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— The Untouchables,
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Charges filed in drug case

Hancock Hall resident could face more charges following FBI tests

By Jennifer Gundersen
Assistant News Editor

The first charges have been filed in a drug investigation that swept through Hancock Hall in the early hours of Wednesday, April 3.

Scott Turner, 20, the resident of room 362 Hancock Hall, was charged by Public Safety, the first agency to file charges on Turner, for two drug violations, including possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to Noel March, director of Public Safety.

"The sort of activity that Turner may have been involved in is absolutely unacceptable," March said. "All appropriate charges will be brought in this case and any other drug case that comes to the attention of university police."

Public Safety, along with agents from the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, spent much of April 3 in Hancock Hall investigating Turner's room and removing evidence to be sent

to the Federal Crime Lab. According to Christopher Garder, Public Safety investigator, those results will not be returned for several months because the lab has become backed up since Sept. 11.

"While the FBI was here [Turner] was in the hall. He was just standing there," said Andrew McMillan, a first-year mechanical engineer major who lives on the third floor of Hancock. "He had an expressionless look on his face."

The initial investigation turned up evidence of hallucinogens, and further investigation is likely to result in other drug-related charges.

"The district attorney and the U.S. attorney are reviewing the case in anticipation of additional charges for drug manufacturing," March said.

Turner had two past run-ins with Public Safety. He was summonsed in December 2000 for drug possession and again in September 2001 for possession of

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Women to head home suite home Balentine Hall to close in 2003

By Adam D. Thibodeau
For The Maine Campus

The doors of Balentine, the only all female residence hall on campus, will close next year.

As a result, the residents of Balentine will have first preference on the soon-to-be-finished suite complex, nicknamed DTAV 2, for the start of the spring 2003 semester.

According to Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs, Balentine, which is about 50 years old and the oldest residence hall on campus, is in need of renovations, particularly on electrical systems.

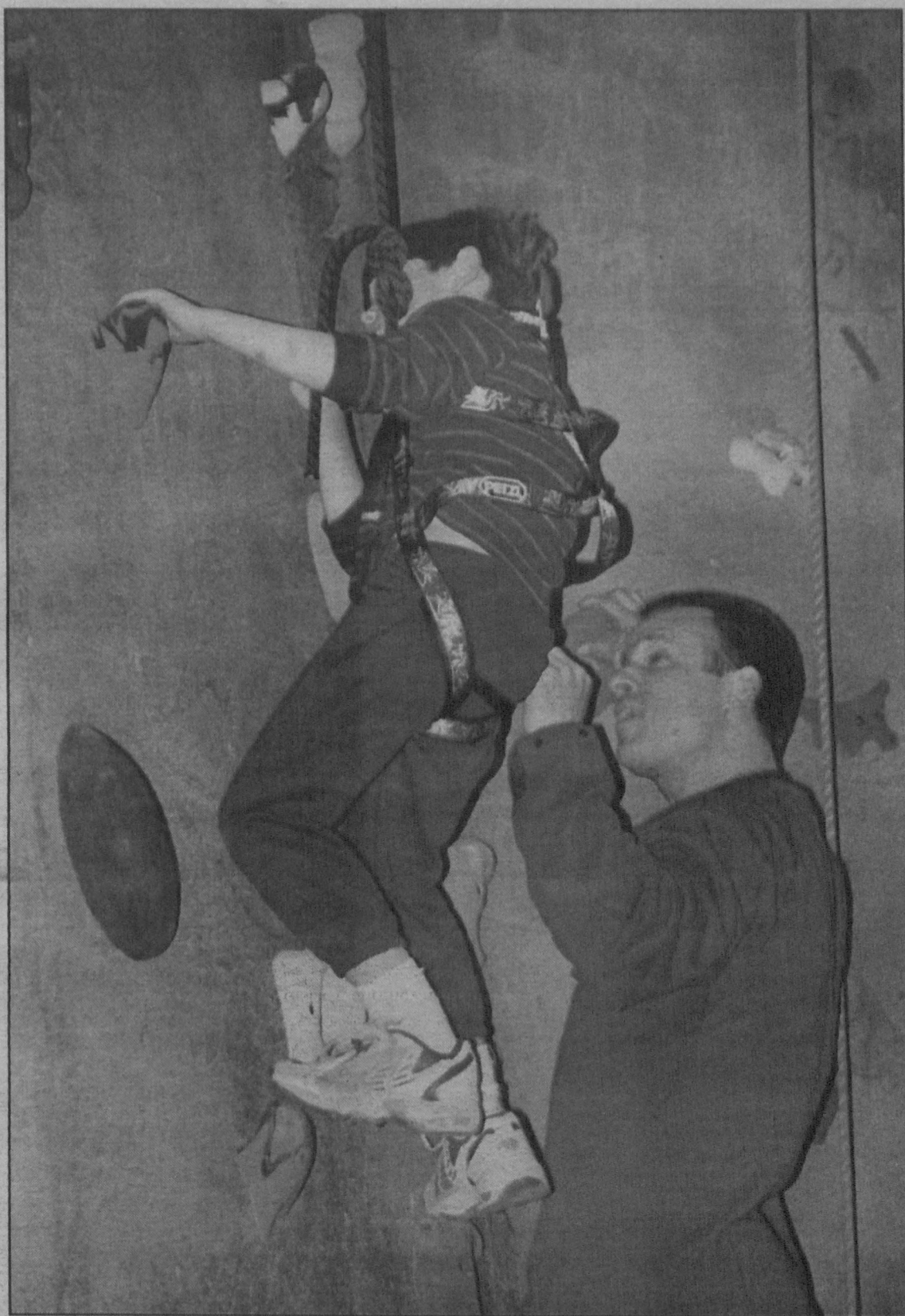
"There is electrical work that needs to happen," said Balentine resident director Heather Gilbert. "It wasn't built with the intention

of all the appliances we consider necessary for everyday life."

To accommodate the renovations, the first three floors of Balentine will close at the end of the fall 2002 semester. The residents will then be able to choose whether to move to the DTAV2 complex or relocate to a different dorm. The fourth floor of Balentine will be closed for the entire academic year, in order to "consolidate space," Smith said.

The renovation has been pending for some time. According to Andy Matthews, director of Housing Services, the renovation was originally planned to begin in the fall of 2002 with Balentine closed for the academic year. However, with an anticipated completion date of

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CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNE SCHMIDT

With the assistance of Maine Bound staff, 5-year-old Jonathan Brescia of Newport made the climb up the new wall in the Maine Bound Adventure Center. Jonathan was the first person to test out the new child's harness.

UMaine: bound for adventure

By Catherine Tiller
For The Maine Campus

Except for the wind, you might have believed it was summer Friday, April 12, at the opening of the new Maine Bound Adventure Center. Strange Pleasure jammed on stage while students and administrators lined up in the sun for the free barbecue.

Peter S. Hoff, president of the University of Maine, was the first to speak at the ceremony, which welcomed the Maine Bound program to its new home.

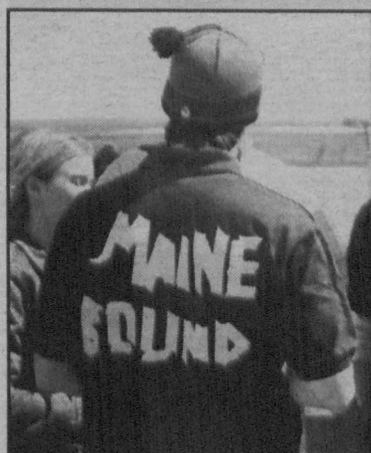
"This is a very happy day

for Maine Bound and the university," he said. He also explained how the \$350,000 needed for the new facility was made possible by the university's Coca Cola contract.

"There will be no cost to students," Jeff Hunt, a co-coordinator for Maine Bound, said before inviting everyone to "go inside, enjoy and climb."

The adventure center is located in the large barn next to the Maine Center for the Arts and east of Memorial Union. There is a climbing

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CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNE SCHMIDT

Mike Smith, a junior sociology major, is an active Maine Bound employee and an outdoor adventure enthusiast.

THE WORLD BEYOND UMAINE

Middle East clash could become regional war

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are deeply worried that clashes on the Israeli-Lebanese border could escalate into a wider Middle East conflict. Their fears are heightened by concerns that Iran has supplied Lebanese guerrillas with missiles that can hit northern Israeli cities.

Fresh cross-border fighting flared Thursday in advance of Secretary of State Colin Powell's arrival in Israel in pursuit of an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire.

As in previous days, the fighting was triggered by mortar and missile barrages loosed at Israeli troops on the occupied Golan Heights and into northern Israel by pro-Palestinian guerrillas of Hezbollah, a Shiite Muslim militia backed by Iran and Syria. Israeli

forces responded with artillery fire and air strikes.

Hezbollah so far has used Iranian-supplied Katyusha rockets, which are unguided Soviet-designed 122 mm missiles with a range of 12.5 miles.

But U.S. officials believe that Iran has also sent Hezbollah Fajr-5s, which are unguided truck-mounted 240 mm projectiles whose 50-mile range would put Haifa, the northern Israeli city of 270,000, within the guerrillas' reach.

These officials fear that Fajr-5s fired at Haifa or other Israeli population centers could trigger major Israeli military strikes against Lebanon or Syria, triggering a regional war.

Plants behind schedule on security upgrades

WASHINGTON — Nearly

three-quarters of the nation's nuclear power plant operators are behind schedule on new federally mandated security upgrades, mostly dealing with truck bombs, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Truck bombs are one of the most commonly used and easiest to obtain terrorist weapons, and anxiety about them has grown since Sept. 11. That worry appears to be behind many security upgrades ordered in February by the commission, which governs nuclear plants.

The orders included preparing a detailed analysis on the vulnerability and consequences of a truck-bomb attack, commission spokesman Victor Dricks said Thursday.

The power plants do not publicly disclose why they need more time, but Dricks said nearly 90 percent that say they can't make their deadlines are having problems with the truck-bomb analysis.

Stories compiled from Knight Ridder Tribune News Service.

LEGAL Affairs



Attorney Ted Curtis

Recently I received an anonymous inquiry from a student concerned about the effect of an OUI conviction. The following related submission should answer those questions.

Q. I was pulled over by the police for having no muffler on my car and was given a sobriety test. I think I did fine with the motor skills part but he wanted to give me a breathalyzer test and told me that compliance to do so was mandatory, and if I didn't, I would suffer the consequences. I had consumed a few beers over a course of two hours so I declined his invitation to incriminate myself. I was issued a summons for OUI. What's next? How does this affect me?

A. The police officer had sufficient reason to stop you because you were operating your vehicle without a muffler. When you refused to take the breath test, you made a difficult situation much worse.

For many years Maine has had an implied consent law. All motorists in Maine, including non-residents, have a duty to submit to chemical testing when a law enforcement officer has reason to believe that the person operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. If the officer is not able to form a legitimate belief that the motorist has been operating under the influence, then there is no duty to submit to chemical testing. Refusing chemical tests may be offered in trial as evidence. Because the officer smelled an alcoholic beverage, the state's case is strong. Nevertheless, because of your conviction that you were not under the influence, you may elect to let a judge or jury decide your guilt or innocence.

Most OUIs are class D crimes, which are misdemeanors. An OUI can become a class C felony if 1) Serious bodily injury occurs, 2) There are prior class C OUIs, 3) This is the third OUI within 10 years. If you are found guilty, the minimum court sentence will be 96 hours in jail, a fine of \$500, plus a 14 percent surcharge, an additional \$30 fee and a 90 day license suspension. These penalties are substantially more than they would have been if you had taken the breath test. The test might have been low and no OUI charge would have been filed. Even if you tested more than a .08, and been convicted, there probably would have been no jail time and a smaller fine.

In addition to the court-imposed penalties, the Secretary of State will suspend your right to operate a motor vehicle in the State of Maine for at least 275 days because you refused the

breath test. This is a separate added violation, but the suspension will run consecutively with the 90-day suspension if you are convicted of OUI.

Also, the Secretary of State requires that the driver pay for and successfully complete the DEEP Driver Education Program and pay a reinstatement fee before your license is reinstated. You can also obtain alcohol counseling through an approved licensed substance abuse counselor. It may be less expensive, but you need to check with DEEP to make certain the counselor is approved.

Finally, if found guilty of OUI, the conviction will become a part of your permanent record and will be something you must divulge to a potential employer, if specifically requested. This may most affect an employment opportunity in which you would be required to operate a company vehicle. An employer would have the final word in allowing you to drive or not, but the terms of the employer's insurance would be a determining factor. Also, a conviction for OUI may limit your ability to travel to certain destinations, such as Canada. The Canadians take border crossings by people with records rather seriously, especially in light of recent events, and may deny you entrance. Prudence dictates that a phone call to the specific Canadian border station to be crossed, asking their policy regarding the conviction of OUI, might save you a wasted trip.

You may also find you are asked numerous questions, the answers to which will be entered permanently on a computer system. We also know that President George W. Bush has an OUI record from Maine from his younger years and is now welcome in Canada. However, the Canadians can make their own laws, of course, and I understand they do not want visitors who have OUI records.

The lessons learned here include the severity of penalties for operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol, the wisdom of taking a breath test and the importance of understanding the law.

I really can not envision any situation in which it would be advisable to refuse the breath or blood test. If it is offered, a driver should always consent to take the test. Any issues of constitutionality can be sorted out later.

As always, the very best advice is never drive after consuming alcohol.

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Professor takes on Darwin's theory

Toutes 'intelligent design' over theory of evolution

By Meredith S. Holt
Staff Reporter

Students and other members of the campus community gathered in room 100, Donald P. Corbet Business Building Wednesday, April 10, to hear Michael J. Behe present his theory of intelligent design, an event that generated enough interest to completely fill the lecture hall.

Behe is a professor of biological sciences at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and published the book, "Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution."

Isaac Kimball, an instructor of college composition at the University of Maine, encouraged his students to attend the lecture as an exercise in critical thinking.

"This talk will necessarily provoke students to think critically because the majority of incoming first years have been thoroughly indoctrinated in evolutionary theory," he said.

Behe started the evening with a presentation aided by power point images.

Behe supports Cardinal Ratzinger's assertion from his book, "In the Beginning."

"We must have the audacity to say that the great products of living creation are not the products of chance and error," Ratzinger wrote.

Behe said the eyeball is a biological feature that Darwin's theories couldn't account for. Some organisms

only have light-sensitive spots. Darwin did not try to address the question of the origin of light-sensitive spots, Behe said. He presented to the audience a brief explanation of the chemistry of vision. The eyeball is a biological system that Behe calls "irreducibly complex."

Behe cited a quote from Darwin's "Origin of the Species"

"If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifi-

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cations, my theory would absolutely break down," Darwin wrote.

Irreducibly complex systems are those that "seem very difficult to form by such successive modifications," Behe wrote in an article for the April 2002 edition of "Natural History."

Behe is known for using the ordinary mousetrap as his primary real-life example of an irreducibly complex system.

"None of the parts can accomplish the objective by

themselves ... a system like this couldn't be put together by slight modifications," Behe said. "Irreducible systems only function when the system is intact."

He used bacterial flagella and the blood coagulation system as other examples of irreducibly complex systems.

Behe lightened up his lecture with a little humor. He addressed the question of how to recognize a design with a Far Side cartoon.

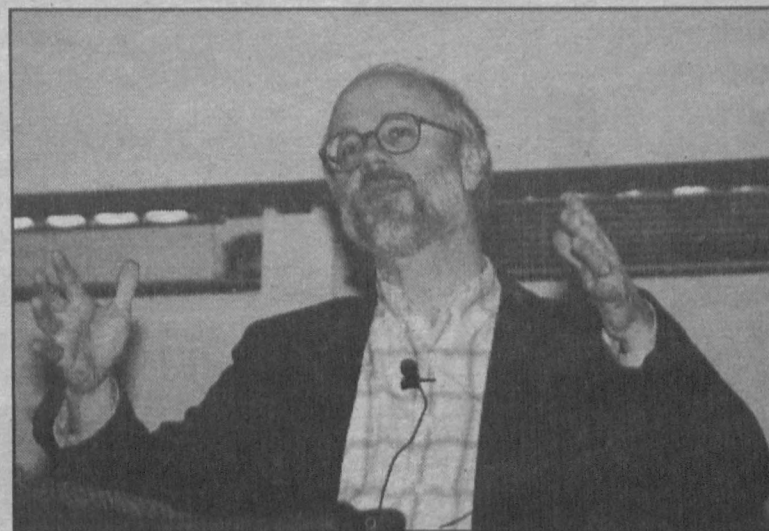
"The humor of the cartoon depends on you recognizing the design. You know it's designed because you see a number of parts interacting with each other," Behe said.

Behe said his critics and fellow scientists reject his ideas because intelligent design seems to have philosophical and theological undertones. He used the work of his critics to support intelligent design by refuting their experimental conclusions.

Professor John McDonald of the University of Delaware said he could make a mousetrap with fewer parts. However, Behe calls McDonald's fewer-part mousetraps "intelligently created mousetraps," because the individual parts were positioned differently than those of the regular mousetrap.

When the room opened up for discussion, hands shot up around the room.

"If there's a God, there must be a Super God," said Bill Farthing, professor of psychol-



CAMPUS PHOTO • BRYAN MATLUK

"Nobody knows, some people think that they know, but they don't," said Michael Behe in discussing his theory of "intelligent design." Behe, author of Darwin's Black Box, gave a lecture at DPC 100 on Wednesday night.

ogy. Farthing said that if Behe's theories were true,

"If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down," Darwin wrote.

there must be an infinity of more and more complex intelligent designers. Behe replied by saying that Farthing's

remarks concerned questions outside of the scientific realm.

An audience member asked about Behe's religious affiliation.

"It is only on scientific evidence that I think Darwinian evidence falls short," Behe replied.

At the closing of the discussion, several people still had their hands raised. People continued to talk about the ideas presented on their way out of the building.

Doug Palmeter, adviser of the Campus Crusade for Christ, which co-sponsored the lecture, said the purpose of the talk was to make people think.

"We measure the success by dialogue after the lecture ... [we] don't care if people agree or not," Palmeter said.

Campus Crusade for Christ, Lifelines, the Comprehensive Fee and the Guest Lecture Series sponsored the lecture.

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Making paper sail

UMaine takes third in Energy Challenge

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Fifteen engineering students at the University of Maine spent last semester preparing for the 2002 Energy Challenge in Atlanta, Ga. on April 6, hoping to bring a first place finish back to Orono.

The Energy Challenge, a yearly competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Institute of Paper Science and Technology, was originally started as an offshoot of a partnership made between the two sponsoring groups to address the issue of the amount of waste produced nationally by the forest products industry each year in the United States.

The challenge began in 1998 with the UMaine students taking home the top honors that year. In 2001, the UMaine team placed second. This year teams were challenged to construct a board for a sailboard, using paper materials, such as corrugated paper-board or liner-board, in hopes of once again claiming a first place title.

Preparations began with recruitment and planning last semester. Professor John Hwalek, the faculty advisor, posted messages on FirstClass in hopes of recruiting interested students. Once a team was formed, the actual planning began. The winner of the competition is based on not only the final outcome, but a mid-term report as well, so the planning period was very important, he said. Students worked on coming up with one common plan and creating some form of product to construct the sailboard with and a plan to actually construct.

"It was interesting working with so many people with so many varied ideas but one common goal," senior Angie Dinsmore said. "It's amazing how everyone can find one common opinion that they agreed on

and worked."

Next came months of construction and hard work. Competing in the competition counted for credit as CHE 497, and those who participated said the credits were hard-earned.

"The project has certainly been challenging," senior Adam Killip said.

After the sailboard was finally finished, the team packed up their bags and headed down to Atlanta April 5. The next day they took a one-hour bus ride to Lake Lanier

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and set sail for the competition.

Seven teams competed in this year's competition. They were UMaine, Miami University of Ohio, University of Central Florida, Georgia Tech, Mississippi State University and two teams from North Carolina State University. This year, Georgia Tech won the \$15,000 first-place prize, Miami won the \$10,000 second-place prize and UMaine won the \$5,000 third-place prize. Although UMaine didn't win the first place prize they were hoping for, the team members seemed satisfied.

"It's exciting just to place, a little bit discouraging to not place higher, but I'm still unbelievably proud," senior Amie Hoffman said.

Funding for this trip came from various sources. The College of Engineering and Student Government both provided some money, but a large amount came from outside donors, such as GP and Cianbro.

The team consisted of 14 chemical engineering students

and one mechanical engineering student. The mechanical engineer, Kevin Ouellette, was the one who actually rode the boat.

According to Hoffman, last semester the team posted an advertisement on FirstClass stating that they were looking for someone who could windsurf. Ouellette responded and agreed to participate, even though he did not receive any credit hours.

One problem that the team did run into was a hole in their board. Once in Atlanta, the team found the hole in the side of their board, caused when the boat was shipped to Atlanta. The other teams, however, all jumped at the chance to help out.

"All the other schools were so willing to help," Hoffman said. "All the different schools lent us different materials and we were able to fix the hole in about 20 minutes."

The total experience and outcome was said to be successful by those who participated, and UMaine plans on sending teams to the competition in the future.

"[I would] encourage others to do something like this," Dinsmore said. "It's not just sitting in class, but actually applying the engineering skills that we've learned to something sort-of practical."

The students who participated were Seniors Erin Paine, Jonida Basha, Dinsmore, Travis Flag, Lacie Halfacre, Scott Higgins, Hoffman, Shawn Kelley, Killip, Matthew Lacasse, Jason Michaud, Son Nguyen, Susannah Quintal, Matthew Simoneau and Ouellette.

Police Beat

Orono & Old Town

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

A theft occurred in a theater at Spotlight Cinemas in Orono sometime during the evening of Monday, April 8. A woman claimed that her purse, containing two cellular phones, was taken during a movie. She placed the purse on the ground beside her chair in one of the theaters, and, at the end of the movie, it was missing. The estimated value of the two phones is \$200 each.

A theft occurred in the parking lot outside of Spotlight Cinemas in Orono Sunday, April 7, sometime before 9:15 p.m. A woman claimed that her purse was stolen out of a car parked in the parking lot. The passenger's side window of the car was smashed in, with glass strewn throughout the car. The contents of the missing purse included credit cards and a checkbook.

Severe damage was caused to a car parked outside of a house on Park Street in Orono sometime between 6 p.m. Saturday, April 6, and 12 a.m. Sunday, April 7. The owner of a 1999 Ford Escort claimed that a mailbox was ripped out of the ground and the post was used to hit her car. Multiple dents were put in the roof and sides of the

car. The estimated total cost for damage was \$600.

A car was tipped over on Macmillan Drive in Orono Sunday, April 7, sometime before 12:10 a.m. Officers responded to a caller who said people were tipping over cars in a parking lot. Upon the officers' arrival to the scene a blue Dodge sedan was seen on its side. Officers decided the car was totaled. A woman then approached the officers and said the car was hers. She said that her car did not run and that her friends had tipped it with her permission. She would not disclose who it was that tipped the car, however, she did agree to pay the towing fine. No further action was taken in this incident.

A theft complaint was made on the evening of Saturday, April 6. A delivery man for Brother's Pizza said that a bogus order had been called in. The total cost of the order, which consisted of pizzas and sandwiches, came to \$48.85. The man had been given two phony addresses, however, an actual phone number had been picked up by the restaurant's caller ID. The responding officers told the man that this was a civil matter and asked that he take care of it himself.



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Sprinkler bill killed; to face referendum vote

By Kristen Saunders
For The Maine Campus

A bond issue facing voters in Maine would allow the University of Maine to get up to \$7 million to install sprinkler systems in residence halls.

"This day and age sprinkler systems are an absolute necessity for student safety," said Lorin LeClaire, the chief of the Orono fire department.

The bond issue follows a bill that was turned down by Congress, which would have required residence halls to have sprinklers. LD1561, the issue being voted on, would allow

the UMaine System access to no-interest loans to be used to install sprinkler systems in residence halls that do not have existing systems. Currently only six out of 19 of UMaine's residence halls have sprinkler systems, including Balentine Hall, Colvin Hall, Hancock Hall, Oak Hall, DTAV and York Village.

"It will create a safe campus environment, and prevent another situation like the Hancock fire," said Jonathan Thomas, the House representative for District 123.

Fire damage could have been severely lowered in the

Hancock fire in the spring of 2000. LeClaire estimates that the damage could have been kept to around \$1,000 rather than \$1 million, if buildings had been equipped with sprinklers.

"With sprinklers, fires would be under control or contained, so we would deal with a smaller fire," LeClaire said.

Fire doors are currently in the residence halls as well as alert systems. LeClaire said that one problem is that sometimes the doors will be propped open, allowing fire to spread into halls and stairwells. He said that UMaine has been great about maintaining fire doors

and alert systems, and as it is now there is rapid detection, but the fire can not be extinguished until the fire department arrives.

"Lives can't be replaced, property can," LeClaire said.

LeClaire, who has been active in legislation of sprinklers in residence halls, said that estimates show that it would cost the university about \$3 million to install sprinklers into the remaining 13 residence halls.

"It's just a very small investment for a life," LeClaire said.

During Maine Day last year, the Orono Fire Department con-

ducted a demonstration for students to show the benefits of sprinklers in dorm rooms. They constructed two dorm rooms, and lit both of them on fire. One room was outfitted with a sprinkler system and the other was without the system. LeClaire said that students could walk through the room when it was on fire because it was extinguished so quickly with the sprinkler system. The room with out the sprinkler system was engulfed in flames.

"If I could see anything, this would be it [sprinkler systems], to save students lives," LeClaire said.

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alcohol by a minor, according to March.

As far as prosecution in Turner's most recent charges, it is mainly in the hands of the district attorney and the U.S. attorney at this point, said Joe Carr, the news coordinator for Public Affairs.

"We never hung out with [Turner]," McMillan said. "He was always in his room. Obviously you could tell he was under the influence of drugs."

Turner was immediately removed from his room in Hancock following the incident, and according to McMillan a heavy duty lock had been placed on his door.

"The day after the FBI left, he or someone else put a sign on the door that said 'F*** the Police,'" said McMillan. "Basically it made him look like he was not regretful for what he did. He was just mad he got caught."

Sexual assault awareness month Safe Campus Project sponsors events, supports education

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter

The Safe Campus Project at the University of Maine is a program working to improve awareness and prevention of sexual assault and dating violence on campus. April's events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month will help further their message to the university community.

"This is a month to promote awareness, education and prevention. It is a time to acknowledge the problem of sexual assault and to take a stand against it as individuals and as a community," said Summer Sunderland, one of the graduate assistants for the Safe Campus Project.

The Safe Campus Project, formed in February 2001, is funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, which totaled \$302,256 for a two-year period. UMaine is one of just 18 schools that received the grant.

"The grant really was a unique opportunity," said Renate Klein, director of the Safe Campus project.

Klein said the grant helped develop new and existing resources on campus for people struggling with sexual assault, dating or domestic violence or stalking. The program includes a drop-in advocacy office, out-

reach programs and educational events, such as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

The month's events will kick off with keynote speaker David Ryder from Men Can Stop Rape, a national sexual assault prevention organization based in Washington, D.C., Monday, April 15. Men Can Stop Rape is a group that the Safe Campus Project uses as a consultant for the group Brothers Engaged Against Rape, one of their outreach programs.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was chosen by the Safe Campus project for B.E.A.R. to help get Greek men involved with the issues of rape and sexual assault. The fraternity has participated in helping educate others about these issues and hopes to have more public events in the future, including a "Rock Against Rape" concert that is being planned for next semester.

Nick Pike, chaplain of Sigma Phi Epsilon and chairperson for the B.E.A.R. program, said being a part of the Safe Campus Project is a way to reach the community about violence issues and also conveys an important aspect of the fraternity.

"One of the principles of our fraternity is respect for self and others," Pike said. "Rape and

sexual assault are the epitome of what I stand against."

Hillary Maher, another graduate assistant for the Safe Campus Project and liaison for the B.E.A.R. program, said Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Greek community at UMaine have been wonderful to work with. She hopes to get fraternities and sororities involved in the issues on a larger scale and hopes the program will help eliminate some of the negative stereotypes against fraternities.

"Fraternities do a lot, they have a lot to offer," Maher said.

Another outreach program that the Safe Campus Project is involved with is UMaine Men's Education Network, which gives men at UMaine a chance to get involved in violence prevention.

"There wasn't a place for men's involvement before," said Sunderland, who is the liaison for UMaine MEN.

The Safe Campus Project along with B.E.A.R. and UMaine MEN are gearing up for April's events, especially the annual Take Back the Night rally and march, planned for Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in front of Fogler Library.

"It's really meaningful when people get together for a big event like this. It really energizes a community about the issues," Sunderland said.

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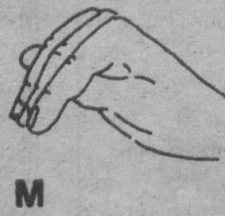
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tower and a bouldering wall, with a total climbing area of 5,834 square feet. There are routes of varying difficulty, for everyone from novices to experts.

"[The Adventure Center] is a state-of-the-art facility" Hoff said.

The center will be open from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m. seven days a week, Monday through Friday, for the rest of the semester. New hours will be posted for summer and fall.

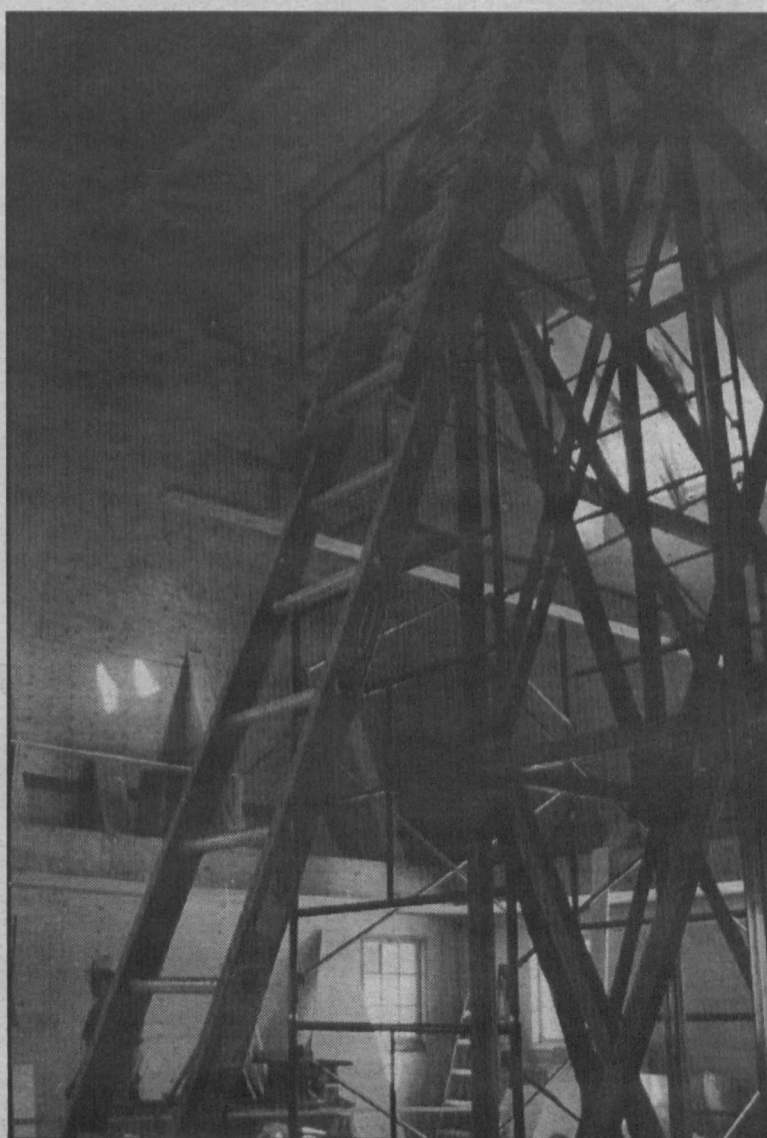
To use the facilities students may attend "Try It Climbing Times" 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday or join a two-hour wall seminar to learn the basics. People will need to pass either a belay test or attend some type of orientation.

Everyone at the celebration was happy to share that the adventure center is free for students. Robert Dana, senior associate dean of Student and Community Life said that though the university had to divert resources to make the center a reality, there will be no cost to students.

For everyone else, there are fees that vary upon your association with the university and how long patrons want their pass. For the general public, the cost will be based on age.

FirstClass postings and word of mouth seemed to be how most people knew about the Maine Bound opening.

"I came for the climbing wall, and there happened to be free food," said Kevin Paul, a sophomore and one of the winners in the raffle to be among



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On Feb. 6, this was the view of the climbing wall in the Maine Bound Adventure Center. It was nothing more than an iron skeleton. Two months later, the University of Maine community got to celebrate the opening of this facility.

the first five climbers.

Others were lured in by the wafting scents of the barbecue, the sounds of music and the hope of winning a prize. Everyone seemed enthusiastic about the opening, and could see the center as a place where they might hang out. "They

can do so much with this area," said one student, who was envisioning green grass and picnic tables surrounding the center.

"It's for every single student," Dana said. "This is a community structure. Rock on, Maine Bound."

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November 2002, the DTAV 2 project allowed for increased flexibility in renovation plans. The university administration encouraged Housing Services to start the renovations during the following spring instead. Under this plan, Balentine will only be closed for one semester, with the remainder of the necessary renovations to take place during summer.

The remaining vacancies in the 200-bed DTAV 2 will most likely be chosen according to a lottery, Matthews said. Although finalized plans will be determined closer to the village's opening.

A proposed 1.9 percent increase in room fees to accommodate the renovations has been submitted before the Board of Trustees, Matthews said. It has not yet been approved.

Overall, the general reaction from the approximate 90 Balentine residents has been positive. Gilbert said the preference toward DTAV 2 helps to soften the blow of having to move in the middle of the year.

Sarah Knight, Balentine's treas-

urer and a first-year art history and political science major, said the potential move to DTAV 2 would not be too inconvenient.

"[It] isn't too shabby, except it's all the way across campus, and none of my classes are in that vicinity."

The decision to close a building during the academic year brings additional problems beyond construction. For Smith, there is a concern to ensure the transition from Balentine to DTAV 2 is as seamless as possible. She says the challenge is "not insurmountable," but she intends to address the diversity in lifestyles between the "charm of Balentine" and the suites of the new complex. Smith also anticipates a need for flexibility because of the fact that there may be first-year students living in an area established for upperclassmen.

The new DTAV facility may also lead to the closing of York Village, although not until the end of the 2002/03 academic year. The need for a 25-year-old village set-

ting was questioned when a modern one will soon be finished. According to Matthews, this is to condense housing, and does not necessarily mean that the buildings will be torn down. Additionally, the complex is costly to operate because it is based on electric heat.

Although the closing of the complex does not affect many of the current residents, the displacement of the remaining York Village residents has caused some disappointment.

"DTAV 2 has been presented as an option for residents, but those affected by this decision are having a difficult time accepting the idea," said Rachel Johnson, president of the York Village Council. "First, DTAV 2 will provide suite-style living rather than the apartment setup that York Village offers. Secondly, those residents who will be displaced by the closure of York Village are not guaranteed a place in DTAV 2 since it will be done by lottery."

UM Information Technologies
requires MaineCard to print

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter

A new print-management system at Information Technologies computer clusters will cut down on the amount of waste in printer paper and toner, IT Help Center Coordinator Robin Shaler, said. Pharos UnipriNT was implemented in Fogler Library on April 1, and will soon be in other clusters across campus, as well as in the College of Natural Resources, Forestry and Agriculture.

She said the new system will address the serious concern of growing expenditures of student technology fee money on paper and toner.

"Student tech fee money was being wasted on paper and toner," Shaler said. "When you see all that waste, it's just money down the drain."

Just last year, Fogler Library spent almost \$14,000 on paper and toner, with only \$10,000 supplied from the student tech fees. In IT's public labs, \$14,000 was spent on paper alone. Shaler said she has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of paper IT orders for each semester.

Part of the problem is unwanted paper being spewed from the printers and thrown into the recycle bins.

"On many occasions, large amounts of paper are left in the printers, unwanted and uncollected," said Gail Garthwait, chair of the ad hoc Academic Computing Advisory Committee, which implemented the new system.

Pharos allows users to better control their print jobs. After selecting the print option on the computer screen, students are

asked to enter an ID name, which will allow students to locate their jobs. Students then go to one of the release stations and swipe their MaineCard. A list of ID names will appear and students simply select their name to print. Before anything prints, students are able to see how many pages will be printed. Shaler said this is helpful when students go to print out a page from a Web site and end up with more pages than they wanted.

"So far, most of the feedback has been positive," Shaler said.

Right now there is no limit to the amount of pages students can print out. A limitation will be set at the beginning of next semester.

"For this semester, we are working out the implementation difficulties and collecting data about usage," Garthwait said.

From the data collected spring semester, a set number of free pages will be allotted to each student. Any excess paper used will cost a fee, although IT is not yet sure how much the fee will be, according to Shaler.

Shaler said students will not see any increase in fees. Instead, she said the money being used on excess paper and toner will be put toward getting updated software for computers across campus.

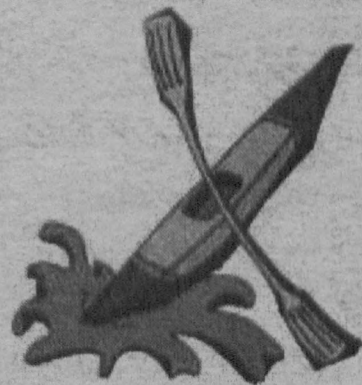
So far the new system has seen few problems and has proven beneficial.

"We've already noticed a much reduced amount of waste," Shaler said.

Although the new system is only at select locations right now, such as Fogler and the Help Center, Shaler hopes it will be put into place soon at all IT computer clusters.

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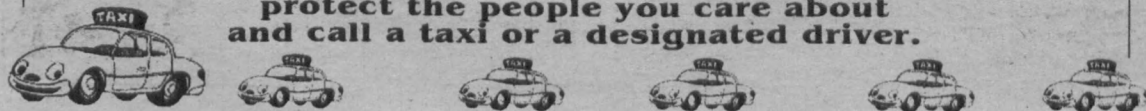
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EDITORIAL

Vote for safe dorms

The Maine State Congress could have taken the fire in Hancock Hall at the University of Maine as a warning. Or maybe the fire in a residence hall at St. Joseph's College in Standish. Both of these incidents have seemingly been ignored.

This year, a bill came before Congress that would have required all dormitories in Maine to have sprinklers. The bill was killed.

The decision to install sprinklers in dormitories will be put before the voters next November in the form of a referendum question. The question will ask Maine voters if they want a \$7 million bond package to be used for no-interest loans for sprinklers, \$3 million of which will go toward installing sprinkler systems in 13 of UMaine's residence halls. Bond questions do not raise taxes, but merely let the voters decide where their tax money should go.

Most of these educational institutions are already facing budget cuts and cannot afford to make these costly renovations on their own.

Voting in favor of this bond will save institutions money. The Hancock fire cost the university \$1 million in damage. The chief of the Orono Fire Department, Lorin LeClaire, estimated the cost of the damage could have been around \$1,000 if a sprinkler system had already been installed.

More importantly, the bond will benefit UMaine students, specifically campus residents, by providing a safer campus environment. Many public buildings in Maine already have sprinkler systems in place. It's time to update Maine's campuses for the safety of their students. As LeClaire said, "Lives can't be replaced, property can."



Catholic atrocities

Church needs to stand up for its people

In today's society, if someone rapes or molests a child, he is sent to jail. Yet many priests of the Catholic church — people who yield more trust and power from their parishioners than many political leaders do from their constituents — have committed these atrocious acts numerous times and walk free. Their freedom is a result of a corrupt hierarchy of bishops and cardinals who, instead of seeing that justice be done, have kept silent in order to save face.

Now that the problems of the church have exploded onto the mainstream media, the sins of the hierarchy and The Vatican can no longer be hidden.

JULIA
HALL



STAFF REPORTER

In the last 15 years, the Catholic church has paid \$1 billion in hush money to the victims who, as children, were molested or raped by their priests. Instead of removing these priests from their positions as they should have done, the hierarchy decided that the best course of action would be to simply move them from one parish to another.

The children who have suffered from these crimes cannot protect themselves, and no doubt believed the church would be their protection. Instead, the hierarchy chose to protect itself, and in doing so has broken the one thing that keeps Catholics in the pews every Sunday — trust.

Trust is a vulnerable thing. It is hard to gain and easy to break. To put your faith in God in the hands of a priest shows a great magnitude of trust, and that trust deserves to be taken seriously. In order for the church to re-build that trust with her people, many things need to happen.

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To protect and serve

MARSHALL
DURY

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I don't know anyone who is excited when they hear about a party that was busted. And I must say the highlight of the story is usually when the narrator goes into how the cops were assholes.

We've all experienced it one time or another — the cops who like their power a bit too much. I'm talking about the guy who thinks that badge gives him a right to treat you like a Yankees fan.

This world has enough problems without cops who think it's their job to save the world. The problem lies in the fact that cops are no longer out to protect college students — they're out to get them.

You want to know why they're out to get the youngsters of tomorrow? Jealousy. It sounds simple, but it's true. They're so hyped-up on ego and how ironed their blue uniforms are that they forget their performing a civil liberty.

I believe Californian law enforcement automobiles are graced with the saying: "To protect and serve." If only it were true.

And I don't want to make this mutually exclusive of our parents — they're in this boat of abuse too.

The subjectivity of being a cop is a part of this whole issue with abuse. They can search a student's bag with "probable cause." Now can someone quickly tell me why the cop gets to decide if he or she has probable cause? They are the ones who want to bust you. They find no greater joy in pulling out a handle of Vodka from your backpack.

Take a look at the show "COPS" — outdated but still a good example. You get these nut jobs who antagonize the perpetrators. I saw a cop spit on a drug dealer while he was just sitting on the curb in handcuffs. Unnecessary.

I understand that he's a drug dealer and he needs to be stopped. But spitting on him? I guess they teach third grade tactics of restraint

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Letters to the Editor

•In defense of vagina metaphor

In an April 11 letter to the editor, Holly Williams wrote: "... don't ever compare anything to a vagina again! Even if you had a vagina or had even seen one, I would still be pissed off."

Well Holly, lots of things are like vaginas, actually. For instance, the red box that you can walk through on the mall is like a vagina: No explanation necessary. Raw chick-

en is like a vagina: Either "if you leave it out too long it goes bad" or "mmm, tastes like ...". Even Memorial Union is like a vagina: We put all this money into it and get nothing in return ... or maybe it's more like a woman. Heck, Holly — maybe we're all really like vaginas. Please keep in mind that a vagina is not the Holy frigging Grail, but a piece of meat just like boys have ... it's just an innie-penis after all, in the

same vein as innie-belly buttons.

Lighten up. If Margaret Cho's nasty mammary glands can be stuck on posters all over campus, and if Dave Chapelle can yack about whatever he wants to, someone can damn well write whatever they want in *The Maine Campus*. All's fair in love and vaginas.

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Church

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First of all, those bishops and cardinals who ignored the cries of the innocent and allowed dangerous priests to remain in positions of spiritual leaders should be charged with endangering the lives of children and sent to jail. Simply moving them to another location did nothing but put more lives in danger, and for that they are as guilty as the perpetrators themselves.

Because many of these crimes happened so long ago, the statute of limitations has run out. This is a problem with the American legal system and it needs to be changed. A statute of limitations for rape crimes is ridiculous and should be removed.

Some would say that the problem of priests taking advantage of minors is evidence that the church needs to change its laws about celibacy. While I agree that the church needs a complete re-vamp-

ing of the archaic rules and regulations that the clergy must adhere to, I do not believe that the difficulty of a celibacy vow is an excuse for what these monsters did. Celibacy is not a catalyst for raping children. There are plenty of priests and nuns who take a vow to abstain from sex and don't feel the need to abuse their power by torturing children. The priests who committed these crimes didn't do it because they couldn't handle celibacy. They did it because they're perverts and mentally disturbed.

The church needs to start standing up for her children. The only way it will re-build the trust that was broken is to give a voice to the people who have suffered, change the way it handled these problems and beg for forgiveness.

Julia Hall is junior journalism major.

Cops

from page 8

in the police academy.

And I love these reports of cops who listen outside of doors on the weekends for the clanking bottles. That's just straight up mean.

I understand that most cops have good intentions but it's the way they go about their business that gives them the poor image. I say loosen up the reigns or get a new job.

College students didn't come to this university to gain an intrusive and somewhat vindictive parent. I'm not preaching for no laws or the abolition of all law enforcement. I just wouldn't mind seeing a few more "pass and goes" given out.

Cops need to know there's nothing wrong with confiscating alcohol and dumping it out without giving students the legal repercussions. I'm talking about actual good judgment here. If a cop can tell you're not a troublemaker, don't make more trouble by bringing Judicial Affairs and small town court offices into the mix.

I would just like to see cops who put an emphasis on protecting and serving, rather than the image of authority. The world isn't going to explode if cops were to lighten their grip on the students of this fine campus and many more across the country.

Marshall Dury is a sophomore journalism major.

Presidential Poetry

This poem is composed entirely of actual quotes from President George W. Bush. The quotes have been arranged for aesthetic purposes by Washington Post writer Richard Thompson. Happy National Poetry Month!

Make the pie higher

By George W. Bush

I think we all agree, the past is over. This is still a dangerous world. It's a world of madmen and uncertainty and potential mental losses.

Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?

Will the highways of the Internet become more few?

How many hands have I shaken? They underestimate me.

I am a pitbull on the pantleg of opportunity.

I know that the human being and the fish can coexist.

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Sharing the land

Student activism key to ending apartheid violence

JIM
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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

amount of vacant land the kibbutz was able to acquire. In time I began to observe homes and villages, all abandoned, located on the kibbutz property. On investigation of these sites, I realized that the former residents had been forced to flee due to violence visited upon them by the kibbutz settlers.

The solution to the current violence is the abandonment of the two state options followed by a dialogue with the different groups on how they will cooperatively share the land. The repatriation and economic compensation for any Palestinian harmed by the occupa-

tion needs to be part of the solution.

The South African apartheid came to an end because of activism on the part of the world's citizens. People in the United States helped, in many ways, to end apartheid's hold. They formed anti-apartheid student committees, wrote to their legislatures and withdrew money from companies doing business in South Africa.

The violence in Israel and the occupied territories can be brought to closure. Student activism has always been central to shaping the political process. The process can begin with students starting a dialogue, a teach-in or a student committee to resist the Israeli apartheid system.

Jim Nichols is a University of Maine student.

Freedom of the press challenged

Editor's Note: This column was first run April 8 on the front page of the University of Southern Maine's student newspaper, The Free Press. In support of USM's student media and free speech everywhere, we've chosen to reprint part of the editorial as it appeared in The Free Press.

If there was ever a good reason to vote in a Student Senate election, this is it. The future of free speech at University of Southern Maine may rest in your hands.

Sounds a little melodramatic, I know. But that's exactly what's going on.

The USM Student Senate decided the Student Communication Board, which governs The Free Press and WMPG, isn't doing a good job and should be dissolved.

This would give the Senate total financial control of the student media entities. Of course the senators say they wouldn't abuse this power to influence content. That's not the point. The point is they could.

So it comes down to a very simple question: Do you want student government to control student media? Do you want a group of students who are often criticized in The Free Press to have control over how much The Free Press can spend on printing costs? Do you want a group of students to decide what kind of programming WMPG can broadcast?

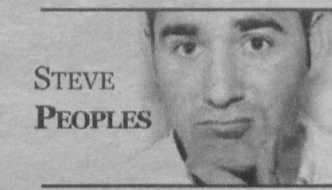
It just doesn't make sense.

Or at least that's what the forefathers of our country thought. The Constitution of the United States outlines a press free from government control for a reason.

Some of the senators understand this. A lot of them don't. The Free Press and WMPG get 30 percent of the Student Activity Fee. The Senate argues that regardless of the free speech implications, campus media entities have to be accountable to students.

I agree.

That's why the SCB was created in the first place. The idea was to have a group of people who understand the workings of media to

STEVE
PEOPLES

EDITOR OF THE FREE PRESS

make financial decisions for student media.

Before the creation of the SCB there are examples of the Senate abusing its power to influence content. Some Senates have tried withholding the adviser's contract and questioned stipends for editors. But recently, most agreed the SCB wasn't doing a great job. It didn't meet frequently enough and it wasn't organized. Often times, the SCB was simply a rubber stamp that approved the media entities' budgets each year.

After the Senate voted to dissolve the SCB in late March, everyone involved came together to try to fix the situation. We thought it made a lot more sense to fix what was wrong instead of eliminating the SCB altogether.

Members of The Free Press, WMPG and the SCB sat down with senators. We met three times in a week and a half and basically rewrote the SCB constitution to make it stronger. We decided it was best to have more student representation. We scheduled more frequent meetings. We addressed the Senate's concerns.

At its next meeting, we presented those changes and the Senate narrowly voted 7-5 to reverse its decision to dissolve the SCB. But it didn't decide to remove the question from this week's ballot.

The elimination of the SCB requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate AND the majority of students in a student referendum.

If students vote against the SCB in this week's elections, the Senate has until May to vote again to dissolve the SCB. And I have no doubt it would.

At the last Senate meeting I learned just how out of control some

of the senators are.

In a flagrant display of political arrogance, while discussing whether or not to remove the SCB question from the ballot, three senators left the meeting to prevent a vote from taking place. There has to be a certain number of senators present to be able to vote and they knew by leaving, the Senate would be helpless to reverse its previous decision.

What we're dealing with is a small Senate leadership that knows how to play political games and openly hates The Free Press. One of its leaders, Commuter Sen. Benjamin Hoffman, admitted in last Friday's Senate meeting that, "from the very beginning of this year I've wanted to kill the SCB."

If students vote down the SCB, I have no doubt Hoffman will seize the first opportunity that comes along to force another vote when he thinks his side can win. He is persuasive and a lot of the younger senators are easily influenced.

I saw this with my own eyes during a roll-call vote in which several senators decided to pass, preferring to wait to see how other people voted before making their own decisions. One senator even changed her vote during a recount after learning how everyone else had voted. I'd like to think senators represent the best interests of students, not what seems to be the popular thing to do. Obviously, that's not the case.

The recent changes made to the SCB effectively address the previous concerns. We've created a group of informed students who will hold student media accountable while protecting free speech. Short of giving the Senate total control, I don't know what else we could have done.

The only way to protect free speech on campus is to preserve the SCB. Vote "No" on Question 3 on this week's ballot. Don't allow a few power-hungry senators to control what you read in the paper or what you hear on the radio. Keep student media free.

Steve Peoples is the executive editor of the University of Southern Maine's The Free Press.

POP Culture & INFOTAINMENT



— The Maine Campus and WMEB present comedians Ryan Waning, Travis Cowing and musicians UTC and Warmfront. Thursday April 18, 8 p.m. at Ushuaia.

'UMaine's hip-hop ambassadors'

Untouchables break campus mold, demand respect

By Jason Houle
Staff Reporter

Unless you've been hiding in a cave for the past 10 years, you know this: Hip-hop is everywhere.

The No.1 one music of the time and plastered all over the likes of MTV and the Internet — hip-hop appeals to a diverse audience.

So why don't we see rap music blossoming in the wild north here at the University of Maine? The answer may be obvious to some, but for others, that answer isn't quite good enough.

Meet the Untouchables — UMaine's very own hip-hop act. That's right — a hip-hop act in Maine.

The group members, made up of UMaine students Casey Sprogis and Randall Walter, have been performing together for two years.

"My first two years I was kind of lost because there's not much hip-hop culture out here," Walter

said.

Sprogis and Walter first met at WMEB through their radio shows two years ago, and according to Walter, they instantly gelled.

The two Canadian natives both have an extensive background in the music, but when they found the Maine hip-hop scene slim to non-existent,

they formed the Untouchables, and according to the group, added one more element of diversity to the local scene.

"As far as hip-hop goes, we pretty much are the local scene," said Sprogis. "[People] don't see hip-hop on a local level, they see it on MTV."

"We definitely see ourselves as UMaine's Hip-Hop ambassa-

dors," Walter said, "whether you like it or not."

The group has already recorded an album titled "Life Rhyme," which they produced



in Sprogis's dorm room, without the help of a studio or production company.

"That's college life ... and no money," Sprogis said.

"A lot of people can't tell the difference if you did it in a studio or a dorm room," added Walter.

The album itself has a wide range of topics; from get-up-and-dance party songs like "Hostile Takeover," to tracks like "Ground up," a song that Walter says is a lot like the Untouchables — working from

the ground, and building themselves up.

"A lot of people are surprised when they hear our music and see how seriously we take it," Walter said.

"Any band feeds off energy. The more energy, the more excitement, the more people are having fun, and the more you'll see us have fun," he added.

A highlight of last year's Bumstock, the group says they turned some heads, and promise the same this year. Sprogis and Walter promise a "treat" — a high-energy show including guest spots from other UMaine hip-hop enthusiasts, including DJ Cos and DJ Calibur.

"Our whole thing is trying to get hip-hop out there. Making UMaine more diverse when it comes to listening to music; not just country, not just heavy metal, not just punk rock," Walter said. "Keep an ear out."

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Memorandum set to debut this week

By Diana McElwain
For The Maine Campus

When one thinks of the Czech Republic, comedy is not usually the first thing that comes to mind. However, in the play "The Memorandum," humor is the name of the game in a Czechoslovakian setting.

The production, which is entirely student directed, acted, designed and publicized, will run April 17 through 20 at 7:30 p.m. and April 21 at 2 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium.

Consisting of two acts, the story follows the character of Josef Gross, who is the Managing Director of a large company. In the play he goes against his deputy and his deputy's followers in efforts to prevent an artificial language from being adopted by the company. The underlying theme of the play is the problem of dehumanization in a world that is growing more and more scientific.

It was for this reason the 1961 play was banned in Czechoslovakia, as it protested against the communist regime of the U.S.S.R.

According to the play's director Sean Fidler, the performance will be enjoyed by "anyone who has ever worked or ever will work or live in a bureaucracy — i.e., everyone, if we have done our job right."

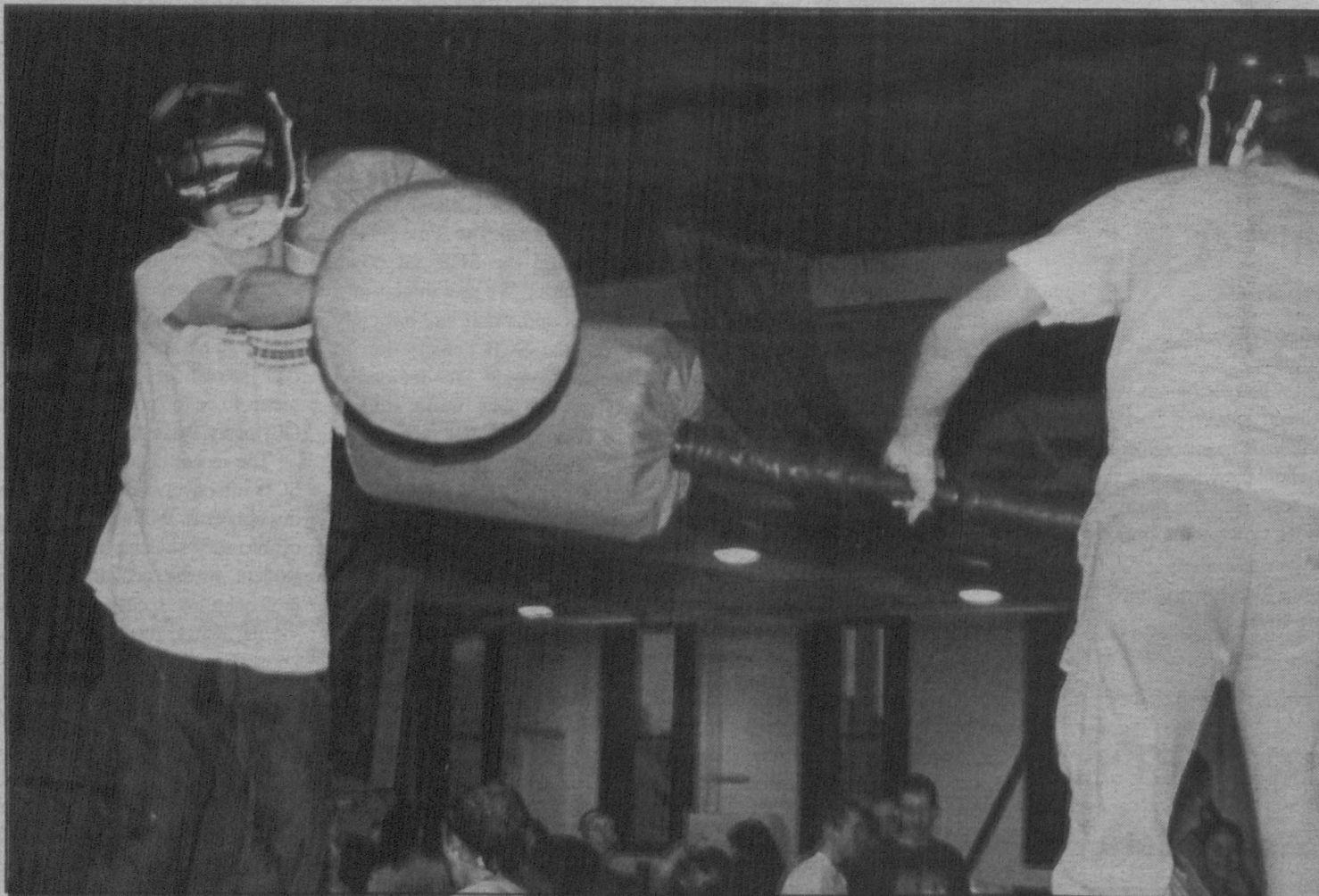
Fidler, who has previously directed such productions as "Our Town" and "Barefoot in the Park," said the problems the Theatre Department has gone through have had a negative affect on the production of "The Memorandum."

"A big problem has been apathy caused by the disruption of the temporary suspension of the program this year," Fidler said. "It has hurt morale. However, everyone involved has worked very hard and I believe that this show will be a testament to the strengths of the theatre department. [As] Victor Turner once said, 'By their performances shall ye known them.'"

Though at times difficult, producing this play has also had many rewards according to Fidler. Fidler said the best parts of working on the production

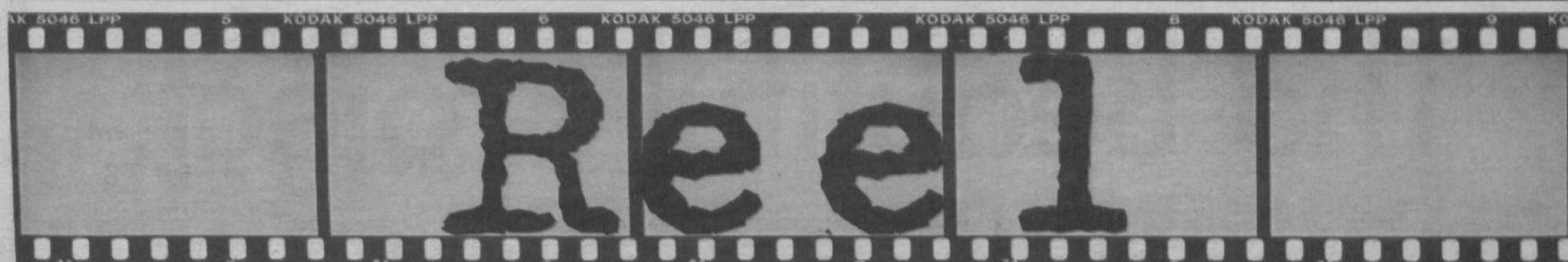
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En garde!



Matt Hodgson and Steve Milligan take their battles to the jousting ring Saturday night at Campus Activities Board's Annual Spring Fling Carnival. The well-attended carnival included activities like laser tag, a mechanical bull, karaoke, jousting and an obstacle course.

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Bringing back college memories, Lampoon style

By Gina Valenzuela
For The Maine Campus

Animal House it is not, and anyone who expects it to be is crazy. Who in their right mind would actually try to top, let alone meet that classic college flick?

John Belushi is beyond imitating. However, "Van Wilder" upholds the National Lampoon's idiotic comedy narrative that thrives in its senselessness. One cannot easily forget "Christmas Vacation" or "Vegas Vacation," where Chevy Chase is at his moronic best. However, it's no longer the 80s and Chevy in his old age could definitely not pull off the college kid character.

So here comes Ryan Reynolds from the previous television sitcom, "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place."

This kid is unbelievable. Reynolds plays the cocky, king-of-campus role to a T. His smooth speech combined with an array of facial expressions wraps this blonde cutie up in a nice little package. And of course it takes another blonde of the female persuasion, Tara Reid, to unwrap that package.

I applaud Reynolds for upholding his shallow character persona despite the dull, never-so-exciting acting of Reid.

Reid, despite playing an intellectual student journalist, is definitely just a dumb blonde — or are those brown roots I saw? This girl will never win an Oscar for her performances. Apparently she likes playing the eye candy as a second rate actor below the lead role.

Critics have torn this flick apart, saying it's a waste of time.

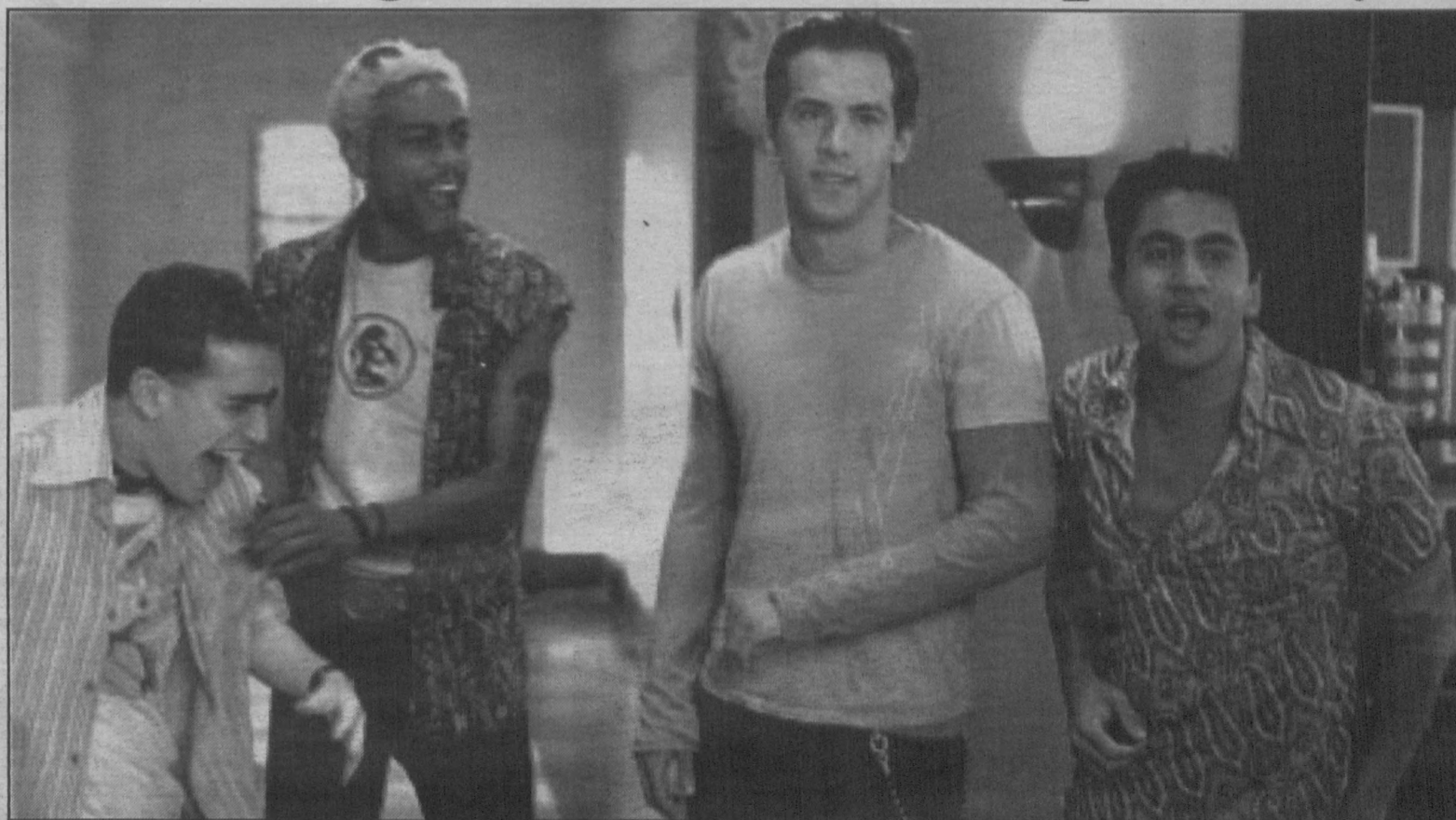
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have been exploring, experimenting and creating.

"Exploring," Fidler said. "Exploring every aspect of the production. Experimenting. Experimenting with new things that I and my colleagues haven't done before. But most of all knowing that you are creating something meaningful to people today that can combat some of the dehumanization we face not just in this country but all over the world."

Students are encouraged to not only attempt to support theater at UMaine, but also to have a good time.

As Fidler puts it, "We hope that this reveals something about ourselves at UMaine, and people get some laughs in the meantime."



Ryan Reynolds stars in National Lampoon's latest comedy, "Van Wilder."

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However, these critics are obviously middle-aged, bitter pricks that have either totally forgotten about their college days, or spent their college years pent up in their dorm room, the library or a

teache'rs butt. I'm betting on the second option.

I, as a soon-to-be graduate, find "Van Wilder" a moment of sweet reminiscence.

While I never was a topless

tutor, I have attended a variety of parties like the ones in the movie. I can't imagine the majority of the student body does not share this part of my college experience.

No matter where a college

kid hung out, watching "Van Wilder" will spark memories of alcoholic consumption, pranks or sexual innuendoes usually due to this consumption, and ultimately a good time or at least a laugh

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Canadian poet draws crowd

By Rachel Kennedy
Staff Reporter



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Canadian poet Nicole Brossard

The turnout to hear Nicole Brossard read her poetry was, to say the least, entirely impressive last Thursday at the New Writing Series poetry reading.

Usually, the seating at Soderberg Auditorium is adequate enough, spacious to accommodate the usual group and then some.

With word of Brossard's visit, however, the fans crawled out of their corners and several rows of extra chairs to be carried into the auditorium.

It was homey.

At 4:30 p.m., those in their places — whether in theater seats or folding chairs — awaited the world-respected Canadian poet, essayist, novelist, filmmaker, anthologist, traveler and theorist.

As all her titles would suggest, her work challenges the distinctions between genres.

"[To describe my writings] I would use the term 'Fiction Theory/Reality.'" "[A reader] doesn't know [when reading my work] if she is in fiction or poetry," Brossard said. But I still make the distinction between poetry and fiction. Poetry is about the present tense, but with fiction it's a process about time. In poetry you are in direct relation to the world, but through fiction you are in reality through characters."

Steve Evans, University of Maine English professor, introduced Brossard at length, respectfully detailing her credentials in the literary world.

Today, Brossard actively sits at the core of Quebec feminist and post-modernist writing. Co-founding and editing the journals *La Barre du Jour* (1965-75) and *Les Tetes de Pioche* (1976-79), she also has published six volumes of prose and 11 books of poetry. Among her works translated into English include "The Aerial Letter" (Women's Press, Toronto, 1988), "Picture Theory" (Roof Books, New York, 1990), "Lovhers" (Geurnica Press, Montreal, 1986) and "Mauve Desert" (Coach House Press, Toronto, 1990).

For "Mecanique Jongleuse" (1974) and "Double Impression" (1984) she twice won the Governor General's Award for her poetry in French. In 1989 and then 10 years later in 1999, she won le Grand Prix de la Poésie de la Fondation Les Forges. Le Prix Athanase David, an award given for a lifetime of literary achievement, was given to her in 1991. That same year, she received The Harbourfront Festival Prize. And in 1994, she was made a member of L'Académie des Lettres du Québec.

"Gathered by the hush, I take it we're ready to start," Evans said.

Standing at the podium, she smiled widely and began to read out of "Mauve Desert." With a prominent French accent, she called upon her words carefully yet naturally, using fluctuations in her voice and hand motions to further dramatize her reading.

"It's harder to write in English," Brossard said. "Because what I don't know is the background thinking of a word I will use, but I like the experience. It's very interesting to be in my situation. It gives you wings in a certain way — until you fall down."

Her poetry is the telling of a story.

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Characters with names; images with realities.

"Her apron was yellow with little flowers," Brossard narrated from the "Mauve Desert." "I had never seen her wear a dress; so many times I have sunk into the future; humanity is fragile."

"Writing happens in the body, in the rhythm of the language. I like to be surprised by a book I have written. Something happens [from the time you stop writing and go back to it]. Who you are is in the rhythm. [After you finish] something is different in you and you will see it when the writing is over," Brossard later added.

For two of the poems that were read during the hour, Brossard co-read them with two different UMaine professors: Jennifer Moxley and Sylvester Pollett, who read in English while she read in French. This procedure seemed an easy fix for a problem that finds her stuck so often.

"Sometimes I get mad at my translators," Brossard said. "[I say], 'Why can't you say this in English? It sounds so beautiful in French'"

Clever and clear, her poetry is a found beauty in a rarely mastered medium.

"Reality always exists elsewhere; [In my work there is a] fluidity that moves throughout it. Borders relax and move," Brossard said. "I relax always on the slow side of a poem."

UNTOUCHABLES

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You don't have to like it — but respect it."

The Untouchables hit the Bumstock field Saturday, April

27, at 6 p.m. As a precursor to the show, the group is performing at Club Ushuaia Thursday, April 18.

For information on the band, and to listen to tracks from their album "Life Rhyme," visit www.mp3.com/UTC.



Randall Walter of the Untouchables rhymes at Bumstock 2001.

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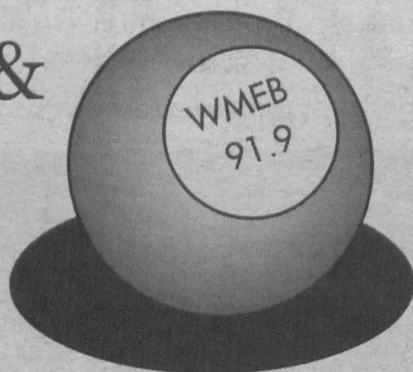
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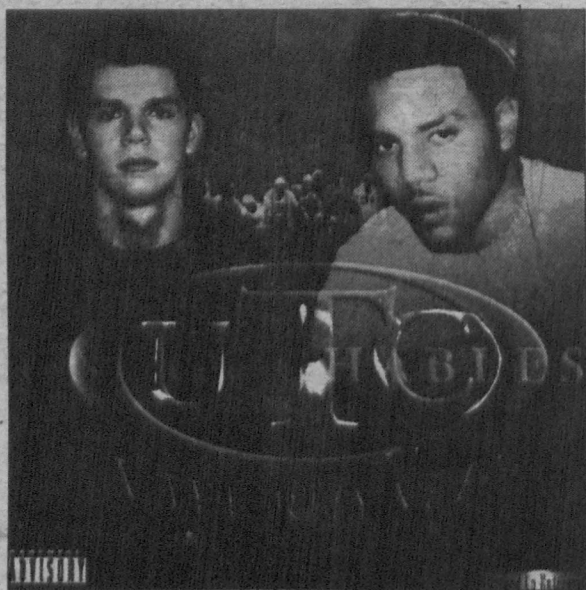
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Ugh! The selection was terrible, and what was there was either stale, poorly cooked, or the kind of culinary terrorism that should only be responded to with the dropping of bombs and rations.

Oh god, I have to eat at York today. Well I suppose I could always go to Stew...

Wait! What's this? I seem to have eaten my own lips in my sleep...

What luck! Those will definitely tide me over until I bleed to death! SMILE

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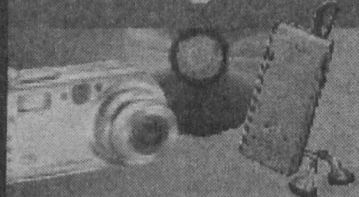
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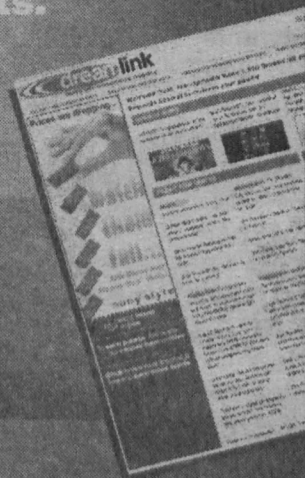
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UMaine sports shorts

The University of Maine baseball team shut out Northeastern University, 7-0, in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday afternoon at Friedman Diamond in Brookline, Mass.

The Black Bears (18-7, 3-0) broke a scoreless tie with a five-run uprising in the fifth inning. Northeastern starter Ken Henry allowed one UMaine run to cross with three walks and a hit batsman, then surrendered a double down the left field line to Brett Ouellette that allowed two runners to score. Alain Picard followed up with a double of his own down the left field line, plating two more runs and putting UMaine up 5-0.

UMaine scored two more runs in the top of the seventh. Picard reached on a two-base throwing error by Husky shortstop Omar Pena, then scored on Joe

Drapeau's ground-rule double to right field that bounced over the outfield fence. Drapeau crossed the plate later in the inning on a double to right field by Simon Williams.

UMaine starter Rich Laganieri scattered six hits and struck out five Huskies to earn the shutout win and improve to 4-2. Henry (3-2) took the loss. Henry had a no-hitter going until it was broken up by Ouellette's double in the fifth inning.

University of Maine head volleyball coach Sue Medley, assistant coach Jennifer Rohlwing and 11 members of the UMaine volleyball program will host a one-day clinic for youth and adults at the South Portland Community Center on April 21. The youth clinic will run from noon to 6 p.m. and the adult session will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The clinic is open to boys and

girls, grades seven through 12 and will include basic volleyball skill instruction and an opportunity to meet the players at a 5 p.m. UMaine team intra-squad scrimmage. An instructional session for men and women, 18 and over, will follow the scrimmage. Instruction will focus on the fundamentals of passing, serving and setting. Cost for the clinic will be \$20 for youths and \$15 for adults.

The UMaine football team will begin its spring practice on Thursday, April 18, at Alford Stadium. The team will practice Friday before its first full pads workout on Saturday.

The team will have 14 practice sessions prior to its spring football game Saturday, May 11, at 7 p.m. on Morse Field at Alford Stadium. UMaine will hold scrimmages April 27 and May 4, at 9 a.m.

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quarterfinals by eventual league champion Boston College. The River Hawks finished last because their already depleted talent pool dried up, with the exception of super-rookie Ron Hainsey.

Then in the 2000/01 season, the River Hawks finished with a 19-16-3 overall record, fifth in the league, knocked off the University of New Hampshire at UNH in the quarterfinals and put up a damn good fight against eventual national champ BC in the semis.

It was after that season that UMass-Lowell pushed Whitehead out. They only offered him a two-year contract extension. Whitehead wanted three, but said he'd stay with two if another year was added if the team finished in the top four of Hockey East.

UML said no and Whitehead walked.

And he was replaced by, you guessed it, Blaise McDonald.

Whitehead never got any respect while he was at Lowell. The prevailing attitude amongst the UML administration and fans is that Whitehead ran their program into the ground. Last time I checked, UML made it to the Hockey East semis three times over his five years, more than BU and the same amount as UNH in that span, both considered league powers.

Also, the last time I checked, a 19-16-3 record with a team that had one, maybe two guys with the potential to play at the next level (Hainsey and Ed McGrane) and a small operating budget isn't all that bad.

Hainsey also signed a pro contract with the Montreal Canadiens a week or two after Whitehead left,

two years before his graduation. I'm not saying that Hainsey left because Whitehead did, but the timing is interesting.

And let's say that both Whitehead and Hainsey had stayed this year. I don't think we'd be talking about UNH as the Hockey East Champions right now, let's put it that way.

Whitehead finally has respect of an administration and a fan base. He deserves it. He always does his best, and seems to get the most possible out of his players. And he always tries to be himself, no one else.

I hope that the UMass-Lowell administration and fans realize what they lost in Whitehead, but I doubt it. I don't expect much from a fan base that actually lets opposing fans outnumber them at home games.

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SOFTBALL

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UMaine sophomore pitcher Candace Jaegge pitched into the sixth inning of Sunday's first game but did not figure in the decision. UMaine won three of four from Vermont this weekend in its first home series of the season. The Black Bears will be at Albany this weekend for a pair of doubleheaders.

Merchant started game two and pitched solidly again, striking out six while surrendering just four hits in seven innings. But it took UMaine until the bottom of the sixth inning to put any runs on the board.

Merchant walked with one out in the sixth and was replaced by pinch runner Andrea Steranko. Senior Katie Churchill followed with a single and freshman Lindsay Tibbetts walked to load the bases. Smith chose to call back her number-nine hitter, freshman Jessica Brady, and sent Mather to the plate instead.

"I hit well in the first game, so I wasn't surprised when coach called my name," Mather said. "I was just looking to make contact and put it somewhere on the field."

Mather roped a double to left field with two strikes to score a pair and give UMaine its first lead of game two. The Black Bears would add another run on a sacrifice fly from senior Aliesha Rautenberg and that was all the scoring Merchant needed.

Saturday

UMaine opened the weekend series Saturday with a split, winning the first game convincingly, 8-0. Merchant was in command from the start and yielded just two hits while striking out three.

"My job was easy today," Merchant said. "My teammates did a great job putting runs on the board. All I had to do was pitch."

Hlywak led the Black Bears offensively in game one, going a perfect 4-4 from the plate.

She knocked in three runs and belted her 10th home run of the season in the bottom of the sixth inning to end the game via the eight-run mercy rule.

"It was a good win for us, I was happy to help the team," Hlywak said, but she was quick to deflect any praise. "Our pitchers do a great job keeping us in the game. We just need to get runs for them."

Sophomore Sara Asadoorian went 3-4 with three runs scored in game one and Merchant helped her own cause with a single and an RBI.

The Black Bears came out flat in the second game Saturday, but remained in the game until the final out of a 2-1 loss. UMaine fell victim to Vermont hurler Kara Massey's first victory of the season.

"She's a good little pitcher, but we made her look a lot better than she is," Smith said. "We weren't aggressive at the plate and we stranded a lot of runners early which seemed to give her confidence."

UMaine stranded eight runners total, including six in the first three innings. Jaegge was the hard-luck loser for the Black Bears, though she pitched six strong innings. Sobel and Rautenberg each had two hits in the losing effort.

Vermont broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning with a pair of singles by Jamie Sawyer and Megan Long. Sawyer advanced to third on a flyout and eventually scored on a Jaegge wild pitch.

UMaine baseball team sweeps Saturday set with NU

By Ryan Waning
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine baseball team, opening its America East schedule with a pair of doubleheaders against the Northeastern Huskies this weekend, swept Saturday's double session, 6-4 and 3-2.

The Black Bears' record now stands at 17-7, while the Northeastern Huskies fall to 12-8, 2-4 in conference play.

In the early game, the Black Bears flexed their muscles in a four-run fourth inning. Junior

Brett Ouellette (2 for 4) broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run double off of NU starter Jordan Thompson. But Thompson (3-2) was not yet out of the inning. Junior Alain Picard, who went a combined 6 for 8 in the pair of games, ripped a two-run home run that gave the Black Bears a 5-1 lead.

NU would get no closer than in the bottom of the same inning when a Nick Graves three-run home run cut the Black Bear lead to 5-4.

UMaine starting pitcher Mike Collar's (7 innings pitched, 4 runs on 11 hits) record now stands at 4-

1 with the complete game victory.

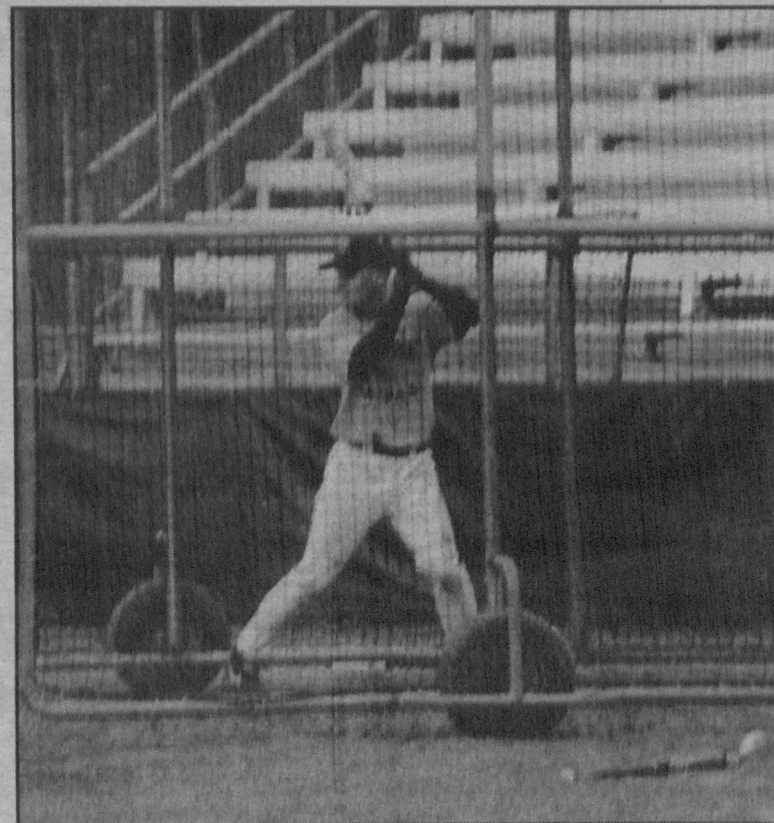
In the second game, Black Bear sophomore starting pitcher Mike Macdonald would give his team a full seven innings in his outing. Macdonald only allowed two runs on five hits, striking out three.

The fourth inning would again be the time for the Black Bears to strike, with a pair of doubles by Picard and Joe Drapeau keying the offensive attack against Northeastern University starter Brendan Ryan. Drapeau, who went 2-4 in the game, drove in a run in each game on Saturday to

push his total to 29 on the season. That ties him for the Black Bear team lead with senior co-captain Mike Ross.

The Huskies and Black Bears then traded solo home runs in the

fifth and sixth with Picard hitting his third of the season and second in as many games for UMaine. Picard's batting average now stands at .509, with 24 RBI and a team-leading 11 doubles.



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UMaine men win, women take second in weekend meet



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UMaine sophomore Jerry Johnson runs the steeplechase at Saturday's meet against the University of New Hampshire. The men's track and field team defeated UNH 107-93. The UMaine women's track and field team lost to UNH 94-88.

By Vanessa Moore
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine track and field teams hosted their first and only home meet in the outdoor season Saturday.

The UMaine women took second place, finishing behind UNH

by a score of 94 to 88. The UMaine men took first defeating UNH, 107 to 93.

In the women's meet, Silvia Scaldaferrri of UMaine took first place in the 100-meter dash, beating another UMaine runner, Brooke DeForte, by .01. Scaldaferrri also placed first in

the women's long jump and DeForte took home a first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.09. Nicole Binette finished first in the 100-meter hurdles and Danielle Donovan placed first in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:49.33.

UMaine's Katie Page also had

a strong meet, finishing first in the shot put with a distance of 11.75 meters. Page won the discus throw with a distance of 43.64 meters, breaking her own school record. She also won the javelin throw with a toss of 38.63 meters.

Angela Pulcifer helped

UMaine complete a sweep of the throwing events by winning the hammer throw.

In the men's meet, the UMaine runners took home the first four places in both the 800-meter run and the 1500-meter run. Kenneth Bettis, Scott Minkowsky, Nathan Cutting and Jeffery Oliver took home the top four places in the 800-meter run. Gabe Rivard, Edward Caron, Nolan Tobey and Paul Rupprecht finished first through fourth, respectively, in the 1500-meter run.

Joel Evans established a new school-record time in the 400 hurdles, winning the event in 54.66. The old record of 54.80 was held set by Kirk Carter in 1992. Nate Holmes was second in the 400 hurdles. Shaun Leeper and Peter Gilbert of UMaine placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 400-meter hurdles.

Holmes placed first in the 110-meter hurdles.

Freshman Brett McIntire placed first in a close 100-meter dash with a time of 11.24. McIntire beat out UNH runner Taylor Scull and Nathan Holmes of UMaine. McIntire also placed first in the long jump with a leap of 6.89 meters.

The UMaine men also cleaned up in the 5000-meter run, as Joey Luchini, Andrew Goupee and Justin Maloney took home the top three spots.

UMaine also took first in the 4x100-meter relay, as well as the 4x400-meter relay.

Both men's and women's track teams will travel to Worcester, Mass., to take part in the Holy Cross Invitational next weekend.

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Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the April 11 edition of *The Maine Campus* that junior Tom Reimann was a member of the Frozen Four All-Tournament Team, a member of the Hockey

East All-Tournament Team and a 2002 New England Hockey Writers Association All Star.

Reimann, however, did win the Hockey East Player of the Week award on Nov. 5.

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Saturday		Saturday	
UMaine	6	UMaine	3
NU	4	NU	2
Sunday		Sunday	
UMaine	7	UMaine	2
NU	0	NU	1

Men's and Women's Track and Field

Saturday			
Men		Women	
UNH	93	UNH	94
UMAINE	107	UMAINE	88



CAMPUS PHOTO • SCOTT CAPARELLI

Ben Beaulieu rushes to push UMaine to a win in Saturday's scrimmage against Maine Maritime Academy.

UM ruggers beat Farmington, 40-5

By Sarah Thompson
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's rugby team dominated Saturday's match against University of Maine-Farmington despite less than ideal field conditions.

In an effort to allow the Lengyel Field grass to grow following the melting of the Polar Bear ice rink, the rugby game was played closer to the Lengyel softball diamond. As a result, the field was too short and no goal posts were present.

"The game was tougher because it was shorter," UMF senior co-captain Andy Guillerault said. "There were no goal posts. I wasn't sure where we were a few times."

At one point in the first half players kept the ball going 30 feet beyond the end line.

The day before, Black Bear ruggers cleared the field of dog residue

and broken beer bottles. Two dead birds lay out of sight.

Mostly, though, UMaine's experience was the key in the victory.

Farmington, having started spring break April 13, and with five or six injuries to the front line, brought rookies and first-time players to the game, according to Guillerault.

"We were training people this morning," Guillerault said.

For UMaine, the obstacle to overcome was pre-game kinks.

"We definitely weren't prepared for the first half," fourth-year UM student Jacob Fraser said.

UM student Mark Hayes attributed the amount of running as a factor for the defensive and tackling problems seen in the first half.

"We stared exhaustion in the face," fourth-year UM student Larry Fleury said.

UMaine's Tadgh Alyward

scored the first try of the game.

In the second half UM's Matt Royer, Nick Walter, Tyler McIntosh and Ben Beaulieu all scored.

Ryan Richards scored for Farmington.

Rugby is "not just a team sport, it's a social club," according to UMaine's Nick Walters. After the UMaine/Farmington game, the two teams combined for a scrimmage against Maine Maritime Academy. This is the first time that MMA has played competitively since forming the club a semester ago.

"This is our first game. There is only one way but up," Ben McKay of MMA said.

The team expressed enthusiasm about its performance despite the loss. Only three people on the team have experience, according to Joe Price of MMA.

"We've worked our asses off," MMA's Tim Arey said.



April is

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Sexual Assault Awareness Committee is proud to sponsor the following week of events.

All events are free and everyone is welcome.

MONDAY APRIL 15

Events Kick Off:

12 noon, mall:

Speeches by President Hoff, Carey Nason, and Rep. John Baldacci.

Tie a ribbon on the mall, 12, noon: to honor a survivor or show support.

Keynote Address: 7pm 100 DPC

Speech by **Men Can Stop Rape** and post speech discussion.

TUESDAY APRIL 16

"Sexual Assault: What Happens Next?" Legal

Issues Panel: 3 - 5 pm

COE Room, Union

Find out what the district attorneys office and local police officers have to say about sexual assault.

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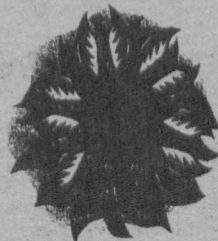
WIC Luncheon:

"All About Consent"

12:30 - 1:45 pm

COE Room, Union

Panel discussion about consent in sexual assault. When do you have consent? When don't you?



THURSDAY APRIL 18

Clothesline Project

All Day On the Mall

(in the Union if raining) Display of t-shirts designed by survivors and supporters of those who have been affected by sexual assault.

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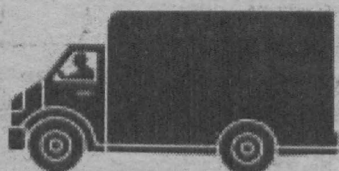
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"We really needed to pick up two wins here today. I thought we played well."

—University of Maine softball coach Deb Smith

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Whitehead awarded Coach of the Year

By Joseph Bethony
Sports Editor

Tim Whitehead, named head coach of the University of Maine men's ice hockey team last Monday, is the 2002 winner of the Spencer Penrose Award for the nation's best Division I hockey coach.

The Coach of the Year Award is chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association. He will receive the award at the AHCA banquet on April 27, in Naples, Fla.

University of Denver's George Gwozdecky is this year's runner-up.

In an interview Friday with the Bangor Daily News, Whitehead refused to take all the credit for the team's 26-11-7 record and national runner-up status.

"I've been an assistant coach, and I've been a head coach," Whitehead told the BDN. "It's a team effort. You don't have a season like this unless you're all on the same page, and we were on the same page."

Whitehead is a 1985 graduate



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

University of Maine men's ice hockey coach Tim Whitehead is the winner of the 2002 Spencer Penrose Award, given to the top coach in Division I men's hockey.

of Hamilton College and was an assistant coach on Shawn Walsh's staff in 1990/91. Whitehead then moved to UMass-Lowell for five seasons where he was an assistant to Bruce Crowder. When Crowder left for the 1996/97 season, Whitehead took over the helm of

the River Hawks and turned in a 76-95-12 mark over five seasons.

He was a finalist for the Penrose Award twice at UMass-Lowell, in 1997 and 2001.

Whitehead was handpicked by Walsh to be an assistant at UMaine for the 2001/02 season.

When Walsh died on Sept.

24, Whitehead assumed the title of interim head coach. The Black Bears struggled to a 3-4-2 record to begin the season under the new coach. But the Black Bears responded when it counted most — the last two months of the year. The team finished second in the Hockey East tournament and beat Boston University to advance to the Frozen Four and won 9 of its last 12 games.

The interim part of Whitehead's title was removed April 8, two days after UMaine lost to Minnesota, 4-3 in overtime, in the national championship game. Director of Athletics Suzanne Tyler announced that UMaine had obtained a search waiver, meaning that a national search for head coach did not have to be conducted.

Whitehead becomes the second UMaine coach to win the award. Walsh won in 1995.

The Penrose Award, first awarded in 1951, is named after the man who donated the money to build the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Co., the home of the first 10 national champi-

Whitehead getting r-e-s-p-e-c-t

By Jeff Mannix

For The Maine Campus

It's about time it happened for such a good guy.

The past eight days have been a whirlwind for University of Maine men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead. Eight days ago, the team he took over when his friend died lost the national championship game in overtime to Minnesota. A tough loss to swallow, especially since his team was ahead with less than a minute left in the third period.

Events of the past week have probably not erased that sorrow, but they have gone a long way in quelling them.

On Monday, Whitehead was officially named head coach after having to coach the whole season on an interim basis. Then, on Friday, the American Hockey Coaches Association announced Whitehead as the winner of the Spencer Penrose Award, given annually to the best coach in Division I men's hockey.

Whitehead has been a finalist for the award three out of six years as a head coach. This is his first win. Just for comparison, Shawn Walsh won the award once in his 17 seasons as a coach, in 1995.

Tim Whitehead is finally earning respect. Why do I say this? Well, let's look at his history as a head coach before coming to UMaine.

Whitehead's tenure at UMass-Lowell started fairly tenuously. Bruce Crowder, the coach for the previous five seasons left the program in the lurch when he pulled a move like Joanne Polumbo-McCallie did with our women's basketball program, which was leave when all of the talent dried up. Whitehead was one of two finalists for the job, along with then BU assistant coach Blaise McDonald, a Lowell native.

UML wanted McDonald and he wanted to come to Lowell. The problem was, he had just signed a contract to become Niagara's head hockey coach. Niagara wouldn't let him out of that contract, so Lowell was left with their second choice, Whitehead.

His first year, UML finished seventh and upset Providence in the Hockey East Quarterfinals to make it to the FleetCenter. The next year, the River Hawks finished fifth, upset Northeastern in the quarterfinals and again made it to the FleetCenter. In 1998/99 UML finished sixth and was beaten in the

Merchant, Black Bears take three of four games

Softball team improves to 5-3 in conference with wins over Vermont



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

UMaine sophomore second baseman Sara Asadoorian makes a play at second base in the Black Bears 1-0 victory over Vermont Sunday. UMaine won in extra innings when Erica Sobel doubled in Leigh Ann Hlywak in the bottom of the eighth inning.

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine softball team had a strong showing in its first home series of the year, taking three of four games from the University of Vermont this weekend.

The Black Bears swept a doubleheader on Sunday, winning both in dramatic fashion, to pull their season record to 17-21 and 5-3 in America East play. In game one, senior captain Erica Sobel hit a double in the bottom of the eighth inning to score classmate Leigh Ann

Hlywak and give UMaine a 1-0 victory.

Pinch hitter Melissa Mather was the hero in game two as she hit a two-run double to break a 0-0 tie in the bottom of the sixth inning. UMaine went on to win 3-0.

Freshman pitcher Jenna

Merchant picked up both wins for the Black Bears and improved her record to 12-8.

"We really needed to pick up two wins here today," coach Deb Smith said Sunday. "I thought we played well. We got some timely hitting and this weekend should help get our momentum to the level we're looking for."

Sophomore Candace Jaegge pitched five-and-a-third strong innings in game one, but gave way to Merchant with the bases loaded. Merchant struck out a pair of Vermont batters to end the rally in the top of the sixth and retired all eight batters she faced.

Hlywak opened the bottom of the eighth inning with a walk, but didn't stay at first base long. Sobel drove a pitch from Vermont's Angie Totaro over the left fielder's head and Hlywak hustled to score the game-winner.

"That definitely felt good, especially after my previous at bats today," Sobel said. "It's good for our confidence to win these close games, because all of our conference games are going to be close."

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