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# The Maine Campus

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Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

The University of Maine System's custodians are facing a possible termination of positions due to budget cuts.

## UMS may turn to layoffs to seal \$15M budget gap

Multiple unions in talks with System to avoid job losses; furlough days being discussed to meet June 30 deadline

By Heather Steeves  
News Editor

### Budget

The University of Maine System must close a \$15 million budget gap by June 30 of this year. This may translate into layoffs or mandatory unpaid vacation days for university employees.

UMS is in negotiations with worker unions to reduce the deficit.

"When you try to reduce expenditures, you have to look at where you're spending money. So yes, the proposals we are talking about would affect workers. They are things we are asking the bargaining units to consider to help in the financial situation," said Tracy Bigney, chief of

human resources and organizational development officer for UMS.

Between two-thirds and three-quarters of the system's budget is for compensation, salaries and benefits, according to Bigney.

When asked if professors, administrators or janitors should worry about their jobs, Bigney declined to answer. She stated that the system is looking for creative ways to cut costs and trying to think both short- and long-term.

An \$8.3 million curtailment order given by Gov. John Baldacci is directly affecting employees' jobs now, according to John Diamond, executive director of External Affairs at the UMS office. This is in addition to the expected \$6.7 million the system lost in investment returns due to the poor economy.

Chris LeClair, who works in the paint shop at UMaine, said he and his coworkers are easy targets for layoffs, as they have less severance pay.

"This is money they absolutely need by the end of June — by June 30. ... Now if they decide to do layoffs, where they are going to get the money from is people like us, who they will only have to owe up to six weeks severance. And they will be able to count that money for June 30. Whereas if they do it with faculty and staff — because they get 26 weeks of severance — there is no money savings there for them to lay those people off," LeClair said.

"It does make sense to look at the whole range. The ideas we're talking about could affect anybody," Bigney said.

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## Group sleeps in shanties on mall for homeless

University's chapter camps outside for four wintery nights to benefit Habitat for Humanity

By Jeff Hake  
For The Maine Campus

### Student Orgs

It's the dead of winter. Nighttime temperatures have dipped below zero. Most students and community members of the University of Maine have been doing their best to stay inside and keep warm. Thick blankets on beds and hot beverages abound. Would you choose to spend four days living on the mall in makeshift shanties and sleeping bags?

A new student organization plans to.

The UMaine chapter of Habitat for Humanity started sleeping outside late Sunday night in an event called "There's Snow Place Like Home." They will stay outside — despite whatever weather comes — until

Thursday morning, Feb. 5. Though they likely will not face the most bitter cold this winter has to offer, moderate snowfall is predicted for Tuesday and Thursday, in addition to the

*"3,000 of your neighbors are living in conditions ranging from incredibly leaky roofs to houses with rotten and moldy floors and walls."*

Brenton Murray  
Co-president  
UM Habitat for Humanity

approximate two feet already covering the mall.

The students hope to draw attention to the reality of thou-

sands of families in the Greater Bangor area: homelessness and substandard housing.

"In Bangor alone, there are over 3,000 families living in substandard housing conditions," said Brenton Murray, co-president of the UMaine Habitat for Humanity chapter and graduate student concentrating in sustainability and international business. "This means that 3,000 of your neighbors are living in conditions ranging from incredibly leaky roofs, to houses with rotten and moldy floors and walls. Increasing awareness of the problem is the first step toward helping these people to find suitable housing."

According to Kelly Wilder, a third-year journalism student and active member, "the group

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Volunteers Tim Faulkner, Brenton Murray and Shoana Hunter build a shelter on the mall on Sunday.

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# UMaine faculty supports energy grant legislation

## Proposal urges recognition, funding

By Aislinn Sarnacki  
Staff Reporter

### Environment

The University of Maine faculty is asking the federal government to fund energy grant institutions in an effort to accelerate alternative energy research, per a proposal unanimously approved during the Jan. 28 Faculty Senate meeting.

The proposal suggests the federal government give energy grant status to leading public research universities nationwide. Energy grant institutions would receive grants and support for research and alternative energy projects. In return for the investment, the government would share income from patents and licensed alternative energy products with the universities.

UMaine physics and astronomy professor James McClymer presented the proposal to the Faculty Senate on Dec. 12.

"What would be better than universities as a source of ideas?" McClymer said.

"By working together, we might really put the brainpower of the country into stopping some of our energy issues," said Faculty Senate President Dianne Hoff.

Grant energy institutions could foster competition and collaboration. The universities would conduct research, assist industries with incorporating new energy technology, and serve as a model of sustainability by treating their campuses as "test beds" by implementing new energy technology.

"In my opinion, that's exactly the kind of thing the nation and our schools need. It's a proven way to get effective funding to a productive research and development source. ... Investing is needed, just as Obama is planning, but targeted investment in our schools for energy development will benefit everyone. It's a win, win, win," said Student Senator Nate Wildes, a first-year political science student.

Wildes plans to introduce a resolution to the General Student Senate to endorse the proposal.

McClymer began drafting the proposal in October 2008 after reading "Energy Future: Think Efficiency" in the American Physical Society.

"It became clear to me that energy issues and how we respond to them will determine the kind of future we all have. One of the best ways to harness

out intellectual capital would be to organize our universities to work on the problems," McClymer said in an e-mail.

McClymer worked on the proposal with Hoff and Graduate School Dean Dan Sandweiss. Hoff e-mailed the resolution to every member of the faculty before the January Faculty Senate meeting and received several e-mails that expressed support and offered suggestions.

According to Hoff, the next step is to move the proposal through the political and academic arenas to engender support nationwide.

"I think the spirit of the idea is a good one. Obviously with our new administration — the Obama administration — there is a

lot of emphasis on new energy sources [and] transforming our whole energy supply as we know it. The climate impacts of our energy use is just one of the many reasons," said Sen. Karl Kreutz, professor of earth science and climate change.

UMaine is conducting research on

onshore and offshore wind and geothermal, tidal and renewable, forest-based energies.

"The university is doing wonderful things right now with wind power and offshore resources. ... If we could get organized and get a clearer path to federal funding agencies, it would be a great benefit," said Sen. Daniel Belknap, professor of earth and marine sciences.

McClymer thinks this will be a great opportunity for UMaine. An energy grant would fund new degree programs and cutting-edge research.

"It could have pieces everywhere in the curriculum," McClymer said.

Hoff will send letters asking support from other land grant campuses. She thinks if more campuses are advocating for the resolution, it will be more effective on the federal level. She will also send letters through the university's state legislative contacts and work with campus researchers involved in energy research who are well connected to nationwide efforts.

"If [students] want to contact legislators, legislators like to hear from students in particular," McClymer said.

"Trying to get it into the right hands so it's really given some good consideration is really key to the success at this point," Hoff said. "I am going to try to have everything ready and in the mail this weekend. I think the faster we move on this, the better."

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James McClymer  
Professor of physics  
and astronomy

Cut it out



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Cutler Health Center teamed up with the Norumbega Medical Specialists of Eastern Maine Medical Center. The entities have been working together for the past two years to make this convergence possible. A ribbon cutting performed by the University of Maine President Robert Kennedy and EMMC President and CEO Deborah Carey Johnson occurred Friday, Jan. 29. Both parties touched on how happy they were to make this happen and how it will strongly advantage students.

# Maine gets innovative to fight pediatric cancer

## Bangor lab partners with UM students on research

By Michael Pare  
For The Maine Campus

### Health

Understanding the causes of cancer is half the battle in defeating it, and Maine is leading the fight.

The Maine Institute for Human Genetics and Health (MIHGH) recently finished a genetics research lab offering cutting-edge facilities and equipment. The laboratory, located on Sylvan Road in Bangor, features a tissue bank, research labs, access to state-of-the-art equipment and opportunities for collaboration with the University of Maine and nearby high schools.

Dr. Roger Phipps, department head of bone genomics and overseer of the institute's educational outreach program, said that involving the surrounding community is a "major mission" of the institute.

"We are going to involve high school and college students with summer programs and internships," he said. "It gives students a great opportunity to get a taste of biomedical research."

All the research at the institute has a cancer focus and takes advantage of unique population and data dynamics available in Maine.

"Maine has a lot of unique attributes," Phipps said. "It is in the Northeast, and it has a stable population, so genetically it is very easy to trace traits ... the pollutants in Maine are very discreet and there is a lot of information on where they are. Some of them are man-made from mills and the leather industry,

but also granite has high levels of radon, which — secondary to tobacco smoke — is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, and the water has high levels of arsenic."

The institute hopes the relative homogeneity of the population compared with the pollutant data available will allow for the geographic mapping and study

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Dr. Roger Phipps  
MIHGH educational  
outreach program

of the environmental factors that cause cancer. That information can be cross-referenced with cancer samples collected from across the state for future research.

"People have done bits and pieces of it before," Phipps said. "Some people have the environmental data, and tissue repositories are a dime a dozen, but nobody has put them all together. If it all works out, it's going to be pretty powerful."

Another project that uses the data available at the institute is one headed by Marie Hayes, UMaine professor of psychology and lead coordinator of the Neurogenetics Consortium at MIHGH. A Defense

Department grant funds her research and focuses on the psychological hardships endured by the families of cancer patients.

"The research is done on

state of Maine pediatric cancer, which is very rare. ... It examines the psychological consequences of cancer on family, developmental needs and anxiety. We are trying to find out which children under which conditions are affected by this," Hayes said.

The Defense Department seeks to use the research to determine the types of people most affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Hayes' work is one of the research opportunities the institute yields and one of the ways university students can be involved with research.

"The advantages of the partnership are that we bring scientists from UM who work on translational, and clinical research in neurogenetics and biomedical sciences," Hayes said. "It is an astounding opportunity to be in the most cutting edge area of biomedical research with the clinical and translational data that allows [students] to develop skills in broad research fields."

The institute is still in its infancy with 16 full-time employees. When all positions are filled, there will be 35 full-time employees and 100 jobs created in the community.

"The institute will be able to bring in money for the economy," Phipps said, "and then there are lots of novel ideas that will be created to generate even more money into the hospital system as they collaborate with pharmacies."

MIHGH hopes to have a large impact on not only the field of cancer research, but the economy of Maine and the future of students as well.

### Correction...

In the Jan. 29 edition of The Maine Campus, the Faculty Senate article stated "The response to the chancellor's restructuring plan outlines ... four requirements the University of Maine System must adopt before UMaine's faculty will support it." It should have said "four requirements the chancellor must adopt." We apologize for this error.



# Life, Libertarianism and the pursuit of happiness

By Rhiannon Sawtelle ♦ Features Editor

David M. Jones doesn't care if you smoke pot in your house. He doesn't care if gays marry. The banking bailout may irk him, though.

Welcome to the mind of a Libertarian.

Jones, a third-year political science student, grew up as a conservative in a time of great social change — and he embraces it. New to libertarianism, Jones is working to create a group at the University of Maine for like-minded students.

Libertarians, the third-largest political group in the United States, stand for small government and expansive personal freedoms. The party's motto is, "Smaller Government. Lower Taxes. More Freedom."

Jones described it as a

halfway point between Democrats and Republicans.

"We can relate to both sides," he said.

He explained that many of his peers are starting to feel the same way. Those who grew up

listed as a campus group, Jones has seen little to no activism from the group since he has been at UMaine.

As he spoke with other Libertarian students, they decided they should form a group to dis-

"It doesn't hurt to have the other side," he said.

"There are students on campus with a strong sense of heritage and knowledge of our forebears," said Stetson of fellow Libertarian students.

Jones explained that he would be more inclined to work with the College Republicans, as he leans conservative, but would be willing to work with both parties on campus. He described it as a moderate-interest approach.

"It's not a far-out mindset, but I don't think it's one that's considered as often. It can bridge gaps between the two main parties," he said.

Jones recently became a student senator and hopes this will help him understand how to get the Libertarian group off the ground. Stetson will graduate this spring, but Jones hopes the College Libertarians will make their mark on campus.

Those interested in joining the group can contact David M. Jones on FirstClass.

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David M. Jones

Third-year political science student

conservative are opening to different social aspects more commonly associated with liberals.

The official Libertarian Party Web site, lp.org, describes the group as the "Party of Principle."

"Each individual has the right to control his or her own body, action, speech and property. Government's only role is to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud," it states.

"A lot of youth that grew up conservative, but don't have that social mindset, are looking for something else," Jones said.

He hopes the revival of the Libertarian Party on campus will help.

Although the College Libertarians are

cuss the political theory and act accordingly.

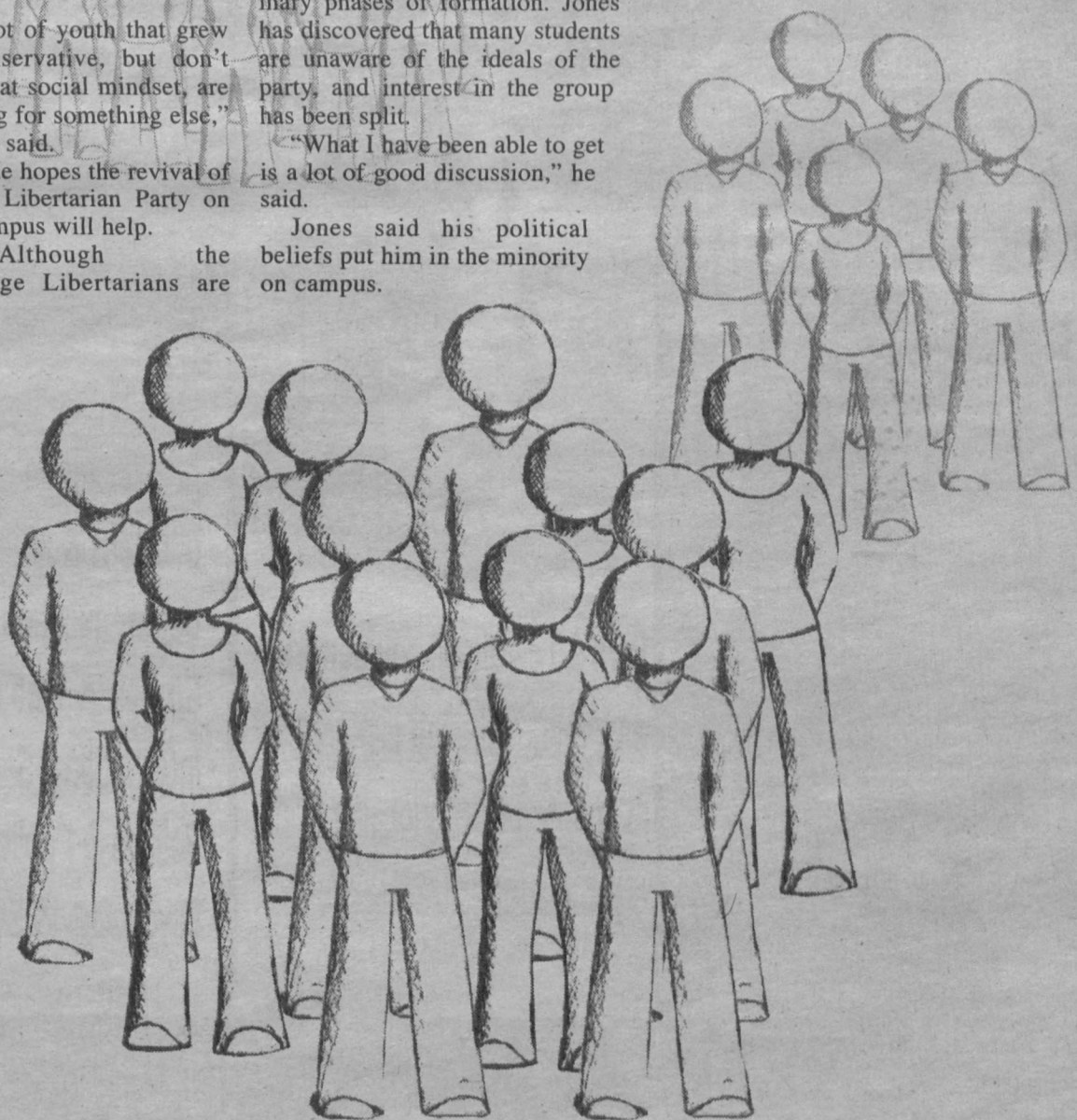
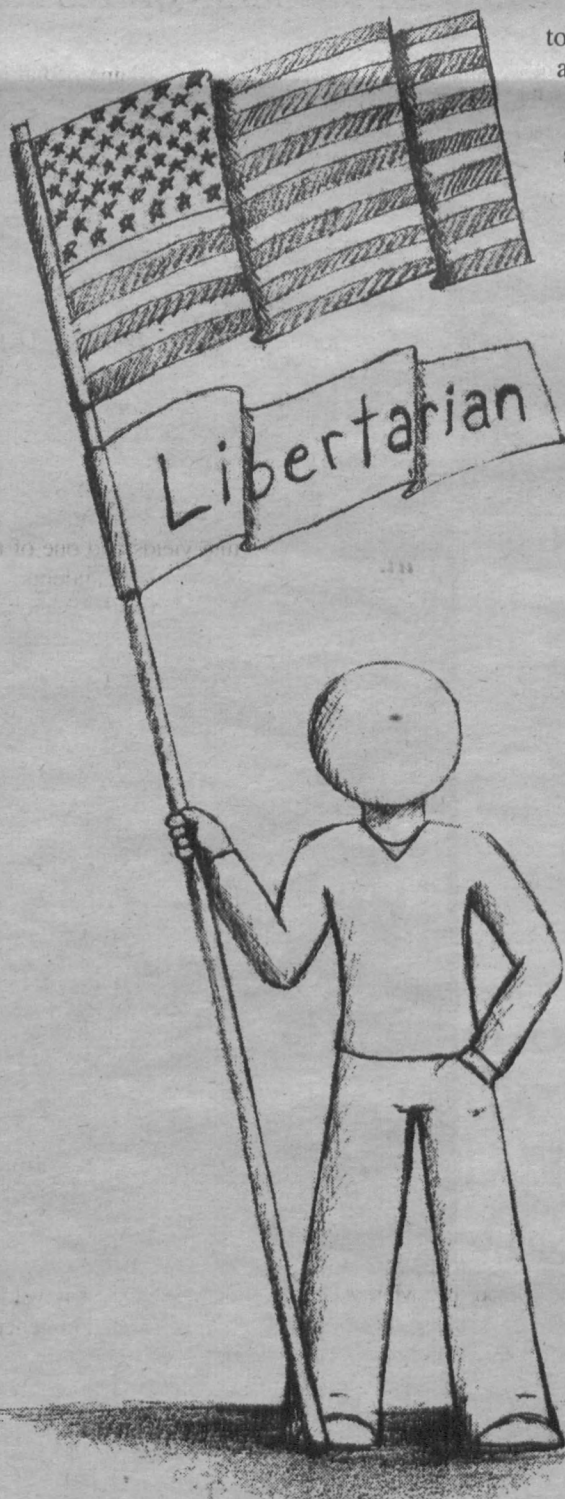
The idea stemmed from his friend and fellow student, Rebekah Stetson. The group would work with the two major political parties on campus and serve as a forum for other Libertarians.

"Such a group would provide stimulating discussion and fellowship," Stetson stated in an e-mail.

The group is still in the preliminary phases of formation. Jones has discovered that many students are unaware of the ideals of the party, and interest in the group has been split.

"What I have been able to get is a lot of good discussion," he said.

Jones said his political beliefs put him in the minority on campus.





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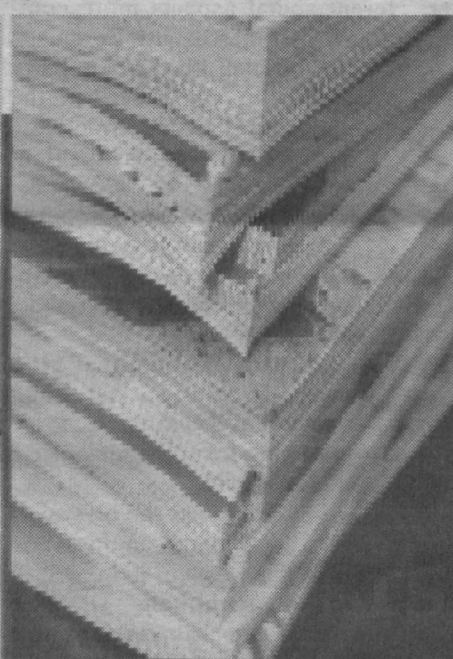
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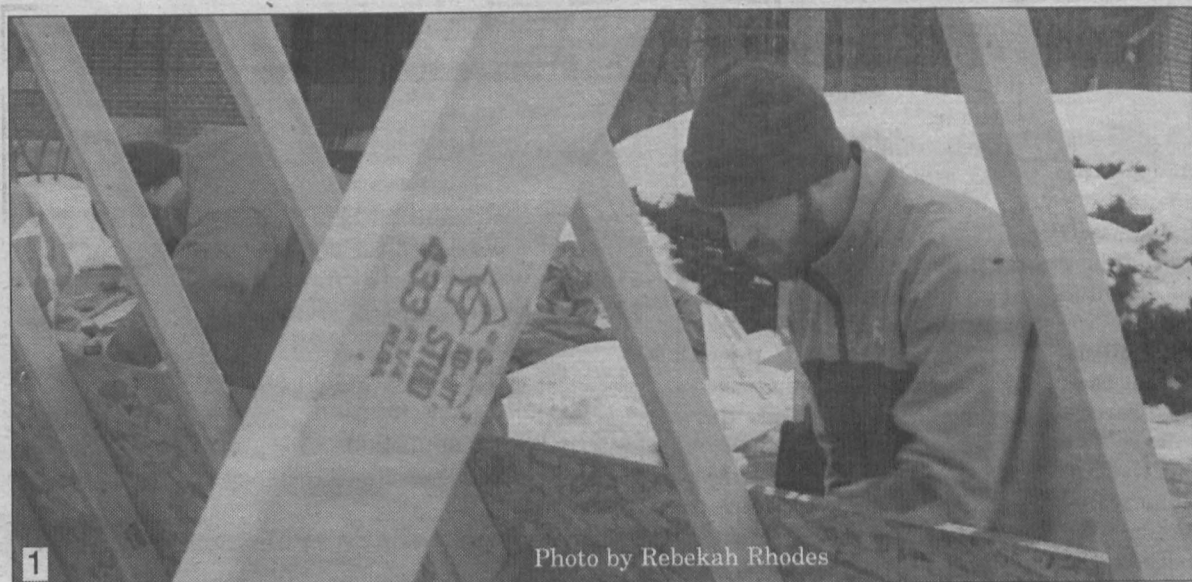


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Valerie Smith supervises University of Maine volunteers while they build a shelter on the mall. They will be living in shelters for four evenings to raise money to benefit homeless people in the area. Pictured: Photo 1: Brenton Murray and Tim Faulkner. Photo 2: Shoana Hunter, Jenna Kaiser, Tim Faulkner. Photo 3: Jenna Kaise. Photo 4: Brenton Murray and Kimberly Young.

## Habitat from page 1

started tossing around ideas for outdoor projects and fundraisers, and a camping idea evolved into the design of our fabulous shanties."

With the help of local businesses and other student organizations, the participants will demonstrate to UMaine community members the plight of disadvantaged residents in and around Bangor who are forced to live in meager and unhealthy conditions. Amanda Missud, a management student and member of Habitat for Humanity, put it bluntly. "Maybe if it's right on campus in front of their faces, they won't be able to ignore it anymore."

The UMaine chapter members hope to use the event as a fundraiser, primarily collecting donations from local businesses. Harvest Moon Deli, a sandwich shop in downtown Orono, contributed to the endeavor. Other donations came from WBRC Engineering & Architects, the Sports Cafe, Burby and Bates and numerous families and professors. Pat's Pizza will provide a meal for the group at no charge. Additionally, the group will be tabling in the Union, collecting donations from passers-by. The additional funds will go toward building housing for the homeless and disadvantaged.

Members of the group will build teepee-style shanties covered in tarps and rest in sleeping bags lent to them by the Maine Outing Club, along with other basic camping gear.

The participants will not replicate the lives of those they are representing. Most meals will be consumed in the Union; classes will still be attended, and nearby buildings' bathrooms will be used. But they will endure Orono's cold temperatures and quickly shifting weather.

"The Outing Club also gave the Habitat members tips for cold-weather camping that certainly helped with preparation, though it does little to alleviate the apprehension of sleeping outside in the cold weather," Wilder said.

Despite this anxiety, the group is enthusiastic about the demonstration and experience as a whole.

"This is a very hands-on organization, and you can actually see the results of your time and energy, which is definitely rewarding," Wilder said.

"I think with everyone working together and doing their part, it's possible to create some change in this issue," said Dana Buckley, a second-year social work student.

The group attracts a variety of students who share a passion for volunteering. This desire is what drew them together to establish a UMaine chapter of Habitat for Humanity. This group works closely with the long-established Bangor chapter and stretches its message and action to UMaine.

"I was involved in Group Workcamps — similar to Habitat for Humanity — every summer during high school through my local church, rebuilding homes and helping communities," said member Kimberly Young, a third-year mass communication student. "This semester we have really collaborated so well, and the demeanor of the group is always so welcoming and cheery. I couldn't have made a better decision in devoting my time to this club."

Their plans do not stop there.

To wrap up their demonstration after warming up from four nights in the cold, Habitat for Humanity will host a concert on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Orono's Keith Anderson Community Center. The show costs \$1 and will include acts by Hungarian Hot Wax, The Exclusive, Broken 45 and James Gilmore — plus a raffle for gift certificates, clothes, music and other items.

The primary goal is to demonstrate the plight of thousands of Greater Bangor families. Proceeds from both the concert and the demonstration will be directed to the building projects of Bangor Habitat for Humanity.

"It's really important to raise awareness about these living conditions," said member Shannon Lyons, a first-year biology student, "because we often forget that when we live in the comfort of our dorms, these people are living in insufficient, substandard housing."

UMaine community members are invited to stop by the demonstration, which, apart from being the only shanties on the mall — until the Foster Innovation Center builds igloos there on Wednesday — will also be identified by a large banner advertising their cause and sponsors. Anyone can come to show support at the tent site or by making a donation at the group's table in the Union.



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## Baldacci asks for \$52M for higher education

By William P. Davis  
Web Editor

Gov. John Baldacci, in a letter to then President-elect Barack Obama, formally requested Maine be included in any stimulus package.

"We appreciate what the governor is trying to do to help Maine through the stimulus package," John Diamond of the University of Maine System Relations said.

Included in the approximately \$4 billion request was "at least \$52 million" for infrastructure at institutions of higher education. In addition, Baldacci requested student loans be funded on a higher level and money to increase research and development, though not specifically at the University of Maine.

"The university is in support of an effort that is currently in both the Senate and the House stimulus package. That includes money for higher ed.," Diamond said.

It is difficult to assess how effective Baldacci's letter was, but the recently passed House version of the stimulus package included an additional \$15.6 billion for Pell Grants and money for building repair and research and development, among other items. These and other funds will most likely not be distributed directly to states.

Because the stimulus package has not been signed into law, the state has not yet taken any stimulus money into account while preparing the budget, with the exception of Medicaid. David Farmer, a spokesperson for Baldacci, said a promised increase in federal funding for the program helped avoid an additional \$100 million of cuts in the biennial budget.

President Obama's stimulus package still has to be passed by the Senate. House and Senate versions must be reconciled before the law can take effect.

Heather Steeves contributed to this report.

## Jobs

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LeClair, a steward for the service and maintenance unit of the Teamsters Local 340 Union, said there were two options offered to the bargaining units.

"It was either these [furlough] days they want us to take off — they weren't sure how many days; they were saying up to five for some of these campuses — and they said the only other option would be layoffs. And they didn't say layoffs from where," LeClair said.

"One positive aspect is that if we have an agreed way to reduce expenditures, then that would reduce the potential need to have layoffs or other involuntary actions that would affect employees," Bigney said.

LeClair said he's not happy with the options, but will do what he can to help save jobs. According to him, "there was no other options given at the table."

The UMaine Teamsters are waiting to hear from the other bargaining units in UMS, who will decide if they will agree to furlough days. According to LeClair, the campuses that will be hard hit are the University of Southern Maine, Fort Kent, Machias and Presque Isle.

"We're talking about things that are happening at seven different universities around the state. It's not just about Teamsters; it's not just about the University of Maine,"

Bigney said.

This isn't the first time this has happened to UMaine.

According to a Jan. 22, 1993 article in The Maine Campus, UMaine laid off 30 custodians from Facilities Management, cutting the custodial staff by more than a third.

"Back in the '90s they hit us pretty hard, and we never really got back to where we were before the '90s..." LeClair said. "This is basically the same thing the state is talking about now: quality, not quantity. But the problem is that we never really got any bigger after that; we stayed the same."

Despite all of this, custodian Keith Shorey is optimistic.

"I've been through it before. I was in a mill that shut down — that is why I'm here," he said. "I've been through the gambit of emotions, so whatever comes, comes. It was very life-changing. You get a different perspective on life, on what is important. Some things you can't control, and if you can't control it, you just got to accept it and move on."

Shorey was in between jobs for two years before he found his place at UMaine. He described the difference he felt after his layoff.

"You were secure, you didn't hesitate to go buy something, you knew you could pay for it. You knew you had your income coming in steady. Then all of a sudden that's gone, and you have no idea where you're

## The breakdown of Baldacci's request:

### Infrastructure

- \$500M — roads and bridges
- \$186.9M — public transit and trails
- \$130M — water infrastructure projects
- \$250M — repair, upgrade and weatherization of state facilities
- \$1.88B — school construction and repair
- \$3-5M — affordable housing
- \$52M — higher education
- \$200M — improve energy efficiency of business facilities
- \$100M — support wind power research
- \$72M — weatherize all Maine homes
- \$115M — expand fiber optics in rural Maine and fund electronic health records

Baldacci also requested increased money for safety net programs, shared state-federal funding programs, education and infrastructure as well as expanded funding for student loans and funding for research and development.

From the letter Gov. Baldacci sent to President Obama on Dec. 31, 2008

going to work. And there are no options. That was two years before I got this job here. That wasn't because I wasn't a good worker or qualified," Shorey said.

Shorey hadn't heard word of any layoffs in his department.

"Quite frankly, I don't think they'll be able to cut back from custodial. They're already cut back. They got a lot of guys doing two or three buildings, and they aren't getting done the way they're supposed to get done

now," he said.

The paper mill closings are similar to reflections of this economic time, according to Shorey.

"It's kind of ironic, because I see the automobile industry and all these other industries are going through what the paper mill industry and the lumber industry already went through in 2002 — and we didn't get no bailouts."

His advice?

"I went through what the country is going through now ... just hang in there."



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# Thefts at Rec Center on the rise

Police urge students to lock up to help reduce campus crime

By Kathleen Dame  
For the Maine Campus

## Crime

Students reported 11 thefts from the University of Maine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center since Jan. 7. A lack of lockers is contributing to the thefts.

All the thefts occurred when patrons left their belongings in unlocked day lockers, said Detective Sergeant Chris Gardner of UMaine Public Safety. The items stolen include cell phones, iPods, cash, wallets and a camera. Among the cell phones taken were BlackBerrys and iPhones. In all, the thefts have totaled \$3,800.

Gardner said of the 11 reported robberies, nine were from the men's locker room and two from the women's locker room. Police suspect more than one person is involved.

These follow a string of thefts at the beginning of the year, for which police apprehended and charged student Peter Jose. According to Gardner, after the arrest, the thefts stopped for some time. The total for the academic school year has risen to 16 thefts.

"We really want to be proactive about this," Gardner said. "While catching someone is great, we'd like to make people aware."

A policy list posted outside the men's and women's locker rooms warns patrons against leaving their belongings unattended or in an unlocked locker. Free locks may be checked out from the equipment issue room for day lockers. Patrons can also leave their valuables at the desk.

However, Gardner said, some of the robbed students pointed out all the lockers are full at certain times of the day. One alternative he suggested is for patrons to leave their belongings in a locked car, out of sight.

Gardner also said if patrons notice anyone suspicious — for instance, not wearing gym clothes — they should call the police or alert the Rec Center staff.

The center uses security cameras inside the building, said Gardner, so police can find footage from the time a theft may have occurred.

He said detectives have noticed a trend in the time of day and day of the week for thefts.

In addition to locker rooms, patrons should be cautious about leaving valuables in the storage cubicles around the Center, Gardner said.

Abby Herrick, a third-year public management and English student, said she uses the cubby holes out of convenience.

"I'm not good at opening locks," Herrick said. "Usually, I have anything valuable on my body while I work out, like my iPod."



Joshua Kennedy ♦ The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's Rec Center has been the site of numerous thefts.

Second-year psychology student Dyana-Marie Dyke was visiting the Rec Center for the first time last Friday. She and a friend left their belongings in an unlocked day locker while they went swimming.

"It's basically just our clothes. I didn't really bring anything valuable," Dyke said. She said she had a combination lock in her dorm room, but forgot to bring it.

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"Probably next time, I'll bring my lock," she said.

Gardner encourages students to leave their electronics in their rooms when they go to the gym, even cell phones.

"Although it's not convenient, there's a lot of people who utilize that building, so obviously there's a lot of opportunity there for thefts," he said.

# Police Beat



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

## Campus

### No thanks, I'll walk

A resident assistant from Hancock Hall reported a female passed out in a bathroom stall Jan. 30 at 1:30 a.m. The 19-year-old subject appeared intoxicated. Orono Ambulance responded, but she refused transport. Instead, she was assisted to her room and was referred to the Office of Community Standards.

### False alarms

Jenness Hall had a fire alarm activated Jan. 29 at 7:39 p.m. Orono Fire Department and Public Safety responded to the alarm, which was activated in the penthouse. They determined the cause to be a faulty alarm. A technician was called, who rectified the situation.

The Orono Fire Department reported to Hilltop Commons on Jan. 29 at 11:47 p.m. when an employee smelled smoke. The source of the scent was determined to be hot grease.

Orono Fire Department reported to Boardman Hall on Jan. 27 at 3:04 p.m. for the smell of gas. An officer could smell it on the second floor and throughout the building. The fire department determined that the scent was diesel exhaust from a delivery truck that had arrived earlier.

### Like it's your birthday

A noise problem was reported to Public Safety by an RA of Oxford Hall. Officers went to the room in question on the first floor on Jan. 29 at 11:37 p.m. There were subjects in the hallway and in the room of two female residents, as well as an empty bottle of Bacardi. The residents admitted to drinking, as did the subjects in their room.

All were referred to Community Standards.

### Broken pane

A door window on the ground floor of Androscoggin Hall was broken Jan. 29 around 10 p.m. Two witnesses in the nearby laundry room heard someone smash the glass, and an RA reported it to Public Safety. The incident is still under investigation.

### Overstayed your welcome

Screams were heard from the third floor of Gannett Hall on Jan. 29 at 3:32 p.m. Officers arrived and located the room and the two subjects. A woman was arguing with her boyfriend, who was visiting. She told officers that it may have gotten loud and that she had thrown a cell phone against a wall, but there was no physical assault. The boyfriend was escorted from the building and was asked not to return to the building for the rest of the day.

### Secure your valuables

Another theft was reported in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center on Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. A student was there from 9 to 10 p.m. the previous day and had left his property in an unlocked day locker. When he returned that night, he found his necklace on the floor, and his iPod and earphones were missing. The iPod touch was valued at \$400 and the Bose earbuds at \$100. The issue is under investigation.

### Not something to brag to police about

On Grove Street, a patrolling officer observed a female, 19, staggering down the middle of the road. He offered her a ride, and once she was inside the vehicle he could smell intoxicants. She admitted to the officer that she had been drinking vodka

shots. The officer returned her to her residence hall. She was referred to Community Standards.

### Dude, where's my car?

An off-campus student called Public Safety on Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. to report a stolen vehicle. He said he had parked his 1999 Honda Accord in the Alford parking lot. Officers searched the area, and found his vehicle in the gym parking lot. The subject had forgotten where he parked.

### Mac Mini mischief

A computer was taken from the lobby of Lord Hall on Jan. 27. A manager arrived at 7:30 the next morning and noticed it was missing. The same manager had seen the Mac Mini the night before at 8:30. The computer, which belongs to the New Media Department, is valued at \$600. The case is under investigation.

## Orono

Nine University of Maine students were issued summons from the Orono Police department from Jan. 22 to Jan. 25.

### Shop and steal

Jan. 22, Eric Linscott and Seth Farrington took four bottles of wine from Bell's Orono IGA. They ran out of the store to Adam Dwelley's vehicle, where he and Travis Dodge waited for them.

Linscott and Farrington were caught on video, and an employee who was on his break got the license plate number. Police located them in Oxford Hall after running the license plate. All of the men admitted to the theft and returned two of the bottles. They claimed the other two were thrown out the window because they were nervous about getting caught. Dwelley was charged with theft by unauthorized taking and illegal transportation of alcohol. Dodge was also charged with theft by unauthorized taking. Farrington and Linscott were charged with both theft by unauthorized taking, and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

Later that night, police were called to Orono Thriftway to check an ID for authenticity. Officers ran the card and found that it did not belong to the holder. Emily Dennison of Hancock Hall was attempting to buy Cruzan pineapple rum when she

used the fuzzy-photo ID. The fake ID had her same birth date, but one year later. Dennison was summonsed for possession of false identification.

### Hawaiian Punch drunk?

Patrick Gallant, 19, of York Hall was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor Jan. 23 at 2 a.m. Officers were on their way to a disorderly conduct complaint on Spruce Street when they passed Gallant trying to hitchhike. Gallant was wearing an unbuttoned Hawaiian shirt, and khakis, and smelled of alcohol as he swayed by the road. Officers determined he was intoxicated. Gallant said he was recently at a party and had been in a fight. Gallant was the only one around.

### Where's the lights?

Tyler Eastman, 21, Old Town, was stopped on Broadway in Orono, Jan. 23 when he was driving with no headlights on at 11:30 p.m. The pickup truck's registration had expired in November. After Eastman identified himself, officers discovered his license was suspended. Eastman was borrowing the truck from a friend and couldn't turn the lights on because he was unfamiliar with the truck. Eastman was arrested and taken to Penobscot County Jail for operating with a suspended license.

### Just one drink, I swear

While investigating a fire alarm in Orchard Trails on Jan. 25 at 1 a.m., officers came across a minor with an open can of Bud Light. Garrett Williamson, 18, told officers he had no identification on him before turning over his MaineCard. Williamson claimed he had not had much to drink when officers noted his glassy eyes. Williamson was issued a summons for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. As for the fire alarm, the smell of smoke was throughout the building, and they could not determine the source.

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Staff Reporter



## Sacrifices must be made, but by whom?

**The Issue:** Potential layoffs of University for Maine System employees.

**What We Think:** UMS should look to cutting administrative salaries, not layoffs.

We are concerned about the direction the University of Maine System seems to be taking in response to recent funding cutbacks. The decisions being made by UMS point to potential layoffs of its employees.

We understand that belts must be tightened and sacrifices must be made. However, the belts should tighten on those who have more to part with. Sacrifice should come from those who can afford it.

Instead of handing out layoff notices to or forcing time off on some people who depend upon the university for their livelihood — which would only further the cycle of recession and unemployment — small sacrifices should be made by those at the top in order to prevent sacrificing those at the bottom. UMS should avoid hurting those most vulnerable to economic downturns in the name of fiscal expediency, particularly when those cuts will harm the institution in the long run.

Those who need the university are also needed by it. The custodians, maintenance crew and cooks who will surely be the first target of layoffs are essential to the well being of our university system, as well as attracting and keeping students in a time of shrinking enrollment. No one wants to attend a dirty, dilapidated campus.

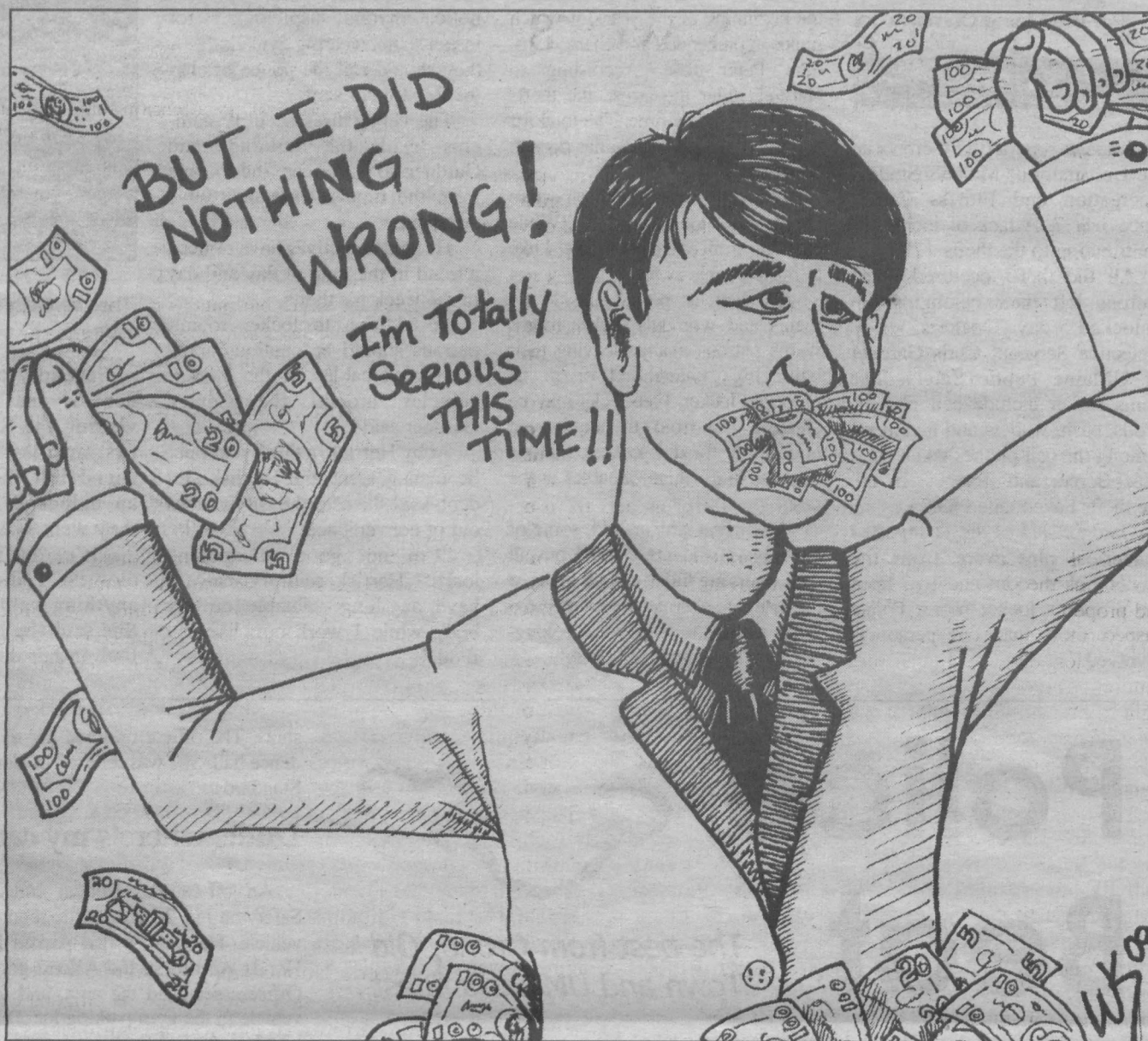
Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill recently proposed that recipients of federal bailout money cap the salaries of all employees at \$400,000 a year — the same salary as President Obama.

While we aren't advocating that the chancellor of UMS accept the salary of custodial staff, we agree with the sentiment of Sen. McCaskill's proposal. Money can be saved without forcing people into unemployment. UMS should seek out those solutions.

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

# Opinion

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## Readers Speak

Letter to the editor

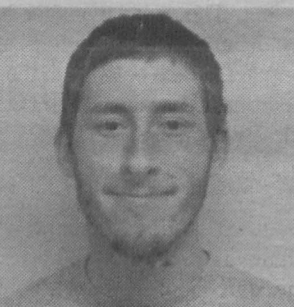
PETA: Opinion piece misses point

In response to your opinion piece "PETA's 'sea kittens' site makes me hiss" (1/29/09), it was interesting to read the author's reaction to our tongue-in-cheek "Sea Kittens" campaign, which aims to remind consumers that fish suffer greatly when caught and killed for their flesh — just as all animals do. Most people would never dream of spending a family weekend torturing kittens, but hooking a fish through the mouth and dragging him through the water is the same as hooking a cat through the mouth and dragging him behind your car.

Clearly Ms. Long sympathizes with protecting the rights of animals thanks to some investigative research she did into the meat industry during her childhood. However, we must remember that not all people voluntarily make the effort to look at slaughterhouse practices, such as slicing the beaks off chickens, or dismembering cows while they're still fully conscious. I commend Long for making such a compassionate decision early in life, but she is the exception rather than the rule. Sometimes we in the animal protection community are forced to use creative and eye-catching campaigns to remind people of the gruesome reality animals face.

With so many delicious and animal-free options available these days — including veggie barbecue "riblets", vegan pizza, and even faux fish — it's never been easier to cut cruelty out of your diet.

Ryan Huling  
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Zach Dionne

to the plot summaries on Wikipedia, and reads insider Oscar predictions so accurate there's no point in watching the ceremony.

Think back to a time before text messaging. Before Twitter. Before the Facebook News Feed. We survived without knowing the every move of our friends. We really did.

The immediate connection of texting is a touchstone so pervasive that no situation is off limits: texting in class, while driving, after being woken from a dead sleep, in the shower or while hiking a mountain. MSN.com ran an article in July titled "Texters hurt as they walk, ride — even cook." The photo was a guy riding downhill on a bike, both hands and eyes dedicated solely to his cell. Unfortunately, I'm guilty of these offenses as well.

Here's a situation: I receive a text asking me if I'm joining friends for dinner. I look at my watch. It's 2 p.m. This message is borderline insignificant. It's full of things like the letter "u" and "tonite." It sacrifices grammar for

"I want it all, and I want it now."

Nineteen years after Freddie Mercury first sang the words, it's worse than ever. My dad loves to quote the lyrics to me, but they need to be pounded into the mindset of an entire culture that programs digital video recorders from cell phones, skips novels to go straight

speed, both for the fingers typing it and the eyes it's written for. But unless I'm lucky enough to ward off the powerful impulse to be rude or inappropriate, I'll probably reply within moments, regardless of my company or surroundings.

Why? Because the thirst for instant knowledge is damn near hardwired by now. Even the most patient souls are victims to this culture of immediacy.

And guess what? I'm making this complaint, and I've written texts while riding my bike. I always make an effort to pull the car over, wait until I step off the bike or finish my conversation with someone, but the desire to immediately continue the communication is so deep, it feels instinctual — a creepy thought considering how new most of this technology is. Pause for a second at the name of the system that made e-mail look like the new snail mail: Instant messaging. Instant.

Textology and technology as a whole aren't the only signposts for immediacy becoming second nature; they're just an easy example to point a finger toward — the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

Impatient, instant consumerism may be the biggest bane of all. If countless millions hadn't lent and borrowed money they didn't have and bought things they couldn't afford — all in the name of immediate gratification — the financial crater the U.S. is sinking into might not be so deep.

Convenience is spectacular. I love the supermarket self-checkout and I text message like a fiend. But everyone can stand to take a breather. It's okay to want it all, but do we really need it now?

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## Culture of immediacy needs to chill

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# Libertarian solutions to recession will only make matters worse

Peter Janarelli

There has been much discussion lately about solutions for the recent economic downturn. The solutions put forward by the new administration in D.C. have been subject to vocal critique from some in the right wing camp of American politics. In this, libertarian ideology is becoming increasingly fashionable. Libertarian political philosophy raises the question of whether a truly free market could actually turn the economy around, but I'll leave that to the economists. I am concerned with whether such a system could ever be just.

Generally speaking, libertarianism claims the right to life, liberty and property as its founding principles — not to mention a healthy dose of suspicion of government intervention. Certainly all deserve the right to life and liberty, but to what extent can property be considered a right?

The libertarian philosopher John Hospers spoke of the right to the fruits of one's labor, but what he considers labor is never made clear. There is little question with manual labor or smaller businesses — the farmer who tills the soil owns the farm, and so owns the produce. Modern capitalism complicates the issue. Can we consider the CEO sitting behind a desk, sipping the finest scotch to be performing labor? Surely this is not labor in the same way workers on the floor of his factory toil. The issue of seemingly nonproductive labor produces a contradiction. The factory worker does not receive the full fruit of his or her labor — the factory owner appropriates a portion of the worker's labor in the form of profit.

It is important to remember the past. The period of American history witness to the most thoroughly unregulated forces of capitalism — deregulation is another popular rally cry of libertarians — was

marred by child labor, monopolies and strikes put down by violence. There were few, if any, regulations regarding the environment or workplace safety. Who exactly would benefit from a return to this type of unrestrained capitalism? I am doubtful of the benevolence of business owners when their primary concern is profit.

The libertarian's general opposition to government is worthy of suspicion as well. The arguments that tax is theft and that government is the greatest enemy to property rights are baffling. How is it that the appropriation of an amount of one's income for the benefit of society can be theft, if the appropriation of surplus value is justified? How can government be the greatest enemy to property rights, with its monopoly of force, when so much of that

force is actually used to defend property?

It seems as though free market policy effectively promotes inequality. With the ever-widening class gap, pushing such an ideology is absurd. Placing more power into the hands of those who brought us into this mess is economic suicide. While we're waiting to see if the wealth is going

to trickle down, we should be rebuilding the economy from the bottom. It is not the capitalists and CEOs who are being laid off or having their homes foreclosed, but the working class. We should be following the lead of those workers at Republic Windows who occupied their plant. The working class must demand their dues themselves.

It is time for us to distance ourselves from the exploitative and competitive tendencies of unrestrained capitalism. Instead, we should foster notions of cooperation and mutual aid.

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# Stimulus 'perverts' ideals of capitalism

Michael W. Gibson

It has come to my attention that supporters of President Obama don't know what he has planned for the future. He has introduced a large economic stimulus package — as Bush did — and the results will be devastating to the value of the U.S. dollar.

Obama's stimulus package is no different than the other bailouts. It is more of the same old-white-president ignorance and government intervention, contradictory to his image of being progressive. Politicians always mislead us. The amount proposed is almost \$1 trillion — that's a "1" followed by nine zeroes. Who will have to repay this? American tax payers. Where will this money come from? It is taken from us through mandatory taxation. The national deficit has never been higher, and this stimulus package is just hyperinflation, the quick mass creation of money. More money in the economy means a less-valuable dollar, and bailouts and stimulus checks are just a continued erosion of our currency.

We may be proud of Obama for closing Guantanamo, but that merely helps those prisoners and their friends and families. In the end, making the stimulus a reality will hurt the world economy as the dollar is the current world standard currency.

If you need historical proof, look no further than pre-fascist Germany, which ran into hyperinflation when the government stuck its nose into the economy, and its citizens ended up carrying around wagons full of marks just to buy bread. They needed economic rescue,

and Hitler won power when he promised it.

The dollar only has value when there are products to buy and when those products will still be around in the future. In a recession, less is being produced, which forces the producers to demand more money from the consumers to cover the already high cost of production. The stimulus merely grants us all a shopping holiday, and in return, we produce nothing.

Our mixed economy has ruined capitalism through subsidies and government regulation and has perverted its ideals. Many American capitalists have moved elsewhere in favor of less intrusion and more freedom to succeed. Now, we see unemployment numbers skyrocketing. There will be no good jobs unless we create them. Workers will always be at risk for layoffs if they are not self employed or productively employed. We have already seen more people join the military and take government jobs in the search for security. The government pays them by taxing us, so we can only look forward to more debt and more taxes for a long, long time.

I call for the second coming of Andrew Jackson — a president who would stand up to the Federal Reserve and restore economic freedom to America. If not, change will be all that is left in our pockets once Obama continues his agenda of perpetual debt — or should I say, wagons full of worthless paper dollars.

*Michael W. Gibson is a junior philosophy student.*



# UMaine System must close useless campuses

William P. Davis

The University of Maine System is going through some changes right now, as budgets are slashed from the state level down to the student level. The chancellor has recommended a task force to assess ways to scrimp and save, most likely through administrative consolidation. There are more dramatic and much more effective ways to save money. Though nobody will like to hear them, it has to be brought up at some point.

We must ask ourselves: Are seven University of Maine campuses necessary anymore? UMS officials insist the system is unique because of its accessibility, but in today's society, most people measure accessibility in terms of dollar signs, not miles. With advances and availability of services such as high speed Internet, one or more of the University of Maine's campuses may have become obsolete.

Nobody likes to be the bad guy, and nobody likes the restructuring that comes from hard economic times like the ones we seem to have stumbled upon. As unfortunate as it is, such changes must inevitably be made in order to protect the long-term interests of the institution. Life goes on; people get over it, and in enough time everyone will probably forget the way it once was.

I'm not indifferent to the arguments against consolidation. Each school does have its own specialty programs and atmosphere, and there is certainly nothing better than face-to-face instruction. But is it necessary to have, for example, a campus in Fort Kent and another fewer than 60 miles away in Presque Isle?

The hardest part of consolidation is ensuring the smallest amount of damage is done to essential support services. Closing any UMS campus would have a profound impact on the community in which it is located, as well as on its nontraditional students. While most students could relocate without much of a problem, older students, especially those going back to school, would lose a large number of resources if UMS didn't already have an impressive network between the different campuses.

Closing a campus could actually increase accessibility because more classes would be offered online and via virtual classrooms all throughout the state. Many non traditional students have already come to prefer online courses, since they are much easier to fit into already busy lives.

It's time for the system and the state to come to their senses. The cost of a college education has been rising quickly for years, and with Maine's depressed economy, families who might have barely been able to afford an education for their children a few years ago will no longer be able to send their sons and daughters to college. Action must be taken quickly to identify the least-effective campus and eliminate it, and then use the savings to lower system-wide tuition. It sounds like a drastic step, and it is, but with the economy and the advent of new technologies, it is not feasible nor reasonable to maintain seven universities in such a small state.

*William P. Davis is Web editor for The Maine Campus.*





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## juice ON the Loose

Gossip site leaves bad taste in mouths, so why do students drink it up?

Spencer Morton ♦ Staff Reporter

Gossip — it's a part of life. Tabloid magazines monopolize bookstores, gyms and checkout lines across the globe. Thanks to JuicyCampus.com, University of Maine students now have the opportunity to gossip to their hearts' content — not about celebrities, but about each other.

JuicyCampus.com was founded by Matt Ivester in 2007. A 2007 press release from Juicy Campus notes that its mission is to "enable on-line anonymous free speech on college campuses." The concept may have been innocent enough, but "Newsweek" has stated that, "the posts have devolved from innocuous tales of secret crushes to ... lurid finger-pointing about drug use and sex."

After starting with 60 schools on its site, Juicy Campus has found lightning in a bottle, spreading to more than 500 campuses nationwide. From Hawaii to Maine, everyone seems to be getting a fever, and the only prescription is more gossip.

Titles of some posts on the UMaine page include "Cuties with Booties," "SLUTS" and "Biggest Pieces of Scum at UMO." Some posts have garnered up to 70 replies. With no login information needed, the site is completely anonymous, allowing students to create new posts or reply to older ones without discretion.

Juicy Campus has stated

it will not censor any material unless "a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the author of a post is guilty of a crime as a result of that post, or holds that a particular post is defamatory." The Web site also states that people need to realize everything is merely gossip and "you should take everything you read with a large grain of salt."

There have been only two instances where Ivester, a Duke University graduate, has reported IP addresses to authorities. The posts, appearing on the Monmouth University and Colgate University pages, involved a student threatening or contemplating shooting people on campus.

One of the more famous cases of controversy spewing from the site comes from Vanderbilt University. Chelsea Gorman, a well-liked, relatively quiet first-year was raped one night while returning to her dorm. In March 2007, a post on JuicyCampus read "Chelsea Gorman Deserved It." Outrage over the post grew, but nothing could be done. The post was hateful and cowardly, but not necessarily illegal.

So is Juicy Campus at all liable for content posted within its pages? The site claims it is protected by Title 47 U.S.C. Section 230. In 1996, the Communication Decency Act was passed, and Section 230 states that, "no provider or user of an interactive computer

service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider."

"Sites like this are merely forums. They do not make posts, nor do they edit them," said Sol Goldman, attorney and UMaine adjunct professor. "It would seem that they are untouchable."

Every state has laws protecting those who have been publicly defamed. If someone says something which defames another, the victim can

**"The most powerful force in the universe is gossip."**

Dave Barry  
American author  
and columnist

sue that person. But with all Juicy Campus posts coming anonymously, who is there to pursue?

Some may take the same route as Tennessee State University. In November 2008, after receiving numerous complaints from both students and teachers, the vice president of Student Affairs banned access to the site while on the campus network. Ivester responded by filing charges against the school and by stating that TSU had "joined the ranks of the Chinese government in terms of Internet censorship."

"They are encouraging

people to post defamatory content," Goldman said. "It's a defamation machine, and one day, they'll be taken down. Someone, someday will crack their immunity."

Many UMaine students have been singled out on the site. One student taking the brunt of the hate is third-year international affairs student Ryan Merchant. He was unaware of the site until a friend told him people had been posting suspect information about him.

"When I first saw it, I was extremely offended and appalled," Merchant said. "For people that just know me by name, and don't know my character, it can be extremely damaging."

In a survey of 200 UMaine students, 175 felt the site could severely harm someone's integrity and character. The other 25 agreed with Juicy Campus, stating that everything posted should be taken with a large grain of salt.

If around 88 percent of UMaine students surveyed agree the site could cause serious negative repercussions, then why does the site receive 1 million unique visits each month? If so many are opposed, why have 20 new topics started on the UMaine page in the past week alone?

Sophomore engineering student Nikolas Bennett believes people gossip to reinforce their own self-esteem.

"Knowing something that somebody else doesn't seems to appeal to a lot of people. Many people seem to seek some sort of admiration when they express new knowledge, even when it's of little importance," Bennett said.

Knox College professor Frank McAndrew, whose psychological research has been featured on "The Today Show," said gossip is simply part of human nature. In a 2007 article on Knox.edu, McAndrew said "Gossip is not a character flaw, it's a social skill ... For most of our evolutionary history, we lived in small groups, where it would be advantageous for an individual to be interested in everyone else in the group — the good news about our friends and allies, and the bad news about high-ranking individuals and potential rivals."

As society has evolved, people have grown to live in larger groups. With larger groups comes an increased medium for exchanging knowledge and communicating. Juicy Campus provides a broad audience the opportunity to talk about one another, be it good or bad, productive or barren — even if it's what Merchant describes as a "catalyst of hate."

When the majority of posts center around guys who are lacking in size, girls who will sleep with anything that moves or possible carriers of "the clap," it's difficult to call the posts good or productive.



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# The perfect beard? It's personal

Since the dawn of time, beards and facial hair in general have been a status symbol of those men in a culture of respect. From Moses to Abraham Lincoln to yours truly, beards have always been the most fashionable accessory for men of import, style and grace.

I've been sporting some manner of facial hair since I hit age 13 and started to sprout these wonderful whiskers. In the beginning, I wandered alone in a sea of my clean-shaven peers. At first I thought my fascination with five o'clock shadows, beards, goatees, fu manchus, handlebars, sideburns and soul soul patches was abnormal. But as time went on, I found myself in the pleasant company of my bearded brethren, safe in the knowledge that we had a fail-safe icon of masculinity, wisdom and respect firmly attached to our faces.

I've gone through many stages en route to my arrival at my current fully formed beard. When I first set out on this journey, I wanted nothing more than to boldly wear a beautiful Scott Ian-

style goatee — long chin hairs, no mustache. Try as I might, I was never able to achieve that level of thrashtastic glory. Dejected, I gave up and tried the more conservative, run-of-the-mill goatee. It wasn't for me. I hated looking like a country music star. I ac-



cepted defeat and shaved.

That's the glory of facial hair. It's a free, renewable way to change the impression you make on people. A full ZZ Top, prophet-style beard makes a louder statement than any expensive Armani suit or full body tattoo could ever hope to. It is important to know that although all styles of facial

hair make a statement, there is one curiously popular form that makes an awful, horrible statement, and should be avoided at all costs: The chinstrap.

After the utter failure of my goatee endeavor, I went through a three- or four-year period I affec-

tache. The Mennonite served me well, but when I decided also to sport a shaved head, things became weird. I needed a change, and I was ready to take the final leap. I was ready for a full beard.

At first glance, it would seem like the full beard is the easiest

you don't have the nerve to really let go, that you have something to prove and aren't comfortable with bringing your beard into the bright lights of society. To go too long shows you have a problem with excess. I've erred on both sides, but am happy to have arrived where I am today.

If you're a woman who is seduced by the false beauty of baby-faced Hollywood icons, I encourage you to instead find yourself a man who follows in the tradition of Aristotle, Jim Henson and Chuck Norris. If you're a man who has yet to do away with his Mach 3 and let that glorious beard beneath the surface see the light of day, I urge you to shake loose the shackles of the shaving industry and be what you were intended to be. You'll be glad you did.

As a tribute to beards everywhere, I'll be talking to bearded fellows over the course of this semester to answer the big questions and address the large issues pertinent to the ever changing and always interesting world of facial hair.

## BEARD POLICE

BY MARIO MORETTO

tionately called "The Mennonite," so named as a result of how often I would be asked by strangers whether or not I belonged to the peaceful denomination of Anabaptists. Essentially, it was a full beard, sans mustache, soul patch and neck beard. I shaved the lowest parts of my neck, the highest parts of my cheeks and my mus-

style to go with, but on the contrary, it takes far more to figure out how to make sure you're wearing the beard — and not the other way around — than you would think. It takes effort to work with scissors and clippers to figure out exactly the right length.

You can't afford to get it wrong. Too short sends the message that



Courtesy of Miramax

## FILM: Doubt

Heather Steeves  
News Editor

Great movies leave viewers with a question. This question can lead to long car-ride debates about plot, motives, etc. "Doubt" leaves viewers with lots of questions.

The plot is based on suspicion. Meryl Streep's character, a nun in a Catholic school, is the source of ambiguous speculations toward Philip Seymour Hoffman's character, a priest.

Streep plays sister Aloysius Beauvier, the stringent dragon lady who runs the school. She is harsh and holds to old-school ideals, frowning upon actions such as writing with ballpoint pens "like monkeys" or singing songs that condone witchcraft, such as "Frosty the Snowman." It makes for some laughs in the beginning, but that's about as far as viewers get with their smiles.

As Aloysius' accusations build — without evidence — relationships are strained. The cinematography illustrates emotions beautifully. As the priest gets progressively more uncomfortable, camera angles twist down, blur

or play with composition with distance and odd framing — this effectively makes the viewer as uncomfortable as Father Flynn (Hoffman).

Amy Adams is beautiful as the pure, sweet Sister James. Her purity — perhaps naivety — is charming; it balances Streep's character perfectly.

The plot neither twists nor turns much throughout.

Conflicting beliefs act as the main climaxes. None of the characters ever say exactly what the accusations are against the priest. It's easily assumable that they are along the lines of child molestation, as Sister Aloysius keeps saying he "corrupted" the boy.

The only sort of mini-climax is when Streep confronts the boy's mother, played by Viola Davis. When walking the mother to her job as a cleaning lady, Streep alludes — again, vaguely — to "inappropriate" relationships between the boy and the priest. The mother makes it clear to Streep that as long as the boy — the only black child in the school — makes it to high school, she does not care. The befuddled, flustered

Streep walks away, still adamant to make Flynn leave the parish.

Davis is a gem who — in the few minutes she has on screen — fully delves into the depths of a complex character. In what takes other characters the full runtime, Davis brings viewers through the turmoil of a worried mother whose abused son (abused by the father, that is) just needs to get through the eighth grade. Her character melts from stoic to defiant to a heartbreaking scene end, worthy of the Best Supporting Actress Oscar she's up for.

After long scenes of quiet skepticism, the end is beyond melodramatic. It is out of place and leaves you bewildered. Understandably, it is an adaptation of a play, but this ending does not answer any of the questions the movie proposed — nor does it fit the tone of the plot or Streep's character.

"Doubt" is playing at Movie Magic Cinema. It's worth the \$3, but is it worth the 20 minutes you might have to wait, as I did, because the film breaks and the projectionist has to fix it? Doubtful.

Grade: C+



Courtesy of Domino, Sony BMG/Epic

## CD Review: Franz Ferdinand

By Kaley Roberts  
Copy Editor

Franz Ferdinand's latest album is a half-hearted attempt at rock music. The band has tried to desert its mellow-yet-upbeat sound in favor of Killers-esque dance rock. Because of this, "Tonight" is a failure.

On first listen, every song sounds identical. On second listen, they all sound identical and like someone else has already recorded them. Their use of repetition is tiring by the third track, because it's pretty much the only thing going on. "Turn it On," "No You Girls," "What She Came For" and "Lucid Dreams" essentially consist of the same four lines repeated over and over and over. Reiteration is a respectable lyrical device, but not in this concentration.

The idea to stretch the album across two discs in the box set is a novel disaster. The second CD, "Blood," is a compilation of alternate versions of eight of the original 12 songs, remixed with a more clubby, hip-hop sound. Or at

least that's what they were aiming for. The second disc ends up being basically mish-mashed, overstimulated instrumentals and is not worth the price of the 16 grams of plastic it was recorded on.

For all its flaws, there are a few bright spots on "Tonight." "Bite Hard" is much more simplistic than the rest, with a basic beat and quick lyrics akin to 2005's Franz Ferdinand and less like their new, tragic, "rock" persona. Likewise, "Can't Stop Feeling" is more successful than the other tracks. Alex Kapranos sings, "You can't feel any / You can't feel anymore," and he's right. Even these "better" songs don't cause much of a stir of emotions. The flat synthetic sounds of the majority of the album are thankfully absent in these songs; they could have been the foundation of a completely different album, but neither are going to be hits anytime soon.

A mediocre attempt from a usually intriguing band, "Tonight" is nothing you need to run out and buy tomorrow.

Grade: D



# Steve Zirnkilton: The man behind the voice

## Mainer and voice of 'Law & Order' chats with MC

By **Spencer Morton**  
Staff Reporter

Steve Zirnkilton is not well-known for his name or face; it's his voice that makes him a star. Zirnkilton is most famous for his narration of the TV legal drama "Law & Order" and its three spinoffs. He also boasts a huge resume full of movie trailers, commercials and promos. A York County native, Zirnkilton chatted by telephone with The Maine Campus:

**MC:** Steve, let me start off by asking you, at what age did you realize you had this talent and this voice? Did you figure it out yourself? Or did someone suggest you should pursue a career with your voice?

**Zirnkilton:** It started off innocently. Every Sunday we would go to church with my father, and there was a man I would always see on the other side of church. He was an announcer on a local radio station, and I just remember thinking that was just so cool. But I really didn't think much more about it for a long time. It wasn't until college when I walked into the college radio station one day, and that was it. I just fell in love with everything about it. I took every opportunity the college radio station had to offer over the years, and that was it. My path was set.

**MC:** So you started in radio?

**Zirnkilton:** I did. Right out of college I went to work for a local radio station and went on to have a brief stint as an on-air reporter at channel two in Bangor. Then I served a number of years in the legislature before getting more serious about having a career in this field. In 1988 I headed off to

New York and just moved back and forth. We decided to raise our family here in Maine for obvious reasons. Then in 1998, technology progressed enough so we could have a studio here.

**MC:** So you do everything from home? That's pretty convenient.

**Zirnkilton:** It's very convenient. There have been some clients, occasionally, that will want you to come to their studio or something, but it's been a number of years since I've done that.

**MC:** What would the big break in your voiceover career be?

**Zirnkilton:** Well, anyone who knows anything about my career would know there's only one answer to that. That's when I had the opportunity to do "Law & Order." I played an on-camera detective in the pilot episode, and then I got a call from a big time producer who said he had something he wanted me to record. I had no idea what it would be, and he stood next to me as it was read, and he told me how he wanted it done. And that was that.

**MC:** You were on-screen for the pilot episode?

**Zirnkilton:** That's right, the first episode, actually the only episode that didn't have my intro. So that's the trivia part of it. I'm the only one who's been in every episode.

**MC:** The only "Law & Order" person to be on every episode? That's a pretty good claim to fame.

**Zirnkilton:** [laughs] Yeah, it's a good trivia question.

**MC:** Is that something you want to get into again, making more on-screen appearances?

**Zirnkilton:** It's something I've always enjoyed. I've had the opportunity to do some theater



Retrieved from IMDB.com

"It wasn't until college when I walked into the college radio station one day, and that was it. I just fell in love with everything about it," Zirnkilton said.

since then. It's been very enjoyable and it wasn't something our kids were interested in, so I got away from that. I did some on-camera commercials for "Law & Order," which people can see on TNT's Web site. But it's fun, and you never know.

**MC:** I'm sure you get addressed a lot as "the guy from 'Law & Order.'" How is it mentally, to know that people may not

know your face or not necessarily know your name, when your voice is one of the most recognizable voices across the country?

**Zirnkilton:** Yeah, it's obviously a good conversation starter, and I'm happy in the standpoint of longevity and the security it's afforded me in terms of being able to pursue the career and being able to raise our children. Now I've had the opportunity to do

various charity events with other cast members. It's provided me with opportunities that I certainly otherwise never would've had.

**MC:** I was a bit curious as to the process of voiceovers. Do clients send video clips and give you a script and ask you to record them in your studio? Could you go over the whole procedure?

**Zirnkilton:** Well, it varies depending on what the project is. I have some clients that you do on a contractual basis. Every day you explain what's going to be on the news tonight, or do promos for the upcoming Super Bowl. For a little while I was on contract with CNN. I used to have six windows a day where they would fax me the scripts and that's what you would do. It could've been on the air in 10 minutes. But I had someone send me a clip today to do a movie trailer, and they wanted it to match a certain type of feeling or sound. But it's all fun.

**MC:** Other than "Law & Order," what's your proudest work to date?

**Zirnkilton:** Well, my proudest title in life is just three letters: D-A-D. Everything else is secondary.

**MC:** Good man. For my final question I'm going to put you on the spot here. If you had to give an on-the-fly, intense promo for The Maine Campus newspaper, what would it be?

**Zirnkilton:** You want to do it hard news? Or like a movie trailer? You have a lot of choices here. Let's say you were going to take it flat and gritty: 10,000 students, one voice, one paper.

**MC:** That was awesome.

Visit [mainecampus.com](http://mainecampus.com) for the full audio interview featured on the Stylecast.

### Collins Center for the Arts opens its doors



Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

The Bangor Symphony Orchestra performs the first event in the newly renovated Collins Center for the Arts on Sunday, Feb. 1.

## ontheweb

### StyleCast:

New edition available on [mainecampus.com](http://mainecampus.com) every print issue. This week: An exclusive interview with the unmistakable voice of "Law & Order" narrator Steve Zirnkilton.

### Blogs:

The Movie Knight joins [mainecampus.com](http://mainecampus.com)'s growing list of blogs. Style staff reporter Spencer Morton comments on film.

## Winter Carnival 2009!



Sunday, February 8: **All Greek Bonfire**  
4:00-6:00 P.M.  
Stewart Quad

Tuesday, February 10: **DAY OFF**

Thursday, February 12: **Greek Life Game Show**  
8:00 PM  
Main Dining Room, Memorial Union

Saturday, February 14: **Polar Bear Dip**  
Time 12:00 P.M.  
University of Maine Mall

Monday, February 9: **Letters Sign In**  
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 PM  
Across from the info booth is the Union

Wednesday, February 11: **Talent Show**  
7:00 PM  
Minsky Recital Hall

Friday, February 13: **UMaine vs. BU**  
7:00 PM  
Alfond Arena

Sponsored By The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council





# go! calendar

All events free unless stated otherwise

## MUSIC

**Java Jive: The Project, Qualifying Round Two**  
Tuesday, Feb. 3  
8 p.m.  
Bear's Den, Memorial Union

## FUN

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

## FILM

**Kickin' Flicks: "Madagascar 2"**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4  
7:30 and 10 p.m.  
100 DPC

## 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

## SPORTS

### Tuesday, Feb. 3

**Men's Basketball**  
v. Stony Brook  
7:30 p.m.  
Alfond Arena

### Wednesday, Feb. 4

**Women's Basketball**  
v. Stony Brook  
7 p.m.  
Stony Brook, N.Y.

### Friday, Feb. 6

**Softball DH**  
v. Virginia-Tech.  
12:30 p.m.  
vs. Chattanooga  
3 p.m.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Men's Ice Hockey**  
v. New Hampshire  
7:30 p.m.  
Durham, N.H.

### Saturday, Feb. 7

**Men's and Women's Track and Field**  
In the Maine Open  
11 a.m.  
UMaine Fieldhouse

**Men's and Women's Swimming**  
v. Boston University  
12 p.m.  
Wallace Pool

**Softball DH**  
v. Campbell at 1 p.m.  
v. Tennessee Tech at 3:30 p.m.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Women's Ice Hockey**  
v. Boston College  
1 p.m.  
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

**Women's Basketball**  
v. Hartford  
2 p.m.  
West Hartford, Conn.

## SPORTS CONT.

**Men's Basketball**  
v. UMBC  
7 p.m.  
Alfond Arena

**Men's Ice Hockey**  
v. New Hampshire  
7 p.m.  
Manchester, N.H.

### Sunday, Feb. 8

**Softball**  
v. Troy  
10:30 a.m.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Women's Ice Hockey**  
v. Boston College  
1 p.m.  
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

## LECTURES

### Monday, Feb. 2

**Why the United States is Not a Democracy — and Shouldn't Be!**  
Feat. Michael Munger, Duke University  
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union

### Wednesday, Feb. 4

**Dialogues in Diversity**  
8:30 – 10 a.m.  
Coe Room, Memorial Union

**Promoting Life-Work Balance in a World That Values Neither**  
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union



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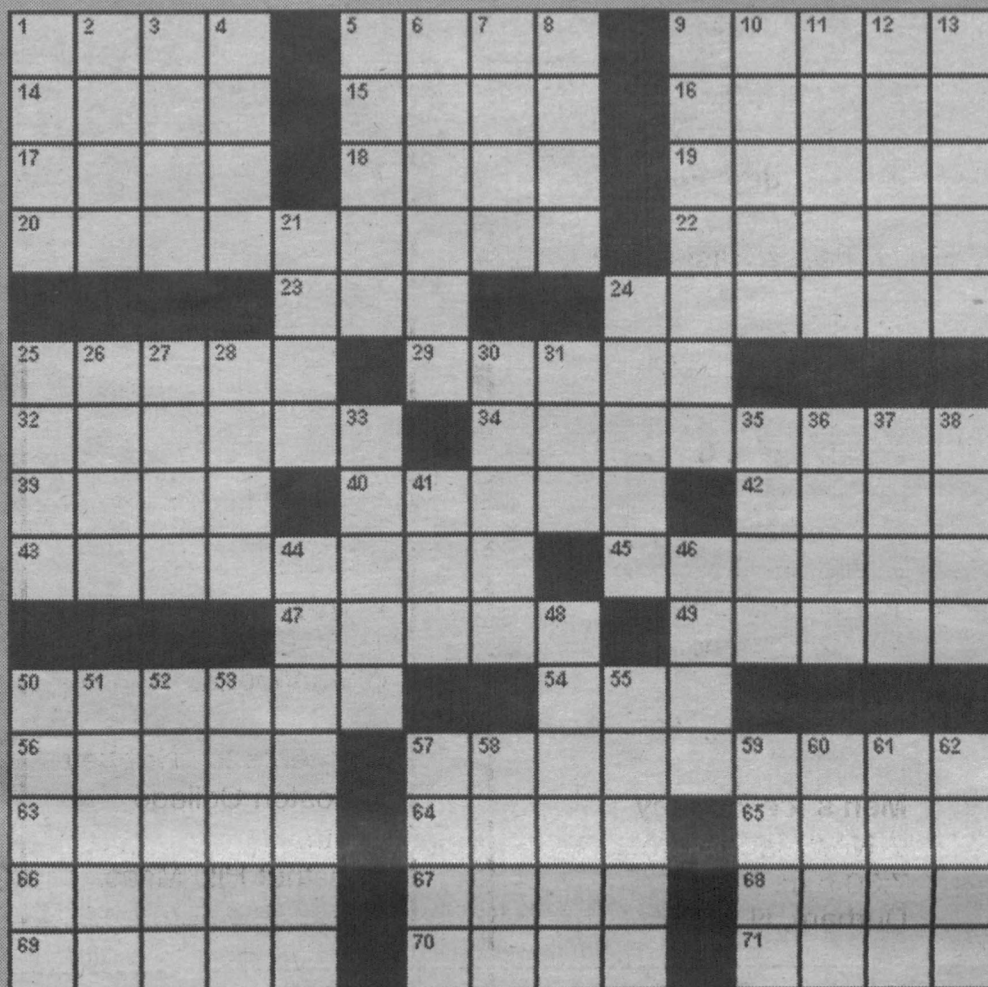
Lucas Richman, of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, guest conducts the Bangor Symphony Orchestra Sunday afternoon in the brand new Collins Center for the Arts.



# The Maine Campus DISTRACTIONS

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## CROSSWORD



ANSWER KEY FOUND IN SPORTS

### ACROSS

- 1- Glass ornament
- 5- Reddish-brown gem
- 9- Rich tapestry
- 14- After the bell
- 15- Actress McClurg
- 16- Covered
- 17- Elevator man
- 18- Horse of mixed color
- 19- Metal spike used by mountaineers
- 20- Excellently
- 22- Diciembre follower
- 23- Lulu

- 24- Wore away
- 25- Baby bird?
- 29- Small mountains
- 32- Commendation
- 34- Person who writes novels
- 39- Deutchmark replacement
- 40- Crusoe's creator
- 42- Dies \_\_\_\_
- 43- War-horse
- 45- Hit
- 47- Showy display
- 49- Relaxes
- 50- Variety of grape
- 54- \_\_\_\_ roll

### DOWN

- 1- Cartel
- 2- I could \_\_\_\_ horset
- 3- Take \_\_\_\_ from me
- 4- Ricky's portrayer
- 5- Turkish palace
- 6- Brewer Coors
- 7- 100 dinars
- 8- Repudiate
- 9- Slander
- 10- Thick-skinned charger
- 11- Like most movies
- 12- Revere
- 13- Church council
- 21- Toll rds.
- 24- Santa's aides
- 25- Raced
- 26- Faithful
- 27- Rowing implements
- 28- Public disturbance
- 30- Below: prefix
- 31- John in England
- 33- Decree
- 35- Old Italian money
- 36- Eye part
- 37- Japanese rice wine
- 38- Golf pegs, northern English river
- 41- Sniggler's catch
- 44- Hindmost part
- 46- Milk source
- 48- Resident of a town
- 50- Person who dresses stones
- 51- In \_\_\_\_ (unborn)
- 52- Subway turner
- 53- Ecclesiastical rule
- 55- Chad neighbor
- 57- Employs
- 58- Khartoum's river
- 59- Not kosher
- 60- Caucus state
- 61- Minn. neighbor
- 62- Basic unit of heredity

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- 56- Fragrant oil
- 57- Inadvertent
- 63- River that flows through Paris
- 64- Vocalize melodically
- 65- Sat on the back of a horse
- 66- Synthetic fiber
- 67- Nobelst Wiesel
- 68- McGregor of "Trainspotting"
- 69- Very much
- 70- Prophet
- 71- Simulate

## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 to April 20

You will have original ideas worth implementing. To achieve what you set out to, you will have to work hard and take your friends' support. Your sentimental relationship is going smoothly.

### Taurus

April 21 to May 20

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

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You are capable of adapting to new situations and quickly making adequate decisions. You can tackle serious business as well as family issues. You may want to pay more attention to your loved one's needs.

### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You will have the opportunity to prove your talent and creativity. You can rely on intuition. You will have a great afternoon in the company of your loved one and family.

### Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

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

### Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

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

### Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

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

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

After a rather difficult period in your sentimental and social relationships, you are back in business. You will have the opportunity to assert yourself at work.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

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

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

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

### Aquarius

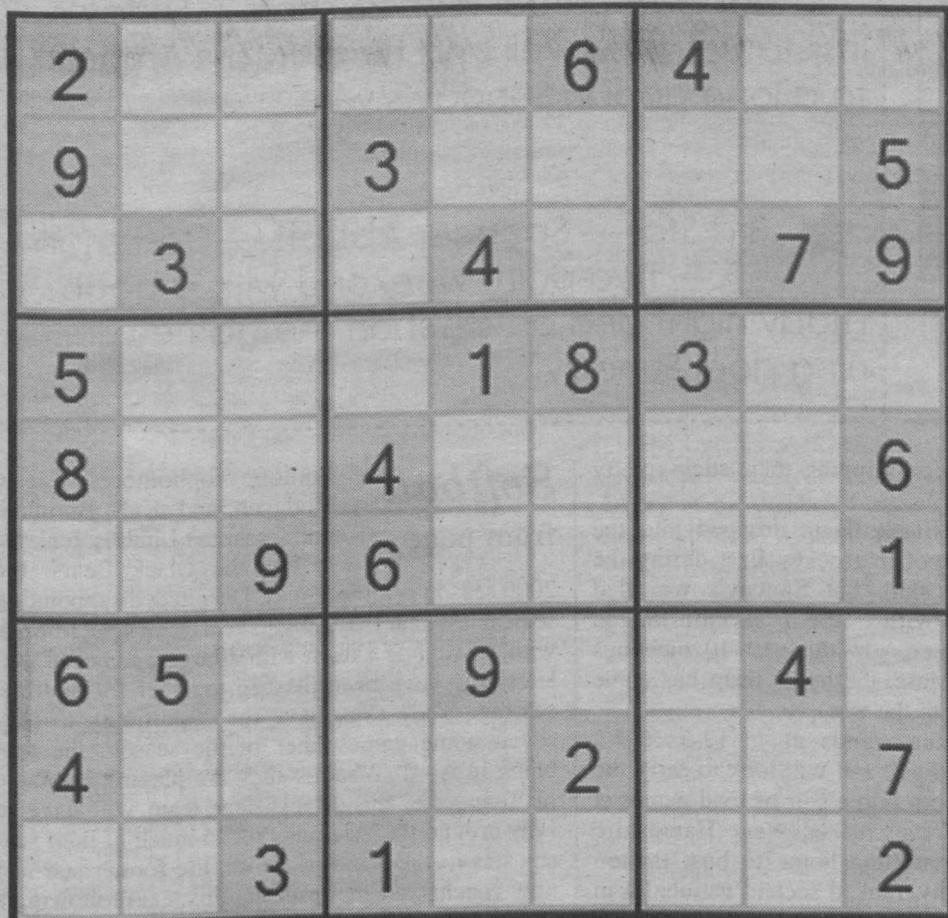
Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

Before noon you will have contact with important people who could help you in business. Partnerships will consequently improve.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

You will have the opportunity to take a short trip with a group of friends. You are advised to take the invitation.



## SUDOKU PUZZLE

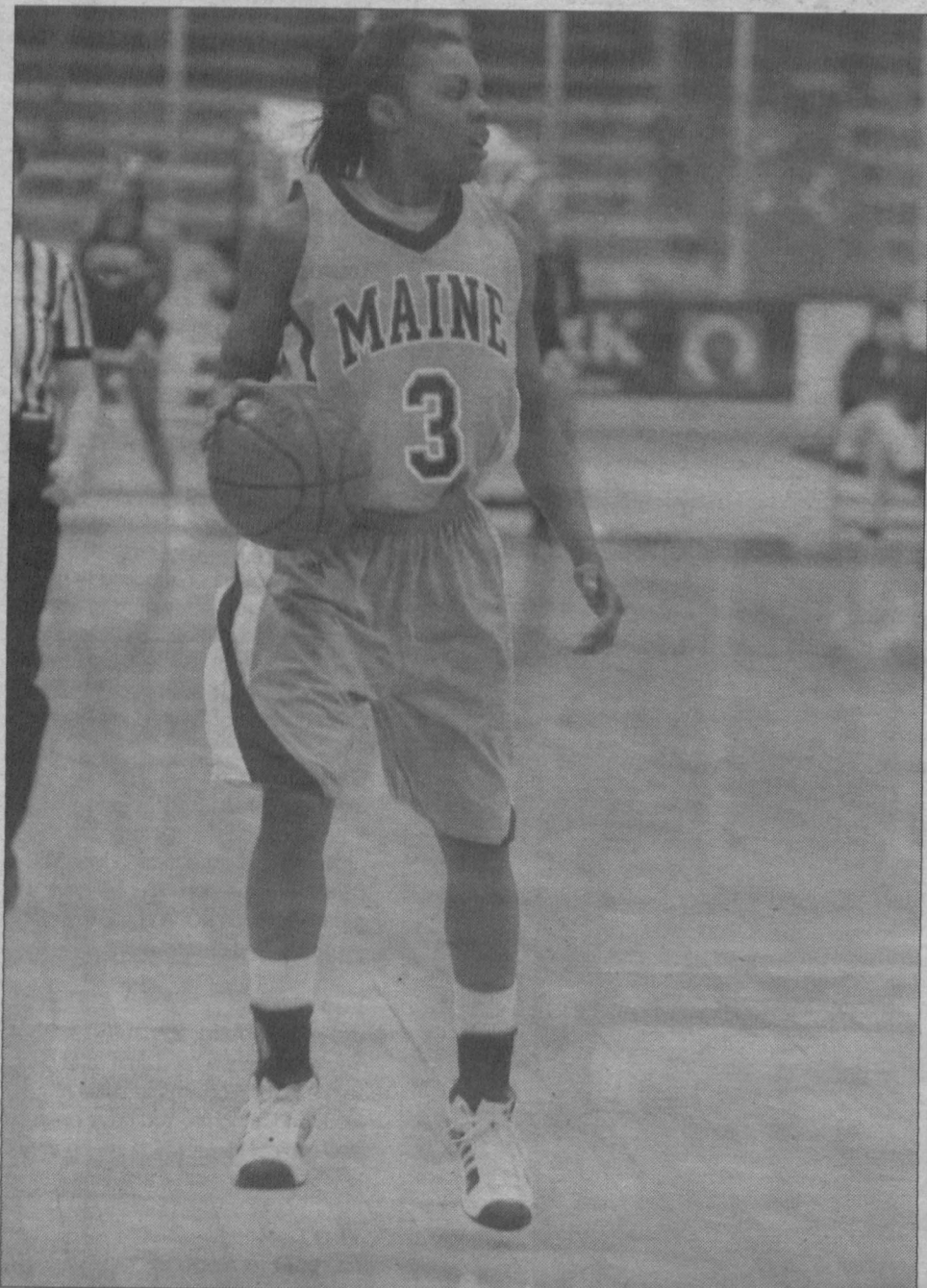
### HOW TO PLAY

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: MEDIUM





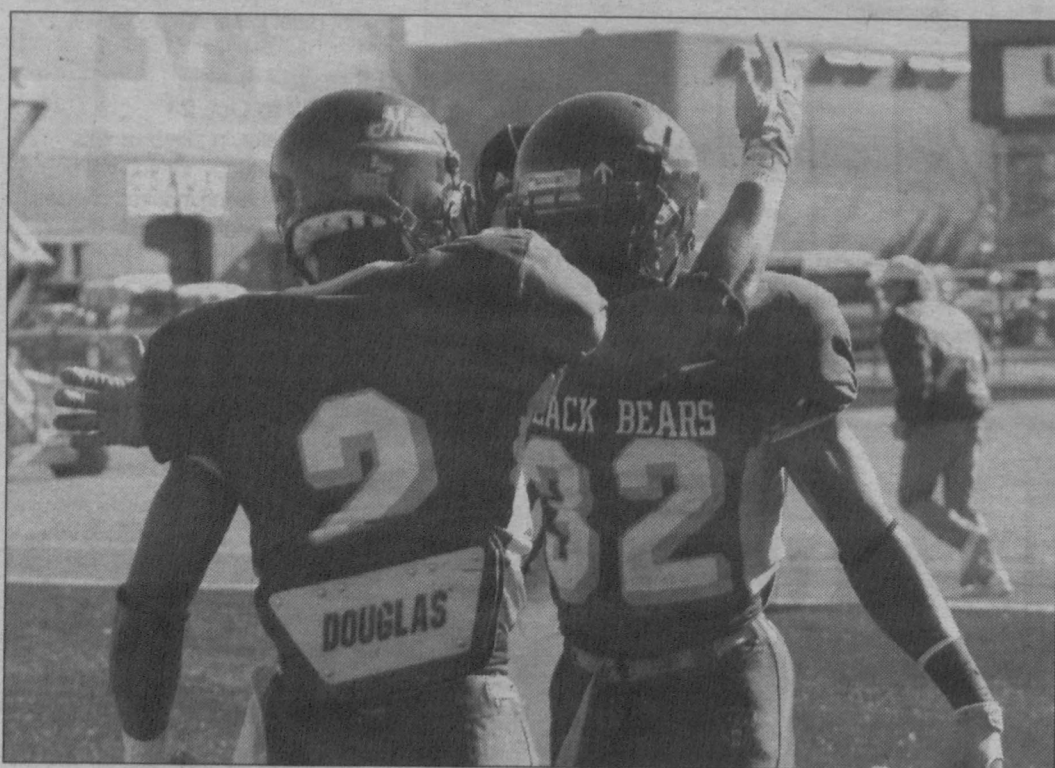
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Brittany Williams looks for an open player in an earlier game this season.



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Brittany Boser draws contact while going in for two in an earlier game against Robert Morris.



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Landis Williams and Jhamal Fluellen will get one more season together, this time as sprinters.

### Three Stars of the Weekend

★ 1st Star — Jeff Dimmen — Sophomore — D — Scored the game winner with 26 seconds remaining in the third period against UMass Amherst.

★ 2nd Star — Dave Wilson — Junior — G — Stopped career high 35 shots in Friday's loss to UMass Lowell and held UMass Amherst to a lone goal in Sunday's win.

★ 3rd Star — Spencer Abbott — Freshman — F — Two-point weekend with a goal Friday night and an assist on the game-winning goal Sunday.

### Hockey

Hockey East rookie scoring leader Casey Wellman provided

the equalizer with 1:28 remaining in the second period, catching Wilson off guard with a weak shot from the point that snuck through the five-hole.

The 1-1 tie held until Dimmen scored with 26 seconds remaining in the game. Senior center Chris Hahn set up the one-timer by Dimmen with a pass from along the boards beside the right faceoff circle.

"I was just trying to get a good shot off on it and really just closed my eyes,"

Dimmen described of his fifth goal of the season. "[Hahn] just fed a nice pass across. I just tried to get it on net and it went in."

Freshman right wing Spencer Abbott also contributed to the scoring sequence for his eighth assist. Abbott scored two points on the weekend, also scoring UMaine's second goal in Friday's game. Sophomore left wing Robby Dee scored the first.

"Obviously every game in Hockey East is going to be just like that — really, really tough to get points," UMaine Coach Tim Whitehead said. "I thought we showed surprising poise for a team

that's been gripping their sticks pretty tight."

The Black Bears dropped into the eighth spot in Hockey East during the January skid, but Sunday's win tied them with the seventh-ranked Minutemen. In the past 10 meetings with UMass, the home team has come away with the win.

UMaine stands at 11-12-3 (6-9-2 Hockey East) and will look to carry the momentum into a pair of road games at rival University of New Hampshire before returning home to host Boston University, ranked second nationally in Hockey East.

### Softball

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Iandoli, sophomores Cassie Hodgson and Kali Burnham and freshman Lindsey Jenkins.

For the Black Bears, the 2009 season is a fresh start. Despite a disappointing season last year they now have a clean slate to work with, as well as a team with a large number of athletes who have been playing together for multiple seasons. They even have the opportunity to play seven home games later in the season, the first being in April. Whether they are playing in Maine or Tennessee, this Black Bear team will have to rally around the veterans. Yet so much of their season lies in the mind of Smith, the former star and now coach. Can she resurrect this team following a disappointing 2008? We'll find out Feb. 6.



## Track

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and Williams approached the track team's sprint coach Dave Cusano, a football and track standout for UMaine in his own right, about training them in the off-season. Cusano, credited by many sprinters for increases in their performance, talked them into joining the team.

"To be dead honest, I wasn't really a track guy. I just ran track because of my God-given abilities and to stay in shape for football. So me running track in college wasn't really on my mind," Fluellen said. "With the opportunities I might have coming up in the future with playing football, I wanted to get coached by somebody that knows what they're doing, that has the resume of making guys faster in this program."

"I think Landis and Jhamal are phenomenal athletes. It's a privilege to have the opportunity to coach guys of that caliber," Cusano said. "They're both very much elite in this sport, and they have huge upside potential to take this sport as far as they want to take it, much like they can in the sport of football. They are really, truly, two of the best athletes to be at the University of Maine."

Before they made their way to UMaine, Fluellen and Williams ran track all four years of high school in New York and New Jersey, respectively, earning several accolades and school records in the process.

Both men made their debut at the Sherbrooke Green and Gold meet two weeks ago, with Williams finishing fourth in the 60-meter dash and Fluellen taking 13th. They competed again in Boston this past weekend, finishing tenth and fourteenth, respectively, in the 55-meter dash. Williams compared his mentality on game day to his mentality on the start line.

"If you can take the same level that you compete at on the football field onto the track, it's a different

athlete," Williams said. "So when you're on the track racing against another guy, they won't always compete as hard as you because, coming from football, you have to compete every play."

The two plan to stick to 55 meters during the indoor season, although Williams, in his first season of indoor track, has expressed interest in running the 200-meter dash. The 400-meter dash is out of the question.

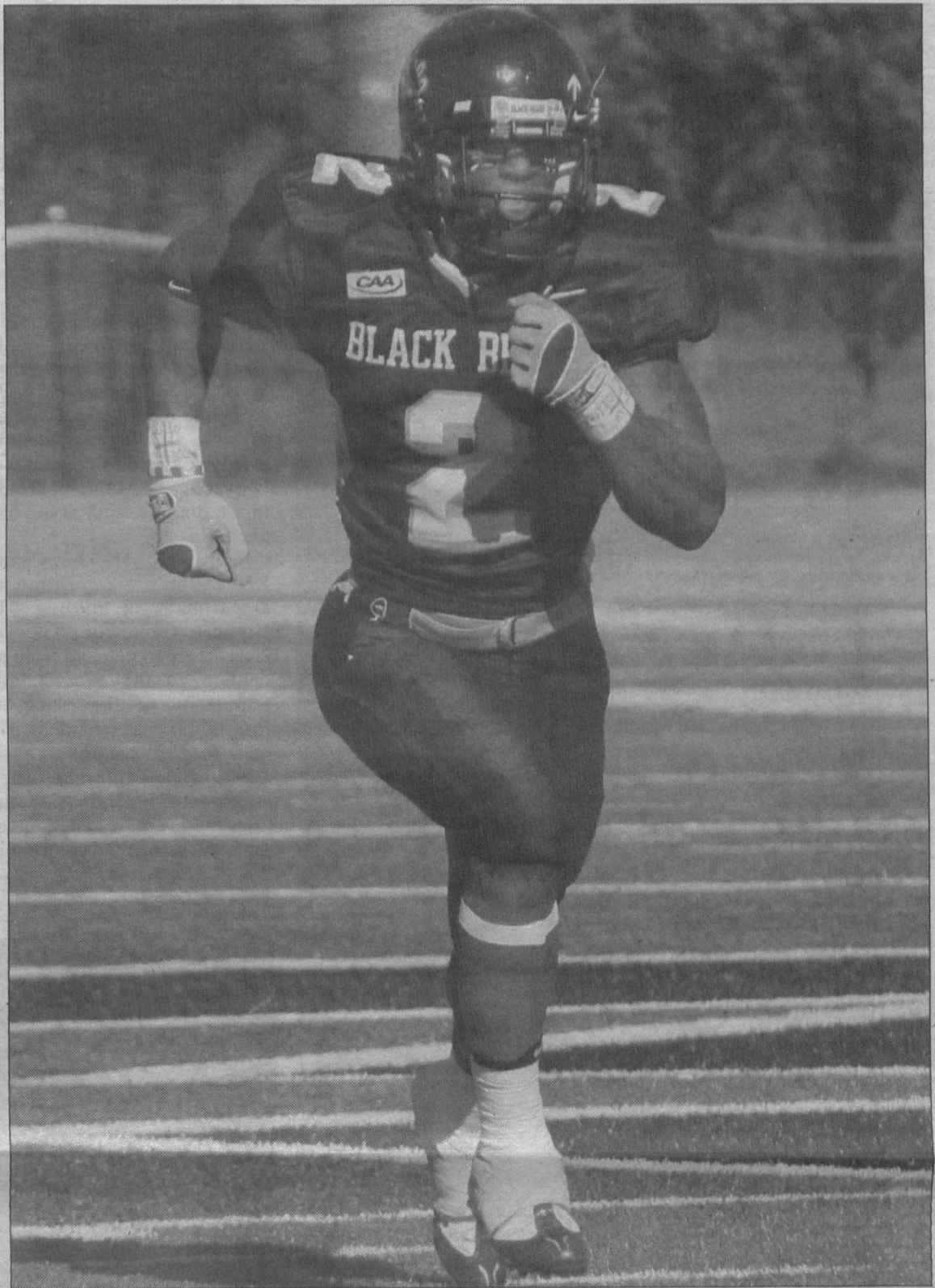
"I like watching the 400 because it's a race that I know I can't run, but it's still a sprint," Williams said. "I always say that race makes a man out of somebody. Whether you're a woman or a man, it makes a man out of you because it's such a tough race, so I like watching that race to see who really has what it takes."

"I like watching all the races actually, except for those crazy long, long distance races. I can't really get into those," Fluellen said. "You can see the competitiveness of everybody coming out when the race is going on — so everybody that just likes to compete, that's what I like to watch."

Both men laughed and talked about Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt's record-smashing performance at the Summer Olympics in August, with Williams calling Bolt "a freak." Both, however, hope to mirror Bolt's rise to prominence.

"There are phenomenal athletes out in the world today just like Usain Bolt," Fluellen said. "You never heard of this guy until a year or two ago, so there's just athletes that are waiting for the opportunity to rush onto the scene."

Just as they rushed onto the football scene and now onto the track scene, when Williams and Fluellen leave UMaine, their commitment to excellence will prepare them to rush anywhere they choose with focus, determination and uncanny ability to make everyone around them perform to their highest abilities.



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Landis Williams is no stranger to speed and is now a sprinter for the UMaine track team.

# Binghamton bests Bears

Compiled by Adam Clark  
Sports Editor

## Men's Basketball

The University of Maine men's basketball team dropped their third straight game Saturday afternoon, falling to Binghamton University 83-77 at the Events Center in Vestal, N.Y. With the loss, UMaine dropped to 8-14 overall and 3-6 in the America East conference. Binghamton improves to 13-8 and 6-3 in conference play.

The Black Bears started off the game strong, jumping out to an early double-digit lead just six minutes into the game. UMaine managed to keep the lead throughout the first half, leading 40-31 at the half.

In the second half, the Black Bears started off strong as well, going on a 7-to-2 run to take a 47-33 lead. The

Bearcats responded and went on a 25-to-7 run to grab the lead.

UMaine was led by junior guard Mark Socoby, the America East Player of the Game. He contributed a team-high 17 points. He was part of a balanced scoring attack where five Black Bears scored in double figures.

Binghamton was paced by D.J. Rivera's game-high 23 points.

It was the third straight game UMaine lost in conference play. They led all three by double digits at one point in the contest. The previous two losses were at Vermont 75-65 on Wednesday night and 83-72 to Boston University on Jan. 25.

The Black Bears resume play on Tuesday, Feb. 3 when they host Stony Brook at Alford Arena at 7:30 p.m.

## Men's and Women's Track and Field

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams finished fifth and sixth, respectively, Friday at the Reebok Indoor Games at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass.

The Black Bears competed against 12 other teams, with the men's team finishing with 58.5 points and the women with 40 points.

The men's team was paced by Matt Holman, Riley Masters and Mark Liimakka. They earned first-place finishes in the 500-meter run, one-mile run and pole vault, respectively.

On the women's side, Vicki Tolton won the 400-meter run, and Allyson Howatt placed second in the 200-meter run. Both teams will be back in action on Saturday, Feb. 7 when they host the Maine Open at 11 a.m.

# Athletes of the Week

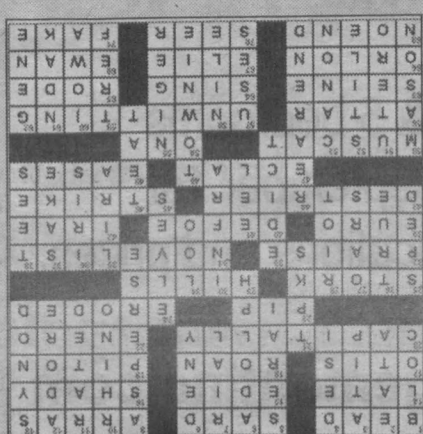
Jovan Belcher  
Football

The football season has been over for months, but the accolades keep piling up for University of Maine senior defensive end Jovan Belcher. The West Babylon, NY native was the lone CAA representative in the 2009 Texas vs. the Nation College Football All-Star Game this past Saturday in the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas. Belcher was a consensus First-Team All-American this season and the CAA Defensive Player of the Year and finished second in the voting for the Buck Buchanan Award, presented annually to the nation's most outstanding defensive player at the FCS level. He helped lead the Black Bears to a berth in the FCS playoffs after an 8-5 season and a second place finish in the CAA North Division.

Myriam Croussette  
Women's Hockey

The freshman forward had a four-point weekend for the Black Bears as they swept Northeastern in a key Hockey East series. In Friday night's 4-2 victory, the Baie-Comeau, Quebec native scored two goals and added an assist. In Saturday's shootout win, Croussette tallied an assist. With two victories, UMaine is still in the Hockey East playoff hunt.

## Crossword solution





**Wednesday, Jan. 28****Men's Basketball**

UM	65
Vermont	75

**Friday, Jan. 30****Women's Hockey**

UM	4
Northeastern	2

**Men's Hockey**

UM	2
UMass Lowell	3

**Women's Track**

Reebok Indoor Games  
6th place

**Men's Track**

Reebok Indoor Games  
5th place

**Saturday, Jan. 31****Men's Basketball**

UM	77
Binghamton	83

**Women's Basketball**

UM	49
Binghamton	62

**Sunday, Feb. 1****Men's Hockey**

UM	2
UMass	1

# Knockout to benefit Gebhart's cancer battle

By Ben Hamblen  
For The Maine Campus

The town of Orono could be called a college town. Small in size, Orono grows tremendously as a community during the academic months. In an attempt to bring all ages together for a night of competition, the University of Maine is promoting a unique and noteworthy event.

On Feb. 11, the Campus Recreation's Intramural Department is holding "The Biggest Game of Knockout Ever." Due to demand from students, and the overwhelming popularity of the game, the Intramural Department has gone to great lengths to ensure a significant turnout. In an attempt to increase participation, the event has been opened to the entire community,

including those with no affiliation to UMaine.

The Intramural Department expects such a large number of participants that they took the liberty of contacting the Guinness Book of World Records. Their attempt was cut short as the Records Department felt that the Knockout competition wasn't specialized enough for the general body of reference that the Guinness Book covers.

Nonetheless, the Intramural Department intends to go forward with the event as they had originally planned. Posters are displayed across campus to promote the event and bring interest to students, as well as staff and community members. The point of a community-wide event of this nature is to provide a fun and competitive experience for as many people

as possible.

"The Biggest Game of Knockout" will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb 11 and is scheduled to go until there is a winner, or until 10:30 pm. Prizes for the winner of the competition and other participants are provided by WS Emerson in Brewer and Sunkissed Tanning in Orono.

The event is free, with donations being accepted for Jackie Gebhart's fight with cancer. Gebhart is the associate head coach of the University of Maine women's Basketball team. Participating would not only be an enjoyable experience but an opportunity to raise money for a great cause.

For more information regarding the event, please contact Thomas St. John (Thomas St John) on FirstClass or call 581-3447.

## Looking for an opening



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In a previous game, Kristin Baker protects the ball in an attempt to make a move to the basket.

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# UM Crew Club rows forward

By Ben Hamblen  
For The Maine Campus

Spreading the word can be difficult, but the University of Maine Crew Club team has been making huge strides during the past semester in doing just that. Originating in 2008, the club consists of around 15 co-ed members. Through fundraising, hard work and generosity from a few donors, the University of Maine Crew Club is well on its way to a successful and competitive future.

Throughout the fall semester, the Crew Club went beyond the call of duty in order to garner interest and spread the word about their passion for rowing. Members have worked on numerous fundraisers.

Thanks to donors and the team's hard work, they are beginning to gather the materials to row consistently on water and put together a competitive team poised to face other schools.

"We are always fundraising and are always accepting donations. We still have a lot of

things we need in order to compete with other schools," Crew Club Vice President Preston Hughes said. "The team has come a long way, and we have been trying to get our name out to more people in the community and university."

Dan Finn, a captain on the team, echoed Hughes' sentiment.

"We started out with nothing, but after a lot of hard work, a lot of recruiting and generous donations, we have become known as a club team."

Still early in its development, the club has been using indoor rowing machines in order to improve their skills and increase their stamina. Regarding the

commitment he and his teammates have put toward establishing and strengthening the Crew Club, Finn said that he believes the team does more before 8 a.m. than most do in one day.

"This is not an easy sport," Finn said. "It is about pushing your limits and testing your will to give it all you have got when you are nowhere close to finishing. But the reward is knowing you can push yourself further than you ever thought you could."

As well as instilling the value of hard work, the club is well known for its teamwork.

"Our team is always doing something. There is never a dull [moment] on the rowing team," Finn said. "The team is a tight-knit group, and that helps you improve when your friends are cheering you on."

Moving forward this semester, the team is picking up where it left off in the fall. The club has opened recruitment in order to establish a larger roster. This would require more funding, which members plan on acquiring through fundrais-

ers in the area.

On Feb. 21 in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, the club is having a rowing event that is open to the public as a fundraiser for the team. Tickets are \$10, and the participants will have the opportunity to "race a rower" after being taught on rowing machines.

Following this event, on Feb. 22 will be a fundraiser at the Sports Cafe in Orono from 5 to 8 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the University of Maine Crew Club.

If you are interested in learning more about the Crew Club or would like to participate in one of its fundraisers, please contact Preston Hughes on FirstClass.

Dan Finn  
Captain  
Crew Club

*"We started out with nothing, but after a lot of hard work, a lot of recruiting and generous donations, we have become known as a club team."*

# Waters, UM hit diamond

## Softball opens 2009 slate Friday vs. Virginia Tech

By Maeghan Connor  
For The Maine Campus

Following an 11-39 season last spring — 10-11 in America East — the University of Maine Black Bear softball team is ready to begin their season this Friday afternoon in Chattanooga, Tenn. against the Virginia Tech Hokies.

Coming out against a talented ACC team that participated in the Women's College World Series last season will be a challenge for the Black Bears. However, with many veterans remaining from last season — including all the letter winners, positional starters and pitchers — the Black Bears will be able to use the core of the team they once had and turn it into what they want it to be.

Leading the Black Bears into the new season is Coach Deb Smith, in her sixth year coaching at her alma mater. From 1991 to 1994, she wore the UMaine colors and was a standout on and off the field. That eventually led to her being named Coach of the Year in the America East in 2002, only to follow two years later with an NCAA tournament entry.

After a few years of coaching for the University of Rhode Island, Smith is returning to take the reins at UMaine. She has high hopes that she can return this program to what it once was.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to come back to the University of Maine where I was fortunate enough to be both a student-athlete and a coach," Smith stated in an official press release from the school. "I look forward to working with the softball program, returning it to America East and regional prominence, and most importantly, to working with such a promising group of young women."

Motivating the team on the field will be returning infielder, senior Ashley Waters who, last season, led the team in batting



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The Black Bear softball team opens their season Friday. Ashley Waters batted a .348 with a team leading 29 RBIs.

average (.352), runs scored (33), and hits (58), including thrashing ten home runs and 11 doubles. In addition to her offensive power, Waters is also an effective defensive player with a .969 fielding percentage.

Waters will be joined in the infield by senior Courtney Gingrich, juniors Kristen Calvetti and Melinda Corssino, and sophomores Brynne Davis, Terren Hall and Jennifer Puccini.

Leading on the hill will be senior Jenna Balent, who led the pitching staff during the 2008

season with a 3.79 ERA and a 7-15 record over 31 appearances. Balent led the team with 83 strikeouts and 146.0 innings pitched. Joining her on the pitching squad will be juniors Alexis Souhlaris, Cayleigh Montano and Christine McGivney.

Behind the plate and assisting the pitchers throughout the game will be either of the two UMaine catchers: junior Stephanie George or freshman Mackenzie Brooks.

Manning the outfield for the Black Bears will be junior Erin See **SOFTBALL** on page 16

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## This Week In Maine Athletics



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## UM weathers Minutemen

Dimmen notches final goal of hockey's first 2009 win

By Steven McCarthy  
Staff Reporter

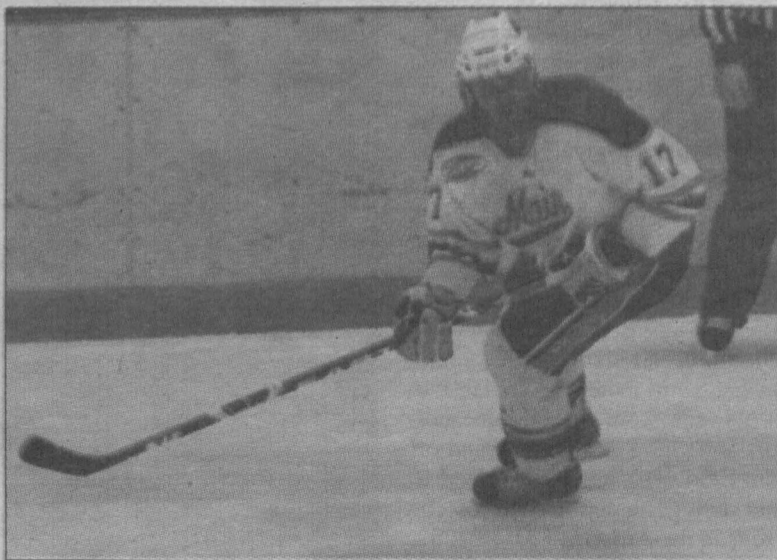
After a month of disappointment, the University of Maine men's hockey team is back on track.

Sophomore defenseman Jeff Dimmen provided the last minute heroics to defeat the University of Massachusetts at Amherst 2-1 Sunday at Alfond Arena, snapping a nine game winless streak.

The Black Bears lost their third consecutive game Friday night against the University of Massachusetts at Lowell 3-2, giving the River Hawks their first win in the house that Walsh built in 16 tries.

"We had a tough stretch after Christmas there, and we just needed to get a win to get the monkey off our back and get rolling again," said Dimmen. "We just stuck to our game plan and kept things simple and played really as a team."

Senior defenseman Matt Duffy scored a power play goal in the first period of Sunday's contest when he fired a one-timer from just inside the blue line to give UMaine the early lead. The Black Bears were 8-3-0 when scoring the



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Kevin Swallow makes a move toward the puck in an earlier game.

game's first goal.

Junior goaltender Dave Wilson survived a barrage of UMass shots in the waning seconds to secure his third win of the season.

"It wasn't that bad. I was kind of relaxed because I knew we had the one-goal cushion there," Wilson said of the final 30 seconds. "I think that was the biggest thing is we needed that goal for our team and for our confidence as

well. We kind of relaxed and just got the puck out and played strong team defense after that."

Wilson made his third straight start after replacing freshman Scott Darling midway through the Jan. 24 game against Boston College and stopped 21 shots. He made a career high 35 saves against UMass Lowell.

See **HOCKEY** on page 16

## UM surges past Northeastern U

By Ben Violette  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey team swept Northeastern University on Friday and Saturday at the Alfond Arena. The Black Bears picked up four huge points, winning 4-2 Friday and picking up a 3-2 win in a shootout Saturday as they try and make a late season surge to pick up the sixth and final playoff spot in Hockey East.

"These games are the first step for us to climb back into the playoff picture," Head Coach Dan Lichterman said. "The UNH series, although the goals didn't fall our way, gave us a lot of momentum because we proved to ourselves that we can play hard."

Sophomore Jennie Gallo described the weekend as a "do-or-die situation."

Friday afternoon saw an aggressive Black Bear team get off to a great start as sophomore Jordan Colliton blasted a beautiful pass from behind the net from junior Jenna Ouellette. The power-play goal gave UMaine a lead they would never relinquish.

From that point on, it was UMaine freshman Myriam Croussette who stole the show as she compiled a three-point performance while notching two goals and an assist for the Black Bears.

Coach Lichterman and Croussette both attribute her breakout game to becoming more comfortable at the college level and with the system.

"It's good to finally get going," a happy Croussette said. "The confidence is there now."

Croussette's first goal came on yet another power-play when, from behind Northeastern goaltender Florence Schelling she, tried to fire a pass to crashing junior Amy Stech, but the puck ended up deflecting off the back of Schelling and bouncing into the net.

Only four minutes later, Croussette would tally an assist on a tap in goal by senior captain Vanessa Vani.

The second goal of Croussette's amazing performance would come at the 7:43 mark of the third period. After a Gallo blast that Schelling was able to get a piece of, the puck sat just behind the Northeastern goalie as Croussette charged the net and dove at the puck, shoving it into the goal.

"I knew I had a chance to get to

it," Croussette said. "I just didn't want to miss the puck or have my body knock the net off before the puck went in."

On Saturday night, the Black Bears picked up where they left off as Gallo crushed a one-timer from Vani under Northeastern goalie Leah Sulyma.

UMaine turned the puck over in the neutral zone to Northeastern's

Katy Applin, who carried the puck into the Black Bear's zone and sent a rocket by senior goaltender Genevieve Turgeon.

Both coach and athlete agreed it was unusual to see Turgeon miss an open-look shot like that. "I wasn't ready," Turgeon said. "I stayed high too long, and when I did fall, I got beat. But you have to forget about those and stay focused."

Turgeon would find herself needing to focus as the game went into a shoot out with the game tied 2-2.

"I didn't put any pressure on myself," Turgeon said. She said that as each player came down the ice, she focused on being patient and waiting until the last possible minute to make a move.

Her focus would pay off, as Turgeon kicked the first two shots off the right pad and the final shot off the left. "Phenomenal" and "unbelievable" were just a couple of words that Turgeon's teammates used to describe her performance between the pipes.

After UMaine's Croussette hit the post on a backhand shot, Ouellette was stuffed. It came down to Elyce Thomas to give the Black Bears the win.

"The plan was to wait, wait, wait, shoot!" Thomas said. When coach called her name to take the shot, she said, "My heart was pounding; I felt privileged. It was a great feeling when the puck finally went into the net, and it was over."

Even after picking up four big points last weekend, the Black Bears (5-19-3 overall, 3-11-1 Hockey East) still find themselves trailing Northeastern (10-13-3, 5-9-1 HE) by four points in the Hockey East standing for the sixth and final playoff spot.

With only six games remaining in the regular season, all of which are conference games, the Black Bears will look for some help as they continue their surge to the playoffs with a double-header at Boston College next weekend.

"The only thing that we're thinking about is four points at B.C." Lichterman said.



Thomas



Turgeon

## Transitioning to the track

Fluellen, Williams lace up their spikes for indoor track

By Derek McKinley  
Staff Reporter

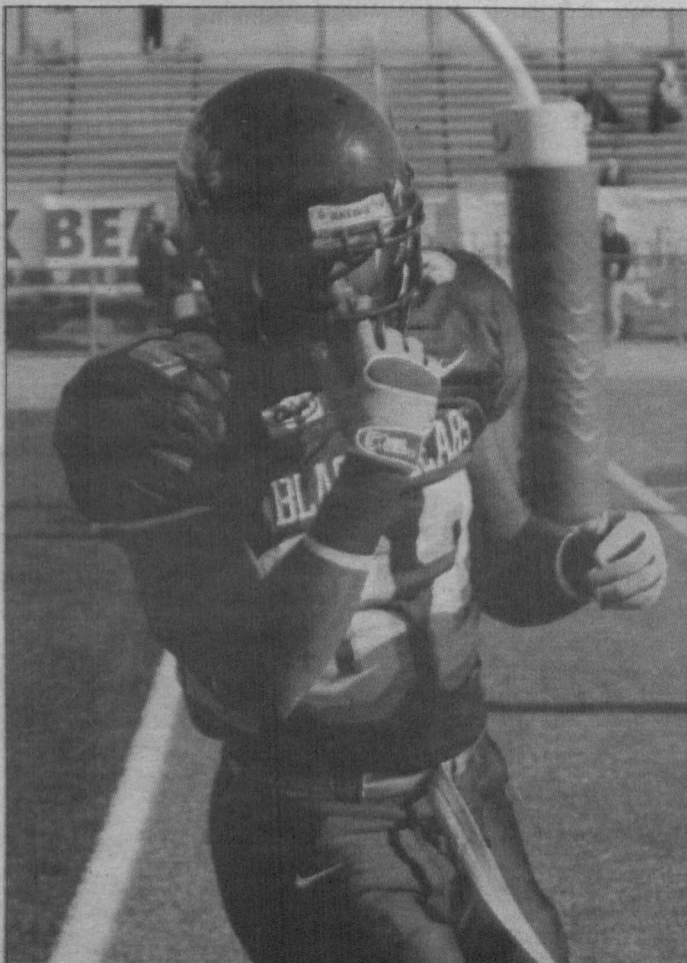
Even a casual University of Maine fan should know who Jhamal Fluellen and Landis Williams are. Both of them have produced highlight reel material as key players for the Black Bear football team during the last few years. Fluellen, a senior tailback, and Williams, a junior wide receiver, were pivotal in the team's playoff run this past season.

With football season finished and their focus turned to the future, the pair are turning to a sport that made them faster, stronger, swifter and better equipped to help the team.

### Track and Field

"Since I got here, I always wanted to run track and play football," Williams said. "As a freshman, it wasn't really possible because I was still trying to learn so much of the system of football, so I didn't have time. Now that I'm older and I know the whole system of the offense, the coaches are a little more lenient to let me run winter and spring, because there's not too much I have to learn."

After finishing the season, looking for a way to hone their respective crafts, Fluellen



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Jhamal Fluellen stays in shape by taking part on the track team.

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