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## Remembering the Hamlin Hall fire, 57 years later

By Matt Shaer  
National Politics Reporter

*Editor's Note: The following is part one of a two-part series recounting a soldier's experience of the 1944 Hannibal Hamlin Hall fire. The blaze claimed two student soldiers' lives. Friday's issue will focus on the current state of the building and how it was restored.*

It was midnight on Feb. 13 before William Lynch and Ralph Howe reached the dining room of Theta Chi. Walking their dates back from the bus stop in Orono and later crossing the still Mall where snow crunched underfoot, they had been quiet, tired.

Now facing a row of welcoming bunks filled with G.I. issue sheets, their minds crept towards sleep before their bodies could follow. William climbed into his bed and thought of his date waving goodbye from the front steps of Balentine Hall and the tiny flakes that had collected in her hair and eyelashes.

The image was so strong that when he awoke an hour later with a terrible ringing in his head, she was still waving. With rheumy eyes William watched Ralph's hand



(From left to right) 1944: George Huntington, William Lynch, Hamel, Gerald Fierman and an unidentified student soldier gathered on the steps of Theta Chi, now Beta Theta Pi fraternity house. COURTESY PHOTO FROM WILLIAM LYNCH.

cover his own head and shake it.

The fire alarm rang throughout the dining room; the ringing slipped inside William's head.

"A false alarm?" Ralph wondered.

William jumped down from his bunk and headed for the closet.

Grabbing an overcoat and shoes he gestured for his friend to do the same. Upon reaching the first floor stairwell, all thoughts of a practical joke were abandoned.

Across the street, Hannibal Hamlin Hall was on fire. Flames, loudly licking all four floors of the

dormitory, flushed shadows from the night and spilled their drunken light across the soldiers' faces.

Ralph and William watched dozens of men running out of the first floor exits, falling gratefully into the snow banks that surrounded the dorm. Some carried

mattresses, which they placed haphazardly across the lawn.

"Look!" Ralph said, pointing. Two men were jumping from the third floor balcony into the waiting snow.

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The north wing of Hannibal Hamlin Hall ablaze on Feb. 13, 1944. COURTESY PHOTO FROM WILLIAM LYNCH.

## Confronting suicide, seeking counseling

By Aaron Plourde  
For The Maine Campus

The stigma many Americans have towards mental illness may have indirect effects on suicide deaths. The tragedy of suicide has gained focus at the University of Maine, where there have been two student suicides and another self-inflicted death in less than two years.

According to Dr. Douglas Johnson, a psychologist at

UMaine's Counseling Center, many people who suffer from mental illness do not seek treatment.

Yet many diseases are treatable through therapy or medication or a combination of both.

"The urge to commit suicide is usually a passing thing," Johnson said. "But one of the myths of suicide is [that by] mentioning it, it will cause people to do it."

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### Getting an expert opinion



4-year-old Brian King checks out where the engine might be on a snow sculpture of a dump truck on the campus Mall while his mom, Karen, a nursing graduate of UMaine, looks on. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI.

## After rapid discussion, seniors reimbursed Memorial Union fee

By Amanda Hebert  
Assistan News Editor

Seniors are getting their money back. A fee of \$1.75 per credit hour was added to each student's bill for the spring 2001 semester under the assumption that the Memorial Union expansion would be open in March. The Union will not be open until fall 2001, which means this year's graduating seniors will not see a functional union.

And now they will not be paying for it.

Robert Durringer, vice president for Finance and Administration said graduating seniors will each get a refund of \$20 to \$23, depending on how many credit hours each student is taking. While this may not seem like a lot of money for each student, the 16 percent of revenue collected from the seniors adds up to about \$35,000 of the \$175,000 total collected through the union fee.

"But it's a very visible 16 percent," Durringer said.

Kamal Shannak, vice president of student government said while the money is noticeable, so are the seniors who about to become alumni.

"The seniors are a big part of

this university," he said. "We don't want them to leave angry at UMaine."

Shannak met with Fred Odera, student government president; Richard Chapman, vice president of Student Affairs; Dwight Rideout, assistant vice president and dean of Students and Community Life and Durringer Monday morning to discuss the rebate.

"I wish every single student had been with me at that meeting," Shannak said.

He said the administrators were cooperative and open to his and Odera's ideas.

"This was a matter they had already discussed, so they had already encountered the issue," Odera said. "Basically we were debating the fairness of getting a rebate for the seniors because they are not going to see a completed Union."

Shannak said members of Student Government did not believe it was fair to charge students for services they would never use.

"Our mission going in was getting the seniors their money back," Shannak said. "We didn't believe they should pay for something they weren't going to be around to see."

Rideout said no decision could be made during the meeting Monday, but the issue would be decided later this week. Moving quickly, it was decided in a meeting yesterday afternoon between Durringer, Chapman and Peter Hoff, president of the UMaine. Odera said Durringer and Chapman were charged with making the student's case before Hoff.

"The president has the final say on just about everything," Durringer said.

Odera was told shortly before last night's General Student Senate meeting.

"We got word today from President Hoff and it's final," Odera said to the GSS. "The seniors are going to get their money back."

One of the issues of contention in Monday's meeting was the reaction of other students.

"It leaves the freshmen, sophomores and juniors saying 'What about us?'" Durringer said.

If the administration was to refund all the students' union fees, it would be a rebate of about \$175,000. Durringer said this shortfall would come out of the furnishings budget and would ultimately hurt union aes-

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# SPRING RUSH OPEN EVENTS

Occurring only while the weather sucks.

All houses are currently rushing active individuals. Go down for dinner, or send an email to any of the Greek organizations on Firstclass.

## MONDAY

- Come eat pizza and watch WWF wrestling on the 60" TV with the brothers of Phi Eta. Pizza arrives at 6:00PM.
- Head down to Phi Kap (the house with the big skull) for a little video game tournament action at 7:00PM.

## TUESDAY

- Open House. Come hang out with the brothers of Phi Kap, get a tour of the house and learn of our 150 year history.
- The brothers of Phi Eta are heading out to Cheap Seat movies. Leave your dollar bills at home--it's on the house.
- Ladies, ever want to meet a real Phi Mu sister? Meet the sisters of Phi Mu in the lobby of Knox at 7:45PM and head to Beta for Mock-tails.

## WEDNESDAY

- Wander down to Phi Kap for some underground poker. Win or lose your laundry money for the week. Start gaming at 8:00PM.
- Think you are the foosball champion of UM? Come test your skills at Phi Eta, and play some ping pong, N64, or B-Die as well. Ball drops at 8:00PM.
- Women, get to know the sisters of Tri Delta before heading over to the Womens' issues workshop. Meet them in the basement of Kennebec at 6:45PM.
- Phi Mu Sorority is sponsoring the workshop; so meet the Sisters at 7:45PM in the Knox Hall lobby to find out more.

## THURSDAY

- Bring your friends and enjoy a hearty meal at Phi Kap. Dinner with the boys. No tuna. Dinner starts at 6:00PM.
- Leave your Mom at home and come down to Phi Eta for GENTLEMEN'S RUSH. Don't miss this, and be 18+.

## FRIDAY

- Phi Kap is taking to Hermon Mountain for night skiing. Bring your sticks or board, and get a ride to the hill at 6:00PM.
- Enjoy CABARET with the Brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Sisters of Tri Delta. Meet up at 6:00PM for hors d'oeuvres in the basement of Kennebec.
- "Enjoy Being" at any house you choose.

**HAVE QUESTIONS? SEND AN EMAIL TO ANY OF THE GREEK FOLDERS ON FIRSTCLASS, CHRIS BRADBURY FROM PHI ETA, OR NICK RAYMOND FROM PHI KAP. WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT GREEK IS ALL ABOUT? DROP A LINE TO JOSH HIGGINS ON FIRSTCLASS.**

## THINGS YOU WILL NOT FIND AT THESE EVENTS:

- James Belushi
- Just another Cold Winter Day
- The Administration



# Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron

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**Q: Why do girls say it itches when they shave their pubic hair?**

Female, Sophomore

**A:** Because it does itch...once the hairs start to grow back.

**Q: There is a woman who likes me as "more than a friend" who I would like to keep as "just a friend." How can I tell her without hurting her?**

Male, Senior

**A:** You may not be able to save her from hurt. She is responsible for her feelings. If you are able to talk with her directly, I might suggest starting by expressing how important her friendship is to you. Emphasize what you like about her and what makes her an important friend. If she can hear that, she may be able to hear you when you explain that you would like to keep the friendship platonic. If you don't talk to her about the situation, but instead choose to let the tension continue, at some point she may feel led on.

Talking to her and being honest NOW will save her—and you—a bigger hurt down the road.

**Q: Why do some women have small breasts while others have larger ones?**

Female, First-year

**A:** Clearly, heredity plays a role, along with the amount of fatty tissue we have. No matter what their size, breasts are still capable of performing their primary function of serving as "portable milk jugs" for babies. And remember: variety

is the spice of life. Just as some people have a smaller nose, others have a larger one; some have smaller feet and some have larger feet, etc... Think how boring it would be if what we all had came in exactly the same size. Fortunately, there is no connection between breast size and sexual response.

**Q: Are most girls just as horny as guys?**

Male, Sophomore

**A:** There's no one rule for everyone. While society may try to portray women as uninter-

ested participants in sex, the reality is people vary. Some women and some men have very high sex drives, while other men and women do not.

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## Suicide

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Instead, Johnson recommends people be aware of the signs of suicide and to remain open to that individual. Typical warning signs include:

- Previous attempts mean the individual is at high risk
- 70 percent of threats are followed by attempted suicides
- People with specific plans are at very high risk
- Changes in sleeping and eating patterns
- Preparing a will or giving away valuables

In a study conducted by St. John's University in 1998, 311 counseling centers nation-wide reported 128 suicides. Only a quarter of these people had sought professional help previous to their deaths. This study, along with recommendations by the National Institute of Mental Health and psychologists like Johnson, all echo one message: professional help greatly diminishes the likelihood of suicide.

Dr. Robert Dana, senior associate dean for Students and Community Life, said it is also important to create a caring environment for students. Creating an

atmosphere where students feel comfortable is one of Dana's priorities and hopes Students and Community Life helps deter suicides on campus.

"We try to serve as a very big umbrella over the campus, so no one has to walk alone," Dana said.

The problem of suicide may also be linked to sociological influences. For instance, children whose parents have taken their own lives are more likely to view suicide as a viable "way-out." People who suffer from depression many times attribute their pain with the failure of relationships. These, as well as a myriad of biological factors, can all play a role in a person committing suicide.

"We usually don't talk to people about suicide, but encouraging people to get professional help is the best option," Johnson said.

At UMaine, people can receive help from the Counseling Center located behind Cutler Health Center. If you would like to make an appointment, call 581-1392. First-time students will receive immediate attention.

## Scholarship offered

The Maine State Society Foundation is offering scholarships of at least \$1,000 to students attending Maine's colleges and universities. The scholarship foundation, which is based in the Washington D.C. area, will be given to students aged 24 and younger who are enrolled in undergraduate programs in Maine. Students must also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The money can be used for tuition and fees.

A scholarship committee appointed by the Maine State Society Foundation will review all of the applications and supporting material and recommend the best candidates based on merit. Applications must be received by April 1, 2001.

Scholarship applications are available in the student financial aid office located in Wingate Hall or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Robert Wagg, 11415 Leehigh Dr. Fairfax, VA 22030.

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thetics. He said the \$35,000 being refunded to seniors would probably be recouped from other sources.

"I don't think it would hurt a lot," he said. "I think I can get Campus Living and The Bookstore to give donations."

Shannak said he did not push the issue of giving a full refund to all students, and it was not an issue other students had spoken to him about.

"The administration came out and said it would cost \$175,000

plus, and it would effect the quality of the union we are going to see," he said. "[The seniors] won't see it, so they deserve it."

Shannak said he didn't pursue a full rebate because he does not want to see administrators blaming any shortfalls the furnishing on such a rebate. The delay has been enough of a disappointment.

"Everybody's been cheated somehow, been lied to somehow," Shannak said.

## Snow removal

University of Maine grounds crews will remove accumulated snow and ice from four residence hall parking lots between 6 p.m. and midnight on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

The affected lots are those at Stodder, Balentine, Colvin and Estabrooke Halls.


Signs will be posted at the affected lots during the day on Tuesday.

Students who have vehicles parked in those lots must move those vehicles before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The designated alternate parking areas during this time will be the Steam Plant lot. Signs will be posted there as well.

Students will be required to return their vehicles to their residence hall lots by 8 a.m. Thursday morning to open the Steam Plant lot for commuter parking.

Vehicles which are not moved from the Stodder, Balentine, Colvin or Estabrooke lots by 6 p.m. on Wednesday will be subject to towing.

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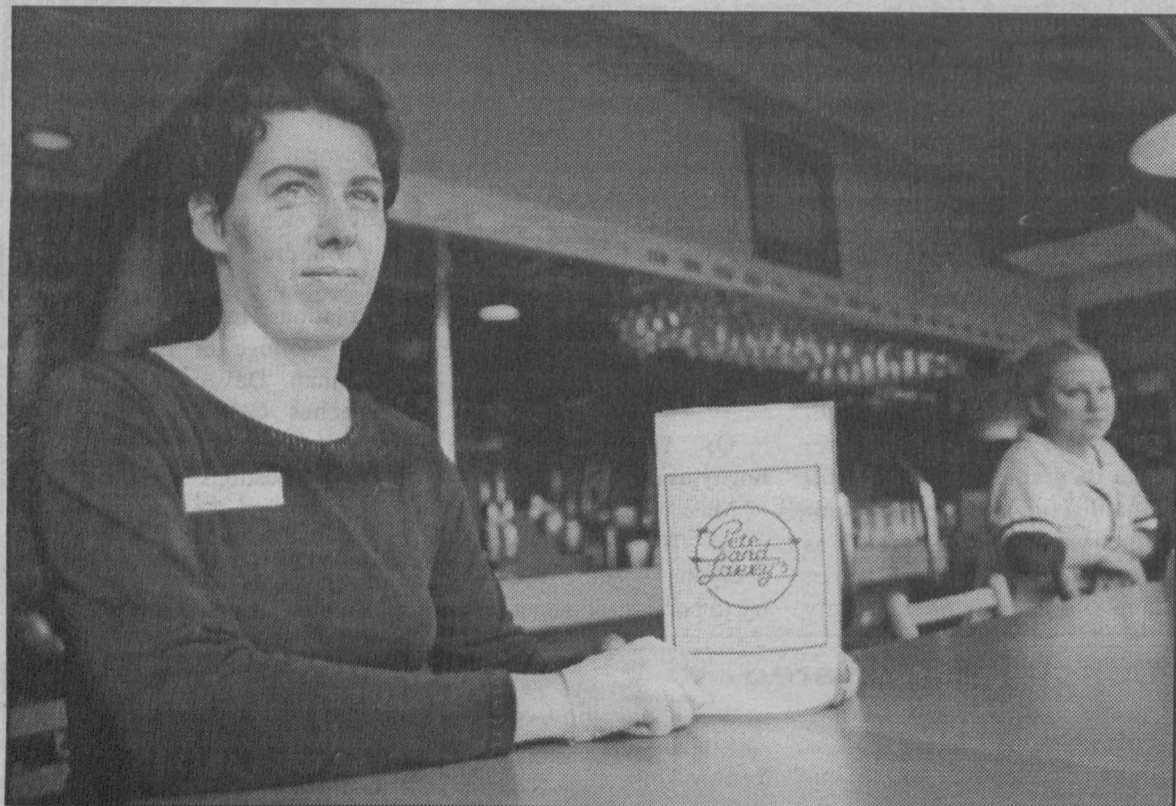
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# Pete and Larry's: a Sunday night highlight



Jenny Williams (left), general manager of Pete and Larry's, stops for a picture with daytime bartender Aja Napp. "You can meet people from all over the world. You never know who is going to be here," Williams said of the establishment. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK LIPCZYNSKI.

By Jessica DiSanto  
Community Reporter

It's Sunday night and you're bored.

Your roommate rushes into the room mumbling something

about going dancing and then leaves as quickly as she came. You think must have misheard her. What nightclub is open on Sunday?

While most nightclubs and lounges close after Saturday

night, Pete and Larry's is still thriving late into Sunday evening.

"We're known as being Bangor's place that's open on Sunday nights," Jenny Williams, manager of Pete and Larry's, said.

While the club is restricted to

those 21 and older, the lounge is open when most other nightclubs are closed. However, patrons are encouraged to come and dance to music provided by D.J. Barry Lord until 1 a.m. Monday.

Pete and Larry's, located inside the Holiday Inn on the Odlin Road in Bangor, is one of the few local lounges open 365 days a year. And it is never lacking customers.

"Because we're tied into the hotel, rarely will you see that place with nobody in it," Williams said. "Even if you come in late Monday night, there are 15 or 20 people there. So, it's never a lonely place."

With people constantly in the lounge, there is a need to bring entertainment to the business.

Happy hour is from noon until 7 p.m. daily.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Pete and Larry's offers live entertainment, usually consisting of single person acoustic acts.

Contests and giveaways are a regular part of the lounge. Depending on the time of year, Pete and Larry's gives away a wide variety of door prizes

including lift tickets, ski boards and gift certificates.

But the busiest time of the year at Pete and Larry's is St. Patrick's Day.

According to Williams, the lounge offers beer specials and has an Irish entertainer perform a variety of Irish songs.

"It's usually just a crazy evening," she said. "People will start [drinking] if it's a week day, right after work and continue on through the evening. But it's usually a fun night."

But for Williams, who has been with the business 12 years, what attracts most people to the lounge is the staff.

"The staff is always consistent," Williams said. "We have people that stay for years and years. We have people come in after not being in for ten years and go, 'You're still here, you were here when I was here ten years ago. So, I'd say the service is good quality.'"

Pete and Larry's isn't new to the nightclub scene. Established in 1984 by owner Larry Mahaney, and company president Peter Daigle, the lounge has branches in Waterville, Ellsworth and Portland.

## Plans in motion for housing complex, alumni house

By Debra Hatch  
Copy Editor

While construction on the Memorial Union continues, sidewalks choke with ice and University of Maine students struggle to get from place to place, plans for two new buildings on campus are entering the final stages. They join the boom in construction and renovations for the next five years that will cost the university more than \$100 million.

First on the slate is the second stage of the Doris Twitchell Allen Village, which is being referred to as the Student Housing Complex. According to Andrew Matthews, director of housing services, construction is slated to begin on the apartment-like complex this summer and will potentially open for student occupancy in the fall of 2002.

UMaine President Peter Hoff said the need for the 200-bed addition to DTAV comes as enrollment numbers are growing. He said the need for better housing is a priority. Hoff said the

number of students living on campus has increased, which requires the university to create more housing.

Matthews also said the increasing interest from upperclassmen in single rooms is a reason behind the complex. This addition is the product of several years of discussion about new student housing.

"We're currently in the middle of room sign-up, but the number of upperclassmen remaining on campus has risen," Matthews said. "We're not sure why still, but we think it has something to do with the experience on campus and that attending students see it as an important part of their college experience."

The \$8.5 million housing complex will not, at this time, bring the demolition of York Village. Hoff said that no decision about the fate of York Village will be made until after the new housing complex is built.

The student housing complex will be similar to DTAV's setup but with some changes, Matthews said. Instead of the current suites

DTAV has, the new complex will have four single rooms surrounding a common kitchenette and a bathroom. This, according to Matthews, will allow students to have their own private space while living in an apartment-like setting.

The building will be constructed using funds from students.

"Residence halls are paid for by the money students pay for their rooms on campus," Hoff said. "They are self-funded and no other student fees or taxpayer dollars are used to construct residence halls."

Parking was also a consideration when choosing a location to build the new housing complex. Hoff said the lack of resident parking on south campus was one of the determining factors in choosing the area by DTAV to build more housing.

Matthews said that in addition to the parking issue, the Hilltop area also has more available access to the utility infrastructure and allows the new building to blend in more easily to the natural landscape of the campus.

John Orcutt Architects are in charge of the housing complex and according to Matthews are done with their plans and are preparing to put the project out to bid. They expect to follow a 56-week building process.

In addition to more student housing, alumni will have a place of their own after 2003. The alumni house is being named after its leading donor Dr. Robert D. Buchanan, who graduated from UMaine in 1944 with a degree in zoology. Buchanan went on to become a dentist and now lives in Whittier, Calif. with his wife, Pearlee.

Buchanan's gift of \$1 million comes in the form of stocks from Albertson's Inc., a grocery store chain in Boise, Idaho which has 1,000 stores in more than 23 states.

But Buchanan isn't the only Maine alumni who has donated money to make the Alumni Center a reality. According to Hoff, over 13,000 alumni gave money to support the house, which will provide a gathering space for returning UMaine

alumnus, as well as meeting space for former students, current students, faculty and staff. It will be able to host small formal events.

The alumni house, which will be funded exclusively through private donations, is estimated to cost about \$6 million to build. The fundraising for the house is a joint project of the Alumni Association and the University Foundation which are both independent advocates of UMaine.

To date, according to UMaine press releases, more than \$6.7 million has been raised.

Buchanan Alumni Center will be constructed on College Avenue, replacing the Public Safety building, Franco-American Center and two vacant houses. The architectural firm handling the plans for the Buchanan Alumni Center is WBRC Architects-Engineers. Construction is slated to begin in the summer of 2002.

The Bangor Daily News contributed to this report.

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# Hamlin

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"I wonder if someone turned in the alarm?" Lynch asked, and before waiting for an answer he was off, sprinting down the narrow path towards Balentine, the location of the nearest phone booth.

Halfway there, with Balentine and Coburn halls in sight, William heard a voice call out.

"Where are you going?" It was a night watchman, wrapping up an inspection of south campus.

"Hannibal Hall's on fire!" William screamed. The watchman ducked into Coburn Hall and turned in the alarm.

William dashed back towards Hamlin, which now resembled a skeleton, with flames erupting through the roof and windows. He watched a man standing on the fourth floor ledge, peering uneasily towards the mattresses below.

The year was 1944, and in Europe, where the Second World War raged, the Allied forces had completed several small landings in Axis dominated Italy. Back home, the draft was in full force, and hundreds of young men were being pushed into the war effort each day.

At UMaine, the Army was running a special training corps called the Army Specialized Training Program. The A.S.T.P., as it was called, was introduced early in the war to provide recruits with extraordinary I.Q.'s a chance to work in a higher capacity than the normal GI.

A.S.T.Pers had the option of an additional two years of college education at universities across the country.

William Lynch, now a retired doctor living in Milford, Conn., remembers his A.S.T.P. experience well.

"We were happy living in our U. of Maine 'barracks,'" Lynch said, "we just had to shovel the snow out of our rooms occasionally. It was better than boot camp in Georgia."

When asked about the fire, Lynch's voice hardens. "I remember climbing the tiers of the football stadium which was but a few feet from the burning dorm and spraying it with a garden hose. Then a wall collapsed and we got out of there."

"Then there were the casualties," he said. "Sunday night, with temperatures below freezing, we gathered for roll call. Each GI answered 'Ho' when his name was called. There in the dark cold of the night there was no response to several names. We knew there were casualties."

The fire, which Lynch so vividly remembers, had indeed claimed the lives of two GI's stationed in the dormitory and caused dozens of other injuries.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1944, a memorial service was held in the gymnasium. Honored were Thomas Gooden and Herbert Guenther, both trapped and killed in the fire that had ravaged Hannibal Hamlin Hall.

"Although tons of water were poured into the blazing structure," a Bangor Daily News article from Monday, Feb. 14 reads, "it burned with such rapidity that the rear wall collapsed within an hour from the time the fire was first discovered."

Initially, arson was discussed as a possible cause of the fire. However, university and town officials were quick to dismiss the charges.

"The cause of the fire which destroyed North Hannibal Hamlin Hall on Feb. 13 is still unknown,

according to the report of the official board of inquiry..." the Friday, March 3, 1944 edition of The Maine Campus reads. "...the University of Maine has carried out in complete detail the best practices of fire engineering in the erection and maintenance of buildings and safeguarding the lives of students enrolled therein."

In a later article, the Bangor Daily continues, "[A fire official] considered it a miracle that more student soldiers were not burned or otherwise injured in this terrific blaze."

"And then," Lynch remembers, "we were gone."

The A.S.T.P. undergraduate program closed shortly after the fire, and most of its GI's were funneled directly into the Army Ground Forces.

"We boarded a train bound for Tennessee shortly after the fire with all the other U. of Maine GI's," Lynch said. "We expected to be assigned to an infantry company on maneuvers in the area."

However, only about half of the A.S.T.P.'s actually remained in the States. Lynch was quickly shipped to Europe with the 17th

Airborne Division.

"I remember Ralph Howe thinking he wouldn't be sent overseas because of a visual problem," Lynch said, "Then I met him one cold snowy day in the winter of 1945 somewhere in Belgium. He was directing traffic for the Military Police. He told me George Huntington, one of our six friends who had shared the living room in Theta Chi with us, had been killed in Luneville, France."

World War II ended in the surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan, the Axis Powers, later that year. Most of the A.S.T.P.'s were sent home for the conclusion of their college education, while some remained in service.

"Thank you for the part you have played, and the contribution you have made to our victory," President Dwight D. Eisenhower said to the allied troops at the close of hostilities in 1945, "At times, conditions have been hard and the tasks to be performed arduous. No praise is too high for the manner in which you have surmounted every obstacle."

IN THE PAST ISSUE OF THE MAINE CAMPUS, THE CONTACT NUMBER FOR THIS AD WAS INCORRECT. THE CORRECT NUMBER IS 1-1778.



## ATTENTION STUDENT GOVERNMENT CLUB, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Budget forms for the 2001-2002 fiscal year will be available Monday, February 19 in the Drummond Chapel from 6-9 pm at an informational meeting. It will be very important to have your organization represented.

An appointment schedule will be available during the meeting to sign up for an appointment to go over your completed budget with the VPFA from 2/20 thru 3/30. After the informational meeting, the appointment schedule will be posted on the Financial Affairs Office (FAO) bulletin board, 3rd floor, Memorial Union.

**Requirements: Your club must be considered active, have final approval and the president and the treasurer must be undergraduate students. (To check your status, please come to the FAO as soon possible.)**

**Deadline: Completed forms must be submitted to the FAO by Friday, March 30th.**

Call Sue @ x1778 if you have any questions.

# Campus group promotes human rights projects

By Jennifer Gundersen  
For The Maine Campus

Amnesty International recently became a campus organization at the University of Maine when the Student Government accepted its request for recognition on Feb. 6.

Amnesty International, which has no political or religious affiliations, is a worldwide effort to promote human rights. Its main objectives are to free all prisoners of conscience, ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners and end political killings and disappearances.

"We want to make the people aware about the conditions of the outside world," Erica Mitchell, the group's coordinator said. "Things are bad for many people around the world and we can put a stop to it."

Mitchell and Krista Marston, the group's assistant coordinator, participated in Amnesty International at Bonny Eagle High School for three years. Now juniors in college, the friends decided to try and form a chapter at UMaine.

"It was easy to start," Mitchell said. "Amnesty International sent me all the materials and information that we needed to start the group."

"We work to free people who are in prison for their race, religion and political beliefs," Marston said. "This is accomplished through letter writing campaigns and public demonstrations."

Mitchell receives Urgent Action Appeals from the national branches, which give accounts of torture the organization hopes to address. The groups are then expected to write letters against the violation of human rights to the heads of state in those countries.

"These letters really make a

difference," Marston said. "Countries take notice because they are from the United States and we have a big influence on their actions."

Most recently, on Feb. 7, a student leader was released in Ecuador after protesting the country's economic policy. Mitchell says that she is notified of such prisoner releases on a regular basis.

Amnesty International's presence at the university has thus far been word of mouth, but both coordinators hope to increase involvement through posters, e-mail, a raffle and T-shirt sales.

The group's first priority is to begin their letter writing. Since the club is not eligible for university funding for six months, they have approached local businesses for donations in order to raise money to start the letter writing process.

Mitchell is also planning to include the university in the National Week of Student Action from April 1 - 8.

"There is an election in Peru on April 8 and Amnesty International is hoping to raise awareness of the human rights conditions in Peru so the world takes notice of the election," said Mitchell.

The group plans to write e-mails and make posters to promote the week on campus.

"Amnesty International opens people up to what goes on outside of our democracy," Marston said. "We see the horrible things that go on in other countries and see that we can put a stop to it."

There will be an Amnesty International meeting Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 8:30 p.m. in the Gallery Room of Memorial Union. People interested in joining Amnesty International can contact Erica Mitchell or Krista Marston on FirstClass.

University of Maine grounds crews will remove accumulated snow and ice from two residence hall parking lots between 6 p.m. and midnight on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The affected lots are the Stewart Lot, across the road from the Hilltop Complex, and the lot behind Cutler Health Center.

Signs will be posted at the affected lots during the day on Wednesday.

Students who have vehicles parked in those lots must move those vehicles before 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22. The designat-

ed alternate parking areas during this time will be the lot behind the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center. Signs will be posted there as well.

Students will be required to return their vehicles to their residence hall lots by 8 a.m. Friday morning to open the composites center lot for commuter parking.

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# EDITORIAL

## 'Boss' Marilyn a sustaining presence

If "Boss" Marilyn Emerick had chosen a particular way to go, this would have been it.

Emerick, whose last day of work as an administrative assistant in the English department was this past Friday, died in her sleep early Monday morning. She was 70.

Described by two English professors as a "wonderful" and "sustaining presence," Emerick was a very loyal person, who was "Boss" Marilyn for the past 30 years.

"She loved to work," said professor Bob Whelan. "The department was a major part of her life, as was her family." Whelan, who came to the University of Maine campus in September 1983, remembers "how welcoming she was, how kind and gracious she was" toward a new faculty member. She was quite receptive to make jokes with, he said. He would ask her to do something for him and expect it done in a day or two, but she would produce results within a half hour. So afterward he would jokingly say to her he expected something done "minutes ago" and she would produce results as normal. "It is hard to go by the office ... She's a great gal to work with. She never wanted to not work."

Professor Tony Brinkley says it is hard to put into words the feelings he has.

"She was a wonderful person who contributed an ethical presence," he said. Having created a community so familial, Emerick was irreplaceable, Brinkley said.

"Boss" Marilyn's strong, ever-lasting presence, Brinkley said, can be summed up by the thoughts of Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who said that there are those who live among us who are the righteous ones, where no village can survive.

"There is a kind of joy of knowing her that continues now," Brinkley said. "There is a kind of sadness as well."

## Seniors to be reimbursed Union fee

An administrative decision has gone in favor of University of Maine seniors. It's about time. Seniors slated to graduate in May 2001 will be reimbursed the money they were required to pay toward the completion of the Memorial Union Expansion and Renovation project.

Students were charged \$1.75 per credit hour under the promise that the building would reach beneficial occupancy by mid-March. The construction on the Union is still underway and May graduates will not see the completed project. Occupancy will not occur until fall semester 2001. Since students won't be able to utilize the Union before graduation they shouldn't be charged the fee money. They deserve a refund and the administration has agreed.

Student Government President Fred Odera and Vice President Kamal Shannak fought on behalf of the seniors, meeting with Richard Chapman, vice president of Student Affairs; Robert Durringer, vice president for Finance Administration and Dwight Rideout, assistant vice president and dean of Students and Community Life. The decision was reached fairly rapidly. The aforementioned met Monday morning and the decision was reached yesterday afternoon.

About \$35,000 will be redistributed but exactly when and how has not been determined. On behalf of the seniors, *The Maine Campus* thanks those involved in addressing this matter and helping restore some faith in our administration.

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## Letters to the Editor

• FIJI

So Sean Prendergast is insulted by Dr. Dana's response to FIJI's lost recognition? Funny, Dr. Dana was doing FIJI a favor by not clarifying the issue. Apparently Mr. Prendergast does not realize how immoral and idiotic his article made FIJI seem: the actions that occur in the house of a fraternity are the responsibility of the fraternity. If the brothers allow strangers into their house, they must take moral responsibility for their actions. Secondly, a distress call does not warrant the "permission" of the owner of the phone and certainly removing the phone from the hand of a distressed woman was not a smart idea, no matter how Mr. Prendergast attempts to play it up. Next, the police: Mr. Prendergast assumes that the police had no merit to ask to enter the house after the call when, in reality, the police had probable cause and hence were legally warranted to enter the premises. A fraternity is not above the law and, apparently, under the moral level of most of the rest of the organizations on campus.

Mr. Prendergast says he does not necessarily oppose the disenfranchisement that FIJI has received. Good for him. The sanctions imposed are not only worthy, but lenient. The Greek organizations are supposed to exemplify the moral attitude of the University as

a whole and if they are unable to do this then they have lost their purpose and their place. I hope that FIJI takes its strokes of the lash silently and that it be an example for the rest of the Greek organizations on campus. Too many times problems and illegalities are over-looked – if you disagree, ask yourself how many underage people drink at Greek functions.

The Greek organizations may live in the private sector, but they are a member of the University community and hence must uphold their role and their moral position. If FIJI has not done this, then they are not welcome. I applaud the University for their steps against FIJI and hope that the community takes note.

**Jonathan Beever**  
**Hancock Hall**

• Bathroom sex

College is the giant meat grinder of life. It takes raw chunks of freshman meat and, with a turn of the crank, grade-A grown-ups come out. With this new founded adult power, most people become successful, contributing members of society. What happened to those chucks that miss the grinder? These lost souls of adolescence, at one point or another, are not imbued with various cultural and social norms associated with our culture. Their way of life is

not the way of any normal resident. True, in the bathroom, these types do what any other person would do. Brushing the teeth, washing the face and straddling the john are all in a day's work. The problem arises when they go that extra step: oral sex in the public area.

Students living in a dormitory are given access to different rooms for different activities. First, take the study lounge. It's a perfect place for studying and lounging. Then there is the bathroom. Though not for baths, this room is an excellent place to shower and finish up the digestive system's work. Finally, the all purpose living room. This is where miscellaneous daily activity happens. Access to each room is restricted to those who live there. The things that happen in those rooms happen behind closed doors, even oral sex. And for just reason. No one wants to be privy to any sex act when all they want is to get to the showers.

So to those fledgling adults-in-training, take this advice. Sex in any form is terrific. Do it many times a day. It's one of those time-tested activities that will always be fun. Just remember to avoid a sticky situation: keep it in the bedroom, not where the other residents pee.

**Ian Dawson**  
**Hart Hall**

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# OPINION

## Alaska wilderness in danger

What's the hottest debate in the Senate these days? Or should I say the chilliest? It's the Arctic; the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to be specific. This refuge was established in 1960 by President Eisenhower as America's last unspoiled frontier. Now, 41 years later, the Bush administration wants to change that.

Several members of the Senate are proposing to open up this wildlife refuge for drilling. Alaska's Senator Murkowski is introducing a bill for 1.5 million of the 19 million acres on the coastal plain to be explored for oil. Opposed to the bill are our own state's Senate members Republicans Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, as well as all but three of the Democrats in the Senate.

Leaving the oil fields of Texas behind, President Bush agrees with this plan, this being a key point in his presidential campaign.

"I campaigned hard on the notion of having environmentally sensitive exploration at ANWR," he said last month.

But environmentalists say that "just as there is no way to be half-pregnant, there is no 'sensitive' way to drill in a wilderness." The ANWR is home to many large populations of caribou, musk oxen, wolves, moose, foxes, grizzlies, polar bears, loons, snow geese and many other migratory bird

species.

It is wholly unnecessary to destroy these animals' homes along with one of the few pristine landscapes left in this world. Here, the amount of damage that will be done is far greater than the demand for oil.



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Maine Campus  
Copy Editor

Environmental groups say that the oil deposits may only amount to less than a six month domestic supply.

In a study done in 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy found that oil only makes up three percent of the fuel used in America. Coal was the greatest with 51 percent, while hydro and other non-hydro renewable sources only made up 10 percent. This is yet another reason there is no need to open up Alaska's oil reserves. The Senate could use their time and money more productively by funding research for renewable fuel sources.

But what about California's power crisis? Oil-fired generators produce only one percent of California's electricity. So this too is not a legitimate argument for drilling in the Arctic. In fact, California does not even really have an energy shortage, rather a money short-

age for the rising costs of this energy. John Bryson, CEO of Edison International, a primary power company in California, explains the crisis like this: "A very small part of [the crisis] is associated with a shortage of electricity. The problem is primarily ... between high wholesale costs of electricity ... and low regulated retail rates." In the words of Harvey Rosenfield, president of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, "There is no energy shortage. There is an energy cartel of companies that is manipulating the supply at any given moment in order to manipulate massive market price increase and get high profits."

So if there is no oil fuel shortage in California and little need for more oil in the nation then why ruin the Arctic wilderness at all? The only answer I can come up with is for the money. Why else would Alaska's governor along with much of the state's population be in favor of destroying their own state? Why else would former governor of big oil state Texas be so interested in tapping into this well? But is it really worth the money to be destroying not only several populations of wild animals but a serene and beautiful land?

Catie Joyce is a sophomore English major.

## Bush keepin' it real in Washington

For two reasons I've never been able to keep a straight face and say "keep it real." First, the phrase isn't mine; I don't own it. Hip-hop rightfully owns it. However, once a dedication to staying true

to hip-hop in its original street form, the phrase has been touted by the likes of Puffy, Eminem, corporations, laymen and my cat as a selling phrase, not as something that actually contains any real meaning.

Second, I'm not a G from the Bronx or anywhere applicable to justify living my life as a ghetto star and using the phrase as it originally was intended. But, then again, neither are 95% of the gangstas on campus who attempt to portray a G but suffer the reality of growing up in the "not hood" of Upper Manhattan, Buffalo, NY, Lexington, MA or Bangor, ME. But, to my point: in the same ironic way it is used in popular culture, Bush appears to have "kept it real" in dealing with the economy while investment conservatives used it as a cover to criticize Clinton.

A strong economy is good; a frail economy is bad. Bush both understands this and knows how to spell economy. But has he "kept it real" in dealing with the economy? (G-sieved translation with an ironic twist: does Bush have a role in the building of what appears to be a recession?). It's debatable but theories in self-prophesized recessions do exist. Word of a slowdown never really appeared until the past eight months when Bush's verbal orifice started slinging ghostly forewarnings that the economy is faltering. If a monetary policy-biased President probes the economy enough, using -ism's to declare how strapping it is one minute and fragile and smelly the next, of course our consumer confidence may become less energized as well as highly confused.

De-stabilizing, entering a self-prophesized downward business cycle and an increase in the consumption of Oprah and whisky should be expected after a recent breakup with your partner or believing in

what Bush says. Even two half-point interest rate cuts by Uncle Greenspan, one of which occurred as an emergency meeting, may suggest Greenspan was trying to prevent Bush from gaining justification for his tax plan. Alas, however, Americans have gradually stopped buying things they don't need, providing Bush with an opportunity to play with numbers.

And even conservative investment firms are using the dandy phrase to pick away at Bill Clinton's reputation. The moral customers of Morgan Stanley got all "up in it" when they discovered Bill "Harlem" Clinton, the ex-president made of lubrication and who has a tattoo of himself giving the Republican elephant a trunk-tug, was scheduled to shake his thing at their dinner.

"We should have been far more sensitive to the strong feelings of our clients over Mr. Clinton's personal behavior as president," the company's chairman said. Luckily, the almost-immoral decision did not result in the loss of business for the firm as it continued to hold all of the clients' stock in IBM, Nike and Texaco.

Sadly, "keeping it real," like most things political or fashionable, has become another overused image trait that sounds really neat but only carries irony with it. The masses get their hands on an idiom and as long as it sounds cool, nobody is letting it go. Eventually, I hope, like Bush's presidency, we'll all just stop pretending to treat the phrase so seriously.

Jason Moor is a senior English major.

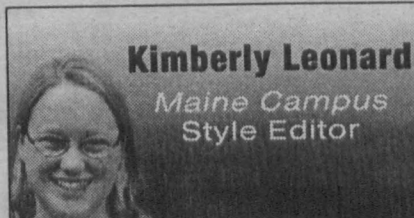
## Kitty litter and ice skates are the answer

Ice in the right context is a wonderful thing. It's nice in ice rinks, and icebergs are relatively beautiful. I can abide ice cubes in my rum and Coke. I even like a Sno-Cone from time to time. But I cannot and absolutely will not be happy until the university buys some salt, kitty litter or dirt to put down over the treacherous walkways. And I will tell you why.

On Saturday while playing on the Mall, in what was a pitifully attended snowman making contest, I slipped and fell. When I went down I landed on my right arm. The verdict is still out on the specifics of my injury but I have it on good authority from an official at Cutler Health Center (I know most are scoffing right now but please try to stifle) that my wrist is definitely damaged. Plus, I am resigned to wearing a Velcro splint until the X-Rays show something or it heals. Go figure.

At any rate, I am not the first to have been injured by the horrid walking conditions on campus and since Facilities Management seems to be lacking in ideas for dealing with the ice, I have a few suggestions.

From Ground Specialties, Inc., the university could purchase ground thawing equip-



Kimberly Leonard

Maine Campus  
Style Editor

ment. A "thaw unit" can thaw in 'T' or 'L' shapes, up to 48 inches. If the university charged another fee, and this one could even be charged to seniors, it could easily cover the cost of buying a couple hundred thousand. It could simply be called the winter fee ... students would never know what they were really paying for. It's deviously brilliant. The administration could even look into half-constructing another building to house them.

Here is suggestion number two: the university should take Larry Mahaney up on his offer to pay for a dome over the football field, but instead order an extra large one to cover the entire university. Simple, yet effective.

All I have to say is kitty litter. Just like mom and dad used to do on the front porch each winter. But for the university's

sake we're talking bulk rates. At www.kittylitter.com the head honchos over at Facilities could get some coupons and could even find out which litter ranks numero uno in terms of "clay," "clumping" and "alternative" kitty litter categories.

For purposes of ease, the university could have crop dusters swoop over the premises dropping litter bombs. Administrators would, however, have to make sure that students, staff and faculty were equipped with umbrellas to avoid being pelted with rock hard sanitary products for felines.

My very last resort will be ice skates. I haven't strapped on a pair since I was eight but it is worth a try if I can make it to class on time without being in danger of breaking bones and getting bruises on my bum from falling down. Perhaps Facilities Management administration could fork over some money for a pair ... in lieu, of course, for paying my medical bills.

At least it would be some good exercise and I wouldn't be doing the slippery day shuffle.

Kimberly Leonard is The Maine Campus style editor.

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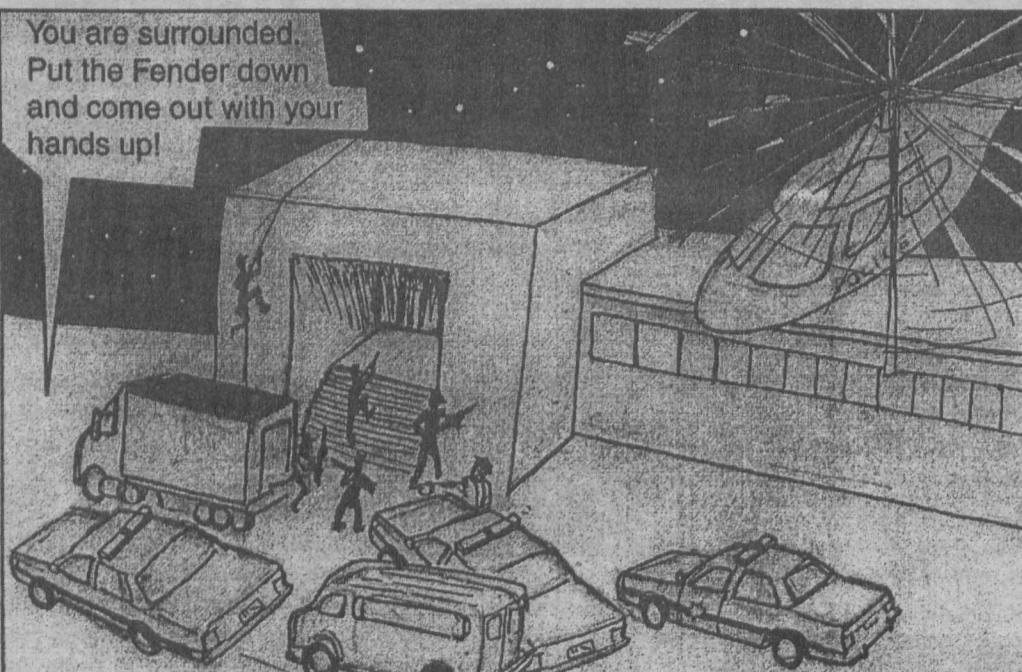
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by Solomon Goldman

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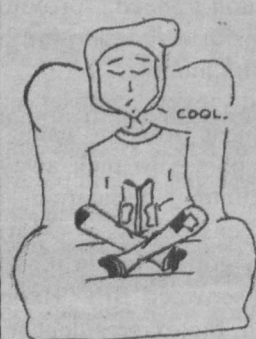
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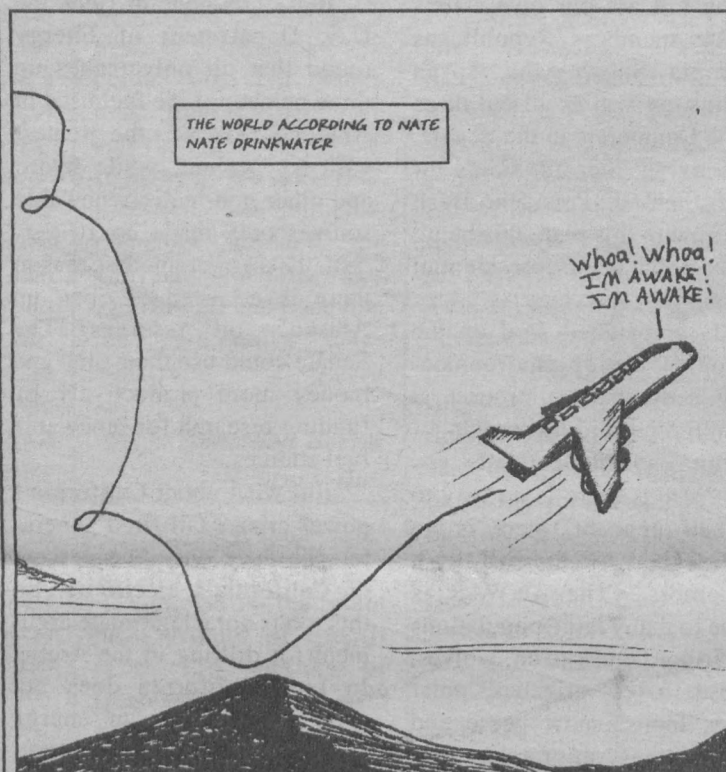
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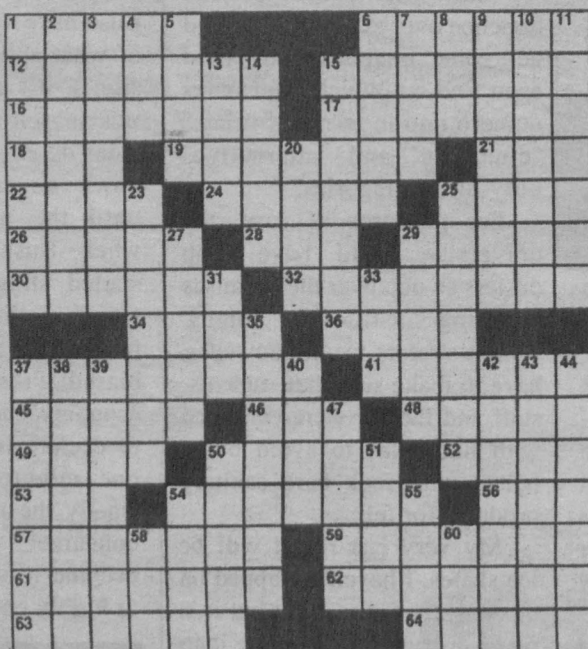
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- 15 Drop-off center, of sorts
- 16 Hot
- 17 Bad
- 18 Golfer Hinkle
- 19 "Saul and David" composer Carl
- 21 One might find it boring
- 22 Tolstoy hero
- 24 Typical beginning
- 25 Pas (gentle ballet step)
- 26 Carried chair

- 28 Seesaw necessity
- 29 Emulate Snidely Whiplash
- 30 Globetrot
- 32 Construction workers
- 34 Priestly robes
- 36 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
- 37 Group with the #1 album "Vitalogy"
- 41 Young raptor
- 45 Ledger line
- 46 M.P.H.
- 48 Many times before?
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- 50 Part of R.W.E.
- 52 One to build on?
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- 54 Engaging
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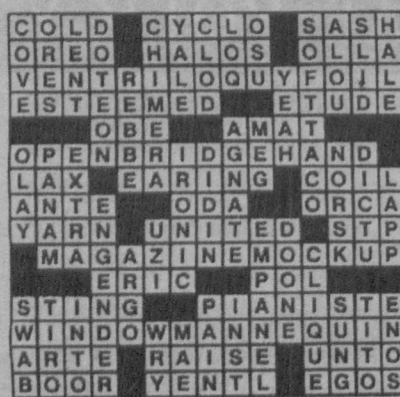
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- 8 Prefix with -cide
- 9 Big name in cakes
- 10 Shrimp boat, e.g.
- 11 Shopkeepers
- 13 Kind of joint
- 14 Tornado siren, e.g.
- 15 Misrepresent
- 20 "Oxford Blues" star, 1984
- 23 Historical kingdom in the Pyrenees
- 25 Island Columbus reached in 1493



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 27 Literature Nobelists Sachs
- 29 Take a powder
- 31 Great Society inits.
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- 35 Pundits
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- 38 Coming
- 39 Where Shannon Miller won gold
- 40 Sitcom eatery
- 42 Grammy winner for "Hey Lover"

- 43 Ancient land between the Arno and Tiber
- 44 Clothes closet accessory
- 47 Parkinsonism treatment
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## VIC'S CORNER

BY VICTOR ARIOUS,  
ENTERTAINMENT SECTION EDITOR

"YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE-

YOU'RE A VEGETARIAN, BUT YOU WEAR LEATHER BIRKENSTOCKS. YOU GO TO THE GYM, BUT YOU ALSO SMOKE. YOU ADMIT THAT EVERYTHING ON TV IS CRAP, BUT YOU WATCH IT ANYWAY. YOU AREN'T RACIST, BUT THE ONE ABOUT THE BLACK GUY IN THE AIRPLANE IS REALLY FUNNY. YOU PROTEST A SUPER WAL-MART, BUT STILL SHOP AT THE REGULAR WAL-MART BECAUSE "NOTHING ELSE IS OPEN" OR "IT'S CHEAPER." YOU HATE PEOPLE GOING SLOW, SO YOU TAILGATE. YOU HATE BEING TAILGATED, SO YOU GO SLOWER. YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PRICE OF GASOLINE, BUT YOU ALSO COMPLAIN ABOUT ANWR DRILLING. YOU PROTEST ANIMAL TESTING, BUT YOU'VE TAKEN MEDICINE. YOU COMPLAIN THAT MONEY RUNS THE WORLD, BUT YOU CONTINUE TO BUY THINGS."

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## Blast from the past brings fond memories

By Kris Healey and Abel Gleason  
Maine Campus Village Idiots

After my latest pilgrimage the new Blast From the Past arcade in Bangor, I have learned that there are two certainties in life. First: some good things exist outside of time and will always retain the qualities that made them great in the first place. Second: I will always suck at Paperboy.

In case you don't get off of campus very often, The Blast from the Past arcade is the newest venue in Bangor's somewhat dilapidated Airport Mall on Union street. Chances are however, that even if you were looking for it, Blast from the Past might elude you. The tiny gallery sits nestled behind the facade of a second-hand video outlet that sells only the finest titles ever put to celluloid such as Richard Roundtree's Crack House and the early episodes of Johnny Quest.

There in the cool electric dim of the blacklights sit approxi-

mately two-dozen coin operated games that range in age from late-sixties pinball tables to the ultra-modern Street Fighter Alpha and Arctic Blast, a snowmobile simulator so new and comprehensive that it gives you real frostbite on your fingers.

The real draw of Blast From The Past, though, is its incredibly comprehensive collection of golden-age 4 and 8 bit video games. From Frogger to Asteroids to the incredibly rare Berzerk, the entire Atari 2600 cast is there. The first time I went in I spent the better part of an hour and five dollars playing Light Cycles on the vintage stand-up edition of Tron. Anyone born too late to have actually owned an Atari will appreciate the equally extensive selection of Nintendo-era arcade classics like Rush N' Attack, Super Mario Brothers and Q-Bert. The list of requisite arcade masterworks extends upwards through the eighties with games such as 720 Skateboarding and Out Run, and into the nineties with the first edition of Mortal Kombat; to this day arguably the

best fighting game ever. Thrown into this digital potpourri are enough brand-new arcade titles to keep even the newest video game initiates pleased, and a first-rate air hockey table to pacify the less video inclined.

One of the best parts about Blast From The Past, though, is the price. As a frequent game player, I'm accustomed to paying 75 cents or a dollar for some of the newest games at other arcades. Blast From The Past hasn't raised the original prices of these games at all. At only 25 cents a game, five dollars goes a long way. Keeping that in mind, I have about two-dozen new reasons to eschew my Nintendo 64 for a few more days.

Until you step into the Blast From The Past arcade, the fact that when you play Frogger the cars, logs and turtles get faster and more frantic with every completed level, has remained a distant childhood memory. You approach the machine with a cocky stride and drop a quarter into the slot. By the time you reach level three you

are so worked up at your inability to cross the street that you swear out loud. The family venue you are in is probably not the best place to use such language, but damn it, why does the frog die if he touches the water? He is amphibious right? You shake it off and then drop another coin in the slot and try again. That is what is so cool about Blast From The Past arcade... remembering what it was that made you simultaneously love and hate games like Frogger, Asteroids and Donkey Kong.

Blast From The Past is like a trip back in time, only, you don't play the games as well anymore, and you are twice as sad when you leave. When you were a kid, you didn't cherish the games, you just thought they were cool. Now, years later, they are testaments to your youth, and returning to that youth for an afternoon is a cathartic experience.

As the lights and sounds of childhood wash over you, you will forget about homework, papers, tests and projects. Your

only concern is getting your girlfriend back from that damn monkey. It would be a lot easier if you didn't have him throwing flaming barrels at you, but don't worry, in Donkey Kong, you have three lives.

It's hard to have a bad time when you are grinning ear to ear as you remember where the secret extra life is on level 3-4 of Super Mario Brothers, and it's even harder to have a bad time when you are playing bubble hockey or pinball. Blast From the Past Arcade, though not likely to be recommended by three out of four doctors, is probably as good for your health as a trip to Cutler.

The next time you are bored on a Monday afternoon, too low on money to hit the bars, looking for a cool place to bring a date or just feeling overwhelmed by the daily routine that is college life at the University of Maine, hop in your car and head down to the Airport Mall in Bangor. The Blast From the Past Arcade won't cure that nagging cough, but it will remind you that life was at one time about more than books

## Politics aside, Turkist sights give enlightenment

By Domonic Potorti  
Special to The Maine Campus

While I was playing the role of Mr. Joe American Tourist, a.k.a. Mr. "I don't speak Turkish" this weekend with two other exchange students in the metropolis of Istanbul, one of them happened to find an English language newspaper at a little kiosk. The headline read, "U.S. and U.K. Bomb Iraq."

As a born-and-raised American, I was not shocked, for such attacks in Iraq have become somewhat of a theme in US foreign policy in Iraq in recent years, though to be sure, there has been about two years of relative "stability." I am not a political person by nature, nor do I have all the facts about this current situation, but what I do know is that never before have I taken such an active interest in the events that unfold in the Middle East.

As you know, Iraq shares a considerable land border with Turkey in the eastern part of the country and many international students here at Bilkent are indeed Iraqi. This puts me in an odd situation. As a representative American (and one of only two on campus), I must try to explain to my Turkish

friends and others why this has happened.

The Turks share the faith of Islam with the Iraqi people, and despite the recent hostilities that have been part of Iraqi policy toward Turkey, they feel a kind of commonality with the people of Iraq. Turkey has been working for the past two years to mend the fences with what many Turks consider to be some limited success.

So here I am, faced with questions that I must answer honestly and fairly. These answers are seldom what the Turks would like to hear. What wounds the Turks most of all is the fact that, according to five papers in the country — translated courtesy of the boys next door — Turkey was not even notified that the attacks were to be carried out. This is unusual, for American and most UN aircraft attacks on Iraq leave from an Air Force Base in Incirlik, in the southern part of Turkey near the large city of Adana. But whatever the reasons could have been for the attack, I am now much closer to this than those of you who will read this and not just geographically. Never once, outside times where I was nearly struck and killed by Ankaran and Istanbul taxi drivers, have I

felt unsafe in this country, nor do I expect to. Yet now my presence here is less of a mild curiosity, for I, without any implied drama, must answer for 273 million of my countrymen. I hope I do not disappoint.

With political drama aside, I must say that this country never ceases to amaze me. Just when I think that I have gotten accustomed to something, like food or the campus, I am thrown again. This weekend, as I mentioned before, I rode for five hours by car to the Big Meat-on-a-Stick herself, Istanbul.

Arriving late at night at our special little hotel, we slept fitfully in anticipation of our foray into the city that holds the majority of Turkish history, art and culture. And Istanbul does not disappoint. Our hotel was in Kadikoy, on the Asian side of the Bosphorus, and when we awoke the next morning and stepped outside, I could not breathe.

European Istanbul has a skyline that nobody could ever forget, with the minarets of a half dozen mosques piercing the heavens. In the ensuing days, we attempted to see as much of this vast city as possible, though of course we only scratched the surface. It was strange to me to be actually leaving continents by car, driving over the span of the

Galatasaray, the Galata Bridge, and in the past for days I have been to Europe more than 6 times.

We toured the Aya Sofia, a Byzantine cathedral turned mosque turned museum, with stunning mosaic of Christ and the Apostles juxtaposed with the Arabic script of later worshippers. Then the Blue Mosque, which has more minarets (6) than any other mosque save the one in Mecca (with 9). We saw Egyptian stela, a Roman hippodrome and a Greek bronze serpent statue stolen from the Sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi, all within yards of each other. However, the place that captured my imagination most was the Byzantine Cistern, or the "Sunken City", where you travel under the city to a vast hall held up by Corinthian and Doric columns over a good three feet of water, a few goldfish, and eerie lighting. As we walked along the causeways, the faint sounds of opera music echoed through the columns and was only accompanied by the sound of water dripping, as it had done for hundreds of years. We could hardly make a sound.

Later, we took a rickety Turkish vessel to the Princes

Islands, where we saw a Turkey that could not be any more of a contrast to Istanbul: no cars, horsedrawn transportation, widows in black and small children playing with the resident mongrels and the plethora of felines. And as there was no McDonalds. I heaved a great sigh of relief. A functioning Greek monastery on the summit of the largest island afforded a view of the Sea of Marmara and the Kara Deniz, the Black Sea, off in the distance.

Then, back to my studies here in Ankara, which savvy Istanbulis call "that little ball of dust." But no matter. On our way home, we passed through Izmit, which if you remember was the epicenter of the massive earthquake that killed hundreds of thousands of Turks. The squatter towns and the emergency housing was an all-too-real reminder that I had just spent a considerable amount of time in a place that all agree will see another such quake in the next two decades. And, like most people who live in places where their lives are threatened daily such as those in Mexico City, Seattle, Naples and Tokyo, the Turks just shrug. "Inshallah" they say — it is the will of God. Let us hope His will is to protect.



# Film series encourages cultural awareness

By Kate Perry  
For The Maine Campus

As globalization shrinks the world, questions about cultural identity and cross-cultural interaction grow more rare. To inspire and encourage discussion of these issues, the International Affairs Program will present three exceptional motion pictures from three different countries as part of their first International Film Festival this week.

"We'd like to broaden cultural awareness," explained event coordinator Adam Kuykendall, "so we wanted to choose international films that are not only seriously entertaining but also work within a theme and make a point. Hopefully they'll also raise questions and open up a dialogue with the audience."

The films that made the cut are India's "The Big City" (1963), Guatemala's "El Norte" (1983) and Cuba's "I Am Cuba" (1962). Each will be presented free of charge at 7 p.m. on separate evenings, beginning with "The Big City" Wednesday in DPC 100.

"We thought that would be a good way to open the festival," says Kuykendall. "This film initially follows a format that is similar to American films, but doesn't end in a way that Americans normally think of as happy."

Directed by Satyajit Ray — "the Coppola of India," said Kuykendall — "The Big City" tells the story of a young Hindu woman forced to sell sewing machines door-to-door to help her husband support their family, which includes not only their children but also his parents. The family, however, is not pleased with this situation. The young woman must live with their disapproval and constant complaints while she struggles against other, outside obstacles. The "beautifully photographed" film has a surprise ending, and Kuykendall said it was "part of the reason we chose it."

"El Norte" will be presented Thursday in Neville 100. A parable about migrants in the United States

and the American Dream, "El Norte" chronicles the experiences of a Guatemalan brother and sister who leave their homeland to escape its economic strife. They come to Los Angeles seeking a better life, but soon discover that the place they ran to is not much different than the place they left behind.

"Our theme this year explores work and how work is addressed in various countries," said Kuykendall. The frank depiction in "El Norte" of the contrast between immigrants' hopes and their reality expands on this idea.

The final film in the series will be presented Friday in DPC 100. "I Am Cuba" is a Communist propaganda film that recalls the various walks of Cuban life during Castro's rise to power. Decidedly anti-American, and made just two years after the Cuban Missile Crisis, the film is an intriguing portrait of all aspects of Cuban society, and an absorbing account of all the repression that was building up to revolution. It's also an unusually advanced film, with some cinematography that Kuykendall calls "superior to anything being made today."

Guest speakers will accompany two of the films. Prof. Douglas Allen of the Philosophy Department will speak at the presentation of "The Big City," and Associate Dean of Students and Community Life Angel Loreda will speak at the presentation of "El Norte." Kuykendall said he feels the addition of guest speakers will encourage more lively and engaging discussion about the films and the issues they raise.

"We want people to watch these films not just as Americans but as citizens of the world," said Kuykendall. "The whole process of globalization emphasizes the 'oneness' of the world, but at the same time no one wants to lose their culture. With this festival, we're trying to use a medium that we all know and love as a vehicle for sharing the experience of other cultures. That way, we can learn to understand and embrace them as we move forward into this thing together."

# Cabaret deals with relevant themes

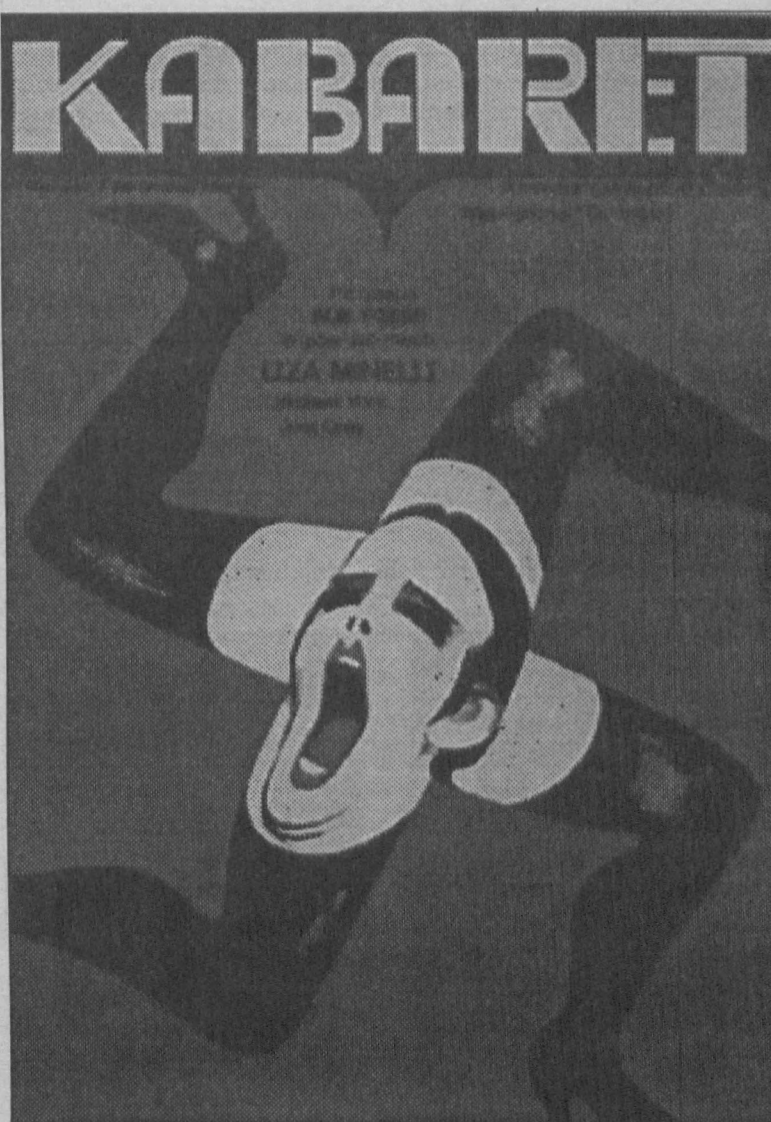
By Amanda Bouley  
For The Maine Campus

The two tiny swastikas printed on the bottom of the posters advertising the upcoming production of "Cabaret" may have sparked vandalism — the posters were ripped in half. The "Cabaret" posters were designed to illustrate the issues surrounding Germany during 1929, prior to the rise of Nazism, and their destruction demonstrates that these issues are not outdated.

"The fact that this is happening shows that we are dealing with themes still relevant to today," said Sandra Hardy, an Associate Professor of Theatre and also the director of "Cabaret." "It was not our intention to offend anyone; this happened by coincidence and shows the emotion that surrounds a symbol."

The performance begins when Clifford Bradshaw comes to Berlin. Bradshaw is the persona of the novelist who wrote, "I am a camera," the novel on which the play is based. It is through his eyes that we see the rise of the Third Reich.

When Bradshaw arrives in Berlin he rents in a rooming house owned by Fraulein Schneider. Schneider then introduces Bradshaw to the cabaret where he meets Sally Bowles, who also resides in the rooming house. An older man by the name of Herr Schultz is romancing



Schneider. Schultz is a Jew who will be persecuted and Schneider is forced to make a choice.

The cast members who will be playing the leading roles include Matthew Small, a third-year communication major as the Master of Ceremonies; Dominic

Varney, a fourth-year communication sciences and disorders major as Clifford Bradshaw; Jasmine Ireland, a fourth-year theatre major as Sally Bowles; Sandra Bisson, a music education

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# Writing series offers exposure

By Kate Milligan  
For The Maine Campus

The second reading of the New Writing Series featured poet Leeann Brown, author of "Polyverse" and publisher of Tender Buttons Press.

"I love to share my work. If one of my poems suggests something to someone so that they write, that makes me happy," she said.

The idea behind the readings is to have a mixture of writers from Maine, university faculty members and authors from other places, which would create exposure to an assortment of writing styles. The series has 10 events planned throughout the year and The Maine Poetry and Story Exchange Festival, which will take place at the end of April.

Steve Evans, assistant professor in the English department,

head of the Advanced Poetic Structures and Composites Laboratory and an active participant of the National Poetry Foundation, organizes the writing series. He stressed the primary goal of the series is to join the energy of poetry at UMaine with the English Department to create a dynamic writing environment.

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graduate student as Fraulein Schneider; and Danny Williams, a UMaine alumnus and Assistant Director of Admissions as Herr Schultz.

The actors also learned the history of the period. Rabbi Laurence Miller of Beth El Congregation in Bangor met with the cast to talk about the religious history of the World War II era. The cast also wrote character studies.

At each of the performances, theatergoers can expect to find that Hauck Auditorium has been transformed into a cabaret. It is similar to a nightclub atmosphere, but on a smaller scale.

"The cabaret is not a Brittany

Spears or Christina Aguilera scene, with them it's all about a production. It's about microphones and amplifiers, dancing and costumes. A cabaret is about talent," said Hardy. "The cabaret atmosphere is more like that of a Tony Bennett or Frank Sinatra performance. You must be a very good performer to be in that type of intimate situation."

"Cabaret" will be performed in the Hauck Auditorium on Feb. 23 through 24 and March 1 through 3 at 7:30 p.m., as well as on Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets for "Cabaret" are \$8 and are available by the Maine Center for the Arts Box Office at 581-1755.

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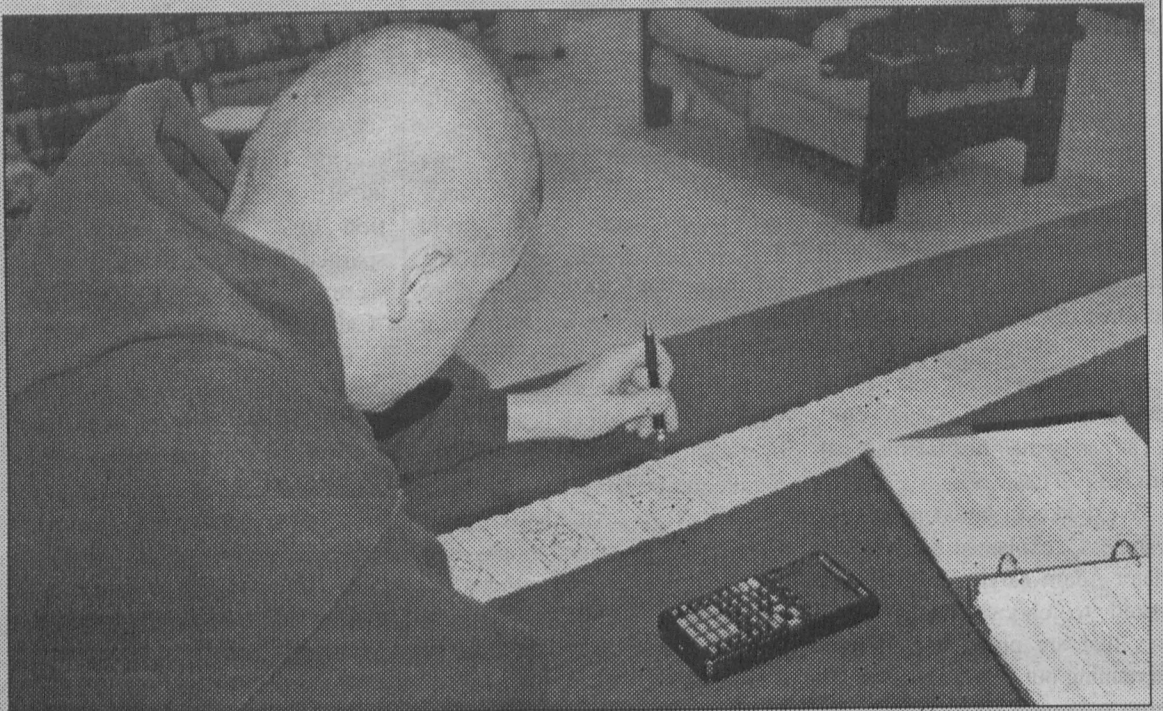
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## A bit of innovation



Michael Simpson, a senior civil engineering student, completes his homework for his structures class on a roll of toilet paper. CAMPUS PHOTO BY JULIE ALTENHOFF.

## Writing series

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now," explained Evans. "It's clear that the series is in evolution. There were three or four events, and now there are 10 events and a festival."

In the past, the university has been the host to such writers as Amiri Baraka, Founder of Black Arts Movement, and Jayne Cortez, one of the directors of the Organization for Women Writers in Africa.

"Baraka's reading alone drew over 350 people," he said.

Brown has traveled to the UMaine campus several times in the past to share her unique writing style. She draws her inspiration from contemporary poets such as Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman and Bernadette Mayer, just to name a few. Brown described that one way she approaches writing is to record

interesting things that people say and create poetry out of it. It is a way of giving information in order to take the idea into your own experiences because "The world is poetry."

The series is sponsored by the National Poetry Foundation and the University of Maine English Department, the series began this fall and is free and open to the public.

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# Alfond crew

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"Scott and Eric are great drivers," Felker said, pointing to the forklifts. "Good drivers make all the difference in a process like this."

Each section is rolled across the ice surface, fitted snugly against the boards and each other. This initial step is best described as coordinated chaos. The crew seems to be moving in every direction, but one section follows the next with amazing precision.

Hardy is instrumental in this process. "He can outwork any five people out there," said Felker. "He's everywhere at once and he gets things done fast."

Just 28 minutes after the portafloor installation began, it's completed. Prior to completion, a portion of Felker's crew breaks off and begins removing the 186 panels of glass that surround the ice surface. The glass is placed on pallets and removed by the

forklifts to the outside.

While this process is in full swing, the sections of the basketball court are being laid. The hardwood surface is comprised of 225 panels that must be handled gently. "We make a mistake with the court and something will get damaged," said Felker. "If that happens, it's probably a game stopper." This represents the equivalent of hell for the arena operations crew.

The hardwood operation runs with the same confusing efficiency as the portafloor in the opposite direction. At this point, Swett and White have dismounted the forklifts and are working along with the rest of the crew. Hardy is his ubiquitous self, helping a crew at one end of the surface only to pop up at the other end always working. Felker is using a board and small sledgehammer to tighten the hardwood panels' tongue and

groove construction. He is in constant motion, walking from end to end, encouraging the members of his crew as he completes a job that's equal parts art and carpentry.

"Matt and Eric are among the best coaches in the athletic department," said UMaine Assistant Athletic Director Jim Dyer. "It's because of their ability to organize, motivate and lead their team of student-employees in a complex task. Especially under the pressure of tight time constraints."

At 5:50 p.m. the court is in place and ancillary duties have begun. The baskets are being erected at each end of the court. The bleachers for the UMaine band are brought out. The press and scorer's tables are put in place and set up. The entire process is completed at 6:03 p.m. Felker, White, Swett and Hardy continue to make checks of the

work they have just completed. Minor adjustments are made, but the worst is over. The entire process has taken just 91 minutes.

"The crew makes the whole thing work," said Felker of the student employees. "Obviously, we couldn't do this without them. A lot of schools are getting away from this kind of stuff because they just can't do it in the time necessary. But our crew takes pride in getting it done well and getting it done quickly."

By 6:28 p.m. the extra checks are completed and most of the crew has left. Felker, White and Swett stand at one end of the arena, discussing the work they do.

"It's kind of one of those jobs that doesn't really get noticed unless you screw something up," said Felker.

Dyer notices, saying that "they truly are among the athletic department's most valuable employees."

# Women's hockey

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Wolf underwent an X-ray on the injured ankle yesterday, but still needs more tests. An official prognosis is not expected until the weekend.

On Saturday, the Black Bears went into Appleton Arena in Canton, N.Y. to take on the St. Lawrence Saints, a team who had beaten them earlier in the year 6-1.

St. Lawrence got on the board first with a shorthanded goal. Amanda Sergeant netted her 16th of the season on a feed from Shannon Smith at 11:49 of the first period.

They held that lead until the 2:50 mark of the second, when Jarin Sjogren scored her eighth of the season on the power play. Lauren Steblen assisted on the goal.

The Black Bears took the lead when Andrea Keller scored her sixth of the season from Karen Droog at 11:07.

The Saints tied it up again when Caroline Trudeau beat Amanda Cronin for her 11th of the season at 16:31. She got assists from Jessica Wilson and Sara Simard.

The winner for Maine came at 6:09 of the third period when Christine Lane took a feed from

Sjogren and beat St. Lawrence goalie Caryn Ungewitter for her second goal of the season.

Maine was outshot 36-13 by St. Lawrence, but was able to get the win. Cronin made 34 saves in net for the Black Bears, while Ungewitter made 10 in the loss.

Sunday's game at Lynah Rink in Ithaca, N.Y. against Cornell saw no let down from the Black Bears. They jumped on top of the Big Red early in the second period. Karen Droog scored her first goal in five games when she beat Cornell goalie Sanya Sandhal to give Maine a 1-0 lead. Megan Aarts and goalie Dawn Froats assisted on Droog's 18th on the year.

Cornell tied the game soon after. Maine gave up its second shorthanded goal in as many games when Janel Bode scored her seventh on the season from Erin Ellis at 8:18.

The Black Bears took the lead for good at 15:09 of the third when Aarts was able to beat Sandhal for her 10th goal on the

season to give Maine a 2-1 lead. Droog got her second point on the day with an assist on the game winner.

The Black Bears were once again got outshot by a huge margin (29-11) but were able to make up for it by making the most of their chances. Froats made 28 saves on the day, while Sandhal made nine stops for Cornell.

Maine won as many games on the road this weekend as it had all season coming into the weekend. It was the first time that Maine won two games in a single weekend in the ECAC all season. Maine runs its overall record to 13-12-1 and its ECAC record to 8-11-1 for 17 points. They are now three points behind Niagara for the last playoff spot, as the Purple Eagles garnered three of a possible four points from Princeton this weekend.

Next weekend, the Black Bears will hit the road again and play at Yale on Saturday and Princeton on Sunday.

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# Club volleyball stays unbeaten, rec sports news

By Nicole Goulet  
Rec Sports Reporter

The UMaine men's club volleyball team hosted its final home matches of the season, beating both the University of New England and Bowdoin College on Saturday on Feb. 17. These two wins extended Maine's perfect record to 6-0 in the New England Collegiate Volleyball League. The team came out strong for the first match beating University of New England in the best-of-five match. Maine won in four games. Bowdoin College, Maine's final match of the day, presented no problems with Maine winning

easily in three games.

Volleyball club members were also out in front of Wal-Mart this weekend fund-raising for the upcoming National Championships in Kansas City, Mo. A few players worked a donation table in front of the store from Friday afternoon through Sunday evening. The fund-raising efforts were successful, but the club still needs more funding in order to help with the cost of going to Nationals. Contributions to the UMaine Volleyball club would be greatly appreciated. Please send any donations to help the team's trip to nationals to the recreational sports office (140 Memorial

Gym). The club would like to thank all of its supporters as Maine continues its undefeated season this coming weekend at UNH.

## Intramurals

### Snowboarding Competition

Teresa DeCesare won the snowboarding competition. She won both the slalom and timed divisions. The timed division consisted of racing straight to the finish line and the first person crossing the line was the winner.

### Sled Races

Sigma Nu came in first place for the team competition and Chi Omega finished in second. For

the doubles competition, Matthew Shaer and Matthew Bugher came in first and Tyler Blackburn and Kate Durant took second place. In the singles Greek competition, Tyler Blackburn came in first and Amy Lambert came in second. Chitra Ramalingam came in first for the singles open and Maya Panagadan placed second. Finally, in the singles tray division, (which they had to use only a dining tray) Kate Durant won first and Amy Lambert came in second.

### Maine Bound

The Skate Skiing Premier Clinic (Freestyle Skiing) will

be this Thursday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration deadline is today! Only \$10 for UMaine students and you must provide or rent your own equipment. The women's backcountry camping Trip will begin Friday afternoon/evening for a preparatory session. Saturday and Sunday will be the trip. For only \$60 for UMaine students to attend. Limit is 10 people. The Aroostook County cross country ski trip begins Friday evening and will go until Sunday, Feb. 25. Limit for this trip is also 10 people.

## Michigan swimmer

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confident. You really need to just live for that moment."

One notable break from that concentration occurred during the 200-meter freestyle final, the event that Arsenault came up short in at the trials.

"I watched, and I couldn't help being disappointed. I know I could have competed with them," she said.

But that didn't keep Arsenault from scoring a personal best in the preliminaries — good enough to secure her position as the opening leg for the Olympic final.

The race itself was memorable, but it wasn't until after she emerged from the water that the real drama began.

"Watching the three other girls finish, it was such a rush. We had always competed against each other but we bonded so well for that race," Arsenault said.

The race concluded and the numbers flashed up on the board — Arsenault and her teammates were Olympic champions.

She was then immediately rushed down for drug testing, but all she could think of was seeing her family. After an all-too-brief meeting with the family came the always-emotional national anthem and press conference.

"It was so much better than I ever could have dreamed," she said. "The more you look back, the stronger those memories get. And you realize these are some of the best days of your life."

∞ The College Years ∞

At this point, Michigan was a month into its fall semester. Chemistry class and dorm life were calling Arsenault's name.

After adjusting to living on her own, Arsenault's first season in the pool for Michigan took an unexpected turn in Hawaii over

winter break when she sustained a shoulder injury — the first serious injury of her career.

Arsenault now had to refocus and re-evaluate her goals.

"In September, I wanted to swim on the World University team," Arsenault said. "I wanted to go after an NCAA title, but now my body is telling me 'stop.'"

Samantha withdrew from the World Championship trials to concentrate on helping Michigan to a Big Ten team title.

After sacrificing personal glory for her team, it was fitting to see Arsenault finishing the final relay and securing the Big Ten championship for the Wolverines.

"I'm so proud of us," she said. "This tops everything. (It's) the icing on the cake."

The world will miss Arsenault this year, but she will return — her focus already set on Athens, 2004.

## Athlete of the Week

**Krystal Fogler**  
Swimming  
Backstroke/freestyle  
Junior



Maine's Fogler broke the America East record and won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.98. She also won the 200-yard backstroke in 2:05.17, just a tenth of a second behind her America East record. Maine finished in sixth place at the America East meet at

Wallace Pool. Fogler, along with Katrine Alcaide, Kate Muir and Kate Abbot also broke a Maine school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Fogler was named the outstanding female swimmer of the America East meet for the second straight year.

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truly intimidating lineup of pitchers with World Series wins between them, but the Rangers only won 83 games that season and finished fourth.

Then there was the Jose Canseco debacle. A ball bouncing off the outfielder's head for a home run and ruining his elbow while pitching makes it seem as though he was a predecessor of Will Ferrell and the George W. impersonators. Pure strategy.

Read my lips, the Rangers went 466-458 from 1989-1994, which would give them a winning percentage barely above .500. If our odds of winning a war under Bush are only slightly better than half, I would rather take my chances with George Steinbrenner as commander-in-chief, especially with our national weakness against left-handed pitching.

Not all the moves that Bush made, while with the Rangers, were bad. He signed the aforementioned Ryan. Ryan notched his 5,000th career strikeout and won his 300th game while with the team. He also pitched two no-hitters, but more importantly went on to pitch a product that relieved pain and thinned his blood.

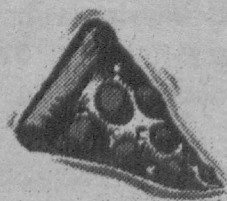
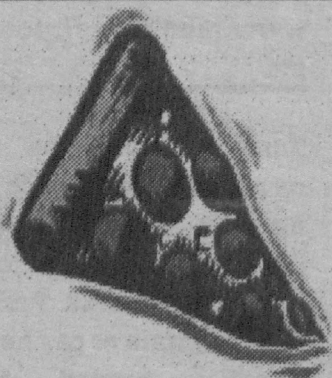
Meanwhile, not all the moves Bush has made as president have been bad. His cabinet may be stocked with light-hitting right fielders, similar enough to the Rangers, but the best move he's made involves an over-the-hill hurler in need of a blood thinner.

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# Women's hoops hosts Boston University

By Kelly Brown  
Women's Basketball Reporter

The Black Bear women's basketball team is hosting a two-game home stand this weekend against Boston University and Northeastern University.

The Boston University Terriers are currently ranked ninth in America East, with a record of 7-17 overall and 4-11 within America East. Katie Terhune, a freshman guard, is ranked first in free-throw percentage making 89.5 percent from the line. Terhune is also ranked fifth in America East for scoring with an average of 16.5 a game.

The Terriers will face the Black Bears in Alford Arena Thursday night at 7:30.

UMaine has moved up in the America East standings yet again, back to fifth place. Last week, the Black Bears were sixth in the standings. Their opponent on Saturday afternoon, the Northeastern Huskies are one spot above them in fourth place. The Black Bears are currently 11-13 overall, and are 8-7 with in America East.

The Huskies are 12-12 overall, and 8-7 in America East. The Huskies boast senior Lani Lawrence who has taken UMaine's Heather Ernest's place as the America East leader in rebounding. Lawrence averages 11 rebounds per game. Ernest has moved down to third place in rebounding, still averaging 10.8 rebounds per game. Sophomore Kiarsha Curtis leads America East in attempted 3-pointers, making an average of 45.5 percent per game.

The Huskies invade Alford Arena Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m.

## Want a bear hug?



Bananas spent some time walking around the Bangor Mall on Monday afternoon giving out hugs to anyone who wanted one.  
CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK LIPCZYNSKI

## Sacrifices by Michigan freshman pay off with Olympic gold

By Steve Jackson  
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) - This past September, freshman Samantha Arsenault gave a golden performance on the world's biggest stage. From half a world away, her actions cast a light on Michigan swimming for all the world to see. Not only did she win a gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle relay, but her opening leg also contributed to a new Olympic record. The mark of 7:57.80 broke the record previously held by the United States' 1996 squad by more than two seconds.

"When you look back, the memories just get stronger," Arsenault said. "But for me the journey was just as emotional and just as important."

∞ Early Training ∞

Arsenault began her days in the pool at the local YMCA program at the tender age of eight. She credits the time spent watching her older brother's meets as the catalyst for her career. This year, Christopher Arsenault has posted the top conference times in five separate events for Massachusetts.

Samantha continued to race and train near her hometown of Peabody, Mass. until she turned 16 and decided to adopt a more intense program.

The new facility was a full hour away from where the Arsenault family lived. She even switched high schools to accommodate her training.

With two practices daily, Arsenault would often spend the night with friends that lived closer to the pool, only returning home a few times per week.

"It was killer on my family

and myself," Arsenault said.

Even after the logistics of balancing home, school and traveling time had been managed, Arsenault had a tremendous amount of swimming to deal with.

Enter coach Don Lemieux.

Sixty miles away in the town of Gardner, Mass., coach Lemieux, a former Mr. Universe contestant, runs a swimming club that has produced a number of Division I-caliber swimmers.

But Arsenault would prove to be his best disciple yet.

Under the cold, dark backdrop of his tiny five-lane, 25-yard "dungeon pool," Lemieux lit a fire under Samantha.

Lemieux said that truly driven athletes don't need special facilities.

"The atmosphere of that place and coach, really helped me find the fun in swimming again," Arsenault said.

And the long hours of training and technique work paid off for her.

Coach Lemieux "knew I had the talent, but it took awhile for me to believe that I could get to this level," Arsenault said.

After committing to Michigan in December of 1998, Arsenault decided to defer her education and concentrate on her dream — the Olympic Games.

"Her family relationship is so tight," said Lemieux, who still speaks regularly with Arsenault. "They were so supportive with her traveling, even letting her take a whole year off to train."

∞ Olympic Trials ∞

That year passed quickly as Samantha geared her entire training regime around one meet — the Olympic trials.

"It was kind of scary, because

you put all that work in, and it's a one-shot deal," Arsenault said. "But I loved those pressure situations. The pool is all decorated and the officials are in sync. It just makes me feel better in the water."

Arsenault came in believing that she would win her event, the 200-meter freestyle.

And after the preliminary races, she appeared well on her way — seeded first heading into the final.

That night's excitement, coupled with seeing her friend and fellow New Englander Eric Vendt qualify, kept Arsenault awake into the morning hours.

But when morning came, she was all smiles — relaxed and looking to have fun.

"I was calm going into that final race, I had confidence because of how hard I trained," Arsenault said.

She started out the race in a fury of pure adrenaline and, consequently, she didn't have the energy to bring it home.

"I swam it so stupidly," she said. "I looked up after I touched and saw 'third' on the board and I was instantly upset and really disappointed."

Only the top two would qualify individually for the event.

But, her feelings changed

quickly as the reality hit her — she was going to the Olympics in the relay.

"They played the anthem and wrapped us in the Olympic flag. It was an amazing feeling," she said.

When it was all over, Arsenault flew back home to Massachusetts. She had just two days to accept congratulations and pack her things for the adventures ahead.

"There were so many tears, happy and sad, it was such a special time," Arsenault recalls.

Almost before she could realize what was happening, Arsenault was whisked off to Pasadena, Calif. for a month of training with the U.S. Olympic Team.

∞ Sydney ∞

Following that month of training and team building in California, Arsenault again boarded a plane — this time to Australia and the Olympic Village.

There, she returned to her training in quiet obscurity.

"They did a great job keeping us focused," Arsenault, said. "We didn't really realize where we were until it was all over."

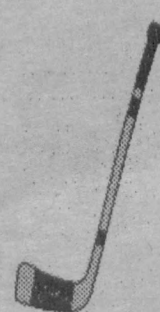
"Watching in '96, it was so different because I had to prepare for my race. I was nervous. I was

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# MAINE CAMPUS Sports

## Alfond crew constantly racing the clock

By Jim Leonard  
Men's Hockey Reporter

It's 4:31 p.m. on a Thursday and the UMaine men's hockey team has just finished practice. On the ice, Niko Dimitrakos is going through his usual post-practice routine, deftly picking up loose pucks with his stick and slapping them down into a bucket.

Waiting patiently in the tunnel that leads to the Maine locker room are Matt Felker and Eric Hardy. These two are part of the four-man crew who take care of the UMaine sports playing surfaces. The other two, Scott White and Eric Swett, are climbing into a pair of forklifts just outside the Alfond Arena. Perched quietly in the bleachers behind Felker are the members of his crew, 26 strong, enjoying the calm before the storm.

Dimitrakos skates off the ice at 4:32 p.m. and the group springs to life. Their task is to convert the Alfond ice arena into the Alfond basketball arena. It's a process that will happen in overlapping stages, require no wasted motion and be required up to 55 times a year. Oh, and by the way, it will have to be completed before 6:30 p.m., exactly one hour before the men's basketball game will start as per America East regulations.

"It's gonna be close," Felker said. "But we should be able to do it."

Felker has worked at Maine since 1989 in one capacity or another. He's best known as the groundskeeper of Mahaney Diamond. But in the winter, the playing surface of the Alfond basketball court is his baby.

Dimitrakos passes the first forklift on his way to the locker room. At the wheel is White, who is toting the first section of the porta-floor onto the ice surface. The crew fans out at the far end of the arena to begin this first stage of the conversion.

The porta-floor is arranged in blue reels, 200 feet in length, of widths varying from four to eight feet. There are 32 reels of the plastic slotted floor that will be placed over the ice surface to stabilize the basketball court. It's cumbersome and heavy.

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Mike Lee and Eric Dutra assemble the basketball hoop as part of the transition from a hockey rink to basketball court at Alfond Arena. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZUNSKI.

Joseph Bethony

Sports Columnist

It is nearly one month into President George W. Bush's first term as president and I have a strange feeling that the country's future will be as dark and cold as a February night in Orono. I see Washington D.C. burning to the ground while Bush plays the triangle and dances down Pennsylvania Ave. in his snake-skin boots.

Conservatives forgive me for these thoughts, but they do have merit. I draw my evidence from his pre-gubernatorial years, the six formative summers he spent as managing owner of the Texas Rangers in the American League.

The George Walker, Texas Ranger years produced one first place finish in 1994, his last season as owner. The Rangers lost more games than they won but were in first place when a players' strike canceled the season. Perhaps the Rangers did not win more games because Bush molded the team in his image and they played with a compassionate conservatism.

Or, the reason could be that Bush simply made stupid personnel decisions. The Rangers' clubhouse door revolved more than the one in the Lincoln Bedroom over the last eight years. For this reason, I soon expect Bush Press Secretary Ari Fleischer to hold a press conference to announce the latest transaction America made.

"I want to announce that the United States, in an effort to add youth and cut payroll, is trading after many good years of service, the Statue of Liberty," Fleischer would say. "Along with apple pie and minor leaguer secrets to cold fusion, to Scotland for the Loch Ness Monster and a player to be named later."

After all, in 1989, Bush traded Sammy Sosa, yes that Sammy Sosa, to the White Sox along with Wilson Alvarez for Harold Baines and Fred Manrique. Baines played in 50 games for the Rangers that season and more than 100 the next, before being traded to the Athletics. Sosa only managed to become one of the best outfielders ever and Baines got traded for someone named Joe Bitker.

Bush also traded Robb Nen for Cris Carpenter. Nen becomes the best closer in the National League and wins the World Series with the Marlins, while Carpenter drops out of sight. Did I mention that Bush became president?

The Rangers rolled out these starting pitchers in 1989: Nolan Ryan, Kevin Brown, Kenny Rogers, Wilson Alvarez, Jose Guzman and Charlie Hough. A

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## Women's hockey in tight battle for playoff spot

By Jeff Mannix  
Women's Hockey Reporter



Maine's Lauren Steblen races for the puck in a Dec. 9 game against visiting Wayne State University. FILE PHOTO.

It was a big weekend on the road for the UMaine women's hockey team. They needed all the points they could get to keep in the hunt for the last ECAC playoff spot. The Black Bears came away with a 3-2 win over St. Lawrence, the number five ranked team in the country on Saturday, and then beat Cornell 2-1 yesterday. Maine proved they can play well in big games and that they can win on the road.

Maine posted both wins without Raffi Wolf, who was expected to return to the lineup this weekend after leading the German national team to an Olympic berth for next winter. That all changed on Thursday when Wolf injured her ankle in practice. It is not known currently how long she will be out of action.

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