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BAT set to utilize biodiesel

By Elizabeth Deprey
For The Maine Campus

The city of Bangor will be the first in the state to begin using fuel consisting of a biodiesel blend instead of regular diesel in all of their vehicles, including the BAT buses, construction equipment and plows.

Bob Dawes, equipment director for the city, said the new fuel is not only easy on the environment but on the budget too.

"This is a great opportunity for the city," Dawes said. "This was the most cost-effective option. There's almost no initial investment, and if it doesn't work out, we can just stop using it. This will benefit every surrounding town."

Biodiesel consists of mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats which conform to ASTM D6751 specifications for use in diesel engines according to www.biodiesel.org. Biodiesel is the pure fuel before blending with diesel fuel. Biodiesel blends are denoted as, "BXX," with "XX" representing the percent.

The fuel that Bangor will be using is a B20 blend, which will be provided to the vehicle fleet by Irving. It will contain 20 percent soybean-based diesel, and 80 percent petroleum diesel. Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau, president of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said that the fuel switch is a move in the right direction.

"This sends a very important message, that [Bangor] cares about the environment and the state of our living conditions," Quinn-Thibodeau said.

He said the group is planning to bring a similar idea up to the university, after more research is done by the group.

"This is a very positive step, but more could be done," said Quinn-Thibodeau.

Alexander Aman, also a member of SEAC, said biodiesel was an excellent choice of fuel. "I think this is really indicative of how forward-thinking Bangor is. This is a good step in the process," Aman said. "To make diesel, there are all these nasty chemicals. It's a nasty process. Biodiesel contains vegetable oil, usually made from corn or soybeans. It's easy to make and the only byproducts are carbon dioxide and soap."

When Dawes first introduced

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Yearbook to stay submerged

Confusion, legal action swirl after project's 2004 sinking

By Justin M. Wozniski
For The Maine Campus

Students who purchased the 2004 University of Maine Dirigamus finally received a one page sheet last week that contained the last two pages of the biographical section of the yearbook. The error, made by Taylor Publishing, was not discovered until after the books were shipped from the company, and was the final blunder on a

list of reasons why Student Government has backed out of a three-year contract with Taylor.

"These particular pages were prepared by Taylor. An oversight in designating the color of the type in the desktop publishing program caused the copy not to appear," said Taylor college projects leader Linda Tailford, in a letter describing the situation to students who purchased the book.

Before the 2004 book was com-

pleted, a UMaine yearbook had not been published since 1997 due to financial problems. Matthew Rodrigue, former student body president, initiated the yearbook project in 2003 and the General Student Senate voted to finance a feasibility assessment for the publication.

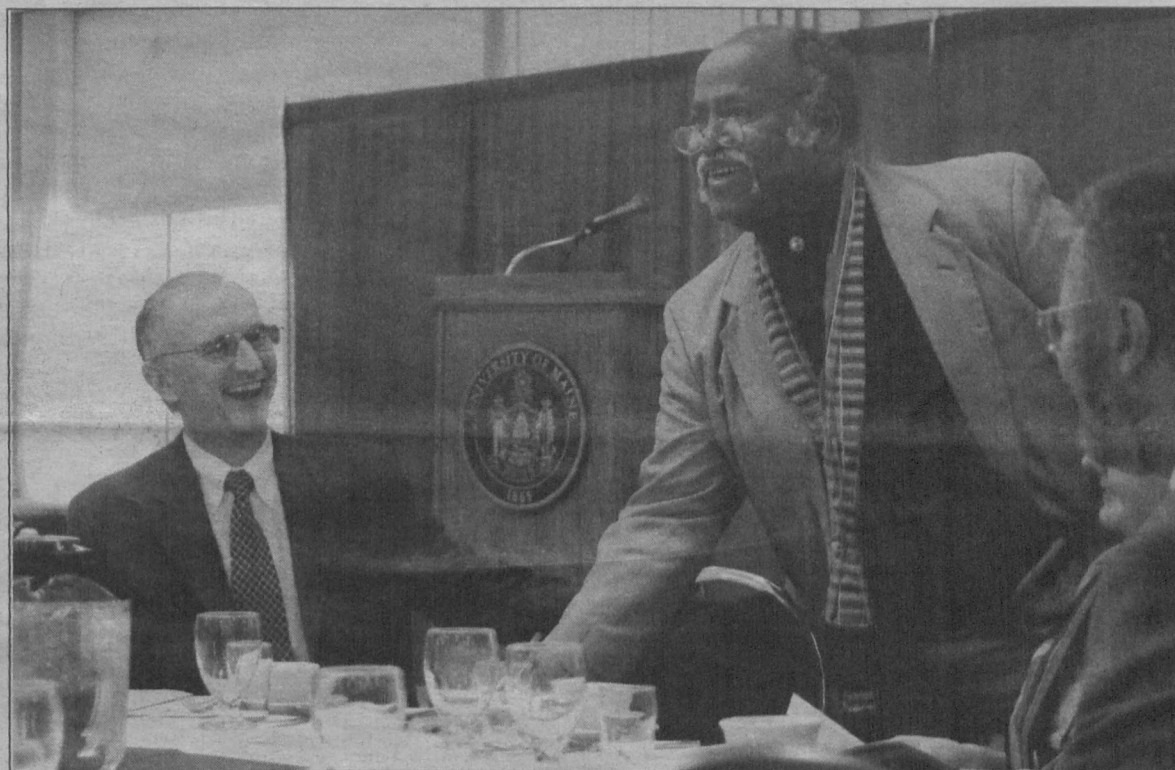
Even though the UMaine Student Government staff was apathetic to the production of a yearbook when the idea was presented,

they still secured a contract with Taylor in agreement to publish three books over a three-year period.

While Taylor was pleased with the finished product, Student Government Vice President of Financial Affairs Ross Bartlett described the final product as "unimpressive."

"Taylor is totally unwilling to admit faults and are less than forth-

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

AMONG FRIENDS — Interim President Robert Kennedy and Bangor NAACP President James Varner speak before beginning the ninth annual breakfast in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Breakfast praises, aims for diversity

By Samantha White
For The Maine Campus

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast that was held Monday morning in the University of Maine Wells Conference Center proved more than just a time to eat and reflect on the great American's accomplishments. According to Maine Attorney General G. Steven Roweit, it was a time to "not only remember [King's messages], but implement them."

Before the ceremonies and speaking began, everyone in attendance was encouraged to discuss King and his accomplishments. Interim UMaine President Robert Kennedy said it was an opportunity to address issues relevant to this university.

"The breakfast helps us to articulate the importance of civil rights and human rights in our diverse community," he said.

Other speakers included Congressman Michael H. Michaud,

and State Sen. Elizabeth Schneider. These speeches led up to the keynote address, by attorney Jerry Leaphart of Danbury, Conn.

During the speeches, a common theme developed: The need for all persons to unite.

"This is not a time for individual leaders. It is a time for group effort with everyone pitching in to bring his message into reality," Leaphart said.

James Varner, president of the Greater Bangor Area National Association of the Advancement Colored People, said that in the American consciousness, minorities are still sitting at the back of the bus. An example of this, according to Michaud, is evident in the great economic disparity between races.

"The issues that MLK fought for are still here today," Michaud said.

The speakers noted problems in such areas as minority health care, citing proof that they receive less care overall and poorer quality of

care during doctor visits than white Americans. Leaphart said this evidence challenges the assumptions of many Americans.

"In this society, you have those who believe that in the United States, all you have to do is work hard and get your act together," Leaphart said.

He said that the quality of care in other countries has surpassed America's in some respects.

"Cuba has an infant mortality rate lower than ours," he said.

During the conference a petition regarding an event more close to home was passed around. In 1993, a man named Darren Vargas moved his family to Maine and bought a run-down shack he intended to fix it up. He immediately became the victim of hate crimes.

Neighbors accused him of dealing drugs, rocks were thrown at his house, "KKK" was spray painted on his belongings, and

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Kennedy touts UM in south

By Eric Gullickson
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine Interim President Robert Kennedy is currently engaged in an effort to boost enrollment from southern Maine.

Recently he has been traveling around the state to spread the word about the UMaine.

"[The University of Maine] is the flagship campus in the state of Maine. We are the primary school for research, graduate studies and educational development in the state system," Kennedy said.

"We have done the least to get our message out in southern Maine, which is most important because of the population size and economic development."

He said that making the UMaine appeal to the population in Southern Maine will make a great difference in the reputation of the university. Maine is most densely populated in the southern part of the state, and is more economically prosperous. Kennedy said he wants to show how the university can further the economic prosperity of the entire state through its programs.

"My philosophy upon taking the interim president role was to make sure we are carrying the message and happenings at the University of Maine statewide," said Kennedy. "The school should be appreciated for what it does."

The goal is to reach the tens of thousands of alumni who now live in southern Maine and are disconnected from UMaine. The trips that Kennedy are taking are not only aimed at continuing an increase in UMaine enrollment from the southern part of the state but to avoid losing those students to other state schools. Kennedy said his strategy seems to be working.

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Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Spring film series

The Maine Peace Action Committee will show "Hearts and Minds," a documentary confronting the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War in 110 Little Hall at 7 p.m. There will be a group discussion afterwards. For more information, contact Douglas Allen on FirstClass.

First & Third Snak & Yak

At noon in the Wade Center For Student Leadership, bring your bag lunch and talk to other students on campus about what you are doing in your groups or organization.

Rally

MPAC and other groups will hold a rally, called "Our Agenda for the Next Few Years," outside Fogler Library from noon to 1 p.m., followed by coffee.

For more information, contact Douglas Allen on FirstClass.

\$1 climbing night

MaineBound will host a climbing night open to students, families and the community from 3 to 10 p.m.

For more information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794 or on First Class.

Toning class

A toning class will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. in Lengyel gym. For more information, contact Thad Dwyer on First Class.

Pilates

A pilates class will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information, contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Cardio kick-step

A cardio kick-step class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Lengyel gym.

For more information, contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Friday, Jan 21, 2005

Beta Sleep-Out

Nationally acclaimed advocate Ben Atherton-Zeman will speak on men's role in preventing sexual assault at 7 p.m. at the Sleep-Out Against Rape on the front lawn of the Beta Theta Pi House.

The event is from at 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and is designed to make a stand against rape on campus.

For more information, contact Dallas Phillips on FirstClass.

Research talks

The department of physics and astronomy colloquium will host a lecture in 140 Bennett Hall at 3:10 p.m. For more information, contact Patricia Byard at 581-3410

Marine Sciences Lecture

The School of Marine Sciences will host a seminar by Rainer Black at 11 a.m. in 354 Aubert Hall. For more information, call 581-4381.

BMMB seminar

A lecture by Stephen Devoto, Wesleyan University, "Muscle Development and Growth in Vertebrates: Insights from Comparative Embryology and Zebrafish Genetics" will be held at 3:10 p.m. in 115 Donald P. Corbet. For more information, contact Roseann Cochrane at 581-2815.

Go Blue Day

Wear blue to show your school spirit.

Saturday, Jan 22, 2005

Dinner theater

The Maine Masque will be presenting a murder mystery dinner theatre at 5 p.m. in the Mahogany Room, Wells Commons. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors. For tickets call 581-1792 or contact Joy Vanmeter on FirstClass.

Skate skiing

MaineBound will host this one-day session from 10 a.m. to noon at the MaineBound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$15. For more information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794.

Sunday, Jan 23, 2005

Worship service

The Wilson Center will host a contemporary nondenominational worship service at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Timothy Sylvia at 866-4227 or via First Class.

Submitting information

Submissions for *The Maine Campus Community Calendar* are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Diana McElwain or dropped off in *The Maine Campus* office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

Man violates bail by smoking marijuana, drinking alcohol

A man was issued multiple summonses following a situation in the York Village parking lot at 2:59 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14. An officer on foot patrol noticed an occupied parked vehicle. Due to the time and recent reports of car burglaries, the officer decided to investigate. When the officer contacted the passengers, he detected the smell of burning marijuana. The person in the driver's seat and one passenger, identified as John MacCormack, 19 of Orono, confirmed that they had been smoking marijuana. Due to MacCormack's bail conditions, officers asked to search his room in Penobscot Hall. The officer found a pill bottle with marijuana residue in it. As a result, the resident of the room, Patrick Marass, 19, of Orono, received a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia. All present in the room were referred to Judicial Affairs for alcohol violations.

Noise complaint leads to summons

A man received a summons and others were referred to Judicial Affairs following a noise complaint in Penobscot Hall at 12:24 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13. Officers responded to the hall where a resident assistant said she had been to a room on two occasions asking for the inhabitants to quiet down. She also suspected the residents may have been con-



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By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

suming alcohol underage. The officer knocked on the door of the room and a visibly intoxicated female who was unsteady on her feet answered. She was identified as being 18 years old, and admitted to consuming three beers. A consent search of the room produced a box of beer, a half-empty bottle of liquor and a multi-colored glass pipe with marijuana residue in it. As a result, the resident of the room, Patrick Marass, 19, of Orono, received a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia. All present in the room were referred to Judicial Affairs for alcohol violations.

Police stop man with ice-covered windshield

A man was arrested following a traffic stop on Rangely Road at 3:59 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. An officer on patrol of the area noticed a moving vehicle with an ice-covered windshield. Due to the obstruction this caused, the officer decided to stop the vehicle. The officer approached the driver, identified as Joseph Burnham, 18, of Orono, and detected the odor of alcohol. He stated that he had consumed half of a beer. Following

field sobriety tests, it was determined that Burnham should not have been driving. He was arrested for operating under the influence and transported to Penobscot County Jail where his blood alcohol level was found to be a .09.

Marijuana smoker invites police into her room for party

A woman received a summons and four others were referred to Judicial Affairs following a situation in Stodder Hall at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. A resident assistant reported the odor of burning marijuana on the second floor of the hall. An officer visited the room where a woman, identified as Cassandra Brown, 20, of Orono, opened the door and invited the officer in. Four others were seen in the room. The officer stated that it was obvious the occupants of the room had been smoking marijuana and asked for them to hand it over. Brown pulled a bottle with marijuana from her purse. As a result, she was summonsed for possession of a usable amount of marijuana. The four others in the room were referred to Judicial Affairs due to conduct.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

FLYING INTO THE FUTURE — The BAT Community Connector, which services Bangor, UMaine and the surrounding towns will begin using biodiesel fuel in an effort to cut emissions released from the bus fleet.

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the idea to the city, the idea was deemed cost-prohibitive. The city was subsequently fined by the state Department of Environmental Protection, and is paying for this project instead of paying the fine. Dawes said this

plan benefits the greatest amount of people.

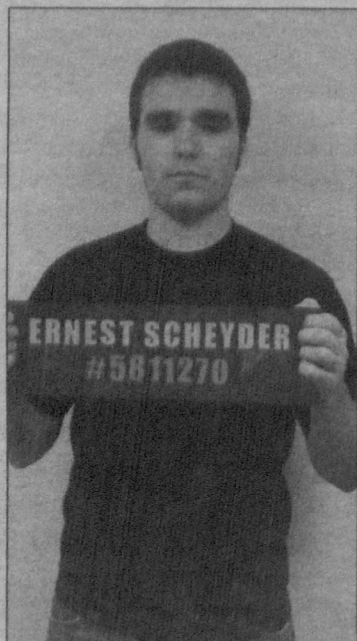
"This way we get something out of it," Dawes said. "People who think green will think this is good, and people who don't probably won't notice. It will hopefully smell better downtown. I know the businesses there are happy about that."

The Bangor municipality consists of Orono, Old Town,

Hampden, Brewer, Veazie and Bangor. All diesel vehicles in the municipality will be using biodiesel fuel.

According to BAT Superintendent Joe McNeil, the transition from diesel to biodiesel will be completed around mid- to late-spring.

"It will cost a little more, but it will be a lot healthier and more ecologically sound," McNeil said.



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coming in their role and responsibility," said Bartlett.

Aside from the incomplete listing in the rear of the book and the untimely manner in which the books were distributed to students after publication, general complaints about the editorial content of the book have been made to Student Government by students. Most of the complaints were about the lack of photography, inadequate representations of the student population and current events taking up too many pages in a special section devoted to worldwide events and occurrences that had taken place throughout the year.

Additional problems with Taylor and the yearbook staff provided Student Government with little interest in pursuing the project for the 2005 academic year.

Dirigamus Editor in Chief Jonathon White completed his term of employment with Student Government in the spring semester of 2004, and was released from the project. At the time of White's departure from his position, the yearbook was behind schedule with the past June 30-deadline set by Taylor.

Dirigamus Photo Editor James Hills was then appointed as editor in chief and spearheaded the project until its completion.

The staff requested additional funds continually throughout the entire process, as Taylor advised the purchase of additional equipment needed to complete the project.

"The experience had not been the best and was a mounting finan-

cial burden," said Bartlett. Student Government did not profit from the production of the book. The overall cost of producing the book was about \$10,000 — much greater than the expected cost. Funds to support the project were budgeted from the student activity fee, which is automatically charged to students each semester on the student bill.

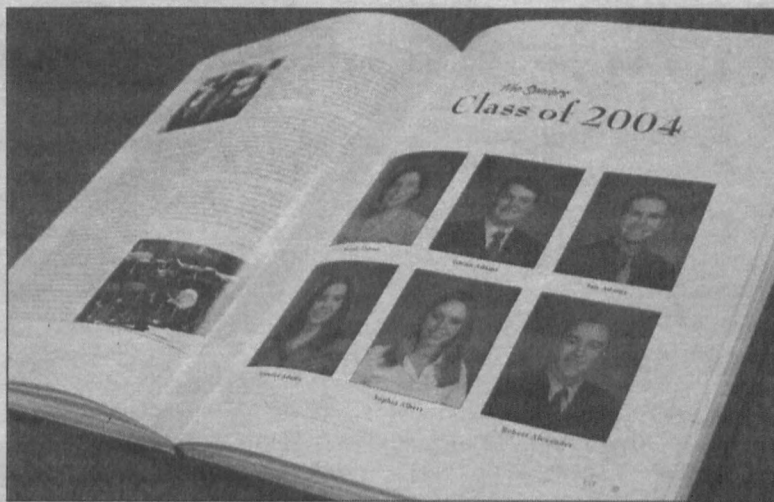
Funds to produce a second yearbook for 2005 were not approved after a \$20,000 request was submitted last April, according to Bartlett. A back-out clause in the contract with Taylor permitted Student Government to discontinue production of additional yearbooks without any financial penalty.

Students and parents were told that the yearbook was only available through special order. The cost of the yearbook was \$75 for students.

Taylor provided 100 additional promotional copies to the university. All promotional copies were sent to the UMaine Bookstore. However, upon the books' arrival, Student Government declined to sell them because of a previous agreement with Taylor that there was no intent to sell additional copies outside of special orders.

When the promotional copies of the book were collected from the Bookstore, only ninety-eight were present. It was revealed that both White and Hills had each taken a book from the promotional copies provided by Taylor. Hills returned a copy of the book voluntarily while White returned a copy of the book after Public Safety was contacted about the issue, according to Bartlett. The promotional copies were then given to the university administration.

White declined to speak on



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

TURN THE PAGE — The University of Maine yearbook Dirigamus is no more after financial and legal problems with both the publisher and staff.

the matter.

"I'm seeking legal counsel right now which is why I have no comment," he said. He did note he was happy with the finished product.

"I was very pleased with the way it came out," White said. "I thought it was a great publication." He said that if the yearbook ever were to surface again, he would like to be involved, but doesn't see it as a reality.

"I don't foresee having time to work on it again," White said.

Most recently, a dispute over two missing camera lenses has initiated a small claims case, filed though the Penobscot County Court, as a civil action to either recover them or to seek restitution for their value.

"As representatives of the students, we have a fiduciary responsibility to students to pursue it," said Bartlett.

Dean of Students Robert Dana was pleased with the production of

the yearbook, and described it as "nicely done" and a "bold first step." Dana feels that the project is worth continuing, despite the past year's difficulties.

"I don't think [Taylor] provided much support," said Dana. "I like the idea of rituals and traditions. Therefore, I like the idea of a yearbook."

Because students are very busy with the schoolwork and social aspects of college, it has been suggested that the UMaine Alumni Association could adequately sponsor and coordinate a yearbook project in the future. Unaware of the capacity of the Alumni Association, Dana said it could possibly be an option.

"They are very centric and respect the students," said Dana, who noted he feels that the Alumni Association would be a good partnership for students interested in pursuing another yearbook in the future.

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"Last year the number of students who attended the University of Maine from Cumberland and York counties alone increased by twenty percent," Kennedy said.

These attempts have led to questions all over campus about the upcoming search for a new president at the end of the semester.

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"I try as an interim president to do what I feel is right and what I feel needs to be done for the university."

Robert Kennedy
UMaine Interim President

feel needs to be done for the university," Kennedy said.

Kennedy wouldn't comment about the possibility of applying to be the next president of the University of Maine. Students will have to wait see if the "interim" part of his title will be dropped next year.

Kennedy said that the trips are for the benefit of the school and not for his resume. Today, he will travel to Caribou in an effort to keep Aroostook County attendance at the university on the rise.

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Department honors math students

By Randy Perkins
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Department of Mathematics and Statistics handed out cash prizes at its first annual mathematics contest. A wide variety of majors participated in this effort to recognize and award students who like and excel at math.

Hoping to reach out to students interested in math but not necessarily involved with the math department, 10 different sets of problems were placed on the department's Web site. Students of all years and majors were given five weeks to solve them. Sergey Lvin, associate department head of the department of mathematics and statistics, said he hoped students would enjoy working on these problems.

"We want students to have fun. It is fun to solve a challenging math problem for some people, the same as it is fun to climb a mountain, or paint a picture or create a piece of music," Lvin said.

Different students were given different sets of problems to solve, each requiring a different level of skills.

Freshmen needed a background in high school math and calculus; sophomores and juniors had to have an understanding of calculus; and seniors were expected to have some knowledge in the subjects of linear algebra and differential equations.

Every group of students was also given problems in algebra, geometry, and calculus.

Lvin said that the program may expand in the future, offering sets of problems to high school students as well as undergraduates.

Cash prizes ranged from \$250 for each first place winner to one \$25 encouragement prize.

Second-place prizes of \$100 were given to freshmen Jon Brophy, an engineering physics major and to Charles Boody, a mathematics major. Freshman Mahima Jaini, a marine biology major, was awarded the \$25 encouragement prize.

The sophomore and junior awards went to Van Tran, a business and financial major, for a \$250 first-place award. Amanda Criner, a mathematics and microbiology major placed second, and a \$50 third-place award went to Adam Duncan, a mathematics and music major. The senior first-place was awarded to Dave Bulkin, a mathematics and psychology major. Vitaly Tkachuk, a mathematics and electrical engineering major placed second.

The department of mathematics and statistics will be holding their next mathematics contest in the fall of 2005, and encourages students from all majors to participate and demonstrate their math skills.

STUDENT SENATE NOTES

O'Brien, McNaughton sworn in

By Diana McElwain
Assistant News Editor

The student body is no longer without its elected leaders. Kate O'Brien and Brigham McNaughton were sworn in as president and vice president of Student Government at Tuesday night's General Student Senate meeting.

The swearing in was delayed by a complaint lodged by presidential candidate Eli Young against the Fair Election Practices Commission. The appeal has since been dropped, and Young said he was no longer interested in the position of president, nor did he want to further pursue his complaint.

"To me, the hearing would then feel like headhunting, and that certainly was not the intent I had," Young said.

Upon taking her position, O'Brien said she was grateful for the Senate's actions in this past week.

"Thank you again for this last week for making sure things didn't get out of control," she said.

Vice President Brigham McNaughton said he was glad to finally be officially president of Senate.

"It's nice to be in office. I'm a little nervous, but I'm getting the hang of things," McNaughton said.

Eric DeGrass, chair of the Fair Elections Practices Commission, shared his plans to prevent such delays from recurring. He said that

his experience as FEPC Chair was a learning experience.

"So it's been interesting," DeGrass said. "I've learned a lot."

Although he will be at the university until he graduates next December, DeGrass said he does not plan on remaining in the position of FEPC chair that long.

"At the end of the semester I will be resigning," he said.

DeGrass said that he won't leave the next person to fill his position empty-handed. He plans to attach recommendations to the FEPC guidelines to offer what he described as a "crash course" for the job. He will also be there to lend a hand in the fall.

Before the end of this semester, DeGrass will hold a meeting of the FEPC to discuss problems with this year's election and what changes can be made.

Off-Campus Board President Aaron Sterling another leader new to his office, also spoke at the meeting. He said was experiencing some difficulty with membership.

"I'm the only member right now. I'm in the process of hiring a whole new executive board," he said. Sterling said he hoped to have the new board in place by Monday.

The Senate also appointed Senator Michael Mack to take the role of parliamentarian of GSS. This was a decision subject to much debate, as some members of senate, said that the position should not be held by a senator.

"Parliamentary procedure can be a strategy for getting what you want accomplished. I feel that parliamentarian should not be a voting member of Senate," Elizabeth Anderson said.

Mack said that would not be the case.

"I want to educate all senators about parliamentary procedure. It really hands the power to the rest of the Senate," Mack said.

With its leaders now officially in place, the Senate was able to disburse funds to student groups. Receiving the most money that evening was Alternative Spring Break, which received \$8,000. Ian Carlson, co-coordinator of ASB, was present to speak on the group's behalf.

"We've done everything, from helping AIDS patients to building homes. We're dishing out \$100 of our own money to sleep on floors for a week," Carlson said.

More controversial was an act to give \$1,329 to send Senate members to a leadership conference. Some members, including President O'Brien, said that such an event would benefit all students.

"You can't measure leadership. We will hope they'll come back and give to Student Government and campus as a whole," O'Brien said. Other senators, however, said that the organization should spend money on other groups, not on themselves. The resolution failed.

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he received life-threatening phone calls. In 1996, bullets were fired into his house. Law enforcement claimed that he was responsible for the gunfire. He has since paid fines, spent three years in jail and is now on probation. The petition

*"King embraced
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stronger united."*

Olympia Snowe
senator,
R-Maine

will allow his friends and supporters to publish a book about his case.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, closed the event with a speech on King's life.

"Indeed, Dr. King embraced the powerful tenet that we are stronger united, rather than divided — and united we must remain in the eradication of intolerance and injustice," she said.

Spruce Run seeks donations to fight domestic violence

By Amanda Sprowl
For The Maine Campus

Spruce Run, the third-oldest domestic violence prevention project in the country, is currently seeking volunteers for their hot line. Spruce Run's services are maintained by financial contributions.

Sue Hamlett, the community education coordinator at Spruce Run, said that domestic violence is an ever-present problem.

"The [domestic violence] issue is proved daily through the police beat. And lots of people are starting to take notice about it," Hamlett said.

Spruce Run is a private, non-profit organization that serves all of Penobscot County, and provides a resource center where information and consultation on domestic violence is available.

Spruce Run provides services to people affected by domestic violence and abuse. Services provided include a 24-hour hot line, emergency shelter, welfare, support and educational groups. Fourteen transitive apartments are also available. All services are available at no cost to the victims.

Spruce Run staff member Dorothy Chocensky said that while the need for such services has increased, so has the price.

"Basic expenses continue to rise, and we are under ever greater pressure to do more with less," Chocensky said.

To ensure that Spruce Run has the capacity to continue offering services to those in need, the Spruce Run Endowment Trust was created in 1986.

Ann Schonberger, a volunteer on Spruce Run's steering committee, director of Women in the Curriculum, and a professor in the women's studies program, said she



CAMPUS PHOTO BY EMMA POPE-WELCH

RING, RING — Amanda Cost is in her fourth year with Spruce Run, and enjoys the experience of learning personally from her work and working within her community.

hopes for financial growth in the trust.

"We wish to triple our [previous] endowment size, which would put it at \$750,000. We are already at \$341,260," Schonberger said.

To aid this effort, Spruce Run holds annual fund-raising events such as the Spruce Run Run and an All-You-Can-Eat-Chocolate Buffet with a silent auction, which will be March 19 at the campus center in Bangor.

Spruce Run's offices run on feminist principles from the 1960s and 70s.

"We follow decisions by consensus, where we do not make decisions unless everyone agrees, and we have a non-higher articular staff structure, so we have a web of ways of working together. We are a very interesting organization," Schonberger said.

Their most utilized service is their 24-hour hot line. The first of twelve training sessions to provide skills necessary to support and provide information to callers while working the hot line begins Jan. 20. Hamlett said that working with the hot line gives volunteers the opportunity to

give something more valuable than money.

"Being a volunteer means you gain understanding [about domestic abuse] by speaking one-on-one with the women," Hamlett, said "Individual impact goes way past the actual dollar amount."

For information about Spruce Run, volunteer opportunities or how you can make a contribution, visit their Web site at www.sprucerun.net. The hot line can be reached toll free 1-800-863-9909 or local 207-947-0496.

PeerEd hosts talk to discuss HIV

Ex-Bangor resident, 19, speaks about growing up with life-altering infection

By Melanie Morin
For The Maine Campus

All our parents kept secrets from us when we were younger to sustain our sense of childlike wonder. But what if that secret wasn't just about Santa Clause or the Tooth Fairy? What if that secret would change the rest of your life?

At age 11, Timothy Lavigne was called downstairs where his mother revealed the secret she had been keeping from him: He was HIV-positive and had been since birth.

During a speech Tuesday night in the Bangor Room, Lavigne, 19, told his life story with a smile, several humorous anecdotes and an uplifting spirit. A marketing student at Bryant College in Smithfield, RI, Lavigne has been speaking all over the country for several years about his experiences being HIV-positive.

According to Lavigne, his father was a hemophiliac, meaning he would bleed profusely and possibly fatally, even from a single scrape, due to the inability of his blood to clot. In the mid-1970s, the drug Factor 8 came out, which would help the blood of hemophiliacs clot. In order to take this drug, the recipients needed to receive blood donations. Some of these donations were taken from prisoners as part of a program to help reduce their sentence. One of these prisoners was either HIV-positive or had AIDS, and as a result, a batch of the medication was infected with the virus. Lavigne's father and many other hemophiliacs were unknowingly infected with the virus after taking this medication. Lavigne's father did not realize he had been infected until after Timothy was born.

Lavigne said he was a "failure to thrive" baby, with a very thin body,

odd rashes and a difficulty holding down food. Shortly after his birth, it was revealed that movie star Rock Hudson had AIDS. After hearing of the symptoms Hudson had, Lavigne's mother realized that herself, her husband, and their son had similar ones, and could possibly be infected.

Lavigne said his mother went to New York and was at first refused the HIV-AIDS test, then called an HTLV3 test.

"At first they wouldn't give her the test because they said there was no way you could have HIV or AIDS because you weren't a gay male. It wasn't possible," Lavigne said.

Two months later, Lavigne's mother received the results which proved that she was infected with the virus and that the rest of her family must be as well.

"At that time, in 1985, they told us to get our things in order. We had an 80 percent chance that we would be dead in two years and I had a thirty percent chance of living till five years old," Lavigne said.

In 1990, Lavigne's father came down with a severe pneumonia, which led to his death that same year. Lavigne said some of the workers at the hospital lived in his neighborhood, and knew why his father had died. They breached the hospital's confidentiality agreement and spread the news. Lavigne said the neighborhood did not take the news well.

"All of a sudden, friends that I had been close friends with for many years ... their doors were shut, and I wasn't able to play with them," he said. "It got to be a pretty hostile environment pretty quick."

Lavigne soon moved to Bangor with his mother when she was



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TAKE A STAND - Tim Lavigne chats with a few audience members after Tuesday's HIV lecture sponsored by Peer Education.

offered a job at the University of Maine as a professor. Lavigne said he still didn't know he was HIV-positive at this time. He took medication every day, but he thought that was normal; that every kid took it.

It wasn't until he turned 11 years old that his mother finally told him.

"I still remember it. It was some nice spring day outside and my mom called me downstairs," Lavigne said. "I became very confused. ... There was a lot of crying involved."

Lavigne said he didn't really understand at the time why he would be HIV-positive, because he thought you could only become infected through sexual intercourse. He soon came to understand everything, including the real reason his father died and why he took medication every day.

"Part of the reason why my parents waited to tell me was because a lot of those TV ads ... portrayed having HIV-AIDS as a death sentence and they didn't want me growing up ... thinking that I was living on a death sentence and just waiting till I was dead," Lavigne said.

Lavigne became involved with

speaking after joining a group called Students for AIDS Facts and Education Resources (SAFER) in high school. He's enjoyed it ever since, and plans to continue in the future.

Though he has to take about 15 medications every day, Lavigne said his life is pretty much the same. He has not had severe health problems and still enjoys the partying and social life of any college student. He has a girlfriend and is very active in extracurricular activities in school.

One of the major factors in his good health has likely been his positive attitude. Lavigne said that other people his age he's met haven't been so carefree about it.

"Those people who viewed it negatively and let it control their lives ... were dead in a matter of months or years," Lavigne said. "How you let your attitude take it plays a large role in the virus."

Lavigne said he's learned from his mother that being HIV-positive or having AIDS doesn't have to restrict you in what you strive to do in life. He said that she is still alive and remains very active.

Abby Severance, a member of the Peer Education Program which sponsored the speech, met Lavigne when they both went to John Bapst Memorial High School. She had also been a member of SAFER and thought it would be great for Lavigne to come speak at the UMaine.

Severance said she was surprised when she first found out about Lavigne, because HIV is something many people think of happening elsewhere.

"[We assume] it's not something that happens in Maine; not something that happens to one of my friends," she said.

While attendance to the speech was only moderate, Severance says it was due to the difficulty of getting the word out on an event right after vacation and after a holiday.

"I was surprised he was so chill about it," said Casey Leighton, a student who attended the speech.

Lavigne said that his experiences with HIV have been an "adventure."

"I'm almost glad that it happened because of the people I've met and the opportunities I've had," he said.

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If at first you don't succeed...

Unfortunately, the University of Maine's first yearbook since 1997 only lasted for one publication. This past week, students who had purchased their 2004 UMaine Yearbooks, *Dirigamus*, received a one-page sheet that included the last two pages of the biographical section. The error was made by Taylor Publishing and was not discovered until the yearbooks were shipped. As reported in today's *Maine Campus*, the latest problem was the final straw for UMaine Student Government, who backed out of the three-year contract with Taylor Publishing.

After additional costs and staffing issues, *The Maine Campus* hopes everyone has learned from the mistakes made in resurrecting the yearbook. The yearbook can be a great way for alumni to look back upon their glory days at UMaine and shouldn't be a money pit. In today's article Dean of Students Robert Dana suggests a possible solution could include having the UMaine Alumni Association create a yearbook, whatever the future may bring for it, students should have continued involvement with future yearbook endeavors, whatever they may entail.

Biodiesel benefits begin in Bangor

In an article in today's *Maine Campus*, it was announced that the Bangor municipality, which include Orono, Old Town, Hampden, Brewer, Veazie and Bangor, will begin to use biodiesel fuel instead of regular diesel fuel. This move will prove to be beneficial to the environment and, in time for the local economy as well.

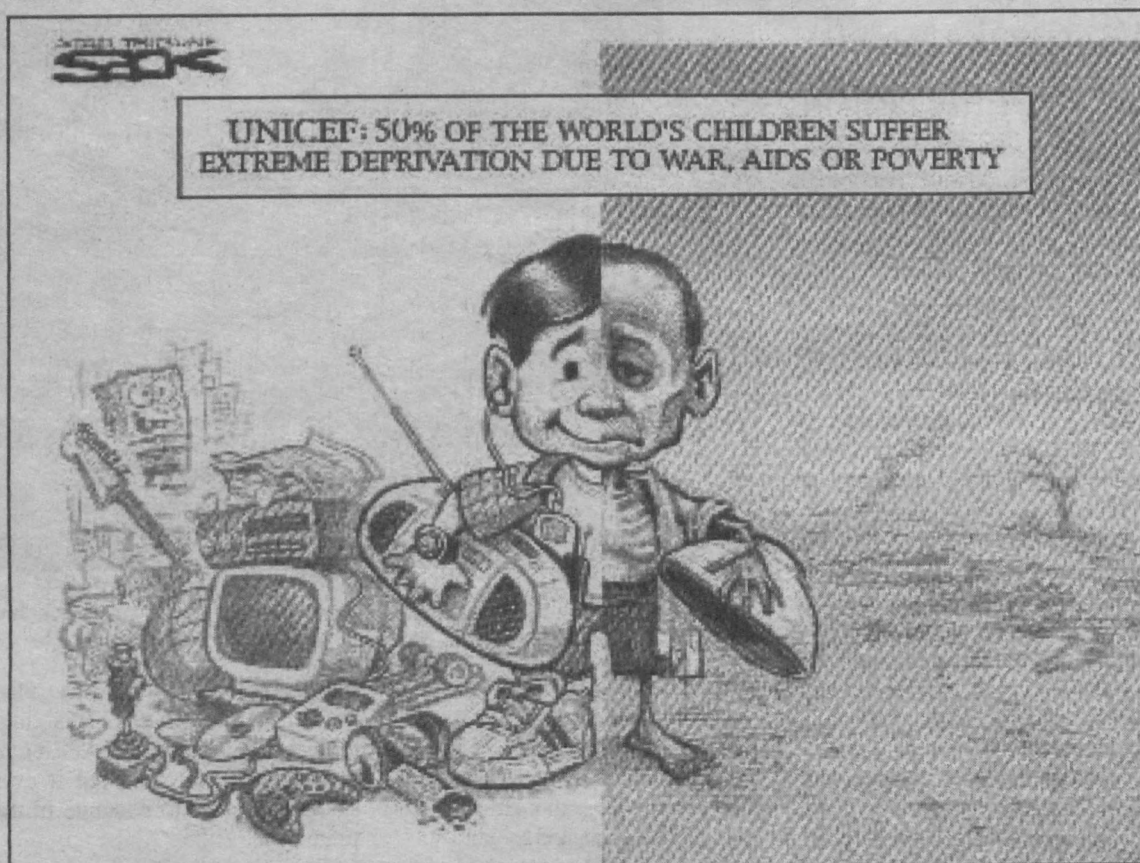
Kudos for not only doing something to minimize the use of fossil fuels and setting an example for other Maine communities to follow, but for also setting a long-term goal of cost-efficient energy alternatives.

Many University of Maine students rely on the BAT bus for transportation to and from campus. While others on campus may be seemingly unaffected by the switch, plans are in the works to bring such methods to the university. Hopefully, UMaine will not miss the bus on such an economically and environmentally beneficial opportunity.

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Thanks for next to nothing Pell Grant increase really just leveling the playing field

With the beginning of the new semester, the latest addition to my student bill is fresh in my mind. Maybe you shared the same uplifting experience as I did when I saw "Federal Pell Grant" listed on my student bill — cha-ching, free money. Those three blessed words have saved me a few hundred dollars each year in tuition loans. So maybe it's not as much money as I could save if I switched to GEICO, but it helps. The less I owe after graduation, the better my chances are of not having to move back in with my parents for the next 30 years while I pay off my student loans.

It seems that the poor college student may have something to cheer for: federal grants. Unfortunately, they are not as helpful as they could be. I'm not unappreciative of my free federal

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money. I understand I pay squat for taxes, so this money I'm getting is a free gift. On the other hand, I'll be paying plenty of taxes in my many working years to come. I'm only asking for a small advance of the government's services, which I will be repaying for the rest of my life.

Lucky for me, President Bush is asking Congress to increase Pell Grant awards by 100 dollars a year for the next five years. If Congress approves this, it will mean poor college students, like you and me will

be eligible for \$4,550 in free money each year toward our tuition bills. Could it be that he heard the college students' plea for help in the face of skyrocketing tuition costs? Not exactly.

For one, Bush promised to increase Federal Pell Grants during his 2000 Presidential campaign and is only now getting around to seriously addressing the issue. As a senior who depends on financial aid, I would like to have seen start seeing that money four years ago.

Bush and the Department of Education are giving this proposal a lot of attention, but that doesn't mean it is their best work. Bush's renewed focus on the popular Pell Grant program is conveniently timed, taking attention away from a recent scandal in which the government is accused of paying for

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Letters to the Editor

• Folsom's fact fix

In "Student Cites Disney for Discrimination," by Angela Fiandaca, in the January 17th issue of *The Maine Campus*, Fiandaca makes many quotations, which are correct. As Claire Folsom, the student facing the policies mentioned, I feel there needs to be some clarification.

At no point did I "cite Disney for discrimination." I can only believe that the student in the title refers to Matthew Small. Further, the subtitle reading "Corporation forces conformity or payment for intern's single room," is incorrect.

Disney gave me two options: I could live in the male dorms,

but I would have to adhere to their male appearance standards and act male, or I could live off campus. When I told them that neither option was feasible, they presented me with a third option of living in a one bedroom apartment alone. They told me that I could have a roommate in their

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Listen up, Dubya Addressing Bush at inauguration

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Dear President Bush,
It's your big day. I am sure you will be getting lots of cards, casseroles and well-wishes on your administration's second term inauguration. Props to you on Ohio — you and Diebold sure pulled the wool over the country's eyes once again. It will be nice to celebrate. You'll dance with Laura and think of things to come. I'm guessing people will have fun.

I am also guessing you've heard that not everyone in the country is as psyched as you and your people that y'all have jobs for four more years. In fact, many of us have been in mourning for two months over the election results. I'm writing you today to tell you that I'm putting away the black clothes and the forlorn face. I'm done mourning and I'm ready to organize.

I will not allow you to keep us in fear any longer. Sure, I am afraid at the prospects of another four years with your administration at the helm, and your party in the House of Representatives and Senate. I wonder what country will you immorally invade next. I've lost sleep at the idea of losing the right to choose, but today I decide that we will live in fear no longer.

We've wasted time focusing our attention on you and not on the issues. Sure, you've given us great material to work with, and the Flash-based Web sites are fun study breaks. Classic lines like, "They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people," and slick moves like the pretzel incident have given us hours of chuckles around the dinner table. However, I'm through with all that. Your antics have kept us distracted from the larger goal at hand: Making the world a better place.

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positive press on the No Child Left Behind law, another Department of Education project.

Bush has not really increased these monetary awards as much as he would like us to believe. His proposed boost in the maximum Pell Grant award would increase possible awards by 12 percent — a hefty increase. In 2004 alone, tuition at public colleges, like the University of Maine, increased by an average of 10.5 percent. Bush is making it sound like he's doing low-income college students a favor. In reality, he hasn't even leveled the playing field, forcing us to take out more in student loans each year.

What's a college student with bills to do? There are always credit card applications promising to save the day while providing a free t-shirt and eternal debt. Getting a job helps, but there are groceries, rent and gas that sucks up most of a col-

lege student's part-time paycheck.

I'm going to e-mail my congressmen and tell them how they could really help me out. I need a federal grant award in that is proportion with increasing tuition costs. I need a federal government that understands the need of my generation to educate itself without sinking deep into personal debt. I need my president to see my potential and invest in my future, understanding that my future is a crucial element of this country's future.

If increasing federal handouts to worthy college students isn't in the federal government's budget, they should reconsider their priorities. For example, granting enormous corporate tax breaks to companies whose interests do not include the greater good of this country certainly does not help the future of our generation. Tell your representative where you want the money they're denying you to be used: right here on your campus.

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BUSH

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If you and your administration insist on cutting veterans' benefits, we will volunteer at the local senior veterans home and help make their waning years more enjoyable.

If you and your administration won't regulate corporations' abuse of workers and sweatshop purchasing conditions, we will refuse to give our business to those stores.

If you and your administration cut funding for education, we will volunteer in the local grade school to help out teachers overworked by No Child Left Behind's endless pile of paperwork.

If you and your administration want to discriminate against homosexual couples, we will welcome everyone with open and affirmative arms.

If you and your administration won't protect the environment and enforce strict emission regula-

tions, we will walk to school and to work. We will carpool. We'll recycle, pick up trash when we see it and do everything we can to lower our own ecological impact.

Basically, if you won't do it, we will.

Don't think you're off the hook, or free to do what you want. We will still write our senators and hold them accountable for their actions. We will still protest, petition and advocate for change. We will not allow you to pass discrimination amendments, and we will work for change at local, state and national levels. You should know that you can no longer hold us paralyzed in fear. It's over. I choose hope, love and peace.

About that thank you letter you sent me the other day thanking me for my help on your campaign: I think you got the wrong person. You might want to take me off your mailing list.

Cheers.

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LETTERS

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housing only if I could find another pre-operative male-to-female transsexual in their college program, but they would not assist me in finding someone.

I believe that Disney does not intend to exclude me from participation in this internship, only that they do not understand the limiting factor that money can have on someone. I believe that Disney is acting according to their policies, which seem reasonable and adequate when standing alone, but when com-

bined present a barrier to participation.

While at Disney, I intend to try to educate them on the specific consequences of their policies regarding my situation, and others like myself. If I can affect some positive change, then I will have accomplished something. I have many wonderful memories of Disney from my youth and I am looking forward to being a part of their program. I want to personally thank everybody who has shown support in this endeavor; it means a lot to me. Now, it's time to make some magic.

*Claire Folsom
Senior, Business Administration*

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Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Buying used books
- "24" & "Alias"
- Tom Brady

- Buying new books
- "American Idol 4"
- Peyton Manning

When drunk, leave the phone alone

Drunk dialing leads to regrets, rough morning after

The worst thing about waking up from a night of being blackout drunk is not discovering that I defecated in my trashcan again or learning that I may have acquired yet another venereal disease, but scrolling through my cell phone's call log and finding out all the embarrassing drunk dials I made over the course of the night.

Anyone who owns a cell phone and drinks an exorbitant amount of alcohol — meaning most college student, can relate to where I'm coming from. For some inexplicable reason, when the beer starts flowing, cell phones emerge from the pockets of drunk people everywhere.

Drunk dials are made to all kinds of people: girlfriends, boyfriends, friends, family members, exes and some people even report calling their bosses or co-workers.

There are two kinds of drunk dials: Those you remember and those don't. Perhaps the worst are the drunk calls you actually remember the next morning, the recollection of these conversations is that much more embarrassing. In hindsight, they are

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embarrassing because you know exactly all the stupid and embarrassing things you said.

If you check your phone the next morning and see a few calls that you don't remember dialing, the key is to check the call timer — if your phone supports this function — because the timer tells you the nature of the phone call. Say you called your ex-significant other and the timer said the conversation was only 10 seconds, most likely you got their voice mail and did not leave a message. Now that's not too bad. Obviously you were calling for either a ride home from a bar, a booty call or all of the above.

Now if that same timer reported that it was a five-minute or longer conversation, than that's probably a good sign, too, because you probably asked for a

ride home, got denied, but then had the presence of mind to at least maintain a conversation for a few minutes, so you didn't look too desperate.

The worst are the conversations that last between 30 seconds and two minutes, because you either called and left an awkwardly long voice mail or the person answered and definitely did not want to talk to you.

Drunk dials have become such an epidemic that Virgin Mobile of Australia have installed features on their newest phones that allow for people to enter numbers onto a "blacklist" which then doesn't allow them to call these numbers during night hours.

So, the next time you wake up in a pile of your own vomit and can't remember half the night, the first thing you should do is kick that stranger out of your bed and then check your cell phone's call list — because if you called your boss in a drunken stupor you probably shouldn't even bother showing up for work — you're probably fired anyways.

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In defense of scientific methodology

Harvard president chastised for 'sexist' comments

Harvard graduate Nancy Hopkins is a biologist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. However, after her actions at an economic conference in Cambridge last week, it would appear she should have pursued a career in witch-hunting.

Last Friday, Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers was asked to give a provocative lecture at the conference. He questioned the role discrimination plays in keeping female scientists and engineers from advancing at elite universities. He said his comment was made "in the spirit of academic inquiry" and that his intention was to encourage further research into the complicated matter. "These are things that need to be studied," Summers said.

He hit the nail on the head when he said that people prefer to believe that discrimination and other social factors are solely responsible for differences in workplace advancements. He never reached a conclusion; he just said that these are the sorts of things that we should research.

He began telling an anecdote about the time his young daughter was given toy trucks in an attempt to be brought up in a gender-neutral environment. However, she ended up naming them "daddy truck" and "baby truck" as if they were dolls.

That's when Hopkins got up and left to launch sexism accusations against Summers. Much like

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"witch," calling someone a sexist damns the person instantly. In its online version of the story, CNN picked a file photo of Summers where he looks like Larry Flint, complete with lecherous smile. Now Summers is in a sticky situation for encouraging people to use the scientific method.

The Sierra Club went through the same situation a few years ago, when the environmental advocacy group announced its stance against immigration. The reasoning was that overpopulation gobbles up resources and leads to environmental degradation. They saw illegal immigrants as a large source of population problems within the United States. However, when the Sierra Club announced its conclusion that illegal immigration needs to be dealt with for the good of the environment, opponents accused the liberal organization of being racist. Why would a century-old, left-leaning environmentalist group suddenly hate Latinos enough to strike up a policy against them? It doesn't make sense. However, the accusations of white supremacy that then were enough to get the Sierra Club to back down

from the immigration issue — another cry of "witch."

This Saturday in Las Vegas, weatherman Rob Blair accidentally said "Martin Luther Coon Jr. Day" during a live broadcast, and was immediately fired. Some civil rights leaders admit that they believe it was an accident, but still believe he should be fired. Mujahid Ramadan said, "Anybody can make a mistake, but it's a major civil rights icon we're talking about, and unfortunately, this shows racism is still present." Ramadan suggested that the news station needs diversity and sensitivity training.

Are we to believe that a respected newsman hates black people so much he couldn't resist saying something offensive over the air? Should we ignore his black friends in our quest to weed out every last bigot?

When Copernicus used science to disprove Ptolemy's Eurocentric view of the universe, the church attacked him and threatened him with death. They figured out the way to get around proper scientific procedures is to make claims of heresy. This same technique is being used against Summers. If Hopkins is so sure of her assumptions, she should encourage scientific exploration. If she's right, science will help her case. Instead, she chose to use a diversionary witch cry instead of letting science investigate the matter.

Mike Hartwell is a junior English major.

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CHILD'S PLAY — Julie Laverdiere, 10, of Bangor, paints a bowl Tuesday after school.

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Get fired up

UNLEASH YOUR INNER CHILD AT BANGOR POTTERY STUDIO —
WHERE IT'S OK TO PAINT OUTSIDE THE LINES

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

You might not think of yourself as an artist, or even artistically inclined, but at Clay By Design in downtown Bangor, you can let your artistic talents — or lack of talents — fly free for a couple of hours. At this paint-your-own-pottery studio, located at 56 Main St. you can let your creative inspirations run wild as you design and paint your own pottery from an assortment of ceramic choices.

The studio, which opened in November, features over 100 pieces of pottery to choose from and over 40 colors of paint in which to paint it with.

"The basic idea is that you come in and choose a piece of pottery and design it any way you like it, and then we glaze it and fire it in the kiln," said Melissa Laverdiere, owner of the studio.

After designing and painting your selection of pottery, you return to the studio after a week to pick it up after it has been glazed and fired. There

is a studio fee of \$7 and pottery prices depend on their size and intricacy.

Laverdiere said she received inspiration for the studio from a trip her family took last year.

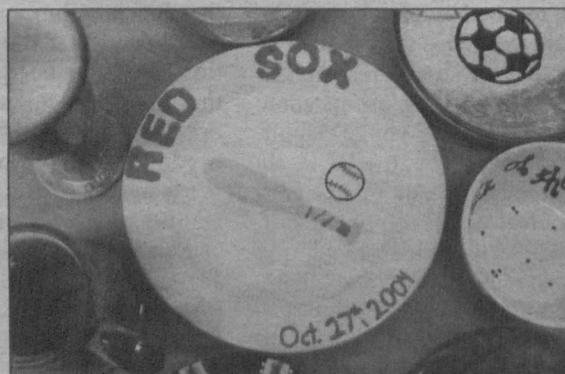
"The idea came from, a store we visited like this in Saco. We took the kids there and had a blast, and knew it was something Bangor could use," Laverdiere said.

After doing research and working with the owners of Clay Play, a similar studio in Brunswick, Clay By Design opened after only a few months of preparation. Laverdiere and her husband worked with the owners of Clay Play to learn about the process of glazing and firing.

The studio appeals to people of all ages, whether they be young or elderly. It appears that everyone enjoys themselves, said Laverdiere. The interest from such a varying age-group has helped business, according to Laverdiere.

"I've been very happy with the turnout. It's been a lot better than I expected it to be. We've had some good publicity and a lot of different age groups coming in," she said.

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(Left) Artwork awaits pickup after firing display the variety of customers who visit Clay by Design in downtown Bangor. (Right) College students, children, families, girlfriends on a night out and birthday parties are just some of the characters that enjoy getting creative with the hundreds of colors, stamps and brushes at Clay by Design.

Now available on DVD

By Steven Butterfield
Staff Writer

"Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle (unrated extended edition)"

My rating

- **Movie:** three out of four stars
- **Dvd sound/video:** two stars
- **Extras:** three stars

As a self-professed snob, I admit that I went into "Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle" expecting tired, stereotypical, sex-and-toilet-humor-ridden sophomore palaver, aimed squarely at the typical hormonal teenage male, but maybe that was why I enjoyed it so much. The funny part is, by the end of the film, you realize that "Harold and Kumar" is actually a lot smarter than it seems.

A couple of clean-cut Asian-American roommates, one Indian (Kumar, played by Kal Penn), one Korean (Harold, played by John Cho), get stoned to unwind after a long day and go on a cannabis-crazed quest for burgers. For those of you wondering, yes, there is toilet humor, and yes, there is sex.

The movie also features a subversive lading of subtle humor, never played for cheap laughs and sneakily enough as to be almost overlooked. The tired grief and remote self-loathing in Harold's voice as he describes the badgering of a fellow student trying to involve him in an Asian-American student association — "She calls me a Twinkie — yellow on the outside, white on the inside" — is funny but also indicative of a larger struggle of collective identity of

"hyphenated" cultures in this country. The movie also plays with the cliches of the genre to the point of tongue-in-cheek satire. Neil Patrick Harris gleefully sends up Doogie Howser in a nostalgic but hysterical cameo.

This movie is absolutely worth a look, but beware: If you're only interested in toilet humor, there's a serious movie hidden in here. And fellow snobs beware: This smart comedy is also outrageously funny.

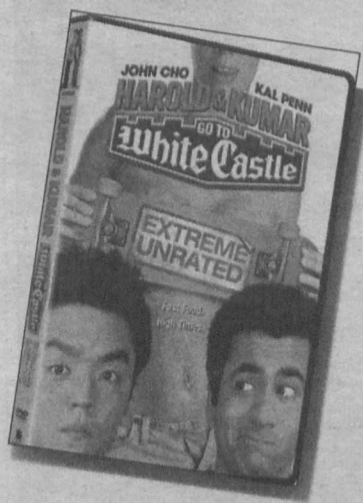
"King Arthur: Director's Cut"

My Rating

- **Movie:** one and a half stars
- **Dvd sound/video:** three stars
- **Extras:** two stars

I'm getting a little tired of the Hollywood vision of major historical figures as rock stars. Brad Pitt in "Troy," Colin Farrell in "Alexander" and Arthur and his knights in "King Arthur" all look more like grunge rockers than the kind of historical giants who deserve serious biopics.

The intriguing premise — Arthur as a fifth-century Roman noble with a heredita where credit is due, the visual imagery and cinematography are impressive. The cry claim on the Empire's outpost in Britain ends up being less a stable foundation than a gimmicky hook. Any plot is quickly supplanted by Arthur and his band — pun intended — of knights acting like a crew of suicidal renegades bent on single-handedly saving Britain from a bunch of Saxons led by a very



hairy Stellan Skarsgaard. Do Arthur and company succeed? If you can't figure that out before you rent the movie, you probably won't be able to figure it out after watching it, either.

The actors do the best they can, but there's not much to work with. The major names in the piece — Clive Owen, Keira Knightley and Skarsgaard — are all wasted. The director (Antoine Fuqua, "Training Day") is not without talent, but clearly was instructed to make a music video rather than a film. And when blockbuster producer Jerry Bruckheimer is on board, is that really a surprise?

To give credit to the countryside and dark production design account for some of the little emotion in the film. The barren and stark landscapes fit the dark mood, the lighting is naturalistic, and there are some shots that are gorgeously

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He's not digging you

Book
Review

By Rachel Krautkramer

My sister gave me a book for Christmas entitled "He's Just Not That Into You." I was really feeling the holiday spirit after that. As it turns out though, she was not trying to drop a hint.

The book is written by two "Sex and the City" contributors. A quick survey among my friends revealed that they too had heard of the book, and many were currently reading it. Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo wrote the book to teach otherwise smart women how to tell when a guy just doesn't like them enough. This way, they can stop wasting time making excuses for a dead-end relationship and feel the empowerment they deserve.

Empowerment! I deserved that. True, I never felt particularly un-empowered in the past, but I recently started to "sort of hang out" with someone and hoped to gain some insight. So I read.

Behrendt informed me that men aren't complicated — they just want you to think they are. In reality, there are no mixed messages. If he's not calling, it's not because he wants to

take it slow. It's not because he's been hurt in the past and is scared of commitment. And no, it's not because he doesn't want to ruin the friendship. The truth in all these cases is that he's just not that into you, and is afraid to come right out and say it.

Chapter after chapter, Behrendt and Tuccillo explained to me when a guy is just not that into you. And hey, you know how he says, "It's not you, it's me?" He's lying. This all may seem obvious, but when you like someone, it's easy to make excuses about their behavior to yourself. Greg says that any guy who truly likes you will want to be with you no matter what.

Not wanting to let Greg down, I immediately called the guy I had been sort of hanging out with and informed him that it was okay, I knew that we weren't dating because he just wasn't that into me. It was fine. I told him we should just call things off now and move on with our lives.

Naturally, he wanted to know where this surge of enlightenment came from, so I explained the book to him.

"Rachel, that sounds like bullshit," was his response.

He then proceeded to look up reviews of it online and read them to me. Apparently, a number of psychologists have chided the book as being detrimental to couples because it implies

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CAMPING OUT — In "Half-Life 2," you play the role of Dr. Gordon Freeman as you attempt to save mankind from the evil alien race, the Combine. The game boasts a remarkable graphics and physics engine, making it the best game of the year.

'Half-Life 2' takes the cake

By Matt Desmond
Staff Writer

Last year was the year of the sequel. "Half Life 2," "The Sims 2," "Doom 3," "Knights of the Old Republic 2," "Halo 2," "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" all came out in 2004, and the list goes on.

All of those deserve the title game of the year, but, alas, there can only be one. It seems a tough decision to make, especially with all the quality games that came out. In actuality, it's not so difficult. While "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" was a good title and offered a little bit more than the other "Grand Theft Auto" games, we've seen it before. "Halo 2" had nothing more than its predecessor with a crappy storyline. "Doom 3" was, well — let's not talk about that.

The most logical choice left for the 2004 game of the year is "Half-Life 2." Set about ten years after the events of "Half-Life," the sequel places you in the role of Gordon Freeman, now leading the resistance against the Combine. A brutal, militaristic alien race, it has conquered Earth and rounded up all survivors, placing them

in internment camps in Earth's old cities. Unfortunately for humanity, life isn't as good as the Administrator, Dr. Wallace Breen, lets on. In fact, life for human beings is terrible. People are subject to random searches and beatings by the Combine soldiers. However, the real reason for "Half-Life 2" receiving game of the year is more than a good storyline. The graphics engine, the physics engine and the sights and sounds of a post-apocalyptic earth are all spot on.

The graphics engine itself is incredibly beautiful. It took an extensively long time to actually complete this graphics engine. However, it was worth it. It's amazing to see how far the technology has come since the original "Half-Life," which was considered to be the most graphically advanced game for its time. Hard to believe, now. What's really neat about the engine is the high detail in which everything is rendered. If you just want to stop and look at everything up close, you can do that. The Source Engine, used to build this game, is probably about as close to putting the real world in the game as we can get with

our current technology.

The other big stand out is the atmosphere. It is a very creepy time. The dynamic texture and lighting, the graphics engine and the THX certified sound: It's enough to make anyone want to make sure they have plenty of clean underwear next to the computer. Seriously, you really can't ask for a better gaming experience than what is offered in "Half-Life 2." The all-star voice cast, including Robert Guillaume of "Benson" and "Sports Night" fame, Michelle Forbes — who will unfortunately only be remembered as Ro Laren on two episodes of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" — and Louis Gosset, Jr. is amazing.

If you haven't played this game yet, what the hell are you waiting for? Go get it. Oh yeah, right now I'm obligated to warn you that the Steam Validation Service — which is required to play the game — was an excellent idea in theory, ended up being a huge pile of steaming crap. As far as that goes, all we have left is to wait for "Half-Life 3." If the development cycle of that game is anything like this one, see you in 2012.

Ushuaia plans to host concert for tsunami relief effort this Friday

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

In an effort to raise money for the tsunami relief effort in the Southeast Asia, Ushuaia is hosting a concert this Friday night, and is donating all proceeds to the American Red Cross.

After watching news coverage of the tragedy, Ushuaia owner Alex Gray and his staff decided they should do some-

thing to try and help out, he said.

"We all wanted to quit our job, and or school, to go there, but since that is not feasible or practical, we decided to do a benefit concert," said Gray.

After deciding to host an event, Gray contacted his promoter and Chris Rush at WTOS and pitched a few ideas. The club's promoter helped set up the band list, and Rush helped by advertising on WTOS, Gray

said.

Bands performing include: Nobis, Soundbender, Bedlam, Propel, Inbound and Burning Valhalla.

Gray said that he hopes to raise at least \$1,000 to donate to the Red Cross, with 100 percent of proceeds going to the organization.

"I hope that kids will come out and support a good cause,

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MUSICNEWS

Compiled by
Aerin Raymond
Staff Writer

Portishead is recording their first album in eight years. The band has nearly completed their third LP, according to founding member Geoff Barrow.

Barrow said that he was surprised people thought the band had split up, saying: "We've just had our heads down really, we've never actually broken up, or parted, or whatever."

Portishead — who won a Mercury Music Prize in 1995 for their debut album "Dummy" — will join Massive Attack for a gig at the Bristol Academy on Saturday, Feb. 19, to raise money for Oxfam's tsunami appeal.

However, the band is not expected to play any new material at the show, which will feature singer Beth Gibbons playing with an acoustic backing.

Other acts on the bill include The Coral and Led Zeppelin — singer Robert Plant.

Sales of legally downloaded songs have increased more than tenfold in 2004, with the US and Europe buying 200 million tracks online. The digital music industry has "taken off" in the last 12 months, according to the global music industry.

A report by International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) has revealed that a million songs are now available to buy through legal sites, though the organization has said that music piracy on the Internet is still "a very significant problem." This month, there were still 870 million illegal music files available on the Internet, down from 900 million 12 months ago.

Legal downloads from sites such as Napster and iTunes were worth \$330 million to the music industry in 2004, according to the IFPI's Digital Music Report 2005.

The report also predicted that the figure is expected to

double in 2005, with some analysts saying that record companies could make 25 percent of their income from digital sales in five years time, compared with 1 to 2 percent now.

The last 12 months also saw 20 to 25 million portable players sold, including ten million iPods.

Tracks from the much-delayed new Beck album have leaked onto the Internet.

The follow-up to 2002's "Sea Change" was originally due for release in October, but has been pushed back, with either March 21 or 28 now being mooted as the release date. However, 13 tracks have turned up online.

Track titles include "Guero," "Go It Alone," "E-Pro," "Brazilica" and "Summer Girl."

The new tracks, produced by the Dust Brothers, revert back the classic Beck sound of "Mellow Gold" and "Odelay" after the largely acoustic "Sea Change."

Coldplay frontman Chris Martin has revealed how a brush with death has made him more determined than ever to make "the best album of all time."

The singer claims that he nearly died when his plane hit a dust storm during a trip to a remote part of Africa.

Martin, who was on his way to Ghana with Oxfam to publicize fair-trade issues, was coming into Tamale Airport when disaster struck.

The singer said the first things that popped into his head during the traumatic affair in the 30-seater twin-propeller jet was his eight-month-old daughter Apple and finishing Coldplay's forthcoming as-of-yet-untitled album.

Martin said the incident has made him more determined than ever to come out with the best album he can.

Coldplay's forthcoming album is due out this spring.

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"Transform" Powerman 5000 Dreamworks

"Transform," the most recent effort by grunge-punk-rock band Powerman 5000, is a scathing collection of political and social commentary. While the band's sound is a great deal more hard rock than punk, its punk roots show in the lyrics.

Lead vocalist and songwriter Spider One expresses his views on the music industry in today's "That's Entertainment," the popular social systemon "Stereotype" and America's dis-



turbing lack of political interest on "A is for Apathy." The album is a call to action. It makes some often ignored points about how sex appeal has taken precedence over the value of talent in mainstream media, and about how the population of America seems to have fallen into a pit of unconcerned inaction.

The frustrated tone the songs take is augmented and enhanced by the pounding drumbeats and distorted chords — because nothing says "pissed" like power chords. In an interview done in November of last year, Spider One also revealed some exciting news — PM5K is working on a new album, which they hope to release in early 2005. It's three tracks on the soundtrack for the THQ video game "WWE Smackdown vs. RAW" have been the band's only new releases since "Transform" came out in 2003, and were just a teaser to build



anticipation for their 2005 release.

A collection of early works, "Good, the Bad & the Ugly 1" was available in stores in October, a compilation of rare and previously unreleased tracks from the band's early days.

Overall, thanks to their great work on "Transform," Powerman 5000 can look forward to a great deal of anticipation for their upcoming release.

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that all men are the same, and that they react to emotional situations the same way. This couldn't be further from the truth. If a guy doesn't come on strong, it doesn't necessarily mean he's not interested. It just means he's not pushy. Expecting the man to always make the first move is old-fashioned and unfair.

Hmm — I hadn't considered this. I read the book with a

more critical eye from that point on. It's still worth reading because of its comic value, but you have to take it with a grain of salt, much like "Sex and the City" itself. It may provide some clever social insight, but it is not something to model your life after. Applying rules won't make relationships easier to understand. Things have to happen in their own time.

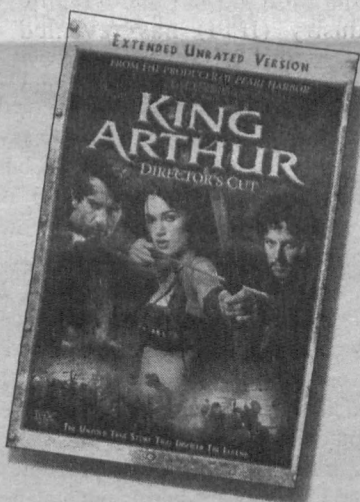
Want proof? The guy I was "sort of hanging out with" is now my boyfriend. And all that time I thought he just wasn't that into me.

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framed, using the land organically to inject a sense of Druidic mysticism into the medieval setting.

In the end, the befuddled lack of plot sinks the picture beyond any hope of redemption. Unless you find this movie in a \$5 bargain bin, I can't recommend it as anything more than a drinking game, or maybe a coaster.



TSUNAMI

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as well as support local music. I really wish I could do more," he said.

He said that raising \$1,000 should be easily possible, because it's the cost of admittance for only 100 people, which is a very achievable goal.

Gray said that while the tragedy may have been thousands of miles away, it definitely hit home, comparing the Tsunami crisis with that of 9-11.

"Could you imagine being on holiday with you family, spending Christmas together and then some or all of you loved ones are gone?" he said. "It must be a horrible feeling."

Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or in advance at Bull Moose Records.

POTTERY

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She said that a lot of the studio's advertisement has been through simple word of mouth, along with publicity from all the local television channels and the Bangor Daily News.

Laverdiere said that the studio seems to appeal to college students, from whom she gets a lot of her business.

"It's awesome for college students. ... You can get together with your friends, make stuff that you can use everyday, and you can make gifts," she said.

One of the more popular nights is ladies' night, which features half-off the studio fee. Women are encouraged to bring their friends, snacks and drinks. Laverdiere said the studio offers something new and different that many women maybe have not tried before.

"It's a chance for women to do something a little different. From

here they're headed to the Seadog or Whig and Courier, and it's just something to add to their evening," she said.

Choices of pottery to paint include magnets, bowls, plates, figurines and frames, among dozens of others. They range in price from \$1 to \$70.

"Dinner plates are very popular, because it gives people the chance to design a bit more. You've got a flat surface, so it's a lot easier if you're just beginning," said Laverdiere.

There are multiple specials running throughout the month on studio fees and pottery. Laverdiere recommends checking Clay By Design's webpage, www.ClayByDesign.com, for a monthly schedule.

Clay By Design is open Monday by appointment, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Melissa Laverdiere at 945-5343.



Rita Behn in Dead Certain: Photo by Kevin Bennett

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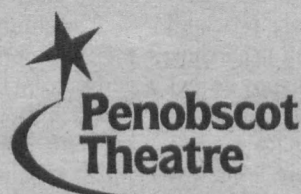
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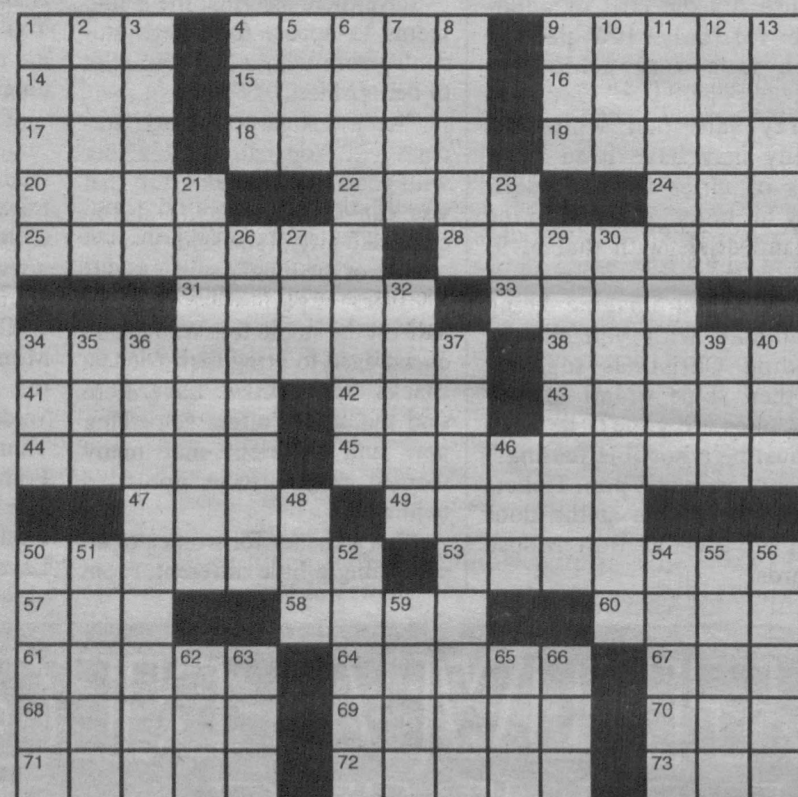
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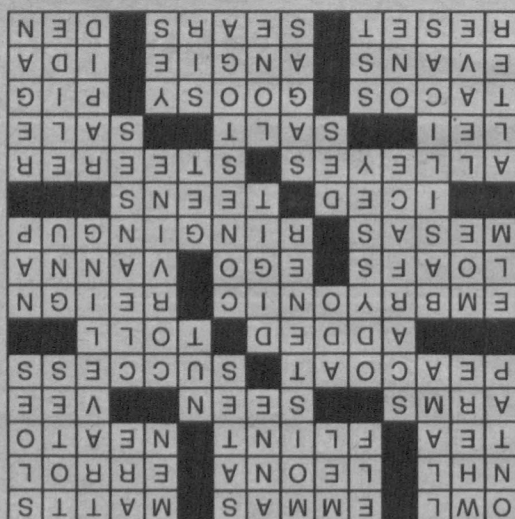
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Long-distance love

I've been in a long-distance relationship for quite some time now. As the months and years progress, I've gotten quite used to people expressing their condolences for my situation in conversations that usually go as follows:

"So, are you seeing anyone?"

"Yeah, but she lives about 2,500 miles away."

"Oh, I'm sorry. That must suck."

It's a recognizable pattern and, as anyone else in my situation is sure to attest to, an all too familiar one. You get by, but you can't choose who you love, right?

So, for the most part, we do just that: get by. It's rarely easy, but I console myself and my better half with the notion that it's worth it; a sacrifice now for better times ahead. Late-night conversations almost every evening, regular e-mails and, as part of my Christmas gift to her, a little one-on-one web cam chatting help make a separation slightly more bearable, however minutely.

We hadn't seen each other since August before this holiday season rolled around and afforded us, through the utmost generosity of her parents splurging on a plane ticket that cost more than I care to comprehend, the chance to get together. The final week of the semester was, predictably, the worst. The "night before Christmas" anticipation was magnified a hundred times over as the days crawled and each hour seemed an eternity in itself. I'd love to say this isn't something I'm used to, but the anticipation of every trip is exactly the same regardless of how much time has passed since the last. I wouldn't believe it myself if I wasn't living it — I can experience the same sleepless night before every trip after only a week that I do after four months. There may be something to be said for that.

Eventually the moment comes and I find myself staring out a plane window, wondering why the trip can't be quicker. Driving and flying are both the same in that they're never fast enough. Stepping into the terminal, I scan the crowd looking for the only person that matters, my heart pounding in my chest when I realize I've found her before she's found me.

The embrace that follows is a memorable one and the trip to the house is full of shared glances that are in no ways casual or accidental. The first few days are much the same, as they are and should be. Any distance between us is too much and more often than not I find myself behaving in that oh-so-sugary way couples do. If it were anyone else, I would loudly proclaim my disgust to any and all in earshot, but for now I'm just happy to get my chance. "I've earned it, I tell myself," as I look over for a smile to confirm this. It's there. I knew it would be.

It seems, however, that this cannot last. Twenty-four hours a day for more than a week and we've fallen into a pattern I recognize from the rest of the couples I'm familiar with that have been together as long as we have. Not every moment is an excuse to be cute,



Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

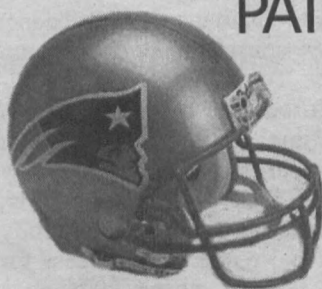
there are things that need to be done — even on vacation — and we don't have the exact same ideas when it comes to every waking moment of free time. In the interest of sanity, even on a trip like this. I've learned that a little bit of time away from each other can be a good thing. You can't spend every minute of every day in the same room with the same person and not get restless for something else. It's a fact of life.

I've learned it, sure, but I've also learned to hate it. It seems one of life's ultimate cruelties that I should have to wait, sometimes for months on end, to see someone only to have to revert to reality in what seems like a heartbeat. Every day that passes by as typical seems to betray the nights of loneliness and wanting in the months before it. We've all been raised on the concept of "happily ever after" and led to believe that true love meant each day with that person would pass as an adventure grander than the last. Like so many other things, though, this isn't true. I look at the couples I know, the ones that seem happy and content with each other, and I see a startling number of similarities between us. Perhaps this is the natural order of things, the way people simply behave once the shock of separation has passed and normality, however temporary, sets in.

The situation leaves me dissatisfied, but not because I feel there is some inherent flaw in the relationship. Far from it, actually. If this is the natural order of things, of couples that get to spend time together whenever they chose, then I feel as if somehow those among us who must bear the pain of separation deserve more. I realize how greedy it sounds when I say it, but it seems that our natural order should be a better one. Exactly what that is, I'm not sure, but it's definitely worth thinking about.

Of course, the reality of time, money, and capability works hard to prevent this, but I believe it nonetheless. I may be setting to lofty a goal for myself, for this relationship, but there it is. I've set the bar and I'll probably never stop trying to jump it.

The entire time I've been writing this, she's been sitting on the couch across from me, reading. Every now and then I look up and see her smiling into her book and, in many ways, it reinforces what I've said here. There's a normality in what we're doing right now, sitting across from each other, wrapped up in our own little world of the moment. Every time I see that smile, though, it reminds me what inspired me to write this to begin with. A better natural order — maybe I'll start by smiling back.



PATRIOTS CORNER

By Matt Williams
For The Maine
Campus

After losing to the Miami Dolphins on Monday Night Football nearly a month ago, the New England Patriots fell out of favor with most NFL "experts." Brady and company ho-hummed their way to a 14-2 record, while pundits awed over the Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons, Pittsburgh Steelers and Peyton Manning's much-heralded Indianapolis Colts. The Pats were left out of most Super Bowl discussion, to the point of entering their playoff game against Indy as one-point underdogs.

However, Belichick's boys turned the most anticipated game of the decade into a rout. Manning didn't throw a touchdown pass for the first time all year and his offense looked utterly lost against the better prepared, more physical New England defense.

Their 20-3 waxing of the Colts, combined with the Steelers needing New York Jets kicker Doug Brien to miss two game winning field goals in order to advance, saw the Pats open as three point favorites when the line for the AFC championship game was released Monday. Belichick replied to the line by asking if all the tapes of Pittsburgh's 34-20 win over the Patriots on Halloween night had been burned.

No doubt the mastermind will have his troops watching that tape all week long. The 15-1 Steelers have to be feeling pretty confident playing in their house, and probably have a chip on their shoulder from entering the game underdogs. If they controlled the line of scrimmage the first time, with All-Pro Richard Seymour in the lineup, they can certainly do it again when he's injured. So why will this game be different than Halloween? One man: Corey Dillon. Dillon missed the first game with a thigh bruise and the Patriots rushed for less than

10 net yards. In his other 15 contests, Dillon led the NFL in yards-per-game and was the only back in football not to be held under 80 yards all season. He sliced through Indy's defense for 142 yards in his first career playoff game.

History will be on the Patriots' side. Four times in the Bill Cowher era the Steelers have lost the AFC championship game at home, including once to the Patriots in 2002. Cowher is 1-2 against the Pats in the playoffs, with the lone win a narrow 7-6 decision in 1998. Ted Johnson and Tedy Bruschi have been shutting Jerome Bettis down for a decade and this week won't be any different.

Tom Brady and Bill Belichick are now 7-0 in the playoffs and the Patriots are looking to cement their place as they best football team ever to strap on pads. The Pats defense will have plenty of new looks ready for Steelers quarterback Ben Rothlisberger. If they can baffle NFL MVP Manning, there's no doubt they'll confuse Pittsburgh's rookie sensation. If he plays as poorly as he did last week, you can bet the savvy Pats won't hand him the game the way New York did.

The Patriots made a statement last week. They're the defending Super Bowl champions and it's going to take a hell of an effort to stop them from getting ring No. three. Pittsburgh made their own statement when they halted New England's winning streak and finished NFL best 15-1. They've won 15 straight. The champs want to exact ultimate revenge by ending Pittsburgh's season and streak in one fall swoop.

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jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, thanks to goals by Tristan Desmet and Julie Poulin. Then, with 10 minutes remaining in the first period, the Wildcats were able to cut into the Black Bears lead and tie the game 26 seconds into the third period.

Later in the period, UMaine took the lead off a power play goal scored by Kate Sunstrum. However, the Wildcats were able to take advantage of a late Black Bear miscue to tie the game at 3-3.

Even with the loss and tie, the Black Bears travel to Storrs with an overall record off 11-6-3. This is the team's best start over their first 20 games. The Black Bears are just six wins away from their best season in school history.

"We're learning as we go along and we've worked hard on different things and everyone is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel," Perron said. "I'm satisfied with the way we have molded together to work hard."

"This is our big stretch of the season," said Perron, "and in three weeks, we will see where we want to be."

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the record books with a time of 5:07.16. The accomplishment came in a meet against Yale.

Just this week, freshman Keith Burgie for the men and sophomore Shannon Scott for the women were named America East Divers of the Week, yet another testament to the good things that float in the swim teams' future.

Also for the men's team, pay back has been fruitful. Coming off of an arduous nine days of training camp in sunny Florida over winter break, the men's team was set to battle a tough Providence squad Saturday, who only a few weeks earlier had given the Black Bears a mark in the loss column. However, the rematch turned out to be an upset, with the Black Bears defeating Providence by more than seventy points.

The swimmers, blame the success not just on the team's ability to get along but also on their ability to breakthrough this year. Senior Zach Gray commented on the breakthroughs both individually and by the team.

"Jeff has prepared us so well," said Wren.

Looking towards the future, Lauren Viles, a sophomore from Oakland, Maine, summed it all up with one word.

"I'm really excited," said Viles.

And she should be. The Black



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

CUTTING THE AUQA — Kristen Riley reaches up the lane in the 100-yard backstroke in last Sunday's dual meet versus Providence.

Bears boast more depth than they have ever had in recent years.

"We have a lot more depth than last year," said Viles. "Our main holiday is February 18," said Wren

of the Conference Championship slate. "I'm going for most conspicuously improving team in the meet. I like having people say 'Hey, who's that?'"

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ger as you go down the stretch," said Whitehead. "The UMass weekend was probably our biggest series of the year last week, now this weekend is the biggest."

UMaine enters the crucial conference battle with an overall record of 12-8-4, and a 7-3-2 mark in Hockey East. The Terriers reside slightly ahead of the Black Bears with a 9-3-0 mark in the conference placing them in second place. BU, currently ranked eleventh in the nation in both the USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine poll and USCHO-CSTV poll, stands at 13-9-0 on the year.

For the Terriers, the series brings with it a welcome chance to regain the first place position they possessed for more than half of the season. It was a spot the Terriers held until last weekend when Boston College swept BU behind for the outright lead.

One week removed from their epic two-game slate with Boston College, the Terriers travel up North for another game-of-the-week series.

Whitehead believes the series will provide plenty of spectacle for the fans.

"It's going to be exciting," said Whitehead. "I think both teams match up well with each other."

"We're anticipating a real hard-fought series," said Whitehead.

The series will mark the 89th and 90th meetings between the two tradition-rich schools, with the first decision coming in 1924. The Black Bears lead the series 41-40-7, including seven of the last ten contests.

Whitehead touched on the two programs' history.

"It's a great rivalry, first of all," said Whitehead. "There have been some very big games played over the years, so there's definitely a

mutual respect between opponents."

The homestand marks the two squads' second meeting of the year, the first coming in late October. In their last battle, the Terriers dealt the Black Bears a 2-1 defeat. Behind the skilled play of freshman Peter MacArthur, the Terriers managed to hold off a struggling UMaine offense. The Black Bears, who never held a lead in the decision, were unable to surmount an earlier BU attack. John Ronan scored the lone UMaine goal.

UMaine enters the game coming off an intriguing series with UMass that saw the squad skate away with three vital Hockey East points. The Black Bears hauled in the points after a 2-2 stalemate Friday night and a decisive 5-2 victory.

"I thought the guys played well," said Whitehead. "We didn't have the killer instinct in the first game, so I think we missed an opportunity to get two points. Having said that we did have it the second night."

The second game of weekend witnessed a faster, stronger UMaine offensive assault. Led by two impressive goals by freshman defender Bret Tyler, they rode an irregularly strong power play to victory.

"We gave up one penalty kill goal and scored four on the power play, so that's a big weekend for us," said Whitehead.

Along with the improved play of their power-play unit, Tyler received high honors after the road trip, earning the Hockey East Rookie of the Week on Monday. Tyler was the third freshman to register Rookie of the Week honors this season. The freshman has recorded three goals and three assists on the year.

Whitehead believes the play of such unheralded players like Tyler in the upcoming weeks will have added weight as the schedule evolves.

We have good balance on our team," said Whitehead. "We felt earlier on in the year not enough guys

were stepping up, now we're starting to see guys step up and play especially well."

That depth will provide an pivotal role against BU, a squad that has several dangerous weapons. The largest of which comes in the form of Jack Parker, one of the greatest coaches in U.S. college hockey history. Parker, who tallied the 700th win of his career early this season is currently in his 32nd year at the helm. Leading the charge on the bench for Parker will be MacArthur, who has recorded a team-high 11 goals and nine assists. Also promising to pack his share of danger is junior John Laliberte, who has had a breakthrough year, posting seven goals and a team-high 11 assists for 18 points. Rounding out the Terriers in the scoring department are David Van der Gulik and Brad Zancanaro, who registered 10 and nine goals.

In net, for the Terriers is sophomore John Curry, who has quickly filled the role of top goal tender. Curry has played in 18 games and has a 1.95 goals against average and a .924 save percentage. Backing up Curry is Stephan Siwiec, with a 4.36 G.A.A. and a .833 save percentage.

Opposite Curry on the other end of the ice will be the surging Howard who is beginning to regain the form he displayed late last season. Howard has posted a 2.14 goals against average and .908 save percentage, while hauling in 465 saves.

Whitehead believes the time is now to make a strong run at the NCAA Tournament.

"If we're going to do something special this year, we've got to go on a good run here," said Whitehead.

With the sun quickly fading on a vibrant college hockey season, the Black Bears are well aware that the time is now and that their would be no better place to announce their re-emergence against longtime rival BU.

Both Friday and Saturday's games will begin at 7 p.m.

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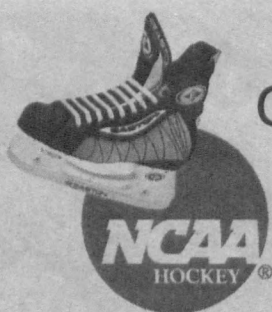
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ple mistakes that cost us, and then UNH was able tie the game."

"UConn is playing very well and they played well against Providence, so it will be a good matchup," said Perron. "We have to be strong down the road for the rest of the season."

As for the Huskies, they will enter the weekend with the fifth-best record in Hockey East. They are just one point out of the third place position that is held by both the Black Bears and Boston College. In their last series, UConn was narrowly edged out 4-3 by the Friars, but were able to garner a 3-3 tie in the series finale.

Although their first game may not have been as high scoring, the Black Bears were also on the wrong end of a close game, losing 1-0 Friday against the Wildcats. The loss saw the Black Bears' seven-game winning streak come to an end. In the second game, the Black Bears



COLLEGE HOCKEY CORNER

By Eric Gullickson
For The Maine Campus

With the second half of the season underway, a few big matchups over the weekend led to conference shake-ups and continued dominance from top teams around the country.

The largest matchup and rivalry games of the weekend came from in the form of Boston College and Boston University. The cross town rivalry has been highly publicized due to BU's dominance of late, but the third ranked team in the country, BC, did make the mistake of overrating the Terriers this weekend. The Eagles swept the Terriers with a 6-3 massacre on Friday night, then headed across town Saturday to take a 2-0 victory and the lead in the Hockey East standings.

In the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, Colorado College continued its dominance over the top teams in the conference with a visit to North Dakota. Behind strong defense, the Tigers snuck out of Grand Forks with a sweep. Colorado College won 2-1 on Friday night scoring early goals and then shutting things down on defense.

On Saturday the Tigers completed the weekend sweep with a 1-0 shut out of the Sioux. The Shootout game of the week also came from the WCHA between Minnesota and Minnesota State Mankato which tallied up 15 goals in Friday night's contest at the Xcel Energy Center. The Gophers swept the Mavericks 9-6 Friday, and a 2-1 defensive contest the following night.

In the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, Ohio State came off their upset loss to Ferris State with a sweep of Notre Dame 4-1 Friday night, and 3-1 Saturday. The two battles of the weekend in the CCHA were Western Michigan vs. Michigan State and Northern Michigan vs. Miami of Ohio. In the Michigan State and Western Michigan series, the Broncos of Western Michigan continued to battle their top line that features stand-out Brent Walton, led the Broncos to the Spartans demise. In a run and gun game the Broncos topped the Spartans on Friday night 5-4. However, Michigan State respond-

ed Saturday by increasing defense and fighting to grasp a 3-1 road victory over the Broncos. The other matchup was completely defensive. North Michigan's clutch and grab style allowed them to fight and scrap for a 1-0 victory on Friday night. Saturday both teams battled tooth and nail until the end, but no victor was decided in a 1-1 defensive struggle.

In the ECAC Cornell took a pair of wins out of the weekend with a 5-0 trouncing of Rensselaer and a 2-1 overtime escape from Union College in Overtime. The rivalry match up of the weekend proved to be no contest as St. Lawrence destroyed Clarkson 7-2 on Saturday night. The surprise of the weekend in the ECAC however was Dartmouth's road victory over the previous top fifteen ranked Vermont 5-2 Saturday on four second period goals that lifted Dartmouth to victory.

This weekend looks to show more conference match up thrillers. In the CCHA, the old time football rivals of Michigan and Ohio State match up in Columbus which pits the two top teams from the conference against each other. With a sweep, the Buckeyes can move within a point of the top seeded Wolverines.

In the WCHA, all eyes follow the No.1 team in the nation, Colorado College. They host the Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, who could contribute to a pair of hard hitting, hard fought battles for the Tigers.

In the ECAC the stakes get high for the league leading Colgate University. They only lead the conference by 3 points over both Cornell and Vermont, and must face the Catamounts and upset minded Dartmouth. With a pair of losses and a couple Cornell victories, the top of the conference could completely reassemble itself over the weekend.

Finally the Match up of the weekend takes place here in Orono, Maine. The Black Bears are 6-2-4 in the past 12 games and are looking to kick Boston University while they are down.

Wie wows young and old in golf world

By Matthew McGraw
For The Maine Campus

Michelle Wie made quite an effort this past week. Last Thursday and Friday, Wie took another step in attempting to become the first woman to make a Professional Golf Association Tour cut since Babe Didrikson.

After shooting a 75 on Thursday and a 74 on Friday, Wie will have to wait until she's old enough to drive before she can make the cut on the PGA. No big deal — she's only halfway through the tenth grade and most of my friends didn't learn to drive until they finished high school.

In the midst of her exam week at high school, Wie was competing in the nearby Sony Open where she received a sponsor exemption which allowed her to compete. While her friends were cramming for math and science tests, Wie was preparing for her second chance at making history.

Well, depending on your definition, Wie may have already made history. However, Wie's

goal wasn't only to be the first women since Babe Didrikson to make the cut on the men's tour; she wanted to finish in the top 20. Watch out Maria Sharapova, you have yet to see Michelle Wie serve.

Chances are Wie won't make the jump to tennis, but would anyone be surprised if she did? To heck with her size, I wouldn't be shocked to see her starting at guard for the New Orleans Hornets next year. They sure could use the height and the ticket sales. At the rate they are accumulating victories, she's a shoe-in for the first overall pick in the 2005 NBA Lottery draft, and with the rising number of high schoolers being selected, why not take a 15-year-old female golf player from Hawaii. It would be a public relations dream.

To put her performance in perspective with another young golf phenom, look at Ty Tryon, who also broke onto the pro circuit as a high school student. Tryon has since become a regular on the PGA Tour. Though Tryon has not made a big

impression to date, he has been a fairly consistent performer on tour. Tryon will, in all likelihood, become a great golfer in due time, but it would seem that being labeled as a child prodigy hasn't shaken him. Similarly, young soccer phenom Freddy Adu had remarkable success for D.C. United during 2004 as a 15-year-old. And what about LeBron James and Dwight Howard? After watching their successful NBA rookie campaigns, try to picture how they would have performed if they were signed out of junior high.

Will Wie be able to overcome the pressure and continue her success on the LPGA Tour, or is her career going to fade away quicker than Drew Henson's as a New York Yankee? While only time can tell what's in store for this young woman, one thing is certain — if she follows the lead of recent teenage athletes who have successfully adapted to pro sports, she should have a multi-million-dollar shoe contract before you can say Scholastic Aptitude Test.

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UMaine head coach Sharon Versyp knew her team was in for a battle against Hartford. She said the post-play of Hartford was the difference in the game.

"I knew that they've improved in the post and they're very physical. They're quick, and we didn't meet the challenge.

The Black Bears are one of the best free throw-shooting teams in the country, but shot just over 60% Wednesday night. Versyp says her team needs to execute better.

"Free throws and execution," said Versyp. "If we're not doing those things, we'll just keep going in the losing column."

The Black Bears will look to rebound at 1 p.m. Saturday when they take on Northeastern, in Boston, Mass. Northeastern's record is 7-7 and they are 2-3 in conference play, but defeated Hartford 58-51 earlier in the



CAMPUS PHOTO BY METEJ KRAJCOVIC

HARTY DEFENSE — Kim Corrbitt drives by a defender during the Black Bears lost to Hartford on Wednesday night.

season.

The Black Bears play at UMBC, in Baltimore, Maryland

next Wednesday night. They return home Sunday, Jan. 30, when they host Stony Brook.

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With the win, the struggling Hawks move to 6-10 on the year and 2-5 in conference competition, while the Black Bears moved to 8-8 overall. More importantly, UMaine fell below .500 in the conference standings with a mark of 3-4.

The Hawks, who held two 16-point leads in the decision, were lead by the steady shooting of David Ruffin. Ruffin, who contributed for 24 points, shot 10-16 from the field and hauled in five rebounds. Ruffin also collected four assists on the day. The sharp shooting Ruffin was followed by Brian Glowiak who tallied 11 points shooting 4-8.

Although the Black Bears struggled to find success in the paint, UMaine was able to get sensational play from their

guard tandem of Ernest Turner and Kevin Reed. Turner garnered a banner day registering a career-high 30 points, knocking down 11-20 from the field and an excellent 3-4 from the three point arc. The biggest of which came late in the second half helping the Black Bears rally from 11 in the final three min-

utes. Reed recorded 16 points and a team-high 11 rebounds. Mark Flavin rounded out the scoring for the Black Bears contributing 14 points and six boards.

However, that same Hartford defense nearly surrendered a miraculous comeback to Black Bears in the final two minutes of the match. Trailing by nine, UMaine managed to string

together an inspiring rally that pulled the squad within three points with less than a minute remaining. Although on the following possession with less 45 seconds on the clock, Turner front ended a tough layup that would have dropped the Hartford lead to one.

The Hawks proceeded to gain possession on the loose rebound and on the ensuing play Turner put the Hawks on the line after a reach-in foul. Hartford proceeded to build their lead back up to five on the strength of the charity strip. UMaine never was able to recover in the 30 seconds.

Hartford closed the shooting 45.6 percent from the field, while the Black Bears totaled a 43.1 percent from the court. Hartford entered the half with a 38-27.

UMaine returns to action 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon against second place Northeastern for tight conference battle.

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LEARNING THE ROPES

Freshman netminder Matt Lundin finds his niche at UM backing up All American Jimmy Howard

By Andrew Knapp
For The Maine Campus

As practice for the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad came to a close, freshman backup goalie Matt Lundin sat on a bench adjacent to the tunnel where players exit the ice at Alfond Arena. As his teammates filed past, one after another tapped him on his chin with the blade of their hockey stick. Lundin bared a slight smirk while wiping away the ice shavings deposited on his chin.

Despite his wet chin, Lundin exclaims, "I love this team."

As a rookie, any hockey player can expect some heckling, and Lundin has seen his share. But he worked through it to gain acceptance as not just as backup, but as a top-notch goaltender as well.

"Lundin's done a nice job earning respect as a true freshman that we can count on," said Black Bears head coach Tim Whitehead. "If Jimmy Howard gets injured or if he challenges him toe-to-toe, I'm very confident he can step in as our top guy."

In the meantime, Lundin will work under the mentorship of All-American netminder Howard. Last season, Howard set two NCAA records for best save percentage at .956 and lowest goals against average at 1.19.

"It's tough not to play Jimmy because of those numbers and because he's one of the best in the country," said senior co-captain John Ronan. "Lundin's a very determined kid though."

This season, Howard has started all but two games for the Black Bears and has amassed an 11-8-4 record with a .908 save percentage and 2.14 goals against average.

Whitehead said it's easy to explain why Howard's numbers haven't been as impressive as in the past. Besides injuries to his ankle and both knees, he fought mononucleosis this summer and had to reduce his training, which hampered efforts getting into playing shape.

"But now that he's far enough past the mono, he was given clearance to train hard," said Whitehead. "So I think he'll finish very strong for us."

But if that doesn't work out, UMaine has a backup plan.

"It's a pretty good one, too," said Whitehead.

And that's Lundin.

In 136 minutes of six games, Lundin has posted a .939 save percentage and 1.76 goals against average. His first appearance of the year

came at the end of a 7-1 season-opening win against currently 14th-ranked Vermont.

"I'm glad it was only five minutes," Lundin said. "I was a little shaky."

Lundin got a chance to prove himself as a starting goalie in the second home game against Niagara. Starting his first collegiate game provided Lundin with even more jitters.

"It didn't really hit me until we skated out onto the ice, and I forgot my stick," he said. "The guys started laughing, so I had to come back to get it."

Lundin quickly gained his composure. Five minutes into the game, a Niagara forward beat a UMaine defenseman for a breakaway.

"Matt made a great save on him, and he was fantastic the rest of the game," said Whitehead. "At that point, Howard wasn't 100 percent healthy, and we hadn't swept a weekend yet, so it was a great opportunity for him. It really gave the bench a huge lift to see him rise to that occasion."

Lundin made 28 saves and got the 6-2 win.

However, the ultimate test for the freshman goalie arose unexpectedly. With UMaine leading 1-0, Lundin stepped into a heated rivalry match against New Hampshire. The Wildcats happened to be on a five-on-three power play when Howard was pulled from the game with a knee injury.

"We didn't want to use our timeout to warm him up," said Whitehead. "We didn't think it was worth it. So, we threw him right into the heat. He made some huge saves and helped pitch the shutout."

Howard and Lundin combined for a 3-0 victory over the Wildcats.

"That was our biggest home game of the year," said Whitehead. "It was very impressive for a freshman to handle that situation with so much poise and confidence."

"I don't know how he pulled that one off," said Ronan. "I was nervous for the guy."

Despite his early success, Lundin is still hungry for more.

"He wants to be on the ice," said Whitehead. "He'll continue to improve here and get more playing time because he loves to compete."

"I've always wanted to be a goalie," said Lundin. "I moved up to squirts a year early because they needed an extra goalie. But I had to switch off with the other one and that always made me mad."



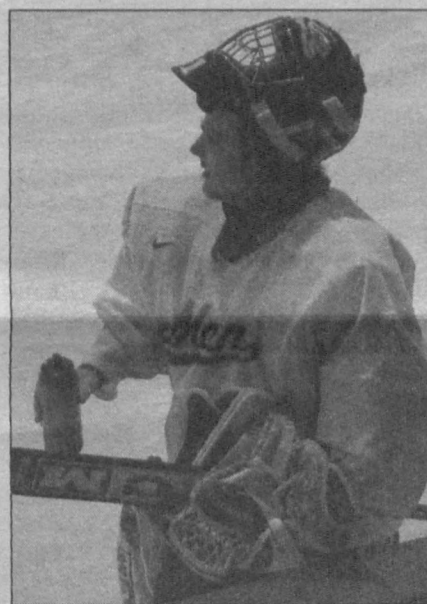
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TAKING HIS SHOTS — Lundin fields some shots from teammates Wednesday during an afternoon practice.

Lundin played bantam hockey his freshman year of high school in Apple Valley, Minn. and junior varsity his sophomore year.

"My goal was just to make the varsity," he said.

Lundin did better than just make varsity, he played all 54 varsity games



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MATTHEW CONYERS

MINNSOTA MAN — UMaine's goalie Matt Lundin takes a short break during practice in preparation for this weekend's matchup with Boston University.

his junior and senior seasons. That's why he had to adjust to his backup role with UMaine.

Lundin's brother Mike, a sophomore defenseman for UMaine, has helped him do that.

"We've played together forever," said Lundin. "We expect a lot from each other, and we let each other know when the other messes up."

Mike Lundin said he tries not to heckle his brother too much, however.

"If I say something to him, sometimes he takes it personally," he said. "But since I challenge him as much as I can, it ends up making him even better."

"The players in college shoot the puck a lot harder and skate a lot faster. But he adjusted surprisingly well."

Howard, Lundin's roommate, is impressed with the young goalie's maturity and said the 18-year-old reminds him of himself when he was a freshman.

"He's a very quiet kid just like I was," said Howard.

Howard added that their styles at the position bear close resemblance as well.

"We're more similar than people believe," Howard said. "We both like

to play the butterfly style, and we play the angles really well. He'll stand up to the shooters more, and sometimes he's a little more aggressive, but for the most part, our games are very similar."

The role Lundin will play on next year's team greatly depends on whether Howard returns for his senior season or plays professional hockey. As a second round draft pick for Detroit in 2003, Howard may opt to sign with the Red Wings at the end of the season. Most likely, his decision will revolve around the resolution of NHL player-owner disputes, but Howard prefers to save that choice for later.

"Right now, it's up in the air," Howard said. "I haven't been thinking about it because we've got a battle to make the playoffs, and that's the only thing I'm concentrating on."

The Black Bears also have a plan to ink another goalie if Howard moves on. Ben Bishop of the Texas Tornados in the North American Hockey League verbally committed to play for UMaine next fall. However, if Howard plays his fourth year, Bishop will continue playing junior hockey and attend UMaine the following season.

No matter what Howard's decision, it may be some time before Lundin's name is mentioned with UMaine's great goalies of the past: Blair Allison, Garth Snow, Mike Dunham. You could even throw in Lundin's counterpart, Howard, as well. But Lundin isn't intimidated by the past.

"It's a lot of pressure with UMaine's history of goalies going beyond college," said Lundin. "But I just see it as a place to play hockey, and all I have to do to succeed is have fun."

"And I'm having fun," he said.

So, it may not be out of the question to see him in a more crucial role in the near future.

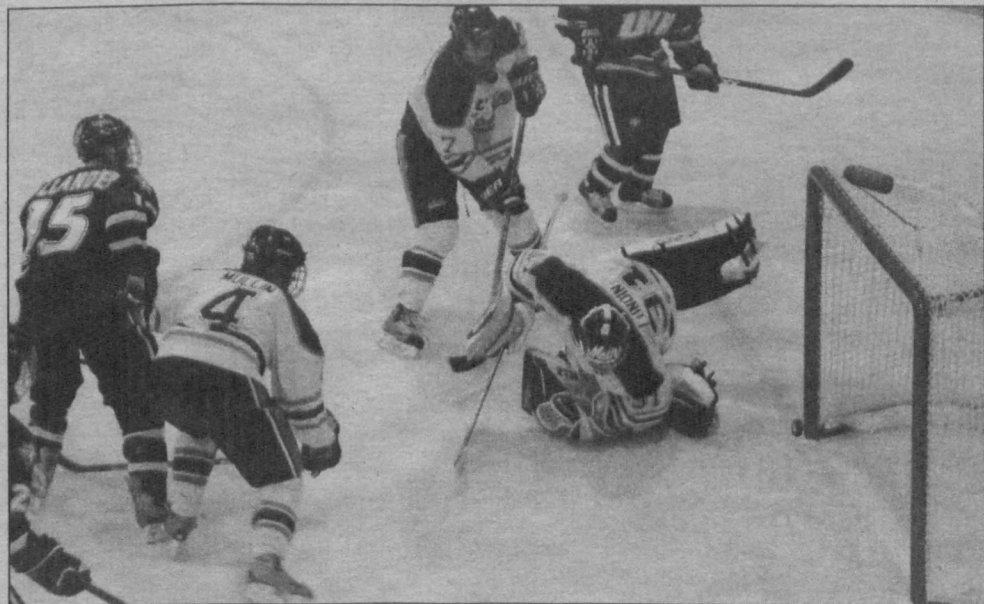
"There are two things I really like about Matt," said Whitehead. "One, he's pushing Howard more. Two, when he had the opportunity to play, he rose to the challenge."

According to Whitehead, Lundin is capable of alternating starts like Howard and Frank Doyle did last season.

"Matt is ready for that," said Whitehead. "Whether we do it, we'll have to wait and see."

Howard is also optimistic for his teammate.

"I'm excited because I know if he continues to improve, he's going to be a great goaltender," said Howard.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

MOMENT OF TRUTH—Lundin filled in for Jimmy Howard due to a game injury last November during UMaine's win over UNH at Alfond.



UM upset by Hawks despite late comeback

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

Nearly three weeks ago, the University of Hartford basketball team was held to a horrendous 22 points in a crushing

Men's Basketball

defeat to Boston University. On Wednesday night, the Hawks did not score 22 points.

In fact, any reminiscence of the team that was dismantled by the Terriers was nowhere to be seen Wednesday, when the Hawks upset the University of Maine 53-49 before a surprisingly upbeat Greater Hartford crowd. For the Hawks, the victory stands as their strongest of the year, while the loss for the Black Bears may have been their worst of the year. Coming off a disappointing loss to Albany last Sunday, the Black Bears have fallen to 1-4 in their last five games. The contest also saw UMaine earn its third two-game losing streak of the season.

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Black Bears set to joust for conference momentum

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

This weekend, the University of Maine women's hockey team will look to gain sole possession of third place in the Hockey East standings when they face the University of Connecticut.

Women's Hockey

UMaine's two-game set against the Huskies is part of the Black Bears six-game stand away from Alford Arena. Their last series of the road trip will be next weekend against second-place Providence College. After their battle against the Friars, the team will look to make amends against the University of New Hampshire.

"Going into the next few games will be challenging. I think we have to make plays and just play 120 minutes," said head coach Guy Perron. "Last week we played very well and made a cou-

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UMaine falls in battle of top teams

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team suffered its second conference loss in eight days Wednesday night when they lost to Hartford 53-49. Over the

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prior two seasons, the Lady Black Bears had lost just two conference games combined including tournament play.

The loss dropped the Black Bears record to 7-8 and 3-2 in conference play.

Hartford head coach Jennifer Rizzotti was happy about beating UMaine, something her team has not done since the 2001-2002 season, when her team won the America East championship.

"The last time we won here was 2002, when we won the America East championship, so maybe that's a good omen for us," said Rizzotti, a former University of Connecticut star. "It's definitely exciting, and I think it's a credit to Maine and their program and what they've accomplished that, when teams come in here and do get a win, not that it happens very often, you feel really good about yourself."

Rizzotti's Hawks picked up their tenth win of the season, in front of what was the smallest home crowd for the Black Bears all season, due to the snowy



CAMPUS PHOTO BY METEJ KRAJCOVIC

GRITTY GAME — Senior Kim Corbitt drives the ball under the basket during a Wednesday night match against Hartford. UMaine lost in dramatic fashion, 53-49.

weather.

Hartford is now 10-4 overall and 4-1 in America East play. They are tied for first place in the conference with Vermont, who is also 4-1.

The Hawks win was a hard fought one. Although UMaine never led in the game, the

biggest lead the visitors had was 10. UMaine had a chance to tie, down by two, with 30 seconds left in the game, but they turned the ball over and were forced to foul. In the end, the Black Bears came up short in the end 53-49.

Sophomore Bracey Barker

led Maine with 12 points and nine rebounds 36 minutes of play. Senior point guard Kim Corbitt played nearly the entire game, putting in 38 minutes. She added 10 points for her team.

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PLAN OF ATTACK — The Black Bears prepare for Boston University during Thursday's practice at Alford Arena.

Targeting the Terriers

Men's ice hockey squad eager to take on BU in huge homestand

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

When this year's University of Maine men's ice hockey schedule was released, this was the one the fans circled. Middle of January. Halfway through the season. Hockey East schedule in full swing. The make or break point of the year, this was the series.

On Friday night, Boston University comes to town for

undoubtedly the biggest homestand of the year. As if the match up needs any more hype, the two squads enter the engagement desperately seeking a much-needed boost in momentum. With the importance of each game steadily increasing as the season moves further ahead, the Black Bears are well aware of the extra incentive headed into the decision.

UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead discussed the heightened focus that comes with the season's

progression.

"The second half of season progressively increases in intensity," said Whitehead. "And that's fine. You've got to get to that. Obviously every game is more significant."

Whitehead believes the weekends are going to get increasingly more important as the days grow longer.

"I think each weekend gets big-

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Swim season halfway over and brimming with potential

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For the University of Maine swim team and their head coach, Jeff Wren, this year's current schedule has brought with it thoughts of glory. Halfway through their season, the team talked about their recent accomplishments, winter camp and the remaining six weeks of their season, which includes the Conference Championship on Feb. 18.

"I'm very happy with the way the fall went," said Wren. "Our primary focus is for everybody to just keep getting better."

Wren's coaching philosophy strives off of the idea that there is more to life than winning or losing. It is this attitude that has his swimmers improving and breaking records.

Megan Wolters, a sophomore transfer from Louisiana State University, recently broke the school record in the 500-yard freestyle, swimming her way into

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