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Hoff: Cooper case handled poorly

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff admonished three university officials for the way they handled a situation involving Stephen Cooper, a senior member of the Black Bears football team who was found in possession of steroids on Nov. 1.

Hoff released a lengthy statement Monday, Jan. 21, summarizing the events surrounding

Cooper's case and outlining actions the president plans to take as a response. Hoff determined that Black Bear head football coach Jack Cosgrove, interim athletics director **Peter S. Hoff**, Paul Bubb and Vice President for Student



FILE PHOTO

Affairs Richard Chapman failed to follow policies of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

They showed poor judgment by allowing a team member who had admitted to possessing a performance-enhancing substance to participate in game competition until receiving objective verification, through testing, that Mr. Cooper had not used the substance that he had in his possession on Nov. 1, Hoff said.

Cooper was a passenger in a

vehicle stopped by police for speeding on Interstate 95 Nov. 1. As part of the stop, Maine State Trooper Michael Johnson asked permission to search a duffel bag in the car that belonged to Cooper. The bag contained about 1,000 pills that Cooper identified as steroids. The senior was summonsed for possession of a schedule Y drug, which is a misdemeanor offense in Maine.

Shortly after Nov. 1, Cooper notified a member of his coach-

ing staff of the incident. Subsequently, Cosgrove, Bubb and Chapman were notified. While possession of steroids is not a violation of NCAA regulations, it does violate the university's athletic code of conduct. However, the three university officials did not press forward with an investigation and Cooper finished his season on the field.

Their failure to follow prop-

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Budget woes leave UM \$1.7 mil short

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Reporter

Negative effects from the budget recession in 2002 have left the University of Maine in a \$1.7 million shortfall and questioning future enrollment growths.

In late December of 2002, former Gov. Angus King passed the second significant reduction of money allocated by the state to the University of Maine System. December's reduction amounted to \$923,984 for UMaine, adding to June's reduction for a total loss of \$1,678,176, according to UMaine's Interim Chief Financial

Officer Mark Anderson.

You can't take that much money out of the university budget and not have it make an impact, Anderson said.

Although the budget recession has made an impression at UMaine in the eyes of administrators, students may not have felt all of its effects yet.

There are things that would have happened with the lost money that can't happen now, Anderson said. Such things that were planned for prior to the budget recession included new computers

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Res. Life works to fill spring RA vacancies

By Rick Redmond
For The Maine Campus

Students returning to campus this spring will have a few new faces to learn.

A total of 14 new Resident Assistants have been hired to fill vacancies left by staff members who did not return to their posts for the spring semester, according to Anne Marie Reed, assistant director of Residence Life and Programs. There are currently 90 RAs employed by Residence Life.

There is always a turnover of staff members after the fall semester, Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs, said. But in the past it's been more like 10 or

11 students not returning.

Most RAs who didn't return to their jobs had come to a mutual decision with the office of Residence Life. Among the RAs not returning, four asked for a leave of absence, three decided to study abroad, and one marine reservist was called up for active duty.

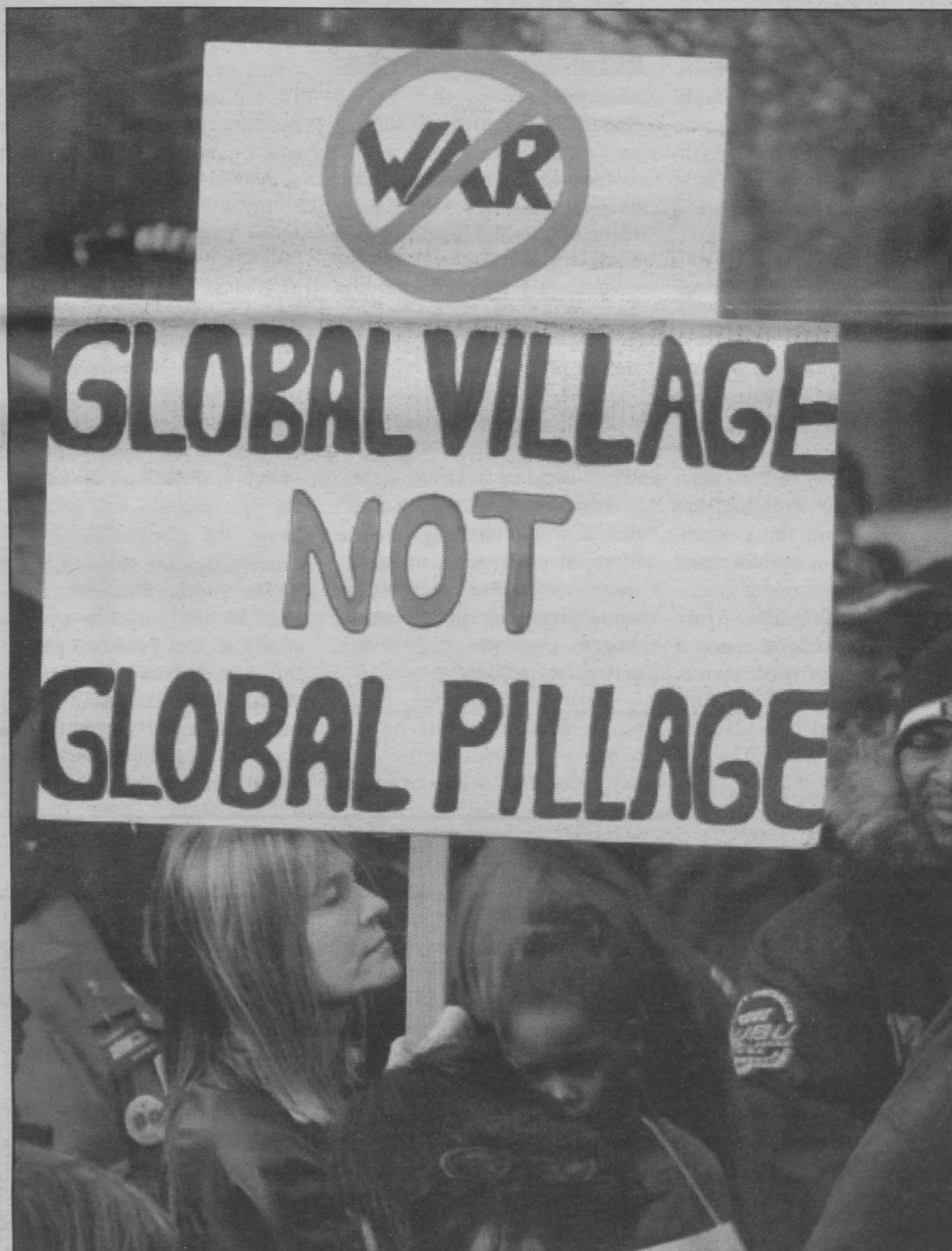
Replacing these people exhausted Residence Life's supply of alternate RAs from last fall's applicants.

Smith said there are always a few students who decide that being an RA is not the job for them.

The position is all-encompassing and demanding, said

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A plea for peace



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University of Maine students traveled to Washington, D.C. for Martin Luther King Jr. Day to protest the war in Iraq. People from across the country converged at the Capitol and marched to the Washington Navy Yard. Lesli Wall (pictured above) of Atlanta, Ga. was one of the marchers at the Jan. 20 rally. Speakers at the rally included Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark. See story on page 2.

The World BEYOND UMaine

Universities to follow foreign admission guidelines

Schools soon will be required to keep a closer watch on foreign students. The \$37 million system was designed swiftly in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

New rules won't change how students qualify or apply to study in the United States, but, starting Jan. 30, colleges, universities, vocational institutes and high schools will have to tell federal authorities if international students don't turn up on campus when expected.

The schools also must submit to inspections, intended to ensure their business is education and not giving easy visas, and contribute to a new database that aims to track the almost 600,000 foreigners in the United States on student and academic exchange visas.

If schools don't comply with the rules, they won't be able to bring in foreign students, a potentially significant loss for many colleges and universities.

U.S. begins Gulf buildup

The United States military is deploying much of its firepower to the Persian Gulf region.

The Bush administration continues to say that no decision on a war with Iraq has been made, but the momentum for battle is building, and fast.

On Jan. 20, the Army announced orders for a 30,000-member task force, including the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, to begin rolling out. The 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort

Stewart, Ga., was already en route with 19,000 soldiers.

Over the weekend of Jan. 18-19, orders were sent down from the Pentagon for the Navy to dispatch a third and a fourth aircraft carrier-battle group to the region, each with about 8,000 personnel, 80 aircraft and a flotilla of smaller warships.

Roe v. Wade turns 30

Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized



abortion across the United States, turned 30 years old this past week.

One of the most significant changes Frances Kissling, president of the Washington-based Catholics for a Free Choice, has observed in the three decades since Roe v. Wade is a much greater sensitivity to the question of life.

Bush attacks affirmative action

President Bush said Jan. 15 that he would challenge the use of racial preferences in admissions to public universities while proposing an alternative way to guarantee diversity in college classrooms.

Bush's challenge could prove to be a historic turning point in America's efforts to overcome its legacy of racial

discrimination. If the Supreme Court follows his approach, efforts to achieve diversity in higher education and, by extension, in other institutions throughout society, could shift to standards based on merit tests or socioeconomic class rather than race.

The president instructed administration lawyers to make the argument in a brief filed Jan. 16 at the Supreme Court in a case challenging the use of racial preferences in admissions at the University of Michigan. It is the first time the high court has considered a challenge to affirmative action in college admissions since 1978, and its ruling could affect all public colleges. The court will hear oral arguments in March.

Sniper suspect to face death penalty

A judge ruled Jan. 15 that sniper suspect John Lee Malvo, 17, can stand trial as an adult, a decision that means the teen could face the death penalty if convicted.

Juvenile and Domestic Court Judge Charles Maxfield made his ruling in the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin in the parking lot of a Home Depot store in Falls Church, about eight miles west of the White House.

While Maxfield said there were no eyewitnesses linking Malvo to Franklin's slaying or the others mentioned in testimony, the circumstantial evidence was quite strong.

The youth, who was implicated by authorities in a series of attacks that killed 13 people and wounded five more in the Washington area and across the nation last fall, could face death by lethal injection if convicted.

American contractor shot in Kuwait

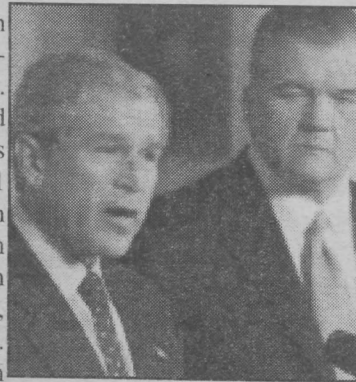
An American contractor working for the U.S. Army was killed and another was wounded Jan. 21 when gunmen fired on them on a highway south of Camp Doha, the main U.S. military base in Kuwait.

No group claimed responsibility and no arrests have been made. U.S. Ambassador Richard Jones condemned the shooting as a terrorist incident.

The attack occurred about 9:15 a.m. local time at a stoplight near the Doha Spur, about five miles south of the camp, as the Americans waited to turn off the main highway onto a road leading into Kuwait City.

U.S. Embassy officials identi-

fied the man who died as 46-year-old Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, of San Diego. He worked for Tapestry Solutions, a San Diego-based software development firm under contract to the Army.



able about going to a teach-in or getting on a bus to Washington, said Peter Lems, an anti-war organizer with the American Friends Service Committee, or Quakers.

A Gallup Poll of 1,000 adults taken between Jan. 3-5 found 53 percent of those Americans contacted say the situation in Iraq is worth going to war over. Other polls have found more support for war, but that enthusiasm wanes when

pollsters ask about a war involving U.S. troops attacking on the ground or thousands of U.S. casualties.



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for labs on campus, new student programs and more professors.

UMaine administrators have instituted selective hiring practices by waiting to fill vacancies until more is known about the finality of the budget recession.

We are waiting anxiously to see what happens in this session of the legislature when the governor proposes his budget to see whether this will stay the same or change next year, Anderson said.

The main thing that can be done now is just to wait and see what happens, he said.

We'll continue to work with the UMS to explain the value of what we do for the state and why it's important to provide that state appropriation. And then we'll just deal with whatever decision they have to make, Anderson said.

No layoffs have been made and university administrators are hopeful none will occur in the future.

A main reason major effects of this budget recession have fortunately not been felt yet is the result of an increase in student enrollment last fall.

Tuition revenues have really helped to deal with this reduction, Anderson said. With about 1,800 new students arriving at UMaine last fall, Anderson agrees if there was any time to experience a budget recession of this magnitude, this was the best time for it to occur.

It remains to be seen how much growth the university will be able to handle in the near future with a reduction of such a large amount of money. Anderson said this is one of the biggest impacts of the budget

recession.

This is forcing the university administration to think about whether we can continue to grow or not, he said. With 1,800 new students last fall we'd have tried to make it 1,850 next fall, but there's some serious conversation whether we can do that or not.

Anderson presumes the biggest impact from this budget recession is yet to come for UMaine. Not knowing whether or not this is a one-time reduction or whether additional cuts in the future are a possibility makes it difficult to make any major decisions regarding future student enrollment, he said.

With more than 11,000 students enrolled at UMaine, President Peter Hoff is concerned that it is reaching a point where enrolling

more students may be unrealistic without increased state support, according to a UMaine press release.

There is confusion of UMaine's growth feasibility, Hoff does not fear the university's future.

This is a challenge, but it is one we are prepared to face head-on, Hoff said. It will not deter us from continuing to move in a positive direction.

According to Hoff, any budget cut this large is painful, but since this second reduction was planned for it will be easier to deal with.

By being selective in our hiring and taking other actions over the past several months, we have been able to create the fiscal climate we need to deal with this recession, Hoff said. We need to bear in mind that all of our depart-

mental budgets are stretched very thin. Every unit has made tremendous sacrifices in order to allow the university to continue operating and serving students.

Had we not done that planning then this curtailment at this point would have been much more painful, Anderson said.

UMaine's situation is manageable, but certainly not ideal.

It's not a desirable outcome at all, but you have to do with what the public is willing to spend, Anderson said. We'll get through it just fine if this was a one-time budget cut, but if there are going to be more in the future that's when the real difficult decisions will come.

The real question still is, what does this mean for next fall? Anderson said.



Police Beat

Orono &
Old Town

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

¥ Two men were arrested following a missing car report from Veazie Friday, Jan. 17 at about 3 a.m. Officers responded to a report that a stolen car was spotted in the parking lot of the Irving service station on Stillwater Avenue. When the police cruiser pulled into the lot, the car immediately began to leave. An officer on foot chased after the car, banging on the door, and demanded it be opened. Due to the positioning of the police cruiser, the car could not maneuver out of the lot and instead crashed into a red pickup truck. The operator, identified as David Oclair, 23, and the passenger, identified as Derek Oclair, 21, were immediately removed from the car and handcuffed. They were both arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and taken to the Penobscot County Jail.

¥ A man was arrested following a stolen vehicle report out of Old Town on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12:20 a.m. A man reported that he left his 1998 GMC Sierra truck running outside of the Riverfront Pub in an effort to keep it warm while he went inside to get something. Upon returning to the truck, he discovered that it was missing. Police located the truck traveling south on Interstate 95 towards Bangor. The truck was pulled over. The operator, identified as Christopher Cook, 29, was arrested and taken to Penobscot

County Jail. It was discovered that he had an active warrant out for his arrest and that he did not have a valid driver's license. When questioned about taking the truck, he explained that someone told him to take it and follow his brother to a party. He was unable to wait for the owner of the truck because they were in a hurry. He stated that he did not know who the owner was. Following sobriety testing, he was issued a summons for operating under the influence.

¥ A man was issued a summons following a situation on the College Avenue extension Sunday, Jan. 19 at 5:12 a.m. Upon inspection of a parked vehicle, it was found that the vehicle was running and two people were sitting inside. The smell of marijuana was also detected. When asked about this, one of the occupants said that they were not smoking marijuana, although they had been smoking earlier, causing the smell. A search of the car produced a small amount of marijuana, rolling papers and a bowl. As a result, Devin Deabler, 18, was issued a summons for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

¥ A damaged sign belonging to the University of Maine was discovered in Old Town Monday, Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. The sign was found on West Old Town Road cut in half. It was returned to the University. Estimated total damage came to \$100.



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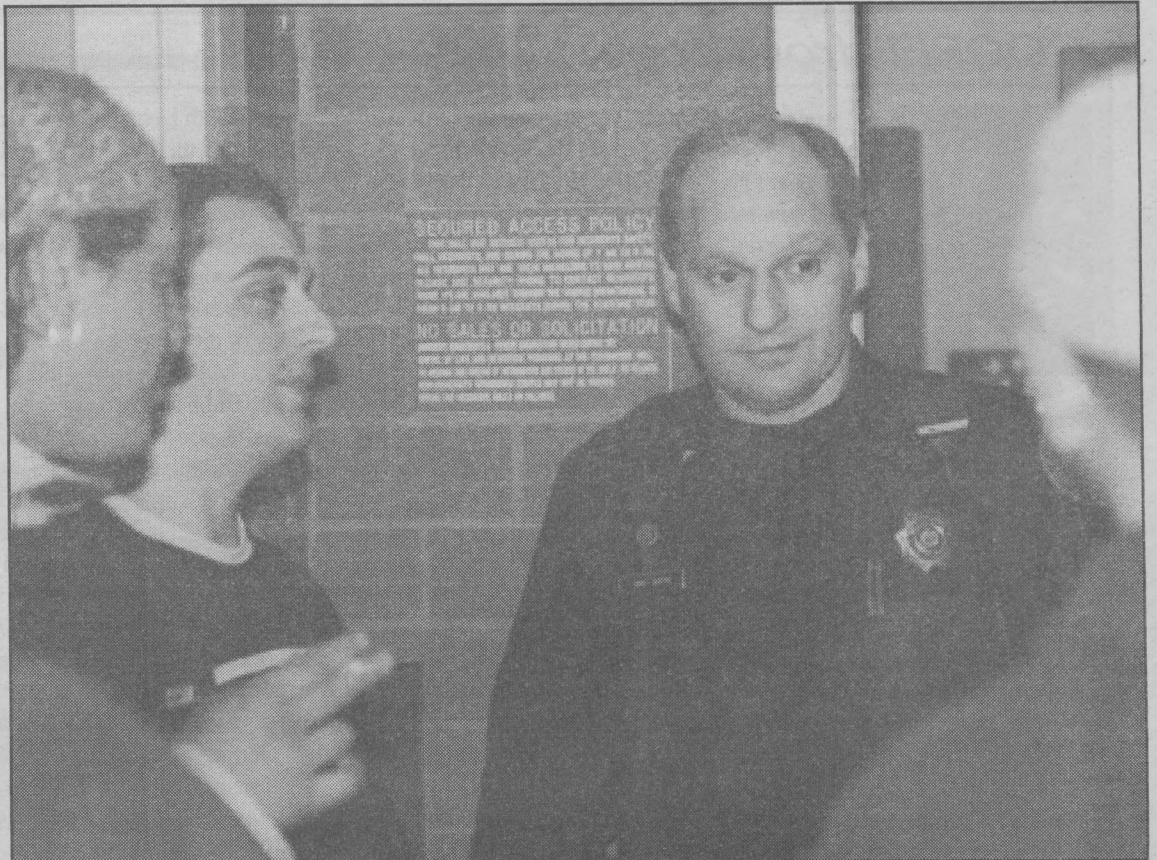
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Officer Scott Curtis talks to students before last year's Bumstock festival.

To search or not to search?

The Maine Campus takes a look at student rights

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Each weekend, many University of Maine students find themselves in the same situation. They are in their dorm room, with the door shut, drinking alcohol and suddenly a knock is heard, followed by the words, Public Safety.

Most students immediately assume that they must open the door to Public Safety. They attempt to hide all alcohol and allow the officers to enter; a summons to local court is usually the result.

The truth is, however, that under the fourth amendment, a student is not required to open their door to Public Safety.

Even though a student's room on campus is, in essence, state-owned property, residents have the same rights to privacy within their home as any other citizen.

Officers still need a warrant signed by a judge, they must be in hot pursuit of a fleeing felon or they must be invited into a student's room [prior to entering], Ted Curtis of Legal Services said.

Without one of these three reasons, Curtis explained that officers have no right to enter a dorm room.

The biggest mistake made by residents in this area is inviting officers in. Invitations into a room can be as simple as saying, come in, when a knock is heard. Once the officer has been invited in, the fourth amendment is no longer an issue.

The biggest problem here is

defining what constitutes being invited [in], Curtis said.

If there is a question as to whether or not an officer was truly invited in, Curtis explained that the issue of search and seizure can be raised through a probable cause hearing within 21 days after arraignment. These hearings essentially bring up, the issue of whether or not a person's fourth amendment rights were violated in any given situation, including entrance into dorm rooms.

Additionally, the subject of probable cause often comes to the forefront in student arrests. In a report given out by Legal Services, it is explained that probable cause means evidence which would lead a reasonable person to believe that an offense has been committed or that contraband is present in the place to be searched. Probable cause does not mean certainty, only

that something is expected.

While a warrant can be issued following probable cause, there are instances where not even a warrant or complete probable cause are needed. According to the legal affairs report quoted above, the degree of certainty that an officer must have in order for that search to be reasonable varies from situation to situation.

While students are not required by law to allow Public Safety officers into their room without a warrant, officers can wait outside the room while a warrant is being produced. This can take a while, Public Safety said that in many cases they will wait.

Even in this situation, a person has the right to inspect the warrant prior to allowing anyone in.

A student does not give up their constitutional rights when they come to the university, Curtis said.

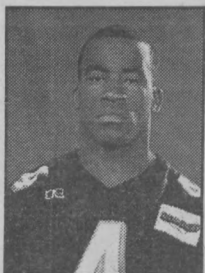
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Stephen Cooper

Following Cooper's admission of possession, he told university officials he had not used the substance but was planning to when the season ended to prepare for a possible National Football League tryout. From there the investigation ceased until the season ended and the information was then made public.

I think it's fair to say they did investigate, but they didn't really follow the letter of the law, Hoff said.

Cooper pleaded guilty to possession of steroids Dec. 19 at U.S. District Court in Bangor. He is no

longer enrolled at the university and is awaiting sentencing. While Hoff said he doesn't want to give the impression that he is merely slapping his own officials on the wrist, the president placed the blame squarely on his own shoulders.

I should not have assumed, without confirming, that the matter was being handled properly and that all of the necessary steps and communications were taking place, Hoff said. I assume ultimate responsibility for the unacceptable handling of the Cooper situation.

Hoff stood behind both Bubb and Cosgrove, whose respective futures as athletic staff members is uncertain. Cosgrove's contract is up in June and Bubb, who still carries an interim label, is applying for the athletics director position on a permanent basis.

I think very highly of both of these gentlemen, Hoff said. The fact that some mistakes were

made doesn't change my overall opinion of their ability to do their jobs.

Cosgrove was unavailable for comment and Bubb only had a brief response.

I believe it was well within the rights of the president to conduct a review, and I'm glad that this is finished, Bubb said.

As responsive action, Hoff has made administrative changes to assure more comprehensive review of future matters. The athletic director will now report directly to the president, rather than the vice president of Student Affairs. In addition, Hoff is placing the athletic compliance director under the direct oversight of the president.

Getting that direct reporting relationship between me and the athletic director and making sure the compliance officer is well-charged and in a position to carry out his responsibilities are the most important things to me right now, Hoff said.

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Smith. [The staff member] needs to be available for students living in their residence halls.

RAs are not allowed to hold part-time jobs off campus due to the demanding nature of the job. RA positions are considered to be a 20 hours per week job, but staff members often

find themselves working far more hours.

Maintaining a position as a RA also requires a commitment to academic requirements. Staff members are required to maintain a minimum 2.25 grade point average in order to keep his or her

position. Last semester, there were two instances of staff members becoming academically ineligible for the job.

We're concerned about the successes of our RAs on a personal and academic level, said Smith. They must be part of a successful community.

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LEGAL Affairs



Attorneys David R. Miller and Ted Curtis

Q: The police often stop by our apartment and tell us to quiet down and that if they have to come back that there will be arrests. I feel like they are just trying to break up parties, and I don't think the parties were that loud. Can you explain the law?

A: From your description, it appears that the police are warning you that you are creating noise in violation of 17-A M.R.S.A. 501, also known as disorderly conduct. In pertinent part, the statute states that it is a Class E crime to make loud and unreasonable noise in a private place that can be heard by another person, who may be a law enforcement officer, as unreasonable noise in a public place or in another private place, after having been ordered by a law enforcement officer to cease the noise.

This is an all-too-common occurrence in Orono. Some residents, including other students, feel under siege by neighboring students. Keep in mind that it is not only loud music, but also shouting, laughing and the comings and goings of guests who are outside that can contribute to creating unreasonable noise. These are all things that you may not be aware of as party host. Also, sound carries especially clearly at night.

In a notable First Amendment case, a United States Supreme Court Justice once said your freedom of expression ends at the tip of my nose. While we could not with a straight face say that this issue involves your right to freedom of speech, the principle is similar. You must balance your urge to party with the need to be respectful of others. The use of the term unreasonable arguably allows you to be very loud without violating the law

under certain circumstances. The perception of noise is a function of time, place and relationships. If you live in a densely populated area and your band is practicing with the volume cranked up to eleven, you can be fairly assured that this is not reasonable and that you are a good candidate for a visit from the police. If, on the other hand, your nearest neighbor is 500 yards away through the woods, it may require a lot of noise to qualify as unreasonable. Obviously, noise will be tolerated less as the evening (or morning) progresses.

If you are planning a gathering, inform the neighbors. Invite them if appropriate. Ask if there is anything you can do in order to avoid causing them annoyance. If your neighbor says they won't tolerate noise, you'll know that you have picked the wrong place to throw a party and you can alter your behavior accordingly. The other options are to risk a citation for violating the law or dedicate yourself to healthier pursuits that don't involve noise, drinking, or illegal or dangerous behavior. If the police do arrive with a warning, the safest course is to shut down the gathering immediately and refrain from engaging in an argument with an officer of the law. Remember, if you ever believe that you have been unjustly charged, you should consider exercising your right to a trial and consult an attorney.

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EDITORIAL

Bush's itchy trigger fingers

On Tuesday night, George W. Bush will do something he hasn't had to do since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11: confront a nation that is losing faith in his leadership. As the President's approval ratings slip amid international furor over a proposed war on Iraq, he is under pressure from party faithful to unite, once and for all, American support for action in the Middle East.

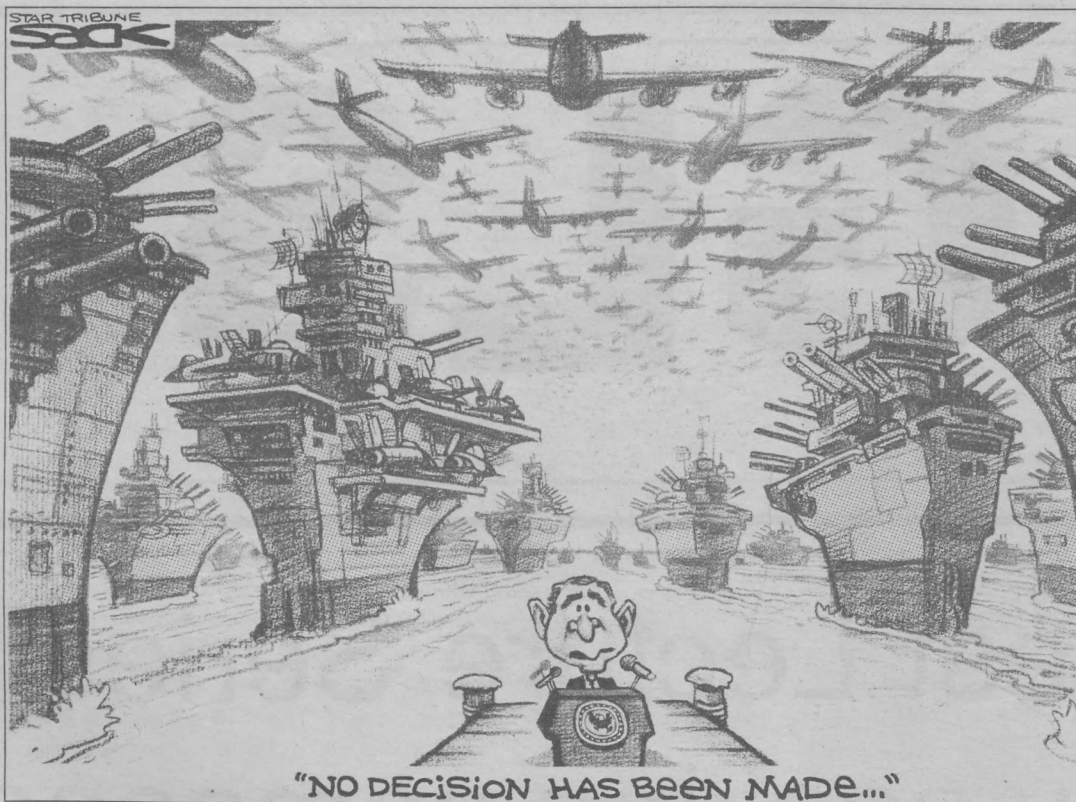
The path will not be easy.

Although Bush's father gained widespread support and, subsequently, political popularity for his role in the 1991 invasion, Bush Jr. has several major stumbling blocks to overcome before the dream that is "Desert Storm II" becomes a reality. At a time when only the United Kingdom will lend the United States unqualified support, Bush's hawkish tendencies have begun to grate on an already uneasy public.

Vocalizations from key allies like Russia, France, Canada and Germany have only added fuel to a fire that threatens to dissolve Bush's hold on his constituents' approval.

Faced with the critical backlash that would be the inevitable result of a backdown from invasion and widespread condemnation against war, Bush has apparently chosen the latter path, marshaling reserves from across the country to gather preemptively in various locations across the Gulf.

These blatant preparations for war fly directly in the face of the council created, in part, to prevent unwarranted international conflict. Without backing from the United Nations, war in Iraq will appear to the world as it actually is: a war based on claims the world has not yet had a chance to properly evaluate. Bush should wait for the arms inspectors to release a full report before he begins deploying troops into the region. Only when the remaining members of the security council have had a chance to evaluate the report will we accurately be able to weigh the dangers of an invasion of Iraq.



Winter's harsh bite

Unrelenting wind, bitterly cold nights and poor judgement

Lately, it's been cold enough for me to start thinking about giving up on going to class and hibernating in my bed for the next month.

Last week, I experienced the coldest weather I can actually remember gracing my popsicle cheeks and nearly split lips. I moved back into my dorm room on Jan. 18. With my guitar amp and laundry hamper in hand, I felt the frigid wind creep up my spine.

The Caribou National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration web site reported that when I was moving back into my room, the temperature was bumping around 20 below zero, and Wednesday the average temperature was one

MARSHALL
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OPINION EDITOR

degree below zero.

With Icelandic-type temperatures gracing the Pine Tree State, I need to discuss a few things. When it is deathly cold outside, fashion doesn't matter. Although I'm not completely innocent in this department, you cannot expect to go outside in a fleece.

Clothing choices don't matter when you're debating between looking trendy and dying.

Food for thought: smoking is a

habit most of you cancer-stick favoring people should rethink in the current state of the Northeast's weather forecasts. I saw a young male and female standing outside Hart Hall Wednesday afternoon having a smoke.

With rosy red cheeks and fingers shaking from the beginning stages of frostbite, people who are outside smoking need to be stripped naked and thrown into the snow. Why would you ever go outside into temperatures below zero degrees to have a cigarette? If you're voluntarily putting yourself in a situation that requires you to poison yourself in already lung-constricting weather, you need your head examined.

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Letters to the Editor

YUMaine's Student President

I would like to thank YUMaine's student body for its tremendous show of support in the December 2002 elections. Not only did Matthew Gagnon and I each receive the greatest total number of votes ever cast, but the overall turnout was YUMaine's highest in its 140 year history. Given

this enthusiastic mandate from our student body, I want to update you on some of the exciting initiatives taking place in Student Government.

Pending final approval of the General Student Senate, all Senate meetings will be televised on the campus TV network this semester.

The three highest ranking

executive officers of Student Government have been appointed to the university's Parking and Transportation Committee. Your student leaders are going to have direct input in all parking and transportation issues, and we will keep you updated throughout the year.

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Virus locks down UMaine

One unusual Saturday

BRAD
PRESCOTT



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Saturday could have been the day children ventured outside to play, slowly rejuvenating atrophic limbs and nursing light-sensitive eyes as they emerged from darkened houses to consummate childhood with physical activity.

Saturday could have been the day neighbors met over tea to catch up on gossip and exchange chicken recipes, discussing whose names were seen in newspaper obituaries and how fat husbands were becoming.

Saturday could have been the day geographically isolated individuals put ink to paper in familiar correspondence, carefully penning words henceforth immortalized in the realm of the physical world.

Saturday could have been the day many long-forgotten rituals were revived from fleeting memory to be firmly reinstated as part of daily life. But it wasn't. The Internet was fixed.

On Saturday, when a worm dubbed the SQL Slammer disrupted computer systems worldwide and paralyzed UMaine networks for most of the day, there escalated nothing short of widespread terror throughout the masses of e-mail dependent students. Unable to cope with the apocalyptic magnitude of a day without FirstClass and Instant Messenger, those less fortunate than I resorted to a fetal position of immobility.

Admittedly, I shared in some of the panic. I perceived a sharp discomfort upon learning of the digital serpent that squirmed its way between a world of information and myself. I began to wonder how long days would be spent if not staring deeply into a computer screen for computers are certainly useless without the Internet. I became frustrated knowing my privilege no, my God-given

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Cold

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Saturday night I was shopping at Thriftway and came across a particularly disturbed fellow. He walked up to the counter to pay for his items in shorts. Saturday evening, the temperature was hovering around zero degrees. I couldn't take it, so I told him, Kind of cold for the shorts.

He replied with Ya, I figure you have got to air out the clothes that have been put up for a while.

As the cashier began to laugh and I started to ponder several irrational ideas, the dude in the shorts showed no signs of being phased. Do his clothes need encouragement? Why does he need to air them out in the winter? The same night, I was hoping that I was the victim of a meaningless bet by a few friends rather than the witness of a sick young man. My credo: Do not wear shorts when

it's below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

I can't even begin to fathom why someone wouldn't dress for the weather. You'll get your chance to redeem your image in the spring I promise.

So here we are, not even half way through winter. Some people are only wearing sweaters to class and think they're too cool for coats. If frostbitten fingers are cool for impressing the ladies then I guess my definition of cool is a bit dated. I would like to keep my fingers as opposed to impressing the ladies.

I leave you Eskimos with some advice: stay warm, don't listen to your fashion sense, stay indoors and no matter what anyone else tells you, we still have 53 days of winter left.

Marshall Dury is a junior journalism major.

Internet

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right to check my e-mail had been violated like the innocence of a child watching a Christina Aguilera video.

But soon the anger subsided and I began to remember days when the Internet was little more than an obscure Al Gore project and for a select few of the intellectual elite.

There were days in which civilized people did not perpetually gravitate toward an advanced specimen of silicon and plastic in order to appease the desire for information and impersonal communication. Instead, the curious read books and newspapers; the separated made personal visits, wrote letters or, at the least, made phone calls. A computer was widely a luxury more often a novelty not the lifeblood of mortal existence.

Don't get me wrong, computers are great. It's hard to imagine how this university could function without them. Checking out a book from the library, advertising campus activities and researching

information would all be radically less efficient processes without the aid of e-mail, Web browsing and other technological infrastructure. Computers in a university setting indubitably contribute to a more comprehensive and efficient education.

However invaluable their involvement in our daily lives seems to be, computers remain an inadequate substitute for interpersonal communication. Though Saturday's disturbance was short-lived and insubstantial, it helped to remind me how completely absurd our dependence on technology can be.

I can only hope that in those seemingly endless hours without the Internet others may have reflected on the exaggerated role technology plays in our lives. I would like to think the intellectually astute debated the topic passionately that fateful Saturday afternoon. And I would like to think they didn't do it on their cell phones.

Brad Prescott is a senior economics and English major.

Letters

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Many students may not realize it, but the 140-plus clubs that exist on campus are a key component of Student Government. To promote club growth and leadership, Student Government is investing its \$25,000 reserve account in a scholarship fund with the University of Maine Foundation. The proceeds from the investment will be used annually, in the form of a scholarship, to recognize and honor student leaders who make significant contributions to their group.

To build school spirit, Student Government is working with the Senior Skulls and All Maine Women to bring back the Senior Council. The Senior Council will sponsor events for seniors and promote

school spirit in the weeks leading up to graduation. Additionally, we are setting up student-friendly events for Homecoming 2003.

Student Government is going to have a new feel this year. This week, we are unveiling an employment policy that will build structure, accountability and teamwork. We are focused on setting up training opportunities for our student leaders.

As these changes fall into place, and we begin to work on other initiatives, I will keep you updated on our progress.

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UMaine Student Body President

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The dream of unity

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision cannot be denied

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and the holiday itself is about the men and women who found each other on different sides of the race line, fighting for racial harmony. It's about the little children who learn about Dr. King and what he did to make sure that the world realized a human only can be judged by their qualities, not their skin color.

Everyone knows Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech which placed the nation in a bevy of emotions. The lesser-known speech that epitomized his legacy was his "I've Seen the Promised Land" speech.

For me what makes the speech so memorable is its display before the nation. If you read the words of his speech, it's like he is telling the crowd that there will be a promised land, a place where the color of your skin, your sex or the number of zeros in your income won't matter. Even though Dr. King had an eerie sense of his own trouble on this earth, he promised people that the promise land is attainable.

You have great men in history but the saying is true: a great man is usually measured by the great

woman by his side. John F. Kennedy was a great man but Jacqueline remarried. Coretta Scott King never remarried. She could have given up the legacy and never thought twice about it. She could have remarried and gone into a "normal" life outside the public eye but she did not. She fought the adversity her husband lived to conquer.

When she was not fearing for the safety of her family, she was right alongside her husband crusading against bigotry. There were men who could have out-matched Dr. King's stature, financial safety and looks but there was no man alive whose actions could out-speak his words. Even today, Ms. King still goes out and speaks his legend and legacy still lives on.

The legend is more than what you read about. It's going to Atlanta and seeing Dr. King's grave and paying your respects. It's about seeing the exact trails he marched as the bottles that were thrown at him were repelled back not with fists, but with words of love and wisdom. Finally, the Dr. King legend is about everyone living together in harmony.

Like everything he did, life is not about race, but it's about unity. A unity that we are so close to getting, but that is still as far away as we can imagine.

Ryan Clark is a freshman year journalism major.

The inner beauty of Virginia

Sniper attacks shake things up

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STAFF REPORTER

When I first tell someone in Maine that I'm from the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., it seems that more often than not I receive the response, "Oh, I want to move there after I graduate."

For one reason or another, Mainers seem to have this viewpoint of the Mid-Coast as a sort of utopia, where wealth, opportunity and beauty oozes. Granted, Virginia is one of the four richest states in the United States, and yes, it is the technological mecca of the East Coast, so it is full of opportunity.

Overall, I think everyone agrees that there is a beauty to southern women and I'm debatably one of the best-looking guys on campus and single, that's right ladies. So, I would have to agree with most perceptions of my home state. I used to agree until my six-month stay in Virginia that began in June of this past year.

As you can tell, my transferring to the Washington, D.C. area didn't last. Rather, I've found myself once again in the cold, barren wasteland that is Maine. I must say, it's great to be back: 6 feet of snow, below zero temperatures, northern hospitality and whoopie pies man, how I've missed whoopie pies.

For those of you unaware of this fact, outside of the northeastern one

percent of our country, the word whoopie pie means nothing, except for maybe some vague, crude, sexual joke. I mean, don't get me wrong, the northern Virginia area will always be my home, it's just I think I prefer it as my home that I visit, rather than my home that I call home.

My first few months back went by rather easily until October. This is when Washington, D.C. once again moved to the center of media attention due to a string of sniper attacks. These attacks had everyone in a 75 mile radius scared for their lives. For the first time, these random killings were coming to us, the suburbanites.

Normally when a person from the suburbs is killed, it's on purpose, due to reasons such as sour relationships, drug deals gone bad, or pissing off the Internal Revenue Service. But now, it seemed that someone was coming to our neighborhoods to shoot us. This was frightening. People walked zig-zag into grocery stores with large smiles on their faces as if to say, "Haha, sniper, looks like I've evaded you

once again. Didn't expect zig-zags, did ya?"

The gas industry began losing money since people avoided stopping at gas stations except when absolutely necessary. Some even resorted to public transportation as a means to avoid having to stop for gas. People ran from any tip given by Chief Moose including the tip that the killer was driving a white van with a rack on top.

So, this tip didn't prove to be that important when the sniper was caught, but due to this tip, several illegal immigrants were successfully deported after the authorities were called about white vans full of Hispanics. To be honest, I felt bad for these people, but I guess it serves them right to be driving white vans around neurotic suburbanites like us. In the end the sniper was caught in a small car, and it turned out he never had a van to begin with. Woops.

All in all, the metro-D.C. area really isn't that bad. I do love it, but I just don't think I can live there anymore due to traffic, snipers and really bad attitudes. Oh, and the IRS I somehow pissed them off and they hired someone to kill me, but don't worry about me. I'll be fine. I'm trained in the fine art of zig-zag.

Kyle Webster is a sophomore journalism major.

STYLE.



Friday Feb. 14: A Kiss To Remember: UMaine will attempt to reclaim the record for the most people kissing on the lips at one time. In 1996 UMaine held this record, and on Feb. 14 at 10 p.m. in the Field House will attempt to reclaim it and go down in the Guinness Book of World Records. Participants must be 16 and over to be counted. Sponsored by Kiss 94.5.



Kaleb Wheeler, drummer for Dr. Radical, plays Thursday night at Memorial Union as part of the new "Frequency" concert series.

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Dr. Radical kicks off new series

By Schuyler Dean
For The Maine Campus

The doctor was in at Memorial Union on Thursday Dr. Radical.

Although the first week of the new semester can be stressful, the healing power of Dr. Radical never ceases to amaze.

The band played for a solid two

hours, starting at about 9 p.m., in what was the first concert of a new weekly series called Frequency.

Dr. Radical performed both soothing and motivating melodies full of intricate saxophone and guitar solos and tight tempo changes. The way this quartet mixes comedy and music into their performance, stopping a song to say a quick remark and then jumping

right back into the groove, makes you think these guys must practice together constantly. But according to the band members, they often don't get a chance to play together while juggling school, work and music. The only obvious for their ability to give such a strong performance is that they're just damn

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Student Entertainment, CAB turn to a new "Frequency"

By Schuyler Dean
For The Maine Campus

Some students may remember the ill-fated Movin & Groovin events put on by Student Entertainment last semester. It has now been replaced by a live concert series called Frequency.

We're going to try to get local bands to play for us, Johnston said.

In addition to bands from this area, Biddle said there are plans to pull in bands from as far away as Boston.

Last fall, Movin and Groovin started off with good-size audiences, but by the

"Frequency," a joint venture co-sponsored by Student Entertainment and CAB, looks to bring live music to the Memorial Union every Thursday night. \$5000 has been allocated for the semester to pay for bands, equipment and organizing the shows.

Frequency, a joint venture co-sponsored by Student Entertainment and the Campus Activities Board, looks to bring live music to Memorial Union every Thursday night. Vice president of Student Entertainment Keith Biddle said that \$5,000 has been allocated for the semester to pay for bands, equipment and organizing the shows.

Tim Johnston, bassist for the band Dr. Radical, will direct the program and said he will use his interest in diverse genres of music to bring in as many different styles.

end brought in no more than a small gathering of people. Student Entertainment and CAB hope Frequency will keep people coming back.

We would like each person here on campus [to have] the opportunity to see the type of live music that they prefer to see, Biddle said.

Frequency will be held every Thursday at 9 p.m. in the dining area at Memorial Union. For more information on upcoming events, contact Tim Johnston or check the Student Entertainment folder on FirstClass.

Comedian gets laughs over fire alarms, faulty microphones



Comedian Kevin Bozeman entertains a lively crowd Friday night between interruptions by a fire alarm and a broken microphone.

CAMPUS PHOTO • JEFF BOWEN

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

Fire alarms, alcohol-induced hecklers and microphone difficulties couldn't stop comedian Kevin Bozeman from delivering the laughs Friday night.

Bozeman kicked off this semester's Maine Attraction by telling jokes that ranged in topic from ranging from diarrhea shots to his trip to New York City.

A seasoned comedian, Bozeman has opened for Aretha Franklin and performed on Comedy Central's Premium Blend.

The antics started when Bozeman explained why he hated flu shots, because they inject you with the flu so you can't catch it again.

That does not make sense, Bozeman said. That's like giv-

ing a diarrhea shot and saying drink a big bowl of crap.

Bozeman, a native of Madison, Wis., followed with the usual lineup of Maine cracks.

I was talking to some friends and they were like Where are you going? I told them Maine and they said, Where the hell is that? Bozeman said. It felt like it took me eight years to get here. I thought I was going to fall off the earth it took me so long to get here. There was a point where I almost ran into a tree so I could get someone to talk to me.

Bozeman relied on audience participation for most of the evening, especially when it came to learning about the University of Maine's hockey

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A show of expression

By Diana McElwain
Staff Reporter

The aged gray stone exterior of Carnegie Hall possesses character causing it to stand out from other buildings on campus. The annual Senior Art Exhibit that took place there Friday night was a chance to display the magnificent creativity that occurs behind these stoic walls.

This display was not committed to one particular type of artwork, but was contained a wide variety of expressions and mediums.

Lauren D. Sawchyn's Dissection Reflection One and Two was a disturbingly frank drawing of a dissected rabbit, its organs spilling from its limp form. Some of the work hanging from the wall even incorporated the written word. Graphically my killer bee family stings the galaxy, read a work by Todd Russell.

Sculptures also filled the room's floor space. A more alarming work was a head that extended from the wall by Brian Day titled Meditation.

The second floor of the building boasted a wide range of photography. One type of photography called zone plate provided a different view of the world that was a blurred image of colors, light and shapes, as could be seen in an extensive display by Alan Stubbs.

Perhaps the artist whose work caused the strongest reactions to was Sharon Anderson. Her piece titled Body Style Inc. boldly stood out from everything else in the room. Metal shelves complete with mirrors and many small bottles it looked like a miniature gift shop for the gallery. Upon



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A spectator observes a sculpture in the senior art show this weekend.

closer examination, the bottles read Slim Image Diet Elixir. For its creator, the piece had great personal meaning.

Body Style Inc., a mixed media sculpture, was created partly in response to dealing with a loved one with an eating disorder, Anderson said. This experience led to a consideration of the underlying messages we receive

from the marketing media, which can be assimilated into distorted images of ourselves and others, and which then evolve into a critical view of, and excess focus on weight, weight control and standards of desirability, et cetera.

More than just a private outlet, the artist also anticipated that it would affect the way its viewers looked at themselves, as well as

the rest of the world.

My hope is that this display will increase awareness of some of the forces behind our cultural standards of attractiveness, and how we all, in our own personal lives, have fallen victim to these artificial standards in one way or another, Anderson said. I believe when one sees and identifies with the message in an art-

work, something is impacted and carried within, lasting longer than a verbal message.

Anderson said she was pleased with the turnout at Friday's opening, but hopes more people will explore the Senior Art Exhibit before it ends.

The display will be available to viewers until Feb. 8.

Foiled Again



CAMPUS PHOTO • ERIN MORGAN

Club-goers ventured in from around the state this weekend to see Sandra Collins perform at Ushuaia's Friday. Collins was a no-show and club patrons were disappointed for the third time in recent months with previous cancellations DJ Irene and Steve-O of "Jackass." Local DJs Unity (above) and Griff entertained the crowd for the evening. Collins is expected for a makeup date next Friday.

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Reel 1

Tolkien sequel 'Towers' over expectations

By Aaron Plourde
For The Maine Campus

The highly anticipated film *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* captures viewers immediately and does not let up until the final credits. In terms of narrative and action, this film exceeds its predecessor *The Fellowship of the Ring*.

The movie picks up where *The Fellowship* left off. Sam (Sean Astin) and Frodo (Elijah Wood) are entering the horrific realm of Mordor to cast the Ring into Mt. Doom. It's not long before the creature Gollum (a computer generated character voiced by Andy Serkis) joins the two Hobbits.

Gollum is perhaps the best computer generated character I have ever seen. He is intricately designed and comes across as real as any other character in the movie. However, for those devoted to Tolkien's work, the comical aspect of Gollum portrayed throughout the film is a bit disappointing. By the end of the movie we see Gollum as a more humorous character than the book suggests. As a pivotal character who is tied to the Ring, I feel the film did a poor job conveying Gollum's love-hate relationship with the One Ring.

It seemed near impossible to

top the cinematic splendor of the *Fellowship*, but director Peter Jackson once again proved he could successfully make this epic novel into a film.

Perhaps the greatest scene is the battle at Helm's Deep. Here we get a sense of what Middle Earth is up against. Orcs by the thousands march into the valley, while Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), Gimli (John Rhys-Davies) and Legolas (Orlando Bloom) stand among the men of Rohan to defend the free people.

The raging battle that ensues is gripping and packed with action. The sheer magnitude of battle has never been more brilliantly displayed in any other movie.

The human element of the film is well-portrayed through Aragorn, who becomes more and more the central figure. The dwarf, Gimli, offers much needed comic relief during the most tense moments. The main Hobbits, Sam and Frodo, become more aware that the power of the Ring is a formidable force, more so than they had ever imagined. Frodo himself is often prey to that power and only through the guidance of Sam is he able to continue his journey.

Middle Earth is made real once again in *The Two Towers*, which was something I was very impressed by. We finally see the realms of Gondor and Rohan and



Orcs advance on the fortress at Helm's Deep in New Line Entertainment's second installment of the Tolkien classic, "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."

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learn about various other cultures that are relevant to the quest. Jackson and his crew do a wonderful job creating accurate details that illuminate the differences between the various people of Middle Earth.

Another wonderful CG character is Treebeard, an Ent or for those unfamiliar a walking, talking tree. Here again is an

important character that is displayed wonderfully both in a visual sense and in terms of plot.

Fortunately the computer generated characters do not overshadow the overall realism this movie projects. Although the film is fantasy in nature, the narration and plotline drive this movie, helping to avoid what could have been a computer-generated butchering of

Tolkien's masterpiece.

The movie is long but you won't realize it. I recommend that everyone see this movie, whether you've read the book or not. For Tolkien readers, there are a few scenes that are contrary to the book, but the movie takes on a life of its own that is worth seeing.

I rate this movie four-and-a-half stars out of a possible five.

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Bill Mayo guitarist for Dr. Radical plays Thursday night in the first installment of the "Frequency" series. Mayo played the set in only a bathrobe and underwear which he sported on his head.

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good.

My head and the guitarist's head are binded together by underwear, because we have no choice, bassist Tim Johnston said. He and guitarist Bill Mayo sported black underwear on their heads for the show, while Mayo wore nothing but a bathrobe.

By the end of the show, the majority of the dance floor was moving to the beats, thanks to constant beckoning from drummer Kaleb Wheeler.

The band plays mostly originals, along with covers by Frank Zappa, Dire Straits, and even a jazz classic called Take Five by Dave Brubeck. But perhaps the most recognizable tune is the band's rendition of the Super

Mario Brothers theme song.

Their diverse style ranges from hip hop to jazz to funk, making their live shows inspiring for just about anyone to go see, and this band is no stranger to the stage. They have been playing live shows tirelessly all over Orono, including at the Union, the Pavilion, Bear Brew Pub, Ushuaia's and a few fraternities. The quality of their live shows demonstrates their talent and experience.

We are trying to concentrate on our live shows right now, Johnston said.

The band has also been incorporating different instruments into their music. Johnston used a keyboard and Ryan Foss replaced his

usual tenor saxophone with a soprano during some songs, at times playing both instruments at once. Last semester at the Pavilion the group even had a friend on turntables.

I don't want to start any rumors, we're just experimenting with our sound, Johnston said.

The group had a chance to record at a studio in Westbrook, but turned it down in favor of working on their stage performance. Instead the band has recorded their live gigs and put selected songs up on their Web site as MP3s for visitors to download.

For more information on the band, along with their performance schedule, visit www.doctorradical.com.

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team and the game taking place that evening in Alfond Arena against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Who has ever heard of that school? Bozeman said in reference to Lowell. No wonder you guys are highly rated, you don't play anyone. Who is next, the Eskimos? Let's go crush their igloos.

That's when the night turned sour for Bozeman. During the middle of his routine, the microphone faded out and there was a delay as the stage crew rushed to fix the problem.

Once the microphone was

fixed and Bozeman was ready to continue, smoke from a dishwasher in Memorial Union caused a fire alarm. Public Safety then directed Bozeman and the crowd of 120 students to temporarily relocate to the library.

After the problem was fixed and the crowd filed back into the Union, Bozeman covered the subject of video games.

Remember your [Nintendo Entertainment System]? Bozeman said. Remember when you had to use your magical powers to make that thing work? You used to talk to it

like, What's up man? I got Double Dribble for ya. Wanna see if you can kick my ass?

Bozeman was finally ready to continue his set on schedule when microphone difficulties prematurely ended the night.

I went to [New York City] and people asked me where I was from, and I said Wisconsin, and they said to me that nothing happens [there]. Bozeman said before his microphone cut out.

Nothing happens, we've got Jeffrey Dahmer. You have drive-by shootings, we have drive-by cookouts.

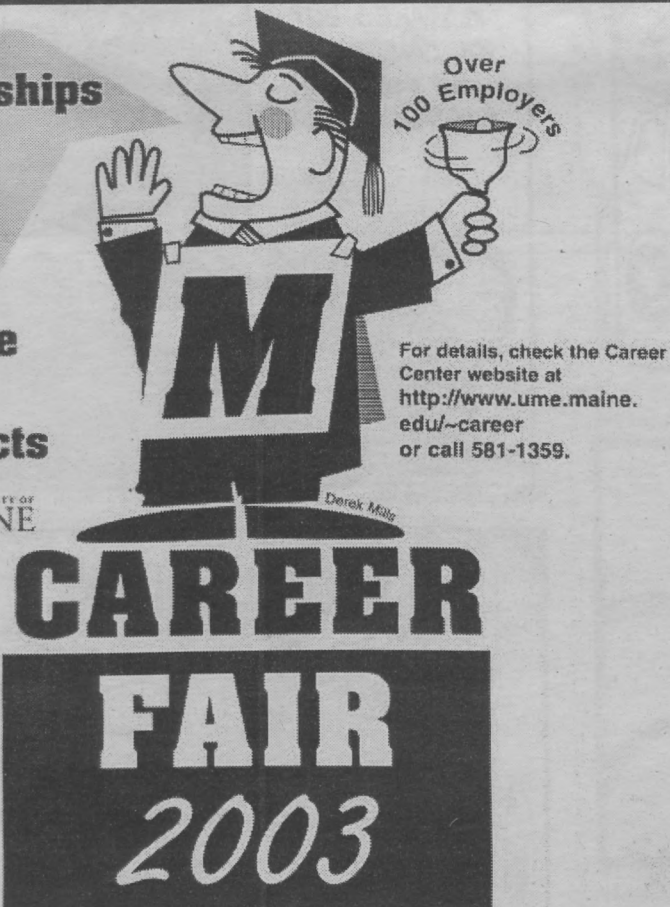
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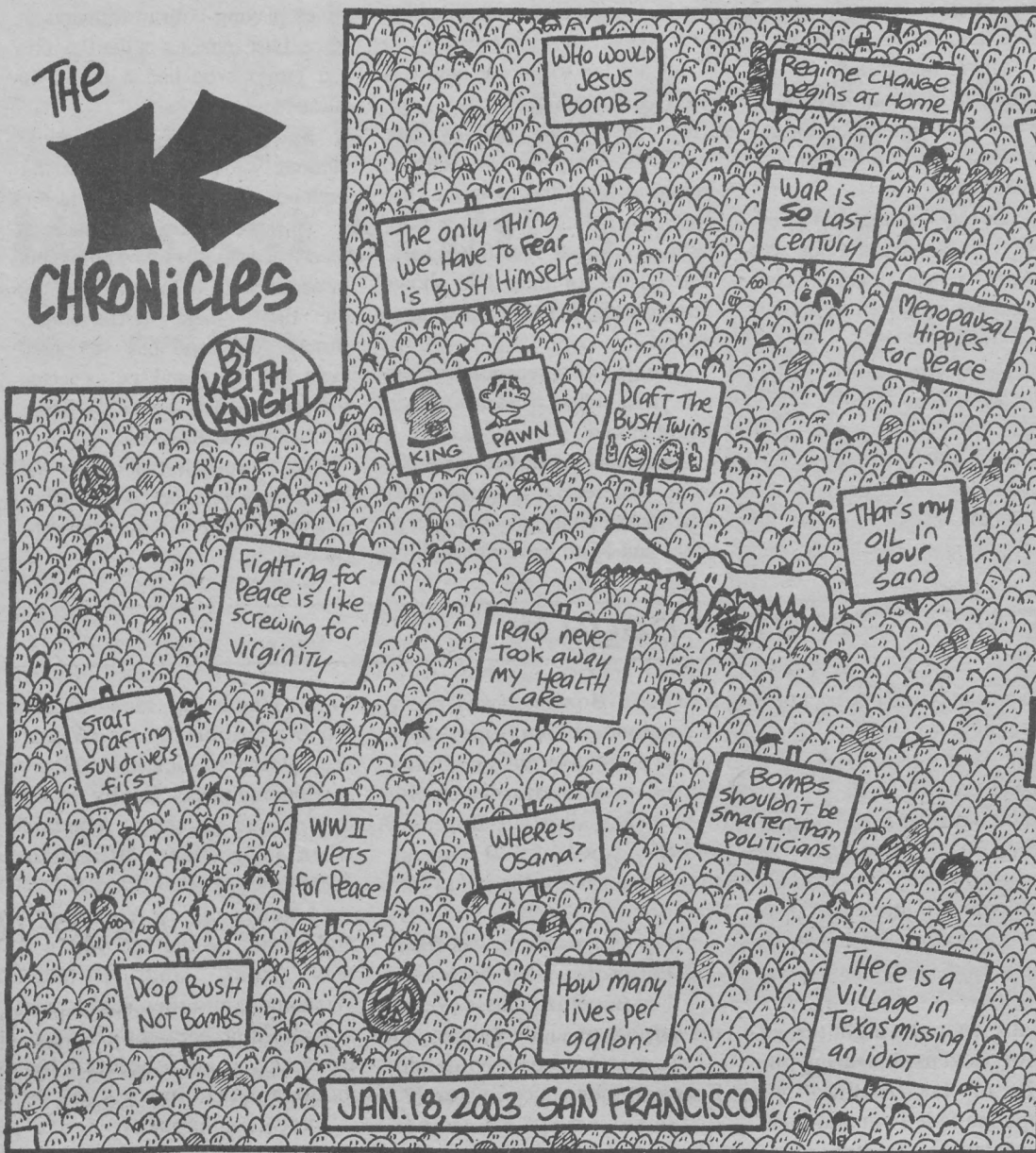
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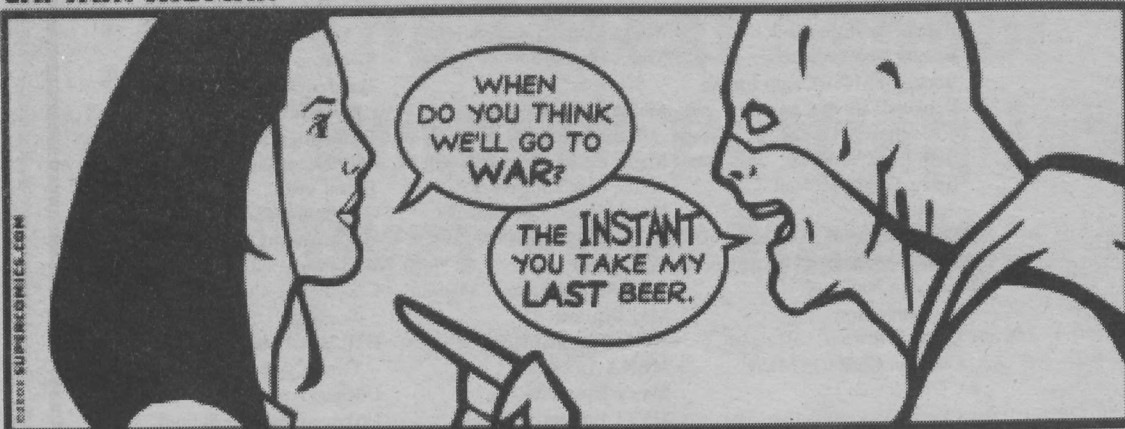
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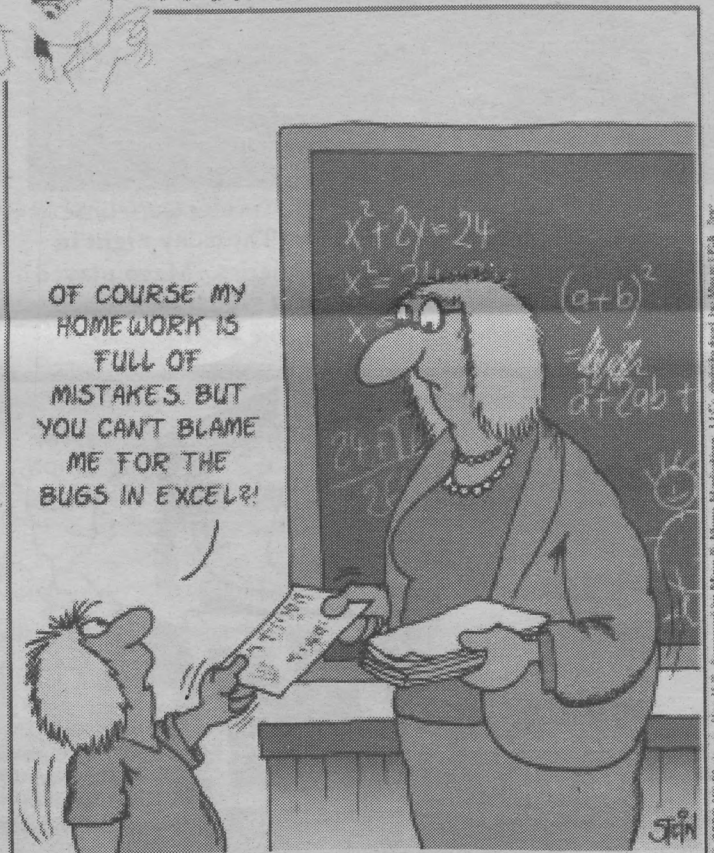
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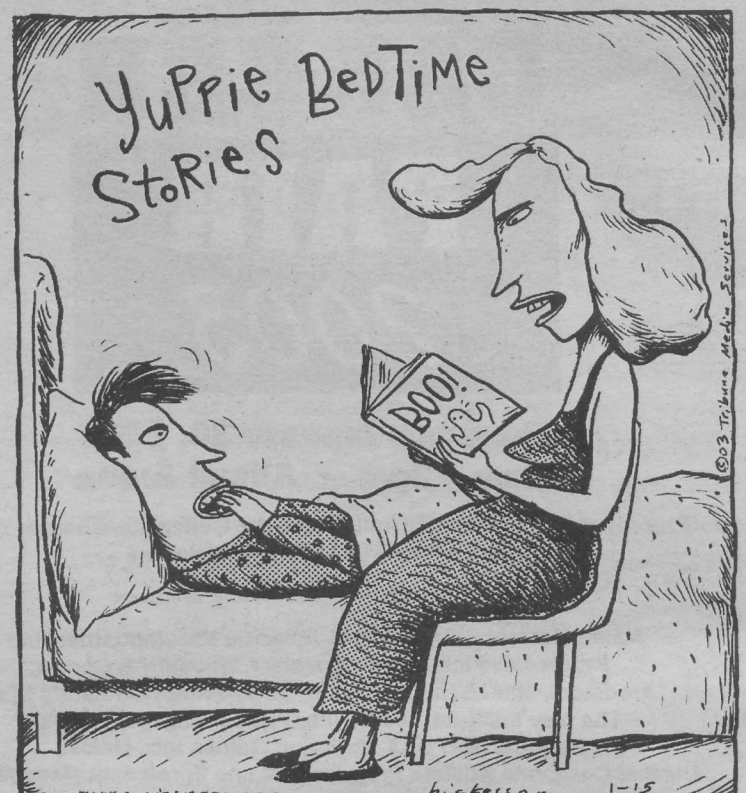


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Women's hockey drops two at home to Niagara

By Matt Hritz
For The Maine Campus

Despite outshooting Niagara University in both games this weekend, the University of Maine women's hockey team (6-10-4 overall, 1-5-2 in Hockey East) suffered two defeats at the hands of the Purple Eagles, 4-2 and 4-3.

They score goals, we don't. We can't put it together, UMaine head coach Rick Filighera said. This has been the most frustrating season I've had here ever. It hasn't been lack of work ethic other than the second period today.

Sunday's game saw the Black Bears get on the board first when senior captain Jarin Sjogren scored on a rebound from the point. Freshman Morgan Janusc and junior forward Meagan Aarts assisted on the goal.

In what would be the trend of the weekend, the Black Bears were unable to hold a lead. The Purple Eagles struck back 28 seconds later to tie the game at one when Valerie Hall found the back of the net.

The second period would be a total disaster for UMaine, as Niagara scored three goals in the period, coming from Teresa

Marchese-Del Monte at 9:04, Ann McLellan at 4:33 and 14 seconds later from Linda Groff.

The Black Bears managed to get another goal on the board as sophomore forward Andrea Steranko lifted the puck to the upper right corner of the net at 4:49 of the third period.

Niagara goaltender Jen Mascaro made 24 saves, while senior goalie Dawn Froats stopped nine shots.

Saturday's game saw the Black Bears come back from one-goal deficits three times to tie the game. A fourth time never came.

Niagara didn't waste time getting on the board as Bradi Cochrane scored the first goal of the game off a one-timer from the left wing at 3:21.

The Black Bears came back with a goal at 13:04 of the period when Aarts scored off a rebound after Niagara failed to clear the puck.

With 32 seconds left in the period, Niagara's Melissa Hamilton deflected a shot into the net to put the Purple Eagles back on top.

UMaine answered back 18 seconds later when Sjogren tied the game with assists from Aarts and

junior forward Naomi Smethurst.

Second period action saw the Purple Eagles back on top at 3:08 of the period when Del Monte fired one past Black Bear goalie Lara Smart.

With 4:54 left in the period, Sjogren scored her second goal of the game to tie the game once again.

UMaine was unable to get the go-ahead goal as Niagara got what would be the game-winning goal with 5:45 left, coming from Candice Moxley.

Smart made 24 saves in the games while Mascaro stopped 27 shots.

The Black Bears hope to bounce back next weekend as they play Cornell University Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

When you don't have confidence you can't win these close games, Filighera said. Every time you get in close games it's like, what's going to happen now? The good thing is that we have five non-league contests so it doesn't hurt us in the playoffs. We can't really worry about our overall record. What we have to worry about is getting better and trying to win these close games and move on.

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seconds.

The win began a four-game homestand for the Black Bears, which included a Jan. 11 meeting with Yale at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland. The Black Bears treated southern Maine fans to a 92-62 thrashing of the Bulldogs. The Black Bears also defeated the University of New Hampshire and Northeastern University at Alford Arena, 67-55 and 64-50, respectively.

The next test for the Black Bears was whether they could extend the record on the road against Binghamton University.

On Jan. 18 the Black Bears traveled to Vestal, N.Y. with their record on the line, but had no problem defeating the Binghamton Bearcats, 64-45, in an America East conference match-up. The win kept the Black Bears perfect in conference play with a record of 3-0, but UMaine's next matchup

against conference foe University of Vermont, threatened to blemish the perfect record.

The Vermont Catamounts brought a 10-3 record and the league's best field goal percentage (46.7 percent) to Alford Arena Jan. 22, but UMaine looked beyond Vermont's numbers and held the Catamounts to 38 points en route to an easy victory.

Most recently, the Black Bears traveled to New York to face the University of Stony Brook Seawolves in another America East matchup. UMaine extended its win streak with a 66-41 victory in which junior Heather Ernest scored her 1,000th career point.

The Black Bears will travel to Boston, Jan. 29 to tip off with Boston University. The Black Bears will enter that game with a 12-4, 5-0 record and an eight-game win streak on the line.

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was called for a hitting after the whistle penalty in a scrum in front of the net. He was the only player to pick up a penalty and argued with referee Jeff Bunyon about the call. Bunyon promptly hit Ryan with a 10-minute misconduct penalty. Coach Tim Whitehead benched Ryan for the entire second period, but let him play again in the third.

We need [Ryan], Whitehead said. The penalty swung the momentum of the game, but it's a lesson learned. He has a great heart. He has played very well in the third period of games and I think he did again tonight.

Steve Slonina scored on the ensuing power play at 17:58 of the first to cut the lead to 2-1. Then, with just 45 seconds left in the period, freshman Andrew Martin scored on a one-timer to tie the score.

The Black Bears scored two goals again early in the second to go back up by two. Lucas Lawson scored his 13th goal of the season at 3:51 on a wrister from the left circle. Just 28 seconds later, Robert Liscak scored to make it 4-2.

Riverhawks captain Ed McGrane cut the lead to 4-3 by scoring a power play goal at 7:54 of the second. He scored again on a slap shot from the left circle that beat Frank Doyle to the stick side with 12:37 left in the third to tie the score at four.

Doyle stopped 30 of 34 shots, while freshman Smart made 29 saves on 33 shots for UMass-Lowell.

When you're trying to get in the playoffs, every point counts, UML coach Blaise McDonald said. When we reflect on how we put together 125 minutes [of good play], that's going to go a

long way in our philosophy that we can beat anybody, anyplace.

The Black Bears were outshot 36-19 on Friday, but still pulled off the win. Scoring didn't start until the second period when Martin Kariya took a Lawson feed and beat Smart for a short-handed goal at 5:56. Martin tied things for the Riverhawks on the power play, just 34 seconds later, as he was left alone and beat Black Bears goaltender Jimmy Howard easily.

UMaine answered with a power play goal of their own at 9:36 of the second period from Heisten, giving UMaine a 2-1 lead heading into the third.

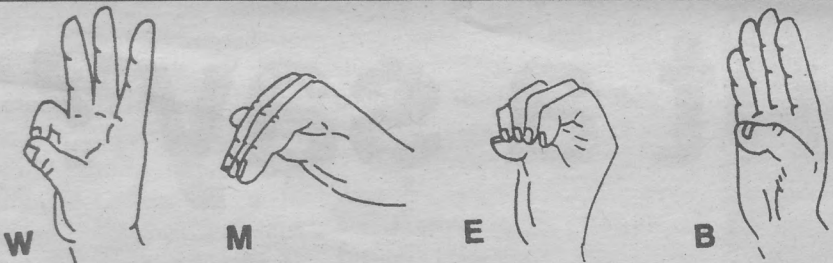
Nault scored what would be the game-winner at 4:11 of the third on a Gray Shaneberger rebound.

Gray took a good shot, right into the goalie's pads, Nault said, it kicked out and ended up on my stick, so I deked the goalie and scored.

Mark Pandolfo scored at 13:25 for the Riverhawks to make it 3-2, but Howard stayed strong in net down the stretch to keep UMaine ahead. He stopped 34 shots on the night, while Smart made 16 saves.

UMaine's record is now 20-2-4 overall, 10-1-3 in Hockey East, while the Riverhawks are 9-14-2 and 2-12-1 in Hockey East. The Black Bears are in a three-way tie for first place in Hockey East with Boston College and New Hampshire. UMass-Lowell is still in last place.

The Black Bears go on the road to play University of New Hampshire next weekend on Saturday and Sunday night. Saturday's game will be at Manchester's Verizon Wireless Arena and Sunday will be at the Whittemore Center in Durham.



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Men's Hockey:

Friday, Jan. 24 vs. UMass-Lowell

UM	0 2 1 — 3
Lowell	0 1 1 — 2

First Period — no scoring.

Penalties — Concannon, UML (interference), 0:42. Johansson, UML (tripping), 6:19. Barnes, UM (obstruction-interference), 18:15.

Second Period — 1, UM, Kariya (Lawson), 5:56. 2, UML, Martin (McGrane, Godoy), 6:30. 3, UM, Heisten (Jackson, Ryan), 9:36.

Penalties — Loya, UM (roughing), 0:56. Reimann, UM (obstruction-interference), 5:44. Baptiste, UML (interference), 8:07. Murphy, UM (hooking), 10:04. Nault, UM (cross-checking), 11:49.

Third Period — 4, UM, Nault (Shaneberger), 4:11. 5, UML, Pandolpho (Hay, Domish), 13:25.

Penalties — Shaneberger, UM (elbowing), 6:25.

Shots on goal — UMaine 6-7-6 19, Lowell 13-14-9 36.

Goalies — UMaine, Howard (34 saves-36 shots). Lowell, Smart (16-19).

Attendance — 5,441

Saturday, Jan. 25 vs. UMass-Lowell

UM	2 2 0 0 — 4
Lowell	2 1 1 0 — 4

First Period — 1, UM, Jackson

(Nault, Barnes), 7:23. 2, UM, Heisten (unassisted), 8:03. 3, UML, Slonina (McGrane, Walter), 17:56. 4, UML, Martin (O'Brien, McCabe), 19:15.

Penalties — Hay, UML (high sticking), 2:40. McCabe, UML (roughing), 6:45. Liscak, UM (roughing), 6:45. Baptiste, UML (holding), 11:06. Nault, UM (tripping), 11:36. Ryan, UM (hitting after whistle), 16:24. Ryan, UM (10-min misconduct), 16:24.

Second Period — 5, UM, Lawson (Nault, Damon), 3:51. 6, UM, Liscak (Shaneberger), 4:19. 7, UML, McGrane (Godoy, Walter), 7:54.

Penalties — Ronan, UM (tripping), 5:55. Team, UML (too many men on ice), 9:20. Team, UM (too many men on ice), 11:32.

Third Period — 8, UML, McGrane (Concannon), 7:23.

Penalties — Robins, UML (delay of game), 4:58. Heisten, UM (slashing), 13:11. Slonina, UML (hitting after whistle), 13:11. Lyall, UM (high sticking), 15:58.

Overtime — no scoring.

Penalties — none.

Shots on goal — UMaine 12-6-10-5 33, Lowell 14-10-7-3 34.

Goalies — UMaine, Doyle (26 saves-30 shots). Lowell, Smart (29-33).

Attendance — 5,362

Men's Basketball:

Sunday, Jan. 26 @ Stony Brook

UMaine (79)

Jackson 0-3 1-2 1, White 8-13 3-4 19, Rowe 3-8 2-2 8, Dobson 3-9 1-1 7, Reed 5-

11 1-2 13, Petkus 2-6 0-0 6, Hill 2-3 0-0 4, Dubois 0-0 0-0 0, Campbell 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 8-15 1-2 19. Totals 32-69 9-13 79.

Stony Brook (81)

Orfini 2-4 2-2 8, McCollum 7-13 2-2 16, Kobryn 3-5 0-0 6, Feist 2-4 2-2 8, Santiago 4-8 5-10 13, Munir 7-14 8-10 25, Spencer 1-5 1-4 3, Bennett 0-1 0-2 0, Konopka 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 27-55 20-32 81.

Halftime — UMaine 42, Stony Brook 40.

3-pt. field goals — UMaine 6-19 (Petkus 2-5, Reed 2-6, Brown 2-4, Hill 0-1, Jackson 0-1), Stony Brook 7-15 (Munir 3-6, Orfini 2-4, Feist 2-2, Santiago 0-3). **Fouled out** — UMaine, Dobson, Jackson. Stony Brook, McCollum. **Rebounds** — UMaine (Rowe 10), Stony Brook (Munir 7). **Assists** — UMaine (Hill 4), Stony Brook (Spencer, Santiago 3). **Total fouls** — UMaine 27, Stony Brook 17.

Attendance — 1,681

Women's Basketball:

Saturday, Jan. 25 @ Stony Brook

UMaine (66)

Ernest 5-10 3-4 13, Veilleux 2-6 0-0 4, Jay 4-5 1-1 9, Heon 4-9 0-0 10, Corbett 1-3 3-6 5, Traversi 4-7 0-0 9, Hickman 0-0 0-0 0, Geraghty 0-3 0-0 0, Cruz 0-0 0-0 0, Gay 1-1 0-2 2, Quackenbush 1-1 0-0 2, Peterson 3-8 0-0 6, Schrader 2-4 2-2 6. Totals 27-57 9-15 66.

Stony Brook (41)

DeGiorgio 2-13 2-2 6, Jordan 5-17 0-1 12, Bogetic 1-5 0-0 2, Barlett 4-9 0-1 10, McManus 1-2 0-0 2, Booker 0-0 0-0 0, Loparrino 0-4 0-2 0, Boylan 2-3 0-0 4,

Incedam 1-7 3-4 5. Totals 16-60 5-10 41.

Halftime — UMaine 34, Stony Brook 18. **3-pt. field goals** — UMaine 3-11 (Heon 2-6, Traversi 1-3, Geraghty 0-1, Ernest 0-1), Stony Brook 4-17 (Jordan 2-8, Barlett 2-6, Loparrino 0-2, Boylan 0-1). **Fouled out** — Stony Brook, Jordan. **Rebounds** — UMaine (Ernest 9), Stony Brook (Jordan 8). **Assists** — UMaine (Heon 4), Stony Brook (Jordan 4). **Total fouls** — UMaine 13, Stony Brook 18.

Women's Hockey:

Saturday, Jan. 25 vs. Niagara

UMaine	2 1 0 — 3
Niagara	2 1 1 — 4

First Period — 1, Niagara, Vine (Goulet, Cochrane), 3:21. 2, UM, Aarts (Smethurst, Sjogren), 13:04. 3, Niagara, Hamilton (Vine, Sweeney), 19:28. 4, UM, Sjogren (Aarts, Smethurst), 19:46.

Penalties — Droog, UM (checking), 13:25. Culver, UM (holding the stick), 17:22.

Second Period — 5, Niagara, Del-Monte (Hall, Moxley), 3:08. 6, UM, Sjogren (Droog, Wolf), 15:06.

Penalties — Macauley, Niagara (obstruction-interference), 4:37. Aarts, UM (hitting after whistle), 5:25. Toth, Niagara (hitting after whistle), 5:25. Sweeney, Niagara (obstruction-holding), 7:50. Del-Monte, Niagara (hitting from behind), 12:14. Aarts, UM (slashing), 13:21.

Third Period — 7, Niagara, Moxley (Hall, Del-Monte), 14:15.

Penalties — Hall, Niagara (hitting from behind), 4:20. Del-Monte, Niagara (holding), 19:05. Droog, UM (roughing), 19:05.

Shots on goal — UMaine 13-9-9 31, Niagara 9-10-9 28.

Goalies — UMaine, Smart (24 saves-28 shots). Niagara, Mascaro (28 saves-31 shots).

Attendance — 218

Sunday, Jan. 26 vs. Niagara

UMaine	1 0 1 — 2
Niagara	1 3 0 — 4

First Period — 1, UM, Sjogren (Aarts, Janusc), 15:32. 2, Niagara, Hall (Del-Monte), 16:00.

Penalties — Macauley, Niagara (hitting from behind), 14:12.

Second Period — 3, Niagara, Del-Monte (Hall, Sweeney), 10:56. 4, Niagara, McLellan (Hamilton, Maly), 15:27. 5, Niagara, Groff (Vine, Goulet), 15:41.

Penalties — Janusc, UM (checking), 5:47. Maly, Niagara (hitting after whistle), 12:27. Smethurst, UM (slashing), 17:46. Toth, Niagara (slashing), 17:46.

Third Period — 6, UM, Steranko (Culver, Hartley), 3:49.

Penalties — Toth, Niagara (obstruction-interference), Moxley, Niagara (tripping), 16:47.

Shots on goal — UMaine 10-9-7 26, Niagara 4-7-2 13.

Goalies — UMaine, Froats (9 saves-13 shots). Niagara, Mascaro (24-26).

Attendance — 145

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Men's hoops drops tough loss on road

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's basketball team dropped below .500 in America East Conference play with a hard-fought 81-79 loss at the University of Stony Brook Sunday afternoon.

Senior forwards Rickey White and Clayton Brown each scored 19 points for the Black Bears, but UMaine couldn't overcome 25 points from Stony Brook guard D.J. Munir, and fell to 8-11 on the season and 3-4 in league games.

After leading 42-40 at the half, the Black Bears saw their lead dwindle as the Seawolves shot 52 percent from the floor for the second half.

UMaine cut an 11-point Stony Brook lead down to just three points, but Munir hit back-to-back three pointers to give the Seawolves a 71-62 cushion with 2:37 to play.

Stony Brook increased the lead to 11 with just 38 seconds to play, but Brown scored six straight points on a three-pointer and a three-point play after he was fouled making a lay-up.

The Seawolves made only 12-21 from the foul line in the second half, but Munir hit three of four in the final 30 seconds to assure a Stony Brook win. The Seawolves improved to 8-9 overall and now are tied with UMaine at 3-4 in America East play.

Jairus McCollum scored 16 points and Bobby Santiago added 13, but the game belonged to Munir, who made 7-14 field goals and 8-10 free throws. Stony Brook increased its winning streak to three games with the win.

Freshman guard Kevin Reed was the only other Black Bear to reach double figures, scoring 13. Senior center Justin Rowe scored eight points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds, but the seven-footer didn't have a huge defensive presence as Stony Brook did most of its damage from the perimeter.

UMaine dropped its second consecutive game and has only one win in four conference road games.

The good news is, the Black Bears return to Alford Arena Wednesday night, where UMaine has a much more favorable record. The bad news is, the Black Bears have to face America East-leading Boston University.

The Terriers lead the conference with a 6-1 record and are the defending America East Champions. In addition, the pre-season conference poll picked Boston University to repeat as champions again this season.

The Terriers are led by a pair of talented guards in Matt Turner and Rashad Bell. Coach Dennis Wolff stresses strong team defense and Boston University yields just 64.6 points per contest. The Black Bears are averaging over 74 points a game.

Jason Grochowalski, Matt Turner and Ryan Butt form a short, but very physical front-court and the Terriers bench is deep.

In addition to a win over Atlantic Coast Conference member Florida State University, Boston University lost close games to Pacific-10 powerhouses Stanford University and University of Arizona. Arizona is currently the No. 1 team in the country.



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

University of Maine senior center Justin Rowe dunks during the Black Bears' win over Binghamton University Jan. 18. UMaine lost on the road at University of Stony Brook Sunday and host America East-leading Boston University Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

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is now. If anyone should start over Carter, I would chose Mashburn.

Before I go onto the West, Shareef Abdur-Rahim should go back to the All-Star game. He is the most underrated player in the game, and since he is a Hawk and a Georgia boy, it's something the home crowd would want.

The West will consist of the usual suspects, and you know who they are: Gary Payton, Steve Nash, Dirk Nowitzki, Chris Webber and O'Neal.

With one more spot left and so many players to choose from, I say it should go to Phoenix's Stephon Marbury. Lately, he has averaged more than 21 points per game and eight assists per contest. Marbury always has had the talent and has shown that he wants to be the man in the Arizona desert.



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Yao Ming tops NBA All-Stars

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus



Atlanta has been notorious for playing important roles throughout history. It was burned to the ground by Gen. Sherman at the turning point of the Civil War. It is the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and this year Atlanta serves as the site for the NBA All-Star Game when, for the first time, an Asian born player will be a starter.

Houston's Yao Ming, a 7-foot 6-inch presence to be dealt with this season, will be on showcase in Georgia for the world to see.

With the announcement of the starters Thursday, Ming had managed to edge out the most dominant player on the planet Shaquille O'Neal. The Chinese import won the spot by less than a 100,000 votes.

Ming will be the first rookie to start in an All-Star game since Orlando's Grant Hill in 1995.

The starters for the Eastern Conference consist of Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, Vince Carter, Jermaine O'Neal and Ben Wallace.

The West, which looks to be the favorite, includes Steve Francis, leading vote-getter Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan and Ming.

Starting in the East, it's obvious Michael Jordan, Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker will be named as reserves. Even with the Celtics recent slide, the Beantown connection is still likely to show up in Atlanta. Jordan is a must as many people want to see him play in what is likely to be his last All-Star game.

Others who have made a strong case are New Orleans' Jamal Mashburn, who ranks in the top 20 in scoring and has been vital to the Hornets' success minus Baron Davis. Jason Kidd, Jerry Stackhouse and the Cavaliers' big man Zydrunas Ilgauskas will round out the East.

I understand that part of the fun in All-Star voting is choosing your favorite player. In all honesty, I love seeing Vince Carter. Who doesn't? He has been incredible since his days at North Carolina, but he has no business starting. The same thing happened to Anfernee Hardaway a few years ago and look where he

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Women's hoops hot in league play

Bears' 8-game win streak longest under Coach Versyp

By Becky Sturtevant
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team may have had a break from classes, but over the past four weeks the Black Bears have given their opponents anything but a break.

UMaine has won eight straight games from Dec. 29 to Jan. 25, the longest winning streak of head coach Sharon Versyp's tenure with the team.

Usually by your third or fourth year you hope that things are going pretty well, and that you have your philosophy in, Versyp said.

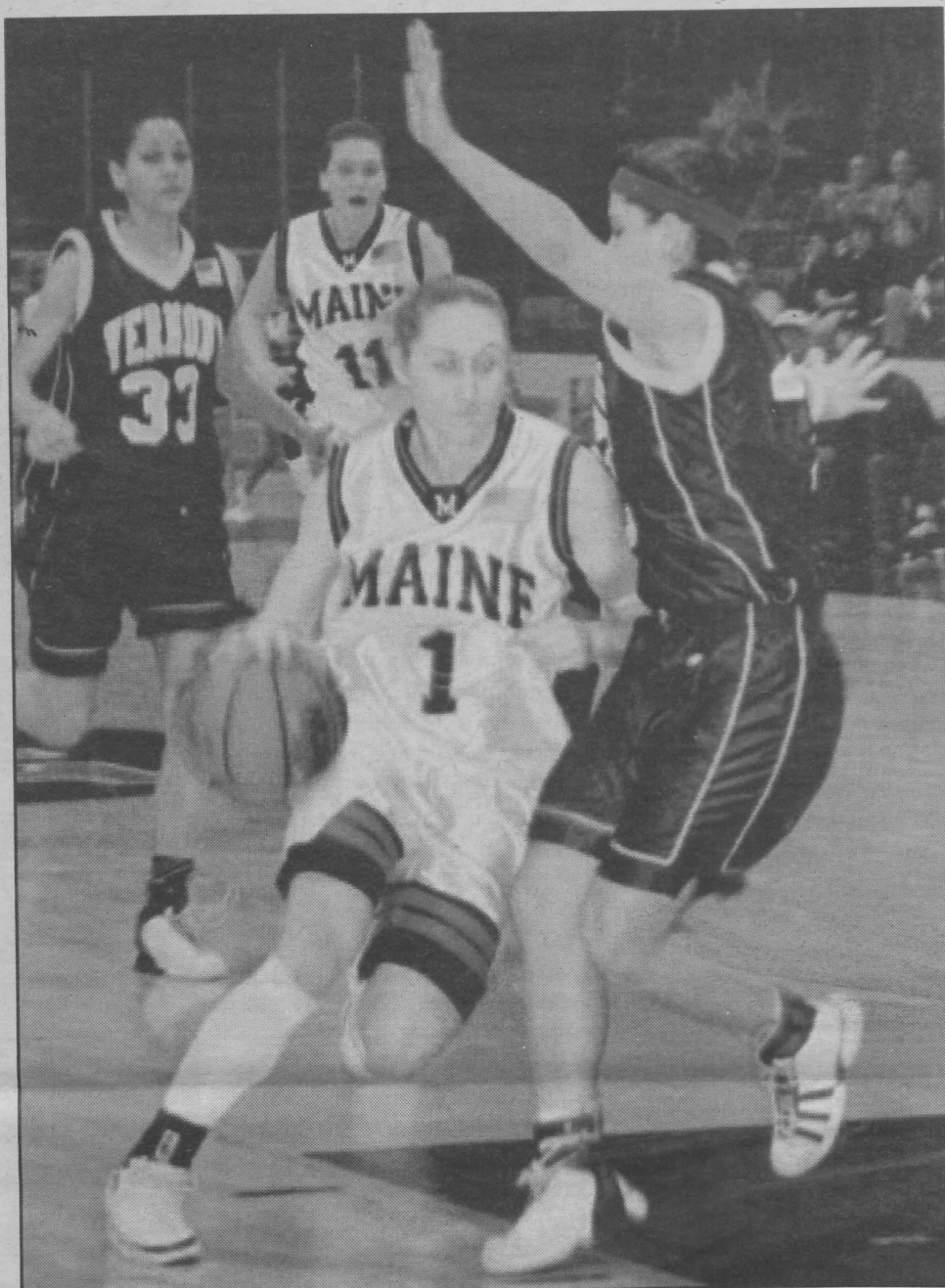
Versyp's philosophy seems to be working, as elements are finally coming together for the young team. Junior Melissa Heon, who has been with Versyp since the 2000-01 season, has seen definite improvements this season.

We still are a young team, having only two seniors and three juniors on a team with 13 or 14 players, so the younger kids don't quite understand what it means to know how to win, Heon said. Since the winning streak, I think they are understanding more and more everyday that what it takes to win is when you set foot on the court, there are no other thoughts in your head except the expectation to win.

The Black Bears began their winning ways at the LaSalle Tournament in Philadelphia, Pa. On Dec. 29, the last game of a six-game road trip, the Black Bears recovered from a 75-74 loss to Holy Cross and defeated Robert Morris University, 96-54.

The Black Bears then returned to Alford Arena Jan. 4 to host the University of Buffalo. Sporting home court advantage for the first time in more than a month, UMaine posted a 78-72 victory in a game that came down to the final

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CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNA-MARIA EASLEY

University of Maine junior guard Melissa Heon drives to the hoop in the Black Bears' win over Vermont Jan. 22. UMaine is in the midst of an eight-game win streak and is a perfect 5-0 in America East Conference play.

Men's hockey earns win, tie with Lowell

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

Black Bear junior defenseman Francis Nault scores the game-winning goal Friday night as top-ranked UMaine defeated the University of Massachusetts-Lowell 3-2. The Riverhawks came back to tie Saturday night.

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team had a disappointing weekend, taking just three of four points at home from the last place team in Hockey East, University of Massachusetts-Lowell. The Black Bears were outshot both nights by the Riverhawks, but managed a 3-2 win Friday night and a 4-4 tie Saturday at Alford Arena.

We played all right at times, but we took some bad penalties, junior forward Todd Jackson said after Saturday's game. We were taking it to them early and then they got their power play goal and it brought them back to life.

UMaine grabbed the lead by scoring two goals within 40 seconds in the first period while skating four-on-four. Jackson started things with his 11th on the season on a feed from Francis Nault at 7:23. Then at 8:03, Chris Heisten went in a breakaway and was hauled down by a UML defenseman, but was still able to poke the puck past Dominic Smart while on his stomach for a 2-0 Black Bear lead.

The turning point came when Prestin Ryan

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