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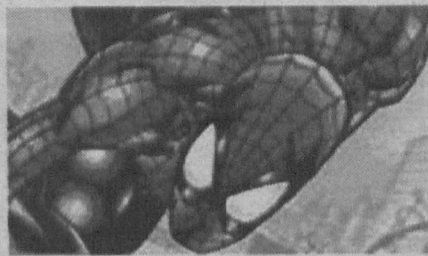
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"My spider senses are tingling."

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## Student charged in computer thefts

### Bust touted as coup for UM community policing

**By Kyle Webster**  
Staff Reporter

An arrest was made last week in connection with a three-month-long investigation into stolen computer equipment from the University of Maine's Computer Connection.

Matthew Rivard, 22, a third-year-student from Brunswick, was arrested at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, May 2, for allegedly taking items from the computer warehouse, located in Lord Hall. Public Safety officials said Rivard has allegedly been taking equipment since at least early February, when Public Safety was first alerted to the situation. Rivard was a student employee of the Computer Connection and had a key to access the warehouse at any time.

According to police reports, Rivard was charged with theft by unauthorized taking, a class C felony and taken to the Penobscot County Jail. Bond was posted in the amount of \$300. More charges could be

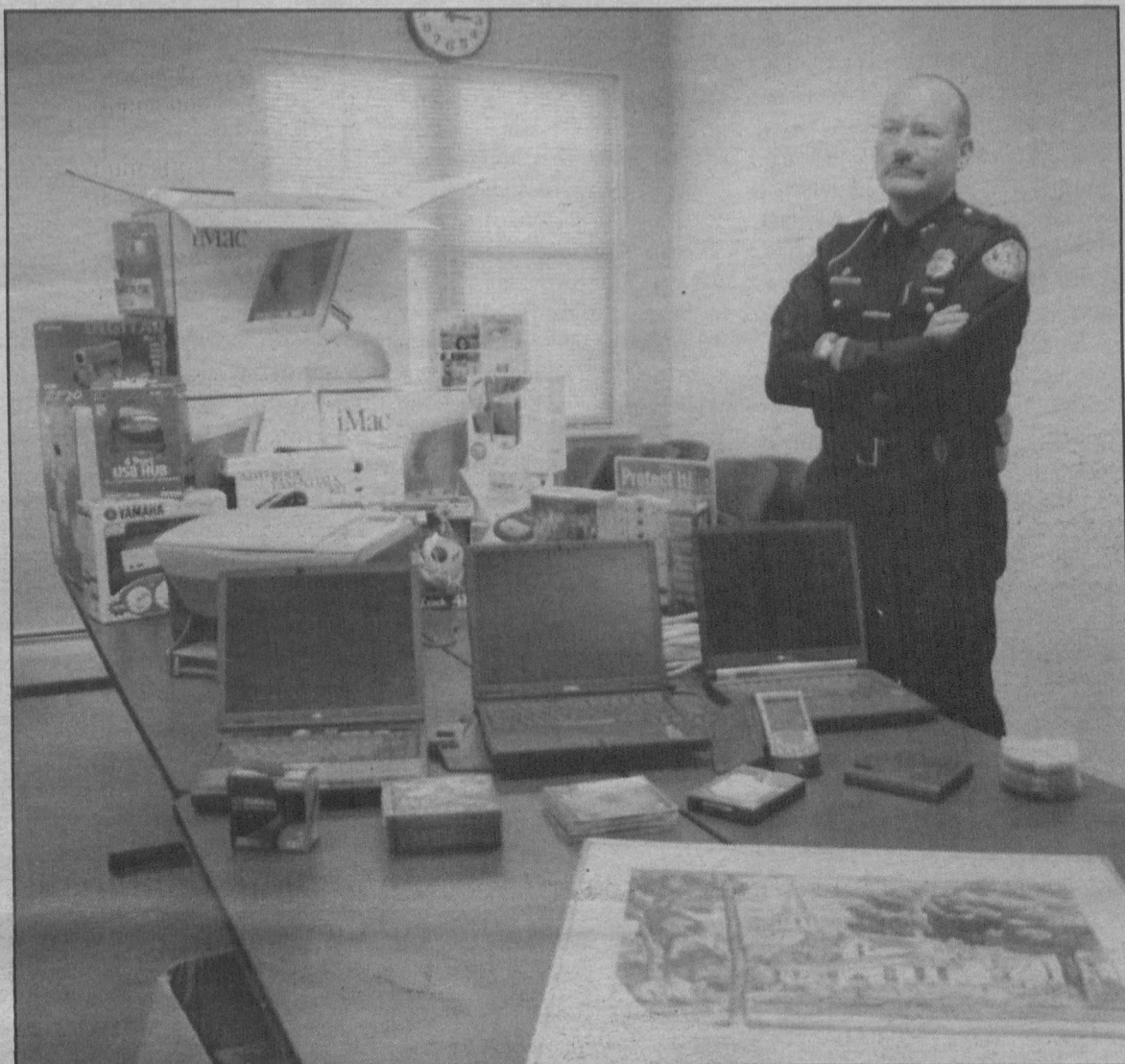
forthcoming, as this investigation is still ongoing. Public Safety officials said. His case has been referred to the Penobscot District Attorney's office, and he will go before the Bangor District Court on June 14.

Public Safety announced Rivard's arrest at a press conference Friday, May 3.

Noel March, director of UMaine Public Safety, said his officers found \$12,509 in stolen university-owned computer equipment. The stolen goods were recovered from an apartment at 6L Stillwater Village in Orono.

Items stolen include three I-Macs, three Toshiba laptops, a Hewlett-Packard printer, blank CDs and discs, two surge protectors and a piece of art from the university's collection, valued at \$325. There is still \$775 in unaccounted materials. March said it is believed that Rivard was involved in finding buyers for these stolen materials.

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Noel March, director of Public Safety, stands with equipment stolen from the Computer Connection recovered last week. March calls the bust a credit to community policing.

## Tyler steps down as athletics director

**By Joseph Bethony**  
Sports Editor

Suzanne Tyler said her decision to step down as the University of Maine's athletics director was precipitated by many factors, but ultimately it came down to family.



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

Tyler announced Friday that her resignation would be effective June 30. She will serve as a senior adviser to UMaine Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Robert Kennedy for one year before becoming a UMaine faculty member in 2003.

The announcement came in Palmer Lounge of Mahaney Clubhouse before UMaine coaches, administrators and friends. Throughout her press conference, Tyler seemed to be fighting back emotions while she talked about her decision.

"My 9- and 11- year-olds [Alexis and Andrew] are growing up too fast, and I've decided to refocus my priorities on my family," Tyler said.

"My dad always said 'leave something better than you found it.' I believe I have."

Tyler also said the amount of time she invested in the job took a toll on her.

"It's a high energy job," said the 54-year old Tyler. "This kind of job beats people up a bit. You're going all the time."

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## Changes proposed for bills

**By Catie Joyce**  
Head Copy Editor

Proposed changes to student bills may mean students will not have to stare at a long list of various fees and charges. The fees aren't going away, but the University of Maine administration is proposing to put them all under one line on student bills: the unified fee.

According to Mark Anderson, interim chief financial officer, the reasoning behind this proposal is to simplify the now complex system used to determine fees.

"You have to be a lawyer to figure out all these rules," Anderson said. "The real goal was to simplify."

Anderson said administrators also wanted to make the actual bill look less complicated. He said several students' parents have become upset after seeing the long list of fees on their child's bill.

The proposal must be approved by the Board of

Trustees and will be decided on at the next BOT meeting, May 19, where trustees will discuss next year's budget for the UMaine System.

The unified fee would be comprised of the current comprehensive, Memorial Union, recreation and curriculum fees. If approved, students' bills next year will only list tuition, the new unified fee, the technology fee and the two student-imposed fees — the student activity and communication fees.

The BOT asked UMaine not to include the energy surcharge fee in the new fee because it will be done away with next year. The BOT also did not want the technology fee included because it was a fee trustees asked all system campuses to impose and the other campuses have the technology fee listed separately on student bills.

With the proposed unified fee, comes changes not in the overall cost to students but

how much each student pays based on the number of credits he or she takes.

"Costs haven't changed, just how we charge students for costs," Anderson said. "For some students the total cost will go up, for others it will go down."

For example, a student taking six credit hours paid \$98.50 in fees under the old system and would now be paying \$155, an extra \$56.50, according the UMaine budget plan draft. But a student taking 18 credit hours who paid \$444.50 previously would now pay \$420, a decrease of \$30.25.

Another possible increase for some students will come from no longer making distinctions in who pays what fees. Certain fees don't apply to all courses, such as courses offered over the Internet, but under the unified fee, the cost will be the same for every student.

Although Anderson said

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# When Orono yells ... Fire!

By Kristin Saunders  
For The Maine Campus

When the fire alarm goes off at 3 a.m., the decision to get up or stay in a comfy, warm bed is a toss up for University of Maine students living in residence halls. But, for students in the Call Division at the Orono Fire Department, it's time for work.

"I love jumping off the truck at three in the morning and having RAs and RDs thank us for showing up and protecting their home away from home," said Jim Morris, a third-year forestry major.

The Orono Fire Department has a special program that combines being a Call Division Firefighter

continuing drill attendance at their hometown fire departments.

The student firefighters are usually the first ones on scene when a call is toned out on campus, LeClerc said.

"We would be strapped without students, they are a huge asset," LeClerc said. "There is a critical shortage of firefighter paramedics in our state."

Students in the program receive \$6.50 an hour for training and receive help in tuition to fire attack schools to receive Firefighter 1 and 2 classifications. Students must complete work at the fire academy before becoming interior firefighters.

"This is an important step as



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UMaine student firefighters attend a training session at the Orono Fire Department on Saturday.

Firefighters become student fire marshals.

The fire marshals live on campus and have to inspect doors and other aspects of the buildings in their district once a week.

"Having campus marshals on campus has drastically improved the fire safety of all the buildings on campus," Nadeau said. "The University of Maine has had way too many large dormitory fires over the years, and anything that can be done to protect from another one is a step in the right direction."

In the spring of 2000, during the Hancock Hall fire student Call Division Firefighters were the first on scene. The two students who arrived first were very important to begin the search and rescue aspect of the fire, Chief LeClerc said.

"The Hancock fire was the closest call in recent memory," LeClerc said.

The UMaine student Call Division used to have its own fire house on campus as part of the Orono Fire Department. Company 25, as it was called, operated out of the shared station with the University Ambulance. Company 25 had its own fire truck, responded to all alarms on campus and responded mutual aid to Orono for larger incidents. Today the fire truck is at the Orono Fire Department. There are plans to try to get the company house back on campus in the future, according to LeClerc.

"For lack of a place to house the apparatus, this program is no longer in place, which is a complete tragedy to those seeking a way to matriculate into the fire service," Nadeau said.

The student fire fighters form a family atmosphere, which includes getting home cooked meals at the fire station when on duty.

"All the guys at the station form another family," said Jeremy Gagne, a first-year electrical engineering technology major.

Lancaster, whose father is a battalion chief of Howard County Maryland's Fire Department, feels that the drills and firefighting have given her skills that she will use for years to come. The training encom-

passes not just fire training, but extrication from regular and hybrid cars, search and rescue, boat and cold water rescue, hazardous materials and terrorism training.

"The things I learn from the career firefighters will last me a lifetime, and this is stuff I would never learn on a campus or in a classroom. Mock drills are created to help us understand a real situation and better prepare us for a catastrophe," Lancaster said.

The training students receive is

unlike any other.

"It is a new experience. The training is not like most training you get for other jobs. You learn a great deal that you can take with you to anywhere," said Duane Albert, a third-year political science major. "It feels good to know that you can help someone out."

"It [the program] has been a valuable experience and one that teaches you life long lessons that go beyond how to fight a fire," Lancaster said.



Student firefighters must attend training sessions for students in the call division.

with going to college. The program currently has 20 University of Maine students. Many of these students also have training in Emergency Medical Services, and serve on ambulance calls.

Students in the Call Division Firefighter Program must complete vigorous training and maintain these skills as they work for the town of Orono and UMaine.

Students in the program receive an eight-hour orientation and then must complete 120 hours of basic firefighter training, 110 EMS hours if serving on the ambulance, and if receiving further certification, 140 hours of hazardous materials training and 40 hours of training if becoming a student fire inspector.

"We make it pretty easy for students to come on," said Lorin LeClerc, Orono's fire chief. "But it is a commitment to stay on."

The student firefighters can also receive training to drive and operate the fire trucks. Following their training, the student firefighters must work two shifts a week down at the Orono Fire Station for a total of 48 hours, but usually just sleep there at night and stay on call during shifts because of classes. The student firefighters also attend training drills twice a month and during this summer students receive credit for con-

many firefighters statewide are not afforded this training," said Mark Nadeau a fourth-year English major.

Students in the Call Division Firefighter Program have to balance being a student and responding to calls at all hours of the day or night, attending training drills and helping their fellow students at UMaine and members of the Orono community.

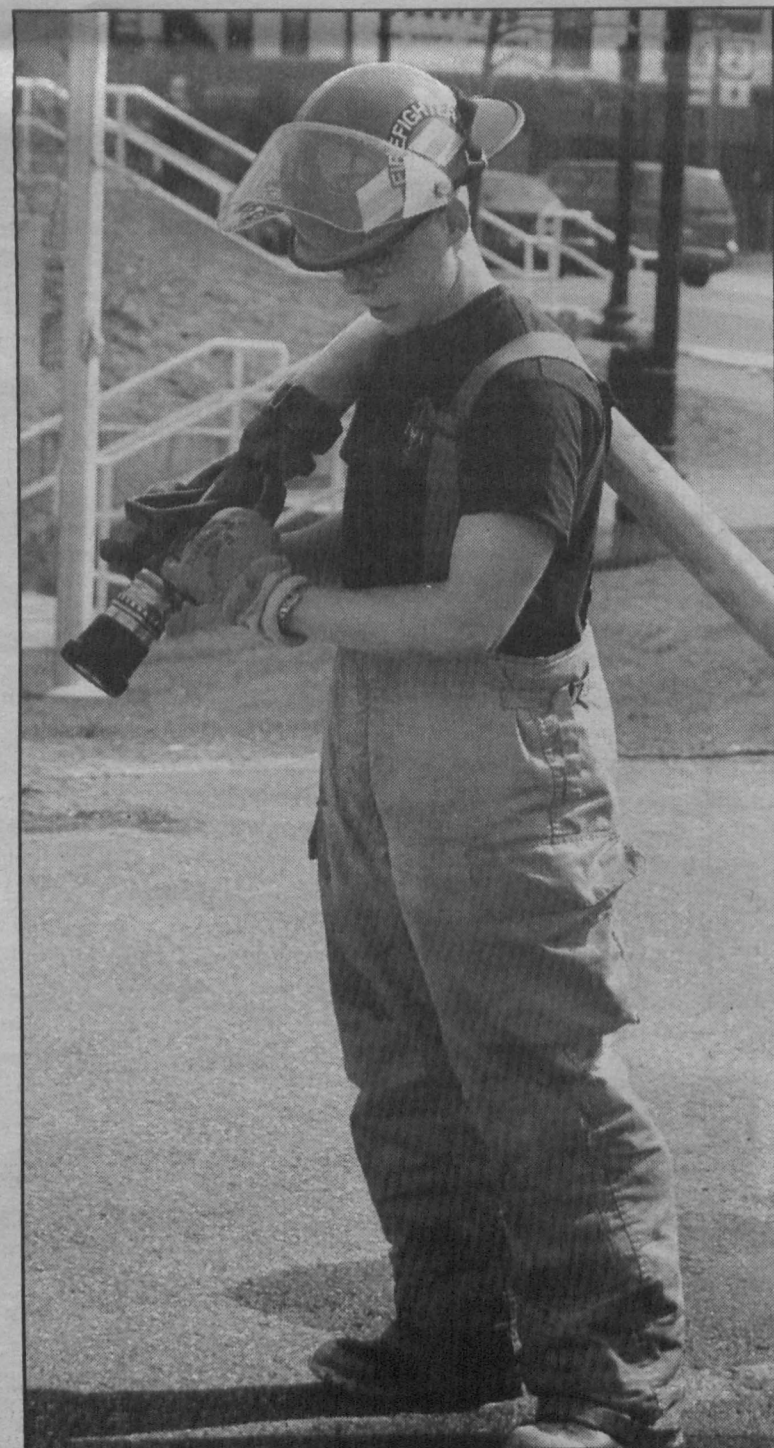
"I hate being a student, and I love my job," said Eric Dos Santos, a second-year kinesiology and physical education major. "I would rather be a non-student, full-time firefighter than a full-time student and call department firefighter."

There are added perks to the job that not all students enjoy.

"My favorite aspect [of student fire fighting] is having a pager that tones out to fire and ambulance calls, so if it goes off in class I can leave and go help them out, with understanding from my teachers," said Jamie Lancaster, a third year mass communications major.

The student firefighters also work at the Alford Arena during games and events to do inspections to make sure sprinklers are working properly and make sure fire exits and doors are clear.

The university teams up with the Orono Fire Department to have five of the student Call Division



UMaine student firefighter Eric Dos Santos works on using a fire hose at the Orono Fire Department.



# Cutler to change per-visit fee

By Almee Dolloff  
For The Maine Campus

Due to rising health care costs across the nation and current budget issues at the University of Maine, additional funding for Cutler Health Center is necessary. The bottom line, according to Mark Jackson, director of Student Health Services, is funding.

"The health center is not funded well enough," Jackson said. "We have been struggling along for the last four years."

In order to work within its budget, SHS has been forced to reduce its staff and adjust prices of some of the services it offers. Last year the staff was reduced by three, allowing SHS to save about \$115,000, Jackson said. He noted the health center no longer offers free STD laboratory tests.

That change was just the beginning. The SHS budget has been reduced by \$50,000 for next year as part of the current budget reallocation process at UMaine.

"We [SHS] are still in debt and have less resources," Jackson said.

In an attempt to compensate for the money shortage, there is a proposal being considered to change the way students pay for health services.

For several years, UMaine students have paid a comprehensive fee, which, among other things, provides them with access to health care at Cutler. According to the Cutler Web site, "payment of the health fee portion of the Comprehensive Fee covers the visit charges for all SHS in-house staff nurses, nurse practitioners, PA's and physicians."

A current budget proposal would get rid of the comprehensive fee and create a new unified fee, but that change would not greatly change the amount of money Cutler receives. Richard Chapman, vice president of Student Affairs, will make the final decision, although it is unknown when it will be made, Jackson said.

Jackson said by using a benchmark study published by the

American Medical Association and The California Medical Association, the SHS staff calculated a \$10 charge to the patient at the time of

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the visit would provide about \$70,000 of new revenue. He said SHS staff realizes applying a fee at the time of service will most likely decrease the number of visits to the health center, and this is figured into the revenue expectation.

"In order not to compromise the quality of care available, it is necessary to generate additional revenue. The charge for visit was developed in order to maintain adequate resources to operate," said Ray Moreau, the director of finance and administration for Student Auxiliary Services.

He further explained that these changes would have no direct impact on students who do not directly access health center services.

The fee charged at the time of service would be applied to every student who goes to Cutler for care, unless there is a previously existing charge associated with that visit, Jackson said.

According to Jackson, under the current policy, a student receiving an office visit for bronchitis receives a charge of \$45. The \$45 is then waived and the student owes nothing. With the new \$10 charge, the same student would receive a charge of \$45 with \$35 waived for a net charge of \$10.00.

Insurance maybe a problem for some students, however.

"A fee at the time of service may or may not be reimbursed by the student's insurance," Jackson said.

According to statistics given by Jackson, it is estimated that 80 percent of students are covered under their parents' insurance while about 600 students subscribe to the university health insurance plan, which may also not cover the fee.

Student's privacy is also an issue being looked at while considering the implementation of a fee at the time of service.

"There may be a charge on the student account for the visit, something the student may or may not want to be sent home," Jackson said.

Student government has been consulted concerning this possible change and will continue to be part of the discussion as the prospect of charging a fee at the time of service is explored.

"How to fund the health center into the future needs some ongoing discussion," Jackson said.

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there will be a small amount of extra revenue from these students, overall it is a "revenue neutral" system.

Students will also no longer see a separate course fee on their bill for a specific course. Instead, an average course fee will be factored into the unified fee for everyone.

Anderson said he feels the unified fee is also more honest than having all the separate fees because the money goes into the same pot when the budget is made.

"This way is a little more

honest," he said. "It was artificial to make links in the past because, in reality, money is money when it goes into the university budget."

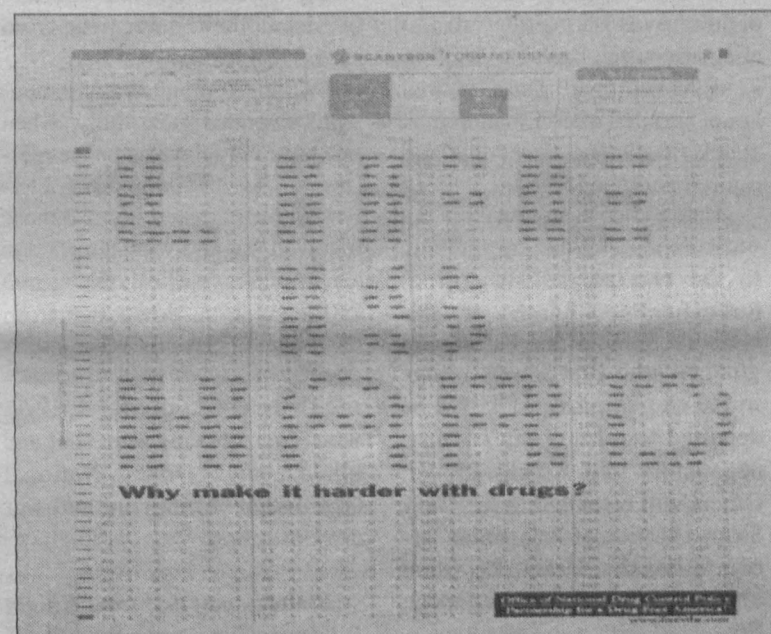
Anderson also said his preference would be to put the money into tuition, which he said would be even more honest.

"Fees really are tuition by another name," he said.

Administrators decided against putting the fees into tuition for two reasons. In order for the university to compete with its peer institu-

tions, it must keep tuition costs low. A lot of universities, according to Anderson, are able to keep their tuition low because they put the money into fees instead of increasing tuition. The other reason was the students who get free tuition to UMaine don't have fee waivers.

"If we rolled the fees into tuition, we would have a loss of revenue from those students," Anderson said. "We'd have to charge all students more [in tuition] to make up for the lost revenue."



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## THE WORLD BEYOND UMaine

### Sharon agrees to end Bethlehem standoff

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon left for Washington late Sunday, armed with documents said to prove that Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat was personally involved in planning terror attacks.

Sharon hopes to use the documents to persuade the Bush Administration that Arafat is unacceptable as a Palestinian leader. The Bush administration views Arafat as badly flawed but essential to peace talks set for this summer. Persuading Bush that Arafat is unworthy is one reason Sharon's fifth meeting with Bush is likely to be the toughest.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat rejected all Israeli claims of Arafat's involvement in terror. He said of the Israeli documents that it was "very obvious that these are forgeries." Among the papers was a letter Arafat allegedly signed paying \$600 to Ziad Muhammad Daas, whom Israel accused of commanding an attack that killed six people and injured another 50.

Late Sunday, Sharon earned a measure of gratitude by agreeing to the end of the standoff at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Some of the Palestinian gunmen who first sought refuge in the church on April 2 will be deported to a European country, negotiators told Knight Ridder. Others will be exiled to the Gaza Strip, a section of Palestinian territory on the Israeli-Egyptian border with the Mediterranean Sea.

### Anti-war protest reminiscent of 1970 riot

KENT, Ohio — Anti-war demonstrators toting signs and chanting peace slogans reminiscent of another generation marched through downtown Kent Saturday night where they were met by police in gas masks.

But unlike the historic protests of May 4, 1970, these protesters ended their demonstration peacefully, congratulating themselves as they returned to the Kent State University campus.

About 7:45 p.m., the group of about 150 congregated at Main and Water streets where they were met by about 30 uniformed police officers, who had strapped on gas masks and stood shoulder to shoulder with their weapons secured and not drawn.

The demonstrators were confined to a grassy area on the northwest corner of Main and Water streets as the officers restricted their movement from across the street.

Within 10 minutes the demonstration ended peacefully when one protester relayed a police message saying they would not interfere with the protest but that those involved "should wrap it up."

Moments earlier, the group had marched to downtown from the college campus where they attended services held to memorialize the events of May 4, 1970, when four students were shot and killed by Ohio National Guardsmen during an anti-war demonstration.

*Stories compiled from Knight Ridder Tribune News Service*

# Unions end battle — for now

By Almee Dolloff  
For The Maine Campus

The unions of the Associated COLT — Clerical, Office, Laboratory and Technical — Staff of the University of Maine and the University of Maine Professional Staff Association recently came to contract agreements with the UMaine System after much negotiation.

The contracts, which were ratified on March 28 and April 2, respectively, were executed April 9, after many negotiating sessions and mediation. However, as Ross Ferrell of the Maine Education Association office explained, both contracts will expire again on July 1, of this year. The contracts are only for one year and the unions will be "back at the bargaining table soon," Ferrell said. The previous contracts for both unions had expired more than a year ago on June 30, 2001. Each union represents its own category of university employees for the entire UMS.

The major issues of discussion for both groups in negotiating new contracts were those of raises and increased health insurance costs. Thomas Tripp, the UMPSA campus president for UMaine, the UMPSA state vice president and negotiator and chief machinist for the Physics Department, explained there were issues with the raise structure. In previous negotiations, what Tripp described as "compression" occurred. In some cases, new hires are receiving higher wages than existing employees and there are wage discrepancies within the same job.

Suzanne Moulton of the History Department at UMaine and Chief COLT negotiator since 1995 agreed with Tripp.

"The most difficult aspect of this negotiating round was reaching an accord in regard to wage increases for COLT employees," Moulton said. "The negotiating team for COLT was primarily concerned with trying to bring longer-term employees up in the wage scale to get them closer to the max rate for their job band."

David Lane of the UMS office in Bangor said the language of both contracts reads that the terms of the prior contract remain in effect until a new agreement is negotiated and executed. When a new agreement is reached, it is retroactive to the date on which the previous contract expired in most cases. He said although contracts are usually negotiated for two years both parties agreed on one year contracts in this case due to legislative budget cuts for the second year.

Tripp gave another reason for the one year contract agreement — there was still one year remaining in the contract UMS has with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the faculty and staff health insurance providers. With an anticipated increase of about 46 percent in insurance premiums, UMS felt they should get a simple contract out of the way.

Tripp recognized there is not as much controversy in his unit as there is with COLT.

"Our contract passed relatively easily," he said.

Moulton said she would not be negotiating in the next round.

"Unfortunately, this was my last time to negotiate," she said.

She explained that COLT is currently undergoing a great deal of upheaval and her dissatisfaction with the current leadership is causing her to resign her position as chief negotiator, as a state executive board member and most likely as a union member.

"There are many other current union members who have told me they plan to withdraw their membership as well," Moulton said.

Most of these problems are not new to either group but have escalated recently. Tripp explained there has been a long history of perhaps 12 to 14 years where negotiators have tried to use consultants and set up a salary study. The catch has been the wide variety of job descriptions within the system.

"The university is very careful not to identify any one job as being the same as the next," Tripp said.

The amount of money for negotiations from UMS and the legislature has been quite low for both groups over the past decade. According to Moulton and Tripp, many long-term employees are not receiving the wages they deserve. Tripp said that in the UMPSA unit, well over half have less than 10 years seniority. There is a large amount of turnover, which means we are constantly in a training mode, he explained.

"The state has to recognize this as a serious problem," Tripp said. "We need more support from the legislature. We can't keep passing the burden onto the students."



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Rivard was caught through the use of digital technology, March said. Digital cameras were hidden in the warehouse in an effort to catch the person stealing the materials. The investigation was a cooperative effort of Public Safety and IT.

"University staff and university police were able to work, hand-in-hand, to solve this problem, stop crime, hold the alleged offender and recover this much stolen property," March said. "This is a real success for community policing, where police

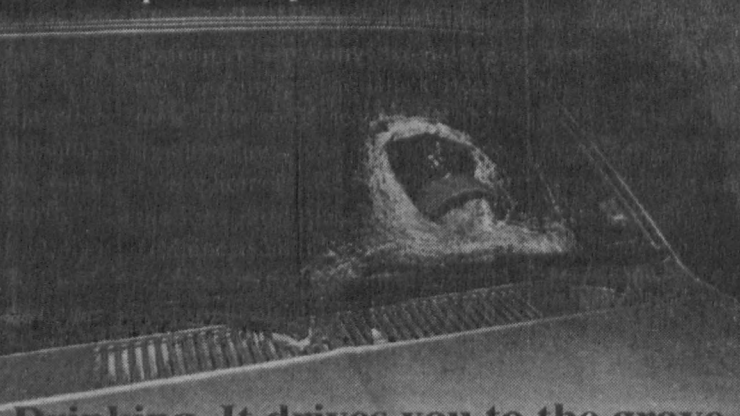
and the community work together to solve and prevent crime."

This will not affect any of the current student-worker policies, March said. He said that with a campus as big as UMaine, there is bound to be some problems.

"We're going to have these aberrations," March said. "But this should not reflect negatively on the student workers here on campus."

The administration will review this case and determine whether Rivard will be permitted to remain a student at UMaine.

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# Service projects, Jell-O and mud

By Adam Thibodeau  
For The Maine Campus

Students will be up bright and early Wednesday, May 8. Classes may be canceled, but the University of Maine's annual Maine Day means students will be awakened as the day kicks off with a rowdy parade, led by UMaine President Peter S. Hoff, which will wind its way around all of the residence halls starting at 7 a.m. at Hilltop.

Accompanying President Hoff on the parade route will be the Orono Fire Department, a marching band, student organi-

zations and Bananas the Bear.

Once the parade has passed, students can make their way to the mall for a continental breakfast and sign up for service projects — the purpose of the day — beginning at 8 a.m. in front of Fogler Library. Similar to the first Maine Day initiated by President Arthur Hauck in 1935, students can sign up to work together with faculty, staff and administrators to clean the campus in a variety of projects, indoors and out. Even Hoff will be participating, taking a trash bag and a stick around campus to help clean up. To volunteer in

advance, contact the VOICE office at 581-4194.

Campus service projects conclude at noon when all volunteers are invited to a barbecue at the Steam Plant lot sponsored by Dining Services, free for those with a MaineCard. If it rains, the barbecue will be held in the Field House.

A D.J., karaoke and beer goggles sponsored by Public Safety will all be available during the barbecue.

Students will have the opportunity to throw a pie in the faces of some campus notables from noon to 4 p.m., courtesy of

the Alpha Omicron Pi sisters, with proceeds to benefit the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization.

Alpha Phi Omega plays host the annual oozeball at the Steam Plant parking lot, beginning at 12:30 p.m., where President Hoff will lead a team in a game of mud volleyball.

The annual triathlon, organized by Recreational Sports, will begin at 2 p.m. and features a three-mile run, three-quarters-of-a-mile canoe and a six-mile bike ride.

New this year, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Zeta will host

a Turtle Tug competition. Turtle Tug is tug-of-war, where the losing team is pulled into a Jell-O covered tarp. Proceeds will benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. The event takes place at 1 p.m. at the Sigma Phi Epsilon House across from Alford Arena.

To make room for the barbecue and related events, the Steam Plant parking lot will be closed Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8.

For information about Maine Day, contact Erin Blanchette, a graduate assistant at the Campus Activities Office, at 581-1736.

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Tyler cited Sept. 11, the death of men's ice hockey coach Shawn Walsh two weeks later and the many illnesses and deaths in the department as other reasons for focusing on family.

UMaine President Peter S. Hoff said Friday that there is no timetable for replacing Tyler.

"We won't rush the process at the risk of getting the best available person," Hoff said.

Tyler became UMaine's first female athletics director in October 1995, replacing interim director Walt Abbot, who replaced Mike Ploszek. Ploszek resigned as the university and the men's ice hockey program was being investigated by the NCAA.

While she said she would have liked to have done more fund-raising and gotten more endowments during her tenure, Hoff called her tenure "easily the most successful run of any athletics director at UMaine in the last 20 years."

Tyler oversaw the development of two new athletics facilities on campus, the \$6.1 million Harold Alford Stadium/Morse Field complex and Kessock Softball Field. She also saw an increase in corporate sponsorships for UMaine athletics rise to \$500,000 from less than \$50,000.

UMaine also improved its compliance with Title IX under Tyler, introducing women's ice hockey and women's volleyball.

In the last seven years, UMaine teams have continued to win.

Under Tyler's watch, the men's hockey program won a national championship in 1999 and played for another one this season. The women's basketball team played in four NCAA tournaments and the men's team played in the America East championship game in 2002. The volleyball team, in its third season, also played in its conference

championship game. The football team won a share of the Atlantic-10 conference title and won its first ever post season game. The team finished in the top eight in Division I-AA.

Tyler's decision comes as the Athletics Department is faced with the prospect of having to cut teams in order to make up for a budget deficit. It was previously thought that the department would have a \$466,432 deficit for fiscal year ending on June 1. Tyler said Friday that the deficit is now closer to \$150,000. But the deficit and the possibility of having to cut the men's soccer and men's and women's swim teams did not play a role in her decision.

"This was in motion before the budget issue," Tyler said. "I feel the department is positioned pretty well to survive it."

Next year, under Kennedy, Tyler will study the feasibility of a new sport and fitness center at UMaine.

Before coming to UMaine, Tyler served as the senior associate athletics director at the University of Maryland, where she had been a lacrosse coach in 1974 and from 1976 to 1980. The Terrapins won a national championship in 1986 and Tyler was named Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1986.

Tyler also coached the Maryland field hockey team from 1974 to 1987, winning a national championship in 1987.

From 1987 to 1989 Tyler served as Maryland's assistant athletics director. She was promoted to associate athletics director in 1989 and to senior associate athletics director and senior women's administrator in 1991.

Tyler earned a Ph.D. in physical education, sports psychology from Maryland in 1986. She was a teaching faculty member at Maryland, and before that, Cornell University.

## Fraternity recovers national charter Sigma Phi Epsilon recognized after eight years

By Jennifer Gundersen  
Assistant News Editor

The vision of four men finally took form this weekend, after four years of building and growing.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was granted its national charter in a ceremony Saturday night at Spectacular Events Center in Bangor. More than 150 friends, family, alumni and university officials were on hand for the event. Receiving the charter was the culmination of an extensive effort to re-establish the fraternity at the University of Maine and bring the chapter to levels that the national organization would accept.

Sig Ep lost its original charter in 1994 due to various university infractions, but the national organization still maintained a house on College Avenue, which it rented to various campus groups, including UMaine Public Safety. The existence of this house was one reason that the national organization decided to try again and re-colonize a chapter of Sig Ep at UMaine in 1998.

"People from nationals were going around looking for people that would promote the fraternity's ideas," said Oscar Sparrow, a brother and one of the first men who joined during the re-colonizing process.

Sparrow, along with Theodore Pietz, Joshua Higgins and Alexis Arroyo were recruited to begin the building process.

"None of us had fraternity experience," said Sparrow, who was also Sigma Phi Epsilon's first president since it re-grouped.

"We had the opportunity to make [Sig Ep] something we wanted, our own vision," Sparrow said. "I think it turned out pretty good."

The four men have grown to the 42 brothers that now make up UMaine's chapter. Those men's names are included on the charter as the chapter's founding members.

To regain its national charter, the men had to submit a petition statement. Sig Ep's petition for their charter, which was a 100-plus page document, was sent to their nationals early this semester, and the brothers found out it had been accepted a month after that.

"To be recognized, [nationals] wanted to know that we were doing the right things," said Sparrow, who, as the chartering chairman, contributed to writing the petition.

According to Sparrow, Sigma Phi Epsilon is the fastest growing fraternity in the nation. Not only is Sig Ep growing, but it is also working to re-conceptualize the

fraternity experience. The UMaine chapter chose to adopt the Balanced Man Program, which is a comprehensive leadership development program. The program requires the brothers to go through different development stages and complete different tasks each year they are a member. Sig Ep also does not have a pledging process, so each man has equal say in the chapter's affairs, Sparrow said.

"Our mission is to destroy fraternity stereotypes from the 70s and 80s not only in this chapter, but across the county," Sparrow said.

Sig Ep is also involved in the national Men Can Stop Rape program and works closely with the Safe Campus Project in raising awareness about sexual violence, which includes the work they do for the Brothers Engaged Against Rape. The BEAR Program, although still in its initial stages, will hopefully soon be expanded to include the UMaine fraternities, Sparrow said.

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# Equestrian team jumps to success

By Catherine Tiller  
For The Maine Campus

For those not actively involved with horses, the fact that the University of Maine has an equestrian team may come as a surprise. That's one reason this growing team is busy making a name for itself.

The equestrian team began as part of the Maine Animal Club, but branched off on its own three years ago. With a new coach, Robyn Corey, and an expanding membership, the team is the strongest it has ever been.

The team recently finished the spring season, placing one of the members, Jen Ouellette, in the regionals for the first time. Next fall the team will host its own show and members hope to achieve varsity status.

Competitions involve driving to various schools and barns all over New England and usually spending the night, if not the weekend, at the different schools.

"We get up pretty early. Shows usually start at 9 a.m. We're up at five or six," said Rachel Woodman, the team's treasurer and a sophomore social work major.

Competing in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association means riders don't travel with their horses. They instead use those provided by the host schools.

"It tests how good a rider you are," Woodman said.

During their training in the winter months equestrian team members rarely ride the same horse more than once in preparation for the IHSA.

"Riders are judged on position, how they handle the horse and overall performance," said Amy Gagnon, a first-year landscape horticulture major.

Hosting its own show next fall will be validation of everything the team has been working for.

"[Hosting a show] shows we are a team and we've come a long way — stuff gets done now," Woodman said.

The event is planned for Oct. 5, at the Eastridge Riding Stable in Charleston, Maine.

The biggest part of the preparation will be training more than 30 horses so they will be ready to compete under various riders. There is also barn maintenance to catch up on, fund-raising events to plan, programs to create and winner's ribbons to buy.

Gaining varsity status would be another triumph for the team. The application is due this fall, and they hope to know if it is approved not long after the show.

Varsity status would cover the \$30 to \$50 members pay per week for lessons and travel expenses, as well as show fees and the opportunity to ride and take lessons more often.

Woodman said it's no coincidence the best teams in the IHSA are those that have varsity status at their schools. Those teams have more opportunity to practice, as well as the knowledge that they're supported by their university.

Since the equestrian team is also part club, there are no requirements to join.

"It's open to anyone who likes horses," Woodman said.

"You don't have to show to be on the team. I don't show, but I go to watch and cheer for the other team members," Gagnon said.

As for those who think riding isn't a real sport, Woodman said those people are wrong.

"[I'll] finish a lesson and can hardly walk," Woodman said. "You use a lot of muscles, you are sore."

Part of the sports is not letting the exertion show.

"You're supposed to look pretty," Woodman said. "Making it look easy is the hard part."



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Anne Jennings, a junior sustainable agriculture major, practices her jumping skills at Eastridge Farm on Wednesday afternoon.

## Honors program promoted to college status

By Meredith S. Holt  
Staff Reporter

The Honors Program at the University of Maine will be experiencing an organizational change that will take effect in the fall. At that time, the Honors Program will become the Honors College.

The Honors Program at the University of Maine, the oldest continuously operating program of its type in the country, is trying to make this transition easy for current and incoming students.

Current honors students will belong to the college their major is in and in the fall, they will also become members of the Honors College.

Doug Gelinas, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, compares the organization to a double major. He said it is not new for students to graduate with two majors from two different colleges.

Incoming honors students will have different course requirements. Two honors courses will be added to the curriculum. A four-semester course sequence referred to as "Civilizations" and a 300-level tutorial are proposed. Charlie Slavin, director for the Honors Program said the slightly modified honors curriculum will satisfy most of the General Education Requirements.

"The only additional

[GERs] they'll have to work on are math and science," Slavin said. "This will be a part of an education, not an entire education. It's an option, an opportunity," he said.

Current honors students will have the choice to either continue with the old requirements or switch to the new requirements, Gelinas said. Students' decisions will most likely depend on how far along they are in their curriculum.

Faculty teaching honors will become part of the Honors College as well. The program utilizes many adjunct faculty members, Gelinas said. No new faculty will be hired to accommodate this

change.

Changes have also been made within the Honors Program's home, Colvin Hall. A new seminar table, studio classroom, chairs and tables have been added to spruce up Colvin.

Honors Program members are also working to raise money to do work on the upper floors and the basement of the building.

Slavin said the Honors Program change is bringing about a heightened level of enthusiasm amongst incoming students.

"The university is making a push to bring in good students. We've had a lot more expression of interest than we ever

have," Slavin said.

Gelinas agrees that the change will increase the visibility of the program. "[It] may tend to attract more of the students who are academically prepared," Gelinas said.

Additionally, a new Honors Code is in the works. A commission comprised of 10 students is working with the Director of Student Judicial Affairs to develop a new code that will govern the academic behavior of honors students.

The commission will develop the code in consideration of how it will relate with the Student Conduct Code. Slavin hopes for the new code to be in effect starting in September 2002.



# Front & Center

Vol. 9 Looking forward and back



1999 Maine Day Triathlon female cadet team. Left to right: Mandy May, Jen Cyr, Bridget Regner, Kirsten Hallowell.



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Bridget Regner is introduced for the last time to the Black Bear Battalion as an ROTC cadet. She is wearing her dress blues for the first time and will be commissioned in front of her peers on May 17.

## A UMAINE ROTC SENIOR'S WRITTEN JOURNAL BY BRIDGET REGNER

This past Friday night was the annual Military Ball. This event marks the end of the road to commissioning and graduation. I was able to wear my dress blues uniform for the first time ever, and it felt great to wear. In just a few short weeks I will be commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the United States Army Nurse Corps. During the ball, I was reflecting on the past four years at the University of Maine. Four years ago I made the decision to travel 3,000 miles to attend UMaine. In fact I did not decide to come here until two months before school started, and I had never set foot in this state before in my life nor did I know anyone from Maine. The only thing I did know was that God was directing my life to Maine and I would be studying two things: Nursing and ROTC.

When I think about my fresh-

man year, it seems just like yesterday I was living in Cumberland Hall and taking my freshman nursing classes. Dr. Shipps, the director of nursing, thought we were one of the liveliest classes she ever had. I can remember the smile on her face as she laughed at how much of a personality our nursing class had. Our class still has the same personality. We are still a lively bunch, and we are probably even chattier because we have all come to know each other better.

ROTC began slightly different. I was very hesitant at first and a friend, who has since graduated, thought I was shy. Little did she know that I am hardly shy and I was just taking everything in. My first year in ROTC was great. I learned a lot and made some great friends, one of those being my good friend Johnny. Johnny is the only other

cadet who has been in ROTC the whole time with me. Other cadets will be commissioned with me, but they have entered ROTC in different ways. Most did not enter ROTC until their junior year.

My second and third year blended together because I took classes straight for two years with only two week breaks in between each academic session. I'd say one highlight of my sophomore year was being a Sophomore Eagle. It was a break from my ROTC stuff, and we did some community service projects. During this time, I was a resident assistant in Hart Hall. I loved being an RA and miss living with so many great people. Being an RA was such a wonderful experience and I would do it all over again, as long as I got to live with the same people. Living in Hart was great at the time because I

could just roll out of bed in the morning and put my uniform on and walk over to the field house for physical training. But, by my junior year I was getting extremely busy with nursing clinicals and ROTC and realized that I needed to move off-campus and away from the busy dorm life.

This year has been a busy one to say the least, especially this semester. I thought that I was going to have time to hang out with my friends and socialize a little more, but that didn't happen. I had many clinical hours to complete along with six more credits than those required for nursing.

I am very excited to graduate and move on with my life. I do not know what my future holds for me, but it is the beginning of what feels like the life I have been training for. I think I'd like to pursue a nursing

career in either an emergency room or an intensive care unit, the Army will send me to specialized courses needed to work in those units, something the civilian sector doesn't do. But right now I need to focus on graduating and passing the NCLEX. I feel as if a volume of my life is coming to a close and a new volume is about to be written; a fresh book with a spine that has not been opened, blank pages and a new quill that has never been used to write before. They will all be used to write my life's story. Who knows where the story will lead, but I am interested to read where God will send me next. I do know that I am going to walk away from commissioning, pinning and commencement armed with the lessons I have learned and stored away in my heart. I am ready for the challenges that lay ahead of me.



# SOAP BOX

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## EDITORIAL

### Wraps are back

Stop the presses.

When last we visited M.C. Fernalds, wraps were unavailable. This left the masses to fend for themselves. No longer could a Winslow, a Knox or a Sea Grant be had on your favorite wrap flavor. Where once you enjoyed the abundance of meat and vegetable wrapped tightly (sometimes), you were left with two open seams for falling sandwich matter.

Those unfamiliar with the finer points of eating off a sub roll were dumbfounded by this new foreign system. Where are our wraps they cried, nearly in unison. Would we ever see them again?

Struck by outrage, *The Maine Campus* undertook its greatest mission to date. The paper printed and circulated one simple demand — bring back the wrap.

And Vice President for Student Affairs Richard Chapman listened. According to Jessica McDonald, retail supervisor at the Maine Marketplace, he informed Dining Service Manager Jim Carey that popular opinion would prevail.

"Everybody was complaining — a bunch of students came in and complained because the wraps were much easier to eat," a Maine Marketplace employee said Sunday night.

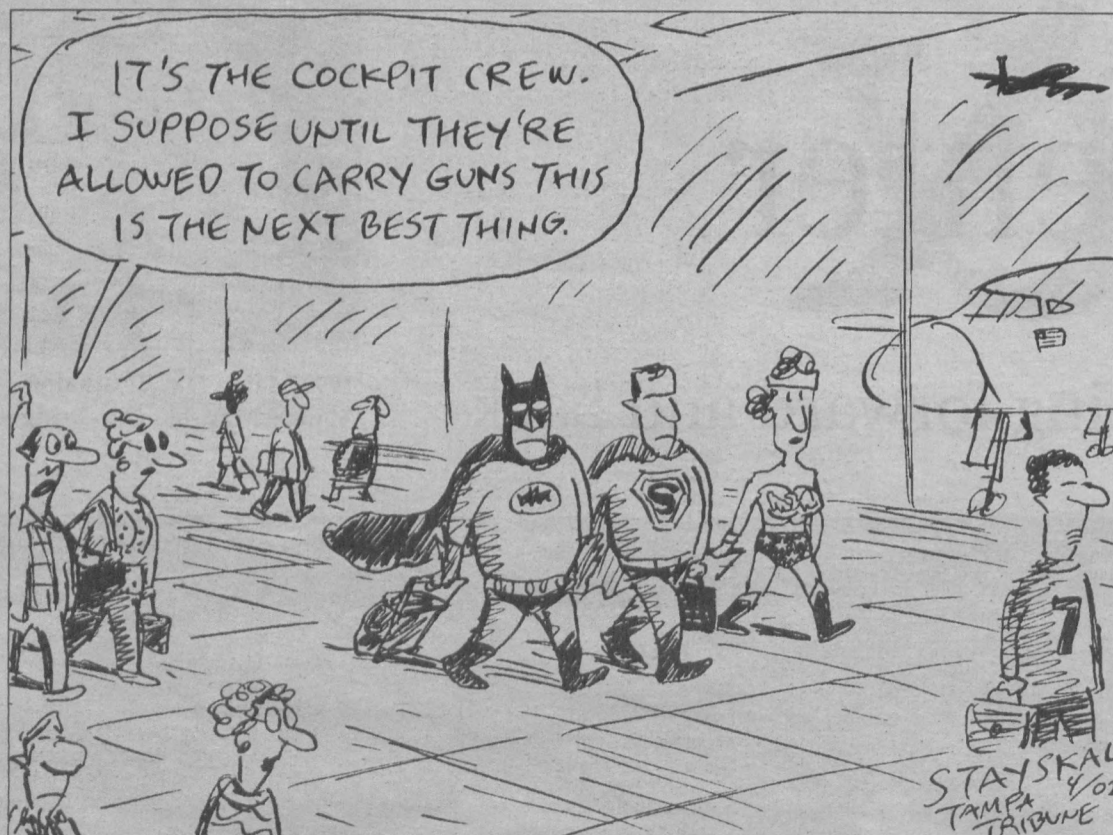
McDonald said the reason for taking away the wraps was not simply financial. The powers that be also wanted to reduce the lunch time congestion in the Marketplace.

Whatever the reason, student voices were heard.

Which leads to students and Maine Day.

A day designed to make a difference in our community. A day designed to pick up the crap we spend the rest of the year throwing on the ground. A day designed to play volleyball in the mud with the president. A day to seek pie-throwing vengeance on our campus leaders.

We invite the students, the same students who came together and brought back the wraps and the same students who threw the trash on the ground, to make a difference on Maine Day. Come together, clean the campus, eat some free food, throw some pies and have some fun.



## Cookies, flowers and bikes

Learning to love the little things

As I sat down to write my column this weekend I felt I needed a change of pace from my usual critical commentary. I won't be providing criticism on the Bush administration or any other political arena, not for lack of fuel to feed my fire, but instead, I felt like looking on the positive side of things. And instead of finding something else to complain about at this university, I decided to ponder upon the few things that make my college experience at UMaine worthwhile. Here is my list of the top 10 little things that keep me enrolled semester after semester.

10. Pumpkin chocolate chip

CATIE  
JOYCE

HEAD COPY EDITOR

cookies. Nothing beats them when you can catch a batch fresh out of the Market Place ovens. They are the perfect study-break snack — I can never pass them by when I'm in Union Central. They're the best, even though they are served to me on entirely non-reusable, non-recyclable serving products (OK,

so I couldn't resist just one jab).

9. Landscaping. I love flowers; I'm a sucker for them. I don't care where the university gets the money; I support any opportunity to beautify this campus. Who doesn't like to see the bed of tulips and daffodils on their way to class at the Donald P. Corbet Building. Or the pots of flower arrangements outside the buildings along the mall. After surviving the dismal winter months when this campus is at its ugliest, it's so refreshing to watch it bloom in the springtime. One of my favorite spots on campus is the garden outside of

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## Letters to the Editor

### •Importance of language

As a student, parent and future teacher, I am intensely interested in the effects the state's budget shortfall will have on our educational system. As an education major with a specialization in foreign languages (Spanish and French), I am particularly interested in the effects on the Department of Modern Languages and Classics.

I am currently serving as a member of the University of Maine's Student Life Cabinet, a group of students nominated for their academic achievements, leadership abilities and community service. At our luncheon meeting in April, I

noted that four of the seven students present were either bi- or multi-lingual. This preponderance of linguistic talent is not surprising, but I wonder if our administration recognizes the correlation between linguistic competence and future success. The young man seated to my left, a well-known campus leader, remarked that he regretted not studying a second language, as he will be limited in his future career.

I sympathize with the difficult fiscal decisions our administrators must make. But I strongly urge them to consider the importance of our ever-increasing global economy and the university's role in preparing stu-

dents. Eliminating language courses (and some languages!) from the Department of Modern Languages would have broad, long-range effects on the quality of our students' education. These effects would be felt in all colleges. Can even a top engineering or business student reach his or her potential without the skills to communicate on a global level?

I am counting on the wisdom of our administration to recognize the value and necessity of preserving our Department of Modern Languages and Classics. I know they are committed to providing the students of Maine a first-class

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## Dear Class of 2002...

BOB  
CHASE

FROM KRT CAMPUS

I've often felt that the last person a graduating senior wants to hear from at their commencement ceremony is a teacher. And I understand that.

On the momentous occasion of your graduation, you want to be addressed by someone more thrilling, someone in whose footsteps you've always dreamed of following — in short, a celebrity.

And why not? "Go for the gold" was a recurring theme of graduation speakers in recent years. Of course, other worthy goals were suggested, but those were generally consigned to a fallback position, hardly the stuff of a stirring commencement address.

Then came Sept. 11. It's fashionable to say that last September's terrorist attack "changed everything." My sense, however, is that Sept. 11 changed something quite specific. In the wake of that event, America became reacquainted with its lost self.

Lately, Americans have recognized a deep need to be connected to each other, to put into practice the cohesive community we so love to praise in theory, to walk the talk. This powerful need is rooted, I believe, in what it means to be human. But it's easy to see how we grew to overlook it.

For the past 20 years — the entire lifespan of most graduating seniors — there has been a concerted campaign to denigrate public service while extolling the private sector.

"The government is stupid, and the market is smart," is the way House Majority Leader Dick Armey put it.

The implication was that a person had to be a fool to aim for a career that did not embrace wealth and personal glory as its central theme.

But today is a new morning in America. It escaped no one's attention that as terrorized employees of the investment firms and financial companies in the crumbling World Trade Center scrambled down the stairs seeking safety, scores of public service workers bravely climbed

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## Top 10

the Maine Center for the Arts. It's a great place to stop for a few minutes of serenity, to escape the busy college campus. And if you've never been to the Ornamental Gardens I suggest you check it out in a few weeks when the lilacs will be in full bloom.

8. Another thing that has been essential to my college experience is the swimming pool; I've spent several nights and afternoons swimming away the stresses of the day. It's also a great way to stay in shape, which can be a tough thing to do for the busy college student. But the pool has a fairly accommodating schedule. You can go to the early morning swim, for those die-hards; I've only made that once. The afternoon swim is probably my favorite. It's a nice break in the middle of the day and I can keep up with the senior citizens. There's an after-dinner swim, and also a night swim, when the pool is filled with college kids unwinding after a tough day.

7. So these may only be little things, but to me it's the little things that make the biggest difference. And it's the little things that you will remember from your college experience. I may not remember what I learned in all my classes, but I will always remember things like hanging out on the comfy couches in Union Central, or, before its time, the comfy couches upstairs in the Peabody Lounge.

6. I do my fair share of complaining about cafeteria food but I can't picture a Thanksgiving or Christmas without the special holiday meals they make. Speaking specifically of my choice commons, Stodder employees do a wonderful job of decorating and going out of their way on these events. An everyday event that makes me happy about eating at the commons is they make made-to-order eggs every morning, if you

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can get up early enough.

5. Java Jives are another little thing that I really enjoy. With their laid-back bands, I can just hang out and relax or study for a test with great background music. Plus free coffee mugs, who can beat that!

4. One other event series that's worth noting as unique to the university is the New Writing Series. I think it's one of UMaine's best kept secrets. At these poetry readings, students get the opportunity to hear the latest in contemporary writing by authors from around the world. And it's free! Anyone who enjoys reading good authors would enjoy hearing them firsthand even more.

3. Green bikes. There are so many reasons to love this program: a) free transportation that gets you to class on time and reduces pollution, b) recycles old bicycles, c) one of the few grassroots student-run programs on campus and, my favorite, d) its utopian concept of sharing unifies our little community.

2. The Oaks Room Coffee Shop. I love it! What better place for a university coffee shop than its library?

1. And one aspect that can't go without mentioning is the faculty. I'm not talking about the faculty as a whole, but rather the little things they do. I never claimed to like every professor I've had, but there are those few faculty members that stand out in every student's mind as a favorite. And they always have the same qualities: they are passionate about the subject they teach, they never hesitate to spend that extra time with students and they can rise above university politics.

So that's my list of experiences, people, places and things at UMaine that keep me coming back for more.

Catie Joyce is a junior English and journalism major.

## 2002

upward into the face of danger. And soon thereafter, it was public school employees in the schools near ground zero who, with calm determination, led their students by the hand through the rubble, smoke and chaos to safety. Out of hundreds of children, not a one was lost or hurt.

These Sept. 11 heroes taught us a lesson we were in danger of forgetting: It's the light within, not the klieg lights of celebrity, that illuminates our heart. And that inner light comes from the good we do in

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service to others.

Which makes me think this year you might not mind hearing a graduation speech by someone like me. If not a teacher, then how about a firefighter, a police officer, a member of the armed forces or a nurse?

You might even want to consider following in our footsteps. You may find them a lot larger, and much more fulfilling, than you ever dreamt.

Story from Knight-Ridder Tribune service.

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The article hardly touches upon the fact that the drugs mentioned are illegal to manufacture, distribute and consume. As far as I know, ecstasy and crystal meth are Class I controlled substances (the most serious from the law's point of view). There are long prison sentences and large fines for anyone convicted of making, dealing in or using this class of drugs.

I hope that the editorial staff will be more selective in the future, rather than allowing articles that advocate illegal activities to go to print.

Todd M. Curro  
Modern Languages '95

# Defending the Honors College

## Students take a stand for current and upcoming programs

JAMIE  
COX

### FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Web site: "Open to students in all colleges and majors, it provides a unique opportunity for motivated students to investigate diverse academic areas of the university, to be challenged in a supportive intellectual environment, and to critically engage fellow students and enthusiastic, distinguished faculty in thoughtful, provocative discussion. The benefits and rewards are substantial and the program is flexible enough to be tailored precisely to the individual student's needs and interests."

This statement says it all, but doesn't necessarily reflect the true feeling of the Honors Program. In the small classes with usually about 12 members, the rapport between the teachers and the students is amazing, as it illustrates what can be achieved with smaller classes and more individualized attention. The lectures students attend once a week also serve to allow the students to better understand the material as well as get to know the faculty. Charlie Slavin is on a first name basis with many of the honors students, and the dialogue between he and a learner is both fluid and natural. The impediments of learning are dismissed by the bond that develops over time between members of the program.

As one could deduce from the outpouring of support the program has received, it is obvious that people truly believe in the need for an Honors Program, as well as the upcoming Honors College. Being a member of the program, I know that aside from the discipline required in order to keep up with your honors classes and the papers and projects, one truly learns a great deal in taking the classes and being with the teachers.

As for the quote taken from Charlie, it is still applicable. It's common sense that the university would like to get the greatest minds to enroll and become students. The need for intellectual prowess is nothing new, and short of schools costing thousands of dollars more than UMaine, the Honors Program affords them the very best in opportunities that students who work hard so richly

deserve. The Honors Program is a main selling point for many applicants to the university, and everyone has an equal opportunity to become a member. If you wish to learn to think critically, and to better understand the reasoning in the world around you, then the Honors Program is an excellent opportunity. It's not about being able to graduate with honors, although that is a plus for some. It's about learning and doing the very best throughout your education. That is something every student who attends the university should strive to achieve, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in the Honors Program.

The most hurtful notion contained in the article is that of the idea that an honors education is for nothing. By that mentality, the point of an education in general is for nothing. Why would one wish to learn more and better themselves if they felt that it would all be for nothing? The whole point of the Honors Program is to accentuate your existing knowledge, as well as to increase what you know. That's the point of education in general, is it not? How can one insinuate that a further education is pointless? The point of being a student and exercising your mind and your capacity to learn is to help you think and allow you to perceive information from all points on the spectrum. The Honors Program does this, and will continue to do so in the years to come, especially as it becomes an official college.

In conclusion, knowledge of an argument before it is made helps to support it, and knowledge is achieved through research and learning. In order to have a true idea of what the program is all about, one has to learn about it and talk to students who are a part of it. I personally believe that the Honors Program has helped me learned a great deal more than I ever thought I would, and I have been exposed to great works that I probably never would have read on my own. If I had, I wouldn't have had the insight into the works that professors of the Honors Program have provided to me. Numerous others and myself would not have received nearly as much out of the college experience as we have, and, after all, aren't we here to learn?

Jamie Cox is a first-year new media major and honors student.

## Letters

education. This is, after all, Maine's "Flagship" university, not an overblown community college.

Beth Bartlett  
Senior

### •Drug responsibility

What was the point of the article on the drug dealer? Was it intended to give equal time to an opposing viewpoint in light of the other article on hard drug usage on campus? To me, it looked like a condensed how-to guide for becoming a dealer. Maybe a good way for cash-strapped students to make a few bucks during summer break, eh?

## More letters to the editor ...

### •Professor supports honors

Amy Bowler's op-ed piece on the purpose of an Honors College was more of a prejudiced rant than an informed opinion — or was it intended as another of *The Maine Campus'* "humorous" opinion pieces? Here is a little rant of my own by way of reply. With regards to Colvin Hall, the current home of the Honors Program: This is the building the program took over when its former home was imploded by university engineers to make way for the present Mega-Union.

The funding for the renovation of Colvin is coming from private dona-

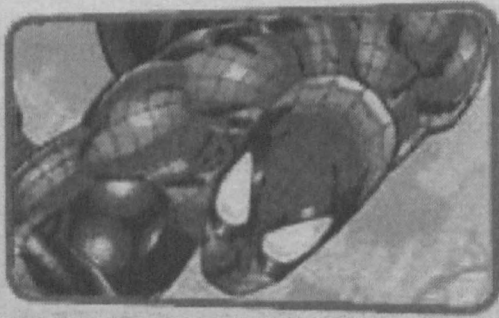
tions (with the exception of the ADA mandated elevator and handicap access).

Ms. Bowler's basic argument against the Honors College appears to be that it is too much work. I can accept that this is not HER style. But it is the style of about 500 students at the University of Maine who wish to engage in a rigorous interdisciplinary course of study that complements their disciplinary majors. The program's cost to students who choose it is not unduly burdensome since, under the present structure of the program (and in the proposed structure for the Honors College),

the goal is to have the honors courses fulfill the universal general education requirements to a very large degree. Ms. Bowler appears to believe that the university's push to bring in good students is hurtful in some way, attempting to imply, perhaps, that the Honors Program is somehow elitist. It isn't: the invitation for admission to the program is based on academic performance and not on who you know or how much money you have.

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# Spider-ific!



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Tobey Maguire stars as Spider-Man and Kirsten Dunst plays Mary Jane Watson in the Columbia Pictures action-adventure release, *Spider-Man* (rated PG-13 by the MPAA for stylized violence and action). Copyright 2002 Columbia Pictures.

## Stan Lee's web-swinging hero hits theaters this week

By **Joseph Bethony**  
Sports Editor  
and **Matt Shaer**  
PCI Editor

**JB:** Let me get this out of the way at the beginning: I had spun lofty expectations for "Spider-Man." It was supposed to join the great comic book movies of all-time, Tim Burton's "Batman" and Richard Donner's "Superman."

Is "Spider-Man" that good? No.

It's good, but with some qualifications.

Sam Raimi (he of "Evil Dead," "Army of Darkness" and "Darkman" cult fame) directed an adaptation based on Stan

Lee's Marvel Comics creation.

"Spider-Man" is the story of Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire), a geeky high school senior with a crush on red-haired Mary Jane Watson (played by a not-so-innocent Kirsten Dunst). While his high school class is on a field trip at Columbia University, Parker, a photojournalist, is bitten by a genetically-engineered super spider.

And with great power comes great responsibility.

Parker finds he now has increased strength, can climb walls and sling webs from his wrist. But he is unsure of how to use his power.

Meanwhile, Watson ends up

with Parker's friend Harry Osborne (James Franco), the privileged son of scientist Norman Osborne (Willem Defoe).

Spider-Man, unlike Batman and Superman, struggles with developing his power. Actually, some of the best scenes in the movie are when Parker is learning the depths of his abilities (i.e. grabbing objects in his room with his web and swinging around New York).

But Parker is not a rich man with a vendetta like Batman (although he is, for unknown reasons here, an orphan looked after by his Uncle Ben and Aunt May). His sole purpose in life is

not to avenge his parent's death. He also isn't a God-like Superman, who is capable of destroying the human race but remains its benevolent protector. He is a regular kid, growing into an adult, who wants to impress the girl he loves. But he also must grow into his powers.

**MS:** However, the fact that he isn't a God-like Superman or a very human Batman makes Spider-Man all the more interesting: This hero straddles the line between mutant and man, and most of the action scenes in the movie are made all the more powerful as a result. Audiences gasped as Spider-Man dodged a few slugs from a punk's gun or

the diamond-sharp razor blades of the Green Goblin's sled, because unlike the bullet-proof superheroes that we know so well, if Spider-Man takes a gunshot to the chest, he's not going to be getting back up. But luckily for Mary Jane Watson, and movie audiences, we get to watch Spider-Man flip around a set of the Goblin's knives in a convincingly done slow-motion scene reminiscent of "The Matrix."

**JB:** The visuals are outstanding. It is obvious when a computer-generated Spider-Man is onscreen, flying high over the city of New York. But it doesn't

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# Sandmen, spandex and Spiders

Comic book addict and UMaine professor discusses today's superheroes

By Matt Shaer  
PCI Editor

Spandex or synthetic? Spider-sense or sixth-sense?

If you've got a comic-book question, chances are there's only one place to have it answered on campus — Professor Welch Everman's office.

Everman, a professor of English at the University of Maine, and self-proclaimed guru of all things pop-culture, has made a name for himself in Orono, teaching classes at the alternative end of the spectrum.

And he's loving every minute of it.

"My favorite Spider-Man villain was Dr. Octopus," Everman laughs, leaning back in his armchair beside an open book on the history of comic books. "I also loved the Sand-Man, it just seemed like such a cool thing to turn yourself into sand."

Everman was recently featured in a Maine Times article on the newfound literary interest in author Stephen King's work, and he has the same request of this reporter that he did of Times writer Rebecca Goldfine.

"Just don't make me look stupid," Everman says.

But Everman comes off as anything but stupid. Lofting his sneakered feet onto his desk, the professor touches his beard and fondly recalls an impressive collection of important dates from the history of comic books, occasionally interposing opinion on a variety of his favorite superheroes.

"When I was a kid, a lot of the comics were darker and more violent, that's why they brought in the code," Everman said of the regulations enforced by government in the 1950's. "I remember 'Tales from the Crypt' used to

keep me up at night, that was scary stuff. And comic books aren't for kids anymore. The average reader of comics is something like 26 today, and," Everman chuckles, "guys like me really bring that average up. My kids are 14 and 10 and they walk into a comic book shop and I'm not that eager to have them read some of this stuff."

But darker is not necessarily better, Everman says. Some of the most interesting superheroes from the past 50 years have been complex variations on the traditional "Superman."

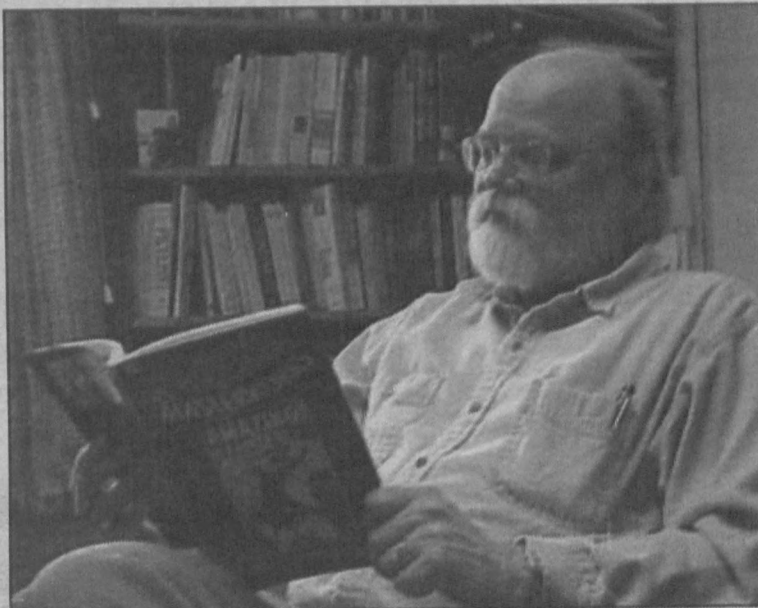
"Spider-Man is an interesting character," Everman says. "Spider-Man has always interested me because basically there are two kinds of comic book superheroes. There's the kind like Superman, who's chosen by the gods to be a superhero. He's like Hercules, from Greek mythology, he's gifted.

"Then there's the Batman type of superhero who is not chosen by the gods. Batman chooses himself. His parents get killed and he decides to be a superhero, and he's more like Ulysses from Greek mythology, who's not superhumanly strong, but he's smart, and anything he knows how to do, he taught himself. And those two guys pretty much defined what a superhero would be."

Everman pauses, then adds, "then came Spider-Man, and he was both."

According to Everman, the appeal of a character like Spider-Man is the juxtaposition of his realism with an element of supernatural.

"He's an ordinary bozo like Bruce Wayne," Everman says, "but then he gets bitten by a radioactive spider, so he's chosen by the gods as well. But Parker's first thought is not, 'I have super powers, I have to go out and save



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Welch Everman examines a book on comic books at his office in Neville Hall.

the world.' His first thought is 'how can I make a buck out of this?' And then later, when his uncle gets killed, like a Batman kind of thing, he goes out and rights that wrong, and then in a way he's both Superman and Batman; he's chosen by the gods but he rejects it and then he comes to choose himself as a superhero."

Everman waxes on the newfound popularity of Spider-Man, a popularity that has led to, among other things, the release of a major motion picture featuring the webslinger.

"As long as Spider-Man's been around, that's been the crux of his conflict," Everman says. "He was always having to miss tests to go fight Dr. Octopus or something, it was kinda cool. Spider-Man wasn't necessarily a new kind of superhero, it was two old kinds of superheroes wrapped into one, and that accounted for his staying power."

This staying power has been the catalyst to propel Spider-Man to heights beyond that of the tra-

ditional superhero, Superman.

"Superman is the guy who got honorary citizenship in every country on earth so when he flew around the globe he wasn't breaking international immigration laws," Everman laughs. "Dumb stuff like that, he's too good, he gets on your nerves. See here's the thing about Superman, if he wanted to, he could take over the whole world, he could just say, 'I'm running things now,' but he never does that, he always works within the system. He does charity stunts with feats of strength to raise money — that's so wimpy. Superman's been problematic all along."

And how about Everman's own err ... collecting habits?

"I'm not a collector, I'm more of an accumulator," Everman admits. "I do try, but it's hard to be a comic collector in Bangor. I don't go out and buy comics every month, I'm more likely to pick up an anthology — I just got a Captain America anthology, I read that."

"American Beauty" and Elijah Wood were considered and discussed, but none could have pulled off the role like Maguire. He brought a quiet presence to the role, while at the same time pulling off the 'Oh, my God I can't believe what I can do' scenes.

MS: I've been following Maguire's career ever since the underground hit "Wonder Boys," and I have to say, I've never been disappointed with a role he's played. "Spider-Man" is no exception; Peter Parker is a dork, Tobey Maguire is a dork.

Enough said.

JB: Also of note was J.K. Simmons as the sensational newspaper publisher J. Jonah Jameson. Anyone who has ever worked at a paper will realize that the scenes are accurate.

MS: And anyone who's ever

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## Confessions of a web chaser

By Mary Jane Watson  
For The Maine Campus

When skid marks on his blue and red superhero costume are in desperate need of a deliberate encounter with Tide — the proven deep stain fighter — I take it to the local coin laundry. I deposit my buck, and watch the soap bubbles ride the tide of the water through the sailor's window on the washing machine. I am one with the deep cleaner; I am one with the Tide.

I officially oversee Spider-Man cleaning needs.

I am the source of encouragement for Spider-Man. Take our bowling outings. I've set up this program via super-scientific studies that prove the positive effects of encouragement through bowling. He reaches for the six pound ball, I stop him in mid-grab with a "whoa there fella," pat him on the back, and hand him the 40 pounder.

He can do it, I tell him, he can do it. The key is to be, yes, you've guessed it, one with the ball.

But I'd like to think that I'm more than just a superhero's coach and his sole inspiration for fighting crime. You see, (tear) we're friends too. Best of friends. And even this, for him, I have down to a science.

Scenerio: girl dumps him. Remedy: Haagan Das. And we're close, so I know that after a hard day of work he's not simply aching for chocolate — oh no, not this guy — he wants his super fudge crunch. And I deliver the goods.

Sure, we do fun things together too, it's not just all hard work; we hang out. Oh God, you should see us on roller skates. I'm wearing my new orange cotton blend sweatpants looking hot because I've matched it with the black and white striped t-shirt. It's scrunched up on one side, and I'm looking fresh.

That's how I got the nickname "Pumpkin" and when we're in full gear he cheers me on and tells me to let my "pumpkin power" rip shit. Damn that Spider-Man, he's a kiddier. I'd like to think that even without the orange sweatpants I'd still be able to let loose some of my magic.

People ask me, "M.J., why are you so lucky? Why did he pick you to befriend?" I have to just nod and tell them as sincerely as I can that it's not them. Truly, you're all wonderful people as had I not been around, it would have had to be one of you. But I'm here and I'm fresh and and I'm sorry, but it's me, (lip quiver). He's picked me.

I help him into his crime-fighting suit—of course it's one I just

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look as hokey as Superman, with Lois Lane in tow, flying over New York. It looks more like a video game brought to life.

MS: I entertained a host of complaints from movie-goers this weekend that complained that the web-slinging scenes are computerized, too digital to be believable. But this is a movie folks, they weren't going to find a stunt-man willing to swing his way across the Big Apple on a piece of twine. Besides, if you're able to subscribe to a willing suspension of disbelief for the duration of the film, Raimi's "Spider-Man" offers some of the greatest special effects this side of "Lord of the Rings."

JB: Particularly dazzling was the first battle sequence between Spidey and the Green Goblin (an over-the-top performance by Defoe).

The performances in the film were good. Defoe's Osborne is

more a caricature of villains through time (wiry, big-eyed, brilliant and loony) than original. Defoe does well as Osborne, but the Goblin comes across as the most cartoonish character of the bunch because of his cheap Halloween mask.

MS: Inherently, there were going to be problems with the costumes. The Green Goblin is a little stiff, and yes, his mask is a problem, but besides the hardest of hard-core comic fans, that probably won't bother most moviegoers. Spider-Man's costume, however, gives me a valid enough reason to complain. In a wrestling scene a little over a quarter of the way through the movie, Parker has audiences rolling with laughter as he enters a wrestling competition as "The Human Spider" in a blue jumpsuit with a red ski mask and goalie gloves. Fast-forward three scenes. Suddenly Spider-

Man is swinging his webby way through Manhattan in the coolest looking outfit since Tim Burton's Batman hit the big screen.

What gives?

While I'm sure the producers of the flick would blame this blunder on the ambiguity of the original comic book storyline, there is no excuse for leaving such a gaping hole in an otherwise sound plot.

JB: And many Spider-Man purists will also have problems with Dunst's Watson. MJ was the proverbial girl-next-door, who Parker loved since he was six. MJ here, however, is played with the slutty quotient turned up.

MS: Nothing wrong with that; Dunst plays MJ like Traci Lords in a waitress outfit. And I'm not complaining.

JB: The casting, however, of Maguire as Spider-Man and Parker was outstanding. Others, like Wes Bentley from



# From comic book to silver screen

## Spider-Man takes bold Hollywood leap, marks 40th anniversary

By Jason Houle  
Staff Reporter

"Who am I? You sure you wanna know? The story of my life is not for the faint of heart. If somebody said it was a happy little tale, if somebody told you I was just your average, ordinary guy, not a care in the world ... somebody lied."

And so goes the now infamous quote from comic book character Peter Parker — better known by his crime-fighting alter ego — Spider-Man.

"Even people that don't collect comics know Spider-Man," said Rob Gilbert, owner of Collector's Corner in Brewer, specializing in cards, comics and collectibles. Gilbert, who set up a small comic stand devoted to Spider-Man in the lobby of Hoyt's Cinemas, also said he has experienced increased sales from the release of the movie — proving Hollywood to be an effective marketing technique for the classic character.

"There have been hundreds of millions of Spider-Man books sold over the years worldwide," said executive producer Avi Arad in a press release. "I cannot think of one country which has not embraced the character. Even if people aren't familiar with all aspects of his story, Spider-Man is such an identifiable and beloved icon."

With the Columbia pictures release of the classic favorite onto the big screen, so is marked the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Marvel Comics superhero.

First appearing in a 1962 issue of the dying comic "Amazing Fantasy," critics were skeptical of the success of a "spider man."

"Nobody wanted to see comics about spiders — nobody liked spiders," Gilbert said.

Well needless to say, the critics were wrong.

The character, created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, became a huge success. In 1963 the comic book was renamed "The Amazing Spider-Man," and history was made.

For perhaps the first time in



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comic book history it was the "normal" guy, Peter Parker, who was the superhero. A high school stu-

dent and freelance photographer, Parker was bitten by a mutated spider on a class field trip, and soon

after had incredible spider-like powers, including the ability to climb walls, an ESP like spider

sense, and of course, the web slinging. With all of these newfound abilities Parker still has to carry on with his life after graduation as a freelance photographer for The Daily Bugle.

"People like Spider-Man because he's an average everyday guy. He's got zits and girl troubles," Gilbert said. "Everyone else is born a super hero."

And while Spider-Man ended up being one of the most successful comic book characters of all time, many of the same questions that plagued the questionable success of the comic came when it was time for director Sam Raimi (The Gift, Evil Dead, A Simple Plan) to capture a PG-13 formatted Amazing Spider-Man on the big screen.

"At the story's core is this young man who is a good person, but flawed like any of us — and he tries to do the best he can," said the film's director Sam Raimi. "Although it's a small story of a young boy who learns what it is to become a responsible young man, the canvas is very large. We hope that people will enjoy the action and the adventure, but that they will also be able to relate to the ordinary young man who experiences love, loss and betrayal as he finds himself in an extraordinary circumstance."

But will comic book fans want to see a Spider-Man movie translated from the page?

"They had to be careful to keep the fans happy," Gilbert said.

"I was concerned about treading on sacred ground with Spider-Man," said Raimi, "because he means so much to so many people, to 40 years of readers and fans."

But many fans found the movie to be a success.

"It's very true to the comic," assured Gilbert.

"I feel a terrific responsibility as a longtime fan myself," Raimi said, "and I concentrated on the things that I felt were true about the character — to capture the spirit and soul of Spider-Man — and to tell the best story that we possibly could. For me, the strength of the character has always been that he is a real person — he's one of us."

his manhood here.

MC: Is there anyone you wouldn't mess with?

SM: Yeah, that hacky sack guy up here, Charles Brickham. He's got the skills to pay the bills. He's mean with the sack, you know?

MC: Do you have any words of wisdom you'd like to share with the students on campus?

SM: Yes. Kids, don't be afraid to follow your dreams or get bitten by a few spiders. Just look at me, now I'm swinging from buildings and getting action from hot women.

MC: And what's your favorite Maine student newspaper?

SM: The Maine Crapus.

MC: Campus.

SM: Whatever.



By Nathan Webster  
For The Maine Campus

Spider-Man recently took time out of his hectic schedule to come to Orono for a short vacation. The Maine Campus was able to sit down with everyone's favorite webslinger for a few minutes in a sincere, no-holds-barred question and answer session.

**The Maine Campus:** First of all, I'd like to thank you for swinging by...hee hee...

**Spider-Man:** Good one. Very

clever.

MC: Sorry, I couldn't resist. But seriously, why did you decide to come to Maine?

SM: It's so laid back here. There's no super villains involved in violent crimes, you know?

MC: So, have you seen the Spider-Man movie? What did you think?

SM: Well, I have mixed feelings. I don't feel that the film did me enough justice. That guy they got to play Peter Parker is a huge dork. On the other hand, it's got Kirsten Dunst in it. Good choice.

MC: Were you involved in making the film in any way?

SM: Well, I had a few meetings with [director] Sam Raimi in hopes of playing the lead role. He said that I wasn't "right for the part." I mean, what is that? Spider-Man isn't right for the role of Spider-Man? Hollywood sucks.

MC: So what's Spider-Man's favorite food?

SM: Houseflies. Remember, I am part mutant spider.

MC: Favorite musicians?

SM: Iron Maiden. You can't mess with the metal.

MC: Favorite movie?

SM: Beaches.

MC: With Bette Midler?

SM: Don't ask. Let's just say that that film touched me in ways

no other piece of cinema could.

MC: Or should. Anyway, do you have any pet peeves?

SM: I'm pretty peeved that there's no wrap sandwiches in the Union anymore. Those things were tasty and affordable.

MC: There's a rumor going around that Superman could beat you "like a red-headed stepchild." How do you respond to that?

SM: Come on, Superman sucks. You haul out a piece of Kryptonite and he'll be crying like a little girl. I don't have any weaknesses like that. You pull Kryptonite on me and I'll leave you dangling from the ceiling, know what I mean? Plus, he wears his undies over his spandex. I don't think I'm the only one questioning





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Spider-Man (Tobey Maguire) swings to the scene in the Columbia Pictures action-adventure release, *Spider-Man* (rated PG-13 by the MPAA for stylized violence and action). Copyright 2002 Columbia Pictures.

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caught Simmons in the over-the-top HBO prison blood-fest "Oz," was disturbed.

**JB:** And what about the cameos? Randy Poffo (Randy "Macho Man" Savage) makes an appearance as Bone Saw. Bruce Campbell ("Army of Darkness") is a ring announcer and let me know if you can pick out creator Lee (he's on screen for 0.5 seconds). Great casting, even in the cameo department.

But here comes the caveat.

The movie is not flawless.

Spider-Man's real origins are unclear. We don't know the cir-

cumstances of his parents. We don't know why he is with his aunt and uncle. But that is what sequels are for.

**MS:** Sequels? Yes folks, two more "Spider-Mans" are planned in the next four years, plenty of time to develop Parker's mysterious origins and the incomplete love affair between MJ and our favorite dorky photojournalist. Yet the movie felt a little empty on background — perhaps the producers assumed moviegoers would already have a firm grip on the famous comic-book hero's life story.

**JB:** But the dialogue is cheesy. Raimi tries to remain true to the story's origin, which includes terrible (by movie standards) dialogue. Some scenes with Parker and MJ feel forced and are painfully right out of daytime television.

And Spider-Man sometimes can sense there is trouble (using his "spidey sense") but other times he can't? Is it still developing? Really, I don't know.

The Green Goblin, in addition to having a terrible costume, should have known Spider-Man's real identity in the con-

frontation on the rooftop.

The ending, some said, was contrived and unbelievable.

**MS:** And some said it was realistic, and ultimately satisfying.

**JB:** But the movie is good, considering its expectations. While you won't be a Spider-Man fan after the movie if you aren't already, having knowledge of the character is not a prerequisite. Raimi takes the time to develop the characters so you can see through the make-up and the masks, lifting this movie above its comic book origins.

**MS:** In the end, most action movie fanatics will find themselves measuring Raimi's "Spider-Man" against films from a similar genre like Donner's tepid "Superman," Dolph Lundgren's awful "Punisher," the well-translated "X-Men," or Tim Burton's dark and gritty "Batman." Let me help you out. "Spider-Man" does not, as far as I'm concerned, hold a candle to the original Burton "Batman" in terms of pure translation or

entertainment value. I'd put it on the same level as "X-Men" in terms of feel and special-effects, somewhere high above the spandex-enhanced bulk of "Superman."

**JB:** This is where I'd have to disagree. Certainly Raimi took liberties in his adaptation (the Green Goblin should have killed Parker's first love Gwen Stacy, who was nowhere to be found), but not as many liberties as Bryan Singer took in "X-Men." Also, Singer's characters were thinner than Dunst.

Every movie derived from a comic book suffers from the lofty comparisons to Burton's "Batman." Granted "Spider-Man" is a completely different movie, not as dark and not as cynical.

"Superman," as far as I'm concerned was the beginning of the genre, and therefore a classic.

With all that said, "Spider-Man" would rank far below "Batman" and nearly on par with "Superman."

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cleaned. It smells like waterfalls and it's as soft as snow. He thanks me, and we perform our super-top-secret handshake, smiling. Us two, we're all smiles. God it's beautiful.

I'm there for him, and likewise he's there for me. He tells me someday I can make it as a superhero. He tells me I've got what it takes. While he's away fighting

crime, leaping from those tall buildings, I look out the apartment window and feel proud to know such a kick-ass dude.

As for me and my superhero status, I'm getting there. When the weather's nice outside I take the skateboard and go go go as fast as I can until I reach the obstacle I've set up on the middle of the pavement. Sometimes it's hard,

really hard — but I do it. I do it because I've got what it takes.

I've been bouncing a couple of superhero names off of Spider-Man and whatever I bring to the table he tells me he still likes "Orange Sista" the best. I'm a little uncomfortable advertising that, but he's Spider-Man. He's already got the job, and he kicks ass.

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**spidey-sense,**  
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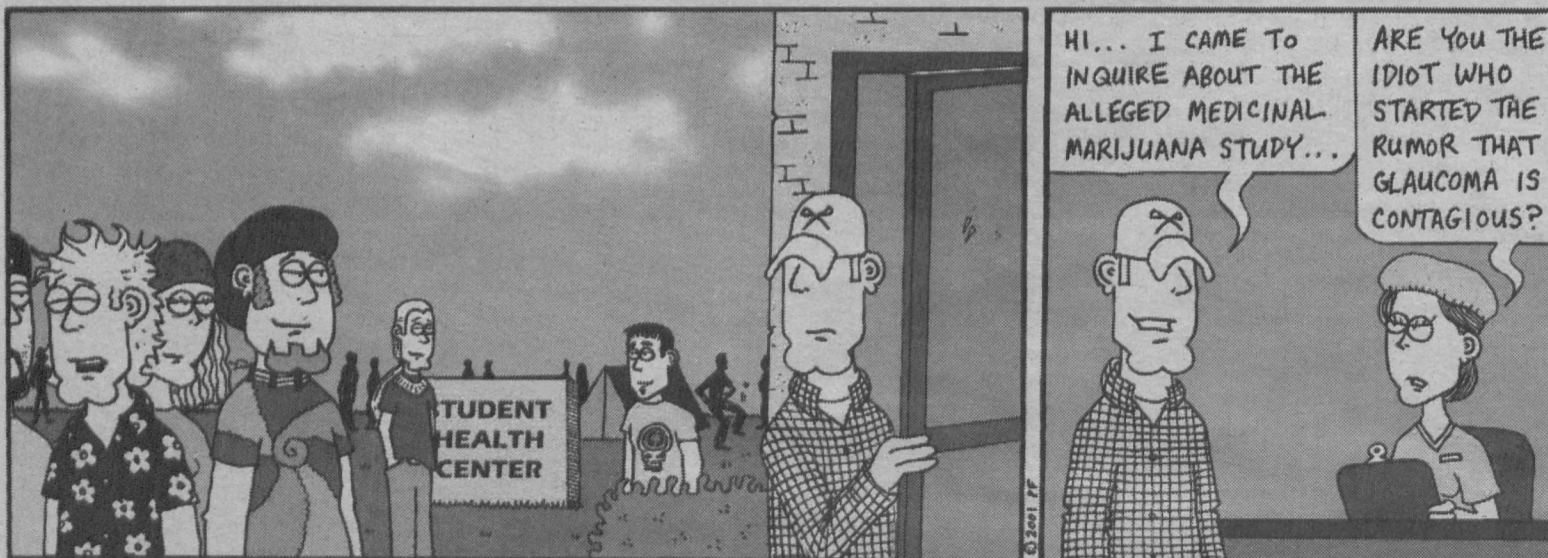


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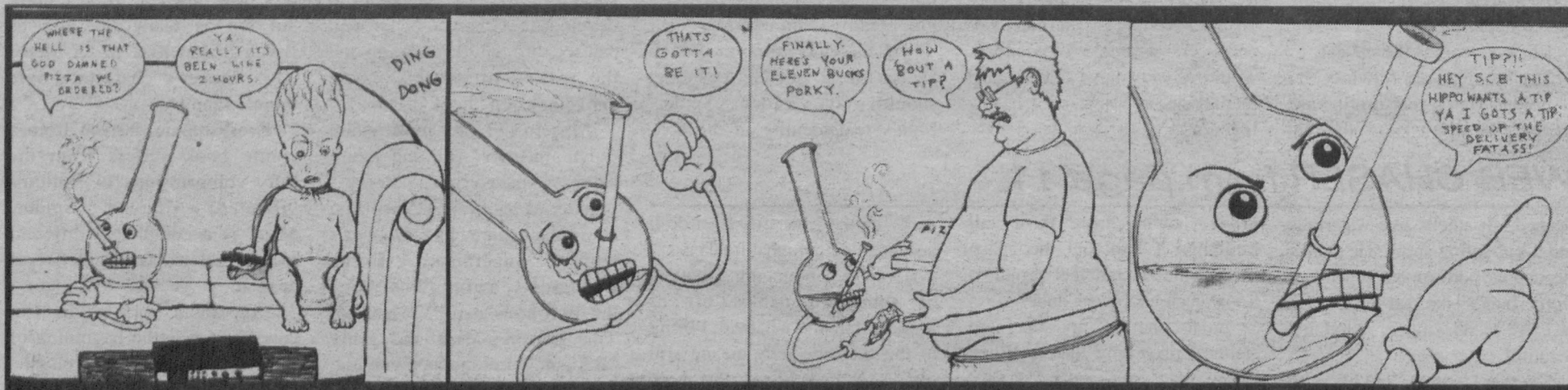
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COLLEGE SEX TALK

A female sophomore from MCC wants to know:

I have recently found a new boyfriend after many years of waiting for one and constantly being under stress during the past two years at college for various reasons. I really love the guy that I am with, and I want to share everything with him. However, when I was spending the week with him for spring break, I realized that my sexual desire was virtually non-existent. This feeling has been there for awhile, and it is becoming a real problem because I want to be with him and be satisfied by him sexually. My non-existent sexual desire has made me not even want to masturbate to see what turns me on. The only time when I am in the mood is when I have to take the extra energy to get into it, which is very tiring within itself, and the other time is when I am extremely drunk. Please help me with this problem that is plaguing my sex life.

Dr. Caron's Answer:

What do you want to do? It

sounds to me like you may have a fine platonic relationship — One that you enjoy being with, but you do not share sexual experiences. How does the man feel about this? Is this something he is happy with? I believe men and women can share friendships that are not sexual, although I think this is relatively rare. I suggest you sit down together and discuss the relationship openly and see if you are in agreement. He may not be the right person for you to have a sexual relationship with. I think the feeling of pressure you relay can certainly affect things. Can you talk to him about this? Maybe by sharing some of your feelings with him, you can begin to have an open, honest discussion about the relationship.

Best Wishes!

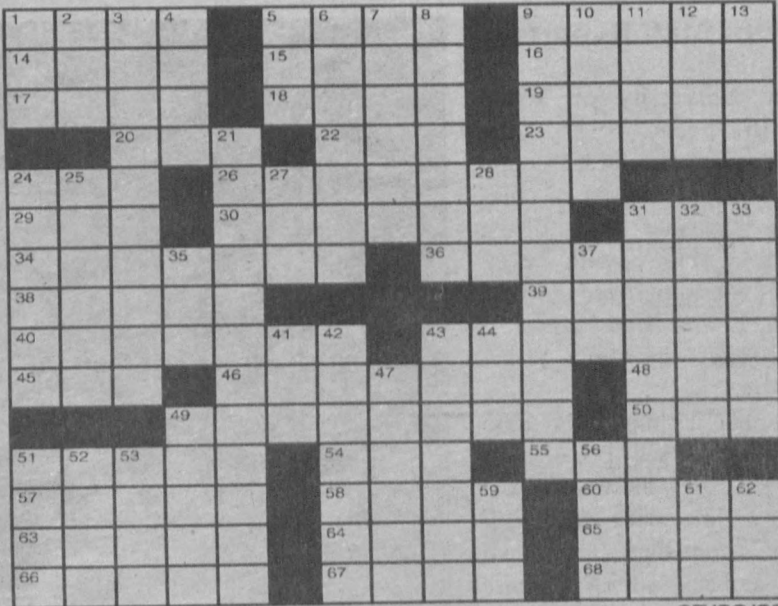
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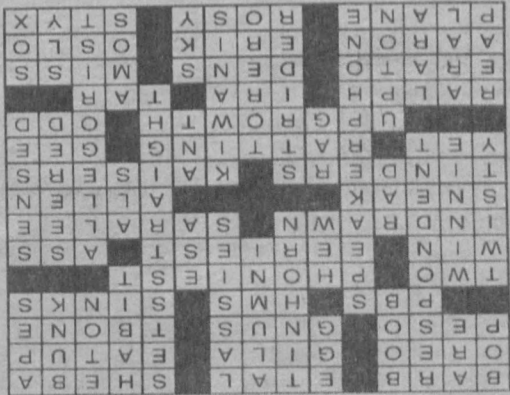
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# Baseball team takes two from Hartford Sunday

## From Staff Reports

The University of Maine baseball team swept the University of Hartford, 9-3 and 8-6, Sunday afternoon to complete a four-game sweep of the Hawks. UMaine, with seven straight wins, improved to 31-12 overall, 12-4 in America East.

The Hawks dropped to 12-27, 4-12.

It is the 12th time in program history the Black Bears have managed 30 or more wins and the first time since 1990 and 1991 that the Black Bears have done it in back-to-back seasons.

The Black Bears scored a combined nine runs in the first two innings to take control of the opening game, while the second contest featured five lead changes before UMaine sealed the victory.

UMaine senior Mike Ross was 3-for-5 on the day with two home runs and four runs batted in. The rightfielder was recognized before the game as UMaine's lone senior on senior day, then he hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the first inning as part of the Black Bears' six-run frame. Alain Picard hit a two-run home run over the left field wall to give UMaine a 2-0 lead in game one. After a pair of walks, Joe Drapeau knocked in a run with a single. Ross then followed with his blast.

First-year DH Aaron Izaryk added a two-run double in the second inning. Sophomore lefthander Rich Laganieri kept the Hawks at bay allowing two runs on four hits in six innings work. He improved to 6-3 with the victory.

Run-scoring doubles by Kyle O'Neill and Rick Langer gave the visitors a 5-4 lead in the sixth inning of game two.

UMaine answered with four runs on a two-run homer by Brett Ouellette and some miscues by the Hawks. With one out, Matt Reynolds singled up the middle. Ouellette, a junior, then hit his first career home run to give UMaine a 6-5 edge.



CAMPUS PHOTO • FRED NICHOLS

UMaine junior catcher Alain Picard slides into second base with a steal Sunday against the University of Hartford. Picard finished the first game in the doubleheader with two hits in three at-bats. Picard drove in three runs and scored twice. UMaine won the game 9-3.

Drapeau followed with a single to right. Tony Cekovsky replaced lefty reliever Brian Mascaro and induced Mike Ferriggi to hit a towering fly that was dropped by the right-

fielder. Mike Livulpi singled to left scoring Drapeau. The ball was boxed around at the plate and Ferriggi hustled to third. The throw to third to get Ferriggi went into left field,

which allowed him to score, giving UMaine an 8-5 edge.

Adam Labelle pitched the seventh for UMaine, surrendering Ron Acabbo's third home run of the weekend, second of

the day and sixth of the season. Labelle was able to finish the game and earn his third save of the season. Ryan Harris took the win (4-1), his second of the weekend.

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## SOFTBALL

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Rautenberg scampered home to put the Black Bears on the board.

Binghamton countered with three clean runs in the fourth to take a 3-1 lead that UMaine couldn't recover from. Wheat improved to 11-11 with the win while Jaegge finished her sophomore regular season at 8-17.

"We made some mental and physical mistakes in the first game and they cost us," Smith said.

The Black Bears rebounded in game two to end the season on a winning note, 9-2. UMaine erupted for its highest run total in a conference game this season and gave sophomore hurler Nikki Taylor her first win of the year.

"I haven't pitched a lot this year, but I knew I had to be ready," Taylor said. "My teammates were absolutely phenomenal and it was really nice to win this one for our seniors."

Taylor helped her own cause by going 3-3 at the plate while driving in three. She tossed a complete game, scattering eight hits and yielding two runs. Sobel had two hits for UMaine, as did first-year players Jessica Brady and Lindsay Tibbetts. Rautenberg spoke on behalf of the seniors after game two.

"This was all we wanted, to end with a win and go to the playoffs," Rautenberg said. "Coach lets us know that we all have a place on this team and it was just an amazing season."

## Saturday

The Black Bears' heart prevailed on Saturday with a pair of dramatic wins, both thanks in large part to Rautenberg. In the first game, both teams were held scoreless through four innings. UMaine put a run on the board in the fifth inning and again in the sixth to take a

2-0 lead to the top of the seventh.

UMaine starter Jenna Merchant held Binghamton scoreless through six, but started to unravel a bit in the seventh with two walks and a hit batter.

Merchant left with the bases loaded and gave way to Jaegge. The Bearcats tied the score with a run-scoring single and a wild pitch and the game went to extra innings. Neither team scored until the bottom of the ninth when UMaine started to make some noise.

"We have picked up our intensity in the big situations all season, but this is probably the first time things have actually gone our way," Smith said.

The Black Bears had first and third with one out against Binghamton pitcher Margaret Yerdon. Rautenberg calmly stepped up and singled to left field scoring the game-winning run and give UMaine the 3-2 victory.

"It's all about opportunity and my teammates gave me the opportunity today," Rautenberg said. "If that dugout was quiet, I probably wouldn't have done anything."

Jaegge got the start in the circle in game two after finishing the first game. Binghamton struck first with runs in the top of the third and fifth innings.

Bearcat pitcher Wheat held UMaine to two infield hits through six innings, but the Black Bears refused to give up and mounted a comeback in the bottom of the seventh.

Needing two runs to tie, UMaine elected to go for the win and came up with a three-spot to negate any chance for extra play.

"I think it was our day," Smith said. "There may have been a little luck involved, but these kids worked hard for it."



CAMPUS PHOTO • FRED NICHOLS

UMaine freshman outfielder Jessica Brady gets hit by a pitch in the Black Bears' game with Binghamton on Sunday. UMaine won the second game of the doubleheader, 9-2.

Rautenberg was the hero once again in game two. Brady singled to score a run and another scored on an error by Binghamton's third baseman. Rautenberg had first and third when she strolled to the batter's box.

After spoiling several pitches, Rautenberg hit a

grounder to the shortstop hole and legged out the single. Pinch runner Andrea Steranko scored as Brady stayed in a pickle between first and second long enough for Steranko to cross the plate for the 3-2 UMaine win.

"We all had a feeling about today," Rautenberg said

Saturday. "We really wanted it, especially the seniors, and it finally came together for us today."

Jaegge picked up both wins Saturday, relieving Merchant in game one and going the distance for the victory in the second.

## Track teams finish conference schedule

## From Staff Reports

The University of Maine women's track and field team had a strong showing at the America East Championships Saturday, finishing third overall with 130 points, just nine behind first place Northeastern University.

The Northeastern men also were winners and the Black Bear men placed sixth out of nine teams with 57 points.

The winner of the 4x400-meter relay would win the team championship. In a close race Northeastern won, New Hampshire was second and UMaine was third. That was the way the team scores totaled up.

UMaine's Viktoriya Rybalko was the only Black Bear winner. She took the top spot in both the

long jump and the triple jump. Rybalko, a sophomore, also was fourth in the 200-meter dash. The Zaporzhye, Ukraine native scored 25 points on the day.

The women's 4x100 relay team finished second and senior Julie Williams and sophomore Katie Page each had individual second-place finishes in the hammer throw and discus throw, respectively.

The "Black Bear" women scored 19 points in the javelin as freshman Amelia Williams took second, sophomore Kari Jenkins third and Page fourth.

Page also was third in the shot put for 19 individual points. Junior Angela Pulcifer was third in the hammer throw.

Sophomore Claire Poliquin, junior Nicole Pelletier and senior Suzanne Hussey all took

fourth-place finishes for the UMaine women. Poliquin, placed in the high jump, Pelletier scored in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Hussey in the 5,000-meter run.

The men didn't fare quite as well as the women Saturday, but still had some nice individual performances. Freshman Brett McIntire was the top individual performer, finishing second in the long jump. The Black Bear men also took second in the 4x800 relay.

Sophomore Ken Bettis was the lone third-place finisher for UMaine as he placed in the 800-meter run. Senior Gabe Rivard and sophomore Joel Evans each took fourth place in the 1,500-meter run and 400-meter hurdles, respectively.

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# Meet the anonymous champion at UMaine

By Joseph Bethony  
Sports Editor

Adam Craig does not look the part of national mountain-biking champion. He stands, maybe, six feet tall, does not have an entourage or exhibit an ego. He has come a long way from being the five-year-old who couldn't pedal his first bike up his driveway because it was too steep. But he does not let anyone know it.

Look closer. The brand names betray success. Craig wears Oakley sunglasses, one of 10 pairs the manufacturer has given him; a Rock Shox hat; Solomon shoes, even though he is supposed to be wearing Oakley shoes because of an endorsement deal; the USA cycling windbreaker; and has a tan.

On two legs, Craig resembles nearly every other student at the University of Maine. But in the racing world, Craig is anything but anonymous. Craig won the United States Cycling Federation's under-23 cyclo-cross (a winter version of mountain biking) division championship in Baltimore, Md., in December, earning a berth in the world championships. The USA Cycling All-American finished eighth in the 2001 world championships in Zolder, Belgium, in January. Craig started 62nd, nearly 30 seconds behind the lead group, because the United States sent only 10 riders to the championships the previous year. After five laps, the No. 67 ranked mountain biker in the world kept pace and was 30 seconds behind the leaders. He later lost pace and finished 1:12 behind Thijs Verhagen of the Netherlands.

Craig's only hint of pretension on a bright February morning is the silver designer Oakley sunglasses he puts on after walking out of Memorial Union because the snow and ice reflect the sunlight like a mirror. But the act of putting on the glasses was not to turn Superman into Clark Kent. He didn't do it to hide from autograph seekers.

For Adam Craig, the unknown champion at the UMaine, the act is functional.



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Adam Craig competes in the Wetzikon World Cup Cyclocross race in Wetzikon, Switzerland. Craig will travel to Europe later this year to participate in two more World Cup events.

"Like every other kid I played soccer and basketball and all that in high school, but I never really got into it," the Exeter, Maine native said. "I come back to biking because it's just about you and it's more anonymous."

Craig's road to cycling success began when he received a red bike with fixed pedals and no brakes for his fifth birthday.

"One of my dad's friends came to my house and had this little red bike he gave me," Craig said. "I rode it down the driveway, but I couldn't ride it back up because it was too big of a hill. It was sweet."

He began competitive racing as a seventh grader, finishing seventh in a downhill race at Hermon Mountain. Craig has difficulty remembering the first race he won — subtly indicating that winning is secondary to competing.

"I don't know — the first [race] I remember winning was a sport class race on Essex Street in Bangor. But I think I won some junior races before that."

According to those who have

known Craig since he was beating adults, professionals and amateurs alike, to the bottom of Sunday River when he was only 16, his ego hasn't grown any large-

er. "Adam is a good kid, with a very small ego for someone who is so good," said Tom Arsenault, who raced with a



high school age Craig. "He's done some really great things in a short span of time, especially in a sport so dominated by Europeans."

After graduating from John Bapst Memorial high school in 2000, Craig spent 18 months in the resident athlete program at the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo., in what he calls the perfect scenario for developing world-class riders. Days consisted of eating, riding, optional training sessions and wasting time. But the monotony of daily training and too much free time eventually wore on Craig.

He enrolled at UMaine for the 2001 fall semester. By design, he only has classes on Tuesday and Thursday, so he can train and travel to competitions on Friday and Monday.

"There weren't a whole lot of other things to do [at the training center]," he said. "The free time helped me to acknowledge that I needed to do something else. It's good to have the brain turned on and be using your time productively. I came to school to expand my horizons and make a backup for myself in case I were to fall down the stairs and break my leg."

He still trains as hard as before, in the Orono woods in the fall and on a track in his apartment in the winter. He said returning to the woods where he started has helped him reconnect with his riding roots and have fun again.

Craig has participated in 15 races as a student and has won several domestic races, including a January event in Vista, Calif.

Craig's spring cyclo-cross schedule is packed. Two days following the Big Bear California mountain-biking nationals in May, Craig will return to Europe for three international competitions in three weeks. His schedule includes World Cup races in Spain and Belgium and a road race in Paris before he returns to the United States.

But for now, the wear and tear of school and training is something Craig relishes. He acknowledges that there are times when he would like to receive some recognition for his hard work and cease being the anonymous champion.

"It's frustrating to see people in other sports who don't really do a whole lot [of work] get all the coverage. In big training weeks I put in 30 to 35 hours. When you step back and think about it, I wish I was getting more coverage. But it's America and Americans like baseball and football, and Europeans like cycling."

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## Men's and Women's Track and Field

### Saturday

at America East Championships  
Women's team - Third  
Men's team - Sixth

# UMaine sweeps Saturday set

By Ryan Waning  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine baseball team took both games of Saturday's doubleheader against the University of Hartford, 4-1 and 2-1.

The Black Bears record now stands at 29-12, 10-4 in America East. Hartford dropped to 12-25, 4-10 with the pair of losses.

In the early game Saturday, the Hawks took the lead in the top of the first with a solo home run by Ron Accabo, but UMaine responded quickly, scoring four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

With the score tied after Simon Williams came in on a fielder's choice, UMaine took advantage of a wild pitch and a

hit batter to keep things going before Mike Livulpi's two run single made it 4-1.

The potent 1-2 punch of Mike Collar and Mike MacDonald kept Hartford's offense in check. Collar, 6-2 with the win, tossed a complete game, only allowing four hits while striking out six.

"He [Collar] was really working out there today," UMaine coach Paul Kostacopoulos said of Collar. "He went after them with one pitch, his fastball, and just stood out there and battled."

The second game featured a pitching duel between Hartford's Scott Roy (4-5) and MacDonald that forced both teams to scratch and claw for every chance.

After the Hawks managed to score a run in the top of the ninth with a suicide squeeze, they

squandered a chance to bury the Black Bears, botching a key hit-and-run play. In the bottom of the ninth inning, after UMaine tied it at 1-1, Matt Reynolds came in when Hartford's shortstop threw a sure double play ball into right field.

MacDonald took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning. He fanned nine in eight-and-a-third innings and surrendered just the one hit.

"You almost feel bad for the kid," Kosty said of MacDonald after the game. "Sometimes your teammates can get a little too comfortable with the fact that you are going to go out and perform at such a high level. They know that they are only going to need a couple to win. That's tough."

## BRUINS from page 20

Axelsson, the B's would have lost that game.

3. Jose Theodore.

I have no doubt in my mind now that this guy is this year's NHL MVP. How many freaky saves can you make in one playoff series?

Well, seemingly, hundreds.

Of course, don't forget the help of the iron. Damn the posts!

4. Kyle McLaren's suspension. That's right, it hurt the Bruins more than anyone wants to let on. After his clothesline hit on Richard Zednik at the end of Game 4, the Bruins were scarred to take the body. The Bruins were actually afraid of a team that was nowhere near as big or strong as they were. The Canadiens only had one guy that could take anybody on the B's out: Gino Odjick. He did more offensively than anything else in the last two games, which never should have happened, because the B's should have kept pounding on them.

So, what do the Bruins do now?

Well, the first thing you do is re-sign Bill Guerin long-term, no matter the cost. He is one of the heart and soul members of this team, and if Mike O'Connell and the boys upstairs are serious about making Boston a winner, they will re-sign the local boy.

Secondly, make sure McLaren comes back. He's a restricted free-agent, which means the B's can match any offer he gets from other teams. He is the tough-as-nails player that this team needs on the blue line. Add to that his skill with the puck, and he's dangerous.

Third, Byron Dufour, get the hell out of Boston! Byron, I've loved you ever since you were a Portland Pirate, but when you lose games 2-1 when your team outshoots the other by 35-15 margins, it's time to give the job to someone else. I'll continue to cheer for you when you're wearing a Columbus Blue Jackets jersey.

It's time for Grahame to get a shot anyway. Have him start, with Andrew Raycroft as the back-up. At midseason, if he can't do the job, trade a few young guns, like Jonathan Girard and Andy Hilbert for a good goalie, like Calgary's Roman Turek or Florida's Roberto Luongo, somebody from a team that's going nowhere or a back-up that can't start, like LA's Jamie Storr.

The B's have some young talent and some veteran presence for next season. Hopefully, this season taught the young guns what it takes to win in the playoffs. Bring the Cup back in 2003.



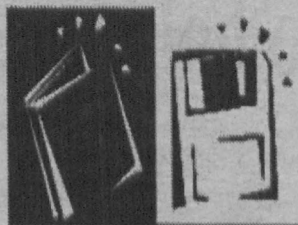
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# Sports

Last Thursday Seattle Mariners outfielder Mike Cameron became the 13th player in major league history to hit four home runs in one game. That night, Cameron and teammate Bret Boone became the first teammates to hit two home runs in the same innings. The pair hit back-to-back home runs twice in the first inning.

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## Softball wins three of four, clinches playoff berth

By Eric Russell  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine softball team closed out its regular season Sunday with a doubleheader split against Binghamton University, but the real drama happened on Saturday.

With an America East playoff spot on the line, the Black Bears simply wanted it more as they won two games on their final at bat over the Bearcats to earn a tournament berth for the first time in four years.

"We are so excited to be going to the tournament," coach Deb Smith said. "These kids have worked so hard and the team has come so far in four years. The seniors really deserve it."

Six UMaine seniors played their final home games at Kessock Field Sunday. Emotions ran high before the doubleheader as coach Smith honored her seniors, but it was all business when play began.

Binghamton played with a sense of urgency in the first game Sunday and roughed up Black Bear sophomore starter Candace Jaegge for eight runs and 13 hits. Her teammates didn't give her much support as two costly UMaine errors led to five unearned runs and Binghamton starter Mary Karen Wheat stranded eight Black Bears to pick up the 8-3 Bearcat win.

UMaine scored first in game one in its half of the first inning on a successful double steal. Senior Erica Sobel danced off first base and was caught between first and second while classmate Aliessa



CAMPUS PHOTO • FRED NICHOLS

University of Maine senior outfielder Aliessa Rautenberg scored the first run of Sunday's first game against Binghamton when she stole home. UMaine lost 8-3, but clinched third in America East. The Black Bears will take on second seed Hartford in the first round of the America East Tournament, Thursday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m., at the University of Vermont.

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## UM Athletic Advisory Board to hold meeting about cuts

### From Staff Reports

The University of Maine Athletic Advisory Board will conduct a meeting Wednesday to solicit input regarding a budget recommendation placed before it to withdraw varsity status from men's soccer and men's and women's swimming and diving.

The public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in room 100 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Team members and coaches from the men's soccer and men's and women's swimming and diving programs, as well as athletic staff and

members of the public, are invited to attend and speak regarding the proposed changes.

Members of the Athletic Advisory Board will attend the event to hear the discussion. The board is then responsible for forwarding its recommendation to UMaine President Peter S. Hoff.

People interested in making sport-specific comments regarding the swimming or soccer programs should contact the teams' respective head coaches by noon Tuesday. Swim coach Jeff Wren can be reached at 518-1076, while men's soccer

coach Travers Evans is available at 581-4777.

Those coaches will determine who will speak during their 30- to 40-minute allotted time frames during Wednesday's session.

Those wishing to make a comment that may not be sport specific during the open period are asked to contact AAB chair Kathryn Slott via e-mail, on FirstClass or at, kathryn.slott@umit.maine.edu by noon Tuesday.

Speaking time is limited and those unable to speak at the event or wishing to add a comment should submit comments via e-mail to Slott.

The schedule for the May 8 program is as follows:

7:05 to 7:35 p.m. — Representatives of the swim program speak

7:35 to 7:45 — Public invited to speak regarding swim programs

7:45 to 7:50 — Break

7:50 to 8:20 — Representatives of the men's soccer program speak

8:20 to 8:30 — Public invited to speak regarding men's soccer program

8:30 to 9:00 — Open comments, not sport specific

## Reasons the Bruins sucked

By Jeff Mannix

For The Maine Campus

Before the 2001/02 NHL season, no one expected much from the Boston Bruins.

The team had some new players, but no one who was all that flashy.

The team had a new coach, Robbie Ftorek, who somehow managed to make the New Jersey Devils, who won the Stanley Cup in 2000 after he was fired, look bad.

No, hopes were not high.

But as the season rolled along, the team started playing well. The young kids who have grown up in the system, Joe Thornton, Sergei Samsonov, Nick Boynton, Kyle McLaren and Hal Gill all played to potential. Some of the new guys, Bill Guerin, Martin Lapointe, Sean O'Donnell and Rob Zamuner all played well. And when everyone questioned the B's trading Jason Allison to LA for Glen Murray and Jozef Stumpel, Murray ended up scoring 41 goals and was the team's leading scorer, and Stumpel ended up with 50 assists. Who can forget Brian Rolston's nine shorthanded goals this year? He really came into his own.

Goalie John Grahame looked, at times, as though he'd steal the starting job from veteran Byron Dafoe.

The Bruins ended with 101 points in the regular season and the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Then, our original fears were confirmed.

How did the Bruins lose in six games in the first round of the playoffs to the eighth-seeded Montreal Canadiens, a team Boston beat three of five times in the regular season? Here are a few reasons.

1. With the exception of six players, the Bruins played like a steaming hot pile of dog crap. The six players who didn't were, in no particular order: Thornton, Rolston, Murray, Boynton, P.J. Axelsson and McLaren. Samsonov and Lapointe had their moments of good play. But, for the most part, everyone else sucked.

2. The Bruins did not put together a full 60-minute game once in the series. I point you to Game two, when the Bruins went up 4-0 in the first eight minutes of the game and then shut it down. Were it not for

See **BRUINS** on page 19