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State may reject new UM funds

Education committee turns down nearly \$500M

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

The Maine state legislative committee for Education and Cultural Affairs turned down a bill aimed to increase state funding for higher education brought before Maine's legislature in February. The bill's sponsor believes it is doomed to fail.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee voted 9-4 to recommend against adopting the bill — L.D. 773. The bill would require the state fund 45 percent of the university system, Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System budgets in fiscal year 2009-2010, and 50 percent of their operating costs in fiscal year 2010-2011.

"The State of Maine is committed to funding higher education. I don't think we are committing enough funds — or adequate funds — for higher education," said Sen. Justin Alfond, the bill's sponsor.

Alfond said the bill was designed to promote discussion about higher education funding among legislators. He estimated the bill would have cost Maine \$484.2 million over the next two years if it had passed.

Alfond, the chairman of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, said he expects the legislature to reject the bill at the next session. He said he sponsored the bill hoping the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee would reduce the money the bill asks for. The Maine House of Representatives referred the bill directly to the education committee after coming before the legislature and hasn't been viewed by the financial affairs committee, according to L.D. 773's status on the Maine legislature Web site. Alfond said he hoped to baby step his way to increasing higher education funding.

"A lot of things in Augusta happen in increments ... sometimes you might get a little money ... sometimes you might get a lot of money," Alfond said.

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Maine representative

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According to an economic impact

By William P. Davis
Managing Editor

The University of Maine system office is often accused by faculty and administrators of being too large and has come under fire recently for trying to consolidate Information Technology, administrative and human resources services.

The system office's largest expenditure is salaries, which account for more than half of the

UMS received \$192,392,071 from the state in fiscal year 2009, according to John Diamond, director of external affairs for the system. That \$192 million was 36 percent of the university system's budget. The University of Maine received about half of the state appropriation that year.

"I'm not sure we could expect a bill like that to get funded," said Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, who co-sponsored the bill.

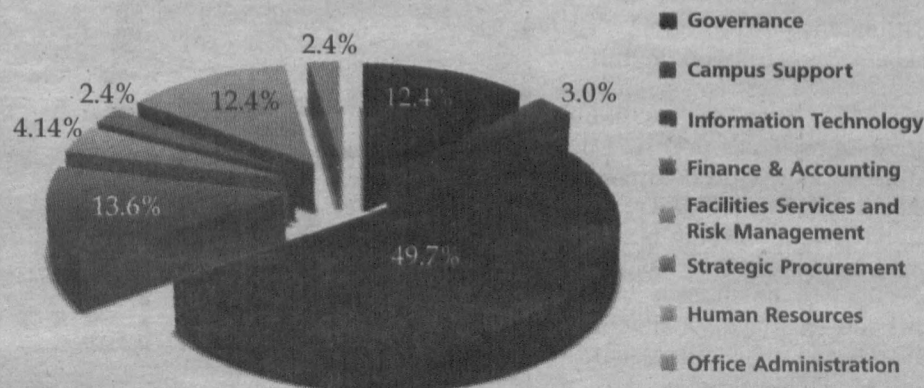
"It is not unrealistic, in that it's an approach that's been used for K-12 education," said Janet Waldron, vice president for Administration and Finance at UMaine, referring to the formulaic funding method Maine uses for primary education.

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The Budget Issue: Summing up the system's expenses



system office's \$16.9 million budget.

Employee benefits cost the system a little more than \$4 million a year. In addition to the salaries and benefits the system also budgeted \$711,000 for consultants and professional services. Travel, mileage and lodging cost the system about \$166,000.

System-wide IT services are the office's second-largest expenditure, budgeted at nearly \$5 million a year, not including salaries. In addition, the system office budgeted nearly \$1 million in fiscal year 2009 to pay off ongoing debts related to PeopleSoft. IT makes up \$8.4 million, just less than half of the system office's budget, including salaries,

debts and Administrative Services Development and Support.

MaineStreet, also known as PeopleSoft, has drawn controversy among users, including faculty. The Web-based program, which manages everything from class enrollment to financial aid and payroll, quickly ballooned in cost and complexity since its implementation in 2002.

Dianne Hoff, president of the Faculty Senate, expressed her concern for the size of the system office at a question-and-answer forum with the chancellor's task force in February.

"I really do hope you'll look at the downsizing of the system office," Hoff said at the forum. "According to the data that's out, the cost of the system office is more than the cost of ... Machias, Fort Kent, UMPI and Farmington, and in some cases more than almost all of them combined. So I think that that's not a good use of resources in tough times."

Faculty Senate approved a resolution in January urging the system office to "dramatically downsize" itself, saying "proposed steps, such as those to centralize services at the system office are unacceptable, fiscally unjustifiable and will be opposed."

The system office spends \$521,000 a year on audits for the entire system, according to Rebecca Wyke, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration. The system office hires an outside auditing firm to look at the financial statements for the seven campuses, as well as directing an internal audit.

Telecommunication, such as cell phones and reimbursement for calls made on personal phones, costs \$52,000. According to Miriam White, director of Budget and Financial Analysis, "It's basically if a person makes a call from their [home

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Mainers to speak on gay marriage bill April 22

Supporters and opponents will debate positions at an open forum at the Augusta Civic Center

By Macey Hall

For The Maine Campus

Politics

The Maine legislature is offering Mainers a chance to have their say on L.D. 1020, a marriage equality bill that would permit same-sex couples to marry in Maine. There will be a public hearing all day April 22 at the Augusta Civic Center about L.D. 1020. An estimated 200 people are expected to speak on the bill.

If passed, any two people — regardless of sex — could obtain a marriage license. L.D. 1020 is sponsored by Sen. Dennis Damon, D-Trenton, along with more than 60 other state legislators.

"I am a co-sponsor of the bill and I am a huge supporter of passing marriage equality into Maine law. I am honestly a huge supporter of ending the discrimination that is in place against same-sex couples," said Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono.

L.D. 1020, as a law, will affirm that religious institutions still have control over their own religious doctrine and teachings concerning who may marry within each faith. This is set forth in article 1, section 6 of the Maine Constitution and in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"If this bill is passed, it will immediately create a conflict with religious liberties, and that's been a foundation of our country from the very beginning, and we shouldn't institute a new policy that we know will create those conflicts," said Pastor Bob Emrich, director of the Maine Jeremiah Project. "I think it's too dangerous of a social experiment."

The Maine Jeremiah Project is a marriage advocacy group, and supports the "sanctity of life, traditional family values,



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Students and administrators showed up to start off Pride Week with a march and the raising of the rainbow flag.

freedom of religion and educational choice," according to its Web site.

"I don't think redefining marriage is any good. We can't just change what the meanings of things are. It's a bad piece of legislation," Emrich said.

Supporters of the bill are expected to speak on Wednesday.

"I think we know that there are couples and families from all over Maine who are going to be at the hearing, testifying. We expect that families and couples will testify about why they want to get married and how they are harmed because

they cannot get married," said Shenna Bellows, executive director of the Maine Civil

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Liberties Union. "We expect that civil rights leaders and constitutional law experts will

talk about why marriage is a civil rights issue."

If passed, the bill will recognize same-sex marriages from other states. Supporters of the bill argue it is about equality.

"Maine people are fair, independent-minded people. I think most Maine people, if they really understood how discriminatory Maine law is to same-sex couples, [would realize] that their relationships are not recognized under the law for marital rights. I think most Maine people would say that's wrong," Cain said.

"We're really excited about the hearing. We think it's going

to be really important for the passage of this bill, to show statewide support for marriage," Bellows said.

The public hearing is scheduled to being at 9 a.m. and end at 8 p.m.

"I think the discussion should not be about individuals. It should be about the social good, about what's best for society," Emrich said.

Go to mainecampus.com Wednesday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for live streaming video of the open forum on gay marriage.

Chancellor gives address

By Dylan Riley

Assistant News Editor

News Brief

Chancellor Richard Pattenau highlighted the University of Maine System's benefit to the state, as well as the financial problems the system faces and the solutions his task force and the universities' administrations are pursuing, during his State of the University Address before state legislators last week.

Pattenau said UMS calculated the year's budget gap at \$42.8 million and expects to reduce operating costs by \$34.2 million by July 2010. He said more than 150 positions will be eliminated — or already have been — throughout 2009 and 2010 by layoffs and attrition. Pattenau focused on the research the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine invest

in and the benefit it has for Maine by attracting grant money to the state and informing different public service programs.

"The university system has experienced the same challenges that you, as policy makers and as everyday citizens, are facing — rising costs, dramatic declines in the values of assets, falling revenues and few attractive options for increasing our revenues," Pattenau said.

Pattenau said his 12-person task force has held 18 public hearings and received testimony from 228 individuals.

"His whole message of 'we're in it together' really resonated with me," said Emily Cain, D-Orono.

Pattenau said his restructuring plan, "New Challenges, New Directions," is essential to UMS future and that his next state of the university address in two years will highlight a university system that has increased its value to Maine.

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Financial aid dries up, students drop out

Difficult economic times force students out of higher education

By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus

The financial crisis is moving beyond banks, large corporations and retirement plans.

Students at the University of Maine are starting to feel the recession. Due to increased tuition and diminishing financial aid, dropping out has become an appealing alternative for some.

"I dropped out because I had to go home and work to pay my bills," Sally* said. "They were piling up. I couldn't seem to find a job at school, and I couldn't find a student loan that would help pay them off. I decided it would be better to go home, work, pay my bills and save money than to stay at school, destroy my credit and lose my car."

This is not the first time Sally's finances affected her education. She transferred to UMaine in the fall of 2008 from Berklee College of Music, seeking a less expensive education.

"The only financial aid I received for the first semester was the aid I got from FAFSA," Sally said. "It wasn't nearly enough to cover the cost of the semester."

Students can take out loans, but without credit, they require a co-signer to get one.

"I couldn't take out a loan because I didn't have a co-signer," Sally said. "[My father] chose not to co-sign for a loan at UMaine because he had co-signed for a \$38,000 loan the year before for my previous school."

Other students turn to work study jobs to finance their education.

"I looked for a job the entire time I was up at UMaine, but I had no luck in finding one," Sally said.

Sally does not feel being employed would have made much of a difference to her finances.

"If I had a job at UMaine, I still wouldn't have been able to afford to attend there, but I at least would have been able to pay my bills. I thought I was going to get a loan, and that would have covered some of them, but I didn't get a loan," she said.

Sally left UMaine in October 2009 with two months' worth of unpaid bills — \$4,000 in outstanding charges — and no academic credits.

She did not apply for financial aid for the spring semester because she did not see the economy getting better. She felt the cost would still be too much.

"I don't really feel that UMaine could have done much more for me. It's

not the school's fault that the economy is in horrible condition right now. I couldn't get a loan due to issues with my family. It had nothing to do with the school," Sally said. "If tuition would stop increasing, that would be helpful, but it still wouldn't have kept me enrolled."

Sally now works at home trying to pay off her bills. She is not enrolled in a school, but hopes to attend community college in the fall.

Her situation is not unique. Other UMaine students are finding themselves in similar situations.

Amanda Brown, who would have been a second-year psychology student, has financial issues in her family. Her parents are unable to pay for school, and she has very little credit. She had to leave midway through the fall semester.

"It's not my fault my parents messed up [their credit], and I shouldn't be held responsible for their actions," Brown said. Unlike Sally, Brown faults UMaine for her inability to stay in school.

"I shouldn't be deprived of an education because of something I didn't do," Brown said. "The loans process is so ridiculous, and I'm probably going to be stuck working my life away instead of going to college, which really sucks."

Susan Hunter, vice president for Academic Affairs and provost, is unsure whether the economy will lead to more

dropouts this semester.

"People were able to see themselves through the year. It's fairly early in our season yet, so we don't know what the numbers will be," Hunter said.

The number of students enrolled at UMaine usually decreases between fall and spring semesters, according to Hunter. She calls this a "melt."

About 2,800 students were sent financial aid award letters last Wednesday, according to Gianna Marrs, associate director of Student Financial Aid.

The Office of Student Financial Aid encourages students to come to them with questions and concerns about the awards.

According to Marrs, the office sometimes encounters students in situations similar to Sally's, who need aid but haven't applied.

"They should stop in, call or e-mail," Marrs said. "We have advisers that will sit with a student one-on-one and try to help them find a solution."

While many students leave the university due to tuition costs, others transfer in from out-of-state universities and private colleges because in-state and public institutions' tuitions are generally cheaper.

"I went to Pratt Institute last year, and it was too expensive. When I went there, the economy was OK then, but then I came here because I was from Maine," said Shea Brook, a second-year studio art student.

While UMaine is less expensive than Pratt Institute, Brook still takes out loans to attend UMaine.

"Two roommates of mine transferred here from private schools because of costs. It was just so much cheaper. I think this is a trend we will see more of," Brook said.

As annual tuition increases, the pool of financial aid money will increase by 6 percent, according to Marrs.

"The university has also had an additional dedication of \$1 million to mitigate the loss of scholarship and endowment return," Hunter said.

\$500,000 came from an adjustment in the base budget of Academic Affairs. The other half came from revenues in excess of budget.

"I've been very impressed this year with the president and provost. They're really looking to put the student first," Marrs said. "I think the institution is doing a marvelous job of stepping in and meeting demands."

For students who cannot afford to stay at UMaine, an apology may be all that is left to offer them.

"We feel sorry for any student and their families who are unable to continue," Hunter said.

*Sally's actual name has been replaced with an alias to protect personal financial information.

Projected undergraduate student annual costs for 2009-2010

In-state
Tuition: \$7,620
Fees: \$2,036
Room and board: \$8,348
Total: \$18,004
Combined increase: \$896 (5.24%)

Out-of-state
Tuition: \$21,840
Fees: \$2,036
Room and board: \$8,348
Total: \$32,224
Combined increase: \$1,706 (5.60%)

Information courtesy of the office of Finance and Administration

On track to cure cancer



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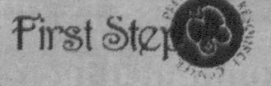
People relaxing between walks at the Field House Friday night to participate in this year's Relay for Life, a walk that benefits the American Cancer Society.



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Maine farmers speak out against new food safety regulations bills

By Jeff Hake
Staff Reporter

Politics

Several new bills for food safety legislation, recently introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, have local farmers and small farm supporters disgruntled.

The new legislation attempts to establish increased regulations to ensure food safety.

People against the bill say legislators are "viewing all agriculture as big agriculture" and that the new laws will adversely affect small farms.

The bills come on the heels of a rash of recent illnesses and deaths related to poor sanitation and inspection in the United States' food supply. These incidents were reflected locally when the University of Maine stopped selling many peanut products. This was part of a nationwide response to the sickening of nearly 700 people and the death of at least nine related to a salmonella outbreak at the headquarters of the Peanut Corporation of America.

On April 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report, "The incidence of the most common food-borne illnesses has changed very little over the past three years" and that the CDC "recognizes that [it has] reached a plateau in the

prevention of food-borne disease."

The most controversial of these bills may be the Food Safety Modernization Act — H.R. 875. The bill calls for the establishment of a Food Safety Administration within the Department of Health and Human Services. Aside from reorganizing the Food and Drug

*"The legislators need to
come here and see what
we're doing. Get your hands
dirty, man. See what it's
really like."*

Jenn Maeverde
Olde Oak Farm

Administration — which would become the Federal Drug and Device Administration — the law would direct the new administrator of food safety to strengthen and expand food-borne illness surveillance systems and establish a national traceability system for food, among other things.

One e-mail circulating the Web about the bill titled "Possible Outlawing of Organic Farming" says Congress will — in a week and a half — vote on a bill that will outlaw

organic farming.

"I've received literally several hundred e-mails about H.R. 875," said Russ Libby, the executive director of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association.

The other bills are the Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act — H.R. 759 — the TRACE Act — H.R. 814 — and the Safe FEAST Act — H.R. 1332. Libby says they place increased emphasis on electronic tracking for "anything a farm produces," which could burden small farms.

"[I] actually would like someone to pay attention to food that's moving across the country. ... The policy can't be 'don't do anything' because that has been the policy for the past eight years — or 28 years more accurately," Libby said.

Libby feels the conversation must shift for Congress to create effective policy.

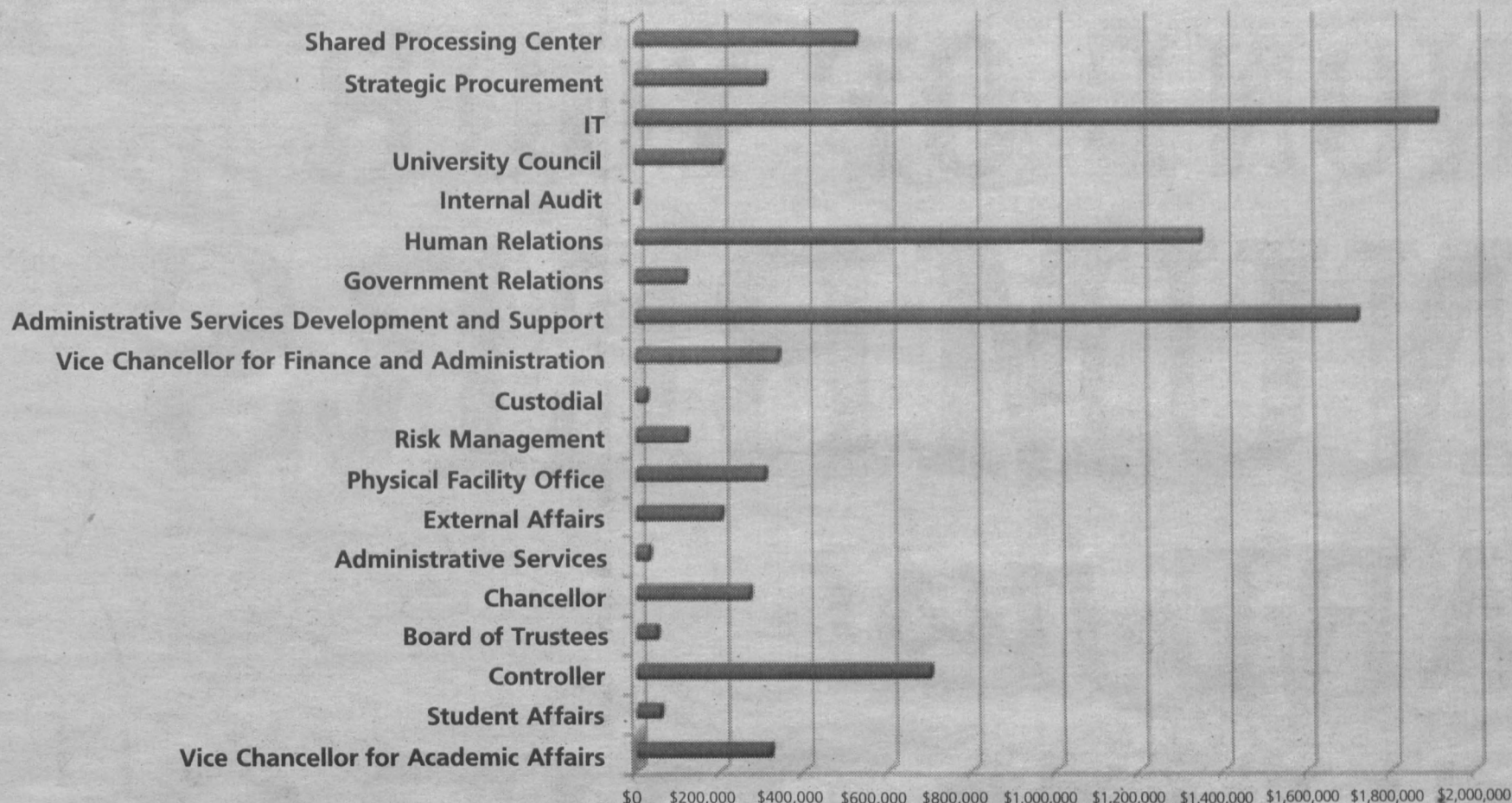
Don Flannery, the assistant executive director of the Maine Potato Board, agreed.

"There's reasonable [food] traceability and there's something you could consider unreasonable," Flannery said.

Flannery said the industry has comparatively advanced safety standards, saying "you can go into any supermarket and that [potato] bag will have some means of tracing." He said public

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Departmental salaries for the system office



System

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phone], maybe they don't have a cell phone and either they make a call from their home phone or they use their personal cell phone to make university business-type calls, then they would submit a request to be reimbursed for those expenses."

Gail Garthwait, associate professor for instructional technology and chair of the IT council at UMaine suggested the task force take a look at the cost of MaineStreet.

According to Garthwait, the system approached the seven universities with the intent of converting IT positions to deal exclusively with what she dubbed the "PeopleSoft beast."

"I think that every person in here who has dealt with PeopleSoft in one way or another is just concerned with the black hole of money, and we urge you that maybe that's an area to look at," Garthwait said.

Another system-wide IT office is Academic Technologies and End-User Support, which manages systems for distance education. These services

include a closed-circuit television station, which can be accessed only at locations used for distance education, such as high schools, and used for online or correspondence courses. The system IT office also procures and manages site licenses for a variety of software, such as Blackboard.

The system pays \$78,000 in membership dues and fees to var-

ious organizations, which benefit all system campuses, according to White. One such organization is the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, which the chancellor's office pays on behalf of all the system.

The system office spends \$70,000 on utilities and trash removal, including \$45,000 on electricity and \$15,000 on liquid propane and natural gas.

Obama seeks to add extra Pell Grants, funds

New legislation expands coverage, federal funding

By Jeff Hake
Staff Reporter

Legislature

The Obama Administration's recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes revisions to the financial aid options available to American students of higher education, and University of Maine community members are greeting the new plan with enthusiasm.

Better known as the stimulus bill, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act revises the federal Pell Grants program, which provides funding to needy undergraduate college students. These grants can be used for housing and living expenses as well as tuition. The plan increases the maximum allowed Pell Grant amount by \$500 per student. When combined with a previously scheduled increase this will put the maximum allowed grant at \$5,350 for 2009-2010 and \$5,550 for 2010-2011. The stimulus bill will also allow approximately 800,000 more students nationwide to receive the grants, tie its increases to inflation rates and make Pell Grant funding mandatory, rather

than partially at the discretion of Congress.

"In 2008-2009, over 2,500 [UMaine] students received federal Pell Grants ... totaling \$8 million, so it's a substantial amount," said Gianna Marrs, associate director of Financial Aid. "They're the best kind of aid you can get."

Marrs said she could not predict what the new funding will translate to in terms of dollars — partially because the grants are federal awards. The Campaign for America's Future, a progressive political group that issued a report on the new higher education funding, estimates 954 more Maine students may be eligible to receive funding.

"I'm really glad that we have a president and, so far, Congress that supports higher education," said Maine House Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono. "I know the challenges that students are facing. Hopefully the Pell Grants will help people ... that otherwise would have to take out more loans ... to stay in school."

The proposed federal budget also calls for revisions to federal financial aid programs. It would terminate the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL), which furnishes federally guaranteed

loans provided by banks and other lenders. The termination of the FFEL would end subsidies to private banks, potentially saving \$4 billion a year in overhead costs. These funds would then be diverted to the Department of Education's Direct Loan program, which gives financial aid to students without a private middleman.

The revisions have not gone without opposition.

Bill Norbert, the governmental affairs manager of the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) expressed his reservations about the new plan.

"FAME receives revenue as the guarantor for federal student loans through the FFEL program," Norbert said in an e-mail. "The funds that we receive are used to help cover the administrative costs for the State of Maine Financial Aid Programs. ... We fear the thousands of Maine students FAME reaches annually through outreach will be negatively affected by the ... proposed discontinuation of the [FFEL]. [With] our role as a guaranty agency and the specialized service and education we offer, it is highly unlikely the [Department of Education] will fill the void."

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Sharpie frenzy

Graffiti was reported at 8:50 a.m. April 14 by custodial services. The north stairwell of Neville Hall had four sets of images drawn with black permanent marker, one per floor. The four sets cost \$200 in damages.

Custodial services reported criminal mischief on the door of the north end of Androscoggin Hall at 2 p.m. April 15. The sign above the door had been burnt with a lighter, and the keypad was black with soot from being singed. Graffiti consistent with other reports was found on the scene, drawn with black permanent marker on the foundation of the building. The damages are estimated at \$250 and believed to have probably occurred overnight, according to police.

Graffiti in the first floor men's bathroom of Stevens Hall is the latest case. The graffiti is consistent with the others on campus and was done sometime between 3 and 4 p.m. April 15. There is no damage estimate for this incident.

Each incident is under investigation.

Illegal aromatherapy

Public Safety responded to the second floor of Gannet Hall, where Resident Life staff reported the smell of burning marijuana April 17 at 12:29 a.m. Patrick Bolduc, 18, Orono, answered the door of the suspected room. When asked to turn over any marijuana or paraphernalia, Bolduc retrieved a small plastic baggie from his desk area, which contained a usable amount of marijuana. Bolduc also surrendered a Vaporite aromatherapy vaporizer which he and five others used to smoke the marijuana. Of the others in the room, Christopher Marchetti, 19, Falmouth, turned over another small baggie of marijuana from his pants pocket. Marchetti was summonsed for possession of a usable amount of marijuana. Bolduc was summonsed for drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Keyed sendoff

A black 1992 Jeep Cherokee was keyed sometime between April 5 and April 11 in the Hilltop Parking Lot. On his way home on April 11, the owner noticed the side of his vehicle was keyed and reported it to Public Safety on April 16. The damages are estimated at \$150. The matter is under investigation.

Look-a-like

Residence Life staff contacted Public Safety to remove an ex-student from trespassing on the Hilltop quad on April 15 at 1:43 p.m. An officer arrived, located the subject and determined it was a case of mistaken identity.

Back seat, windows up

Parking Services reported damages to a red, 1987 Toyota Corolla on April 15 at 11:56 a.m. While parked in the Collins Center of the Arts Parking Lot, the rear driver side window was broken. The matter is under investigation.

Where there is smoke, there is fire

A cigarette receptacle was on fire outside York Hall on April 14 at 6:19 p.m. Orono Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. They determined the source of the fire to be a carelessly discarded cigarette.

Some kind of two-wheeler

After leaving his bike unlocked outside of Boardman Hall, a student reported it stolen. On April 14, he left the bike unattended while he was in class from 2 to 4 p.m. The student did not know the make or model of his blue and silver mountain bike, but told police it had 32-inch wheels and is valued at \$100.

Sign posts aren't secure

Public Safety received a report of a lost bike at 1:54 p.m. April 15. The student told officers he had locked his blue Riley Mojave bike to a sign post in front of Knox Hall on April 14. The bike, valued at \$325, was gone when he returned the following afternoon.

Another student locked his bike to a sign post near a bike rack at Oxford Hall April 11. When he returned April 13, it was gone. The stolen GT bike was black with gold lettering and is valued at \$500. The matter is under investigation.

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Melinda Hart
Staff Reporter

Food

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policy must strike a balance between public safety and the means of the food industry.

"Are we going to take the traceability to roadside stands ... or try to trace every single potato? If we got to go to that level, we're going to get in trouble," Flannery said.

Local farmers and UMaine students with a future in agriculture have expressed outrage with the potential for regulations on their small operations.

"They're making this huge blanket bill for any sort of agriculture," said Hayley Williams, a fourth-year sustainable agriculture student who plans to be a farmer.

"They're mostly concerned about the big farms in California ... and it just won't work for a place like Maine — organic places and smaller farms. They're requiring so much; you'd have to change your whole structure for marketing and for post-harvest handling, which I don't think people have the money to do."

"This kind of licensing could put us under," said fifth-year earth sciences student Nathan Mietkiewicz, who has been head cheesemaker and all-around farmhand with Orono's Olde Oak Farm for a year and a half. "It could be the nail in the coffin for farmers' markets around the country. My reaction was, 'there goes local community, there goes

local food, there goes everything the buy-local movement has brought.'"

Scott Boulanger, co-owner of the goat cheese producing Olde Oak Farm, expressed particular frustration with H.R. 1332, which would establish additional standards for animal handling.

"I would have to follow another set of regulations on top of the local regulations and that's bulls---," Boulanger said. "In theory, [the regulations] are brilliant. We should be [following them], but if you're food processing it should be instinctual and not because you're being forced. This is all about behavior. It has been proven over and over and over that legislation does not change behavior."

Hayley Williams said basic faults in farm operations are at the root of many of the recent food safety crises.

"The mistakes that have been made are so obvious. Like having contaminated water leach into your field, having a farm field below an animal farm. It's just not smart. There must be some more common sense way of doing it than having this huge new organization," Williams said.

Boulanger said he and partner Jenn Maeverde both have full-time jobs in addition to operating their farm.

"We've jumped through every fiery hoop they've put in front of us, and every [laboratory test for microbes] that we get back goes way beyond the

minimal standards [for sanitation]," Maeverde said. She said if she is to produce the highest-quality products, she needs to be focusing on it and not spending time adhering to additional regulations.

"The legislators need to come here and see what we're doing. Get your hands dirty, man. See what it's really like," Maeverde said.

"The voices of small people are under-represented in Congress," Libby said.

Libby said policy needs to depend on a food producer's operation. He traveled to Washington, D.C., twice in the past two weeks to talk with congressional staff about the potential legislation, which has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for discussion and revision. He said the conversations have been encouraging, and he believes the bills will be changed and moderated significantly in committee.

Representative Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, who has a degree in human ecology from the College of the Atlantic, originally co-sponsored H.R. 875, according to her communications director Willy Ritch. She has since rescinded her support of the bill.

"She heard from a lot of people that she knows in Maine, and there were enough questions raised in her mind that she felt this might not be the best policy," Ritch said.

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System office: Watch out for unneeded costs

The Issue: The system office budget is ripe with potential for cost trimming.
What We Think: The system needs to take a hard look at its own expenditures before it starts tinkering with UMaine.

The University of Maine System prescribes itself as the solution to our budget problems, proclaiming centralization will save our universities. But a quick look at the system office's budget shows plenty of waste. Before the system tries to tell UMaine how to save money, maybe it needs to look at how it can save money itself.

According to budget calculations, the system office spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on services that could easily be slimmed. Expenses such as \$166,000 on travel, mileage and other related costs are surely absurd, as is \$52,000 on cell phones and phone reimbursements. Is it true administrators making over \$100,000 a year can't be bothered to pay for their own calls? How about \$22,000 on catering, or \$45,000 for electricity?

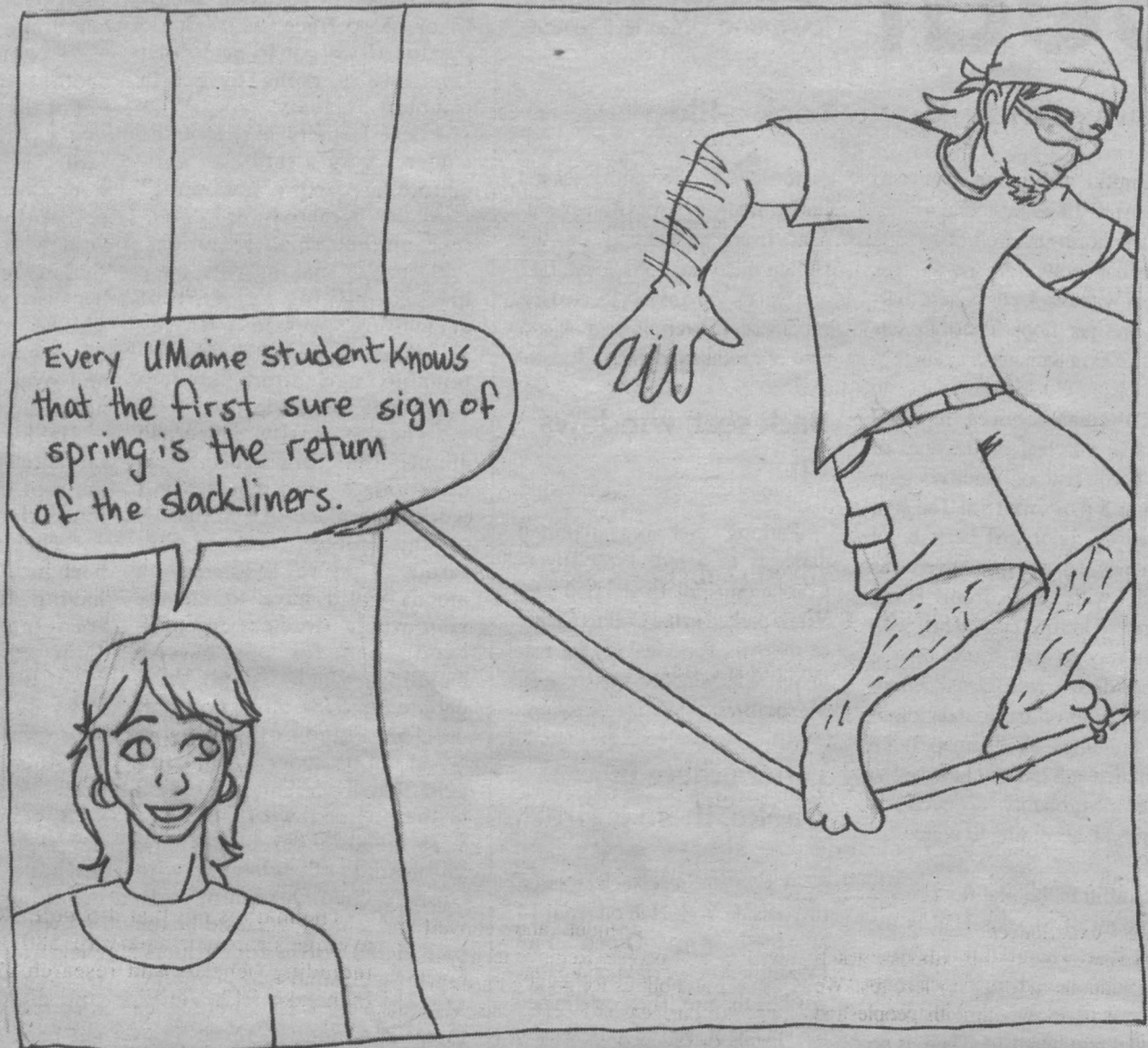
Simple consolidation and conservation at the system office could save it a lot of money. Start driving a hard bargain on reimbursements for mileage and phone calls. Make employees use free services like Skype, and using e-mail will cut down on printing costs. Otherwise, they can pay their own expensive phone bills. Force departments to share copiers and printers — \$63,000 for printing and copying, including \$34,600 for copier rentals, is certainly not necessary, especially when PDFs and e-mail are greener, less expensive alternatives.

The system office does provide some cost-saving services, such as paying to audit all seven campuses and buying software licenses for all campuses to get the best rate. But the system office is plagued with high salaries and unnecessary costs. While it may seem trivial to nitpick such seemingly small charges, in this economic climate, any savings can help.

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A hard-thought confrontation



Amy Brooks

and don't realize how it affects the people around them, especially in college.

We hear horror stories of the extreme alcohol abuse. There are more people these days who turn to drugs, too. I'm not just talking about weed. It's when a friend decides to turn to harder things like pain killers or crack that I start to worry. It is undoubtedly easier to do nothing when there are problems in a friend's life, but standing by and watching things happen isn't the right thing to do in these types of situations.

Although every situation is different, a friend expressing concern can have an impact and carry a lot of weight. It's almost always going to be a fight, and it takes a while for some people to come to a realization. Just make sure you remind yourself that you're fighting for a friend's well being.

Too many times, a person will hit rock bottom before they realize they need help and even then some

people don't figure it out.

My cousin overdosed and was in a coma for a week this summer. Not even two months later, one of our other cousins saw him lurking around with a known drug dealer in their town. Drugs almost took his life, but he still decided to put himself back in the same environment. It made me so angry after being supportive and talking about how maybe this was going to be what finally changed him.

These cases often come with a bundle of emotions coming from every direction. You end up being angry with your friend or relative for being so willing to mess up their life. You get scared that something bad will inevitably happen. You get frustrated when you feel like you're getting nowhere.

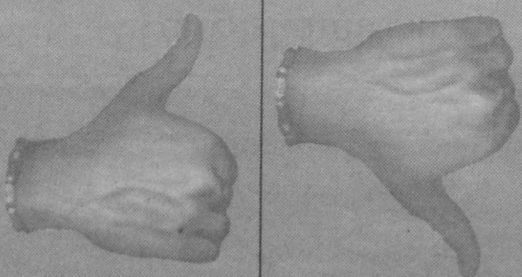
Then on top of your own emotions, you share the emotions of the person who's addicted. More often than not, the first emotion is going to be anger. They don't want to be told they have an issue, even if they already know it's true.

Be willing to put up a fight, and when it seems too hard, just remember you're not the only person fighting for the same thing. In the end, it pays off when you realize you did what was right for you, your friend and all the people the addiction affects.

When a person is doing something to his own life, he just doesn't realize the waterfall effect it has on all the people around him. So be the friend who's willing to show him just what his decisions are doing.

Amy Brooks is photo editor for The Maine Campus.

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Solution to UMaine's budget shortfall must be humanistic

Michael W. Gibson

The budget crisis has our leaders puzzled, and they're desperate for guidance. The old ways of excess and technology are ineffective and won't help. To students like me, the university's employees are what are most important. We must work together with the budget committee to bring about more humanistic proposals to fit the new budget. Centralized decision-making is ineffective without its community, and the University of Maine experience is greatly diminished by every single lay-off.

More rumors spread every day of layoffs, bonuses and program cuts, yet technology thrives while our sense of community fades. Larger classrooms, less contact with professors, unkempt facilities, long lines and cold meals are in our future. Without good employees here to share experiences with us, we won't read textbooks, watch presentations or listen to lectures. We chose UMaine to be with people and build community.

PeopleSoft may be fast and convenient but there's nothing like a hand shake from your professor instead of an electronic confirmation message. FirstClass confuses many with its relentless cries for attention and its tangled webs of information. The dense telecommunications network here keeps people electronically online but socially offline, when human contact feels freer. Our recreation center is another luxury when community service could provide better exercise and the human contact we need, instead of body sculpting aided by indoor machines. We're not here for machines and luxuries. This is a crisis of human contact that's scrambled by too much technology and the human element is missing, especially when layoffs are made.

To save jobs, we must really see the priceless contributions of employees

that material possessions just can't provide and tell the budget committee how we feel. Everyone needs these employees, but sadly we're all too familiar with the machines that replace humans. Frankly, I'm disgusted.

The hope for our university lies not in machines that can't perform the same feats as professors, teacher's assistants, custodians, cashiers, librarians, chefs, secretaries, coaches, groundskeepers, committees and students can together.

People and their personalities are far more effective in preserving the university experience. Can we gradually loosen machines' grip on us so we can balance our budget and keep our people?

To help our budget committee and to preserve a genuine university experience, we must state all needless machines. I say turn off expensive equipment and convert

back to real people. Remove technology fees and bill us for good compensation to our stewards. The warming hands of our people need to be more connected — not to the static claws of machines. We think too quickly like high-speed internet, and we ought to cut that cord and slow down to focus on improving the human element.

I may only be scratching the surface of machines' grip on our budget, but it's clear that a network of machines is thriving while employees cope with anxiety. We must come together and tell our committee we need to add to and upgrade our staff, not machines.

Now is the time to act to preserve what's still human about UMaine. It's up to every one of us to decide what's really valuable — cold wireless connection or warm human contact? If we don't work together, the machines that UMaine values will be all that's left. UMaine must cut the cord.

Michael W. Gibson is a junior philosophy student.

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Adam Stern

Cuts to education but not the military?

Attention University of Maine workers and students: You're losing your jobs, your tuition is rising and your scholarships and financial aid are being slashed. Why? Because we are a part of a public institution that has reportedly been mandated by the powers above to cut \$34.2 million out of 2009 fiscal budget, and \$42.8 million in the next four years to help curb the effects of the current economic crisis.

This is ridiculous. Forty-seven million dollars from Maine taxpayers went to spending on nuclear weapons in 2008 alone — enough money to give more than 5,000 UMaine students a full one-year scholarship. Why are talented professors and local community members losing their jobs and students dependent on financial aid paying more out of pocket for their education while we're spending preposterous amounts of money on occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan that the majority of this country disagrees with? Our bloated military budget is now directly affecting our access to — and quality of — education. It is time we, as a university, let our representatives know that before they take a chunk out of UMaine's budget there need to be much greater cuts and changes to the oversized military budget.

The math is not that difficult. Take a high average professor salary of \$80,000 a year including benefits and research grants, and then take \$42.8 million and divide by that salary. We'd lose 588 professors in the UMaine system. Granted, the budget task force assigned to pinpoint where the cuts

should come from would take a much more balanced approach, but these cuts are still going to drastically affect us.

The question that needs to be asked is what effect this \$42.8 million would have on other government expenditures, such as the military.

Taking the \$42.8 million and dividing it by its four years gives \$11.75 million a year. Dividing that number by \$515.4 billion — the base budget for military spending in 2008 — gives a number so small I wouldn't even know what decimal place to call it. Obviously, this argument is a little simplistic. Everyday military expenses cost substantially more than one university campus. However, when the majority of our country would like us to stop spending on Iraq and Afghanistan and end the two occupations, it begs to question why does this money have to come from universities where it has a huge impact, and not from the military where it is barely a crumb?

It is important to note these cuts are not the fault of the University of Maine or the new budget task force. They are merely following direction from above. But it is equally important to note they are our representation to politicians, and they are setting these priorities for us. That's why Maine Peace Action Committee is holding a rally on Monday, April 20 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. outside the Union. It is up to us to voice these concerns to them and let them know that enough is enough.

Adam Stern is a resource economics graduate student.



Matthew McEntee

Beaster: What kind of holiday is this?

Jesus! Isn't that what Easter is supposed to be about? Then somewhere along the way we got the idea that there was a mystical bunny that pooped out colorful plastic eggs filled with candy. Today though, we have reached a new low. Easter beer.

Early last week, I was on my way to class when something caught my eye. It was far too shiny to be a part of the bush in which it was nestled. Closer examination revealed the item to be none other than a can of Natural Light. One errant unopened beer is not out of the ordinary on a college campus, but within the next thirty seconds, I spotted at least four more. With my eyes tuned now to pick out the blue and silver aluminum cylinders I started to notice them everywhere. I was so confused.

After a few hours of asking around, I found out the awful truth: Someone came up with the great idea of hiding these wretched things all of campus as some sort of perverse Easter ritual.

Apparently "Beaster" is the unofficial name of the tradition — so named for the colloquialism of "Beast" for the brand Milwaukee's Best that can be purchased in 30 packs at most liquor stores or gas stations.

As far as anyone could tell me, the practice has been in place for at least three years, maybe more. No one seems to know anything about who is responsible. Those who appeared to be knowledgeable about the whole thing

explained it to me: The people involved save their returnable money all year. When Easter comes around, they buy as much cheap beer as they can afford. My informants' mirthful cheery eyes were a stark contrast against my stern expression of disapproval.

From what I gather, this is an operation with no central planning — once the idea is out, anyone can take up the charge. I can only assume future years will see greater participation in this terrible tradition.

Naturally, it was my duty to ensure the underage members of our fine campus population would not consume any of the contraband, so I took it upon myself to dispose of as many as I could find — by running them through my digestive system. Two hours later, a kick to my side awoke me from a not-so-peaceful slumber on the concrete in front of the library. It was my thesis advisor, and he was not impressed.

I cursed at the fiends who had provided me with such vile substance and, through my pain-riddled headache, I wondered if this would affect my thesis defense. I hope whoever is responsible reads this article. Some might argue Jesus himself would approve, having allegedly turned water into wine. But that was wine, and in my book, this stuff doesn't even qualify as beer.

Matt McEntee is for the children.

Finishing his last drink

Celebrating Andrew Gerke's life and love of beer

By Zach Dionne ♦ Style Editor

When Andrew Gerke told me in an interview he'd booked the Dropkick Murphys for a concert at UMaine, I said "cool" and wrote it in my notebook. The next thing he told me was that it was on a Thursday — and we started laughing about it being a thirsty Thursday with an Irish-punk band from Boston. Andrew said he was looking into the possibilities of a beer tent for the show.

While we never found time to hang out apart from our relationship as editor at the Maine Campus and Student Entertainment maestro, he texted me more than once suggesting we chat over beer.

That's a long way of me proving the guy was a beer lover. Since last fall, he'd been a fan of Novare Res Bier Cafe in the Old Port — a pub that offers "members" a checklist to keep track of their conquest of 200 beers. When he died last Tuesday, he had 13 down, 187 to go.

Andrew Gerke's friends and family made a pilgrimage to Novare Res on Saturday night to finish what he started, just as Christopher Tolkien finished the work of his father, J.R.R., in chronicling Middle-earth.

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At 9 p.m., I find the brick pub and proceed to wait 15 minutes for a beer; a side bar is completely mobbed with people chipping away at Andrew's list. Novare Res and its spacious beer garden are swarmed with people wearing both red and blue Red Sox hats reading, "In Loving Memory: Andrew Gerke: 8/8/84 — 4/14/09." Later, upward of 40 people gather for the event to sing a boisterous rendition of the Maine "Stein Song" outside.

When I finally get my hands on the list, there are hardly any beers left.

According to Andrew's friend Brandon Aaskov, a separate group from Team Gerke heard what was going on and pitched in, purchasing some of the more expensive beers.

Cory Sims, Andrew's sister's boyfriend, orchestrated the event. Cory is quick to downplay his role.

"It's all in the name of Andy," Cory says. After hearing Andrew was a fan of

here at nine and they're like, "There's only about 12 beers left," Cory says, laughing. "So people did a lot of work."

The beers range from \$5 to more than \$30 and come from all over the world, with a big chunk hailing from Belgium and Germany. With no method, I pick a Belgian Augustijn Ale from the menu; the bartender ducks into the bottle room and returns with a green monster reminiscent of a wine bottle, cork and all. I'll find out later it costs \$21. I'm okay with it because I know why I'm here.

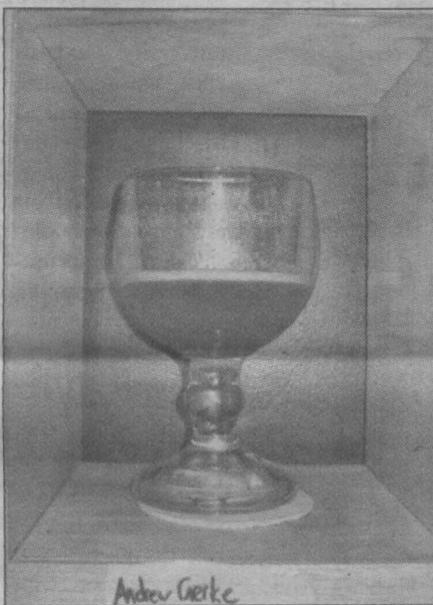
"To finish his list, to finish his goal? I think this is the perfect tribute, because no matter what Andy and I were doing, we had a blast. No. Matter. What," says Kyle Norris, punctuating each word with a slap of his hands. He's known Andrew since age six. "Bringing all these people together — from his fraternity, from high school, from drum corps, from bands, everyone together in one place, to celebrate the life of one of the most amazing people I've ever known — is incredible."

He goes on to tell me stories unfit for print, but fit to make me laugh until my face hurts — one memory ends, "that was the best \$10 I ever spent."

That's the vibe of the evening — there doesn't appear to be much sad drinking. "Commemorate Andy Gerke" is the name of the Facebook event, and that's what is happening.

"By the time today came around, we'd gotten a lot of our tears out," says Dennis Boyd, a 2005 UMaine alum and one of Andrew's many Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers. He was at the hospital with Andrew when he died.

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the establishment and that he'd hoped to finish all the beers, Cory spoke to the Novare Res manager.

"He'd never done anything like this before, and he was ready to just do it," he says.

Cory left with Andrew's sister, Katy McAlister, at seven for dinner at Margaritas.

"At that point, the bartenders were like, 'You know, if you guys don't finish it tonight, we'll keep it going. You've got a long ways to go.' And we got back

NOVARE RES BIER CAFE - THE UPSIDING

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orkney island red mead	orkney island dragonhead stout	8%	unibroue double white	5.2%
eastfront pale ale	indiscreet stout	8%	st. josh wine	5.2%
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ridgeway bitter	northcoast old raspulin imperial stout	9%	saigon d'ancien	6.5%
ridgeway tranche	sam smith oatmeal stout	5%	dupont biere du miel	8%
rogue-o pale	sam smith imperial stout	7%	dupont forest	7.5%
everglades to full	young chocolate stout	5.2%	dupont mouette blonde	8.5%
northcoast red sea pale	rogue shakespeare stout	8%	st. andrew biere de garde	5.9%
high & mighty xpa	dieu du ciel peche mortel	9%	costelan biere de garde	6.4%
anchor steam	scotch		elizabethan saison	5.9%
rogue brutal bitter	harvestman old engine oil	8%	la chouette flamboise	8%
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rogue-o porter	caracole	8%		
hardcoast porter	golden caracole amber	8%		

Andrew Gerke
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Commemorative

Andrew Gerke's list of completed beers at Novare Res Bier Cafe.

Drag show performers have nothing to hide

Dining room packed for a night of cross-dressing, self-expression and gay pride

By Kegan Zema
Staff Reporter

Lady Gaga is blasting from the speakers as a 6-foot-10-inch, 300-pound woman wearing a sequined dress struts in front of a gigantic crowd lip synching, "Puh-puh-puh-poker face, puh-puh-poker face." For a moment, everyone forgets where they are and the hyper-sexual act of this beautifully large woman seems completely normal. Then it hits: This woman is a man.

For some, an hour and a half of gender confusion, loud pop music and the foul mouth of a drag queen named Valerie Honeywell just screams "uncomfortable." Last Friday night though, the Memorial Union was jam packed full of people believing just the opposite.

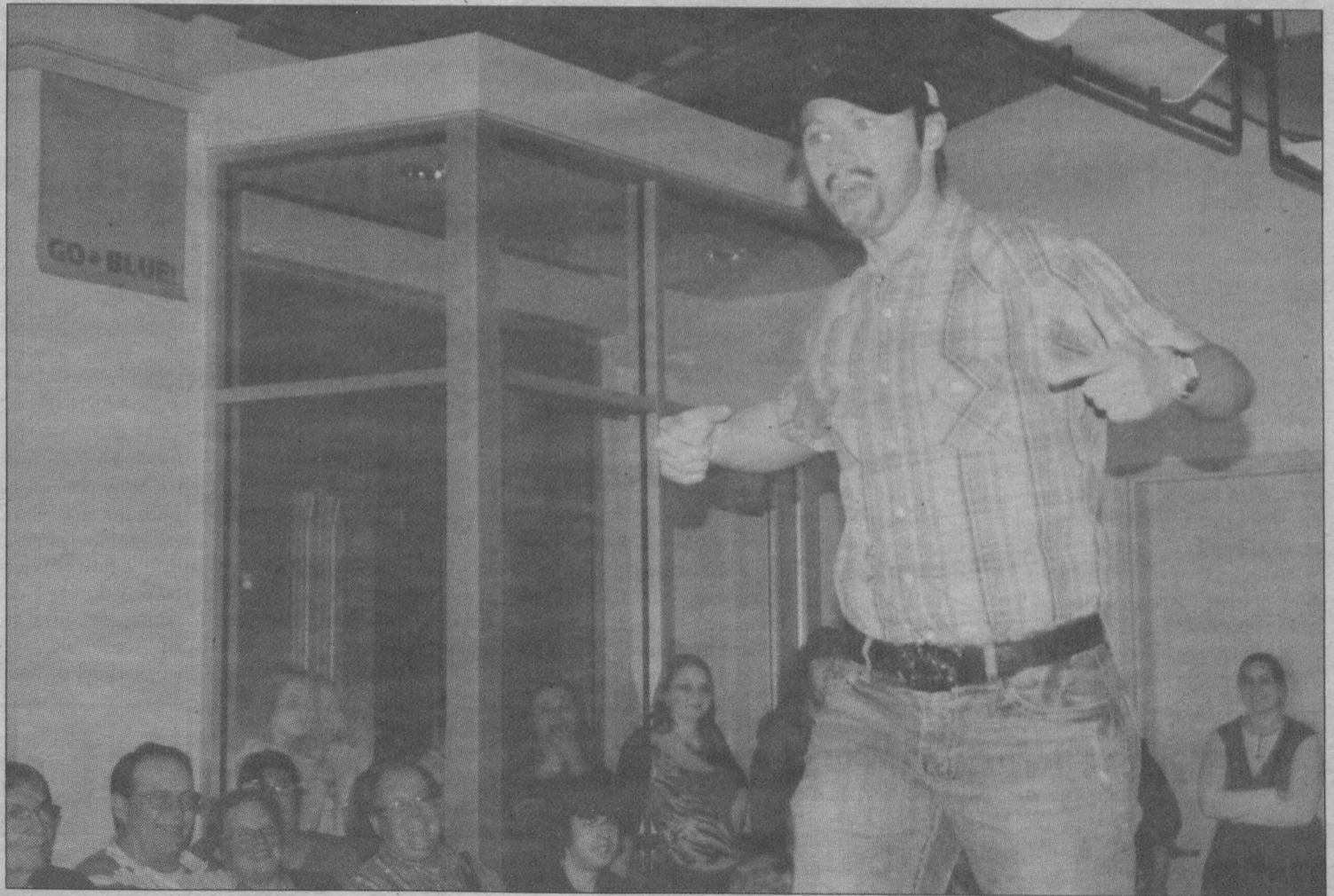
With all the seats filled, the dining room offered standing room only, drawing a crowd seldom seen for even some of the university's larger events. The Drag Show, part of Pride Week, proved that gay pride is alive and well — and it's a whole lot of fun.

The show featured both professional drag queens and some kings and queens from the UMaine community. It was a high-energy display of pride that shocked some, made some laugh uproariously and even inspired some to get a little frisky — saliva-soaked dollar bills were orally passed among the contestants and audience members throughout the show.

"[The Drag Show] is an opportunity to be everything you are not in your normal life," said one drag king who went by the name of "Danny." It is his second year participating in the UMaine Drag Show. According to Danny, the show has grown each year.

One host consistently expressed the wish that the heavily bronzed and handsome Danny was actually a man because "the gay boys would go crazy over him." Danny's act had him parading around to a medley of country songs, passing out flowers and lip-synching about cold beer.

Throughout the night, each drag queen and king had something different to offer.



Courtesy of Kevin Taschereau

"The drag show is an opportunity to be everything you're not," said a performer who went by the name Danny.

Some were able to 'run it' just like Chris Brown, while others flawlessly showcased intricate clothes they had made themselves.

One queen named Auntie Topez looked like she walked right out of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and had the rock star attitude to boot, pun intended — she pranced around in thigh-high white boots.

The most scandalous performance was by Paris Lynn.

"This woman wears more jewelry than she does clothes," said host Valerie Honeywell. Paris stripped down to naught more than a pasted-on, black, sequined bra and some sort of leather apparatus that

could best be described as a hybrid of a thong and loin-cloth. The lyrics to the Britney Spears song playing seemed all too fitting as the scene could have only been described as a 'circus.'

The event was uproarious, yet there were serious undertones.

"Pride is all about being 100 percent out there," said Adam Flanders, an audience member. "What the performers do inspires me to go all out, too. They are kind of role models." Flanders, who has never been in a drag show himself, was glad to see such a big turnout at this year's show.

"It seems too small once you get every-

one in here," Flanders said.

According to Danny, these shows are all about expression. There were quite a few things expressed in the dining hall that night, and much of it broke social taboos. Yet with so many people in the audience, including some familiar faces from the UMaine faculty, it was a place of safety and acceptance.

"It's time for me to go put my t--s away," Honeywell yelled to close the show. Her tone was comical, yet one couldn't help wonder if she felt more like she missed the costume when she changed back into a man.



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Saorsa belts a tune but looks a little off-balance in heels.

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Take time to stop and smell the tea leaves

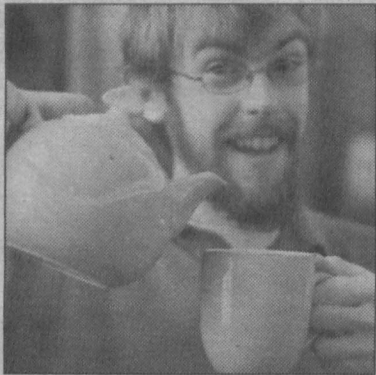
To open the final edition of the Tea-Totaler, I'd like to quote a comment left on my column on The Maine Campus Web site by loyal reader "Bored Stiff":

"This column is crap. Who really cares? I think it is just space for someone to ramble about self-important nonsense. 'Oh, I like tea, so everyone must be as excited about it as I am, so let me waste paper ...' Has The Maine Campus fallen so far that it has to fill space with meaningless filler dreck about TEA!? Why not write about something that actually matters?"

Aside from the myriad of problems inherent to the post left by Bored Stiff (his or her real name?), its incendiary nature brings to the forefront of my mind a nagging thought, a quivering question. It is the same question I feel compelled to ask when I read the vitriolic scrawlings on bathroom walls or read more news of unending warfare and violence. That question is:

What are we all so angry about?
Of course, in asking such a ques-

tion in the first-person plural, I have to direct it toward the singular as well and shed light on my own hypocrisy. I get angry just like other people. It is a major mode of human operation, and I am no different. But



I do not admire it and try my best to recognize the dangers of anger. So quickly does anger lead to violence, to inhumanity and to poorly developed actions — like the misguided "Tea Party" protest that served only to dispose of untold amounts of perfectly good tea — that comments like Bored Stiff's are part and parcel

of the uprooting of the trees of peace. Why do we choose to constantly destroy and falter when we could nurture and grow?

Kakuzo Okakura opens his seminal "Book of Tea" not with a

Imperfect ... when we consider how small after all the cup of human enjoyment is, how soon overflowed with tears, how easily drained to the dregs in our quenchless thirst for infinity, we shall not blame our-

one shares tea with others, as so many of my readers and friends have shared their tea with me, one shares "the cup of humanity" and forgoes anger for an attempt at serenity.

I wish I could claim I was a devout Teaist, that I could break free of the bonds of mental and physical violence and always have faith I can "accomplish something possible in this impossible thing we know as life." Sadly, I cannot; not yet, at least. But every cup for which I boil water, for which I select a cup, for which I pour leaves or select a bag, and of which I sip slowly and breathe deeply, I strive to recognize that there is beauty inherent to every movement of every day.

Springtime has come to Maine. I hope you will open your mind to the flowers and the warm breezes, to the winter-broken branches and salted walkways as well. Please join me in the worship of the Imperfect and "run riot in the springtide of emancipated emotions, as one 'with too much tea' in him."

The Tea-Totaler

By Jeff Hake

description of his favorite blend or of the history of the tea trade, but with a discussion of "Teaism." He describes it as a "religion of aestheticism."

"Teaism is a cult founded on the adoration of the beautiful among the sordid facts of everyday existence. ... It is essentially a worship of the

selves for making so much of the tea-cup. ... Why not consecrate ourselves to the queen of the Camellias, and revel in the warm stream of sympathy that flows from her altar?"

When one drinks a cup of tea, one is taking part in a ritual thousands of years old and passed through thousands of hands. When

FILM: Crank: High Voltage



By Spencer Morton
Staff Reporter

Most would assume an obese Hispanic getting a shotgun shoved up his ass would make for an awkward, gruesome situation. "Crank: High Voltage" proves otherwise. The follow-up to the 2006 cult hit "Crank" is as grisly as it is hilarious, and as politically incorrect as it is electrifying. Scenes that shouldn't be funny are uproarious.

The 2006 installment came out of nowhere, blowing everybody away with its hold-nothing-back attitude and its trippy cinematography and editing. The follow-up is twice as fun and 20 times as inappropriate.

"Crank: High Voltage" stays in the same vein as the first flick. It has it all: frenetic violence, crude sexual jokes, Godzilla parodies, public sex on a horse-racing track and unabashed racial and ethnic slurs. It's a disturbingly brave film and an oddly remarkable one at that. Almost never has a mainstream movie been this crass or offensive.

The indestructible and sickly beloved Chev Chelios (Jason Statham) is back. He has a fake heart which needs to stay electrically charged. He only has to live long enough to kill as many people as

Courtesy Lionsgate Films possible while getting back his original heart. The rest of the plot really doesn't need detailing — probably the only time I'll ever say that in a film review.

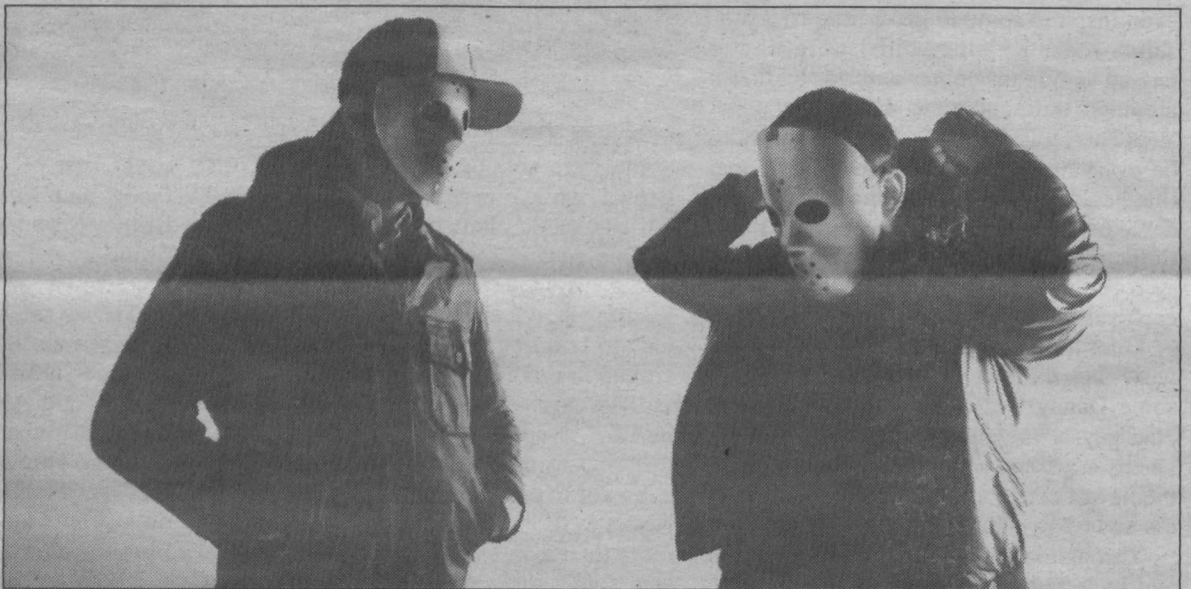
Movies like this need to be taken with a humongous grain of salt. There are no Oscar dreams for directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. They make the film they want to make, no matter what people say. That bravado and courage is something to admire.

The flick's amazing cinematography and editing alone are worth the price of admission. However, it's not worth it if you're eight years old. One of my only gripes with the movie was the fact that there was a grown man sitting behind me, who brought his elementary school-aged kid. What a terrible display of parenting. It's one thing to take your kid to see a R-rated film like "Little Miss Sunshine"; it's another thing to take them to see "Crank: High Voltage."

Is the movie stupid? Yes. Is it highly offensive? Absolutely. Should everyone see it? No, and especially not little kids. Is it one of the most fun times to be had at the movie theater this year? Heck yeah. "Crank: High Voltage" is shockingly awesome.

Grade: A

CD: Fist of God



Courtesy Universal Records

By Kegan Zema
Staff Reporter

"Fist of God," the second album from electronica duo MSTRKRFT (pronounced "Master Craft") can be defined in one word: collaboration. The band, which is often mentioned in the same realm of the recent electro greats like Justice, Digitalism and Boys Noize, has crafted yet another classic dance album that delivers the kind of quality electronica fans have come to expect.

The two disco jockeys who make up MSTRKRFT, JFK and Al-P craft tight synth-heavy tracks that just demand to be danced to. On this album, they combine their production talents with the talent of various rappers and vocalists.

Their strength comes from their ability to blend the best elements of other artists together while adding their own style. There is no mistaking the hints of Justice-like synth lines. The second track, "1,000 Cigarettes," is pretty much a direct rip-off of "Robot Rock" by Daft Punk. Even the disco-y opener, "It Ain't Love," reflects the efforts of Moby's album "Last Night." But through it all, MSTRKRFT keep a unique, cohesive vibe that reminds listeners their iTunes isn't just shuffling through their electronica collection.

Part of their individuality is actually found in the way they feature so many artists. "Bounce," featuring N.O.R.E. and Isis, is a raunchy dance floor banger with a chorus of "all I do is party." The use of rapping and intense synth work is a strong point throughout the whole album.

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"Click Click," featuring E-40, is particularly well done. His quick and unique flow is the perfect compliment to this driving techno piece, further proof that hip-hop is far from dead.

Along with the rapping, MSTRKRFT enlist some great vocal talent. John Legend's soulful croon graces one piano-heavy track, while singer Jahmal of Toronto band The Carps is featured on two tracks. His distinctive voice is perfect for dance music, and his overall vocal talent invigorates the whole album.

The erotically filthy "Word Up," featuring Ghostface Killah, has faint sexual moans and more instances of the F-word than an episode of "South Park."

The biggest pitfall electronica artists are usually snared by is how prominent their production skills are featured. Some artists pound listeners in the face with relentless bass lines and thick instrumental layers, making vocal work an afterthought. Other times, great beats and intricate lines are buried under exceptional rapping or singing. "Fist of God" is able to avoid both dangers, essentially by stepping right into them. They intersperse their excellent instrumental tracks like "Vuvuvu" with weaker-produced tracks featuring enticing vocals.

MSTRKRFT have some trouble differentiating their music from all that surrounds them, yet they still hold their ground in a competitive genre. Not too much has changed from their debut, although none of the artistic value or energy is lost. They join forces with the right people on this album and are able to craft a unified work. For fans of the genre, this is not one to miss. MSTRKRFT's new batch of songs will undoubtedly start appearing in Dee Jay sets and on remix compilations soon.

Grade: B

'Pillowman' brings gore and guffaws to Black Box Theatre

By Spencer Morton
For The Maine Campus

Fans packed into the University of Maine's Experimental Black Box Theatre last weekend to see the gruesome production "The Pillowman." With no more than 100 seats in the theater, audience members spilled onto the floors gasping and laughing through every moment. The production took place in the center of the room, with the audience sitting on three of the four sides, none farther than 20 feet away from the action.

"The Pillowman," a play deemed too inappropriate and mature for the Maine Masque Theatre Company, was directed by fourth-year psychology student Lydia Dawson. She reveled in the opportunity to head the controversial, gritty play.

Irish playwright and director Martin McDonagh wrote "The Pillowman," and it premiered in 2003 at the Cottesloe Theatre in London, England. McDonagh, director of 2008's surprise comedy "In Bruges," is definitely a master of both the big screen and the small stage. His material is violent, touching, hilarious and vulgar.

Last weekend's production was marvelously well-acted. Tom Sagona played the lead, a character strangely named Katurian K. Katurian. Katurian is an aspiring writer whose work often involves children being mutilated or killed in some grisly fashion. His mentally challenged brother, Michal, played perfectly by Anthony Arnista, takes these stories to heart and seemingly acts them out in real life.

The particularly gruesome murders involve chopping off a little boys' toes with a meat cleaver, shoving apples filled with razor blades down a girls' throat and standard crucifixion. Not the most pleasant things to think about, but that's the beauty of "The Pillowman." If an author pens

material which inspires someone to go out and murder someone else, is the author to blame? Should we censor literature in hopes of preventing murder or political revolt?

Sagona and Arnista both nailed the parts, especially Arnista, who was oddly reminiscent of Dustin Hoffman from "Rainman."

In his sweater-vest and little red bow tie, Arnista seamlessly moved from a deceitful brother to a loving, innocent child. Detectives Tupolski and Ariel, played by Derek Frances and Karl Livonius, respectively, provided support for the brothers — funny, sarcastic and rather complex themselves.

Another strong point for "The Pillowman" was its courage and attempt to become more than just a play.

A background screen was used often, projecting images from some of Katurian's books. Behind the screen, there were live actors. When the spotlight shined on them, they could be seen acting out Katurian's stories. It was a phenomenally rewarding tactic.

With hardly any set changes and only a short intermission, "The Pillowman" was carried by some extraordinary acting. From emotional confessions, to plots of revenge, to the bloody finale, audiences experienced everything up close and personal. The intimate setting allowed the audience to see dripping blood from a gunshot wound and feel the tears of a betrayed brother. Statements like, "Wow, that was intense," or "I've never experienced anything like that before," buzzed through the crowd when the final lights went up.

Dawson and company proved that a play can be graphic, violent and obscene while also being touching, funny and thought-provoking. The Experimental Black Box Theatre proved the perfect venue for the production, a spot which needn't go unused in the future.

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Let every loyal Maine man sing



William P. Davis ♦ The Maine Campus

Black Bear Men's Chorus perform their spring concert in Minsky Recital Hall on Sunday afternoon.

National ballet twirls for CCA

By Kayla Riley
For The Maine Campus

Few people have more grace than ballet dancers, who move in unexpected ways and yet make it look it easy. The 13-member dance troupe American Ballet Theater II is no exception. Last Friday, they wowed a small crowd at the Collins Center for the Arts. Among their varied dances were a piece from "Swan Lake," an intriguing "Don Quixote" piece with elaborate costumes and a modern piece set to music by Beethoven.

The bright red seats of the CCA were hardly filled to capacity, and there were many gaps between patrons. The audience was a potpourri of the old and the young, students and citizens. Some moved to better seats in the front and center of the auditorium while others fidgeted with programs. But as the lights went down and the curtains were pulled back, a palpable silence blanketed the crowd.

A stream of dancers in flowing, silver-blue outfits moved across the stage in perfectly choreographed movements. Four couples flitted to center stage and then separated to stage left and right, only to meet again in harmony.

"I try to have a top-shelf dance company on every season," Adele Adkins, associate director of the CCA, commented. "This young company is one of the best."

There was no doubt after seeing them perform.

The ABT II troupe is made up of 13 highly trained and skilled dancers, ranging in age from 16 to 19. They have been handpicked from across the globe to travel and perform together. Just by taking a glance through the evening's pro-

gram, it was easy to see that the members of ABT II were incredibly experienced. They all participated in dance competitions worldwide and were educated at esteemed dance schools. But as if their biographies weren't convincing enough, their performances were fantastic.

Of the several pieces they performed, the most breathtaking was an adaptation from "Swan Lake," Act II. Two dancers stood in the middle of the stage, the girl in a breathtakingly stark white bodice and tutu and an intricate feathered headband. The expression on her face was of great sorrow, which she managed to hold throughout the entire performance.

ABT II's performance was undoubtedly excellent, but it wasn't exactly what some members of the audience had expected. The pieces were broken up, some with long pauses in between, two having 15-minute intermissions following them. "It was impressive," said Aubray Landry, a second year secondary education student. "But I thought it would be more like a full show rather than segments. I thought the pauses were a little distracting."

The third piece performed was "Don Quixote," and involved clothing modeled after a Spanish matador and a traditional flamenco dancer. Rather than the typical white tutu, it was shockingly red with complex gold detailing. More surprising than the costumes were the dancers at the heart of this performance. Meaghan Hinkis and Alberto Velazquez made a great couple, and Hinkis pulled off so many pirouettes it was amazing she could keep her balance afterward. The crowd enjoyed this piece most of all, gasping as Velazquez hoisted Hinkis into the air or twirled

around in perfect prima ballerina form.

Adkins was somewhat disappointed by the small crowd on Friday, but she is still hopeful for future dance events. "We have ticket breakdowns for each event," she explained. "I try to program a very diverse season so that at least one event will appeal to our broad audience."

She expected the ABT II performance to appeal to dance lovers, but perhaps not the general public. Appealing and intriguing the UMaine community as a whole is no small feat, but she hopes that the CCA's offerings will continue to draw diverse crowds.

The most surprising piece came at the end and was titled "A Taste of Sweet Velvet." Aptly, the dancers were dressed in soft, velvety outfits with touches of brocade and deep purple. The piece was set to Symphony No. 9 in D Minor by Beethoven and was hardly the typical ballet piece.

"Velvet" had a whimsical and modern feel to it and involved almost all the members of the ABT II company. Unlike most of the pieces, this didn't focus on two dancers, but on the group as a whole. They all danced together seamlessly, eliciting reverent applause and smiles from the crowd.

Much to the delight of dance students and enthusiasts from the community, two of the ABT II dancers held a master class at 1 p.m. at the Thomas School of Dance on Friday to impart some of their talent and experience.

While UMaine has been privy to some great acts at the CCA this year, ABT II's performance is likely to remain one of the most surprising and enjoyable to date.

Beer

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"He wouldn't have wanted a bunch of people sitting around crying about it. He would've wanted all his friends to get together, raise a glass, here's to you," Dennis says. "This is how I wanna go out. Line 'em up at the bar."

Boyd has done his fair share working through Andrew's list. He estimates 25 Sig Ep brothers came to Novare Res to do the same.

"We had people come incredible lengths just to say goodbye," Dennis

says. Andrew's friends traveled from Massachusetts, New York and Colorado.

Novare Res is a pub for beer lovers. They serve beer in more than 35 styles of glasses. They decorate the tables with makeshift beer-bottle vases filled with baby's breath. Empties of prestigious brews line every spare inch of shelf space.

A guy I've never met toasts my glass and says, "To Andy." Photocopies of Andrew's list float around — "Gerke, Andrew, November 14, 2008," is written in his handwriting.

At 10:13 p.m., Andrew's sister Katy buys the last beer. It's an Allagash, from Maine.

"We are here for one man," someone yells as a toast. Glasses clink and tears are shed.

Each person who finishes the 200-beer list is given an engraved chalice and a spot to keep it in a locked room.

"There's one person that's awarded with a key," Cory tells me. He holds up a small, ordinary silver key. "Whenever we want, we can open up the gate with this key, grab the chalice and just commemorate

Andy Gerke."

We do just that. Cory removes a large link of heavy chain from a formidable metal gate, and we go into a room full of cubby holes; less than two dozen belong to champions of the challenge. The room is peaceful and quiet, even with the roar of the bar audible in the background.

Cory and Katy say the chalice will be engraved with Andrew's name, his birth and death dates, and the word "commemorative." They'll also put a picture of Andrew in the cubby. They've been

drinking from Andrew's chalice — they give me a sip before setting it in his cubby and showing me his completed list.

The list is like Andrew's life: You show up, it's astonishing, and you can't wait for it to go on and on. Then all of a sudden, it's over with three hours till last call. And it's still a hell of a way to be sent off. There's no question everyone here will remember the night and tell the story for ages. The Beer Police will certainly be back, thinking of Andrew and sipping one in his honor.

go! calendar

All events free unless stated otherwise

Monday, April 20

Invest in Education Not Warfare Rally

Sponsored by Maine Peace Action Committee

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Outside the Memorial Union

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by Greek Life

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Rec Center

4.20 Healthy High 5k

Run, walk or watch

4:20 p.m.

Rec Center

Healthy High Bingo

8 p.m.

Main Dining Room, Memorial Union

Tuesday, April 21

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by Greek Life

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Rec Center

Sexy from the Start: Helen Gurley Brown and the Second/Third Wave of Feminism

By Jennifer Scanlon, Bowdoin College

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Bangor Room, Memorial Union

Percussion Ensemble Performance

Part of the School of Performing Arts season

7:30 p.m.

Minsky Recital Hall

The Project: Finals

9 p.m.

Main Dining Room, Memorial Union

Wednesday, April 22

Presentation of the Exit Report of the NEASC Visiting Team

Part of UMaine's accreditation

8:30 a.m.

Minsky Recital Hall

Maine's Climate Future

By George Jacobson, part of UMaine's Earth Day observance

Noon

Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

Rooftops as an Energy Resource: The Wells Commons Solar Energy Project

By Christopher Straka, president of Ascendant Energy, part of UMaine's Earth Day observance

1 p.m.

Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

Wednesday, Cont.

Concurrent Earth Day Session – Bold Renewable Energy Solution

Part of UMaine's Earth Day observance

2 p.m.

Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall

Getting Media Attention

Featuring Joe Carr from University Relations

3 – 4:30 p.m.

Foster Student Innovation Center

Traditions Trail Celebratory Groundbreaking ceremony

Features free ice cream sundaes

4 p.m.

1950 Flagpole Plaza, Buchanan Alumni House

House

"I Felt Like an Eastern Bridegroom": The Life and Work of Edward William Lane

By Jason Thompson, visiting associate professor, Colby College

7 p.m.

Room 105, Donald P. Corbett Business Building

Building

Kickin' Flicks: "Gran Torino"

7:30 and 10 p.m.

Room 100, Donald P. Corbett Business Building

Building

Thursday, April 23

Learn GIS Immersion Workshop

Computer mapping (registration req.)

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Computer classroom, Fogler Library

On Thin Ice: Ice Sheets and Sea Level Rise

By Gordon Hamilton, part of the monthly Climate Change on Planet Earth lecture series

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Bangor Public Library

UMaine Jazz Ensemble in Concert

Part of the School of Performing Arts season

7:30 p.m.

Minsky Recital Hall

Outdoor Karaoke

8 p.m.

Stodder Quad

To add your event to Go! cal, e-mail the name, time, place and cost to style@mainecampus.com

Cat and Girl

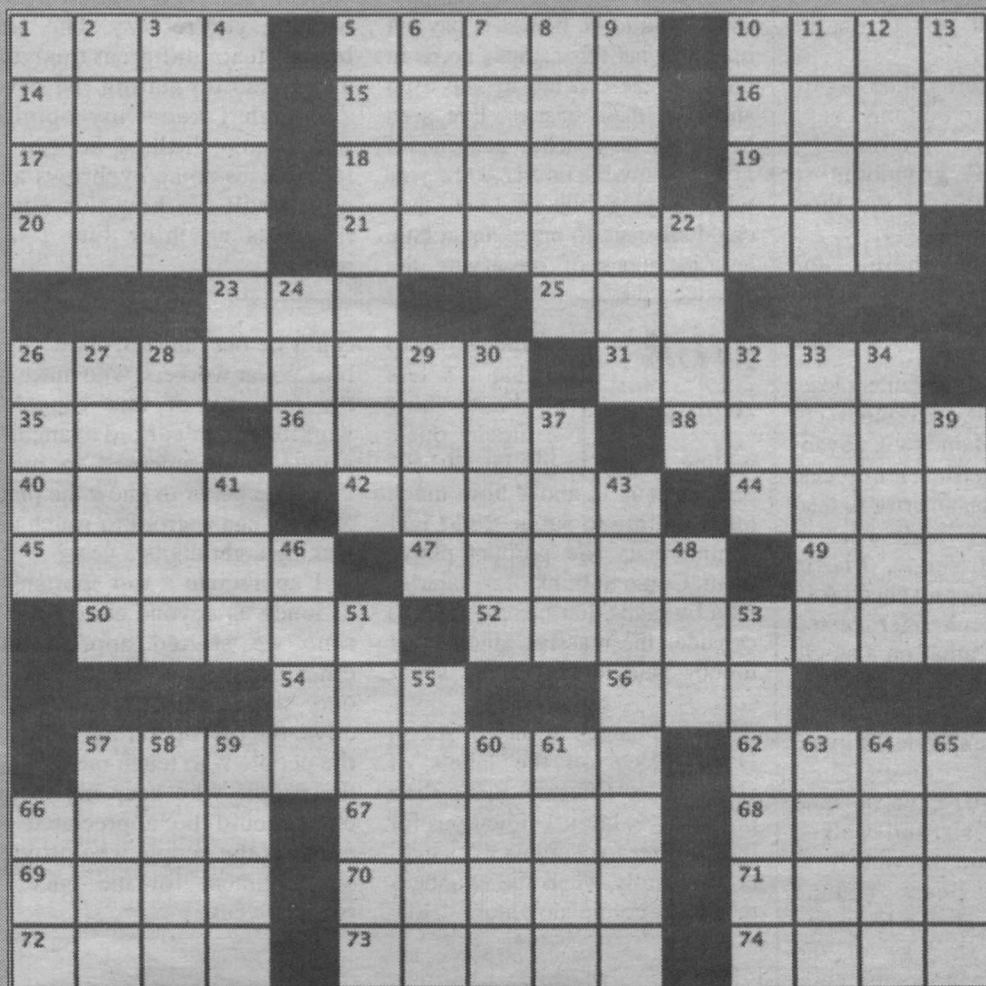
by Dorothy Gambrell

Our Candidate



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DISTRACTIONS



CROSSWORD

ANSWER KEY FOUND IN SPORTS

ACROSS

- 1- Allot
5- Brightly colored lizard
10- Poems, often used to praise someone or something
14- Type of song, to be sung solo
15- Feudal estate
16- Ambience
17- Young salmon
18- Quick and nimble
19- Winter fall
20- Bouillabaisse, e.g.
21- Mythical moon-dwellers
23- Connections

- 25- Gal of song
26- Sociable
31- Snow conveyances
35- Lawyer's org.
36- Growl angrily
38- Stony gray
40- Garment of ancient Rome
42- Ancient tongue
44- Spring from the slammer
45- Waterfall
47- Nairobi's nation
49- Court call
50- Former Russian rulers
52- One of the 12 tribes of Israel

DOWN

- 1- Charts
2- Quod ____ demonstrandum
3- Air-filled rubber hoop, become fatigued
4- Nocturnal insect
5- Collecting
6- Plum variety
7- Indigo
8- Burrowing animals
9- Punta ____, south Chile city
10- Oven used to dry hops
11- Sand hill
12- Archer of myth
13- Cutting tool
22- Ailments of body or society
24- Rejections
26- Cereal grain
27- German submarine
28- Spanish river
29- Stool pigeon; var.
30- Fresh
32- Mischievous person
33- "Our Gang" girl
34- Alloy of iron and carbon
37- Musical Home
39- Abominable snowman
41- According to
43- Curvature of the spine
46- Snare
48- Eureka!
51- Separates metal from ore
53- Trouble, slangily
55- Customary
57- Ship's company
58- Primo
59- Small particle
60- Cross inscription
61- Hotbed
63- Worm fiber
64- Sommer of film
65- Slain
66- Part of i.e.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

You might be in a bad disposition because of your financial situation. This is not a good time for making major decisions. You may want to avoid meeting on business.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

In the morning you might be in a state of confusion. Your partnerships could be affected. If you are given the opportunity to join in a new business partnership, don't rush saying yes.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Avoid taking any chances today. You seem not to be in the best shape, both physically and intellectually. You may want to avoid arguments with an older person who will try to influence you in regards to a business project.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Unexpected events might occur in the morning, compelling you to change your schedule for the whole day. You will meet an important person who may later help you initiate a business project. You should avoid making hasty decisions.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

You might experience health problems due to exhaustion. You are advised to work less and rest more for a while. In the evening, a close friend might invite you to a party.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You may experience a misunderstanding with your friends. You'd better control your temper. In the afternoon, you will be in a better mood and will have good a chance to spend a romantic time in the company of your significant other.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Nothing seems to go your way. You're obviously lacking practical sense today. You are advised not to push things. The best thing you can do today is relax.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You have great plans and intend to complete an activity you have started a long time ago. Your schedule may change following a phone call from a relative. You may have to leave on a trip.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Confusion and oversensitivity might affect your relationships with friends, mostly because you are likely to misunderstand others. You are advised to postpone important meetings with serious implications in your career.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

The failure to complete an important task on time might upset you. You seem to be lacking practical sense today. You may feel worn out and unable to focus.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

The relationship with your loved one will be good and you will have the opportunity to spend romantic moments together, possibly on a short trip.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 20

This morning you might be oversensitive and unable to focus or make the best decisions. You should avoid investing and dealing in business, as well as any challenging activity.



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

Baseball I a n from page 20

In game one Sunday, freshman right-hander Pat Quinn had a no-hitter through five innings and senior outfielder Kevin McAvoy went 4-for-4 at the plate as the Black Bears cruised to the 11-5 win.

In the first inning, UMaine scored twice and never relinquished the lead. Cather hit an RBI single to knock in senior Danny Menendez and junior Myckie Lugbauer hit a sacrifice fly to give the Black Bears a 2-0 lead.

UMBC picked up an unearned run in the fourth, but UMaine scored two runs in the fourth and fifth innings, and five crossed the plate in the sixth.

Quinn (5-0) had trouble with his command during the contest, walking seven, but he struck out seven and didn't allow a hit until the leadoff batter in the sixth inning. He allowed only two earned runs on three hits.

McAvoy knocked in four runs in the game, and Cather and Ian Leisenheimer both had three hits apiece to lead the offense.

In Saturday's first game, sophomore left-hander Jonathan Balentina fired his second complete game of the season, allowing just one unearned run, and was aided by five Black Bear double plays to pick up the win.

"That's something I've talked about," Trimper said. "We've

been doing that all year, and I know we're on pace to break the record. We work so hard at turning double plays in practice. That [was] the difference."

UMBC jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI groundout, but UMaine responded in the bottom half on an RBI single for Cather. It was Cather's 200th career hit.

In the third inning, the Black Bears took the lead for good, pushing across two runs on an RBI groundout by Ian Leisenheimer and an RBI single by Justin Leisenheimer.

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Head Coach
UMaine Baseball

UMaine scored three more runs in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach.

Balentina pitched all seven innings to improve his record to 3-0 on the season. He scattered seven hits around one unearned run and struck out two.

"I just tried to go out there and keep my team in it," Balentina said, "getting outs [and] keeping the ball down."

"He pitched outstanding," Trimper said of the lefty's performance. "[He had] a low

pitch count, [and] he worked ahead. The only time he gave up hits was when the ball was up and behind in the count, but that's when we got the double plays."

In game two Saturday, freshman right-hander AJ Bazdanes continued to pitch well. He allowed only two earned runs to keep his record perfect on the season.

The Retrievers once again struck in the first inning on a Wink Nolan solo home run.

Cather's RBI groundout to score Joey Martin in the third inning tied the game 1-1.

In the fourth inning, the Black Bears scored two runs on a Jarrett Lukas RBI single and a Martin RBI groundout.

UMBC kept the game close, scoring a run in the seventh to cut it to 3-2, but UMaine took advantage of some Retriever miscues. Martin reached on an error to lead off the inning, and after a Menendez bunt single, Martin scored when Cather reached on an error. Ian Leisenheimer plated Menendez and Cather on a single down the left field line and pinch runner Taylor Lewis scored to make it 7-2 when Kyle Stilphen grounded out.

Bazdanes (3-0) gave up nine hits, struck out six and walked nobody to pick up the victory.

The Black Bears resume action Tuesday at 4 p.m. when they play the College of the Holy Cross in a nonconference game in Sanford. They return to conference play when they host the University of Vermont (9-20, 2-4 AE) for a four-game series beginning next Saturday.

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about a pay cut for all the coaches, or maybe even give out fewer scholarships in the future? I know we don't want to "deteriorate the programs we have," but come on. I was taught you had to earn your paycheck, and to be honest, a pay cut may be what this campus needs in order for the coaches to step it up and earn their salaries. I've seen how much the coaches make, and if I can live my life on \$12,000 a year while paying bills, I think they could all stand to make just a little less in hopes of preserving the

the shortfalls of the department. Here's an idea. How

sports at UMaine. I don't think anyone should be that greedy.

I was taught at a young age that if you want to succeed in life, you have to work hard and create a good work ethic people will see. This goes for anything one may tackle.

You don't move up in the world and get good jobs because you're lazy. The volleyball team did great this year and ended up getting the boot. Although I know my opinion will change little, I hope it at least raises some eyebrows and others will see how this situation was anything but a last resort.

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sponsorship that it's less about how much one's willing to pay to get into a ballpark than it is about how much one's willing to suffer Bud Light commercials and product placement. Come to think of it, salaries paid by clubs don't even begin to consider the massive amounts of money paid to players by sponsors.

If companies want to splash David Ortiz on the labels of Gatorade or Cheetos, that's their prerogative, but it's ridiculous for the Yankees to charge \$300 a ticket, especially when the country's in an economic downturn. How

can it be our national sport when blue-collar workers, who make up the majority of this country's workforce, can't afford to attend a game? Is it supposed to make them feel better to know the players they can't afford to watch are making eight digits a year?

I appreciate a top sportsman as much as anyone else, but it's time we started appreciating other members of our society. If only the people who keep me alive on the operating table or the people who teach me or even the people who keep my office clean could be appreciated as much as the people who provide entertainment for me once or twice a week.



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Athletic careers cut short by UM

By Seth Poplaski
For The Maine Campus

This past fall semester at the University of Maine, I had the privilege of not only taking photos for the women's volleyball team but also covering the team for The Maine Campus. As you have probably heard by now, the team was cut from UMaine athletics. They and the men's soccer team were both cut as a result of budget shortfalls in hopes of reducing the fiscal budget by \$8.8 million for 2010. While I understand the concept of taking measures to save money, I do not agree with the university's decision, not one bit.

This past year, the volleyball team had the best record of any team in the fall. They ended their season ranked fourth in America East and were able to play in the playoffs for the second time in four years. The team was getting better, and now they have nothing to look forward to next year. Not only that, but because the announcement that their team had been cut was so late in the year, the returning players are not able to look at other schools for roster spots. Many schools have already made their decisions on who is play-

ing for them next year, which means the athletes' options are few.

Yes, UMaine has said they will acknowledge the scholarships of the women for the remainder of their college careers, should they choose to stay at UMaine, but that's not why they came to Orono in the first place. They came to UMaine to play Division I sports and play for a team that had the talent to walk away with a championship. Now their hopes and dreams are gone as a result of poor budgeting from the athletic department.

In a recent interview with the Bangor Daily News, UMaine Athletic Director Blake James said "an across-the-board cut wasn't a consideration. We don't want to further deteriorate the programs that we have."

Come on, are we serious here? Are we so selfish that we cannot make several minor cuts to all teams, rather than completely cut two teams and potentially ruin the careers of these college students? The students had nothing to do with budget problems, yet they are the ones who are punished for

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Softball sacrifice fly by Terren Hall, driving in Alexis

Souhlaris who started the inning with a bunt hit. Yet that would be all she wrote for UMaine's scoring.

The Hawks seemed to excel offensively with two outs. In the top of the second, Kayla Demarest singled with two outs and scored shortly after when Lauren Kamena doubled. An error in the top of the third extended another of Hartford's two-out rallies, leading to the team's second run, making the score 2-1, which would be all they needed.

The Black Bears had their own two-out streak in the bottom of the seventh when, after two quick outs, they loaded the bases for Hall, who lined out to end the game.

In such a low scoring contest, a lot came down to the pitching. Hartford ace Brittney Stratton went all seven innings, striking out five UMaine batters while giving up only the one run.

Souhlaris split time on the mound with Ashley Kelley, pitching three and four innings, respectively. Souhlaris inherited the only earned run while striking out four and scattering only four hits. Kelley gave an equally stellar performance, striking out four of her own while giving up only one hit.

"Basically, in the first game, we didn't execute," said UMaine Coach Deb Smith about the game one loss. "We got runners on base and couldn't get them in. Before the second game we told them to be more aggressive, swing earlier in the count and just keep the energy level up."

And that advice paid off in the end. Game two was another pitch-

ers' duel, this one between UMaine senior Jenna Balent and Stratton, both of whom pitched all seven innings.

Balent continued her incredible season, throwing her fifth straight shut-out and improving her record to a team best of 9-3. Balent struck out 11 of the Hawks' batters with only five hits against her. Stratton, despite pitching two straight complete games, had only one bad inning in the first where she gave up two earned runs.

"I've always been a changeup pitcher so it's definitely my go-to pitch."

Jenna Balent
Senior
UMaine Softball

The first inning was all the Black Bears needed to secure the night-cap. Souhlaris started the big inning with an infield hit followed by a successful steal of second base.

Kali Burnham got the first RBI of the game with a double over the head of the left-fielder. Back-to-back RBI singles by Ashley Waters and Hall led the Black Bears to what would eventually be the final score of 3-0. Hartford threatened in the third with the bases loaded and only one out, but a strike out from Balent and a pop out ended the inning.

For Sunday's rubber game, UMaine came out swinging, and in the fourth inning, it paid off. Waters started the inning with a hard

infield hit followed by a bunt hit by Hall. Next up was Kristen Calvetti who jacked a three-run home run.

"I actually thought coach was going to have me bunt, so I was just concerned with putting it on the ground," Calvetti said. "I got under it, and it just kept going."

Hartford attempted to mount a comeback in the sixth when a single and double notched their first run of the game, but that would be all they could muster. UMaine immediately responded with their fourth run in the bottom of the sixth, the fourth RBI off the bat of Calvetti.

On the mound, Stratton pitched her third straight complete game, showing the signs of fatigue as she gave up four runs on six hits with a walk and six strikeouts. Balent also took the mound again after a great game two showing and didn't let down, throwing a two-hitter with one earned run and an incredible 12 strikeouts. Key to her success was her changeup, which fooled the Hawks hitters all weekend.

"I've always been a changeup pitcher," she said, "so it's definitely my go-to pitch."

"We use a scouting report with hitter tendencies," Smith said, "and Stephanie George calls the pitches and works with Jenna, and they called a great game."

The Black Bears travel to Boston University for a game on Wednesday and will be back at home next weekend, hosting second-place University of Albany for a three-game set. As UMaine climbs the America East rankings, they come one step closer to a coveted playoff position in their highly competitive conference.



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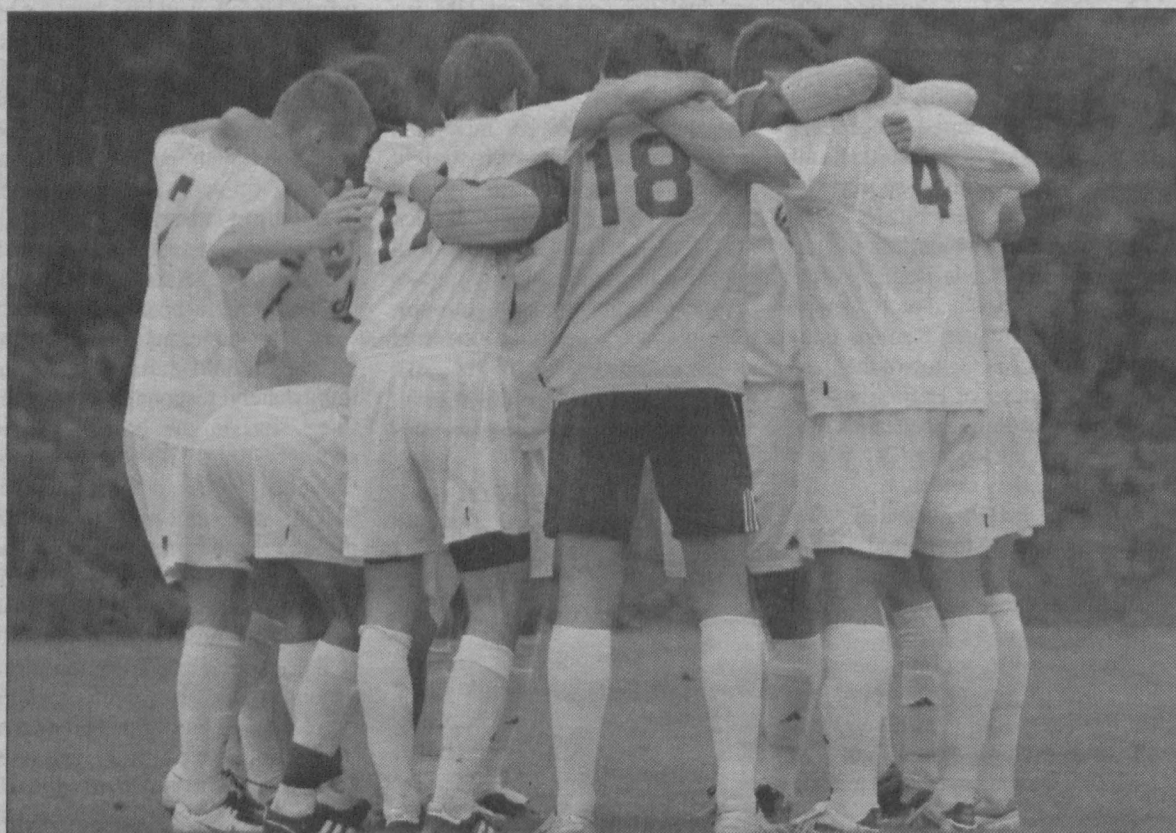
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The men's soccer team huddles in a game last season. They were cut Wednesday due to budget constraints.

Budget

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Conference opponent University of Vermont cut its baseball and softball programs two months ago, and Quinnipiac University in Connecticut eliminated volleyball, men's track and men's golf. Stanford University, the beneficiary of the nation's third largest endowment fund, announced it will cut 21 staff positions, as Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby predicts a loss of \$5 million in revenue over the next three years.

As a state-funded public university, UMaine is not nearly as reliant on endowment funds as the state's private colleges such as Bowdoin, Bates and Colby, but the seven schools in the University of Maine System will operate with a combined \$1.7 million less in endowments next year.

"As a program that doesn't rely heavily on endowments, but

does benefit from endowments, we were served a significant blow at our level when our endowment revenue for next year was reduced by close to \$200,000," James said.

"We are going to change the way we do business because we're going to make cost-saving-type decisions that maybe we wouldn't have had to make in the past."

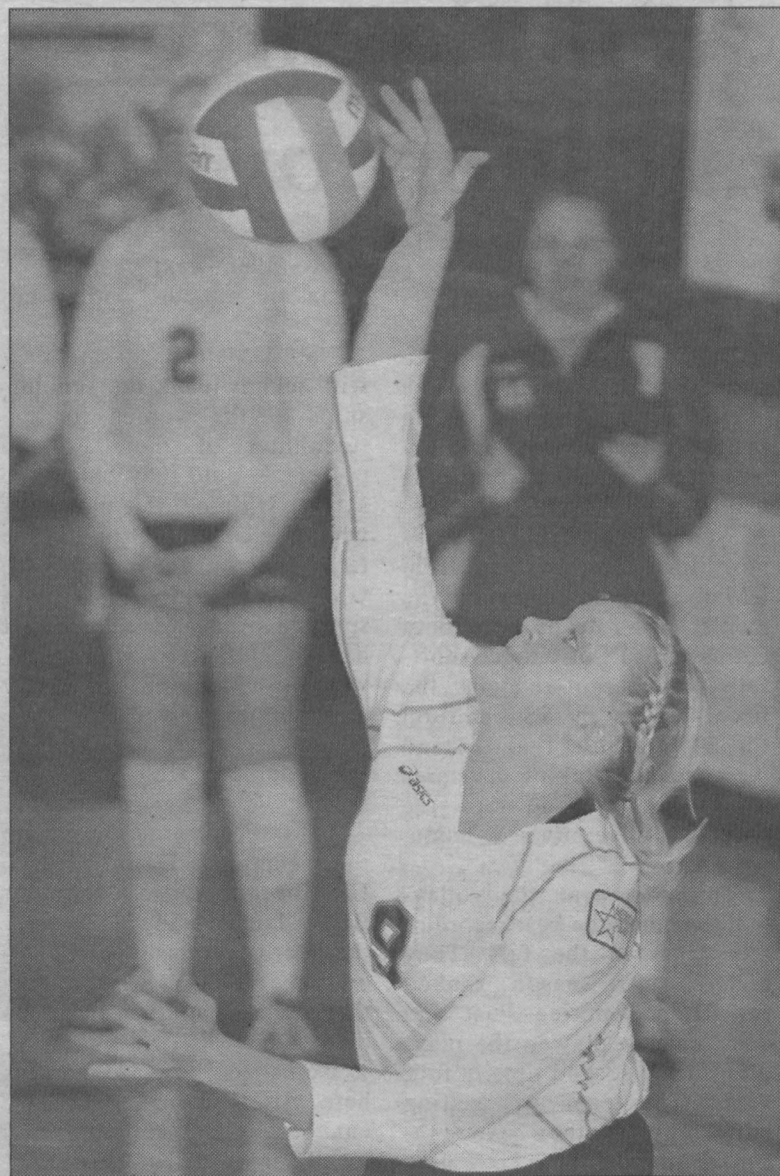
Blake James
Athletic Director

Endowments, which ideally grow over time when funds are spread out among a variety of sectors such as energy, real estate and hedge funds are struggling to stay afloat, as diversification is ineffective

when all of the areas holding the money are being negatively affected by the recession.

The nation's richest athletic department, Ohio State University, illustrates a rare successful financial story. The rights to broadcast Buckeyes athletics were bought on March 30 by IMG College and RadiOhio in a \$110 million, 10-year deal, which is the most expensive of its kind in the history of college sports. An average of \$11 million paid out annually in the deal will cover unanticipated debts that arise.

UMaine reached a less profitable, but similarly structured deal in 2007 with Missouri-based Learfield Sports. Learfield gave UMaine \$450,000 for broadcast rights in the first year of the partnership, and the sum grows annually. The school was able to retain its play-by-play announcers, sell advertising and produce the broadcasts. The deal also



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Lindsey Allman delivers a spike. The volleyball team was cut Wednesday.

brought the new video boards to Alford Arena, which cost in excess of \$700,000, according to James.

"One of the true advantages of that is it's going to give us a base number to budget every single year, and that's something that's been very beneficial for us," James said. "It's a number that increases every year, and it's a number that we're able to put right in our base that we know is going to be there for us."

The timing of the deal was also advantageous, James said, as many of the top communications companies are likely to begin tightening their belts. Their willingness to secure contracts with smaller schools that are not as reliable for their business model will be limited.

The University of Maine has been fortunate to receive donations from generous alumni, most notably the Alford (Alford Arena), Morse (Morse Field) and the Mahaney (Mahaney Diamond, Mahaney Dome) families, but many donors are no longer able to make significant donations.

"It doesn't change our approach, but you obviously have to understand that people are in a different situation than they were a few years ago, and I think it makes it more challenging right now for people to make those large gifts," James said.

The Morse family donated \$1 million in 2008 to assist in the renovation of the football, baseball and field hockey facilities. The FieldTurf baseball field has already proven its worth, as late March games on Mahaney Diamond avoided postponement, and the field was made available to other Maine colleges that were waiting for their natural grass fields to dry.

"Through the generosity of some key people, we've improved the quality of the University of Maine athletic program. [They were] improvements that were severely needed and have been such a blessing to us," James said. "From the dome, to the new fields, to the other improvements that we've made — it's making our program better, and that's what I want."

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Runners eager for 5K season

By Derek McKinley
Staff Reporter

The snow has melted, the sun is shining, and 5K season has arrived. For the last couple of weeks flyers have been tacked on bulletin boards, the Announcements folder on FirstClass has been spammed and University of Maine students have been out and about, armed with iPods, water bottles and some serious motivation.

Several 5K races are being held in the upcoming weeks—some for charity, others just for fun.

"The 5K is great because whether you're a once-a-week jogger or a hardcore distance runner, the race continues to challenge you. Some people might challenge themselves to simply finish the race; others might challenge themselves to run it in a certain amount of time," said Black Bear distance runner Corey Bean.

The series of five races begins with the 2nd annual Healthy High 5K on Monday, April 20 at 4:20 p.m. The race starts and ends at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center and prizes are awarded to the top male and female runner, as well as the runner with the most creative costume. The event is free for students and is sponsored by several campus groups.

"The benefits of physical activity are well known, but people don't often think about the negative effect that marijuana, alcohol and other drugs can have on physical activity," said Amanda Millen, who works for Alcohol and Drug Education Programs. "This race provides an activity that students can engage in that does not involve marijuana or other drugs, and it allows us to reach a large number of students."

Two 5K races will be held on Saturday, April 25. Unfortunately, they both have a 9 a.m. start time. The Camp Capella 5K is sponsored by the UMaine Navy ROTC. All proceeds will go to Camp Capella, a summer camp for children with developmental and physical disabilities. Runners will meet at the Field House.

The Wes Jordan 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run will also kick off at 9 a.m. Proceeds from that race will benefit the American Cancer Society. Runners will meet at Lengyel Hall, home of the Wes Jordan Athletic Training Complex. Jordan, who passed away in 2002, was an athletic trainer at UMaine for 32 years.

The sisters of Alpha Phi will host the Move Your Phi't 5K on Sunday, April 26 at 11 a.m. The race will begin at the Buchanan Alumni House. The sisters ask that people bring \$5 to support Cardiac Care Research and Education, a charity they have supported for more than 60 years. They will be awarding prizes to the top male and female finishers and raffling off a basketball signed by Celtics guard Ray Allen.

"We always have tremendous support from the Greek community for Move Your Phi't, and with this being our seventh annual event, we are certainly expecting to see a great turnout," said Carissa Kephart, Alpha Phi's vice-president of marketing.

Finally, the Maine Day 5K will be held on April 29 at 4 p.m. It is being sponsored by Alternative Spring Break and the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The registration fee is

\$5. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in each age division. The string of road races has drawn interest from several clubs on campus as a team-building exercise.

"We hope to have 10 to 20 of our runners competing over this next week, which is a pretty decent turnout. I think that the number of races in close proximity to Orono has really encouraged the surge in participation," said track club president Dillon Bates. "This chain of races provides a convenient bridge between the end of our outdoor season and the start of summer meets. I hope to see a lot of our runners capitalizing on it."

Bates also urged participants to contact him on FirstClass for more information on the Club Track Team. If nothing else, summer is around the corner and beaches beckon. That winter layer everyone packed on is not going to burn itself off. Beyond that, America's struggles with vascular health and obesity are well-documented. There's no better time than now to start living healthy.

No matter which race it is, try to make it out to at least one. Rarely does the opportunity come along for a person to reward themselves as well as others. Take advantage.

Do athletes deserve the money?

By William P. Davis
Managing Editor

The recession has finally hit baseball. Collectively, the Major League Baseball clubs lowered salaries by a total of \$47 million this year, or about 1.7 percent. Poor things. The 30 major league ball clubs pay a collective \$2.65 billion in payroll, which represents more than 20 percent of Maine's yearly budget. The MLB payroll could single-handedly fund MaineCare.

Now I know baseball players have a very particular skill set—one that I certainly

don't have. I also know their salaries are what the market will bear, that because millions across the country attend ballparks and watch ball games on TV the ball clubs can afford to pay Derek Jeter \$21 million. But I know Derek Jeter can't do what I do, and what I do isn't even that hard. Imagine if we asked Jeter to become a doctor.

Maybe we need to make surgery a spectator sport. Imagine the nation's top neurosurgeon performing a lobotomy in Yankee Stadium before 57,000 screaming fans. The neurosurgeon deserves that \$21 million more; nobody can

deny that. Doctors have to attend school for eight years, plus a year-long internship and several years as a resident (it depends on what field you want to go into). Not only that, but the competition for recognition in the medical field is just as, if not more, intense than competition recognition in baseball. And there's always the small matter of someone's life being in a doctor's hands.

Remember what I said earlier about the salaries being what the market can bear? It's not even true. Sports are so encrusted in advertising and

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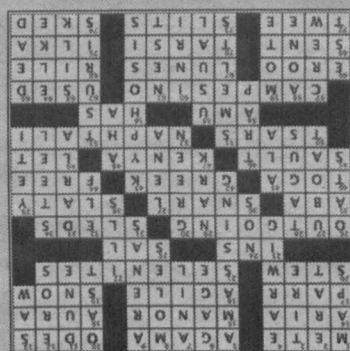


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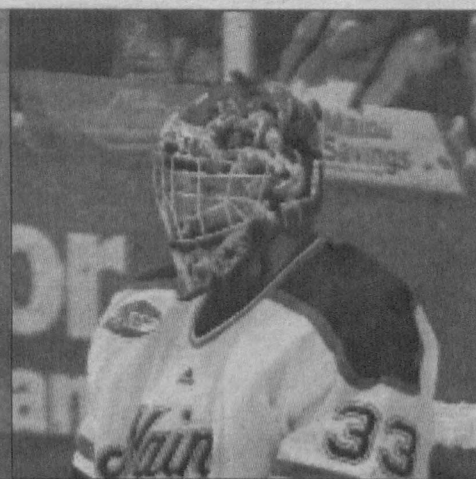
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The Maine Campus sports

Monday, April 20, 2009



Men's soccer, volleyball suspended

Budget cuts eliminate two sports, UM follows trend of other northeast schools

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, University of Maine Athletic Director Blake James made a decision he hoped he could avoid.

With the announcement that the men's soccer and women's volleyball programs had been suspended, UMaine joined a growing list of institutions declaring cuts due to the recession. James had until the end of

April to reduce athletic department spending by \$871,000 for the upcoming fiscal year, and called the decision "the option of last resort."

The tough economic times have forced colleges around the country to adjust money management strategies.

"We've positioned ourselves with the latest announcement to go forward in the current economic situation without reducing scholarships and

without significantly changing the way that we do business," James said. "We are going to change the way we do business because we're going to make cost-saving-type decisions that maybe we wouldn't



James

have had to make in the past."

The 17 remaining athletic teams at UMaine may be asked to increase individual fundraising efforts in order to purchase equipment and assist with travel fees if the athletic department is unable to honor their requests.

"I think they will, as we go through these times and the cost of doing business continues to increase, and our support for them doesn't continue to increase at that same rate. Yeah,

they're going to have to get more aggressive," James said. "But I think our coaches overall do a great job in getting out there, and as importantly, maybe more importantly, our supporters of these programs do such a great job of giving back to the program."

The economic hardship for college athletic departments is not localized. America East

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Joey Martin holds a UMBC runner on first base in Sunday's first game. UMaine won the contest 11-5.

Bears double up UMBC

Baseball sweeps doubleheaders, sits a top conference

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

The regular season goal for the University of Maine baseball team is to finish the America East Conference with the top record. The reward would be hosting the conference tournament in late May with the winner advancing to the NCAA Regional.

In their second week of conference play, the Black Bears have put themselves in a good position to battle for the top spot, sweeping a four-game series from the University of Maryland Baltimore County at Mahaney Diamond.

The Black Bears, now 24-13 overall and 7-1 in America East, played stellar defense and received strong performances from their starting pitchers to

run their winning steak to six games and take sole possession of first place in the conference.

"Everybody really wants to win this year," said senior outfielder Billy Cather. "We really know that we're better than these teams, and we can beat anybody out there. That started with UNLV when we were out there, and when we beat Ohio State we knew we could beat good team."

UMaine won Saturday's games 6-1 and 7-3, and followed on Sunday with an 11-5 and 5-4 victory. UMBC falls to 5-26 overall and 1-11 in the conference.

In Sunday's second game, sophomore Jarrett Lukas hit a go-ahead solo home run to left field in the eighth inning to propel the Black Bears to the win.

UMaine jumped out to a 4-0

lead early in the game, but UMBC fought back to tie it in the seventh inning. Rick Phillips hit a game-tying grand slam off of sophomore right-hander Matt Jebb. Jebb had cruised through the first six innings, but the first three batters in the seventh reached before Phillips' home run.

In the eighth, Lukas led off and took a 3-2 fastball to left field off of Travis Pearson to give UMaine the lead.

Jebb (6-1) picked up the win, going eight strong innings, allowing four runs on five hits. He struck out four and walked only one batter. Freshman right-hander Keith Bilodeau picked up his first save of the season.

Leading the offense was Lukas with the home run and

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Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Christine McGivney fires a pitch. UMaine took two games this weekend.

Balent, UMaine cut down Hawks

By Maeghan Connor
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team is nearing the end of the regular season and is in hot pursuit of an America East playoff position. This weekend they took a step toward improving their chances, taking two of out of three from the University of Hartford Hawks over the weekend at Kessock Field. The

Black Bears improved their record to 28-19 overall and 8-6 in America East play, while Hartford fell to 16-18 on the season and 7-6 in conference.

Game one of Saturday's doubleheader was a nailbiter where errors made the difference. UMaine jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on a

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