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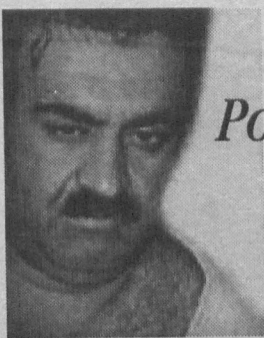
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Despite resistance, troops penetrate Iraq

By Matt Shaer
News Editor

As coalition troops edged closer to the outskirts of Baghdad yesterday, President George W. Bush warned an anxious American public that "the most desperate elements of a doomed regime" still remained in Iraq's capital.

"We cannot know the duration of this war, but we are prepared for the battle ahead," Bush said to a collection of military personnel at U.S. Central Command at McDill Air Force Base in Florida. "We pray that God will bless and receive each of the fallen, and we thank God that liberty found such brave defenders."

Bush's speech came as American and British troop casualties continued to mount in the face of unexpected resistance from Iraqi forces, possibly including the Saddam Fedayeen militia. Although Pentagon and Central Command sources have been slow to release numbers of coalition casualties, a CNN report yesterday identified more than 40 combat related deaths. In contrast, defense officials told the Associated Press that over 350 Iraqi fighters had been killed on Tuesday alone in a bout of fierce fighting over a stretch of the



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U.S. Marine Sgt. Louis DeMarco, of New York, Delta Company of the Second Tank Battalion, fuels a tank as a dust storm rages in preparation for an advance to the north of Iraq on Wednesday. Coalition troops are within miles of Baghdad.

Euphrates River, 90 miles south of Baghdad.

In Najaf, on the outskirts of the capital, American airstrikes and artillery barraged two Iraqi armored columns as they tried to move south towards entrenched coalition forces in

the south, according to embedded Associated Press reporters in the area. Marine sources told the AP that the Iraqi advance was probably aimed at staving off an impending attack on Baghdad.

Intelligence officers from

the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force said another 3,000 Republican Guard troops were headed from Baghdad southeast to Al Kut on Highway 7, a route that would avoid U.S. Army positions but directly engage Marines fighting

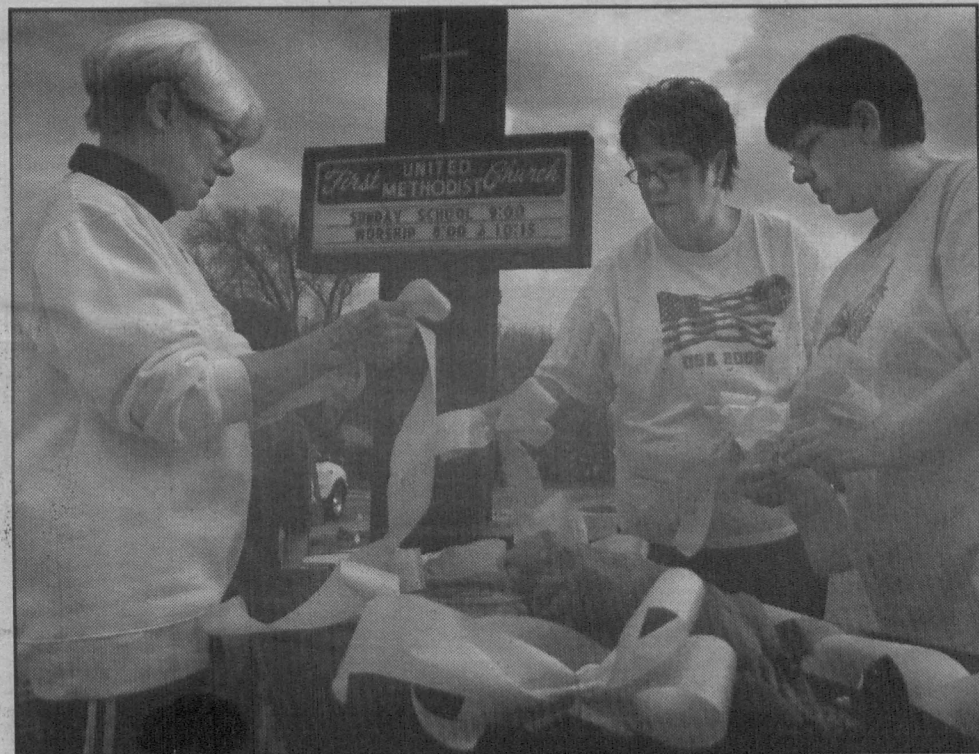
around the town of an-Nasariyah. Another 2,000 Iraqi troops were spotted south of the town of Al Kut.

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UM joins in yellow ribbon campaign

By Brett Zeigler
For The Maine Campus



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Patty Trantham, from left, Debbie Seivley-Childers and Joni Routon make yellow ribbons on Monday for residents to put up in Valley Center, Kansas. The nationwide yellow ribbon campaign will be carried to campus by UMaine Resident Assistants next week.

University of Maine Resident Assistants are taking charge to show support of United States troops fighting the war in Iraq. The RAs will pass out yellow ribbons around the UMaine campus next week.

Since the mobilization of military reserves began, a number of UMaine students have been called away from their studies to enter the war in the Middle East. In an effort to show support for U.S. servicemen and women, a group of RAs will make and distribute yellow ribbons to students and faculty on the UMaine campus.

"I just want to make sure that those students who are over there know we're behind them," said Hart Hall RA Kaitlin Sighinolfi.

Sighinolfi, a third-year international affairs and political science major, along with Hancock Hall RA Holly Barber, came up with the idea after a fellow RA was called into service over winter break.

"The fact that he's not here really bothers me personally, and a lot of us were affected by having our residents leave," Sighinolfi said.

Sighinolfi said displaying a ribbon is a sign of

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Greek Life director to resign

By Angela Flandaca
Staff Reporter

Greek Life at the University of Maine has experienced several changes in recent years with the reinstatement of the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council, among other things. Now, Greek members face yet another change. The Greek Life coordinator for the past two years, EJ Roach, is leaving his position at UMaine.

The news was surprising for several Greek members whom have worked closely with Roach. Many had heard he was thinking about a job change, but the exact date was never mentioned until recently, according

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Police Beat

By Cate Tiller
Staff Reporter

An illegally parked car in front of Kennebec Hall led to the arrest of two students over Spring Break and the discovery of nine individual bags of marijuana, along with a variety of drug paraphernalia.

On the night of March 10, an officer went inside to find the owner of the car and heard noises coming from Room 220. When he knocked, a young man with bloodshot eyes opened the door. From the hallway, the officer could see scissors, plastic bags, a razor blade, tweezers, a metal spoon, Q-Tips, and greenish flakes of what looked like marijuana on a nearby desk.

Upon closer inspection he discovered there was white powder on the razor blade and a prescription pill on the desk as well as marijuana stems on the floor. The resident, Jared Hockman, 19, who admitted to smoking recently, said the paraphernalia on the desk belonged to his roommate.

The officer called for back up, and Hockman gave him permission to search his side of the room. The officer found five beers in the minor's refrigerator, in addition to

a joint and a bag of marijuana in his pockets. After the officers secured the room and filed for a search warrant, Hockman's roommate walked by, went to the bathroom before the officers identified him as Viktor Warhola, 19. He said the only thing he had with him was his wallet, but wouldn't let them search one pocket.

Finally, Warhola did pull out something black, and one of the officers saw him brush green flakes off the top of what turned out later to be a digital scale. After trying to hide the object, Warhola put it back into his pocket and refused to take his hands out. The officers, who reported that they thought it was a weapon, grabbed him and pinned him to the floor, where they handcuffed and arrested him.

Later, when searching the bathroom, officers found eight individually wrapped bags of marijuana. Warhola admitted they were his when he was questioned.

It was 7 a.m. when police got the search warrant and collected all of the paraphernalia. The pill and razor blade are being sent away for testing, which could mean further charges against Warhola.

So far, he has been summonsed for refusing to submit to detention, falsifying physical evidence, unlawful furnishing of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Hockman was charged with possession of marijuana and alcohol by a minor.

Gunshots heard on the night of March 23 turned out to be firecrackers. Officers responded to the report of someone hearing gunshots in the Hilltop area just before 11 p.m. and saw a young man leave Oxford and head down Long Road. He met up with a young woman and walked a little ways before making a throwing motion that ended in a loud bang and a white flash. An officer, who had been following the man in his car, jumped out and caught him. Gregory Rollins, 21, of Orono, said it was the only one he had, but when he and the officer went back to where the explosion went off, they found another unlit firecracker. Rollins said they were left over from St. Patrick's Day and he was just fooling around. The officer explained that there had been calls about gunshots and charged him with possession of fireworks.

NRC renamed to honor noted UMaine scientist

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

Residents of the New Residence Complex will be no longer without a name for their home. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees announced Monday that NRC will become Edith Patch Hall.

Dr. Edith Marion Patch, was a noted entomologist at the University of Maine whose work revolutionized the taxonomy of aphids as well as created standards that still exist within her field even today.

Dr. Patch worked at UMaine starting in 1903, when she was asked to serve as a volunteer to assist in developing the entomology department. The university arranged for her to receive living wages from teaching English. Patch established the department and earned herself a salaried position.

"I think it was significant that she was a woman practicing science, especially during that period in time and it showed that she was a great pioneer as well as a role model for students here at the university," said student body President Matthew Rodrigue. "I think it's going to remind people of the contributions that she

made ... and it shows that the university stepped up and did a fantastic job."

Not only did Dr. Patch serve at UMaine for a span lasting more than 50 years, she was also the first female president of the Entomological Society of America. She authored two book series titled "Holiday" and "Neighbor." Dr. Patch also wrote other book series that were centered around insect stories for very young children.

Dr. Patch's home where she lived during her tenure at UMaine, the Patch House, located on College Avenue, was listed according to the Maine Preservation Society as "One of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Maine."

She was also known as a strong environmentalist and preached against pesticides.

The name change from NRC to Edith Patch Hall will be the first naming of a residence hall since 2002 when the first New Residence Complex was named Doris Twitchell Allen Village.

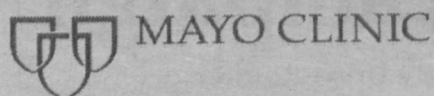
The 54,000 square-foot residence hall was constructed by the Granger Northern company of Portland in August of 2001, and has a capacity of 197 students.

Correction

The March 6 editorial reported that Student Government allocated \$950 for student leadership recognition awards. Student Government has since clarified that \$300 will go to recognize student government

leadership and \$650 will be used to buy awards for student leaders not associated with student government.

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Maine team develops device for U.S. security

By Rick Redmond
For The Maine Campus

Recent concerns over homeland security and the use of chemical and biological weapons have peaked interest in an ongoing project conducted by the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology at the University of Maine.

The LASST team, composed of faculty and students under the direction of Dr. Robert Lad, has worked for the past five years researching the plausibility of a sensor designed to detect specific molecules of chemical and biological agents.

"The big issue here is not the detection [of] any agent, we can do that already," said Dr. George Bernhardt, a research scientist at UMaine. "What we're working on is isolating one agent and developing a detection system for that."

So far, researchers at UMaine are the only team in the country working on this particular technology and have gained national attention for their research. Aside from being contracted by the military and government to conduct research, the team's developments have sparked interest in the medical and agricultural worlds as well.

Firms such as IBM, Jackson Labs, Fairchild and NASA have all shown interest in the sensors being developed, as well as fruit farmers who may be able to someday use the sensors to measure the amount of ethylene emitted from ripening fruit to determine the exact time of optimal ripeness.

According to Bernhardt, his

team has "research interests only" and is not looking to manufacture a finished product at UMaine. The sensors will not become a 'product' themselves someday, but rather an additional component to improve existing technology.

"Sensors developed here are going to start showing up more and more," Bernhardt said. "In 20 years we're going to make a lot of good things better."

The sensors have been tested against sarin gas in a secure testing lab in Ohio, where toxic and hazardous chemicals are approved for testing. According to Bernhardt, the sensors performed "very well." Sarin was the type of nerve gas used in the subway attacks in Tokyo in 1995. Someday, ventilation systems may be equipped with these sensors, which will arm alert systems in the event of the release of chemical or biological agents.

"The government is looking for a finished product. They understand the importance of researching this technology, but they want a package in a box tomorrow," Bernhardt said.

One of the many aspects of the project are sensors for the world of medicine that will one day be able to distinguish various types of similar chemicals. Andrea Martin, a graduate student researcher has successfully developed a sensor that will differentiate the chemicals NO from NO₂, a feat unrivaled in her field of research.

"It's great that people in the medical field and NASA are becoming interested in my work," Martin said. "When the big guys look at my stuff and say 'yeah, we'll take that,' it makes UMaine seem a little more cutting edge."

Sigma Nu assailant charged for assault

By Cate Tiller
Staff Reporter

Police have arrested the man they believe to be the main aggressor in the Jan. 25 brawl at the Sigma Nu fraternity. Anthony Morgan, 21, of Orono, has been charged with aggravated assault and could face five to

10 years in prison.

Police conducted 35 interviews and did a photo lineup before arresting Morgan March 4 for breaking a beer bottle over a victim's face, cutting him badly enough to need stitches.

Morgan is set to be arraigned May 9, said University of Maine Public Safety Lt. Alan

Stormann.

Members of Sigma Nu said they are glad to have Morgan arrested.

"I hope that our contribution to Public Safety's investigation was helpful in revealing the true identity of the aggressor," Sigma Nu president Douglas Dow said.

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to IFC President James Wieland.

Roach accepted a new position March 17 as assistant manager of a new branch of Fastenal in Waterville, an industrial and construction supplies company. Roach begins working at Fastenal April 1, he said.

"I felt it was time to make a career change and begin working in a field that was more related to my degree in business," Roach said. "I'm looking forward to a new challenge and being able to make an impact on the success of the company."

A UMaine graduate from the class of 1997, Roach worked as a professional staff member for the Kappa Sigma fraternity for more than two years before accepting the position of Greek Life coordinator, Roach said.

Roach is thought of as a great leader, according to Wieland.

"He's responsible for the uprising of the Greek Life," Wieland said. "Greek Life wouldn't be what it is today without EJ."

Roach is responsible for the recognition of 14 of UMaine's Greek chapters and has been a great adviser for each of the Greek homes on campus, Wieland said.

The best part about his position has been his direct impact

and interaction with the students, Roach said.

Roach's support was key, as he interacted with Greek members and attended as many Greek events as possible, Wieland said.

"He's brought leadership back to Greek Life," he said.

Roach was responsible for the reinstatement of IFC and Panhell, according to Wieland.

"He's the sole reason they've survived," he said.

Wieland said IFC and Panhell are needed for the functioning of recognized fraternities and sororities on campus, because without these councils no university funding would be granted to Greek chapters.

The reinstatement of these two councils shows Roach's dedication and belief in UMaine's Greek organizations, according to Wieland.

"The Greek students truly make this campus an exciting place to be," Roach said.

A leader who has consistently been willing to compromise when working with others, Roach will be missed and remembered, according to Wieland.

"He's been our beacon, the one we could always go to," Wieland said. "Without him

Greek Life couldn't have succeeded. He's been our middle man."

Roach said he wanted to thank all of the students, faculty and staff with whom he has had the pleasure of working and for all the support given to the Greek community.

"I will also miss working with my co-workers who truly love what they do and often go above and beyond what is expected to help the students here at the university," Roach said.

The job opening has not been posted yet because of a hiring freeze that has been in place at UMaine since January based on a budget rescission. Until the position is replaced the direction of Greek Life will be led by Shannon Corr, a graduate assistant to the coordinator, and advisers Dr. Robert Dana and Joe Mollo.

"It was a hard decision to make. UMaine was my home for four years as an undergraduate and had once again been a large part of my life for the past two and a half years," Roach said. "Even after I leave, just like anyone who has ever gone to school here or worked here, I will take a piece of UMaine with me."

Lecturer presents alternative to Darwin

This April a nationally-known lecturer will explain how to reliably detect design in living systems.

William Dembski, author of several books on Intelligent Design Theory, and Associate Research Professor at Baylor University, will give a lecture entitled *Detecting Design* at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 in 101 Neville Hall.

Dembski's talk comes as the third in a series of annual talks on Intelligent Design, a theory which presents an alternative to Darwinian evolution.

Dembski's lecture will demonstrate the characteristics of patterns that are designed, and will apply that algorithm to the information patterns in organisms. Dembski relies heavily on mathematics and probability theory to show that certain patterns simply cannot occur except by the deliberate choice of an intelligent agent.

Referring to the reluctance

of the scientific establishment to accept these discoveries, Dembski says that his purpose is to free science from arbitrary naturalistic constraints that "turn scientists into a secular priesthood."

Proponents of ID theory say that Charles Darwin might have joined them if he knew as much as science does today.

Previous lectures in the ID series served to demonstrate the inadequacy of Darwinian evolution. Dembski's talk will present a sound alternative.

The mathematical algorithms Dembski uses to find design in living systems are already in use in the fields of cryptography, archaeology, forensic science and artificial intelligence. He says that intelligent agents leave behind a signature when they act, which he calls "specified complexity."

Dembski denies that ID is a religious alternative to science, although he admits that some religious people find the theory

compatible with their beliefs. He says that "the crucial question for science is whether design helps us understand the world, especially the biological world, better than we do now."

Dembski points out that we seek to identify design versus chance as a part of everyday life: "Did she fall or was she pushed? Did someone just get lucky on the stock market or was there insider trading?"

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Student services gets a new home

By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

Instead of traveling across campus to run errands, students, faculty and staff at the University of Maine can now cross several things off their to-do list at one place — the new Student Service Center.

The Student Service Center, located across from the computer cluster on the first floor of the Memorial Union, opened March 10.

Longer hours add to the center's convenience. It is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the center, members of the UMaine community can sign up for additional remote access hours, purchase a Latti Fitness Center pass, change a resident meal plan, add campus or dining funds to their MaineCards, pay a parking fine or obtain a temporary or visitor parking permit.

"It provides one-stop shopping for students," Robin Toderian, executive director of Student Auxiliary Services said. "We will be open longer, and we're hoping to provide faster service."

Student Affairs had been investigating the idea of combining

some routine services into one location. The idea is based on student comments and requests. Student Affairs enlisted the help of Toderian, who will oversee the operation of the center.

With some new furniture, carpeting, paint and the addition of new computer systems, the center is ready to serve. The change was achieved using existing resources, Toderian said. The three employees previously worked in other areas of campus services — one came from the Parking Services office and one came from the MaineCard office.

"Some resources came from Student Auxiliary Services, along with Parking Services, Campus Recreation and the MaineCard office," Toderian said.

The Student Service Center does not replace these offices, but simply offers everyday business from each office in one place. For example, administrative tasks such as appealing a parking ticket are reserved for the Parking Services office, which has moved to the Community Center of the Doris Twitchell Allen Village.

SAS hopes to increase services available in the center, such as the opportunity to purchase tickets to Maine Center for the Arts events, Toderian said.



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALSTENHOFF

Graduate student Makiko Matsuoka asks Paula Sereyko a question about parking permits Wednesday afternoon in the new Student Service Center.

Fire in University Park displaces Orono family

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

A University of Maine student's family was forced to relocate following a fire that occurred in University Park Family Housing over spring break.

On March 13, a woman called 911 at 1:19 p.m. concerning the fire. UMaine Public Safety, the Orono Fire Department and the Old Town Fire Department responded to the call. The fire was extinguished and no one was injured.

The fire caused damage to one bedroom, according to Old Town Fire Chief Charles Brush. In addition to damage to the bedroom, Brush said the entire apartment was smoke damaged. No water damage occurred.

The attached apartments were

not affected by the fire.

The family was immediately placed in a similar apartment in the complex, according to Ray Moreau, the manager of University Park.

"We provided the family with the necessary things to get started

again before they had time to see what could be salvaged from the old apartment," Moreau said. The provided items included beds and other pieces of furniture.

The fire is still under investigation and the cause is unknown.

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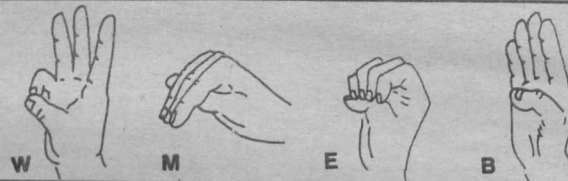
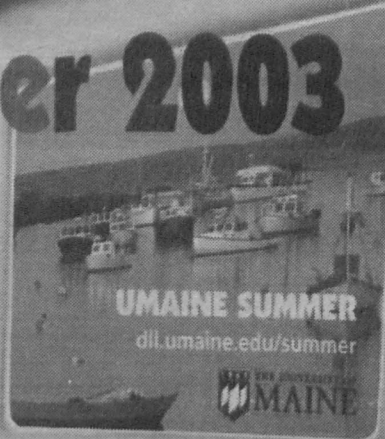
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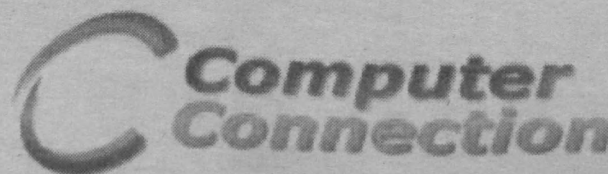
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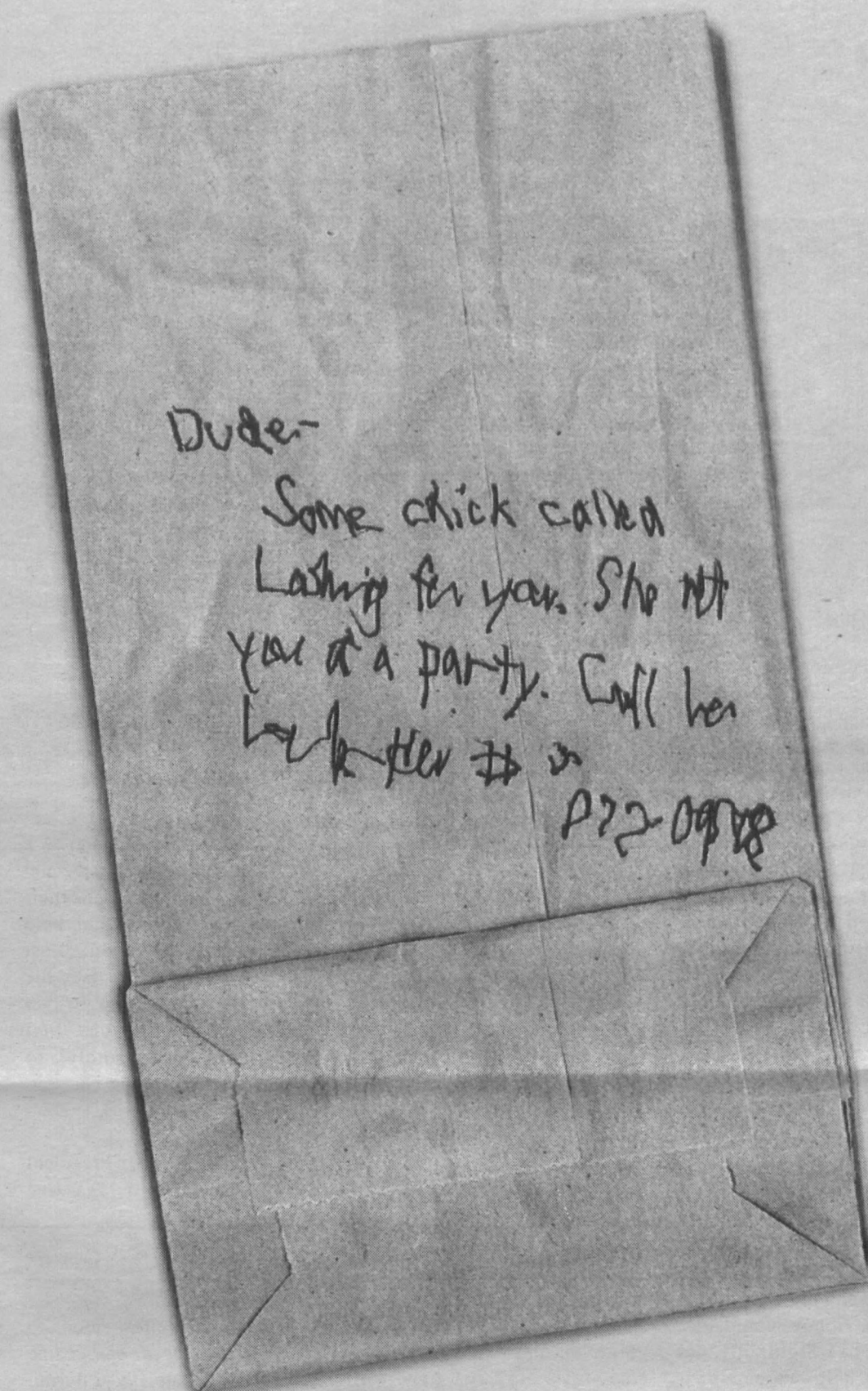
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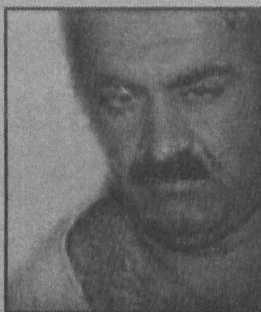


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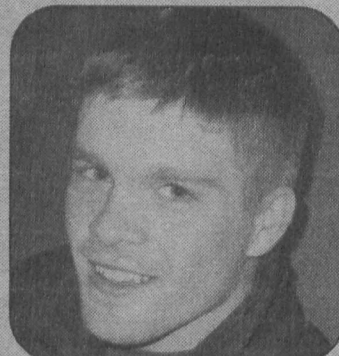
"Mohammad Anish."

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"I don't remember his name. He was somebody in al-Qaeda who they recently captured."

Justin Carr
Senior
Biology



"I don't know his name, but I know he has something to do with the al-Qaeda."

Michaelene Seavy
Junior
Journalism

Answer: Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the recently captured al-Qaeda terrorist.

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• Central Command reported the discovery of 3,000 chemical suits in a central Iraqi hospital. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said that the suits have raised concern that Saddam Hussein's regime is prepared to use unconventional arms, but added, "We are well-prepared to deal with the potential use of chemical weapons."

• Two cruise missiles struck

a residential area in Baghdad yesterday morning, killing 14 people, Iraqi defense officials said. Although Pentagon sources said that they had not been able to confirm the attack was fired by American forces, they acknowledge that U.S. aircraft had used "precision-guided weapons" to target Iraqi missile launchers that had been placed within a civilian residential area.

• British Prime Minister Tony Blair left London for Washington late yesterday for a meeting with President Bush. Although ostensibly the aim of the meeting is to access the progress of the war, Blair's arrival in the States is largely seen by experts as an attempt to convince the United States to work with the U.N. in post-war Iraq. Before his departure,

Blair said the United States and its allies must broaden their agenda beyond Iraq and help build peace in the Middle East and across the globe. But the prime minister rejected British lawmakers' suggestions that Washington was solely to blame for fractures in the Atlantic alliance.

• Three days after President Bush promised "massive

amounts" of humanitarian aid, seven large trailers entered Umm Qasr carrying food and water donated by Kuwaitis. The convoy was escorted by U.S. soldiers. In Basra, the country's second-largest city and the scene of heavy recent fighting, Red Cross workers managed to get the water supply partly working again as they strove to avert a crisis for up to 2 million people trapped in the city.

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support, not a political statement.

"It's for anyone who wants to support troops, it's not saying that you support the war. It's not saying that you oppose the war, it says you support the troops who are over there," Sighinolfi said.

Besides showing support for troops, the ribbon campaign, according to Sighinolfi, is designed to help students deal with anxiety caused by the war.

"Some of my residents are having trouble because their friends and family are over there," Sighinolfi said. "We're

hoping that by making them aware that we care about what's going on, and that we're bothered by it too, that they will come and talk to us. Some people don't feel comfortable talking about it, and don't feel comfortable asking for the help that they might need to deal with it."

The idea of wearing a ribbon to honor soldiers goes as far back as the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Wives of soldiers wore a ribbon in their hair as a symbol that they were waiting

for a soldier to return.

The use of a yellow ribbon to signify a missing troop became popular in the late 1970s during the Iran hostage crisis. The yellow ribbon has since been used by POW-MIA activism groups, Amnesty International and teen suicide prevention groups, among others. The symbol of a yellow ribbon carries the same sentiment, a sentiment Sighinolfi says was lacking during the Vietnam War, when returning American troops

faced intense criticism from the public.

"We don't want that to happen to the people that are over there right now that are protecting us and that are representing UMaine," Sighinolfi said. "We just want to make sure that when students who are over there right now come back, they see the yellow ribbons of support on our jackets or on our backpacks or on our doors and they see that we supported them while they were over there."

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EDITORIAL

Raise your voices

When University of Maine professor Terry Hughes stands in front of the Union with his anti-abortion placards, he commands attention from passers-by. Hughes may not get a positive reaction from many of the students who cross his path, but he's firm in his convictions and beliefs, and his solitary protest defines the American ideal of freedom of speech.

Hughes, regardless of his politics, has the courage to display his beliefs in the public sphere; something others in the UMaine community lack — the conviction, courage or ebullience to attempt.

Currently, Americans from around the nation are holding major rallies and protests on a daily basis to show their feelings regarding the war in Iraq. Whether their views on the war are positive or negative, Americans are exercising their First Amendment right. Yet, in Orono, life goes on, almost absent of even the most minor social upheaval.

Why the silence? Can we chalk this up to indifference or is it another example of the famous apathy that seems to shroud this university community like a fresh blanket of snow?

Colleges have traditionally been a major source of discussion, debate and protest on matters social and political — one need only look back at articles of *The Maine Campus* from the 60s to find ample evidence of student activism.

We should all take a hint from this bygone era of protests and marches and find a way to voice our opinions on a situation that will inevitably shape the world we live in. The Yellow Ribbon campaign, put on by campus RAs, is a good start. Whether you feel like waving the flag or burning it, *The Maine Campus* supports you ... just don't leave the red, white and blue in your closet.



'I love the smell of cancer'

Why smoke when you can just breathe deeply outside?

The University of Southern Maine caused quite a stir last spring when university officials suggested that their campus adopt a smoke-free policy. The university dreamed of a smoke-free environment where those craving a cigarette would be corralled into designated smoking areas, and non-smokers would be free to walk the campus without inhaling someone else's carcinogens and toxins.

Here at the University of Maine, policy towards smoking is less strict. Much of the campus is smoke-free, including many dorms, administration buildings, classrooms and on-campus eateries. But where cigarettes have been banned indoors, a new problem has been created out of

KRIS
HEALEY

STYLE EDITOR

doors. Smokers, now unable to light up inside a building, have chosen to stand in the entryways of buildings to get their nicotine fix.

Huddled in a group to ward off the cold, groups of five or more smokers are often present at the entrances of major buildings like Memorial Union, Fogler Library, Little Hall and Donald P. Corbett Business Building. Non-smokers hoping to attend classes inside these buildings without having to inhale a

cloud of smoke are left with two choices. One, walk through the center of this group holding their breath, or two, find another entrance to the building.

While smokers across campus may not feel as if they're doing anything wrong, non-smokers like myself are tired of the hassle. Signs posted on doors around campus declare, "No smoking within 20 feet of building." Is it possible that the smokers on campus can't read? Is it possible that they've never noticed these signs? I wonder. Recently, I walked past two girls outside of the entrance of Stevens Hall who were smoking while leaning against the sign on the door. Clearly they noticed it; they just didn't care.

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Letters to the Editor

• GSS not to blame

Recently, I picked up the latest copy of *The Maine Campus*. I started by thumbing through to see if they printed the story on the outcome of the Residents On Campus Elections. I was expecting to see a short article on the fourth page with a headline "ROC Election turnout falls short, but elected officers seem unfazed," but I saw

nothing of the sort. Instead there was an article in the editorial section titled "GSS needs to use money wisely." This article was not only inaccurate in the use of just under \$1,000 of the money, but it made it appear that the poor turnout of the ROC Elections was the fault of Senate.

As one of the people that ran in the ROC Elections, I can say that

it was not the fault of the Senate, but of ROC executives and the people running for office. It is the fault of the ROC officers because we did not see the need to advertise any more than the ad in *The Maine Campus*, at the expense of the Fair Elections Practice Committee. Looking back on it, ROC should have done more

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Enjoy your freedoms

Taking things for granted

RYAN
CLARK



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Instead of "Goodbye Earl," it looks more like "Goodbye Respect" after the Dixie Chicks lead singer, Natalie Maines, made the politically charged statement, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

The statement made clear the group's stance against the war in Iraq. Even though an apology was later made by Maines, this could lead to the downfall of the Dixie Chicks despite their successful record sales in the past.

Another thing about this statement that hurts the Southern belles of country music is that a majority of their target audience resides in the South. As a Southerner, I will be honest: People in the South are as big on Bush and the military as people in Maine are on Black Bear hockey.

With that said, this once again leads to the question of whether or not Maines had the right to say something like that. A clear-cut answer is tough to find, depending on what view-point you look at this from.

It is her right, as well as the right of every American, to say what she feels. Freedom of speech has been a luxury everyone in the United States values at one point in their lives. However, common sense should be a prerequisite before someone opens her mouth.

If Maines had said, "We do not support the war in Iraq" or something to a similar effect, then people would have understood where they are coming from. But to state that she is embarrassed of Bush because they are both from Texas crossed the line.

I will be honest, everyone in this country has one point of view about Bush. Some think he has done a great job with the country while others beg to differ. But with Homeland Security standing at the orange

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Smoking

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As I write this I can picture smokers all across campus indignantly claiming that we non-smokers should deal with it. They are outside after all, so what's the problem? Well, the problem is that smoking sometimes violates peoples' rights. As much as smokers have a right to make the personal choice to smoke, I have the right to choose not to smoke. As such, I shouldn't be forced to reap the side effects of their personal choices.

Smoking in front of the entranceway to a building affects not only those holding cigarettes, but also those who want to enter or exit the building, and those who may have rooms or offices above the entranceway. Considering the facts about the dangers of second-hand smoke, you can clearly see my frustration.

According to some estimates, as many as 50,000 Americans die each year from diseases brought on by inhaling second hand smoke, mak-

ing passive smoking the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. These fatalities are spread among diseases including various cancers, heart disease, heart attacks and brain tumors. Maybe it's just me, but I was looking for an education in Stevens Hall, not a brain tumor.

To the smokers huddled in front of classrooms across campus right now: Have some decency, and don't be so self-righteous about your right to smoke. Your right to smoke ends where my right to breathe and live a disease-free life begins. Step away from the building. Be conscious of the way your decisions may affect others lives.

And to the university officials in charge of policy making: A law isn't a law until it's enforced. People won't stop smoking in front of buildings unless they have motivation to take their cigarettes elsewhere.

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level, which is one away from catastrophic destruction, we should all be supporting our leaders.

Granted, Bush was not elected by everyone in America. The fact is that President Bush is making decisions that will not only affect us, but the whole world as well. Of course, on the outside it may look simple, but I seriously doubt that anyone you grab off the street can do what he is doing behind closed doors. Based on that idea, the least we can do as Americans is show support.

I will admit free speech is one of the things that makes America great. Free speech allows different viewpoints to be expressed day-after-day without social repercussions.

However, the gift of free speech comes with the responsibility of choosing your words carefully. Hopefully, as our country and generations after us continue to grow, maybe we can remember free speech is not a God given right in every country.

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Letters

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advertising. The other group that slipped up were the people running for office. There were less than 5 e-mails sent out to FirstClass folders, and that was it for campaigning. There was also the story that was on the sixth page of *The Maine Campus* the day before the election. That was it for advertising. Usually people send out flyers, talk to everyone about it, tell everyone to vote, and even go door to door. None of this happened during this election. I should have done more advertising myself. If I know the turnout was going to be as low as it was I would have sent out flyers and posted everywhere, just to get people to vote, but vision is always 20/20 in hindsight.

Another reason people didn't vote was because there was very little difference in the two people running for the vice president position. Furthermore, I heard that a lot of people didn't vote that I asked to vote, because I was not running against anyone. This means that because the president's seat was unopposed those same people did not care who won for vice president. There was also no controversy or any hot issue that they focused on.

If you don't feel strongly about something, you are less likely

to vote. Simple as that.

I am personally offended that *The Maine Campus* would not ask ROC about this issue before publishing it. I am also upset that you decided that this editorial was more important than the reaction of the newly elected ROC officers. You could have had a constructive and objective view of the ROC elections. Instead you decided that the opinion of the editors about the ROC elections would be a better story. If you want to editorialize about the ROC elections, you should blame the correct people.

Blame me for the things I did wrong if you want a story, but don't falsely blame General Student Senate.

Finally, ROC receives \$12 per on campus student a year from SAS. There would be no need for GSS to fund the elections anymore than what it did this past week. GSS already gives us a budget of more than \$11,000 on top of what SAS gives us. They have also given ROC \$6,000 to help with the cost of our annual Quebec Trip. They are not being cheap when it comes to ROC or programs at all. Using the ROC elections was a poor example.

Scott R. Reynolds
President Elect, Residents On Campus

Learning about yourself

Watch for the pitfalls of 'community' and Greek life

I'm about to express an opinion that is as common on college campuses as beer drinking on a Friday night. Fraternities and sororities are about as smart an idea as being blindfolded while driving in New York City.

The Greek idea is most damaging in its exploitation of community, rooted in a foundation of elitism. Greeks, I will presuppose, judge their potential brothers and sisters on the basis of their ideologies. Students are accepted or denied on the basis of their values and achievements.

Why do some sororities and fraternities require their potential members to rush or go through a screening process? Are these students judging the characters of others and deeming whom is worthy of being part of the group? Or more importantly, judging who is not worthy of such a membership?

Good thinking on the surface but tragic in a university setting. How ignorant is it to commit so much time and effort to a group of people holding values so similar to your own? The social goal of college is to experience as many new things as possible and to learn about people unlike you. How is a person really supposed to understand the per-

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spectives of different students when they are Greek and commit so much time and devotion to a group of students so much like themselves?

There is diversity within the Greek community but the formation of fraternities and sororities creates a system of ideological support groups that, while good for helping students finding happiness within the college experience by sharing common interests with others, can be just as effectively accomplished through a non-exclusive group. In creating members-only groups that deny membership to students that the leaders deem as lesser — or they might argue different — value, there is more division within the college community.

Those Greeks that actively participate in service projects are less detrimental, but the argument still stands. If the main goal, as I imagine any Greek would assert, is helping a given charity as opposed to providing

one more flashy item on said Greek's resume, then why would the charity event be planned by just a fraternity or a sorority? Wouldn't it be more useful to recruit the help and ideas of the entire community, thus making the event more helpful to the charity? Why not just join a non-exclusive charity group?

Fraternities and sororities do provide an important social service to individuals who are not confident enough to understand that they are valuable as human beings without officially belonging to an exclusive group that says that they are more worthy than someone else.

Beyond this, fraternities and sororities are regressive to university communities. Just as much kinship can be found at a less destructive, not to mention cheaper, price. It is possible to build relationships with friends and strangers on a Friday night in a non-exclusive atmosphere. Now if someone will pass me my beer, I'd like to go meet someone new tonight. Someone with values unlike my own, and someone who can teach me a little something about herself, and perhaps myself, too. Cheers.

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French fry logic

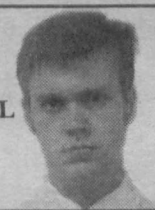
The American stance that makes no sense

I was slightly amused when I heard that the cafeteria in the Capitol building changed the name of its french fries to freedom fries. It had all the earmarks of a cute filler story on a slow news day. It was a quirky diversion illustrating how ridiculous anti-France fervor has become. Then restaurants across the nation united by catch phrases changed their menus. This isn't a joke anymore, it's become a "movement."

A Pennsylvania state representative is spearheading a ban on the sale of French wine within his state. New Yorkers have been spotted shaking their collective fists at the Statue of Liberty because France gave it to us. Plutocrats everywhere are wasting champagne by pouring it down the drain, instead of wasting champagne by smashing the bottle across a sailboat. The only thing this seems to prove is the theory of conspicuous consumption.

France isn't the only country being singled out for not supporting our war. A Tennessee high school has canceled an exchange student program with German teenagers because they might bring "anti-American feelings." The National Gang Crimes Research Center, a Chicago think tank, has banned Canadian school children from their poster contest

MIKE
HARTWELL



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

because Director George Knox doesn't like Canada's stance on the war with Iraq.

For a country that spends so much time patting itself on the back for its freedom of speech, we sure have a tough time dealing with anybody who has an opposing viewpoint. I am tired of America picking up its proverbial ball and going home. I'm not concerned with Americans looking like imbecilic, steroid-popping football players. What worries me is that we look like neurotic, eighth-grade girls with mascara running down our cheeks.

This whole "with us or against us" attitude only makes us look insecure. It distracts us from the bigger picture: This war doesn't really matter. I may be alone here, but I don't care one way or the other about this war. I don't watch television, I don't listen to the radio, and I skip over the war reports on the rare occasion that I read printed news. The only impact the war has had on my life is that the loud, pudgy frat boys at the

next table in the Union have stopped talking about how they can't wait for the Olsen twins to turn eighteen. Now they bellow about the new "bitchin'" surface-to-surface missile footage."

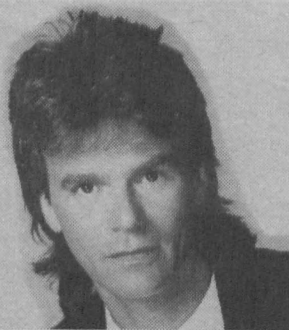
To borrow from the existentialist philosophy of "Freedom" by author Albert Camus, I know that since this war started, my life has not changed. I also know that it will continue to have no effect on my life unless lobbying explosive warheads at people will bring the price of gasoline down to less than a dollar a gallon. The grass will still be green, the York Hall parking lot will still be full after 10 p.m., and pop up ads featuring bikini models will still try to sell me webcams for "fun and security."

Steve Barrar, the Pennsylvania lawmaker who's pushing the ban of French wines told the Associated Press, "I said to my kids I'm not buying french fries, I'm so mad at the French."

I find Barrar's words to be confusing. A fry, by any other name, still reflects the American experience. We take something natural, a potato in this example, and mechanically process it, deep fry it in oil and add salt. If anybody should take credit for making an edible root unhealthy, it's America.

Mike Hartwell is a sophomore journalism major.

STYLE.



Friday 3/28: Late Night in the Union II, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Casino night, acoustic soloists, dance dance revolution, double-shoot basketball, mini-golf.

On stage: 2003 Bumstock performer keeps it real

Dr. Radical
stays true to
their stage act

By Schuyler Dean
For The Maine Campus

As of March 4, 2003 there were almost seven million users logged onto P2P (peer to peer) file sharing sites under the five largest sharing networks, including Fast Track and iMesh. Last year at Bumstock, there were times when one could literally count the number of spectators on one hand.

Every month it seems these companies grow by hundreds of thousands of users sitting alone at home, staring into a mechanical box and downloading their favorite MP3s. While in towns across the country, talented bands like Dr. Radical are splitting up, giving up and moving on due to the lack of turnout for their concerts.

Tim Johnston, bassist and songwriter for Dr. Radical, is one of these talented musicians who knows the harsh realities of performing shows to a handful of people, being underpaid for a gig and struggling to keep a band together.

"I just think it's sad. I'm a real advocate of live performance, and the more that you support the record industry through buying CDs, or the more you support television, or the more you support internet Web sites, the less attention live acts get," Johnston said.

Johnston's appearance reflects his love for the things



FILE PHOTO

Dr. Radical performs this semester in Memorial Union.

that are real. His hair is bushy and untamed, and his beard has been neglected for what looks like weeks. He speaks about issues like corporate takeover and the mass media with an excitement unsurpassed by even the wittiest politician. The only thing pop culture about him is his sandblasted jeans.

His band, Dr. Radical, has

been gaining fame and experience in the last year and a half. Johnston also has his own radio show on 91.9 WMEB, is the director of the weekly live music series "Frequency," and to top it all off, is planning to graduate in the spring with a degree in electrical engineering. But what he will do with this degree is uncertain. What Johnston said he

really wants to do is teach people about the things he has learned in his life.

"I thought about being a high school teacher so that I could have an influence on the world and teach kids to be more responsible consumers, but that's on a small level," Johnston said. "Whereas, if you have a live show that's famous or a tel-

evision show that's broadcasted live, then you're teaching millions of people every day."

In the Bangor area, there used to be a much bigger music scene, Johnston said. There were places like Heavy's and the Sound House in Old Town and the Ram's Horn in Orono, which

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Spring Break Journal: Greyhound gets you there

Luke Krummel spent his spring break in Myrtle Beach, S. C. With beaches, clubs and warm weather, Myrtle Beach is a popular destination for spring breakers. Though he had to ride a bus for a full day, the trip was worth it. But as Luke will tell you in his *Spring Break Journal*, it's the getting there that's half the fun.

By Luke Krummel
For The Maine Campus

Cheap Entertainment — For the price of a roundtrip ticket, my fellow bus-mates and I got to watch 50 Cent perform in the back of the bus. Somewhere

between Richmond, Va. and Washington, D.C., a guy with his headphones to a maximum and his shame to a minimum, starts shouting the lyrics to every song on a 50s album, twice. And you could tell when he knew the song, and when he didn't. "Go Shorty, mumble mummel ummebummellummmem. Go Shorty."

Roll Playing — A couple of young folks headed to New York were convinced that my girlfriend and I were CIA agents poised to bring the bus down on the largest drug bust since the Nate Newton scandal. While the driver slowed to a near stop, the

boys checked me out to make sure I didn't have one hand on my badge, and one hand on my "piece."

Great Food — While on the trek to Myrtle Beach, our drivers always privileged us to a great variety of food. Whether it be a McDonald's from South Station, Hardee's in North Carolina, or some shack without a sign, we were always guaranteed a great variety.

Exercise — On three separate occasions, our bus driver stopped the bus for people to get food and use the bathroom. In less than two minutes the driver high tailed it for the open road.

Seriously, people were chasing down the bus, until the driver realized two-thirds of the seats were empty and the crying baby wasn't wailing its eyes out.

Time Management — A buddy of mine, who happened to be traveling to Myrtle Beach, departed Maine at 8 a.m. Our bus left that night at 5 p.m. six hundred and fifty miles later, in Richmond, Va., we all ended up on the same bus. A six and a half hour layover at 3:30 a.m. can teach any college kid a few things about time management.

Space Management — After cramming my lifetime collection of everything into a couple bags,

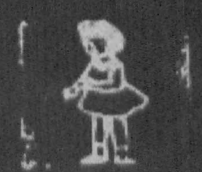
I realized I needed just my walkman and my lady friend. With Sarah next to me, I had to find my walkman. Once I had successfully sprawled my belongings all over the bus, it was time to board a different bus, and the game started all over.

Balance — After I downed soda No. 9, all I could think was "urine trouble." I tried to fight it off, but I was overcome by the urgency to go. Once in Greyhound's spacious and flowery facility, I needed to find a way to stay balanced. By keeping my feet shoulder-width apart,

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SOUNDBYTES



6gig
Mind Over Mind
Ultimatum Music

6gig's sophomore release, *Mind Over Mind*, follows a very successful format being used by many of today's harder acts. Several loud, hard hitting songs with one or two softer acoustic songs.

Walter Craven's voice jumps at you with no instrumental backing in the first song "Spacesuit." A few moments later you begin to feel the powerful guitars as the band kicks in. The CD flows well with several hard rock songs. Track six, "Deadbeat," takes a more pop angle, slowing things down a bit and letting the listener catch his/her breath. "Free," the first single from the album, brings it all to the table, showing a little bit from the band's "Hit The Ground" days. The disc's second to last song, "Say Goodbye," is perhaps the best track, and I had to listen to it a couple times to fully take it in. It's a strong acoustic song that allows Craven to show off his growing singing abilities.

Throughout the CD, 6gig continues to show new ways of expanding themselves as musicians, which they clearly did with songs "Deadbeat" and "Say Goodbye." They are no longer a one-sided hard rock act.

With *Mind Over Mind*, 6gig

made leaps and bounds over their debut CD, *The Tincan Experiment*. This album may not sell millions, but it will definitely make a name for the Portland based band. It will be Tool's *Opiate* or Staind's *Dysfunction*.

Catch these guys in the smaller venues while you can, because by the time their next album drops, they will be a lot harder to come by. — *Luke Krummel*



AFI
Sing The Sorrow
Dreamworks

Ever since the band came to be in the early 90s, AFI, A Fire Inside to those in the know, has delivered music to their fans that has skated the boundaries of many genres of music, but never quite fitting in anywhere. Not quite goth, not quite hardcore, punk, or metal, AFI managed to do the impossible and attract a die-hard mixed audience from all of the above. And now with their sixth album, *Sing The Sorrow*, the band is taking a bold new step: the mainstream.

With the dangers of losing the respect of their core audience and being snubbed by the Clear Channel radio monopoly, it seems everyone is waiting for AFI to sink or swim, sail to the top or hit the bottom. But will

they do either?

All in all, *Sing the Sorrow* has the appearance of an experimental album, with some parts of the album picking up where 2000's *The Art of Drowning* left off, and still others taking off in a whole new direction, like the techno-touched track "Death of Seasons," and the acoustic ballad "The Leaving Song." The band looks to have an arsenal of radio-friendly singles to follow with the catchy "Silver and Cold" and "Dancing Through Sunday," two tracks that prove to be far superior than the weaker modern-rock wannabe single currently in rotation on the airwaves, "Girl's Not Grey." Regardless of any stylistic changes band has gone through, the album is still very much in classic AFI form, with front-man Davey Havok's haunting vocals and guitarist Jade Puget's eerie yet thunderous guitar riffs at the forefront of their sound, especially apparent in the conclusion "But Home is Nowhere."

For the band's first release on a major label, Havok and company signed with Dreamworks after their former independent label, Nitro Records, (run by Dexter Holland of Offspring) could no longer keep up with the demand of AFI's increasing popularity after the success of *The Art of Drowning*. — *Jason Houle*



Jason Mraz
Waiting for my Rocket to Come
Elektra

Who is that, G. Love? Nope. John Mayer? Uh, uh. Jack Johnson? No, and it isn't O.A.R., Howie Day, Ben Folds, Tracy Chapman or any of the other artists you might be reminded of. It's Jason Mraz, a California singer/songwriter with the potential to make a huge splash in 2003.

Waiting for my Rocket to Come, Mraz's major label debut, is a funky, folksy and catchy album. Mraz, a truly eclectic artist influenced by Dave Matthews, Agents of Good Roots and the laid back lifestyle of his adopted Southern California, is a talented songwriter whose songs exude a positive vibe and personal, evocative lyrics. Songs such as "You and I Both," "The Remedy," "Sleep all Day" and "No Stopping Us" could all be radio hits, while other, mellower songs on this album sound like tracks from a David Gray or Jack Johnson CD ... but sung with a far better voice.

Many critics are calling Mraz's CD the best new album since John Mayer's *Room for Squares*. After one listen I could see why. The singer has the same potential, the same presence and the same ability to take everyday occurrences and turn them into songs.

If you want a great album and appreciate talented songwriters, give Mraz a listen.

And for the price (under 10 bucks in most places), you can't go wrong. — *Kris Healey*

Liner Notes

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

Where exactly is rock music going these days? Does anyone have a clue? The current rock scene is so multi-faceted right now, practically anyone can have a hit. If you'll recall this hasn't always been the case.

Back in the early 90s, as hair bands were dying out, Nirvana ushered in the grunge sound, which dominated the rock airwaves at the time. By the mid-90s, bands like Green Day, Sublime and The Offspring popularized the punchy sounds of pop-punk. The late 90s were dominated by rap-metal morons like Limp Bizkit and Korn.

However, I guarantee you, if you are asked 10 years from now to describe the rock music scene in 2003, you will have a very hard time pinpointing any specific trend.

Think about it. You have neo-grunge acts like Nickelback and Breaking Benjamin shamelessly ripping off Alice In Chains. You have emo and post-hardcore acts like Taking Back Sunday and Jimmy Eat World crying their little hearts out. Pop-punk bands like Simple Plan and Sum 41 are walking billboards for Hot Topic.

Of course, there's retro rock like The White Stripes and The Strokes and new up-and-comers like Hot Hot Heat. Hell, even after the predicted death of rap-metal, with the failure of recent Korn and Papa Roach albums, bands like Hed PE and Linkin Park are as loved as ever. With the popularity of left-field acts like Zwan, Evanescence and AFI, what won't the rock listeners buy?

To be honest, as much as I support musical diversity in the mainstream or elsewhere, I think it would actually be better for all involved if the sound of the mainstream were to become a little more ... homogenized.

Yes, I know, scream and wave your arms in protest. Believe me, when the grunge era was waning and bands like Candlebox and Sponge were all over the air, I wanted nothing more than a breath of fresh air. Yet, if you stop and think about it, you can take virtually any genre, think about the best examples of music from that genre, look at when they were made, and you'll see that it probably was at a time when that sort of music was not the mainstream's cup of tea.

Just to keep this contemporary, let's look at some modern classics. Take, for example, Radiohead's *OK Computer*. I don't think anyone would argue that this gem of an album came out in a time when

Mullet Rock: not just music, a lifestyle

By Nathan Webster
Head Copy Editor

Almost everyone knows what a mullet is. For those of you who don't, it's the mother of all haircuts: short in the front, long in the back. It may best be described as "business up front, party in the back."

The mullet has many different forms and has been adapted to each decade since the 70s. In the 80s, the feathered mullet was sported by Duran Duran (and most other 80s bands), John Stamos and MacGuyver. Nowadays, the mullet can mostly be found on trailer park inhabitants and hockey players.

But a mullet "isn't just a hairstyle, it's a lifestyle," according to Legacy Recordings. And the label's compilation, *Mullets Rock!*, is the soundtrack to that lifestyle.

Listening to *Mullets Rock!* may well be the next best thing

to snorting a line of coke in the back of your cousin Jed's rusted out '83 Camaro. Crank this album up and you may find yourself cutting off all of your T-shirts' sleeves, smoking butts, wearing a bandana and swearing at your own mom.

Featuring a juggernaut lineup of mulleted rockers like Ted Nugent, Deep Purple and the Doobie Brothers, the two-disc collection of a whopping 35 hits is enough to make even the most clean-cut individuals get in touch with their inner redneck.

The album's jacket features an abundance of mullet artwork, including pictures of jacked-up trucks, beer cans, motorcycles and dirt bikes. To add a touch of class, each of the two discs is labeled with one or two cigarette lighters to denote disc one or two.

The album kicks off with the cowbell intro of Mountain's

"Mississippi Queen" and is followed immediately by the essential hard rocker "Smoke On the Water" by Deep Purple. This excellent starting lineup sets the stage for the rest of the album.

Almost all of the songs on the album are immediately recognizable and demand that listeners scream along with their choruses. Who doesn't know Foghat's "Slow Ride" and Brownsville Station's "Smokin' in the Boy's Room?"

The album features mostly mullet rock from the 70s, but includes a few welcome 80s hair band ditties, including Twisted Sister's "I Wanna Rock" and Quiet Riot's "Metal Health (Bang Your Head)."

There are, however, two tracks that stick out like sore thumbs on the album. The first is Loverboy's "Working for the Weekend," a glitzy, poppy, over-produced song from the

80s. The second is Meat Loaf's "Bat out of Hell," a terrible song from a terrible artist. No self-respecting mullet man would be caught dead listening to Meat Loaf or Loverboy.

There is also an obvious absence from the album's stellar lineup. There are no songs from AC/DC on the album, perhaps the most essential of the mullet rock bands. It was a mistake by the album's producers not to include such snarling hits as "Back in Black" or "You Shook Me All Night Long."

Despite the inclusion of a few bad songs and the omission of a few good ones, *Mullets Rock!* does indeed rock long and hard. It may well be the perfect background music to a keg party, since it even clocks in at about two hours. Regardless of what hairstyle you sport, it would be worthwhile to check out this superb collection.

Diana at Dollar Night

'Recruit' a buck and some buds

By Diana Mcelwain
Staff Writer

"The Recruit," an intense film about the inner workings of the CIA, graces Spotlight Cinemas at a time when the safety and protection of our nation and its people is something on everyone's mind.

The film allows its viewers to visit every aspect of this organization, or an alleged version of it, depicting everything from the intense training of its members to the complicated webs of deceit that occur within the agency.

Al Pacino plays Walter Burke, the senior CIA instructor who is responsible for the recruitment of James Clayton, an MIT graduate who has CIA success in his blood. Pacino is made for this role and he nails it. The character is uncouth, grizzled and witty, and proves to be slightly insane as the movie comes to an end.

Colin Farrell, who takes on the role of Clayton the recruit, is also a perfect fit. The film is packed with intense moments, many of which are made as such due to Farrell's flawless acting. This Irish actor also gets extra points for never once faltering and lapsing into his strong brogue.

Burke hunts down Clayton and convinces him to enter training for the CIA, which Clayton reluctantly concedes to do. Training takes place at headquarters dubbed "The Farm," where the recruits learn how to do everything from successfully bugging to effortlessly killing anyone who gets in their way.

While in training Clayton meets Layla, played by Bridget Moynahan. However, just as the two start to become close, Clayton is deemed to be unfit for the CIA and is dismissed ... or is he? Days later, Burke informs him that he has been chosen for the most important mission of them all, the catch being that he will be working against his prospective lover.

What makes this movie stand out from the rest is its lack of predictability. The mantra that is constantly repeated to the CIA's in training is "Nothing is what it seems." This proves to be true or the complex plot of "The Recruit." Be it in the training exercises at the Farm or the true nature of Clayton's first assignment, the viewer is constantly being hit with jaw-dropping twists.

It is in these efforts of com-



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Al Pacino and Colin Farrell star in 'The Recruit,' now playing at Spotlight Cinemas.

plexity that the movie suffers its few flaws. The ending is much weaker than the beginning, as suspense leads to confusion. Luckily, with the help of one's fellow movie-goers, most will be able to successfully understand and enjoy this movie.

"The Recruit" is by no means a comedy and refrains from dropping the typical, predictable one-liners that are so common. There is however, a prominently placed sign in one scene that points the way to a place christened "The George W. Bush Center for Intelligence." Whether the viewer finds this humorous is entirely subjective, however it is clear that this "prop" was intentional.

This subtle instead of blatant attempt at comedy is just one of the many aspects of "The Recruit" that makes it worth seeing. I give it four out of five Junior Mints.

..staff picks..

Saturday Night Selections

Alex Lehning, Staff Writer

Drink - Gin and anything
CD - Blue Album - Weezer
Movie - Slackers

Kris Healey, Style Editor

Drink - private stock 40s
CD - Color In Bloom - Percy Hill
Movie - The Big Lebowski

Jennifer Gundersen, Editor in Chief

Drink - Yuengling Lager
CD - Goldenfly - Guster
Movie - The Thomas Crowne Affair

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Drink - Diet Coke
CD - Can't Take Me Home - Pink
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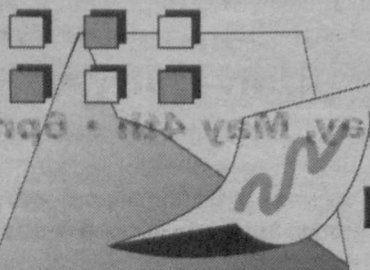
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Community theater to perform Friday

By Adam Boynton
For The Maine Campus

Orono Community Theater will perform two one-act plays this weekend at the Orono Community House on Bennoch Road.

"Out at Sea," written by Slavomir Mrozek, will be followed by "Scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,'" written by William Shakespeare, on March 28, 29 and 30. Performances on the 28 and 29 will begin at 7 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30.

"Out at Sea" is performed in the "theater of the absurd," which features both strange and hilarious situations. Taking place on a life raft, three shipwreck survivors shuffle through a series of political systems to decide which man will be eaten first.

Directed by Bruce Johnson, "Out at Sea" stars Orono's Mark Billyk and Richard Burcher, as well as Barry Tyne of Burlington, Vt.

The evening's second show, "Scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'" is directed by Orono Community Theater's artistic director Sandy Cyrus.

"In 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' there are three stories, of the lovers, the king and queen and the mechanicals the Athenian craftsmen. They're crude, simple, uneducated folk. We take all of their scenes and [the viewer] gets to follow their storyline," Cyrus said of the show.

In the play, the Duke of Athens is getting married and the townspeople want to offer a play to be performed at the reception. While the mechanicals are rehearsing in an enchanted forest, fairies begin to have their fun with them.

Mike Curtis of Orono stars as Bottom the Weaver, with numerous other Orono residents garnering roles for the show.

Tickets may be purchased at Orono Pharmacy or at the door. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors.

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have all been abandoned.

"There was a music scene here for a long time, and it has just totally vanished now," Johnston said. "Back then they didn't have Internet connections in dorm rooms and people weren't as connected to the rest of the world."

Johnston said this slow decline of live music and venues is not just a local phenomenon.

"When I was in Syracuse it was the same kind of thing," Johnston said. "The problem is that a lot of local bands are really sh*tty, and we used to run around the campus of Syracuse handing out tons of flyers and people don't really respond to that. Making a distinction between the two I think is an important thing. If venues make sure to audition bands a little bit more to make sure they're talented, then more people will come."

Johnston believes that pop music and pop culture should be more real, without people just doing it for the fame and money. There are way too many greedy businessmen who will do anything to make a dollar, he said.

"Even just cruising the Internet, you think it has no effect on anything, but every time you go to a site and it's got a little ad in the corner, even if you don't look at it, that site's statistic numbers go up. And pretty soon they can say, 'we get 20,000 hits a day, give us money for this.' So you don't think it

has much to do with anything but money ends up going to Web site corporations instead of going to live performances."

Johnston said he believes in supporting genuine musicians, not lining the pockets of corporations.

"The more you support these national corporations, the more fabricated music becomes and the more they tailor things to statistics instead of souls, the more they use pitch correction on somebody's voice, like Britney Spears, instead of finding original artists like Norah Jones who come out of the woodwork," Johnston said. "She won every single thing that she was nominated for at the Grammys, and why? Because she's the only one that's real."

This is why Dr. Radical recently passed up an opportunity to record a CD. They wanted to keep their band real, and make their live performances the thing that mattered most.

Johnston has put out CDs with past bands and thought back on it as false advertising, because there's a lot you can do with modern recording equipment to make yourself sound great. But when the band tries to play a live show, it won't sound anything like the demo.

"We want to concentrate on playing together more, and letting things happen. If we get to a point where we can play a song flawlessly and none of us makes a mistake, that's the point at

which we should go into a studio and record."

Presently there are differences in the band that may cause them to go their separate ways. Johnston and Ryan are graduating this spring, and everyone will be looking for jobs soon. Johnston says that being a musician is an all-or-nothing venture, so they would all have to fully commit to the band and start touring as soon as school ends, something they are not all ready to do.

Johnston regrets the possibility of a breakup this summer.

"It's really unfortunate, because this is the best band I've ever been in, these are the greatest musicians I've ever worked with. We just don't see eye to eye on a lot of things, and that can't happen," Johnston said.

Despite the problems with Dr. Radical, Johnston will probably always be involved with music somehow, and will definitely be performing or finding some way to reach a large number of people.

"Be careful of every dollar you spend, make sure it's going someplace good and not helping to make the Earth a worse place," Johnston said. "Go see as many live performances as you can, even if they suck. The people who go out and try to find their own artists and support local music, I think that's an amazing thing. You guys rock, you guys make the world come alive."

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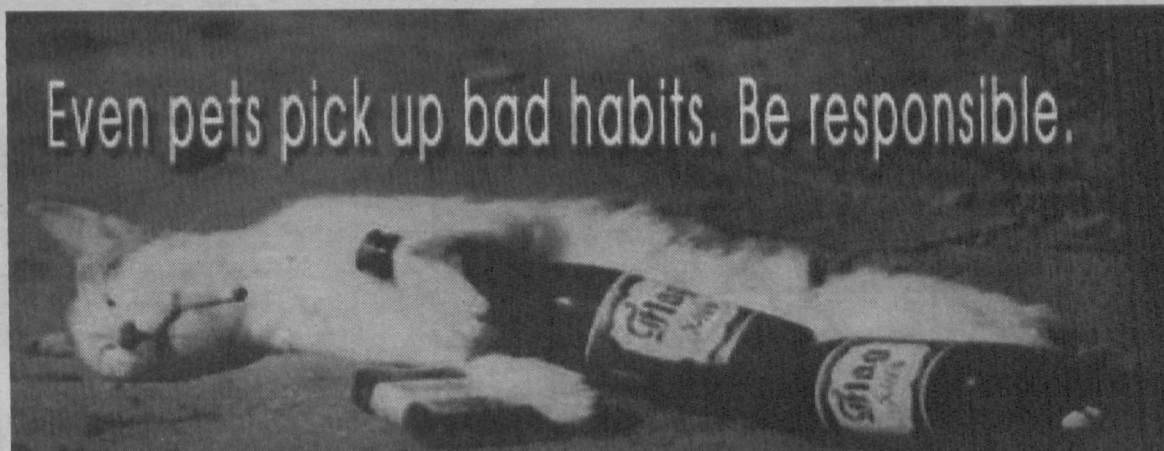
mainstream music was geared toward this sort of thing. It came out in the summer of 1997, when the nation was immersed in the skastylings of No Doubt, the electronica of the Chemical Brothers and the burgeoning rap-metal scene. Nobody was expecting anything so experimental to be a hit. OK Computer came out of nowhere.

Another good example is Dave Matthews Band's Under the Table and Dreaming. Now, unlike the majority of college folk, I am not a big Dave fan. My point is this: when "Ants Marching" came out, were people really into fiddle and sax-driven pop-rock?

I know I speak in general terms, and yes, DMB was a popular under-

ground act. Nevertheless, if you look at the output of the band, post-"Crash," you can't really say that mainstream acceptance has improved their sound. Like Radiohead, the Dave Matthews Band is part of a long list of bands who did their best work without the hot breath of the mainstream on the back of their neck.

Critics are always on the lookout for the next Radiohead or Nirvana, or even the next Beatles. In this rock climate, they aren't going to find it. It's impossible to be original anymore. Until the mainstream rock scene becomes more discriminating, music fans aren't going to get another OK Computer, Nevermind or Sgt. Pepper's.



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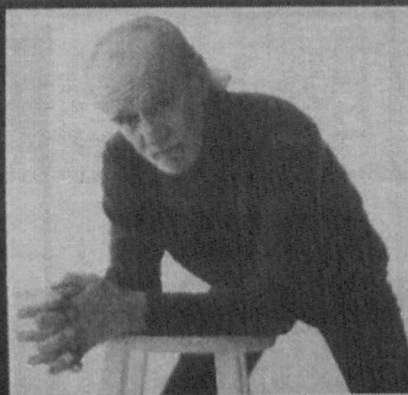
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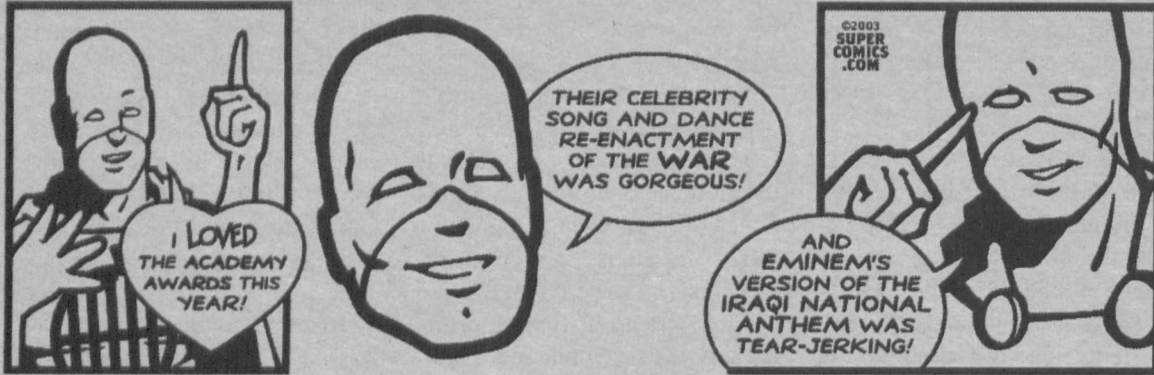
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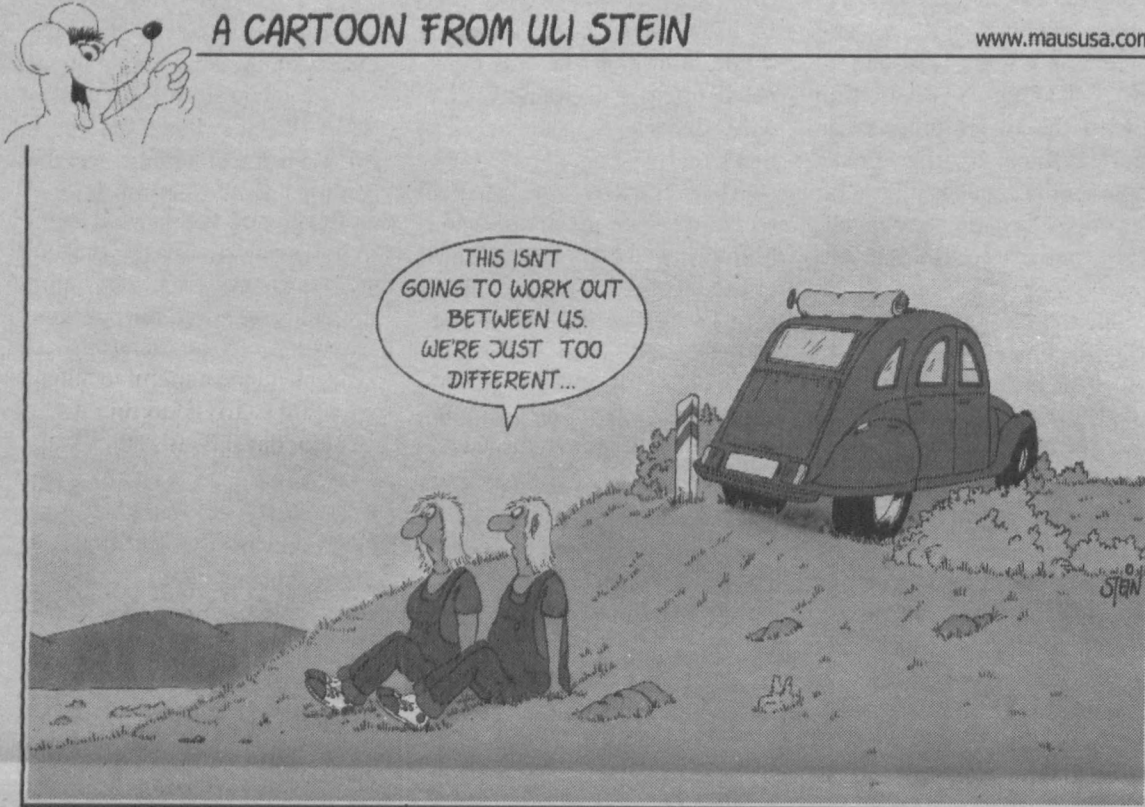
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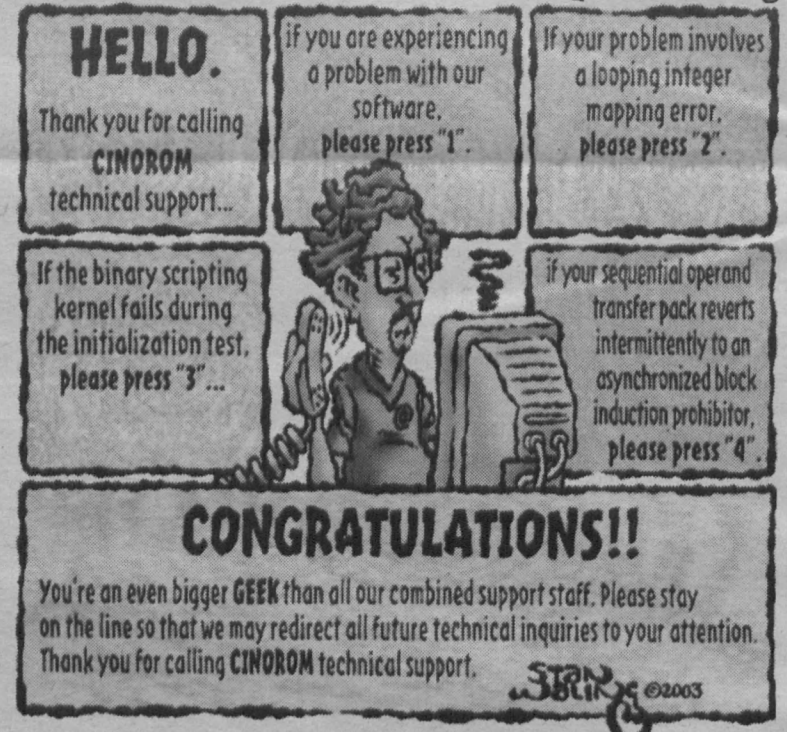
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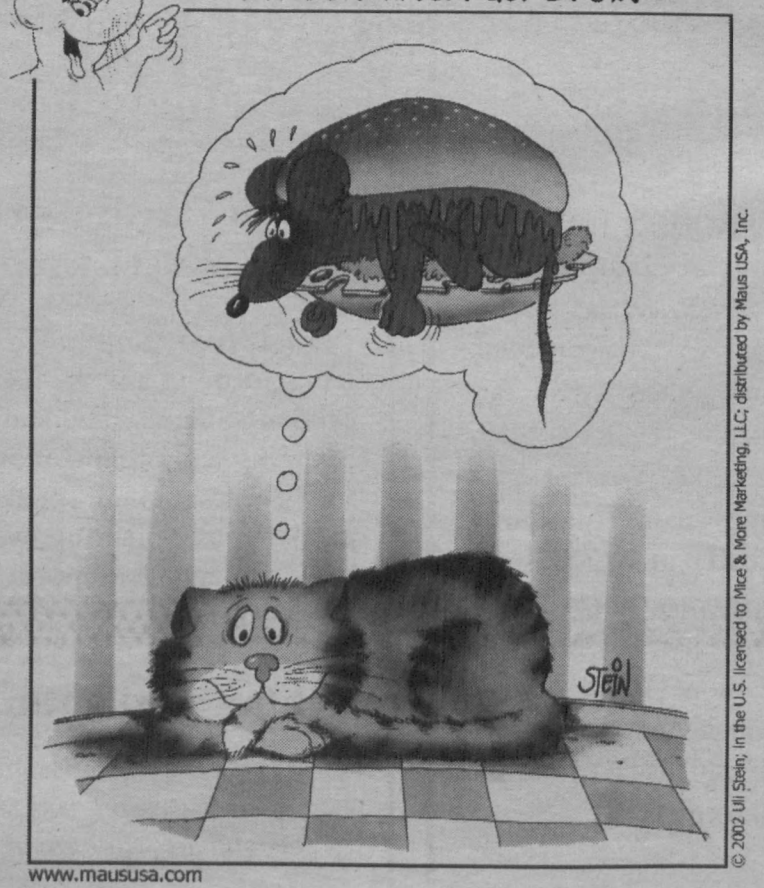
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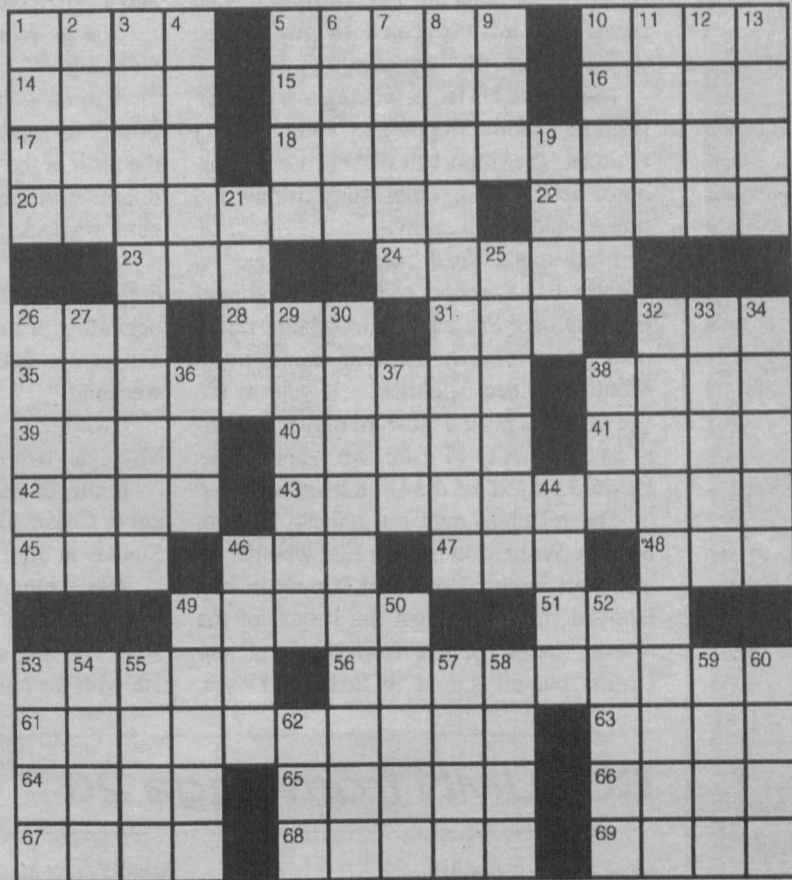


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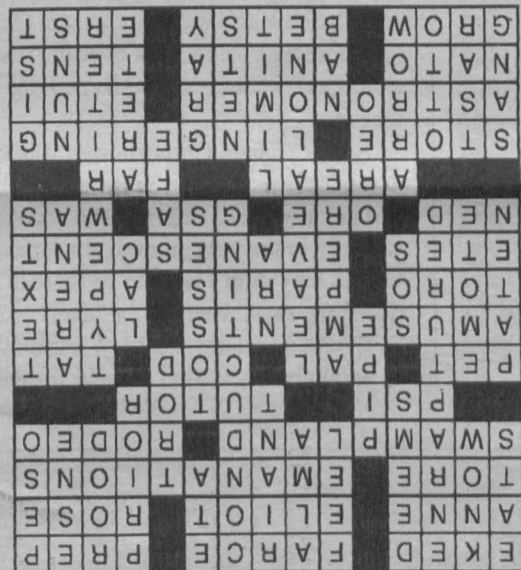
- ACROSS**
- 1 Scraped (by)
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 - 10 Type of sch.
 - 14 Queen Boleyn
 - 15 George who was Mary
 - 16 Stood
 - 17 Dashed
 - 18 Emissions
 - 20 Marshes
 - 22 Copland ballet
 - 23 Trident-shaped Greek letter
 - 24 Educator
 - 26 Favorite
 - 28 Buddy
 - 31 Food fish
 - 32 Make lace
 - 35 Diversions
 - 38 Ancient Sumerian instrument
 - 39 Spanish bull
 - 40 European capital
 - 41 Summit
 - 42 Somme summers
 - 43 Transient like vapor
 - 45 Beatty or Buntline
 - 46 Mine find
 - 47 BSA counterpart
 - 48 Existed
 - 49 Of acreage
 - 51 Distant
 - 53 Put away for a rainy day
 - 56 Tarrying
 - 61 Stargazer
 - 63 Needle case
 - 64 Allied grp.
 - 65 Writer Loos
 - 66 Billfold fillers
 - 67 Mature
 - 68 King or Ross
 - 69 Formerly, formerly
- DOWN**
- 1 Has a little lamb
 - 2 Have the answers
 - 3 Bewitched
 - 4 Considers
 - 5 Sense
 - 6 Soprano Gluck
 - 7 Laughing
 - 8 Leading the band
 - 9 Zeta-theta separator
 - 10 Anterior
 - 11 Crude cross
 - 12 Feudal serf
 - 13 Mexican money
 - 19 Walked heavily
 - 21 Bubble maker
 - 25 Flings
 - 26 Eucharist plate
 - 27 Ham it up
 - 29 Current unit
 - 30 Ignore
 - 32 Keyboard instrument?
 - 33 Coliseum center
 - 34 Written passages
 - 36 Mayday!
 - 37 Powerful DC lobby
 - 38 Fond du __, WI
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 - 54 Bygone Russian ruler
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 - 57 New Jersey team
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 - 62 Apprehend



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Today's Horoscope

By Liz Jarrell
For The Maine Campus

Be honest with him/her and yourself.

Lucky days: 8, 17, 31

ARIES
(3/21-4/19)

LIBRA
(9/23-10/22)

You are beginning to question your feelings for that special someone and are debating on your next move. If you are having doubts about the relationship, it is not fair to you or him/her to keep them bottled up. Don't be afraid to approach this person and let them know what you are thinking.

Lucky days: 3, 16, 28

Things were developing with a certain someone, but you began to realize you were not quite ready for a serious relationship. You are sad to let him/her go, but rest assured that you made the right decision. You two still remain friends, and that may ultimately last a lifetime.

Lucky days: 5, 19, 25

TAURUS
(4/20-5/20)

SCORPIO
(10/23-11/21)

You have been thinking about that certain person from the past who "got away" and are questioning whether or not to contact him/her. If you are truly regretting past actions (or lack thereof), it can't hurt to seize the day and put yourself out there. Do so confidently, and most likely your feelings will be returned.

Lucky days: 4, 19, 30

You are going through a tough time with a certain close friend, and neither of you is willing to work things out. Be the first to put your pride aside, and approach him/her about what is happening. Your friendship is too deep and meaningful to allow something so trivial to ruin it.

Lucky days: 2, 10, 20

GEMINI
(5/21-6/20)

SAGITTARIUS
(11/22-12/21)

A second person has entered the picture, just as things are becoming questionable with your special someone. Don't make any hasty decisions, but thoroughly analyze your feelings and the consequences of your decision. Whatever you decide will be the best for you in the long run.

Lucky days: 2, 12, 23

Feeling a little bored with life in general? Perhaps you have spent too long in your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to cross boundaries and meet new people, or try a new hobby or sport. A little excitement and diversity is just what you need right now.

Lucky days: 6, 18, 27

CANCER
(6/21-7/23)

CAPRICORN
(12/22-1/19)

Things have kicked off to a good start with that new person in your life, and you find yourself already questioning what will happen this summer. Don't jump too far ahead and form expectations, but let things evolve naturally. With the strong foundation you two are forming, the summer looks very promising.

Lucky days: 6, 15, 26

What can you say? You have been quite the social butterfly lately and it's certainly not your fault you are so popular. Take advantage of these great opportunities to cut loose and meet new people, but be careful not to blow off important obligations like school and work.

Lucky days: 10, 21, 30

LEO
(7/24-8/22)

AQUARIUS
(1/20-2/18)

Things have been pretty rough for you these last couple of months, but don't feel down; you are gradually coming out of tough times, and everything is looking up. Remember that you are not alone and that you are surrounded by people who care about you. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Lucky days: 1, 14, 27

You feel a little bummed because there doesn't appear to be any love prospects in your near future. As hard as it is, try not to think so much about your current love situation. The more you focus on things that you enjoy and make you happy, the more confidence and happiness will radiate from you and this is exactly what will draw people to you.

Lucky days: 5, 15, 25

VIRGO
(8/23-9/22)

PISCES
(2/19-3/20)

Be careful what you are doing to that certain person in your life. You are unsure of how you feel about them, but you string them along just in case your feelings change favorably. This is a natural inclination, but it is certainly not fair to this person.

You have begun to lose touch with a certain special friend in your life. Things like this happen naturally, and it is no one's fault. With the extra time you have coming up, however, how about reaching out to that person and trying to rebuild your relationship. This is someone you are definitely going to want by your side in the near future.

Lucky days: 3, 19, 26

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Women's hockey ousted from tournament by UNH

Black Bears end innagural Hockey East season 12-15-4

By Matt Hritz
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey season is over after a tough 2-0 loss against the University of New Hampshire in the semifinals of the Hockey East Tournament at Matthews Arena in Boston March 15. The Black Bears finished the season with an overall record of 12-15-4.

"I thought we played a solid game against UNH, they just came out strong," senior goaltender Dawn Froats said. "I don't think it was difficulty scoring goals. We just, some games, don't get the puck luck like other teams. We have goal scorers on our team, but in hockey it comes down to which team gets those few lucky bounces."

After a scoreless first period, New Hampshire scored a goal in each period. In the second, the Wildcats cashed in on a Naomi Smethurst tripping penalty as New Hampshire's Stephanie Jones scored on an assist from Alison Edgar.

The second goal of the game came at 16:01 of the third period from Carolyn Gordon.

The Wildcats outshot the Black Bears by a 43-15 margin. Froats played an outstanding game, to the tune of 41 saves. Jen Huggon stopped 15 for the Wildcats in her 10th shutout in 16 games against Hockey East opponents.

The team experienced many highs and lows during this season. Some of the highs included stellar goaltending and defense, but the Bears struggled to score goals and didn't win as many games as they expected.

"The highs of our team is that we played as a team during the highs and lows," junior forward Karen Droog said. "We had a tough start and we struggled but we stuck together. We were a team."

Offensive leaders for the Black Bears this season were junior forward Meagan Aarts (12 goals, 14 assists), Droog (15 & 7), and senior captain Jarin Sjogren (8 & 9).

In net, Froats was 8-4-1 with a 1.68 goals against average and a .926 save percentage. Junior Lara Smart was 4-11-3 with a 2.24 GAA and a .921 save percentage.

Droog, senior forward Raffi Wolf and Aarts finished the season as UMaine's top three all-time scoring leaders. With 93 career points, Droog is the new record holder, replacing Wolf. Wolf held the mark for two years before this season. Aarts led the Black Bears in scoring for the second straight season and has 91 points in her career.

Despite the Black Bears' struggles this year, the team has a positive outlook on next season's play. Head Coach Rick Filighera is only two wins shy of 100 career wins.

"I think that next year will be a really good year for our program," Droog said. "We have some strong freshmen coming in and I think they will add a lot of talent to our team and will contribute in a big way. I think next year is going to be key for us and we will have a better record than any other year. We have a lot of talented and dedicated players and next year is going to be a big year for us."

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adding 17 assists for 43 points.

Michigan's other important cog up front is its senior captain Jed Ortmeyer. The power forward has scored 16 goals to go with 16 assists for 32 points.

Much like UMaine, Michigan's defense is prone to some sloppy play and turnovers at times. The important players are stay-at-home defensemen, junior Andy Burnes and senior Mike Roemensky.

Michigan's freshman netminder, Al Montoya, is a product of the same National Development Program that UMaine freshman goalie Jimmy Howard came from. Montoya joined Michigan this year at the age of 17, so he and Howard played together on the USA U-17 team two years ago, as Howard played for the U-18 team last year.

The matchup may not happen though, because Whitehead has not said whether he will start Howard or Frank Doyle in net. Howard struggled down the stretch of the season, being pulled from both of the UMass playoff games in favor of Doyle.

Howard's numbers going into the tournament were a 14-6-0 record, a 2.45 GAA and a .916 save percentage.

Coach Whitehead believes the layoff will help.

"I think we're a little fresher of mind and body," he said. "We're just trying to make the most of the time off that we have. We've done everything that we can to help us from getting knocked out of that tournament."

UMaine is expected to have the two defensemen who had nagging injuries at the beginning of the week, junior Francis Nault and senior Cliff Loya, in the lineup this weekend.

UMaine's regional semifinal with Michigan will be on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

If the Black Bears win, they will face either Colorado College or Wayne State on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Yost Ice Arena.

The winner of the Midwest Regional will advance to the Frozen Four in Buffalo, N.Y. The national semifinals will be April 10, with the championship game April 12.

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team during a tough run.

"It's no secret we had a slump in February," Whitehead said. "But you have stuck with us through it all and that means a ton."

Things went fine during Whitehead's speech and Bubb was a showman, using his booming voice to talk over the rustling of restless onlookers. But something was missing.

Senior captain Chris Heisten was the only player to stand over the microphone, and he only spoke briefly. The rest stood stoically in the background, almost as though they didn't want to be there at all. Come on guys, where is the heart?

Everyone realizes that last season was an anomaly. They were playing for the

memory of their fallen coach, the late Shawn Walsh. Last year was great and will never be forgotten, but players shouldn't need motivation of that magnitude.

All seven seniors should have been allowed to speak, and by all accounts, should have wanted to take the spotlight. If you're going to hold a pep rally, it better kick ass, because if not, it's going to come off as amateur.

I'll be rooting for the team this weekend as a sports fan and as a fan of Black Bear hockey. But I hope the players show a lot more effort on the ice than they put into yesterday's rally. Not many teams get the chance to be showcased in front of the student body, don't take your recognition for granted.

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Women's hoops ends memorable season

By Becky Sturtevant
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 12, 2002, head coaches from the nine women's basketball programs in the America East Conference gathered together for the annual preseason coaches' polls.

Opposing coaches picked the University of Vermont to win the 2003 America East Championship. The University of Maine women's basketball team was slated third behind Boston University.

What these coaches did not know at the time was that the 2002-03 UMaine women would steamroll their conference competition and finish the season with a perfect 16-0 record in America East, while earning the regular season conference championship.

This year's team certainly made its place in the university's history books, racking up 21 consecutive wins to earn a school record for the program's longest winning streak.

Unfortunately for the Black Bears, their losses came during single-elimination playoffs.

The Black Bears recorded consecutive losses in the final game of the America East Championships, meaning the team would not receive an automatic berth to the NCAA Championships, and the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament, to which the Black Bears were invited after being passed up for an at-large bid to the NCAA playoffs.

The Black Bears advanced to the championship game of the America East Tournament, held in Hartford, Conn., after defeating the host University of Hartford 71-51 on March 13.

The victory marked the 20th consecutive win for the Black Bears, setting a school record for consecutive wins after the 1995-96 squad won 19 straight games.

Four Black Bears scored in double figures in the contest, with America East Player of the Year Heather Ernest leading the way with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Ernest was voted the league's top player at the March 13 awards banquet.

Ernest represented UMaine along with head coach Sharon Versyp, who was voted America East Coach of the Year for the first time, and sophomore Kim Corbitt took

home the conference's first-ever Defensive Player of the Year award.

With three of the conference's four major awards, the Black Bears entered a March 14 semifinal matchup with the University of New Hampshire. UMaine built a steady lead in the contest, but saw a 22-point advantage cut down to seven points with less than one minute remaining.

The Black Bears held off the Wildcats with balanced scoring and their trademark pressure defense. The Black Bears once again placed four players in double figures, with Ernest recording 16 points, Corbitt and junior Melissa Heon, who was named to the All-America East second team, with 11 points each, and sophomore guard Missy Traversi added 10 points.

After ousting New Hampshire, the Black Bears were matched in the championship with Boston University.

The Terriers had beaten second-seeded Vermont the night before, and with a 69-65 victory over UMaine March 15, the program became the first America East team to defeat the top two seeds to win the America East Championship.

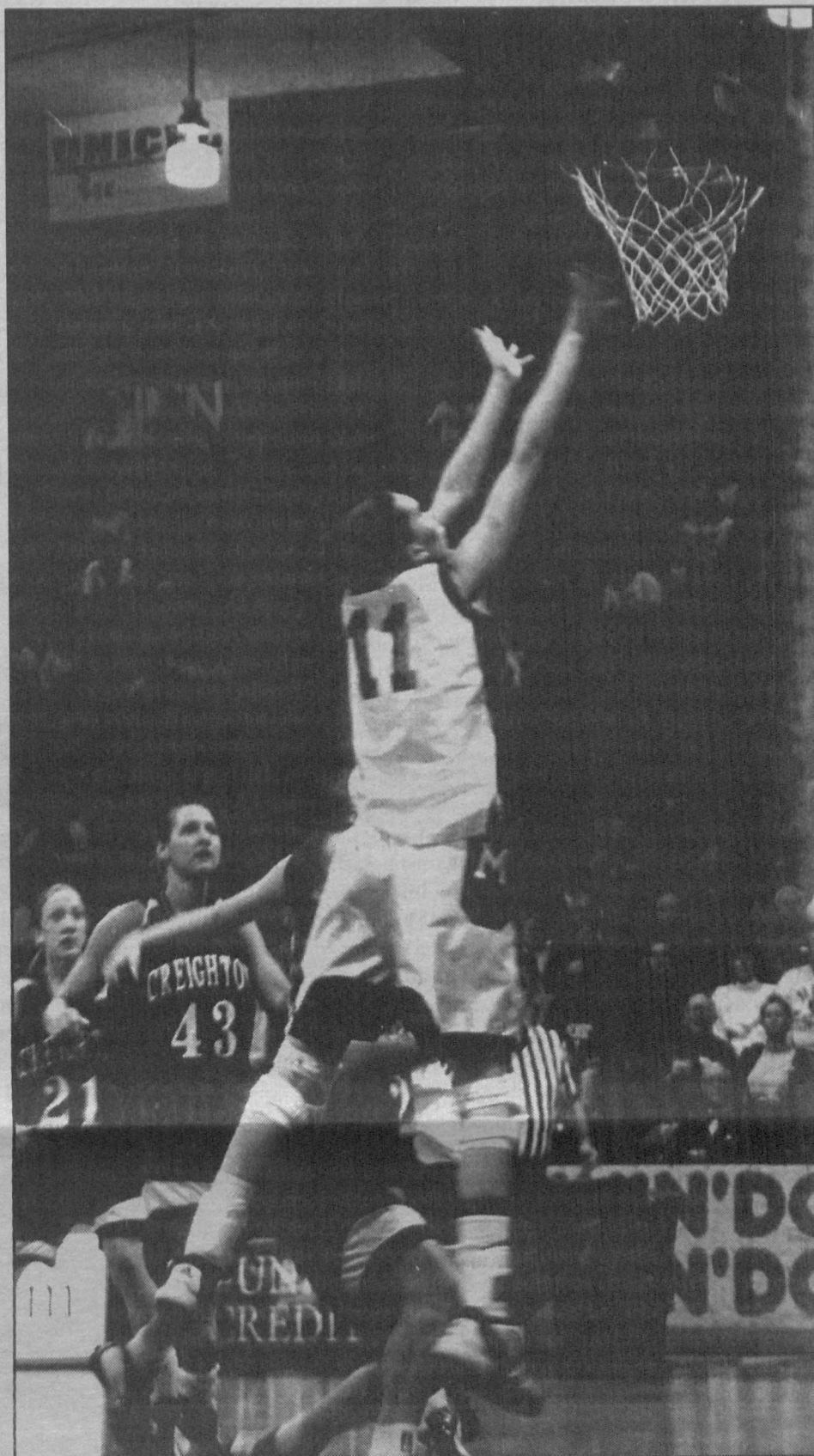
After the upset, there was still hope of the Black Bears receiving an at-large berth in the NCAA Championships. Before the loss, the Black Bears had the fourth-longest active winning streak in the nation. Unfortunately, national recognition and a 25-5 regular season record did not earn the Black Bears a NCAA berth.

Finally, on the evening of March 16, the Black Bears were rewarded for this season's efforts. The UMaine women received a bid to the Women's NIT, and they hosted Creighton University March 20.

The Blue Jays, who like UMaine, had won the regular season championship but were knocked from the playoffs, entered the contest with a 21-8 record.

The Black Bears made the most of their second chances, coming back from an 11-point deficit late in the second half, but they came up seven points short, losing 74-67 to end their season.

UMaine will return all but two players next season. The Black Bears will lose fifth-year senior captain Ellen Geraghty and guard Pam Cruz to graduation.



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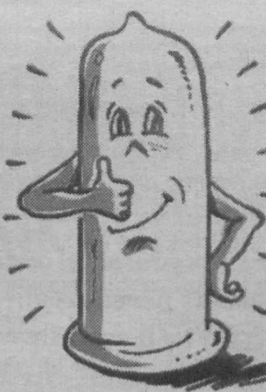
University of Maine junior Heather Ernest was named the America East Player of the Year, leading the Black Bears to a 16-0 league record.

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Softball starts season strong

By Jim Doughty
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team is hoping the warm weather — and even warmer bats — it enjoyed in Florida will come back north with them, as they begin America East Conference play this weekend in Binghamton, N.Y.

The Black Bears ended their annual spring trip the same way it began — with a win. UMaine defeated the University of Pennsylvania 6-2 in the opening contest of the Rebel Spring Games behind a strong pitching performance by sophomore Jenna Merchant. Thirteen days and 15 games later, Merchant recorded her first save of the season when she completed the final inning and a third of a 5-2 victory over the University of Central Florida to finish off the trip.

All told, the Black Bears came back from the Sunshine State with a 10-6 record, a mark head coach Deb Smith said she is pleased with. Smith also said she is excited about the contribution from her younger players, particularly sophomore center fielder Jess Brady and freshman shortstop Brittany Cheney.

Brady, recently named America East Player of the

Week, has been the offensive catalyst for the Black Bears thus far. She leads the team in batting average (.446), hits (25), runs batted in (11) and stolen bases (13).

Cheney paces the team with 12 runs scored and is second only to Brady in batting average (.370) and total hits (17). She has also played solid defense at shortstop, Smith said. Fellow freshman Dana Grimm has added some pop to the lineup, smacking the lone home run for the Black Bears.

Junior infielder Sara Asadoorian, batting in the No. 9 slot, has picked up her play both defensively and offensively, Smith said.

Merchant and freshman pitcher Sarah Bennis have seen most of the action in the circle for UMaine, combining for nine of the 10 victories.

Merchant, who, along with Brady, was an All-America East First Team selection last year, paces the team in wins with five and has opponents batting .161 against her. Bennis has procured the lowest earned run average (1.45) among Black Bear hurlers so far this season.

UMaine takes to the road again today when they head to Chestnut Hill, Mass., for an afternoon matchup against Boston College.

The team travels to Ithaca, N.Y. for a contest against Cornell University Friday, and then it's off to Binghamton University for a weekend series against the Bearcats.

Binghamton (8-7) is coming off a second-place finish at the George Mason Tournament this past weekend. They are led by junior catcher Jessica Chellis, who sports a .380 batting average, with two home runs and seven RBI. The Bearcats are also receiving solid contributions from sophomore pitcher Michelle Weeks. Weeks' 25-inning scoreless streak snapped Sunday by Brown University, but she still carries a team best 1.76 ERA.

Smith and her players are looking forward to this early season test to see where they stack-up against league opponents.

"I think they will all be close games," she said. "They are very scrappy, and I thought they were underrated in the preseason poll, especially because they didn't lose much from last year."

The Black Bears took three of four games from Binghamton last year when the Bearcats traveled to Orono, so there is no doubt revenge will be on Binghamton's mind as it prepares to host UMaine.

Men's hoops ends year with heartbreaking loss

By Lucas Peterson
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's basketball team concluded its season with a first-round loss in the America East Tournament to Northeastern University March 9.

The Black Bears lost 71-68 in on a three-pointer by the Huskies' star freshman guard Jose Jaun Barea with just eight-tenths of a second remaining in the game. Barea, the runner-up America East Rookie of the Year, poured in 38 points in the game.

The UMaine men ended the season with a 14-16 overall record and finished 8-8 in conference play. The Black Bears were seeded fourth in the postseason tournament, but were bested by the fifth-ranked Huskies.

Maine struggled this season against the two top teams in the league. The regular season champion Boston University Terriers swept Maine, winning by 10 points each game. The Black Bears also lost to the tournament champion University of Vermont Catamounts twice. Coach John Giannini's Black Bears went 8-4 versus the rest of the conference.

The 2002-03 season wrapped up the college careers of guard and team captain Derrick

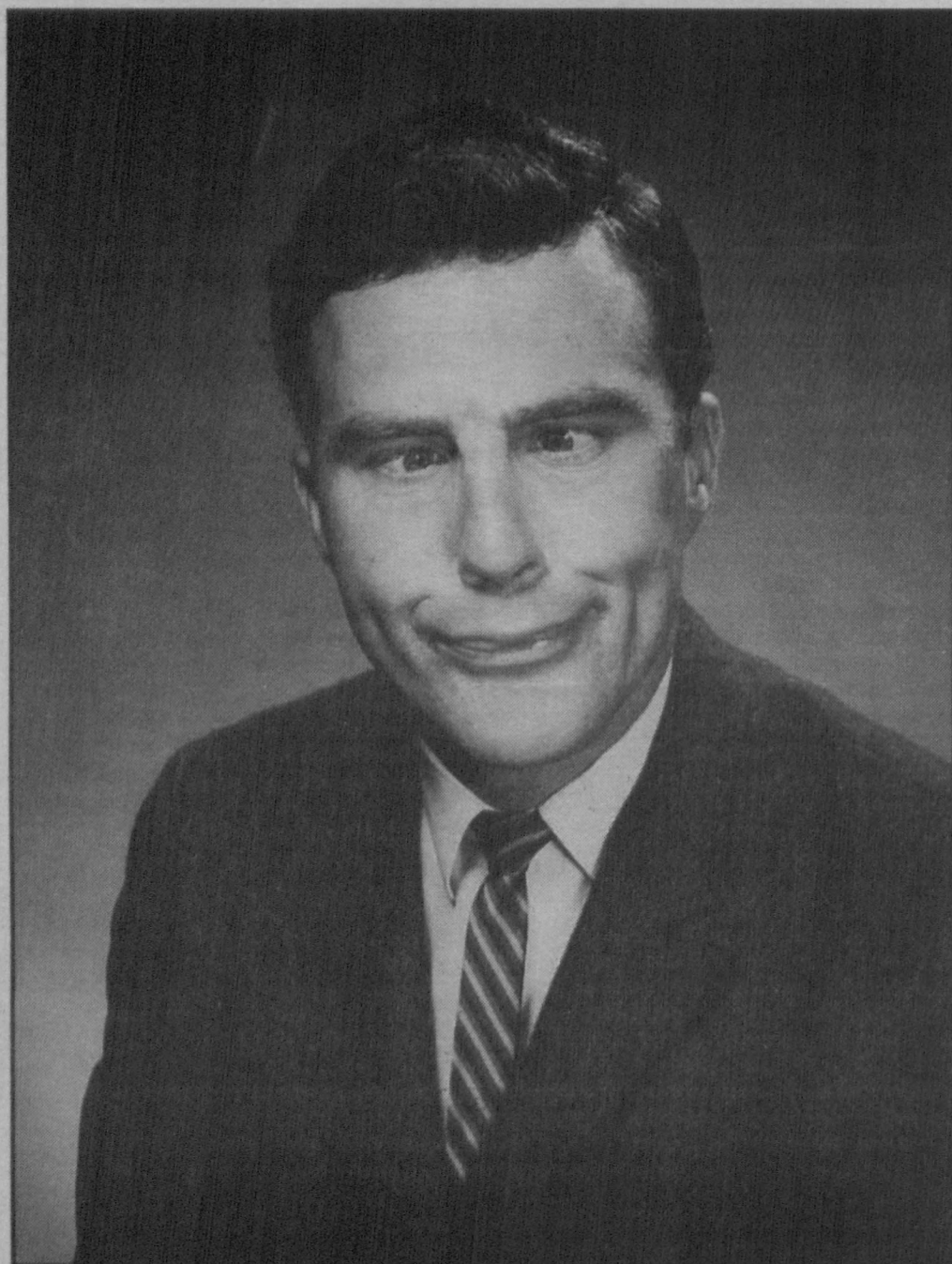
Jackson, center Justin Rowe and forward Clayton Brown. Forward Rickey White's eligibility will not be determined until after the end of the academic semester.

White was rewarded for his solid play, hustle and determination by being named to the All America East First Team. White led the Black Bears in scoring with 13.2 points per game and finished third in the nation in field goal percentage at .665.

In only two years at UMaine, the 7-foot Rowe set the school's all-time record for blocked shots. This season, Rowe was named to the All-America East second team, averaging 10.3 points, 9.3 rebounds and 4.1 blocks per game. Rowe finished third in the nation in blocked shots.

Jackson was the team's defensive stopper and a four-year starter. He typically defended the opposition's best guard or small forward. Brown, a 6-foot-7-inch forward, provided an offensive spark off the bench, averaging 12 points and six rebounds per game this season.

Also garnering a postseason award was guard Kevin Reed, whose 80 three-point field goals led the conference. Reed was named to the America East All-Rookie team while averaging 12.7 points per game.



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Powerhouse Clemson ends baseball trip sourly

By Ryan Waning
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine baseball team continues its annual early season road trip, paying the University of Rhode Island Rams (7-11) a visit before heading to Long Island, N.Y. for a quartet of games this weekend against New York Tech University.

Heading into this weekend's action, the Black Bears record stands at 9-6.

Baseball Spring Results:

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March 8 vs. Hartford	11-4 W
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March 11 vs. Bethune-Cook	1-5 L
March 12 vs. Bethune-Cook	8-3 W
March 13 vs. Long Island	14-4 W
March 14 vs. Long Island	20-9 W
March 15 vs. Iowa	1-3 L
March 16 vs. Iowa	8-6 W
March 17 vs. Fordham	7-1 W
March 18 vs. Fordham	3-1 W
March 20 at Clemson	6-8 L
March 21 at Clemson	6-7 L
March 22 at Clemson	7-11 L

The Black Bears, who came out of the chute 9-3, ran into a buzzsaw last weekend, dropping three straight games to the reputed University of Clemson Tigers. UMaine dropped the first two games by a combined three runs (8-6, 7-6) and only lost the finale (11-7) after a seven-run inning by the Tigers put them on top in a game Maine led 3-0 into the fifth.

The Black Bears, who have been scorching the ball, hope the hits keep coming this weekend. Not surprisingly, UMaine is again led at the plate by sen-

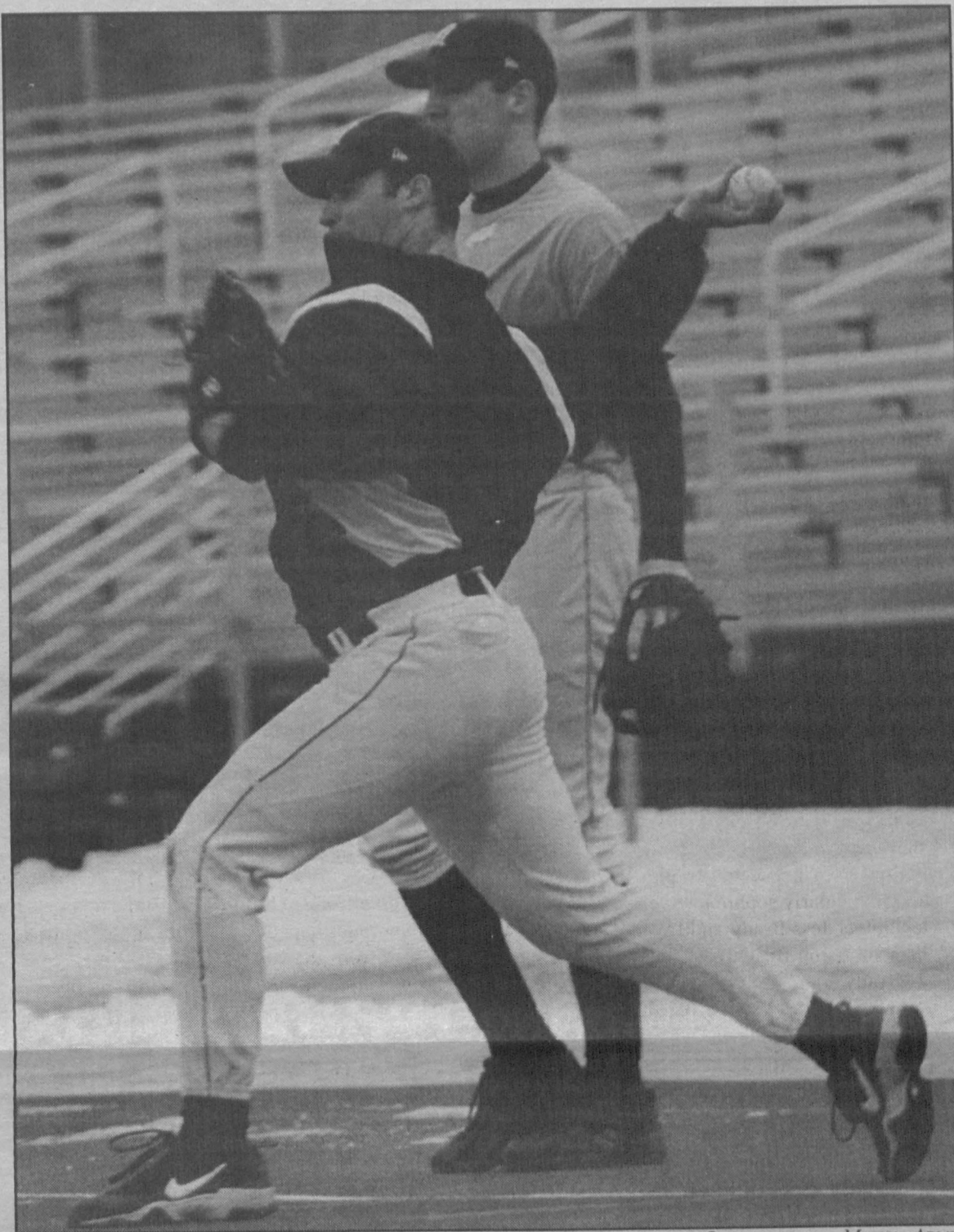
ior Alain Picard, whose 19 RBI leads the team. He also has posted a .345 average in the early going, putting him second on the club behind sophomore Aaron Izaryk's .347 clip.

There has also been no shortage of power for the Black Bears who have hit nine home runs to their opponents' four. Senior captain Jesse Carltón leads the team with three in only 15 games after hitting only five during last year.

UMaine continues its tradition of finding pitchers who can win games right out of high school. This year's version is South Portland native and reigning America East Rookie of the Week Greg Norton, who has been perfect to start the season 2-0, with a 3.18 ERA. Norton was added to a rotation that already featured juniors Mike Collar and Mike Macdonald, the backbone of last year's

pitching staff.

Rhode Island, which last split a doubleheader with George Washington University, will come into Friday's game with some firepower of its own. Dan Batz has lived up to his name in the early going, tearing up opposing pitchers for a .439 average and a team-leading 29 hits and seven doubles. He also is hitting an impressive .385 with runners in scoring position. Batz has already been named America East Player of the Week twice, on March 3 and Feb. 20.



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University of Maine senior Adam Labelle practices on the football field with snow in the background. Welcome to spring baseball in Maine.

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Baseball, softball teams return from busy southern swings during Spring Break. See stories, page 19 and 18, respectively.

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Hockey rally lacks pep

By Eric
Russell

Sports Editor

It's that time of year again. No, not spring, I'm talking about the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey tournament.

At some other schools, that may not mean a hell of a lot, but in Orono it's become a March tradition.

The Black Bear faithful has grown accustomed to seeing its beloved team march into the postseason with gusto, and despite a woeful month of February, this year's team still managed to nab a No. 2 seed.

Unfortunately, the University of Maine is headed west — the Midwest Regional, specifically — to face a tough University of Michigan team that will be playing on its home ice in Ann Arbor, Mich.

But even more alarming than the Black Bears' bracket (top-seeded Colorado College likely awaits UMaine should it win in the first round) or their late-season slump, is the team's seeming lack of determination.

Yeah, I said it.

At a pep rally held yesterday afternoon in the Memorial Union Marketplace, coaches and players of this year's team were introduced and given a (lukewarm, at best) send-off to the NCAA Regionals. The event was missing — for lack of a better work — pep.

Interim Director of Athletics Paul Bubb did his part to engage the crowd, most of which consisted of students who didn't realize what was going on and simply wanted to eat their lunch.

Bubb congratulated the team and even extended gratitude to the cheerleaders and the pep band, who played the Stein Song as the players lined the hallway connecting the North Dining Hall to Union Central.

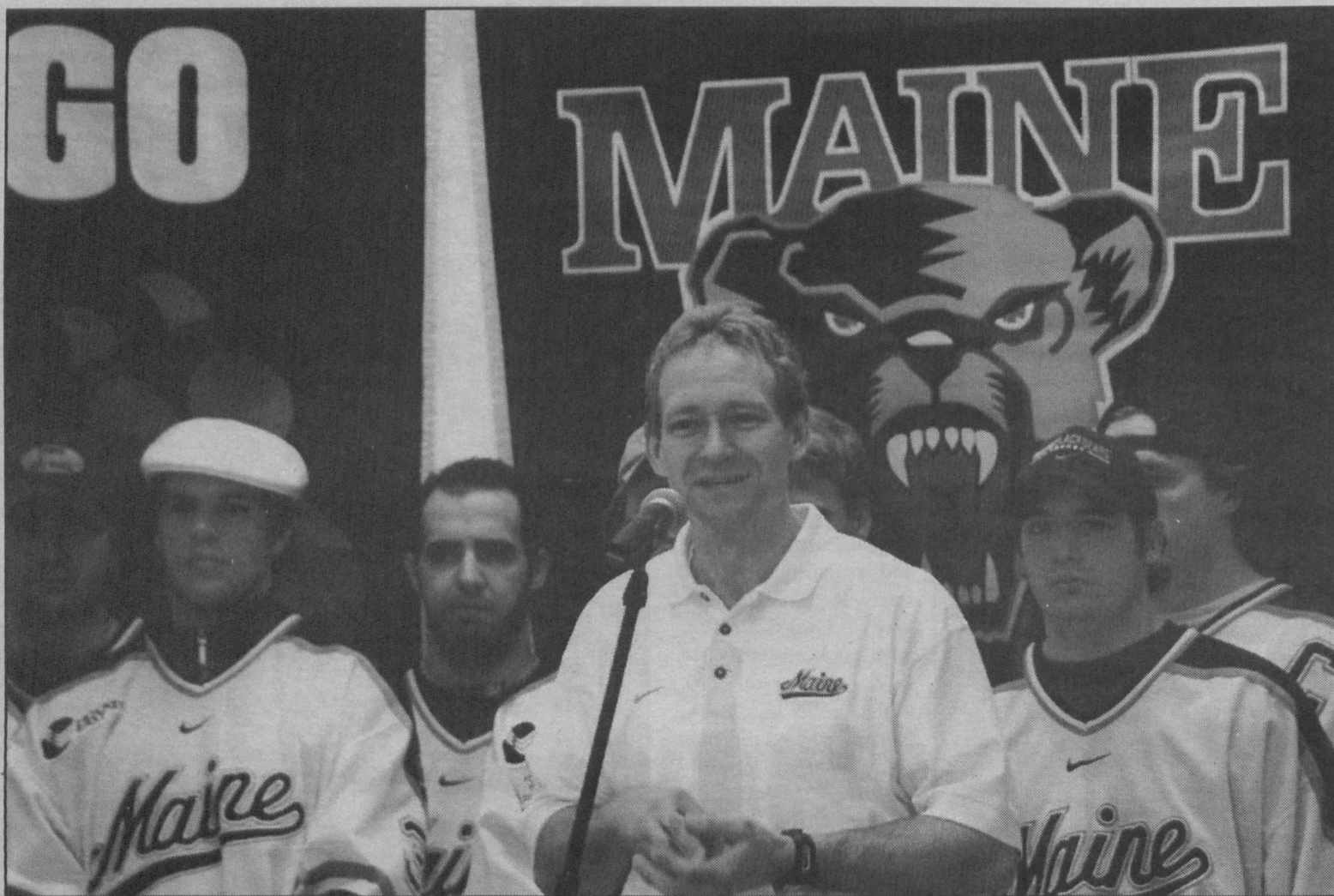
"We have the greatest college hockey fans in the nation," Bubb said.

That may be true, but where were they yesterday afternoon?

Bubb introduced Coach Tim Whitehead, who perhaps sparked the most noise out of the tepid crowd of people.

Whitehead also did his part to praise the fans who supported his

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CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

University of Maine men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead addresses students Wednesday afternoon in Memorial Union. Whitehead and his players gathered for a rally, as the team prepares to head west to face the University of Michigan Saturday.

Michigan to host Maine in NCAAs

Unlucky draw pits second-seeded Bears against No. 3 Wolverines in regionals

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

It will have been 22 days since the University of Maine men's ice hockey team played their last game, the final game of their two-game series loss to the University of Massachusetts at home March 7, when the Black Bears take the ice Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey tournament.

UMaine will not have it easy after their late season struggles. The team heads to the Midwest Regional in Ann Arbor, Mich., to face the host team, the University of Michigan Wolverines.

The Black Bears (24-7-5) are the No. 2 seed in the regional, and Michigan (28-9-3) is the No. 3 seed. Rounding out the regional are the top-seeded Colorado College Tigers (29-6-5) and the No. 4 seed Wayne State University (21-16-2) of Detroit.

"Why not start off with a tough challenge?" UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead said upon finding out the tournament pairings on Sunday. "We're playing Michigan in their own rink. They're playing real well right now, they just won [the CCHA tournament]. If we can meet that challenge, we're ready for any opponent."

Michigan is coming off a 5-3 win over Ferris State in the CCHA title game at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Saturday night.

Since campus sites began hosting the NCAA regional tournaments in the west in 1994, Michigan has yet to lose a game in its own building in the NCAA tournament (4-0). Yost Ice Arena is considered a huge advantage for Michigan because of its small size and loud crowds, much like Alford Arena. UMaine captain Chris Heisten doesn't feel the team will be phased much by the hostile Wolverine fans.

"I don't think you can get any more hostile than the one in Minnesota [in the national championship last year]," he said. "They had 17,000 strong cheering against us. That will definitely help out."

Heisten also pointed to one thing that UMaine has over Michigan: experience.

The Black Bears are filled with mostly upperclassmen, while the Wolverines are mostly a younger

team after being racked by early defections of key players for the pro ranks, which has seemingly become a trend in Ann Arbor.

Michigan's leading scorer this year was freshman forward Jeff Tambellini, who received the CCHA's Rookie of the Year Award. He is the only player on the roster to crack 20 goals to this point in the year, with 26, while

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Black Bear senior center Martin Kariya leads the team in scoring with 14 goals and 35 assists as the team heads to its 13th NCAA appearance.