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## WMEB bears cost of tower move, GSS helps

By Amanda Erskine  
Student Government Reporter

WMEB, the University of Maine student radio station got \$7,000 worth of help from the General Student Senate to help cover the costs of moving their radio tower. The tower was moved in 1998 because the signal interfered with engineering projects in neighboring buildings, making some equipment register 91.9 whenever the station was broadcasting.

"It is unfortunate that this had to happen but we took measures to rectify the problem once we saw we were interfering with an academic entity on campus," Kimball Mitchell, WMEB producer and coordinator said. "I have been in favor of asking the student government for this financial help and am very glad they granted it."

Jim Leonard, programming and sports director for the student-run WMEB, said this most recent move, from Mahaney Diamond to Whitter Farm, is the result of an earlier tower move from Stevens Hall to the baseball

diamond.

"The tower was moved subsequent to a roofing project at the time," Leonard said.

Leonard believes the tower was not put back on the roof of Stevens Hall for cosmetic reasons.

The move to Mahaney was made by the university Board of Trustees, who owns the license to the station, and WMEB was not informed of the move until after it was done. Also, the required Federal Communications Commission paperwork was not filled out by the BOT. Leonard said that makes the move illegal.

Because the original move was illegal and not made by WMEB officials, Leonard believes those responsible — the BOT — should help pay for the subsequent 1998 move.

"I think they should bear some of that cost," he said.

That cost came to about \$52,000. The university paid a portion of the expenses, leaving WMEB a bill of \$45,000.

WMEB has asked the BOT to

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Ben Morin, or "DJ Shake" logging his selected techno tracks for his Saturday night show Shake n' Bake. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK DWYER.

## Study examines conservation Details reveal effects on economy

By Amanda Bouley  
For The Maine Campus

A student study of forest land from Maine to Minnesota found that the adoption of conservation lands has neither a positive nor a negative effect on local economies.

The study found that conservation lands in rural counties in the U.S. have no major impact on employment or the growth of the area's population. The rural counties this study focuses on are known as the Northern Forest Region and spread from Maine to Minnesota.

David Lewis, a graduate student at the University of Maine working on his master's degree in Resource Economics and Policy, along with Andrew Plantinga, a former UMaine student who is currently at Oregon State University, conducted the study and wrote the ensuing report.

"The impetus for the report was a lot of recent proposals and money flow into areas of conservation in the last couple years," Lewis said.

The increase in demand for conservation lands is due to a number of factors, including the demand of land for recreational use such as hiking, biking and fishing. Also land is needed for bio-diversity conservation, which means the land provides certain environments needed for sensitive species.

According to Lewis the areas that were studied are biologically distinct, rural and dependent on forestry and agricultural resources. The areas are also close to major metropolitan areas.

"There is a lot of variation in these areas studied," Lewis said. "Out of the 92 areas studied, we found that some counties had .1 percent of conservation lands, and others had 82 percent."

In the hypothetical model Lewis and Plantinga constructed for their report, conservation land impacted migration rates in a positive way and could also effect employment growth rates in positive or negative ways. At the same time, migration rates and employment rates simultaneously influenced each other.

Migration rates are the numbers of people who move into and out of a region over a given period of time. The information needed for this area of the study was gathered from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Migration rates and employment rates affect each other when more people move into an area by creating more labor. But, if there is an increase in job availability, more people may be attracted to the area.

In addition to the information provided from the U.S. Census Bureau, Lewis and Plantinga used econometrics to statistically analyze data from 1990 to 1997.

The data shows a slight

increase in migration rates to the areas with conservation land. In addition, they also found no evidence to support either an increase or decrease in employment rates.

Lewis proposed a couple of factors that may explain the findings. One explanation is that counties lost some jobs but gained others at the same time. Another theory is that any jobs that were dependent on a particular area of land simply moved to a new piece of land when the old area was converted into conservation lands.

The conclusion the two drew from their research was that conservation lands neither help nor hinder economic development. Lewis said any harmful effects are canceled out by helpful effects.

"We conclude that in terms of policy, if you're deciding whether or not to place land into conservation, the primary factor in that decision should not be based on the potential for economic development," Lewis said.

One factor he said should be considered is the ecological need for conservation land in an area. Another is the value of conservation land for recreational activities as opposed to development. Finally, the impact conservation lands may have on a community's character should

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### Learning about body image



During a Tuesday night Residence Life program, Jamie Rogers (right) and Anne Good from Peer Educators talk about healthy eating. Alyssa Caldwell (left) watches the program titled "Celebrate Every Body." CAMPUS PHOTO BY KIMBERLY LEONARD.

## Ethics historian, filmmaker to address UMaine Thursday

By Joe Gunn  
Campus Politics Reporter

The University of Maine philosophy department will host filmmaker and ethics historian Sy Rotter for two separate presentations tomorrow.

Rotter, a resident of Washington, D.C., is the founder and president of Documentaries International Film and Video Foundation, based in the nation's capital.

Rotter established Documentaries International in 1996 as an outlet to produce independent educational films and documentaries aimed at highlight-

ing and honoring acts of moral courage by groups or individuals.

Since its establishment, the organization has produced nine films, primarily aimed at exploring the people's struggle to uphold basic human values in instances like the Holocaust and the recent conflicts in the Balkans. The videos are equipped with discussion guides especially for educational use.

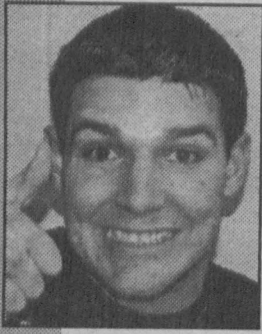
Recent award-winning productions made by Documentaries International include "It Was Nothing-It Was Everything: Reflections on Rescuers of Greek

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# QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is your ideal spring break destination?

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**Adam Henckler**  
Senior

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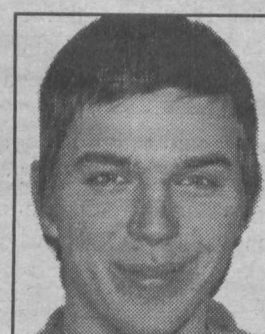
**Sarah Guerette**  
Sophomore

"I'm going to Argentina and there is no place I would rather go."



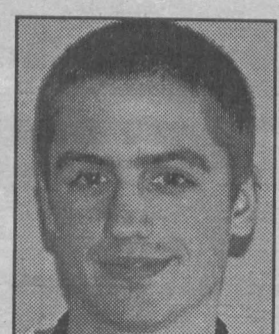
**Jamie Mason**  
Freshman

"Falmouth, Maine; back to my mom's home cooking."



**Brad De Rosa**  
Freshman

"The Florida Keys to go snorkeling."



**Matt LaBelle**  
Sophomore

"I would go somewhere not related to MTV's STD fest."

## Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron

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Ph.D.

**Q: When is the safest time of the month to [have sex to] avoid getting pregnant?**

Female, Senior

A: The time period during a woman's menstrual cycle when conception can occur (the "window of fertility" or unsafe time) is only six days: the day of ovulation and the five days leading up to it. In fact, your chance of getting pregnant six days prior to ovulation is zero; five days prior to ovulation is seven percent; four days prior is 11 percent; three days prior is nine percent; two days prior is 18 percent; one day prior is 21 percent; the day of ovulation is 22 percent; one day after ovulation is zero. The trick is know-

ing when you ovulate — so you can avoid sex or use protection then if you do not want to become pregnant. Most researchers believe that a woman ovulates at about day 14 of the average menstrual cycle — the problem is figuring out if you are "average," and recognizing that there is variability from woman to woman in terms of her cycle.

**Q: The guy I'm seeing is getting too emotionally involved too soon in our relationship. What can I do or say to him to get him to back off?**

Female, Junior

A: I'm not sure I understand you. What I think you're saying is you want a casual relationship and he wants a commitment. If this is so, then you

need to be straight with him about your feelings. One way to cope is to say, "I like you very much and I am not ready for an exclusive relationship with you. I'd love to share a friendship with you and I also want to be with others — to meet and date other guys." It is no kindness to let a person believe that you are making a similarly total commitment to him, when in reality you're not ready to do so.

**Q: Why are guys who are virgins embarrassed to admit it?**

Male, Sophomore

A: "Virgin" doesn't seem to be a very popular category for either men or women these days. Men have the added pressure of the many social messages boys are given growing up. They are

told to be competent, to be knowledgeable and to be in charge when the subject is sports, social performance, etc. In this way young men assume they are supposed to know about and be competent in everything, even in sexual matters, before they have the experience. Everyone is a beginner sometime. There is a first time and that can be very special.

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## ROC elections

The Residents On Campus elections will be held next Monday and Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The elections were originally scheduled for Monday and yesterday. Students can vote at any dining hall during that time. The candidates are Ryan Harvey for president and Aaron Sterling for vice president.

## Clothes drive

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is sponsoring a clothes drive to benefit the Shaw House and Crossroads Ministries. The drive starts Monday, Feb. 26 and goes until Friday, March 9. Clothes may be dropped off in any fraternity or sorority house or chapter room as well as in the Memorial Gym and the Memorial Union.

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help out with the unexpected cost, but William Schoeck, WMEB station manager, said the board has not responded to any requests the station has made.

Dwight Rideout, assistant vice president and dean of Students and Community Life said it is up to students, not the Board of Trustees or the University of Maine System, to pay for WMEB's costs because it is a student run operation.

Mitchell said these entities do need to step up and take responsibility.

"We're not whining, we realize this had to be done and done right and we will work as best as we can with the budget we have," Mitchell said. "I would like to see the Board of Trustees or the University of Maine system come up with these funds for the cost of moving and upgrading this operation, or at least help pay some of the legal fees we had to also pay for."

WMEB is issued a budget of \$40,000 each year from UMaine's budget to cover the cost of all operating bills. Previously, WMEB had no trouble operating with this budget, but for the last two years \$15,000 was subtracted from the

budget to help pay the balance of the tower move. This has left only \$25,000 per year to run the station.

"We [WMEB] are down to the bare bones right now, trying to provide a service to the campus and that leaves us in a bind," Mitchell said.

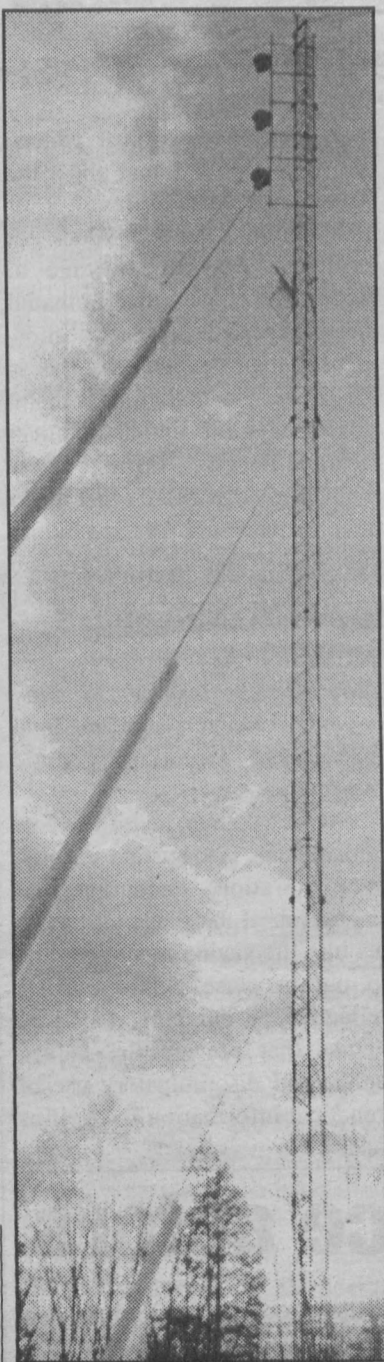
Leonard said right now the station is expected to conduct business as usual with much less money. He said they are making it, but it has not been easy. Much of the equipment at WMEB right now is not made to handle the loads required to meet station needs, and tends to crash.

"I want this to be a place people are glad to come and work at," he said.

Instead, engineers are having to play Frankenstein, cannibalizing parts of four CD players just to make one operational unit.

While the new tower at Whitter Farm is better, it broadcasts to a 50-mile radius instead of 10 miles, the other equipment is suffering because of the money problems.

"There is no question the tower is better, my problem is they moved the tower and put the costs on the students," Leonard said.



In the fall of 1998 WMEB's tower was moved to this location adjacent to J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Farm. The relocation cost of \$45,000 has been coming out of their budget for the past three years. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK DWYER



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also be considered.

When opinions are generated on the issue of conservation lands, the supporters of each side tend to focus on information that fits their agenda.

Proponents tend to focus on what is in their best interests and what it supports their cause, he

said. For example, proponents of the forest products industry tend to focus on the negative impact on jobs whereas environmental groups focus on the positive impact of people migrating to the area.

"It is important to think about it as a whole system," Lewis said.

## Crime alert

The University of Maine issued a crime alert Monday, concerning the assault of a woman sometime between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. Sunday Feb. 25.

According to Officer Deborah Mitchell, the assault is still under investigation.

According to the crime alert, the student attended a party where she "drank some liquid refreshments." She felt ill a short time later and a male brought her to her residence hall where she was assaulted.

Mitchell could not say what the beverage was or the type of assault. She could also not say whether there were drugs involved.

The suspect in the assault is described as a white male of college age. He had light colored hair and a rough growth of facial hair. He was last seen in the area of York Hall.

According to Mitchell the incidence of drugs being used to facilitate assaults are on the rise in Maine and throughout the nation.

This crime alert comes days after another assault was reported to Public Safety. This assault took place on or about the evening of Feb. 5.

The women involved was walking near Neville Hall when she was attacked from behind. A male pushed her to the ground, rolled her onto her back and ripped her clothing. She struggled free and the male ran off in the direction of the Memorial Union.

The attacker is described as

an African-American male, about 6 feet tall and 180 pounds. He has a medium build and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a "dark 'down' vinyl-y coat."

Anyone with information dealing with either of these assaults is urged to contact UMaine Public Safety at 581-4040 and leave a message for Officer Deborah Mitchell or Officer Bob Norman.

Public Safety has issued the following precautionary steps to reduce the risk of "involuntarily ingesting harmful substances:

- Do not leave beverages unattended.
- At a bar, only accept drinks from a bartender.
- At a party, do not accept open containers from anyone.
- When socializing, go with a friend. Be alert and watch out for each other. If one of your friends is acting differently after consuming small amounts of alcohol, they may be in danger.
- Anyone who appears to be out of control or drugged should be brought to a hospital emergency room or an ambulance should be called. Try to keep a sample of the ingested liquid for analysis.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel something is wrong, something probably is. Call for help from a friend or call the Dept. of Public Safety as soon as possible. Do not accept 'help' from somebody you just met."

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Jews During the Holocaust," "Treason or Honor: Rescuing German Jews During the Holocaust" and "A Debt To Honor," which is an account of the survival of 80 percent of Italy's Jewish population despite Italy's alliance and eventual occupation by Nazi Germany.

At 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Rotter will be the guest lecturer in the ongoing Socialist and Marxist Luncheon Series held in the Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union. The topic of his presentation is "Making Sense of the Balkans: An Oxymoron or Wishful Thinking?" His talk will cover two films he produced

recently in Macedonia and Croatia. These films cover the work of young volunteer peace workers as they try to resolve conflicts between religious and ethnic groups in the former war zone.

At 7 p.m., Rotter will present the annual John M. Rezendes Ethics Program lecture in 100 Neville Hall. The lecture, entitled "Stories and Issues of Moral Courage," will include clips from his documentaries that span a century of peace actions.

Question and answer sessions will follow both presentations and both are free and open to the public.

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# Genome project raises concerns

## Discrimination issues presented to Congress

By Aaron Plourde  
For The Maine Campus

Genetic information discovered through the Human Genome Project has been hailed by some as "the book of life." While scientists agree mapping and deciphering of human genetic material is a tremendous achievement, others are worried about the ethical and legal implications of the discovery.

Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, told the U.S. Senate in a hearing last July that people are afraid of being discriminated against because of their genetic information.

"Already, with but a handful of genetic tests in common use, people have lost their jobs, lost their health insurance and lost their economic well-being due to the unfair and inappropriate use of genetic information," Collins said.

Collins added that ethical dilemmas are only going to get worse as genetics research moves out of laboratories and into clinical practices.

cal practices.

Paul Steven Miller, commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said he is also worried about possible outcomes of the genome project.

"People should be judged based upon their abilities and not based upon fears, myths or stereotypes," he said.

In his statement to the U.S. Senate, Miller admitted the problem is getting worse and asked Congress for their help in developing a bill to stop genetic discrimination.

Since 1996, Congress has put forth several plans for genetic non-discrimination legislation but none have passed.

The 107th Congress has put forth their own bill that some legislators feel will eliminate genetic discrimination. Formally known as the Genetic Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance Act of 2001, the plan is supported by a number of representatives and senators including Maine's two senators, Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins.

Currently the only protection

individuals have against genetic discrimination is found under the American's Disabilities Act of 1990. While the ADA does not explicitly provide coverage to those who are discriminated against because of genetic information, many experts say this is the closest law that protects them.

However, the National Human Genome Research Institute doesn't believe the ADA can protect people who are discriminated against because of their genetic make-up. Experts at the NHGRI blame the Health Insurance and Portability Act of 1996 that allows health insurers to deny coverage because of medical problems, including genetic information.

"The challenge, and it is a formidable one, is to nurture scientific exploration, encourage the translation of these new discoveries into life saving medicines and to put in place public policies reflective of our core American values that prevent the unjust, unfair and discriminatory use of genetic information," Collins said.

# NY blaze kills student, leaves six homeless

By Daniel Smith  
Pipe Dream

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (U-WIRE)—A State University of New York at Binghamton University senior is dead and six other students are homeless after fire ravaged a house on Leroy Street early Sunday morning.

The body of Evelio Figueroa, 23, of the Bronx was found in the bathtub of an upstairs bathroom about a half hour after firefighters arrived on the scene. Figueroa's housemates were not aware that he was home at the time of the fire.

According to Binghamton Police Sgt. Arnold Nanni, the occupants of 53 Leroy St. threw a party with about 15-20 people Saturday night while Figueroa was at work. Joe Clemente, a resident of the house, said that at about midnight they went next door to a neighbor's party where he said Figueroa stopped in. He said the party split up at around 1 or 2 a.m. and that was the last time he saw Figueroa.

Clemente said he was awoken by his brother at about 5:30 a.m. saying there was a fire in the house. The fire department was called and the house members tried to extinguish the fire with pots of water. When the fire department arrived, firefighters told everyone in the house to leave, he said.

Investigators determined that the fire was caused by a lamp leaning up against the wall in a first-floor bedroom of the house. Nanni said that old houses like 53 Leroy St. are built with wall studs that run the entire height of the house and it acted as a chimney pushing the smoke to the upper level of the house.

Nanni said smoke could have been filtering upstairs for hours before people on the ground floor noticed that anything was wrong.

"There is a big misconception that smoke will wake you up," Nanni said. "Smoke does not wake you up."

When house members alerted everyone about the fire, Figueroa's door was locked so it appeared that he wasn't home, Nanni said.

Firefighters searched the house about a half hour after they arrived at the scene and told the residents a body was found inside.

"We were hoping it wasn't him," Clemente said.

Figueroa's family was told of the death by officers from a Bronx

New York City Police precinct.

Nanni said some of the house's smoke detectors were without batteries.

"It's heartbreaking," Nanni said. "Having batteries in the smoke detectors could have saved someone's life."

Except for Figueroa, none of the other people in the house were physically harmed, Clemente said.

BU Director of Media Relations Katie Ellis said the university has been in contact with the victims and their families to offer its support. Lloyd Howe, assistant vice president for student life, and Kenneth Holmes, director of Off Campus College met with the six students at the police station Sunday morning and have spoken with about three of their families directly, Ellis said.

Figueroa was a psychology major set to graduate in May. Ellis said the family requested a cap and gown be sent home with the body. The university is checking to see if Figueroa had completed enough credits to be awarded his diploma posthumously.

The university has cleared two rooms in Oneida Hall for the six displaced students, but they are now staying with off-campus friends. Four of the students lost everything in the house, one lost about half of their property, and two, including himself, suffered only some material loss, Clemente said.

Ellis said the university is also assisting their families with housing while they are in Binghamton and working with the Red Cross to provide food and clothing for the students. The university will also work to replace the students' textbooks and provide academic assistance.

At least one house member was surprised by the university's support.

"I have no respect for the university and I think they're a bureaucracy," Clemente said. "But they have been unbelievable with providing us with anything we've needed. They've been a settling influence, especially (Assistant Director of Residential Life) Jeff Horowitz and the Red Cross."

Clemente said all members of the house will be travelling to Figueroa's funeral on Wednesday.

"Evelio was a good-hearted guy, very spiritual, a volunteer," Clemente said. "The world is a worse place for losing this kid and he didn't deserve this."

# Animation may replace actors

By Catherine Huffman  
The Round Up

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (U-WIRE)—Is it time for Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts to give up acting and start stocking the shelves of Wal-Mart?

In a speech delivered at the Frank Bromilow Lecture at New Mexico State University, Academy Award winner Alvy Ray Smith addressed the subject.

Smith explained that though replacing actors with computer simulations is a possibility, it is not likely to happen for quite awhile.

"Sometime in the near future there will be convincing simulated characters on TV driven by actors," Smith said. "An actor is simply an animator of his own body."

Smith has had a hand in many of Hollywood's latest graphically-enhanced films.

As the co-founder and former executive vice president of Pixar, Smith was involved in the making of "Toy Story," a full-length computer-animated film. In "Star Trek II: Wrath of Kahn," Smith directed the first use of full computer

graphics in a successful major motion picture.

Smith's Academy Awards are for the co-invention of the alpha channel concept in 1996 and digital paint systems in 1998.

Though increased computer simulation is eminent, it is doubtful it will replace human actors completely, according to Smith.

"Computer simulation and animation is scary when it comes to humans. There are so many millions of aspects to animating humans. People have tried this before - they're called monsters," Smith quipped.

It's likely that Brad and Julia won't lose their jobs to some Frankenstein-like character, but the role of actors is definitely headed for a makeover.

If an actor is an animator of his/her own body, than whom better to man the controls of these animated actors of the future, than actors themselves?

"In 20 years that's what we'll do. The distinction between actors and animators will go away," Smith said.

"Are animators the movie stars of the future?" Smith asked. "It's much deeper than that, animators

will take things to a whole new level."

Animation and computer simulation doesn't take the place of photography, but computer-generated special effects have fooled audiences.

"Just look at Titanic. It looked so real that people weren't analyzing how accurate the computer simulation was. It was so life-like; they didn't stop to think about the fact that it wasn't real. Instead, they were busy watching Jack and Rose," Smith said.

Clearly things have come a long way from those special effect-deprived movies of the past. The creators of movies no longer need to float toy boats in a bathtub to simulate an ocean voyage. They can create one with a computer.

"Things can be done with computer simulation that humans can only dream of doing. A character can have any color of hair and skin, they can be tall or short, intelligent or stupid. Characters can do anything under the control of an animator," Smith said.

This has already been seen in movies like Smith's own "Toy Story" and "Toy Story 2." Though the characters were meant to look animated, many personality traits of the actors portraying them were evident.

"With computer simulation, the only limit is the creativity of the human mind," Smith said.

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## Online services vie to capture Napster's users

By Jeff Roedel  
The Reveille

BATON ROUGE, La. (U-WIRE) - Let's face it. Napster as we know it will soon be gone. Embroiled in a series of legal wranglings, billion dollar settlement offers and possibly another round of appeals, Shawn Fanning's wildly successful file-swapping program may not live to see this summer.

And even if it does, a controversial merger with the multinational publishing giant Bertelsmann seems imminent, in what can only be described as the musical equivalent of Luke Skywalker joining forces with Darth Vader.

While the music enthusiasts of America tune in anxiously to learn the fate of their beloved Napster, other online sites are now gearing up to be the next big thing.

"We have seen a dramatic increase in interest in Gnutella clients recently," said Greg Bildson, current Chief Technology Officer at Lime Peer Technologies.

Gnutella is an online network which has spawned LimeWire, a file-sharing system aiming to garner some of Napster's client base.

"I would expect 30 percent of Napster users to try Gnutella," Bildson estimates. "With possibly up to 100 percent. That's more than 18 million users."

But what will these 18 million users be flocking to? With Napster, a user logs onto and uploads files onto a central server. These files can then be accessed by other Napster members.

LimeWire, however, is a more traditional peer-to-peer network without a centralized hub. This means that LimeWire users do not have to fear a government shut down and can also enjoy a higher level of privacy. LimeWire also allows users to share all types of files, not just mp3s.

Users can search for and swap anything from an unsigned band's homemade video to grandma's spaghetti recipe.

And even if Napster begins charging a flat or per download rate for use, Bildson assures that his company will not follow suit.

"LimeWire will always be free," he said.

According to MusicCity.com there are more than 360 independent alternative servers worldwide. Servers like LimeWire and others that are more decentralized are simply impossible to shut down.

"Gnutella network development will never be stopped because it is too adaptable," said Bildson.

Other decentralized systems vying for prominence in the shadow of a possible Napster fall out are MusicCity, Freenet, Spin Frenzy and Audio Galaxy.

Audio Galaxy has a user friendly Web-based interface. The distinguishing feature here is what the site calls a "satellite." Audio Galaxy uses its "satellite" to determine which copy of the desired file will take the least amount of time to download and presents this file to the user.

In a little more than a minute, a user can be logged into Audio Galaxy and downloading music files from this easy-to-operate system.

While some of these newer programs have features that can best Napster, many are still trying to work out their kinks.

With Freenet, every user acts like a server. So if the government doesn't like what one trader is doing and decides to pull his plug, the rest of the Freenet community is still online.

While Freenet is essentially based on the same principles as the Internet and shows incredible promise, it has proven to be very difficult to install and to use effectively by anyone who isn't a skilled computer programmer.

Still, the Internet's file-trading possibilities are endless.

"There is room for great innovation here," Bildson said. "Gnutella may be the next step along the path that was started by the printing press."

The field is large and the gates wide open. But who will be next to take up the Napster reins? As this myriad of contenders develops and changes, it is impossible to predict.

Just know that when the gavel comes down on Napster creator Shawn Fanning and his 20 million closest friends for the final time, all is not lost. There are many more downloading options out there just waiting to be found.

## Jimmy V's offers mellow days, wild nights

By Eric Swallow  
Community Reporter

BANGOR - Jimmy V's Bar and Grill on 41 Washington St. in Bangor is an everyman's bar with something for everyone. The bar and nooks, like the glass-lined atrium, break up its large interior. The architecture allows a union of high, ventilated ceilings and a comfortable pub atmosphere. You won't feel cramped or mired in the crowd at Jimmy V's.

Daylight affords a relaxed atmosphere at the grill. The atrium offers a panoramic daytime view of downtown Bangor. At night, Jimmy V's is a pure partying bar. They're not afraid to

offer impressive drink specials and appropriate most of the bar for a smoking section. The dance floor opens for DJ's on Thursdays with live music Fridays and Saturdays. Their newest weekday activity is a Wednesday night "Survivor" contest.

Jimmy V's menu offers quality pub staples like burgers, hot wings, chowder, sandwiches and seafood.

Last Saturday, Jimmy, who is both owner and chef, served up whole fried clams in light, smooth, almost sweet clam bread-ing.

The meal was capped in fine Italian style with spumoni ice cream under claret sauce. Based

on wine and chocolate, claret sauce has subtle sweetness. It kind of sneaks in amongst your taste buds and wins them over just before the arrival of the Spumoni's cherry, strawberry and pistachio. It's like a chocolate advertising agent.

If you're still bored despite these amusements, or have introverted friends or are just too drunk to form sentences, simply look up at their ceiling. Above hang quirky, imaginative novelties like guitars, a canoe, a Foster's lager replica and model airplanes. All of which can stand in for conversation, help you tune out your significant other or appease your altered mind.

## Bush's education plans discussed on Capitol Hill

By Sarah Lechner  
U-WIRE

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Legislation for President George W. Bush's proposed education plan is making its way through the Senate Education Committee, where senators are working to finalize language and omit controversial education issues from the bill's text until the legislation reaches the full Senate.

Chairman James M. Jeffords (R-Vt.) and ranking Democrat Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (Mass.) have agreed to omit controversial issues in the committee's initial writing of the education bill, Joe Karpinski, communications director for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension, told U-WIRE.

"In the interest of time, it would make sense to defer those issues," he said.

Instead of debating partisan issues in committee, Karpinski said senators could debate issues such as school choice on the Senate floor.

School choice is one of the most hotly contested issues in education. President Bush has proposed requiring statewide testing of students in grades three to

eight. After three years of failing scores for schools, parents would be provided with federal money to send their children to private or religious schools, according to the Bush plan.

"Students should not be forced to attend persistently failing schools, and they must at some point be freed to attend adequate schools," Bush said in the foreword to his proposal. "Under this plan, disadvantaged students will not be required to sacrifice their education and future for the sake of preserving the status quo."

Democrats strongly oppose the school choice plan, calling it equivalent to school vouchers. Democrats say federally subsidized private school vouchers take away funding from public schools. Republicans counter that school choice will increase accountability in public schools, one of Bush's main goals in his education package.

Bush has called his education plan, No Child Left Behind, the "framework" to strengthening elementary and secondary schools, through goals such as school accountability, improving literacy and adding technology to classrooms.

Bush has also emphasized parental involvement and school

safety in his package.

The plan, which Bush announced Jan. 23, is moving its way through the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Secretary of Education Roderick R. Paige testified Feb. 15 at a committee hearing on behalf of Bush's plan.

"It is uncomfortably clear that our system of elementary and secondary education is failing to do its job for far too many of our children, a failure that threatens the future of our nation, and a failure that the American people will no longer tolerate," Paige told the committee. "It is time to stop funding failure and start building a culture of accountability and achievement in our education system."

Karpinski said the education committee is working on specific language of the bill, in the areas of testing and literacy, both of which are priorities in the Bush administration. The committee is waiting for more direction from the White House on those issues, he said.


But members are working on a tight deadline because Senator Trent Lott (R-Miss.) wants the bill to be brought to the Senate floor in early March, Karpinski said.

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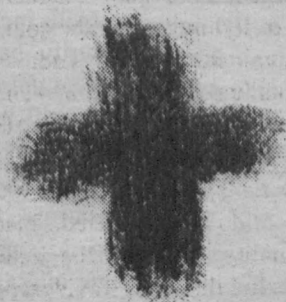
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# EDITORIAL

## State should consider med program

Recently Sen. John Martin, D-Eagle Lake, proposed to the legislature a study looking into the possibility of a medical school at the University of Maine. Martin would like state funds to update a study done on the subject during the 1970s.

Currently the state of Maine does not have a medical school and those students looking to pursue interests in medicine must go out of state. The idea of offering, or even looking into offering, the opportunity for students to be educated in-state is a great step towards promoting education in a rural area.

Additionally, Jim Hanar of the Maine Hospital Association, said recent studies have shown that most doctors end up practicing in the same area they've received their education. Having more Mainers stay in Maine is simply good for the state and the state's economy.

Further, both President Hoff and a spokesperson for Eastern Maine Medical Center have lauded the idea publicly. Any program which has the potential to positively effect the educational community, health care community and the business community is a step in the right direction and should be pursued with vigor.

Creating a medical school at the university would also benefit the bevy of area nursing programs at Bangor colleges as well as our own. It could serve as a vital link in uniting the colleges and creating a good working environment.

Building a strong medical program in Maine is an idea long overdue and one which deserves the full attention of the state, legislature and the governor.

## ROC group a no-show for elections

The Residents On Campus elections for president and vice president were supposed to be held Monday and yesterday, but no one told them that. The ROC group was preoccupied with organizing the Quebec trip, a large annual event for them. Current president Glen Chase was under the impression that a Fair Elections Practice Committee was taking care of the elections planning and details, which is the usual process. But in fact, no committee existed and no plan was in place to organize the election process.

Left holding the bag, Chase is scrambling to put together elections for next week. Even though both candidates for president and vice president are running unopposed, the election process still needs to be taken seriously. While it is easily understandable that the group would be excited about the Quebec trip, other important business of the ROC group should not have been forgotten.

The elections have been rescheduled for next Monday and Tuesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Students can vote at any dining hall during that time. Outgoing President Chase isn't sure whether or not he'll have enough people to run the elections next week. Today is only Wednesday; it's time for R.O.C. to get working on next week's elections and make sure there are people working the elections so students who live on campus can vote for their representatives.

This blunder should not have happened and the group is still unsure about plans for next week, but putting off the election any further would be doing the students an additional disservice.

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## Letters to the Editor

### • Alaska Oil

It may be true that some environmentalists are misleading, but it's hard to argue that Matt Provencher's recent letter is not at least as biased, if not more.

To recap: he argued that drilling for oil the Arctic National Refuge is a national security issue, that it is hard to have a negative environmental impact on a large area of land and that increasing numbers of caribou in Prudhoe means oil drilling actually increased their numbers.

The only really useful thing he did suggest was to educate yourself with reliable facts. So let's talk numbers. The National Resources Defense Council, an independent organization of scientists, estimates that there are 3.2 billion economically-recoverable barrels of oil in the proposed drilling area. At present rates of consumption this would supply the U.S. with oil — and national security — for six months. Big deal.

I am not an expert on national security but it seems to me that extracting oil from one of the only places we have it, during the strongest economy ever, is not a wise security move. In case Mr. Provencher forgot, the U.S. has the biggest military in history and still lacks any real enemy to use it against.

But there is an argument that U.S. dependence on foreign oil is a liability. Researchers have calculated that replacement of old, under-inflated tires could save 5.5 billion barrels of oil over the next fifty years. This would provide us with increased national security, better air quality and an untouched national park still holding 3.2 billion barrels of oil.

If Mr. Provencher is really interested in decreasing America's reliance on foreign oil, a discussion of energy consumption patterns and exponential population growth would be much more appropriate. Americans represent 5 percent of the world population yet consume 25 percent of the world's resources. This value is multiplied as U.S. population nears 340 million within 25 years. It is

silly to suggest we can drill our way to sustainability and enhanced national security.

And what about those animals living in the proposed drilling zone? Mr. Provencher reassures us that not many animals live there anyway and the ones that do don't mind oil drilling. This is not what the experts are saying. Dr. David Klein of the Institute of Arctic Biology at the University of Alaska said that the Prudhoe caribou herd (that Provencher mentions as a success story) was disrupted enough to break up, forming two separate herds. Dr. Klein goes on to say the impacts to the local herd in the proposed drilling area are unclear at best. As any ecologist will tell you, the health of an ecosystem is much more complex than the population of any one animal.

Mr. Provencher also recommended getting your facts from [www.anwr.org](http://www.anwr.org). I visited this Web site and did a little research of my own. The following paid for the site: Alaskan Trucking Association, AK Oil and Gas Association, AK Resource Development Council and the AK Minors Association. I don't give you this list because I believe these are bad organizations, I just want to point out that these people have millions of dollars at stake and therefore may not be the most reliable source for facts. I recommend [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org). Any discussion of facts must always involve money. Here is the scoop: one of the biggest Arctic drilling contracts will go to a company named Halliburton. Ironically, our vice president Dick Cheney was, until recently, CEO of Halliburton. Another large benefactor of opening the refuge is Enron, an energy marketing company owned by Kenneth Lay, a close friend of President Bush. It does not take a degree to see through this obvious connection. Our elected official (and friends) are running away with the big bucks by selling your national wildlife refuge. It's just that simple.

Grant Christian  
Orono

### • Sleepout

The purpose of this letter is to notify your readership of the upcoming philanthropy being held by the university's oldest fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. During this past week, the brothers of our chapter have been selling raffle tickets at various dining commons, Wal-Mart in Bangor and the Bangor Mall. These tickets are only a dollar (10 for \$5) and all proceeds go toward Rape Response Services of Bangor, an organization responsible for counseling rape victims, as well as educating the community about rape prevention. The brothers of Beta Theta Pi hope to raise about \$5,000 for this organization through raffle sales, which will end on the early hours of Saturday morning, the culmination of the final event, a "Sleepout."

On Friday, March 2nd, the brothers will be staying out from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the front lawn of our fraternity house (the red house next to Hancock Hall) huddled around a bonfire, to help raise awareness for their cause. Over the course of the evening refreshments free to students will be available, as well as live music from brothers themselves. The most important part of the evening will be addresses by Deb Mitchell from Public Safety about the crime of rape, as well as an address from members of Rape Response Services. We the brothers of Beta Theta Pi understand it will be a long cold night, however we feel that this is a worthy cause and hope to help this organization as much as possible. This event is chemical free and we ask that anybody who wishes to attend not bring any substances to the event. Also throughout the night, raffle tickets will be sold and smaller prizes, such as video cassettes, CDs and gift certificates will be given away to people who purchase these tickets.

We ask that anyone in the university community come out and show support for Rape Response Services.

Corey Coffin  
PR/Philanthropy  
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Beta Theta Pi



# OPINION

## Mark Trail on the path to theaters In pursuit of justice

Since the 1989 debut of Warner Brothers' box-office-smash "Batman," comic book heroes and properties have consistently been a hot Hollywood item. The success of films like last year's "X-Men" and 1999's "The Matrix" (written by former Marvel Comics scribes, the Wachowski brothers) has only served to increase the fever pitch surrounding comic book/cinema crossovers. Fox is set to wrap shooting on a big-budget "Spider-Man" movie in mid-March. DC/Vertigo Comics is almost done negotiating pre-production for their hit title "Preacher." Literally dozens of other comic characters and synopses have had their movie rights purchased by major studios and are currently awaiting development.

Yet, despite soaring recent successes with comic book-related films, studio executives are still notoriously wary about such films. The high budget commonly required to bring the fantastic realms of comicdom to life make such films a tremendous gamble. Upping the ante still further are the price tags of the serious acting talent needed to draw non-comic fans into the theaters. And previous success is no guarantee of continued profit. Joel Schumacher's tongue-in-cheek treatment of "Batman and Robin" in 1997 almost completely pooch-screwed a film franchise that was previously thought to be invincible and cost Warner Brothers millions.

Moviegoers are a finicky lot,

too. Given that they've been burned by Batman and forced to sit through three "Superman" sequels (the last two being not only unnecessary but downright insulting) I'm forced to wonder: How long can the superhero movie genre last? It's only a matter of time before the



**Abel Gleason**  
Production Manager

American psyche becomes completely saturated with the concept of the righteous, spandex-clad avenger. It is toward this end that I humbly propose the next great comic book-movie property (and, no, it's not "Penultimate Man"). In the turbulence of the 21st century, adventure has only one name: "Mark Trail."

I'll give you a minute to let the weight of that really sink in. Got your breath back? Okay, think about it. Movie fans want a hero that they can identify with. A regular guy facing regular problems. Mark deals with average crap like that all the time. He loses his dog, battles for conservation issues like the preservation of the wild game cock and fights forest fires. People are always complaining about the environment. Well, here's a guy who's all about saving the environment. He's a friggin' nature writer! Man, this flick has "Academy Award" written all

over it.

Plus, Jack Elrod's inexplicably bizarre writing style opens itself up to all sorts of 'film noir' type camera angles and interludes. Picture this: right in the middle of one of the most emotionally tense points in the film (i.e. a heated argument between Mark and Cherry, or Andy, the big, dumb St. Bernard, finds a dead, poached moose) the camera can suddenly cut to a swallow in a tree outside, or a squirrel arranging his nuts. We'll be bringing artsy cinema to the masses.

All this film needs in order to really put it over the top is an all-star cast of seasoned acting pros and hot, young talent. Cherry Trail could be played so well by "Northern Exposure's" Janine Turner. Andy (the aforementioned big, dumb St. Bernard) could be played by the lovable pooch from all three (or is it four?) of the "Beethoven" movies. And, in the title role of Mark "Mother Nature's Badass" Trail, Eric Roberts. He's got that kind of rustic, American charm that Mark Trail needs and that's been proven in four (or is it three?) "Best of the Best" movies. Whichever studio picks up this veritable goldmine can then round out the cast with people like Steve Gutenberg as Steve, the lovable forest fire watchtower guard.

Yep, it's only a matter of time. Mark Trail, the movie. Coming soon to a theater near you. *Abel Gleason is a senior comic aficionado.*

Justice is like sex (the 13-year-old undergraduate goes giggle, giggle): everybody wants a piece but people are afraid of embarrassing themselves while in pursuit. For others it's another powerful word to use near a coordinating conjunction. For example: "No, I do not know what those Greek symbols mean, but I think that woman from Alpha Phi is 'justice' cute as Minnie Driver." But, more importantly, pursuing justice is a top-notch priority for UMaine students.

Although my perspective differs on the issue, the recent anti-Union fee movement viciously fighting against charges to seniors galvanized our campus into action for student justice. The moment word surfaced that the Union would not open as originally planned (infrastructure delays are such a surprise), UMaine students mobilized and pointed their fingers reminding the administration that, "You broke your contract."

Also in response, grassroots activists canvassed for community support; the Campus Greens blocked President Hoff's office doors with granola bars. Sadly, the College Democrats failed to help as they only believe in quid-pro-quo agreements, but the College Republicans made up for their lax by getting Attorney General Ashcroft on the line as well as preparing legislation to make the administration's fib a federal crime punishable by execution. Further, the Skulls rallied up alumni to temporarily sanction all donations and even Ralph Nader, accompanied by Bangor Daily News reporters, arrived on campus to support the mass movement. All the while, the students of UMaine proudly unified under one big issue, routinely pumping their fists in the air telling the administration, "We're mad as hell, and we are not going to put up with it anymore!"

Well, not really. Nothing really happened. Nader never came. The BDN felt any other topic was more interesting; the Skulls were banging tables elsewhere. There was no grassroots activity; nobody played

bongo drums or attacked Hoff with granola bars; no petitioning took place (as far as I know); the student government president didn't show up for a radio broadcast, but the VP did get stuck talking to nobody. All and all, there was very little action but a whole lot of mumbled complaining about our rights. The administration did announce that the charge to seniors would be reimbursed, but that was likely the result of the administration's guilt, not the result of student whining, although it was likely annoying.

The important lesson, however, is that we gave the administration a distinct message: each of us will moan and groan until you give us back our \$21 (12 credits) to \$31.50 (18 credits) per person, but we will not moan and groan in an organized fashion. Our inspirational motto for this whole revolution reads: "There is no 'I' in team, but there is a 'me.'"

Alas, now that the administration refunded our money we can focus our attention on more pertinent issues: the parking problem. I mean, "The Parking Problem" (with big drum beats). Money is also the common theme to this endeavor for student justice. Instead of getting charged for something we can't use, we are getting charged for illegally parking: \$25 bucks a pop for dumb people and \$100 bucks a pop for exceptionally dumb monkeys (the donkey goes ee-aaa).

However, students' efforts at complaining about this issue have not proven as effective as the anti-senior fee movement. Similarly, we still complain, stomp our feet and scream to the world that "we have a right to park where we want." However, the world responds, "Suck it" and reminds us that (1) we are good at individually complaining but very poor at organized, direct-action; (2) continuously complaining about parking problems serves as an example of confusing a convenience for a right and, most importantly, (3) some of us lead a miserable life.

*Jason Moor is a senior English major.*

## Did you do the homework for PMP 101?

The University of Maine has a lot to offer as far as classes and majors are concerned. UMaine has a reputable science department and it's forestry program is among the best in the nation. Yes, with only a few exceptions, students can major in just about anything here at UMO. However there is one major that, for whatever reason, hasn't made its way into this school's diverse curriculum. This said major: pimping.

Yes, as long as there has been prostitution, there have been pimps. In my opinion pimps are the foundation of paid sex. In years past, pimps were just around to protect their women, or "hoes," as pimps sometimes refer to them. If a customer or client got abusive towards the "hoe," the pimp would then step in and "stab" or "bitch-slap" the customer.

As times have changed, though, the pimp's role has become more intricate and complicated. Today in the new millennium, pimps have their hands on many facets of the paid sex industry. Pimps are now in charge of not only protection but also payroll and even collection as well. Many pimps are now even expect-

ed to "test out" or "try" their prospective "hoes" or "bitches."



**Travis Cowing**  
For The Maine Campus

All of this being said, the added responsibility that pimping now entails has driven many pimps away from this line of work. Numerous fine young men are leaving the pimping life behind to pursue easier jobs like carpentry and some are even becoming college professors.

I recently spoke to a pimp named Eddie van Bizitch. I asked him why the number of pimps was on the decline. Eddie blamed danger as one of the many reasons. He said, "In the past, nobody carried a gun. The worst you had to worry about was gettin' stabbed. Today, every mofo is packing heat." He also claimed the "bitches" and "hoes" are much harder to work with these days. He said, "You can't so much as back-hand a hoe anymore with-

out her pressing charges." But Eddie says the major reason for the decline is education.

That brings me to my point: pimping should be brought into the college classroom. It's not really fair to have pimps out on the street with no real formal education. Without proper training in skills like finance, accounting and public speaking a pimp is a sitting duck.

Of course you just can't structure an entire pimp curriculum overnight. I say we start slow, maybe with Pimping 101 or even Bitches and Hoes 203. And why not even throw in a lab with it. Of course women would be part of the learning experience too because a pimp only goes as far as his women take him. And who's to say women can't be pimps? I'm open to all ideas, even if it means "she-pimps."

Well I hope this works out. I can't wait. I'm signing up for Pimping 101 as soon as it's offered. I don't care if the course is \$150 bucks per credit hour ... that's only an hour's work for one of my "hoes."

*Travis Cowing is seriously considering changing his major.*

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# Entertainment

BUTTROCK BILL - Hitch

by Solomon Goldman



## OFF-CAMPUS

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I LOVE ALL-  
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BUFFETS!

HONESTLY, JAKE-  
THAT WAS YOUR  
3RD TRIP! HOW  
CAN YOU POSSIBLY  
EAT SO MUCH,  
DO NOTHING  
ALL DAY,  
AND STAY  
SO THIN???



WELL, YOUR EXTRA CALORIE INTAKE  
GOES DIRECTLY TO YOUR HIPS AND  
THIGHS, WHEREAS MINE GOES  
DIRECTLY TO MY EVER-IMPORTANT  
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"GOD'S  
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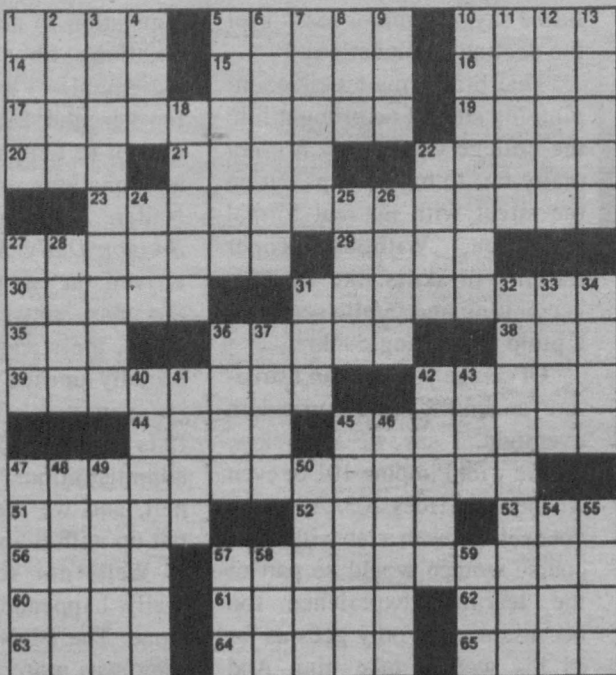
- 1 Automobile pioneer
- 5 Baby's affliction
- 10 Sailing maneuver
- 14 Pub missile
- 15 "Is that \_\_\_\_?" ("Really?")
- 16 Precollege, briefly
- 17 Military attire
- 19 Iranian money
- 20 Reggae relative
- 21 Yarn maker
- 22 Troutlike fish
- 23 Plants with small, fragrant flowers
- 27 Kind of lantern
- 29 Playwright O'Casey

- 30 Masters and Jonson, e.g.
- 31 Pellet propeller
- 35 Jerk
- 36 \_\_\_\_ the good
- 38 Sportscaster Berman
- 39 One of the Virgin Islands
- 42 On the \_\_\_\_ (not working)
- 44 Sign
- 45 Go along with
- 47 Leafy dish
- 51 Willow twig
- 52 One of the "back 40"
- 53 Motorists' org.
- 56 "Scat, cat!"
- 57 Breakfast side dish
- 60 Computer list
- 61 Cow of note

- 62 Anniversary, e.g.
- 63 Kiln
- 64 Check writer
- 65 Potato features

### DOWN

- 1 Lotto info
- 2 Escapade
- 3 Most marvelous
- 4 Ave. crossers
- 5 Mountain retreats
- 6 Recently
- 7 Actress San Giacomo
- 8 Diamonds, to a yegg
- 9 Pennies: Abbr.
- 10 End points
- 11 1979 sci-fi classic
- 12 Classroom supply
- 13 Glasgow garb
- 18 Turns sharply
- 22 Fight, but not for real
- 24 It borders four Great Lakes: Abbr.
- 25 "\_\_\_\_ me?"
- 26 Pianist Peter
- 27 Calculating types
- 28 Welcomer
- 31 Capp and Capone
- 32 Takes to the air
- 33 Riga native
- 34 Auto maker Ferrari



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- 36 New World abbr.
- 37 Get, as a job
- 40 Finish putting
- 41 Bridge expert Sharif
- 42 Less restrained
- 43 Cartoon canine
- 45 Comic strip redhead
- 46 Big name in baby food
- 47 Kramer of "Seinfeld"
- 48 Actor Milo
- 49 Club members since 1917
- 50 Given to gabbing
- 54 What's required to be "in"
- 55 "\_\_\_\_ Death" (Grieg work)
- 57 Wise
- 58 It goes before carte, but not horse
- 59 Keats creation

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TOUCHY HEADS

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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AVER	ODIE	MELEE
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## Talented couple take university by storm

By Jess Bishop  
For The Maine Campus

If you've ever been to the Class of 1944 Hall, chances are good that you either have seen Phillip and Noreen Silver, or have heard the sound of music coming from their offices. This husband and wife team has been working at the University of Maine for three and two years, respectively.

Phillip Silver is an assistant professor and chamber music coach in the music department. Noreen also is a chamber music coach, and she also teaches cello. "I really like the opportunities this university presents, I have no complaints whatsoever," said Phillip.

Originally from New York, Phillip moved around the United States, then eventually ended up continuing his music career at the New England Conservatory. Noreen, from Glasgow, Scotland, came to the area to pursue her love for music. The two budding musicians met at the Conservatory while pursuing their masters' degrees. That was in the

late 1970s, and soon after that they were married.

Since then, they have lived in Glasgow, London, Israel and eventually in nearby Bangor. Both Phillip and Noreen had originally planned to become profes-

sional performers, but raising a family and performing is a difficult task. Along with their careers on campus, the Silvers also have a busy life at home, raising their three daughters, aged 4, 7 and 14.

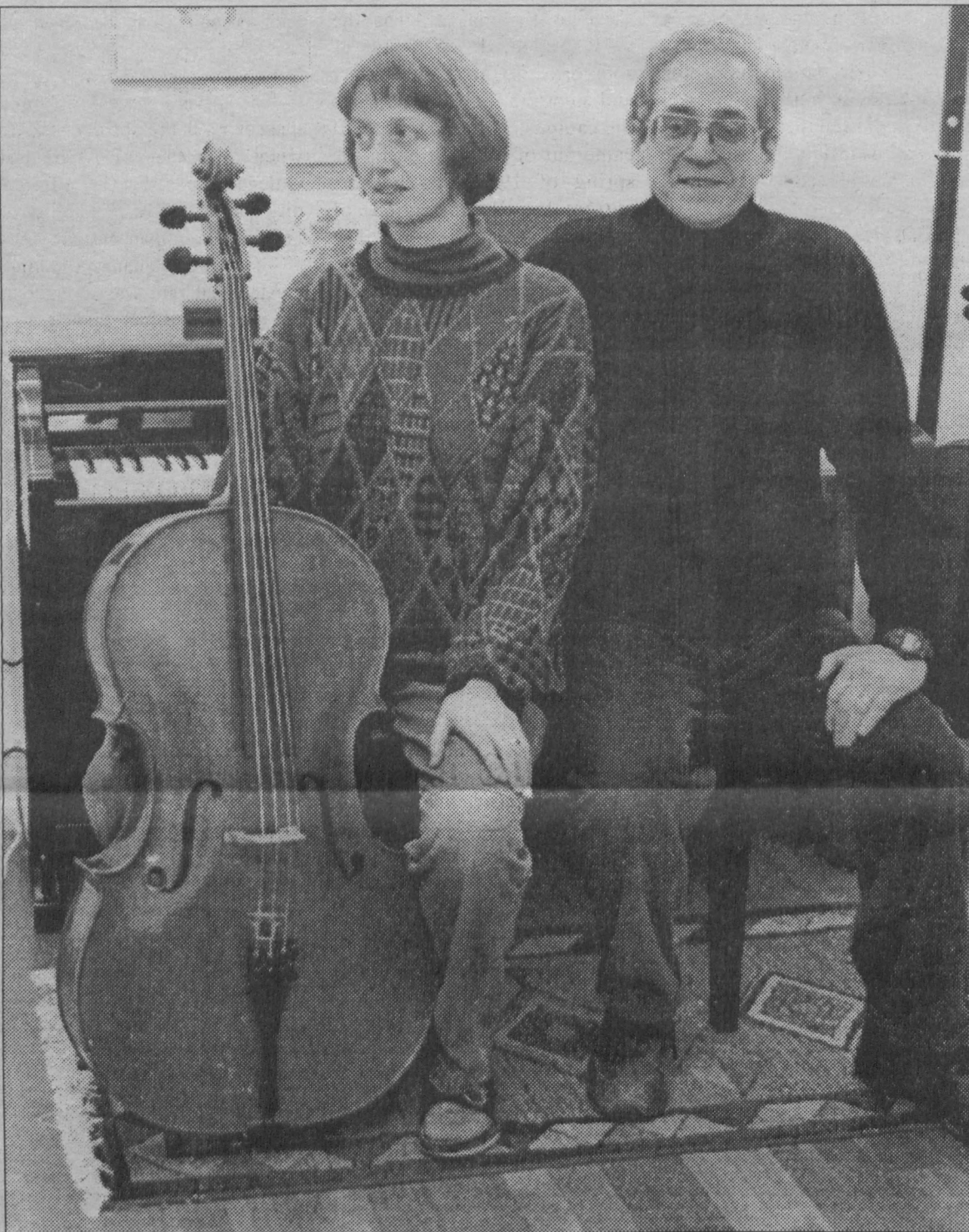
Both Silvers lead busy lives at the university. They each spend great amounts of time "either practicing with students, teaching courses or simply practicing for themselves," said James Joinville, a student who has worked with both Phillip and Noreen over the

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Phillip accompanies, on piano, students and faculty members in the weekly recitals. This duty is another aspect of his job that he is more than willing to partake in. Spending time with and helping out students is part of what being

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Noreen and Phillip Silver will perform in a faculty recital on Sunday. CAMPUS PHOTO BY KATHIE CONNELLY.

## 'The Devil and Daniel Webster' a lesson in careful wishing

By Debra Hatch  
Copy Editor

Bad luck can often lead to doing things you would normally never think of doing and turning to people who obviously don't have your best intentions at heart.

This was the theme of the 1941 black and white movie "The Devil and Daniel Webster," a classic tale of desperation, greed and the battle between good and evil.

Set in Cross Corner, NH in the late 1800s, poor farmer Jabez Stone (James Craig) has run into a long streak of bad luck and swears he would sell his soul to the devil to have a little money and an end to his bad luck.

Here enters the devil, or Mr. Scratch (Walter Huston). Offering just what the devil tends to offer any poor soul in trouble—a quick

fix in exchange for seven year's possession of his soul. Scratch and Stone enter into an agreement. But their agreement was entered into lightly by Stone and while his good fortune begins with the discovery of a wealth of Hessian gold in his barn, slowly he begins to become obsessed with money.

At the same time as Jabez trades his soul for some good luck, Daniel Webster, a candidate for presidential office and a welcome friend to the poor New England farmers, comes into town on a speaking tour. Played by Edward Arnold, Webster is a convincingly unsterotypical politician who seems to have everyone's best intentions at heart.

For Jabez, though, his obsession with money leads him down a self-destructive path taking him

from savior of other farmers to a scrupulous loan shark. What had seemed to be a blessing turns foul culminating in a failed attempt to renege on his contract with the devil. As Stone learns, you should never try to break your pact with the devil or he'll come for you.

For Jabez, Webster turns out to be his way to get his soul back with only a slight amount of time remaining under his contract with Mr. Scratch. Turning to what he knows best, the legal system and oratory, Webster proceeds to defend Jabez against Mr. Scratch by trying him in front of a jury of the dead chosen by Scratch.

Directed successfully by William Dieterle and scripted intelligently from the Stephen Vincent Benet story, the movie holds the interest of its viewers in addition to pulling them into the fantasy myth about "The Devil

and Daniel Webster." And, adding possibly an unintentional humorous break in the beginning of the movie, is the consistent use of the word "consum it." Jabez uses it as freely as many people today use other profanities.

Huston's portrayal of Mr. Scratch is provocative and humorous at the same time, with a realistic glow to his devilish appearances. A shortly shaven goatee and Irish hat help to clamp his appearance together with his acting proving to be quite realistic, if you can lead yourself to envision the devil in the flesh.

Also leading the gamut of actors are Arnold and Craig's portrayals of the movie's main characters. Glowing in his varieties of emotions, Arnold provides a convincing portrayal of a down-on-his-luck farmer who just wants to provide for his family and be a

hero to his fellow farmers. His metamorphosis from honest to greedy to desperate and then back to being honest is charming, but at the same time eerily convincing. Just the eyes are enough to tell the story.

Craig, similarly, holds the power of his acting in his voice and demeanor. In many ways, the character of an honest politician as well as lawyer is a little hard to grasp, but somehow Craig makes the character work in ways that many others would have failed.

While Anne Shirley, as Jabez's wife Mary, pulls off a sweet and honest role as the wife who fears for her husband's soul and a reversal to his transformation, it is Simone Simon playing devilish nursemaid Belle, who is the most frightening of all the characters.

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# Bananas's sordid history as Maine mascot

By Heidi Plante  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's first mascot was an elephant, according to "The History of The Maine Bear," a pamphlet written by the Sigma Xi Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

The Great Bolivar, as the elephant was called, was stolen by three UMaine students from a Bangor clothing company that was using the elephant in its advertisements. In order to hide the stolen elephant, the three thieves built an enclosure under the bleachers of the football stadium and kept the elephant in captivity until game time.

The Great Bolivar was soon followed by a bear cub named Jeff in 1914. Jeff was stolen from a cave on the northeast slope of Mount Kathadin by Old Town Indian guide Sebat Nicola. Jeff was then given to O.B. Fernandez, a former Old Town police chief and a collector of wild animals.

Fernandez gave the bear to

the UMaine football team as a good luck charm, according to "The History of The Maine Bear." When Jeff was first introduced at a football rally the surprised bear proudly stood on his head and the crowd went "bananas." From that day on, the UMaine mascot was known as Bananas the Bear.

The University of Maine had many live bears that served as the mascot but Bananas III, the third bear to serve as the mascot, was the most celebrated. The bear was a favorite of the student body and an attraction for visitors to the campus. When Bananas III came out of hibernation in the spring of 1922, she became extremely ill and died of ptomaine poisoning. "The body of the bear was stuffed and placed in the Alford Arena," said APO member Daniel Hodgkins.

During the late 1930s and 1940s, Bananas stayed at the Sutton Farm in Orono instead of on campus. According to "The History of The Maine Bear," Bananas was transported

to the games every week and at the end of the season was taken to the Gray Animal Farm for the winter.

The University of Maine cared for a total of fourteen live bears. According to "The History of The Maine Bear," the last bear, Cindy Bananas, was cared for by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Cindy was at UMaine for about two weeks before she died of pneumonia in 1966. After Cindy died, UMaine had to end their tradition of using live bears because of a Maine court decision.

The university went without a mascot until the spring of 1969 when a brother of Alpha Phi Omega proposed that the fraternity take on the responsibility of providing a human mascot.

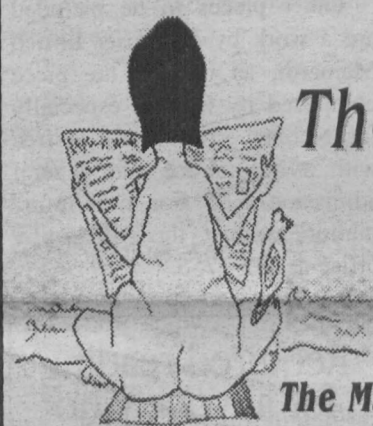
The first Bananas costume, created that fall, was thought to be too human-like and it was quickly decided by the brothers of APO to make the costume into a one-piece suit.

Bananas the Bear has been a beloved part of the University

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Bananas the Bear at a recent appearance at the Bangor Mall. FILE PHOTO.



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Dear Gina,

Right now I'm living in a dorm on campus and I don't really mind it. But some of my friends are all about getting an apartment off campus for next year and want me to live with them. I'm not sure if I should or not. I mean, I'm worried that all my friends are going to move out and I'm going to be stuck all alone with a bunch of freshman.

From, Dorm or Apartment?

Dear Dorm or Apartment?

Deciding between the dorms on campus and an off-campus apartment is a hard choice. I struggled with it myself only last year. Basically you have to weigh out the pros and cons about both before making such a big decision.

From what you wrote in your letter it sounds like the dorms don't bother you, but you are worried that all your friends are going to get an apartment and you'll be left solo. You have to think about what is going to be best for you overall and not just socially. Of course it's awesome to have your friends around you, but are they going to be more of a distraction than a plus? I hate to sound like a parent or anything, but you do pay to go to college and you don't pay for friends.

The dorms are a package deal: room and food. You don't have to worry about making your own meals, paying the rent at the first of the month or cleaning the bathroom. No matter if you live in Gannett or York, you are still in semi-decent walking range to all your classes with no car required. In your room you have free cable and not to mention a free movie channel and Internet.

However, the room and food can usually be compared to a low security prison, where you reside in a 10 by 10 room with a cot and a closet. The food in the commons is only safe on Saturday and Sunday when brunch can hold you over for the entire day. Any other time you have to choose between the meat of the week and oily veggies. Your

basic diet depends on the cereal dispensers, salad bar and sandwich line. Sure you don't have to clean any bathrooms, but who wants to even use a bathroom on the weekend, let alone on a Sunday night after a full-blown party weekend. You don't even want to think about what happened in the showers, and the stalls you have to choose from are either urine or vomit sprayed, and normally there is no toilet paper to be found anyway. All year around you can look forward to fun filled fire alarms at 2 a.m., hearing your next door neighbor either blasting their stereo, fighting with their girl or boy friend, and then hearing them makeup. The dorm is not really what one would consider a personal space. The lives of everyone around you invade you from all sides.

An apartment can be a luxury. It has a much larger space with more rooms to glide through and don't forget your very own kitchen and bathroom. You don't have to worry about what the mystery meat is, or controlling your hunger to fit into the university's meal times. When you step into the shower you don't have to wonder who or what went on in there before you got in, and if the toilet is dirty, you should know who did it. Your neighbors are more than a plywood space away, which definitely buffers outside noise and allows you to make as much noise as you want. An apartment allows you to throw a big party without worrying about an RA knocking on your door

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# Rahzel and The Roots ... tonight

By Kris Healey  
Maine Campus Hip Hop  
Correspondent

The Roots are not a typical rap group. A typical rap group does not bring the vocal skill, imaginative jams and lyrical ingenuity to the stage like The Roots.

A typical rap group doesn't have Rahzel "The Human Beat Box" and Scratch the "Vocal Turntables" adding beat, noise and sounds to the mix. A typical rap group does not have emcees like Black Thought and Malik B. A typical rap group doesn't consist of funky jam playing musi-

cians like Hub on bass, Questlove on drums and Kamal on keys. The Roots, to say the least, are anything but typical.

That fact is only one of the reasons that The Roots have established a multi-ethnic, grass-roots following that has carried them from playing on the streets of Philadelphia to playing arena shows with popular acts like Dave Matthews and Santana.

Tonight, The University of Maine is lucky enough to host The Roots with their special guest Rahzel. With Rahzel recently recording a solo album, it is a treat for the Orono crowd

to see him rejoining his group on stage. Tickets for students are only \$8. At this price the show should have sold out the first day, but as of yesterday some tickets were still available. They can be purchased at the Alford Arena box office starting at 4 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Seeing The Roots in concert is an experience that should not be passed up. With low ticket prices and the promise of a good time, the show should be just what is needed to shake off the cold weather and the pre-spring break winter blues.

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in the music atmosphere involves. "Phillip is an extremely patient person, it is a privilege to work with someone like that," said Joinville.

A large part of Phillip's musical background takes root in the couples' Jewish heritage. An unknown number of family members died during the Holocaust, and Phillip likes to focus on that time period in his music.

Though it may seem depressing to some, it is to "partially put a face on some of the six million who perished," Phillip explained. He has incorporated his Jewish ancestry into his works and recitals. In his two most recent shows, he has highlighted composers who died in concentration camps in Europe.

In a January show, he presented an anti-fascist piece by a German composer who had witnessed a death march of Jews who were imprisoned in the nearby Dachau concentration camp. Along with performing in Maine, Phillip also has performed the piece in London, and next summer will play Germany.

Noreen, as well as teaching and coaching students here at the university, also privately tutors students in cello. When she arrived in the area, she saw that there was an "enormous need for teachers of stringed instruments."

She coaches about sixteen pupils from regions both near and far to the university. Her pupils

range from age 6 to about 60. She also instructs a string quartet of dedicated teenagers.

In appreciation to Noreen's great skill on the cello, Scottish composer John Maxwell Geddes, in 1975, wrote a piece especially for her to perform. Entitled Callanish IV, it is inspired by a prehistoric group of standing stones. Written in improvisation, the piece has a "reflective style of Gaelic chant" Noreen explained.

On Sunday there will be a faculty cello recital in Minsky Recital Hall. Noreen will be accompanied by three other cellists as well as Phillip on the piano during the course of the show.

The first piece on the docket is a Beethoven Sonata, some of his greatest works. The last piece planned is a sonata by Shostakovich, a Russian composer.

The piece will be especially intriguing because it is full of "Russian tradition," and it is a great "tragic work" as Phillip called it. It includes music that reflects protest against the Soviet regime, which was extremely popular at the time that it was written.

Other pieces to be included are a work by composer Enrico Mainardi, as well as the piece composed by Geddes especially for Noreen. Admission is free with a MaineCard and general admission is \$5. For more information contact the MCA box office at 581-1755.

## Movie

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Her eyes, looking very "Exorcist"esque, and the possessed voice also reminiscent of the "Exorcist" is enough to provide the viewer with chills. In many ways her character should have been the devil that Huston presented.

The movie, based on the Benet story, claimed two Oscar nomina-

tions. The best actor nomination for Huston and a best score nomination for Bernard Herrmann show that the movie had definite capability, but it failed to pull in monumental box office receipts. Subsequently the movie was watered down to a mere 85 minutes and split into five different titled movies: "A Certain Mr.

Scratch," "All That Money Can Buy," "Daniel and the Devil," "Here Is a Man and The Devil" and "Daniel Webster." Irregardless of whatever length the movie is, 85 minutes or 107 minutes, the story is clean, the acting provoking and the tale as timeless as "Casablanca" or "Gone With the Wind."

## Bananas

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of Maine community since 1914 and yet still continues to thrill and amaze wild and crazy sports fans. Bananas is portrayed by the many personali-

ties of the APO fraternity brothers so sports fans and spectators alike never know what to expect from the UMaine mascot, said Daniel

Hodgkins. The brothers of APO have made Bananas a voluntary tradition that they say will continue far into the future.

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# Ernest

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bigger or more physical than her."

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She admits that her physique is both helpful for herself and deceptive for her opponents.

"It's hard for big girls to box me out because I'm quicker than they are," Ernest said. "People probably do underestimate me when they see me. I think it's definitely beneficial for me."

The Eastern Maine Class A

basketball schools were quickly given the "don't judge a book by its cover" treatment from Ernest when she started playing for head coach Chandler Woodcock at Mt. Blue. The Cougars went 41-3 in Ernest's final two seasons and were crowned state champions both of those years. As a senior Ernest was the recipient of the girls state 2000 Gatorade Player of the Year and recognized as Miss Maine Basketball.

It took the player from the tiny town of Temple just one game to etch her name in the UMaine women's basketball record book. In the season opener against Fordham, Ernest tied Cindy Blodgett's scoring total for a collegiate debut with 17 points. In addition, her 10 rebounds marked

the first double-double on record by a Black Bear freshman to start a season.

In 26 games Ernest has recorded a double-double 16 times. For much of the season she has been second in the country for total double-doubles.

While honored to be in an elite group of players, Ernest says she doesn't keep track of her totals during a game.

"I think that it's extremely special that I'm up there with other top athletes in the nation," she said. "It's not like I'm thinking I have to get this rebound or I have to get this shot. I have no clue how I'm doing when I'm in the game."

Ernest has already established herself as one of the most prolific freshman scorers ever at UMaine.

Her 360 points this season puts her fifth all-time for total points in a rookie season. Only Blodgett, Rachel Bouchard, Liz Coffin and Jamie Cassidy had greater offensive outputs in their first-year campaign.

Versyp believes that her star freshman will one day be mentioned in the same respect as those four former Black Bear

greats as long as she continues to improve her all-around game.

"Her potential is very unlimited and I tap into it everyday as a coach," Versyp said. "Each day she works on getting better. She could be one of the best players [at UMaine] or be in the elitist group that has already come through here."

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division that qualified at NCA summer camps and six others that received a bid by submitting a tape to the association. The Bears placed third out of the seven submitted tapes.

Without official recognition from the university, the team must fundraise to pay for its expenses. The team has run clinics and sold programs to raise part of the needed money. The Alumni Association and an

anonymous donor also contributed to help the team. Coach Ackley says, however, that they are still more than \$4,000 dollars short of the goal. Students may not be able to contribute much toward that goal, but Ackley says that they can help in other ways, which are just as beneficial.

"The biggest thing that we need from students is support," said Ackley. "We work really hard at what we do, and a lot of times peo-

ple don't even get to see it."

That should change because the competition will be televised on CBS and later replayed on the wholesome USA network. Therefore, I propose that we come together as a community and give support to the athletic supporters. If somebody supplies the big screen television and another person the refreshments, then I will bring the snowmobile, just in case.

## Sports advertising

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"Does it really make it more exciting to sit in a bowl game and have to hear every fifteen minutes that Frank's restaurant is waiting for you outside of the game?" Reardon says.

Staples says that Harvard's policy is actually the most effective in attracting spectators to school sporting events.

"I think our policy helps us

attract people," he says. "People get tired of going to Celtics games and being inundated by PA announcements and corporate logos. They think it's too much."

"We've heard people say they like to come to our events," he added. "It's so pure, it's the way sports ought to be."

Staples says other schools might

try to use corporate advertising to increase attendance — but only if they have weak athletic programs.

"I think there is this goal if you don't have a strong product," he says. "Businesses usually rely on other promotions if their product is not strong enough to attract people on its own."

"Harvard has a strong product," he says.

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## Women's hoops faces Hartford

### Eight man roster nears the finish line

By Kelly Brown  
Women's Basketball Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team will wrap up its regular season schedule Thursday at Hartford University.

After coming off their 1-1 weekend at Alford Arena, the Black Bears got two days off of practice to prepare for this final regular-season game.

"Having eight kids, they're really run down," head coach Sharon Versyp said. "Right now I need to keep them fresh and eager and hungry."

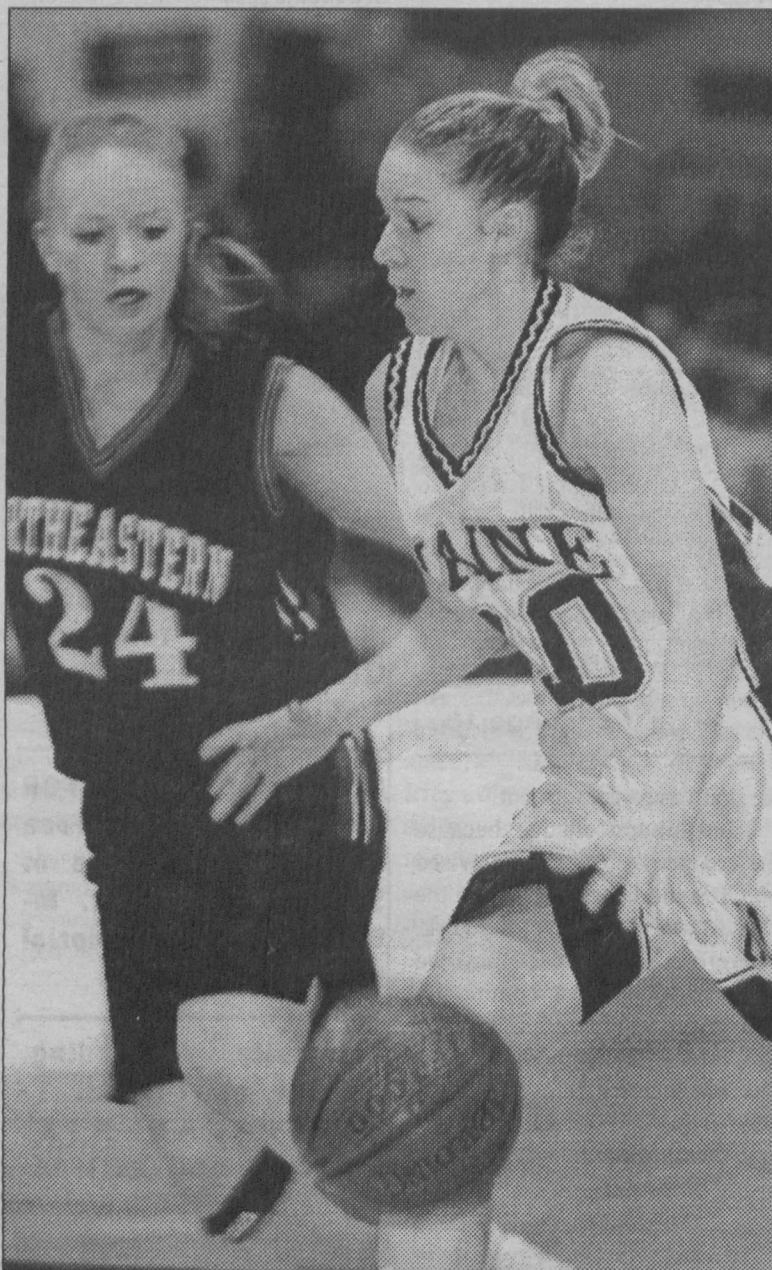
The Hartford Hawks, who are coached by Jennifer Rizzoti, are 8-9 in America East and are currently in fifth place. The Black Bears have moved up to fourth place and are 9-8 in America East.

Versyp and her team aren't looking at this matchup as anything but a regular game.

"Hartford's just as important as this [last week's] game; every game to me is just as important," Versyp said in a press conference Saturday. "I don't put any extra pressure on the kids or any extra pressure on any game, we just got to keep going after it."

The last time the Black Bears and the Hawks met at the beginning of Feb., Maine came out on top, defeating Hartford 69-47.

The Hawks will bring Kenitra Johnson to the court Thursday, who was just named America East Player of the week, week ending Feb 25. Johnson received



Maine's Ellen Geraghty dribbles around Northeastern's Laurie Harris in a Feb. 24 game. Geraghty posted a team-leading 15 points in the game. FILE PHOTO.

the honors after averaging 14 points and 9.5 rebounds in two games last week.

The Hawks are just coming off a win to 10th place Towson University on Saturday.

## Harvard goes against the corporate grain

### Sporting events without ads

By Elijah M. Alper  
Harvard Crimson

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Spectators at major Division I sporting events have grown accustomed to corporate advertising and promotions, from halftime contests awarding free dinners at local restaurants to ads placed strategically on scoreboards.

Recently, corporate advertising during athletic events has become commonplace in the Ivy League as well.

Men's hockey fans at Dartmouth's Thompson Arena are showered during intermissions with coupons for local businesses.

One lucky fan at each Brown hockey game is given a chance to shoot the puck across the ice. Score a goal, and he or she wins a prize donated by a local establishment.

The one exception is Harvard University, which has steadfastly refused to allow any corporate sponsorships or advertising during its athletic events.

"We're very different from every other university in the country," says Stephen Staples, Harvard's assistant director of marketing and promotions.

Harvard and the other Ivy League schools disagree strongly over the necessity and effectiveness of sports advertising.

Harvard has always frowned on corporate sponsorship, and with the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) gigantic coffers, the athletics department can afford to be coy.

Representatives from many other schools — including Dartmouth and Princeton — say they need the corporate advertising to sustain their athletic programs.

As other schools join the corporate bandwagon, University officials have become critical of these schools, saying they have abandoned "pure sports" for no good reason at all.

#### WHERE'S THE DOUGH?

Athletic department officials at other schools do not hesitate to say that the decision to allow corporate advertising at their schools is first and foremost about money.

"People are looking around and seeing how much it costs to run these broad athletic programs, and they're looking for creative ways to pay the bills," Charles Yrigoyen III, associate director in the Council of Ivy Group Presidents, an umbrella organization for the Ivy League says. "If money were not an issue, then our schools would maybe avoid advertising totally."

In fact, Ivy athletic department representatives say that revenue from corporate advertising is critical for the survival of their programs.

"To compete with a large school and what they put up, it's

crucial for every small Division I school to have a key marketing department and play a large role in producing enough money to support the department and the sports in it," says Trevor Carlson, Dartmouth's interim assistant director of marketing.

"Advertising helps make our events better," says Katie Finkbeiner, Princeton's assistant director of athletic marketing and development. "It's extra revenue that we don't have."

#### AN UNTESTED PRINCIPLE

Staples says Harvard's decision not to engage in corporate sponsorship in sports is purely a matter of principle, although he knows that some schools need a corporate presence in their sports program to survive — making all matters of principle irrelevant.

"There's a lot of schools where corporate advertising is a necessity," he says. "They have to do corporate marketing in order to compete."

But Staples says only schools in major athletic conferences are in this type of situation. He says no Ivy League school is currently in a financial situation where advertising is necessary.

Harvard's principled stance is — at the very least — made easier by financial security. The Athletic Department received \$12 million last year from FAS.

"[FAS] probably puts more money into the sports program than any university in America," says John P. Reardon, the executive director of the Harvard Alumni Association and a former Harvard athletic director.

But if that money were taken away, or if potential revenues from corporate advertising suddenly skyrocketed, Reardon says Harvard would have to closely examine just how important its principle is.

"If you're put into a corner where you need revenues, then you have to consider revenues. And if Coca-Cola offers you a million dollars a year to put a sign on your scoreboard, you'd have to have a debate about that."

"I tend to think that at the end of the debate, the Coca-Cola sign wouldn't go up," he added.

#### FILLING THE SEATS

Officials at Ivy schools besides Harvard say that their athletic department's decision to advertise is not just based on money — fans are entertained by the corporate promotions and tie-ins.

"We're able to create a more fan-friendly environment at our games," Carlson says. "Without advertising, it would be a kind of bland, morbid setting. It would be just a sport being played for the athletes rather than for the fans as well."

But Harvard officials flat-out reject the idea that corporate promotions can add to fan enjoyment.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We're like the side dish, the green beans to the main course of the sports here," Aaron Hermes said on the role of cheerleading.

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# Athlete of the Week

**Vanessa McGowen**

**Track**

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Maine's McGowen finished second in the 500 meter run in 1:16.37 at the America East meet two weeks ago. McGowen won the 800 meter run in the New England meet last weekend. McGowen finished the 800 in 2:14.78,

over two seconds ahead of Sarah Deeb of Tufts, who was running on her home track. McGowen won both the prelim and finals of the 800 meter run. Next up for McGowen and the women's track team is the ECAC meet this weekend.

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of 1:56.34. Harkleroad finished only .19 seconds behind.

"That was a great thing that happened for us. Both the team and the coaching staff were happy about the performances of Rivard and Harkleroad," Ballinger said.

He also said that another sweet victory in the meet was the win of the 4 x 800 meter relay team in a time of 7:57.65.

Maine also got a win out of Joey Luchini in the 3,000 meter run. He won in a time of 8:30.16, beating the nearest competitor by over five seconds.

Other key performances on the men's side came from Ken Bettis, who finished second in the 500 meters and Derek Davis, who took second in the high jump.

The New England Championship meet was contested by the women at Tufts and by the men at BU. The meet only produced two event winners for Maine, both coming on the women's side.

McGowen won the 800 meters in a time of 2:14.78. McGowen characterized the race as an "old-fashioned" race.

"People were falling down all over the place. There was a lot of bumping going on. The real race came down to the last lap," she said.

McGowen was running in a pack on the last lap and kicked ahead of the pack. One runner from Providence went with her, but McGowen dropped her at the final turn. The Providence runner ended up being disqualified after the race.

Rybalko once again was the winner in the long jump, but her distance regressed again. This time, she jumped 18'6.5". "My ankle had a lot to do with (the regression in distance)," she said.

Coach Ballinger said that Rybalko possibly has a tear to a muscle or tendon in her jumping ankle that may need surgery to repair. He says that he will definitely rest her in the short term and will wait and see about what happens for the long term.

The women's team finished in a tie with UMass for eighth place in



Maine's Victoria Rybalko won the long jump at the New England meet. COURTESY PHOTO.

the meet, totaling 35 points. Rachel Borchers ran a personal best of 5:02.38 in the mile, placing her sixth. Nicole Pelletier placed eighth in the event. The 4 x 800 meter relay team came in fourth place with a time of 9:29.97.

The men's team finished in 16th place with 14.5 points. The best finish came from Ben Ray, who took second in the mile, with a time of 4:12.64. Rivard took fifth in the event, one second behind Ray.

Luchini took fifth in the 3,000 meters, setting a personal best of 8:24.82. Derek Davis finished fifth in the High Jump with a height of 6'7". The 4 x 800 meter relay took sixth in a time of 7:47.31.

Up next is the ECAC/IC4A Championship Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. On the men's side, the competitors will be Derek Davis in the high jump, Ben Ray and Gabe Rivard in the mile run, and Joey Luchini in the 3,000 meter run. The women's will send the 4 x 800 meter relay team and Vanessa McGowen in the 800 meters. Victoriya Rybalko has qualified for the meet in the long jump, but she will not be competing because of her ankle problems.

# Rec sports weekly report

## Club volleyball ranked 14th in country

By Nicole Goulet  
Rec Sports Reporter

Last Saturday the UMaine men's volleyball club continued its undefeated conference season at UNH. The team competed in the last of its divisional play, matching up with New Hampshire College, Bowdoin College and Colby College. Maine marched through all three squads, going 6-0 on the day in a best-of-three format. Outstanding performers for Maine included Mark Bernier, Ryan Crotin and Kurt Milligan at outside hitter; Adam Macfawn, Rob Arp and Nick Darak at middle; Stephen Williams and Mark Moran at opposite side hitters; Jeff Prager, Shaun Russell, Stephen Farnum and Kiril "Kiko" Naoumov as defensive specialists; and Jim Bertolino as setter.

Next weekend, Maine travels

to Williams College for the final regular season tournament. This will be Maine's chance for retribution against MIT, which defeated Maine for the championship at the MIT Open Tournament in late January. Currently, Maine is ranked third in the New England Collegiate Volleyball League, behind MIT and BU, and 14th in the country. The club would like to thank all who have contributed and supported them on their way to the National Championships and, as of yet, an undefeated season.

### CHC, CPR and First Aid Classes

Following is a schedule for the CPR and First Aid courses. On March 4 at 9 a.m. there will be an AHA Healthcare Provider Adult, Child, Infant CPR class. The First Aid class is on March 7 at 5 p.m. On March 8 at 5 p.m.

there is the AHA CPR Rectification. On March 25 at 9 a.m. for the AHA Healthcare Provider Adult, Child, Infant CPR class. And on March 28 at 5 p.m. there will be the AHA Adult CPR class. All classes are at Cutler Health Center. Use the Bennett Entrance. Classes are based on the number of pre-registered participants. Call 581-4128 or email [ryoung@maine.edu](mailto:ryoung@maine.edu) for registration and class information.

### Maine Bound

The Wilderness First Responder (KPE 309- 3 credits) class will be held during spring break- March 18th to the 25th in Winsted, CT. The Katahdin Winter Ascent is this weekend, March 3 and 4!!! Limit is 10 people and it is only \$80!!! For more information on any Maine Bound event call 581-1794 or check out their web site at [www.ume.maine.edu/mainebound](http://www.ume.maine.edu/mainebound).

# ESPN anchor discusses sports issues, Pete Rose with OSU students

By Joe Arnold  
The Post

ATHENS, Ohio (U-WIRE) - Using his signature wit and humor, as well as verbal barbs directed toward Ohio State University fans, ESPN personality Rich Eisen entertained a crowd of about 400 Ohio University students and their fathers Saturday.

Eisen took the stage after treating the audience to a series of ESPN's signature commercials that have expanded the popularity of the network's flagship show, SportsCenter.

After giving a brief summary of how he arrived at ESPN from his days as a Northwestern

University graduate student, Eisen fielded questions from the audience for the next hour and a half.

The question-and-answer session had Eisen answering questions ranging from his feelings about other ESPN personalities to whether Pete Rose should be eligible for Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Speaking to a throng of Reds fans and Rose supporters, Eisen said the former player and manager should be banned from the Hall of Fame until he admits he bet on baseball.

"I definitely think that Pete Rose should be banned," Eisen said. "At this point though, all it would take for him to get into the

Hall would be a massive feast of humble pie to admit that he bet on baseball.

"All he needs to do is to go on Oprah and say 'Yes, I did bet on baseball, and I have a terrible addiction.' If he did that, he'd be at Cooperstown this summer."

Eisen, who graduated from Michigan University before attending graduate school, poked fun at the Ohio State fans in attendance by mentioning that the lowest point in the University of Michigan's 2000 season was when Ohio State fired coach John Cooper.

Eisen said the other ESPN personalities who are funny and creative on-camera are just as funny off-camera.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Which offseason free agent pickup will have the most impact this season?**

- ☐ Mike Mussina — Yankees
- ☐ Alex Rodriguez — Rangers
- ☐ Mike Hampton — Rockies
- ☐ Manny Ramirez — Red Sox

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# Maine Campus Sports

## Freshman makes immediate impact

Positive attitude leads to success for Maine's Ernest

By Kevin Gove  
For The Maine Campus

Heather Ernest is explaining her perky disposition on the basketball court. She notes that having an optimistic outlook helps her stay relaxed and level-headed during a game. She suggests her attitude makes a contest more fun for herself and her University of Maine teammates. Then, the Black Bear freshman clasps her hands together in front of her, shrugs her shoulders and spills out the profound reasoning as to why she's so darn happy all the time.

"I stay positive because I don't like the way I look when I'm grumpy," Ernest says with a giggle.

The 6-foot-1 forward has had plenty to smile about in her first year of college basketball, and she has also made a lot of unhappy looks on the faces of her opponents.

On Jan. 14 at New Hampshire Ernest left the Wildcat low post defenders scratching their heads after she poured in 21 points and pulled down 21 rebounds. Six days later against Hofstra the Mt. Blue High School product broke open a close game with eight points and six rebounds during a six minute stretch late in the second half. Ernest finished with a team-high 18 points and game-high 16 boards in the home victory. In the Black Bears next contest on Jan. 25 at conference leader Delaware, Ernest stuffed the stat sheet again logging a career-high 25 points and a game-best 19 rebounds.

UMaine head coach Sharon

Versyp attributes Ernest's consistently high numbers to her natural talent and passion for the game.

"She's got an uncanny ability and a savvy for offensive rebounding and defensive rebounding," Versyp said. "Heather is one of the hardest working kids I've been around."

Over eight games in the month of January, Ernest averaged 19.0 points and 13.9 rebounds. For her efforts she was named America East Rookie of the Week four consecutive times during the first month of the new year. Following her eye-popping performance at New Hampshire, Ernest was named the Eastern Collegiate Women's Basketball Coaches and Media Association New England Rookie of the Week.

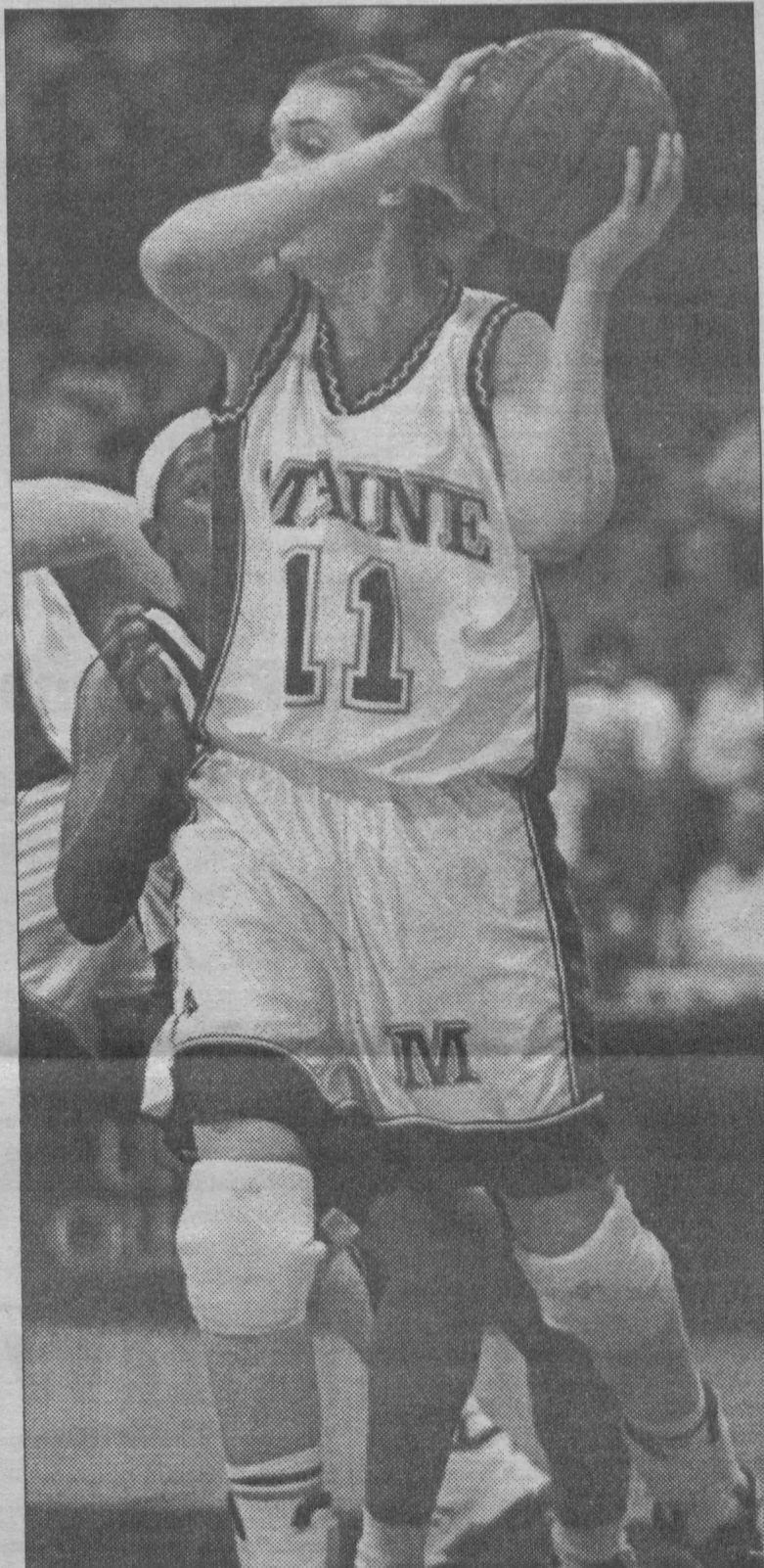
When it comes to rebounding, Ernest counts on getting inside position and knowing the nature of her teammates' shots.

"If you box your person out, pretty much you have a chance at getting at any ball that comes off the rim," she said. "Soft shots come off the rim real easy, not like bullets, and that's how everybody shoots on this team. I pretty much know where people's shots are going to come off."

Although Ernest is tall, it's well known that she doesn't exactly fill out her uniform. However, what she lacks in strength and size she more than makes up for with agility and hustle.

"She's very hard to guard because she's wiry," Versyp said. "She's able to use her quickness and go around players that may be

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As a freshman, Maine's Heather Ernest has quickly become one of the more noticed names on the Maine women's basketball team. CAMPUS PHOTO BY JASON CANNIFF.

Joseph Bethony

Sports Columnist

## Money needed for nationals

As the game nears its end, the fans begin to trickle to the exits because the visiting team is up on the beloved Black Bears, but senior Aaron Hermes and his ten Blue Squad mates continue to stand vigil. Cheering for each increasingly rare University of Maine basket and giving out support that the cheerleading squad at UMaine rarely sees reciprocated.

"We're like the side dish, the green beans to the main course of the sports here," said Hermes.

Talking to team members reveals the level of dedication that is required for cheerleading. Team members have no off-season because the fall is dedicated to cheering for the football team, then men's and women's basketball in the winter. Finally, after all of that comes competition in April, the real reason for cheerleading.

In addition to the time involvement, the team practices in what could be considered sub-standard conditions. They practice on the unforgiving hard-rubber floor of the all-purpose room in the Memorial gym. Think of it like practicing on your high school cafeteria floor after gym class, after the gym teacher put away the floor hockey nets.

The university neither provides mats for the team, nor officially recognizes cheerleading as a sport, and as such, the team receives no scholarships or funding. Uniforms and travel expenses are paid through the fundraising efforts of team members.

"We exist on the interest of people that have done it for years, people that want to keep with it and try new things," said senior Jeremy Towle.

Among the new things that the squad will try, is participating in the first national competition for UMaine since 1993, in Daytona, Fla., from April 4-8. In 1999, the team competed in a regional New England meet in Boston, which they won.

Lisa Ackley, the second-year coach, said that the goal for this season was simply to get a bid and anything beyond that would be a bonus. The squad accomplished the mission and will participate in the National Collegiate Association's small co-ed division, for squads featuring fewer than four males and less than 20 total members. The team will be facing squads in that

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## Track posts strong showing at postseason meets

By Jeff Mannix  
For The Maine Campus

The UMaine track teams are into the postseason on the indoor side. Maine has already competed in two postseason meets so far, the America East Championship Meet on Feb. 17 and the New England Championship Meet on Feb. 23 and 24.

Both Maine teams came in with good finishes in the America East meet, held at the Boston University Armory. The men's team garnered a third place finish with 94 points, while the women came in a respectable fourth, with 72.

The head coach of the track squad, Jim Ballinger, had good things to say about his team's effort in Boston. "The performances were very good. Several of our athletes set personal bests for the

season. We scored where we needed to throughout the meet, and a little better, in some instances."

In the women's meet, Maine got strong performances out of sophomore Victoriya Rybalko, who won the long jump by almost a foot with a leap of 19'5.5", Vanessa McGowen, who finished second in the 500 meters, Nicole Pelletier, a fourth-place finisher in the mile, along with Julie Williams and Angela Pulcifer, who placed second and third, respectively, in the weight throw. The 4 x 800 meter relay, which was comprised of McGowen, Pelletier, Rachel Borchers, and Danielle Donovan, finished second with a school record time of 9:20.06, shattering the old mark by nine seconds.

Rybalko says that even though she won the event, she needs to

improve. "I think my jumping needs to be improved a lot." She set the school record during the spring season last year, becoming the first woman at Maine to jump over 20 feet, but she has not broken that mark since.

McGowen said that she was frustrated with the outcome of the 500 meters. "You run the races in heats. I won my heat, but a runner from BU (Rachel Felton) beat my time." McGowen ran in the fast heat of the event, but Felton was put in a slower heat of the event and ran 1:16.06, beating McGowen's time of 1:16.37. "I felt like I could have run a little faster. But, it almost seems unfair that you lose to a person you didn't even race. It was kind of disappointing," she said.

However, McGowen was very pleased with the outcome of the relay. "Our team is really good.

[Running on that relay] was probably my best experience in track. All of my close friends are on that team, and they all deserve to do really well."

On the men's side, Maine got a few performances that surprised everyone. One such performance was Gabe Rivard's win in the mile. He ran a time of 4:12.40 and won an extremely close race. The next three finishers finished less than a second behind. Rivard just edged out BU's Paul Morrice by .02 seconds and teammate Ben Ray by .25 seconds.

"It was the first time he won an individual championship," Ballinger said.

Another surprise performance came from junior Ryan Harkleroad, who finished second in the 800 meters, right behind

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