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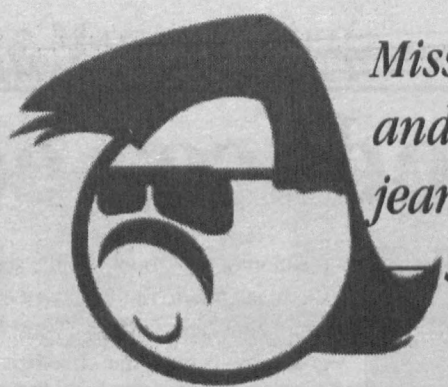
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Police team up for Bumstock

By Angela Flandaca
Staff Reporter

Security is top priority — including undercover officers — during this year's Bumstock weekend at the University of Maine.

Bumstock, traditionally a two-day festival to celebrate the end of the spring semester, has in recent years become a focal point for local police organizations.

This year's event, where cooperation from UMaine's Public Safety department and dif-

ferent security forces such as emergency services, fire departments, local police departments and private security companies will combine to monitor concertgoers, promises to be no different.

"Our role in Bumstock is simply to keep the venues safe so people can go and enjoy themselves. There are many different facets to that," Bob Norman, Public Safety sergeant, said.

"You have a large amount of people going there over two days, after dark, and we just want to make sure everybody has a safe, fun

event," Laurie Sproul, Public Safety sergeant, said.

Norman has been at every Bumstock since 1973, when he attended college at UMaine.

"It's been an interesting transition since the time has gone on," he said. "As it has grown and the times have changed, we have changed our security procedures."

Outside agencies are brought to the university for Bumstock weekend because of the lack of security staff members on campus to

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Administration to watch students while off campus

By Angela Flandaca
Staff Reporter

Big Brother may soon be watching University of Maine students even when they are off campus.

Plans are in the works from the Deans of Students office to build greater communication among local police departments, primarily the Orono Police Department, according to UMaine Public Safety and Dr. Robert Dana's office.

"Town-gown relationships are important because we all share this community and we are all stakeholders on the health of the community," Dana said.

Lt. Alan Stormann, UMaine's commanding officer of the community policing division, said the current level of communication between Orono and Old Town police departments and the university is top quality.

"From my opinion, it's very good," Stormann said. "I think we have a good working relationship and good communication. I think things are very fine."

"There is currently a very positive relationship and good communication between these agencies," Dana said.

Stormann said UMaine's chief of police, Noel March, is consistently in contact with both towns' police chiefs regarding illegal acts committed off campus by UMaine students.

Old Town's chief of police has also been known to send letters to the university's judicial affairs department regarding frequent issues with students off campus.

"We're in contact. Though the specifics of what the contact is may vary from one issue to another," Stormann said.

Under current rules, local towns are not required to report to the university illegal acts committed off campus by university students, but in some cases acts are reported, according to Stormann.

Dana said if the act is serious enough then the university reserves the right to apply the Student Conduct Code to that

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UMS Chancellor speaks at Student Senate Meeting

By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

Balancing increasing enrollment with quality of education when facing a budget cut was the topic of the University of Maine System Chancellor Joseph Westphal's speech at the General Student Senate meeting Tuesday.

Westphal named the major competitors for funding as primary and secondary education, health care and Medicaid and increasing health costs for the aging Maine population. He said there is an "insatiable appetite" for kindergarten through 12th grade funding.

"We're all facing what we're calling a structural budget gap," he said.

Westphal said Gov. John Baldacci sent Westphal a bill essentially requiring him to curtail \$5 million from the budget. He negotiated the amount to \$3 million.

The university generates its money from students' tuition and fees, state appropriations and private funds. States are forced to subsidize more due to the condition of the federal budget and economy. There is currently more pressure on the university because less funding is available from state appropriations.

"We can't look to the federal government for too much assistance," Westphal

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"I see London, I see France ..."



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

UMaine students celebrated Earth Day by riding through campus on bicycles and in-line skates wearing nothing but green paint. There were 11 students who participated in the ride, which has become an annual tradition for university students.

Vandalism to Rainbow Center deemed hate crime

Series of incidents plague GLBT resource room, perpetrator still unknown

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Throughout the past month, the Rainbow Resource Center has found itself the victim of several cases of vandalism that are being classified as hate crimes.

Beginning just before spring break and occurring as recently as Pride Week, April 7-12, there have been five incidents of words

being written on the two doors that open into the RRC, located in the basement of Memorial Union.

The words included variations of the word "fag" and are described by Eryn Montgomery, the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender liaison, as getting worse.

"There was a fear it's going to escalate," Montgomery said. "The messages have gotten progressively more hateful."

Following the first two occurrences, March 7 and 10, University of Maine Public Safety and the advisers for the RRC decided not to go public with the information.

"We were trying to keep it on a low profile at first," Montgomery said. "We wanted to figure out how we wanted to handle it before we went public."

After the last three incidents, however, they determined it was time to alert the uni-

versity community of what had occurred. Dr. Robert Dana, Dean of Students, issued a statement in regards to the events.

In his statement, Dana wrote, "In addition to violating the non-discrimination policy and community standards of civility and decency, this crime is a violation of the Student Conduct Code. If a student is com-

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Colander introduces economic outline



CAMPUS PHOTO • JONATHAN WHITE

David C. Colander gives a lecture to a crowd at the Bangor Room of Memorial Union Monday.

By Ernest Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

A well-known regional economist from Vermont delivered a lecture to a sizable audience in the Bangor Room of the Union Monday.

David C. Colander, the Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Professor of Economics at Middlebury College, presented a lecture on the current climate in

field of economics and changes he sees coming, specifically in economic literature. Colander received his doctorate in economics from Columbia University and authored five textbooks, used primarily in the university setting. He has taught at numerous educational institutions ranging from Vassar to the University of Miami, to his current post at Middlebury.

Colander opened by discussing the driving force behind the com-

position of a textbook. While some might attempt to fit the current educational mold, Colander said his goal was to push the envelope on modern economic thought. His largest and most well-known textbook, "Principles of Economics," has gone through numerous revisions and editions, and yet he feels much work still needs to be done on the essence of the text's meaning.

Colander talked about the unwillingness of current professors, specifically at community colleges, to attempt a change in economic teaching style.

Instead of venting frustration at the apparent apathy toward change in modern economics, Colander expounded upon the fundamentals of the field and ways in which they can be seen as stepping stones for progress.

"All things that exist, exist for some reason," Colander said.

He covered many theorems and principles in his lecture, citing the necessity of economic thought and how it can become a building block for future advancement.

Colander stressed the important political ramifications of even the

simplest economic literatures, noting that most are neutral regarding to both liberal and conservative thought. Some texts, he noted, discuss the pros and cons of government economic intervention and balance it with the pros and cons of a totally private system. Colander stated a need for the government to act as some sort of stabilizing agent in the modern economic field.

"[The government's] policy goal is to create efficiency," Colander said. He said the only way a market can be good is to have it be efficient.

Colander presented a short history of how modern economics arrived at its current position, and where he sees it going in the future.

Colander talked about the economic thought in the 1920s, when the progressive income tax and minimum wage were popular ideas among theorists and professors.

He discussed the text "Economics of Control" by Abba Lerner, which he feels sparked the modern economics movement when it was published in the 1930s. This text, Colander said, introduced the idea of microeconomics and macroeconomics as separate

yet connected theories. Out of this idea, Colander said the current idea of "functional finance" arose, in which the government operates as a balance wheel.

Colander ended his discussion by citing some positive changes coming in the field. As an example, he said greed is now changing in modern economics to become purposeful behavior with a positive impact. He noted some crucial areas in science that are benefiting from this change, including statistical search for patterns, agent-based modeling and behavioral economics.

Colander discussed his idea that economics has gone from positivism to pragmatism throughout the years, learning to adapt to market changes with caution and speed.

Colander's goal with his textbooks is to continue to push the boundaries on what is taught in the economics classroom and therefore advance the market practices of tomorrow.

Colander concluded by saying: "Is the [current] market good? Yes, because it allows changes to occur ... it is resilient."

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mitting these acts then that person is subject to sanctions that could include expulsion from the university. In addition to campus rules, these acts are a violation of the State of Maine Hate Crimes Law and violators will be subject to state prosecution."

Kristofor Broski, the president of Wilde Stein, a student organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual education, issued a similar statement concerning the events.

The statement was read at a Student Government meeting and encouraged anyone with information to step forward, while also aiming to educate everyone of what had happened.

"We have decided to take this issue public in the hopes that it will not only help us catch the individual, but also to make the campus community aware that this campus is still not safe for gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people," Broski said.

Hate crimes involving sexual orientation occur throughout the country. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in 2001 there were 1,592 known offenses of hate crime due to sexual orientation. Of this number, 357 were damage or vandalism oriented crimes, such as what occurred at the RRC.

Similar incidents have

occurred on the UMaine campus before.

In the spring of 2002, statements such as "God hates fags" were found written on the stalls of the first floor men's bathroom in Fogler Library.

In light of these situations, Montgomery said she sees education on issues of sexual diversity as essential.

"As this has happened more and more, it has showed that there's a lot of education that needs to happen," she said. "We need to deal with different issues of the differences on this campus. I don't think people realize how much diversity we actually have."

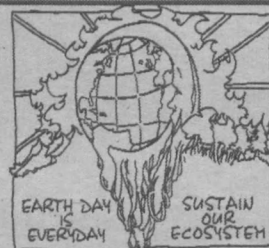


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Graffiti over the "safe zone" sign on the GLBT resource center's door in Memorial Union over spring break.

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3:00 New Rome

2:30 Soph. Owls Battle of Bands Winner

2:00 Green Bikes

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Student soldiers answer call ROTC unlikely to be affected by conflict

By Brett Zeigler
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine community has gotten a bit smaller in the past few months because of the acceleration of American involvement abroad. Since the beginning of February, 18 UMaine students have been called up

from the reserves into active duty.

"We support these students in all ways," Dean of Students Robert Dana said. "They are facing a hugely complex time in their lives, and as they serve our country, they are in harm's way."

The sudden withdrawal from classes can put a strain

on a student's academic career. However, the university does its best to accommodate the students who must leave on short notice, UMaine officials said.

According to associate director of Student Records Peter Reid, students have a number of options, including a full refund of tuition and fees. However, if students have completed three quarters of the semester, their professor can give full credit for the class and the grade earned up to the time of withdrawal. The final option is for the student to receive an incomplete in the class; they then have one year from the end of the semester to finish the missed work.

The biggest student soldier presence on campus is the Reserve Officer Training Corps. UMaine has both an Army and a Naval ROTC.

The Army ROTC offers students a full scholarship, provided they fulfill certain obligations.

Part of the scholarship contract includes various grade requirements, participation in ROTC military science courses every semester and an agreement to enter the Army after graduation.

The Army ROTC should not be confused with the Army reserves, members said.



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

Jeffrey Oliver, a junior in the Navy ROTC program, leads cool down after the last motivation run of the school year last Wednesday.

Commanding officer of the UMaine Army ROTC and professor of military science, Lt. Col. Charlie Forshee, said it would take remarkable circumstances for ROTC cadets to be called into active duty. Forshee said in the event that the Secretary of the Army declares full mobilization, ROTC cadets become eligible for active duty.

Forshee said the last time the Army was fully mobilized was during World War II. Conditions would have to be truly exceptional for ROTC cadets to become mobilized.

"I don't want to speak for the president," Forshee said,

"but I wouldn't be surprised to see selective service activated as well."

Besides the 40 contracted cadets, the Army ROTC staffs a number of commissioned officers who could potentially be sent into combat, though Forshee said he thinks it is unlikely.

"I was warned that one or two of my cadre could be sent in as augmentees," he said. "But we were told the same thing after Sept. 11."

Dana said he hoped every student would agree to support student soldiers, no matter what their view is on the conflict in the Middle East.



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

Master Sgt. Meckfessel enters the Navy ROTC house located on College Avenue. After 21 years, the Assistant Marine Officer instructor is retiring.

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situation.

Dana wishes to see an even closer cooperative relationship between the towns and the university. This would involve closer relationships between students and long-term community residents as well.

"We want students to be good neighbors and contribut-

ing members of the community," Dana said. "We are working to assure civil discourse between students and long-term community members and we are hopeful that our students can have safe living arrangements where they are able to enjoy positive relationships, study and live their lives in a

way that is respectful of their neighbors and positive for them."

Some are skeptical about whether closer relationships would mean an increase in monitoring students, and if that would violate students' rights.

"It may be undesirable from a student's perspective since they move off campus, at least in part, to be away from the rules and expectations of the campus," Dana said.

He does not foresee this being an issue, however, because there would be few cases when towns would need to contact the university.

"When this happens, if appropriate, our conduct processes, which are educative, will be applied and these processes will hopefully be of some assistance to both the involved student and the town," Dana said.

"We are not in the business

of infringing on anybody's civil rights," Stormann said. "Our job is to make sure people's civil rights are not violated."

Dana said thousands of UMaine students live off campus happily and productively, so the issue of illegal acts committed by students off campus will not be a serious issue if students remember to be respectful of their surroundings.

Currently there are students in conflict with long-term residents over issues such as noise, parties, littering and disrespect of community neighborhood standards.

"This creates a great deal of stress and we are working to help our students to be respectful of their neighbors, law abiding and understanding that the needs of the neighborhood must be respected and are critically important in assuring decent living conditions," Dana said.

To ensure strong communi-

cation among surrounding towns and the university, Dana said university officials attend town meetings, visit neighborhoods, hold meetings on campus and share phone calls and e-mails.

"We are involved in a constant discussion [with] our Neighborhood Task Force and we are enjoying a high level of supportive communication and collaboration," Dana said.

Dana's office and UMaine's Public Safety department will continue to work with the towns and the Neighborhood Task Force to ensure better communication.

"It's all about cooperation and collaboration and open communication," Dana said. "Students need to understand the expectations and responsibilities that come with living in a neighborhood and all parties need to treat each other with dignity and respect."

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Cate Tiller
Staff Reporter

• Two guns and a flashlight were stolen from cars in the Jenness lot Friday night or early Saturday morning. A MaineCard reader was torn off the wall at Knox Hall and the security phone was ripped down and left on the ground at Doris Twitchell Allen Village. Three windows were broken at various buildings and a fire extinguisher case was shattered in Cumberland Hall. Five antennae were snapped or bent and a car was keyed from end to end in the York lot. The damage totals more than \$1,500, according to police estimates, much of which could be charged on student bills as part of hall damages. The \$1,500 doesn't include the value of the 20-gauge Mossberg shotgun and the .22 caliber rifle that were taken from a Jeep after someone rifled through the glove compartment. Several items were handled by

the thief and will be cheked for fingerprints. A Chevy Tracker that was broken into the same night had CDs and other valuables left untouched, but the thief emptied out the glove compartment and took a \$2 flashlight.

• Someone threw a blood-spattered rock through the window of a trailer by the Soil and Environmental Sciences building, leaving a hole in the drywall inside. The top part of a window in the front door of Kennebec Hall was broken, and the glass panel in Penobscot's east door was broken from the outside by someone trying to get in.

• A MaineCard reader at Knox Hall was not damaged when it was torn from the wall except for the wiring. If a replacement had been needed, it would have cost at least \$2,000, detective Sgt. Chris Gardner.

These incidents are under investigation and police ask anyone with information to come forward.

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handle the large event.

Norman said the number of people who attend Bumstock could contribute to a dangerous situation if rules are not abided by and if security is not readily available. In past years there have been car accidents and assaults related to Bumstock.

"We learn from the past so we can improve it in the future," Norman said. "Many years ago, before we started the procedures we have now, there were quite a few problems."

With more security officers and service workers at the event, there is less of a possibility for fights or accidents to occur, which is why university and Public Safety officials said it is necessary to have as much security as possible.

Adequate security is a necessity in a field that has the capacity to hold 5,000 people, said Cortlynn Hepler, a third-year financial economics major and Bumstock coordinator.

"Most importantly [security] helps maintain control of the mass. If an incident occurs and panic were to set in [it's best to isolate it] and don't allow it to spread. Security is our blocker," he said.

"For any event, if you don't have adequate security you're setting yourself up for potential problems and for people to be injured and whatnot, and that's why we do go the extra step to ensure peoples' safety while they are attending the event," Sproul said.

With added security officers and

emergency workers comes increased costs for Public Safety for the Bumstock weekend. This year's financial report will not be available until after the weekend, but the numbers will be similar to



FILE PHOTO • SCOTT CAPARELLI
A UMaine student gets a pat-down from Bumstock security last year.

last year's budget.

For Bumstock weekend 2002 the total cost was about \$51,000. Atlantic Professional Services members aided in security, which cost Student Government \$6,000. Public Safety services cost about \$2,000, but this number is 20 percent of the total bill from Public Safety. The other 80 percent was covered by the Comprehensive Fee, which is paid by students. This fee totaled about \$8,000 according to Susan Ash, the financial affairs office contact person from Student Government.

Ash said she did not know whether Public Safety had placed its request for aid from the Comprehensive Fee before the fund ran out of money this year.

A veteran attendee and Bumstock weekend worker, Norman said the cost is worth it.

"If you don't have [adequate security] you take a chance that somebody is going to get hurt."

"Society is at a point where an event the size of Bumstock requires necessary security. Yes, even in Maine," Hepler said.

Safety precautions may include pat-downs to make sure no weapons are brought into the event area and searches for alcohol and drugs.

Norman said without security the event probably would not take place.

"People definitely wouldn't have as much fun as they have now."

Besides safety, fun is also a main goal.

"That is a place where people can go and feel safe and not have to worry about things that happen at other venues," Norman said.

As a rule of thumb, Norman tests the safety of events like Bumstock on whether he would want his family to attend.

"If my son or daughter was going to a concert, especially in a venue like this, I would want to make sure the person beside them was not going to hurt them," he said. "If it's safe for my family, then it's a good thing."



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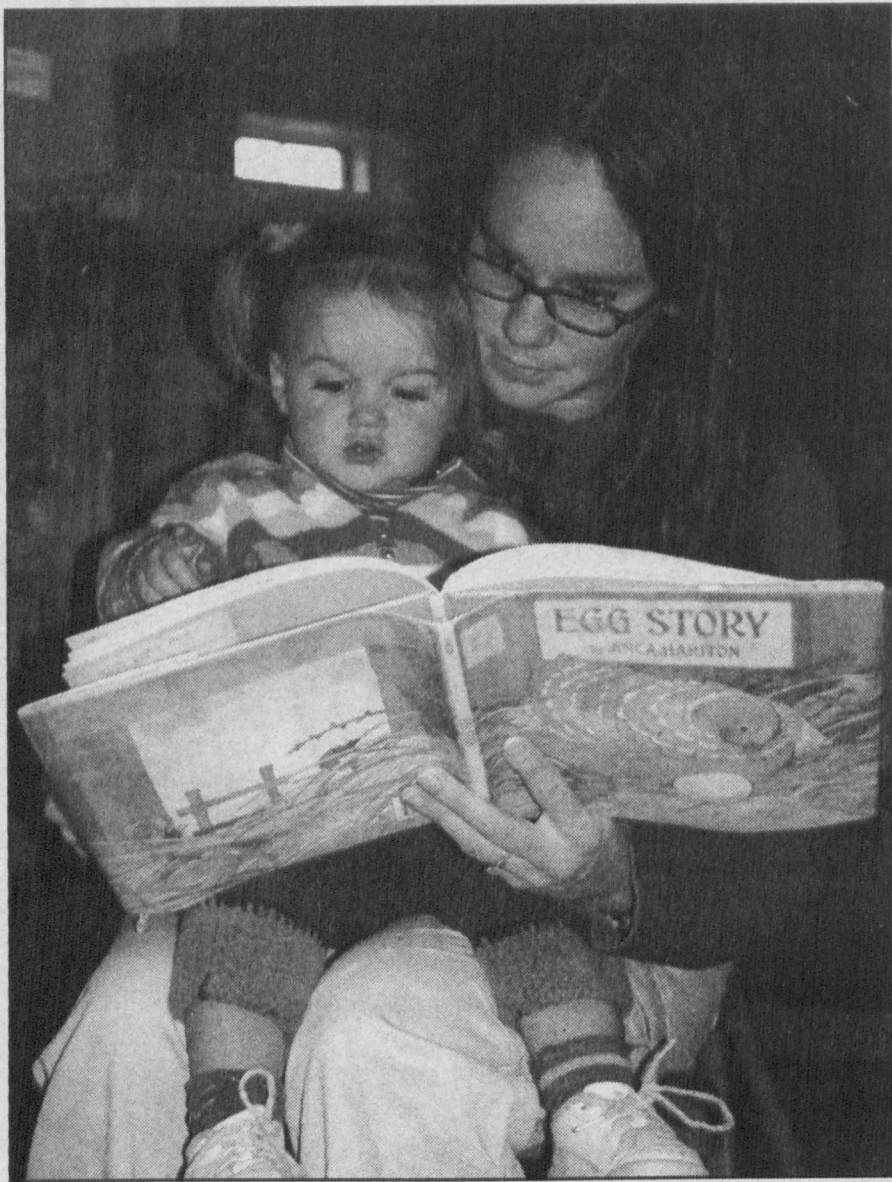
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Down on the farm



CAMPUS PHOTO • REBECCA PETERSON

Meghan Phillips and her 18-month-old daughter Jaden take a break from activities at the Page Farm and Home Museum to learn how chickens develop. Page Farm and the university's elementary education majors teamed up to create 21 fun and educational stations for visiting elementary students Wednesday afternoon.

Student Senate Notes

By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

The following events took place at the Tuesday, April 22 meeting of the General Student Senate:

- The Senate passed a resolution to encourage the university to actively seek a new Greek Life Coordinator, a position recently vacated by EJ Roach. "Without someone guiding the entire Greek community on this campus, there will be very little Greek unity to build on in the future," the statement of fact reads.

Interfraternity Council President James Wieland and Panhellenic Council President Christina Weston expressed their "deep and sincere support" for the resolution, according to Ross Bartlett, Vice President for Student Organizations.

- Residents on Campus President Scott Reynolds said ROC members are set to vote on a resolution Monday to express their support for a three percent increase in room rates and four percent increase in board rates for the coming year.

- Legal Service Liaison Erik Black handed out the Legal Services Monthly Report of the Curtis and Miller Law Office. Ted Curtis and David Miller saw a total number of 111 clients in March, and the most frequent problems addressed concerned landlord-tenant issues, with a total of 33 cases.

- Dr. Khidhir Hamza, former weapons director for Saddam Hussein, will not give a lecture at the University of Maine Monday, April 28. He was recently appointed to the transitional government team headed by Jay Garner in Baghdad, Iraq, according to a letter from Bill

Fargo, vice president of Jodi Solomon Speakers in Boston, Mass.

- The Executive Budgetary committee allocated \$298 to the Student Education Association of Maine to be used for the Mentor Banquet May 3.

- The Maine Steiners received \$700 from EBC for transportation and entry fees for an upcoming competition.

- All Maine Women received \$350 for the purchase of a bounce house and a dunk tank.

- The Society for Women Engineers received \$270 for food and supplies for Girl Scout Badge Day.

- EBC allocated \$250 to the Sophomore Owls for production costs at its talent show.

- EBC allocated \$180 to the Student Art League for travel and gallery admission to the Portland Art Gallery.

- Student Women's Association representative Breeana Blalock said the events of the Sexual Assault Awareness week were successful. Carey Nason of the Safe Campus Project seconded Blalock's sentiments during the 'General Good and Welfare' section of the Senate meeting. Nason thanked Student Government for its support.

- The Student Athletic Advisory Board is planning a multicultural dinner with the Student Heritage Alliance Center, SAAB Rep. Edward Caron reported.

- The Bumstock committee needs more volunteers to help with the Bumstock festivities this weekend. Bumstock coordinator, Cortlynn Hepler, said.

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

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said. "There was a time when universities could get \$15 to 20 million in appropriation bills." He said a colleague in Washington, D.C., commented that "the days of those kinds of grants to universities are gone."

The conflict is further inflamed due to increasing enrollment and continuing expectations of quality and up-to-date technology.

Westphal emphasized the importance of creating added value for the university and providing students with experience that will help them throughout life.

"We've got to do it with less resources than we've had in the past," he said. "We have to be very surgical about

the way we proceed from now on."

Westphal encouraged students to offer input about how the university should prioritize and what issues are of the most importance.

Student Sen. Cortlynn Hepler asked Westphal about the state of UM System campuses in areas that are "no longer economically prosperous."

"Do we have too big a system for too small a state?" Hepler asked.

Westphal said the smaller campuses are "to a great extent, self-sufficient. They are the cornerstones of those communities."

Shutting down the smaller UM System campuses would be compared to

"shutting down a big military base in a bustling area," Westphal said.

Westphal was also asked about the prevalent issue of keeping Maine graduates in Maine. He gave the examples of his own children, who work in the metropolitan areas of New York and Washington, D.C.

"They want bustling cities, they want corporate jobs, they're not thinking long-term career," he said.

Westphal acknowledged the need for challenging jobs that are in graduates' fields. "It's our responsibility to start working with the leadership of the state [on these issues]," he said.

Student Sen. Dennis Boyd asked how

UMaine rates overall. UMaine has more ways to attract resources than other campuses, and is flexible, Westphal said.

"This is an important investment in the future of the state," he said.

Boyd also asked if any particular departments were under consideration for termination.

"Not that I know of," Westphal replied.

The chancellor is the policymaker and holder of the budget, Westphal said. He explained that the chancellor distributes the university's money through the Board of Trustees. The presidents of the seven UMS campuses report to the chancellor.

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Gephardt plan calls for universal health insurance

By James Kuhnhenh
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate Rep. Richard Gephardt on Wednesday proposed requiring all employers to offer health insurance to their workers in exchange for tax credits, a plan that would cost the Treasury more than \$200 billion a year and would ensure health insurance and higher taxes for almost all Americans.

Gephardt conceded that his plan would create long-term federal budget deficits, but posed it as a stark contrast to President Bush's tax cuts, which he would repeal to help pay for his health care proposals. Gephardt's plan could create deficits as big or bigger than the Bush administration projects.

Gephardt also would permit people between ages 55 and 64 to purchase Medicare coverage at below-market rates, would expand a federal health-insurance program to cover low-income children and would send massive federal aid to state governments. Together his proposals would cost more than \$200 billion initially and rise to an average \$230 billion annually.

Gephardt, a former House of Representatives Democratic leader from Missouri, is staking his presidential campaign on this bold, controversial health-care

package. He called it "Matt's plan" after his son, now 32, who survived cancer as a child.

Gephardt is banking on the plan to give his presidential run new visibility. His plan, detailed before union members Wednesday, relies heavily for its financing upon his call for complete repeal of Bush's 2001 tax cuts.

That means he is, in effect, calling for tax increases on most Americans.

The plan's centerpiece is his call to require businesses to give all employees health insurance; in exchange, he would have the federal government reimburse employers for 60 percent of their insurance costs.

Several health-care analysts said Gephardt's approach offered a comprehensive, if expensive, way to get health insurance to 41 million now-uninsured Americans. But critics, including Democrats, said it was a long-rejected approach that relied on intrusive government mandates.

Gephardt portrayed the plan as more than just universal health care, arguing that it also would stimulate the economy more effectively than Bush's tax cuts.

"It's a bold, innovative idea that can work, an idea that can bridge the canyon of fear and illness and cover everyone in America with health insurance, and jump-start the economy at the same time," he told union health-care workers.

Health analysts said the plan addressed a clear public need, but was far from ideal.

"Building upon an employer-based system has its pluses and minuses," said John Holahan, the top health-care expert at the Urban Institute, a nonpartisan research center. "There's less upheaval if you continue that.

[But] it's not particularly efficient for small businesses to provide health insurance for people; small business has lots more things to worry about."

The main lobby for small business — the National Federation of Independent Business — agreed.

It denounced Gephardt's approach as "imposing one of the largest tax hikes in American history."

Health insurance is "the most serious problem facing small business," but Gephardt's proposed solution is a "take-two-taxes-and-call-me-in-the-morning remedy," said Dan Danner, the federation's top lobbyist.



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Presidential candidate Rep. Richard Gephardt.

Gephardt would repeal not only Bush's 2001 tax cuts, but also any that Congress might pass this year. Bush has called for a \$726 billion cut over 10 years, but Congress is eyeing reductions totaling \$350 billion to \$550 billion.

Meeting informally with reporters, Gephardt downplayed the idea of deficits.

"The goal is not just to balance the budget," he said. "If the economy is working well, the budget will be in balance."

As for raising taxes, Gephardt said: "If you like the Bush tax cuts, you think they're really done you a lot of good ... then vote for George Bush."

"If you want a different alternative that will be more effective in solving both the problem of having so many people uninsured ... and stimulate the economy to a greater degree than Bush is doing, then come with me."

Some analysts said the time was ripe to discuss health care.

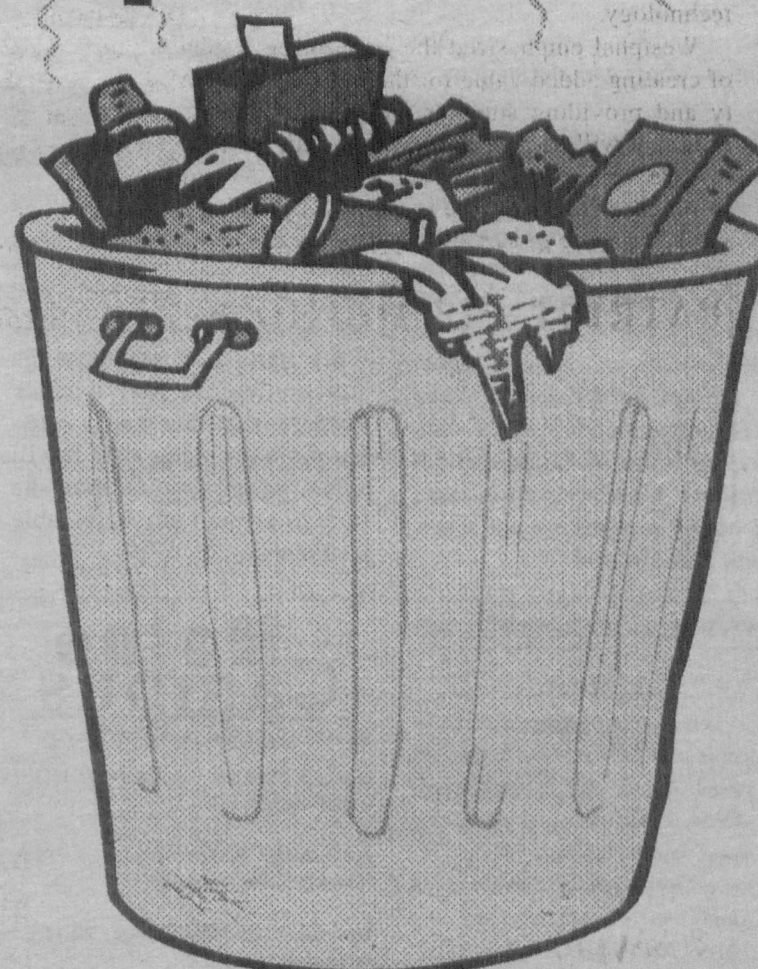
"It's an important time," said Karen Davis, president of the Commonwealth Fund, a New York-based policy group that has proposed a cheaper universal insurance plan. "Now that major tax cuts are on the table, it's time to really ask the American people, 'What do you want?' It all ought to be part of the public debate."

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EDITORIAL

UMaine tries to tighten grip

On-campus students are closely monitored at the University of Maine. The watchful eyes of Public Safety and Judicial Affairs make certain to the best of the departments' abilities that students committing crimes are punished.

Students move off campus to get out of the residence halls and the constraints it can place on their lifestyle. Unfortunately, UMaine is trying to deepen its formal ties with the Old Town and Orono Police Departments in hopes of tightening its grip on off-campus students as well.

This means that both police forces would communicate more intensively with Judicial Affairs about students at UMaine who violate the Student Conduct Code off campus.

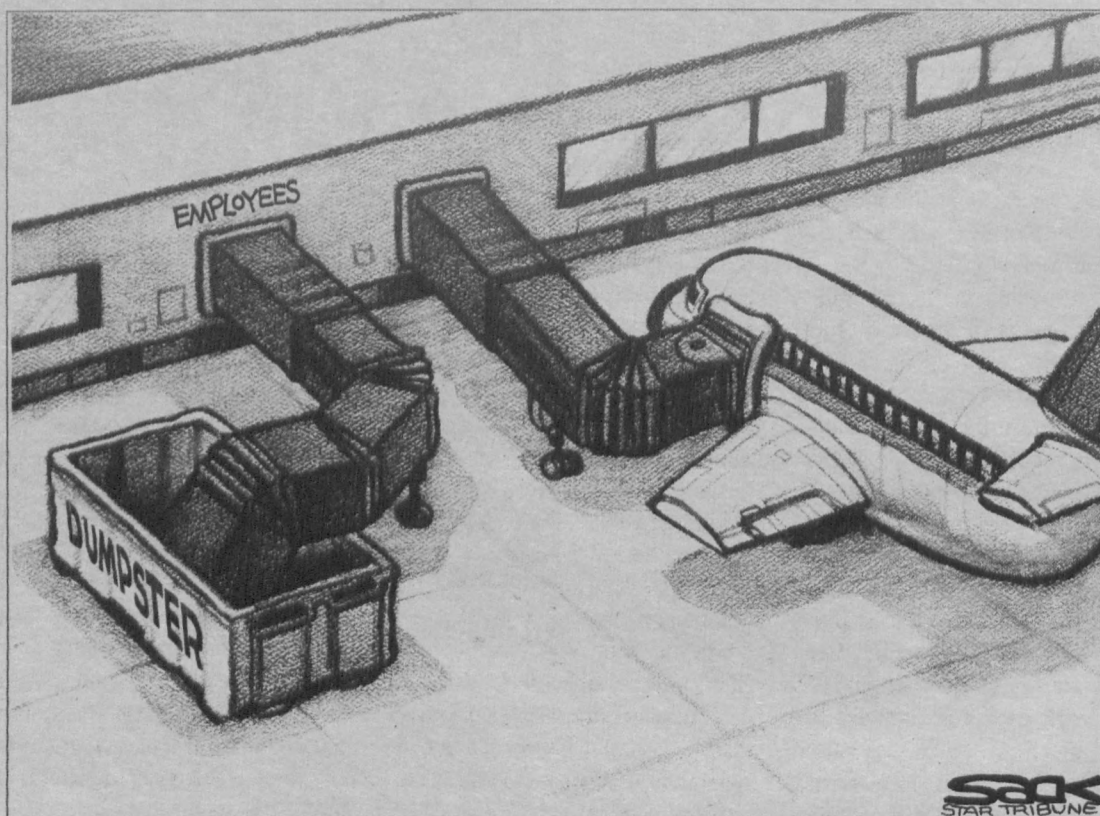
Dean of Students Robert Dana and Public Safety say this type of cooperation would foster a more positive relationship between the university and the Old Town and Orono communities.

It seems the university is trying to punish students for things they do off campus; in effect, a student could be penalized twice for a crime committed in surrounding towns. Not only would off-campus students be subject to legal consequences from criminal courts, they would also face the discipline of Judicial Affairs.

While strengthening ties with surrounding communities is a commendable idea, university officials appear to be striving to increase their control over the actions of off-campus students.

Judicial Affairs should be confined to regulating the behavior of on-campus students, since residence halls belong to the university. However, the department has no business governing the actions of off-campus students, who are grown adults living on their own.

Crimes that are committed by off-campus students, quite simply, are none of the university's business. UMaine is an institute of higher learning — not a task force, not a parent.



NOW over steps its bounds

Not one life was taken, but two

BRYNN
LARY

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

This past weekend, The Daily Record reported that the National Organization for Women has spoken out against the double-murder charge against Scott Peterson. Peterson, husband of the murdered Laci Peterson, has been arrested for the murder of Laci and her unborn child, Connor. NOW is another group of radical leftists, made up of feminists who are doing more harm to this country than good.

They are currently backing away from their recent comments about the case. It seems the uproar has led many upset people to send e-mails and telephone calls expressing their anger.

Surprise, surprise. Americans do not want supposed baby-killers to walk. If Peterson did commit this terrible crime, then jail is much too good for him.

"There's something about this that bothers me a little bit," Mavra Stark, president of the Morris N.J. NOW chapter, said. "Was it born or was it unborn? If it was unborn, then I can't see charging [Peterson] with a double-murder."

It now appears that when

asked about these comments, NOW started backpedaling, and Stark said, "I was thinking out loud."

This after Terry O'Neill, vice president of the national headquarters of NOW, told her that perhaps it wasn't the best time to be making such comments.

What could Stark have been thinking, or was she at all? While Laci Peterson's family is crying over the loss of their daughter and grandson, Stark thinks this is a great time to push her pro-abortion agenda. It sounds like she was just taking advantage of these deaths to make a point and fortunate-

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Letters to the Editor

•Where's the substance

Kathryn Markovchick needs to check her facts and her history before she tries to write another article about the situation in Iraq. Markovchick suggests that this war is causing more problems than it will solve, a valid point, but she fails to present any believable problems.

She says: "Is it really worth pissing off the people who supply us with our oil? We kind of need that thing called oil." First of all, it's very hard to see how installing a friendly government in an oil-rich nation like Iraq will do anything to hurt the oil flow into the United States. Furthermore, I doubt that

Markovchick is aware of the fact that most of America's oil comes from places like Canada, Venezuela and the United States.

Markovchick also insinuates that we shouldn't mess with people who have weapons of mass destruction like Saddam Hussein because

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Hussein retires his jersey

But is it for real this time?

ANTHONY
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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

After several runs as Iraq's preeminent player, Saddam Hussein has finally called it quits. It's not the first retirement for Hussein, but given his most recent performances, many are hoping it's his last.

His glory days are behind him. He's past his prime and he's just not cut to run on today's court, which plays by different rules than it did when Saddam made his first big splash in the '80s. Many of his supporting players have moved on. Clearly, Saddam's time has passed.

After backing away from the pressures of the court March 19, he quickly learned that life on the outside wasn't going to be as easy as he first thought it would be. A career change was simply not going to be accepted, and so he resurfaced in a move many say cheapened the first retirement. Saddam took charge again, leading his faithful comrades on again until he decided once more that it was time to retire. He was reported to have said, "I'm spent. This time it's for real." But it wasn't.

April 9 rolled around and he was once again showing his appreciation for all his loyal fans, seemingly back in the game and ready take on his opponents once more. It was different this time, however. He seemed weaker, less like himself and more like a displaced man in a world he clearly did not belong in. Saddam even lost the support of old allies. It was not long before he made the call for the second and final retirement. That's what he said, anyway. We just can't be sure.

Some say life just isn't the same without him. A great treasure was lost when he took his final leave. Others insist

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Peterson

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ly it blew up in her face.

If Scott Peterson did commit these terrible acts, then the prosecutors have every right to get him on two counts: one for the murder of his wife and another for their unborn child. According to California law, murder charges can be brought against someone for the death of an unborn fetus as long as it is more than seven weeks old. Connor Peterson was eight months old.

Peterson knew his wife was pregnant when he allegedly hurt her, therefore he knew he was harming the baby as well. Whether it was Peterson or not, whoever killed Laci Peterson knew she was pregnant and knew that harming her would in turn harm the baby. It is not right to kill a baby and someone who does it should be punished. Baby Connor was clearly wanted

and although unborn, the killer should be sent to death row, as this second count allows.

This is the major problem with NOW's beliefs. A person who cut the limbs off of his wife, murdered her, therefore murdering the unborn baby, is being excused for the killing of a child that she wanted. That 8-month-old baby's life was valued by Laci Peterson's family and all NOW can say is that the murderer shouldn't be punished for it. When a group like NOW holds such extreme views, they have to constantly reach further and further out on a limb, supporting crazier beliefs just to bolster their original immoral ideas. Abortion equals killing a baby and thus, whoever killed Laci's baby is a murderer.

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Hussein

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that the game will flourish without him, that his sticking around was only going to hurt those around him, hold them back. This is, indeed, the prevailing opinion of the public, even though some are afraid to admit it. His specter hangs long in this town.

Saddam has made his mark. He won't be forgotten. Long after the potentially embarrassing handling of his continued career fades, his accomplishments will live on. Any player would envy his records. His loss is a great one and there will not be another like

him soon. Long after his statues have crumbled, he will be remembered as the man who soared above the rest of us. We can only be grateful that we were blessed to live in the same era as him.

He's keeping his options open. The expansion team in Syria is something he's leaning toward, but Saddam would clearly like to stay in Iraq. Time will tell. Whatever he does, he'll be resting on the laurels of his past accomplishments and will probably do well for himself.

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if "we do one thing wrong, they have the potential to destroy our country with the push of one button." Does Markovchick understand that a chemical or even a nuclear weapon does not have the potential to destroy an entire country? And is she suggesting that we ought to appease terrorists and dictators so they won't hurt us? This is a ridiculous opinion, appeasing terrorism would do nothing to curb its spread, it would only aid it.

Towards the end of her article, Markovchick says the United States has never been

able to form a democracy in a nation that we "attacked." That would be true if it weren't for two nations named Germany and Japan, where democracy was successfully forced at gunpoint by the United States at the end of World War II.

There are certainly many valid points to be made by people on the anti-war side, but this opinion piece by Markovchick contains none of them.

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The First Amendment

Free speech means all opinions are fair game

At the crux of the internal debate over military involvement in Iraq is the death of the First Amendment. As the self-titled "defenders of democracy," the United States stands now dangerously close to murdering the central tenant of that same freedom.

In theory, free speech is an infallible pillar of our country. In function, free speech is only as free as the social environment that surrounds it. Unless Americans are willing to accept a complete influx of opinions, regardless of how disparate it is to their own, then the First Amendment becomes void.

Ann Coulter, a conservative critic, suggested on her Web site this week that the reason liberals and pacifists support an UN role in post-war Iraq, and the reason they rallied against the war in the first place, was empathy: "Now liberals are demanding that the Europeans be let into Iraq so they can release some more terrorists, while liberals do their part at home, carving up the colonels and admirals who capture people who murder Americans."

Coulter's assertion is dangerous, although sadly typical. In the 21st century, conservative pundits have found and successfully tested the new communist: a "terrorist" or "traitor." Coulter's invocation of liberal sympathy for terrorists functionally dismissed the potential value of the peace movement, not on its own terms, but on the basis of misidentification. To argue against

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NEWS EDITOR

objections to war with examples of Saddam Hussein's tyranny is a healthy exercise of the First Amendment, but to debase a protester as a terrorist sympathizer is a cowardly way of suppressing an idea repugnant to the right.

Interestingly, conservatives seem intent on dismissing the anti-war movement as mere sedition, not as a legitimate extension of free speech. Similarly, the French and Germans were quickly hung by the rope of their economic interest in the Middle East — which, incidentally, is nowhere near the length of ours — at the expense of their legitimate claims towards pacifism.

"What did any of you people do for the oppressed in Iraq?" Rush Limbaugh ranted at protesters in an editorial on his homepage. "You did nothing! In fact, they organized their so-called peace movement around making sure those people would continually be oppressed! These hate-spewing, anti-American, anti-capitalist protesters are at their wits' end."

Today, I suppose, I am no longer a patriot: I am not always proud of what my country does and I am not impressed with

Bush's neo-imperialism.

A column in *The Maine Campus* recently expressed dismay that protesters still "carried on" even in the face of "Iraqis kissing pictures of Bush." The same columnist has repeatedly dismissed the liberal movement as a whole, without bothering to explore the intricacies and broad opinion bases that make up every political faction.

"Instead of creating an even further divide, the protesters should try their best to help the Bush administration make the best choices in reconstructing Iraq," she suggested last week, thus dismissing the very possibility that in protest, the pacifist movement has helped the White House by facilitating open discussion of the crisis.

An effective dismissal of the liberal movement must first include a dismantling of the ideology of the liberal movement. Dismiss it with relevant argument and political example, not with the broad brush stroke of ignorance. After all, Ms. Lary, just as you have assuredly valid reasons for supporting our president, I have my reasons for questioning his motives.

In order for free speech to survive in its purest form, we must create a society that is open and free of suppression. The latter belongs to America, and the former to the very fascism which somewhere in the Middle East, we are trying to crush.

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Bumstock rocks

How can something free get such a poor reputation?

NATHAN
KATZ

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

this weekend's festivities, they would repeatedly hear sentiments like, "Bumstock sucks now," "I don't like Fat Joe" and a myriad of other harsh remarks. In fact, in recent years it seems as though trashing Bumstock has become as much tradition here as the show itself.

It's true that Bumstock has changed. With big name acts come increased security and less attention paid to the smaller artists. What hasn't changed about Bumstock are the fundamentals that make it tradition. Bumstock is still about live music, it is still about local talent, and most importantly, it is still free to students.

So this year, break the growing suspicion that UMaine students don't like free things. Truly, what type of college students would we be if we openly shunned a free gift? This weekend, allow yourself to enjoy the company of your fellow students, turn out en masse and realize that free stuff is to be had.

Be on the field this weekend for

what might be the last performance by Dr. Radical. Witness the rising juggernaut that is Greene & Bosse. Be there for the second teaming of Funkizon with Brooklyn rhyme-spitters Little Egypt. And when that inevitable naysayer pops up with the all too popular opinion, "Oh, Bumstock is gonna suck this year," don't stand silent to such a comment.

Stand tall, look this tradition-basher in the eye and say, "No, you and your kind, always nay saying. Though you are popular in opinion and safe in numbers, I must disagree. Bumstock won't suck, and if it is labeled as such, it is because of people like you and your infernal need to judge good and bad by the number of people who have already expressed that same opinion."

Speak and let the truth be known, Bumstock cannot suck. Why? Because, as all self-respecting college students know, nothing free can suck.

So this Friday, when the age-old question is put to you: "What's going on tonight?" Be prepared, be confident and reply, "Bumstock on that, my friend, is what is going on!"

Nathan Katz is a sophomore journalism major.

"Write a letter to the editor."



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Barry Drake, rock historian, returned a crowd of UMaine students to their decade of youth: the '80s. Drake's tour, aptly named "'80s Rock — Music in the Video Age," explored the jumpstart of MTV, the hit-and-run of Devo (pictured) and the staying power of Aerosmith, Bon Jovi and The Boss himself, Bruce Springsteen.

'80s rock — music in a material world

By Kyle Webster
Staff Writer

Music videos, big hair, questionable fashions and Milli Vanilli. Yes, the '80s, a time when money rose to power and talent took a back seat. These were just some of the topics covered and opinions presented by Barry Drake, a man described as the walking encyclopedia of Rock 'n' Roll, in his lecture entitled '80s Rock: Music in the Video Age. This is the fourth installment of a four part series he does that covers the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s.

"Are you guys really ready for the '80s?" Drake asked before starting his lecture.

The crowd reacted with an excited "yes," and immediately music started up and the audience was taken back to the time

when rock was at its "most innovative, yet flamboyant," according to Drake.

"It all began with a very prophetic music video," he said: The Bugles' "Video Killed the Radio Star."

He then went on to discuss the various genres of music that dominated the era. He divided it up into 11 different styles of music and for each style he offered a music video and a list of bands.

He began with new wave (both British and American) and discussed acts like the Cars and Dire Straits.

He then moved on to heartland American rock, with John Cougar Mellancamp, Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

The remaining styles included women, both groups and solo, hip hop, hard rock, pop,

American roots rock, dinosaurs: alive and well, heavy metal, underground and the late '80s, a time that he described as "having a style all its own and not much talent, with acts such as Tiffany, Debbie Gibson and the New Kids on the Block."

Throughout his talk, Drake utilized a projector with music videos and pictures of various artists being displayed. This caused many audience members to break out into song and cheers as they saw some of their favorite artists flash across the screen.

All in all, the lecture was extremely enjoyable. Members of the crowds were singing along to the various songs, booing such acts as Milli Vanilli and offering a friendly laugh at the various styles presented.

Drake even seemed to be hav-

ing a great time, despite the fact that this must have been his millionth time presenting this lecture. He acted along to some of the videos and was constantly singing every song.

Drake has been named college campus lecturer of the year five times and this is definitely with good reason.

All in all this presentation was amazing. I could go on and about how grateful I am to CAB for bringing him to us. I could also mention how much I hope he comes back to present the other three decades. I could even feel sorry for anyone who missed this presentation, which I would definitely call the best lecture UMaine has seen in years. I only have so much space, however, and besides, after one and a half hours of '80s music, I have a ton of songs I need to download.

bumstock Survival Guide

Here is all the latest information on Bumstock, to be held Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26.

Bracelets will be available at no charge to students with a MaineCard between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Community Policing Center in Memorial Union. The general public will be able to purchase bracelets at the gates for \$10 throughout the weekend. The show is 18-plus for the general public, but UMaine students under 18 will be allowed in. Attendees must bring a Maine Card or ID to get in.

Gates will open at 4 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Fans should leave after the last act. Security will be handled by APS, a private firm, and Public Safety. Attendees will be searched upon entering the gates. No carry-ins, including bookbags or purses, will be allowed for safety reasons.

From the UMaine Parking Services Office - the Orchard Lot is closed to resident parking from Wednesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. until Sunday, April 27 at 5 p.m. DTAV Drive is closed to traffic and parking from Friday, April 25 at 1 p.m. until Sunday, April 27 at 5 p.m. Alternative parking will be available in the MCA commuter and perimeter lots beginning at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23. Vehicles parked in violation of these guidelines will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Final details are still being worked out, but non-music events may include a barbecue. Local radio station Z 107 will be there, as well as some other undetermined acts.

Compiled by Alex Lehning.

UM concert, symphonic bands delight crowd

By Luke Krummel
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Symphonic Band gave students, faculty and family an enjoyable experience as they played a concert with the University of Maine Concert Band in the Maine Center for the Arts April 17.

Opening the night was the Concert Band. The majority of students in the band are there strictly for their love of music,

as most play on a volunteer basis. On conductor Christopher White's cue, the band kicked the evening off with "Where Eagles Soar," a song written and composed by Stephen Reineke for the Acadia Hospital. It was premiered by the Concert Band April 1, 2003. The music flowed smoothly as Curvin Farnham, UMaine's Symphonic Band director, guest conducted "As Summer Was Just Beginning."

Following its final piece of the night, "Concord," the crowd lead the band off the stage with a standing ovation.

The Symphonic Band consists of music majors and is conducted by Farnham. The program will be touring the country participating in various competitions.

The Symphonic Band started its performance with "Bullets and Bayonets March" by John Philip Sousa. The highlight of the show was a

piece that was guest conducted by White. The song, "Concertino for Four Percussion and Winds" featured outstanding solos from Stephen Hay, Yukiko Miura, Ryan Parker, Thomas Schmidt and Trevor Smith. The solos were well done and were enjoyed by the entire crowd.

"The Carnival of Venice," another crowd pleaser from the show, featured Joshua

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FILE PHOTO

Cartoon fans are getting their fix on the Internet

By Kyle Webster
Staff Writer

Many students view this time of year as one filled with stress and high expectations. Through all of this struggle, however, many have found salvation. That salvation is a tall, white creature wearing a red T-shirt with a star directly in the middle.

His name is Homestar Runner and he can be found 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the popular online cartoon Web site, homestarrunner.com. The site is also home to Homestar's antagonist, Strong Bad, the other two Strong brothers, Strong Mad and Strong Sad, Homestar's girlfriend, Marzipan, his best friend, Pom Pom, as well as Coach Z, the Poopsmith, the King of Town, Bubs, the Cheat and Homsar.

The site is the brainchild of Mike Chapman and his brother, Matt. They invented the basis for the characters in 1996 with a children's book they published themselves and first put online in January 2000. Since then, the site has grown in popularity across the country and at the University of Maine, with more than 50,000 hits a day.

When first logging onto the Web site, the viewer sees the character of Homestar running to the tune of a theme song.



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Strong Bad of homestarrunner.com draws Trogdor the dragon on the popular Internet cartoon show.

The only lyrics to this song is the word "everybody," sung over and over. A welcome page is set up with links to other parts of the Web site. The page changes each time a person logs in, with 17 alternating backgrounds.

For the first-time viewer, there is a button titled "first time here?" This takes the

viewer to a short skit that is the perfect preview for a random and bizarre visit to this site.

Homestar Runner welcomes the viewer by saying, "Hello, and welcome to homestarrunner.net. It's dot com!" He's then corrected several times before Strong Bad steps in and points out that he's the

reason the viewer is there. And, as Homestar says, "It's true."

One of the most popular aspects of the Web site is the weekly Strong Bad e-mail. Each week, Strong Bad replies to one e-mail that was sent to him by a fan. He receives roughly 1,000 e-mails a day.

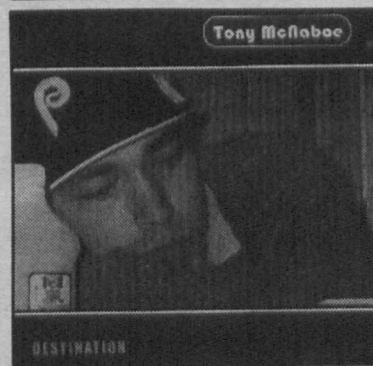
"From October alone, we've got about 20,000 unread messages," Mike Chapman said in an interview with Flak Magazine.

The e-mails come from all over the country and touch on varied issues.

"It's great just getting the

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SOUNDBYTES



Tony McNaboe
Destination

Fans of the now-defunct Rustic Overtones recognize Tony McNaboe as the man who spent nine years laying out steady drum beats for the Portland-based band. Anyone who spent a Monday night at Portland's Big Easy night club over the last two years, however, knows a very different version of McNaboe.

As the lead singer of soul band Inside Straight, McNaboe electrified packed houses at the Big Easy every Monday with his performances of classic soul and R&B songs from Bill Withers, Otis Redding, Stevie Wonder and even Michael Jackson. With former Rustic bandmates Jason Ward, Ryan Zoidis and Dave Noyes by his side, McNaboe belted out hours of classics peppered with his own soul-filled originals.

Now, with the independent release of his first solo album, "Destination," fans of McNaboe can hear him far from the confines of the Big Easy.

Though seeing McNaboe live is hard to top, "Destination" loses little of the feel of an Inside Straight show. The album features 10 originals penned and performed by McNaboe, who is backed by powerful musicians including former Rustic members. The album has flavors of soul, funk, R&B, rap and gospel, making an enjoyable and eclectic sound. Standout tracks are "Destination," "Gone (Departure)," "Your Favorite Song" and "Brighter Days."

Forget Rocktopus and Paranoid Social Club. Tony McNaboe is the most talented post-Rustic performer of the bunch.

— Kris Healey



Hed P.E.
Blackout

Hed P.E.'s "Blackout," the much anticipated third album from the California rap-rock group, was released March 17. For me, the album wasn't the best, but it wasn't the worst.

"Suck It Up" kicks off the disc with what sounds like the Devil himself. Lead singer Jahred starts the song by growling like Satan. The band then heads right into its current single and hit "Blackout." After that, there is a lot of yelling.

It seems that almost every song starts with Jahred letting loose with a jungle scream. The act gets old. "Get Away," "Half A Man" and "Flesh and Bone" make up the middle part of the CD and they all sound very similar to me. A scream, singing and then another scream to close the song.

The highlight of the CD comes in the form of "Other Side." Jahred actually sings for the entire song, while a steady beat is laid down. Over the beat are some soft guitars, which are very different from the rest of the album.

The disc is capped off with a return appearance from Satan in the track "Revelations."

"Blackout" and "Broke," the band's sophomore effort, sound very

similar. Other than "Other Side" it doesn't appear that Hed P.E. have tried to evolve their sound much. I guess this just wasn't my cup of tea. I like how the CD rocks, but I don't like all of the screaming. If jungle shouting floats your boat, you have found the right CD.

— Luke Krummel



Project 86
Truthless Heroes
Atlantic Records

Following on the heels of its successful album "Drawing Black Lines," acclaimed metal group Project 86 has hit a homerun with its latest album, "Truthless Heroes."

The band's third album, but only the second with Atlantic Records after being bought out of its contract with Tooth & Nail, "Truthless Heroes" is a concept album that follows the story of a tragic hero

searching for his identity from childhood to post-mortem in the style of a one-hour television drama. Complete with three "commercials," the album is cut into four digestible sections.

Mixed by Sean Beavan (Marilyn Manson, Nine Inch Nails) and produced by Matt Hyde (Slayer, Monster Magnet, Porno for Pyros), "Truthless Heroes" has a finished, complete feel, something lacking in many metal bands today.

With lyrics such as "You love to hate this side of me" ("Caught in the Middle") and "I don't even like the taste of blood/But it was all they had for sale today" ("Team Black"), "Truthless Heroes" depicts the hardships of becoming one's own person and dealing with the backlash that comes from succeeding.

These aren't as surprising, however, once you look at some of Project 86's literary influences, such as T.S. Eliot, known for such poems as "The Hollow Men," Aldous Huxley, and George Orwell. Their musical influences for this album also range from Led Zeppelin to Black Sabbath and The Cure.

Overall, "Truthless Heroes" is an excellent album that includes some of Project 86's best lyrical and musical work to date.

— Jesse Davis

Diana at Dollar Night

Comic fans and their dates will love 'Daredevil'

By Diana McElwain
Staff Writer

The three little words "I dare you" have prompted such events as scandalous hook-ups, streakings and pointless pranks. It is these same words that fuel the hero in "Daredevil," a comic book action movie with a less than typical protagonist.

Ben Affleck plays Matt Murdock, a pro-bono lawyer by day and Daredevil, the man with no fear, by night. His heroic trait comes greatly from the fact that Matt is blind.

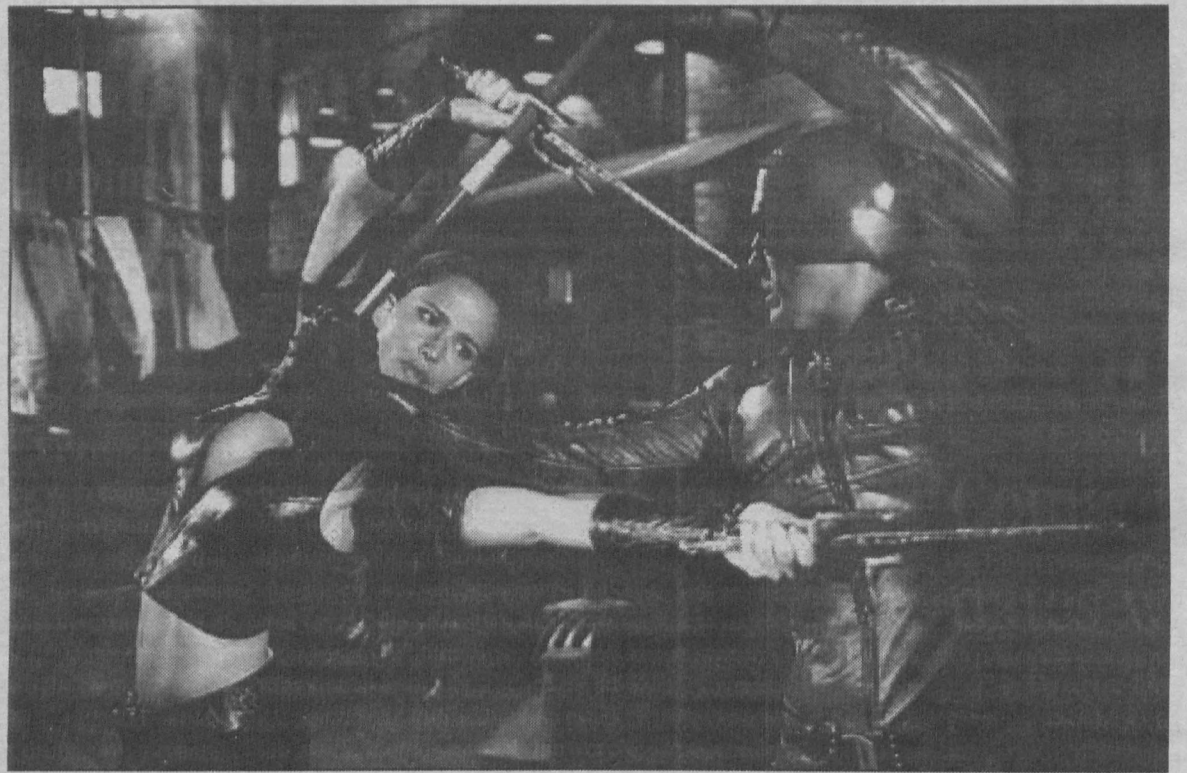
The film takes us back to Matt's traumatic childhood, in which an unlikely accident with bio-hazardous waste robs him of his sight. Shortly after this incident, the boy loses his prize-fighter father in a vio-

lent killing. Matt decides then and there that he will devote his life to fighting for justice for those who are too weak to fight for themselves, as he once was.

What Matt lacks in the vision department his other four senses more than make up for. He is keenly aware of his surroundings, able to dodge bullets by their sound and locate women by their smell.

It is in this manner that Matt meets his love interest, Elektra Natchios (Jennifer Garner). Once he gets one whiff of this girl whose name sounds something like "electric nachos," he follows his nose down the street after her, and their tumultuous and steamy relationship begins.

Affleck does a wonderful job depicting the blindness of



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Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck star in "Daredevil," now playing at Spotlight Cinemas.

this unlikely hero. Although Matt has devised many methods to deal with his disability, such as folding each type of his money differently so he can differentiate the bills, Affleck's eyes (aided by blurred contacts) remain blank, unresponsive and even helpless to the world around him. However, aside from this and the Matrix-like stunts that he often pulls, there is nothing else remarkable about his performance.

Luckily, the movie's villain, Bullseye, played by Colin Farrell, is so terrible that he makes Affleck look like a theatrical genius. Farrell, who has

been considered by many to be the best Irish actor since Liam Neeson, failed to shine as he usually does. Equipped with a fluctuating Irish accent and the ability to bullseye any target, his underdeveloped character provides the film with little more than unnecessary gore.

What sets this action movie apart from the rest is Matt's obvious weakness. The disability makes Affleck's character appealing because it makes him more human than the average super hero. The movie is also refreshing because its plot has enough twists and turns to make its

climax and ending a surprise. Let's just say, the good guy does not necessarily always come out on top.

The movie does, however, rely on the stereotypical super-hero scenes, such as the when Matt dramatically changes from his suit and tie into the skintight body suit and mask that is necessary for crime fighting in any super hero flick. Tiresome as they may be, these antics will please comic book buffs, while the tender but tragic love story will satisfy their dates. I give "Daredevil" three and a half out of five Junior Mints.

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Whitehouse, a professor in the University's music department. Whitehouse was backed by the band, and several times during the song, he dazzled the crowd with his impressive trumpet solos. Whitehouse did several solos during the song, each lasting a minute or two. Once the song concluded, the

crowd showed their appreciation to Whitehouse and the band with a standing ovation.

The night of concert music was concluded at the MCA with "Pagan Dances," a piece written by James Barnes. The band did a nice job and left the stage while hearing the crowds approval for several minutes.

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Movie: "Last Man Standing"

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Music: "Push It" by Salt 'n' Pepa

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Music: Matchbox Twenty

Celebrity: Freddie Prinze, Jr.

Movie: "Little Nicky"

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e-mails that say, 'Hey, your site's great!' "Mike Chapman said. "It makes it all worthwhile just to get the e-mails and see how many people are in tune and appreciate it. And the small details — if we throw a little secret in a cartoon, and someone gets it, they're like 'Oh yeah! I used to watch that too!'"

This section gets updated each Monday and has become a fan favorite.

"[My favorite part is] Strong Bad's e-mails," Christopher Bahl, a sophomore, said. "They are satirical in a cynical, random way that I find fresh and funny again and again."

Other aspects of the Web site include feature cartoons, games, downloads, character biographies, a museum and a store, where fans can purchase T-shirts and coasters, among other things, with their favorite characters on it.

One thing that sets the site apart from other online cartoons that are popular among college-aged students, such as

Romp.com and Joe Cartoon.com, is the lack of profanity.

"Of course, there are times when we think, why can't Strong Bad just say: 'F***! I hate this bulls***!'" Matt Chapman said. "There are countless outtakes of that kind of stuff. We were thinking of making The Swear Episode, where they just cut loose after all this time."

Students at UMaine don't seem to be bothered by the lack of profanity, however. Some wear sweatshirts with Strong Bad on them or quote the most recent e-mail across campus. When asked why they liked Homestar Runner, many students simply replied with a Homestar quote.

"Once again you come scrolling back," Ryan Holmes, a fourth-year student quoted. "Scroll buttons got ill like a heart attack."

Homestar continues to grow in popularity and the Chapman brothers continue to generate new ideas for what to do with the characters next.

They said they want to avoid television and over-commercialization, but they do enjoy the success.

"In terms of dreams ... We look at something like 'Peanuts,'" Matt Chapman said. "They're going to show the Peanuts Christmas Special until the end of time, and that just rules. And it's always going to make kids ... I dunno, I almost cry every time when I watch Linus tell Charlie Brown the true meaning of Christmas. If we could do that, and maybe even avoid putting it on TV, that would be even cooler. It would be neat if we were kind of riding the crest of some Internet thing. Hopefully, the Internet will turn into something good like that."

But, regardless of where Homestar Runner goes from here, it seems the site will continue to grow in popularity. Whether because of its safe nature, its complete randomness or just the mere fact that it's funny, people are drawn to homestarrunner.com.



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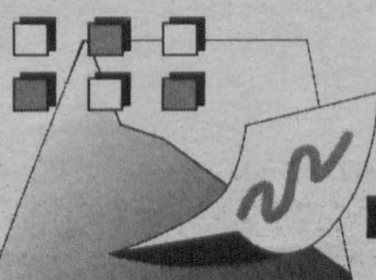
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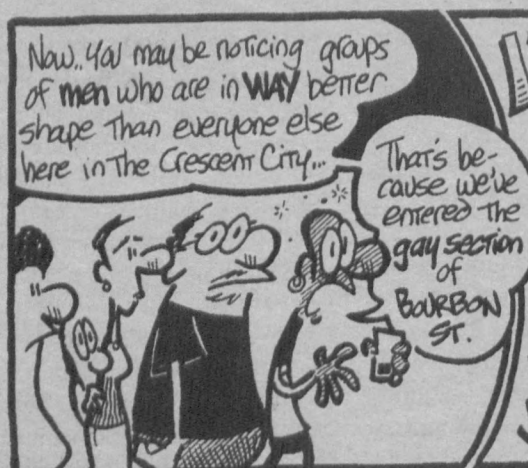
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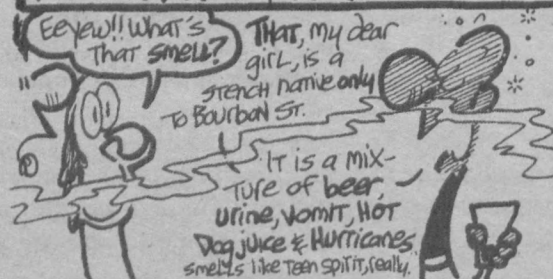


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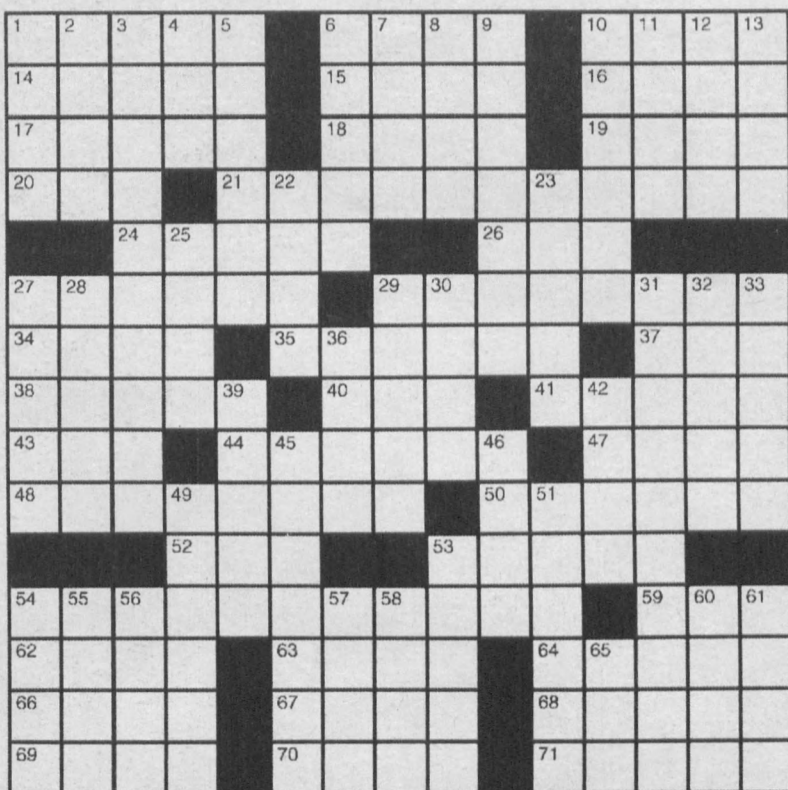
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Today's HOROSCOPES

By Liz Jarrell
For The Maine Campus

Taurus (4/20-5/19)

Feeling down about your situation with that special someone? Don't be afraid to tell him or her how you are feeling. Chances are, he or she has noticed the change between you two as well, and talking things out would benefit the relationship.

Gemini (5/20-6/20)

You feel yourself getting stressed out with piling assignments and other school work, and are afraid this will affect your seeing that special someone in your life. Tell him or her the deal and don't worry; the necessary accommodations can be made to ensure you two see each other.

Cancer (6/21-7/21)

Don't get bummed out with your current love situation. Someone you would least expect has his or her eyes on you. Try to determine if you could see this "friend" in a new light. A blossoming relationship could ensue.

Leo (7/22-8/22)

Someone will come forward and reveal his or her feelings to you. Although it might catch you off guard, be the good person that you are and hear them out. Regardless of what happens, you two will always have a particular closeness.

Virgo (8/23-9/21)

Didn't think that cutie was capable of looking your way? Think again! This person is showing a particular interest in getting to know you better. Don't be afraid to make the necessary moves to ensure that happens.

Libra (9/22-10/22)

Feeling a little under the weather? Try to set out the necessary time in the day to relax and recover. Nap, watch television, do some reading — any kind of quiet activity will have you feeling better in no time.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

There is a new person in your life, but you are not quite sure whether you are ready for something new. Sort out your feelings and issues with that ex before you rush into a new relationship. Be confident in what you want.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/20)

Feeling particularly lazy this week? Be sure not to let it get the best of you. Try not to let the slacker tendencies take over. You will be proud you didn't when the end of the semester finally rolls around.

Capricorn (12/21-1/19)

Everything seems to be going right in your life. You are satisfied with classes, schoolwork, and especially with your social situation. Be excited about that new person you're seeing; you two have something very special developing.

Aquarius (1/20-2/17)

Make that move you have been stressing over for the past couple of days, whether it be a move in your academic or social situation. Only good change can ensue from taking charge and going after what you want and need.

Pisces (2/18-3/19)

You're feeling very confident with yourself, and believe that you can do anything you put your mind to. Take advantage of this boost in self-assurance and try something you wouldn't normally do.

Aries (3/20-4/19)

Keep the communication lines open, and talk out issues with that friend you've been having problems with lately. Be sure to get all feelings out in the open; it's the first step in ironing out the wrinkles.

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COLUMN from page 20

Padres reliever Luther Hackman missed several games last week after cutting his index finger swinging a weighted ball in the dugout.

All of which proves his point, Torborg said.

Ordinary activities can topple even extraordinary people. As an example, he cites the case of former minor-league teammate Brian Buchanan, a Miami native now with the Padres.

While trying to beat a close play at first, Buchanan hit the base wrong "and his foot came off," Torborg said. "It was still in the shoe when they got to him."

The break was so severe, the bone between the ankle and the shin had detached Buchanan's foot.

"Throughout the season, thousands of times people run down to first base and nothing ever happens. But the freak ones do," Torborg said.

During spring training in 2002, Philadelphia Phillies' Dave Hollins suffered a series of spider bites and spent most of last season on the disabled list because of it.

Marlins trainer Sean Cunningham said strange injuries might be more prevalent in baseball because players play every day. So instead of letting nagging injuries heal, players aggravate them by staying in the lineup, or taking out the trash, whichever comes first.

"It's a daily grind for these guys," he said. "Give an injury a day's rest or two days' rest, and it's not going to be an issue two days later. In football or hockey or basketball, they might not have the next game for three or four days."

Still, several baseball players just don't look like athletes. Maybe that's the problem. For every finely chiseled Gerald Williams, there are a dozen pear-shaped Armando Reynosos. That, too, is misleading, Torborg said.

"There's more than looking physically impressive," he said. "There's cardiovascular shape. Look at Babe Ruth. You would say he's the worst-shaped athlete, yet he hit home run after home run after home run. He was in good baseball shape. Sometimes just because you look good aesthetically, it's not the best for the sport."

"In baseball, you're dealing with fine motor skills. You don't necessarily have to be an 'athlete' to throw a ball 95 mph," Cunningham said. "But with the game developing the way it's developing, people are recognizing ... that it is an athletic sport, and therefore the best condition you can be in is going to be beneficial to your performance."

But that didn't help the pitcher Cunningham had to treat a few years ago when he was with the Montreal Expos. Turns out the pitcher had lacerated his pitching hand in a fishing accident. He missed three weeks.



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University of Maine first-year infielder Brittany Cheney makes a play at second base in the Black Bears' loss to the University of Albany last weekend. UMaine travels to the University of Vermont Saturday for a four-game weekend series with the Catamounts.

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third baseman Megan Long. Long, a sophomore, hit .429 for the week with four RBI including a home run which gave her the new Vermont single-season home run record, with four.

Smith knows that, regardless of their record, Vermont is a "scrappy team" and in order to have a good showing this weekend, she needs continued contributions from her younger players.

Freshman Brittany Cheney is one player who has come up big for UMaine this year. Her .383 batting average and 19 runs scored are good for third in the conference. She scored four of those runs last week, while also going 6-12 at the plate.

Sophomore Jess Brady is not far behind in the America East statistics.

"At this stage we completely control what happens with the postseason, so it is up to us to make it happen and not have to depend on any other team getting us into the conference tournament."

She is currently seventh in batting average with a .336 mark, and her 16 steals place her second in the league behind Jamie Haas of Boston University.

One interesting side note to this weekend's series with Vermont is the matchup of two former high school teammates: UMaine's Sara Asadoorian and Vermont's Kara Massey, who both attended Northbridge High School in Northbridge, Mass.

"I grew up playing ball with her, so it's kind of weird seeing her in a different uniform," Asadoorian said. "But, I know her pitching style, so maybe we can use that to our advantage."

Asadoorian and her teammates head to Burlington for the noontime games against Vermont Saturday and Sunday.

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Flyers, Minnesota win tough NHL playoff series

By Dan Wolken
The Gazette

DENVER — In a corner of the Colorado Avalanche dressing room, defenseman Adam Foote stood on a broken foot and talked with a broken heart.

Minutes before, Minnesota Wild forward Andrew Brunette shoveled in the winning goal of the Western Conference quarterfinals, stunning the Avalanche 3-2 in overtime Tuesday to take Game 7 at the Pepsi Center.

The third-year Wild move on to the Western Conference semifinals to face Vancouver, while the Avalanche must face the reality of missing the conference finals for the second time since moving to Denver.

In 1998, Colorado was ousted in the first round by Edmonton — in a Game 7 at home, after leading the series 3-1.

After this year's collapse from a 3-1 series lead was finally complete, it was Foote — in many ways the conscience of the Avalanche who offered the disturbing truth: losing Game 7 started with losing Game 5 last Saturday in Denver.

"We played with fire last year a lot, and we did it again this year," Foote said. "We didn't learn our lesson last year, and we had them here and we didn't bring a lot of emotion. We can't hide that. It didn't happen. And we have to fix that, we have to address that."

For the Avalanche, failing to put away the Wild when it had a chance will linger more than Brunette's goal, which came three minutes, 25 seconds into overtime when he sliced through Colorado's defense and deked goaltender Patrick Roy out of position before putting in the game-winning backhand.

Or perhaps it will be the knowledge that Colorado played its best game of the series in Game 7, only to face a stone wall in Minnesota goaltender

Manny Fernandez, who stopped 43 of 45 shots.

"Their goalie played really well, and they certainly deserve a lot of credit," Roy said. "I think that was a team that wanted it more than us."

Still, Colorado has no alibi for not putting away Minnesota in regulation of Game 7.

Only a porous penalty kill stood between the Avalanche and victory. An issue the team struggled with all season, Colorado paid the ultimate price for it Tuesday.

When Joe Sakic scored a power-play goal from his knees to give Colorado a 2-1 lead, only 6:45 remained in regulation. But 35 seconds after Rob Blake was sent to the penalty box with 5:03 left, Minnesota forward Marian Gaborik bulled to the crease and pounced on the rebound of Filip Kuba's shot, which Roy couldn't get back in position to cover after barely kicking the puck away.

"Specialty teams are huge in playoffs and ours weren't," Foote said. "Specialty teams had to be better, and we got outplayed in specialty teams."

It was reminiscent of how Minnesota quickly tied the game in the second period after Peter Forsberg put Colorado ahead 1-0 and ignited a wave of energy that died 57 seconds later when referee Kerry Fraser issued a controversial boarding penalty to Foote and Brad Dupuis scored on a rebound with 12:22 left in the second period.

In effect, it was then that Colorado's dominance faded. Minnesota used the goal to regroup, asserting itself little by little after merely holding on for the game's first 30 minutes.

Through two periods, the Wild faced a 29-14 shot deficit. In the third, Minnesota held a 14-10 edge.

"When you leave yourself a Game 7, anything can happen," Colorado coach Tony Granato said. "You leave yourself vulnerable."

By Tim Panaccio
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — "Vindication." That is what Tuesday night's 6-1 rout of the Toronto Maple Leafs in Game 7, to clinch the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series, meant for the Philadelphia Flyers.

It was vindication for a team that had not gotten past the first round since 2000. Vindication for a group of veterans who scored only two goals all last spring. And vindication for Mark Recchi, who scored six goals in this series, including two last night at the First Union Center.

Those goals iced the game and sent the Flyers into the conference semifinals Friday against the Ottawa Senators.

It took Recchi 18 games to get six goals in 2000. The right winger, who turned 35 in February, scored two goals in the 2001 postseason and none last spring.

He heard whispers about his slowing down and not having any juice when the postseason rolled around. Recchi ignored them, vowing that this April would be different.

"For most of my career, I have been a pretty good playoff performer, and then I've had a drop-off for a few years," Recchi said. "You always want to prove you can be an effective hockey player. The pucks just fell in."

His goal in the final minute of the second period on the power play was vintage Recchi. He took a strong first shot at the net, then picked up the rebound and wristed the puck over Ed Belfour for a 5-1 lead. Recchi also had an assist.

The conference semifinal series will open in Ottawa with games on Friday and Sunday, then will move to the First Union Center on Tuesday and next Thursday. Tickets for Games 3 and 4 go on sale today.

Several other Flyers had monster games last night. Keith Primeau, whose yeoman defensive work in the series was marvelous, had a goal and an assist.

Justin Williams, who played on a surgically reconstructed left knee after missing the final 36 games of the regular season, was flying up and down the ice. He added a goal and two assists.

Claude Lapointe, a player the New York Islanders gave up on this season in favor of a younger center, Shawn Bates, had a goal and two assists.

"For those guys who have been around here, it means a lot," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "The baggage you carry with you for not winning, it's a hell of a burden, and you notice it. You notice the stress on the players."

The captain made the first goal happen at 16 minutes, 24 seconds. Driving the puck up the right side, Primeau dumped it into the corner. Belfour came out of the net and did what he usually does pretty well — wrapped the puck around the boards.

Primeau sealed off the left boards and got the puck back, then passed it to Williams at the back wall. The Leafs' defense pulled to that side, but Williams tossed the puck into the middle. Gagne, all alone, beat Belfour to the stick side.

"Keith made a great pass to me, and Simon hollered in front of the net," Williams said. "He had the blocker side to shoot at and made a great goal."

The assist was Primeau's first point in the series.

Lapointe, taking Gagne's spot on the ice for that face-off, got the puck out of a scramble along the left wall and went up the ice. Nolan, whose sore hip had turned him into a statue in this series, was frozen along the wall as Lapointe cut around him, dived to the goal line, and centered the puck.

Williams, moving to the net as Lapointe went along the wall, turned his stick and redirected the puck past Belfour's glove hand for a crucial 2-0 lead.

"This lets us just go out and play now," Recchi said of getting past the first round. "We don't have to answer the questions anymore."

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University of Maine sophomore catcher Aaron Izaryk looks to the home plate umpire for the out call, as a Northeastern University player is thrown out in the Black Bears' win April 18. UMaine hosts America East Conference opponent Binghamton University this weekend for a four-game series.

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Aaron Izaryk was the offensive star, going 4-5 with three runs batted in. Picard added a pair of hits and Mike Livulpi scored three runs.

Husson's Mike Cowperthwaite gave up six runs in the loss for the Braves, but they were all unearned. UMaine benefited from six Husson errors on the day.

UMaine will also host the Binghamton University Bearcats in a pair of doubleheaders slated to begin at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

Binghamton looks to earn its first conference win at Mahaney Diamond this weekend. The Bearcats are winless in conference play at 0-8, having recently dropped four-game sets with both

the University of Albany and America East leader University Stony Brook.

The Bearcats have had their share of troubles on and off the field. Binghamton has not even played one game on their home field this season due to drainage problems in the outfield. By the time the team reaches Orono, it will have played 30 consecutive

games on the road.

Traveling woes have not been the story for the Black Bears, but the team will face perhaps its toughest competition in May. UMaine is 19-9 away from home so far and will finish off the season with doubleheaders at Albany and Stony Brook.

Currently, Stony Brook is ranked No. 1 in conference play

The Black Bears and the Seawolves are tied for 14th in the Northeast College Poll. The Black Bears fell from eighth to 14th place last week, while the University of Vermont moved up to 12th place. Vermont is the only America East team to be ranked higher than UMaine this season, and the two teams will meet in Orono May 16 and 17.



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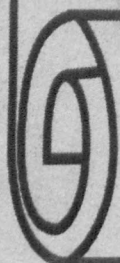


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Spring football workouts heat up Black Bears' 15 preseason sessions culminate with annual Spring Game

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

It's baseball and softball season around the University of Maine, but the Black Bear football team is also taking advantage of the spring weather. The back-to-back Atlantic 10 Conference Regular Season Champions are using April and May to conduct workouts and scrimmages in the team's drive toward elite status in Division I-AA.

NCAA rules allow 15 spring workouts, and UMaine has used four so far, starting on April 16. The workouts will conclude with the annual Black Bear Spring Game at Morse Field May 10.

Strength and conditioning coach Will Biberstein was responsible for helping to improve physical abilities among returning Black Bears.

"We're trying to wrap in everything that's important at that time of year, when they're inside, for developing as an athlete," Biberstein said. "Then, once they get into practice, the coaches can put the emphasis on their position and skills."

"It's a good start," head coach Jack Cosgrove said after the April 16 practice. "We were on top of things mentally. I think we lined up and we did some things that showed we've done a lot in the offseason that helped us come here and practice properly."

Cosgrove had his returning players on a rigorous three and a half-month strength and conditioning program over the winter, and said he was anxious to see

the fruits of his players' hard work.

"It's kind of exciting to finally see it out there," Cosgrove said. "To see the speed we have on the field, the explosiveness we have in some of our skill guys, and those types of things. We've just got some young guys that have to get some reps, and it's going to be fun to watch that develop."

The first two days of workouts consisted of helmets-only

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practice, per order of NCAA rules. The focus was for players to learn offensive and defensive formations and participate in several one-on-one drills. But the Black Bears donned pads last Friday, and Cosgrove watched his players respond with increased intensity.

"Even though it's not the regular season, it's your time to shine," junior defensive end Marcus Walton said. "It's your time to show coach that you want to get on the field. It's an opportunity for freshmen and

sophomores, even juniors and seniors, to get on the field and show coach they're ready to play."

"I was excited to see that intensity, but then you get nervous because that's 22 of your own guys out there all the time," Cosgrove said. "There was a lot of feistiness out there, and sometimes as a coach you worry about things getting taken too far."

Mark Nori joined the UMaine coaching staff as head of the offensive line, replacing Matt Griffin, who took a head coaching job at the University of Tennessee-Martin. Griffin was a two-time All-Big East lineman in his playing days at Boston College.

"We're doing some different things pass protection-wise," Nori said. "We're doing some things with our footwork that are different — in pass sets, in particular, for the tackles and the guards. So far I'm impressed with everybody. They're a good, hard-working, disciplined group."

The Black Bears continued practice Monday, this time working out in upper pads only. Cosgrove is looking for players who he said can give his team a championship-caliber edge.

"We're talking about guys who are touchdown makers, guys at quarterback who can make a throw under pressure, guys who are going to make catches and guys who are going to break tackles," Cosgrove said. "On the defensive side, you're looking at guys who can make the big tackles or maybe get you a turnover."

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The University of Maine football team has begun spring workouts in hopes of defending its Atlantic 10 Conference Championship in the fall. See story on page 19.

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Baseball sees freak injuries

By Kevin Baxter
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

MIAMI — Milwaukee Brewers first baseman Richie Sexson pulled a muscle stretching a new baseball cap. San Diego Padres pitcher Jay Witasick hurt his arm taking out the trash. Atlanta Braves left-hander Mike Hampton, who strained his right calf in a treadmill accident, re-injured himself stepping out of the shower. And St. Louis Cardinals minor-leaguer Mike Crudale broke his toe answering the phone.

Anyone who suspects professional baseball players are not finely conditioned world-class athletes need only turn to the injury reports for evidence some are brittle or not the sharpest tool in the shed.

The poster child for the latter could be Baltimore Orioles outfielder Marty Cordova, who missed a game last year after falling asleep in a tanning bed and burning his face, or Braves reliever John Smoltz, who burned himself while ironing a shirt — that he was wearing.

Marlins strength coach Dale Torborg, a former minor-league first baseman and professional wrestler, doesn't buy either argument. Baseball players never have been as fit as they are now, he said, and the kind of freak injuries that sidelined Witasick and Crudale happen to thousands of people every day. It's just that nobody notices when a cap-stretching injury sidelines an accountant or a Wal-Mart greeter.

"Everybody has weird injuries," Torborg said. "People get hurt doing silly, stupid things. There's no rhyme or reason."

But there are clues. Couches, for instance, seem to figure prominently in several baseball injuries. Arizona's Mark Grace broke his toe on one last season while rushing across the clubhouse to congratulate teammate Damian Miller on making the All-Star team. And pitcher Ricky Bones strained his back getting off a couch in the Marlins' clubhouse.

Players also should avoid sleep. Former San Francisco Giant Chris Brown didn't play in a game once after he "slept on his eye wrong."

A phone felled former Marlin Walt Weiss, who once missed two weeks after tripping over the cord.

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Baseball plays nonconference tune-up



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF
University of Maine senior third baseman Joe Drapeau makes a play in last weekend's series with Northeastern University. Drapeau is batting .306 and is tied for the team lead in home runs with six.

Bears down Husson, return to America East action Saturday

By Becky Sturtevant
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine baseball team took time out from its America East Conference schedule yesterday to host Division III, in-state rival Husson College of Bangor.

The Black Bears handled the Braves rather easily, 11-2, in their first match-up, and return to action today in Bangor for another showdown with Husson.

The Black Bears benefited from five-run, fifth inning, which was highlighted by Alain Picard's two-run bases loaded single.

Sam Warner picked up his third win of the season on the mound, tossing five innings of the nine-inning game. Adam Labelle and Brett Rogers each tossed two scoreless innings of relief.

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Softball needs big weekend for playoff push



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF
University of Maine sophomore Jess Brady is second on the team in batting average (.336) and is tied for the team lead with 12 runs batted in.

Black Bears on postseason bubble as they travel to the University of Vermont for a weekend series

By Jim Doughty
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team is turning the corner and charging towards the finish line. The Black Bears are currently one game ahead of the University of Stony Brook for the fourth and final spot in the America East Tournament, but head coach Deb Smith is not looking over her shoulder to see who's on her tail.

"At this stage we completely control what happens with the postseason," Smith said. "So it is up to us to make it happen and not have to depend on any other team getting us into the conference tournament."

With 11 scheduled games left, including 10 league games, Smith hopes her squad can maintain focus heading down the homestretch.

"From a day-to-day basis, we really are trying to focus on ourselves and what we need to do, rather than what other teams are doing and where we are sitting in conference," Smith said.

"The conference is very tight right now and anything can happen," she said. "Our challenge right now is to build some consistency going into these last two

weeks. Once we establish that consistency, we will be in a great position as we move toward the conference tournament."

Smith is looking for her Black Bears to regain their consistency this weekend when they travel to the University of Vermont.

Vermont has been lagging behind the pack the whole season. The Catamounts came into the week with a 5-19 overall record (3-13 in league play), but Smith is not about to take them lightly.

"Vermont has given us fits in the past, so we are looking at this weekend like any other, regardless of what Vermont's record and stats are to this point," she said.

Plus, Smith knows anything can happen in this league, especially on the road.

"They are not an overpowering team, but will look to string hits together and take some chances," she said. "Playing at their place will also make them a tougher team all the way around."

After Vermont lost eight games last week, UMaine hopes to catch the Catamounts on its last legs. One of the only bright spots so far for the Catamounts has been the production from

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