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NRC evacuated after tile collapse

Newest problem
attributed to faulty
fasteners, screws

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine's New Residence Complex experienced more problems to the several-month-old student residence building this past weekend. The building was evacuated and closed for more than 24 hours due to structural problems on the first floor.

Some students are still waiting an official ok to return to their suites.

"It's a very minor problem, but it caused a lot of frustration for a lot of students," Anita Wihry, director of UMaine's Facilities Management, said yesterday.

The incident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday when several ceiling tiles fell from the first floor corridor. This was due to the structure of a metal bracket above the tiles that holds to a threaded rod. The threaded rod is then attached to the cement in the ceiling and held by a fastener. The cause of the problem is allegedly the fasteners, according to Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs (RLP).

NRC's fire alarm was pulled and the Orono Fire Department arrived first to determine the extent of the dilemma. About 200 residents were evacuated and advised to relocate to friends' rooms or apartments. The option of staying the night in the recently closed Balentine Hall with RLP staff members on call also was offered. In addition, dining services were provided to NRC residents without a meal plan to eat at York or Stewart commons,



Andy Matthews, director of housing, looks through the damaged hallway of the New Residence Complex. Granger Northern Inc., the main contractors for the NRC, was called back to the building to fix a faulty screw that caused the evacuation of the building Saturday evening.

according to Smith.

A briefing was prepared for residents in the Woolley Room of the Doris Twitchell Allen Village Community Center at 9 a.m. Sunday to alert students to the extent of the problem. RLP

staff escorted students into the building to retrieve some of their belongings in the event of another displacement.

Engineers and contractors responsible for the original structuring of the NRC build-

ing, along with UMaine's Facilities Management team, arrived Sunday morning to survey the damage and determine

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Town council says no to an attack on Iraq

By Kristin Saunders
Asst. News Editor

The Orono Town Council passed a resolution against the possibility of a war in Iraq with a 5-0 vote at their Feb. 10 meeting.

The resolution was presented by Orono residents Don Pilcher and Peter Millard as representatives of concerned citizens of Orono.

Pilcher read the resolution to the council and community members.

"We are here to ask for more time for inspections and U.N. backing," Pilcher said.

Pilcher said 72 other local governments across the state of Maine already had passed similar resolutions, as well as the State of Maine Legislature.

"Give peace a chance," Pilcher said. "We feel war should be a last resort."

Millard noted to the council that the United States is in a fiscal crisis with the existing budget. He said the possible war could cost upwards of \$100 billion, and that \$26 million of it would come from Maine taxpayers.

"Be it resolved that the town of Orono opposes a war in Iraq," Millard said.

Millard praised the courage of the United States military already activated in the Middle East.

The resolution was hotly debated among the councilors, because several of them thought the resolution needed to be carried out through the proper process and may necessitate its own special meeting, allowing more members of the public a chance to voice their opinions on the subject. Councilors Geoff Gordon and John Bradson were concerned with giving the entire

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Survey results show support for recreational facility

By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

Representatives from the University of Maine traveled to Washington, D.C., Feb. 6-7 to meet with facility planners and project managers from Brailsford & Dunlavey, and discuss the feasibility of a new on-campus recreational facility.

Brailsford & Dunlavey presented the results of a feasibility

survey posted on FirstClass in November. A total of 2,900 students filled out the survey.

Those who attended the Washington, D.C., conference were Executive Vice President and Provost Robert Kennedy, Vice President of Student Affairs Richard Chapman, Special Adviser to the Provost Sue Tyler and Student Trustee and Student Government President Matthew C. Rodrigue.

The group toured fitness centers at George Washington University, the University of Maryland and Loyola College in Maryland. The three colleges have facilities similar to those proposed for UMaine's new recreational center, including indoor tracks, basketball courts, racquetball courts, pools, hot tubs, saunas and locker rooms, Rodrigue said. He said he was impressed with the large num-

ber of students using the facilities.

Rodrigue considers a new recreation center as a way to catch up with competition. According to the survey results, 1,204 students rate UMaine's recreation facilities as "satisfactory" compared to recreation facilities at other universities.

"All our major competitors have facilities," Rodrigue said. "We're doing the right thing to

catch up."

Almost half of the survey participants indicated that improvement to the current recreational sports facilities would have a "significant impact" on quality of life at UMaine.

"Given the level of interest, I think [this is] an important project for us to do," Rodrigue said.

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The World BEYOND UMaine

As Muslim pilgrims return to U.S., border guards will be wary

WASHINGTON - On Friday Feb. 14, thousands of pilgrims returning from Mecca faced increased scrutiny as they reentered the United States, which is in the grips of a heightened terrorism alert.

Government officials nervous about another attack faced with approving border crossings for a flood of people who fit the profile of a Middle Eastern terrorist.

One group, the Council on American Islamic Relations, was so concerned about the possible harassment of those returning from the holy city in Saudi Arabia that it warned Muslims to perhaps avoid the trip altogether.

"This is a serious, serious concern," said Laila Al-Qatani of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. "We're hoping for the best, but we're preparing for the worst."

Lines at airport immigration and customs counters were long and slow-moving. And the number of plainclothes sky marshals on flights has increased.

The Bush administration boosted the nation's terrorism alert to orange last week, its second-highest level. Intelligence reports point to the possibility of an attack

against Americans, which could be timed for the end of

the Hajj, one of five main Muslim observances, or to coincide with a war against Iraq.

Federal officials said all travelers, not just Muslims returning from Mecca, were subject to the heightened security procedures, but that the end of the

pilgrimage was taken into consideration in security preparations.

John Bell Jr., a former head of the FBI in Detroit who now runs the federal air marshal's program for Detroit Metro Airport, said the Hajj was "one of the criteria" used to assign more sky marshals to aircraft.

About 2 million Muslims flocked to Saudi Arabia this year for the Hajj. It is unclear how many of them came from America, but U.S. Muslim groups estimate several thousand made the trip. Travel agents who book the overseas trips said the number of travelers was down this year amid concerns about the expected war in Iraq and about immigration troubles.

NATO allies skirt France to approve military defense of Turkey

BRUSSELS - A month-long impasse that had divided NATO allies over potential war in Iraq ended late last Sunday when Germany and Belgium agreed to begin planning for the defense of Turkey should it

come under attack.

NATO officials avoided having to obtain the agreement of France, the third and most obstinate hold-out, when they debated the matter in the alliance's Defense Planning Committee, in which France has not participated since 1966.

In a soul-searching test of the alliance's solidarity, the three European countries had argued that any preparations committed NATO to a "logic of war," which signaled the inevitability of military conflict.

Their reluctance to begin planning — even after Turkey invoked Article IV, which compels the alliance to protect a member that feels threatened — had prompted severe criticism from most of the other 16 members, and caused what its U.S. ambassador called a "crisis of credibility." Allies argued that the delay sent a message of weakness to Saddam Hussein.

Ambassadors from 18 NATO countries met five times Sunday before reaching agreement. A NATO diplomat said Belgium held out the longest, arguing that language had to be added to the official documents to make it clear that NATO would only be involved in defensive actions, and tying NATO's engagement to approval by the U.N. Security Council of military action.

Belgium, whose government faces national elections in May, finally backed off that position

as midnight approached.

The NATO diplomat said alliance officials made the decision this weekend to shift the debate from the North Atlantic Council, where France has a vote, to the Defense Planning Committee, because Germany and France had agreed they would not budge from their position until after Friday's presentation by weapons inspectors at the United Nations.

Once that deadline had passed, the diplomat said, Germany's opposition ended.

Under the compromise, NATO will begin preparing to send AWAC surveillance planes, Patriot missiles and chemical and biological weapons detection teams to Turkey. Another vote is required before equipment can begin moving.

Artillery exercise concludes in massive display of U.S. combat power

UDAIRI RANGE, Kuwait - The Army's 3rd Infantry Division wrapped up the biggest U.S. artillery exercise in Kuwait since the 1991 Gulf War Thursday, amid signs that the buildup for a possible invasion of Iraq is accelerating rapidly.

The five-day exercise, which took place about five miles from the Iraqi border, involved 2,400 troops and culminated with a two-day series of thundering barrages from nearly 70 artillery pieces, including 155 mm M109 Paladin self-propelled howitzers and 132 mm multiple-launch rocket systems.

The exercise was one of the most massive displays of combat power yet in the U.S. and allied buildup that is designed to oust Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. Senior military officers said the demonstration illustrated that 3rd Infantry Division troops were primed and ready for war if President Bush orders military action.

"These past couple of days have made me very comfortable with doing whatever we may

need to do to support the goals of the country," said Col. Thomas Torrance, 46, of Milledgeville, Ga., the division's top artillery officer.

"The soldiers are well-trained. Morale is high, and these soldiers are ready to do the heavy lifting if they are required to do so."

Many soldiers, especially younger ones, admit they are a little nervous by the prospect that combat may be only a few weeks away, but they are also ready for whatever happens.

"I'm honored to be with this unit," said Pfc. Wayne Dixon, 21, of Elgin, Ill., a field artillery computer systems operator in B Battery, 1-10 Field Artillery.

The 3rd Infantry Division is based at Fort Stewart and Fort Benning, Ga. During the Gulf War, the unit was designated as the 24th Infantry Division.

The exercise took place as long convoys of American and British trucks rumbled through the Kuwaiti desert around the clock, hauling soldiers and equipment to sprawling camps that have sprung up near the border in recent months. At Camp New York, the 3rd Infantry's headquarters, huge stacks of ammunition, spare parts and other supplies now blanket areas that were little more than bare sand a few weeks ago.

Vehicles moving up the highway from the port at Camp Doha, where military transport ships unload tons of cargo daily, bear unit markings from across the United States and Europe, including one Humvee that was apparently shipped straight from the NATO peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Many soldiers are so fresh to Kuwait that they have not been issued desert uniforms, and most new military vehicles still lack desert tan paint.

In an apparent sign that senior commanders are worried Hussein might launch a preemptive Scud missile attack, a battery of Patriot intercept missiles were spotted moving Thursday in the direction of one desert camp where they could be deployed to protect U.S. and allied troops.

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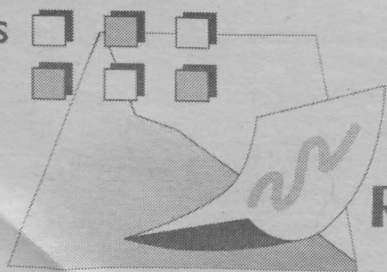


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OxyContin, alcohol to blame in November death

Artur's friends, family remember tragedy, caution against abuse

By Rick Redmond
For The Maine Campus

An autopsy report recently released to Felipe Artur's family concluded that Artur died of a respiratory reaction to a mix of OxyContin and alcohol, according to Artur's roommate Nathan Sherwood.

Artur, 23, died on the morning of Nov. 7 at a friend's apartment in Old Town.

Artur's father, Deo Artur, now a resident of South Hadley, Mass., remembers talking to his son for the last time on Nov. 5, during a routine telephone conversation to check in and make plans for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Artur hailed from Rio Claro in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, until moving with his family to Winslow in 1992. He was a 1997 graduate of Winslow High School and was scheduled to

graduate in the spring of 2003 with a degree in business from the University of Maine.

"People would gravitate to Felipe because he always was looking to make a connection with someone," Artur said. "He was always the leader of his group ... ever since childhood."

Artur's outgoing and exuberant personality drove his high-energy lifestyle. His roommates described his night owl routine of ducking out in the middle of the night to visit a friend as nothing out of the ordinary.

"Life was a party for him," Sherwood said. "Clean-up parties, dinner parties, study parties — he could make anything into a party. Sometimes Felipe didn't know his limits though, or thought he didn't have any. Anything he did, he did a ton of it."

On the evening of Nov. 6, another one of Artur's roommates, Adam Roy, recalled typical horseplay and banter in the kitchen where everyone congregated.

"The whole family was there," he said. "Around midnight he said he was going to a friend's house to watch a movie and have a couple of

look and there's only four," Roy said. "That's when it comes back to you."

The men who lived with Artur fondly remember his smile, competitiveness and his apparent helplessness in the kitchen.

"Felipe would rather starve than toast a slice of bread," Sherwood said. "Everything we did, we did it together. Dinner, studying, going out; it was always the five of us. We took care of each other."

Sherwood attended high school with Artur and lived with him throughout their college careers. He was also a friend of the Artur family and had been planning to vacation with them in Brazil during an upcoming visit.

"Felipe's mother is the sweetest woman you'll ever meet," Sherwood said. "He would make random

trips back home because she took such good care of him."

Honan and Roy also have no shortfall of fond memories of Felipe to share with each other, immortalizing his spirit.

"He loved anything outdoors," Roy said. "Snowmobiles, snowball fights, sledding and seeing him dressed in his Gucci clothes, you never would have guessed."

"He always used to call me 'little one,'" Honan said. "He was always right across the hall whenever I needed him."

After his death, Felipe's roommates went their separate ways to collect their thoughts and grieve with their own families. They returned to find the memory of Artur very much alive in every

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Prescription drug abuse on the rise in Maine

By Abigail Curtis
For The Maine Campus

Maine's rural lifestyle might seem to guarantee a place where kids can grow up safely, far from urban blights like drugs, but statistics show Maine has a high rate of prescription drug abuse.

"Prescription and illicit drug abuse is killing Mainers at an alarming rate," Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe said in a report on drug death data released in late 2002.

The report highlights that abuse of prescription drugs and heroin has led to a five-fold increase in the number of accidental overdose deaths in Maine since 1997.

In 2002, there were more than 160 drug-related deaths in Maine. Of these, 106 were accidental, according to the report. In contrast, the medical data for 1997 shows that only 19 Mainers died from accidental drug overdoses.

Illegally obtained methadone and OxyContin are

two reasons for the dramatic increase in rates of substance abuse, according to the attorney general's report. OxyContin, the trade name for Oxycodone, is a synthetic opiate that depresses the central nervous system. It is a narcotic intended for use by cancer patients or those with chronic pain. Methadone is prescribed to treat heroin addiction as well as pain.

Mainers are trying these powerful drugs at ever-younger ages. The 2000 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse found that 10.9 percent of 12 to 17-year-olds reported illicit use of a psychotherapeutic substance at least once during their lifetime.

The report also showed that young, single men were most likely to die from accidental drug overdoses in Maine. Of those people, 55 percent had a history of mental illness, including depression.

Travis Erickson, coordinator

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Bangor residents join in worldwide protest

Peace center rally takes stand against conflict in Gulf

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Millions of anti-war demonstrators marched in cities across the globe Saturday in an effort to peacefully protest the possible war with Iraq.

In Bangor, an estimated 450 people came together in front of the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building to protest and march. The event was organized and sponsored by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine.

People showed up in groups, carrying large, home-made signs with statements such as "No to Bush's Bloody War" and "Pre-emption is a Euphemism for Aggression."

Following several speakers from local peace groups, the march began on Harlow Street in Bangor and headed towards downtown.

The march was led by four men beating on a drum, setting the rhythm for chants shouted by the crowd. "War kills kids" and "No blood for oil" were among the dozens of chants



CAMPUS PHOTO • DENISE FARWELL

Marchers show their opposition to the possible war in Iraq by marching on Harlow Street in Bangor Saturday.

recited.

The crowd was a mixed group from all over Maine and the United States.

"We are all different people from all different backgrounds," Heather Sisk, a local protester, said. "As a group we can, and will, support one another."

One woman, ringing a bell

and chanting, smiled and said, "It's an old school bell. I just need to make some noise."

That feeling seemed to be echoed by protesters pounding on drums, shouting and just trying to be heard.

As they marched, passersby offered mixed reactions. Some screamed profanities, stating that they needed to get by,

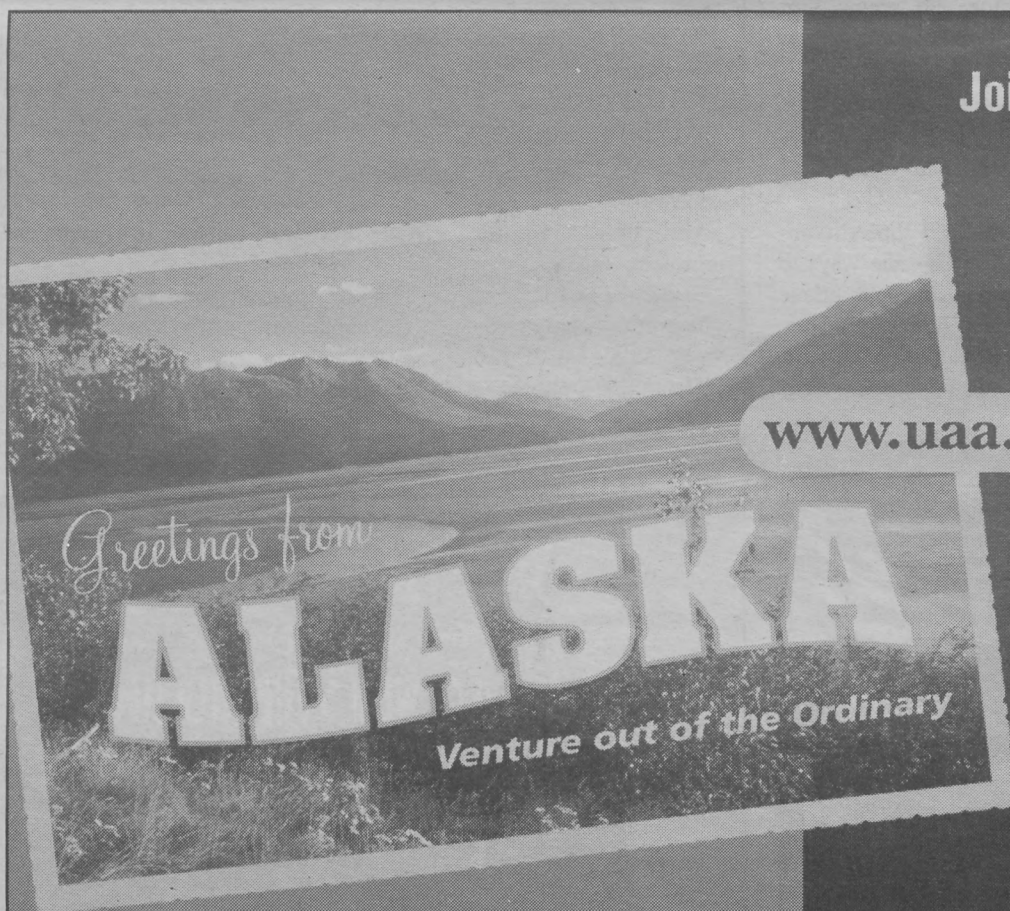
while others clapped in agreement. One man even saluted as the march passed.

After winding throughout the downtown area, the march ended in front of the federal building. There, marchers gathered on both sides of the street and continued chanting "No more war" to passing cars.

A woman then stepped up and began speaking.

"We are peaceful people. We are not passive, we are constructive," she said to the cheering crowd. "Yes, Saddam Hussein should not have weapons of mass destruction, and we shouldn't have

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aspect of their lives.

"The door will open and I'll expect him to walk in telling me some crazy story about what he did," Sherwood said. "I have this dream where he's back and telling us all he's not really dead like some bizarre practical joke. The dreams are so real I can hear him telling us 'I'm right here.'"

Roy also has been troubled with dreams about Felipe.

"[In the dream] Felipe is just walking around like he doesn't see or hear us, going about his way. I turn to Nate and say 'What the hell are we going to do?'"

In the wake of this tragedy, Sherwood, Honan and Roy have spent time pondering the question "Is it really worth it?" when faced with lifestyle decisions.

"The worst part is that people heard about Felipe's death and the next day they're out doing the same thing," Roy said. "We saw that happen to him and he lost his life. For people not to reflect that upon themselves is like a slap in the face."

"The biggest thing we've all learned from Felipe is to live each day to the fullest, have a great time, but don't take it too far," Sherwood said. "You have to know your limits."

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community a chance to express their views about the resolution.

Councilor Sean Wasson instead said the council should "act tonight."

Bradson said he was concerned because without the public's input, he was left only with his personal beliefs.

Members of the public in attendance to show support for the resolution were asked to stand up, and about half of the audience rose.

Chairwoman Lianne Harris said the councilors should "express our feelings of this grave importance."

It was felt that the resolution should be put on that night's agenda because it was time sensitive, with the possibility of being at war coming sooner than later.

"Democracy is for those who show up," Elisabeth Schneider, an Orono resident, said. She told the council she comes to meetings no matter how tedious the issues.

The resolution was originally voted not be added to that night's agenda, because it had to be a unanimous vote and Gordon opposed it, saying he believed in publicizing the issue and then having a special meeting to discuss it. He later asked that the vote be reconsidered. It was, and the second vote to add the resolution to the agenda passed unanimously. Gordon said he thought his point was made by his first vote, but thought it was an important issue.

Harris set aside 15 minutes for public comments prior to vote on the resolution.

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of Substance Abuse Prevention Services at the University of Maine, discussed the ominous statistics.

"I think that the most important thing to realize on our college campus is that most students are not using drugs," Erickson said. "But, the consequences of drug use are certainly very real. That's why we're here, to promote diligence and awareness in our community."

Erickson's office plans to have a pre-spring break information session to alert students to drug and alcohol risks before they head off to beer-drenched weeks of partying down south.

"We'll be tabling, giving information to RAs and starting a dialogue on FirstClass," he said.

When asked about what the university can do about prescription drug abuse, Erickson said communication is key to solving the problem.

"Substance abuse needs to be talked about more and more," he said. "And if it's discussed, it will be on people's minds, and needless tragedies like accidental overdose can be avoided in the future."

Matt Haskell, owner of the Bear Brew Pub and Orono resident, said during public comment that he disagreed with the resolution.

"Our country was formed that way [through war]," Haskell said.

Ron Davis stood up in support of the resolution and said the resolution doesn't take an absolute position, but stresses that the United States should not go to war without United Nations' backing.

"Saddam Hussien is a threat to his neighbors, but I think all human beings are opposed to useless loss of life," Davis said.

Elsa Peterson was one of 600 Mainers who went to Washington D.C., to march for peace at a Martin Luther King Day rally. She said the community needs money that would be undercut from schools and other important parts of the community if the United States goes to war.

"Give peace a chance," Peterson said.

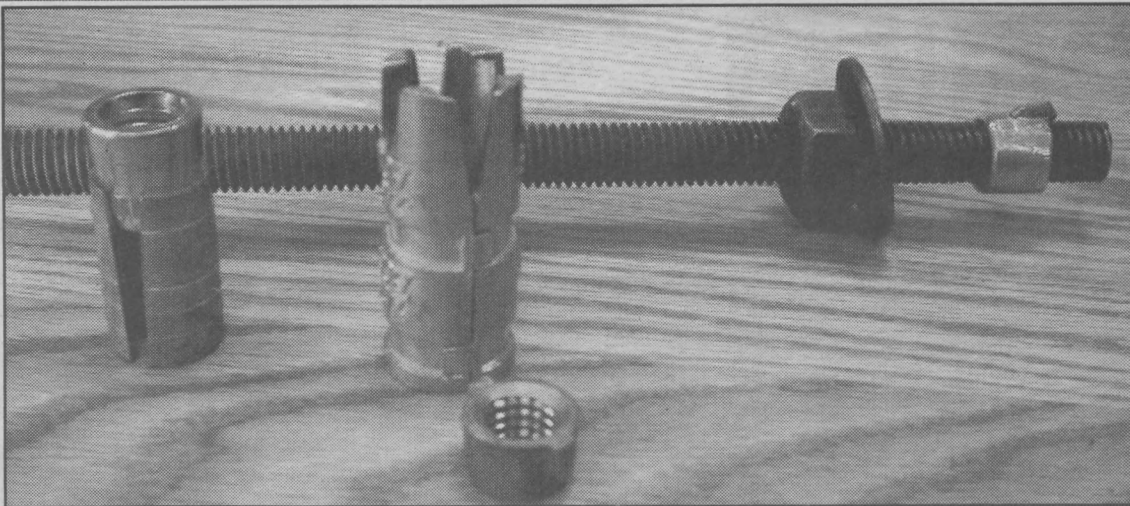
Harris said that Saddam is committing genocide in his country.

"Saddam Hussein is a Hitler-esque dictator," Harris said.

Wasson said the U.S. has taken a big leap by saying Iraq poses a major threat to the U.S. and that a connection exists with Osama bin Laden.

"Iraq poses no threat to us," Wasson said.

After much debate, the resolution passed 5-0 with Bradson and Harris both abstaining from the vote.



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

Sturdier pipe fasteners (left) are being installed Monday alongside faulty fasteners as a precautionary measure in the New Residence Complex.

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the cause of the problem.

Members of UMaine's Housing Services, including Director Andrew Matthews, did not feel the incident could have been prevented.

"We don't know how it happened exactly, but it's not a very serious issue in terms of what happened," Wihry said.

In fact, Housing Services' personnel claim to have been pleased with the NRC's builders.

"In general, we've been very pleased with the people working on this building and we wouldn't say [this incident] is a quality of their work," Wihry said. "It was really just one of those random things."

Several UMaine students feel the opposite about the structure of their new residency.

"It really sucked last night. It took like five hours to get in to get my stuff," Elizabeth Walker, a second-year pre-veterinary major and NRC resident, said.

"You have to expect prob-

lems with new buildings and it was pretty evident from day one that with fire drill after fire drill we would have a long semester of ongoing problems," Amanda Cyr, a third-year new media major and NRC resident, said.

The other floors of the building experienced no damage. Smith said those ceilings do not have the same structure with the fasteners.

"The only possible place it could've happened was on the first floor," she said.

The fasteners had been replaced on the first floor by late afternoon yesterday, except for one wing of this hall where contractors had not yet checked fasteners for safety. The wing houses about 20 residents, who were not allowed to return to their rooms Sunday evening after a notice was sent out allowing the rest of the building's residents to return to their rooms.

"We'd prefer those students take the extra precautions of not going in right away," Smith

said.

These rooms included 106 through 109 and 116 and 119, and are expected to be ready for students to move back into by the end of the day today, according to Smith.

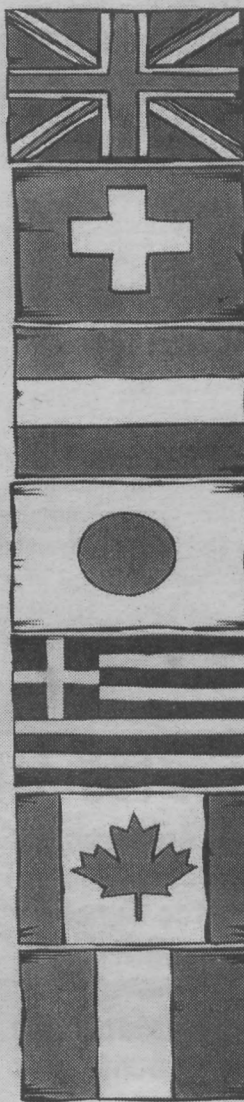
The already frustrated residents of NRC, however, don't see an end to their troubles.

"I like the apartment, but I wouldn't want to go back to the dorms, but so far NRC has been a pain in the ass," Walker said.

"This is frustrating, but because new places are expected to have problems I think Housing should have had a reasonable backup plan in the event something happened. I was very frustrated with how things were handled," Cyr said.

Repairs are being made with no charge to the university, as the incident occurred within the one-year warranty the contracting company will cover the costs, according to Matthews.

The NRC's previously scheduled building opening will still be held this Thursday, Feb. 20, from 6-8 p.m.



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By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Three people were summonsed following a situation in the Ushuaia's parking lot at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Officers on routine patrol of the lot noticed a white Honda parked with its interior lights on. Upon closer inspection, it was found that four people were sitting inside the vehicle. The driver stated that the four people were just hanging out before heading into the club to dance. While speaking with the driver, the officers noticed a four-pack of Jack Daniel's malt beverage under the front seat, as well as some Budweiser in the back seat. The two people in the back and the woman in the passenger's side seat said they were not 21. All three seemed physically intoxicated. As a result, Crystal LaPointe, 20, Richard Stevens, 20, and Serene Dana, 19, all were issued summonses for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

A man was issued two summonses following an incident in the Ushuaia's parking lot at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. While on routine patrol, officers noticed a white Ford Taurus with an interior light on. While speaking

with the driver, the lone occupant of the car, beer was found in the trunk of the car. The driver was asked to produce identification, at which point two licenses were uncovered. When asked about it, he stated that one of them was his brother's, and that he hadn't used it in a long time. As a result, James Shea, 19, was summonsed for possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of a false identification card.

A man was arrested following a situation on College Avenue at 12:37 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5. An officer on routine patrol saw a car that was noticeably speeding. Radar showed that the man was traveling at 66 mph in a 25 mph zone. The man was pulled over near the Steam Plant parking lot and asked why he was driving so fast. He said he was on his way to take a test and apologized for his speed. A check of the man's license showed he was under suspension in the state of Maine for failure to pay a fine. The man, identified as Jamal Ahmed, 24, was placed under arrest and taken to Penobscot County Jail. He was issued two summonses, one for operation after suspension and one for criminal speeding.

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The new facility would be dedicated to recreational activities and working out, Rodrigue said.

Currently, students must walk through the winding hallways of Memorial Gym to work out at Latti Fitness Center, and to the opposite end of campus to Lengyl Gym for activities such as aerobics classes.

"We're hoping if we centralize all these services, then it's going to be more convenient for students," Rodrigue said.

Brailsford & Dunlavy performed a market survey of private health clubs in close proximity to campus to gain a better understanding of the choices available to students, faculty and staff. The average individual membership fee for the clubs reviewed is approximately \$35 per month, according to the Brailsford & Dunlavy report.

The firm reported that 87

percent of student respondents agreed to some kind of fee for use of new or improved recreation facilities. The majority of respondents indicated their support for a recreation center option requiring at least a \$75 student fee increase, and 67 percent supported the \$100 option.

The \$100 option is categorized as a comprehensive "state of the art" 98,000 square-foot new student recreational center including access to facilities such as squash courts and an eight-lane recreational swimming pool. The \$75 per-semester fee would go toward a reduced 74,000 square-foot recreational center. The third option presented on the survey was a \$50 semester fee toward a small 51,000 square-foot addition or expansion.

"They're still working everything out, so it's tough to give monetary figures," Rodrigue said.

UMaine fraternity cleans up at regional conference

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity took home five out of six awards at the Northeast Carlson Leadership Academy conference Feb. 7-9.

Fraternity members learned valuable leadership skills at the regional conference, according to the fraternity's president, Greg Sinnett.

"The focus was on leadership, but also on how to apply that leadership to a chapter and running an organization," he said.

NCLA is a yearly leadership conference sponsored by SigEp's national fraternity headquarters. This year's conference was held one weekend in Jersey City, N.J. About 20

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon pose at a leadership conference in Jersey City, N.J.

SigEp chapters were present. UMaine's chapter was represented by nine students, Sinnett said.

There were two regions represented at the conference, and UMaine's chapter was considered within Region One. Six awards were given within this region. The men of UMaine's chapter were excited to realize they'd won five of these awards, Sinnett said.

"These guys are great and the chapter's phenomenal," he said. Though SigEp members were hopeful of winning an award, they claimed to have had no expectations.

"We just expect to be above average. We expect to push the limits, so we were psyched to hear we'd won the awards," Sinnett said.

Awards granted to UMaine's chapter included: Chapter House of the Year, given for improvements to the physical structure and environment of a fraternity house; Highest Grade Point Average at a chapter's university; and the

Excelsior Award, given for outstanding campus involvement as a fraternity and as individuals within the fraternity involved on campus, according to Sinnett and SigEp's vice president of member development, Jon Susee.

As part of the fraternity's Balanced Man Program, members are asked to become part of campus organizations to further develop leadership

award.

"The trip to Greece will be an incredible experience," Rodrigue said. "I look forward to learning about Greek culture, and taking that knowledge back to my fraternity brothers in the United States. Fraternities were founded upon the Greek ideals of maintaining a sound mind and sound body. This will be very meaningful for me."

Though quite a validation for what the fraternity has done, the physical awards are not of most importance to the men of SigEp, according to Sinnett.

"The fact that the chapter got so motivated by the awards when we got back is the real significance," he said. "That motivation that they bring with them to do bet-

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skills.

"The fraternity pushes for individual members to be involved so they can continually impact throughout the year. It's important to just go out and become leaders so that they are able to give back to the campus," Susee said.

"Our chapter is full of leaders," Sinnett said.

Two other individual awards were given to Matt Rodrigue, former SigEp president and facilitator of several NCLA seminars. These awards include the Frank J. Ruck award given for most influential SigEp member in the region, Sinnett said.

"It is an honor to be a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon," Rodrigue said.

Rodrigue also won a trip to Greece for the summer of 2003, June 12-22, to learn about Greek heritage, origin and culture in order to better understand Greek life and its philosophies. It was a national competition and Rodrigue was one of about 14 men to win the

ter."

The leadership conference and the awards showed members what they're doing well and what needs to be improved to become a stronger fraternity, one of the members' only expectations, according to Sinnett.

Other expectations from the conference were to come away excited for a new year, with tips on how to adapt to new executive positions, and to meet interesting people to interact with in the future.

"All of these expectations were met and many were exceeded," Sinnett said.

"It was a great opportunity to network with other brothers," he said. "It was really geared toward helping our new executive board kind of find their feet, if you will."

"It helps the new members to really find out what their particular role in the executive body is," Susee said.

Besides five new awards to place in their fraternity house, UMaine's SigEp brothers returned from Jersey City with much to be grateful for, they said. Realizing they have come a long way as a young chapter, they said they are eager to begin working toward new goals for next year's conference.

"The awards define a goal and they convey the fact that we've achieved that, but also they get you thinking, 'What are you going to do now?'" Susee said.

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LEGAL Affairs



Attorneys David R. Miller and Ted Curtis

Q: I read your article last week about Internet sales, and you mentioned something about small claims court. Could you explain what small claims court is and how it works?

A: Small Claims Court is part of the District Court, and its purpose is to provide a forum for legal claims and defenses where the amount involved is not large enough to justify hiring a lawyer. If you are over the age of 18 and have suffered damages of less than \$4,500, you may sue in Small Claims Court. You do not need a lawyer to do this. It is a very informal process whereby a judge can award either monetary damages or order a refund, return, repair or other similar form of equitable relief.

The person suing is called a "plaintiff," and the person defending is aptly called the "defendant." A plaintiff commences a claim by filing a written complaint with the court, and providing notice of the suit to the defendant. The complaint states the basis upon which legal relief is sought, and the notice provides the defendant with a copy of the complaint and a summons alerting him that he will be required to appear to defend his interests. There is a \$40 court filing fee for all small claims.

A plaintiff may provide notice to a defendant by using the U.S. Mail. In the alternative, the clerk's office can serve the complaint for an additional cost of \$10. If a defendant is not easy to locate or does not respond, it may become necessary to ask the sheriff's department to attempt to locate the defendant and serve the defendant in person. It usually costs \$15 to \$25 to have the sheriff provide service. Service is essential.

On the day of the hearing, the parties will be referred to mediation. It is advisable to consider any offer to settle, because the outcome

of a hearing is never certain. This consideration is best characterized as weighing the value to be gained through the mediated settlement against the likelihood of prevailing at a hearing and the probable amount of a judgment.

If the parties cannot settle the matter, they will proceed to hearing. The judge simply listens to each side of a story, examining any documentary or physical evidence the parties have to offer, and decides who is right. Generally speaking, the Maine Rules of Evidence do not apply in court. However, the rules of evidence exist primarily to ensure that the truth may be ascertained and proceeding justly determined. A judge is well aware of this goal of the evidentiary rules, and will exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious, and the judge will discredit unreliable or inaccurate evidence. To that end, keep in mind that original documents are better than copies, and that live witnesses are better than written statements. If a witness will not appear, a subpoena may be issued before the hearing commanding their appearance. The judge will issue a decision at the close of the hearing or shortly thereafter.

The Small Claims process is discussed in much more detail in the Maine Attorney General's Consumer Law Guide, which may be found online at www.state.me.us/ag, under Chapter 27, and in the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Volume 14, sections 7481-7485, and the Maine Rules of Court, Rules of Small Claims Procedure.

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A protester at the "War on Iraq Rally and March" displays a homemade sign at the federal building in Bangor.

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given them to him in the first place."

The event then ended with a singing of "Study War No More," a folk peace song.

The crowd dispersed, with

lingering conversations of peace, politics and the cold weather slowly dying out. A few stayed behind to clean up and speak to the press.

Even as the area emptied, a

few signs and chants carried on the central idea of the protesters.

"Stop the madness of war," shouted a man in a final protest before leaving.

Student dentists to offer their services, cheap

University College program allows trainees to practice real-world skills

Katrina Freedman
For The Maine Campus

The University College of Bangor is offering a low-cost dental clinic to the general public.

The clinic, which runs from September to April of each year, is part of the dental hygiene program at the college. Students in their last year of school perform dental services on patients under the supervision of a faculty member. The clinic provides services such as cleanings, X-rays and sealants at a considerably lower price

than regular dentists.

"It's the same cleaning you would get at any dentist office," Peggy Morse of UCB said.

The only difference between the clinic and other offices is that the process is a little longer at the clinic, according to Morse. Students are under strict supervision of a faculty member, and must take time to make sure everything is perfect.

The dental hygiene program at UCB began in 1972. Students enroll in a three-year program to get their associate's

degree in dental hygiene. They then can go on to become certified dental hygienists. Students have to work on real patients as a graduation requirement. The clinic, which has been a part of the program since the beginning, is in its 30th year of service.

"We see about 2,000 people a year. We've seen in total about 25,000 people in the last 30 years," Anne Curtis, director of the dental hygiene program, said.

A cleaning at the clinic is \$20 for adults and \$18 for children. The cleanings include an

oral exam, scaling, polishing, hygiene instructions and fluoride.

Sealants, which help prevent decay, cost \$6 per tooth, and X-rays range from \$2 to \$28 dollars, depending on the amount of work performed. Health insurance is not required, but is accepted.

The clinic is located at 29 Texas Ave. in Bangor, and will take appointments from September until April.

"We're always looking for new patients," Curtis said.

To make an appointment, call 262-7872.

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EDITORIAL

Can we trust our trustees?

How does a two-day retreat at the Inn By the Sea resort in Cape Elizabeth sound to you?

Just ask the University of Maine System Board of Trustees. Fourteen members, in addition to chancellor Joseph Westphal, a staff member and a facilitator spent Sunday and Monday at the Inn taking part in meetings.

But at what cost?

How about \$8,800? While the trustees maintain that the retreat was strictly business — no spouses were invited and no alcohol was served — the UMS faces criticism for wasting money in the face of a statewide budget crisis.

Jonathan W. Reitman, the retreat's facilitator, was compensated \$3,678, including mileage. Meals came to a total of \$3,295 over two days and 13 hotel rooms ran to about \$1,677, according to the Bangor Daily News.

"I understand the importance of those meetings and getting a turnout, but it would seem that that probably could have been done on a little bit more of a budget plan," Rep. Thomas Murphy, R-Kennebunk, said of the trip.

The Board of Trustees had the option to hold the meetings at a conference room at the University of Southern Maine campus in Portland. Apparently, that wasn't good enough. James Mullen, the trustees' chairman, said the retreat's goal was to get away from the busy campus atmosphere and get some work done.

How much work do you think they actually did there? Is it really that hard to get work done on a college campus? They expect students and faculty to do it all the time.

We advise the board of trustees to be a little more frugal with taxpayers' money. Everyone is forced to make certain economic sacrifices during budget woes, and high-ranking university officials shouldn't be exempt.

We at *The Maine Campus* offer a suggestion. The next time the UMS Board of Trustees wants to "get away," our office is always open.



I blame lazy students

The world record that never was

A chance to break a world record at the University of Maine fell by the wayside Friday night. Why? Because students would rather bitch about not having anything to do than to actually attend the events that are available. I mean, who wouldn't want to spend the night kissing a loved one? Or even a stranger for that matter.

More than 1800 people locked lips for 10 seconds Friday night inside the Field House at 10 p.m., but Maine fell well short of the record it previously held in 1997. Everyone who did show up was treated to soft drinks, all the Dentyne gum they could handle, music and a good time. But the end result left a sour taste in

ERIC
RUSSELL

SPORTS EDITOR

many mouths.

You can't blame poor advertising. This event had been talked about incessantly for months prior. It was mentioned on several local news stations in the days leading up to Friday. Posters blanketed campus, from dorm buildings to classrooms. It seems like everyone knew about it.

CNN was there, not to mention the local T.V. stations. That should be an indication that this

was a big deal.

Yet among more than 10,000 students, less than 2,000 could make it? Those numbers don't seem to add up.

You can blame it on the cold, perhaps, but kissing generates heat, so that shouldn't have been a problem. The hockey team suffered a tough loss to Providence Friday night, so people might have gone home to pray for a win Saturday night. But what better way to mourn a loss than to spend time with a bunch of happy people working hard to break a world record?

Many groups and individuals were responsible for putting this event together. Hundreds of hours

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Letters to the Editor

•A fine place to dine

I'm writing a response to Erin Morgan's article "Ruby Tuesday's: Just Another Mall Eatery." First of all, it's not Ruby Tuesday's it's Ruby Tuesday. With that said, I would like to point out that obviously people like going to Ruby Tuesday, not because of a lack of choice, but because it is one of

the best diner establishments around.

Granted, it's not the Lucerne Inn, but it is still a great place to enjoy a meal. Why else would there have been a wait to get a table? I have worked at the fine establishment for about 6 months — enjoying every minute.

People ask to be served by me

because I treat them well and fairly. Also, not to mention, the numerous customers that come back again and again because of our undeniable kindness and respect for every person.

Perhaps you should re-evaluate what exactly you were observing that day when Ruby Tuesday had to accommodate

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Commons courtesy

Are you a Communist?

MIKE
HARTWELL



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Hilltop Commons has lost a little cheer this semester. First-year engineering major and part-time commons worker John Enkosky has been silenced for good. Last semester, John got numerous complaints for intentionally serving people food they did not ask for.

He had a few warnings from his supervisors about making offensive comments "just as a joke." One day, John told a student who "looked like a dumb football player" that he had every intention of sticking his penis in the student's mashed potatoes.

To the amusement of the student customers, they kicked him off the serving line. Several months later, the second semester started and John was put back on the serving line. This time, he got relocated away from the customers after an hour and a half.

Admittedly, there was a time when John was out of line. He agrees that he deserved to be booted from the serving line last semester.

"All I've really been doing this semester is talking to people and trying to create small conversation. I do the job pretty much how I'm supposed to except for the part where I show emotion in front of the customers," Enkosky said when asked about his actions this semester.

Sure, I don't want a commons employee to call me a communist because I didn't ask for gravy on my mashed potatoes, but it's worth it to know someone out there is sticking it out with their sense of humor intact.

People give the commons workers less respect than Rodney Dangerfield. They're stuck behind the counter, burning lean tissue, while we try to

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Kiss

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were spent generating interest, getting sponsors like Dentyne gum and finding volunteers to count the people coming through the door. Was it all for nothing?

The student population can't be solely to blame, although it's kind of ridiculous that the Field House wasn't packed with horny college students. The surrounding communities knew about the kiss as well. Is 10 p.m. too late for the Orono-Old Town area?

Students are notorious around here for complaining that nothing good happens at UMaine. "There's never anything to do" seems to be their rallying call. Clearly, these people never leave their rooms because if they did, they would see they are sorely mistaken.

Obviously, men's ice hockey games are well attended by UMaine students, but the Black Bear women's basketball team is in the midst of a 13-game win

streak. Yet Sunday afternoon, of the 2,131 people inside Alford Arena, I would guess that less than 200 were students. There were more high school students than college students.

The Campus Activities Board puts on events every night of the week, including Saturday's Late Nite in the Union. People rode a mechanical bull, petted a giant snake, played bingo and sang lousy karaoke.

The Maine Center for the Arts offers several enticing shows each semester, and whether students realize it or not, they can attend two of these shows for free with their MaineCard.

So when the next Friday night turns into another six pack of Bud Light and sitting around your room wishing there was something to do, get your ass up. You might be surprised what's out there.

Eric Russell is a senior journalism major.

Commons

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decide between salisbury steak and deep-fried cauliflower. They're human beings, not gruel-scooping robots, and we need to show them some regard. Don't approach them with a doe-eyed stare or a bourgeoisie attitude.

No matter what bolt of cloth you're cut from, you've probably had a crappy job. Whether it's supermarket clerk, fast food worker or slaughterhouse janitor, we all know what it's like. People are so indifferent about John being horse-whipped by his high school-aged "supervisor."

When asked why the student population has so much contempt for him, John shrugged.

"I don't know why people hate me so much," he said. "Maybe they're too busy drinking, hitting their girlfriends and making fun of retarded children to develop a sense of humor."

To me, Enkosky is American as mock apple pie. His last name denotes diversity, while his first

name shows him to be an ordinary man. He has made himself a martyr for free speech. John knows that we have the right to say whatever we want, no matter how uncouth, childish, asinine, uninspired or dim-witted it is.

We need to come together as a people to reinstate John. Yes, he made some tasteless jokes in the past. There's no debate on that. What is up for debate is that they decided to let him back on, only to get tossed out for asking people how their day is going or what they think of the food. If there is a service-with-a-glassy-eyed-stare policy, then he broke that.

Readers of *The Maine Campus*, stand up for what you believe is right. Write to your Congressperson. Stage a hunger strike. Knock over a tombstone. If John Enkosky isn't put back on the serving line, then the terrorists win.

Mike Hartwell is a sophomore journalism major.

Letters

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your "queenish" needs. Contrary to what you may believe, you are under the legal drinking age. I am not of legal age and your notion of the bar being "a barbaric centerpiece" proves your ignorance and your immaturity about your age. By reading your articles, you can tell that your maturity level is that of a 17-year-old at best. Congratulations. This is quite an achievement for you judging from the past articles that you managed to salvage together.

After reading your part on the Happy Birthday singing, I would like to point out that they were not friends but a group of softball players who chose to come to Ruby Tuesday to celebrate a

birthday.

I know this may be a hard pill for you to swallow, but people do celebrate their birthdays. But, I guess your "friends" haven't asked the kind waitress or waiter to sing Happy Birthday for you, ever — that would just be too insulting for your own good.

Finally, I would advise you to fully recognize your observations before jumping to conclusions and making poor judgments. Maybe then you could write stuff that is actually worth reading and not just another crumpled up piece of paper used to light the wood in a fireplace.

*Benjamin Myerowitz
Sophomore undeclared major*

An attitude adjustment

Respect is cyclical in a tension filled environment

JAMES
HILLS

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

committed Jan. 31.

"I did not start the fire," I thought. "I don't know who did!"

She then shifted our attention to representatives from local police and fire departments, who then effectively communicated the consequences associated with the misuse of matches and lighters in residential buildings. Willfully and recklessly endangering any persons or their property is not a hoax, it is a disaster waiting to happen. Damages can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars in just minutes, and the threat of physical harm befalling a student is real.

As the meeting concluded, our RD did not apologize for her callous words, but she did note her bitter rage at the community she stood before. Telling us that she didn't care whether we liked her or her Resident Assistants, our RD admitted they were having a hard time controlling their anger. She claimed the lack of respect they give is due to the lack of respect they receive.

"They try hard," the RD said. But there is always that

man who tried to swim and still drowned. Trying is neither effective nor efficient; doing something is.

Consider this: certain assistants' animosity toward residents is the direct cause of the disrespect they receive from students. While the untamed nature of those RAs affects my character and constructs my understanding of them as unjust individuals, I recognize the tendency of residents to retaliate against their attitudes and dispositions. Some residents become a bit anarchistic when they receive neither independence nor respect in their domestic environment, but a few bad apples do not justify a rotten tree.

I urge both residents and members of the residential staff to stop the hostility and stop the so-called retribution as a duty to themselves. It would be unreasonable for me to command a RA to stop resenting an unjust resident; likewise, it would be unreasonable for anyone to command any resident to stop resenting an unjust staff member.

Nevertheless, let us admit our mistakes and move on. Let's set a precedent within public opinion by working together and making York Hall livable again.

James Hills is a senior philosophy major.

'The Body' television

Jesse Ventura and the talk show arena

ANTHONY
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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

XFL. Maybe that was a bad example, but Ventura, the author of two bestsellers, titled "I Ain't Got Time to Bleed" and "Do I Stand Alone?," has the credentials for the unconventional.

Get the usual Sunday morning crowd into daytime television. Bring some thought into the lazy afternoon of "Oprah" and "Pokémon." Bring politicians, regular Joes or celebrities if they want to talk about issues instead of upcoming releases. But above all, don't talk about the same retread things everyone else is. Ventura could be the person capable of getting people interested in what's going on in the world beyond what everyone is telling them to think. It would be smash-mouth talk.

Scoring Maher for that first episode would be a coup, a sign of what kind of television Ventura would be doing. Daring, on-the-edge stuff only the cable channels are interested in dabbling in, with less charismatic figures. Aside from

our own dearly-departed Angus King, Ventura was the only Independent governor in the recent past. Given that most people thought of him as either a professional wrestler or an action movie star, that fact is even more startling.

How did he do it? I'll tell you how. By being unexpected, as he clearly was. By having the knowledge, ability and tenacity to actually follow the surprise up with competent political maneuvers.

When was the last time you heard someone say something positive about talk shows in general? There are too many of them. Anyone with a name can get one and then lose it within a year? How many of those failures could you see coming from a mile away? I would venture to guess, all of them. Why? Because they aren't innovative, risky or challenging. Jesse Ventura is all these things and more. He's an unlikely hero, but all the best ones are.

Then again, he could easily be another flash in the pan or follow in Bill Maher's footsteps. I doubt it, but we'll see. Whatever happens, expect it to be flashy.

Anthony Laplume is a senior English major.

He was "The Body" in the ring and then "The Body Politic" as Minnesota's governor. He's Jesse Ventura, maverick extraordinaire, and he's just made a deal to have his own talk show. Imagine the possibilities.

Do you remember Bill Maher, the host of the now deceased "Politically Incorrect" late night round table? Nothing would please me more than to have him as Ventura's first guest on this show, which has not yet been scheduled. Think of the possibilities. Maher lost his gig after proving to be a little too politically incorrect, or at least not being endearing enough to get away with it.

Ventura is not Maher, but he's got the same kind of aura about him. The man who sits just outside the mainstream, a man on the fringe. What would the two have to say to each other?

To make this work, I'd like to see Ventura's show as not unlike Maher's old show. I don't see Ventura as having another "Ricki Lake" or "Jerry Springer," or even "Rosie O'Donnell Show." No celebrity pandering here. I have much higher expectations for the guy who promised "smash-mouth football" for the

STYLE.



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A kiss to remember, or forget

By Erin Morgan
For The Maine Campus

About 2,000 people gathered at the University of Maine Field House Friday night for what some were calling the biggest public display of affection ever.

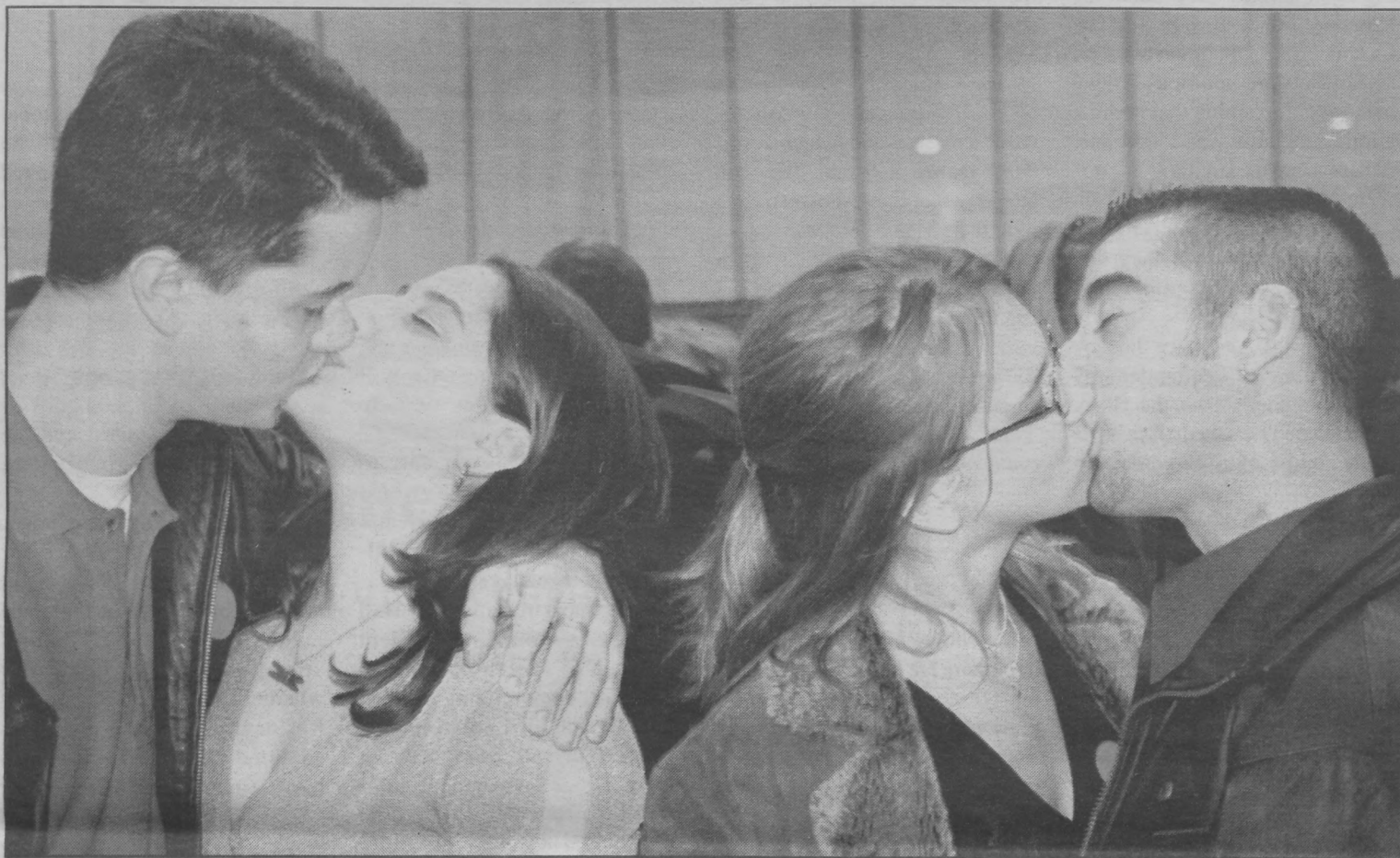
Couples, old and young, gay and straight, could be seen cozying up to one another to get warm on an evening so cold, it was record breaking in itself.

The University of Maine community was there for a failed attempt to reclaim its world record for the most couples kissing at once.

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What night could be better to attempt something of this magnitude than Valentine's Day?

Participants received numbered stickers as they entered the building in order to keep track of how many people were at the event. As long as they



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A pair of couples do their part at the Kiss to Remember, UMaine's bid to break the world record for most couples kissing at one time. Unfortunately the attempt fell short by several hundred couples.

were 16 or older, participants could be counted for the contest, regardless of whether they attended the university or not.

A smooth mixture of sappy love songs beckoned everyone to join in the festivities. There was a contest between two couples for the best dancers. The cash prize was given to a couple

who sported a flashy display of swing moves.

Dentyne Ice gum, soda and water were handed out to participants as they waited for the big moment. Random prizes, such as ski lift tickets, were being given away periodically. The University of Maine band was there, and played while

Bananas the Bear danced for everyone.

Nine hundred and forty three couples showed up for the event and there was even a singles pit so those without a partner could grab a random stranger and pucker up.

Despite the effort, the university did not recapture its

once-held record.

"Weather was hands-down the reason why we didn't break the record," Sandra L. Caron, professor of family relations and human sexuality, said. Temperatures dropped to around -40 degrees Celsius.

see KISS page 13

Student entertainment bids on O.A.R.

By Luke Krummel
For The Maine Campus

Of A Revolution may be the next big thing in the music scene. They also might be the next big act at the University of Maine. A Student Entertainment offer recently was made to bring the band's distinctive jam, folk, roots rock, Phish-meets-Sublime with Dylan-esque lyrics style of music to campus.

The time is circa-1997 and the place is Ohio. Five newly acquainted freshman decided to get together to develop a new sound to bust into the music scene with. The result was O.A.R. Combining several different genres of music, the band released three albums with a very definitive sound and quickly gained a large grass-roots following. By the time the five members graduated in 2001, O.A.R. had three albums under

its belt and was selling out 1,500 seat venues without any airplay. In the months that followed, the band embarked on a tour with Sheryl Crow and released a live album, which captured the true spirit of their music.

Revolution, may be intriguing to many college students, as youth is always into change.

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Many big name acts that have received offers from the UMaine have either turned them down or simply not shown up. Many students are aware of this and are beginning to get a little frustrated.

Student Entertainment under-

important to push advertising and make sure the word gets out.

Students who are unfamiliar with the music of O.A.R. can visit their Web site at www.ofarevolution.com, and find samples from all of their albums, concert reviews and tour info.

Students can also get involved with Student Entertainment in a variety of ways. The group's folder on FirstClass can be found by going to The Campus Connection on the desktop, Student Organizations, and finally Student Entertainment. Students are invited to attend Student Entertainment meetings Mondays at 2 p.m. in the Student Government office in the basement of Memorial Union. Questions about the organization can be directed to Keith Biddle via FirstClass.

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Over time, O.A.R. has developed a strong following among college students due, in large part, to their dynamic songs, underground image and intense lyrics. Their name alone, Of A

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stands and would like to get a large group of people to attend the show.

Keith Biddle, vice president of Student Entertainment, stressed that it will be very

'Vagina Monologues' raises eyebrows, awareness

SWA production
a success for
the fourth year

By Ben Morin
For The Maine Campus

"Vagina. Vagina. It sounds like an infection at best."

That line was one of the first in a play that promised to "make you laugh, make you cry, and make you think."

"The Vagina Monologues" was performed at the University of Maine last week for the fourth year in a row, sponsored by the Student Women's Association.

All proceeds, estimated at \$5,000, benefited two local organizations specializing in helping women — Spruce Run Shelter and Rape Response Services — as well as a third contribution to V-Day's national campaign for Native American and Canadian First Nations Women.

"The Vagina Monologues" is based on interviews with more than 200 women conducted by author Eve Ensler. The focus of the pieces is to celebrate women's sexuality and strength and to recognize the hardships faced by women around the world. Over time, Ensler's V-



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The cast of "The Vagina Monologues" gets together for a 'vagina circle' minutes before the performance started, yelling, "one, two, three, vaginas!"

Day campaign became an international effort to support organizations working to stop violence against women. In just the five years the play has been running, more than \$14 million has been raised, earning the V-Day campaign a spot as one of Worth Magazine's "100 Best Charities" in 2001.

To supplement ticket sales, SWA sold chocolate vulvas and

raffle tickets to win a vibrator. Audience members at Minsky Recital Hall were seated by one of several ushers named Bob — based on a character in the play who liked to look at vaginas — and were then greeted by a gigantic, red vulva backdrop.

In "The Flood," performed by Joy Sinclair, a 72-year-old Jewish woman from the Bronx talked about her "down there."

"Under The Burqua" was an emotionally charged monologue depicting the strife of Afghani women under Taliban rule. Mandy Lancaster brought nearly the entire crowd to tears each night with her passionate performance.

"The Woman Who Loved To Make Vaginas Happy," a performance by Sarah Brasslett, brought the crowd to hysterics.

In her spirited performance, Brasslett made a variety of sexual moans.

The actresses, while lounging on various couches and chairs, laughed out loud and made catcalls at each other with genuine enthusiasm. If you didn't catch the show this year, mark "The Vagina Monologues" a "must see" on your calendar next February.



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Sarah Brasslett gets ready for her performance in "The Vagina Monologues" Tuesday night. Brasslett said, "I'm so nervous!" as a cast member put gel in her hair.

B-Side:

The Anti-Valentine's Day

By Alex Lehning
For The Maine Campus

I'm going to start this week with a tip: It's not best to do any serious work at 2:07 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Certainly not if you've had something to drink or if there is a mellow acoustic mix on your MP3 player. And especially if you're depressed because it's Valentine's Day weekend and you've had all the commercialized lovey-dovey crap you can handle.

I went to an Anti-Valentine's Day party Friday. It was full of decidedly non-Cupid things, like "Rambo" movies and a bunch of guys singing rowdy drinking songs. OK, so maybe I'm bitter, but I think I have a right to be. My track record with V-Day is a little spotty.

Don't worry, I won't get too sappy, and I'm not just biased against Feb. 14. I really don't like New Year's either. I guess you could say I'm not a big fan of holidays where, in order to celebrate, you have to change something. I hate New Year's resolutions. What is so special about Jan. 1 that makes people want to stop smoking, subscribe to a literary magazine or hit the gym twice a week?

The same is true of Valentine's Day. I mean, do we really need a day where "I love you" means more than it does on say July 18 or Oct. 23? Maybe it's just me, but I don't need a greeting card company feeding me lines about making that "special day more special" for \$2.99.

I'm just fine, thank you, with doing things at my own pace. I like to think of every day as my own little holiday. No greeting cards or little fuzzy bears with a dozen red roses required.

My girlfriend doesn't need a special day to know how much I care — if I had a girlfriend that is. But really, I don't think being single has anything to do with the way I feel about Valentine's Day. Well, maybe a little.

Now don't take offense, all you happy couples out there. I am sure that your hard-earned money was well spent on one short-lived token of affection or other.

My money, on the other hand, went to a tasty large cheese pizza from Orono House of Pizza. Yep, tonight is my own little holiday. Pizza, a little Dashboard Confessional and this article. Yeah ... guess who has the last laugh now?

Probably Hallmark.

On another note...

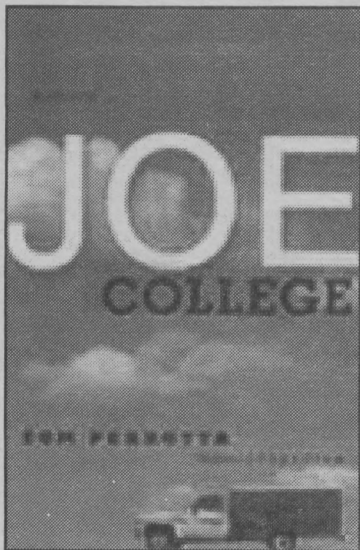
I once bought a CD because it had exactly one song I liked on it. As I drove home from the record store, I put the disc in my player

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'Joe College:' Perotta pens a college classic

By Kris Healey
Style Editor

The experience of the college-aged male is hard to quantify. Full of ups and downs, friendships and heartbreaks, changing relationships, the tension between parents and their



children, the demands of classes and the stresses of going home. In short, college ain't no picnic. It's a time of changes and tribulations, and in Tom Perotta's award-winning novel "Joe College," the experience is conveyed with wit, charm and stunning accuracy.

The novel, a 2001 release and winner of a National Book Award, is light enough reading for the homework-addled college student, but deep and witty enough to be considered Bible-esque for any male aged 18-25.

The plot revolves around the life of Yale junior Danny, a semi-popular middle-class kid from the suburbs of New

Jersey. Set in the early 1980s, the subject matter, though nostalgic at times, is no less relevant because of the era it's based in. Affecting Danny throughout the book are his relationships with his roommates, an ex-girlfriend at home in New Jersey carrying a potentially life-changing secret, a fling with a beautiful but unavailable classmate and the stresses of returning home for spring break.

Perotta, the author of the novels "Election" and "The Wishbones," is a master at penning quirky and approachable anti-heroes. Like the well-meaning and good-natured Mr. M in "Election," Danny is an ordinary guy attempting to deal with the situations life throws at him. Unlike Mr. M., however, Danny's attempts at solving his problems often complicate his situation, leaving him engaged in more troubled scenarios.

Take Danny's relationship with Cindy, the former flame from home with the Charlie's Angels hairdo. Danny is troubled by the realization that the basis of his relationship with her was the pursuit of sexual gratification and the further realization that once they've slept together, he knows he'll never want to do it again. Add into the mix his torrid run-ins with college friend Polly, the editor of the Yale literary magazine and girlfriend of Danny's English professor, and the sometimes troubled relationships between his friends and

suitemates, and you realize Danny has his plate full. But, he tries to make the best of the bad situations he ends up in.

Readers will find themselves identifying with Danny's trou-

bles. I mean, who hasn't had a regrettable relationship or a crush on the unavailable but unavoidable girl? Like most of us who have experienced similar situations, Danny more often than not comes out looking like an asshole. But he's a well-meaning asshole, and that's what makes him likable.

Like Michael Chabon's "The Mysteries of Pittsburgh" and

Nick Hornby's "High Fidelity," "Joe College" is a first-rate coming of age novel. For the college-guy wondering if he's the only one out there struggling through the tribulations of four years in flux, the characters and situations in this novel will ring true. Buy this book, read it on a beach during spring break or between chapters of biology. I guarantee you won't regret it.

Sometimes you ride the bull



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The mechanical bull in the north pod of Memorial Union drew large crowds of students Saturday night. Other activities included acoustic soloists, bedtime bingo, picture puzzles and a petting zoo.

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Ryan Brickett was one of the many students who dared to ride a mechanical bull, as a part of "Late Night in the Memorial Union" Saturday.

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This and UMaine's hockey game loss just minutes before the event was due to start were considered large factors for the failure.

In order to break the record, 1,589 couples were needed, or just over 3,000 people. In the end, the effort fell short by more than 1,000 people. UMaine's 1996 record of 1,420 people was broken by a group in Ontario who managed to round up 1,588 couples in 2000.

Judges for the event included Rick Tyler of Channel 2 News, Mike Elliot from KISS 94.5 and George Bragdon from the Bangor Daily News. Had there been enough couples, the judges would have had to verify the process had been performed correctly for the Guinness Book of World Records.

So will UMaine try to break the record again anytime soon?

Perhaps not in the immediate future, since an event of this measure takes a lot of hard work and careful planning, according to Caron.

"We'll try to do it another time," Caron said.

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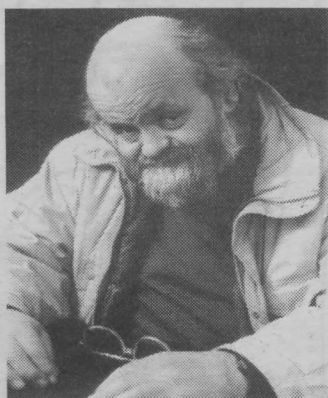
and happily listened to the single. Then I skipped the next 12 songs, only giving them a moment of consideration before I was again in radio-friendly bliss. The point of that story? Like a CD, it's easy to go through life skipping all the tracks we don't know. So, wel-

come to B-Side, a column devoted to music, life and stuff we might otherwise miss. Feel like talking about something? E-mail Alex Lehning on FirstClass. Comments, opinions or slander are welcome — and I guess a Valentine wouldn't be so bad either.

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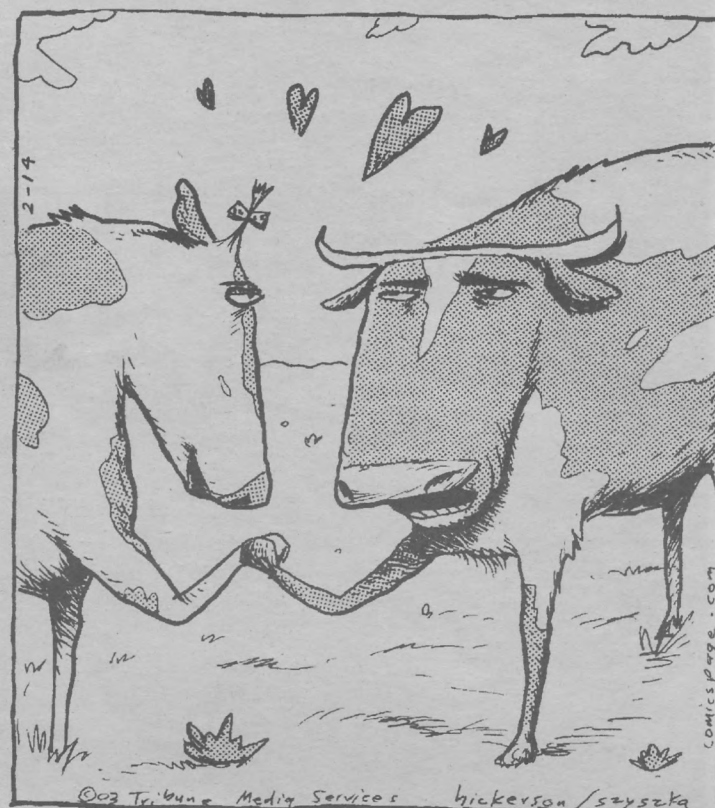
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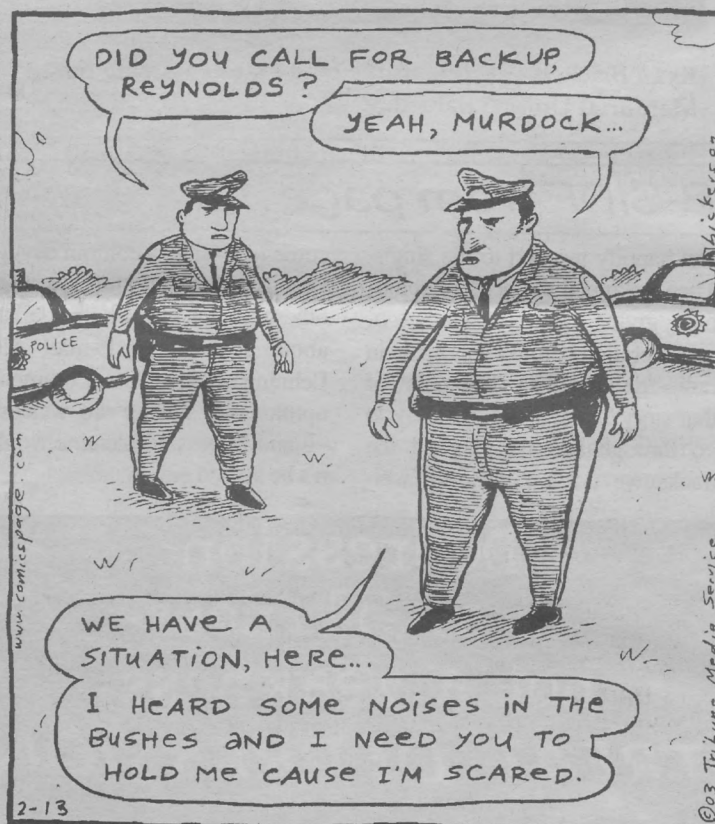
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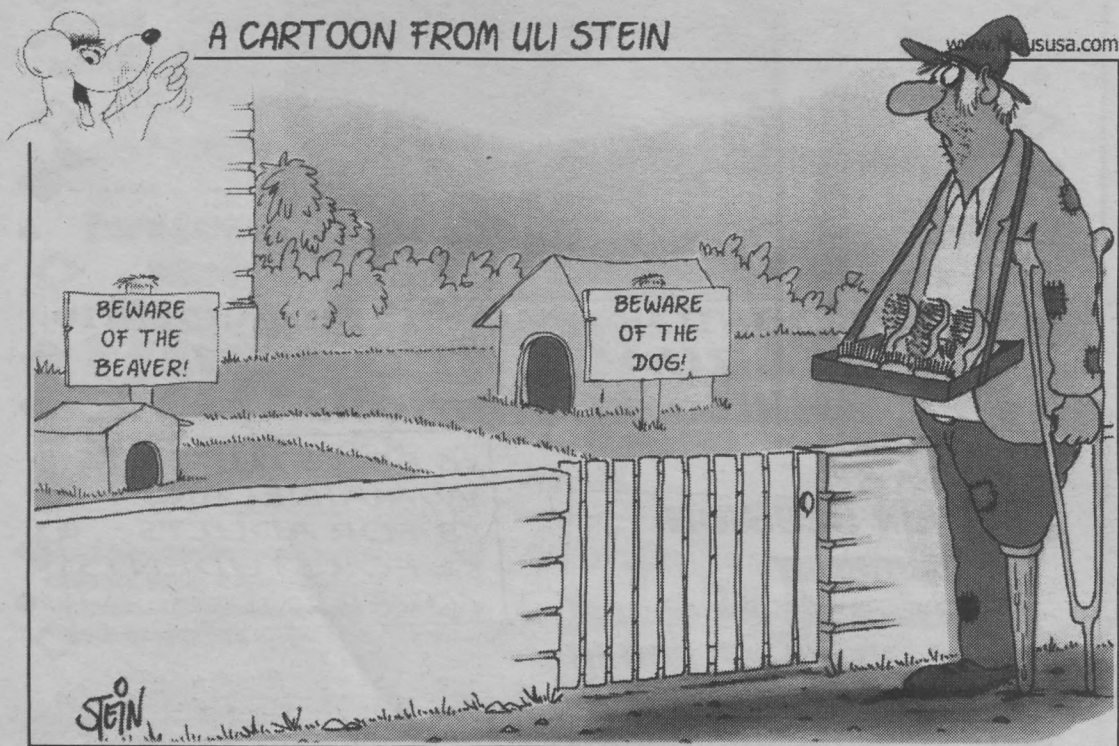


"I'm so glad I finally found someone whose heart, like her milk, is untainted."

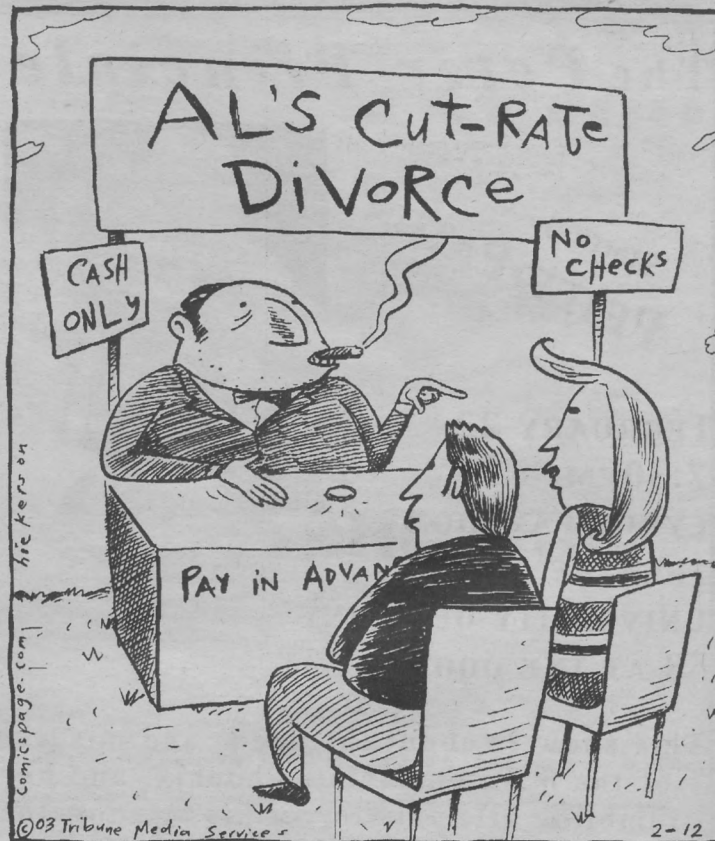


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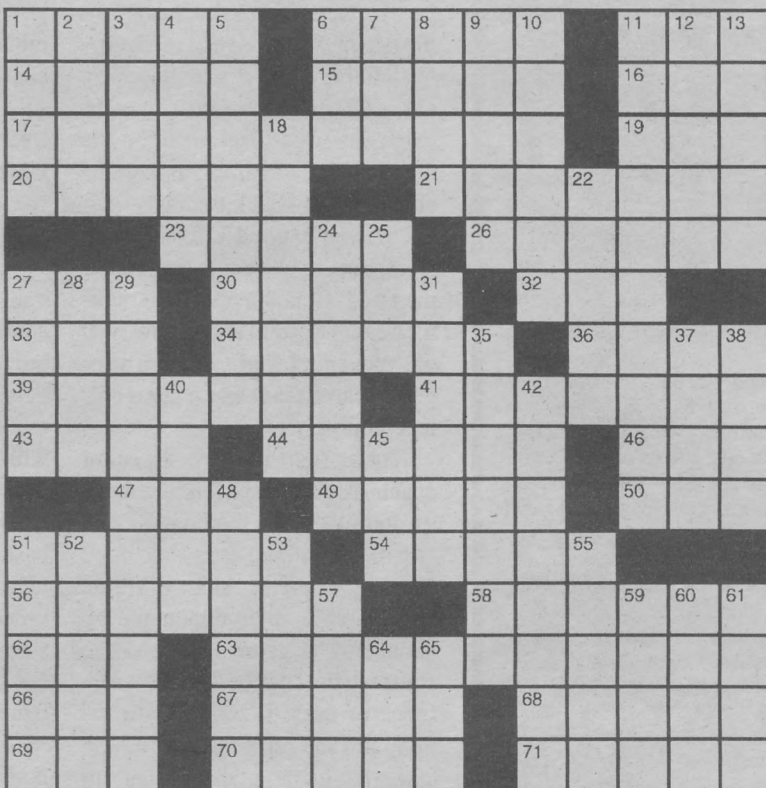
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"Heads! She gets the house."

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Goddess of agriculture
 - Nautical position
 - LAPD call
 - Essential acid
 - Film
 - Actress Farrow
 - Document signers
 - Weightlifter's pride, slangily
 - Make certain
 - Musical partner of Mary Ford
 - Support for the arts?
 - Formal, informally
 - Harper Valley org. of song
 - Fork parts
 - Draft org.
 - Unit of work
 - Regard highly
 - Dramatis personae
 - Masters city
 - In haste
 - Gull's cousin
 - Stored fodder
 - Mighty tree
 - Citric cooler
 - Biblical outcast
 - Bread choice
 - Works of fiction
 - Oscar de la ____
 - Cupidity
 - Permafrost region
 - Encountered
 - Major blood vessel in the neck
 - Afore
 - Manhattan Project project
 - American buffalo
 - Sot's syndrome
 - Window catches
 - Narrow cuts



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- DOWN
- Jose's home
 - Australian birds
 - Barbecue favorite
 - Follow
 - Plato's teacher
 - Athos, to Aramis
 - Hope or Dole
 - Mr. Knievel
 - Shown on TV
 - Courtesy title for men: abbr.
 - High-ranking diplomat
 - Overly devout
 - Dismally
 - Stands up to
 - Actor Joe
 - Necessitate
 - Director Spike
 - Bog substance
 - Faithful
 - Makes worse
 - Mexican shawl
 - Vivid purplish red
 - Do in, as a dragon
 - Little child
 - Beneath
 - Makes uneasy
 - Celtic god of the sea

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- Old Testament prophet
- Appointed
- Out in the open
- Diver's acronym
- Blacksmith's block
- Swelled heads
- Lucy's partner
- Mob violence
- Landers and Sothorn
- Ref's relative
- Some wts.

SEX matters

What positions are more comfortable for women during intercourse? Is it normal for some positions to be painful?

Female, first-year, Simon's Rock College of Bard

Dr. Caron's response: Comfortable positions during intercourse really vary from person to person. While some may enjoy the man-on-top position, others may enjoy having the woman on top, being side by side or using rear entry. Some people enjoy experimenting with more than one position. I will say some women report that they find the woman-on-top position more comfortable because they have a greater range of motion and can more easily control the angle, rate, and depth of penetration.

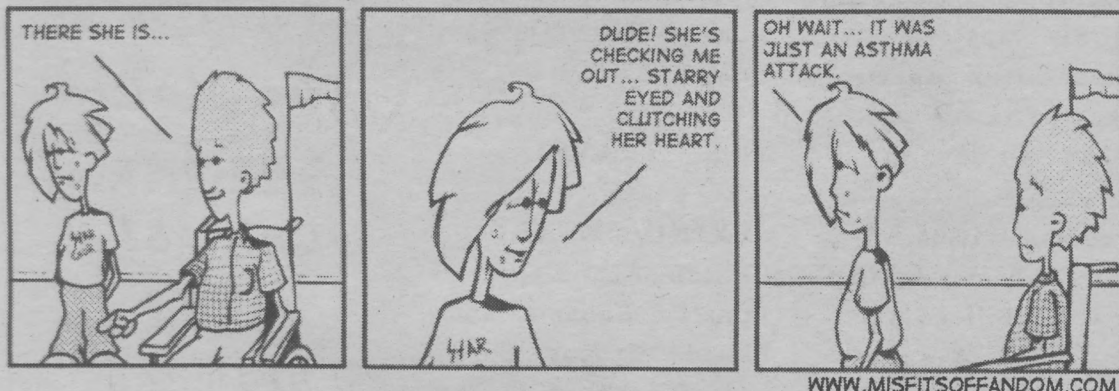
Is it normal for some positions to be painful? Yes. For example, pain can be the result of a woman not being lubricated enough. Sex can also be painful if she has an infection (such as a yeast infection), and some contraceptives have been known to irritate the vagina (like certain foams and gels, and even condoms) and can lead to painful sex. Pain can result when

thrusting is so vigorous that the ligaments that support the uterus are pushed and suddenly stretched. The woman-on-top position comes in handy in this case since she controls the depth of the thrusts.

Although all women may experience some pain during some episode of intercourse, there is reason to be concerned if you find that you have this pain most or all the time, in whatever position you find yourself in. A pelvic exam performed by a gynecologist would be recommended. For example, endometriosis (when menstrual tissue ends up outside the uterus and attaches within the pelvis to the ovaries, tubes and uterus) is associated with pain during penile thrusting, and you would want to have this checked and treated. For more information on endometriosis, check out this website: <http://www.endometriosis-sn.org/>. Best wishes.

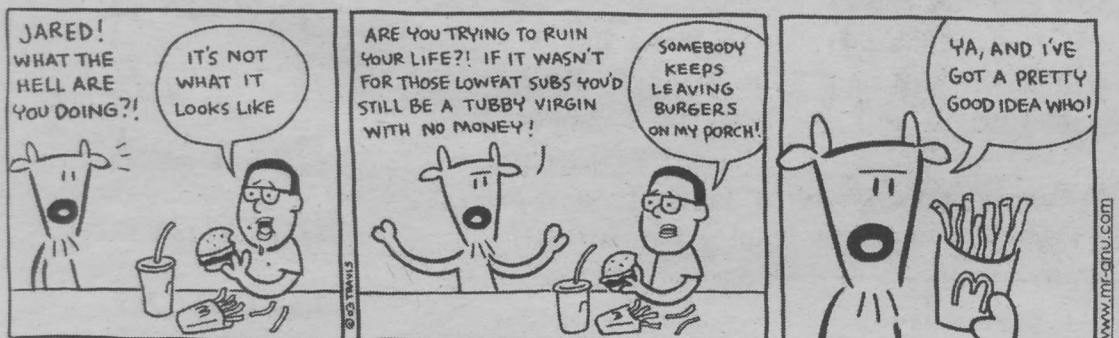
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 15 @ Binghamton

UMaine (62)

Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, White 3-9 2-2 8, Rowe 1-6 0-3 2, Reed 0-7 3-4 3, Hill 4-7 0-0 12, Dobson 5-12 4-4 15, Petkus 2-3 0-0 6, Campbell 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 5-12 5-6 16. Totals 20-56 14-19 62.

Binghamton (63)

Carter 2-5 0-0 4, St. Fort 2-5 1-2 7, Billings 5-11 0-2 10, Baker 2-5 0-0 5, Green 6-13 2-3 18, Hermenter 1-6 2-2 5, Ocitti 3-3 0-0 8, Casseus 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 2-5 1-3 6. Totals 23-54 6-12 63.

Halftime - Binghamton 33, UMaine 29. **3-pt. field goals** - UMaine 8-23 (Hill 4-7, Petkus 2-3, Dobson 1-4, Brown 1-3, Reed 0-5, White 0-1), Binghamton 11-24 (Green 4-8, St. Fort 2-2, Ocitti 2-2, Baker 1-3, Hermenter 1-4, Williams 1-3, Carter 0-2). **Fouled out** - none. **Rebounds** - UMaine (Rowe 9), Binghamton (Green 6). **Assists** - UMaine (Dobson 4), Binghamton (Green 5). **Total fouls** - UMaine 14, Binghamton 16. **Attendance** - 2,120

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sunday, Feb. 16 vs. Binghamton

UMaine (66)

Heon 5-12 2-3 12, Ernest 6-11 2-3 15, Jay 0-1 0-0 0, Corbitt 4-8 3-4 11, Veilleux 4-6 0-0 9, Traversi 2-4 0-0 5, Geraghty 0-2 0-0 0, Peterson 3-7 0-0 6, Schrader 4-6 0-0 8. Totals 28-57 7-10 66.

Binghamton (62)

Scordino 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Haubrich 0-1 0-0 0, Eldridge 2-3 0-0 4, Blues 4-14 4-4 14, Laws 7-10 0-0 14, Townley 6-13 2-2 14, Hibler 5-5 1-1 11, Wegwerth 2-5 0-0 5, Forkey 0-0 0-0 0, Bartula 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-53 7-13 62.

Halftime - UMaine 29, Binghamton 27. **3-pt. field goals** - UMaine 3-10 (Ernest 1-2, Veilleux 1-2,

Traversi 1-3, Heon 0-2, Corbitt 0-1), Binghamton 3-11 (Blues 2-8, Wegwerth 1-2, Townley 0-1). **Fouled out** - Binghamton, Hibler. **Rebounds** - UMaine (Ernest 7), Binghamton (Townley 7). **Assists** - UMaine (Corbitt 5), Binghamton (Townley 5). **Total fouls** - UMaine 14, Binghamton 15. **Attendance** - 2,131

MEN'S HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 14 vs. Providence

UM 0 1 0 - 1
PC 3 1 1 - 5

First Period - 1, PC, Bloomingberg (Wood), 1:46. 2, PC, Fregoe (Rask), 3:48. 3, PC, Fregoe (Wood, Goodwin), 9:06

Penalties - Platt, PC (elbowing), 14:15. Wood, PC (tripping), 17:25.

Second Period - 4, UM, Lawson (Liscak, Kariya), 14:10. 5, PC, Robinson (Wood), 18:33.

Penalties - Bloomingberg, PC (elbowing), 9:22. Lawson, UM (elbowing), 9:22. Ryan, UM (hit after whistle), 9:22. Wright, PC (hit after whistle), 9:22. Fregoe, PC (interference), 13:40. Lyall, UM (holding), 15:52.

Third Period - 6, PC, DiSalvatore (Zingoni), 6:08.

Penalties - Chaput, PC (holding), 3:43. Kariya, UM (interference), 5:17. Wood, PC (holding), 11:50. Damon, UM (interference), 12:56. Wright, PC (hooking), 13:29. Ryan, UM (cross-checking), 18:00. Weiman, PC (interference), 19:45.

Shots on goal - UM 14-9-11 34. PC 9-10-8 27.

Goalies - UM, Howard (22 saves shotd). PC, Schaefer (33-34)

Attendance - 4,748

Saturday, Feb. 15 vs. Providence

UM 0 1 1 - 2
PC 0 0 2 - 2

First Period - no scoring. **Penalties** - Bloomingberg, PC (high sticking), 5:16. Shields, UM (high stick-

ing), 5:16. Reimann, UM (hooking), 8:22.

Second Period - 1, UM, Liscak (unassisted), 4:49.

Penalties - Wright, PC (hooking), 16:35. Wight, UM (hooking), 16:35.

Third Period - 2, PC, Pemberton (Zingoni), 3:26. 3, PC, Goodwin (Zingoni, Wright), 7:37. 4, UM, Loya (Lynch, Barnes), 9:58.

Penalties - Team, PC (delay of game), 19:03.

Overtime - no scoring.

Penalties - none.

Shots on goal - UM 7-7-10-0 24. PC 6-13-9-1 29.

Goalies - UM, Doyle (27 saves-29 shots). PC, Schaefer (22-24).

Attendance - 5,102

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Saturday, Feb. 15 @ Northeastern

UM 1 1 0 - 2
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First Period - 1, NU, Greene (White), 16:30. 2, UM, Aarts (Sjogren, Wold), 18:12.

Penalties - Smethurst, UM (checking), 3:25. Elia, NU (interference), 8:19. Janusc, UM (interference), 11:22.

Second Period - 3, UM, Desmet (Sjogren), 13:14.

Penalties - Keefe, NU (roughing), 2:11. Droog, UM (roughing), 2:11. Johnstone, UM (checking), 8:21. Elia, NU (checking), 9:01. Smethurst, UM (slashing), 9:13. Keefe, NU (holding the stick), 11:27. Paul, NU (cross-checking), 19:26.

Third Period - 4, NU, Greene (White, Peters), 3:11. 5, NU, Kenyon (Paul), 8:58.

Penalties - Desmet, UM (hooking), 9:35. Sjogren, UM (cross-checking), 17:23.

Shots on goal - UM 9-6-7 22. NU 10-9-10 29.

Goalies - UM, Froats (26 saves-29 shots). NU, Gunn (20-22).

Attendance - 157

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Binghamton head coach Laurie Kelly, who did not make the trip to Alford Arena due to the birth of her baby, was replaced by assistant coach Rich Conover. Conover was pleased with his team's efforts against the conference-leading Black Bears.

"It was a good effort by our team, but we just came up short at the end," Conover said. "I couldn't be more proud about how well our players played against a very good Maine team and a great college atmosphere."

The fourth-year assistant coach also credited his team for its dominance on the boards.

"Rebounding was a huge focus," Conover said. "Maine out-rebounds their opponents by about nine a game, and lead the conference. That obviously was a focus of ours. It was determination, and the girls really did execute the game plan we had in place."

Binghamton scored the first basket of the game, and jumped out to an early 8-2 lead with 15:44 remaining in the half. The Black Bears eventually closed the gap and took their first lead on an Ernest three-pointer, a steal and Kim Corbitt's drive to the basket. Corbitt's basket gave the Black Bears a 13-12 lead with 11:55 left in the first half.

UMaine and Binghamton continued to battle until the intermission, exchanging buckets almost every trip down the court. The Black Bears led at the half 29-27.

UMaine opened the gap in the second half, taking 10-point leads at both 12:23 and 11:05. The

Black Bears limited the Bearcats to fewer shots with better rebounding efforts, grabbing 15 boards to Binghamton's 12 in the second 20 minutes. Still, the Bearcats chipped away at the UMaine lead and made it a one possession game with only 1:01 left to play.

With only a 62-60 lead and one minute left, UMaine nearly committed a shot clock violation, but sophomore forward Monica Peterson grabbed an offensive rebound and beat the shot clock with a layup to make the score 64-60 with 33 seconds remaining.

Binghamton added a quick basket with 17 seconds remaining, but Conover didn't call a timeout, nor did he advise his team to foul in the final seconds. Finally, Binghamton's Jennifer Blues fouled UMaine junior Melissa Heon, but after Heon hit both free throws, there was not enough time for Binghamton to get a shot off.

"I take full responsibility for falling asleep at the wheel when we made our last basket at 17 seconds to go and not calling time out or fouling right away," Conover said.

The Black Bears placed three players in double figures. Ernest was joined by classmate Heon (12 points, two steals) and sophomore guard Corbitt (11 points, five assists).

UMaine will head to Boston on Wednesday for a 7 p.m. meeting with Northeastern University. The Black Bears previously defeated the Huskies 64-50 on Jan. 18.

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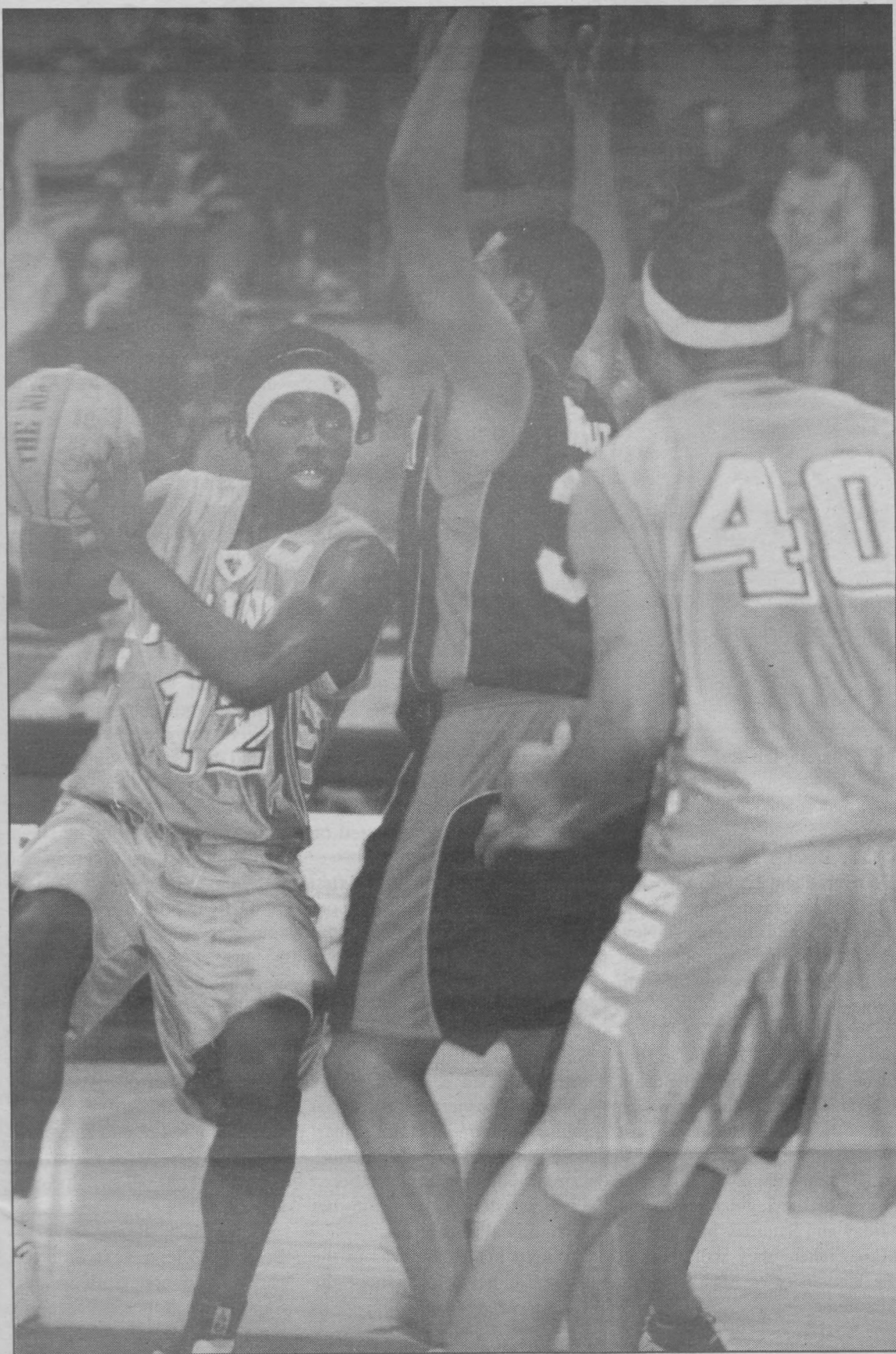
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University of Maine guard Eric Dobson (12) looks to pass to senior Clayton Brown (40) in the Black Bears' win over Northeastern University Feb. 12. Brown scored 16 points to lead UMaine and Dobson added 15 points, but Binghamton University held off a late Black Bear run to win 63-62 Saturday in New York.

Men's hoops loses tough game in N.Y.

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's basketball team saw its four-game conference winning streak snapped Saturday afternoon in New York. But not by much.

Binghamton University held off a late Black Bear charge in the game's final minutes to win 63-62 at home.

Down 61-49, UMaine reeled off 13 straight points to take a 62-61 lead with 1:46 remaining. Binghamton's Anthony Green sank two free throws just 15 seconds later and neither team scored the rest of the way. Green finished with a game-high 18 points for the Bearcats, none bigger than his final two.

Black Bear junior guard Eric Dobson had a chance for the win with seconds remaining, but his layup missed and Nick Billings grabbed the rebound for Binghamton, ending UMaine's chances.

Dobson scored 15 points and added four assists and senior forward Clayton Brown led the Black Bears with 16 points, 13 coming in the second half. Junior guard Thomas Hill connected on 4-7 shots from three-point range and finished with 12 points to round out UMaine's double-digit scorers.

The one missing component for the Black Bears was 7-foot senior center Justin Rowe, who was held to just two points and only one block in 23 minutes of action. Rowe went into the game leading the nation in blocked shots.

"It was an important win for us," Binghamton coach Al Walker said. "We've still got a

shot at finishing third in the conference, and I was proud of the way our guys hung in there after they came back on us."

UMaine fell to 12-13 on the season and is now tied with Binghamton at 7-6 in America East Conference play. The Bearcats are 12-11 overall.

Billings, the conference's other 7-footer, outplayed his counterpart Rowe by scoring 10 points, grabbing six rebounds and adding three blocks. Binghamton was hot from three-point range, connecting on 11-24 for 46 percent.

UMaine shot only 36 percent for the game from the floor. First-year guard Kevin Reed, the team's leading scorer, was held to just three points, all from the free throw line. Reed missed all seven of his shots from the floor.

Black Bear senior forward Rickey White, the nation's leader in field goal shooting, made only 3-9 shots and finished with eight points.

Binghamton's Green made 4-8 from three-point range and added six rebounds and five assists. Stanley Ocitti and Jeffrey St. Fort each hit two three-point baskets for the Bearcats.

Binghamton and UMaine are now tied for third in America East with four games left on the Black Bears' schedule.

UMaine travels to Boston University Wednesday night for a showdown with the conference-leading Terriers. BU used a balanced offensive attack and stodgy defense to defeat the Black Bears 63-53 at Alford Arena Jan. 29.

UMaine returns home Sunday, Feb. 23 to host Stony Brook University.

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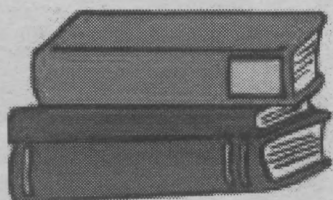
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University of Maine junior forward Todd Jackson has the puck poked away by a Providence College player Saturday. The Black Bears earned a tie Saturday and a loss Friday night.

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play, which gave him 100 assists in his UMaine career.

The Black Bears had appeared to seize momentum with the goal, but a tip shot late in the period for Providence took it right back. Mike Robinson was the man on the spot, redirecting a Wood shot from the left point five-hole on Howard to make it 4-1.

"We didn't start competing until we were down by three goals," Whitehead said. "That's not going to get it done against a good team like Providence, or any team."

On Saturday, a Providence defenseman tried to clear the puck out around the glass. It took an unfortunate bounce and came out front to Liscak. He put it in before anyone knew what happened at 4:49 of the second to

give UMaine the lead.

Providence freshman defenseman James Pemberton tied the game on his first career goal from the right point through a screen at 3:26 of the third.

The Friars took the lead when Black Bear goalie Frank Doyle failed to stop a Peter Zingoni shot. As the puck dropped out of his glove, Goodwin dove to the ice and whacked it home at 7:37 to give the Friars the lead.

Loya took it upon himself to even things up.

"I cut to the middle and side-stepped a guy while everyone else went to the net," Loya said. "Then I heard coach [Whitehead] yell 'shoot it,' so I looked up and let it fly." The shot beat Providence goalie Nolan Shaefer high to the glove side with 10:02

left to the tie the game at two. It was Loya's first goal of the season, and second of his UMaine career.

The Black Bears are now 22-5-5 overall and 12-4-4 in Hockey East. They are tied for second place with the University of New Hampshire. Both are one point behind league-leading Boston College.

Providence is 17-12-2, 10-9-2 in Hockey East. They are in fifth place, two points behind Boston University for the final home-ice spot in the Hockey East Quarterfinals.

UMaine will play its final road games of the regular season on Friday and Saturday in Amherst, Mass., where they will take on the University of Massachusetts Minutemen.

Women's hockey splits in Boston

By Matt Hritz
For The Maine Campus

Striving to keep their playoff hopes alive, the University of Maine women's hockey team (9-13-4 overall, 2-8-2 Hockey East) earned a split over the Northeastern Huskies (9-17-2 overall, 4-9-1 Hockey East) with a 2-1 victory in overtime on Sunday and a 3-2 loss on Saturday.

Sunday's action saw junior forward Karen Droog score the game-winning goal at 1:59 in overtime to break a 1-1 tie. Droog found the puck in a scramble in front of the Huskies' net, then turned and fired the puck past Northeastern goaltender Chanda Gunn for the game-winner. Senior forward Nicole Munro and sophomore defenseman Laura Maddin assisted on the goal.

Maine got on the board first in the game when sophomore forward Tristan Desmet put home a rebound for a power play goal only 1:19 into the game.

The Huskies tied the game in the second period when Cyndy Kenyon rifled a shot into the upper-left corner of the net past junior goaltender Lara Smart with 3:45 left in the period. Lori DiGiacomo and Rebecca Paul assisted Kenyon on her second goal of the year.

Smart made 28 saves in the game for her third win of the season, while Gunn stopped 25 for the Huskies.

Saturday's action saw the Black Bears and Huskies tied after the first period. Brooke White intercepted a Maine pass in the Black Bears' zone and

connected with Kim Greene at the low post for the goal with 3:30 remaining in the period.

About two minutes later, junior forward Meagan Aarts scored on a 2-on-1 breakaway to tie the game at one. Sjogren and senior forward Raffi Wolf assisted on the goal.

Desmet scored the lone goal of the second period on a power play at 13:14 to put the Black Bears up in the game 2-1.

The Black Bears were unable to hold onto the lead as the Huskies scored two goals in the final frame to defeat Maine.

Greene scored her second goal of the game at the 3:11 mark with White assisting on the game-tying goal.

Five minutes later, Kenyon netted the game-winning goal to break the 2-2 tie.

Gunn made 20 saves in the game while senior goalie Dawn Froats made 26 saves in the defeat.

"This is probably one of the toughest losses to take all year, because it should have been a win," head coach Rick Filighera said. "We played well enough to win, missed on some chances, and then end up losing in the third period. It's a frustrating season, but the effort was there today and the effort has been there three games in a row now, but all we have to show for it is a win."

The Black Bears travel to Boston College next Saturday and Providence College next Sunday in hopes of keeping their playoff chances alive. UMaine returns home for the final two games of the regular season when they host the Connecticut Huskies on March 1 and 2.

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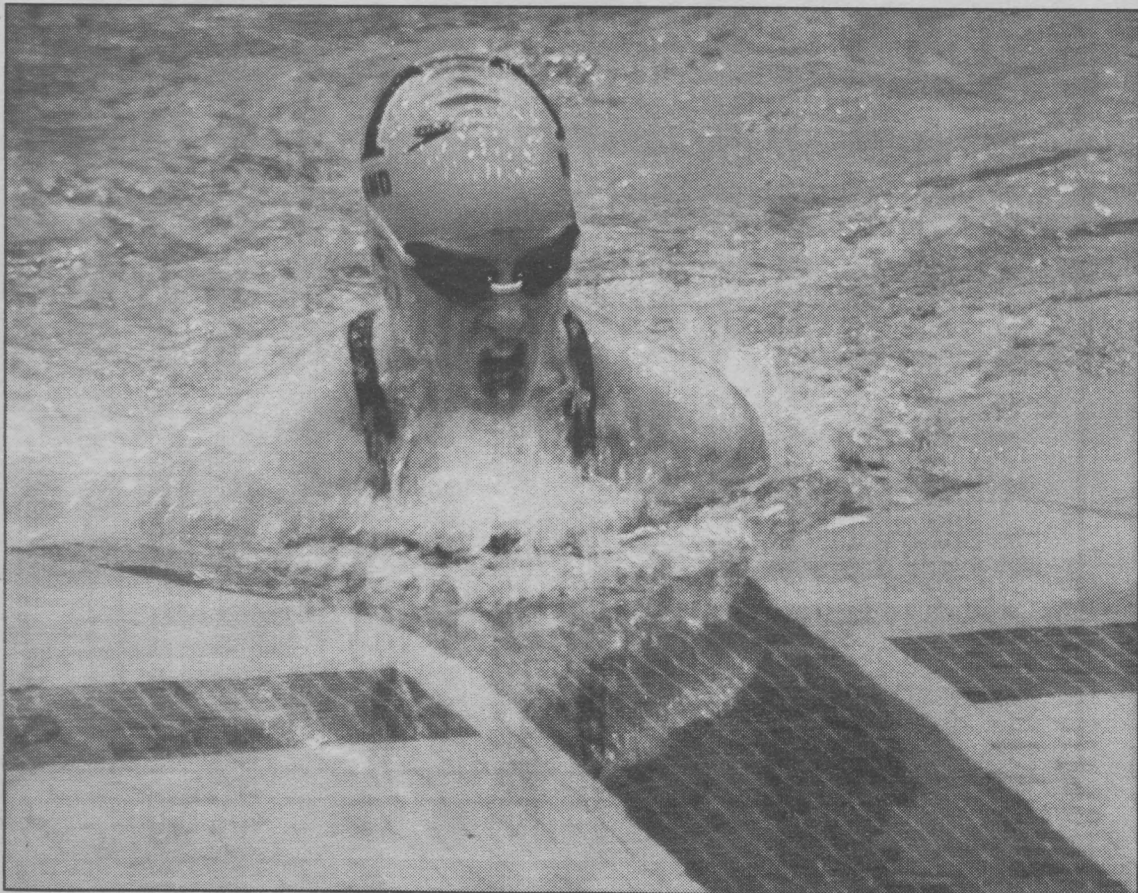
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Black Bear junior Katie Raymond competes in the women's 100-yard breaststroke Saturday at the America East Swimming Championships. The women finished fifth overall.

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Julie Woodcock in 1979. Abbott would later swim to sixth place in the event with a time of 5:12.12.

Abbott again made history in the final session of the weekend, in the 1,650 freestyle. Finishing fourth in the 66-length race at 17:42.21, Abbott broke the old record of 17:47.26 set by Noreen Solakoff in 1990.

Abbott would also place eighth in the 200 fly with a time of 2:13.97.

Backstroke Stephanie Smietana brought home hardware for UMaine in both the 100- and 200-yard disciplines.

Saturday Smietana was one of only five women to drop under the one minute barrier in the 100-back, taking fourth with a 59.54. Smietana performed even better in the 200 back, taking third with a time of 2:07.51.

Katrine Alcaide also spent time on the podium over the weekend, placing third in Friday's 50 yard freestyle in 23.99 and fourth in the 100-free in 52.65.

The Binghamton University men were team champions, scoring 771 points to second-place Boston University. The Black Bear men racked up 397.5 in the fifth place effort.

The men were led by junior Jake Jentzer, a second-place finisher in the 100-butterfly.

Jentzer clocked in at 51.32, edged only by champion Matt Hanson of the University of Stony Brook. Jentzer also placed seventh in the 100 freestyle (48.13) and eighth in the 50-free (22.33).

Senior captain Nick Baser contributed with his breaststroking talents, placing fifth in the 100 and 200 distances. Baser hit the wall at 1:00.74 in the 100-breast and 2:12.13 in the 200.

Baser also took eighth place in Friday evening's 200-individual medley, touching the pad at 2:02.13. Virtually all swimmers recorded season best times in their event, giving all Black Bear competitors something to smile about.

"We're really happy about the way things went," senior Dan Donahue said. "The atmosphere on deck is great and so many people have gotten their best times."

The times were only part of the weekend's significance for the Black Bears, as the meet that culminates the season provides other things to remember. Beginning Friday afternoon, athletes focused in quiet determination, channeling their emotions into kicks and strokes.

By the end of Sunday's sessions, clouds of relaxation seemed to linger in the air.

Posing for photographs dom-

inated the on-deck activities by the end of the meet and the easing of tension around the pool was nearly audible.

Seniors from each team were recognized before the start of Sunday's final session. Thirteen from UMaine were honored: captains Marcy Barrows and Heather Krebs, Esther Hatch, Ashley Simpson, Nicole Warren and Tina Welch for the women; captains Baser and Gene Connolly, Elbert Blanchard, John Delehanty, Donahue, Scott Machinist and Dave Gerrie.

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acting director of public affairs, said. The search committee will make a recommendation to Hoff following all of the visits. Hoff will then make a decision, but Carr said there is no strict timeline.

"There is no fixed point in time," said Carr, who is also a member of the search committee. "I'm sure the search committee will meet very shortly after the candidates come and go and at that point, the process will move forward."

Corran and Diles are currently directors of athletics at University of Minnesota-Duluth and Eastern Michigan University, respectively. Corran graduated from Ithaca College in 1971 and received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He was previously the athletics director at the University of Calgary. Diles is a 1983 graduate of Ohio University and holds a doctorate in education from the University of Michigan. He has been an assistant athletics director at Auburn University and Central Michigan University.

Mooradian is the senior associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Northeastern University in


Boston. She holds a law degree from Delaware Law School and graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

Nero, a 1987 Providence College graduate, is the current senior associate director of athletics at the University of Miami. Nero has held various athletic administrative positions at his alma mater, Lamar University and Marquette University.

In addition to Carr and Lawson, men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead and volleyball coach Sue Medley were selected for the search committee, which formed late last summer, according to Carr. Three faculty members and people from the community round out what Carr called a "standard search committee."

"[The committee is made up of] people with some interest in athletics or those connected with athletics in some way," Carr said.

Each candidate will hold a news conference during their two-day visit, entertaining questions regarding their candidacy and their vision for UMaine athletics. Early this week, a complete schedule regarding each candidate's visit will be made available.



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Sports

The UM men's basketball team lost a close game at Binghamton Saturday. See story on page 17.



The **Maine**
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Monday
February 17, 2003

Women's hoops makes it 13 in a row

By **Becky Sturtevant**
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team held off a pesky Binghamton University team, winning 66-62 to preserve the Black Bears' undefeated conference record and extend their win streak to 13 games.

Though UMaine did get a win, sever-

al Black Bears, including junior forward Heather Ernest, were not satisfied with the team's execution against Binghamton. Ernest scored a game-high 15 points and added seven rebounds while blocking two shots, but she said the team's mentality was not what it should have been.

"We weren't aggressive," Ernest said. "We were very passive. We usually set

goals for every game that we need to accomplish and we just didn't do it. I don't know if it was because we weren't focused or if we were too passive. We were playing not to lose. We need to regain our focus and our confidence and remember our goals out there, and actually accomplish them."

One of those goals was to out-rebound the Bearcats. In a 64-45 defeat on Jan. 19,

UMaine grabbed 50 rebounds to Binghamton's 30. In Sunday's contest, Binghamton hauled down 32 boards, while limiting the Black Bears to 29. This was the first time this season that the conference's best rebounding team was out-rebounded by an America East Conference opponent.

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Northeastern, Binghamton win swim titles

Maine men, women both
finish 5th in America East

By **Adam Boynton**
For *The Maine Campus*

The University of Maine hosted the 2003 America East Conference Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend, coupling a festive attitude with intense competition. After three days of boiling the Stanley Wallace Pool, both the men's and women's squads ended the weekend in fifth place.

Northeastern University took home the gold on the women's side with 885.5 points, followed by runner-up University of New Hampshire with 774.5. Maine registered 384 points.

Junior Kate Abbott added to a growing collection of school records this weekend, bringing her total to four after two unprecedented swims in distance freestyle.

Abbott, already part of the fastest 200 and 400 freestyle relays in UMaine women's history, stopped the clock in Friday afternoon's trial session at 5:08.65 in the 500-yard freestyle. The time eclipsed the old mark of 5:09.06, set by

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University of Maine junior Jacob Jentzer competes in the 100-yard butterfly Saturday at the America East Swimming and Diving Championships at Stanley M. Wallace pool. Both the Black Bear men's and women's team finished fifth.

Providence takes three points with win, tie at Alfond Arena

By **Jeff Mannix**
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team suffered another difficult weekend at Alfond Arena. After not having lost a game at home for 14 months, the Black Bears have now lost twice within seven days after UMaine dropped a 5-1 decision to Providence Friday night.

The game was Providence's first win at Alfond since March 24, 1989 and the Friars' first regular season win in Orono since November 8, 1986. The Black Bears recovered to gain a 2-2 tie and salvage one point out of the weekend on Saturday.

"I [told the team] that the last couple weekends we've been splitting series and we haven't

come out with our best effort on Friday," senior defenseman Cliff Loya said. "Everybody gets all excited and plays well on Saturday. But it shouldn't take us getting our heads kicked in every Friday for us to be pumped up for the game."

"This weekend, I think, has been good for the team," UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said following Saturday's tie. "You see what it's going to take to beat the best teams, to beat any team down the stretch."

Friday's game started badly for UMaine. Providence attacked quickly as freshman Jason Bloomingberg put back a shot from Stephen Wood to beat goalie Jimmy Howard just 1:46 into the game to give Friars the lead.

A two-on-one breakaway between Peter Fregoe and Devin Rask resulted in the second goal at 3:48 as Fregoe fed Rask, who then fed it back to Fregoe for an easy goal into an empty net as both Howard and Troy Barnes committed to Rask.

Fregoe scored his second goal of the night at 9:06 of the first, from Wood and Johnathan Goodwin on a rebound shot to make it 3-0 for Providence.

Senior forward Lucas Lawson got one back on the power play as he stuffed home a Robert Liscak rebound at 14:10 of the second period. The assist from Liscak was his 100th career point as a Black Bear. Senior Martin Kariya also got an assist on the

see **M. HOCKEY** on page 18

Athletics director search narrows to 4 candidates

By **Eric Russell**
Sports Editor

University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff will name a new athletics director sometime before the semester ends and Friday, his job got a little easier.

A group of 50 applicants was whittled to four candidates, all current administrators at various institutions across the country. Paul Bubb has been serving as interim director of athletics since Suzanne Tyler stepped down last May, but recently, Bubb's name was taken out of consideration for the permanent position.

The search for a new athletics director has been a long, arduous task. An 11-member committee has been busy rifling through the many applications, but Friday, four names were set aside.

Robert Corran, David Diles, Jody Mooradian and Patrick Nero have been announced as finalists for the position.

"This is an exceptionally talented and accomplished group of people," said Diana Lawson, associate dean of UMaine's College of Business, Public Policy and Health and the chair of the search committee. "I am very pleased with the quality of applicants this job has attracted, and I believe we have identified an outstanding group of finalists."

Each will visit the university during the next two weeks for a two-day visit, during which the finalists will meet with various constituency groups, Joe Carr, UMaine news coordinator and

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