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Blinded by the light

Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

As the sun sets over the MCA Lot, the sky is warmed by beautiful reds, oranges and pinks.

Budget proposal could change UMS

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

Budget

The University of Maine System office could be moving to remake student services and academics. On Jan. 11, Chancellor Richard Pattenaude announced a plan to restructure the system to avoid future deficits, a plan some faculty and

staff members are concerned is proceeding without input from the University of Maine departments it affects.

The plan looks at administration, academics and structure as the main focuses of restructuring every campus. It predicts a need to save \$18 million this academic year, \$10 million next year, \$8.6 million the following year and \$6.2 million the year after, which amounts to an expected saving of \$42.8 million in the

next four years. Those predictions are based on assumptions including an average 6 percent increase in student tuition and an approximate 5 percent increase in operating costs in the next four years — assumptions likely to change in the future.

"The goal is to minimize the impact on the pocketbooks of students," said John Diamond, executive director of external

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Athletes may be monitored on Facebook

Department considers getting program to watch students' Web actions

By Autumn Bell
For The Maine Campus

Athletics

The University of Maine's Athletic Department is taking a closer look at what student athletes post on the Web.

Sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Badjocks and Thedirty are prime suspects for posting pictures or comments that could harm the university's image.

Students all over the country get a suspension or lose their positions on university teams because of

comments posted on the Web. A watchdog Web service called YouDiligence is a program designed to look for such comments. UMaine Athletic Director Blake James, is considering adding it to the budget.

YouDiligence is a service that allows parents, or in this case the athletic director, to effectively search online social networking activity. James would receive an e-mail when selected words from certain categories are noted on Facebook or MySpace if he uses the program.

Troy Barnies, a second-year basketball player at the university, said he doesn't like it.

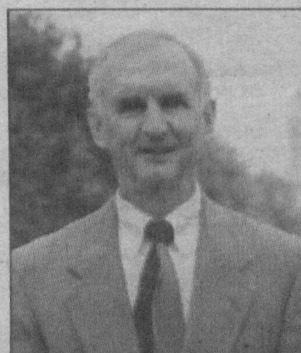
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UM president considers KSU

Kennedy may leave Maine for position at Kansas State

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

Administration



Kennedy

Dr. Robert Kennedy, president of the University of Maine, is one of three finalists contending to head Kansas State University after its president decided to retire last year. It is unknown whether Kennedy will accept the position if he is chosen as the final candidate.

Kansas State announced May 12 that its president, Jon Wefald, will retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. Kennedy is scheduled to be interviewed at Kansas State on Monday, Jan. 26.

"My understanding of presidential searches is that they typically move fairly quickly," said Dianne Hoff, president of the UMaine Faculty Senate. Hoff said she believed a decision could be expected between Tuesday and Thursday of this week.

The other two candidates are Dr. Kirk H. Schulz, vice president for research and economic development at Mississippi State University, and Dr. Steve Ballard, chancellor of East Carolina University.

"I certainly understand that a person has to make a choice that's best for him in terms of a career; you can't fault people for doing that," Hoff said. "Is this a tough time to have our campus in transition? Absolutely. With the budget we're facing, with a chancellor proposing a transformational change... I would hope that if Bob Kennedy accepts this position that we put someone at the helm who really can do the job and be an advocate for this campus because this is a very tough time to be without leadership."

Hoff is unsure who would replace Kennedy.

An incoming president needs time to prepare a univer-

sity for its fall semester, which makes it difficult to negotiate an employment start date much later than July 1.

"Often times the start date for a new president is negotiated with the person who they extend the offer [to]," Hoff said. "If they have a sitting president who's going to retire, say, at the end of this year, they may want the person to come July 1."

The presidential search committee at Kansas State expects the new president to assume office on or about July 1, according to its press release. If Kennedy chooses to leave UMaine, the university system chancellor will select his replacement.

"He's very hesitant to leave Maine ... he's very conflicted," said Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Dana. "I've discussed it with him ... he's giving it a lot of thought."

Kansas State is a campus twice the size of UMaine, Dana said. "He's very connected here, so it's a very difficult decision to look elsewhere."

Director of University Relations at UMaine, Joe Carr, said he did not know what the president will decide if he is selected as the final choice for Kansas State's president.

"It's a critical time; I think Bob Kennedy, to his credit, will be very sensitive about that. I think he will consider, very carefully, this offer; and also I don't think [he] wants to do something to harm this campus," Hoff said.

Cutler's employees: EMMC v. severance

Privatization makes campus workers choose

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

Health Center

The University of Maine turned campus health services over to Eastern Maine Medical Center last semester, a decision that forced employees at Cutler Health Center to request severance packages in order to avoid losing benefits by being employed by EMMC.

About four years ago, the university decided it would be in the best interest of students and UMaine to remove Cutler from the public sector. During the last three years, UMaine reviewed contractors' proposals and decided on EMMC as the best option for running health services on campus. During that process, officials from the Maine Educators Association were included in the bargaining process on Cutler employees' behalf.

MEA representative John Bracciadieta said the university's insistence on privatizing left employees with little choice other than to request a severance package — despite UMaine's requirement that the chosen contractor keep them employed — because many of the benefits they had under the university would be eliminated under another employer.

"Whoever will be taking over the center, if it was agreed to, would not have the same benefit structure. For instance, the employees accrued time toward their retirement would not carry over. ... Whoever took over was going to have a different health insurance, different retirement — they were going to be starting with no seniority. That new employer could have laid them off whenever they wanted," Bracciadieta said.

The university was willing to bargain, but was adamant that privatization was going to be the final result for Cutler.

"The union here came forward and asserted a broader claim that they actually had a right to bargain with us over the underlying decision to subcontract, and that in order to proceed along the lines that we wanted to go ... we would actually have to bargain the union's consent," said Steven Weinberger, assistant vice president of the department of human resources.

Cutler's employees had two choices: work

for EMMC and lose their benefits or accept severance packages, keep their benefits and find employment elsewhere.

"We were very clear with respect to our intentions of privatizing student health," Weinberger said.

Cutler's staff could have been re-employed at Cutler by EMMC, and a few were. Not all of the 21 unionized staff members left Cutler. Most accepted the severance packages, but two moved on to other employment, one remained temporarily, six retired, seven chose to work for EMMC, two became employed elsewhere in the community, three left to pursue other priorities and one returned to school, according to Robin Toderian, assistant vice president of student auxiliary services.

"The university made it clear that they believed this was in the best interest of the university, and the employees could have said 'yeah, go ahead and do it, we'll just become employees of the EMMC,' but they decided that they'd rather take advantage of their contractual benefits," Bracciadieta said.

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John Bracciadieta
MEA representative

In exchange for the severance packages, employees relinquished their option to have input into how Cutler would be run. This is now under EMMC's discretion.

"We were willing to consider a variety of different arrangements, but this is what emerged from that process," Weinberger said.

Bracciadieta said the union and Cutler's employees were content with the final arrangement.

"I think during the process, some of the employees felt that if they had a severance package, that that would be sufficient financial protection and that they would be able to work out their future employment arrangements without any assistance from us," Weinberger said.

The services that students have come to expect from Cutler, including the student care package, are still ongoing in addition to extra services such as clinicians available after hours and on weekends. Students with insurance and the Cutler Care Package can also bill their insurance for medical services and let the package make up any difference.

Cutler resumed services on Jan. 12. The official ribbon cutting ceremony is set for Jan. 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Career fair



File photo by Heather Steeves ♦ The Maine Campus
The University of Maine will be hosting its annual job fair Wednesday, Jan. 28.

100+ employers will mingle with students

By Stefanie Blanchard
For The Maine Campus

Employment

This year, more than 100 employers will attend the University of Maine's annual Career Fair in hopes of finding new employees. The Career Fair, organized every year by the UMaine Career Center, is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

"When we say all majors, we mean that," said Cathryn Marquez, Career Center assistant director.

The fair will have employers ranging from the Maine State Police to WLBZ 2. According to Patricia Counihan, the Career Center director, as many as 116 employers have registered for booth space this year.

Last year, more than 1,000 students attended the fair. The number of registered employers is lower this year, but the student turnout is expected to be sizeable.

Katelin Rock, a fourth-year psychology student plans to attend the fair.

"I'm not really expecting to find a job; I'm just looking to see what opportunities are out there and what employers are looking for," Rock said.

Rock prepared for the event by going to the Career Center to have her resume critiqued.

Courtney Gross, a third-year sociology student, also plans to attend the fair in hopes of getting a general idea of what jobs are available.

"I plan on going online to research the companies that I'm interested in beforehand," Gross said.

UMaine designs the career fair to let students build relationships with employers by having one-on-one time with them.

Marquez said students should bring an updated resume with them to give to potential employers.

Students should be prepared for follow-up interviews. Some employers will set up interviews with students the next day or later, in February.

To learn more about the Career Fair, visit umaine.edu/career/cf.html. The site has a list of all the registered employers and tips for students.

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Katelin Rock
Fourth-year
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Correction...

The Jan. 21 issue of The Maine Campus stated: "At the meeting Alexander Ortiz, Christine McGivney, Justin Labonte, Samantha Shulman, Ross Wolland, Abtin Mehdizadegan, Krystal Earle, Tavian MacKinnon, Rebecca Davison, Anthony Feldpausch, Joseph Moran and Emily Fortin," in the article "System SG May Disband." We forgot to mention those people were confirmed to the President's Cabinet. We apologize for this error.

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Balancing act

Students with children

By Rhiannon Sawtelle
Features Editor

As students milled around Starbucks in the Memorial Union on a snowy afternoon, Mandy Becker, 27, rummaged through her purse to find six toy cars. Among her school supplies and wallet were toys to distract her 3-year-old son, Conner.

Shying away from anyone but his mom, Conner opened up as soon as his car's hit the table.

"That's not a firetruck. It has fire on it," he corrected Becker when she referred to one of his trucks.

He was quick to show the matching car on his T-shirt. "Whoopsies," he said as he bumped his cars off the table.

Becker is a returning student at the University of Maine. This time, she had someone else to keep in mind.

She received her first undergraduate degree in elementary education five years ago. After graduation, she married and gave birth to her son Conner. When she and her husband split up, Becker realized she needed a job that would support both her and Conner. She explained she was looking for a career path that was more "solid."

Becker has been back at the university for two years and is taking foundation classes to obtain her graduate degree in speech and language pathology.

She lives in University Park, housing for families that work or attend UMaine, and works at the Shared Processing Center in Neville Hall. Conner attends daycare on campus.

Maeghan Applegate, 22, has a similar story. At age 20, during her second year at UMaine, she found out she was pregnant.

Although her parents were less than supportive, and her roommates asked her to move out, Applegate chose to go through with her pregnancy and her schooling at the same time.

"I don't believe in abortion and I didn't have it in me to put my child up for adoption. It was just the way it had to be," she said in a phone interview.

Her daughter Jillian is now 16-months-old. They live in Belfast with Applegate's husband and his eight-year-old daughter, Leona. The two met while living in University Park were married in December.

Applegate is a fourth-year majoring in university studies, taking classes at the Hutchinson Center and online. Her husband received his degree last spring and now works at Bank of America.

Although the two mothers are at different places in life, they can both agree that returning to school with a child is a hard task.

"Everyone would agree it's hard coming back with a kid, but everyone's definition of hard would be different," Becker said.

"There really isn't time for anything else," Applegate said on raising her children and attending school.

Becker and Applegate both mentioned

that University Park was helpful in returning to school.

"I was really, really excited when I found out about the family housing on campus," Applegate said. "Through the kids, the parents became connected. It was a really cool place to live."

"If I did not get into University Park, I wouldn't have been able to get out of my mom's house and move up here," Becker said.

Although their living situations made returning easier, both mothers have discovered that life is a balancing act, and UMaine is not always child-friendly.

Applegate explained that when she returned to school with Jillian, she didn't know whom to turn to and eventually connected with other parents in the non-traditional student folder on FirstClass. With this small group of people, she worked toward creating a room for nursing mothers in the ALANA center.

However, the room is located on the fourth floor and was not child proof at first. "There were a bunch of different concerns," Applegate said.

Becker worries about childcare for Conner. When she becomes a graduate student, most of her classes will be offered only at night. Most daycares close at 5 p.m.

Before Conner attended daycare on campus, Becker would have to drive to Bangor to drop him off in the morning before class and work.

"When daycare ends, that's when your support ends, unless you have family and friends," she said.

Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Programs offers a list of resources on its Web site including childcare centers, housing and a link to Parents on Campus, the group Applegate helped start. However, the list is not extensive.

In February, the university is offering a new class called, "Incredible Years" Parenting Classes. They will be taught by Leslie Forstadt, a child and family specialist. The 12-week program will be taught on Monday nights in Corbett Hall for parents with children under nine. Food, drink and childcare will be provided.

"I think the university is moving in the right direction," Applegate said on the phone as her children chattered in the background.

Becker explained that she hopes Conner will learn independence from growing up watching her juggle work and school to raise him at UMaine.

"When he gets older, hopefully he'll know how to manage more than one thing at a time," she said.

Applegate mentioned that attending school has become a norm for her children.

"It's a huge time constraint with the kids. Other than that, it's pretty nor-

mal for them," she said.

Both mothers said that although they do the best they can, they still miss spending more time with their children.

Becker expressed guilt, but as Conner hid his blond hair and brown eyes in her chest it was obvious they were deeply connected.



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Mandy Becker, mother of Conner, is a student at the University of Maine taking foundation courses in order to obtain her graduate degree in speech and language pathology.

Recreation and Fitness Center receives award

A UM green building gets recognition for its unique architecture and environmental design

By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus

Athletics

Locally grown materials, architecture and other design elements caused seven judges to choose the University of Maine Student Recreation and Fitness Center for the 2008 Athletic Business Facility Magazine award on Dec. 5. The award is given annually to new buildings throughout the United States and Canada.

The Rec Center, designed by Cannon Design of Boston, was one of 10 winning buildings that "demonstrate sound design principles in the areas of transparency, organization, detailing, sustainability, functionality and appropriateness to their surroundings," according to Athletic Business Magazine.

A panel of seven architects judged the contest. The judges took special note of criteria including functional planning, design site and cost.

The judges commended the 87,919-square-foot building, which opened in August 2007, for its unique features.

"Locally harvested and manufactured wood structure and finish provide a unique

aesthetic and appropriate connection to the surrounding wooded context," judge John Kane said.

"I know the judges were very impressed with the use of materials, and the material selection; for example, they all noted the use of locally harvested wood, which (A) they liked architecturally, and (B) is kind of green when you are harvesting local materials like that. There were also lots of comments on how nice and clean the exterior and interior plans were," said Nick Brown, associate editor of Athletic Business Magazine.

This award gives UMaine new recognition.

"It is one of the most prestigious awards you can win in the field. This gives us a lot of notoriety, and really puts us out there in a national

"We used to see 2,000 [people] a week, and now we see 2,000 per day. It has brought an increased level of being active and healthy, and it's helped promote a healthy lifestyle at UMaine."

Jeff Hunt
Director of Campus Recreation

way," said Kenda Scheele, associate dean of students. "It really speaks volumes about our university."

The Rec Center also helps recruit potential students.

"I think that this award gives us a level of prominence that is very helpful with us at Campus Recreation and University of Maine," said Jeff Hunt, director of Campus Recreation. "The building is an attraction for students to come here because all open houses are held here, and the different groups that



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The University of Maine's Rec Center received an award from Athletic Business Magazine. Students and family members make use of the Rec Center pool Sunday afternoon.

come here all visit the Rec Center, so it's definitely been a help in recruiting."

There has been an increase in traffic flow at the center, as more students and faculty members are making it a destination point.

"It has been much busier this year. You must swipe in, and we count all of the swipes, and right now we're 20,000 short, but I'm going to say by the end of the month we will be at half a million," Hunt said. "It's upped the opportunity to be involved for students in that, we used to see 2,000 a week,

and now we see 2,000 per day. It has brought an increased level of being active and healthy, and it's helped promote a healthy lifestyle at UMaine."

The award could boost student morale, Scheele said.

"I hope it makes them proud of being here on campus and being able to use such a magnificent facility. I hope it makes them realize that University of Maine is a great place to be and that they made a great choice in coming here," Scheele said.

State considers banning cell phone use while driving

A Maine bill would attempt to reduce fatal car accidents by eliminating a ringing distraction

By Sara Breau
For The Maine Campus

Legislature

Students at the University of Maine and state residents may soon be hit with a law banning use of cell phones and other electronic devices while driving.

The proposal, introduced by Sen. Bill Diamond, would ban activities in Maine defined as dangerous distractions when driving. The bill – LD 6 – outlines these activities to include "using an electronic device, applying cosmetics or performing personal grooming with any device."

The bill was prompted by statistics showing a correlation between cell phone use while driving and Maine's vehicle accident fatality rate. The National Safety Council released an approximate figure of 2,600 driving fatalities each year that can be attributed to driver inattention due to cell phone use.

"We have not taken a position on any

of the cell phone bills. ... Our only recommendation for any driver is that when they're behind the wheel, their main task is to drive the car. We advise that that's what the driver should be doing," said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Bans on cell phone use while driving have been passed in California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Washington. In these states, the use of hand-held electronic devices is illegal, but the ban allows the use of hands-free cell phone use. Alaska, California, Connecticut, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey and Washington all have bans on sending text messages while driving.

"For many people, the ban has caused them to go out and get the Bluetooth head sets. As long as you're using your

phone hands-free it's OK," said UMaine student Marc Goulet who is from Connecticut. "If a cop sees you holding your phone and talking, they can pull you over and write you a ticket."

"I agree with this ban. I was in a car accident last April because the other driver was texting."

Samantha Burrill
Fourth-year
Animal and veterinary
science student

This does not necessarily stop the behavior, because the ban is difficult to enforce.

"I know a lot of people, including me, that still use our phones without a headset and when we see a cop coming we just put our phones down for a second and once the cop passes we start talking again ... I am not for the ban against cell phone use while driving. I really don't think that banning the use will make driving that much safer," Goulet said.

Other students are supportive of the ban, some because of their own bad experiences with cell-phone drivers.

"I agree with this ban. I was in a car

accident last April because the other driver was texting and rear-ended me. I now have major back problems. It's so easy to not answer a phone, or even just pull over to talk. I think that the use of hands-free sets should be fine, but texting and hands-on sets are dangerous," said Samantha Burrill, a fourth-year animal and veterinary science student.

There is a ban in Maine on cell phone use by those under the age of 18.

"My biggest pet peeve is texting and driving ... I've almost been in several car accidents just because my friend needed to text while they were driving," said UMaine student Rebecca Wood. "I think that the cell phone ban is probably a good idea. I don't feel like it's too much effort to pull over or just wait until you get to your destination to call."

Along with the recently enacted seat belt law, this proposed ban would be one more precaution aimed at Maine drivers.

"The cell phone ban in Connecticut has been effective, but I think it depends on who you ask," said Andrew Prindle, UMaine student and Connecticut native.



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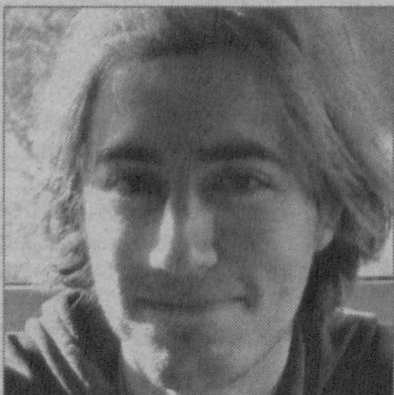


President Kennedy, one of the Hilton chicks.

John Rolfson
Second-year
Mechanical engineering

Paris Hilton, Thumper, that's Kennedy — President Kennedy. I don't know who the other two are.

Andrea McLaughlin
Third-year
Sociology



Paris Hilton, Thumper, apart from that I don't know.

Thomas Phillips
Third-year
American history

Paris Hilton, and then, this is the new — what's his name? Rahm Emanuel? The rabbit is from Bambi. Honestly, I'm not sure about the rest.

Heleena Erickson
Third-year
Secondary education



All fired up



Jacob Powers ♦ The Maine Campus

At 1:23 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25 the Memorial Union was evacuated. The Orono Fire Department concluded the cause was burning popcorn in the Commuter Lounge. "I had to pull it, I couldn't take that risk," said Mark Cates of Facilities Management minutes after he pulled the alarm. Officials allowed people back in at 1:38 p.m.

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what we want on the Internet without being spied on," Barnies said.

James suggested that it is used as an educational tool.

"Kids put something up at a moments notice without thinking about it. [I don't] see it as an invasion of privacy," James said. He noted student athletes at UMaine and most other schools usually sign a code of conduct.

Gabrielle Finger, a second-year student, feels it's a bit excessive and obsessive.

"If athletes are going to be targeted this way then so should professors. It's a little bit overboard,"

"We should be able to do

Finger said.

In November, soon after Barack Obama won the presidential election, a student athlete from

"Kids put something up at a moment's notice without thinking about it. I don't see it as an invasion of privacy."

Blake James
UMaine Athletic Director

the University of Texas posted a racist comment on Facebook, according to the Boston Globe. He

said, "I received it as a text message from an acquaintance and immaturely put it up on Facebook in the light of the election." The comment cost him his position on the team. A surveillance program might prevent problems like this.

Desmond Randall, a third-year football player at UMaine, agreed that it is "overboard."

"We are online to interact and joke with friends. We feel we can say what we want because it's to our close friends. This is just setting athletes up for bad exposure," Randall said.

According to the YouDiligence Web site, the company has "a variety of high-profile clients from the NCAA, including many Division One athletic programs."



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A student lost \$60 while working out at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center on Jan. 18. The male reported that he put his belongings in an unlocked day locker while working out from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. When he returned, he found that \$60 cash was taken from his wallet, but nothing else was removed. He informed the police on Jan. 22, and the case is under investigation.

Stolen camera

A backpack was left on the men's locker room bench of the Rec. Center. The student left the backpack from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. on Jan. 18 and found it on the floor when he returned. His \$400 Panasonic Lumix digital camera was gone. The incident is under investigation.

Student loses credit

A female student had to cancel all her credit cards on Jan. 22 after someone stole them from her wallet. The DTAV resident believes the cards were stolen between Jan. 19 and Jan. 22. The theft is under investigation.

Collins Center, or Medical Center?

Public Safety received a call from the foreman of the Collins Center of the Arts construction site on Jan. 22. It was 10:13 a.m. when he reported a white male wandering around the site drunk. Officers located the male on site, who told them he was 43 years old and from New Hampshire, and he was trying to get to Eastern Maine Medical Center. The man said that he had taken the city bus from Bangor, and assumed the university

was the hospital because of the large buildings. Officers assisted the intoxicated-but-coherent man in locating the BAT bus and directed him to the hospital.

Stolen permit rescued

On Jan. 21 at 10:22 a.m. a Parking Services employee reported a white Jeep Grand Cherokee illegally parked in a visitors spot of the Stevens parking lot. Officers could see a parking permit in the front seat of the Jeep and ran the number. The permit was reported stolen on Sept. 10 from a vehicle in the MCA lot. Officers had the vehicle towed, and the owner, Benjamin Barton, 24, Winterport, came to Public Safety looking for it at 11:45 a.m. Barton said he was aware the permit was stolen from a vehicle, and was summonsed for receiving stolen property.

DARE to leave your things unsecured?

A cell phone was stolen from the men's locker room of the Rec. Center on Jan. 20. A student left his belongings on the locker room floor at 4:30 p.m. and found them rifled through when he returned at 6. His black LG DARE cell phone with a rubber cover was removed from his coat pocket. The phone is valued at \$300 and the theft is under investigation.

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UMS

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affairs at the UMS office. Hoff expressed concern that steps of the plan that affect the campus seem to already be decided, without consultation with people from UMaine.

"One of our concerns is that although the plan suggests that this is a process and that everything is on the table, the language in the chancellor's plan lays out certain steps that seem to already have been decided," Hoff said.

Programs with fewer than five graduates and courses with fewer than 12 students enrolled annually may be eliminated as part of a proposed action to reduce the number of under-enrolled degrees and classes, according to the plan.

Much of the restructuring plan calls for taking services from respective campuses and centralizing them at the system office, thereby reducing their operational cost while still giving students access to them through Internet-based programs or similar information systems technology, such as PeopleSoft.

"The history of centralizing services has been that when the system office centralizes these, what they call, 'back-room' functions, they take people from the campuses to the system offices to do this. When they do that, they often raise their salary; and now, the system office is doing a service farther away from the students who need it," Hoff said.

Diamond said the system office wants to change how students receive their services.

"The intent is not to reduce — in any way — student service, but to take fuller advantage of technologies that make student services available 24/7, to maintain adequate levels of service so that students have a live person to talk to when they need to," Diamond said.

Centralization may not be an effective cost-saving measure, according to Hoff.

"The past history has shown that [centralization] has not saved money," Hoff said. "The example I will point to is PeopleSoft. We pulled people away from this campus to try to coordinate that information system; they got paid bigger salaries. We had to backfill their salaries here, and we have a system that still doesn't really work."

Another proposed action in the plan is to establish a "centralized Information Technologies function," a change that places greater emphasis on the MaineStreet program used by the UMaine System and draws university IT personnel into a "coordinated unit which is responsive more to centralized authority," according to the plan.

"Right now, there's been no decision, but the chancellor is looking at whether there's opportunity at decentralizing university functions or by centralizing some," Diamond said. "What's going to determine the outcome is whether it's cost effective to move in one direction or the other and whether it's going to maintain or enhance the quality of service."

The plan also proposes making greater use of Internet-based services, an action which assumes more centralization of offices such as help desks, bursars and student billing.

The UMaine System might consider partnerships with the state government or community colleges and Maine Maritime Academy to share student services such

as healthcare and IT, Diamond said.

"The system can oversee them [services], but let the campuses do them; to me that's the way to save money," Hoff said. "It's not that I'm closed-minded about what can and can't happen, but what I am worried about is that the plan seems to suggest, and others are agreeing, that many decisions have already been made."

The UMS IT advisory council, a committee made up of representatives from every college and the UMS administration, met at UMaine on Friday, Jan. 23 to discuss the plan and how it will affect the university's IT department.

"I think the concern that we have in general is that it's fine to say 'let's centralize all IT and we'll save money,' and if you do centralize all IT you probably will save money; but the fact of the matter is ... we're very different kinds of universities," said John Gregory, executive director of Information Technologies at UMaine.

"To boil this all down into one central function — my greatest concern is it would not permit the campus to still have that kind of autonomy in how we effectively use IT to achieve our mission."

Gregory said Friday's meeting was the first time he'd seen any part of the restructuring plan.

"I think the last time I saw; we had 27 mail servers on campus. Probably we can't afford to do that anymore, and we ought to look at what makes sense and how can we reduce that number because they're all running on servers, they're all taking some person's time to maintain those and back them up and so forth, and they're all vulnerable to viruses," Gregory said.

Another aspect of the plan is to create a 12-person task force to look at possible structural and organizational changes. The task force will not look at possible academic or administrative changes and will provide its recommendations to the UMS board of trustees alongside the chancellor's suggestions. The task force will consist of a student representative, a few faculty members, two members of the board of trustees, one of the university presidents and people from outside UMaine who have expertise in business financial management and economic development, according to Diamond. The chancellor will appoint all of the task force members. UMaine's President Robert Kennedy will not be the UMaine president on the task force, Hoff said.

"It's safe to say that President Kennedy and people representing UMaine — administrators, faculty, staff and students — will have an opportunity to participate in this process in a meaningful way," Director of University Relations Joe Carr said.

Diamond stressed that at this stage little has been decided. Carr said it's too early to tell what specific areas on campus this plan will affect.

UMaine endured \$11.8 million of cuts from its 2008-2009 budget, and may soon have to deal with a state allocation \$5,028,700 less than last year's because of a state budget proposed by Gov. John Baldacci earlier this month. It is unknown how the restructuring plan will affect student financial aid, tuition rates or fees.

Chancellor Pattenaude will submit his final report to the UMS board of trustees July 13.

**"The past history has
shown that
[centralization] has not
saved money."**

Dianne Hoff
President of UM Faculty Senate

The Maine Campus
thinks you look nice today.

UMaine and student surveillance

The Issue: University surveillance of student athletes' online conduct.

What We Think: UMaine shouldn't seek out inappropriate online behavior.

On the front page, we detailed how the University of Maine's Athletic Department is considering investing funding a mechanism to monitor student athletes' online actions. These include social network postings.

We understand student athletes act as ambassadors for the university, but we do not think they should be targeted and scrutinized for their online actions. It is one situation when someone complains to the Athletics Department about the way an athlete acted online. It is another thing completely for the university to seek out these actions. It is an assumption, on UMaine's part, that these students are acting irresponsibly.

It is difficult to rationalize this sort of spying when the UMS is losing millions of dollars in funding, cutting financial aid and programs as it clings on for dear life to what little it has.

Even if what the university may invest in is legal, it is unethical. The university should not seek to find trouble. Online social networks are new public forums; for UMaine to monitor them is similar to placing wiretaps at parties attended by student athletes.

There should be a certain level of privacy expected, even for representatives of the school. Of course students should act appropriately and respectfully in all platforms, but the university should not barge in on parties or other social times to make sure its students aren't offending anyone.

This seems like a slippery slope. It starts with athletes, but who isn't a UMaine representative? Would it be OK for UMaine to monitor Student Government or the campus media? We think not.

The above editorial is written by the editorial board, whose members are Eryk Salvaggio, Mario Moretto, Heather Steeves, Zach Dionne and William P. Davis.

Readers Speak

Web comments and letters

To the editor:

As an alumnus of the University of Maine and Natural Resource Manager for Poland Spring in Maine, I would like to address some of the statements reported in the Dec. 11 story, "Tap Water is Not Unhealthy nor is it Unsafe to Drink."

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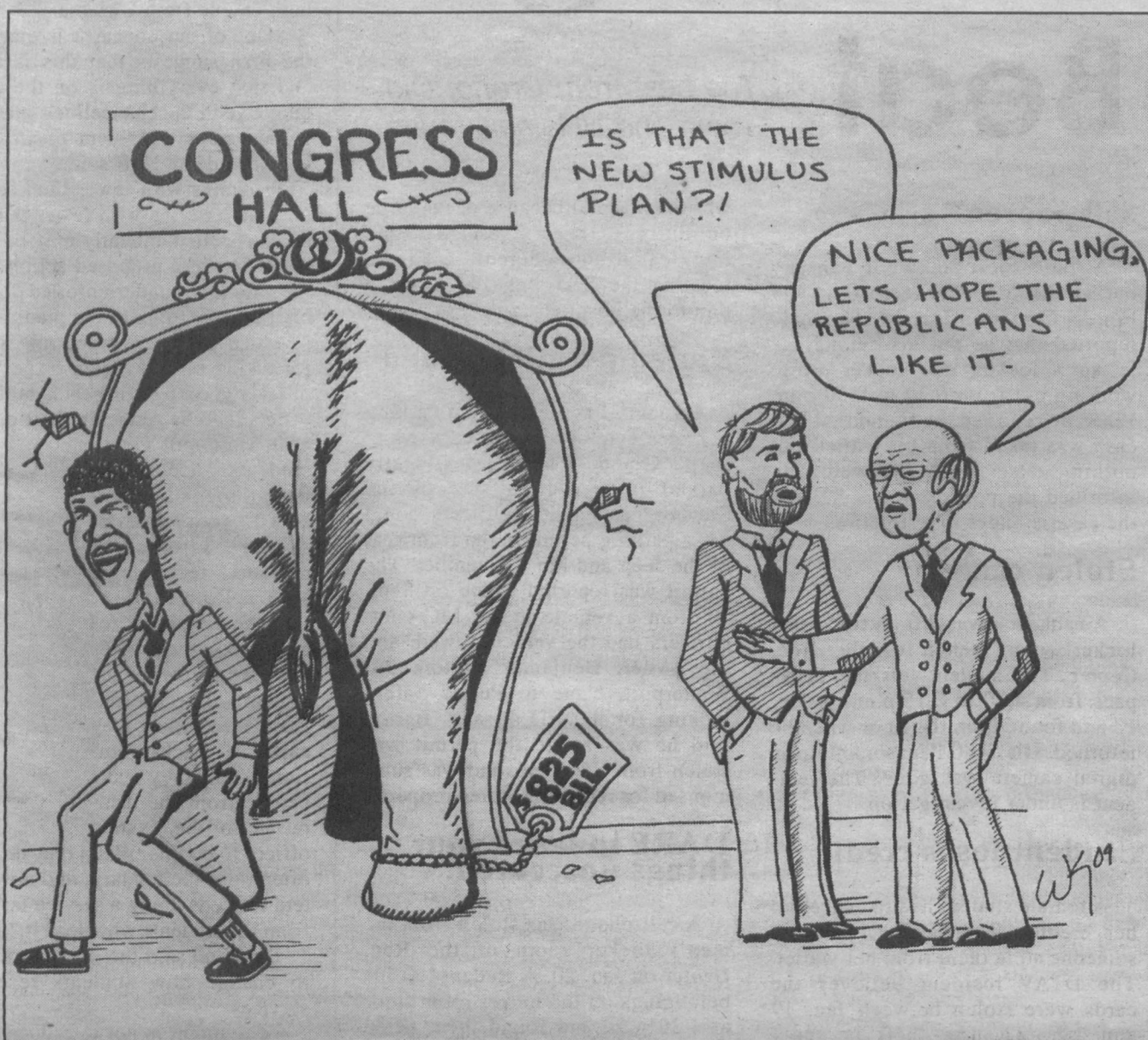
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Opinion

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NSA must stop targeting journalists



Mario Moretto

Last Tuesday on MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Olbermann," a former National Security Association analyst disclosed that he was ordered to wiretap certain organizations in order to "not target" them — to not "harpoon the wrong people," so they would not be spied on by his organization.

Russell Tice confessed on "Countdown" that the agency not only "had access to all Americans' communications, faxes, phone calls, and their computer connections," but also "looked over" American journalists and news organizations. Mr. Tice was told that this was just to clear them, so they wouldn't be targeted the way that terror suspects were. When Mr. Tice noticed that the surveillance was occurring "24/7, 365 days a year," he started to investigate. Shortly thereafter, he was fired.

When Mr. Olbermann asked to what extent this had taken place, Mr. Tice replied, "It would be everything." He also reported that, all media surveillance was digitized and stored electronically somewhere. Apparently the government was saving this info for posterity's sake.

This means that anything from e-mails sent to a journalist's children from a work computer, to internal editorial decisions made by editor in chiefs all over the country were under the watchful eye of the NSA.

Mr. Tice was one of the anonymous sources of the

2005 New York Times story first reporting on our recently departed administration's use of warrantless wiretapping on American citizens, whistle-blowing the cover off one of the greatest abuses of government power under the Bush White House.

The role of a free and independent press corps in a modern democracy is perhaps even more important now than it was when Thomas Carlyle observed the media's role as "the fourth estate" in 1841. In a world of globalized markets and authority, the media can and should be the largest check and balance in our 21st century world. When the government acts as a check on journalism, the journalist's role as the fourth estate becomes defunct.

Obviously these claims require investigation — which I sincerely hope will take place promptly and thoroughly — but if what Mr. Tice said is true, the most important question arising from this information is: Why? What legitimate reason could there be to systematically target the communications of media organizations and journalists?

I'm no expert in the field of information harvesting, but I don't see any value in the federal government, or any agency, knowing the details of the telephone and e-mail correspondences of the press corps — unless that same government wants to keep tabs on the journalists charged with the task of keeping tabs on it. Unless a far more valid reason for this sort of Orwellian surveillance surfaces, the NSA should immediately desist in the collection of private media-related communications.

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It's hard to find the achievements of the Bush administration

Adam Marletta

I am trying as hard as I can to "think of the good things [President Bush] did for our country," as Jonathan Zappala instructed in his Jan. 22 piece, "As time goes on, history will be kind to President Bush." I'm finding it an extraordinarily difficult task. George W. Bush was not legitimately elected president in 2000 but rather installed by the right-leaning Supreme Court, and ample — though underreported — evidence suggests he may not have won the 2004 election justly either.

"Cutting taxes, fighting for morality and American values and leading the nation through its darkest hour are a few of his achievements," Zappala claims. Those tax cuts were only for the wealthiest one percent of the nation; leaving the poor and middle classes continuing to struggle to make ends meet. Meanwhile the "morality and American values" he insists Bush fought for include invading and occupying a sovereign nation based on lies — United States death toll: 4,230; Iraqi death toll: 151,000 — eroding civil liberties and instituting a policy of torture, which constitutes the gravest of crimes against humanity.

"President Bush was always honest with Americans," Zappala continues, "and admitted when he was genuinely wrong." Mr. Zappala and I must be remembering different presidencies. Bush falsely claimed Iraq possessed "weapons of mass destruction" and wrongly insisted Saddam Hussein was linked with al-Qaeda in order to sell the illegitimate Iraq war. According to the now-infamous Downing Street memo, Bush and his associates were aware this information was false. "Bush wanted to remove Saddam through military action," the report finds, with the British head of the Secret Intelligence Service revealing, "The intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy."

While Zappala recites the conservative argument that Iraq is, "A nation freer now than before the war," which

ignores the fact that the country remains under U.S. occupation, with oil companies like Shell and BP laying claim to Iraq's vast oil reserves.

Author Naomi Klein's revelatory account, "The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism," chronicles the Bush administration's authoritarian campaign to quell Iraqi citizens' early attempts at forming a democratic government. Klein writes of U.S. envoy to Iraq Paul Bremer's first steps in "securing the peace," saying that "Within his first six months in the job, he had canceled a constituent assembly, nixed the idea of electing the drafters of the constitution, annulled and called off dozens of local and provincial elections and then vanquished the beast of national elections — hardly the actions of an idealistic democrat."

Finally, Zappala maintains Bush will experience a historical about-face similar to that of Ronald Reagan. Yet the notion that the mainstream media "hounded" Reagan throughout the '80s is absurd. Reagan escaped any accountability from his involvement in the illegal Iran-Contra affair largely because the corporate media — which began its hyper-consolidation under Reagan's watch

— preferred to practice "jelly bean journalism" rather than expose the president's crimes. Incidentally, the fact that Reagan was never impeached for his transgressions opened the door for Bush and his associates to similarly bypass the rule of law, albeit in far greater and more destructive instances, and get away with it.

If history is kind to Bush it will be due only to Americans' collective historical amnesia. Pre-emptive war based on lies, suppression of free speech and civil liberties, vast expansion of executive power, rampant environmental destruction and the heinous use of torture — these are the things history will remember George W. Bush for.

Adam Marletta is a graduate communications student.

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Exposing the dirty myth of clean coal

Jeff Hake

If you have never heard of mountain top removal (MTR) mining, be advised that it is exactly what it sounds like. Some have called it strip-mining on steroids. The goal: get the sequestered coal. However, in a manic drive to cut costs, coal companies use huge amounts of explosives to remove as much as 1000 feet of mountaintop. Over 480 Appalachian Mountains in four states have thus been maimed. The physical waste of this process — the thousands of tons of rock and debris that contain toxic arsenic, lead and radioactive uranium — is then dumped into the valleys below. This process has buried and destroyed over 1,200 miles of Appalachian streams, directly affecting local communities that depend on these watersheds and permanently disfiguring forest and wetland ecosystems. An executive order signed this past November by then-President Bush loosened the regulations on valley filling, making permits easier to acquire.

Beyond the systematic destruction of Appalachia, a catastrophe struck less than a month before Inauguration Day that the loosened rules only served to make worse. On Dec. 22, a retention pond wall ruptured at the Kingston coal plant in Harriman, Tenn., spilling 5.4 millions cubic yards of coal ash across hundreds of acres of the Tennessee Valley. Far more toxic than the detritus from MTR and 100 times as voluminous as the oil from the Exxon Valdez spill, homes were destroyed beneath it and towns were abandoned.

This arsenic-laden sludge is still not classified as toxic waste, and the Environmental Integrity Project found that there are nearly 100 other unregulated, unlined retention ponds outside coal plants

throughout the United States — each ready to foment its own disaster.

Anyone who watches television or uses the Internet is bombarded with "clean coal" propaganda. Barring whether coal companies ever get around to applying carbon-sequestration technology to their plants — so far there is still absolutely no cost-effective means of doing so — and whether it will make any difference towards mitigating climate, the production and burning of coal will never be clean. The utilization of coal burns the carbon found within the coal rock and concentrates the remaining radioactive elements, making coal ash more radioactive than nuclear waste — an issue which "clean coal" technology only begins to address.

We can hope that Obama will begin turning the screws on the coal industry, but with pressure currently upon his administration, plus lukewarm environmental commitments during the election season, the chances of that happening are slim. As this country attempts to prepare for an energy crisis abetted by economic and environmental instability, we must be aware that "clean coal" does not and will not exist for some time, if ever. It would be nice to think the U.S. has a cheap, domestic source of electricity for its near future, but as cost-cutting becomes more desperate and regulations continue to erode, coal will simply become not a sustainable option by any measure. This realization will mean major change or major panic, but this is reality: "clean coal" cannot exist, and we cannot allow the coal industry to convince us that it can be a part of our energy future.

Jeff Hake is a recent horticulture graduate.



Pay attention to words, not emotions attached

Brian Curry

President Barack Obama delivered his inauguration speech to the masses on Tuesday. I was in the library and it appeared as though time had stopped. There was a group of ten gathered in the media room. Wherever there was a television, there were people sitting in front of it watching. What were we waiting for? Some would say history, and others would say answers.

Interestingly, we didn't get all the answers. The speech was a perfect mix of cunning and nostalgia. There was a calculated effort on Obama's part to not only entice us with what is to come, but also what our country was in the past. He spoke of a "sapping of confidence across our land," and "a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable." I found encouragement in his words, yet I still have a couple of specific questions.

In his speech, he spoke shortly about schools. He stated that they "fail too many." I would agree, but I cannot stress the importance of our nation understanding what was meant by that. Are there too many students that are failing, but should be sent through the ranks so they can simply graduate, or is the curriculum too tough? I think if the latter were the case, then the next generation would indeed have to "lower its sights."

A statement in his speech that raised an eyebrow was the idea that we were not concerned about the size of government. One of the fundamentals of the Democratic Party is the idea that a nation can legislate a solution, and by increasing the size of the system, citizens can let someone else manage their problems. Obama said, "The question we ask today

is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works." I think that the fundamental question being asked is tremendously important. However, the idea of an ever-expanding government doesn't sit well with anyone. If Obama is to maintain the support of the people, this may become a big question for him within the first 100 days. This comes back around to the idea of personal responsibility and the need for our country to stand on its own — and for individuals to as well. We must be responsible for ourselves, as well as for the country. I think this is the point Obama was making.

The president is spot-on with many of his ideas. He commented on the market not being a force only for the rich, but to empower the country — an idea that has been muddled by many of the leftists in politics and grumbled about amongst the people. However, what was most exciting was the idea that there is a time for rebuilding, and the time is now. The speech was not designed to further prove which side was right, but rather, if both sides can work together. These are ideas that have to be taken seriously. In this one brief moment in time, he heralded "A new era of responsibility." This is not only appealing to the supporters of this new administration, but also many middle-of-the-road conservatives like myself. "We will not apologize for our way of life," but the importance of understanding what he meant — within what he said — is the key to making his ideas work.

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Style & Culture

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All that jazz

Lidral Duo: married to their music

William P. Davis ♦ Web editor

There's a nook in Memorial Union called the Jazz Corner - the Lidral Duo have a thing or two to do with that. The husband and wife combo play in the lounge at Union Central, Karel Lidral on saxophone and Terry Lidral on piano. For 21 years the two have played together in musical groups of various incarnations, existing mainly as a duo, but sometimes adding their son on percussion.

The Lidral Duo was formed to provide Terry and Karel a chance to experience a consistently high level of playing.

"People may be offended by this, but Plymouth State College isn't exactly the cultural center of the universe," Karel said. "I wanted to play, to be a mainstream jazz musician for quite a few years, and at the University of Illinois, which is where I went to school, there was a wonderful, wonderful jazz scene - a lot of great players there, folks who never really outgrew graduate school and just sort of stayed there for whatever reason, but it was a wonderful scene."

Karel grew accustomed to the level of playing he experienced at the University of Illinois and later as a professional musician in New York, so in 1988 he began arranging jazz standards and composing some originals.

Terry learned how to play piano, and the Lidral Duo was born. They played their first gig in a John Deere showroom in Moline, Ill., and from then on played gallery openings, parties and concerts.

The Lidrals met at the University of Vermont Summer High School Music Session. Both were students at the time - Karel later served as a counselor and faculty member at the camp. Terry grew up in a small town in Vermont called Eden and attended the University of Vermont before

transferring to the University of Illinois to be with Karel.

They seem most fond of their time as the house band for the local talk show, "The Nite Show." The show starred Dariny Cashman, now assistant press secretary for Gov. Baldacci. Cashman started the show when he was a communications major at UMaine, initially producing it for the local WB affiliate. It was a half-hour show, generally with a guest, a musical act and various skits. The shows were planned out but not rehearsed - gener-

Cashman felt that any good late night show must have a band, and that the Lidrals were "the best we could have gotten in Maine."

ally the crew would get together a half hour before taping to review the run sheet, at which point the Lidrals would pick the musical material.

The Lidrals "were always very willing to do some of the ... comedic stuff," according to Cashman, but they brought "legitimacy and class" to the show. Cashman felt that any good late night show must have a band, and that the Lidrals were "the best we could have gotten in Maine."

"Everything's funnier when you have a musical punch added to it. They really got it," Cashman said. "Sometimes they'd be featured guests because we felt so lucky to have them."

The Lidrals saw the show as a unique challenge. "That was an interesting experience because it was taped, but it was done spontaneously. Very demanding, but a lot of fun," Terry said. The show was generally taped in front of a small live audience - friends of

the guests and bands.

"We didn't stop during the taping unless it completely crashed and burned, which occasionally it did," Karel explained. "If you're into W.C. Fields or folks like that there's a very strong spontaneous sense to some of the things that seem to have gone on in those films and we definitely related to that."

Karel came to UMaine in hopes of developing more hands-on relationships with students. "I was losing touch, I felt, with the general music major population - I wanted to have a little more impact." At the university he teaches music theory, so every music major must take one of his classes, "whether they like it or not."

In addition, Karel has been active in promoting jazz music on campus. For several years he was the director of the University of Maine jazz ensemble, and during that time he created a jazz minor. The minor is, as far as he knows, the only of its kind in the country and is open to all students. In an effort to increase accessibility, he also created the chamber jazz ensemble.

Despite fielding lucrative job offers from prestigious universities, the Lidrals have chosen to stay in Maine to continue Karel's work with the jazz program.

The Lidrals originally started to play in the union as part of the TGIF series. As funding dried up, they continued to volunteer and played wherever there was space - sometimes in the Bangor Room, sometimes in the Bear's Den. This semester a piano has been moved into the lounge next to Starbucks, and the Lidrals plan to perform there every Monday evening.

"We try to make the music accessible to everyone," said Karel.

ontheweb

StyleCast:

New edition available on mainecampus.com every print issue. This week: Style editor Zach Dionne gives a preview of the upcoming awards season.

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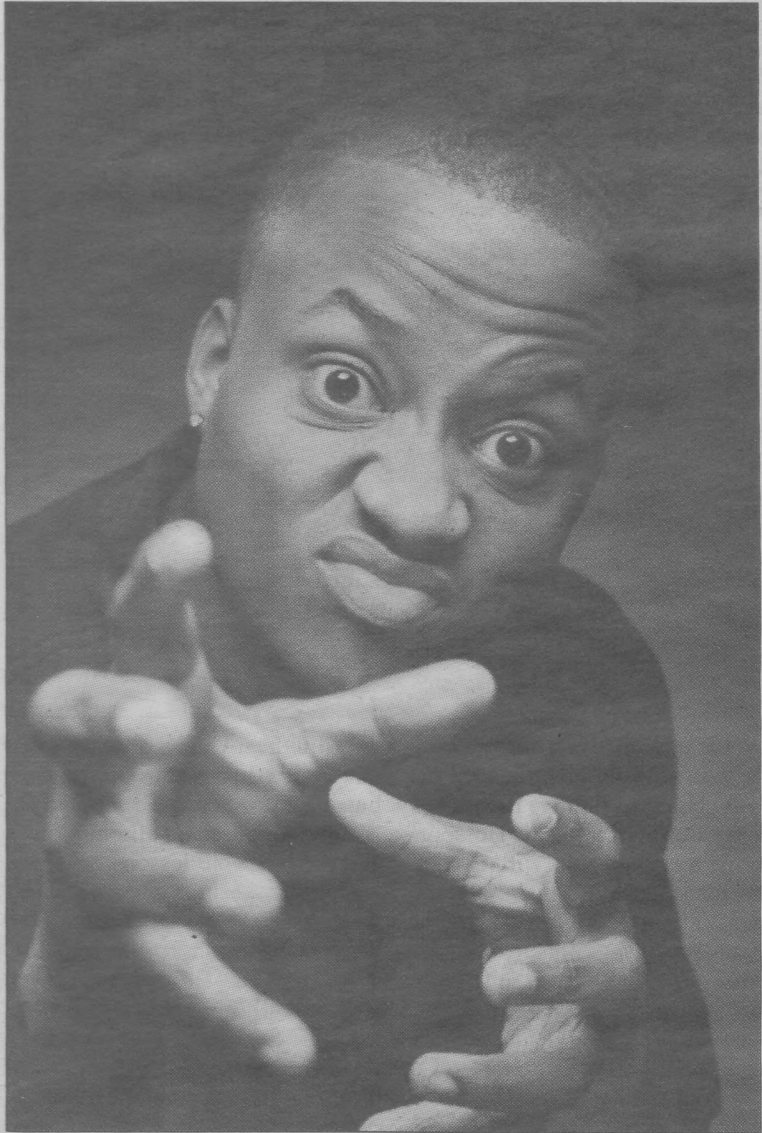
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More photos from this issue's featured artist.

Comic Nore Davis chats after UM gig



Courtesy of Ty Cole

By Spencer Morton
Staff Reporter

Every Friday, The Maine Attraction brings a national comedian to the University of Maine. On Jan. 23, Nore Davis spoke his mind on college, gas prices, his family and relationships. His charismatic performance was a blast, but his humor also shined off-stage in a post-show interview. Here's what went down:

MC: Alright, shot out of a cannon right here. You have to be invincible, a midget or the president for one day. What's your pick?

Davis: Invincible, a midget or the president? I'll be invincible, so I can punch the president in his face and I can have a midget as my sidekick. You got to have the midget.

MC: Yeah, they're great, aren't they?

Davis: But, I'd definitely be invincible. Nothing can hurt you. I'm a nerd, man. I love comic books and s---. When I was little I would tape sharp pencils on my knuckles and be Wolverine, and he's invincible. Hell yeah, I used to draw pencil marks on the wall like I'm scratching it [laughs], and he's invincible so I was like, "Hell yeah, I want to be Wolverine."

MC: [laughs] Nice. Now you got to fight Mike Tyson, Jet Li or Sylvester Stallone.

Davis: Oh, man [laughs] ... Jet Li, Stallone or Mike Tyson. Damn.

MC: Mike Tyson is a cold-blooded man, I don't know.

Davis: Man, I will punch Mike Tyson right in his face. I'll

fight Mike Tyson because he's old and he's done. I would bob and weave and then once I get to that ear [growls] ... it's over baby. I'll bite him back. I'm a dirty fighter too. I'll kick him in the balls, I don't care. But Jet Li, hell no. He kicked DMX's ass in that movie, so I don't know.

MC: Well, I don't think DMX is much of a fighter anyway. He's off in jail, preaching or doing whatever the hell he does now.

Davis: Yeah, stealing cars and stuff. He gives Yonkers a bad name. It's a shame. I'm trying to put Yonkers back on the map, because that's where I'm from.

MC: Who's the most overrated musician? Who's way more popular than they should be?

Davis: Um, probably Soulja Boy. I can't be a hypocrite though. All these people saying that he's not true to hip-hop, but once they're in the club, they're like dancing to it and stuff. It's a whole other level of hip-hop. But yeah, I think he got too big.

MC: What's your biggest pet peeve?

Davis: Messing up on stage. I hate that, man.

MC: You ever mess up big time?

Davis: All the time. That's how you learn. I hate that because I know how to do it, and I know how to execute. I was very happy with my performance tonight though. This is my first time doing like an hour of this s---.

MC: Really? It was pretty awesome.

Davis: Thanks man, I just try

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UMaine *Artist* Profile Oleksandr Shepchenko

By Kaley Roberts
Copy Editor

When Oleksandr Shepchenko was young, his father gave him his first camera. Because film in Ternopil, Ukraine, was so expensive, Oleksandr took only a few photographs, mainly of his family. He put down his camera after running out of film, but the creativity sparked by his first snapshot was never extinguished.

On a student work and travel trip to New Jersey last summer,

Oleksandr worked at an Indian restaurant to make money. During the trip he purchased a slew of electronics, including a cell phone, laptop and his first digital camera. He spent his first summer in America working during the week and traveling to New York City on weekends to see the sights.

"My first picture on my digital camera was in New York, in Manhattan, Time Square. I [took] a picture of a black woman ... she was dancing and I just tried

something," he said.

When the budding photographer returned to Ukraine following his stint in New Jersey, he continued taking pictures. He began getting together with friends who owned cameras to experiment with lighting and composition and exploring the world through film.

While he has worked in a studio environment, Oleksandr prefers to capture "real life" and

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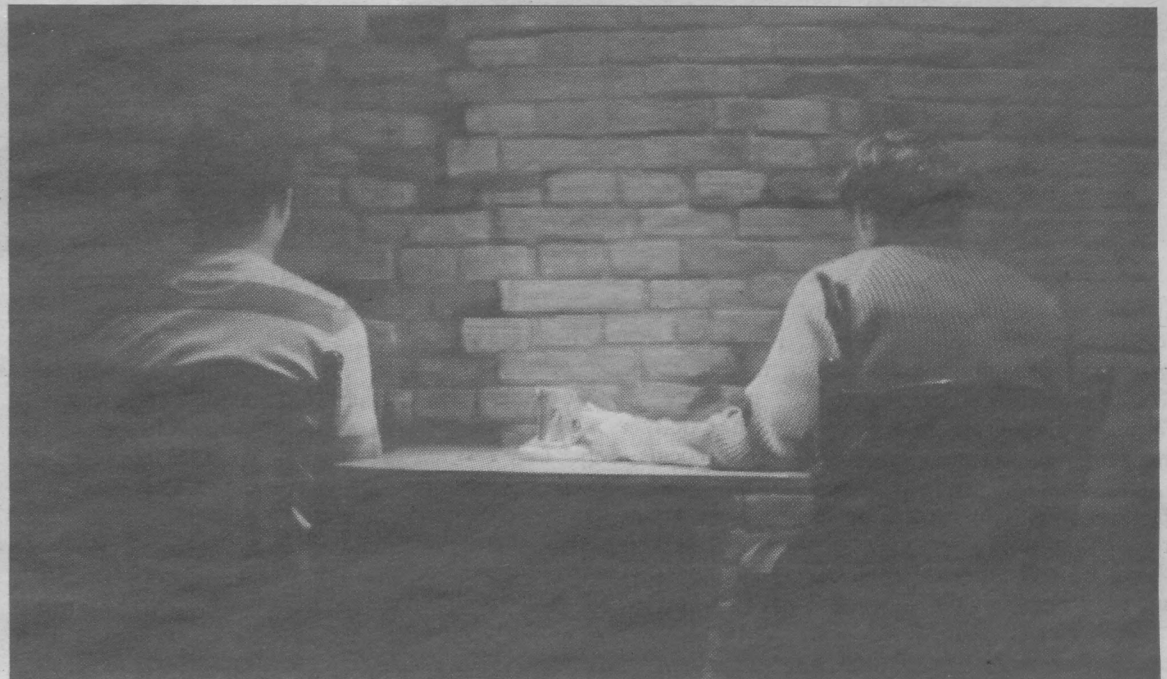


Photo by Oleksandr Shepchenko

Oleksandr Shepchenko put down his first camera after running out of film, but the creativity sparked by his first snapshot was never extinguished. "My first photo on my digital camera was in Times Square," he said.

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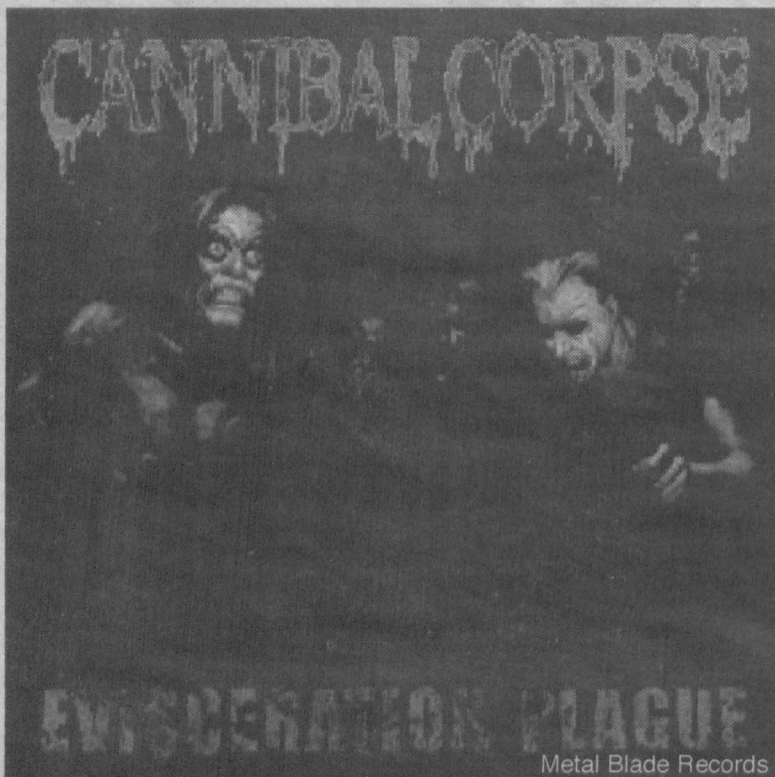
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CD REVIEW



By Spencer Morton
Staff Reporter

Cannibal Corpse are back, like it or not. 2009 offers up "Evisceration Plague," the group's 11th studio album. In a 2008 interview, bassist Alex Webster said this album would be their heaviest to date.

It's hard to say how much heavier this New York death metal quintet can get, but "Plague" is an impressive follow-up to 2006's highly successful "Kill." That bloodbath cracked the Billboard 200 chart, and it won't be a surprise if "Plague" follows suit.

The album is mostly solid the whole way through. Standout tracks include "To Decompose," "A Cauldron of Hate," "Carrion Sculpted Enemy" and "Skewered From Ear to Ear." The only real hiccup is the second track, "Scalding Hail," where their insanely fast blast beats only annoy.

Technically, the album is

crafted well. At some points the drums completely overpower the guitars — a disappointment, as the fret work in "Plague" is stellar. The album smartly combines catchy yet heavy riffs with mind-melting, polished solos.

George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher delivers again with top-notch vocals. Some may call his deep growls "Cookie Monster-ish" — I call them manly. The guy is nuts. It's near impossible to decipher what he's saying, but it's safe to say the lyrics assume the nature of past albums: sadistic, weird and perverse.

Assuming the lyrical content is consistent with past work, this album can't be fully recommended. Over time the gimmick of disturbing, gore-filled lyrics proves to be tired and pointless, much like the Paris Hilton sex tape.

Regardless, this album rocks. Check out "Evisceration Plague" for some of Cannibal Corpse's finest work to date.

Grade: B-

FILM: Gran Torino



By Spencer Morton
Staff Reporter

Not a lot of things are funnier than old people swearing — especially if the old person is Clint Eastwood. "Gran Torino" shows a side of Eastwood that nobody expects to see at his age, and it's a treat.

Eastwood plays grizzled Korean War veteran Walt Kowalski. He is a straight shooter — racial and ethnic slurs, sexist remarks and obscenities abound with Kowalski, whose dialogue makes the kids from "Superbad" sound like priests. Speaking of priests, Kowalski has a whole other slew of insults for all religions.

But the beauty of the film lies behind the mask of this disgruntled old timer. Kowalski deals with all sorts of issues, from the death of his wife to his poor relationship with the rest of his fam-

ily. He's lonely. He's angry about the war, at his family and at God.

A Hmong family moves in next door to Kowalski. He soon forms a relationship with two of the teenagers, Tao and Sue. He cares about them and protects them from gangs. Their relationships grow and lead to self-sacrifice and love. Kowalski finds the peace and meaning in his life he's been searching for all along.

"Gran Torino" is fundamentally a character study. Eastwood perfectly plays the part, acting with a gruff exterior, yet subtle internal pain and torment. It's pure acting by Eastwood, and yes, at 78, he still kicks ass. All the Hmong are played by first-time actors, hand-picked by Eastwood. Their acting is shaky, but it's not a big deal. Eastwood is perfect.

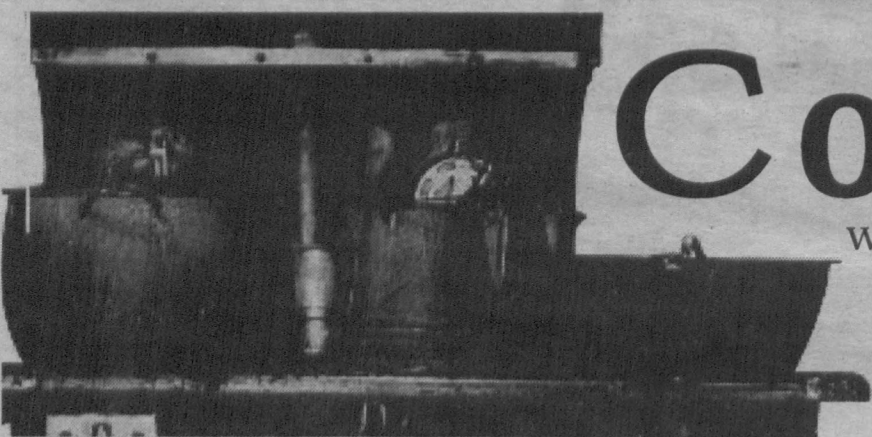
The film itself is hilarious. The bold language used often poses the question, "Holy crap,

did Clint Eastwood really just say that?" It's uproarious at times, but is in no way a comedy. "Torino" focuses on all emotions and has valuable lessons on violence, relationships and race.

Prior to release, Eastwood announced "Gran Torino" would mark his final film as an actor. He will still direct, but this is the last time Eastwood will be on the big screen. His performance is gripping, emotional and multi-dimensional — the best way to end a nearly flawless acting career.

Unfortunately, the Academy Awards felt otherwise; he was not nominated for his performance. Eastwood has never won an Academy Award for his acting abilities, and that is truly a shame. The Academy aside, "Gran Torino" will go down as one of his best works, and we're lucky to have it.

Grade: A



Cooking

with Colleen Willet

BAKED POTATOES RANCHERO

(This recipe feeds two to four people or one football player)

- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, undrained
- 1 (4 1/2 ounce) can chopped green chilies, undrained
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 ounce shredded cheddar cheese (4 tablespoons)
- 2 tablespoons chopped dried onions
- 2-4 microwaved potatoes (depending on size, usually 4-8 minutes. When you can stick a fork in them easily and they slide right off, they are done)

1. Combine the first six ingredients in a microwave safe bowl and stir well. Microwave on high until it boils — about five to eight minutes. Cover your bowl with a napkin or paper towel — otherwise you'll have a nasty mess to blame on your roommate.
2. Stir ingredients, cover again and cook for five more minutes, or until tender and heated through.
3. Split open the baked potatoes and scoop out the insides. To the potato, add margarine, salt and pepper to taste, and mash well. Refill the skins with the potato mixture.
4. Top the potatoes with your tomato-bean mix, add cheese and onion. Microwave for another minute, or until cheese is melted. Garnish with your favorite sour cream or avocado dip.
5. Congratulations! Not only have you become a dorm room gourmet, but also you have fed four hungry college students for under \$10!

By most accounts, college food has improved over the years. But what happens when you sleep through lunch? What happens on the days when you are really hungry, and there's a blizzard outside?

With a few simple and cheap supplies, you can have the makings for great snacks and meals right in the comfy space of your own dorm room — assuming you can find your refrigerator and microwave, that is. Each column, I'll show you how to expand your options to improve your personal menu options, cooking for more than one person, and maybe, just maybe (winced) — eating something relatively healthy.

We all know the staples of every college student's pantry: Ramen Noodles, mac & cheese, hotdogs

and Hot Pockets. By adding a few relatively inexpensive items to your virtual cupboard, you can beef up your options. Adding such items as your favorite spices, rice, soups, nuts, instant potatoes, pasta and crackers — products that don't need to be refrigerated — will provide quick meals and snacks on the run.

Helpful hint — move your six-pack to the windowsill. It will keep your drinks cold, and free up that more-valuable-than-gold space in the platinum lined fridge you were forced to buy. Keep your refrigerator stocked with shredded cheese, sauces, pita bread (it keeps longer in the fridge), butter or margarine, condiments and a couple of eggs if your diet allows. Freezers should hold items that will last a long time,

and have larger quantities — no, not a bottle of vodka — like frozen precooked chicken patties or frozen blueberries.

Didn't finish your lunch at the Union? Save your leftovers to create a new meal the next night. Craving something like that barbecue chicken pizza from Pat's, but its two days before payday? With barbecue sauce from your fridge, pitas, shredded cheese and grilled chicken from the Marketplace, you can feed that craving and still have money for Trivia Night at Marg's.

These recipes are designed for college students on the run, involving minimal ingredients, tools and equipment. But — be forewarned — some of the recipes are ones only college students will appreciate or even attempt.



Courtesy of Nore Davis

Davis: "Man, I will punch Mike Tyson right in his face. I'll fight Mike Tyson because he's old and he's done."

Comedy

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to keep it coming and coming.

MC: So I read online that you were on "Yo Mama" on MTV?

Davis: Yeah [laughs].

MC: What's your best "Yo Mama" joke?

Davis: Oh, it was the one that was on the trailer. It was, "Yo mama is so stupid she went on TRL [Total Request Live] and requested food stamps."

MC: [laughs] Awesome.

Davis: That was my best one. I love that one. I lost in the end though. S---

MC: So where are you headed after this? Somewhere warm?

Davis: Yeah. I'm headed back to New York — maybe hit up a party here first. See how the parties are here in the freezing cold. I'm going to Ohio next weekend to a theater out there. I'm just going to keep building my name.

Artist

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spontaneous moments.

"I see what people are doing and I just take pictures," he said.

After three years of studying computer science, he decided to take a break from Ternopil National Economic University and spend a semester at the University of Maine.

"UM is a great place. I [hope to] find some extraordinary people and exchange with them my experience and learn something new," Oleksandr said.

He hasn't taken many pictures since his arrival, due to a hectic schedule and aversion to the snow.

"I can't bring my camera out because the cold is too cold for my fingers," Oleksandr is looking forward to taking his camera out again once the campus has thawed.

Aside from photography, Oleksandr enjoys drawing. In his home town, he knows an elusive artist referred to only as Fleck whom he "exchange[s] experiences with," he said. "He gives me his art experience and I give him my photo experience."

When he is not studying or taking photos, Oleksandr enjoys swimming, walking around campus and watching movies. He loves Tom Hanks and lists the big

screen adaptation of Stephen King's "The Green Mile" as his favorite film. He looks forward to seeing and snapping photos of King's residence in Bangor.

Oleksandr plans on continuing with computer science as a career while holding on to his love of

photography. Like other aspiring shutterbugs, he dreams of seeing his work in print someday and has his sights set high for the future.

"Every photographer's dream is to be in 'National Geographic,'" he said. "It has the best pictures."



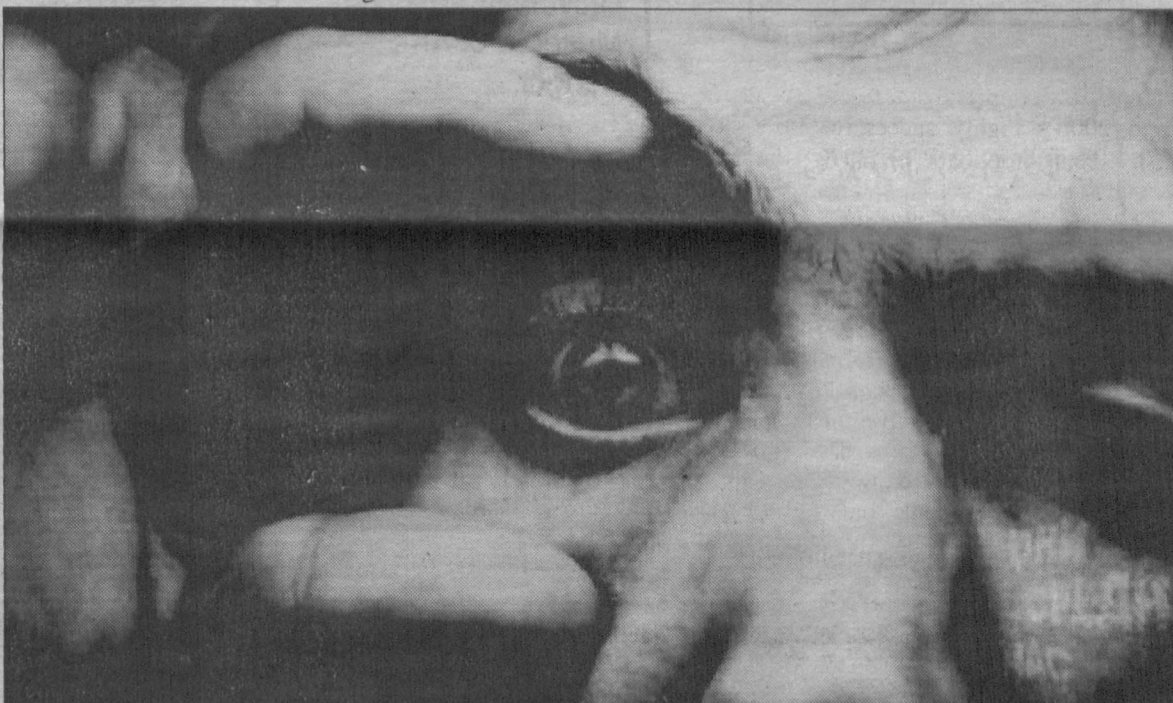
Photos by Oleksandr Shepchenko

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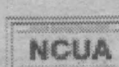
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calendar

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MUSIC

Thursday, Jan. 27

The Project
First round qualifier
of student acoustic
competition
8 p.m.
Bear's Den, Memorial
Union

STAR SHOWS

**Star Shows at
Jordan Planetarium**
Explore the wonder of
the universe
Jan. 3 - 31,
7 p.m.
Planetarium at
Wingate Hall
Students free, public
\$3

FUN

**Games Night: The
Roommate Game**
Monday, Jan. 26
8 p.m.
North Dining Room,
Memorial Union

ART

**"A Bit of Colored
Ribbon"**

Works by John Bailly
Through April 1
9:10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine
Museum of Art
Bangor

"Gyotaku Prints"

works by Boshu
Nagase
through March 20
9:10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine
Museum of Art
Bangor

**"Metaphysics of
Landscape"**

Paintings by Timothy
McDowell
through April 1
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine
Museum of Art
Bangor

FILM

**Kickin' Flicks: "Role
Models"**

Wednesday, Jan. 28
7:30 and 10 p.m.
100 Donald P. Corbett
Friday, Jan. 30
7:30 and 10 p.m.
Bangor Room,
Memorial Union

SPORTS

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Men's Basketball
at Vermont
Burlington, Vt.
7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30

**Men's and Women's
Track**
Reebok Indoor Games at
Reggie Lewis Center
Boston, Mass.
12 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Northeastern
Alfond Arena
2 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. UMass Lowell
Alfond Arena
7 p.m.

**Men's and Women's
Swimming**
Boston College / URI /
Dartmouth
Chestnut Hill, Mass.
All Day

Saturday, Jan. 31

Women's Basketball
vs. Binghamton
Alfond Arena
12 p.m.

Men's Basketball
at Binghamton
Vestal, N.Y.
2 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Northeastern
Alfond Arena
7 p.m.

**Men's and Women's
Swimming**
Boston College / URI /
Dartmouth
Chestnut Hill, Mass.
All Day

Sunday, Feb. 1

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. Massachusetts
Alfond Arena
4 p.m.

LECTURES

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Deaffirming the Ideal: A
Focus Group Analysis
of the Dove Campaign
for Real Beauty
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.
Bangor Room,
Memorial Union

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Setting Up the Legal
Framework of Your
Business
6 - 7 p.m.
Foster Student
Innovation Center

Friday, Jan. 30

Judging a Fish by Its
Cover: Can MSC
Certification and
Labeling Improve
Marine Conservation?
11:10 a.m.
354 Aubert Hall

LITERATURE

Reading by Magdalena
Zurawski and C.A.
Conrad
New Writing Series
Friday, Jan. 30
4:30 p.m.
Soderberg Auditorium,
Jenness Hall

THEATER

Readers Theater: "The
Bald Soprano"
Students of FRE309
read "La Cantatrice
Chauve" in French
Wednesday, Jan. 28
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall,
Class of 1944 Hall
Free with MaineCard,
\$6 public

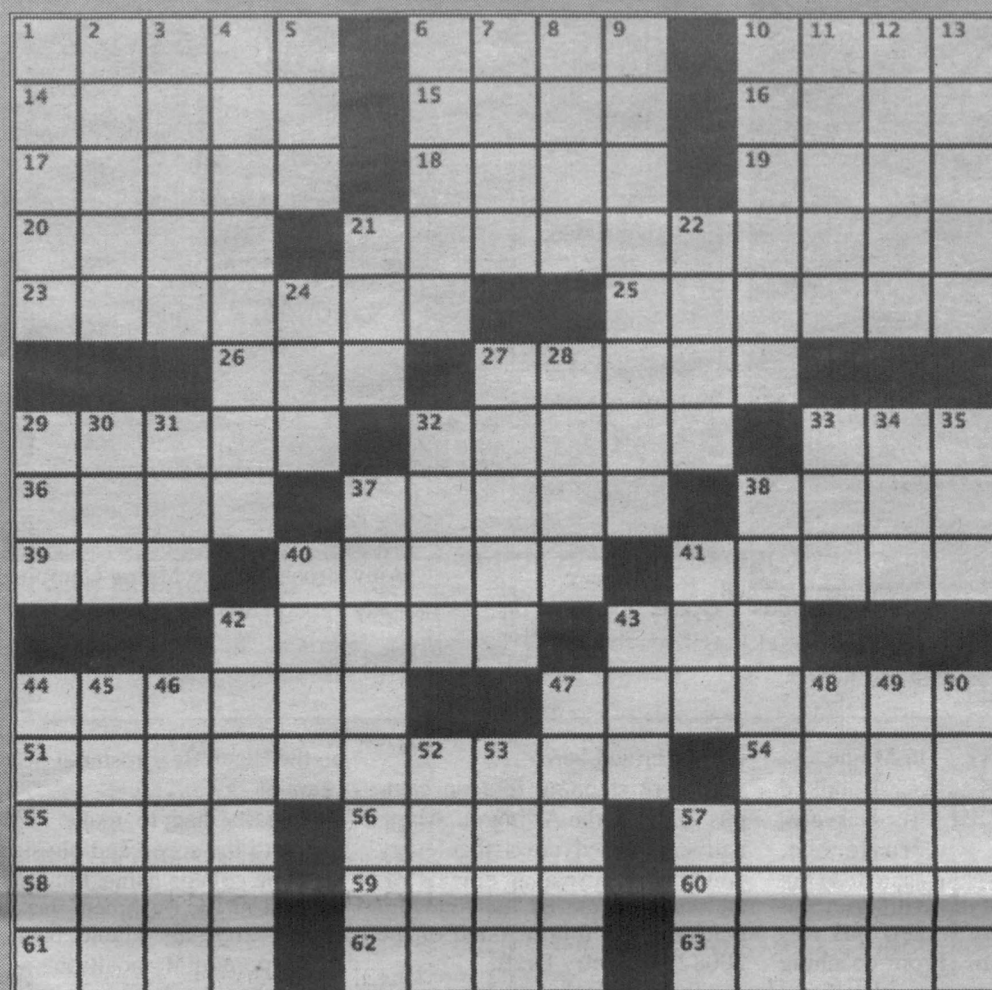


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CROSSWORD



DOWN

- 1- Wearies
- 2- In ____ (unborn)
- 3- Aromatic herb
- 4- Skin emollient
- 5- Fan setting
- 6- Humdinger
- 7- Compass direction
- 8- This, in Tijuana
- 9- Tailor
- 10- Splash
- 11- Look for
- 12- Unit of magnetic induction
- 13- Ruhr city
- 21- Hydrocarbon suffix
- 22- Belonging to us
- 24- Zeta follower
- 27- Senator Specter
- 28- Tidy, without fault
- 29- A collection of articles
- 30- Actress Thurman
- 31- HBO alternative
- 32- Central points
- 33- Intangible mixture of gases used for breathing
- 34- No longer young
- 35- Acapulco article
- 37- Person granted a patent
- 38- Capital of Nepal
- 40- Carry
- 41- Singer Sumac
- 42- Forced feeding
- 43- Nothing but
- 44- Kid leather
- 45- Diary bit
- 46- Discourage
- 47- Above
- 48- Ships' officers
- 49- Uneven
- 50- Leases
- 52- Shooting marbles
- 53- Worry
- 57- Goal, intention

ANSWER KEY FOUND IN SPORTS

ACROSS

- 1- Like ziti
- 6- Honey producers
- 10- Go out with
- 14- Writer Calvino
- 15- Facilitate
- 16- Amazes
- 17- Plant anew
- 18- Nick and Nora's pooch
- 19- Low in pitch
- 20- Canal of song
- 21- Passenger vehicle
- 23- Able to pay debts
- 25- Sovereign of an Islamic country
- 26- Hot time in Paris
- 27- Cave
- 29- Collection of Hindu aphorisms
- 32- Liberates
- 33- "You've got mail" co.
- 36- Austen novel
- 37- Like some bears and icecaps
- 38- Thousand; prefix
- 39- Tic ____ Dough
- 40- Be silent, musically
- 41- Fenced areas
- 42- Arrived
- 43- Invoice abbr.

Crossword puzzles provided by
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- 44- Composed
- 47- Prison
- 51- Routine
- 54- Swiss river
- 55- Bluesy James
- 56- Diamond cover
- 57- Composer Bruckner
- 58- Remnant
- 59- Pitcher
- 60- That is, in Latin
- 61- Fictional Jane
- 62- This, in Tijuana
- 63- Meditates;

(Solution on page 17)

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

You are thinking or saying things about someone you don't like. Today is a good time to change your thought patterns about this individual and lessen the stress between you.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

This is a day for relaxation. Take it easy today and avoid workaholic behavior. Don't plan anything especially important or strenuous. You will really notice a difference.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You will come across as charming and generous today. Your warmth and affection will cause others to take notice of your radiance.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

A number of things are unfinished and it seems like they all have to be completed today. You will find yourself multitasking to get them done. Ask for help today; you will definitely need it.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

You have closed the door on a current situation and are about to move on. You may think you have made a wrong decision but know that for things to improve, you have to follow through on your gut feelings.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

In the morning you might be in a state of agitation because of the changes taking place at work. You are advised to control your temper.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

This morning you might feel disappointed with the behavior of a business partner, but you should not take things too seriously. The sooner you get over it, the better.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You might feel disappointed with one of your friends. You are advised to be more cautious than usual and postpone any investment.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You might get angry with a colleague at work. This is not a good time for making major decisions. You could be on a state of confusion and unable to focus. You are advised to try and sort out your thoughts.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Avoid getting involved in business activities and meeting with friends. In the morning, a relative might ask you for a loan. You are advised to oblige if you can afford it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You could be nervous and criticize everybody around you. You are advised to watch your attitude, or your friends may turn from you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

You may feel worn out and in no mood to work. You are advised to postpone making major decisions, and stay to routine activities. You may want to relax and pay more attention to your needs.



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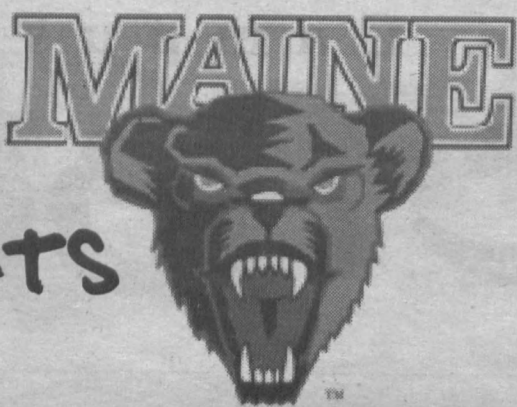
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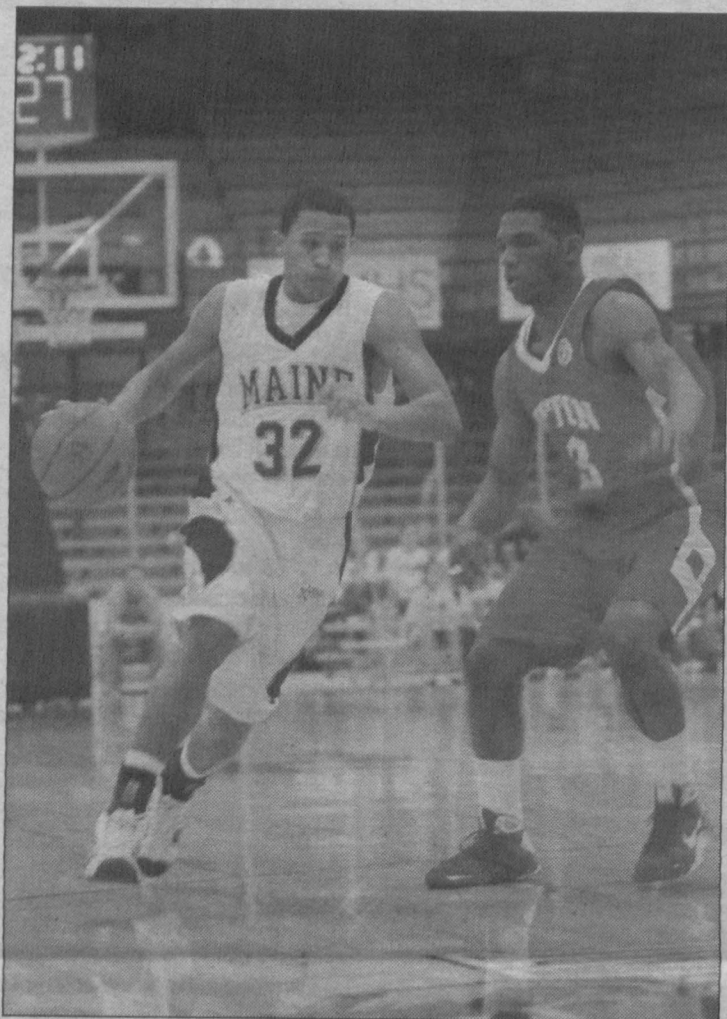
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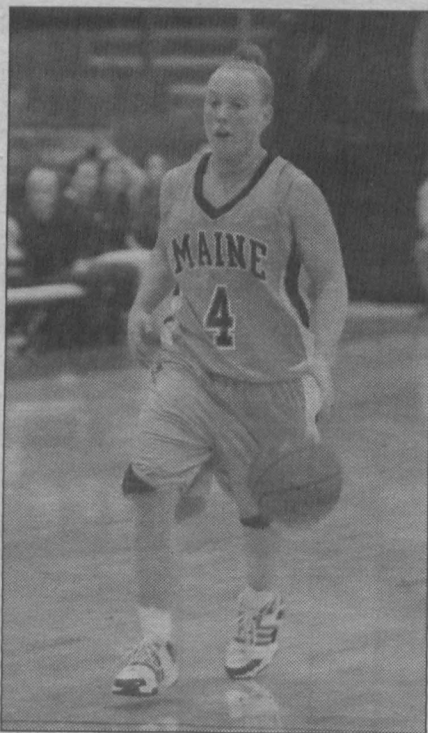
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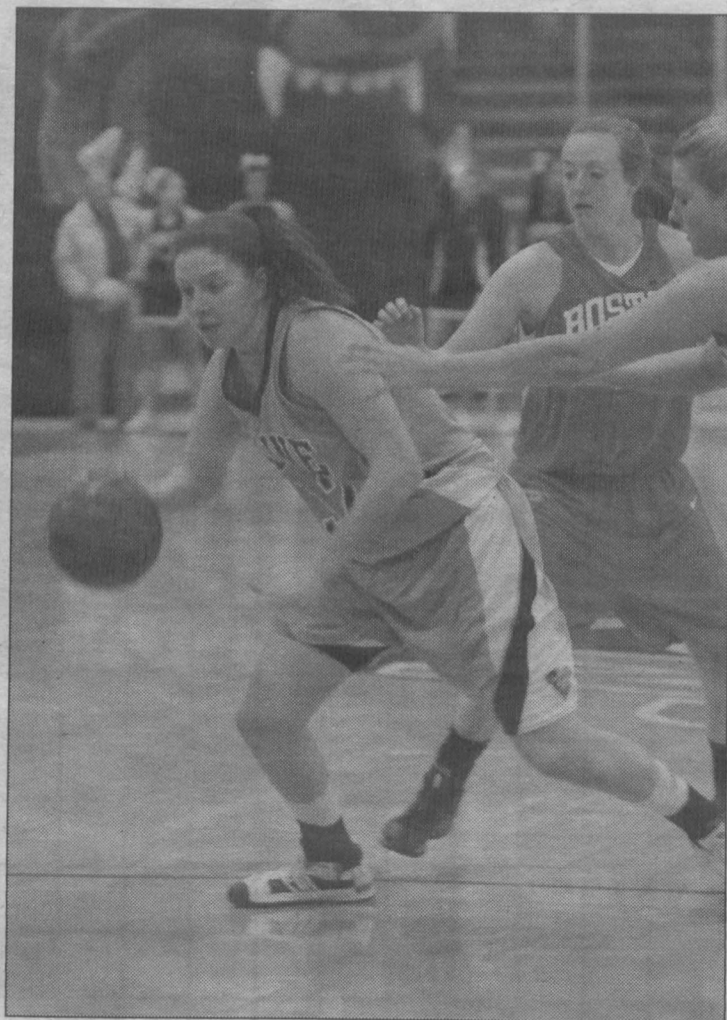
Basket cases



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus
Gerald McLemore explodes to the basket, earning two of his eight points in Sunday's 73-62 loss against the BU Terriers.



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus
Kristin Baker brings the ball down court in first half of play against BU Terriers.



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus
Colleen Kilmurray dribbles her way through two BU defenders in Saturday's loss.

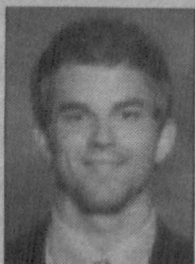
Athletes of the Week

Genevieve Turgeon Women's Hockey



The senior goaltender from Lac Beauport, Quebec, has broken several school records in her career, including saves, career games and single season saves. Despite picking up the loss in both games at UNH this past weekend, Turgeon recorded 81 saves in two games, including 47 on Saturday afternoon.

Mark Socoby Men's Basketball



The junior guard from Houlton, Maine, was a key reason for the Black Bears' success this week. In Monday's thrilling 78-75 double-overtime victory over UNH, Socoby scored six of his 11 points in the overtime sessions. In Sunday's loss to BU, Socoby was named the America East Player of the Game for his 16-point, five-rebound effort.

Hegarty

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to Maine. "I talked to Harvard, Providence, BC and BU," he said. "This school is one of those things; right when I got here I knew this was the place for me. From coaching style to the way they play fit to how I play and the school in general is a great campus."

The vibrant fans of Maine hockey that pack into Alford Arena also made the choice easier for the young defenseman.

"It's funny going other places. You're used to this crowd, and so you go other places and think this crowd isn't very good so it doesn't affect you," said Hegarty, who played in Orono last season against Maine in an exhibition matchup. "It's unbelievable hav-

ing the crowd here."

Before stepping foot on campus this fall, the Arlington, Mass. native received news that every young hockey player dreams of. He was selected by the Anaheim Ducks in the fourth round of the 2008 NHL Entry Draft.

"It was an unbelievable experience, and then I went out there this summer, and it was just a really eye-opening experience seeing all that talent and seeing how well-run the NHL programs are," he said.

Right now, the highly-touted defenseman has seen action in 10 games and has been one of the key cogs on one of the nation's stingiest defenses.

Even more impressive than his immediate contributions is his standing as the youngest player

on the Black Bear roster at just 18 years of age.

Hegarty had to make adjustments to the speed and physicality of the college game, but he and the rest of the freshmen class are poised to bring Maine back to their perennial position as a national contender.

"I knew that after last season, it wouldn't be a factor this season," he said. "I knew we had a lot of great freshmen coming in. I knew it was going to be a good year for us. Everyone within this program knew it would be a good year and that's all that matters."

If Hegarty and the rest of the newcomers continue their rapid development, and with more help on the way next season, the Black Bears should once again ascend to the top.

Van Dyk

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"He's our best player coming up the ice on the power play, making decisions on the break-out, and making sure that the puck is in the right spot," Whitehead explained.

The Black Bears will graduate two of their top defensemen at the end of the season in Danis-Pepin and Matt Duffy, but the stingiest defense in Hockey East has been complimented by a trio of sophomores emerging into roles of increased importance.

"Our team is so young this year; it was important for a lot of our sophomores to really become leaders on our team," said Whitehead. "With our defensive core in particular, we've seen all three sophomore defensemen [Van Dyk, Dimmen, Mike Banwell], all elevate their game to become a very important part of our team. I'm confident that once Simon and Matt graduate, that these guys will be ready to take on even more responsibility."

With 54 goals allowed, UMaine's defense is tied for third best in Hockey East.

After losing the top six scorers from last year's team, a consistent defensive effort will be vital to the success of the young Black Bears.

"Defense is absolutely the most important," Van Dyk acknowledged. "You play defense first, and then it leads to offense. It's not just our goaltending, or our 'D', or our forwards. Everybody as a unit is playing well defensively."

Coach Whitehead has seen a noticeable progression in Van Dyk as both a person and as an athlete since recruiting him out of the Hamilton, Ontario Red Wings junior program.

"He's playing with a lot more confidence, a lot more toughness and a lot more courage to make plays. And I'm very proud of how he's playing. He's become a very complete player for us."

Off the ice Whitehead sees Van Dyk as "a great student, and he's a very good friend to his teammates, and he's certainly

impressive as an athlete."

Before coming to UMaine, Van Dyk got 19 goals and 40 assists in 46 games in his final season with Hamilton, and was named the team's top defenseman. Yet to score his first collegiate goal, Van Dyk knows if he continues to play well defensively, his moment will come.

"I'm sure it's just a matter of time. I'm not going to rush it or try and hog the puck or anything. If it'll come, it'll come."

Like most Division I players, Van Dyk has hopes of advancing to the professional ranks, but has a back-up option in the business field. At UMaine, Van Dyk is studying business, with a double concentration in finance and management.

"Obviously I want to play as long as I can, play pro or overseas, then just get into the business world after," Van Dyk said.

Van Dyk was also named to the Hockey East Academic Honor roll during his first year.



Please drink
responsibly

Pauper

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and out year after year as a result of the desire to acquire "what LeBron needs around him." Those players should not be hunted and acquired; instead they should be kept in place and learn to develop. The Lakers success with Kobe Bryant was a result of Shaquille O'Neal's inside presence, but also the roles of players such as Robert Horry, Derek Fisher and Rick Fox. The Spurs run has been a result of drafting Tim Duncan, but also of acquiring Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker. Keeping them in place to mold with Duncan, constants like Bruce Bowen and Robert Horry make key plays on the side.

Now comes the 2010 offseason, in which LeBron will make the choice of staying in Cleveland or leaving to play in New York, Brooklyn or elsewhere. LeBron has said that he desires to be the first billionaire athlete and likes the national spotlight. The large market of New York can certainly

provide necessary financial compensation, as well as the large market LeBron covets. James has openly commented on the pending free agency and has been rightly criticized. Rather than focusing on his current assignment and obligation of winning in Cleveland, he is looking forward to a possible career change. In respect to staying put, all of the athletes mentioned as truly great players have spent their entire tenure with their team. Tim Duncan with the Spurs, Kobe Bryant with the Lakers, Dwayne Wade with the Heat, Michael Jordan with the Bulls, Magic Johnson with the Lakers, Larry Bird with the Celtics, Tom Brady with the Patriots and Derek Jeter with the Yankees have all stayed put, with the exception of Jordan's late move to Washington. Ohio is LeBron's home state, and he has become an icon for the people of that region. Perhaps there is no reason to leave.

"King James" is undoubtedly an exceptional talent, and leav-

ing his throne in Cleveland could end up being a horrible career move. With the Cavaliers showing significant progress this season, LeBron needs to prove that he can lead his team to the top. Paul Pierce outplayed him in the Conference Semifinals last year because of Pierce's ability to win a Game 7 when it counts most down the stretch. The Cavs will have to beat Pierce this season and likely Kobe as well in order to win a championship. If LeBron is able to do this, the critics will become silent. James could then decide to stay in town, and he would well be on his way to a legendary career. That career would still need to be validated with multiple titles if he intends to follow the likes of Jordan, Bird, Johnson, Bryant and Duncan. Quite simply, LeBron needs to lead when it counts, stay put and keep doing what he's doing statistically. That could quite possibly put him on the fast track to becoming one of the greatest who ever played the game.

Prince

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at such a young age. But the real question is, how do we separate LeBron from Michael Jordan when appointing "The Best Ever"?

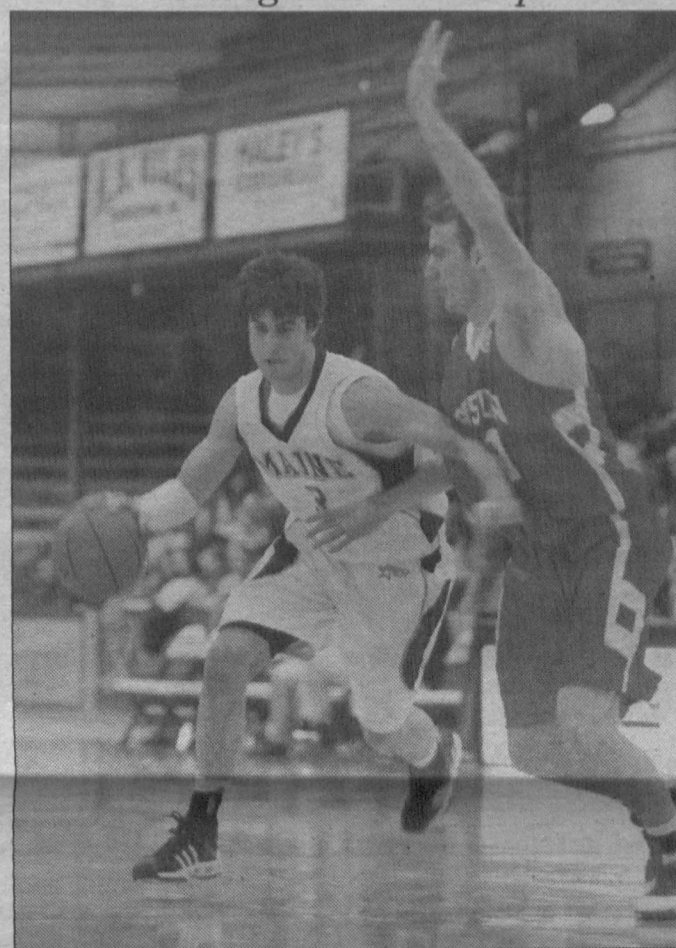
Look no further than the ultimate statistic, that truly means anything at all—career scoring. Jordan retired with a career total of 5,987 points in the playoffs and 32,292 overall (third all-time). He also holds the top career and playoff scoring averages at 30.1 and 33.4 points per game.

LeBron on the other hand, despite only averaging 27.5 in the playoffs and 27.3 in his career, became the youngest

player by over a year to surpass the 10,000-career point mark at 23 years and 59 days. James was also the ninth fastest in league history doing it in only 368 games.

When trying to name the best to ever play in the NBA, I would have to give the title, currently, to Michael Jordan simply because he has already completed his career and proven himself. LeBron, on the other hand, if he is able to continue to succeed with such ease, with only a handful of experience in the NBA, then there is no doubt that at the end of his career he will have surpassed Jordan and be named the best there ever was.

Taking it to the hoop



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Troy Bamies controls the ball to make a move toward the hoop.

Swim team preps for BC

By Dayna Margarita
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine swimming program hosted an unscored dual meet against Bowdoin College this Saturday, where they showcased some impressive talent from the Black Bears. The swimmers were able to compete in events they wouldn't normally do, and some great performances were seen as a result of this change.

The women's team, comprising of Adi Levy, Grace Barnett, Meaghan Fisher, and Colleen Miller (1:54.79), placed first in the 200-yard medley relay. Other first places went to Sara Knight in the 1000-yard freestyle (11:05.98), Caitlin Shelley in the 100-yard IM (1:02.88) and Meaghan Fisher in the 200-yard butterfly (2:13.60). Second places went to Lauren Thornbrough in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.36), Shelley in the 100-yard freestyle (58.10), Levy in the 200-yard backstroke (2:15.55), Kerstin Fenton in the 500-yard

freestyle (5:31.99), Erica Simpson in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:42.46) and the 200-yard freestyle relay, consisting of Knight, Samantha Bond, Meaghan Fisher and Miller (1:43.38). Third places went to the 200-yard medley relay team comprising of Knight, Dana Wright, Bond and Nicole Langlois (1:57.78), Mackenzie Grobmeyer in the 200-yard freestyle (2:02.64) and 200-yard backstroke (2:43.48), Fenton in the 100-yard IM (1:05.00), Barnett in the 200-yard butterfly (2:24.14) and the 200-yard freestyle relay team comprising of Langlois, Nissa Marione, Thornbrough and Alicia Hahn (1:46.02).

The men's team also showed some impressive performances. First places went to captain John Quinn in the 1000-yard freestyle (10:17.70), which he took by six seconds. Other first places went to Jeremy Bender in the 200-yard freestyle (1:50.27), Drew Mackeil in the 200-yard backstroke (2:02.68) and Corey Stogner in the 500-yard freestyle (5:05.48).

Second places went to the 200-yard medley relay team with Kevin Staples, Brian Landry, Drew Mackeil and Daniel MacDonald (1:41.65), MacDonald in the 50-yard freestyle (23.58), Bender in the 200-yard backstroke (2:03.37); and the 200-yard freestyle relay team composed of Quinn, MacDonald, Ryan Wonsor and Staples (1:32.12). Third places went to Zachary Cravens in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.63) and 200-yard butterfly (2:06.58), Stogner in the 100-yard IM (56.83), Quinn in the 100-yard freestyle (51.22), Zachary Hamer in the 500-yard freestyle (5:08.27), Corey Birdsall in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:27.01), and the 200-yard freestyle relay team comprising Stogner, Mackeil, Bender, and Andrew Meehan (1:34.36).

The UMaine swimming and diving team will be traveling to Chestnut Hill, Mass., this weekend for a meet against Rhode Island, Dartmouth and Boston College at Boston College.



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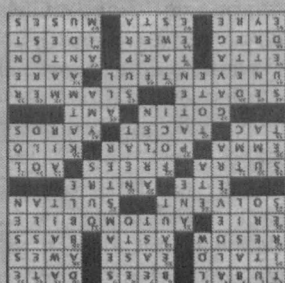
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Monday, Jan. 19**Men's Basketball**

UM	78
New Hampshire	75
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Wednesday, Jan. 21**Women's Basketball**

UM	51
Vermont	86

Friday, Jan. 23**Women's Hockey**

UM	0
New Hampshire	3

Women's Swimming

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Saturday, Jan. 24**Men's Hockey**

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Boston College	6

Women's Hockey

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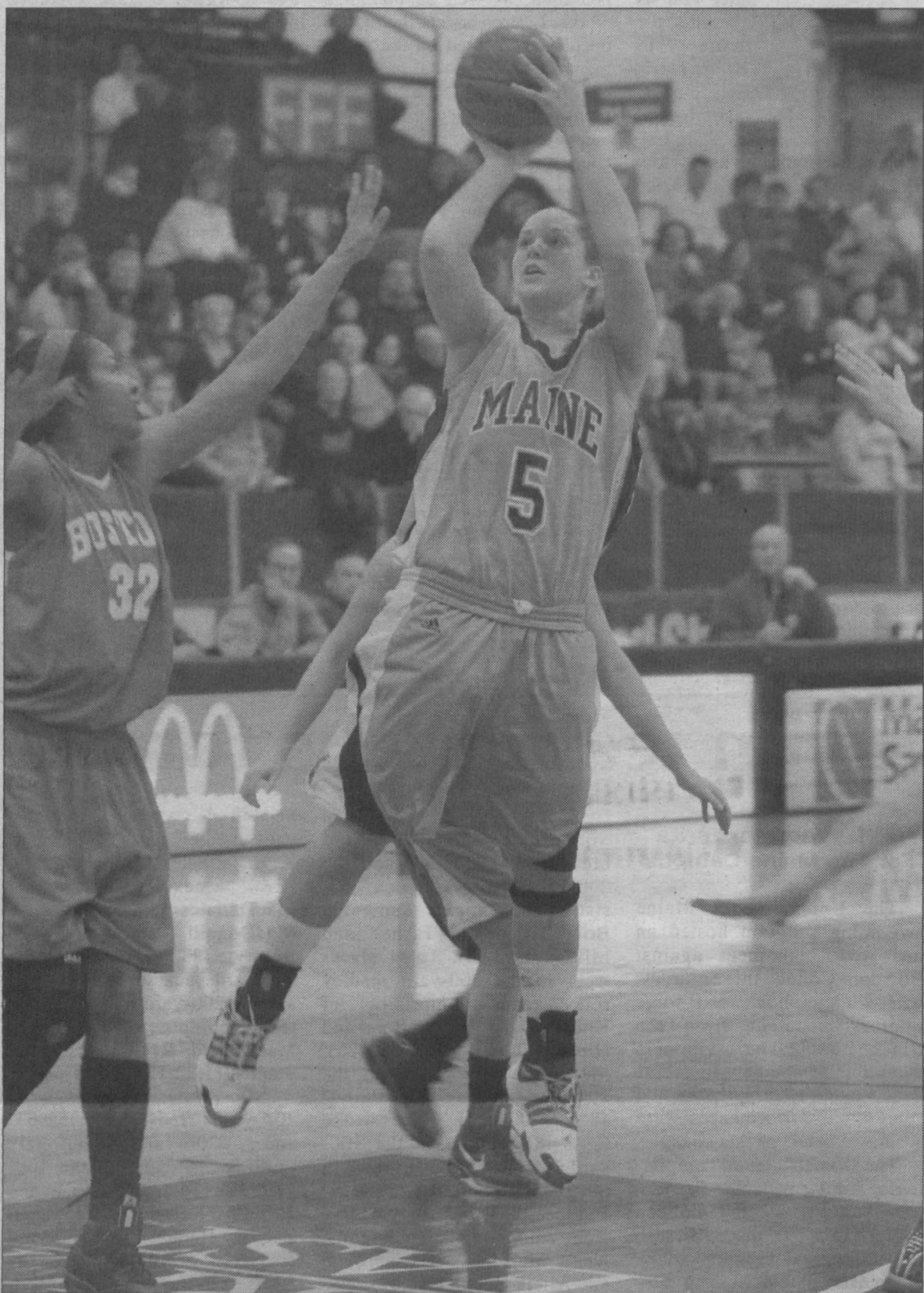
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Boston University	87

Sunday, Jan. 25**Men's Basketball**

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Boston University	73

Men's Hockey

UM	1
Boston College	4

Key Moment

Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Tanna Ross sinks a jumper from the top of the key on Saturday night. UMaine lost to BU 87-72.

Hockey continues slide

Compiled by Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Women's Hockey

Durham, N.H. — The University of Maine women's hockey team was swept by the No. 7-ranked University of New Hampshire on Friday and Saturday at the Whittemore Center. Friday night UMaine fell 3-0, and on Saturday afternoon they fell 5-1. The Black Bears dropped their sixth-straight game, falling to 4-19-2 on the season and 1-11-1 in Hockey East. The Wildcats improved to 13-5-5 overall and 8-2-3 in conference play.

On Friday night, UNH took advantage of some UMaine penalties, scoring their first two goals while on the power play. Sam Faber, Jenn Wakefield and Michaela Long notched goals for UNH.

Senior goalie Genevieve Turgeon turned aside 34 shots, but that was not enough as the Black Bears were unable to

muster up much of an attack.

On Saturday afternoon, the Wildcats again pounded the net with 52 shots in the game. Turgeon notched 47 saves, but once again that was not enough as UNH scored four unanswered goals after the first period to win 5-1.

UMaine senior, Jennie Gallo scored her 10th goal of the season 8:38 into the game to give the Black Bears the early lead, but Wakefield scored on the power play late in the first to tie the score at one.

Courtney Birchard scored 8:16 into the second period which proved to be the game-winning goal. The Wildcats added three goals in the third to close out the Black Bears.

UMaine continues conference play Friday afternoon when they host Northeastern for a weekend series. The puck drops at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Women's Basketball

Orono, Maine — The University of Maine women's

basketball team fell to Boston University on Saturday night 87-72 at Alford Arena. The Black Bears continued their slide, falling to 2-17 overall and 0-6 in America East play. The first-place Terriers improved to 12-6 and 6-0 in the conference.

Despite three Black Bears recording double-figures (Brittany Boser-14 points, Colleen Kilmurray and Brittany Williams-10 points each), BU's strong start put UMaine in a hole they could not get out of. The Terriers scored the first seven points in the contest and outscored UMaine 46-25 in the first half.

In the second half, Cindy Blodgett's squad outscored BU 47-41 and shot 54 percent from the field, but it was not enough as the Terriers stayed unbeaten in America East play.

UMaine resumes play next Saturday when it plays host to Binghamton at 12 p.m. at Alford Arena.

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King James still has leaps and bounds to go

By Ben Hamblen
For The Maine Campus

Hype is defined as "to promote or publicize showily." This definition could be no more relevant than with LeBron James. Garnering significant public notice during his sophomore year at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio, James was being promoted and publicized as "The Chosen One." In a league which had recently seen the departure of Michael Jordan, NBA fans were looking for a fresh face, and the NBA itself coveted a player that it could reap the financial benefits from. James was indeed "The Chosen One" as his name implies, but sometimes the most gifted and talented players are not defined as the greatest players.

At the age of 18, James was selected as the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NBA draft in a loaded class that included the likes of Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade respectively.

In today's society, the media hypes up athletes to levels where it is almost impossible not to find a point to criticize. To many, James has exceeded expectations. Those same people tend to give James the benefit of the doubt, saying that Jordan wasn't able to win his first title until he was 28. Others point to the lack of talent around James, noting players of comparable measure like Dwayne Wade and Kobe Bryant, who had the inside force of Shaquille O'Neal.

James, in his sixth season in the NBA, can clearly be defined as follows: He is arguably the most gifted athlete in sports, but

he is not even the best employee in his own profession. One may ask what measures success. In the business world, success should be defined as one's ability to take a company to the top of its market, using leadership and teamwork along with a core group of individuals with that same goal. James is not an example of this. Players he watched growing up, like Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, are examples of this. Today, Dwayne Wade and

[James] is arguably the most gifted athlete in sports, but he is not even the best employee in his own profession.

Kobe Bryant exceed James in this department.

It cannot be denied that his physical abilities are unmatched in the league today, and perhaps ever. Listed at six-foot-eight and 250 pounds, which could very well be understated, James looks more like a linebacker on the court than a small forward. On an individual talent level, James is most comparable to Magic Johnson. If necessary, James could play any position on the court, one through five. He has the driving and passing abilities of a point guard and the strength and rebounding abilities of a big man. All that being said, "great" athletes today are only anointed as such after they've proven to lead and to win.

A prime example of this is Alex Rodriguez, who has yet to win a ring in his illustrious base-

ball career. Rodriguez has proven to be one of the best in the game statistically, year in and year out. First with the Mariners, then with the Rangers and now with the Yankees. One cannot deny Rodriguez's pure talent level, but his inability to perform under pressure and will his team to the top of his profession has left him receiving an extraordinary amount of national criticism. Still a media darling, James may perhaps be seen as Rodriguez eventually, or as Dan Marino was in the NFL: a player at the height of his game who could not put his team on his shoulders and win a championship.

Looking at athletes who have a history of winning, little is said about what is lacking in their performance. Tom Brady is a winner, Tim Duncan is a winner, and Derek Jeter is a winner. These players never waver when the pressure mounts, they excel. Recall June 2007 when Duncan's San Antonio Spurs beat James' Cleveland Cavaliers for the NBA title. Of course Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili made contributions, but they were able to make those contributions because Tim Duncan could make everyone around him that much better.

The New England Patriots have achieved unprecedented success due to Brady's innate ability to lead. Players such as Corey Dillon and Randy Moss were reborn as well, with the rising of Wes Welker and Deon Branch. These players were made better because Tom Brady made them better. James has not shown that he is able to lead like Brady, Duncan or Jeter. The Cleveland Cavs have rotated personnel in

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LeBron's record backs the myth

By Benjamin Violette
For The Maine Campus

He is the youngest player to be named Rookie of the Year, record a triple-double, score 50 points in a game and be named to the All-NBA Team. He is one of three players including Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists per game. The list of records goes on for LeBron James. So how, at this point in his young career, could he not be considered when trying to name the best player to ever play the game?

For all you basketball fans out there, if I were to ask about the most exciting player you ever watched that is currently not in the game, a large majority of you would answer Michael Jordan. Most would argue that Michael Jordan is the best to have ever played the game.

Now if I were to ask you, currently, who is the most exciting player in the NBA, I may get a few names, including Chris Paul, Dwayne Wade, Kobe Bryant and LeBron James. Here is how I would narrow it down.

Statistically, who has continuously been at the top of the list at the end of nearly every year? Wade, Bryant and James.

Who has set more marks and records in their career thus far? Bryant and James.

Who has had the most successful start to their career and has more potential to end their career on the top of multiple NBA statistics lists and claim more NBA records? James.

You simply cannot argue against the stats. In just his third professional season, James set multiple marks. He scored 35 points in nine consecutive games; only Michael Jordan and Kobe

Bryant have accomplished the same. He became the youngest NBA player to average 30 points in a season while also becoming the fourth player ever to average 30 points, seven rebounds and six assists in a single season.

At such a young age, not only did James adapt to the style of play in the NBA, but he was and still is the style in the NBA. Only stars in this league can put up numbers like LeBron

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This Week In Maine Athletics





Men's Hockey
vs. UMass Lowell
Fri., Jan. 30th at 7 pm

Women's Hockey
vs. UMass
Fri., Jan. 30th at 2 pm
Sat., Jan. 31st at 7 pm

Women's Basketball
vs. Binghamton
Sat., Jan. 31st at 12 pm

Men's Hockey
vs. UMass
Sun., Feb. 1st at 4 pm



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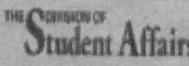
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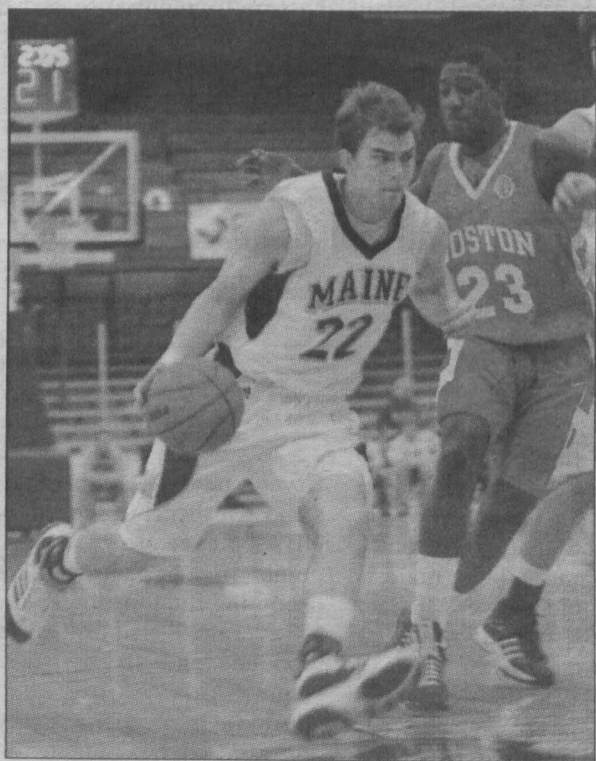
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BU scorches UMaine from behind the arc



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus
Mark Socoby makes a move to the basket and draws a foul on the way in Sunday's game vs. BU. UMaine fell to the Terriers 73-62.

By Michael Pare
For The Maine Campus

In a Sunday matinee contest the Boston University Terriers came to the Alfond and showed why they were the preseason favorite to win the conference, clawing back from 18 down to beat the Black Bears with a final score of 73-62.

The banged up and battered Terriers came to UMaine (8-12, 3-4 America East) missing two key players, one of them their starting point guard, and on the final leg of a brutal four-game in seven days stretch that included four overtime and a two overtime victory.

UMaine was able to capitalize early on a clearly worn down BU (10-9, 5-2 AE) team, building an 18-point lead by the middle of the first half. But as seconds ticked away, the Terriers seemed to get their legs back under them and were able to cut the lead to just eight at entering the second half.

That was when the tables turned. Boston University began raining

threes from all over the court.

"Our mindset coming out in the second half was that we were going to set the tempo," said BU guard John Holland who finished with 23 points.

He, along with teammate Jake O'Brien, did just that. The two combined to shoot a scorching 7-for-11 from distance in the second half, a stark contrast to the 4-for-13 mark the whole team recorded in the first frame.

"I wanted to come out and be aggressive," O'Brien said. "I just hit my groove, and the shot felt good tonight."

And as the threes rained down for BU, UMaine fell into an offensive slump—befuddled by the Terriers adjusted defensive scheme.

"They were sagging off Junior [Bernal] a lot and it was clogging up the lane," sophomore forward Sean McNally said. "It took away our penetration and threw us off our game."

The six-foot-seven McNally was unable to get many looks in the second half because Bernal's defender left him to deny the entry pass to the

post. They gambled that Bernal would not be able to punish them by making open midrange shots and their gamble paid off.

All told, the Boston University Terriers outscored Maine 42-to-24 in the second half thanks to inspired play on both ends of the floor.

"When Maine got us down early we could have caved but we didn't," BU coach Dennis Wolff said. "I'm very proud of them."

UMaine coach Ted Woodward was similarly impressed by the team's effort and tipped his cap to them after the game.

"You don't have a lot of margin for error in a game like this," he conceded. "That's a good basketball team; I give them credit."

The Black Bears finish their three-game homestand on a sour note, but they have proven that they can rumble with the best the America East has to offer. The next stop for UMaine is Burlington, Vt., where they will test their mettle against the Catamounts, who come into the game with an overall record of 14-6 and 5-2 in America East.

It's a family matter

Hegarty traces wins to long hockey roots

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

On Nov. 2, the University of Maine men's hockey team upended Hockey East rival and second-ranked Boston College.

It was the biggest win since the end of 2006 for the storied Black Bear hockey program which is in the midst of rebuilding with younger faces.

For freshman defenseman Ryan Hegarty though, the victory over BC also had an added incentive.

Hegarty's older cousin, Ned Havern, played for the Eagles from 2001-2005.

"It would have been a little better had he been on the team, but being his alma mater, there's definitely bragging rights at the family reunions now," said Hegarty with a grin.

While the bragging rights are on Hegarty's side right now, he credits Havern with being one of the key influences in his young hockey career.

"He was a huge influence," said Hegarty. "He was always someone to look up to. He played at the local high school and I went to all the games as a kid and I pretty much idolized him. Every step he took in his career, I wanted to make the same steps later on."

Havern wasn't the only figure though.

At the age of three, Hegarty first started playing hockey, something that was deep in the roots of his family.

"My mom's side of the family is really big into hockey, and my grandfather on that side taught instructional hockey so he got everyone in the family into it," he said.

Hegarty and the rest of the boys weren't the only ones subjected to learning the game. The girls were as well, including his sister Tori.

"I think everyone cried but my sister the first time we played," said Hegarty with a laugh.

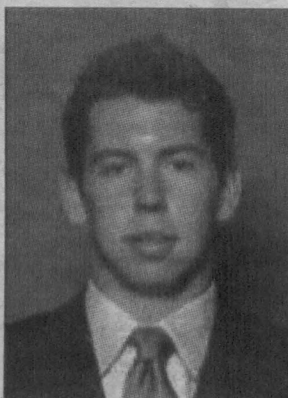
Growing up with hockey as a key part of his life, Hegarty's exceptional talents were evident and in 2006, he played on the U.S. National Development Under-17 team. He tallied seven points, including three goals, in 56 games during the 2006-2007 season.

In 2007, Hegarty joined the Under-18 team and played in several international tournaments. His squad won the bronze medal at the 2008 IIHF World Under-18 Championships and earned gold medals in tournaments in Slovakia, Finland and Ann Arbor.

"It helps me a lot," Hegarty said of the international experience. "As a defenseman, I saw a lot of different styles of play offensively. It really helped me prepare for whatever was thrown at me in this league."

Despite a disappointing ninth place finish in Hockey East last season, it did not change Hegarty's mind on his commitment

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Hegarty

Life beyond the ice

For Van Dyk, a game driven by tragedy

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

Each time the University of Maine men's hockey team prepares for the start of a game, Josh Van Dyk takes a moment to reflect on the fact that there is more to life than hockey.

The sophomore defenseman from Ontario has experienced at 22 years old an event most fear as an unequal tragedy. The passing of Van Dyk's 19-year old brother Nicholas of cancer in July 2008 devastated the tight knit family of four.

As Van Dyk prepared for his second season in a UMaine uniform, he developed what coach Tim Whitehead describes as "a clearer perspective on what's important in life," and dedicates every shift to his late brother, who was also an avid hockey player.

"I try and talk to him during every national anthem," Van Dyk said. "But I just know he's watching, so I just try and play well for him every night."

"He's been through something you don't wish on anyone to go through, but he's handled it as well as anyone could," acknowledged Whitehead.

The modest blueliner is making the most of an opportunity a select few junior hockey players are talented enough to pursue. Playing for a successful program in front of the faithful Alfond Arena crowd was an immediate convincing point during Van

Dyk's recruiting visit to UMaine.

"I always like to win," Van Dyk said with a smile.

After failing to record his first collegiate point as a freshman, Van Dyk has emerged as a consistent two-way player contributing to the Black Bears early season success. His seven assists is tied for tops among UMaine defensemen along with freshman Will O'Neill and is three less than the freshman Gustav Nyquist's 10.

Van Dyk saw time in 31 games as a freshman, which was tied for most among first year players with fellow defenseman Jeff Dimmen.

"I was happy to dress as much as I did [as a freshman]," Van Dyk said. "Of course you always like putting up points, but you've just got to play defense, and if you play good, the points will come."

Normally paired with senior Simon Danis-Pepin, the two have had a hand in 12 of 51 UMaine goals in the first

half of the season, made possible by their ability to get the puck through to the net front and generate scoring opportunities.

"They both handle the puck real well, have very good hockey sense, and they seem to connect pretty naturally together," Whitehead said of his most offensively productive line of defensemen.

Van Dyk is also featured on the power play unit, which is the fifth most efficient in Hockey East with a 17.3 scoring percentage.

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Van Dyk