to be a part of the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association. There are no other schools in Maine that are a part of this group. This would make competition expensive.

Hunter plays competitively on his own time. Boyle has played in tournaments as well.

"I think as people come and play, they will realize how challenging and competitive table tennis can be. The U.S. is one of only a few countries that does not really think of table tennis as a legitimate sport. I think the only way to change that is exposure," Hunter said.

Hunter compared the lack of attention with the way soccer is received in the U.S.

Table tennis became an Olympic sport in 1988 and has rapidly picked up momentum in other countries.

The USA Table Tennis Association outlines the rules of the game in a four-page document titled "The Laws of Table Tennis."

The rules are technical in

matters of the table, net, service, point scoring and all other aspects of the sport. The game is a race to 11 points in either singles or doubles competitions — it is a far cry from the ping-pong played just for fun.

Hunter said although it is fine to call the sport ping-pong, table tennis is the preferred name for the competitive sport. Ping-pong is typically reserved for recreational play.

He encouraged others to look at it in this way as well.

"The goal is to provide a place for people to play table tennis, where they can learn the game, have fun and improve. Most people play at a recreational level and never realize that the sport is actually quite competitive," he said.

The club is comprised of an array of university students hailing from different majors, hometowns, states and countries.

"The group has a great time, and we are always looking for more people to come by," Hunter said.

"I just go to play [against] new people," Boyle said.

UM Table Tennis can be contacted on their folder on FirstClass, and all prospective participants are encouraged to contact the team's president, Kiet Thai.

*"It's way more exciting to play than other sports; there's always action."*

Jared Boyle  
UMaine Table Tennis Club



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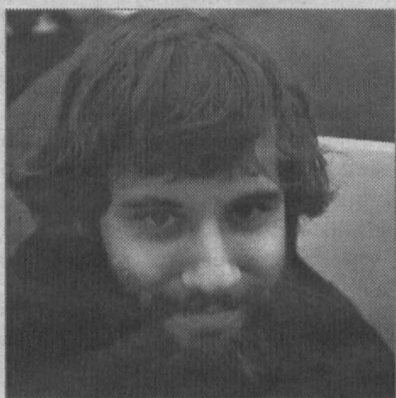
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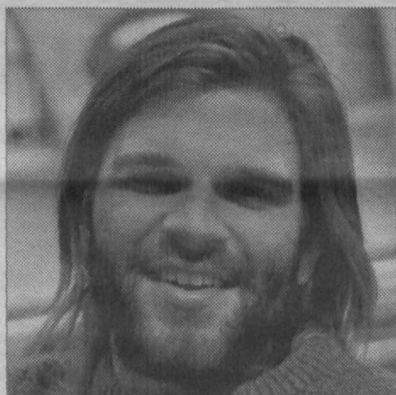
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## Lowering UM's power bill

By Ezra Juskewitch  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's electric bill reached \$5.9 million for the 2008-2009 school year, a figure students and the university can improve on with conservation habits and more efficient computer labs.

The problem has less to do with old light bulbs than it does with attitudes students have about their energy use, said Misa Saros, the UMaine sustainability coordinator.

"Many students feel that since they've paid for it through their tuition, they can use as much electricity as they want," Saros said, "but if you multiply the usage from a typical dorm room by all of the rooms on campus, you can account for approximately 5 percent of our total electric bill."

When asked if energy savings could translate into lower tuition costs, Saros said, "I don't see why students shouldn't be rewarded in some way for being more energy conscious."

The Student Recreation and Fitness Center was fitted with motion-controlled ambient lights, which prevent wasted electricity. Light bulbs and their controls are being upgraded every day to increase efficiency. Dormitories are now equipped with an "eco-rep," who helps reduce the building's economic impact.

These are steps UMaine uses to reduce energy costs, Saros said.

"We've been accustomed to cheap energy for a long

time. Learning new behaviors is what will really change the way we consume electricity," Saros said.

Saros recommends plugging personal electronics into a power strip and turning it off when it's not in use.

Ian Ferguson, an IT Department technician, believes "a lot of the labs should not be on all the time."

The university has computers that it almost never shuts down, Peg Kearney, the IT help center coordinator, said. "Sometimes it's necessary in managed system environments to leave computers running. They have to be updated regularly in order to protect them from viruses."

When a computer is off, it cannot receive vital upgrades. Dormant modes help keep the computers from draining electricity, but there is the potential to change the current desk-and-tower system to a more efficient hub-based one that will use less electricity.

Light bulbs are another area of concern. Switching incandescent and fluorescent lights on and off can reduce their life span; leaving them on is a more economic choice. Michael Swartz, a spokesperson for the Energy and Utilities manager's office said UMaine has "many energy management and sustainability projects underway — to reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions — and efficiency and conservation projects."

He said he intends to have most of these projects running by next year.

There are many ways students can reduce the amount of energy they use, such as unplugging an unneeded appliance or using the lights at certain times during the day.

## DSIS in late stages of phase out

By Sara Breau  
For The Maine Campus

Financial Aid is prepping for its spring MaineStreet integration, which will make WebDSIS officially obsolete. At the same time, some wonder why the older program is still here.

UMaine has not fully ditched DSIS because faculty and students use it for looking up their financial records, according to director of Student Records Tammy Light.

"I think MaineStreet is a lot easier and user-friendly," said second-year animal science student Benjamin Kenney. "It seems to be faster than DSIS and less complicated."

This thought seemed to resonate with some students around campus.

"I like the wish list and class sign-up procedure better how it is now," said Catherine Wright, a second-year biology student.

"Why we're keeping DSIS alive is we still need it to print transcripts, because we aren't able to do that on MaineStreet just yet. As soon as MaineStreet is capable of that function, believe me, I want DSIS to go away," Light said.

Habit and familiarity are also a factor in the slow departure of WebDSIS.

"We do have some faculty members who are late adopters of wanting to go in and maneuver

PeopleSoft. They like to use WebDSIS because they're familiar with it, so they aren't as excited about making the switch," Light said.

Personal records are now available to students on MaineStreet. UMaine faculty members, on the other hand, still find DSIS useful for tasks such as printing off transcripts for students and checking on financial history.

"Basically the only way a student can get their

'08 - '09 information on financial aid is on WebDSIS because financial aid isn't live in PeopleSoft until the '09 - '10 academic year. Financial aid is going to award next fall's financial aid using PeopleSoft. In March and April, they are going to make the awards for next year so they can be seen by the students on MaineStreet," said director of Financial Aid Peggy Crawford.

"All student financials did when they converted in July is to bring a student's balance forward. The entire history still has to be looked up on DSIS if they need to see it," Light said.

Student Records has seen a decrease in student visits and calls with questions about registering for classes, manipulating the system to see a class schedule, etc.

The phasing out of WebDSIS has been more than a 10-year process and has cost the UMS millions of dollars.

*"... believe me, I want DSIS to go away."*

Tammy Light  
Director of Student  
Records

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will be back Dec. 8.  
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## ROC from page 1

decision. We were not behind closed doors when everything was going bad, but they still expected us to remove the president of ROC."

Lewis said Luke felt "blind sided," and he stated that he could still do his job if given the chance.

Executives gave Luke the option to step down before the meeting. He "refused to," according to Lewis and Wolland.

"It was my preference to not have to make everything open and public about what had happened, because we did give Brighton a chance to resign, but he declined to take that opportunity, so that's why we brought it to the GA," Wolland said.

ROC minutes were limited to summarizing the situation as such: "There has been concern with the way the office has been held. We want to be more effective as an organization and have a better face on campus."

After the two missed general assembly meetings, the executives arranged another meeting to discuss the situation with the ROC adviser, AnneMarie Reed — which Luke missed, according to Lewis.

Auxiliary Services has some oversight over ROC. If Auxiliary Services lost faith in the group, it could potentially take powers, such as programming decisions, back.

"Auxiliary Services was considering doing away with ROC all together, and doing away with the students' voice in activities," Freeman said.

Wolland said he considers himself Luke's friend, and he didn't want this to happen.

"This is the last thing anybody wanted to happen," Wolland said. "If we didn't feel we needed to do this, we wouldn't have."

Luke could not be reached by press time. Attempts included e-mails, calls and attempted visits to his on-campus residence.

## Debate from page 1

"Many people said they handled the interview well and asked good questions." He said Maberry and Moody would be able to objectively ask questions and were comfortable doing live interviews.

"We like to keep it conversational on the show," Moody said. "I expect this to be more structured and formal."

MacKinnon said he met with the moderators Nov. 19 to establish guidelines for the debate. He wants to set up a "traditional" debate format, with time limits for candidates' responses and follow-up answers. He also wants to have a 15-minute time slot for audience members to ask questions.

Maberry and Moody said they plan to alternate turns asking questions of the candidates.

"I'm not nervous — we're live every week; now we just know who's going to be listening to us," Moody said.

"It helps that we know all these guys [pres-

idential candidates]. It should be a good atmosphere and a good level of comfort for everyone," Maberry said.

The debate will be held in the FFA room on Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. According to FEPC guidelines, the debate must take place no earlier than 5 p.m. In past years, the debate has been held in the North Pod, but MacKinnon said the heavy foot traffic during dinner hours can be distracting. He expects the debate to last about an hour.

Questions for the debate are the responsibility of the Debate Committee, which is supposed to consist of representatives from each of the main media channels at the University of Maine. Heather Steeves, representing The Maine Channel, and Mario Moretto, representing The Maine Campus, are the members of the debate committee. Students wishing to submit questions to the candidates to be considered for the debate should send their queries to any of the debate committee members via FirstClass.

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Baldacci cuts UMaine budget by \$5.3M

Board attempts to cap tuition rise at 6%

by Dylan Riley  
The University of Maine's undergraduate tuition per credit hour is set to rise no more than 6 percent next year, which - if successful - will make tuition \$261 per credit hour at UMaine, according to UMS Director of Budget and Financial Analysis Miriam White. Post the First Comment

## NEW DESIGN



## VODCASTS AND PODCASTS

## Faculty Senate discusses "major" jargon

by Dylan Riley  
The University of Maine's Faculty Senate on Tuesday discussed a controversial resolution about student tuition increases. The resolution calls for a 6 percent cap on tuition increases, but also includes language about cutting \$5.3 million from its current budget and whether it will mean increased student tuition. Post the First Comment

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## SG candidates

Student Senate candidates with sparse debate  
by Alex Leonard  
Student Government presidential and vice-presidential candidates presented their platforms at Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting. The

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## Paintball shooting

A paintball shooting on Nov. 20 at 6:48 p.m. is under investigation. A student was standing outside Cumberland Hall, facing Long Road, when he was shot in the shoulder by a paintball gun. It is uncertain whether the shot came from someone in a building or a bush outside. When officers patrolled the area, they could not locate the shooter. The matter is still under investigation.

## Elevators going nowhere

Police received a call at 1:56 a.m. regarding a student stuck in the Hancock elevator on Nov. 19. The Orono Fire Department responded and extricated the student. Fire fighters determined the elevator stopped working due to a power outage.

The fire department responded to construction workers stuck in an elevator at Aubert Hall on Nov. 19 at 6:17 a.m. The fire department was able to extricate the construction workers, and the elevator was repaired.

## False alarm

A power outage on the southern half of campus triggered a fire alarm in Fogler Library on Nov. 19 at 2 a.m. Orono Fire Department checked the building and verified that the alarm was activated by the power outage.

## Smooth criminal

A Fogler Library employee called the police at 12:15 p.m. on Nov. 19 when an alarm was set off. The employee said a subject triggered the anti-theft alarm while exiting the building and was wearing a green hat and a blue jacket. The subject didn't stop when the employee called after her and turned left out the door. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate her.

## Can't sing the blues now

A theft reported in Hilltop Parking Lot is still under investigation. After leaving his 2000 Dodge Intrepid from 5 p.m. on Nov. 16 to 6:55 p.m. on Nov. 18, the subject noticed his guitar was missing from the back seat. The car was believed to be locked. The Ibanez AEG10 acoustic-electric guitar is valued at \$200.

## Making art your own

The first floor of East Annex was vandalized on Nov. 19 with black paint. There was graffiti and a painting was defaced. The matter is under investigation.

## Scent, but no source

The scent of marijuana was reportedly coming from a tent outside the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center on Nov. 19 at 9:54 p.m. An officer came to the scene to find no one in the area, nor any scent of marijuana.

## Bike theft

A bike was stolen from a bike rack on the west side of Memorial Union on Nov. 19. The owner reported that he left his bike on the rack at 10 a.m., and it was gone when he returned at 12:45 p.m. The 10-speed, black Fuji bike is valued at \$250. The theft is still under investigation.

**Compiled by  
Melinda Hart  
Staff Reporter**



Photo courtesy of killercoke.org

Students of King's University College in Ontario, Canada protest against Coca-Cola and their abuses of Columbian laborers.

## Coke

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human rights and worker rights violations," said Diana Garza Ciarlante, a representative of Coca-Cola.

UMaine first-year journalism student Ken Keplinger became involved with Killer Coke last summer after reading an article in the New York Times on a 2006 lawsuit filed by the U.S. Workers of America on behalf of Columbian Coca-Cola plant employees.

"Nine people today they've killed since 1989 ... all union leaders," Keplinger said.

The campaign focuses on Coca-Cola's actions in Columbia, El Salvador, Mexico and India.

They have caused the company to be kicked off at least 52 U.S. college campuses, according to Rogers. Coca-Cola does not agree with this statistic.

"There are fewer than 10 schools who have chosen over the years to not renew the contracts, but that's just the cost of doing business ... We believe that what we are doing is the right thing to do and that we're behaving in a very ethical and moral way," Ciarlante said.

The removal of Coca-Cola products would include Dasani, Fanta, Minute Maid, Nestea, Odwalla, Powerade and Sprite.

"Students are the primary market for Coca-Cola. ... Coke says, 'We can get a student hooked on our product, and we have a customer for 60 years,'" Rogers said.

Keplinger's ultimate goal is to get Coca-Cola off the UMaine campus entirely. He would at least like UMaine to form a contract that allows other beverage companies on campus so students have a choice.

"Honestly, I just kinda like the taste of Coke better than Pepsi. ... I would say just redo the Coke contract because we already have the machines there. I don't see any advantages of choosing Pepsi over Coke," said UMaine junior history student Derek Jones.

"Coke is not a giver; they're an exploiter. ... They steal the identity of your university ... looking to turn out millions of Coke-heads from campuses each year," Rogers said.

Keplinger describes Killer Coke as a pro-union organization. At UMaine, he focuses on two main issues: the problem with Columbia union breaking and environmental degradation.

"I've never heard of Coke being accused of unethical business practices," Jones said.

Besides committing violence in Columbia, Rogers said the company has exploited scarce water resources in India and Mexico. The campaign's DVD documentary displays child labor in sugar cane

fields in El Salvador, allegedly owned by Coca-Cola, who denied these allegations in 2004.

"We don't disagree that being concerned for fair trade and fair labor practices is important. What we do disagree with is the use of the company's reputation and the company's brand in a way to bring attention to what otherwise is a very important issue," Ciarlante said.

"It's the company that has probably lied more than any company on the planet over the years. ... All I can say is that George Bush probably learned from them," Rogers said.

The organization ships out material to students such as leaflets, posters, DVDs, stickers and T-shirts. Rogers travels to speak at colleges when invited. He visited Beloit College in Wisconsin on Nov. 6 and Mount Holyoke College, in Massachusetts on Nov. 20.

"I have already made it very clear I would be excited to come to the University of Maine and talk. I don't care if you have 20 feet of snow," Rogers said.

Keplinger plans to petition the General Student Senate to pass an anti-Coca-Cola resolution. So far, approximately six students have e-mailed him to express interest in joining the campaign. Philosophy professor Doug Allen has invited him to speak at the Maine Peace Action Committee meeting on Nov. 25.

The Campaign Against Killer Coke DVD consists of three documentaries and will be added to the weekly MPAC Peace and Justice Film Series for the spring semester, according to Allen.

"I would challenge the Coca-Cola Company to send anybody ... I'll go head to head with anybody on this issue. ... I will answer any questions," Rogers said. Coca-Cola has issued a statement asserting they will not engage in any venue he's in, according to Rogers.

"We believe that what the two main judiciary committees ... and the most recent publicly reported assessment from the Ifo [Institute for Economic Research] proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that there's no truth behind any of these allegations," Ciarlante said.

The Killer Coke's Student Activation page provides a Campus Activation Packet and numerous links to anti-Coca-Cola school articles, reports, resolutions, pamphlets and letters.

To learn more, visit [killercoke.org](http://killercoke.org) and [thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/governance\\_ethics.html](http://thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/governance_ethics.html).

Keplinger hands out stickers and pamphlets in the Memorial Union in a Killer Coke T-shirt. All of the posters he placed around campus have been torn down. When asked if he will continue to put them up, he said, "Of course — again and again."



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## Fogler staff get creative with music video

**The Issue:** Fogler staff reaches out to students with online music video.

**What we think:** Why aren't more student services doing things like this?

Employees of the Raymond H. Fogler Library assembled a winning idea with the help of The Maine Channel and two talented student vocalists: record a music video outlining the library's resources and post it on the University of Maine's Web site.

Fogler — Maine's largest research library — can seem imposing to students both new and experienced. The musically-inclined staff was keen to tap into what the library's Web and public relations specialist Gretchen Gfeller calls "second nature" for college students.

For a generation familiar with streaming video — ranging from Facebook to YouTube and news sites — the project is an exceptionally accessible promotional tool. A formerly daunting library can now be humanized and put into perspective with several mouse clicks.

Student services across campus would be wise to follow the example set by Fogler's staff. Campus Activities Board initiated the News Flush program, putting weekly programming into bathroom stalls throughout the Memorial Union, but multimedia, "second nature" resources have huge potential. Perhaps the Student Innovation Center could create a Flash game to lure students to its terrific resources, or someone could create an "I Love Free Coffee from the Commuter Lounge" group on Facebook.

Regardless of the student services and the specific avenues they could take, new media and the Internet are abundant, untapped resources for informing and communicating with students.

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# Opinion

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Heather Steeves

## Student Gov. needs president willing to 'step out of the spotlight' and fix small things

After several student body presidents prematurely vacated their office faster than you can say, "resignation," the student body once again gets to choose its president. Now that we have the chance to pick, we must consider what we want.

I have been watching Student Government closely for a few years now both as a news reporter and editor. Through that time, I've watched many people walk in and out of that office in the Wade Center. Most of those presidents promised the big-ticket items: to fix parking, dining and housing.

Recently though, it became time for me — the news editor of The Maine Campus — to think of the "going out feature": the article I write at the end of each president's term stating who he is and what he did. I got to thinking and was stumped. I asked myself, "what has James Lyons done?" With no big answers coming to mind, I did what any snarky journalist would.

"James, what have you done for the student body?" I asked him as he sat innocently enough in his black, leather chair. He was a bit taken aback by my abrupt question.

He sat back and told me there wasn't one thing. By this he did not mean he didn't do anything, he meant he did several. "Like what? I need a list," I said in my usual, somewhat demanding tone. He started rattling off a good 30 items, including changing poor grammar in his organization's constitution. "Small stuff that makes a difference."

It got me thinking. What do I expect from my student body president? Priyanth Chandrasekar, for instance, was a great guy who promised to fix lighting problems on campus to make students feel safer. He mapped out the entire campus, pointing out dark spots, but what of any of his — or past president's — promises were fulfilled? Most presidents can't finish one term, never mind build a parking garage.

Maybe Lyons, who never ran for his seat, is on to something. Sure, it is difficult for me to make an impressive list of everything the guy has done, but he has helped everybody else in his office do their jobs more efficiently. He's the guy who is ripping tickets at the Dropkick concert and the guy who probably doesn't know the answer, but will talk to people and figure it out for you.

Instead of focusing on which candidate will get you to a parking spot faster, will help you get Pepsi on campus and hash out your roommate issues, maybe we should hold our student body president to different standards to have a cleaner, more efficient student government.

Right now, the organization is a bit of a mess (See: Sept. 22 Maine Campus article: "It's Complicated"), and it needs a leader who is willing to step out of the spotlight and glory to dig around and fix the small things that make a difference for the organizations and students on campus — even if it is just grammatical.

Heather Steeves is news editor for The Maine Campus.

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Owen McCarthy

## Sen. McCarthy for leadership and parking fix

A successful student body president possesses an array of skills. Not only does a successful president need to be friendly and charismatic, but also realistic and hard working. It is integral that the student body president is willing to fight for countless hours for student rights and to look beyond self-interest. I believe I am that person. In recent weeks, you have heard about what I want to do as student body president, but you have not heard about me.

Growing up in a blue-collar northern Maine family, I learned the value of hard work from my father. He frequently worked 15 hours a day, but he still persevered with enough energy to spend time with his family. This level of hard work, dedication and loyalty is the benchmark I try to measure up to every day. My mother taught me to care about others, never to make fun of the less fortunate and to remain humble even in times of accomplishment. When I make decisions in life, I base them on a high level of diligence, compassion and empathy.

The moment I set foot on campus, I challenged myself to meet as many people as possible. I wanted to be able to remember their names, majors and hometowns. Being able to greet someone with a warm smile and their name makes me happier than anything. This feeling inspired me to apply to become a student ambassador for the summer and fall following my first year. I worked with Team Maine as a student-ambassador, and together we ensured that each first-year student was equipped for success at the university we loved. This experience amplified the sense of pride I have for the University of Maine and the future possibilities of

the state's flagship university.

I have always believed numerous other people have more natural aptitude than me, and this is a fact I cannot control. However, I can control how hard I work toward attaining my goals. Day in and day out, I work as hard as I possibly can for my fraternity, my class, our university and myself. I am the president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, class agent for the class of 2010 and a senator from the College of Engineering. I plan to utilize the leadership skills and logical problem-solving skills I possess to our benefit.

The student body president does not have the power to solve the world's

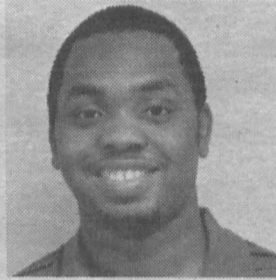
**Not only does a successful president need to be friendly and charismatic, but also realistic and hard working.**

economic crisis or promise everyone free tuition. What he or she can do is advocate for student services and rights. As student body president, I plan on asking the neces-

sary questions and working toward a united goal. I want to work toward making parking more convenient. I want to increase leadership opportunities and leadership development, as we all know it is important to diversify our skill set in tough economic times. I want to meet any challenges that arise for students with hard work and diligence. I hope you think long and hard about your vote for student body president. I want you to vote for the candidate who you know will not only welcome your issues with a sense of friendliness and charisma, but will be committed to excellence. I believe I exemplify all of these qualities and look forward to your vote on Dec. 1.

If you would like more information about me, please visit my Facebook group, "Owen McCarthy for Student Body President 2008."

*Owen McCarthy is running for student body president*



Gimbala Sankare

## Sankare for making tuition work for you

I write to you today as a student and a customer of this great institution. I have seen so many individuals come and go with ideas and plans to make the student life at this university worth our tuition and meet our standards of excellence. As students, we have the right to question and the right to judge. We have the right to choose better service and the right to make our beliefs and ideology the No. 1 priority.

At the end of last year, I told myself this academic year is my chance to get out of the public life and focus on me, spend time with myself. I began the year with an obstacle that could have kept me from coming back to school this year: I lost almost \$30,000 in financial aid, due to some irregularities while filing my aid papers.

I was left to make a decision to either leave UMaine and transfer back home to New York or stay here and take out loans to continue school. I am here, but I soon realized I was not the only one who had issues with financial aid this year. Some students were not as lucky as I was to be able to come back to school. As an institution, our No. 1 goal is to keep students coming back to continue their education and we need to exhaust every option out there to make sure this goal is met.

Meanwhile, it seemed as if all the student services at UMaine fell apart this year, from dining to housing, admission to parking passes and even the cable service in our rooms. I've had students come to me, as president of my class, for an explanation, and I could not make sense of it or explain it.

That is why I want to be student body president: not because I believe I am qualified for the position, but because I want to make sense of these changes. I want to advocate for every undergrad student who pays to go here, I want to be here for you and advocate for you.

My two most important goals are the Bridge Loan Program and the creating a Students' Rights Welfare Committee. As president, I will work closely with the university administration to see if we can build a program where the university will loan some money for the students who are caught in a financial predicament, so these students can continue with their education rather than sitting out. I will work with the university administration to create a committee that will oversee the rights of students. It will survey every student service the university provides at the beginning of the year and make sure it meets a requirement of operational excellence and student satisfaction.

I have advocated for many students and organizations throughout my career here at the university. I have been president of the Black Student Union, president of Oxford Hall, a Residents On Campus representative, president of Student Heritage Alliance Council and president of the Class of 2010. I have always put the rights and interests of my constituency first. I believe that you voting for me as president of the student body on Dec. 1 will give me tremendous resources to be here for you again.

Remember, I am here for you.

*Gimbala Sankare is running for student body president.*

**Student body presidential elections will be held Monday, Dec. 1.**

**There will be a presidential candidate debate Nov. 24 in the FFA Room of the Memorial Union at 5:30 p.m.**



Rob Goodwin

## Sen. Goodwin for clean, green UMaine

I am Rob Goodwin, and I am running for president of The University of Maine Student Government. My intentions for running for president are simple, and I hope students, administrators, the press, family and friends believe me when I say this.

I have been a senator in Student Government for more than a year and I feel that my positive, optimistic and passionate attitude can bring the university, Student Government and students together to overcome the great challenges that we are faced with at UMaine.

We, the students of the University of Maine, collectively have lots of power, but there is one thing we all need to do in order to harness that power. Every Student Activity Fee-paying student must vote on Dec. 1. This can be viewed as a meter of how much power we have. If 700 students vote, we have 700 points of power. If 5,000 students vote we have 5,000 points of power. Until this concept is understood, our power to encourage is nothing more than

any student meeting with an administrator to express their concerns. Please vote on Dec. 1.

I am an advocate for a cleaner, greener UMaine. This is an idea students and the university can agree upon. I challenge the more than 9,000 undergraduate students enrolled here to find a problem that cannot be solved by my simple "Cleaner, Greener UMaine" platform.

**Efficiency and sustainability should dominate every decision made by student government and the administration**

Efficiency and substantiality should dominate every decision made by Student Government and the administration. This was the reason we

scored a C on the College Substantiality Report Card this year when our hockey rivals, the University of New Hampshire and the University of Vermont scored A's. We can all strive harder to do much better.

I would appreciate your vote on Dec. 1, and I hope you all attend the debate in the FFA room at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24.

*Rob Goodwin is running for student body president.*

### The Maine Campus Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

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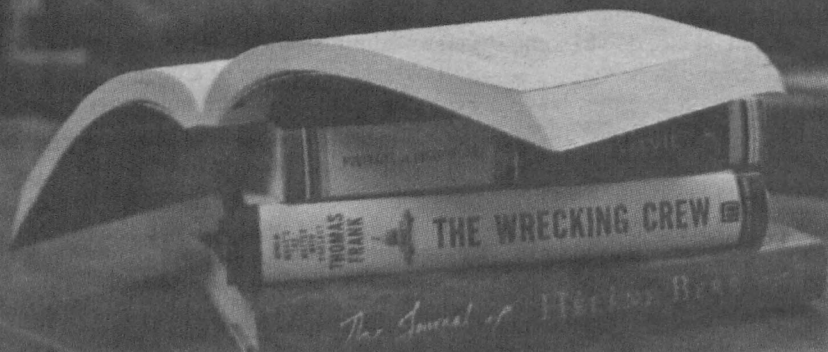


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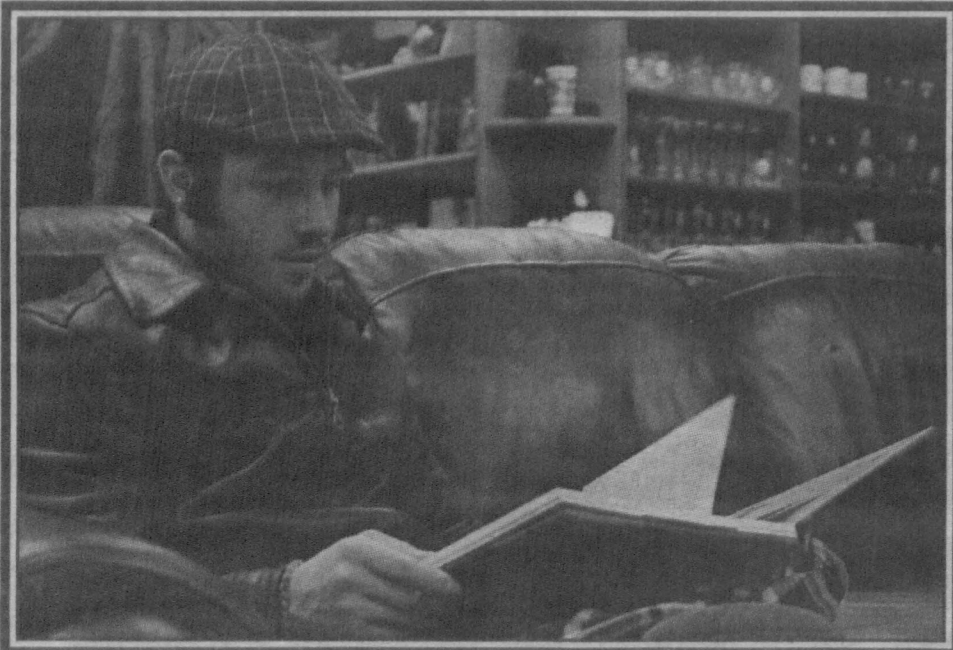
## The Bookstore Readers



By Spencer Morton  
Staff Reporter

*"There was a girl in here that read the entire ['Twilight'] series in one sitting. There's four books at 500 pages a piece."*

Rebekkah Martin  
Supervisor, Borders, Bangor



Reading books is hard-core. But are bookworms really that fanatical compared to the "World of Warcraft" junkie who persistently battles drowsiness and chronic back pain to achieve online greatness? Are serious readers as dedicated as the person who knows every actor in every movie ever made, ever?

Most definitely.

Gamers hunch over their keyboards in the confines of their rooms. Movie buffs drift into alternate realities in the darkness and comfort of a movie theater. So where do the book lovers find their haven? Bookstores are hotbeds for the devoted readers.

"We definitely have people in here all the time, reading full books," said Rebekkah Martin, supervisor at Borders bookstore in Bangor. "Especially in the winter — on a cold night, people will be in here for hours."

Comfortable chairs and benches are spread throughout Borders, mostly in quiet corners of the store, providing readers with suitable spots to indulge in their latest book choices. One chair is almost completely isolated — the "chair under the stairs" is like a cave, surrounded on three sides by bookcases.

"[It's] the hot-spot for someone who will be reading for a while. There always seems to be someone in that seat," Martin said.

There are a few reasons one might engage in hours of reading in a bookstore without ever actually buying the book, the most obvious being price. Why buy a \$20 book when you can read it in the store for free?

Cassandra Brown, a self-described "frequent offender" when it comes to reading entire books in the store, said, "This book ['Breaking Through to

Teens'] costs \$40. There's no way I can pay that; I'm a college student." She also said she enjoys the comfortable atmosphere at Borders.

Another reason for spending an afternoon in a bookstore is the tome itself. A book can be enthralling to the point where it's impossible to put down. "There was a girl in here that read the entire ['Twilight'] series of books in one sitting. There's like four of those books at 500 pages a piece," Martin said.

15-year-old Ashley Cross spends significant time at Borders reading graphic novels — specifically manga. "I come here after school like three days a week," Cross said. "Manga is so amazing. I love the artwork. I love the stories. I like reading the whole books here in the store, because it's fun."

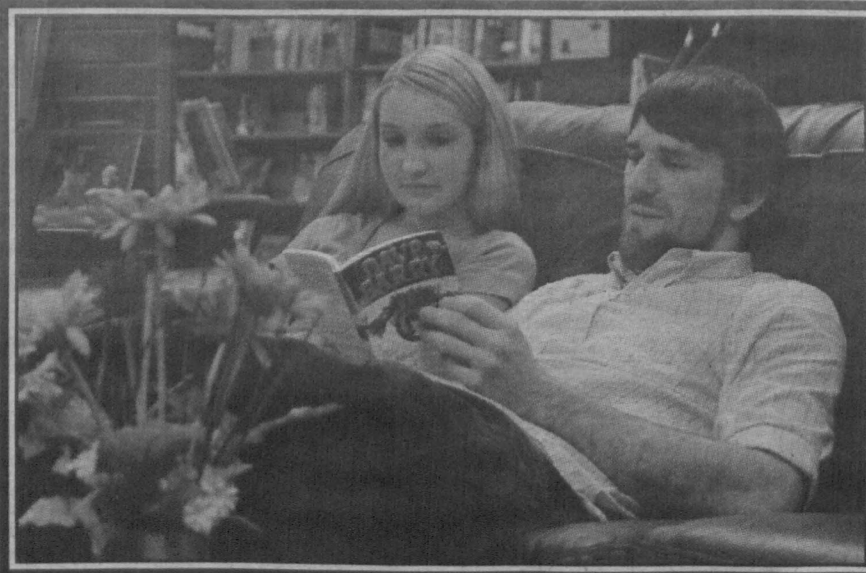
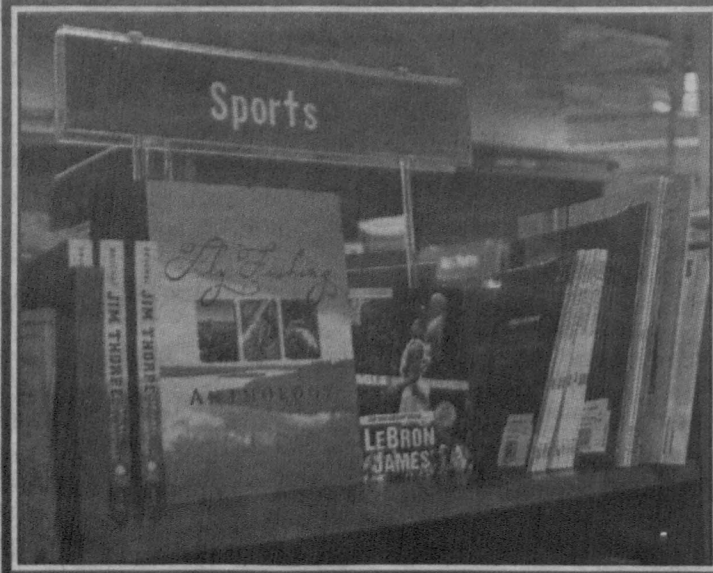
Borders has no policy about how long people can stay and read. As long as no one is destroying the book or disturbing other customers, people can read to their heart's desire. "It's mostly teenagers coming in after school and old people. We absolutely have a ton of regulars," said Alex Fenney, a Borders employee.

The University of Maine bookstore has the same policy. "Students can come in and read a textbook for as long as they want," said Connie Laughlin, floor supervisor. "We have kids in here doing homework all the time. It's a good alternative to buying the book."

The university bookstore is outfitted with couches and seats to provide students with a comfortable lounge area. Some students are so dedicated, they bypass comfort in order to get work done; Laughlin said many opt to sit in the aisles to read and do homework, sometimes for hours on end.

In terms of time committed to hobbies, bookworms are right up there with other media fanatics. Sitting in a bookstore for hours on end, day after day, shows an allegiance matched only by Paris Hilton's dedication to all things unintelligent.

So some lazy Saturday, grab a cup of coffee, head to a bookstore, find a nice long read and be a hardcore bookworm.



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Above, Jonathan Nason relaxes in comfort as he reads "Vampires" by Steve Bryant and Kyle Anderson in the University of Maine Bookstore. Bottom right, Matt Campbell and Sindi Jousse sit in the University of Maine Bookstore, spending time thumbing through "The Shepherd, the Angel, and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog" by Dave Barry.



# BOOK LOVERS' EDITION

## Fogler librarians 'tune' up their image Staff teams with students and The Maine Channel for music video

By Zach Dionne  
Style Editor

Scheduling a chat with Gretchen Gfeller at the University of Maine's Fogler Library isn't too tough — yet.

"Now that we're a rock band, you'll have to call our agent for the interview next semester," she said, laughing. She's referencing The Renewals, the library's newest way to connect with students.

Gfeller, the library's Web and public relations specialist, teamed up with a group of Fogler staff members, two students and The Maine Channel to create a music video promoting the library's easy-to-access resources. The finished product, titled "My Library," appeared on Fogler's Web page last week.

The age of YouTube and iTunes inspired Gfeller and company. "What if people could, like, download music about the library? Because we do tutorials and ... students come, and I think they're helpful, but they may not be the most fun thing all the time," she said. "But if we could get a message across by

using a medium that is like second nature and a lot of fun ... make a student smile, but also take away a possible impression of the library, to me, that's good for everybody."

Sophomore Erin Keim laments in the opening lyrics: "Oh woe is me, I have so many papers due / Where will I find the info that I need? / Is there a place where all my cares can disappear? / Where can I go and know that I'll succeed?" Faithful

friend Cassie Alley answers in song, showing her the way to Fogler Library, the first stop for academic remedies.

Sound cheesy? It is — in a charming, informative way. "We wanted it to be fun, funny," Gfeller said. "We wanted people to see things and laugh and play and look. But we also wanted it to be information about the library to be solid and open and helpful."

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Larry Corbett plays the fiddle in "My Library" by The Renewals.

## Book Review: "Just After Sunset"

UMaine's best-selling alumnus churns out fifth short fiction collection

By Zach Dionne  
Style Editor

Stephen King is wrongly deemed the master of horror and suspense on a daily basis. He's the master of storytelling — he spins a yarn capable of reeling in even the most ambivalent readers, like flies to disgusting, sticky strips of chemical tape in the kitchen.

In King's fifth short story collection, "Just After Sunset," the sights are set on obsession and madness. The narratives — mostly composed over a tight, two-year span — have themes in common, but are diversified with varying styles and viewpoints, as well as vastly differing scenarios and scenery.

Between the covers are 13 tales, ranging from bite-size 10-pagers to meaty near-novellas — three stories top 50 pages. Most of the plots begin like fortune cookies you can't quite tug the tricky shred of paper from; expect to be thrown mercilessly into situations, trying to grasp the issue at hand and asking, "Wait a minute, who are these crazy characters?"

The developments and payoffs tend to be straightforward — slick, sinister and sometimes sleazy — rather than grandiose in this particular collection. "Willa" is a grinning, prime example of one of King's seemingly bare-bones models, leading off the book and spinning toward a foreseeable conclusion that somehow resonates long after the last word. The same goes for "Graduation Afternoon," a simple premise with a climax horrifying in its gruesome American foreshadowing and play on the politics of fear.

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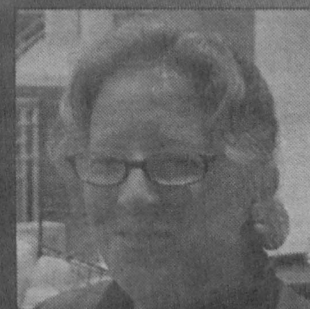
"I just finished  
'Dianetics' by L. Ron  
Hubbard."

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Sophomore forest  
ecosystems student



"The 'Don Camillo'  
series by Guareschi."

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Junior molecular and  
cellular biology  
student.



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Marketplace  
employee



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Miriam Rimkumas  
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student.



"'Nemesis' by Isaac  
Asimov."

Trevor Smith  
Physics grad student



# Gadget Review

By Nick McCrea  
Editor in Chief

My years of college courses have left me burned out. I have grown tired of turning over page after page of boring text. My eyes ache from hundreds of hours staring at tiny text-book fonts and computer screens. My back hurts from hundreds of pieces of paper held together by a hard, protective covering crammed into heavy backpacks. While I love books, they have ruined me physically and, to some extent, emotionally.

Amazon.com's Kindle could save me from falling into a more depleted state. I borrowed it for a couple days to see if it really was the answer to the problems of a medium existent since early printing and publishing began in 15th-century Europe. It's the best bit of technology I've seen since the iPod, and that got pretty popular from what I understand.

When I first laid my hands on the Kindle, it felt right. It's comfortable to hold and operate. A white plastic device about the size of a thin book — 7.5-inches tall, 5.3-inches wide, 0.7-inches thick. Weighing around 10 ounces — it feels similar to a paperback novel.

The Kindle's screen has received high praise for its "paper-like quality." I agree it's "paper-like," but in the beginning, it's a bit harder on the eyes. However, after an hour or so of adjustment, it grows on you.

Whether or not it's as easy as reading paper is debatable, but there is no doubt reading the Kindle screen is far less painful than reading a computer screen. Additionally, the screen is glare-resistant, making it easy to read in the sun or a brightly-lit office.

One of the few downsides of the Kindle is its keyboard; it's a major pain to operate. The buttons are exceptionally small and close together, meaning only the most precise surgeons and people with long fingernails could type a title without hitting the wrong key a half-dozen times. I managed to work around the Kindle's keyboard, using the scrolling device and the side buttons — which are also used to advance to the next page or return to previous ones — to navigate the menus and book and publication lists.

These lists expand daily. By connecting wirelessly to the Kindle Store, there is access to more than 190,000 books, 20 newspapers and 18 magazines — most of which download in under a minute. The Kindle can hold more than 200 titles.

What I love most about the Kindle is the potential it holds for students. Amazon is working on incorporating more textbooks into its store. The Kindle gives the reader the ability to bump up the size of the font, simplifying reading. The user can make notes and annotations on a page, or highlight pieces of text. Digital textbooks could

See **KINDLE** on page 14

## "TWILIGHT"



Photo courtesy IMDb

By Kaley Roberts  
Copy Editor

Preteens stampeding autograph sessions. Millions of dollars in revenue. Five hundred sold-out shows. It's official — "Twilight" has replaced the Jonas Brothers as this year's largest pop culture phenomenon and may be on its way to putting "Harry Potter" to shame. But is the magic of "Twilight" as bewitching on the silver screen as it is on the page?

It's the usual story of the good girl falling for the bad boy, although the 2005 novel gave the traditional plot enough individuality to gain a horde of loyal followers hoping for a film adaptation. Prayers answered, they gathered last weekend to watch "Twilight" come to life.

Bella (Kristen Stewart) is a clumsy, average teenage girl. In a time of family tumult, she moves to Forks, Wash., to live with her police chief father, Charlie (Billy Burke).

Always cloudy and raining,

Forks is the prime location for heartthrob vampire Edward (Robert Pattinson) and his family. Self-proclaimed "vegetarians" — they don't feed off humans but rather animals — the Cullen "kids" attend Forks High School in an attempt to blend in with the crowd. Edward has no trouble keeping to himself until Bella comes along. They are drawn to one another. Although everything that could go wrong does, the two find love amidst the bloodshed.

Cutting a novel down to fit the length of a film is a game of chance: cut too little and you're looking at a four-hour film; chop too much and you leave those unfamiliar with the book trying to figure out what the hell is going on. Screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg and director Catherine Hardwicke attempt to shove a 500-page book into a 120-minute film. Bad idea.

The film winds up feeling rushed. An additional half-hour would have left devoted fans delighted to spend more time with their favorite fictional friends,

while "Twilight" virgins would have left eager to dive headfirst into the book series.

"Twihards" will follow the plot every step of the way, but newcomers may be baffled by the speed Bella and Edward fall in love. Meyer devoted more than half the novel to the progression of their relationship, but on screen, the duo goes from strangers to soul mates before Bella has a chance to unpack. When Edward asks, "Do you know how long I've waited for you?", moviegoers will feel like responding with, "Eh, about 35 seconds."

While the raw material of "Twilight" is sans frills and beautiful in its simplicity, the film's special effects and editing teams got a little carried away. Where the super fast vampires go, tacky blurring and "whoosh" sounds follow. When Edward's luminous skin is exposed to sunlight — which isn't harmful in Stephanie Meyer's re-imagining of vampire folklore — twinkling Tinkerbell sounds reverberate. Sure, the series is supernatural in theme, but the cartoonish effects detract from what is at the heart of the film — heart itself. It's a love story and all the bells and whistles get annoying after a while.

The performances are hit and miss. Edward is described in the novels as nothing short of a Greek god physically, but quiet and broody in person. With the help of sexy music and a bit of slow-motion camera action, Pattinson successfully embodies Bella's beau.

His costar is less than successful bringing her character to the screen. Instead of bringing to life the shy, clumsy Bella fans love, Stewart transforms her into a bumbling, annoying mess. There are glimpses of the character readers expected to see throughout her performance, but unless Stewart learns to tone down her overacting by the time the next installment is filmed, glimpses are all audiences are ever going to see.

Grade: **C+**

Additional "Twilight" premiere reporting on page 13.

## Book Police

Reading is fun ... right?

By Zach Dionne  
Style Editor

I love reading, but I'm not so sure about everything that comes with it. I take Stephen King's mantra, "If you don't have the time to read, you don't have the tools to write," and try to apply it to journalism. If I don't have the time to read publications — if I struggle to get through a cotton-candy-light Entertainment Weekly in its titular timespan — how can I hope to write capably in the field?

So I decided to swear off fiction. My biggest love — along with writing, travel and music — kaput. I was going to drop one of my four basic food groups in favor of something more practical, but less enjoyable; I'd devote all my free reading time to magazines, Web sites and a few newspapers. I cringed at the thought

— I've been a champion of "everyone should always be reading a book" for a long time — but I felt I had to do it.

I backslid as much as I progressed. For every news story I read, a nearly untouched newspaper sits on my coffee table. Every magazine I buy to, a few more lay strewn about the house, taunting, "Seriously, you're not going to read me. Give up." More than half the compelling stories I click on stay in my Web browser for days, inundating my screen with tabs of stories I'll either read late or not at all.

Take this one National Geographic, for example. My parents' house has enough predominantly unread back-issues to build a fort in the living room (hey, maybe this journalism consumption problem is genetic?). Two years ago, in the fall of 2006, I found an issue with a cover story about the science of love. It fascinated me. I took the magazine with me to Orono, where it languished in my room. I may

have picked it up once or twice, sighed and not started reading it, but that was it.

Fast-forward two years. I read the first words of the story. Fast-forward two more months. I'm about to finish the story.

One of my journalism professors gave me the sound advice of keeping these troublesome publications in my bathroom. They'll get read there for sure!

Not so. Guess where that National Geographic has been sitting since August?

It stresses me out. I caved and started reading some fiction again — just short stories for now. I worry a novel would either suck me in and create more stress from less time for news, or I'd read a multi-hundred pager at a snail's pace and, once again, bug myself that I'm not keeping with the plot or enjoying the novel the way I should.

It makes me want to put all those unread newspapers at the bottom of my beloved, mostly unread book-

shelf and torch it all. And click the dozen little X's in my browser as the blaze kindles, forgetting everything I couldn't (or just didn't?) make time to read.

But then what? Start fresh? The problem doesn't come from a long back catalog to sift through; it comes from wanting to read everything I can and simultaneously feeling like I'm reading next to nothing. I scheme up game plans — start reading The Maine Campus cover to cover on Monday and Thursday afternoons, finish the two-week old Entertainment Weekly before the new issue each Saturday, lock myself in a room on a day when I'm able to secure a New York Times or my new Esquire comes.

Maybe I should just read what I can. Reading was once a joy and is a joy when I'm actually doing it. It's just the massing stacks, the compulsion to buy books that fall behind years and years of future reading — these things annoy me.





# Midnight premiere: "Twilight"

## Interview with the 'Fanpires'

By Kaley Roberts  
Copy Editor

Nationwide, more than 500 midnight showings of "Twilight" took place Friday, Nov. 21. Orono's own Spotlight Cinemas had two theaters filled nearly to capacity with fans waiting for the first look at the film phenomenon.

"We had 176 tickets sold [out of 201]. We usually hold out for the films we know are going to sell out or come close to selling out," said Jenny White, a Spotlight employee and senior microbiology student at the University of Maine.

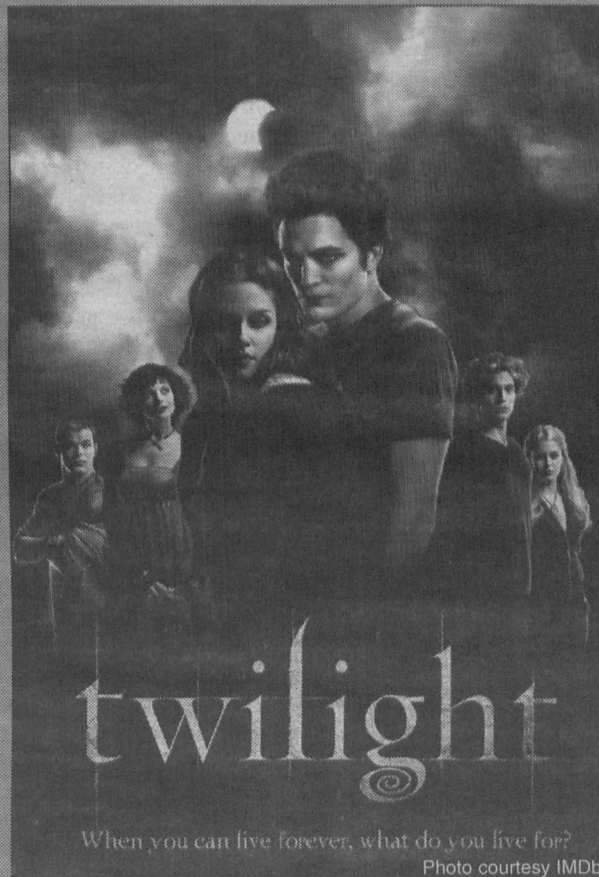
Female fans flocked in large numbers to the midnight show, with the occasional male enthusiast or surly boyfriend speckling the crowd.

Following the showing, moviegoers had mixed feelings about the flick.

"I ... enjoyed the books a lot. I kind of had good expectations and got disappointed in the middle [of the film] because there were a lot of slow parts. But the ending's good," said Sara Lauter, a first-year business student.

Unlike Lauter, junior education student Ashley Kerekes and first-year English student Sarah Lingo were prepared for a less-than-stellar show.

"I really enjoyed the movie ... I didn't have high expectations for it; I didn't think it would follow the book as well as it did ... but all in all, it was a really good movie," Kerekes said. "It was a lot better



When you can live forever, what do you live for?  
Photo courtesy IMDb

than I expected, and everything's really kind of how I pictured it."

Lingo was less positive about the outcome. "I had low expectations; thus, I liked it," she said.

The film's transition from print to screen was rough, and some filmgoers had a bone to pick with the cast and crew. Kerekes "didn't like who they picked for the actress as Bella [Kristen Stewart] and ... didn't really like who they picked for Jacob Black [Taylor Lautner] either."

Sophomore English student Cassandra Lueneburg felt the film "rushed a lot of parts," but was still better than she had expected.

Lauter offered a word of advice to those planning to see the film: "Don't bring your boyfriend; he'll die of boredom."

# OPEN HOUSE



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# MUSIC TO READ BY

*The Maine Campus Staff's Listening Choices*

Visit [mainecampus.com/podcasts](http://mainecampus.com/podcasts) for the StyleCast featuring these musical selections

### Mario Moretto, Opinion Editor

Red Sparrowes. Instrumental music is best because it's not as distracting as music with lyrics.

### Chelsea Cameron, Copy Editor

Muse. It's what I do homework to. I also like show tunes.

### Nick McCrea, Editor in Chief

BB King.

### Lisa Haberzettl, Head Copy Editor

Transiberian Orchestra.

### Zach Dionne, Style Editor

Explosions in the Sky and Rodrigo y Gabriela. I can listen to anything if I'm reading for pleasure – Swedish metal, instrumental, classical, soundtracks. Reggae is solid.

### Heather Steeves, News Editor

I like the hum of the political arena of CSPAN.

### Dylan Riley, Assistant News Editor

Music distracts me too much.

### Kaley Roberts, Copy Editor

Something classical. Puccini usually.

### Alicia Mullins, Production Manager

Yael Naim. I like listening to her French songs because the words don't distract me.

### David Dauphinee, Advertising Manager

Mainly movie and television scores. They tend to have a good deal of emotion in them. Thomas Newman and Michael Giacchino do some of the best.

### Amy Brooks, Assistant Photo Editor

Secondhand Serenade.

### Adam Clark, Sports Editor

I actually listen to a lot of 50 Cent.

### Andrew Catalina, Production Assistant

Air. It's not lyrical music.

### William P. Davis, Web Editor

Johannes Brahms.



# UMaine's literary treasure trove



Chris Pappas ♦ The Maine Campus

State of Maine tax documents trailing back to the 1800s.

By Kyle Kernan  
For The Maine Campus

Hidden in plain view at the University of Maine, there awaits a room of treasures.

Special Collections in Fogler

Library houses original Stephen King manuscripts, documents penned by Abraham Lincoln's first vice president, Hannibal Hamlin, and literary artifacts dating to the year 1515. Established in 1970, the department continually accumulates

material from Maine authors and works outlining the history of the state and university.

"You'll find manuscripts in their original form — no intervention of other authors have put a slant on it. Here you are seeing the originality of certain materials," said Brenda Steeves, who has worked in Special Collections for two years.

The collections are heavily used for research. "Students, faculty and staff all over the world come to use the Special Collections department," said Elaine Smith, employee of the section for seven years. Smith and Steeves both strive to obtain items about Mainers, by Mainers.

"Other universities maybe have special collections or a university archive, but here it's a grouping of the two," Steeves said.

The procedure for access to Special Collections is simple: Students sign in, leave their MaineCard as collateral and commence browsing. Permission and assistance are required to access certain resources.

The State of Maine collection includes bibliographic, historical and descriptive works on Maine as well as literary titles by Maine authors. This division also includes town reports, newspapers from various Maine communities and maps dating back hundreds of years. Special Collections is also a depository for things published by the state government as well as theses by UMaine students.

"The theses are used by researchers all over the world," Steeves said. The oldest thesis dates to 1876 and concerns proposed rotary engines.

UMaine's bestselling alumnus Stephen King is a jewel of Special

Collections. Many of his personal manuscripts are located deep within the archives. A simple phone call to his Bangor office could grant permission to see original prints of "The Shining," "The Stand" and other classics.

Pieces from the records of William S. Cohen, who served as a United States senator and Secretary of Defense, can be found in Special Collections, as well as the Clinton L. Cole Maritime history collection, established in 1936. Original documents by Hannibal Hamlin, Abraham Lincoln's first-term vice president, are held along with photographs and information from John F. Kennedy's visit to the University of Maine in October of 1963. Other collections include the archives of fraternities, sororities, senior skulls and the Maine Masque.

The historic map collection includes a map of the original layout of the campus done by Frederick Law Olmsted, architect and designer of Central Park in New York City.

Most materials are acquired through gifts or purchases. The department's director, Richard Hollinger, works to identify and work with rare book and manuscript dealers for valued pieces.

The department is currently focusing on expansion in works pertaining to Maine's forestry, logging, fishing and Native American histories. Most selections and books are out of print or too old to be taken out. One-of-a-kind books and older materials are secured in glass cases.

Special Collections is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.



## Kindle

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save students hundreds of dollars each semester.

The real setback of the Kindle, and the only one that has prevented me from snatching up one of my own, is the price tag. On Amazon, the Kindle sells for \$359 — about \$200 more than I'm willing to spend on anything at this point in my college career.

After the initial investment, the Kindle can potentially pay itself off quickly in the hands of a voracious reader. Most books in the Kindle Store run for \$9.99. Monthly subscriptions to newspapers range from \$9.99 to the lower teens, while magazine subscriptions will set you back just a couple dollars. If you're willing to use the Kindle extensively and take advantage of its large library, it is certainly worth the investment.

Grade: A

## King

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"Reality is a mystery ... and the everyday texture of things is the cloth we draw over it to mask its brightness and darkness," dictates a psychiatric patient in "N.," a centerpiece of the collection and the only story not previously published in a magazine or anthology. This is an unbreakable thread through King's catalogue, a pattern he holds true to in "Just After Sunset."

He paints characters and issues instantly recognizable and bitingly real, and relishes in placing these players on the brink of ordinary and supernatural. "Because under the right circumstances, anyone could end up anywhere, doing anything," sums up the narrator in "Rest Stop." Thus, 15 years after King buried a fellow alive inside an iconic automobile in the short story "Dolan's Cadillac," he challenges another to survive a claustrophobic fate in a tipped-over Port-A-Potty in "A Very Tight Place." Prepare to gag and shudder.

Although the collection may not be as timeless or fun as "Everything's Eventual" or "Skeleton Crew," it's a worthy contribution to the underfed, underrepresented short story genre. Many narratives pass in one satisfying session ("The Cat From Hell," "Harvey's Dream"), some entertain for multiple late-night reads ("The Gingerbread Girl," "Stationary Bike").

"I wrote this story for the same reason I have written so many rather unpleasant tales, Constant Reader," King writes of one tale in the enlightening notes in the back, "to pass on what frightens me to you."

Grade: A-

## Music

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With lines like "In the Oakes / You can drink lattes and Cokes / Take a break and just take time to socialize / Easily," the balance is reached with style.

The video features Keim and Alley on lead vocals, Gfeller on drums, and library employees Larry Corbett on fiddle, Kjerste Christensen on recorder, Albie Dunn on ukulele and Tom Jones on keyboard. "These guys that play the musicians are really good. Because a lot of people think it's sort of faked, but it isn't. They really, really know how to play," Gfeller said.

The Renewals saw the opportunity as an avenue to tap into new media to reach out to students. "We're always trying to find different ways to connect with students ... [and] move away from any stereotypes they might have that we're not open and friendly," Gfeller said.

Jones, likely the most experienced musician of the group, having performed "on a riverboat for a number of years," according to Gfeller, did a "rough sketch-out" of the lyrics before the members met as a group. They then began piecing together how to repre-

sent the many sections of Maine's largest research library, working "very much like any musical group," she said.

"My Library" was originally intended to modify a "more up-to-date, well-known tune and immediately ran into copyright issues." The talented crew ended up combining older, non-copyrighted cuts from the 1920s and '30s, as well as a chunk of Irish folk ballad "Danny Boy." The final product is a catchy, upbeat, show tune.

"I ... said, 'I want to do a quote-unquote music video. I want it to look like a music video, I want to have that little signature thing in the corner and all that.' [The Maine Channel] jumped at the chance," Gfeller said.

"They had been talking about it for months and months. They were really well-prepared," said David Nickerson, executive producer of The Maine Channel. The channel used their new Steadicam for the first time on the project.

Gfeller was confident in Nickerson's abilities from former work on an advertisement for the library's "laptops to go" program. "I told him, 'you know, I want to get a band together,'" she said, laughing



Photo courtesy of library.umaine.edu

Left to right, Larry Corbett on fiddle, Tom Jones on keyboard, Gretchen Gfeller on drums, Kjerste Christensen on recorder, Albie Dunn on ukulele and students Cassie Alley and Erin Keim sing.

and noting Nickerson may have been skeptical at the beginning. A band of librarians?

"It was sweet. They were out, you know, with their drum set and stuff," Nickerson said. "It was weird to walk out and see that, but everybody has a smile on their face. It was awesome."

The Renewals recorded as a live group in The Maine Channel's recording studio, with two hours spent on the audio and several Friday sessions filming the video on the steps of Fogler and inside the library's stacks.

"My Library" is only the

beginning for Fogler's musical act. "We're not going to go away," Gfeller said. "We are going to produce at least one more in the spring."

Gfeller hopes The Renewals' single is "something that's kind of a giggle to watch, but that you come away from thinking, 'Oh yeah, that's that place up on the second floor where I can do this or I can do that.'"

The video is available at library.umaine.edu/podcasts/renewals.htm and will stream in a higher-quality form on The Maine Channel's soon-to-come Web site overhaul.



## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 to April 20

In spite of the difficulties you could be facing, you will manage to complete an important work in which you have invested a lot of time and money.

### Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You will finally manage to solve a long-postponed financial issue. Today is a good time for business. You have good chances to complete activities you initiated a long time ago.

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Before noon you will have contact with important people who could help you in business. Your efforts over the last period of time will start showing their results in the financial department. Partnerships will consequently improve.

### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You will have the opportunity to make a short trip with a group of friends. You are advised to take the invitation. Don't mind the expenses! You deserve to relax and certainly need to rest more.

### Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

You will have original ideas worth implementing. In order to succeed in your undertakings, you have to work hard and accept the support offered by friends.

### Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will manage to solve a sentimental issue. The relationship with your significant other will be excellent. You two have good chances to succeed in everything you do together.

### Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You are capable of adapting to new situations and making adequate decisions quickly. You can tackle serious business or family issues.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You will have the opportunity to prove your talent and creativity. Intuition is your best friend. You will have a great afternoon in the company of your loved one and family.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You may have a hard time today with a lot of problems to solve at work and at home. You have valuable and original ideas which will be useful in your professional activities.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Today you will have the opportunity to make major changes in your love life. Business partnerships are also favored today. In the afternoon, you will meet important people.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You may safely make business investments today, for you will be capable of making inspired choices. You can successfully tackle difficult financial problems.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

After a rather difficult period in your sentimental and social relationships, you are back in business.

## The Maine Campus

# DISTRACTIONS

# go!

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

## MUSIC

Percussion Ensemble concert  
Monday, Nov. 24  
7:30 p.m.  
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944  
Hall  
Free with MaineCard, \$6 public

Java Jive: Brian Finnegan  
Tuesday, Nov. 25  
8 p.m.  
North dining room, Memorial Union

Brass Night  
Tuesday, Dec. 2  
7:30 p.m.  
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944  
Hall  
Free with MaineCard, \$6 public

## LITERATURE

The Art of Poetic Utility: A  
Presentation of Recent Work by  
Buster Simpson, offered by the  
Intermedia Visiting Artist Program  
Monday, Nov. 24  
7 p.m.  
Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall

Emily Dickinson birthday reading by  
honors and English faculty and  
students  
Bring a Dickinson poem, and join  
the reading. Refreshments served.  
Monday, Dec. 8  
4 p.m.  
University Bookstore

## FUN

Games Night: Super Bingo  
Monday, Nov. 24  
8 p.m.  
Marketplace dining rooms, Memorial  
Union

## ART

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

Angelo Ippolito exhibit  
Through Jan. 3, 2009  
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
University of Maine Museum of Art  
Bangor

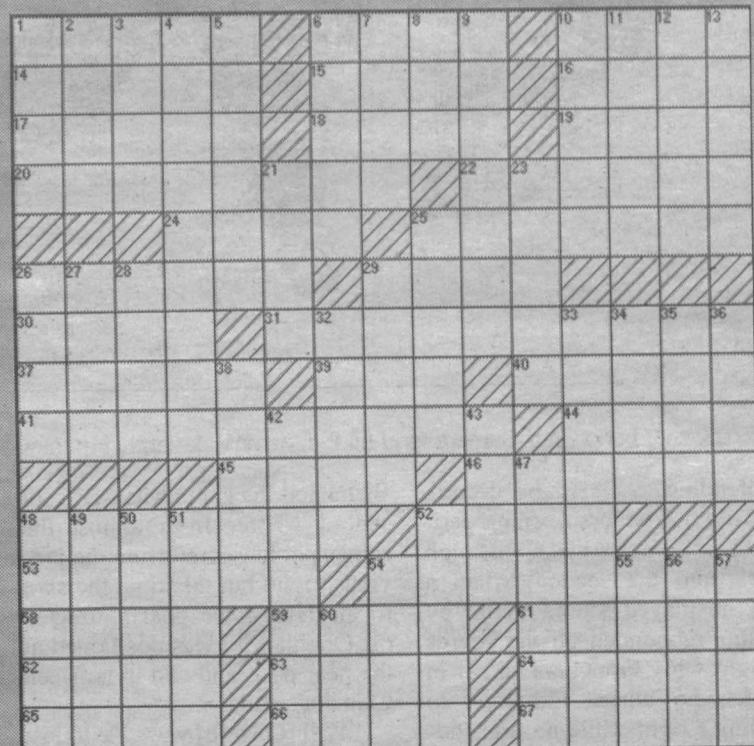
If you would like your event posted in  
The Maine Campus Style calendar, send  
time, day, date, place and fee information to  
Zach Dionne on FirstClass.

The next  
issue will be  
on  
Monday,  
Dec. 8.

Have a good  
turkey day!

## The Maine

# CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Take off
6. Sitcom set in Korea
10. Tallies
14. Sporting venue
15. Hedgepodge
16. Trickle
17. A very tall fellow
18. Expert
19. Solitary
20. A large market
22. Pertaining to the backbone

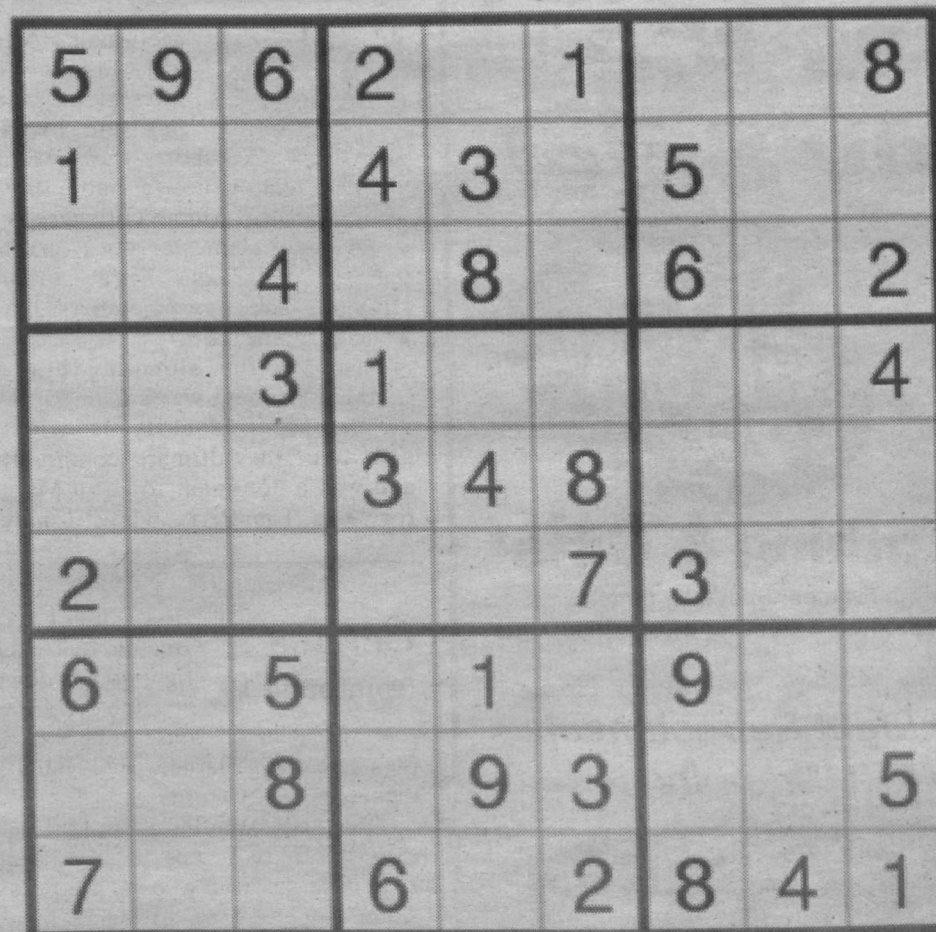
24. Not warm
25. Cobnut
26. Ability
29. Sound
30. Portent
31. Consolidate
37. Often was a white picket one
39. Antlered animal
40. Postponement
41. Thicket
44. Arid
45. Goddess of discord (Greek mythology)
46. Haunt
48. Fiscal shortfall

## DOWN

1. Wise one
2. Clip
3. Harvest
4. Naiveté
5. Supporter
6. Big shot
7. Astringent
8. What a knight is called
9. Living accommodations
10. Improvise
11. Stingless bee
12. The basic unit of money in Libya
13. A hardy wheat used as livestock feed
21. Bit
23. Implore
25. Common people
26. Bean curd
27. Ends a prayer
28. Give temporarily
29. Anklebone
32. Excellence
33. Courier
34. Sheltered, nautically
35. Thick bituminous liquids
36. Visual organs
38. Construct
42. A stiff hair
43. 60 minutes
47. Bosom
48. Storehouse
49. Avoid
50. Criminal
51. Lifeless
52. Preserves, as pork
54. Trudge
55. Hefty volume
56. District
57. Territory
60. Long, long time
62. Certain
63. Things that happen
64. Maternal or paternal
66. War
69. Inform
71. Ancient Greek marketplace
72. Smell
73. Booty
74. Spermat fluid
75. Canvas dwelling
76. Concludes
77. Step

ANSWER KEY FOUND IN SPORTS

# SUDOKU PUZZLE



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## HOW TO PLAY

- Each row (horizontal line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each column (vertical line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer!

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## Hockey

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net," O'Neill said. Carriere's game-winner came midway through the first period, when sophomore defenseman Josh Van Dyk advanced the puck up the ice to senior center Jeff Marshall who fired a slapshot from the right faceoff circle. Marshall's shot rebounded off Braithwaite's pad, and Carriere was able to convert low to the short side.

"I was really happy for [Carriere]," said UMaine coach Tim Whitehead. "He's played so well for us, and it's great to see it show up on the score sheet too, because everyone on our team knows how well he's been playing, but it's great to see him get a big goal—a game winner."

Merrimack came out of the second intermission with a sense of urgency, limiting the Black Bears to two shots in the second period. The Warriors had several scoring opportunities, particularly on a five-minute power play span-

ning the final minutes of the second period and the start of the third. The Black Bears' penalty-kill unit, which has allowed just four power-play goals on the season, killed off all four Merrimack power plays. UMaine was 0-for-6 with the man advantage.

"Any time you've got a five-minute major, and the other team scores, it doesn't take down the penalty. So it was definitely a momentum booster for us to kill it off and keep them shut out during that five minutes," Carriere said.

In a desperate final minute, Merrimack pulled Braithwaite for a sixth skater and had three legitimate opportunities to send the game to overtime, but Wilson was up to the task. After the early goal, Wilson stopped all 19 shots he faced and improved to 2-2-0, while Braithwaite made 21 saves in the loss and falls to 2-5-0.

"Any time you're down 1-0 right off the bat like that, it's definitely hard mentally," Carriere said. "But we knew it's a long game, 60 minutes. So we knew

that we had a lot of time to battle back, and just decided to work hard throughout the game."

The teams showcased their talented freshmen goalies in the second game, as Darling got his seventh start and Joe Cannata countered for Merrimack. Darling and Cannata trained together during the off-season under former Boston Bruins



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Glenn Belmore and Brett Carriere fend off the Merrimack captain to take back control of the puck.

## Three Stars of the Weekend

★ 1st — Will O'Neill, Fr., D — Scored first collegiate goal to tie Friday's game and set up Orsini's goal, sending the game to overtime the following night.

★ 2nd — Keif Orsini, So., F — First goal of the season came late in the third period and sent Saturday's game into overtime.

★ 3rd — Brett Carriere, Jr., F — First collegiate goal was the game-winner in Friday's game.

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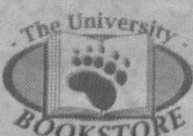
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## Frisbee

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sectionals. After a resurgence of interest on campus and overall growth of the sport, the UMaine ultimate team is now a viable threat in the midst of Maine colleges.

"As each semester goes on, the team's veterans have grown stronger, and new members have joined," Paine said.

Prior to the slumping era of UMaine ultimate was a team known as Blackfly. Blackfly is widely known in the ultimate community and was a dominant force in Maine for years. Tom Perry, who still plays

for Blackfly and is a UMaine alumnus, helps guide the young and athletic Frozen Fury. Tom believes this is the first time there has been potential for the college team to place at the sectional tournament and move forward to the regional tournament, the national qualifier tournament.

Josh Kahn said one thing that always helps the team is support, as the team needs people to come out and cheer for us as well as come out and practice. For a list of practice times and tournament schedules you can e-mail Joshua Kahn on FirstClass.

## Celtics

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first night in Boston as the lights went down at the Garden only to be broken by a screaming Garnett. He wanted it then, and he wants it now.

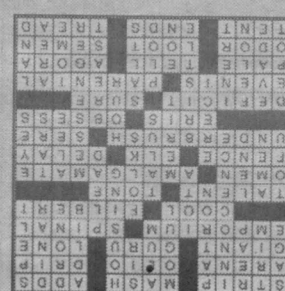
Obviously, wanting it isn't all that comes into play, but luckily, these guys have the team to back it up. Ray Allen is getting up in years, along with the other two members of the Big Three, but that is not stopping him from 16.6 points per game. Rajon Rondo and Kendrick Perkins round out the solid starting five, with Rondo leading the team in assists and Perkins attacking the boards night after night.

It doesn't stop there. One of the most impressive aspects of the team is its bench, with players such as Leon Powe and Eddie House contributing in every way they can. They might not be your average household names, but put them on the floor together, and

their chemistry makes them champions.

Doubts have been cast and predictions made, but at the end of the day, what is on paper doesn't matter. It didn't matter when the Celtics were substantial underdogs to the Lakers last season, and it doesn't matter now. The Celtics got their taste of glory last season, and they're still hungry.

### Crossword Solution





## Football

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but they were one of the sixteen teams selected for the national tournament.

"Eight-win football teams usually go to the playoffs. There's a team that just beat us that is assuredly going. And I don't think there's much difference between the two of us," Cosgrove said.

UNH advanced to the post-season last season with just seven victories. UMaine, which averaged 272.5 yards per game during their winning streak, was slowed down by the UNH defense and poor conditions. They were held to just 134 yards rushing, with an average of 2.9 yards per carry.

"We weren't running the ball as effectively as we wanted to. That's a credit to them," said junior quarterback Michael Brusko, who led the team in rushing with 65 yards on 18 carries. "It was tough footing for our guys up front. It was tough conditions. That's not an excuse. It's not why we lost the game. Just makes it a little bit tougher."

UMaine grabbed a 24-21 lead with 2:42 to go in the third quarter when senior tailback Jhamal Fluellen punched it in from three yards out.

After consecutive punts by both teams, Nixon intercepted Toman, but the UMaine drive was stalled in UNH territory.

Sophomore quarterback R.J. Toman led the game-winning touchdown drive that lasted 5:19. He converted on both a third and fourth down, capping it off with a 22-yard screen pass to senior wide receiver Mike Boyle, who eluded a tackler and tiptoed down the sideline for the score.

"We missed a tackle shortly after the catch and we should've knocked him out of bounds," Cosgrove said.

UMaine got the ball back with 3:27 left, but Brusko was picked off by Wildcat junior safety Terrence Klein.

"I shouldn't have thrown it," Brusko said. "I was trying to get it to my tight end coming across. He was covered anyway, and I was hit as I was throwing. It was a throw I

shouldn't have made."

The Black Bears got the ball back once more, but Klein intercepted Brusko to seal the game with 18 seconds left.

Despite only compiling 232 yards of total offense, the Black Bears' defense held the explosive UNH offense to just 290 yards. They also forced two turnovers.

"We just kept it simple defensively," said senior line-backer Sean Wasson, who had a game-high 17 tackles. "We knew what they were going to do. With bad conditions they were going to run the ball."

The Wildcats took advantage of the conditions on their first drive as junior running back Chad Kackert broke away from two UMaine defenders who slipped for a 46-yard touchdown just over two minutes into the game.

Following a three-and-out by UMaine, junior defensive end Jordan Stevens forced a Kackert fumble and senior line-backer Andrew Downey recovered it.

The Black Bears took advantage, moving down the field and scoring on a 3-yard run by freshman tailback Pushaun Brown.

After the defense forced a three-and-out, redshirt freshman tight end Derek Buttles blocked a punt and freshman defensive back Mike Kuhn recovered it at the UNH 15.

Freshman Jordan Waxman kicked his first career field goal to give the Black Bears a 10-7 lead.

Kackert scored his second touchdown of the game in the second quarter to put UNH up 14-10.

UMaine responded on the first series of the second half with a 62-yard drive which included a fake punt pass. Brusko scored on a 1-yard run.

UNH answered on their next drive, regaining the lead when Toman found Boyle for a 29-yard touchdown reception.

Senior defensive tackle Jonathan Pirruccello appeared to have brought the Black Bears within two points when he took Toman down in the endzone, but the officials called Toman down at the UMaine 1-yard line.



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Michael Brusko finds a gap as Jared Turcotte makes the block. Brusko led UMaine in rushing with 65 yards.

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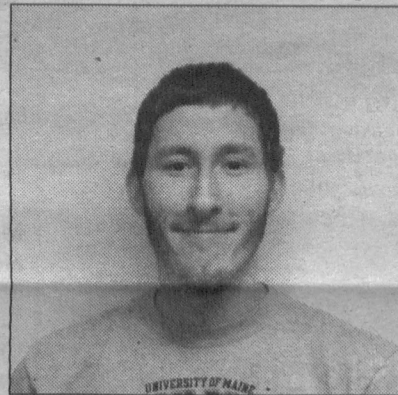
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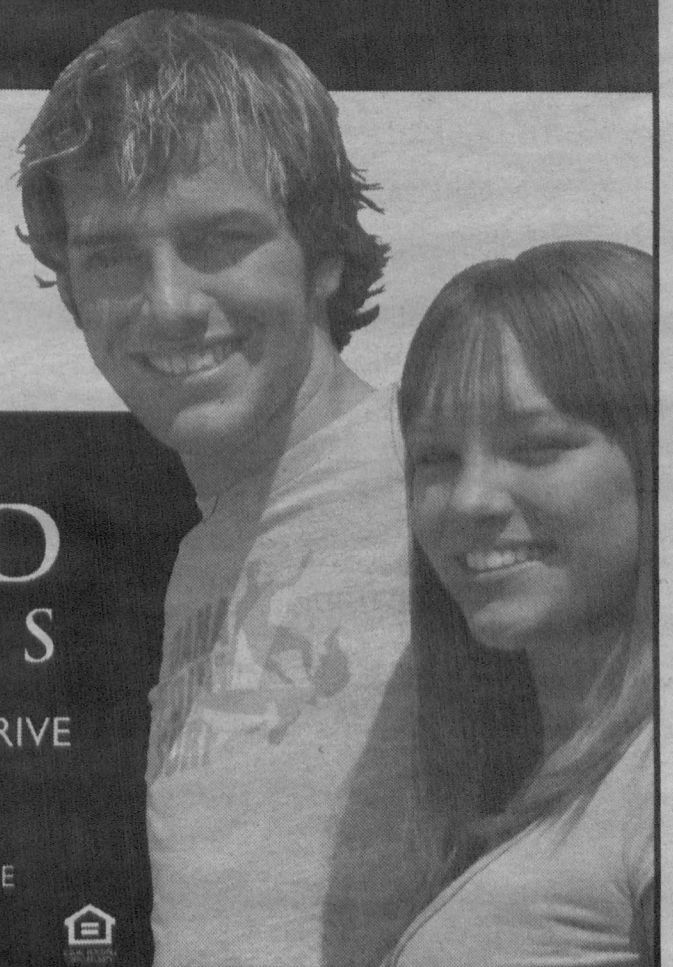
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# Meet the Frozen Fury

UM ultimate frisbee team takes strides, hopes to compete

By Brian Chalifour  
For The Maine Campus

Not many students would understand the terms huck, pull, handler, greatest or jam-balaya on the field of play, but the University of Maine ultimate frisbee team lives and dies by these words. Also known as the Frozen Fury, the UMaine ultimate team is something of an underground club.

"Not many people even know we exist," said Josh Kahn, a third-year political science student and president of the club.

The team, just like any other, practices, conditions and runs drills in order to hone their skills for upcoming tournaments.

Ultimate frisbee is a sport that consists of the big plays of football, the running of soccer and the strategy of basketball. Ultimate is played with two

teams consisting of seven players each. The object of the game is to get the disc into the endzone by passing it down the field, which consists of two 25-yard endzones and a 70-yard

*"Ultimate is the most physically challenging in the sense you never stop running."*

Alex Paine  
Vice President  
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field. A person holding the disc cannot take any steps and has to get rid of it within 10 seconds.

One of the more interesting rules of ultimate is that there are no referees, it is governed by the players on the field

through something that is known as the "spirit of the game." The spirit of the game insures good sportsmanship in the ultimate community.

According to Alex Paine, a second-year student and vice president of the club, the biggest misconception of ultimate is that it is a laid-back sport.

"People think of tossing a disc on the sand in the sunny weather — they couldn't be more wrong. Ultimate is the most physically challenging in the sense that you never stop running."

The Frozen Fury has been progressing through recent years and has come from a team that once consisted of pickup games and could barely field a team at collegiate-ranked tournaments such as

See **FRISBEE** on page 16

## Steel City NFL Champs?

By Adam Clark  
Sports Editor

Sitting at my desk at The Maine Campus on a Sunday afternoon, I marvel at the maturation of Matt Cassel. For those who think he is a fluke, think again. Granted, New England has faced the New York Jets, who knocked off the previously unbeaten Tennessee Titans handily, and Miami Dolphins, who have porous pass defenses, but throwing for more than 400 yards on consecutive weeks in the NFL is unheard of. Tom Brady has only thrown for more than 400 yards once in his career.

As Cassel and the Patriots chase the Jets for the AFC East crown, the football season is in full throttle as Thanksgiving approaches later this week. So with that, here are my playoff predictions:

### AFC Playoffs

1. Tennessee Titans — AFC South Champs — A loss against the Jets may be a good thing, as the pressure to go undefeated is off. Barring major injuries, this team will be tough to beat with its physicality on both sides of the ball. Plus they will have home-field advantage.

2. Pittsburgh Steelers — AFC North Champs — The Steelers may be the most complete team in football and have a quarterback who can win games.

3. New York Jets — AFC East Champs — The Jets are clicking at the right time and while I will not jump on the bandwagon, they have an explosive, quick-strike offense with one of the best signal callers ever behind center.

4. Denver Broncos — AFC West Champs — In a poor divi-

sion, the Broncos currently have a two-game lead. They have plenty of holes, especially on defense, and keep plugging in a new running back each week, but with Jay Cutler throwing to Brandon Marshall and Eddie Royal, they are dynamite.

5. New England Patriots — Wildcard — They have a tough game against Pittsburgh, but the schedule is favorable down the stretch. Injuries may be too much to overcome, but they should be able to squeak into the playoffs.

6. Indianapolis Colts — Wildcard — They beat out the Ravens for the final spot in the playoffs based on having Peyton Manning. Period.

Wildcard Round  
Patriots over Broncos  
Colts over Jets

Divisional Round  
Steelers over Patriots  
Titans over Colts

Conference Championship  
Steelers over Titans

### NFC Playoffs

1. New York Giants — NFC East Champs — The defending Super Bowl champions have not missed a beat and may be better than last year. How will they perform with a target on their back in the playoffs?

2. Carolina Panthers — NFC South Champs — Carolina has a stingy defense and playmakers on offense in Steven Smith, Jonathan Stewart and DeAngelo Williams. It will come down to Jake Delhomme performing well during crunch time.

3. Arizona Cardinals — NFC West Champs — The Cardinals are running away with their horrible division. A

resurgent Kurt Warner leads the high-powered offense, but the D remains the question.

4. Green Bay Packers — NFC North Champs — The Bears have the D, the Vikings have Adrian Peterson, but the Packers have the best team of the three, making them the choice.

5. Tampa Bay Buccaneers — Wildcard — This team isn't a sexy pick, but they win. They probably won't go far in the playoffs, but who knows with Jeff Garcia leading the way.

6. Dallas Cowboys — Wildcard — The most dangerous sixth seed since Pittsburgh won from this position in 2006, their team could combust at any moment, but there is no denying the talent. With Romo back, the offense will roll into the playoffs, but will the D show up?

Wildcard round  
Packers over Buccaneers  
Cowboys over Cardinals

Divisional Round  
Giants over Cowboys  
Panthers over Packers

Conference Championship  
Giants over Panthers

### Super Bowl Prediction

Steelers vs. Giants — A game pitting the league's top two defenses could result in injuries due to the physical way both teams play. Regardless, I think Pittsburgh wins a close one and deny the Giants' bid for back-to-back Super Bowls.

Note: I hope I am wrong and the Patriots win the Super Bowl.



*Eat some snow*

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The snow goes flying as Jovan Belcher sacks UNH quarterback R.J. Toman. Belcher tallied two tackles for losses.

## UM fans brave blizzard

By Dayna Margarita  
For The Maine Campus

As the University of Maine football team took on the University of New Hampshire Wildcats at home on Saturday, there were a number of former Black Bears crowding the sidelines. Despite the blizzard conditions during the first half of the game, there were many alumni there in support of the team. Many were former players for the Black Bear football team, hoping that this year's team would win the Colonial Athletic Association North Division title. Even through very chilly, windy and snowy conditions, they still stayed to support the team.

There were a large number

of fans crowding the stands as well; many of them bundled up in large jackets and blankets. The wind and horizontal snow

*Despite the Black Bears 28-24 loss to the Wildcats, it was great to see the number of fans and alumni there to show support through very difficult weather conditions.*

made it difficult to sit through, but many stayed the entire time. The band still played enthusiastically as well, having

to hold cold instruments and perform with the driving snow.

Despite the Black Bears' 28-24 loss to the Wildcats, it was great to see the number of fans and alumni showing support through difficult weather conditions.

Everyone stayed positive and cheered on the team, regardless of the circumstances. The alumni came from many different places just to cheer on their former alma mater. The Black Bears played tough until the end, battling a slippery and wet field. The team should be proud of the support that was shown, despite their loss. They have come a long way this season, and it was seen Saturday by the fan support.

## UMaine off to hot start

By Michael Pare  
For The Maine Campus

If early returns are any indication, the University of Maine men's basketball team will be proving many doubters wrong this season. Picked by many to finish eighth out of nine teams in the America East, the Black Bears' 3-1 start is their best in 37 years and has them sitting in first place in the conference.

UMaine began the season in Kennesaw, Ga. where they competed in the 100 Club Classic.

After defeating Mid-American Conference opponent Northern Illinois University 77-64 in their first game, UMaine advanced to the tournament championship game where they faced Kennesaw State.

With contributions from sophomore forward Troy Barnies and

junior guard Mark Socoby who scored 16 points each, the Black Bears took home the 100 Club Classic Championship in convincing fashion 47-60.

Socoby and Barnies were both honored as all-tournament team selections. Socoby was named tournament MVP after averaging 16 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2.5 steals.

### Men's Basketball

Fresh off their tournament success, the team traveled to New Jersey where they battled to a hard-fought 58-55 overtime win over the Princeton Tigers. With that victory, UMaine became the last unbeaten team in America East.

They would not be unbeaten

for long, however, as they faced Big East opponent Providence College — a team picked by some experts to compete in the NCAA tournament. UMaine hung around early in the second half, but Providence eventually pulled away to win the game 83-62.

The game against Providence is the first of several on the schedule against elite Division I competition. These types of non-conference games may not look good for the Black Bears' overall record, but the challenge will prepare them for what promises to be a difficult conference schedule.

UMaine plays their home opener Tuesday night against Quinnipiac University before heading on the road again to Mobile, Ala. for a Thanksgiving weekend tournament.

## Big Three, Cs silence critics

By Maeghan Connor  
For The Maine Campus

The Boston Celtics' championship in 2008 surpassed expectation. The same can be said for their 2008-2009 bid for the title. Despite their obvious talent, any team winning back-to-back trophies is rare, but why does that lead everyone to cast doubt over this team?

Of all of the opinions I've heard, the most prominent has been that once a team wins, they don't want it as much. Anyone who watched the ring ceremony on opening night in Boston knows that couldn't be further from the truth.

Paul Pierce spent many seasons with the Celtics surrounded by

mediocre teammates and coaches. The fans could feel his frustration. The team was a revolving door for players on the decline that Danny Ainge hoped would give the team that push they needed, with few notable results besides the record for games lost in a row. Season after season, the Celtics were looking for the light at the end of the tunnel that never seemed to come.

Enter Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. Suddenly the team had legitimate talent, and Pierce had

the chance he waited for. After being around Celtics greats for years, hearing their stories of triumph, he knew it was time for him to get his own ring to talk about. The season that followed speaks for itself.

Watching Pierce thank the fans on opening night, emotional and excited, was something I will always remember, and I'm sure many Celtics fans will agree. He wanted the fans to share in what had happened. While some may have jumped on

the bandwagon once the team started winning, there remained those fans who were there through it all. The fans who stuck by a floundering team. There was nothing artificial about his desire to share his suc-

cess with the people who stuck by him.

No team can claim to have more passion than the Celtics. Pierce is obvious — he won an ever elusive title — but he wants more. Then there is Kevin Garnett. At the time of the Garnett acquisition, radio hosts and fans talked about the intensity he brings to every game with no idea what it would be like his

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### The chase



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Mike Barwell makes his move from behind the net to get around a Merrimack player in Friday night's 2-1 win.

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## UNH claims Musket, CAA North title

No Musket, no problem: UMaine football headed for playoffs against No. 3 UNI

By Adam Clark  
Sports Editor

When senior cornerback Lionel Nixon Jr. intercepted a pass with just more than 12 minutes to go in the fourth quarter, it appeared that the University of Maine football team was in the driver's seat with a division title in sight.

Leading 24-21 with the ball at the University of New Hampshire 37-yard line, a touchdown would have hurt the Wildcats' chances of a comeback.

But after a 19-yard touchdown run was negated by a holding penalty, the Black Bears failed to put up any points and UNH took advantage.

The Wildcats marched down the field on an 11-play, 79-yard touch-

down drive and the Black Bears never got their feet back under them, falling 28-24 at the snowy Alford Stadium Saturday afternoon.

"We had scored and lost it to a penalty ... and we end up with nothing," UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove said. "That was a lost opportunity

there. It could have made it very difficult for them to come back from a two-score lead."

With the loss for UMaine, UNH (9-2, 6-2 CAA) wins the CAA North Division title and retains the Brice-Cowell Musket for the fifth

straight year. It is given annually to the winner of the rivalry game.

"Guys on this team wanted to win this one," said junior quarterback Michael Brusko. "It didn't



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UNH's linebacker was no match for Ryan Canary, failing to force him off as Pushaun Brown gets through for UMaine's first touchdown Saturday. UNH won 28-24.

matter that it was for a chance at playoffs or not. We just really wanted to win. No one on this team has

even seen the Musket that we play for."

The loss also snapped UMaine's

(8-4, 5-3) six-game winning streak,

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## Black Bears continue Merrimack's woes

UM extends unbeaten streak to seven games, Warriors haven't won in Orono since 1998



Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus

Dave Wilson focuses on the puck. It ended up where it is supposed to — in his glove. Wilson made 19 saves in Friday night's 2-1 win.

By Steven McCarthy  
Staff Reporter

It has been nearly 10 years to the day since the Merrimack College men's hockey team won a game at Alford Arena. The Warriors have lost or tied 16 times in Orono since their 5-4 win on Nov. 14, 1998.

Unless the University of Maine hosts a Hockey East tournament quarterfinal series against Merrimack College, the Warriors will have to wait until next year's trip to Orono for another shot at reversing the trend, as the Black Bears came away from a low scoring weekend with a win and a tie.

With the three points, the Black Bears are now 7-3-1 (4-2-1 Hockey East) heading into road games to the University of Vermont, Northeastern University and a rematch with the Warriors on Dec. 7. Merrimack falls to 3-6-3 (1-5-2 Hockey East).

The weekend saw superb goaltending from all four starters. Andrew Braithwaite, Merrimack's starter Friday night, was the only goalie to give up multiple goals on the weekend,

allowing two in the loss.

Three Black Bears scored their first goals of the season, as freshman Will O'Neill and junior Brett Carriere provided the scoring in a 2-1 win Friday night. Sophomore Keif Orsini's goal was the equalizer in Saturday's 1-1 tie.



### Men's Hockey

Merrimack got to UMaine junior goalie Dave Wilson just 43 seconds into Friday's game when center Jesse Todd found right wing J.C. Robitaille crossing in front. Robitaille was able to backhand the puck into the net to Wilson's right.

"They passed it across, and I thought the guy was going to cut back short side, and then he ended up going far side around me," Wilson said. "It kind of caught me

off-guard because he kind of gave a head fake and I fell for it. I followed the puck pretty well, and I just didn't get there and he squeezed it past my pad."

Wilson got the start in net in place of freshman Scott Darling, who started the previous four games. Darling was serving a game suspension for a team rule violation.

"We have two goalies that are ready to go whenever we need them," Carriere said. "The team has full faith in [Wilson], and I think he showed a lot of people what he can do tonight."

Four minutes after the Merrimack goal, O'Neill put a wrist on net from the blue line that got through just under the crossbar. Freshman forward Spencer Abbott was credited with his third assist, setting up O'Neill.

O'Neill described netting his first collegiate goal as "a good feeling."

"Spencer made a great play up the wall to me, and I just took a little wrist shot on net and got fortunate with screens in front of the

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