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'Maine is open for business'

Baldacci discusses international trade growth at Wells breakfast

By Rick Redmond
For The Maine Campus

Gov. John Baldacci unveiled plans Monday to establish the North East Atlantic Region trading alliance, asserting to the world, "Maine is indeed open for business."

Baldacci told a breakfast audience at the Wells Conference Center at the University of Maine that he hopes to begin a ripple effect of international trade with the state of Maine, commencing with stronger trading ties with its neighbor to the north, Canada.

The World Affairs Council presented "Beyond The Borders of Maine: Economic Growth Through Canadian Partnership," featuring Baldacci as keynote speaker.

"[Maine] will recognize opportunities in a time of crisis and do what we do best," Baldacci said. "We will show by example and build international bridges to strengthen trade with the world around us."

Baldacci went on to discuss how promoting NEAR will "put Maine into motion" and lead to broader horizons for Maine as an international hub of trading activity.

"We will be aggressive," Baldacci said. "The future of

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CAMPUS PHOTO • SCOTT CAPARELLI

Maine Gov. John Baldacci speaks at the World Affairs Council breakfast Monday. Baldacci was the keynote speaker in a presentation entitled "Beyond The Borders of Maine: Economic Growth Through Canadian Partnership." The governor discussed issues ranging from increasing the output of the Maine economy to extending trade to a global scale.

Bookstore recognizes faculty contributions

By Rick Redmond
For The Maine Campus

Representatives from select colleges and schools from the University of Maine gathered at the Buchanan Alumni House Tuesday afternoon to be recognized at the first annual Bookstore Faculty Recognition Awards.

The award ceremony is Bookstore Director Bill Hockensmith's brainchild, established as a way to acknowledge faculty members who turn in early book orders, passing on significant savings to their students.

"We wanted to reward departments who have made this a priority," Hockensmith said. "Our pri-

mary goal this year has been lowering costs to students."

Colleges and schools recognized were marine science, civil, electrical, mechanical and environmental engineering, computer science, philosophy and kinesiology and physical education. Top honors went to the College of Engineering for its collective efforts to lower costs for its students.

"We could reduce costs by up to a million dollars a year for students, why wouldn't we want to do this?" said Dean of the College of Engineering Larryl Matthews upon accepting the award.

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UM program helps Orono students cope

By Angela Flandaca
Staff Reporter

Protests have been held across the country and yellow ribbons have started appearing on T-shirts, car windows and house doors. Amidst the rallies for and against the war and in support of U.S. soldiers, the tactics of how to cope with the stresses of war can be overlooked.

University of Maine Employee Assistance Program director Polly Moutevelis-Burgess provides students, faculty and staff with tips for adjusting to war.

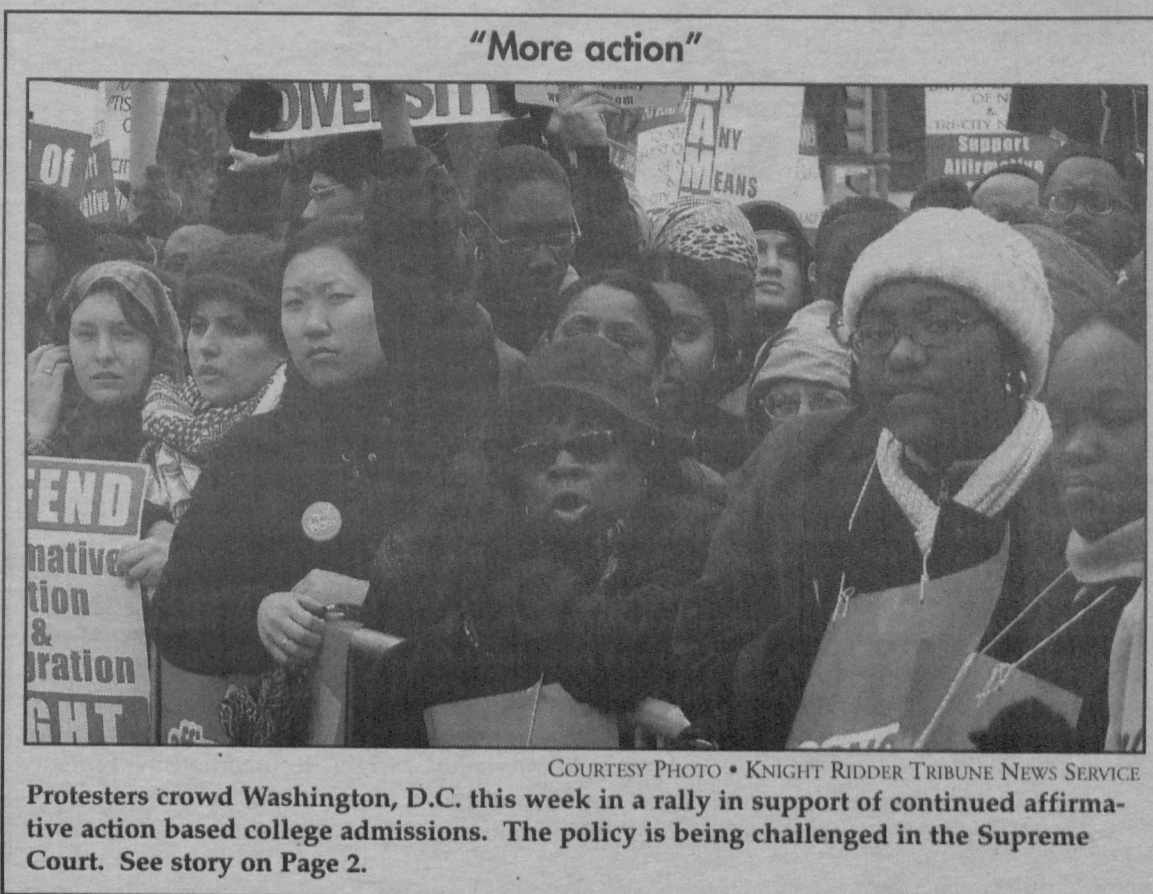
People react differently to war. Those who know someone overseas will most likely be highly affected, compared to someone who does not know soldiers, Moutevelis-Burgess said.

With the war in Iraq covered by all major television stations and newspapers, it is difficult to escape the stresses of war and that can be hard to deal with, according to Moutevelis-Burgess.

"It's continuously in front of us and it's that little added stress that can add to other stresses in our lives and make things worse," she said. "You want a certain amount of news, but try monitoring how much you're watching and what you can handle."

People may become irritable, experience difficulty concentrating, a lack of sleep and an increase

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Protesters crowd Washington, D.C. this week in a rally in support of continued affirmative action based college admissions. The policy is being challenged in the Supreme Court. See story on Page 2.

Supreme Court conflicted on affirmative action

Justices set to rule on University of Michigan based challenge

By Stephen
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Knight Ridder
Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court heard its first challenge in a generation to using race in the college admission process Tuesday as two of its centrist justices emerged as the most conflicted members of the high court.

Justices Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor expressed consternation about the role affirmative action should play in American life.

In a courtroom filled with cultural icons and political dignitaries who came to witness the historic arguments, both justices expressed strong doubts about the assertions — made by white students who were rejected by the University of Michigan — that race is an impermissible factor for colleges to consider.

But Kennedy and O'Connor also asked pointed questions of the university's attorneys about whether Michigan's programs go beyond legality and how long they might need to be in place.

O'Connor's varying points of view on the issue have been discussed almost since the suits were filed, and many have considered her to be the key vote in the court's decision. Kennedy's past opinions suggest that he might be more decided about these issues but also open to changing his mind.

Many think the court's opin-

ion might unfold around the pair's middle-ground positions because the other justices are so firmly divided. Some court watchers said Kennedy and O'Connor's struggle reflects a deeper tension in the court in its desire to deal with race discrimination, to ensure academic freedom and to practice judicial restraint.

"They've got to look at all of those principles and try to balance them in this decision," said Victor Bolden, a New Haven, Conn., lawyer who filed a brief supporting the university on behalf of several black mayors. "They need a way to be able to look at these policies without getting too entangled in the educational process or to be second-guessing decisions made by educators."

Kennedy also seemed to be searching for a way to balance those interests late in the arguments. If the justices struck down Michigan's policies, he asked, would the responsibility for devising a better plan fall to the courts or the university?

The cases, which separately challenge Michigan's use of race in its undergraduate and law school admissions, mark the first time since 1978 that the

high court has considered such an important affirmative action case. The justices will make their decision by July.

Kirk Kolbo, an attorney for

ber of minorities on campus was a legitimate concern for universities to try to correct.

"So if year after year after year there's an underrepresentation, there is no cause for the state or the government or its educational experts to be concerned?" Kennedy asked. "I should think that's a very legitimate concern on the part of the state."

Kennedy was equally hard on Maureen Mahoney and John Payton, the attorneys for the university.

Kennedy suggested several times that there was a reasonable debate over whether Michigan's desire to produce a "critical mass" of minority students on its campus is a thinly disguised quota system, which would be illegal. Kennedy asked Mahoney if that were true. Mahoney said no, but Kennedy said he doubted whether the university's focus was anything beyond a quota, because its staff during admissions considerations is constantly checking "to see what the numbers are based on race."

O'Connor expressed reservations about how long the university might have to consider race.

"In all the programs which this court has upheld, you could see an end to it," O'Connor said. "There is none in this, is there? How do we deal with that?"

The university's attorneys were equally forceful in their defense of the policies, saying they were necessary to produce a diverse educational setting that would expose students to people they had not encountered while growing up in America's segregated communities.

They also said their admission policy wasn't a disguised quota, because it entailed no fixed minimums.

Mahoney said the university might want 10 to 17 percent of its students to be minorities, but that was an "aspiration" rather than a hard guideline.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, who rarely speaks during arguments, chimed in Tuesday, focusing on the idea that the university might solve its problem by easing its sky-high academic standards.

"If Michigan really cares enough about that racial imbalance, why doesn't it do as many other state law schools do, lower standards and not have a flagship school?" Scalia asked.

Mahoney said that was a false choice for the school.

"Your honor, I don't think there's anything in this court's cases that suggests the school has to make an election between academic excellence and racial diversity," she said.

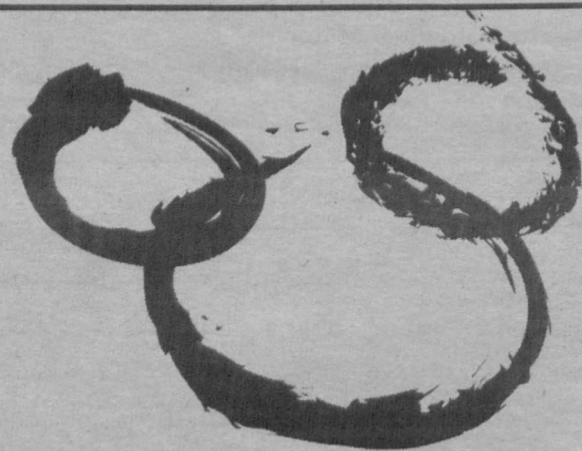


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plaintiffs Barbara Grutter and Jennifer Gratz, didn't get through more than a few paragraphs in his argument before O'Connor jumped in with several crucial questions. O'Connor first challenged Kolbo to establish how he could prove that race — and not some other factor — prevented his clients from being accepted to the university, and then moved to his claim that race can never be used in admissions.

"You have some precedents out there that you have to come to grips with, because the court obviously has upheld the use of race," in certain contexts, O'Connor said. "You're speaking in absolutes, and it isn't quite that."

Kennedy then broke in with several inquiries that questioned whether the small num-



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GSS Notes

By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

The following events took place at the Tuesday, April 1 meeting of the General Student Senate:

- The Maine Masque received \$1,750 for the production of "The House of Yes." A new resolution had to be drafted because this production will replace "The Living Newspaper." The money will be used for rights, the production set and sound.

- The Senate passed a resolution 13-1-0 to support the building of a new recreational center at the University of Maine. The resolution states, "conditions of Senate support will be that extreme care is taken to minimize costs, direct and indirect on the student population, and that its location not be placed on locations with Greek housing currently residing without the express approval of the Greek organization involved."

- The Senate passed a resolution to charge the public relations committee to plan a ceremony to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Student Government, Inc. The ceremony will be open to all.

- The Senate passed a resolution to allow the Student Government adviser to speak not more than once during debates in an effort to recognize the adviser under more official capacities.

- The Senate passed a resolution to create a mission statement for Student Government. The Student Affairs committee, working with the president and vice president of Student Government, is charged with submitting a mission statement on or before April 15. Senators said the mission statement will help give them direction, and the process will be a useful exercise in itself.

- Orono Town Council members Nicholas Houtman and Bryan Pearce addressed the Senate about community relations issues. The next Orono Task Force meeting is Wednesday, April 9 in the council chambers.

- Gregory Sinnett was sworn in as a new senator for the College of Engineering.

- Ross Bartlett was appointed and sworn in as Vice President of Student Organizations.

- Sen. Dennis Boyd was nominated as Sergeant of Arms of the General Student Senate.

The General Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in 100 Neville.

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Vice President for Administration Janet Waldron was also on hand to deliver her accolades for the departments recognized.

"You are setting the pace and the challenge for other faculty to follow your lead," Waldron said. Waldron also commended Hockensmith as a great "wheeler and dealer" whom the Bookstore is lucky to have.

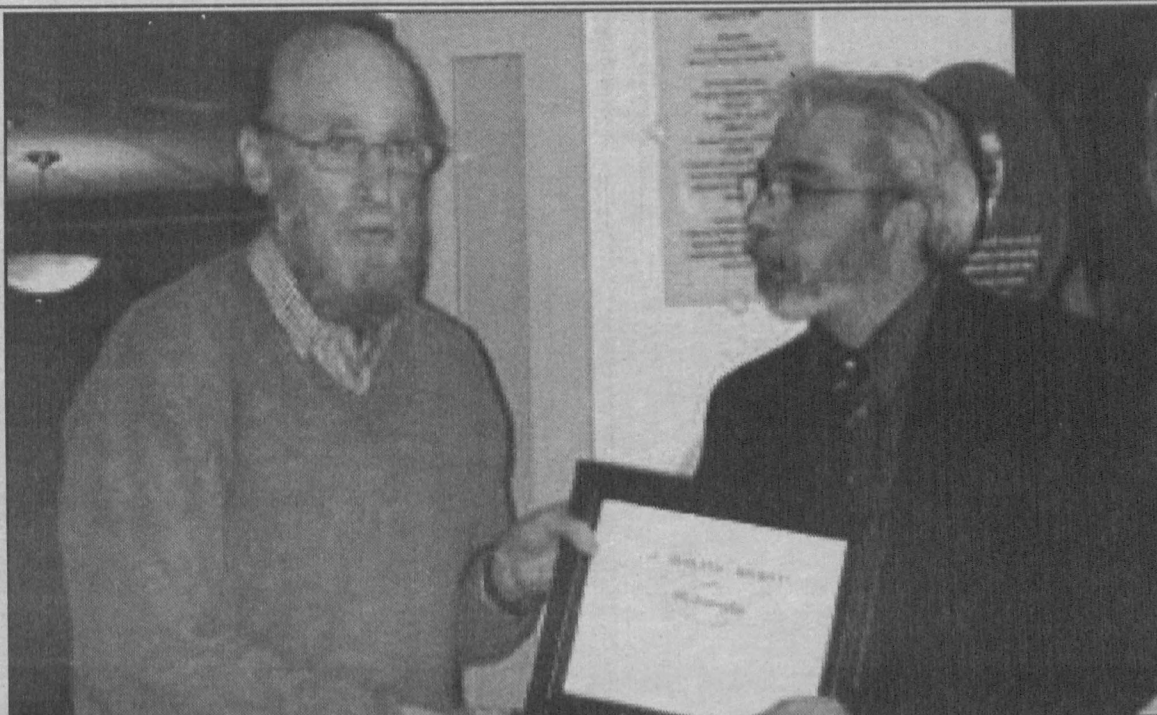
"[This is] a great honor, especially for philosophy," chairman of the philosophy department Doug Allen said of receiving an award. "Our books are heavy ... and we're not engineers."

Hockensmith also presented tokens of appreciation to administrative assistants within the departments recognized, whom he calls "the real heroes" of the Bookstore.

"No solid department is without a superior support staff," Hockensmith said. "They're our adult supervisors."

Hockensmith's own administrative assistant, Betty Campbell, is a 21-year veteran of the Bookstore and called Hockensmith an "involved and student-oriented director."

Since assuming the position of Bookstore director last August, Hockensmith has experienced a significant increase in the percent-



COURTESY PHOTO • JOE CARR

Professor Doug Allen receives an award for getting his book orders in early as part of the Bookstore's new program directed by Bill Hockensmith.

age of faculty who turn in early book orders.

"Last year at deadline, five percent of faculty had turned in their orders. This year, we're up to 15 percent," Hockensmith said. He credits the recent surge in cooperation to increased and expanded communication with the faculty on campus.

Bookstore administration circulated a campus-wide memo to

faculty, informing them of what they can do to lower student textbook costs. The memo also included a statement in bold script saying that late orders could potentially cost students \$500,000 per year at buyback.

Despite tripling last year's numbers, UMaine still ranks second worst in the nation for its percentage of used books sold. Harvard University ranked the

worst.

Aside from the supply of used books on the shelves, efforts led by Hockensmith and his staff placed the Bookstore as second cheapest overall in New England, trailing behind Boston College.

"Faculty has shown a lot of improvement this year," Hockensmith said. "I guess those Catholic monks are just a little quicker than us."

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Maine's industry does not look to Boston or New York for trade opportunities. We must go global."

Baldacci said he puts his faith in the citizens to carry out his goals for establishing Maine as a pivotal part of NEAR.

"The opportunity to live and work in Maine is different than working in Washington, D.C.," Baldacci said. "People want to do the right thing here."

Preceding Baldacci, and on hand to offer welcoming remarks, was UMaine

President Peter S. Hoff. Hoff hailed Baldacci as a man who is "up to the challenges" of carrying Maine through "the dual challenges of war and economic hard times."

"We should demand that the universities of the world function as sanctuaries of reason," Hoff said. He also commended the UMaine community for exemplary behavior in times where world affairs have reached a crisis pitch and for their deep commitment to international dialogue.

"Universities should not be ivory towers that disassociate

themselves from the action and passion of their times," Hoff said.

The presentation concluded with President of the Maine International Trade Center Richard Coyle informing the audience on matters such as where Maine is trading, the direction of international trade and upcoming trade events and opportunities.

"Maine ranks 25th in the nation with a gross state product of 5.5 percent," Coyle said. "The bottom line is we're lacking — we're not where we should be."

Coyle commended the

ongoing efforts of Baldacci and the strides former Gov. King made in international trade with foreign bodies such as the United Kingdom, Mexico, Asia, Nova Scotia and South America, but insisted that Maine continue to pursue trading options outside the borders of the state.

"Given the state of our current economy, we can't afford to ignore our unique position as a potential hub for international trade," Coyle said. "Maine has been coming along for quite some time now ... it's time we arrived."

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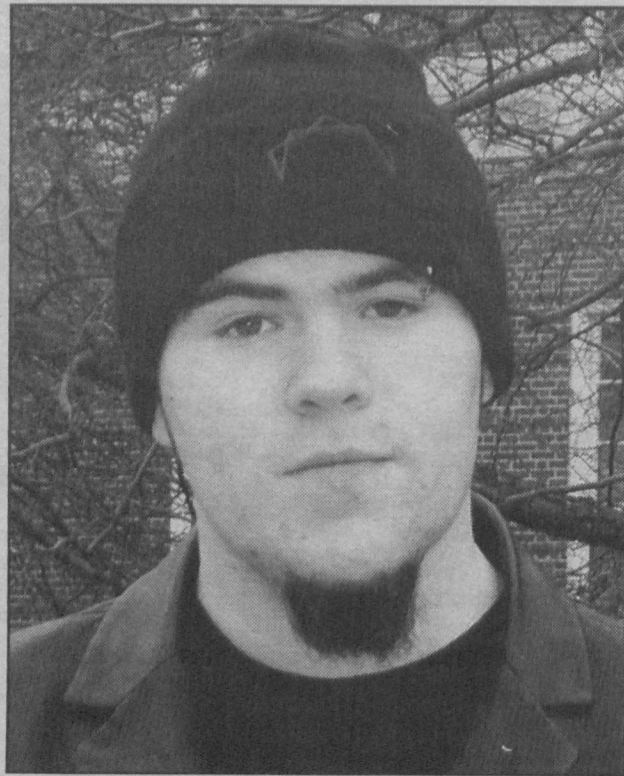
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"As far as protesting goes, **before the war it was a decent idea**. Now, you kind of have to support the troops. You can be against the war and still **support our troops**."

Joe Forestell first-year undecided



"I think the war is a result of imperialistic propaganda to exchange foreign interests for American lives. Now that we've entered the war it's become more complicated. We need to support our troops but at the same time decide on the quickest possible peaceful resolution with the best interests of American soldiers as well as Iraqi people."

Josh Harriman, third-year, English

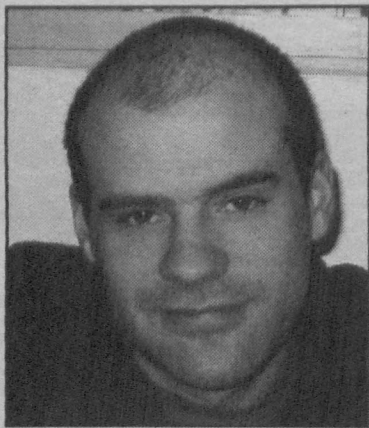


"At first, I wasn't in support of it, but after seeing what has really gone on over there in Iraq I'm hoping the people will have a better life after Saddam Hussein is taken out as leader."

Penny Gary, third-year, child and family relations

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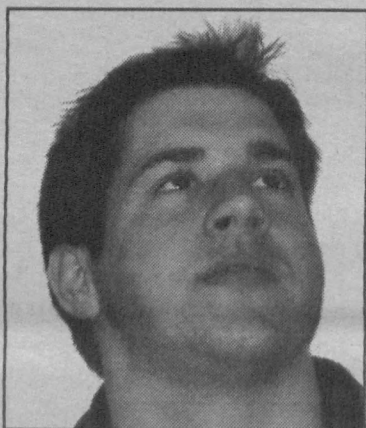


"Whole lot of dead people."

Dave Robinson, first-year, music

"I am totally against it. I think it's an imperialistic move. I think it's just the first of a series of events that the United States is going to systematically take control of oil-rich countries."

Reed Gustin, third-year, political science



"I don't believe we should be over there, but I support those who are."

Kory King, fourth-year, child development

"I think it's really unfortunate that we have to go to these terms, but **something has to be done** to stop Saddam Hussein and the terrorism."

Julie Benoit, second-year, food science and nutrition

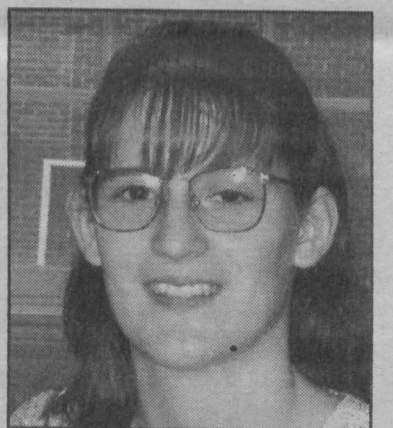


"Peace."

Caroline Musica, third-year, vocal performance

"What I think really sad is people are making this into a show. The media is turning this war into a television program. That's what upsets me most about it. **It makes me sick.**"

Rebekah Devino, third-year, modern languages



"I've been in support of what's going on since the war started."

I think everyone will be better off without Saddam as leader."

BobbieJean Harrman, first-year, computer engineering

"I think it's inevitable. It's **TIME TO UNIFY** and support what's already brought to action."

Jenn Wittman, third-year, biology

"I don't necessarily agree with the war, but it's kind of **naive** to say we don't have to go to war. **We all share this world.** We have war for a reason."

Rebecca Norris, second-year, zoology

"I think we would have had to go to war, but *I just wish we had a better leader taking us there.*"

Abby Schofield, second-year, pre-veterinarian

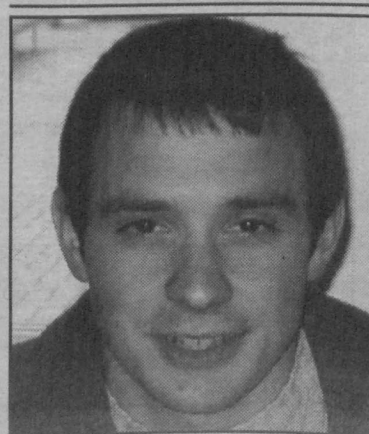
"I'm finding myself graduating from my masters program and the **world is blowing up**. I never thought my country would be the one to **pull the trigger** and it makes me sad. I still don't know *what I'm going to tell my children when they ask me why.*"

Shelley Hooper, graduate student, theatre



"I think we're doing the right thing."

Aaron Madison, first-year, construction management



"It's too bad things had to come to this. I hope it's all over soon."

Ryan Lynch, third-year, sustainability agriculture



"I understand that we are at war with a **very evil man**, but I feel that we should be helping the Iraqi people and not **just taking over**. I hope this 'conflict' helps the Iraqis instead of just taking over."

Amy Vanidestine, third-year, marine science and zoology



"I don't know much about the war. I'd prefer it not be fought."

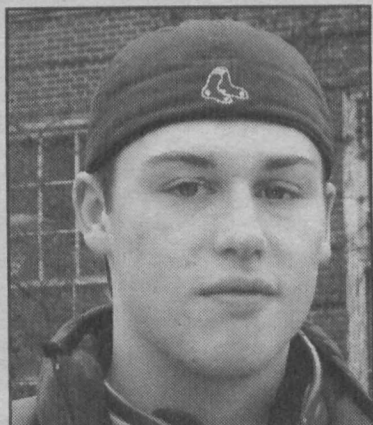
Jennie Rood, third-year, accounting



"I don't support the war, but *I think it's important to support our troops.*"
Caitlin Whalen, third-year, music education

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"I am definitely in **FULL SUPPORT** of it because... we're damned if we do, we're damned if we don't. I don't believe it's for oil. It's for biological and chemical warfare and because **Saddam kills his own people.**" Chesney Denis, first-year, biology pre-medicine



"Personally I am against the war. But I'm trying to remain sensitive to the fact that the troops are over there despite what I think about the war and the president."
Amy Stevens, fourth-year, anthropology

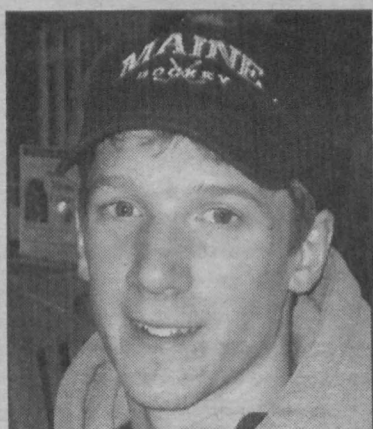
"I'm definitely against a war because **I think it's bad killing each other.** Peace is much better." Juli Perrin, graduate student, French



"We need to do what we need to do **to keep our country safe** and if Saddam has all these weapons over there then I think **it's worth it** to go to war."
Jenni Dragon, first-year, English



"It's for the liberation of the Iraqi people so I guess I'm for it."
TJ Wright, fourth-year, mechanical engineering



"We support the troops."
Chris Warren, second-year, landscape horticulture

"I have a lot of friends over there so I support the troops... It's not necessarily our responsibility to take care of it, but I think it's important... If you're an **American** and people you know are fighting in it — no matter if you believe in it or not — **you should still support it.**"
Ben Heiss, fourth-year, performing arts

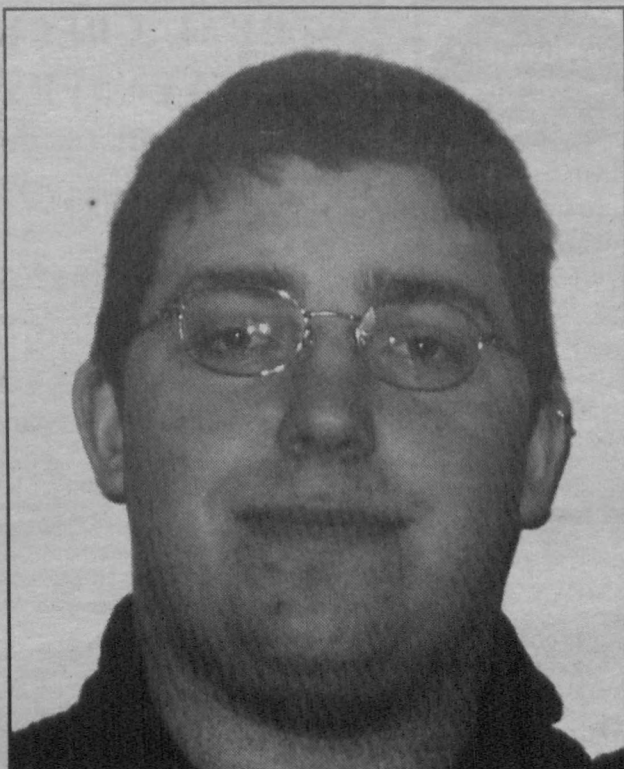
"By and large the majority of us are so uneducated that our opinions are too biased to be accurate."
Sharanda Collette, third-year, anthropology

"I don't really have feelings either way. I just want people to **come back home.**"

Rachel Burnham, second-year, elementary education



"I think it's good. I think we really should help the people over there. Someone needs to disarm Saddam."
Matt Dibiase, third-year, business



"George Bush is fighting daddy's war when daddy doesn't even agree with it." Gregory Shaw, third-year, math and business

Compiled by Angela Flandaca and Kyle Webster
Staff Reporters

Police Beat

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Safety



By Cate Tiller
Staff Reporter

A man was arrested for OUI on Long Road early Sunday morning. An officer saw Mark Murphy, 19, of South Lebanon, make a wide turn onto Rangely Road, driving erratically and drifting in and out of his lane. He crossed the yellow line three times, briefly attempted to turn where there was no place to turn, and corrected himself before he was pulled over. The officer could smell alcohol from inside the car and asked Murphy how much he'd had to drink. Murphy said he'd had four beers but failed his field sobriety test and had a blood alcohol level of .16, twice the legal limit. In addition to being summonsed, Murphy may lose his license for allegedly driving under the influence.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center in Memorial Union has been repeatedly vandalized. On March 7, 10 and 20, "fags" and "fag" was written in black marker on the window of the office. The words were washed off as soon as Public Safety officers arrived and they are investi-

gating the incidents. As a hate and bias crime, the perpetrator could face a civil lawsuit by the attorney general's office and be given a permanent injunction to stay off University of Maine property.

A man already on probation attempted to get women to let him into Hart Hall at 3:30 a.m. Saturday. Nathaniel Myers was intoxicated and loitering around the entrance when an officer spotted him. After a woman let him in, the officer told Myers he had to leave and if he wanted to get a hold of someone inside he should use the phone. Myers left, but continued to wait outside until someone unknowingly let him in when they left the building. The officer heard the door slam, came back, and asked Myers how he'd gotten inside. At that point, Myers became verbally abusive to the officer, yelled obscenities and left Hart Hall. About 15 minutes later, another officer saw him at the back entrance, this time giving the excuse that his girlfriend lived inside. He also said he was stabbed in the leg in Orono, but didn't want to report it. When police called the "girlfriend" she

said she did know Myers, but didn't want anything to do with him. Myers was told he needed to call for a ride, so he called his mother. She arrived at the same time as the Orono police, who had been alerted because Myers had a puncture wound in his right thigh, but refused medical treatment. Myers's mother told officers that he was on probation, at which point Myers started to use obscenities toward her. His probation officer was contacted, who told the officers to arrest him for violating his probation by consuming alcohol. Myers, 20, of Lubec, was taken to Penobscot County Jail.

A man was found urinating in the Stodder parking lot just after midnight Saturday. The officer who found Matthew Boucher, 18, of Orono, told him to find a public restroom and not expose himself in public. Boucher appeared intoxicated and was carrying a backpack, and the officer asked him if he had any alcohol. Boucher denied that he did, but then agreed to unzip his bag for the officer, exposing a six-pack of Bud Light. Boucher was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

Maine Bound celebrates first year in new home

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

The Maine Bound Adventure Center at the University of Maine will celebrate the one-year anniversary of its new home Friday.

The move last year allowed Maine Bound to move from its previous location, the basement of Memorial Union, to the renovated barn across from the Maine Center for the Arts. The move allowed Maine Bound to expand on the outdoor recreation program, allowing it to feature more activities, including its centerpiece, a 32-foot tall climbing wall.

Coca-Cola provided \$350,000 to make the move possible. The total cost of the renovation was \$700,000.

"It's a celebration of the facility and it's a chance for our staff and the UMaine community as a whole to show off an exceptional facility and a program," Paul Stern, UMaine Outdoor Program manager, said. "Size is always good, but it's the facility to meet everyone's needs."

As part of Maine Bound's first anniversary of its move, everyone on campus will be allowed to climb for free, saving UMaine students \$3 and the public \$10, the usual fees. Refreshments will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ticket prices will be \$1 for students and \$3 for all oth-

ers at the door.

The Sawtooth Film Festival will be held at 101 Neville Hall at 7 p.m. The festival showcases footage from some of the most extreme sports of the year. This year's festival will include clips from kayaking, mountain biking, snowboarding, skiing and unicycling.

The center continues to rent out items including canoes, kayaks and backpacking gear. Mountain bikes were recently added and now Maine Bound, with its additional space, can offer indoor educational programs that range from fly-fishing and trip preparation that continue year-round.

"We're like the porthole, and you walk through into this cave and you see all these really fascinating new pieces to discover, and they say things like, 'I had no clue I could do this,'" Stern said. "The goal is to place as many people in an outdoor recreation environment as possible and when they realize that, they get hooked on Maine Bound."

Maine Bound offers more than 200 programs and trips a year. Students recently returned from trips that included climbing in California and paddling in North Carolina. Maine Bound provides local trips nearly every weekend, including canoeing and day-time hikes, which are open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

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in anxiety. Oftentimes, issues of war lead to depression.

"For some people it just dulls them," Moutevelis-Burgess said. "It can make you want to withdraw from other people you are close to."

Many experience high levels of fear. This can include fear of a possible retaliation, how the world will change, whether or not it is safe to travel and how to talk to children about war, according to Moutevelis-Burgess.

Moutevelis-Burgess said discussing war with children is important, but what is told should remain age appropriate.

Children's television viewing

should be limited and they should be provided with a lot of close connection and reassurance, she said.

"Surround yourself with loving, caring, supportive people," Moutevelis-Burgess said.

Spirituality, rest, communication, nutrition and exercise are necessary to maintain a happy and healthy life, according to Moutevelis-Burgess.

Spirituality for some is religion and prayer. For others it is walking in the woods. Whatever allows people to be connected to something larger than their own lives and comforts them is also important, she said.

Getting enough sleep is important to coping with the stresses of war and other aspects of life.

Moutevelis-Burgess recalls speaking to many people who say they got the suggested eight hours of sleep the night before, yet still woke exhausted. She said this could mean that the person is too stressed from work, school, relationships or other things.

Eating a balanced diet filled with fresh fruits and vegetables combined with exercise is a good way to reduce stress.

Coping mechanisms include taking a walk, listening to music, dancing or writing in a journal.

"It's taking control of some-

thing that's in your reach," Moutevelis-Burgess said. "Whether you're for the war or against the war doesn't matter, just take control of it."

Ways to manage feelings or stress about the war include donating blood, joining a group or campaign, or donating money to orphans or starving children in other countries, she said. "If you feel what we're doing over there is wrong, what are you going to do [about it] over here?"

Though communication is a beneficial way of dealing with stresses, most are reluctant to discuss the issue of war with others for fear of opposing positions,

according to Moutevelis-Burgess.

"It's not like 9-11," she said. "With 9-11 we had a common enemy. We were united. We don't have that here," she said. "Still, you do need to find someone you trust and who you can talk with."

Free counseling is available at UMaine's Counseling Center. The Employee Assistance Program also offers free counseling to UMaine employees and their families for various issues, such as dealing with loss and grief, alcoholism, drug addiction, marital difficulties, parenting and family problems. EAP can be reached at 581-4014, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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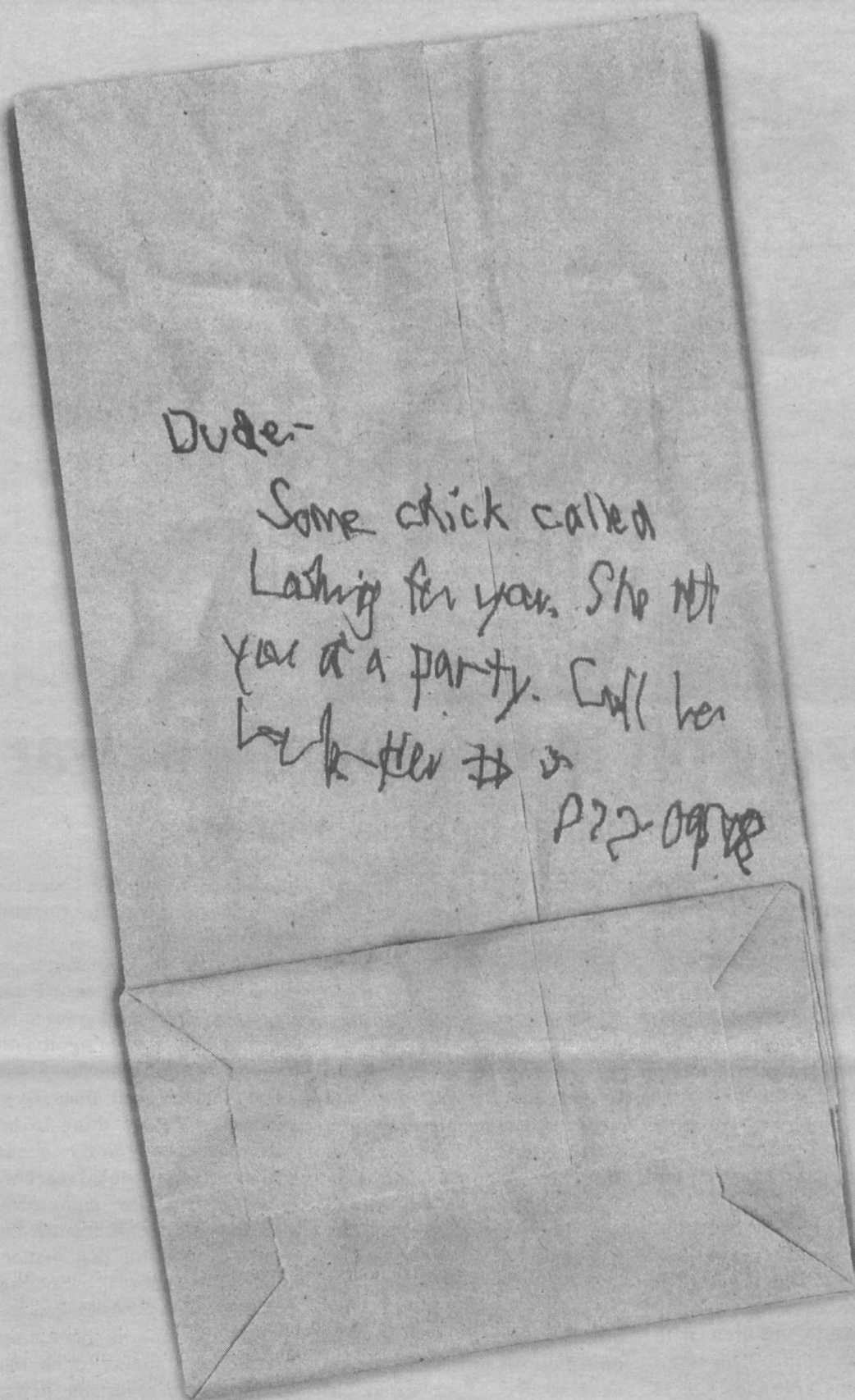
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EDITORIAL

Bookstore thrives on leadership

Chances are, students are going to get screwed financially by many different university outlets during their years at the University of Maine, but it's nice to know that the University Bookstore is doing its part to alleviate the financial burden.

Even though Bill Hockensmith has been at the university for only a year, the Bookstore's director seems determined to save students money, something that hasn't always been the case.

Hockensmith's biggest accomplishment has been his ability to convince professors to turn in their book orders as early as possible. This allows the university to find the lowest prices on books, and no student can complain about that.

The Bookstore director's relentlessness is evidenced by the personal contact he has with departments and professors, stressing the importance of meeting book order deadlines. His hard work has paid off. Last year at the deadline, only 5 percent of faculty had turned in their book orders, but this year that number was up to 15 percent.

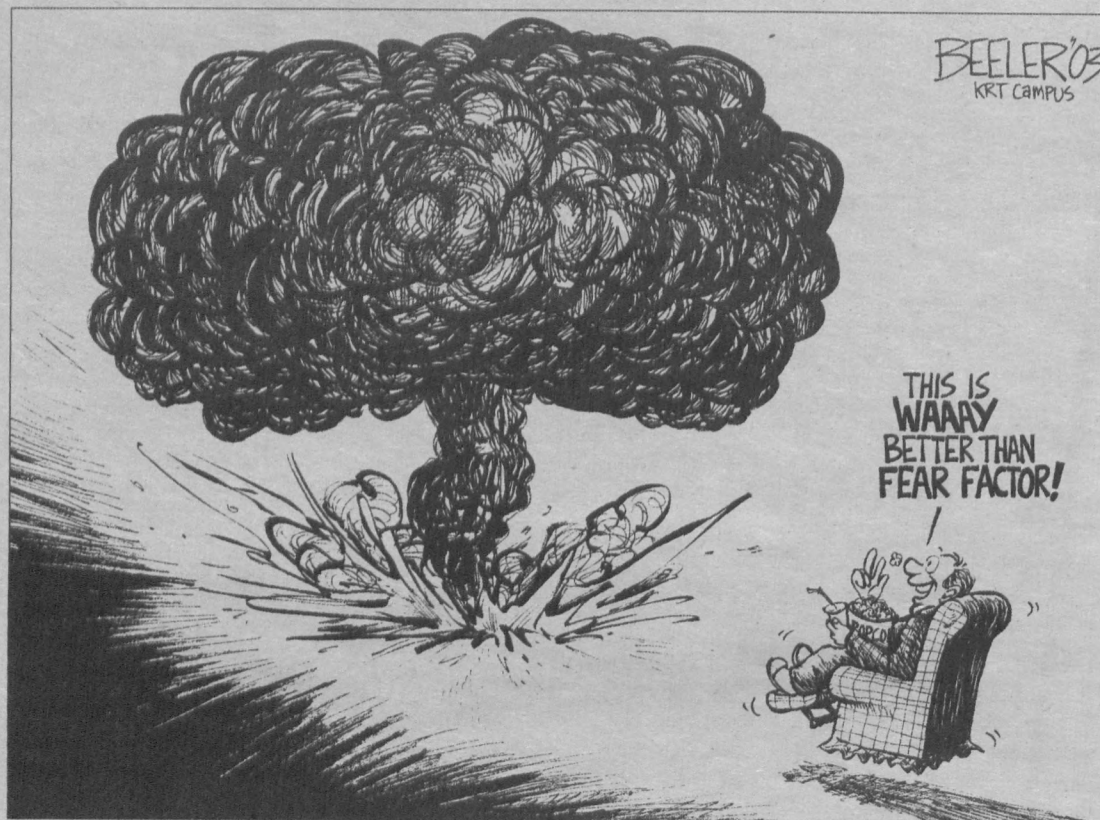
In addition, the efforts of Hockensmith and his staff have made Bookstore prices the second-lowest in New England.

Aside from saving money, Hockensmith has also worked to increase student interest in the Bookstore, particularly for student organizations, by extending store hours and giving space to different groups to set up displays and showcases.

Betty Campbell, a 21-year veteran of the Bookstore, calls Hockensmith an "involved and student-oriented director."

Instead of existing as merely a place where students hand over their money, the Bookstore has become more of a resource on campus.

Even with the recent improvements, UMaine still ranks second-worst in the nation for percentage of used books sold. The Bookstore has nowhere to go but up, and with Hockensmith aboard, we're sure to get there much faster. And that will mean more money in students' pockets.



Dozing off to the sounds of war

Is war playing too big a role in our lives?

ERIC
RUSSELL



SPORTS EDITOR

How much is too much when it comes to media coverage of the war? NBC, CBS and ABC will tell you there is no such thing as too much. CNN and MSNBC have 'round-the-clock war coverage. You can wake up in the morning to the tranquility of a reporter interviewing a soon-to-be widow and go to sleep with the peaceful sounds of bombs bursting over Baghdad.

Desensitization is bound to set in. It already has begun. Tom Brokaw stared into the camera one evening, warning impressionable children with the haunting words, "This is not a video game." No kids, this is grueling violence, help yourself

to seconds. We live in an age where instantaneous news is en vogue. Certain Web sites probably have ongoing death tolls. Both sides, please, we want to see who's winning. Perhaps this is a game.

Now, the media are just doing their jobs, right? After all, this war isn't being fought on American soil. U.S. citizens need to feed their insatiable appetites for news, and the

media are our suppliers because we can't get that information firsthand.

We tune in each night to Brokaw or Dan Rather or Peter Jennings because we want to be informed about what's going on thousands of miles away. Some of us have loved ones over there. It's a good thing to be informed, particularly about events that have global reaches, such as wars. How many people still lament Vietnam? Or World War II for that matter, though the number is dwindling rapidly?

But the line is becoming blurred. No longer does the media simply report the news.

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Letters to the Editor

•A "grunt" speaks

I am going to try and give you a lowly enlisted man's impression of the "war." Get down into the dirty with us.

As a University of Maine graduate in 1968, I remember well how the U.S. population wanted us college boys to enter into the service and Vietnam. We were drafted

into the Army by July 1968. I also remember quite vividly how a majority of U.S. citizens turned their backs on us upon our return.

To this very day, our story is being told by people who were never there. Yes, my comrades and I were grunts, dog faces, snuffys — lower than low. Blame was always

being pushed down to the lowest level possible. And at home being called killers, drug-crazed killers.

Job interviews were always special. Being asked if we enjoyed killing, whether or not we were still on drugs. What do we feel? Don't ask if you aren't prepared to spend a

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Neons don't look cool

Cash in the racing stripes

AARON
SKILLING



PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Following Paul Walker's first burnouts in Universal Pictures' "The Fast and Furious," the streets of our state began to see an entourage of wannabe street racers. Young men and women alike began investing in Altezza taillights and other expensive modifications.

I have always been a lover of traditional sports cars, but if I see another "pimped out" Dodge Neon or Chevy Cavalier with ground effects, I'm going to purge myself of Stewart Commons' sorry excuse for a lunch. Come to think of it, I don't know if that would be such a bad thing.

I have a dream concerning this non-existent fad. I have a dream that someday I will be free from witnessing Nissan Altimas drive by with cheesy exhaust tips that make them sound like street bikes. I have a dream that someday people will stop putting stickers on their cars advertising engine qualities that their cars don't even have. I have a dream that someday the people who drive these modified cars will realize that they've been the butt of the joke for far too long.

If you want a car that looks fast, go out and buy one that was made to look fast, and while you're at it, get one that has more than a 4-cylinder engine. Try for the almighty V8. If your daddy isn't rolling in dough, a Corvette or the V10 Viper is probably out of reach, and we won't even talk about getting a Ferrari.

Perhaps you should lean toward the good old American "pony car" line. How about a Mustang GT? Maybe a used Camaro or Firebird would suit your tastes. If you're into foreign cars, there's always the

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Media

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We are in a position to explore and debate every nuance of warfare and strategy and oil. But is that really what we want? Are we better off with the knowledge we are spoon-fed each time we watch the news?

There are probably thousands of journalists in the Persian Gulf right now, representing hundreds of television outlets, newspapers, magazines and radio stations. They risk their lives — though maybe not the same way soldiers do — to bring information into our homes. At what point does news become entertainment?

At the risk of belittling the war entirely, coverage is getting out of hand. The precedent was set recently with the events of Sept. 11 and it seems as though we're trying to trump that with comprehensive war exposure.

What's next? Giving a reporter a gun to protect herself on the front lines? Veteran newsman Peter Arnett was fired from NBC for granting an

interview with an Iraqi TV station. Why? It's not like he's giving away anything to the enemy. Is NBC just covering its tracks, afraid to portray even the slightest sense that the station is against the war? Peter Arnett's views do not represent the views of NBC. I'm sure we'll see that disclaimer soon.

NBC's Brian Williams stood across the river from Baghdad watching bombs rain down over Iraq's capital, yet even a veteran like Williams couldn't hide the fear in his eyes. Does he even want to be there?

It's bad enough American soldiers have to be sent overseas on the whim of President Bush's ruling hand, but journalists have a choice. Instead, they are perpetuating a war many don't even support. Reporting every offensive move only glorifies the war for viewers here in the United States. The war certainly does not need any more glorification.

Eric Russell is a senior journalism major.

Cars

from page 8

option of the popular Mitsubishi 3000GT. My point is, if you want to drive a sports car, buy one. If you want to drive a spacious family coupe, then by all means purchase one of those. But dear God, don't start thinking you can turn one into the other.

I am making my plea to all crappy car owners. I beg you to head out to the parking lot with your tool kit in hand. The "spoiler" that rises more than four inches off the trunk of your Honda isn't a spoiler at all, it's a freakin' wing. Wings belong on

birds, airplanes and maxi pads but not on cars. Unbolt that sucker and find a practical use for it. You could melt it down and make jewelry for your dog.

You can't fake the baritone growl that comes from punching the accelerator in a car with a real V8. Put away the queer exhaust modifications it's about as effective as fastening baseball cards to the spokes of your bike to hear the "motor-like" whir. Sorry, you're not fooling anyone.

Aaron Skilling is a sophomore journalism major.

Letters

from page 8

couple of hours listening. The surgical assessment by one of your professors doesn't even come close.

Bill Schoolcraft
Class of 1968
Vietnam veteran

• No more pink teddy bears

After having worked as a cashier at a small grocery store for the past five years, and after having read *The Maine Campus* for the past three, I feel that it is time someone went against this newspaper's pro-beer stance.

I can understand the situation described by Marshall Dury in his article "Buying Beer in Peace." I too would have denied selling him beer after only seeing his "flimsy piece of paper" I.D.

I have to wonder why Dury would find this reason enough to complain when he seems perfectly aware of the laws in the state of Maine. No cashier is going to put her job on the

line for some young-looking college kid who only has a temporary I.D.

Instead of complaining, Dury should applaud the cashier for following the law and preventing other young-looking college kids who may not be 21 from buying beer. I do not know what Dury expects, but to me it seems as though he expects cashiers to be like one of those people at the fair who can guess your age within six months of your birthday or else you win a teddy bear.

Well, I'm sorry to say that we don't have giant pink teddy bears hiding behind the counter to give to you if we can't tell how old you are.

Our job is to keep underage kids from buying beer. I'm sick of being made out to be the bad guy when Dury should take a look at himself and ask what he needs "to get [his] drink on" every weekend.

Lindsay Schniepp
Junior English major

Italy's new love lots

Cars may be the safest place to bust a move in Europe

MARSHALL
DURY

OPINION EDITOR

months ago, this screen will sport some soft-core porn.

What about peeping Toms? I understand the windows have to be covered but are there going to be car sex task forces that walk up and down the aisles of the cars looking for people who haven't obeyed the already casual law system? I'll pass on that job when I'm done with college.

Maybe this is an American thing. Maybe I'm just some narrow-minded U.S. citizen who is stuck in an era of sexual repression and thinks that a house full of rooms should be enough personal space to practice all the sexual acts you want.

I suppose this can't be all bad. Just last week, an 80-year-old man and his 74-year-old girlfriend were arrested in Tuscany for having sex in their car parked right next to a school. The emotional damage these young children would suffer from seeing people the age of grandma and grandpa do the horizontal-hokey-pokey cannot be measured. I'm all for these parking

lots if it keeps people's grandparents from wearing their birthday suit in plain sight of any unsuspecting victim who is wondering why that Oldsmobile is shaking.

Yahoo!News.com reports that a significant proportion of Italians live with their parents into their 30s and sometimes even longer, thus they resort to the back seat for some alone time with their special someone.

We've discovered the problem. No offense to mom and dad, but if I'm still living in my parents' house when I'm 30, I most certainly will look into therapy as a means of meeting new people.

No person in their right mind should be living with their parents into their 30s. In the rare case that someone is, my intuition tells me that they aren't having a lot of sex to begin with.

Just thinking about this a little more has made me change my mind. There's probably a handful of 30-somethings out there who are still mowing the lawn and getting an allowance. For this reason alone, I say we bring the love lots into America to simply give these poor, poor people a place they can have alone time in peace. Hell, they can even bring someone if they want.

Marshall Dury is a junior journalism major.

Intelligible war thoughts

Protestors should pipe down and show some respect

The war on Iraq has been raging for a number of days now. I figure it's high time I chimed in with my own two cents. After all, this is a college paper and I feel that students here should take advantage of this medium whenever the chance may arise.

For starters, I'd just like to pull down my pants and have all you war protesters kiss my ass. It's one thing to be against war. That's fine, you're entitled to your own opinion. However, once those first shots are fired you better put your peace signs down and start supporting our troops. There are men and women over there right now taking bullets so you hippies can run around smoking weed and burning American flags.

And I don't care if you think we're at war for the wrong reasons. Say what you want, maybe this war is oil-driven. But you know what? That doesn't change the fact that our sons, daughters and friends are risking their lives. Besides, when this war is all said and done, I'm sure you hippie bastards will have no problem filling up your VW buses when gas is only 90 cents a gallon.

I also have a real problem with people out there bad mouthing our president. Like I'm supposed to give a huge shit that the Dixie Chicks disagree with Bush? Hey Dixie bitches, maybe it slipped your minds, but we are over there trying

TRAVIS
COWING

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

to free a country that has been oppressed for years. And don't forget, the only reason you are allowed to say bad things about our president is because of your freedoms. You enjoy those freedoms because the military heroes before us gave their lives. Try marching down the streets of Baghdad with a sign saying "Saddam Sucks." You'd get two in the head.

You can run up to me preaching that same old bullsh*t about peace and love. Many of you people want a reason for the United States going to war. Well I have two reasons, and they both used to be standing tall in New York City.

Now I don't know about you, but killing more than 2,000 of my fellow countrymen is another pretty good goddamn reason. Hopefully, Sept. 11 isn't too far back in your memory and hopefully you realize places like Iraq harbor individuals who would love nothing more than to repeat that act. Five years from now I don't want to wake up and find a pile of anthrax in my oatmeal.

Talk all you want about the innocent lives that are lost. I am truly

sorry that many innocent women and children are killed during war. But at the same time you have to figure that some of these same "innocent" children would grow up under Saddam's regime.

Who knows, maybe 20 years down the line little "innocent" Habib will decide to fly a couple of planes into a national monument. If you don't like how this country does things then you can beat it. That's right, you can leave. Pack your things and head somewhere else like Canada or Cuba. If you work at McDonald's and you don't like the way they run things, you can quit. The same thing applies for foreign policies.

Nobody's asking for full support of the war. You don't have to buy a T-shirt or donate money. I just think some of you people should show a little more respect for soldiers giving their lives.

Me? I am going to buy that T-shirt and donate that dollar at the gas station. If you want to find me, just look for me driving my Dodge Caravan with the American flag in the window. I'll probably be in that van singing a tune on the radio. I'm not sure what that song will be, but you can bet your ass that it's nothing by the Dixie Chicks.

Travis Cowing was given an award for being semi-serious for the first time in his opinion-writing career.

STYLE.



TONIGHT: True West, 7:30 p.m., Hauck Auditorium.

Friday 4/4: Sawtooth Film Festival, 7 p.m., 101 Neville Hall. Spring Fling carnivale, 7 p.m., Field House. Foam dance party, 9 p.m., Field House.

Spring means sunshine, mud and Bumstock

The annual festival returns to Orono at end of April

By Alex Lehning
Staff Writer

Spring is finally here, at least for the other 49 states. Here at the University of Maine, we shrug off the still-chilly temperatures and the mud for our annual music festival, Bumstock.

The show is marred with student speculation each year. Obviously, it is impossible to please 10,000 music fans. Unfortunately, this year's committee was forced to start its planning a semester late. But Bumstock director Cortlynn Hepler hopes the committee's hard work and some organizational restructuring will make this and future shows some of the best Bumstock weekends yet.

Some changes were definitely in order. In past years, members of the planning committee were selected.

"This year, membership in the committee was left open to the entire student body. All they had to do was attend weekly meetings," Hepler said.

The committee also drew up new bylaws that will delegate some of the Bumstock director's responsibilities to six officers.

"It will help alleviate some of the setbacks associated with having a new director just about every year," he said.

And some changes are still to come.

"If time had not been a factor this year, a survey would have been quite useful, and it is some-



FILE PHOTO • ANNE SCHMIDT

Popular acoustic jam band Seeking Homer returns to the Bumstock stage April 25.

thing that needs to be done in the future," Hepler said.

One of the biggest obstacles of the year was band selection.

"There is a lot of talent ... narrowing it down to 23 local and regional acts was a major challenge. For criteria, we looked for bands that would please a diverse crowd and perform the best live," Hepler said. Chief Music Officer

Erin Smith agreed.

"The biggest challenge for me this year has been getting the contracts ready to go...arranging set times," Smith said. "[It] has been quite the hassle."

Twenty-six bands will perform at Bumstock, including headliners Fat Joe, Hed Pe and Systematic.

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Big D & the Kid's Table will play Bumstock this year as part of the Friday night lineup.

Bumstock Set List

FRIDAY April 25, 2003

4 p.m. GATES OPEN
4:30-5 Green & Bosse
5-5:30 Lowfive
5:30-6:30 Rocktopus
6:30-7:30 Big D & The Kid's Table
7:30-8:30 Seeking Homer
8:30-9 The Naturals
9-10 6Gig
10-10:45 Systematic
10:45-12 Hed Pe

SATURDAY - April 26, 2003

1:30 p.m. GATES OPEN
2-2:30 Green Bikes
2:30-3 Sophomore Owls Band
3-3:30 New Rome
3:30-4 MP (Casey Sprogis)
4-4:30 Pawnshop Caddies
4:30-5 Stream
5-5:30 Traylor
5:30-6 Manifest Nexto Me
6-6:30 Emptyhead
6:30-7 Gravity (Rickey White)
7-7:45 Dr. Radical
7:45-8:30 Junction 18
8:30-9 Headstart
9-9:30 The Funkizon
9:30-10:30 Paranoid Social Club
10:30-11:15 Little Egypt
11:15-12 Fat Joe

Steiners win at Dartmouth, prepare for NYC

The acclaimed UMaine a cappella group has been making a name for itself in competitions

By Diana McElwain
Staff Writer

The Maine Steiners have just returned from a victorious performance at the International Championship of Collegiate a Cappella semi-final competition at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, taking first place in the event.

The Steiners consist of Ben Feeney, Dave Janes, Josh Koelker, Nick Caler, Ryan Newell, Ryan Gould, Dennis Boyd, Adam Scarpone, Lee Pidacks and Nate Bates.

In addition to taking home the first place award, members of the group took home some personal honors. Dave Janes received runner-up for best arrangement for "Insomniac" and Ben Feeney took home the award for best vocal percussion.

Boyd said the competition was intimidating since they were up against Ivy League schools with very impressive performances. He said what set the Steiners apart was their smaller size and the fact that they do not double on any part except for bass.

"That makes [our voices] blend better and our dynamics



CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNA-MARIA EASLEY

The Maine Steiners performed at the University Singers concert Sunday afternoon. They are headed to the International Championship of Collegiate a Cappella in New York City later this month.

incredible," Boyd said.

It is this unique sound that made Boyd decide that he wanted to be a Steiner while he was still in high school.

"The first chord I heard from the Steiners made me change my decision from USM to UMaine. At that moment I had the goal to be in the Steiners," he said.

This tight sound does not come without hard work. The group meets at least twice a week for two to three-hour practice sessions. Boyd said this time commitment is worth the benefits and enjoyment that being a Steiner has given him.

"This group has given me

the opportunity to perform with great musicians on a weekly basis and travel and meet great new people that I would not otherwise do," he said.

Boyd said that the tightness of the group's sound is also representative of their relationship with one another.

"Simply put, if you can't play nice together, you can't sing nice together," Boyd said. "Despite some differences at times, we are a tight group of guys. We need to be when we travel all the time together."

The Maine Steiners were originally formed in the late 1950s at the University of Maine as an extension of the

Men's Glee Club.

The 1970s saw a temporary hiatus of the Maine Steiners until the late 1980s, when several men from the University Singers decided to form a barbershop group.

Working as an extension of the University Singers, these eight men performed at Singers concerts and traveled with the group on tour.

Lacking a more original name, the group called themselves simply "The Octet" until a former Steiner suggested that the old name be revived. Thus, the Steiners were back in action.

The Steiner sound also con-

tinued to change, progressing from the barbershop style of old to a more contemporary vocal band sound that it features today.

The Steiners are now busy preparing for their ICCA Finals competition in New York City on Broadway April 26, as one of the top six groups in the nation.

To get ready for this event, the group said it may hold a series of concerts at campus dorms to run its 15-minute set for different audiences. The Steiners will also hold a concert at the Maine Center for the Arts May 2.

On Stage: Portland-based band gets big

By Luke Krumell
For The Maine Campus

Defining a musical act is a tough job for any record company executive, critic or fan. It proves to be even tougher when a band provides loyal dedication, a serious level of talent and a fluent mixture of genres.

6gig's fierce combination of these elements is tearing up the lines drawn between genres.

Hailing from Portland, Maine, 6gig refuses to be pinned down by any musical genre. Lead singer Walter Craven's voice hits the listener with a raspy yet comforting tone.

Guitarist Steve Marquis and Craven provide a thunder and lightning approach to the guitar with their contrasting styles. Marquis's hard, heavy-hitting sound is the thunder, while Craven's sound, smattered with distortion, keeps the flow as the lightning.

Bassist Craig Weaver and drummer Jason Stewart maintain the band's musical foundation.

Like any other band, 6gig got started by writing songs, doing shows, making fans and getting signed. Because all the members played in fairly popular bands before 6gig, however, the band may have had an easier time gaining



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The Portland-based band 6gig will make a tour stop at Bumstock Friday, April 25.

momentum on the local scene. Also, being from a smaller market, Portland, 6gig may have had an advantage over other beginning bands from larger markets.

"We are not being directly influenced by the industry and the sounds from those scenes. We get to

make our own scene," Craven said.

With 6gig's debut release, The "Tincan Experiment," the local band made its mark on the national scene.

The song "Hit The Ground" brought the band its first taste of large-scale success, as the single

was featured on video game soundtracks. Matt Wallace, who produced albums for Faith No More and The Replacements, heard the track and offered to produce the band's follow-up album. The band jumped at

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Unplugged: Electric act plays Java Jive

By Alex Lehning
Staff Writer

Washington, D.C.-based pop-rock group Jonasay brought a fuller rock sound to a special Spring Fling edition of Java Jive.

Featuring acoustic guitars, as well as drums and bass, the band presented a solid set of slightly stripped-down rock, with a tight groove and introspective lyrics.

Immediate comparisons to the Gin Blossoms, Sister Hazel and tourmates Vertical Horizon are apparent, but Jonasay managed to stay fresh, for the most part. Their current tour, and consequently most of the set, supports their latest album, "Spare Dimes for Dust."

The openers "Goodbye" and "Stay" showcased both singer-guitarist Justin Sheehy's talented vocal range and songwriting talent. "This CD is about a breakup pretty much," Sheehy said.

Other early highlights included the well-written "Stay" and a lament on life titled "Gone Away."

"She wages war with her last cigarette/She'd never quit for anyone/She doesn't care if I give it up this time/She'd be alone and that would be just fine," Sheehy sang on "Valentine," a song about a broken heart and lost love.

The band also performed songs from Sheehy's first album, including the mellow "We Talk." Other highlights included "Peter Pan" and a cover of The Pretenders' hit "Brass in Pocket."

"Call My Name" featured a pop sound, but lyrics as heart-breaking and depressing as a Dashboard Confessional song. "My hands shake, and my throat it feels so tight/Strapped into this chair for seven days and nights/She walks in dressed in white again/The needle pushes through my skin."

Sheehy was working on a solo album when he hooked up with old friend and drummer Mile Leech and guitarist Mark



Lead vocalist acoustic guitarist Justin Sheehy rocks out with his band Jonasay. The group had a Gin Blossoms, Tonic and Better than Ezra sort of sound.

Williams. The three enjoyed making music so much they decided to form a band, and later added bassist Michael Alban.

Williams said the biggest difference between an electric gig, the band's usual format, and an

acoustic set was the energy. "A rock and roll thing is more dynamic ... acoustic is cool, more intimate and interplay with the crowd."

The influences both Williams and Sheehy named are apparent in

the group's sound such as The Police, The Beatles, Sheryl Crow and Vertical Horizon.

The group is currently touring and writing songs for a new

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Liner Notes:

Summer concert tours

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

Ah, the bloated tour festival. A staple of the long, hot American summer. This week, "Liner Notes" looks at some of the rock spectacles touring the countryside in 2003.

Warped Tour - This annual punk festival is the longest running of all the summer tours, and it has been a springboard for many nationally known acts including Limp Bizkit, Reel Big Fish, Blink-182 and No Doubt.

This year's edition seems to be cashing in on the current emo and scream-rock craze, with appearances by The Used, Glassjaw, Poison the Well, Taking Back Sunday and Finch. Also, mainstays like Rancid, Less Than Jake and AFI will be there as well, and even some diversity in the form of Andrew W.K. and Talib Kweli. It should be an interesting time, but sets are often too short and water costs an arm and a leg.

Between the heat, lack of fluid and the sheer screechiness of some of the performers, you'll be lucky not to leave with a headache. Oh, and there's always lots of 12-year-olds in Blink-182 T-shirts. Gah....shudder.

OzzFest - Ah, unleash the mullets. This annual mud' n' blood bath sports a lot of heaviosity this year, with heavyweights like Korn, Marilyn Manson, Disturbed, Chevelle and of course, Ozzy Osbourne.

What makes this tour worth attending — not that I would be caught dead at this tour — are second stage acts like Shadow's Fall, Killswitch Engage and Voivod. Once again, prices tend to be in the upper echelons of insanity, and there is nothing worse than being stuck in 100-degree weather with an army of heshers in sweat-drenched Pantera T-shirts. Not only that, but you have to admit, Ozzy has lost some of the magic. Ever since the "The Osbournes" appeared on television, the reigning "Prince of Darkness" has really lost some of that mystique that made him such an appealing cult figure. Chalk that up to an unfortunate side-affect of cleaning up dog poop in your underwear on television. Sharon!

Lollapalooza - I'm not sure what to say about this tour resurrecting itself after a long hiatus. Of course, tour founder Perry Farrell will be along for the ride with a reunited Jane's Addiction. Not only that, but concert-goers will be treated to sets from The Donnas, Jurassic 5, A Perfect Circle, Audioslave and Incubus. I've never been completely sold on this tour. Sure, great bands like The Ramones and The Red Hot Chili Peppers have graced its stage in the past, but then again, so did Living Colour. Either way, this new edition of the tour strikes me as kind of boring. I mean, it's just a personal bias, but I just find that this tour doesn't really have a personality. I'm all for genre diversity, but maybe it's the fact that all of

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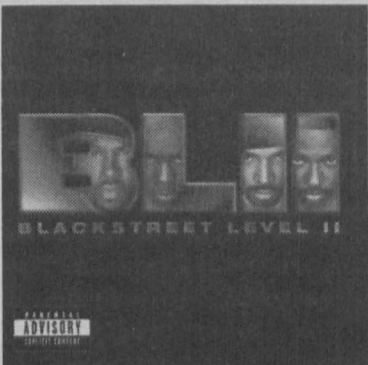
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SOUNDBYTES



Blackstreet
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Just when you thought the guys that brought us the R & B radio-trash of "No Diggity" were done, you were wrong. With their fourth album, "Level II," Blackstreet shows their five or six fans that they are here to stay.

Trying to regain their fan base

of the early '90s, the band managed to produce an album that should be renamed "Music to seduce 15-year-old girls by," with a message that only R. Kelly could be proud of.

In the opening track, "Ticket to Ride," Blackstreet sings over a simple drum beat and announces "Ladies and gentlemen, we got Blackstreet in the house today and they got something to say to you, and it goes a little something like this ... uh ... uh... uh." After that's repeated about seven times, the song is over. So now I can only wonder what it is exactly that Blackstreet has to say to us.

In the single "Deep," it becomes all too apparent. The band's ode to "goin' deep" and "doin' it in the shower for about an hour" is overlaid with an elec-

tronic voice and wrought with such creative nuggets as "I wanna have it, tickle, ride and pat it." Complete with a female moaning in the background, it's the perfect soundtrack for a night at Diva's.

And of course no hip-hop/R&B album would be complete without high-caliber guest vocals. On the track "She's Hot" female rapper Chyna shows she's high class: "Like Madonna I'm like a virgin — get facials like I got a spa in the Burbanks." Later in the album, Mystikal makes an appearance to offer his philosophy on life, saying "wizzy wizzy wow, wizzy wizzy."

So unless you front the bling-bling, walk around with your shirt unbuttoned and have a harem of teenage bitches, this album isn't for you.

— Jason "J. Ho" Houle

Paranoid Social Club *Axis: II*

When the Rustic Overtones broke up, two bands were formed, Paranoid Social Club and Rocktopus. Which is the better band? Paranoid Social Club easily takes the cake. Their debut release, "Axis: II," is perfect college music.

The disc starts off strong with the track "Bully." The track features local rapper Poverty and hard rock singer Water Craven of 6gig. The band hits the audience hard, taunting the listener with, "You're nothing but a bully, bully." The CD flows well to the band's college anthem and current hit, "Wasted." A track that starts out with a Beastie Boys sample explodes into lead singer Dave Gutter showing off

his vocal range. "Love Is Strange" takes a more laid-back approach with softer guitars. Gutter and the band offer a softer side and do a good job of showing some diversity.

"Axis: II" has a sound that mixes turntables with alternative and hard rock while showing traces of hip-hop when Gutter gets funky. The band can get the crowd rocking but can also put them to sleep. To me that's one sign of a good album.

If you are looking for a good party anthem album, "Axis: II" is it. There is room for improvement on the disc, but I fully expect them to be made by the time Paranoid Social Club cuts another album. Paranoid Social Club is a great Maine band with a lot of talent and even more potential.

— Luke Krummel

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the chance.

6gig will release their sophomore album "Mind Over Mind" through Ultimatum Records June 3. On the album, the band continues with its thunder and lightning flow.

"Classic records have ebb and flow, yin and yang," Craven said. "We want to make it timeless."

During "Mind Over Mind," the listener is provided with classic 6gig yin during the heavy opening song "Whose Side Are You On." The yang kicks on a track where 6gig pulls the plug and goes acoustic. That song, "Say Goodbye," proves to be one of the band's most diverse songs to date.

"It has more emotional impact," Craven said. "It felt really good that way."

With a release of a new album comes a new tour. Artist manager Ted Gardener has agreed to work with the band on their upcoming tour. Gardener brought Tool to the forefront in

the early '90s with his work.

A few stops on the tour have already been announced, including the University of Maine's annual Bumstock festival April 25. Craven and the band are looking forward to playing the event.

"We have been trying to get up to Bumstock for the past three years, and now we are finally on," Craven said. "Playing up in Orono is great, every time we play up there, it's crazy. We're really excited."

As is the case with any band, with success comes hardships. After "Mind Over Mind" was completed, Dave Rankin left the band. A few days later, he passed away at his home. 6gig vows to carry on in his memory, as "Mind Over Mind" is dedicated to Rankin.

What can be expected from 6gig in the future?

"Bionic arms, legs and eyes, stronger, faster and better," Craven said. "The 6 million dollar gig."

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these bands are constantly in rotation on the radio and they just don't sound that different anymore. I'm probably crazy. Go see this and recapture the spirit of '91.

Unfortunately, there is a distinct lack of hip-hop-oriented fare. Aside from an act or two on Warped and Lollapalooza, there really isn't much rap to speak of, at least in big

festival form. Of course, the major players will be out on their own tours, so those starved for hip-hop need not despair. Not only that, but metal-heads looking for an alternative to OzzFest may want to check out the ill-conceived "Summer Sanitarium Tour" featuring Metallica, Limp Bizkit, Mudvayne, Linkin Park and the Deftones.

Whatever your musical preference, there is a lot out there to choose from. Oh, and don't forget, UMaine has its own little festival in late April — Bumstock. Check out headliners Hed Pe and Fat Joe, and other acts like 6gig, Rocktopus, Systematic, Paranoid Social Club, Seeking Homer, Big D and the Kid's Table and Junction 18.

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The weekend will also be more than musical acts. Hepler said he was still negotiating to get a 20-foot climbing wall, a bungee run inflatable game and a henna tattoo artist free for students and included in the ticket price for others.

Not everyone is completely happy with the new arrangements, members of the Bumstock staff said. But Hepler and Smith, as well as the majority of the committee, said they are optimistic about this year's show and the

new design for planning Bumstock. Citing a diverse lineup, an opportunity to break the monotony of college life and tradition, Hepler presented his main goal for Bumstock: "Simply for students to have a good time."

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album. Williams said he loves being in his "own artistic guitar world" on stage, feeding off the audience. "I like reaching people with my lyrics," Sheehy said. Williams also described his song-writing process as "difficult and non-stop."

"I have to always be receptive to experiences, anything could be a song," he said.

Despite a short set that seemed at times to run together, Jonasay managed to turn down their sound

without losing any of their intensity or form. Well-crafted pop-rock songs with lyrics on love and loss are not new, but the band managed to sound fresh and inviting. The acoustic guitars blended well with the edgier drums and bass, and Williams' lead playing was a nice complement. Sheehy was also impressive with his vocal range and emotion.

"We thank our lucky stars every day that we get to do this," Williams said.

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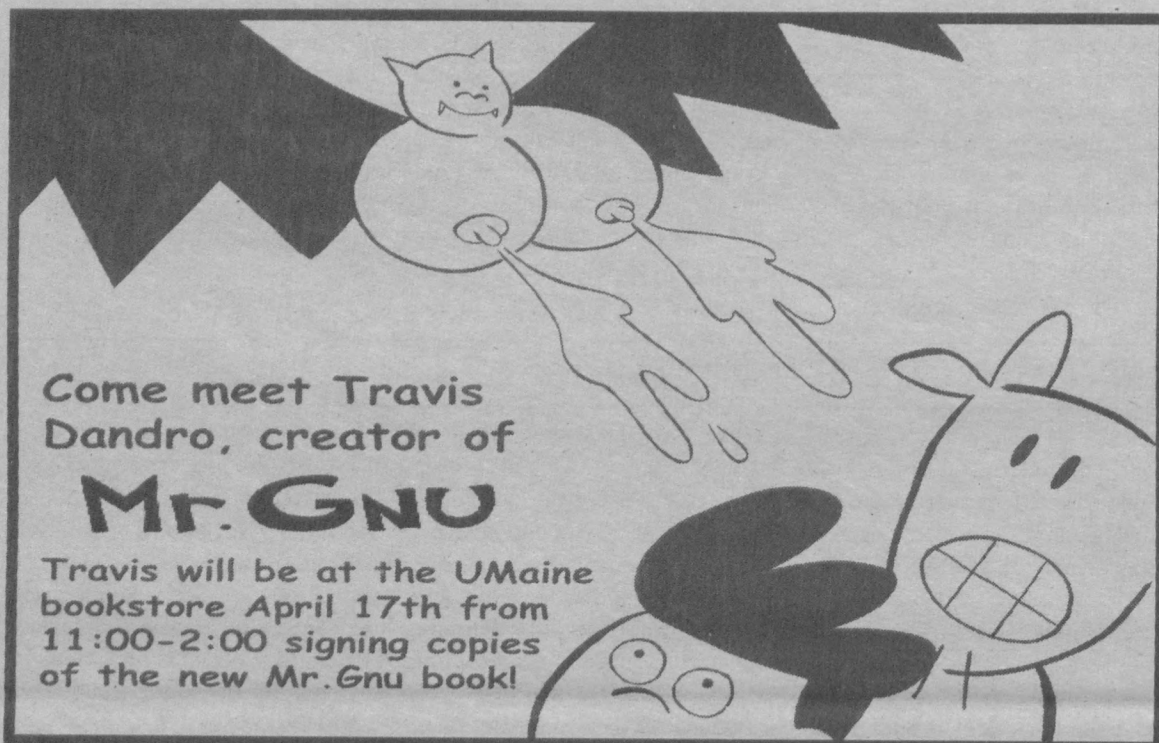
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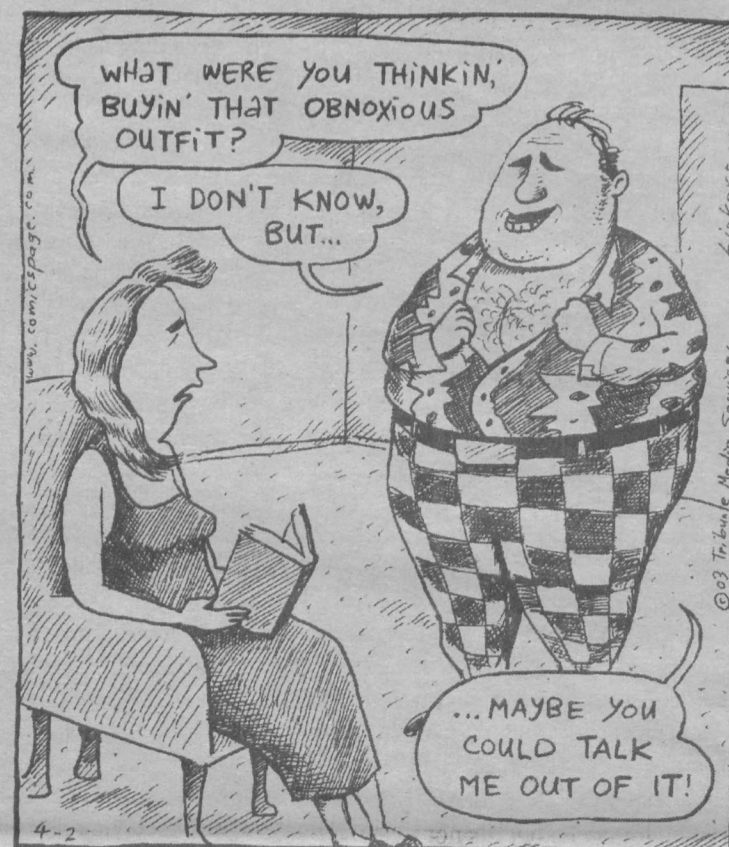
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Today's HOROSCOPES

By Liz Jarrell
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Aries (3/21-4/19)

Many romance possibilities have seemingly appeared out of nowhere, and you find yourself a bit overwhelmed by all of your popularity. Take it easy and just have a good time. Go out and meet these potential love interests and enjoy yourself if they don't amount to anything, at least you know you gave each one of them a valid chance.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)

You find yourself thinking about two special people and aren't really sure what direction your heart should take. One of them has history, one of them is a new and exciting prospect. Don't make any hasty decisions, but thoroughly think your feelings through before you make any moves.

Gemini (5/21-6/20)

Someone has been thinking about you a lot lately, but it's not

necessarily the most obvious possibility. Don't have any idea? No worries, he/she will be approaching you some time in the near future and coming forward with his/her feelings. Give him/her a chance—who knows what might blossom.

Cancer (6/21-7/23)

Stressed about your plans for the summer? Try not to get too worried, but it is coming up and you should probably start planning for it soon. If you're not too excited about going home for the summer, look into job opportunities elsewhere—internships, summer camps, resorts. The possibilities are endless.

Leo (7/24-8/22)

You've been working your butt off the last couple weeks, whether working toward a new job opportunity, school award or social organization position. All that dedication has finally paid off, and you are receiving the

recognition for your efforts. Enjoy the limelight; you certainly deserve it.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

You have been very academically motivated lately, as you should be. But don't be afraid to cut loose and have fun as well. There is no need to overburden yourself with class obligations. Learn the balance between being studious and social and you will find yourself a lot less stressed out.

Libra (9/23-10/22)

You are finally feeling content with your life as a whole right now. You are not interested in anyone particular at the moment, but that's all right. You are just finally satisfied with the person you are: You are independent and know that you can completely rely on yourself. Be sure to keep this mindset!

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

Thinking about someone in particular, but too afraid to make a move? Worry no more! It looks very promising with this special person. In fact, he/she has been thinking about you as well. Call this person and ask him/her to hang out some time. Only good things can come from it.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

A subject has arisen, one in particular that you feel very strongly about. You have never been one to rest your voice, so don't start now. Others respect your stance on issues, as well as what you have to say. Use your well-received respect to make a difference.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Feeling a little lazy lately? Don't let your couch-potato tendencies get the best of you! Summer is coming soon, so what better excuse to book it to the gym? Exercise will help get

you out of your slump, and it will motivate you to make other changes that you have been dwelling on. Get up and get out!

Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

A certain someone has come forward and expressed his/her feelings for you, and you are unsure of how to react to this surprise. Although you are reluctant, why not give this person a chance? It took a lot of nerve to come forward! Wait until you get to know this person better before you make any final decisions.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)

Someone is going to give you a chance to shine very soon, whether it be in a job position, school project or social situation. Seize the opportunity and show everyone what you've got. You always work hard and now is your chance to reap the benefits.

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audience burst into simultaneous laughter. Okay, so it won't happen like that, but one can only wish.

• Cat Fights.

Speaking of whining pitchers, this year will inevitably have its share of half-assed, bench-clearing brawls where the two culprits spend the majority of their time hiding behind the sea of teammates they summoned. And I don't blame them. I now have a different opinion of these pseudo-fights because I saw the video of Pawtucket's own Izzy Alcantra from a few years back. The Izz-man only sprinted towards the retreating pitcher after he had drop-kicked the catcher. I repeat: drop-kicked. The rest of the melee consisted of the opposing team scurrying off to play grab-ass with each other in order to avoid Izzy's wrath. And Izzy was only brush-backed by the pitch. Why didn't the Sox hold onto this guy?

• Awards.

Here's a suggestion for those of you who are bored with trying to predict the winners of the traditional awards like Most Valuable Player or Cy Young: Get into a pool with your buddies to see who will be the first player to be involved in an asinine incident. For example, bet on who you think will be the first player to get arrested on drug-related charges. Or you can bet on which player will have a 'roid rage in the dugout and pile-drive the bat boy. Or maybe you could put money down on who you think will be completely disgraced by a clubhouse sex scandal. I got my money on the New York Yankees. Yes, all of them.

Use your imagination. Baseball is full of sure things, but if you don't find one, don't worry. When the bookie takes out your kneecaps, it only hurts for a few seconds.

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six hits and seven walks in six innings pitched.

Brandi Cross was the offensive stalwart for UMass, slamming a first-inning home run off Merchant for the only runs the Minutemen would need. Cross, a first baseman, drove in five runs for the game. Aisha Franke added a pair of hits.

Game two was shortened to just four and a half innings due to darkness, but UMass was leading 5-0 at the time and was granted the victory.

The Minutemen jumped on Black Bear starter Sarah Bennis early in the first

inning and four more in the second.

Cross was the catalyst again for UMass, notching a pair of hits and scoring two runs. Kelli Arnold tossed five shutout innings to improve her record to 8-4 on the season. Arnold scattered two UMaine hits and struck out four.

Bennis, like Merchant in the first game, struggled with control, walking four batters in four innings.

The Black Bears shouldn't feel too bad about losing a pair to the Minutemen, who are ranked 25th in the nation and boast a 10-game winning streak.

Syracuse freshmen lead the way to New Orleans

By Johnny Paul
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ALBANY, N.Y. - Syracuse's Kueth Duany attempted to explain the feeling of adrenaline rushing through his body despite a calm exterior after Sunday's victory propelled the Orangemen into the Final Four in New Orleans.

"I'm going crazy inside," he said. "I'm jumping around like a little kid."

Duany, a senior, is no kid.

That label belongs to the Orangemen's Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara, two freshmen who played monumental roles in this unexpected march to the Big Easy, and explains why many observers consider this team among coach Jim Boeheim's best during his 27-season tenure. Boeheim molded talented youth and role-playing upperclassmen into a Final Four participant.

Duany describes Anthony as "one of the greatest players to ever wear the Syracuse uniform" and raves about Anthony's and McNamara's "great basketball IQ."

"Once they stepped on the court, we knew that we had competitive young guys who will do whatever they have to do to win and work hard — not just on the court, but off the court as well."

Syracuse (28-5)

Coach: Jim Boeheim

How the Orangemen got to New Orleans: Defeated 14th-seeded Manhattan 76-65 in the first round; defeated sixth-seeded Oklahoma State 68-56 in the second round; defeated 10th-seeded Auburn 79-78 in the regional semifinal; defeated No. 1-seeded Oklahoma 63-47 in the regional final.

Why they got there: The third-seeded Orangemen's talented freshmen (Anthony, McNamara, Billy Edelin) and sophomores (Hakim Warrick, Craig

Forth, Josh Pace) blended well with role-playing upperclassmen (Kueth Duany and Jeremy McNeil). Syracuse's youth gets it in trouble at times, but its talent has allowed it to reel in victories despite four second-half, double-digit deficits this season.

NCAA Tournament history: This is Syracuse's 28th NCAA Tournament. The Orangemen own a 44-28 record in the tournament and earned their fourth Final Four appearance and first since 1996 with Sunday's victory against Oklahoma.

Last Final Four trip: Syracuse advanced to the 1996 title game with a 77-69 victory against Mississippi State, but Kentucky captured the national championship with a 76-67 victory at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

Star player: Carmelo Anthony. The 6-foot-8 freshman phenom from Baltimore is projected as an NBA lottery pick and likely will emerge as one of the first three players selected should he renounce his collegiate eligibility. Anthony can be effective posting up and on the perimeter. He rebounds splendidly and no one follows his own miss better, Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said.

Role player: Gerry McNamara. The 6-foot-2 freshman runs Boeheim's offense well from the point, but his accuracy from the perimeter can be deadly. "I think he's been a dagger in a lot of teams," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said. "You have to be aware of him. He's probably been the unheralded player on that team."

Trivia time: Syracuse remains the only Division I athletic program to retain the same men's basketball (Boeheim) and football coach (Paul Pasqualoni) since 1991. Utah's Rick Majerus (men's basketball) and Ron McBride (football) served the Utes' athletic programs for 13 seasons together before the university fired McBride after the 2002 season.

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losing 3-0 to Colorado College. That would be UMaine's only loss in the 2002 part of the schedule.

The Black Bears began a 16-game unbeaten streak the next night with a 4-2 win over the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

The goaltending question was answered resoundingly by the early play of freshman Jimmy Howard and junior Frank Doyle. Howard did something early on the season that no UMaine goalie had ever done — he recorded three consecutive shutouts. Howard also tied the record for shutouts in a season in that string, and set a new record for time without giving up a goal in 193 minutes, 45 seconds.

Not to be outdone, Doyle tied the mark that Howard had set the week before for quickest shutout in a career when he notched one Nov. 2 against Mercyhurst College in his third career start.

UMaine continued to roll into the Hockey East schedule, dominating on two consecutive nights in mid-November at Northeastern and Boston University. The Black Bears beat Northeastern 8-2, while setting a new school record by scoring six goals in a span of 10:18 in the second period. UMaine then scored four power play goals the next night in a 7-3 win over BU.

UMaine remained perfect in Hockey East with a thrilling 2-1 overtime win over New Hampshire in front of a sellout crowd at Alford Arena Nov. 22. Senior Martin Kariya scored the game-winner 29 seconds into the overtime to give UMaine the win.

UMaine continued to find ways to come back from adversity and picked up a win and a tie on back-to-back nights at Boston College in early December, scoring late goals in both games.

UMaine closed out the 2002 part of their schedule by winning the Florida Everblades College Classic tournament in Estero, Fla., with a 3-2 comeback win over Cornell University Dec. 28, and then beat UMass 8-3 in the championship game. Senior forward Gray Shaneberger took home the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, named for UMaine's late coach, Shawn Walsh.

UMaine dropped its second game of the season Jan. 3 at Providence, but all appeared to

be well with the team after UMaine won its next three games easily. The team continued to find ways to get points by scoring two late goals, one from Todd Jackson and another from Francis Nault, to come away with a 5-5 tie at Merrimack Jan. 18.

The first major chink in the armor for UMaine came with a 4-4 tie at Alford Arena with Hockey East's last place team, UMass-Lowell Jan. 25. The Black Bears gave away two-goal leads twice and Shaneberger injured his knee late in the overtime. He was sidelined for a month.

UMaine lost its next game at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, N.H. to the University of New Hampshire 4-2 Feb. 1, which would be the first of eight consecutive weekend-opening losses. UMaine's season still appeared to be on the right track the next night when UMaine won its first game at the Whittemore Center in Durham, N.H. since 1998, when Lucas Lawson kicked in the overtime game-winner with 6.8 seconds left to give UMaine the 3-2 win over the Wildcats.

It would be the last major break that went UMaine's way.

The next game, a Feb. 7 home date with BC, saw the beginning of the season's deterioration. With three major forwards out of the lineup, UMaine was embarrassed by the Eagles 5-2, which broke up a 29-game unbeaten streak at Alford Arena for the Bears.

UMaine won their next outing against Merrimack Feb. 9, but at a price, as captain Chris Heisten received a concussion that sidelined him for a week.

The next weekend, UMaine saw its 14-year unbeaten streak at home against Providence come to a screeching halt when the Friars throttled the Bears 5-1 on Valentine's Day. UMaine could only muster a tie the next night, and the slide was in full swing.

UMaine got all of its injured players back for a two-game series at UMass Feb. 21 and 22, but the first night UMaine was outworked and beaten 4-2. Doyle ended the next night with a shutout and UMaine looked great in a 4-0 win.

The ship appeared to be righted as UMaine dominated the next game at home against BU Feb. 28. But, a frantic comeback by BU, which capped two goals within three seconds of each other, led to a 4-2 loss. UMaine

recovered on Senior Night the next night with a stellar effort and won 4-2.

It was UMaine's last win of the year.

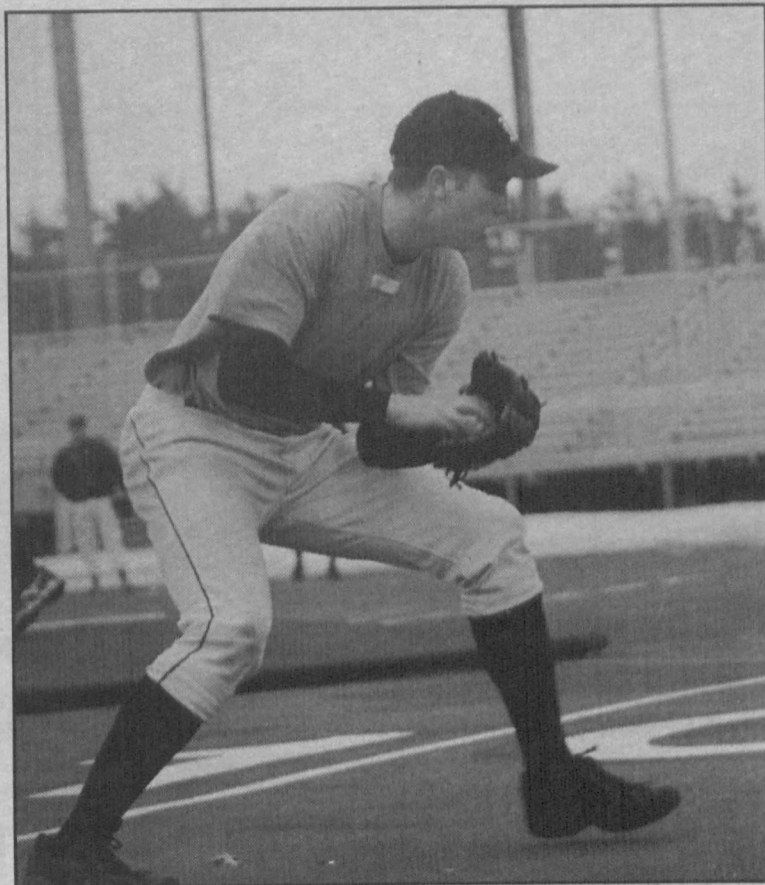
The Black Bears didn't appear ready for the Hockey East Playoffs. The upstart UMass Minutemen handed UMaine its first two losses ever in the conference quarterfinals at home, beating the Bears 5-3 and 4-2 on March 6-7.

UMaine then had a 22-day lay-off before playing Michigan at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich., in the NCAA tournament. Despite one of UMaine's best efforts all year, Michigan's freshman goalie Al Montoya stole the show, stopping 34 UMaine shots in Michigan's 2-1 win, ending UMaine's season at 24-10-5.

The big question now is where does the team go from here? UMaine has lost seven seniors, including the team's leading scorer Kariya (14 goals, 36 assists, 50 points), its leading goal scorer Lawson (21), Hockey East's Best Defensive Defenseman award winner Cliff Loya, their best defensive forward Robert Liscak (12-22-34), Shaneberger (7-6-13), versatile defenseman/forward Tom Reimann (5-13-18) and captain Chris Heisten (15-16-31).

UMaine fans shouldn't panic, though. The team looks to return with a stronger, more experienced defense, two of the top goalies in the country, plus some players up front who have the ability to score in bunches.

The Black Bear hockey team will release its 2003-04 schedule during the summer. Dry-land training is slated to begin in early September.



CAMPUS PHOTO • MELISSA ARMES

University of Maine junior Mike McDonald practices last week while the baseball team continues its play away from Mahaney Diamond.

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ers have each notched two wins and first-year hurler Greg Norton leads all starters with a 3.00 earned run average.

Freshman Greg Creek and senior Adam Labelle lead a solid bullpen. Creek's 2.57 ERA is tops among all Black Bear pitchers and Labelle's seven appearances leads the team.

The Black Bears' defense has been especially strong in the early going this season. Nine UMaine players have yet to make an error in 2003 and the team has committed just 12. The Black Bears' .981 fielding percentage is well above last year's mark of

.960.

UMaine has stranded 156 runners this season, too high a number for a team with a 12-6 record. In a 7-1 win over Fordham University March 17, the Black Bears left 19 runners on base, four shy of an NCAA record.

After stops at the University of Hartford April 12-13 and Brown University April 16, UMaine finally hosts a game at Mahaney Diamond when Northeastern University comes to town.

The Black Bears play in Bangor April 9 for a matinee with Husson College.

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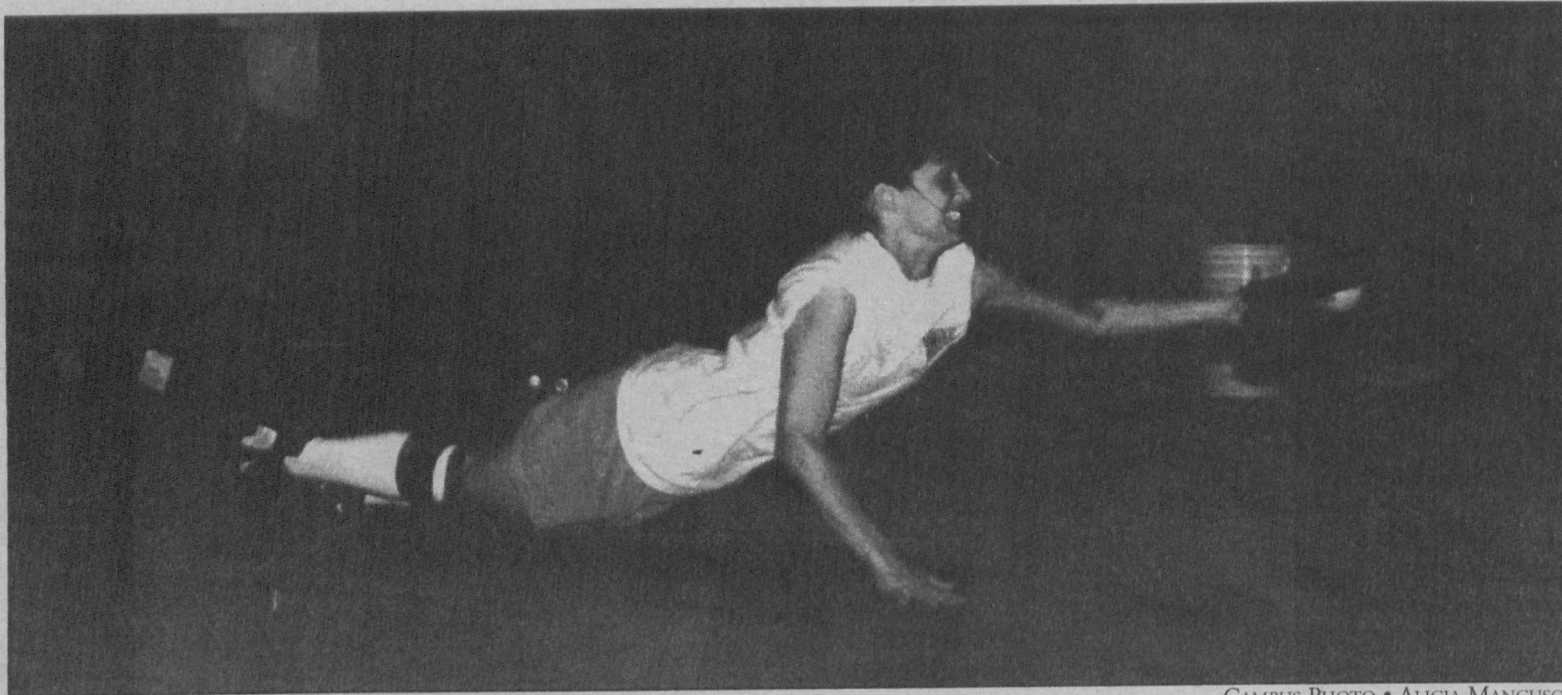
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University of Maine junior second baseman Sara Asadoorian dives to make a catch while her team practices in the Field House recently. The Black Bears continue their road trip to Harvard University and Brown University this weekend.

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They will host a doubleheader against Syracuse University in Providence, R.I. Saturday before taking on the Black Bears Sunday at noon.

UMaine continues to be led offensively by Brady (.397 batting average) and freshman Brittany Cheney (.392). Sophomore Jenna Merchant leads the pitching staff with five wins and freshman Sara Bennis has four.

The Black Bears will get a well-deserved respite from their softball road-tour when they open-up at home against Boston University at Kessock Field Wednesday, April 9.

Kansas men's basketball coach breeds loyalty

By Joe Posnanski
Knight Ridder Newspapers

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Let me tell you something. And let me give it to you straight, the way we folks who lived in the Tar Heel State like to talk: Roy Williams ain't goin' to North Carolina. No way. No how. No sir.

You want to know why Roy Williams ain't goin' to North Carolina? I'll tell you why: Because it would go against every fiber of his character. That's what people always seem to miss about Roy Williams. The character point.

Three years ago everybody seemed sure, absolutely sure, that Williams was going to take the basketball job at North Carolina. Sources were climbing over each other to break the news.

Newspapers put it in headlines.

They forgot to look at the one thing that mattered most to Roy.

He could not say goodbye to his players. So he stayed. That simple.

Those who knew him guessed that would happen.

So, who in his right mind would think that Roy Williams would leave Kansas now, just when he reached the summit, to take over that North Carolina mess?

There seem to be two theories.

1. Roy Williams has a real problem with his athletic director, Al Bohl, and that's why he might take the North Carolina job.

OK, it does seem pretty obvious that Williams has a problem with Bohl. So what? Lots of people have a problem with Bohl. The

man has apparently irritated half of Kansas and quite a few in Nebraska. The real question is, "What's Bohl's future?" Put it this way: Bohl doesn't need to sign up for next year's dental program. You can plan his surprise going away party right now.

2. Dean Smith might go to Williams and plead for him to return to North Carolina and save the drowning program. Williams loves Dean Smith too much to say no.

Sure, it's possible. Williams does love Coach Smith, as Roy calls him.

But consider a couple of things. One, Dean Smith is from Kansas. He went to Kansas. He played for a national championship at Kansas. He personally recommended Williams to his alma

mater all those years ago. And Smith, like Williams, is a man of character. Would he now, after all these years, after Williams returned Kansas to glory, after Williams already turned down the North Carolina job once, call him back home like an angry father?

I honestly don't think so.

Second, Williams is his own man. He's 53 years old and he has built a program at Kansas that is homage to Dean Smith. For 30 years, Dean Smith's teams always won 20, always made the Sweet 16, the players always graduated and there wasn't a whiff of scandal. Mostly, players admired Dean Smith long after they graduated. That's the kind of program Williams has built. Everything he does is out of respect to the way Smith coached.

I think Dean Smith respects Williams too much to pressure him. But don't kid yourself: If a choice comes down to picking Dean Smith or his players, Roy Williams will pick his players every time. He did once already.

So where does this leave us? Sure, it's possible Roy Williams will go to a school that made his friend quit. It's possible he will leave a Kansas program he built into one of America's best for one that has hit the depths. It's possible that at age 53 he will start all over, leaving behind a beloved state, a school that has become home, a healthy recruiting base and a group of players he recruited with all his heart.

No, wait. It's not possible. It's not close to possible.

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CCSU	3-6-1	7
Hartford	0-8-0	0



COURTESY PHOTO • ERIC GULLICKSON

The University of Maine roller hockey club, enjoying its first season as a recognized program, has turned heads around the league and is headed for a regional tournament in Philadelphia April 10-13.

Roller hockey club just happy to be playing

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

Around the University of Maine campus, the two-time national champion men's ice hockey team generally demands most of the media coverage and fanfare among hockey programs.

Not to take anything away from the Black Bears' successes, but they might finally be getting some competition within the sport.

The UMaine roller hockey club, a group of dedicated, enthusiastic students, is enjoying a solid season — its first as a recognized program — and is headed for a national club tournament in Philadelphia April 10-13.

"We just want to get the word out there, so people know a roller hockey club exists, and that we're pretty competitive," junior chemical engineer major Devon Plourde said.

The club started two years ago as a way for students with a hockey background to continue playing, even if their skills aren't good enough to warrant play at Alford Arena. Still, many of the members soon realized the team had some real talent.

Armed with a passion for the game, but little else, the UMaine roller hockey club gained acceptance into the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association this fall. The team practices three times a week and spends many weekends playing in tournaments all along the East Coast.

"Renting vans and finding hotel accommodations has been the hardest and most expensive part," Kris Demasi said. "We usually look for the cheapest hotel rooms and stuff, like, eight guys into a room."

The ECRHA consists of schools along the East Coast and is a subsidiary of the Collegiate Roller Hockey League. In the Northern Conference of the CRHL Division II, Maine (9-5-4) finished the regular season in third place behind State University of New York-Binghamton and the University of Vermont. The players said the recognition is great, but they're just happy to be playing.

"We would be playing whether this was a recognized club or not," Jayson Morrison said. "We just love the game and a lot of us didn't want to give it up after high school. This is a way for us to keep playing."

While keeping students interested in

roller hockey has been easy, raising the necessary funds for trips has not. The club routinely participates in fund-raisers and pleads to Student Government for support, sophomore broadcast journalism major Eric Gullickson said.

"Student Government has been pretty helpful, but I don't think people realize the expenses that go with a club sport," Gullickson said. "We're forced to host fund-raisers on our own at places like Oriental Jade and Starlight Palace so we can attend these tournaments."

Junior Frank Ehrich, a one-time player, has essentially given up his playing status to act as the club's coach. When it comes to making substitutions and decisions during games, it helps to have a leader, Demasi said.

In its inaugural season as an ECRHA member, UMaine has turned heads around the league, according to the players. While other schools have matching uniform pants and fancy equipment, UMaine players are looking for handouts anywhere they can get them. But their play is sharp, even without the financial support other schools might receive.

"Other schools see us and we look like a ragtag team and then we play and give

them a run for their money," Demasi said. "I think we have surprised a lot of people."

Notwithstanding the club's success this year, next season could prove even more fruitful. There are no seniors on the team and the players said they are determined to take the next step toward climbing the roller hockey ranks.

"We have a strong group of dedicated players and they can all play," Plourde said. "People would be surprised at how fast-paced the game is."

UMaine is guaranteed at least four more games this season, with the possibility for more. Sixteen teams have been invited to Philadelphia and the field will be broken into four divisions of four teams each. UMaine will play each team in its division once, as will all the other teams, and each team will be seeded according to its record in division play. Once the teams are seeded, the tournament will assume a simple single-elimination format until a champion is decided. UMaine likes its chances.

"We just want to go down there and win it," Gullickson said. "That would be a huge step for us toward getting more recognition and support."

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MLB season may offer a 'Full House'

By Jim Doughty



For The Maine Campus

Now that the Major League Baseball season is upon us, it is time for a few of my thoughts and predictions for the year:

- The Red Sox will once again fall short of winning the World Series.

This statement is physically painful for me to write. Sadly though, it is true, if only because it has to be. Every spring, Sox fans daydream of pennants dancing in our heads and yet, each fall the collective, sobering groan of "wait till next year" can be heard throughout Red Sox nation. One thing I have learned as a lifelong Sox fan is that we have come to live with that pain and anguish so much that we wouldn't know what to do with ourselves if it were gone.

The best line I have heard to describe this agony is: being a Red Sox fan is like being the 120-pound guy in a maximum security prison. I liken it to being the rookie altar boy in a Massachusetts Catholic church.

- Cheap Entertainment.

Bobbleheads. Thundersticks. Crack pipes. This is a list of things you find at the ballpark now, and I find it completely repulsive. I can understand the crack pipes. Who hasn't needed a pick-me-up during the seventh-inning stretch, but I mean, come on, bobbleheads? People, find something better to do with your time, like get drunk and belligerent and curse at the young Seattle Mariners fan in front of you. That should teach her to cheer on Ichiro.

- There will be a horrific on-the-mound injury.

It seems to me, each year we see at least one pitcher getting beamed in the head by a smoking line-drive. This year, of course, will be no different. I, however, expect an America's Funniest Home Video-style injury to occur this season. It's going to be like when you have the Mom using the shaky handheld camera in the backyard as Dad tries to teach his son to hit his first baseball. Then, bam! Dad's doubled over, clenching his genitals, tears streaming down his face. Son is gleefully jumping up and down as Bob Saget and the studio

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Baseball team moving up in polls

Black Bears ranked third in latest New England Coaches poll behind UConn, BC

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

The University of Maine baseball team is riding a three-game winning streak as the Black Bears continue their 29-game road trip this weekend in Pleasantville, N.Y.

Pace University hosts UMaine for a pair of doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday, each starting at noon.

The Black Bears have been climbing in a couple different polls early this season. The New England Coaches poll places UMaine third behind the University of Connecticut and Boston College in its latest standings.

The collegebaseballinsider.com Eastern Coaches poll has also ranked UMaine 10th out of 76 teams in the Northeast and East regions declared by the NCAA.

The Black Bears will also have the reigning America East Rookie of the Week when they travel to Pace.

First-year outfielder Ryan Quintal went 5-7 at the plate with three walks and three RBI in three games last weekend. Quintal leads the club with a .389 batting average.

Senior Alain Picard is not far behind Quintal, hitting at a .366 clip, and he leads the team with

20 runs scored and 26 RBI. The Black Bears have four everyday players hitting more than .300 on the season and, as a team, UMaine is hitting .299.

The pitching, thought by many to be a strong suit this season, has not yet lived up to its expectations, but has still kept the team in most games.

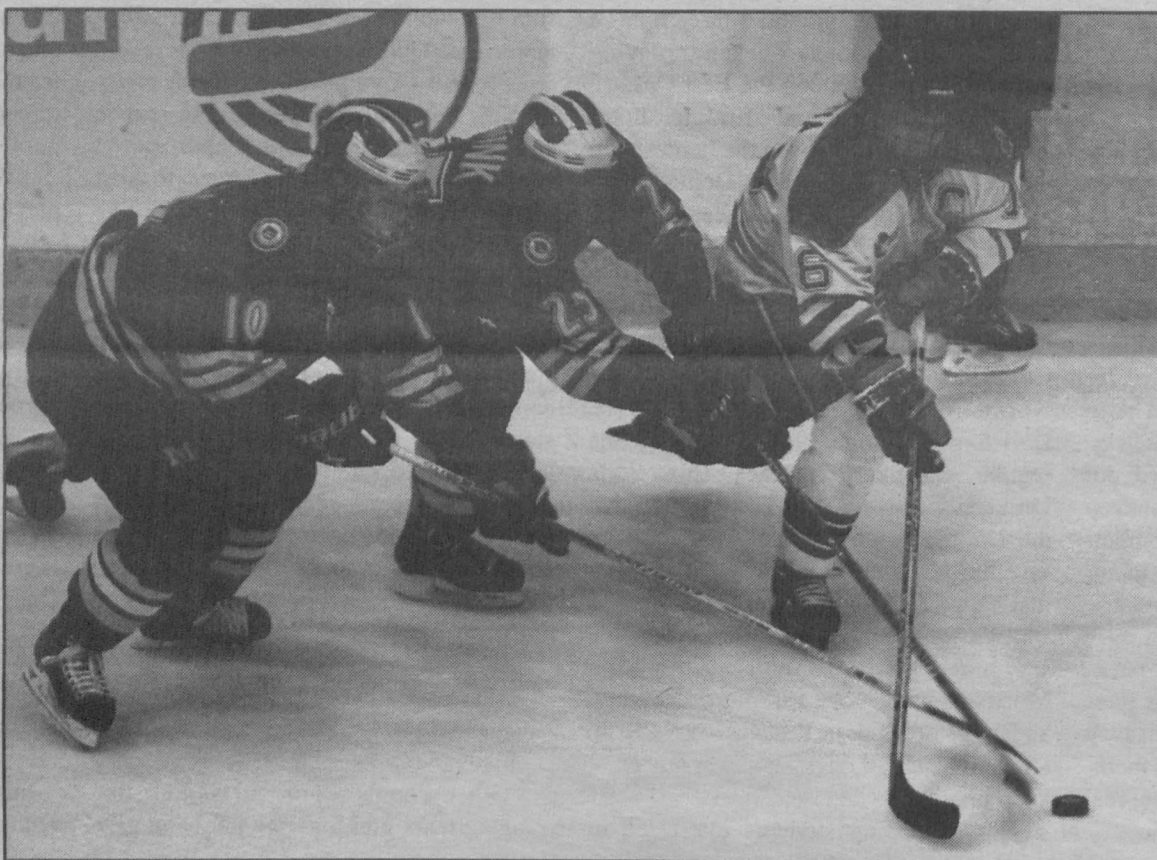
Three starters and two relievers

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Men's hockey says goodbye to seniors

7 Black Bear careers come to a close with NCAA Regional loss

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter



BANGOR DAILY NEWS PHOTO • KEVIN BENNETT

University of Maine senior Martin Kariya is pursued by a pair of University of Michigan players in the Black Bears' 2-1 loss at the NCAA Midwest Regional March 29.

It wasn't expected to be an easy year for the University of Maine men's ice hockey team at the start of the 2002-03 season. The Black Bears lost both goalies to graduation, its leading scorer, its two best defensemen and the captain, who was the team's emotional leader.

No one expected what happened at the start of the year. Led by seven seniors and plenty of younger players stepping up, the Black Bears came out of the gates blazing. UMaine won its first game 8-1 over Lake Superior State at home in the Championship of the Black Bear Classic Oct. 12. Junior Colin Shields picked up where he had left off the season before, when he led the team with 29 goals by scoring a hat trick on opening night.

UMaine stumbled in its first game of the Nye Frontier Classic in Anchorage, Alaska,

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Softball team rolls on through Northeast trip

By Jim Doughty
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team will continue its Northeast trek this weekend when it travels south for games against Harvard University and Brown University.

Since getting back from their spring break getaway in Florida early last week, the Black Bears have been on a whirlwind tour of the Northeast. Games at Boston College, Cornell University and the University of Massachusetts were sandwiched around a rained-out weekend in Binghamton, N.Y.

Now the team heads down to Cambridge, Mass., for a set

against Harvard Saturday, followed by a double-dip with Brown on Sunday.

Sophomore centerfielder Jess Brady is optimistic that her team

will get back on track during this weekend's games.

"I hope we can play like we can ... and hopefully our hitting will come around," Brady said.

Bears drop doubleheader at UMass

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

The University of Maine softball team's bats remained cold as the Black Bears managed just one run and five hits in two losses to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst yesterday.

UMaine (10-10) dropped the first game of the doubleheader 6-

1 behind a three-hitter from UMass (19-10) hurler Kaila Holtz, who improved to 9-6 in 2003.

Sophomore centerfielder Jess Brady had a pair of hits in game one and classmate Lindsay Tibbetts added the other. Jenna Merchant took the loss in the circle for the Black Bears, yielding

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Last season's Ivy League champion, Harvard, beat Holy Cross on Tuesday and will face the same Boston College team that stifled UMaine 2-0 last week on Thursday.

Led by senior first baseman and reigning Ivy League Player of the Year Tiffany Whitton, the Harvard Crimson have won two in a row heading into their game against cross-town rival BC.

Whitton has started all 19 games for the Crimson so far, batting .357 with 13 runs batted in and a slugging percentage of .643.

The Brown University Bears had their home opener against Sacred Heart on Wednesday.

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