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UMS chancellor fields campus questions

Pattenaude discusses employment, tuition and the centralization of services

By Heather Steeves
News Editor

Budget

Questions about tuition hikes, furlough days and the centralization of Information Technologies services were fired at University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude on Monday Feb. 9. The chancellor promised the town forum discussion was "the first of many conversations."

The room in Wells Conference Center was packed as Pattenaude spoke about his plan to make up for a \$42 million shortfall. The shortfall takes into account a 6 percent tuition increase over the next four years.

"I believe that this institution is the healthiest institution in the system by far — by far — and it's struggling," Pattenaude said.

He stressed that the process of making the system more efficient would be transparent.

"We shouldn't do anything unless it saves money, makes sense, and serves our students and our mission better. Does that

mean it's going to ask you to get out of your comfort zone? Well, it better."

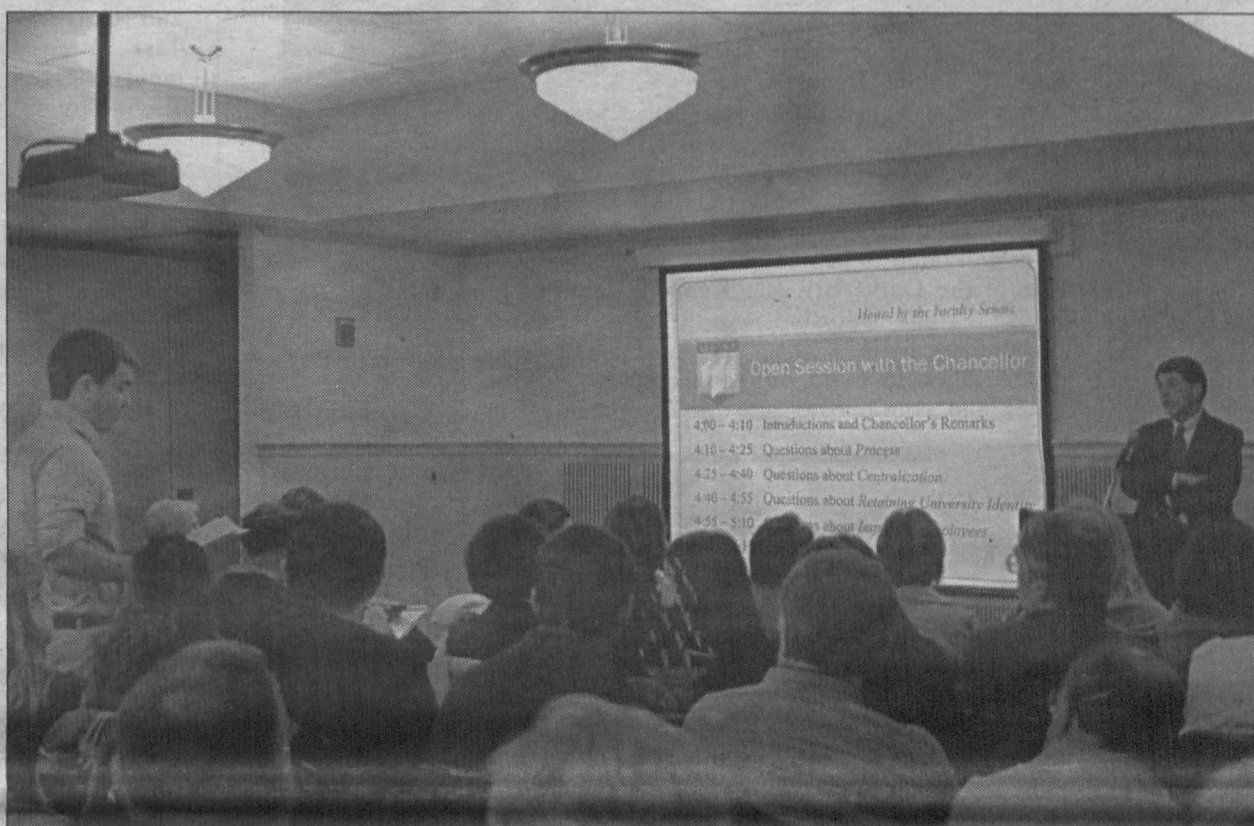
The chancellor said no decisions have been made yet. He has put together a task force which has one representative from each campus. When asked about the representation, and how it was not equal to the campus populations, he said, "The Board of Trustees and I are enormously aware of the value of this institution. If the University of Maine does not want something to happen it's sort of foolish to think it would happen. Again, we don't invest in stupid too often."

The group of campus presidents and the chancellor's office will make any final decisions.

"I think you have to trust the skill and the experience of your president, chief academic officer and chief financial officer. They are very, very powerful voices."

The chancellor solicited questions on the subjects about the process, centralization, retaining campus identity and impact on employees.

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Kelsey Flynn ♦ The Maine Campus

University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude held an open meeting Monday evening. Nate Wildes, assistant vice president of Student Entertainment (left), was one of the people who voiced opinions and questions at the hour-long meeting in Wells Conference Center.

Board of Trustees is optimistic about 2009

Group tries to hammer out budget solutions

By Jeff Hake
Staff Reporter

Budget

Jay Roney was not kidding around. "Most of what we have to talk about today is not good news."

Despite the occasional outbreak of laughter emanating from the members of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees' Investment Committee, most jokes made around the conference table at its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 11 involved how "crappy" things are in the American economy. "It's a technical term," explained James Mullen, a committee member.

Roney is a partner with NEPC, an investment consulting firm based out of Cambridge, Mass. that the University of Maine System consults to manage its pension and endowment funds held the floor for the majority of the meeting. He opened with a review of the market in 2008.

"In summary, 2008 was the worst anyone in this room has ever seen. Being diversified has not helped ... market fundamentals did not work. Risk was punished."

According to Roney, the market as a whole had twice the volatility at the end of 2008 as it has ever had in the midst of past disasters, including Sept. 11. The market's volatility index also remains at disaster level. Essentially, "there's no direction at all in the market."

While ongoing disaster was the theme for the national economy, Roney explained to the committee members why the University of Maine System was in relatively decent shape for 2009.

Maine's investments are strong compared to its peer group, which is comprised of other large institutions like universities and nonprofits, according to Roney. He insisted that, because of comparatively favorable conditions, UMS does not have to sell its investments that fuel its pension and endowment

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New housing development seeking approval in Orono

Compound would swap preservation lands

By Chelsea Lucas
For The Maine Campus

Student Life

Plans are evolving for a new student housing compound in Orono. During June 2008, the Orono Planning Board reviewed Campus Crest Construction LLC's initial plans for a 22-acre gated community off Park Street.

The project, called "The Grove," includes 10 apartment buildings and six townhouse-style complexes. It would house 528 residents and include a clubhouse, fitness center and pool. The Grove at Orono would be part of a nationwide network of communities,

all with the motto "fully loaded college living."

The proposed development site is half a mile from Orchard Trails and the University of Maine. It is next to the Orono Land Trust's Marsh Island Preserve.

The 55-acre preserve, located next to the Penobscot River, is part of a large swath of open space along the southwestern side of Marsh Island. This space encloses an extensive trail system.

The Land Trust maintains these trails. Its goals, as stated on its Web site, are to "encourage the presence of trails and open

Danny Williams
Hubbard Farms Condominiums

spaces in the Orono area."

According to Sally Jacobs, chair of

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"If [the development] goes in as currently proposed, some members will have heartburn."

University president chooses to stay at UM

Kennedy rescinds application to Kansas State

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

Administration

University of Maine President Robert Kennedy chose to remain in his position instead of pursuing a possible career as president of Kansas State University.

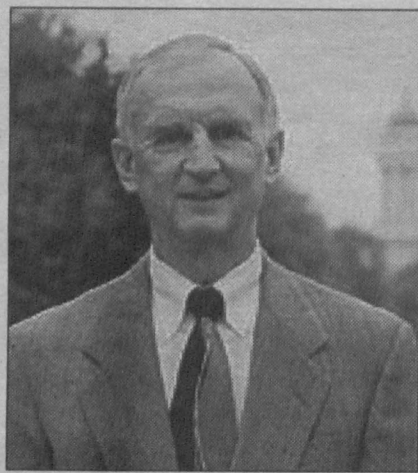
Kansas State had not made a choice between Kennedy and its other presidential candidate, Kirk H. Schulz. Kennedy chose to withdraw his application, despite still being a candidate.

"While I appreciated the opportunity to be considered for the Kansas State presidency," Kennedy said in a UMaine press release, "I am delighted to be continuing in my role at the University of Maine. With challenges come opportunities, and I continue to believe that UMaine is well-positioned to build on its recent successes and continue as a unique, invaluable resource serving its students and the state."

"He's happy with the way this process has played out," said Director of University Relations Joe Carr.

Kennedy is UMaine's 18th president and has held the position since 2000.

"I look forward to working with Chancellor [Richard] Pattenau, the Board of Trustees and all those who care deeply about our state's future. We will continue to find ways to deliver on the promise that comes with our unique role as Maine's flagship university,"



Kennedy

Kennedy said in a press release.

Student desire for Kennedy to remain at UMaine had a factor in the president's decision.

"The president made a point of saying to me that the student vote of confidence and the student interest made a huge difference; he felt very buoyed by that. And he felt a commitment from students, and I think he sensed that is not always something you would get at another campus," said Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Dana. He was referring to a resolution passed during the Feb. 3 General Student Senate meeting that requested Kennedy stay at UMaine.

The Kansas State presidential search committee could not be reached for comment by press time.

"I am delighted to be continuing in my role at the University of Maine."

Robert Kennedy
UMaine president

State legislator advocates expansion of UM funding

Orono's Rep. Emily Cain waits for stimulus package

By Michael W. Gibson
For The Maine Campus

Legislature

Amid financial cuts and President Obama's stimulus package, Orono's state legislative representative fights for students and higher education.

As changes to the University of Maine System take place in tough economic times, Representative Emily Cain, D-Orono, said, "UMaine is doing very well compared to the other campuses, especially because UMaine has been working hard to live within its means for the past several years."

The most recent legislation was a 4 percent reduction in the supplemental budget for the system. At the federal level, the Senate is discussing an economic stimulus package. Cain said the package should include increased funds for need-based students receiving Pell Grants, among other benefits.

"Since the stimulus package is something that the Congress is dealing with, and not the state legislatures, I am waiting like everyone else to see what will be in there

for UMaine and for higher education generally," Cain said.

Cain hopes that UMaine will qualify for funds proposed in the package that could help the university pay for construction and renovation projects for older buildings in need of repairs.

"I hope our entire delegation will give it their support when it comes up for a vote in the next week or so," Cain said.

State legislation up for debate is the biennial budget proposal by Gov. John Baldacci that holds the Maine Economic Improvement Fund at a flat \$14.7 million per year for the two years. The purpose of the fund is to pay for university-based research in Maine. If passed as it stands, the proposal adds no new money for funding research.

UMaine's Education and General Funds could be reduced from \$183.2 million per



Cain

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Student Senate talks about campus change

Robert Dana talks about the importance of student involvement amidst the budget crisis

By Mary Emmi
For The Maine Campus

Student Senate

A possible federal energy grant and University of Maine System Task Force evaluations of departments such as Information Technologies was summarized by Assistant Vice President for Student Entertainment Nate Wildes at the last General Student Senate meeting.

Wildes attended Feb. 9 meeting where the University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenau spoke. Wildes discussed the direction the university is headed in regard to consolidation.

He began by explaining that the federal energy grant is in the early stages and no final decisions have been made, but the grant would further energy alternatives on the campus.

The University of Maine System Task Force will look at the academic programs, university structure and the process of centralization where some current UMaine responsibilities will be transferred to the Systems Office. These responsibilities may include bookstore, IT and other purchasing centralization.

Wildes discussed concerns for the university regarding the loss of personal identity UMaine would experience through centralization. He said having only one representative on the task force to represent UMaine was unfair. According to Wildes, UMaine represent more than 50 percent of the system. Wildes also stressed student representation during the task force's visit to campus on Feb. 24.

"This kind of thing happens once a century," Wildes said.

He continued by clearing up the discussion around the consolidation of IT and referenced the chancellor's comment that the FirstClass system was not taken away yet — a concern of some faculty and students.

Sen. James Lyons expressed concern student representation during the discussions for substantial changes happening at the university system.

"I'm strongly in favor of student representation both [in] on-campus and state-wide organizations such as the Board of Trustees," he said. "Such huge raises in tuition costs have a direct impact of 6 percent or more a year of a rise in tuition."

Overall, the senate felt the energy grant will benefit the university and start UMaine on a path to utilizing better energy sources.

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Dana spoke about the direction the campus was taking along with several projects to lift campus morale.

Dana began by addressing the importance of having a student representative to the Board of Trustees and explained the "strong voices" of the students would aid in bettering the university.

He noted the significant impact the senate had on President Robert Kennedy's decision to stay at UMaine instead of taking a job at Kansas State University.

He spoke of the importance of keeping Kennedy during a national and local financial crisis for the strength and stability he will provide.

"He'll see us through this crisis and any that come next," Dana said.

He continued to discuss the atmosphere of the campus and how to boost student morale. In what he called a "de-funkification" meeting.

"People are in a funk," he said.

"We need to move campus to more lightheartedness."

He finished his address to the senate by talking about reducing the amount of on-campus housing during breaks by one residence hall. He also discussed a suicide prevention grant of \$300,000 to mount a suicide prevention campaign called the

James Lyons
Student senator

Touchstone Project.

Vice President for Student Organizations Samantha Shulman presented a resolution that would change the student organization approval policies. An unofficial committee has been meeting for about a month and is trying to become active.

Shulman presented a resolution that became friendly amended after Lyons' remarks. These changes will not be enacted until the resolution passes.

Vice President Ross Wolland questioned the effectiveness of the policy of general consent.

"Votes should be put on record," Wildes said.

"By having general consent, it's not okay for 60 percent to ignore 40 percent. That's not how democracies work," Lyons said.

Debate continued over the extent to which certain senators speak throughout meetings.

"Being intimidated by this body doesn't speak well of you at all," said Sen. Adam Littlefield. Littlefield said senators who do not feel comfortable objecting should consider resigning their seats.

"It's your duty to speak out when you don't agree," Sen. Rachel Schiffman said. "You are representing the student."

Sen. Ben Goodman was appointed as a nominee for the student representation position on the Board of Trustees.

Two new senators, Jimmy Dealman and Rebecca Hutchinson, were sworn into senate.

Custodians' pockets pinched

UMS' budget crisis causes employees to be frugal, work harder

By Sam Cohen
Staff Reporter

Their gray carts and yellow trash-bag holders are tucked away in locked closets or unfrequented nooks all over campus. Each cart serves as an expression of the person using it or the building where it resides.

Brooms with frayed bristles, discolored dusters, disinfectants, hand sanitizer, safety glasses, rubber gloves, toilet paper and spray bottles make up the smorgasbord of supplies and instruments that are the toolbox of the custodian.

Often glanced over or paid no heed at all, University of Maine custodians and their Rubbermaid carts roam the halls of more than 163 academic and administrative buildings to make sure they are clean for classes or work the next day. It is a job the custodians do not take lightly.

When UMaine implements its new strategy for avoiding budget deficits, some jobs may be cut. The threat of furlough days or layoffs is a possibility. Furlough days are unpaid vacation days.

Ben Young has been a custodian at UMaine for five years. In that time, he has driven 100 miles round trip from Woodville five days a week to come to Orono and clean.

And he's struggling.

"Getting by is hard," Young says while clutching his tall broom and putting the finishing touches on a classroom in Barrows Hall.

He sweeps the dust piles in an orderly fashion to minimize the time spent in each room.

"The way prices are right now, just being able to afford gas is tough. At this point we've started taking all the cans out of the garbage," he says.

Young wears glasses accompanied by a rumpled salt and pepper beard and is outfitted in the custodian's uniform — a dark navy blue shirt with the UMaine insignia over the left breast and blue jeans. Every day, he works from 4 p.m. to midnight — or often longer. He feels that the custodians are already stretched too thin to effectively handle their current duties.

Normally, three custodians are assigned to clean Barrows at night. Recently it has been only Young and one other man. This forces Young to pick up the slack.

"We spread ourselves out doing what we have to do. Eventually it all gets done, but it might not be as

well done as it could be," Young says. "We're doing our part on cutting back this and that."

According to Young, it takes more than an eight-hour shift to clean the building in the winter.

Custodian's duties include cleaning offices, hallways, classrooms, bathrooms and stairs. In the winter, they are responsible for shoveling the walkways of their buildings.

The custodians at UMaine could be required to take one or more furlough days to cut costs in the short-term for the University of Maine System.

According to UMS Chancellor Richard Pattenau at Monday's town-meeting style discussion, furlough days will protect workers from layoffs.

"Through the curtailment and continuing decline of investment income, endowment income and

some tightening up of enrollment, there are shortfalls that have to be attended to to balance this year's budget ... nobody wants to do this. We're asking for furloughs because [the presidents and affected campuses] don't want to have to turn to layoffs to balance this year's budget. Furloughs give us some flexibility in the short term to make more strategic decisions," Pattenau said.

This reassurance doesn't comfort Young, the breadwinner in his household. His wife is on medical disability, and the \$300 he makes a week after withholdings isn't easy to live on. Take some of that away with a furlough, and Young says it will be a "rough time."

"Getting by is hard."

Ben Young
UMaine custodian

"We work our butts off as it is," he says.

This is something he has been through before. Young formerly worked at the Old Town Mill for 21 years before he was laid off when it shut down in 2003. He then worked flagging at construction sites before coming to UMaine.

Memorial Union custodian Keith Shorey can relate. Shorey used to be a heavy equipment operator at a stud mill in Passadumkeag. He is able to keep things in perspective.

"I've been through it before, and I take it as it comes. When I first came to work here, I was making wages I made in 1990, so I had to make adjustments," Shorey says.

Shorey can be

seen around the Union when he comes in for work at 2 p.m. every weekday. His beard would make him a dead ringer for Santa Claus if it weren't for the reddish brown hairs down his cheeks. He takes care of his daughter and mother, both of whom live with him.

"You always have to live within your means. That's what everybody's doing in today's economy. Unfortunately that means no one is buying," he says with a chuckle.

Shorey has a relaxed personality that allows him to succeed in the often-hectic Union.

"There's something different to do everyday, and it keeps me busy," Shorey says. "But that's okay. Time goes by quicker. I really enjoy working here. I do wish they paid more sometimes, but what are you gonna do?"

According to David Fowler, executive custodian with Facilities Management, at this point the only thing left to do is wait for the unions represented at UMaine to vote on a course of action with regard to the furlough days.

"The unions have to vote, and it takes time to vote. Right now it's too early and too hard to know what will happen. I've been here for 30 years, and I've seen this happen before. We always seem to get through it," Fowler says.

Shorey is a member of the Teamsters Union Local 340 and hasn't heard any updates from union representatives. According to Shorey, the union at his mill used to have meetings on-site. Meetings for Teamsters Local 340 are held in Portland.

"The only time we hear from the union is when we vote on something," Shorey says.

Young is not represented by a union.

"I feel like I can't afford it," he says.

Fowler would rather not lose any employees on his staff.

"I wouldn't want to lose anyone, but I don't have any say. We would make sure it doesn't affect services. We wouldn't allow it to affect services," Fowler said.

Shorey may be relaxed, but he is also realistic.

"The furlough days aren't going to be a permanent solution to anything. We'll just have to wait and see what happens. When there are things you can't control, you have to move on. That's something I've learned over the years," he says.

Young continued to sweep and move desks back into a line. He cleans for the rest of the night and has more rooms to get to. He has no time right now to worry about getting laid off.

"I'll worry about it once it happens. I'll do what I have to do to find another job," he says.

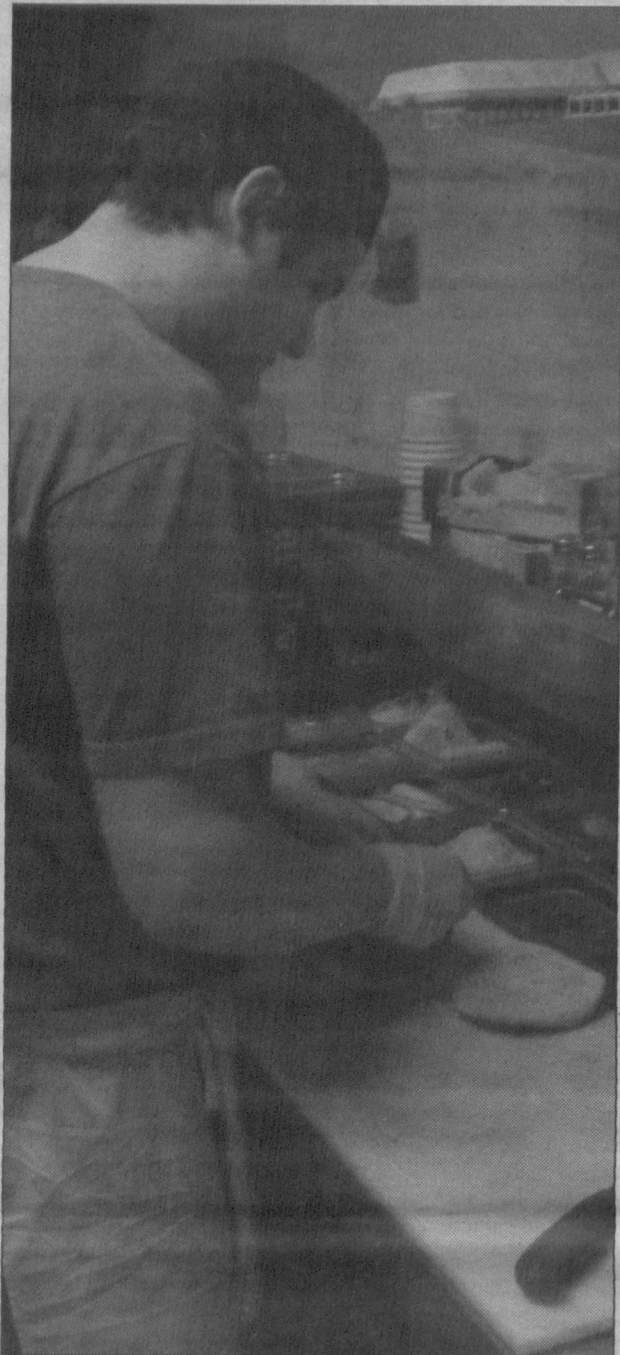


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Custodian Keith Shorey puts on a happy face and goes about his normal business in the Memorial Union.

Harvest Moon OK in tough economic times

Despite some other small businesses struggling, deli seems to have found niche on Mill Street



Zachary Dionne ♦ The Maine Campus
Alex Cove puts together a Bobby Zimmerman sandwich at Harvest Moon Deli in Orono.

By Zach Dionne
Style Editor

Economy

"Not everybody's going to get just what you get at a Subway," said Mary Horton, co-owner of Harvest Moon Deli in Orono. The local sandwich shop's unique touch allows it to thrive in the face of a grim economy particularly tough on small businesses.

"We haven't really fallen on too many hard times," Horton said. "We try to spunk it up with the names of the sandwiches and the decor. I think that we've made a pretty good staple, and people have become pretty loyal to us."

The flair comes in whimsically named sandwiches like the Ella Fitzgerald — crispy bacon, spinach, tomato, mozzarella cheese and pesto mayonnaise. All choices are available on wheat, white, rye or focaccia bread and are segmented into three varieties: paninis, classics and deli sandwiches.

Located at 18 Mill St., Harvest Moon opened in September 2007. Business has continuously grown, with each month topping the previous year's month in profits. That's no small task considering the numbers: Maine.gov shows statewide restaurant sales experiencing a drop of 1.8 percent in a comparison of November 2007 and November 2008.

"Business is absolutely down across the board," said Michele Goldman, Orono Village Association co-president and fellow Mill Street business owner of Fiberphilia.

"People have less discretionary money, and we are mainly depending on restaurants. If restaurant business is down, it hurts us quite a lot," Goldman said, adding that restaurants account for the largest percentage of Orono's downtown businesses and are the area's strongest draw.

"I won't say that we're doing as badly

as some places I've heard about," Goldman said of downtown business as a whole. "The college buffers us a bit."

Horton attributes a slice of Harvest Moon's success to the gap it fills in Orono's downtown district.

"[Orono] never really had a nice lunch spot before," she said.

Horton opened the deli with her husband, Mark Horton, and Keith Manaker. Mark Horton also co-owns Woodman's Bar & Grill in Orono. Manaker manages several rental properties and runs Maine Discount Realty in Orono.

"We're consistently banking on the college kids."

Mary Horton
Harvest Moon Deli

Before Harvest Moon, Mary Horton worked at the Blues Cafe in Orono and catered at the Black Bear Inn. She was interested in opening the deli because, "I wanted to be part of another local business that catered to the needs of everybody in town."

Harvest Moon relies on local support and word of mouth for promotion — it advertised only with community newspapers and television early on. The University of Maine is a fundamental ingredient in the deli's success.

"We've got the college, and the college will never go away. So we're consistently banking on the college kids," Horton said.

Goldman agreed that UMaine is a source of constant income for many Orono businesses.

Last summer was a slow period for Harvest Moon, but not a killer. Foot traffic in the warm months helped, "but you

definitely see who you rely on during those slow times, and a lot of it is the kids," Horton said.

The busiest period is from the end of UMaine's spring break to graduation.

Since it opened, Harvest Moon's kitchen workspace has doubled, creating "a mirror image" of the original sandwich line.

Horton focuses on local trade, seasonally purchasing 90 percent of the deli's produce from the Orono Farmers' Market. Dennis Paper & Food Service in Bangor and Daily Bread in Levant are steady vendors.

"Everybody helping each other out, during the crunch of the economy, it really helps," Horton said. "It really works tit for tat; you do something for them and then they'll come in with their family."

With a staff of seven, Horton identified labor as the deli's largest expense.

"It's a lot of work to keep a place busy, especially with the economy, because people do have to cut here and there," Horton said.

Harvest Moon has tweaked its menu and prices since opening but has never raised prices for profit purposes. Sandwiches range from \$4 to \$7.

Horton called Orono's downtown collaborative. She said the lack of a Panera-style deli chain in the community is not an important factor in Harvest Moon's success.

"Harvest Moon produces a good product at a reasonable price that has broad appeal to a variety of people," said Richard Sands, Orono's tax assessor, in an e-mail.

Horton said college students are the largest market for her business, but select customers dine at Harvest Moon daily.

"It's amazing to know that somebody can come in here every day, seven days a week, and get something to eat. But they're here," she said.

"I think that we are on the right track to continue to grow."

Maine fourth worst state in nation for small businesses

By Kaylie Reese
For The Maine Campus

Economy

Maine ranks fourth among the seven worst states to start a small business, according to U.S. News, which determined the ranking based on the Small Business Survival Index produced by the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council and the 2008 State New Economy Index.

Maine ranks second to Vermont in number of New England small businesses, according to Jim McConnon, a University of Maine economics professor. The number of Maine's small businesses, however, is declining.

McConnon said nearly 4,500 New England small businesses began between 2005 and 2006 — a 5 percent increase — whereas Maine experienced a 3.1 percent decrease.

Todd Gabe, an economics professor at UMaine, said small businesses are vulnerable to economic fluctuations.

"Economic health really depends on how the small businesses do," Gabe said, "but the impact is on the

growth of the economy. The health of a business comes from its vibrancy and growth."

Maine is set to succeed in the "new economy," according to the 2008 State New Economy Index. Maine is ranked 12th for attracting knowledge workers, seventh for entrepreneurial activity, 14th for online population — with 74 percent of residents connected to the Web — and fifth for alternative energy use, according to the 2008 State New Economy Index.

Maine is ripe with small businesses. McConnon said 89 percent of Maine businesses employ fewer than 20 people. Fifty-seven percent of Maine companies are micro-businesses that employ one to four people.

"Looking comparatively at the U.S., whose small business population is around 18 percent, Maine is doing well," McConnon said.

Maine has "a lot going for it" in terms of small business, according to McConnon.

"It is the economic health that influences a business, but it also depends on the capital of the business," McConnon said. "With the decline in major industries, Maine is increasing its micro-business index.

These are businesses such as specialty foods, cabinet makers, people in arts, education consultants, etc."

At the Foster Student Innovation Center on campus, Jesse Moriarty and Renee Kelly are counselors who help students interested in starting a business and gives them tools to run it successfully.

"A hugely important part to keeping a business afloat is to keep it fresh — stay unique," Kelly said. "Networking is a constant process. Business owners need to ask who their customers are [and] who and what their competition is. You really need to narrow down your scope."

Roberta Bradson, owner of the Ampersand store in Orono, said, "We've been maintaining rock bottom for about two years. We are a hands-on business, so if there is a problem we can address it directly."

Bradson's business and product turnovers have changed since the economic downturn.

"I've noticed a new trend. People are coming in here more for the little things like milk and bread versus buying all their groceries at a chain supermarket."

Bradson said the economic climate is "looking up."

Augusta year to
from page 2 \$178.5 million per

year in the governor's plan. This means that UMaine will have less money for costs such as employee salaries, academics, utilities and financial aid. The E&G funds arrive as one lump sum for the UMS campuses and UMaine gets approximately half of these.

The cuts proposed are not final and the legislature will consider them in the next several months.

"I plan to oppose these cuts and to work with my colleagues in the legislature to advocate that higher education is an investment that we must make, especially in these hard times," Cain said.

In her effort to keep funding coming in for UMaine, Cain has proposed two legislative documents that would positively affect UMaine if passed.

The Research and Development Bond would go directly into educational investments and the Capital Improvement Bond she proposes would help infrastructure upgrades.

Cain is the chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, where she oversees state funds and

works with other committee members to approve or amend budget proposals by Baldacci. This is where Cain thinks she can have the most impact on supporting UMaine.

Continuing to advocate for additional funds from the state as well as looking for ways to cut back are what Cain believes are smart courses of action.

"Overall, I think this time of financial crisis can be seen as both a challenge and opportunity. That applies to the entire state of Maine and the University of Maine," she said.

"I would encourage UMaine leaders at the administrative, faculty, staff and student levels to work together to set priorities for the campus and a vision for UMaine going forward. All of those perspectives are needed as the campus looks for cutbacks and places for growth in the future," Cain said.

If anyone is interested in testifying on the impact of the proposed budget cuts for UMaine, the public hearing will be held at room 228 in the State House on Tuesday, Feb. 24. You can also submit testimony by e-mail or U.S. mail.

Housing

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the Lands Committee for the Trust, the trust is "working hard with [Campus Crest]" to fulfill these aims.

The trust will acquire 20 acres of woods if it allows Campus Crest to develop a road through a corner of the preserve. Jacobs stated that this deal will "not compromise the trail system."

"[The trust will] end up with more land and more preserved trails. The Orono Land Trust is seeking trail connectivity and to maintain the original trail system in a large, unbroken box," Jacobs said.

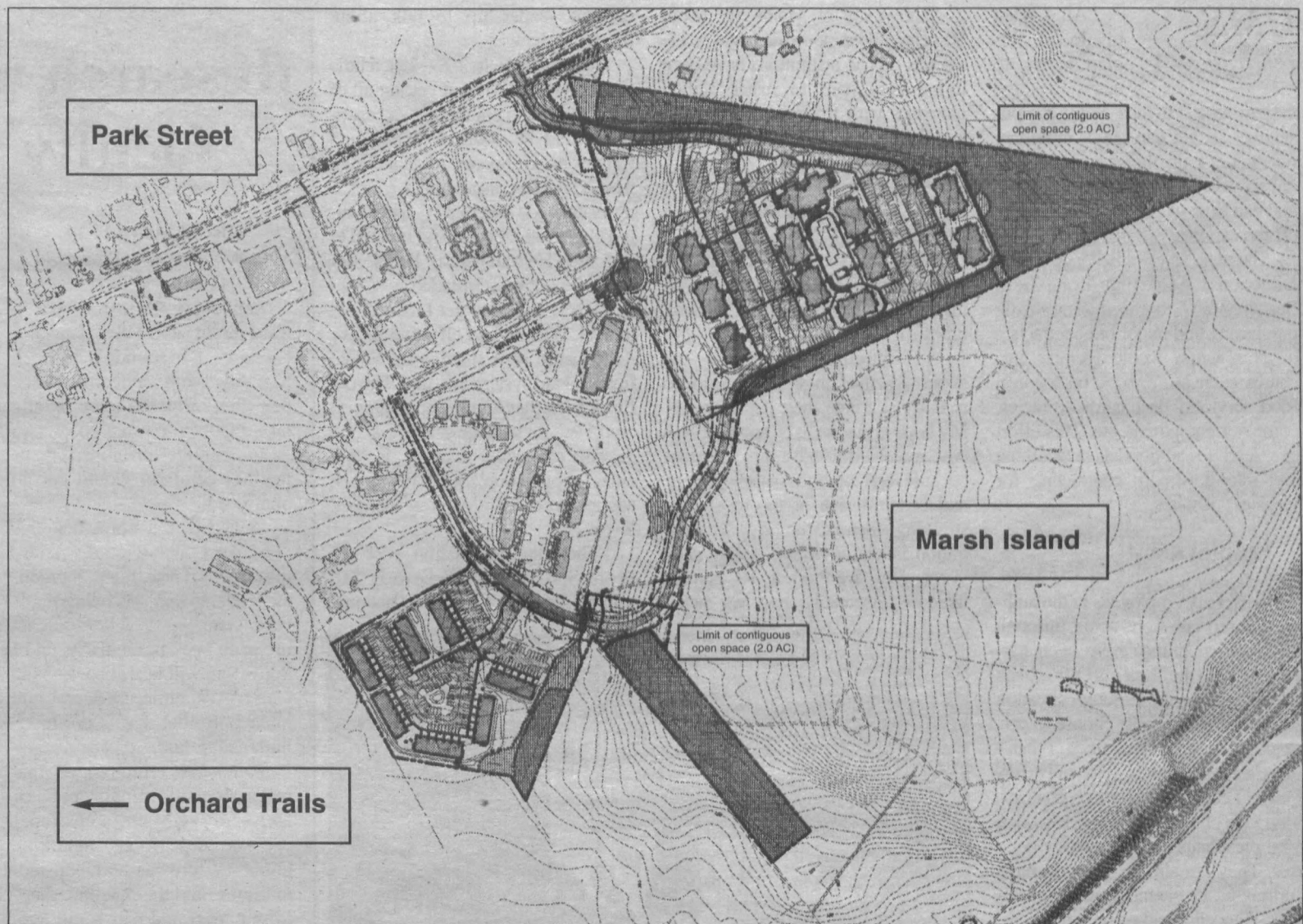
Danny Williams is the co-owner of Hubbard Farms Condominiums in Orono. Hubbard Farms would be a close neighbor of the proposed development. He stressed the spirit of cooperation between the Condo Association and Campus Crest.

"Condo Association members and Campus Crest have been engaged in very productive dialogue about the development," Williams said.

The Campus Crest's new road would increase traffic through the Hubbard Farms neighborhood. According to Williams, this was "a little bit of a concern."

"If [the development] goes in as currently proposed, some members will have heartburn," Williams said.

Williams also said, "With some modifications, it can be a win-win situation: a win for our neighborhood, a win for the Orono Land Trust and a win for the Town of Orono."



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Above: a recent site plan of The Grove development, drafted Jan. 12, 2009. This plan has not yet been reviewed by the planning office. An updated version will appear before the Planning Board Feb. 25. Alterations may include a land swap with the Orono Land Trust's Marsh Island Preserve land.

Williams could not specify exact changes due to the sensitivity of ongoing negotiations.

Not all Orono residents support Campus Crest's proposal. Rita Weatherby lives on a lot abutting the proposed development. When asked how she feels about The Grove

development, she said she was "upset." She referred to The Grove as "a college dorm" and said "the university should put their dorms on their own property."

Further alterations to The Grove's site plan will be up for review at the next planning

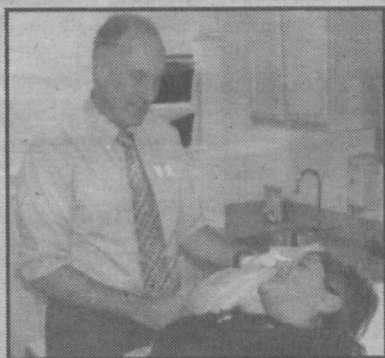
board meeting. Changes may include a land swap between the Orono Land Trust and Campus Crest. Shannon King, president of Campus Crest Real Estate Management, said the swap was a concerted effort between the trust and Campus Crest.

"The Land Trust and Campus Crest are committed to the project being located in a place that provides the best land use for both the town and the project," King said.

Details on the swap will be available at the Feb. 25 Planning Board meeting.

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"All I want to do in this plan is try to marry some system-wide savings with campus savings so we can get a multiplier effect. Let's do things together and collaboratively where it makes sense and can save us money to take stress off the campus."

The plan, "New Challenges, New Directions: Achieving Long-Term Sustainability" outlines centralizing purchasing and major bid contracts.

This action would include purchases such as "energy, bookstores, food services, fleet cards, vehicles, computer equipment, etc. This effort can lead to additional outsourcing and inter-university contracting for services," it states.

Employment

University employees in the audience raised questions about furlough days, which unions have been bargaining with the Systems Office over.

"How I see the furlough situation going ahead, if people choose to participate — and remember, I can't mandate a furlough. The only furloughs I can mandate are on chancellors, vice chancellors, presidents and vice presidents — I've already done that. They are already going to have furloughs. Presidents, vice chancellors, chancellor had no raise this year; they'll have no raise next year — I've already done that."

When asked why the classified group of employees were being asked to take furlough days as a cost-saving measure, Pattenauide explained that classified employees were short-notice.

"When things get very tight, that may become the direction we might have to have because of the ability to make shorter-term decisions. Nobody wants to do this," he said.

"Furloughs give us some flexibility in the short term to make more strategic decisions. ... Why lay someone off to balance this year's budget when you'd really prefer to have that person here?"

Some employees were not happy with the situation.

Rosanna Libby, who works as an administrative assistant for the Department of Cooperative Forestry Research, said as a classified employee, she felt her union was more vulnerable to cuts than staff or faculty.

"Back in the fall, each president of each campus was told how much they had to reduce their budgets by. Why at that point weren't they giving notice to faculty and professions that they were going to have to lay off and that would have given them time frame? Why wasn't that thought of?" Libby said. "I think it's because we're just the easiest people to get to. We're the lowest paid. I don't know that they're going to get the greatest savings from us. ... This will only take care of things until July 1."

After speaking at the General Student Senate Tuesday night, Robert Dana, the vice president for Student Affairs said, "for some people who are struggling to make ends meet, two days of lost pay will be a very hard road to hoe. It's a hardship that they don't need, they don't want, they didn't ask for. There's no way around it: It's a painful reality."

Tuition

Student Nate Wildes spoke about how his friends have had to leave UMaine because they could not afford to stay. He was upset about the tuition increases outlined in the chancellor's plan.

"University of Maine sits about 50 percentile nationwide, right in the middle. ... The institutions have been trying very hard to match tuition increases with financial aid increases," Pattenauide said.

"I think we're in for some very challenging times," said Rebecca Wyke, vice chancellor of finance and administration.

Wyke said reduced appropriation of state money and lack of returns on investments have made for difficult times for the system.

"It's reflecting people's decisions about whether they can afford to actually continue their degree goals. My hope is that we'll be successful as we move through this process because one of our major goals is, and certainly one of the most constraining factors, is how to hold tuition increases down," Wyke said. "Last year we had a 10 percent increase essentially, and we heard

campus leadership to talk about future IT changes.

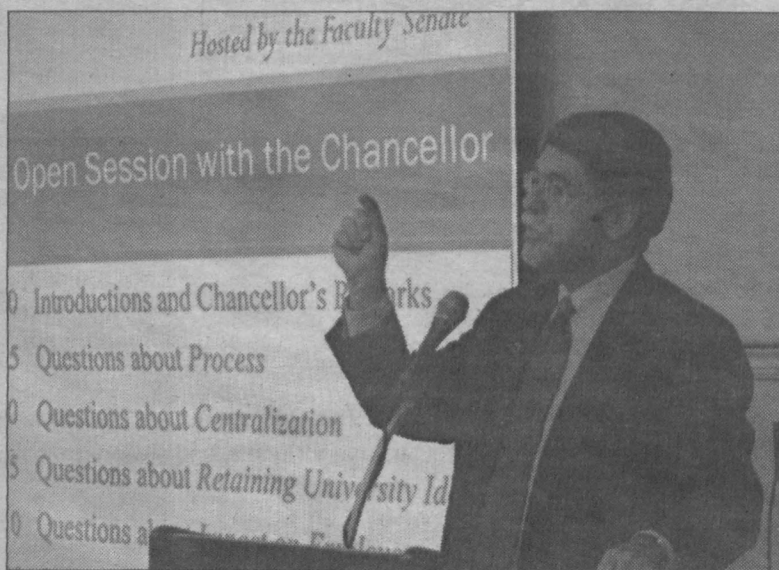
"We pushed a little too fast, a little too hard on IT without getting all of our information out there." The chancellor said he wants to meet with leaders on campuses to make sure there's an open discussion.

Pattenauide said that IT, specifically PeopleSoft, is not being utilized to its fullest. He said parts of PeopleSoft still have not been installed.

"We're trying to get financial aid up and working and effective for the fall because we were moving the whole financial aid system into this. The old financial aid system is beginning to crumble," Pattenauide said.

The chancellor said he is "not crazy about PeopleSoft" because it has too much data entry at the desk level.

"The total installation cost [of PeopleSoft] so far I believe is \$18 million, which is way below national



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Chancellor Richard Pattenauide spoke on Monday.

how difficult that is for families. I have three kids in college. I know how difficult it is for families."

Pattenauide said he has considered different strategies regarding tuition.

"The easy solution is the University of Vermont solution. It is called high tuition, high aid. A number of campuses across the nation are turning to that. ... I want to avoid that. One of the reasons we are being so tough on cost here is to keep tuition down. That's at the heart of this."

The chancellor said the system gives away more federal aid than it receives from tuition income.

A full-length audio recording of the chancellor's meeting is at mainecampus.com. The chancellor's task force will hold two public meetings on campus on Feb. 24.

The chancellor's e-mail is: pattenauide@maine.edu

Information Technology

Some audience members raised concerns about centralizing Information Technology.

"I've suggested one model is that it [IT] move to a campus. Another model is, you divide it and pieces of it move where specialization exists. Another model is, it continues to be at the system level and has stronger coordination," the chancellor said.

"I think we should have a single e-mail. E-mail has nothing to do with FirstClass. FirstClass? That's your decision. You want it? Want to pay for it? Keep it. We would never ask you to give up FirstClass. But I hope you understand the cost. That's a cost that you choose to bear."

Pattenauide said he would like to have more communication with

average. The operating costs are several billion dollars a year. We have no choice. We cannot run an operation of 5,000 people without an integrated administrative database," he said when asked about the possible removal of the program.

Reaction

Craig Mason, associate professor for education and human development, was unsatisfied with some of what Pattenauide said. "There was a lot of 'trust me, trust me,'" Mason said. "There's no checks and balances below the level of the presidents. That's assuming a lot of independence on the part of the presidents."

"I think a lot was unsaid. It seems that more is going on already than they [the chancellors office] want to acknowledge. There seems to be an agenda."

President of Faculty Senate Dianne Hoff said she felt a lot of important concerns were raised.

"Of course you would always be able to dive more into the nitty gritty, it's a balance," Hoff said. "Did we get all the information we probably would have liked? Probably not, but I was very pleased with the turnout and it's a great place to start."

Student Nate Wildes posed two questions to the chancellor.

"It's important that undergraduate and graduate students get and stay involved in the process the chancellor has laid out; everything from the reorganization of IT to the increases in student tuition — 6 percent per year — will directly affect our lives as students and residents on campus, so it's important that our voices are heard loud and clear." Wildes stated in an e-mail.

"The system office is not uncomfortable with feedback. How else do we improve?" the chancellor said.

Research may be cut, faculty worries

By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus

University Research was a focal point at UMS Chancellor Richard Pattenauide's speech Monday, with concerns raised that the proposed plan would take away from research.

Pattenauide promised these feelings of alarm would not go unnoticed.

"I accept the point that this document is not adequately robust about research and graduate students and it is being made very clear — I will take that message back particularly, and I know Sue will take it back to the Chief Academic Officers and make sure that that is not lost," Pattenauide said.

Pattenauide emphasized that research will remain part of University of Maine's mission.

"The task force, again, is going to look at and consider missions, and the outcome that I fully expect and that I will sup-

port is that we have to reinforce and strengthen the University of Maine as the primary research institution of this state," Pattenauide said. "This state depends upon the health of this institution. It's clear to the legislature; it's clear to the governor; it's very clear to the trustees; it's clear to me."

Audience members were not surprised that research was emphasized at the meeting.

"Research was a hot topic because it's completely ignored in the plan, and that is because it is a plan for the system, and there is only one research university in the system, and that is the University of Maine," said Mick Peterson, professor of mechanical engineering.

"I don't have to agree with everything he says to respect that he's in a very difficult position. I think he was frank and articulate and didn't bulls---," said professor of history Howard Segal.

Bookstore may be outsourced

By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus

Outsourcing services may become a reality as the University of Maine System seeks to save money. One service that may be affected is the University Bookstore, if it becomes privatized, as suggested in Chancellor Richard Pattenauide's financial sustainability plan.

Such an action could result in all current bookstore employees losing their jobs.

"Outsourcing is talking about where you take something the university does and then you ask someone outside the university to provide that service. Many universities

around 30 years, so they know the ins and outs of everything, and only want to help further provide for the students."

According to the proposed plan, outsourcing the bookstore would include efforts that "can lead to additional outsourcing and inter-university contracting for services."

"Bookstores are classic examples, and we'll take a look at it, and if it makes sense, then we'll see where we

go with it. But this is going to be an evidence-driven conversation, which means that the business case has to make sense with reducing costs," Pattenauide said.

Privatization may save the university

money. What it will cost is yet to be determined.

According to Lavoie, the bookstore staff's concern about students may disappear if the bookstore were outsourced.

"I know that the full-time staff that works within the textbook department tries extremely hard to keep cost down for students by getting a large portion of books used, and also by communicating with faculty and staff," Lavoie said.

"Big commercial businesses might equal less care and concern for the actual student population at UMaine."

"I would be very upset with losing my job."

Nathan Lavoie
Third-year student

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Androscoggin pot operation

Public Safety received a report of suspected marijuana use from the Androscoggin Hall Resident Life staff at 12:04 a.m. on Feb. 3.

A female resident assistant confronted one of the male residents of the suspected room, and after a brief discussion, he shut the door. Police knocked, and when resident Samuel Harmon, 18, opened the door they could smell marijuana immediately. They asked for consent to search the room, and he refused.

Police then received a call from an RA outside the hall who observed the resident's roommate, William Brown, 18, picking up a black bag from the ground underneath their dorm window. Brown said the bag might be his roommate's, but he didn't know. The bag contained more than an ounce and a half of marijuana and a marijuana pipe. Both residents denied ownership. One officer stood by and secured the room while the other one retrieved a search warrant. The officer returned with the warrant at 2:27 a.m., and they searched the room.

Inside a desk they found marijuana seeds, a small baggy of hashish and cigar blunts. They also found a marijuana pipe, two sets of digital scales and toilet paper rolls stuffed with dryer sheets — typically used to mask marijuana odor. By 8:49 a.m., the search was complete.

Police charged Harmon with furnishing of a scheduled Z drug and possession of drug paraphernalia. Brown was charged with hindering apprehension or prosecution and unlawful possession of a scheduled drug.

Innocent noise

A Balentine Hall RA conducting rounds on the second floor heard loud voices and music coming from a room at 1:04 a.m. on Feb. 8 and grew suspicious. She advised the residents to reduce the noise. After they closed the door, she heard bottles clinking and called Public Safety under suspicion they were drinking alcohol. The two female residents told the officers they had not been drinking and invited them into the room. The officers searched the room and found nothing.

Car confusion

An Ellsworth man attended the UMaine track meet on Feb. 7 and reported his vehicle stolen at 9:41 p.m. Officers arrived, and the man then remembered he did not bring his car. He brought his wife's car, which was easily located.

Dome in danger

A student walking past Mahaney Dome observed a flame on the east side and called Public Safety at 7:19 p.m. on Feb. 9. Orono Fire Department responded and found the flame to be a normal part of the heating system.

Bye-Pod

An Oxford Hall student reported a lost \$300 iPod on the lost and found FirstClass conference at 12:43 p.m. on Feb. 9. An RA found the iPod and placed it in the Oxford Hall lobby office, but it was stolen from the locked office before the student could retrieve it. The case is under investigation.

Looking for a fight

An Estabrooke Hall resident called police to report a possible argument between a male and female in front of the hall at 5:07 p.m. on Feb. 9. The resident described the individuals and gave a vague description of the vehicle they drove away in. Police were unable to find anyone matching their description in the area.

Crispy circuit

Corbett Hall staff pulled the fire alarm after observing a light malfunction followed by the smell of something burning on the third floor at 7:40 p.m. on Feb. 9. Orono Fire Department did not find fire, but an electrical circuit problem and called an electrician. The hall reopened at 8:12 p.m.

Late night bike ride

An off-campus student reported a stolen gray Columbia 21-speed bicycle at 1:48 a.m. on Feb. 9. On Feb. 6, he locked the frame and rim of the bike together but did not lock it to any secure fixture. He returned at 3 a.m. on Feb. 7 to find it missing. The case is under investigation.

Alfond pool

Police and Orono Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Alfond Arena at 2:08 a.m. on Feb. 8. An officer found a ruptured exterior sprinkler pipe on the south side of the building, spilling water out onto the ground. They immediately shut off the building's water and called trades people to work on the problem.

Compiled by
Aislinn Sarnacki
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine's emergency siren will sound at full blast for several minutes at noon Friday, Feb. 13. It is a full-scale test of the emergency communication system. People signed up with UMaine.txt will receive a test text message.

Trustees from page 1

Peter Small, an institutional research analyst for the system, had further news about the system's massive operating budget shortfall, reporting that December brought in the system's first positive return on its investments, just more than \$1.2 million, in more than six months.

This lightened the mood in the room, since the system's investments have hemorrhaged more than \$16 million since July. Early reports for January's returns also portend gains on system's investments, though the month's reports will not be available for another week.

"Still," interjected board member Rebecca Wyke, "we're not out of the hole yet. [As of December] we're still well over \$14 million in it."

The committee heard several recommendations from its members, but perhaps the most important came from Roney — it was a call to inaction. While investment diversification has been ineffective at stemming the retreat of the university's operating and other funds, he advocated for the fundamental institutional investment standby.

"If you believe in capitalism, the [diversification] strategy should work," Roney said, invoking the basic tenets of economics. "If we can be blamed for anything, it's for sticking to our guns."

The committee members generally agreed, but Tracy Elliott, director of finance and controller of the University of Maine System, noted that the chief financial officers of the seven campuses were essentially "split down the middle" about how to deal with the financial crisis.

"Our campuses are being hammered

funds. It can instead afford to buy when other investors are selling low.

in these tight fiscal times [so whether investments are dealt with aggressively or conservatively] ... it's a double-edged sword."

Other committee action items included the removal of funds from the ailing State Street active management fund — this makes up about \$3.3 million or 7 percent of the system pension fund — and moving the money to the Russell 2000 index, with plans to move it again in the near future.

Janet Waldron, vice president for administration and finance, insisted that students will remain the focus of the Investment Committee and the system Board of Trustees.

"We want students to have a positive experience, but it's a tough time." She added that some private Maine colleges and universities are gaining in enrollment while system schools are stagnating. It may seem counterintuitive in a time of economic straits, but due to private schools offering grants to their students

instead of loans they are becoming increasingly attractive to students. Waldron insisted that this was because of their small size, and it was not something the far-larger the University of Maine System would be able to offer.

Overall, the feeling at the Investment Committee meeting was strained optimism, a result of the shreds of budgetary hope sprinkled on top of a serving of bleak economic predictions. Summarizing the last report of the meeting, Small reiterated, "we recovered about \$1 million in December, and if January holds, we will see maybe another million. It's good, but the hole is pretty deep."

"Well," said James Mullen, grinning, "keep your fingers crossed."

"And stay hopeful," added Wyke, adjourning the meeting on those words.

"There's no direction at all in the market."

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Chancellor must make good on promises

The Issue: UMaine System chancellor Pattenau's promise of transparency.

What We Think: Chancellor must have plan to make good on promise.

The University of Maine chancellor's speech on Monday has drawn criticism from concerned community members for being too vague and lacking transparency. So far, it seems difficult to assess the chancellor's plan for bridging the budget shortfall when no plan has been developed.

It is certainly understandable for tensions to be high when jobs and important programs are on the line. The chancellor's approach to solving problems relied too heavily on calls to trust him and the team responsible for making those decisions.

We agree with chancellor Richard Pattenau that it is too early to draw conclusions on a plan, and we appreciate promises of transparency. But the chancellor has a way to go toward ensuring skepticism doesn't tip into cynicism. For example, the Faculty Senate posed criteria for their acceptance of any plan. The chancellor should have addressed that list more directly.

The chancellor expressed the sentiment that "if the University of Maine does not want something to happen, it's sort of foolish to think it would happen. Again, we don't invest in stupid too often." While perhaps sincere, we need to see concrete means for accomplishing those goals. "Trust us" is not a concrete plan.

For example, the chancellor dismissed UMaine's concerns that smaller schools are overrepresented by noting there are no "votes" in this process. Perhaps there should be, even if merely to advise and critique proposals and their impacts. The chancellor insists that UMaine will be weighed proportionate to its importance in the system, but we have no concrete assurance.

The chancellor should be applauded for his embrace of transparency. But those words must be supported by actions.

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

Readers Speak

Letter to the editor

On Obama, I'm less than hopeful

I am now starting to get very upset by the actions and governing style of our new president. For quite some time, my political ideology has leaned quite a bit to the right side of the spectrum. However, I have been very hopeful of our new leader in spite of my inclinations — until now.

How much intelligence does it take to know you must have a solid plan if you are going to close down a prison holding hundreds of terrorists? What would have happened if George W. Bush decided to take over the census and allow Mr. Karl Rove to oversee that operation? Most likely a media outcry. Finally, how much sense does it take to understand that spending when already in debt, only can have temporary satisfaction. In the end, the debt just grows. I am sorry if this sounds like I am not hopeful, but I am finding it hard to believe that Obama has enough wisdom to make the right choices.

Americans need to wake up before they have become immersed into the culture of feel good politics. I would rather have a leader who made tough choices whether I liked them or not, than a leader who gives me a candy cane because I am feeling down. In the end, all I will be left with is a toothache.

—Joshua Hiatt
Old Town

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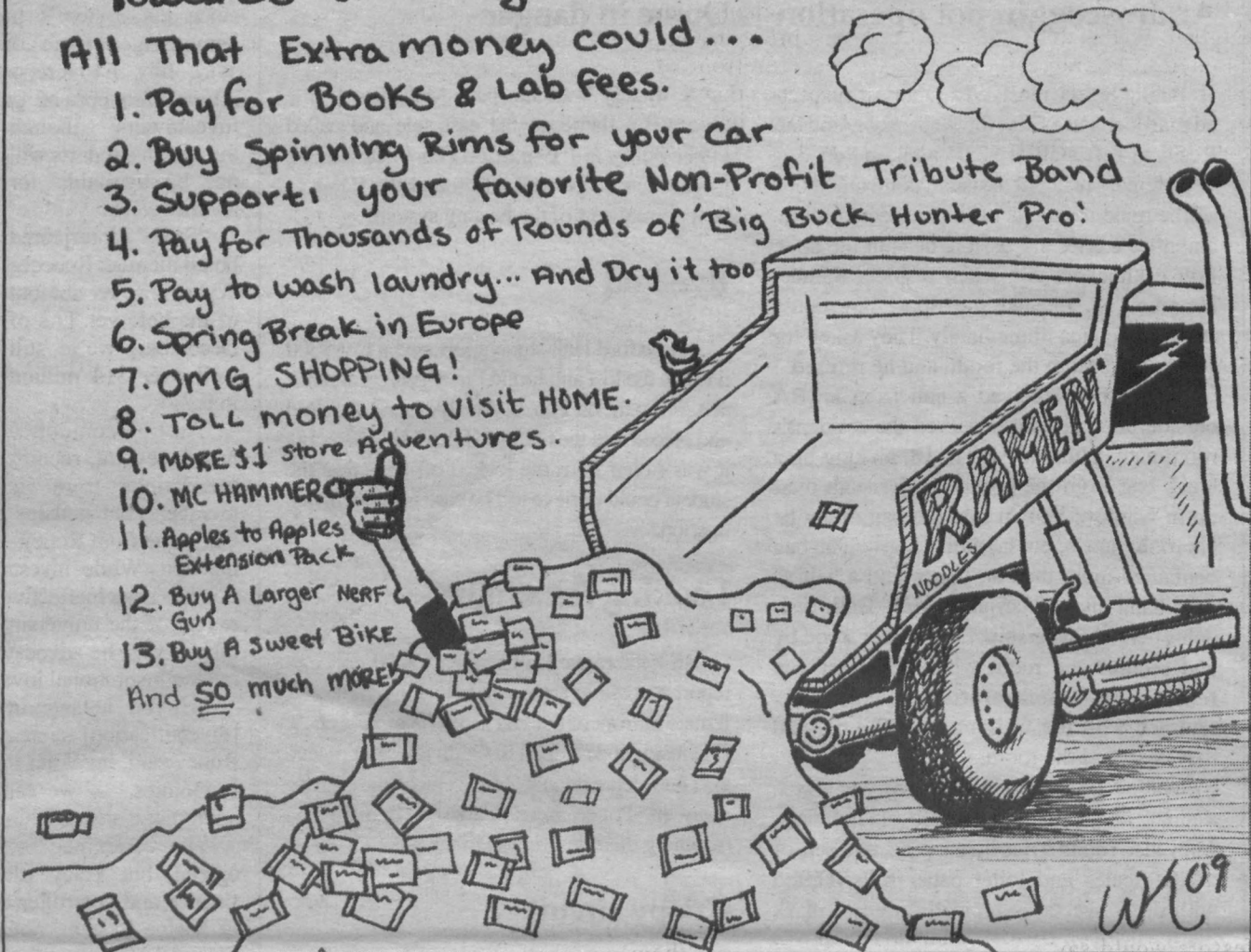
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Phelps: Finally, a model for potheads



Eryk Salvaggio

smoke marijuana, and it will destroy your lives. Just like it did to Phelps, whose use of the drug delivered him into the seedy world of collecting gold medals in numbers so large that history itself is ashamed.

I'm no advocate of marijuana. I don't smoke it, but I also don't get whipped into a moral outrage if someone else does. It is about time our culture starts getting its facts straight: If so many of our role models have smoked pot, maybe pot is not the source of our wasted lives. Pot smokers can be standard clichés of yore — musicians, artists, writers. But they can also be presidents, athletes, academic whizzes, professors or CEOs.

Or they can be criminals. Which is the ultimate absurdity: we outlaw pot because it ruins lives, and we want to save those lives. So we imprison kids who get caught with it and ruin their lives before pot ever has the chance to.

As far as I can tell, the harm pot inflicts is limited to narrowing people's social circles and conversational interests. That's the true cost of pot smoking. That, and its seductive lure toward a lifestyle of humiliating CD collections and degrading wall

Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps has been caught smoking pot, and so we're hearing the usual caterwauls of the "save the children" crowd: Michael Phelps is no role model, kids, because he smokes the marijuana.

He smokes the marijuana, the logic goes, so do not look to him as a hero. Because then, young children, you might

tapestries. But to protect children from respecting Michael Phelps emphasizes our collective, paranoid delusions about the effects of marijuana. We should be embracing Phelps as direct proof that marijuana isn't an impediment, that potheads can have interests beyond getting fried.

What about "those guys?" You know, the unemployed cousins watching hockey and smoking a turducken bong, going nowhere, doing nothing. Take the pot away and you'll have an unemployed cousin watching hockey with a slightly better taste in music. Habits do not define us, decisions do. I've come across too many pot smokers making the same decisions I make to believe that pot impairs their ability to make those decisions.

What matters is personal responsibility. Personal responsibility is completely compatible with smoking ganja out of an apple. Can you push yourself to keep engaging with the world, instead of locking yourself up with a window fan and incense matches? If the answer is yes, then I don't see why we need to make you a criminal. If the answer is no, then you probably don't care about role models, because you are clinically depressed.

Culture teaches us to be terrified of the idea that problems take root inside of us. We forge identities through the outside world and our consumption of it, so it is tempting to believe our ills can stem from consuming the wrong things. This premise is untrue. No one smokes away his or her life's purpose unless something inside of them is lost or damaged. They need help, not laws.

Perhaps Phelps can prove to potheads everywhere that they can smoke without making it the centerpiece of their lives. If we accept this, we may begin to judge people based on the values they bring to the world, rather than on the air they choose to breathe.

Eryk Salvaggio has never inhaled.

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Philosophy is a 'love of wisdom,' not a fear of ignorance

Katherine MacDonald

Philosophy, as literally translated from its native Greek to English, is the love of wisdom. Granted, it is pragmatic to know where one stands, and what side of the line they're on with regards to realism, moral responsibility and skepticism. But after all, that isn't solely what philosophy is about. Philosophy isn't strictly a set of axioms for one's life or lifestyle.

Philosophy is not as black and white as Mr. Gibson's article (Philosophy Must be at Forefront of Education, Feb. 9, 2009) makes it seem. There is a lot of

muddled gray area, a lot of room for inquiry and great possibility to form one's own conclusions. After all, Plato's "Apology" is a dialogue of inquiry. In it, Plato persuades people to analyze themselves, effectively putting them on trial while he was on trial himself.

One of my professors would say that "wisdom is not a store house of thoughts," and "one should never settle." Both are comments with which I agree whole heartedly. If "confused and inconsistent responses," as Gibson put it, are all someone is capable of giving at a time, then that is sufficient for what philosophy really is. The only necessity to overcome this is that one continues to be inquisitive and does not settle for one answer.

It seems Mr. Gibson was talking about "ideology," which in the literal definition stems from idea, and the Greek 'logos', for 'account.' Philosophy, however, is not an account. Philosophy is a love, which cannot be encompassed in an action.

Gibson also stated that "to really change our beliefs we must bring strong philosophies to the forefront of education." I must say that I agree with this statement in a sense, yet I highly doubt it is the sense in which Gibson intended the statement to be taken. I believe that the subject of philosophy should definitely have a place in pre-university education. However, Gibson is using the term philosophy as and axiom. If the people who need to change their beliefs have not yet come to a conclusion, nor can they relate, they surely

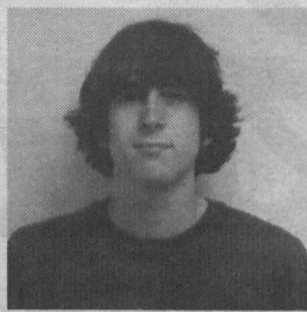
should not be educating themselves in their uncertainty and confusion.

Gibson writes as if philosophy is a means to some end. In the article, he says things like "... if they even thought to bring the proper tools along," and "when people don't have philosophy to guide them

Gibson's writing style is vastly conditional, with a lot of "if's," "then's" and "when." Throughout his article, he continues to place a weight on philosophy as a means to an end. However, other philosophers can easily argue that philosophy is not a means, but an end in itself: Aristotle advocates rational agency as the chief human good.

I believe philosophy is, as definition states, a love of wisdom. Love of wisdom does not equate to fear of its opposite — ignorance. To truly embrace wisdom, one needs to be — and to stay — open minded, and to constantly be critical of the subjective world.

Katie MacDonald is a sophomore philosophy student.



Snowe, Collins take on new importance

William P. Davis

They've been in the news, interviewed on television, and their pictures have appeared in papers across the nation. One of them was even mentioned on The Colbert Report (always a bellwether for political leaders). If you don't know who I'm talking about, it's OK — most of the nation didn't know their names either before this week.

This has been an exciting year politically for the state of Maine. It was actually recognized in the presidential election with visits in the primaries by Bill and Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. In the general election, we were graced with the presence of both John McCain and Sarah Palin, and I think we can all count our blessings for that. There were even political strategists who were predicting a tie in the Electoral College with the deciding vote being cast in Maine.

Maine is once again in the spotlight thanks to Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins. Collins and Snowe were two of the three Republican senators who voted Tuesday evening for the stimulus package, and Collins was the leading Republican negotiator on the bill.

It's nice to see our senators get some recognition, but it's also nice to see them do the right thing. Unlike their bullish colleagues, Collins and Snowe (and let's not forget Arlen Specter) obviously understand the importance of a massive stimulus bill and are unwilling to let the Republican poppycocked ideology get

in the way of the most important legislation in years.

But really I'm just glad the state is finally getting its due, because it's been a while. Maine has turned out a number of important political figures in the past 175 years. Hannibal Hamlin was Lincoln's first vice president, the highest position ever held by a Mainer. Edmund Muskie was a prominent governor and U.S. senator from Maine before he ran for vice president in 1968.

Before Muskie, Maine famously elected Margaret Chase Smith to both the U.S. House and Senate. Her 33-year-long career gives her the distinction of being the longest-serving female senator.

So this isn't the first time Maine has been in the political spotlight, but it feels good to be back, and it's probable Snowe and Collins will command a presence in the Senate for a while. Since the Democrats have command of both the House and Senate, Snowe and Collins will most likely act as voices of moderation. If the Democrats want a filibuster-proof majority, they need the votes of Republicans like Snowe and Collins. Both have had multiple meetings directly with the new president, and it would not be at all surprising to see them emerge as leaders of the party, or even rise as the next generation of the party.

It is the year of the centrist.

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



Facebook's '25 things' cheapens conversation

Madeline Glover

I respect the widespread participation in the frenzied Facebook phenomenon of "25 Random Things About Me." I have to.

The cross section of people who opt to divulge blows my mind. I scroll down my "Recently Updated Friends" list and see painfully shy former classmates embrace the cyber universe and share personal information — which can run the gamut from the innocuous to the life-altering.

What truly astounds me, however, are the admissions of defeat some choose to preface their lists with. Such as: "I can't believe I'm doing this," "It's about time," "I'm giving in to peer pressure" or "I'm jumping on the bandwagon." One of my personal favorite titles is "25 Random (but wonderfully insightful and exciting) Things About Me."

I will concede that I've enjoyed a hearty, vicarious chuckle at some facts. "I cried a little too hard while watching LOTR Return of the King in theaters," "My dad is DETERMINED to bring socks with sandals back," "I was once asked to leave a corn maze after barging through one too many rows," and "I once had surgery to remove a dead fly from my ear drum."

Not only has the fad been acknowledged in the inner Facebook sanctum, but it has attracted nationwide attention as well. According to "Facebook Mystery: Who Created 25 Random Things About Me?" Marisa Taylor of the Wall Street Journal points out, "... its rapid proliferation is unprecedented in social networking's young history — Facebook reports that nearly

5 million notes were created by its users during the week of Jan. 26 through Feb. 2 ...". This astronomical figure is "more than double the amount from the previous week and more than any other week in the company's history." It is also interesting to note the origins of the note are unknown — as Taylor's headline suggests.

"The Hit List" by Don Aucoin of the Boston Globe, maintains "... proponents contend that such life-lists are an efficient way to bring long-lost high school or college friends up to speed, and to take existing friendships to a deeper level of intimacy by conveying new aspects of their personalities or new information about their experiences." This may be a cause of the list's popularity, but is it too much information?

I think the fad is most eloquently surmised by Adam Waitkunas in the Boston Globe. He said, "If there are 25 things that certain people don't know about me, there's probably a good reason." It is safe to assume that I won't be penning a "25 Random Things About Me" list anytime soon. Sorry to disappoint.

I can infer how many feel about this epidemic due to its freakish popularity. Personally, I enjoy discovering 25 facts about my friends through more traditional mediums. Polite conversation, for example. Not that I have anything against virtual representations of friends, but I would rather find out facts for myself — rather than being one reader of a broadcast.

Madeline Glover is a junior childhood development student.

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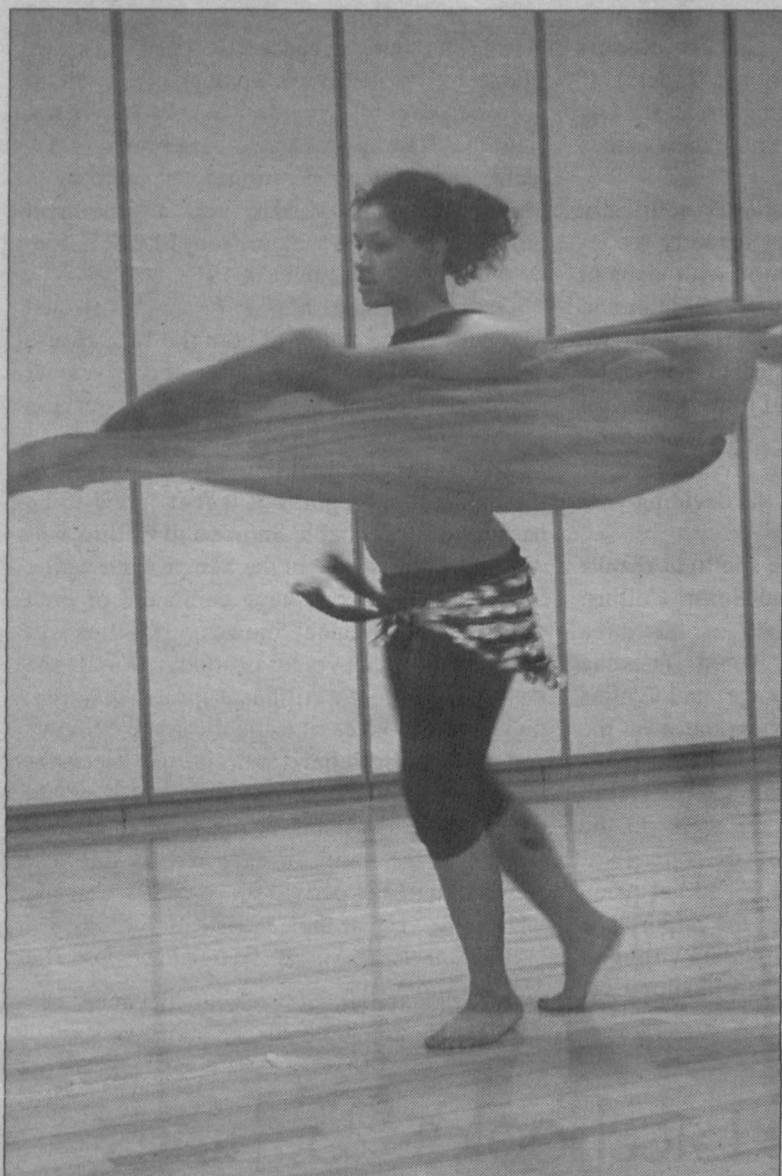
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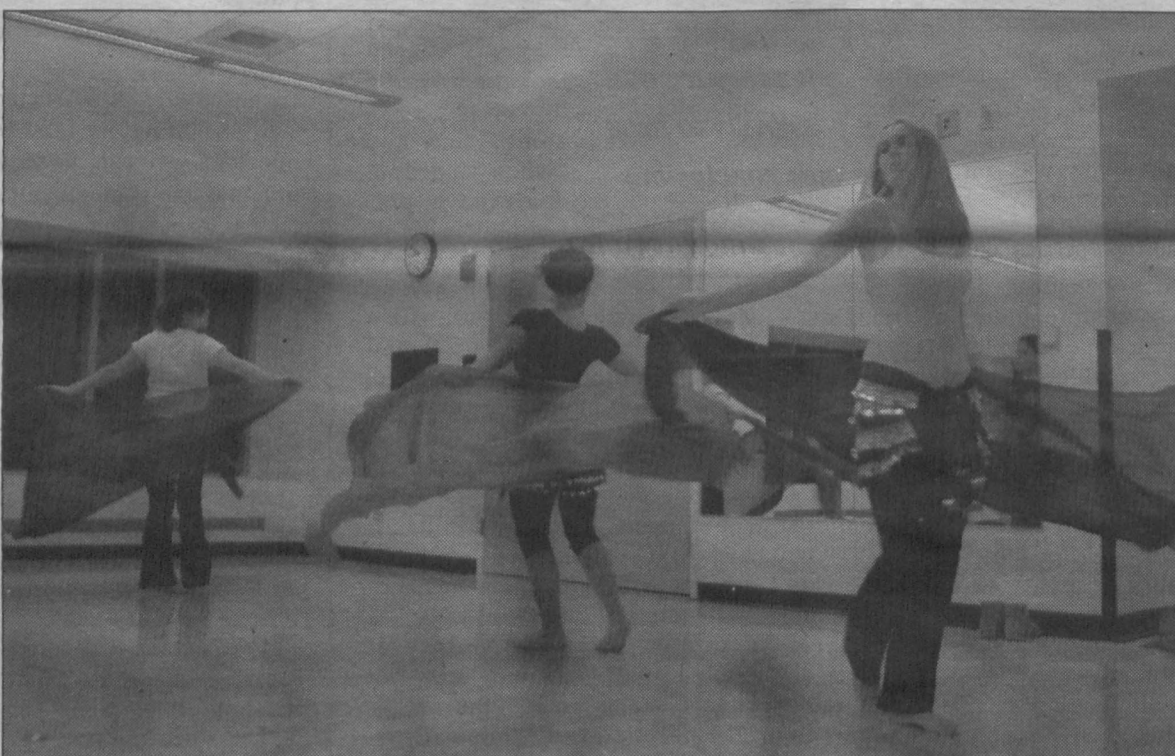
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Global warm-up



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Students prepare for the fifth annual International Dance Festival, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the newly refurbished Collins Center for the Arts. **Above:** Arletta Hayes practices belly dancing.



Belly dancers prepare to shake it up for fifth International Dance Festival

By Kayla Riley
For The Maine Campus

Amidst a frenzy of silver coins and colorful veils is a group of belly dancers who will perform at the University of Maine's fifth annual International Dance Festival on Saturday, Feb. 14. Leading the pack is Arletta Hayes, a fourth-year anthropology and dance student who has been belly dancing since high school.

"It's the first kind of dance I could identify with; it's built for a woman's body," Hayes said. She began her belly dancing hobby with instructional DVDs from Borders — she's been captivated by the art ever since.

When Hayes gets onstage, she feels like a "different creature." A powerful focus takes hold of Hayes as she performs, so much so that people have told her she appears "mean" while dancing. She prefers to call it "intense."

Much detail goes into each of

Hayes' routines. The music comprising the background of her routines is an entrancing combination of Asian, "gypsy" and tribal fusion. Some of the tracks are chosen for their strange and creepy qualities. The selections must appeal to her personal taste and usually have heavy drum lines. Although upbeat, cabaret styles are more common for belly dancing, Hayes prefers deep, dark tracks for her performances.

Hayes fondly remembers The Basements, a group that performed at the International Dance Festival in previous years. The group was comprised of Indian and Nepalese students who practiced in basements and put together Bollywood-style dance routines. Hayes once had the chance to perform with them, playing the bride in an intricate performance.

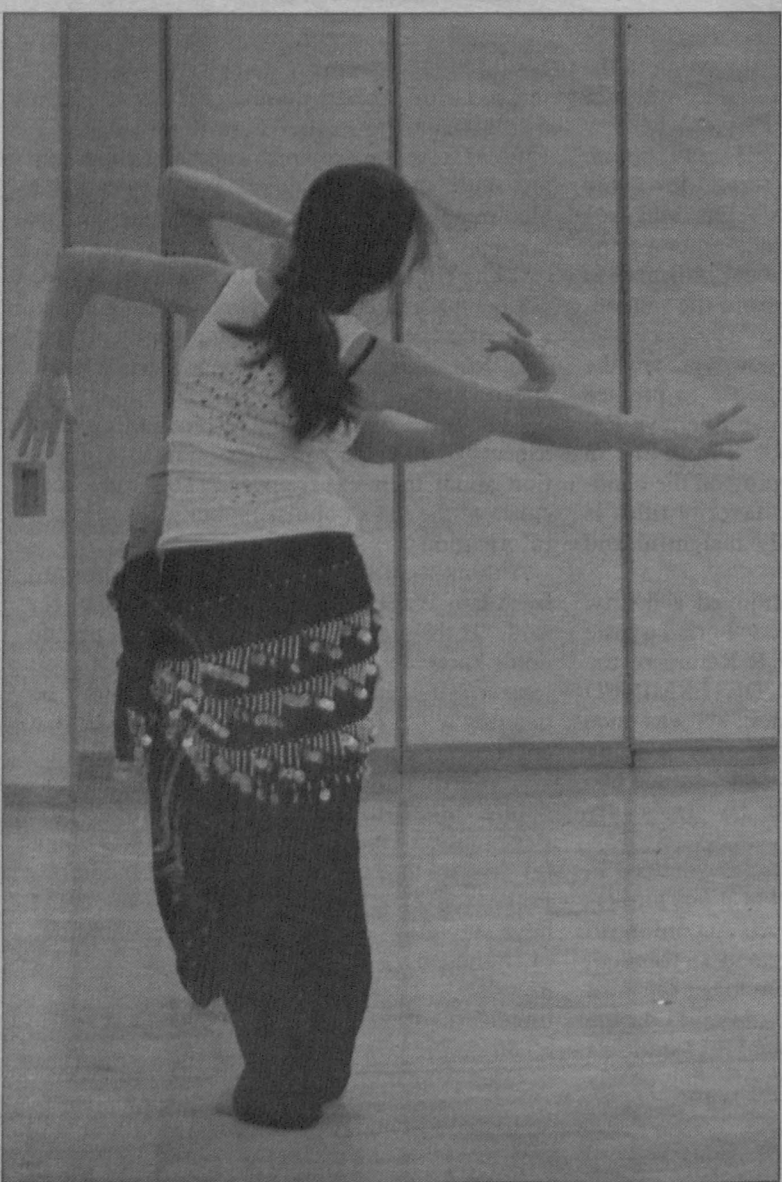
For people who claim they can't dance, Hayes has a few words of encouragement: "Anyone can dance. You can't sit

still and say you can't dance. Everyone has potential."

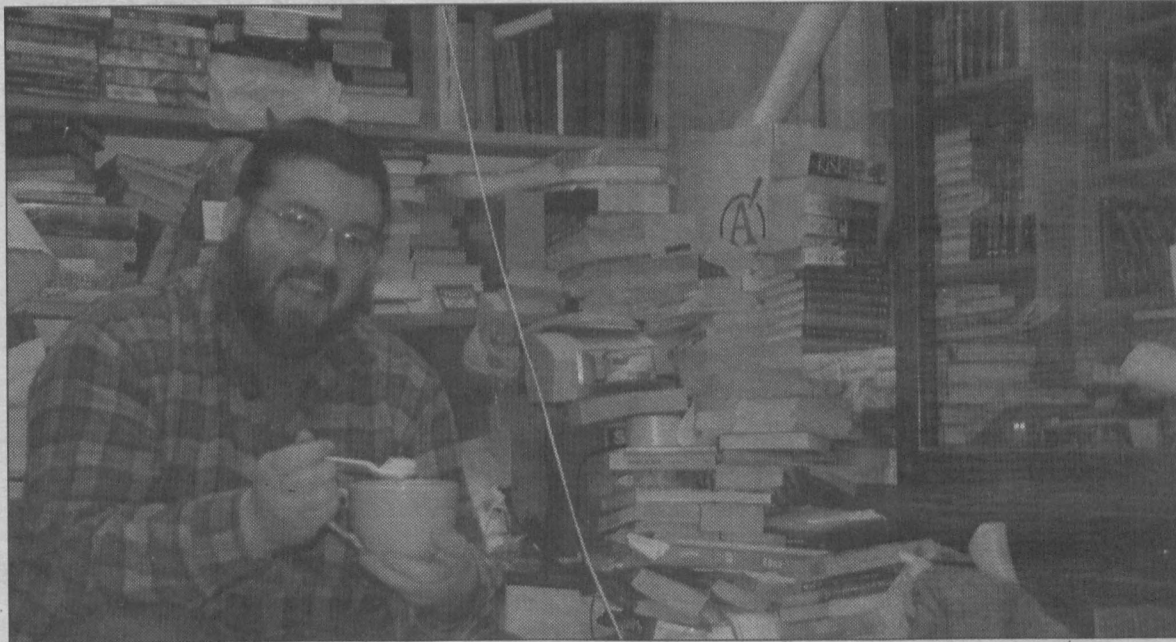
"Some people are less afraid to look silly. Put yourself out there," said Janaya Millett, a graduate student who has been belly dancing for three years. As this dynamic group proves, dancing is all about breaking the rules.

This will be the second year Hayes has taken part in the International Dance Festival. She hopes audiences will enjoy the display of cultural diversity this Saturday. She believes that dance connects everyone and is as expressive emotionally as it is physically.

Dancing styles showcased this year will include hip-hop, Indian classical, African, Mongolian and Balkan, along with Hayes and her fellow belly dancers. There will be two shows — a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7. The International Dance Festival will be held at the newly refurbished Collins Center for the Arts.



A tale of two bookstores: one solvent, one sinking



Zach Dionne ♦ The Maine Campus

"I look at life and say, 'Well, geez, this sucks. Now, I can be miserable or not. Which do I want to be?' That's the bottom line," said John Simpson, owner of Dave's Books in Old Town. His shop is facing financial troubles.

By Zach Dionne
Style Editor

"Picture this as a hot air balloon," John Simpson said of his used bookstore, Dave's Books, in Old Town. "What I did was cut the basket loose because there's no more ballast."

The metaphorical basket was an annex accounting for a major chunk of Dave's Books — Simpson operates entirely in an 18-and-a-half-by-20-foot room, cutting his rent in half. The basket was also the heart of his non-electronic gaming shop; in relinquishing shop space, he's downsized the games display to 10 percent of its original area.

"I've never been this far in debt," Simpson said. Although the "tough times" began within the last two years, Simpson's debt began when he moved his shop to its current space at 277 Main St.

Simpson, 35, came to Dave's Books in 2000 with an estimated 57,000 volumes. He has recycled nearly 20,000 books — works "no one will ever read," he said.

"Fewer books are selling. People with time on their hands have less free money than they used to; it's just the way of things in tough economic times. So even my good, loyal customers are buy-

*"The price of a book
hasn't gone up. I'm
charging the same
amount [while] my
rent goes up, my
insurance goes up."*

John Simpson
Owner, Dave's Books

ing fewer than they once did," Simpson said.

Even with a steady diet of affordable staples like Ramen noodles and macaroni and cheese, financial troubles do not weigh heavily on Simpson's friendly spirit.

"We all have a choice — we can choose to face life or not. How

to stay in good humor is I look at life and say, 'Well, geez, this sucks. Now, I can be miserable or not. Which do I want to be?' That's the bottom line," he said.

Although Simpson was not prepared to disclose finances, he said Dave's Books now operates at under one third of its gross profit from 2007.

Vicky Erker, proprietor of Front Porch Books at 67 Pine St. in Orono, runs a different type of shop: She caters more to hobby readers, with specialized sections like cooking, travel and history. Her collection stands at roughly 3,000 volumes. She operates in a specially tailored space above her garage.

Dave's Books, by comparison, hosts over 20,000 volumes and does not sell enough to cover overhead costs like rent and insurance.

Cutting costs like rent — a task easier set than achieved — may be the only way to stay solvent in a floundering trade.

"My 2008 numbers were terrific compared to the year before," See **BOOKS** on page 13

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Horror remakes on the rampage

With 'Friday the 13th' reboot, students weigh in on the trend

By Travis Bourassa
For The Maine Campus

Two scantily clad teenagers run for their lives through a dark and dense forest. One of them, a buxom girl, snags her tank-top on a tree branch. Knowing that the "Hockey Mask Killer" is merely steps behind her, she rips her shirt from the branch, exposing her firm midriff. She continues running in terror.

This description is not unique to any specific horror film. It's a situation audiences have seen before. This week, the situation will play out again when New Line Cinema releases "Friday the 13th," a re-imagining of the popular franchise.

The series has gained a cult following since its beginning in 1980. The original film launched 10 sequels, a spin-off television series, comic books, toys and video games.

Erin Burbank, 21, a See **HORROR** on page 13

University of Maine fourth-year studio art student, loves to be scared. She watches most horror films when they come to theaters; the new "Friday the 13th" is no exception.

"I'll see it, not because I'm a huge fan, but because it's a new generation of filmmakers. I'm interested to see what they'll do with it," Burbank said.

A rebooted film ignores the series' canon and retells its lore in a new way. It is a technique Hollywood studios seem to covet; in 2007, Rob Zombie restarted the "Halloween" series. Next year, Freddy Krueger will be reborn in a new "A Nightmare on Elm Street."

Owen Young, a 26-year-old senior student and filmmaker, thinks "Friday the 13th" has remained popular because of the franchise's main villain, Jason Voorhees.

themovieknight

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One couple 'makes out' like bandits at kissing contest

By Megan Neff
Copy Editor

Catcalls and jeers echoed from the Multi-Purpose Room of the Memorial Union on Monday as a couple locked lips before a small crowd of spectators for five straight minutes. The couple's time spent tongue-tied was for a good cause — to help the French Club raise money with their "French" Kissing Contest.

The winners were couple Kristen Moran and Fahad Al-Ruhayem, both second-year students. Neither had signed up, but as the competition was scheduled to begin, they decided to join.

The French Club intended for several couples to smooch for as long as possible without breaking contact, but only Moran and Al-Ruhayem showed up to put out. Almost double that amount turned up to watch and sing songs to encourage them, jiving to the tunes

of "Love Stinks" by J. Geils and "Kiss Me" by The Cranberries.

"I haven't seen the tongue yet — isn't this French kissing?" yelled Laurie Hemphill, a Union Marketplace employee who came to watch the festivities during her break.

"I thought it was funny," Moran said. "I'm surprised no one else signed up."

Al-Ruhayem appeared much less comfortable amidst the hooting and hollering but ultimately admitted to enjoying himself.

"I was trying really hard not to laugh," he said.

This is the first year the French Club has tried to arrange the contest. A table was set up last Friday to sign up contestants for a \$5 entry fee, but turnout was low. The club hoped for more participation, but the low attendance was expected.

"We had some trouble getting a

See **KISS** on page 13



Benjamin Costanzi ♦ The Maine Campus

Kristen Moran and Fahad Al-Ruhayem, the sole contenders of a kissing contest, win with a 5-minute smooch.

British Beard Liberation Front is a gladiator for facial hair glory

While I may be smarter than the average bear when it comes to general beard knowledge, I still have a lot to learn. Yesterday, I manned the tubes to find out more about my favorite declaration of manliness.

I Googled "beards" and succumbed to the urge to click "images" before looking at my real search results. I found an amazing assortment of facial-haired fellows, charts of all the different styles of beard (the "Franz Josef" might be my favorite) as well as whiskered men of all races acting silly. I love you, Google image search.

After more searching and more learning — Did you know Alexander the Great was a proponent of being clean-shaven? Some testament of masculinity he was — I stumbled upon something so great I can barely contain my giddy shakes as I type the name here.

The Beard Liberation Front.

According to Wikipedia, the Beard Liberation Front (BLF) is a "British interest group which campaigns in support of beards and opposes discrimination against



those who wear them." These guys have apparently even necessitated the addition of a new word into the Oxford English Dictionary — beardism, or discrimination caused by the wearing of facial hair.

Apparently, the BLF was founded back in the late '90s, and one of the reasons for its creation

was to campaign against New Labour politicians' trend of removing facial hair. BLF founder Keith Flett stated, "Beards are politically progressive. All the great revolu-

Frank Dobson, the 2001 winner and a member of Parliament, reportedly told Labour Party officials to "get stuffed" when he was asked to shave his beard. The win-

BEARD POLICE

BY MARIO MORETTO

tionary socialists had a beard. Stalin had a mustache."

The BLF is also responsible for handing out Beard of the Year awards. The first two, awarded in 2001 and 2002, were given to Labour Party dissenters, who stayed faithful to their progressive heritage and refused the shave.

ner in 2002, Jeremy Corbyn, said his beard was a "form of dissent" against New Labour.

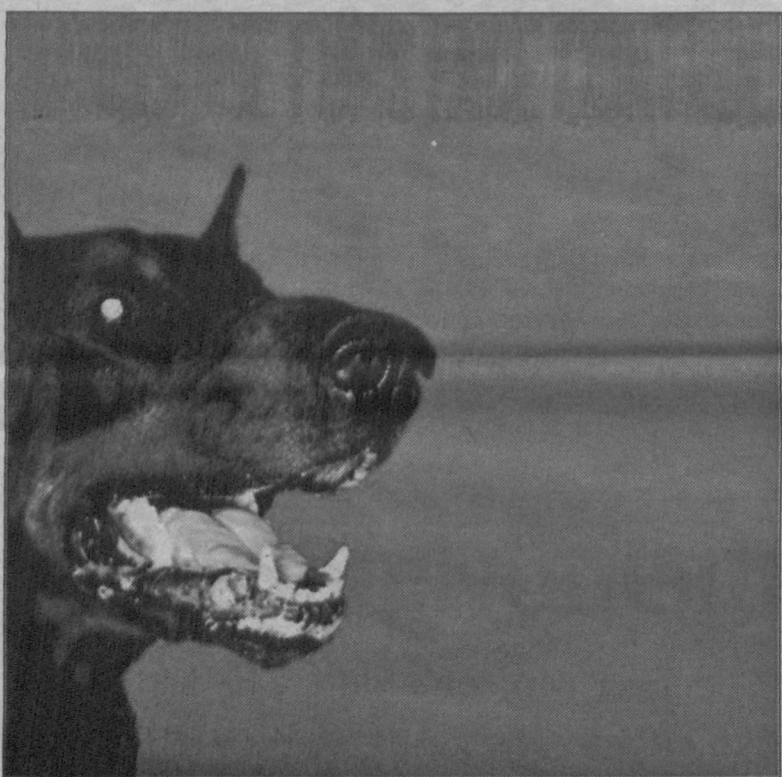
I must say, whatever facial-hair problems and hang-ups they may have in jolly-old England aside, I haven't heard much lately about beardism. True, I can't think of a single U.S. politician who wears a

beard off the top of my head, but who wants them to? We all know politicians are not to be trusted, and giving them beards would lend an air of authenticity and honesty that would only serve to confuse my bearded brethren and myself. I may have even been tricked into voting for John McCain had he adorned a set of friendly mutton-chops. I say we must ban the wearing of beards for public figures and civil servants.

Citizens of our great nation must know that bearded men are thoughtful, generous, knowledgeable and kind to their mothers, as well as to animals. Allowing politicians and other unsavory characters to wear beards would only give the rest of us a bad name.

I urge readers to e-mail me at mario.moretto@maine.edu with any beardism related stories they may like to share. Next time I'll be talking about the only manly way to shave — the straight razor.

CD: Handsome Furs



Courtesy of Sub Pop

By Jay Grant
For The Maine Campus

Dan Broeckner, frontman and songwriter for Canadian indie rock band Handsome Furs, is a quintessential rocker. He sings with a distinctively punk wail, and he has the look of a man who has seen too many hard drugs and not enough food. It makes sense then that while many indie stars are known for theatrics they cleverly label as "experimentation," Broeckner would rather stick a grabbing hook or killer riff into his music. That's what made his best songs with Wolf Parade so great.

With his Handsome Furs side-project, Broeckner finds himself backed only by a drum machine and a synth, both run by his wife Alexei Perry. In this small set-up, he seems limited in his room to really rock. More often than not, though, Broeckner's intensity prevails and he gives us a truly awesome song.

On most of "Face Control," Broeckner uses the guitar less to show off his own skills and more as an atmospheric tool, playing with a reverb-laden, fuzzed-out

sound that he makes his strained shouts over. Perry's synth rhythms and electronic beats add an inherently '80s vibe that seems fitting for the metallic, Jesus & Mary Chain-esque guitar lines. But Handsome Furs stay away from just making noise. Broeckner doesn't mind pop structure, focusing on making his songs catchy and accessible rather than jarring or nonsensical.

Lead single "I'm Confused" shows Handsome Furs at their best with a simple verse-chorus-verse build and the kind of lyrics you can yell along with as you drive to class or work — because honestly, who isn't feeling a little confused right now? Other top tracks share this involving effect. The repetitive, methodical "Evangeline" chugs onward, ever-teasing of a trite, overly dramatic climax. Instead it rides out its own wave with a head bobbing beat and a chorus of "La da da" at the song's end. On closer "Radio Kalinigrad," Broeckner sings over what may be the best instrumentation on the album with a desperation that instantly

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FILM: Coraline



Courtesy of Focus Features

By Kayla Riley
For The Maine Campus

First of all, "Coraline" has nothing to do with Tim Burton. It simply shares the same director, Henry Selick, as "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Having said that, this movie is perfectly on par with the delightful creepiness of Burton's works. Playing on "Alice In Wonderland" themes such as the mysterious rabbit hole, "Coraline" will leave you speechless and desperate to see it again to catch all the details as soon as the credits roll.

Coraline Jones, voiced by Dakota Fanning, is a spunky blue-haired girl, unhappy in her new home. She and her parents have recently moved from Oregon to Michigan. Coraline is ignored by her complacent parents and annoyed by her neighbor Wybie. Her bizarre neighbors offer no solace in this dull place. Desperate for adventure, she explores their dingy apartment and finds a small door leading to a tunnel to another world.

In this parallel universe, Coraline discovers parents

resembling her own, but this mother cooks grand meals and dotes on her while the father is wonderfully wacky and plays piano. The garden that was once gray and dying now flourishes with fascinating flora. Her quirky neighbors now seem exciting and fabulous. But as Coraline revels in her newfound wonderland, she can't help but notice a few strange details. For one, everyone in this new world has buttons where their eyes should be. While she finds the grass much greener on this side, she senses something sinister behind those eyes. With the help of a feral cat, Coraline discovers the evils lurking behind the facade of this seemingly ideal world.

Fanning breathes life into the character of this headstrong 11-year-old braving the unknown. Teri Hatcher, best known for her role in "Desperate Housewives," shines as both versions of Coraline's mother. The fantastically crafted animation aside, Hatcher's voice adds a level of unexpected viciousness.

"Coraline" demands to be seen in 3D. Although there are

few moments when something jumps off the screen, the detail brought to life is breathtaking. The images are so richly dimensional, it's tempting to reach for a flower in the garden or grab a star from the sky.

"Coraline" may appeal to the grade-school set, but the majority of its content is dark and unsettling. This is not to say that children won't enjoy themselves, but it's not necessarily the best movie to watch before bed. Coming from a college student who has seen more than her share of horror movies, this PG-rated tale is more terrifying than the lot of them. Yet somehow it manages to be charming and whimsical at the same time.

The tagline reminds us to "be careful what you wish for," made clear by Coraline's misadventure. Perhaps it should be shown to bratty, ungrateful children so they will begin to appreciate their "boring" parents. In any case, as the first full-length stop-motion animation film of its kind, "Coraline" sets a precedent and will, by turns, surprise and disturb you.

Grade: A

Books

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Erker said. A week after what was likely America's oldest gay and lesbian bookseller, The Oscar Wilde Bookshop in Manhattan, announced its impending closure due to profits diving and rent skyrocketing, it's worth wondering if Erker's sell-from-home method is the only way to survive.

"Rent-free space is a large help to the bottom line," Erker said. Her business remains subject to taxes, insurance and utilities.

"My goal is slow, steady, sustainable growth. The business grew wonderfully my first year in the shop, and my challenge is to sustain that growth in this economic climate. I am sure this will take both flexibility and creativity," Erker said.

Simpson identified high foot traffic, visibility and "being someplace other than Old Town, Maine" as crucial to success. But part of the problem is the nature of a used bookstore. To illustrate, he pulled an arbitrary volume from his shelves — a 15-year-old paperback novel that, when new for \$5, was priced at \$2.50 in a used bookstore.

"The price of a book hasn't gone up. I'm charging the same amount [while] my rent goes up, my insurance goes up," Simpson said.

Simpson aims to begin delivering pizza full-time to meet the cost of living. Dave's Books will stay open as often as Simpson can manage, but the hours will be severely reduced.

"My store is now becoming a very expensive place to keep books. It's going to be next best to being closed," Simpson said. "I will be here as much as I can, but working 40 hours a week, this is going to be part-time." He will discontinue phone and internet services within two months, eliminating his capability to accept credit cards.

Simpson said that each new class at the University of Maine includes fewer readers and less hope for his business. "There are new customers, but my losses outnumber my gains."

According to Simpson, the volume of sale in the bookselling industry has been cut in half in recent years; internet sales have fallen by one third.

See page 6 for more news on small businesses.

Kiss

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sign-up table and getting a room," said Alisa Rhodes, president of the French club. "We wanted to do it on Valentine's Day, but it's family and friends weekend." Which may not have coincided well with a kissing contest.

"It's the first time, so we might do better next year," Rhodes said.

Like all contests, there were rules. Couples had to remain standing at all times, groping and sabotage were prohibited and if only one couple showed up, they would still have to pucker up for five minutes without breaking contact. The prize was two tickets to Spotlight Cinemas and a bag of Hershey's kisses — a perfect Valentine's date.

The \$5 raised by the competition will help the French Club pay for their trip to Quebec in April.

CD

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grabs the listener. Up to this point "Face Control" only shows either Broeckner's youthful punk energy or his rock star bravado, but the finale makes it clear even burnt out rockers can feel.

Though those tracks are of some merit, "Face Control" certainly isn't flawless. For some reason, Broeckner made the misguided decision to include an indie rock cliché: the minute-long interlude. As is often the case, the two short examples on "Face Control" feel more like unfinished ideas rather than anything that actually adds to the album.

"Officer of Hearts" is probably the weakest track for its almost complete lack of guitar. The result is nearly six minutes of boredom. That being said, when Broeckner is on, he is really on.

"Face Control" is full of the kind of jams anybody can pick up and get into, yet it rewards repeated listens. It now seems certain Handsome Furs are not simply an act to stand under Wolf Parade's shadow but a legitimate band that's worth our time.

Grade: B-

Jay Grant is music director at WMEB.

Horror

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"He's an icon. You want to see it because you grew up on it," Young said. "The new movies don't have a good bad guy."

Rooting for the baddie is a unique trait in horror audiences; watching the killer hack and slash his way through the film is half the fun.

Ryan Page has been rooting for the bad guy since he was 12 years old. Page, a 19-year-old new media student and self-proclaimed horror aficionado, estimated spending between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on horror DVDs and VHS tapes, many of which are remakes and sequels of his favorites. Page is willing to give sequels a chance.

"Even if it's bad, there's still

something good about it. If a horror movie fails, it can still be funny or really explicit," Page said.

In other words, the failure of a horror film can be just as entertaining as its success. Some horror films have built a cult following based on cheap special effects, poor timing and weak acting.

"Troll 2," a video from one of Page's six movie shelves, is just one example.

"Troll 2" was better than the first, only because it was a terrible movie," Page said. He plans on watching the new "Friday the 13th" for the same reason.

"I have no hope that it'll be a good movie," Page said.

Restarting a series also allows producers to drop the telltale, cumbersome sequel indicator from the film's title.

"A lot of people expect a 'Friday the 13th' part 18, 19 or 20. They'll think it's a rehash of the original. When they reboot the series, it's more sellable," Page said.

The "Friday the 13th" series runs on the traditional horror movie formula: A masked killer terrorizes a group of teens until all but one of them is dead. Previews for the new release promise much more of the same. What keeps horror audiences excited about sequels and remakes?

"It's the kill count and the gore," Young said.

While death tolls, cultural icons and pure cheesiness attract many viewers, some people watch horror movies for an old-fashioned scare.

"I love the feeling of relief you get once the movie is over," Burbank said.

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Happy Valentine's Day Cora Blaze. You are such a sacred star! Thank you for being my family. Love you so. - Your Mom

To Sports, Style and Opinion,
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Sorry your feelings are so hurt.
-Alicia

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Dear Jono,
I know that it is Valentine's Day and you were expecting something more romantic, or

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I guess when you said you weren't gay it was true.....
Love, Amanda

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Love, Faye, Sharon and Carey

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To my Shnookey Wookey Lovey Boo (Amanda),

My love for you is like chocolate. Dark, tasty, sweet, melts in your mouth, and high in calories. I eagerly await the arrival of the Valentine's Day Bunny and his fairy minions to sprinkle us with love dust and then go bow hunting with Cupid's arrows. This Valentine's Day, I was too cheap to get a tangible gift, or anything thoughtful, so I decided to send you a message via newspaper, which I will then use to collect puppy piddle. But like puppies, you are cute. I am hungry.

Love, Jono

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E -
Independently of any boring romance holidays, you are cute :)
- Z

Brittany Loves Patrick
"There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness." - Friedrich Nietzsche
Because no one understood our addiction for each other, or why we just couldn't let go...

To News,
I know I said earlier that you are my #1 love, but I lied. It is actually Joe Bane.
Smell ya later, lame-o.
-Alicia

Charlie S.,
I love you for who you are and will support you in anything you choose to do. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us. Thank you for putting up with me for the last four years!

Love always, Steph

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Dearest WFM,
My strong-willed warrior, although circumstance has placed us miles apart, there is still a place for you close to my heart. Even in the face of adversity, sorrow, and heartbreak my love for you continues to burn like a flame, never going dim, and never burning out. Regardless of course I will always remember your kind words, and your warm generous heart. I love you.
JJB

Happy Valentine's Day and everyday, Bill Giordano. I always knew our kind of love was possible, but it still blows my mind. Thank you for never giving up. Your wife-to-be.
-Kate

We love the sisters of Alpha Phi!
Love, your advisors,
Sam, Jess, KK, Carey and Paula

Dear faux features editor,
On this special day, I would love nothing more than hearing a single story two to three times from you in rapid succession.
Sincerely,
A true features editor

Dear Fancy-Pants,
I have a great story for you. So this guy ... and he totally kissed me. Wait, let me tell you this great story...
-A real writer

Dear Heather Steeves,
You are the smartest, funniest, snarkiest, gorgeous girl at the newspaper.
Love, Adam, Mario, Zach, Eryk, Andrew, Tom, Will, Dylan
P.S. News is the best.

I loved you since our first date and I'm excited that you will always be there to make special dinners and fall asleep while watching movies.
You're my favorite. Love Rebekah

Jameson Hardy,
You are one hot hunk of man. I'd like nothing more than to get you, Melissa, and a few six-packs of PBR pounders together this weekend for a little Valentine's Day fun — if you know what I mean.
See you around, stud.
Anonymous

Joe-
:P
-Alicia

Happy Valentines Day
To my Senior Skull Brothers Zack, Kyle, William, Kenny, Mark, Jason, Rob, Brett, Sean, Anthony and Douglas
Love your illustrious President, Jamie

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EVENTS CALENDAR

All events free unless otherwise noted

Thursday, Feb. 12

Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers

A performance, part of Black History Month
4 - 6 p.m.
120 Little Hall

Gods, Gadflies and Bulldog Tenacity: In Praise of Closed-Mindedness

Philosophy colloquium
Feat. Daniel Cohen of Colby College
4 p.m.
Levinson Room, The Maples

Maine Peace Action Committee

Peace & Justice Film Series
"Pete Seeger: The Power of Song"
7 p.m.
140 Little Hall

Emerging Dance Works

7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall

Dome Talk: Invisible Galaxy Unveiled

7 - 8 p.m.
Planetarium, Wingate Hall

Pub Mix: Disney Trivia

8 p.m.
Bear's Den, Memorial Union

Friday, February 13

Poetry Jam

Part of Black History Month
12 - 1:30 p.m.
University Bookstore

"Side Show"

Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m.
Hauck Auditorium
Free with MaineCard, \$12 public

Kickin' Flicks: "Zack and Miri Make a Porno"

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union

Saturday, February 14

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WEEKEND

Winter Carnival

Igloo Building Competition
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
University Mall

Craft Fair

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Memorial Union

Polar Bear Dip

12 p.m.
University Mall

A Cappella performances

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Marketplace, Memorial Union

International Dance Festival

Feat. performances by UMaine students
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Collins Center for the Arts

Sunday, February 15

Laser Beatles Skylase

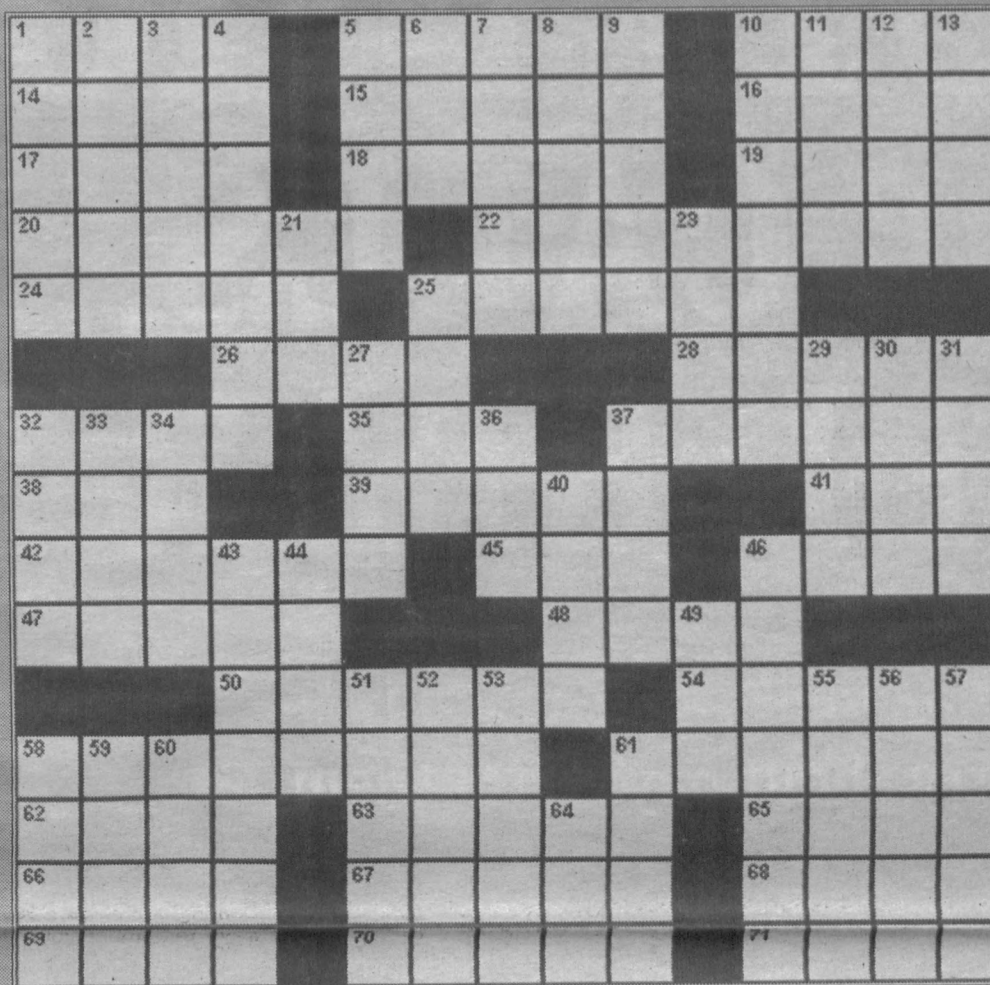
Music Light Show
1 - 2 p.m.
Planetarium, Wingate Hall
\$1 with MaineCard, \$3 public

Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon" Skylase Music Light Show

7 - 8 p.m.
Planetarium, Wingate Hall
\$1 with MaineCard, \$3 public

Distractions

CROSSWORD



DOWN

- 1- Lawsuits
- 2- ...garde
- 3- Old Ford
- 4- Intimidate
- 5- ... majeste
- 6- Affirmative vote
- 7- Nicene or Apostles'
- 8- Duck down
- 9- Wood nymph
- 10- Slopes backward
- 11- North Carolina college
- 12- Male parent
- 13- Have regard
- 21- Biblical verb ending
- 23- Meets one's maker
- 25- Boot attachment
- 27- Let ...
- 29- Starchy food grain
- 30- ... Rhythm
- 31- Terminates
- 32- Spheres
- 33- Spanish painter
- 34- Start of a counting rhyme
- 36- Summit
- 37- Not base
- 40- ...do-well
- 43- Acute suffering
- 44- Heath
- 46- British rock group
- 49- This ... stickup!
- 51- Lowermost deck
- 52- Like some eyes
- 53- Mistake
- 55- Task
- 56- Aired again
- 57- Give it ...!
- 58- Profound
- 59- "East of Eden" director Kazan
- 60- ... Blanc
- 61- To a smaller extent
- 64- College sr.'s test

ANSWER KEY FOUND IN SPORTS

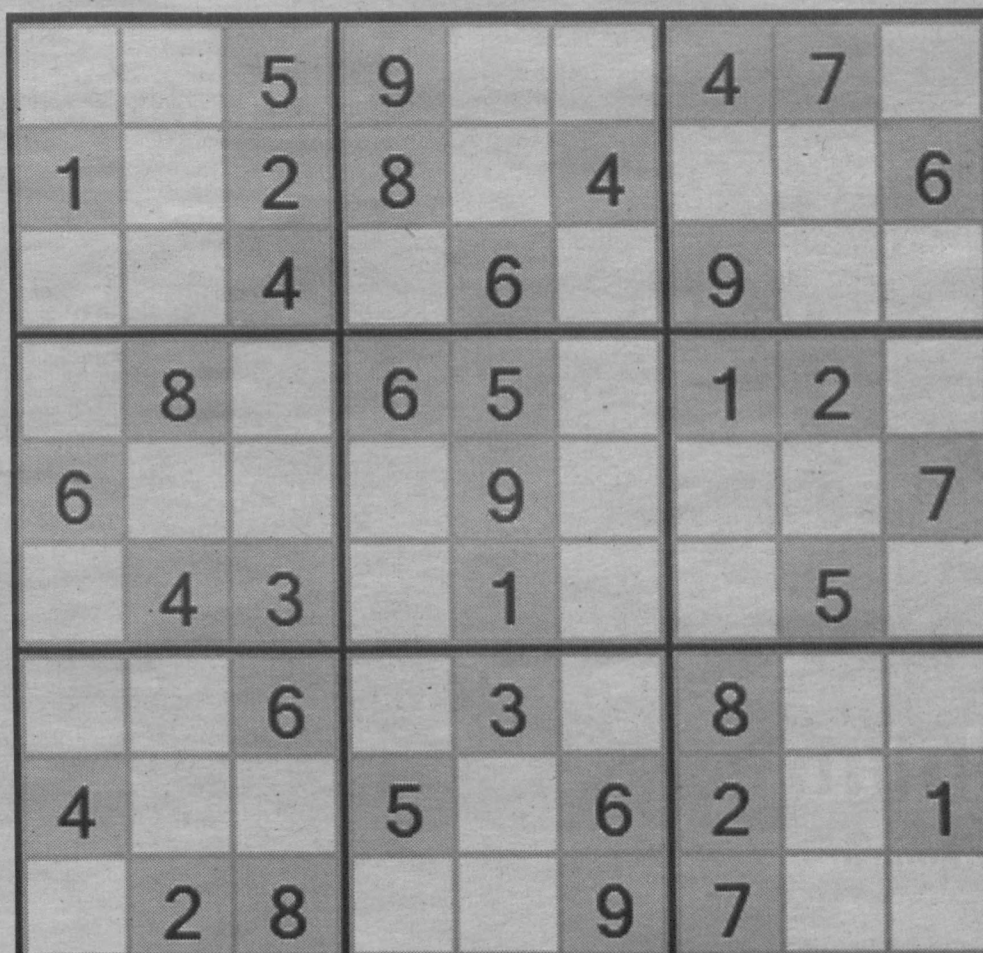
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ACROSS

- 1- Crime boss
- 5- Tied
- 10- 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 14- Tel ...
- 15- Reykjavik coin
- 16- Nobelist Wiesel
- 17- Having a sound mind
- 18- Disreputable
- 19- Fundamental
- 20- Main course
- 22- Numbed
- 24- European emrine
- 25- Vile

- 26- Lash
- 28- Uncanny
- 32- Gothic-type arch
- 35- Boy king
- 37- Give out
- 38- Fish eggs
- 39- Rodeo horse
- 41- Atlantic food fish
- 42- Surname
- 45- Architect I.M.
- 46- Wagers
- 47- Decline
- 48- Actress McClurg
- 50- Peanut

- 54- Pelvic bones
- 58- Objector
- 61- Suds
- 62- "The Time Machine" race
- 63- Big
- 65- Traditional passed-down knowledge
- 66- Half of zwei
- 67- Smells
- 68- Periods
- 69- Course
- 70- Funeral fires
- 71- Transmitted



SUDOKU PUZZLE

HOW TO PLAY

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

Difficulty level: EASY

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 12

Women's Basketball
v. New Hampshire
7 p.m.
Alfond Arena

Friday, Feb. 13

Women's Hockey
v. Connecticut
2 p.m.
Alfond Arena

Women's Track
Valentine's Invitational
at Boston University
3 p.m.

Men's Hockey
v. Boston University
7 p.m.
Alfond Arena

Saturday, Feb. 14

Men's Track
Valentines Invitational
at Boston University
11 a.m.

Women's Hockey
v. Connecticut
2 p.m.
Alfond Arena

Men's Hockey
v. Boston University
7 p.m.
Alfond Arena

Sunday, Feb. 15

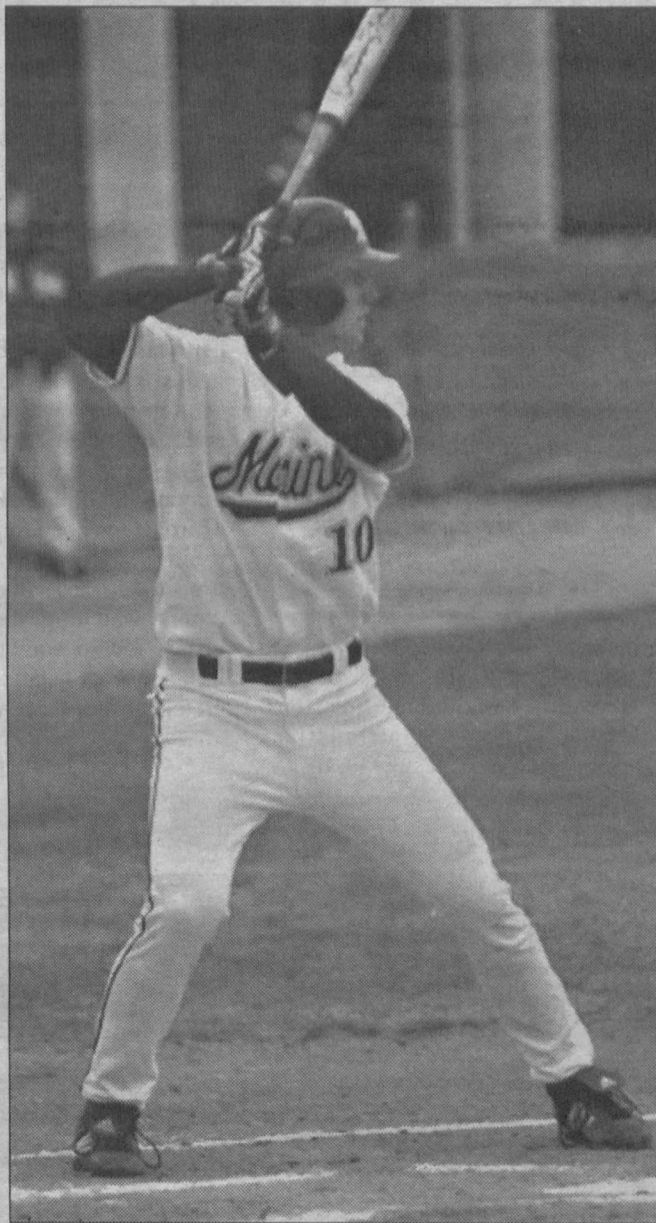
Women's Basketball
v. UMBC
12 p.m.
Alfond Arena

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Women's Basketball
v. Albany
7 p.m.
Alfond Arena



Waiting to step into one



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus
Matt Howard awaits a pitch in a game last season. UMaine
begins their 2009 season Feb. 20 at UNLV.

Fan watching the game when they move from their seats. If we remember nothing else, we need to keep this in mind: Do not move to or from your seat while the game is going on unless it's an emergency. It is not pleasant when I have to adjust myself to see when someone just has to get their hot dog to their seat as UMaine scores a goal.

One more thing that fans should not do: Do not throw anything onto the ice. This will result in a UMaine player being put in the penalty box for two minutes. Objects on the ice are about as desirable as a big scratch.

Each team has six players on the ice under normal circumstances: three offensive players, two defensemen and a goalie. Each set of offense and defense are considered separate lines. Although the players are in better shape than most of us, they can only play for so long before they need to rest. If you hear a coach whistle, this means the lines on the ice need to come back so other lines can go out and play. The defense can stay out a little longer than the offense. The goalie is only switched when he is having a bad night and letting goals in. Ultimately, the object of each team is to score goals and not let the other team score.

Part two of the hockey tutorial will be in the Thursday, Feb. 19 issue.

Computer Science Department Logo Contest

The U. Maine Computer Science Department is looking for a new logo and is holding a competition to pick the design. Anyone is welcome to submit, and the entries will be voted on by computer science students and faculty. All submissions become the property of the U. Maine Computer Science Department. The winning entry will become the new logo, and the top three entries will be awarded:

First Prize - \$100
Second Prize - \$60
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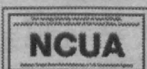
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Hockey 101: Introduction to the game of UMaine

By Alison Huff
For The Maine Campus

Over the years, I have been to many hockey games. Usually, I have a friend or two with me. Sometimes they know nothing about the game, and as a result don't fully enjoy it and just sit there in confusion. That was me in the beginning. I went to games with my dad, who had to answer my incessant questions. I've noticed that my friends tend to ask me the same questions I asked dad way back when. As a result, I am going to give a mini-tutorial of hockey to those who either have never been to a game and want to go, or have been to a game and

have no idea what is going on. I will start within the basics.

Each game lasts 60 minutes. Instead of quarters or innings,

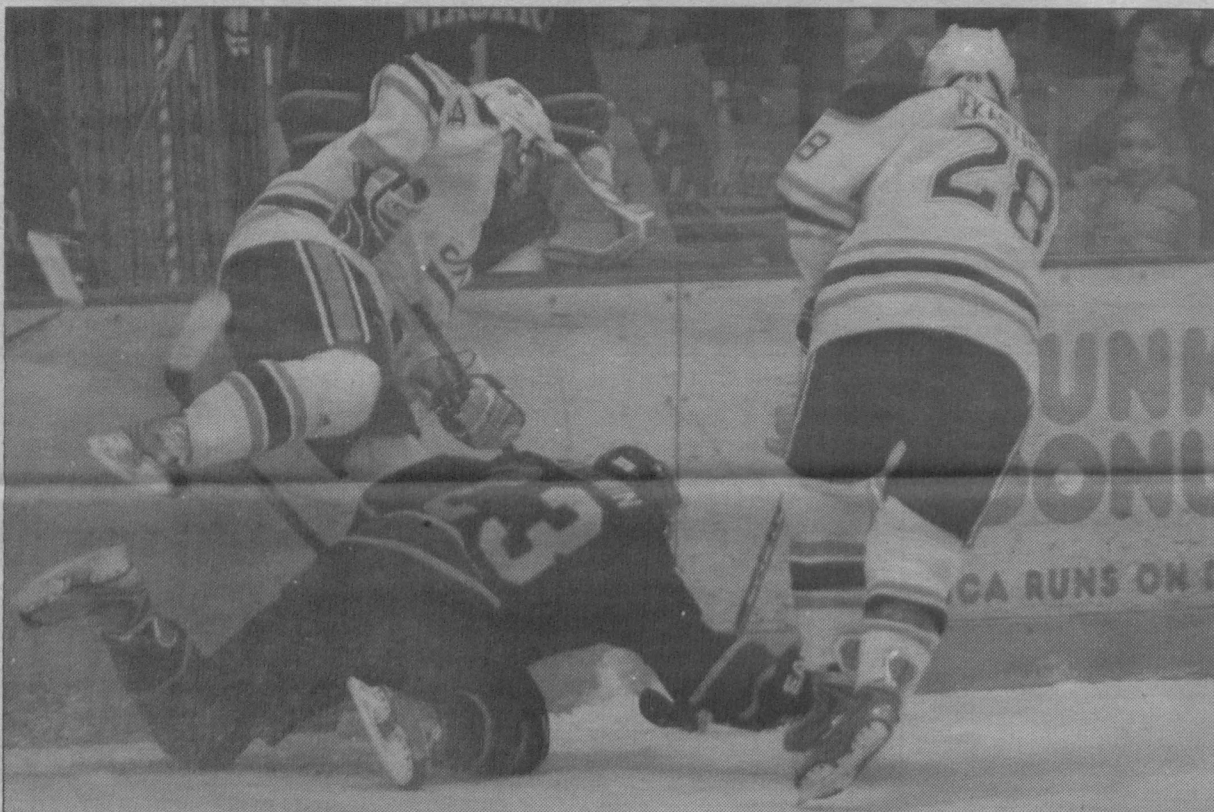
Each game lasts 60 minutes. Instead of quarters or innings, there are three periods lasting 20 minutes each

there are three periods lasting 20 minutes each. Between periods there are 15 minute intermissions. During these two intermissions multiple things occur. First, the

Zamboni — that funny looking vehicle going around the ice — needs to have enough time to smooth the ice and run some water over it to create a new layer. The last thing a hockey player needs is to come across a hole or scratch in the ice and injure himself. Second, it allows the fans to play games or watch the little kids playing a mini game of hockey. Third, if we need to go to the bathroom or get food, we have enough time to do so without disturbing others watching the game. This brings me to something that has irked me for years: People completely forget that there are others

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Avoiding a pileup



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Ryan Hegarty hurdles a Niagara defender earlier this year. Hegarty's Black Bears host top-ranked BU this weekend.

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Hockey

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with short-handed goals of their own.

UMaine coach Tim Whitehead admitted a feeling of redemption from Hahn's goal.

"For Chris Hahn to get that shorthanded goal was certainly the turning point of this game," Whitehead said.

Freshman goaltender Scott Darling returned to his early season form stopping all 31 shots he faced to earn his third shutout. It was his first start since being pulled from the Jan. 24 game.

"[Darling] really bounced back strong," Whitehead said. "That was a very tough game to come back in. It's not like he came back in for a lay-up. He came back in for a real tough game, and he handled it tremendously."

"I just kind of figured it out over the two weeks that I wasn't playing, just worked a little bit harder in practice, and it all came together on Saturday," Darling said.

UMaine has won two of three since snapping a nine-game winless streak, and advanced one spot in the Hockey East standings to seventh with Saturday's win.

"We know we're up against a tough opponent, but we're looking forward to this challenge," Whitehead said. "We're building some confidence back in each other, and I'm really excited to see our guys play against BU on Friday night."

The Terriers have no evident weaknesses and are ranked top

two in the conference in every statistical category. The offense has lit the lamp 107 times, an average of 3.82 per game, while the defense has surrendered just 55. Freshman goaltender Kieran Millan is 18-1-1 with a 1.65 goals against average, and is ranked fourth in the nation.

"That's one of their strengths is that they're solid at all three positions," Whitehead said. "Also, they're the only team in the league that's got a better special teams plus minus than we do."

The Black Bears must play to their defensive strengths to slow the explosive BU offense. UMaine has the league's top penalty kill, and third-ranked defense behind BU and Northeastern University.

Their weakness comes on the offensive side, where they are ranked ninth in the 10-team conference, averaging 2.18 goals per game. UMaine points leader, freshman Gustav Nyquist is the only Black Bear with at least 20 points.

Seven BU players have reached the 20-point plateau. Sophomore forward Colin Wilson leads Hockey East in scoring with 36 points, five ahead of University of Vermont's Viktor Stalberg and University of Massachusetts at Amherst's James Marcous, both with 31.

UMaine is scheduled to play three of the top 15 teams in February, concluding with the final home weekend of the season February 27-28 against fifth-ranked Vermont.

Baseball

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always had talent,"

Trimper said of his young staff. "Now you have all those guys returning — not only a year older but a year better."

Freshmen right-handers, Keith Bilodeau and AJ Bazdanes are impact rookies who are expected to compete for spots in the rotation.

Sophomore, Jimmy Cox (1-1, 2 saves) and juniors, Ryan Forrest (1 save) and Justin Latta (2-1) will anchor the bullpen.

"This year we have a lot more depth," Forrest said. "Last year, we had a lot of freshmen pitching, and they're a year older so they got a lot more experience. I think for the freshmen [this year], they have a lot of good arms so they can make a big impact for us too."

The spring trip to Florida will be a learning experience for the first-year pitchers, something Trimper hopes will solidify the pitching staff heading into conference play.

"I think there's a lot more depth, but just getting those guys to understand how to pitch and not just throw," he said. "The whole plan is to get those kinks out on the Florida trip,

which you play day in and day out."

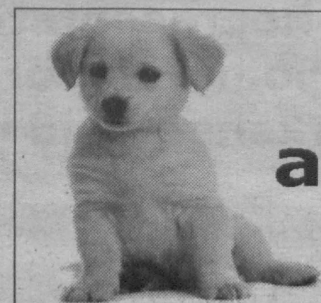
With newcomers contributing immediately both on the mound and in the lineup, many of the veteran players understand the importance of helping guide them along as they adjust to the collegiate game.

"We take everybody in with open arms," said Lugbauer, who won America East Rookie of the Year in 2007. "Whenever they need some help, we just go out there and do whatever we can to help them out."

While the Black Bears return most of their nucleus from a year ago, they hope to snap out of a rare season, where they finished with an overall record of 20-28-1 (8-15 AE) and more importantly, in last place in America East.

"Last year was a disappointment and it's just got to be put behind you," Lukas said. "As for me, I gained the experience last year and I'll carry that over to this year and keep on growing."

If the Black Bears can do just that and their younger players continue to evolve, Trimper will have UMaine back on top in the conference, something that the storied program has come accustomed to:



**Puppies are
awesome!
Pet one!**

Putting the steroid era in the rearview

By Jesse Scardina
For The Maine Campus

It's time to face it — steroids are an act of evolution. As horrible as it is, knowing that this chemical has diminished our father's and grandfather's game, it's something that we all need to recognize as normal. We saw it in Mark McGwire's locker in 1998, and we turned a blind eye to it. Steroids are the new item to enhance your performance, just as batting gloves and pine tar have been in the past. The anti-steroid community received their knockout blow this past weekend, when it was revealed that steroid free Alex Rodriguez — the same man who single-handedly saved some respect for the already — tarnished home run records — actually failed a drug test back in 2003.

Before you completely throw this athlete under the bus, you must realize some of the logistics. In 2003, there were no penalties to a failed steroid test. The tests were supposed to remain anonymous, and only be used to see if action needed to be taken. The other thing that separates this former MVP

award winner and future Hall-of-Famer from other steroid using athletes is that he never lied under oath to taking steroids. The other men that A-Rod will always be associated with — a certain pitcher and hitter — did. Rodriguez took the public approach and lied to Katie Couric.

One thing that never gets mentioned when referring to performance enhancing drugs, is that it does not help you hit a baseball. There's no doubt that Rodriguez and Barry Bonds are two of the greatest at making contact with the ball, and for that reason alone, they should be remembered with a bronze plaque.

Don't get me wrong, I do not condone the use of performance-enhancing drugs, but at some point we need to accept it at the professional level. Can we really expect our children and grandchildren to know the history of the game if all of these great athletes are torn away from every scrap of our memory?

It seems as though we are on the way to having the steroid era behind us, and hopefully this is the last gust of scandal-infected wind that we have to deal with.

It's a time to face it — steroids are an act of revolution. As horrible as it is, knowing that chemical has diminished out fathers and grandfathers game, it's something that was all need to recognize as normal

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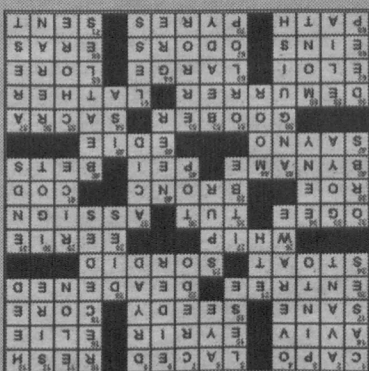


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Crossword Solution



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This Week In Maine Athletics

Maine

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MAINE VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE

Thurs. Feb. 12th at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

MAINE VS. UCONN

Fri. Feb. 13th at 2 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 14th at 2 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

MAINE VS. BOSTON UNIV.

Fri. Feb. 13th at 7 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 14th at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MAINE VS. UMBC

Sun. Feb. 15th at 12 p.m.

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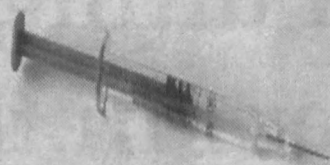
Tanner House #29
Sophomore, Forward

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Junior, Forward



THE MAINE CAMPUS sports

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009



Experienced Black Bears eager for '09

Trimper returns 18 letterwinners, welcomes nationally-ranked recruiting class



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Joe Miller delivers a pitch in a game at Mahaney Diamond last season. The junior righthander leads an experienced pitching staff into the 2009 baseball season.

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Curt Smith was one of the best players ever to suit up in a University of Maine baseball uniform. The Willemstad, Curacao native was a four-year standout for the Black Bears, garnering several awards including the 2008 America East Player of the Year.

Now that Smith is in the St. Louis Cardinals farm system, coach Steve Trimper will rely on a more-experienced squad to fill the hole in the lineup as the Black Bears prepare for the 2009 season.

"You don't replace a guy like Curt," said the fourth-year head coach whose team opens the season on Feb. 20 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "What you do is try to get those guys a little bit better and fill up the spots through the lineup. We always relied on Curt. If Curt didn't hit, we had a hard time winning a baseball game, because we had a lot of inexperienced young hitters."

UMaine will return eight starters in the field, including senior center fielder and leadoff hitter Billy Cather (.328 batting average, 25 runs batted in, 15 stolen bases). Cather was drafted in the 33rd round by the Washington Nationals but opted to return for his final season.

Also returning is junior catcher and first baseman Myckie Lugauber (.343, 5 home runs, 43 RBI), who was recently named a Louisville Slugger Third Team All-American.

"I think watching us play through the fall and into the spring, we lost a big bat [in Curt]," Trimper said. "Yet Myckie's a year stronger and better from playing summer ball. Billy Cather also didn't sign and came back, which was a huge thing. That would've been tough to replace those guys."

Cather and Lugauber aren't the only key cogs in the returning lineup. In the infield, senior second baseman Danny Menendez (20 RBI, 10 SB), junior shortstop Tony Patane (.287, 3 HR, 33 RBI) and sophomore third baseman Jarrett Lukas (.319, 4 HR, 28 RBI) are back, as well as junior

catcher Joe Mercurio (2 HR, 15 RBI). Sophomore Joey Martin (.286, 14 RBI) and redshirt freshman Justin Leisenheimer are expected to compete for time at first base and freshman infielder Kyle Stilphen will also contribute.

In the outfield, senior Kevin McAvoy (.301, 25 RBI) returns. McAvoy, the 2006 America East Rookie of the Year, will flank Cather along with either junior college transfer George Tager or freshman Taylor Lewis.

Despite the loss of Smith, Trimper plans to utilize the depth of this year's team, something they lacked a year ago.

"What's nice is that our hitters have now come a little more experienced from top to bottom," he said. "There's not much difference between our No. 1 and 2 hitters and our No. 7, 8 and 9. Your depth has changed so that your lineup is more balanced."

Another advantage to the depth of UMaine's batting order is the matchup problems they can create for opposing pitchers.

"The neat thing about our lineup is there are such great lefty-righty combinations that I have a complete lefty outfield and a complete righty outfield," said Trimper, who also plans to rotate first basemen and catchers depending on the matchup.

Last season, inexperience and lack of depth in the pitching staff was exposed. The Black Bears relied on a rotation consisting of one sophomore and three freshmen.

This season, junior righthander Joe Miller (5-2, 3.93 earned runs against) will be the ace of the staff, and sophomores Kevin Scanlan (2-5, 3.74 ERA, 72 strikeouts) and Matt Jebb (2-5, 4.57 ERA, 64 K) return for their second season in the rotation. Sophomore righthander Kyle Benoit (3-1, 5.45 ERA, 44 K) was a part of the rotation last season, but will miss all of 2009 after undergoing elbow surgery.

"Our young pitchers broke down at the end as the season went on because they didn't know what to expect. I knew we

See **BASEBALL** on page 18

Men's hockey hosts top-ranked Terriers

UM hopes to keep rolling after UNH win, Darling, Millan match up between the pipes

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's hockey team spent a brief time savoring Saturday's shutout of the University of New Hampshire. A far greater challenge is approaching.

Boston University, the nation's top-ranked team, heads north this weekend for a set at Alford Arena Friday. The season series will conclude with a 7 p.m.

Valentine's Day game.

The Terriers (22-5-1, 13-5-1 Hockey East) are riding an eight-game winning streak, and have lost just one game since Nov. 22. They captured their record 29th Boston Beanpot title Tuesday, scoring three shorthanded goals in a 5-2 win over Hockey East front-runner Northeastern University.

BU has been ranked no lower than ninth the entire season, and concluded their ascent to the top by dethroning Notre Dame when

the Feb. 2 polls were released. They recorded their 20th win on Feb. 6, setting the fastest pace to the milestone in team history.



UMaine upset then — No. 2 Boston College on Nov. 9, but the Eagles have since dropped to 15th.

"If you face the No. 1 early in the season, they might be No. 1 because they got off to a hot start, but BU's been the top team in the country this year," said UMaine senior center, Chris Hahn. "We're going to have to stick to our guns and play good defense, and we'll see where the chips fall."

Hahn scored the shorthanded

game-winner in the 1-0 decision over UNH on Saturday. His sixth goal of the season matches his career high and was his first career goal against the Wildcats.

"I definitely didn't want to end my career scoreless against them, and I was just fortunate to get a nice bounce, and get the break-away and buried it," Hahn said.

UNH took the first two meetings by shifting the momentum

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