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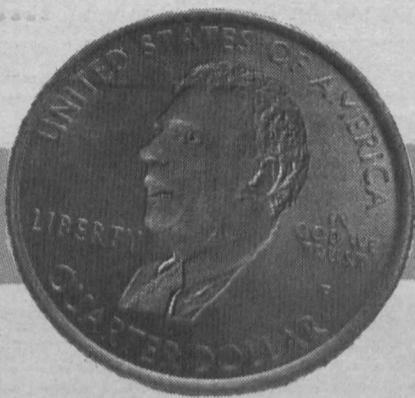
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Student senate faces crisis

Remaining funds half of Spring '03

By Jackie Farwell
News Editor
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Assistant News Editor

Student groups planning to petition Student Government for funding this semester may want to bank on other plans. As of Tuesday's senate meeting, available funds are \$43,668, just slightly more than half the figure that remained to be allocated last year at this time, according to Ross Bartlett, vice president of financial affairs.

"This semester it is much lower than it has been in past spring semesters," Bartlett said Tuesday. "Last semester, we gave out a little more than we should have."

The senate rarely fully funds student groups or events, but organizations that have not yet requested funding may be out of luck, Bartlett said.

"It's a somewhat unfortunate part of my job to meet with people and tell them they can't have funding," Bartlett said.

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CAMPUS PHOTOS • DENISE FARWELL

(Above) Justin Brown, president of the Student Senate, announced his resignation at Tuesday's senate meeting. Brown is among eight total senate members who have resigned over the last week.

(Right) Ross Bartlett, vice president of financial affairs, reacts to former senator Matthew Desmond who spoke at Tuesday's meeting. Desmond called for senators' increased accountability to students.



President among eight resignations

By Jackie Farwell
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The leader of the Student Senate has announced his resignation, one of eight losses the senate has suffered in just the last week. Senate President Justin Brown told senators Tuesday that he did not wish to elaborate publicly on why he resigned, only that his term would end at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Citing non-specific reasons of personal conflict in a letter addressed to general student senators, Brown said in his letter that his resignation is in his personal best interest and in the best interest of the senate.

Rumors of Brown's resignation began circulating as early as last week, but on Saturday Brown denied he was leaving the senate.

"No, absolutely not," he said Saturday.

Brown said he decided to withhold this information because he couldn't confirm the rumor without first informing his staff and the senators.

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Smoking to be banned in dorms

Resident blames illness on cigarettes in Penobscot

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Writer

Changes are in the works for on-campus housing at the University of Maine. Housing Services and Residence Life and Programs have proposed to make all residence halls smoke-free.

The proposed changes have been a long time coming, according to Andrew Matthews, director of Housing Services.

"More and more we have students that are saying they're non-smokers. Even the smokers are saying they don't want to be in a smoking building," Matthews said.

Currently, residents on two wings on the fourth floor of

Somerset Hall, the third floor of Estabrooke Hall and the fourth floor of Penobscot Hall are permitted to smoke in their rooms. That is a total of 100 people who live in smoking rooms, Matthews said.

The vacancies in smoking rooms have increased over the past several years, Matthews said.

"It's real difficult to have a building that's partially smoking and partially not smoking," Matthews said.

Second-year elementary education major and current Penobscot Hall resident Sarah Atherton agrees. She now has asthma and a reactive airway disease from living on a smoking floor, she said.

Atherton lived on the fourth floor of Penobscot her first year at

UMaine, when it was smokefree. This past fall, she arrived on campus several days early to help other residents move into the hall. It was not until that first day back that she was informed by a friend that the fourth floor had been changed to a smoking floor. She had not been notified before her arrival to campus, Atherton said.

"I was pretty much irate at that point," Atherton said.

Atherton contacted Housing Services and was told there was nothing its members could do, she said.

"Housing said, 'We're sorry. Room assignments changed. We

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Student runs for Orono seat

By Pattie Barry
Staff Writer

At the polls this November, Orono residents will have two candidates to choose from to serve as their state representative. Peter Fullerton, a University of Maine senior and political science major, is running as a Republican candidate against incumbent Jonathan Thomas, a Democrat.

"Democrats have had their opportunity [to improve the job climate] because they have had the majority in Augusta. Now the Republicans need to come in," said Fullerton, originally from York.

Fullerton chairs UMaine's College Republicans organiza-

tion.

Maintaining funding for the university is a priority in his campaign, Fullerton said.

"I want to make sure that tuition at UMaine doesn't go up and more state funding doesn't get taken away. As far as budget cuts go, I would make sure that it doesn't happen again — there's really no need for cutting the budget for the university," Fullerton said.

Thomas, who was elected to the Orono House seat while a student at UMaine, said he worked to mitigate the budget cuts that the university system saw in January.

"If it weren't for Sen.

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• Spring Break begins Saturday, Feb. 28

The University of Maine's Safe Campus Project, Substance Abuse Prevention Services and Public Safety have released the following tips for keeping safe while away on Spring Break.

Dehydration

Alcohol and increased exposure to the sun dehydrate the body. Drink non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated beverages to replace lost body fluid. Signs of dehydration include dizziness (especially if consuming alcohol), an imbalance of potassium and sodium chlorides (which leads to arrhythmia), weakness, muscle spasms, passing out and confusion. Warning signs of pending dehydration are dark urine or infrequent urination.

Hangovers

Everyone knows the symptoms of a hangover: Headaches, vomiting or nausea, "cotton mouth" and fatigue. Many do not know that a hangover is a mild form of alcohol withdrawal. Some symptoms are a rebound effect of alcohol on the nervous system. Other symptoms are due to a depletion of glucose and oxygen to the brain. Just remember, drinking too much too quickly on an empty stomach is a formula for a hangover.

To avoid a hangover, reduce alcohol consumption, sip rather than gulp your drinks, have food in your stomach when you drink, pace your drinks (one drink per hour for men and 1.5 hours for women), never mix alcohol with prescription or illicit drugs (especially depressant drugs like GHB), alternate a non-alcoholic drink between alcoholic drinks, and do not pressure yourself or others to drink more.

Sex and alcohol don't mix

Alcohol and sex can make for an unsafe combination. While a small amount of alcohol acts as a "social lubricant," more alcohol brings forth a drastic change in the physiology of the sexual response: In men, less intense orgasms, difficulty in obtaining and maintaining an erection, erectile impotence, ejaculatory impotence and painful ejaculation. In women, increased alcohol brings less intense orgasms, fewer or no orgasms, lassitude and loss of lubrication, which in turn produces painful intercourse. Too much alcohol contributes to miscommunication and misreading intent, which can lead to unwanted sex or rape and the possibility of STDs. Never put your drink down and then drink it. Also, never accept a drink that you didn't see the bartender make. Alcohol is not a good mixer for sex.

When you've had too much

Signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning include:

- Unconsciousness or semi-consciousness.

- Slow respiration of eight or fewer breaths per minute or lapses between breaths of more than eight seconds.

- Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin.

In the event of alcohol poisoning, these signs and symptoms will most likely be accompanied by a strong odor of alcohol. While these are obvious signs of alcohol poisoning, the list is certainly not all inclusive.

If you encounter a person who exhibits one or more of these signs and symptoms, call 911, gently turn the intoxicated person on his/her side and maintain that position by plac-

ing a pillow in the small of the person's back. This is important to prevent choking, should the person vomit. Stay with the person until medical help arrives. If a person appears to be sleeping it off, it is important to realize that even though a person may be semi-conscious, alcohol already in the stomach may continue to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body. The person's life may still be in danger. If you are having difficulty in determining whether an individual is acutely intoxicated, contact a health professional immediately — you cannot afford to guess.

Extra Tips

Here are some other safe Spring Break tips to keep in mind while out and about during the next two weeks:

- Decide in advance what and how much you will drink.

- Plan on how you will refuse alcohol or drugs once you've reached your limit.

- Know what will happen if you violate state or local laws, especially in a foreign country.

- Use a designated driver or choose public transportation if you've been drinking (bring some extra cash if you choose the latter).

- While at a hotel/motel, keep your door locked. Look through the peephole before answering the door. Don't open it for a stranger. If someone claims to be staff, call the front desk for verification.

- Be cautious when leaving valuables in your hotel/motel room.

- Use the buddy system when leaving the room for any reason.

- Use traveler's checks or ATMs as well as some cash

- If you don't want to have sex with someone, say no and leave the situation.

- Attend large parties with

friend and plan to leave with the same friends.

- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

- Watch out for rape drugs. Don't leave your drink unattended. Don't accept open drinks from strangers. It's like your luggage at the airport — keep it with you at all times.

- If you decided to have consensual sex, remember to use protection.

- Avoid sun exposure during the hottest hours of the sun's rays and avoid over-exposure.

- Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15, paying special attention to the face, nose, ears and shoulders. Re-apply after swimming and sweating. Remember, you can get sunburned even if it is cloudy.

- Use sunglasses with UV Protection.

- Drink plenty of water, non-carbonated, and non-alcoholic drinks, even if you do not feel thirsty.

- Stay within the designated swimming area and ideally within the visibility of a lifeguard.

- Bring a buddy when swimming.

- Be aware of rip currents. If you should get caught in a current, don't try to swim against it. Swim parallel to shore until clear of the current.

- Use common sense — if the waves look dangerous, they probably are.

- Jellyfish cause intense burning. Lifeguards know the first aid procedure for reducing the pain.

- Seek shelter in case of storm. Get out of the water. Get off the beach in case of lightning.

- Watch out for traffic — some beaches allow cars. If you're driving, obey the speed limit.

And most of all, use common sense. Enjoy yourself, have fun, relax and we'll see you back here in class March 14.

Alleged toddler busted for alcohol possession



POLICEBEAT
By Ernest Scheyder
Staff Writer

•A female student was issued a summons for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor Sunday around 12:30 p.m. An officer on patrol outside Wells Commons approached three individuals near the building's exterior, and spoke with two males and a female. The woman was holding a white foam paper cup and was trying to hide it from the officer, according to police. When the officer asked what was in the cup, the female slurred her words and responded that there was Sprite soda in it. The officer then asked the female for identification and she said she had none, but stated she was 21. The woman said her name was Danielle Burns, with a birthday of April 15, 2001. The officer asked the woman if the date of birth was correct, as it would make her 2 years old. The female responded that she was indeed 2 years old. The officer then asked if he could see inside the woman's purse, and she pulled out two bottles of vodka.

The name Danielle Burns was not found through Public Safety's dispatch, so the officer asked the woman to follow him inside to Hart Hall, due to the snow, for further discussion. The officer searched the woman's purse and found a MaineCard. The woman, whose real name is Jennifer Snowman, 18, of Orono, was issued a summons for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. The other two individuals were allowed to leave.

•A student was arrested and

taken to Penobscot County Jail on charges of domestic assault and criminal mischief on Sunday. An officer responded to the resident director's apartment in Cumberland Hall at 2:30 a.m. following a report of a female involved in a domestic dispute with her boyfriend, Joseph Gagnon, 19, of Orono. The victim was initially unwilling to speak about the incident, and the officer noticed several red marks on the female's neck. When asked about the marks, the victim, who is not an on-campus resident, said she and Gagnon had gotten into an argument at Cumberland Hall, where Gagnon resides. The argument may have started because Gagnon believed the victim was cheating on him with his friend.

During the initial altercation, the victim said, Gagnon threw her across the room. The two then parted ways and apparently met again when they arrived separately at Knox Hall to visit separate friends. During their time in Knox, the two allegedly made contact and Gagnon became mad and left the hall, purposely banging his head into the main entrance door. Blood and hair were retrieved from the door, which sustained substantial damage, police said.

The victim then followed Gagnon back to Cumberland, when Gagnon allegedly shook, choked and threw the victim against a wall.

Police arrested Gagnon for domestic assault and issued him a summons for criminal mischief for damaging the Knox Hall door.

Smoking ban proposed

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didn't let anyone know. We're sorry. We can't help you," Atherton said. "I didn't get a lot of response from Housing, which is unfortunate because I think they're supposed to look out for their students."

Following her return to school, Atherton lived on the smoking floor until approximately the second week in October 2003. After requests to be moved due to health problems, she was helped by Residence Life and Programs Director Barbara Smith.

"I was very glad that Smith was here because she made my life breathable," Atherton said.

Smith moved Atherton to temporary housing, then to the third floor of Penobscot and later provided her with an air purifier, Atherton said.

Atherton said she was shocked at Housing's lack of support for her health problems. It was not until she sent a letter — including names of about 20 other residents who were not informed about the change to a smoking floor — to UMaine President Peter S. Hoff, Smith and Matthews, Atherton said. The letter said she would tell local newspapers about her situation and lack of support from the university. Only then did she receive assistance, Atherton said.

"They didn't admit that it's their fault that I got sick," Atherton said. "If they paid for my medical expenses they would be opening themselves up for all kinds of liabilities. I can understand why they wouldn't want to pay for it, but I was pretty upset."

Atherton said her medical expenses totaled approximately \$100, plus lifelong expenses of using an inhaler. She had never experienced problems breathing before living in Penobscot last fall, she said.

"I've always known I was sensitive to smoke and that I shouldn't be around smoke, but I never attributed it to anything other than to stay away from it," Atherton said.

The problem occurred last year when an assistant director handled the room assignments for the 2003-04 school year. The first and second floors of Penobscot were supposed to be smoking floors — not the fourth floor as it turned out to be. This happened due to human error, according to Matthews.

"For whatever reason I was using my logic instead of my brain," Matthews said. "The whole thing went right over my head."

Housing Services tried its best to accommodate students who were unhappy with the situation by cleaning the smoking rooms and providing air fresheners, Matthews said. Most students pulled together to make the best of the situation, he said.

"What really struck me as interesting is there were some students who were really, really upset, and no matter how much you say it was an oversight, they're still angry," Matthews said.

Matthews said he was confused as to why asthmatic students would

live in a smoking hall to begin with.

"If I had asthma I would stay as far away from a building that had smoking," Matthews said.

Housing Services worked to listen and try to make the students feel that someone was being responsive, Matthews said.

A checks and balances system has been instituted with Housing Services' new room sign-up process to prevent a similar mix-up from happening again, according to Matthews.

The situation has affected her academic career, Atherton said, as

"It's not really because we think it's good for you. It's what students think is good for them."

she had to change her major in music education to a minor, because of the difficulties she encountered playing her oboe after becoming asthmatic. The peak flow of air she was able to push from her lungs went from 500 milliliters to about 150 milliliters within the first several weeks of living on the smoking floor, according to Atherton.

"If I walk through a cloud of smoke I have to haul out the inhaler. It's made me more sensitive to smoke than I would have been before," Atherton said. "It makes me feel more of an advocate for non-smokers. I know what it's like now to have to walk through that cloud of smoke and I can't breathe."

Since requests for smoke-free halls have increased, now is the best time to implement the conversion, especially considering UMaine is the only university in the state that still allows smoking in residence halls, Smith said.

"We've gotten to the point where there is so much more demand for smoke-free halls and there are so many good reasons to do so," Smith said. "It's not really because we think it's good for you. It's what students think is good for them."

"This is a community venture. If you choose to smoke, fine, but do it in a way that it doesn't impact other people," Matthews said. "That's kind of what we're promoting — an environment that's more healthy as opposed to trying to stop something."

The feedback so far has been positive and people are excited about smoke-free housing, Smith said.

Third-year animal science major and second-floor Penobscot resident assistant Kimberly Townsend said she supports the proposed conversion in her hall.

"It's really disgusting to walk up [to the fourth floor], for the most part, because it stinks," Townsend said. "Not to mention all the non-smoking residents constantly come to the staff complaining. The floors that aren't allowed smoking still do with the mentality that, 'Well, they get to smoke, why don't we?'"

Second-year elementary education major and resident of Estabrooke Hall Trisha Cunningham said living on a smoking floor is an annoyance.

"If we can't burn incense or candles, why should we be able to smoke in the dorms?" Cunningham said.

One nonsmoker said she does not support the proposed changes for smoke-free campus living.

"I'm someone who's allergic to smoke — my whole nose closes up. So I'm someone who would know if it's a problem," said Julie Anne Scott, graduate assistant and resident of Estabrooke on a smoking floor. "It's very interesting to me that people have that big of a problem because [smokers] are so respectful."

Smokers are courteous by closing their doors when smoking and by opening windows and blowing air out of their rooms with fans, according to Scott, who lives between two smokers' rooms.

"There's never smoke in the hallway. You can kind of smell it a little bit, but it's not strong. It's the amount you would smell if you were standing beside a smoker when they weren't smoking," Scott said.

The many nontraditional students who live in Estabrooke give up much of their lifestyles to live on campus, Scott said. So giving up smoking is a compromise they should not have to make, according to Scott.

"It's important. It's part of what makes Estabrooke different from the average residence hall," Scott said. "It's part of the Estabrooke culture that we have a smokers' floor, and it's one of the friendliest floors in the dorm."

Scott said she moved to the smoking floor of Estabrooke because residents there are the friendliest. People could worry about much worse issues on campus instead of whether nontraditional students are smoking in Estabrooke, according to Scott.

Residents on Campus approved and supported the proposal to make all campus housing smoke-free by a vote of 11-1-1, according to ROC President Scott Reynolds, a fourth-year electrical engineering major.

Matthews said changes will be finalized for next year's room sign-ups, which will be sometime in late March or early April.

"I think it's sad that they're taking away students' rights to smoke in their rooms," Scott said. "Estabrooke is supposed to be non-traditional. I wish they wouldn't try to mainstream on-campus lifestyle and just leave things the way they are."

"[Smokers] think they're entitled to their right, and, personally being a nonsmoker and someone who's adversely affected by smoke, I think I'm more entitled to my right because I'm not hurting anyone," Atherton said. "Still, smokers will laugh when you cough walking by them smoking in front of buildings. Some things you just aren't going to be able to change."

Speaker chastises media for exploitation of women

By Jenna Merchant
For The Maine Campus

Images of push-up bras, penis padding and half-naked women bombarded those who attended the American Beauty Myth lecture on Monday night in the Donald P. Corbett business building. Almost every seat in the lecture hall was filled to hear Camille Cooper, a former model and actress, speak about the truth behind images in mass media.

"The mass media is one of the most pervasive and persuasive methods of storytelling," said

Cooper. "It plays on our anxieties for profit."

Cooper began her lecture with a quote by Frederick Nietzsche.

"Nietzsche said, 'If a woman becomes a scholar, there is usually something wrong with her sexual organs.' This notion still exists today."

The media stress the importance of a woman's image instead of her mind, Cooper said, starting with kids. She showed the audience different magazine covers that market to teenage girls. One caption

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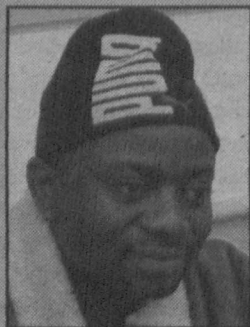
Due an error in Student Senate meeting minutes, an article in the Feb. 18 edition of *The Maine Campus* incorrectly listed a proposed legal services bid.

Senators propose to spend between \$40,000 and \$70,000 on the bid.

The Maine Campus strives to have an accurate and informative paper. If you notice that we have made an error, please contact the appropriate section editor.

WORD of mouth

What is your opinion of Bush's proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage?



"The Constitution needs to be a model for society. Relationships are one thing but marriage needs to be respected."
Godefried Busane
Fourth-year, nursing



"I think it's ridiculous. It only goes to show his ties to the extreme religious right."
Kassie Merrill
Third-year, women's studies and philosophy



"I don't agree with gay marriage but that is not Bush's place to say. God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."
Shea Armstrong
First-year, nursing



"I personally don't agree with his position but I'm glad it's being handled at a federal level, because if it is not, it will never be resolved."
Peter Pike
Fourth-year, mechanical engineering



"I agree with him because marriage is a sacred thing between a man and woman. That's not to say gays can't have that relationship, but we shouldn't make an exception for them."
Amy Cole
Third-year, nursing

Volunteers use fraternity's donation to aid rape victims

Outreach eases the healing process, director says

By Kristin Saunders
Sports Editor

Where does one turn when faced with a personal crisis? Rape Response Services offers victims help and a friend.

On Friday evening the brothers of Beta Theta Pi spent the night locked out of their house and in the snow, to raise money and awareness about Rape Response Services.

In the event's 11th year, the Sleep Out attracted hundreds and raised an estimated \$1,400 for Rape Response services.

"It's important to raise the awareness of sexual assault across college campuses across the country," said Eric DeGrass, Beta philanthropy chair.

The event is important because it is sponsored by an all men's organization and shows the community that rape is an issue, said Rape Response Services Executive Director Kathy Walker. She said the event sends the message that not all men are rapists and that there are lots of men who want rape to stop.

"[The Sleep Out] makes a statement," DeGrass said. "We're willing to sleep outside to show how much we want to stop sexual assault at all colleges across the country."

Covering both Penobscot and Piscataquis counties, Rape Response Services is based in Bangor with four branches throughout the demographic in an attempt to be accessible to those who need help, Walker said. She said Maine has a total of 10 hub centers throughout the state. She noted that many of the centers had chosen to not use the word rape in their title, but the Bangor-based office chose to use it, because of the impact of the word.

In its 16th year, Rape Response Services is available for people affected by any sort of rape, as well as incest, harassment, inappropriate touching or people sexually abused as children. Walker said the program serves women, children and men. She noted that they are available to help not only recent victims, but survivors and family members.

Volunteer services keep the program running. Walker said a total of 15 volunteers currently staff the 24-hour crisis hotline. She said in their around-the-clock phone coverage it is estimated they donate about \$100,000 in estimated wages.

"We could not do what we do without our volunteers," Walker said.

Volunteers are equipped with a pager, and calls go through an answering service, after which a volunteer has 15 minutes to call the person back. She said that the pager allows a volunteer to be mobile, but they have to have access to a secure phone line because they cannot talk to a caller on a cell phone. She said they average about one phone call a day.



CAMPS PHOTO • MELISSA ARMES

GIVING BACK — Rape Response Services Executive Director Kathy Walker explains the importance of community support, including Beta Theta Pi's recent Sleep Out fundraiser, to the organization's outreach efforts.

"We try to make it easy for our volunteers," Walker said.

To become a phone volunteer, Walker said patrons must complete an application stating why they would like to volunteer and any experience they might have. She said that 45 hours of training is the second step for the future volunteers. The training includes basic crisis intervention and a trip to the hospital, Walker said. She said the future volunteers practice phone calls and the final test is a role-played crisis line phone call. She said they hold training sessions twice a year, one in the fall and one that was just completed this month.

When callers place a phone call to the hotline, the volunteer is there to let them know that they have options, including going to the hospital, nothing, visiting the family doctor or reporting the incident to the police. Walker said it is important for the volunteer to allow the caller to make the choice because it gives them a chance to regain the power and control that was just taken from them.

"Our major goal is to give a person who has been raped choices," Walker said. "We help a person work through the options."

Walker said the volunteers will step out from behind the phone and offer support for victims, by going to the hospital or reporting the incident with them. She said volunteers will also help victims through the entire process, by traveling to court with them. Walker emphasized that the impact of the volunteers can be felt by the victims because they will take five hours out of their day to sit with a victim at the hospital, reassuring them that they are important and there is someone who cares about them.

"It's invaluable, awesome, all those words," Walker said.

Rape Response Service offers support groups for survivors and educational prevention based education. Walker said the educational programs reach from kindergarten through high school, college campuses, law enforcement and community presentations.

Walker said the subjects discussed in schools vary by grade level. Children in Kindergarten through fourth grade learn about safe touch, boundaries and good relations. Children in fifth through eighth grades learn about gender stereotypes and harassment "bullying." At the high school level the programs address how to help, drugs that could be involved in rape and consent.

"We are amazed how much people want to learn about consent," Walker said.

Walker said the funds raised from the Beta Sleep Out will be used throughout the organization, including for a new curriculum.

April is sexual assault awareness month. A Stay at Home Ball will be held on April 3 to raise money for the organization. Walker noted that there are a number of charitable events held to benefit Rape Response Services besides the Beta Sleep Out or the Stay at Home Ball. The UMaine Student Women's Association Vagina Monologues and Brothers Engaged Against Rape Rock Against Rape Concerts fundraising events help the organization.

"This was started 11 years ago and it's sort of tradition now," DeGrass said. "However, we continue to support them because we feel that fighting sexual assault is still a worthy cause and needs our continued support."

Senators resign amidst budget woes

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Brown took office only seven weeks ago after winning the election by a landslide victory in December.

"I'm a student first and my academics come first," Brown said.

The other seven senate members who have resigned are Ryan Clark, Ivan Crowley, Matthew Dube, Kevin Forgett, Stephen Fortune, Aaron Mehuren and Nicklaus Laverty.

Brown also said he took the student government budget issues into consideration when deciding to resign. As of Tuesday's meeting, student government's unallocated funds were reported at \$43,668.03 — about half as much as was in unallocated funds last year at this time.

But Brown denied that he is resigning solely because of the budget crunch the senate may be facing, saying only that the office was not what he thought it would be when he decided to run.

"If I had known then what I know now, I would not have decided to run," he said. "I'm just not the person who should be handling these problems."

The budget shortfall is not a crisis

right now, but could present some troubles down the road, Brown said.

"The next person who fills this position is going to have a tough time dealing with this [financial] situation," Brown said.

The next president of the senate, who also serves as vice president of the student body, will be appointed by Student Body President Cortlynn Hepler and then approved by the Student Senate.

Hepler said he respects Brown's decision to leave.

"Justin had worked hard and is a good leader, and I respect someone who can say to themselves, 'This isn't working for me,' and speak up before it's too late," Hepler said. "I'm sorry to see him go."

Hepler was in Texas at the time of Brown's resignation announcement, along with other senate members, participating in a student government conference, he said.

Hepler would not speculate on why his second-in-command and seven other senate members resigned, saying only that he wished he could have spoken to them.

"They're all good people. I wish I could have been here and maybe talked things through," he said.

Former student body president Matthew Rodrigue said the numerous resignations by student senators are likely a result of Brown's decision to leave.

"Well, the leader resigned... The two are pretty linked," he said. "It's unfortunate. The job is more demanding than it looks from the outside, sometimes. This has been a real time of transition for student government."

Ryan Clark, a former senator who resigned Saturday, said it was more than the responsibility of his position — or Brown's resignation — that prompted him to leave.

"Justin Brown resigning, that helped me make up my mind, but after that meeting I was like 'It's time for me to get out,'" Clark said, referring to a recent senate membership committee meeting that he felt got out of control. "We all felt that when we had someone like Justin, who had been here for awhile, things were going to go well. And they didn't."

A discussion that began as a debate

about senate issues quickly escalated into a personal confrontation among some senators, Clark said.

"They were arguing, to say the least. Really outlandish things were said," he said. "It was semi-related to the senate, and then basically it just launched into a personal attack."

None of the other seven senators who recently resigned had returned requests for comment at press time.

Sen. Dan O'Brien, who on Wednesday reversed his decision to quit the senate, also cited personal disagreements among senators as a reason for his frustration with the organization. His attempts to make changes within the group, including reducing executive salaries and paying senators, were met with approval during private conversations, but senators failed to support his ideas publicly, O'Brien said.

"If you talk to one person with no one else around, they'll say 'let's do the pay thing,'" he said. "I don't know how to get somebody to stay true to their word after our conversation."

O'Brien abruptly left Tuesday's senate meeting to speak to a former senator,

Matthew Desmond, who complained that senators were not adequately representing students.

"My level of stress is just beyond what I can handle," O'Brien said. "Somebody should have kicked me out [Tuesday] night."

O'Brien speculated that some senators may have resigned after learning that Student Government, which is a private corporation, was temporarily without general liability insurance. Some may have feared they could be successfully sued without the insurance, he said.

Despite the senate's recent membership problems, three new senators were inducted Tuesday and more are expected to do so, Brown said. At the meeting, Sen. Erik Black encouraged members to stay involved with the organization and avoid personal attacks.

"I hope no one else leaves. Hopefully we can focus on the other problems facing Student Government," he said. "We need to work together to solve these problems. It is healthy for us to disagree. Let's not let it get too personal. I really urge everyone not to leave."

Fullerton vies for Orono seat in Maine House

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Cathcart (D-Orono) and I, the university would be in a much worse situation financially," Thomas said.

In his first of two terms, Thomas initiated a bond package that gave the university system \$10 million for an advanced manufacturing center on the Orono campus. This year, he passed a bill prohibiting individuals from making indiscriminate

challenges against voters.

Thomas said he initiated the bill because at the November 2002 election, some Republicans challenged selected students' rights to vote at the Orono polls. The Republican group asked students to sign affidavits affirming their name and address in order to ensure that they were not committing voter fraud, he said.

"With my bill I'm really hoping to avoid these indiscriminate

challenges we saw against students last election cycle," Thomas said.

If elected, Fullerton said he hopes to improve the job climate in Maine, and that it is important to have a Republican majority in the Maine Senate to do so.

The conditions for small businesses in the state have to be improved, Fullerton said, as Maine is ranked one of the worst states to own and operate a small business.

"Maine is made up of small towns with small businesses," he said. "Small businesses are really a huge part of Maine, and we need to make it more business-friendly in general."

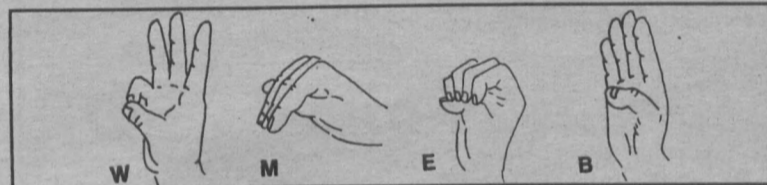
Having grown up in southern Maine, Fullerton said he remembers hearing much talk about the two Maines: a southern, more economically developed half, and a northern, poorer half.

"I would make sure that we are getting our fair share of fund-

ing and representation in certain committees," Fullerton said.

Fullerton said he is also running to support the democratic process. In the past two elections, Thomas has gone unchallenged.

"I think that I've served Orono and the university well," Thomas said. "I've brought a younger voice to the Legislature and I've accomplished a lot in the almost four years that I have been down here."



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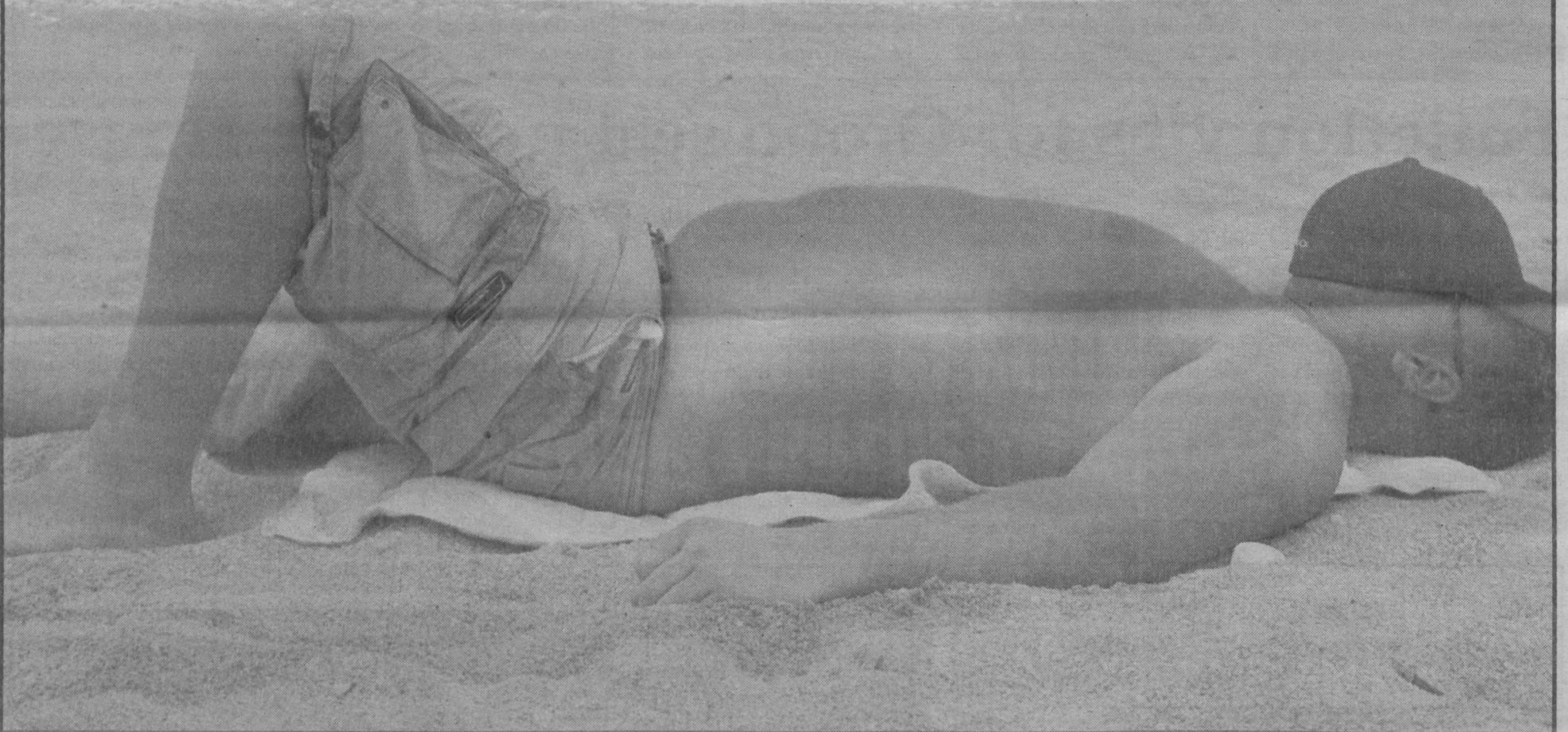
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Funding crunch may impact student groups

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Questioned at Tuesday's senate meeting as to whether student groups would be notified of the budget situation, Bartlett said he may create a packet detailing how organizations can seek alternate sources of funding.

"I can think about some way of approaching that," he said.

Kyle Cyr, vice president for student organizations, said senators need to be cautious when allocating the remaining funds.

"Money is getting tight around here, so we can't be full funding events," he said.

Justin Brown, who recently announced his resignation as presi-

dent of the senate, agreed that the previous administration's spending may have contributed to the shortfall this semester.

"They may have been a little too generous in their spending," Brown said. "They could have been a little more selective."

Senators could have thought twice about how much and to which student groups they doled out money, Brown said, adding that the senate has been petitioned with an "unusually large" number of requests for funding from student groups.

Brown said he does foresee budget problems down the road, which may frustrate student organizations seeking funding. The antic-

ipated shortfall had little to do with his decision to resign, Brown said.

While representatives for student government attribute the lack of funds to increased requests for funding from student organizations, some groups received far less this year. So far, student government has spent nearly \$20,000 less on clubs compared to last year's figure at this time, according to budget reports.

The Student Women's Association received about \$7,000 less than last year, and the Latin Student Organization was awarded \$1,700, less than half the amount from 2002-03.

"I think the money we've allocated to clubs has gone to great

things," said Cortlynn Hepler, student body president. "I think it was allocated very wisely. I wish we could do more, but there's only so much money available."

Some of this year's largest allocations include nearly \$100,000 for legal services, \$50,000 for Bumstock, \$20,000 for the Guest Lecture Series, and \$18,000 for Residents on Campus.

University boards — including the Interfraternity Council and Off-Campus Board — and student government operating costs have seen significant increases this year. Meanwhile, clubs and special allocations, which fund programs such as the Collegiate Readership Program and Whistle Alert

Program, have suffered a substantial decrease in overall funding.

Former student body president Matt Rodrigue said student groups may have requested funding earlier than last year, looking for money in the fall semester instead of waiting for spring. Therefore, funding applications may soon drop off, he said.

"Requests for funding tend to trail off after Spring Break," Hepler said.

Both Hepler and Rodrigue agreed that the budget situation will be resolved.

"I wouldn't call it a financial crisis," Rodrigue said. "They're probably more stable financially than they realize they are."

Women's poor body image blamed on media portrayals

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read, "Make him hot," while another read, "Are you obsessed with him?" Cooper said her favorite was "Kissing, are you doing it right?"

"Instead of teaching these girls about art or music, the media is sending messages like these," said Cooper.

Even before girls reach their teenage years, the media stresses how they look over what their talents are or what they can become, Cooper said. She related a story about an item she and her daughter found in a toy store in Los Angeles. Cooper said the toy was a dress-up kit that had a boy outfit and a girl outfit.

"On the outside of the box meant for boys it said, 'Be a doctor' and on the girl box it said, 'Be a fairy princess.' Last time I checked there wasn't much of a job market

for fairy princesses."

There are 3 million beauty contestants in America every year, and 200,000 of them are under the age of 14, Cooper said.

"They are told the most important part of who they are is how they look," she said.

Cooper showed a slide of a girl applying foundation in front a mirror. The girl puts on her makeup every day before school, Cooper said, then revealing that the little girl was nine.

"There's an entire aisle at Toys 'R Us dedicated to beauty products," said Cooper. "When I asked the store owner about it, she said it signified a return to femininity."

Cooper said the idiom for femininity is a fair or weaker sex, and then asked the audience why women would want to return to that.

"Women are hating them-

selves," said Cooper. "Cosmetic surgery is one of the fastest growing industries in the country. We have 9 year-olds going in for nose jobs and 14-year-olds getting breast implants."

Plastic surgery is increasing because the media advertises with women who represent only 5 percent of the population, and then they make them skinnier and take away their imperfections, Cooper said.

"The airbrush lab retouches every picture of every woman over 14," said Cooper.

Cooper showed a slide of a Victoria's Secret model and asked if anyone could see where there the photo had been altered.

"Victoria has a secret alright. Victoria has no nipples. Victoria has no pubic hair. Victoria has no pores. Victoria is a freak," said Cooper.

Cooper also used actress Sharon

Stone as an example of the false images the media sends. She showed a still clip of a movie Stone starred in depicting a controversial scene where her legs are bare and open. According to Cooper, Stone threatened the camera man with a gun and said, "If I see one ounce of cellulite on the screen, you're a dead man." The camera man added several features to make sure there was no cellulite and managed to live through the experience, Cooper said.

Women are not the only victims of the mass media beauty myth; men are targeted as well, Cooper said.

"One in 10 people with an eating disorder is male," said Cooper. "The media is now telling men that in order for them to be attractive and lovable, they have to be huge."

Body dysmorphia disorder is growing at an epidemic rate in men,

and even the toys have changed, Cooper said.

"Thirty years ago, GI Joe looked like a normal guy. Now he has a six-pack," said Cooper.

One member of the audience approached Cooper after the lecture, and told her that he always puts gel in his hair and that he takes pride in the way he looks. Cooper challenged him to not do his hair for the rest of the week.

"I want you to walk around campus with bed-head," said Cooper.

She said this was one of many ways the public can fight the mass media.

At the end of Cooper's lecture, a unique slide appeared — a black and white close-up of a smiling baby.

"We all come into the world like this," said Cooper. "We all come in pure."

ROC election cancelled

An election for the Residents on Campus organization originally scheduled for Wednesday has been canceled. Dean Wilbur, a second-year electrical engineering and technology major, will assume the position of president, as former candidate Adam Jones dropped out of the race. Jones, who will assume the position of vice president of financial affairs, said he dropped out after he realized Wilbur was serious about the race.

Wilbur will replace current ROC president Scott Reynolds, a fourth-year electrical engineering and technology major, in April.

Nicole Rozanski will remain in her post as vice president of

ROC, as she was unopposed in the election.

Wilbur said as president he hopes to make ROC's name more visible to residents and let them know funding is available to groups for various events.

"I want to make ROC meetings more effective and have groups ask us for money," Wilbur said. "Last night alone we handed out a couple of thousand dollars."

Wilbur said his approachable personality will help him succeed as ROC president.

"What good is a ROC representative or president if you can't approach them and ask them anything?" Wilbur asked.

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Men overboard

A good captain is supposed to be the last one to abandon ship, and to help his crew weather any storm.

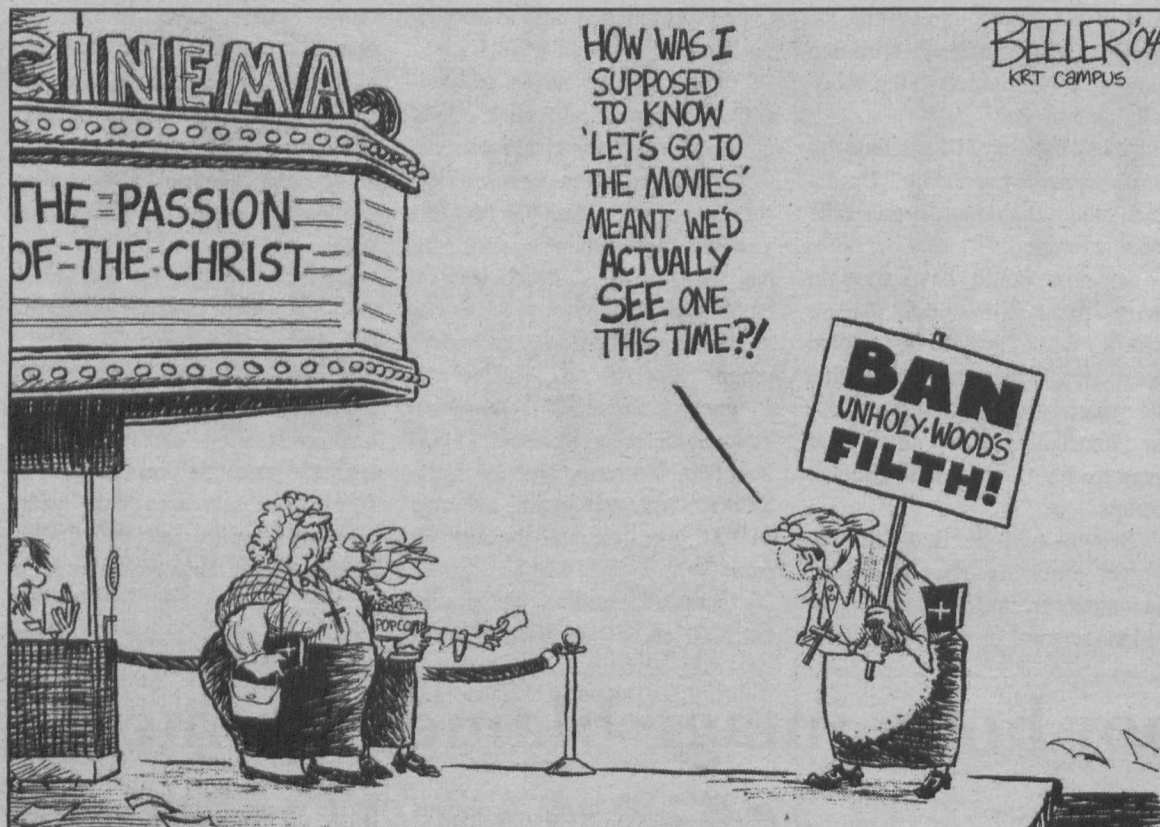
Justin Brown's resignation as president of the General Student Senate has left the rest of the senators without a leader in a critical time of transition. Coincidentally, seven other senators resigned at the same time, leaving just 18 senators in the 35 available seats.

Obviously something isn't going well, or the senate and its membership would not be in this situation. Student Government leaders need to take a long hard look at their organization and get to the root of the problem before more senators follow Brown's lead and jump ship.

Departing members are also being vague about their reasons for quitting, leaving students to wonder what really is going on within Student Government. What sort of crisis situation does it take to cause eight members of the staff, including the second-in-command, to throw in the towel? Members of the senate should be taking responsibility for their financial woes and internal conflicts.

Problems are not fixed by a complete staff turnover and inexperienced bodies filling the vacancies. It's the senate's job to represent us, the student body, and to fix the problems that arise within the organization. New senators coming in will now be faced with the daunting task of cleaning up the mess the more experienced members of the senate have left behind. More time will need to be spent resolving internal problems and consequently, taking more time away from serving the student body.

Like the famous saying goes, a real leader faces the music, even if he doesn't like the tune. That Brown and the senators who resigned have abandoned the students during a time when GSS is in a vulnerable financial state is bad form. If Student Government wants to overcome this obstacle, the remaining representatives need to band together, see it through and do the best they can to meet the financial needs of student groups on campus. That is, after all, why they were elected.



A little cup of heaven

Proprietor to open topless coffee shop in Maine

With Starbucks popping up on every corner of America, some might say local coffee shops are screwed. Try telling that to entrepreneur Norman St. Michael, who has submitted an application to open the Heavenly Angels Coffee Shop, a topless coffee house, in Madison.

Now I don't drink coffee, but this proposal has me jonesing for a cup of Joe. What better way is there to start your day than a cup of coffee served to you by a topless waitress? Talk about a real eye-opener.

Perhaps the most astonishing element of this proposal, despite its risqué nature, is that the majority of Madison towns-

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people are not outwardly opposing the idea. According to Robert Dunphy, the town's code enforcement officer, St. Michael's proposition does not violate Madison's obscenity ordinance. In fact, the idea has already been tentatively green-lighted.

Not looking a gift horse in the mouth, St. Michael has established an age limit of 18 for patrons looking for a latte

and T & A. With these precepts established, the business is set to open this summer, just in time for the tourists to get a true taste of "the way life should be."

Maine's reputation as a sleepy, New England haven is a huge draw for the state's tourism industry. Many visitors to "Vacationland" come to Maine to trade the hustle of city life for our picturesque coastal landscapes and rustic charm. This is why many Maine towns and cities have strict ordinances preventing lewd and sexually oriented businesses from forming in or moving to their quiet, simple domains.

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Letters to the Editor

•Are you kidding me?

After reading Mike Servis' column against same sex-marriage in *The Maine Campus* on Feb. 23, I was appalled. I can understand, although I strongly disagree with, people wanting to keep the traditional definition of marriage as being between just a man and a woman. Servis, however, went far beyond that argument, even stating that by redefining marriage "seri-

ous damage will be done to our government and anarchy could prevail." Anarchy? You have got to be kidding me. And what is so wrong with redefining the word "marriage?" Marriage has changed plenty over the years anyway. For example, it was only 1967 when the Loving v. Virginia decision of the Supreme Court overturned a ban on interracial marriages.

Servis also stated that "if same-

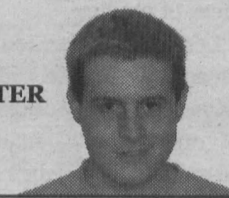
sex marriage is allowed, adultery will become a norm and perhaps a requirement." Never before in America has the likelihood or high probability of a person's marital indiscretions prevented them from enjoying the right to marry. And it should be noted that the number of heterosexual spouses that engage in at least one extramarital affair is approaching 50 percent.

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Defending the faith

Another look

KYLE WEBSTER



STYLE EDITOR

My home Diocese of Arlington, Va., has now joined the trend. Nine priests from there have been accused of the sexual assault of minors. It's about time, I was starting to feel left out.

In all honesty, I don't know what to think about this. I know some of these men. I encountered them at youth retreats, work camps and other youth conferences around the Diocese. And now it comes to light that they are pedophiles. These incidents seem to have affected my mother worse than anyone else around me. She's a devout Catholic and I think the shock of priests we know touching little boys is making her question how things got so screwed up in the church that she holds so close to her heart. I, on the other hand, am not surprised. It was only a matter of time before someone was exposed. We are not exempt.

I still feel the need to point out three huge truths that are being trampled on by the media, the public and even the Catholic church in light of all of these events.

Of these nine men, two are dead, one has been exonerated, one is retired and the rest have been removed from ministry. There are 891 priests that have served in my diocese over the past 30 years. These nine men make up one percent of that number. What this tells us is that not all priests are pedophiles. Believe it or not, there are good, decent men of God out there who actually work for the betterment of the Catholic Church and society as a whole. All priests cannot be put down or generalized based on the poor choices and sickness of one percent.

Many people have blamed these situations on homosexuals joining the ministry in order to hide their

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For example, the city of Bangor is embroiled in an ongoing feud with Divas, a club featuring exotic dancers, located in its downtown business district. Established in 1997, the strip joint has been a lightening rod for opponents of nude entertainment in Bangor. Many attempts have been made, to no avail, to shut down the business, owned and operated by Diane Cormier.

Platinum Plus, a nationwide chain of "gentlemen's clubs," was given the go-ahead to establish a franchise in Bangor, via a plurality vote by the city council in its Feb. 23 meeting. The venture is being met with strong opposition from religious groups and other critics, including Cormier, who realizes the ramifications another strip club could have on her local smut monopoly. She is playing the "lesser of two evils" card, citing the fact that her club was made "non-nude" by order of the city council. This means you can enjoy everything but the "full show" from skanky girls you went to high school with, who you didn't want to see naked then, but you'd pay to see now. The blatant hypocrisy of the whole situation is enough to make your head spin.

In the past year, even the city of Brewer, a poor-man's

Bangor, has experienced a backlash from its community regarding the city council's decision to allow Pandora's Boxxx, an adult video and sex shop, to set up shop in town. Critics claim that by allowing the business to take root in the city, the council is eroding the moral landscape of the community.

Such allegations are unfounded tools of the ignorant. Sex is a natural and great thing when utilized in the proper forum. Is a coffee shop the proper place to have topless women? Is it shameless degradation of women? Is it wrong to ask for cream in a topless coffee shop?

These are all questions with which we must grapple. As citizens of Maine, we can choose to stick our heads in the sand, like a bunch of ostriches when it comes to the subject of sex, or we can take a stand and collectively embrace public displays of sexuality in appropriate venues. As for me, all I have to figure out is how early I have to wake up to make the two-hour round trip from Orono to Madison and back before class starts.

Mike Melochick is a junior journalism major who doesn't want to know how they make the doughnuts in Madison, Maine.

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sexual identity. While this may or may not be true, the fact remains that homosexuals and pedophiles are not the same thing. Pedophilia is a sickness that in no way relates to homosexuality any more than it relates to heterosexuality. The priests who have molested these children, who were in some cases female, are not necessarily gay or straight. First and foremost, they are sick.

This secular mess among the Catholic Church is not the end of religion as we know it. Some people claim that this problem is the proof of what has been known for years. The Catholic Church is arguably the oldest of the Christian religions. It has survived past scandals, wars and splits within the faith. Millions of people worldwide follow this church's teachings and truly believe in what it stands for. This religion will

not die due to the actions of a few sick people.

Religion, as a whole, is a touchy subject in this country and people seem to get extremely excited when they have the chance to attack one. But all religions, whether Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu or other are based on faith, teachings and higher truths. For that reason, we must look past the men and women who represent these faiths and realize that they are merely human. These faiths are not still around because of some priest or monk, they are around because there are groups of people who truly believe that these religions do hold higher truths. These people are the true representatives of faith, even if they don't wear a robe or a collar.

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Another point I had issues with is Servis' statement that "Heterosexuality is essential for reproduction, the survival of mankind. Frankly, heterosexuality has protected and nurtured the institution of marriage." Yes, heterosexual intercourse is essential for reproduction, but using the argument that since homosexuals cannot reproduce they should not get married is just asinine. When was the last time a priest disallowed a heterosexual couple from marrying due to one of them being infertile?

If same-sex marriages are allowed, our society will not crumble. In 1998 the Netherlands granted homosexuals full marriage rights, and most Scandinavian countries followed suit. I haven't heard anything about anarchy in those countries. Homosexual marriages will not affect heterosexual marriages, it will not bring an end to society, but it will further equality. What's so wrong with that?

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Now, not later Nader

Independent sets bipartisan presidential race aflame

Ralph Nader, a veteran presidential nominee who ran in the 2000 Presidential election under the banner of the Green Party, announced on Sunday that he will once again make his bid for the Presidency, but this time as an independent candidate.

For those who remember like a bad dream the 2000 Florida recall and the "too close to call" election that lasted for days, this is not good news. Many people, most of them Democrats, accuse Nader of being the spoiler in the 2000 race, and at least partially responsible for Al Gore's loss and George W. Bush's eventual seat in the Oval Office.

"Ralph Don't Run" seems to be the official motto for those opposing Nader's candidacy. There's even a Web site, ralphdontrun.org, that ran a passionate ad pleading with Nader to check his ego at the door and give Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass) or Sen. John Edwards (D-North Carolina) a better chance of winning in November.

While politicians often try to manipulate and suppress the Democratic process in elections, this "Ralph Don't Run" movement is one of the most blatant attempts at superceding democracy I've ever seen. What the "Ralph Don't Run" activists are doing is pushing the election toward a complete two-party monopoly - something that other western democracies would shun.

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There are Americans who don't fit into the Republican, Democrat or anywhere in between mold. Although my vote tends to resonate liberal, I would never give up my GDI status when it comes to voter registration. And while Nader would not be my idea of an ideal third-party candidate, I appreciate that for some people, he might be.

Furthermore, shame on anyone who actually believes that without Nader, Gore would have easily beat Bush in 2000. First of all, in case anyone has forgotten, technically, Gore received more popular votes. Thanks to Jeb Bush, the US Supreme Court and of course the ballot malfunctions, the election was a steal. But what's to say that Nader voters who, had they only been presented with two candidates, both of whom they didn't like, would have voted at all?

To place blame on Nader for the 2000 election's outcome is argumentative, but of course, statistics show that if Gore had received the bulk of Nader's votes in Florida and New Hampshire in 2000, he would have won the general election.

Instead, voters who couldn't see any difference between the two candidates, and at the time, there weren't many obvious ones, voted with the knowledge that this country is not bound by two middle-of-the-road philosophies.

It's time Democrats stopped being afraid of Nader. Aside from acknowledging the need for a permanent third-party presence on the ballot, the truth is that Nader is hardly the threat he once was. According to the Associated Press, Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe said Nader would not have the same impact this time as he did in 2000.

"I can tell you Green Party members are all coming into the (Democratic) party saying they want to help us because they know the stakes are so big this time," he said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Nader should stand up for what he believes, and if that means running for president again, I condone the decision. People should always have more than two choices when it comes to voting, and bi-partisan politics has slowly been changing the face of democracy for much too long. Vote with confidence in 2004, and maybe there will actually be a candidate you can stand behind.

Julia Hall is senior journalism major.

Two sides... ...Same coin

Ralph just stroking his ego

Nader mucks up Democrats hope for a stable America

Ralph Nader has decided to throw his formidable weight into the presidential contest for the third time in his career amidst a great deal of public pressure against such a move. He declares that America needs a choice and that he wishes to remove President Bush from office.

His actions reveal his true intentions: He cares more about himself than his country. As Florida Democratic Party Chairman Scott Maddox proclaimed, "He reminds me of another American who once did great things for this country: Ralph Nader is the Benedict Arnold of modern democracy. Last time, he had a party and a point of view to represent. This time, he's breaking faith with his followers and representing only his own ego."

At a time when it is vitally important for this country to unite behind a leader who can overthrow the Bush regime, at a time when our country appears to be the most vulnerable it has been in decades, we do not need someone looking for attention. He has no realistic chance of gaining any more than five percent of the popular vote, which makes one wonder why he would embark on such a crusade.

Nader certainly has many com-

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mendable perspectives and viewpoints. His stand on consumer rights, the environment and the need to displace corporations from Washington are well received by most voters. But there is a time and a place to make a statement, and this is not it. The Nation news-magazine, a longtime Nader supporter, issued an open letter to Nader pleading with him not to run. Democrats across the country have echoed the same sentiments. The stakes are too high this time around.

While it is unfair to completely blame Al Gore's loss on Nader three years ago, it is clear that if he had not run, George W. Bush would not be running his disastrous rampage on our country and civil liberties as we speak. Bush's latest ingenious idea is to amend the Constitution, making same-sex marriages illegal, which would be the first time discrimination was written into the Constitution. Alas, Nader's 97,488 votes in Florida and 22,188 in New Hampshire during the 2000 cam-

paign proved to be just enough to allow President Bush and his henchmen to steal the White House.

Nader's motives, however pristine he declares them to be, are disheartening. He claims to be anti-Bush, yet his campaign was funded by the GOP. Republicans also ran Nader commercials denouncing Gore. If he gains the necessary signatures to become a viable candidate, Republicans will once again gleefully hand him all the Democratic-damaging money he desires. Nader's rhetoric is overshadowed by reality. If he truly cared about "taking down big business," accepting their royalties is a poor way of showing it.

Ralph Nader's candidacy will only end up serving Republicans, the party he supposedly stands against. He recently proclaimed to Democrats, "Relax, rejoice that you have another front carrying the ancient but unfulfilled pretensions and aspirations of the Democratic Party." Yet by running, those pretensions and aspirations are precisely what he will undermine. Not now Ralph.

Michael Rocque is a junior sociology major.

Style

Eve 6 to headline Bumstock

By Aerin Raymond
Staff Writer

Hoping to see the likes of Something Corporate or Chevelle at this year's Bumstock festival? Unfortunately neither band will be attending. Something Corporate will be nowhere near the area of

University of Maine in April, and Chevelle wanted more than the Bumstock Executive Committee could afford.

And so, about two weeks ago, the BEC began considering RCA Records' Eve 6. As of last Thursday they had confirmed and paperwork is now being finalized.

"Eve 6 is popular, they have good music, they will be in our area and they have a good reputation for college concerts," Erin Smith, the director of Bumstock 2004, said.

The decision for this band comes after more than a dozen different bands were considered, ranging in genre and style.

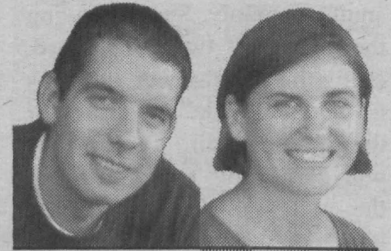
"We looked into a lot of bands that students mentioned, but the main problem we ran into is that almost none of the suggested bands are touring this spring," Smith said.

For more information on Eve 6, check out their Web site at www.eve6.com.

HEALTH SPOT

Q & A with Health Spot

By Jay Fonseca
and Tara Hire
For The Maine Campus



Q. Hey Tara and Jay! I was wondering, is a daily vitamin really worth it?

A. Since most of the people reading this article are busy college students who are either eating in the commons or getting their food on the run, we definitely suggest using a multi-vitamin daily. Taking a multi-vitamin does not give you free reign to eat junk food or to skip your fruits and vegetables, but it does cover you for those days when you can't work in a decent meal. Always make an effort to get your important vitamins and minerals through your foods, but a good multi-vitamin has you covered.

Now how do you know that your multi-vitamin is effective? You cannot go wrong with using a powder or liquid form multi-vitamin. If you choose to use a capsule form, test it out by putting it in a glass of vinegar to see if it dissolves rapidly enough. The vinegar mimics the pH of your stomach and this is a good indicator of whether your multi-vitamin will dissolve or not. If your capsule does not dissolve in five to 10 minutes, try a different brand.

When shopping for a multi-vitamin women should pay close attention to calcium, vitamin D, iron and folic acid. You will want to choose one that meets 100 percent of your needs for these nutrients. Men, you want ones that omit iron but includes boron. Men tend to get plenty of iron in their diets, plus it can increase some men's risk of Parkinson's disease and heart disease. The boron can decrease your risk of developing prostate cancer.

Q. Dear Health Spot, I work out fairly regularly and see a lot of people using whey protein. Is that stuff OK to use? How should I use it, and is it dangerous?

First perfect score obtained at Project

By Matt Kearney
Staff Writer

Non-student acts dominated the show during The Project's third night as the Portland-based group 4 Fold and the Boston-based duo Alex Rosenblatt and Colin Graebert advanced to the semi-finals.

The two acts beat out four other groups or individual performers in front of a crowd of about 50 Tuesday evening in Memorial Union.

Rosenblatt and Graebert received a perfect score of 40 from the judging panel, the first time in The Project's three-show history. A crowd of about 50 watched the six acts perform in Memorial Union.

Rosenblatt and Graebert performed two original songs, "RCJ" and "Carnival." Rosenblatt did most of the singing and played the guitar while Graebert played the piano.

"We were quite surprised, but we'll take it," Graebert said of the perfect score.

"Under the circumstances we played pretty good... the piano was rather drastically out of



CAMPUS PHOTO • JEFF BOWEN

ROCKIN' THE NORTH POD — Portland-based band 4 Fold rocks out Tuesday night during round three of The Project.

tune," Rosenblatt said.

The duo, originally from Bangor, had an energetic group of about 15 in the crowd to support them. This vocal group of fans certainly helped give the duo a crowd-favorite feel.

The Project is a talent show for acoustic acts, both bands and soloists, spanning three months with a total of six

shows. Tuesday night's show was the third of four knockout rounds, with the top two acts from each night advancing to the semi-finals. Four acts will then advance to the finals where each act will be given 20 minutes to impress the judging board.

The other advancing band of the night, 4 Fold, received a

score of 34 from the four-panel judging board.

"I thought we played OK tonight. There were a few minor spots where we messed up," Sean Snow, the band's guitarist and lead singer, said.

4 Fold was the only full band of the night, featuring two gui-

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Duo end Black History Month with a song

By Kyle Webster
Style Editor

As Black History Month comes to a close, a variety of student groups on campus are presenting one of the largest celebrations in Maine. Solidarity, a concert featuring Jimmy Varner of Los Angeles, also known as Soul, and his daughter Gabrielle, will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium.

The purpose of the event is to combat racism, according to James Varner, the advisor to the UMaine Human Rights Coalition. Varner is the primary coordinator for the event and states that it will be a beneficial evening for all in attendance.

"We [the events promoters] expect people in attendance in this concert to leave there together," Varner said. "Not only together, but with a focus

"We really want to celebrate all the people together and just make people feel good"

of togetherness."

The duo focuses primarily on jazz and rhythm and blues, but will be performing a variety of styles and songs. They plan on performing some of their own songs, as well as popular mod-

ern pieces and more classic ones. They will also present a variety of songs that celebrate little-known parts of black heritage.

All of this is done to display one particular message.

"Essentially, the message is what we see every day," Soul said. "We really want to celebrate all the people together and just make people feel good."

On-campus groups are supporting this in an effort to ensure its success. These groups include the Black Student Union, the UMaine Human Rights Coalition, WMEB, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Zeta, Student Government and the Programming Fund. Additional sponsors include the local chap-

ter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Verizon communications.

On-campus organizations claim their involvement in this event is due to their feelings on the message it conveys.

"[Our sisterhood] wants to make a unified effort to combat racism," Heidi Wurpel, a sister of Delta Zeta said.

Others went further to say that this event reflected a dream for the future.

"The only way to get to the future is together," Wade Eno, a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha, said.

Although some may be

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Gibson's 'Passion' on target

Behind the controversy and stories of devotion lies one amazing film

By Derek Francis
Staff Writer

From a script that draws directly from the scriptures of the Holy Bible and various Catholic writings, Mel Gibson directs "The Passion of the Christ," a movie as much about love as it is about suffering. "The Passion" details the last 12 hours of the life of

Review

Jesus Christ (James Caviezel) in a violent, bloody fashion. The film follows Christ from his apprehension into custody to his resurrection.

Words like "powerful" and "moving" will no doubt be used by many to describe this picture. To be honest, there are no words to describe the intensity and sheer gripping nature of this movie. The cinematography of Caleb Deschanel is as a moving painting and the gold filters only add to that classical tone. This spectacular camerawork and editing of "The Passion of the Christ" only propel Mel Gibson into the annals of great directors. The images this film puts forth would hold just as much

power if the movie was stripped of sound all together. The sincere portrayal of Christ by Caviezel only endears the audience to him further. As he's whipped and beaten, you only wish that they would simply stop and leave him alone. The intensity "The Passion" takes on is quite simply overwhelming at times.

With every blow that Jesus took, the audience winced with him. When Mary (Maia Morgenstern) wept, the audience wept with her. A notion that is not commonly discussed when people talk about the last hours of Christ is the idea that Satan (Rosalinda Celentano) was with him at every moment. Gibson decided to add Satan in the presence of all that was happening. An interesting direction to take the film but it works perfectly. The constant taunting from this character brings out an emotional suffering that the movie would have lacked had we only continuously seen him physically beaten — and we do see him beaten continuously. Never before has a portrayal of Satan come across so chillingly as it does in "The



HOLY FILM — James Caviezel stars as Jesus Christ in Mel Gibson's new film "The Passion of the Christ." COUTESY PHOTO • IMDB.COM

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Dancing with G.R.A.C.E.

Children's book modeled after UM student helps charity group

By Julia Hall
Head Copy Editor

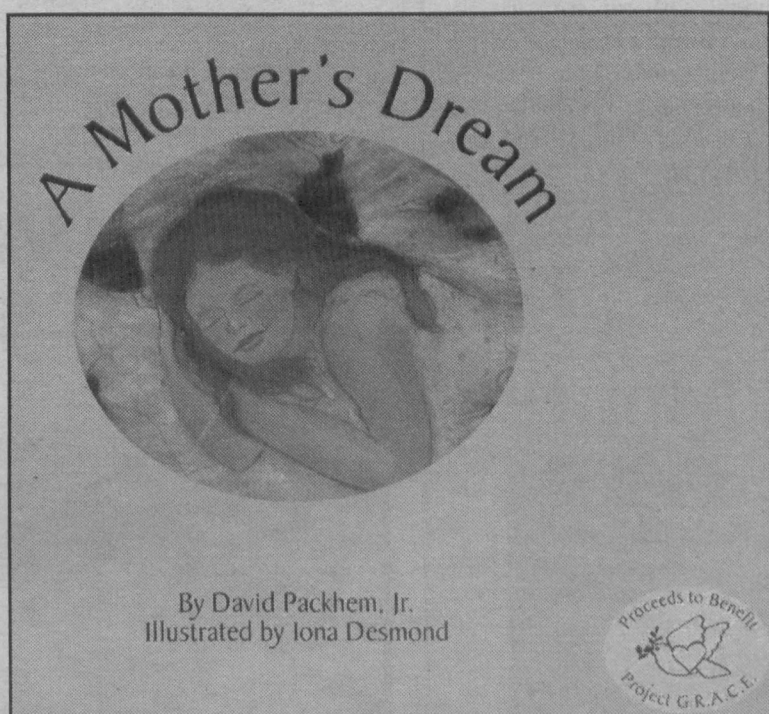
Tricia Penley still isn't used to seeing her profile etched in pastel in the new children's book, "A Mother's Dream."

"It kind of freaked me out when I saw the pictures," Penley said with a laugh during an interview last week. "One looks exactly like my profile. My family was like, 'wow!'"

But aside from the shock of seeing her shoulder-length brown hair, features and dancer's physique recreated in Scarborough author David Packhem's book, Penley, a second-year student and member of the University of Maine Dance Team, said she was honored to be a part of the project.

The book is an illustrated poem similar in rhythm to Clement Clark Moore's "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Artist Iona Desmond created an elaborate backdrop of bright colors and dream-like strokes to embody Packhem's words.

Packhem, who has known Penley and her family for years, asked the dancer to pose for Desmond for the creation of the book's character, also named Tricia, who gains self-esteem through dance and the kindness of a teacher.



By David Packhem, Jr.
Illustrated by Iona Desmond

The book cover for "A Mother's Dream."

"I've never done anything like that before," Tricia said about posing for the artist. "I went in there three times this summer to pose, both in the dress and just in general sitting around. It was fun; it was interesting."

It was also hard. Penley said posing for Desmond became tiring after hours of keeping every muscle in her body static.

"You just want to uncross your

legs and switch or look to the side. I was really tired after. My mom was like, 'you're such a wus,'" Penley said.

But although her name and likeness are portrayed in the book, the story is not based on Penley's life.

According to Packhem, the book is a compilation of original ideas mixed with stories either about his family or friends or gleaned from the news. The plot is

focused on a Maine working-class family that struggles between a beautiful dream and a harsh reality. In the beginning, the mother, Kay, has a premonition of her newborn daughter growing up to be a dancer and sees her on a stage dancing in a "dress dark as night." So convinced of that destiny, she creates an exact replica of the dress she sees in the dream.

The real-life version of the dress, according to Penley, was spotted by Packhem's wife Karen and Penley's mother on a Halloween shopping trip several years ago. Although they didn't buy the dress that day, it soon turned up in Penley's house with a note for her mother. The note read, "From the day you walked in the store, I knew you should be my owner."

Packhem had bought the dress as a surprise, and three years later it became the central image in his book.

"Since it fit me, and I've been dancing forever, he asked me to pose [for the book]," Penley said.

As the book continues, Kay (the mother who dreamt of her daughter's success as a dancer) and her husband Jim, learn that their 2-year-old daughter Jessie has contracted a

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The List

THEATER

Frogz - Imago Theater
Maine Center for the Arts
Friday, March 5 @ 6 p.m.

ROCK/ POP

"Solidarity"
featuring Gabrielle and Soul
Hauck Auditorium
Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Now Transmission
The Marketplace
Thursday @ 8 p.m.

Mandy Patinkin
Maine Center for the Arts
Saturday @ 8 p.m.

Ziggy Marley and
Michael Franti and Spearhead
The State Theater, Portland
Sunday @ 7:30 p.m.
www.liveatthestate.com

Great Big Sea
The State Theater, Portland
Thursday, March 11
@ 7:30 p.m.
www.liveatthestate.com

SnoCore 2004
featuring Trapt
The State Theater, Portland -
Saturday, March 13 @ 7 p.m.
www.liveatthestate.com

DANCE

"Tablz Turnd"
The Bear Brew Pub
Thursday night

Les Ballets Africains
Maine Center for the Arts
Saturday, March 13 @ 8 p.m.

ART

"Meditations"
Carnegie Hall
Open regular building hours

"Expanding Universe"
UMaine Museum of Art
Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"Prospect of Art"
UMaine Museum of Art
Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"Drawing as Thinking"
UMaine Museum of Art
Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OTHER

Student Film Festival is in April. E-mail Andrew Young or Paul Ezzy if interested.

"Hemlock" is currently accepting submissions for its next edition. The deadline is March 15. Send your submissions to Hemlock Press on FirstClass.

Centre celebrates Mardi Gras

By Desiree Fernald
For The Maine Campus

Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, is a time to eat, drink and indulge oneself before the fasting period of Lent, a Catholic tradition, begins. This celebration takes place in different communities around the world, and is best known in the U.S. for the celebration in New Orleans, a community with a large French-speaking population.

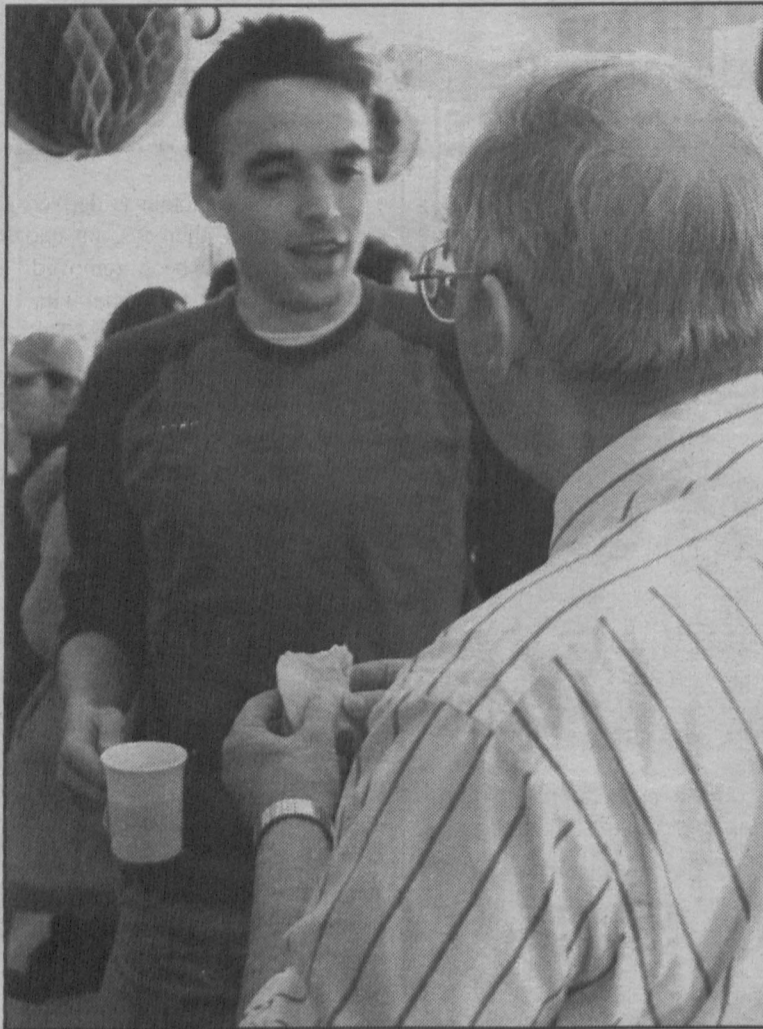
On Tuesday, the Franco-American Centre, located in Crossland Hall, gave faculty, students and the outside community a taste of what Mardi Gras is all about. The centre served North American French cooking, which was prepared by campus catering services as well as some community members. They also had Franco-American music playing while people gathered and ate.

Lisa D. Michaud, the Franco-American Centre's communication's coordinator, had claimed that the centre's Mardi Gras Celebration was a success.

"This is an opportunity for people in the area who are of French-Canadian descent to taste and experience la culture des ancêtres, in a friendly, casual, warm ambiance," Michaud said.

Franco-American Centre Director Yvon A. Labbe was enthusiastic and open to talking about the history of Mardi Gras and about the culture. He was happy that their centre is located inside Crossland Hall and in the bottom of the building.

"It's good, because there are two rooms which are perfect for events like this; one room can be



CAMPUS PHOTO • SAM MAHAR

CULTURE — Adam Lacher, a French major, talks to J. Bertrand Michaud at the Franco-American Center's Mardi Gras celebration.

used for food and the other for gathering," Labbe said.

All in attendance seemed to agree that the event was important, due to the opportunity to explore other cultures.

"It's important to celebrate and to create awareness of our culture at the University of Maine," Michaud said.

Adults, students and off-cam-

pus residents of all ages came to eat and be merry on this occasion and to celebrate Franco-American ancestry. There was also a book on display, that showed Franco-American culture from a narrative perspective, "Storytelling In Daily Life," written by Kristin M. Langellier and Eric E. Peterson, of the UMaine Communications and Journalism department.

A feeling of 'Passion'

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Passion".

One cannot discuss "The Passion of the Christ" without mentioning the controversy that has coiled around it. Many in Hollywood have cried out that it comes across as horribly anti-Semitic. Quite frankly, it would appear that these naysayers are merely crying wolf. Some of the villains in the movie happen to be prominent members of the Jewish community. Yet, "The Passion" does not paint all who are Jewish as evil and to say such a thing would be not only ignorant, but also callous.

Ultimately, "The Passion of the Christ" succeeds on every

level — technically, aesthetically and dramatically. Gibson's devotion to this movie is apparent through every moment seen on the sil-

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ver screen and he should be proud with the result. The love that the story of Jesus imparts on all of his followers leaps from the screen and into the heart of the person watching it.

'Solidarity' concert aims to raise race togetherness

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turned off by the types of music being offered, they are still encouraged to attend.

"Even if it's a genre of music you're not familiar with, it's important to expose people to it," Gabrielle said.

Soul has been on campus before in 1997 to perform as part of that year's Solidarity concert. This year, his daughter is taking off school in order to join her father.

This event is free and open to the public and Varner encourages all to attend.

"The longest journey begins with a single step," Varner said. "(Today) I'm going to ask people to take that first step... by attending this concert."



COURTESY PHOTO • JAMES VARNER
The father/daughter group Gabrielle and Soul are set to perform tonight in Hauck auditorium at 7 p.m. as part of Black History Month.

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PERFECT 40 — Alex Rosenblatt and Colin Graebert, a duo from Boston, performed during the last slot of The Project Tuesday night in the union. The pair earned the first perfect score.

Non-UM bands advance in Project

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tarists, a bassist and a drummer. The band played two original songs, "I'll Be" and "Expectation," which will be featured on the band's soon-to-be released demo.

The band, comprised mostly of seniors from St. Joseph's Collège, made the two-hour drive to play a 10-minute set. The band found out about The Project through St. Joseph's student activities office, which gave the band a flyer about the con-

test. 4 Fold will be playing Friday night in Manchester at Uptown Tavern.

4 Fold and Rosenblatt and Graebert will perform at the semi-finals of The Project on March 30.

Other acts of the night included Chad Haynes, Mike Mathien, guitar and harmonica-playing David Richardson and the duo of Josh Seiler and Andy Dresser. All performed original songs.

The night featured many humorous moments, between Richardson's lyrics of "You

didn't do nothing, but I did it twice" in his narrative song of sex entitled "Loretta" and Mathien's song about talking on AOL Instant Messenger, "Repeat and Rewind."

Seiler and Dresser also worked the chorus of R. Kelly's "Ignition Remix" into their song "Uninterrupted," in which they changed words to take a stab at R. Kelly's child pornography charges.

The last quarter-final round of The Project will be held in Memorial Union on March 23.

Maine native publishes children's book

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disease that will leave her legs weak forever.

Packhem said this aspect of the book was inspired by a Boston Globe article that told of a little girl who, because of viral meningitis, would never regain the full use of her legs.

"She would never be a dancer," Packhem said.

The ending of the book is a realization that although dreams are not always what they seem at first, sometimes they do come true. That lesson is one Packhem is promoting by donating all the proceeds of "A Mother's Dream" to Project G.R.A.C.E. (Granting Resources and Assistance through Community Effort), an organization founded by his wife Karen that provides needy families with the things other service organizations are not able to supply. Sometimes the organization will help a family with a security deposit for a new apartment, or arrange for free baby-sitting. Packhem said one family that was helped had recently given birth to quadruplets, and at the same time had two other babies to take care of. Project G.R.A.C.E. paid for their diapers.

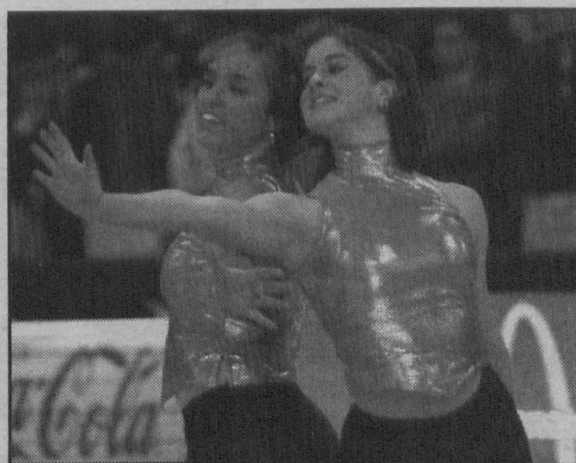
"Basically, if you call with a

need, then they can do it," Packhem said.

In addition to donating all the proceeds to the organization, Packhem published the book himself rather than going through a publishing house. While this means Project G.R.A.C.E. gets 100 percent of the profits, it also means that Packhem had to pay for the production of the book out of his own pocket. It's an investment he considers well worth it, as he continues to give all the money toward the non-profit charity.

"I think it's really admirable that he paid for all the publishing and everything and 100 percent of the proceeds go to Project G.R.A.C.E.," Penley said. "Both David and Karen are very giving, and it's great to see that played out and people supporting it. It's a great cause."

Penley is also involved with Project G.R.A.C.E., and has been



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

THE MODEL — Tricia Penley (right) dancing at a recent basketball game.

since high school. During Christmas break, she helped the organization wrap presents for its adopt-a-family program.

"It's great; it's grown a lot over the years," she said.

Penley's involvement with the making of "A Mother's Dream" has so far helped raise close to \$6,000 for the charity. Packhem said he hopes to raise about \$20,000 total from the book's revenue.

"A Mother's Dream" can be purchased at the University Bookstore. For information on Project G.R.A.C.E., go to the organization's Web site at projectgrace-maine.org.

Questioning the multi-vitamin craze

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A. Whey protein is derived from milk. All allergens, fat and cholesterol have been removed, leaving only the beneficial vitamins, minerals and proteins. This form of protein has a high Biological Value (BV), which means that your body is able to absorb and use this protein easily and efficiently. Whey protein has long been touted for its ability to enhance lean body mass and improve recovery time after strenuous workouts. New research has also linked whey protein to decreased risk of cancer, cholesterol lowering benefits, countering certain aging effects, boosting antioxidant benefits and increased bone growth. Whey protein is not dangerous. If you are working out for more than an hour each session and are not achieving the results you want, you could try whey protein added to a smoothie or shake. Protein needs are different for each person, so follow the directions on the product or consult with a dietitian and do not overuse the product. Overuse could lead to some kidney or liver problems.

Q. Dear Health Spot: My roommate buys supplements from the health food store. Can this be dangerous?

A. Most people who eat a healthy diet and are not experiencing any symptoms of illness do not need to take supplements. There are a lot of potential negative side effects from using supplements with medications or from other supplement interactions. If you are thinking about taking supplements, do your homework and consult a naturopathic doctor.

Medical doctors do not get much training in this area, so unless your doctor has had special training you should consult a naturopathic doctor. A naturopathic doctor can assess whether or not you need supplementation and what diseases you are at risk for, so you can take actions to prevent the disease.

Q. Hey guys! Which particular nutrients should be included in the supplements I take?

A. Aside from as many vitamins as you can get, there are some that are commonly overlooked.

1. Chromium (chromium picolinate) can help in diabetes prevention. It helps raise the body's sensitivity to insulin and helps keep blood sugar levels moderate.

2. We will not stop talking about Omega-3s. Heart disease is the biggest killer of them all and no other supplement can help nip that in the bud better than Omega-3 fatty acids. Found commonly in seafood, they help lower blood pressure and reduce your risk of developing clots.

3. We talked about selenium last semester in our article about cancer prevention. Not only does it help prevent cancers, a higher level of selenium can help keep various viruses from mutating, keeping you in class and out of bed.

4. Calcium is important for both genders, and most people don't get the recommended 1000 milligrams a day. Your teenage years and early 20s are the prime times to pack your bones with it. Here's a tip: take 500 milligrams in the morning, and 500 milligrams at night to maximize absorption.

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BY KEITH KNIGHT

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Momma... How come all those people over there are smiling & holding hands? It's because they love each other, honey...

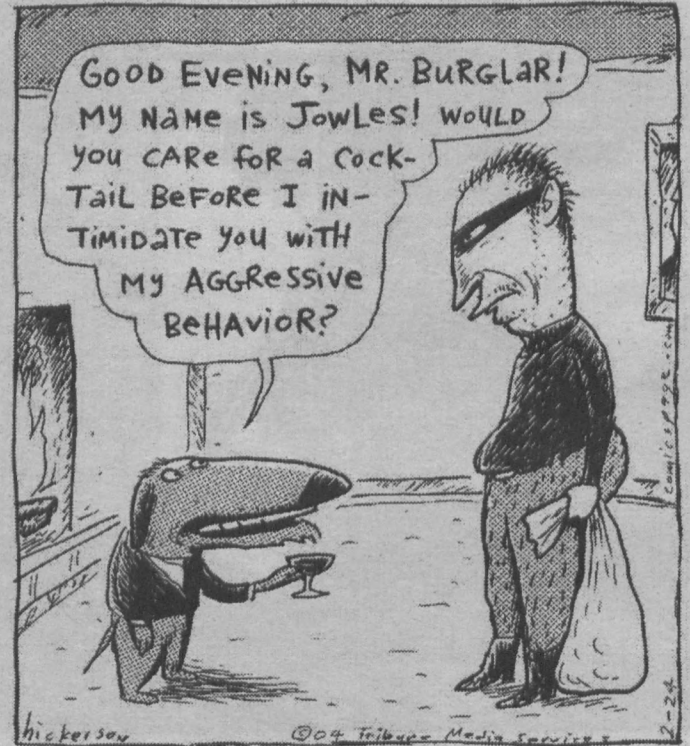
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Miss Manners' attack dog.

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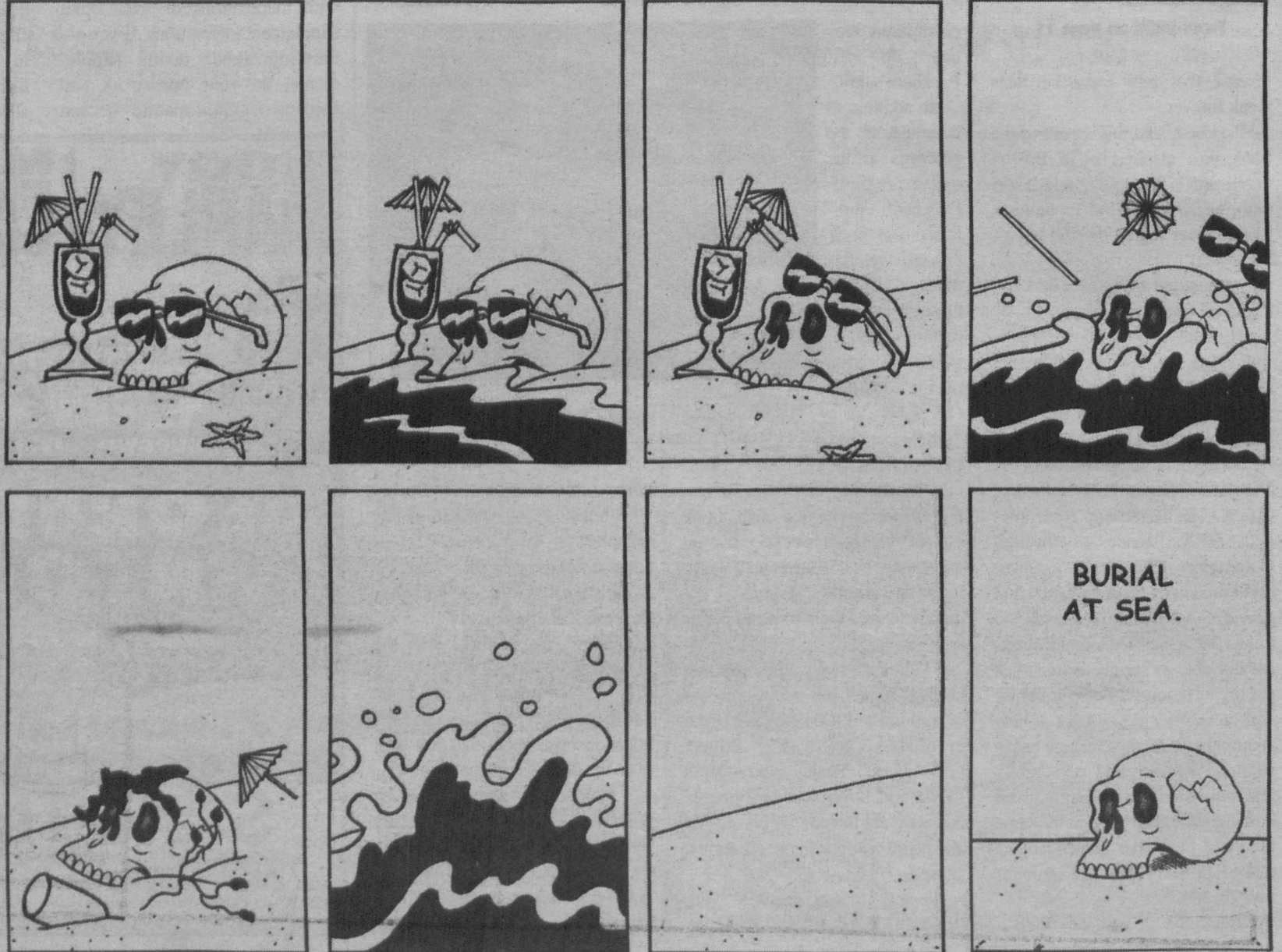


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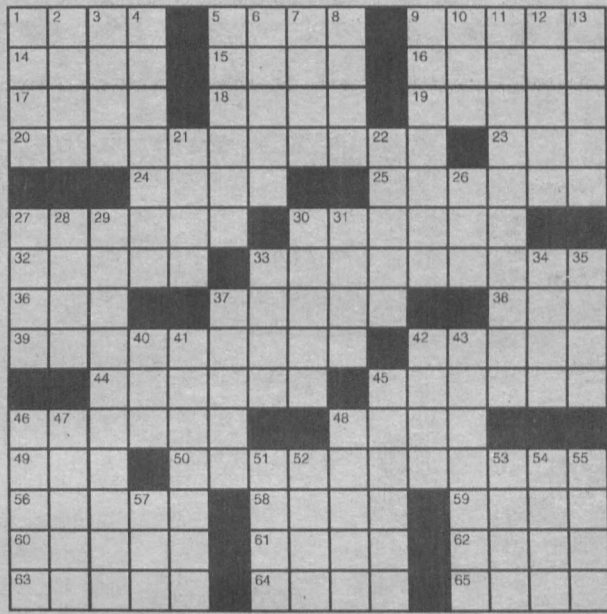
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SKULY GOES TO THE BEACH



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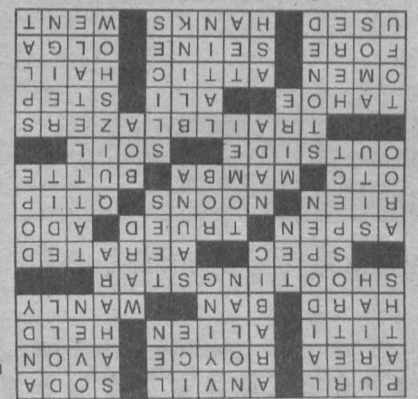
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 30 Forage crop
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 44 Sibling's daughters
 45 Aviators
 46 French brandy
 48 Walt Kelly's comic strip
 49 Nexus of activity
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 26 Former power grp.
 27 Bock or porter
 28 Strong inclination
 29 DeNiro film
 30 Fischer's game
 31 Folk wisdom
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 34 Hoist
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Solutions to previous puzzle



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Make the move, Pisces

Pisces
(2/19-3/20)

Had your eyes on that special someone for a while now, haven't you? Don't sit back and wait for things to happen — be proactive and make the first move. Rumor has it that is exactly what the other person is waiting for.

Aries
(3/21-4/19)

It is about halfway through the semester and you are starting to find yourself slacking off. Don't let the procrastinator tendencies take over quite yet. Set aside specific frames of time for homework and extracurricular activities. With a little bit of time management, you will be able to fit in everything you want and need to do.

Taurus
(4/20-5/20)

Things are going smoothly with you and your special someone, and you couldn't ask for anything to be better. Be careful not to fall into a routine. Think of new and exciting date ideas that will keep your relationship far from boring.

Gemini
(5/21-6/20)

Having doubts about a certain situation with your current love interest? Don't let yourself jump to conclusions quite yet — listen to what he/she has to say first. Most likely it is a complete misunderstanding. Don't give up something that has the potential to be really good.

Cancer
(6/21-7/23)

Your school, love and social life are going along smoothly, and you are quite happy with your current situation. With everything going so well, now would be the time to reconnect with an old friend who is reaching out to you. Don't let go of this old friendship.

Leo
(7/24-8/22)

A close friend has come forward and revealed his/her feelings for you. The whole situation has caught you by surprise, and you are unsure of what to do. Give this person a chance and see if things can go to the next level — you might have found a potentially successful relationship.

Virgo
(8/23-9/22)

You have been getting to know a certain someone for some time now, and it appears you two have the potential for romance. Don't be afraid to ask this person on a date, for he/she has mutual feelings. Take things slowly and see what can develop.

Libra
(9/23-10/22)

Still riding the single train? Don't let yourself get discouraged — live it up now while you have no responsibilities to anyone. That right person you are waiting for will come around when you least expect it. Be confident and watch the babes flock toward you.

Scorpio
(10/23-11/21)

Unfortunately, things didn't work out with that last person, but keep your chin up. Nothing that happened was your fault at all, and you couldn't have been a better boy/girlfriend to that person. Give yourself time, and you will be over everything before you know it.

Sagittarius
(11/22-12/21)

You were overwhelmed by stressful obligations a few days ago, but things seem to be coming together now. Now that things are running smoothly, allow yourself that personal time you were so anxious for. Treat yourself to some major relaxation — you have earned it.

Capricorn
(12/22-1/19)

Stressing over that rocky situation with a friend? Don't beat yourself up over everything was a misunderstanding and should work out fine, once one of you makes the effort to talk things out. Put aside grievances and approach the other person things will be back to normal in no time.

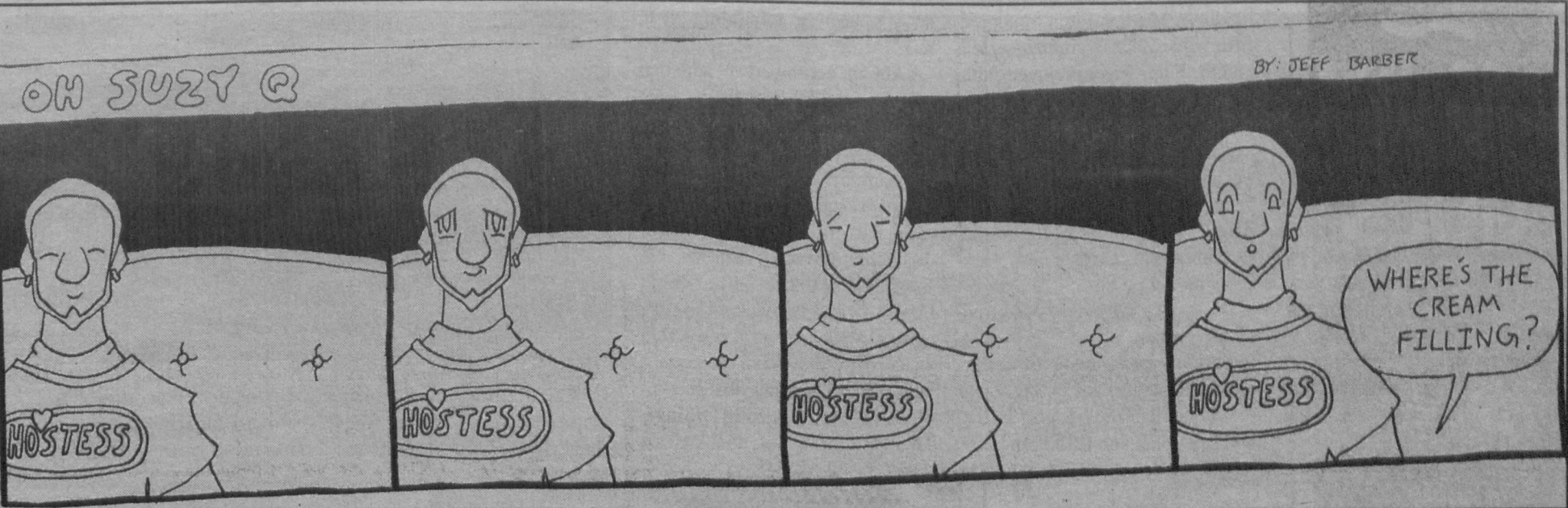
Aquarius
(1/20-2/18)

Don't let yourself feel discouraged with the way things are working out with that certain person. Things might look a little rocky at the moment, but stick with the situation and continue to make the efforts you are making now. Everything will pay off in the near future.

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BY: JEFF BARBER



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SPLASH DOWN — Heather Griffin plows through her 200-yard free style preliminary race Saturday afternoon during the three-day America East swimming and diving championships.

Swimmers dive in at championships

By Andrew Knapp
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's and women's swimming and diving teams concluded their seasons with a successful showing at the America East Championships last weekend. The Black Bear men snatched sixth place while the women took fifth in front of a capacity crowd at Wallace Pool. University of Maryland Baltimore-County won the men's title. The Northeastern Huskies took the women's crown, claiming their fifth straight conference championship.

"This championship has possibly been the most successful champs I can remember," said senior Kate Abbott. "Everyone, without exception, had at least one great race."

Two UMaine women set new school records during the three-day meet. Brittany Harrington broke the mark in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:41.20, which was good for second place and the Black Bears' top finish of the meet. She got the touch only 3.38 seconds behind UMBC's Amanda Otis.

After swimming nearly a mile, Harrington was ecstatic when she hit the wall.

"I was tired after the race, but I felt incredibly happy," she said. "I saw my teammates cheering and jumping up and down before I even saw my time, and I just knew I had done a good job."

The previous record in the 1,650 free was set last season by Abbott, who took sixth this year. It didn't bother her when the mark fell, however.

"I'm so happy [Harrington] did well this year," Abbott said. "I'm not at all upset she went faster than me."

Harrington also took sixth in

the 500-yard freestyle and seventh in the 400 individual medley. Abbott finished sixth in the 200 butterfly.

Tal Shpaizer also broke a UMaine record in the 100 fly with a speedy 58.43 and a sixth-place finish. Karin Feldman captured eighth in the same event for the Black Bears.

Senior captain Stephanie Smietana placed fourth in both the 100 and 200 backstroke events. Shpaizer also finished eighth in the 200 backstroke.

The women's 400-yard medley relay team turned in its second-fastest time ever, finishing fifth overall. The women's 200 medley and 800 free relay teams also posted fifth-place times.

Abbott was proud of her team once the last race was completed.

"We weren't expecting to medal as much as we did, and neither were the other teams," she said. "The other coaches and swimmers complimented us on how well we were doing. It was a very good weekend."

On the men's side, Jake Jentzer turned in a stellar performance for the Black Bears. He placed fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and fifth in 100 freestyle.

In the 400-yard individual medley, Martin Fitch snagged fifth while Zach Weinman seized eighth. Fitch was overjoyed with his and his teammate's performance.

"Fifth place in the IM blew my mind, and it made it so much better to share the podium with Zach," he said. The top eight swimmers in each event earn spots on the podium.

Andrew Magiera secured eighth place in the 200-yard freestyle and 200 butterfly events, as well.

Maine also took fourth in the 800 free relay and fifth in the 200 medley relay.

Jentzer was satisfied with the Black Bears' effort in the pool last weekend.

"Our goals were to move up places in our events and snag a few places in the relays," he said. "We did both of those, and, overall, the team had a fantastic meet with a lot of best times."

The addition of UMBC to the conference this season made it more difficult for the Black Bears to place in their events. However, most of the swimmers welcomed the new competition.

"At first, many of us were discouraged to see a lot of the UMBC swimmers ahead of us," Jentzer said. "But it's a good thing overall all because it makes us set higher goals."

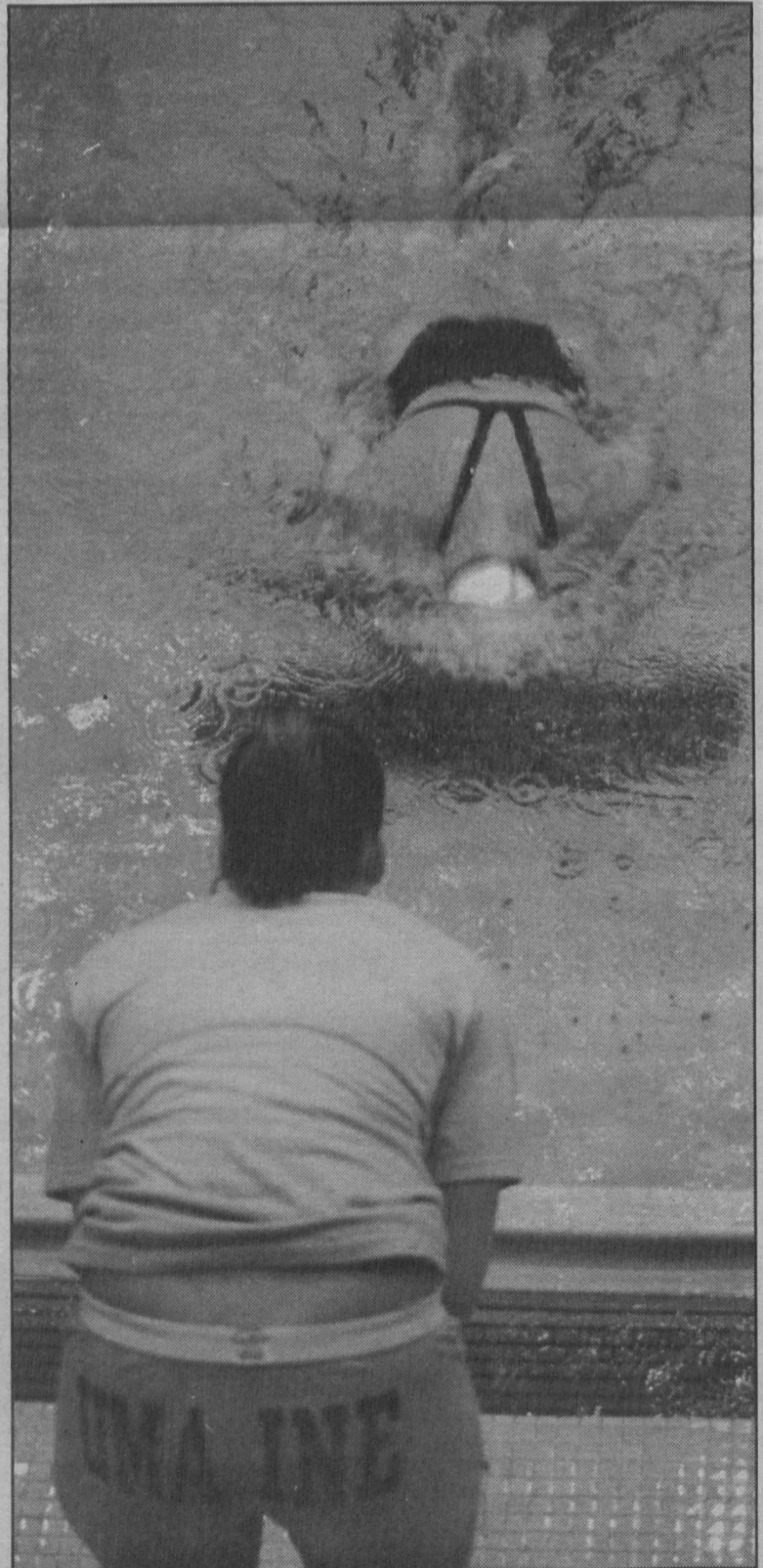
"I do well when I have tough competition to race against, and I find it highly rewarding when I get the honor to swim with so many fast swimmers," Harrington said.

For Abbott, the America East meet was a fitting conclusion to her collegiate swimming career.

"This was a really fun season, personally disappointing and frustrating at times, but ending on a really good note," she said. "I think a lot of talent was uncovered. We lost 23 people last year, so it's been a rebuilding year, too."

Abbott continued to add that things are looking up for the team she will leave behind.

"I saw a quote the other day, 'You always pass failure on the way to success,'" she said. "The team had its share of lows, but this championship shows we were able to leave those behind us and swim great when the time comes. I wish I had a few more years with this team because I know they're going to accomplish some amazing things. There's a lot of potential on that team."



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CHEERLEADER — Senior swimmer Lori Homoleski is cheered on by a teammate during Saturday's America East Swim and Dive preliminary races held at Wallace Pool.

Versyp has second 20-win season

From WOMEN'S BASKETBALL on page 20

also came off the bench and hit a shot with 1:55 remaining to put her team up by 14, 30-19. Maine had taken a 32-19 lead and with .4 seconds showing on the game clock an inbound pass from half court to Hugstad-Vaa under the basket and a quick tap-in by Hugstad-Vaa gave Maine a 34-19 halftime lead.

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Maine had a sluggish start in the second half, and the Huskies cut the Black Bear lead to 11. Northeastern didn't get any closer to Maine's lead. The Black Bears began to hit their shots in the second half and shot 50 percent for the game. They held Northeastern to just 35 percent shooting. The crowd of 2,134 at Alford Arena saw a game with 50 turnovers, 28 by the Huskies and 22 by Maine.

Heather Ernest scored in double figures in the last 18 games. Her scoring streak came to an end last night when she had just eight points to go along with five rebounds. Melissa Heon was the high scorer for Maine last night with 14 points. Monica Peterson continued her strong play with 10 points and six rebounds, in a very physical contest. Freshman

Hugstad-Vaa scored a career high six points and grabbed three rebounds.

Versyp was happy to pick up her 20th win of the season against Northeastern.

"They've been playing extremely good basketball," Versyp said. "We knew it was going to be very competitive this evening. It's always a very physical man to man game."

Peterson had another strong game underneath, against a very physical post team in the Huskies.

"We have such a good team," said Peterson. "Anybody can come in and step up. Anybody can come in and play. It just makes the other team kind of spin their heads."

Versyp knows how good her team is playing and she thinks her team deserves more recognition than they have received.

"We'd like to be known nationally again," said Versyp. "With back-to-back seasons like this, I would hope that we'd start getting recognition because these student athletes deserve it."

Northeastern coach Willette White was pleased with the way her team played against a team like Maine.

"I think you've got to give Maine a lot of credit," White said.

"They're a team that's operating on all cylinders right now."

Versyp and her team already seem to be gearing up for the America East tournament. She is ready to play Northeastern again if they should meet in the tournament.

"They're a good team," Versyp said, "and they're going to be playing very well by the time the America East tournament comes

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around... they always do."

The team will host the University of Vermont on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alford Arena. With their second straight conference regular season title all locked up, the Black Bears will face their long time rival when they go up against a Vermont team that finds itself near the bottom of the America East, with just four conference wins and a 10-12 overall record. Historically, the Catamounts have been one of the toughest teams in the conference, winning the conference title four times over the last 18 years. Maine has won it seven times. Six times the teams have met in the conference title game.

Bears, Huskies take battle

From MEN'S BASKETBALL on page 19

Huskies to make some mistakes of their own.

If the heartbreaking defeat that played out only a month ago doesn't add enough motivation, the Black Bears could be seeking revenge from last year's quarterfinal defeat. In another classic bout, the two teams gave the America East Tournament one of its marquee match-ups. Northeastern escaped with a victory when Barea drained a long-range three-pointer as time expired. The loss extinguished Maine's hope of returning to a second straight America East Tournament Final.

Along with the dazzling play of Barea, the match will boost another America East Conference Player of the Year candidate, Maines Kevin Reed. Arguably, Reed has currently placed himself among the elite of conference. This season, Reed is averaging 14.6 points a game, ranking him eighth in the conference. Contributing to Reed's scoring success is his uncanny ability to nail the long ball. The sophomore guard is ranked first in three-point field goal percentage at .408 and stands at fifth in the league for three-pointers. His three-point scoring has continually kept Maine in several matches this season and will undoubtedly have a

big impact on how far the Black Blacks go in the postseason. Reed is also leading the America East in steals per game, averaging 2.4 pick-pockets this season. Reed's most impressive statistic, however, may be his 7.3 rebounds per game, an average that ranks him second in America East, a category usually reserved for the big man of the league. Reed, who stands a modest six foot-three inches, continually hauls down rebound after rebound for the Black Bears. His astonishing success on the glass has helped the Blacks Bears to a second-place ranking in the America East in rebounding.

In the America East Conference standings, both teams are stalemated in third place with records of 11-5. In overall records, Maine posts a 17-8 tally, while Northeastern is 17-10 on the season.

The Huskies and Black Bears this season have proved to be two of the best teams in America East, ranking first and second in the offense scoring, respectively. Both teams stand among the league best in three pointers made, scoring defense, rebounding, assists and steals. If the two previous games have proven anything, Thursday's game will likely go down to the final whistle and give basketball fans the type of match they expect late in the season.

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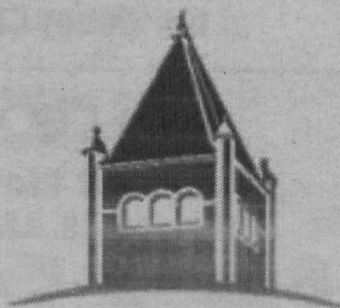
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Bears face off with UMass-Lowell



FACE-OFF — Black Bear Derek Damon watches for the referee to drop the puck for the face-off Friday night at the Alford Arena. UMaine took the series against Providence. The Bears head to UMass-Lowell to play two of their remaining four games.

From MEN'S HOCKEY on page 20

On Jan. 30, UML announced it had to forfeit five wins, including three Hockey East games due to the use of an ineligible player. Since then, the River Hawks are 0-5-3. The forfeits have knocked UML from the hunt for home ice in the Hockey East Quarterfinals to fighting to stay alive for the postseason. But Whitehead feels

that's deceptive. "They are in seventh, but they'd be in fifth if they had those six [forfeited] points," he said. "We beat them earlier, so they will be looking to take some wins from us. It's going to be challenging, especially in their rink."

UMaine beat UMass-Lowell easily 4-0 at Alford Arena on Nov. 16, but Whitehead said that game was not indicative of UML

as a team. "I don't think we saw their best game, for whatever reason," Whitehead said. "I think we played a very thorough game against them, but we know it's going to be much tighter at their rink and will be tough to steal points."

The River Hawk can score, and have done so over the course of the year. The team is led on offense by four sophomores.

Elias Godoy leads the team in scoring with 17 goals and 20 assists for 37 points. He is helped by Ben Walter, 17 goals and 16 assists, Andrew Martin seven goals and 21 assists, and Danny O'Brien 7 goals and 14 assists.

Another youngster is leading the defensive corps. Freshman Cleve Kinley has stepped up to be a steady defenseman and the most offensive blue-liner with four goals and nine assists. Stay-at-home senior defenseman Jerramie Domish, who has one goal and seven assists, and junior Peter Tormey, who has three goals and two assists, are also important to the back line for the River Hawks.

UML head coach Blaise McDonald has used a tandem in net in the second half of the season. Sophomore John Yaros, a transfer from Army who became eligible at the end of December, has played well in nine games. He is 3-4-1 with a 2.76 goals against average and a .907 save percentage. Junior Chris Davidson, who started most of the first half of the season, is 8-9-5 with a 2.72 goals against average, a .900 save percentage and two shutouts.

The Black Bears will have the reigning Hockey East Rookie of the Year on the ice in Michel Leveille. After a

weekend with one goal and four assists against Providence, Leveille was honored with the award for the third time this season. He was also named the Hockey East Rookie of the Month for January.

"He had to sit out all of last year, and said he was a little rusty," Whitehead said of Leveille. "he never looked rusty to me. But, with the way he's playing now, I guess he was, because he's playing even better now. He's good at both ends of the rink. He's a surprisingly good defenseman for how good he is offensively. He's great at face-offs. He can hit you. He can win a loose puck. I'm very impressed with Michel and how he continues to help our team."

The Black Bears face off the River Hawks on Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m.



PEP TALK — Black Bear Derek Damon talks with coach Tim Whitehead at the men's hockey game Feb. 13 against Providence.

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Suspension from school for swimsuit issue unnecessary

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the Sox. I don't know whether to laugh out loud or actually be worried. Garciaparra is undoubtedly peeved at the situation stemming from the off-season. I would be too. The Red Sox ditched that thing called loyalty while trying to beat the Yankees at their own game. In a sense, Nomar was thrown to the wolves during the Rodriguez talks and essentially was shown no support from his employers, despite his continuing statements such as, "I was to be in Boston my entire career."

What better way to counter that next season than suiting up for the Yanks and winning a World Series, following a four-game sweep of the Sox in the ALCS? Sorry, I'll shut up now, it would never happen, right?

That's not even my favorite rumor out of the Big Apple this week. It was also reported Derek Jeter and Anna Kournikova have been romantically linked for some time. The first thing that shot into my mind was, if Jeter's boyfriend - let's call him A-Rod - was jealous, and in retaliation went after Anna K.'s ex, Sergei Fed-OK let's just stop there. But hey, in New York, anything is possible. If Anna is happy bouncing around like the tennis ball she never hits well, tell her Orono is waiting in line, or more specifically: I am.

What amused me the most this week, however, was the beginning of ESPN's reality bandwagon series "Dream Job." The winner is awarded a one-year contract to be a SportsCenter anchor with the possibility of being hired for a permanent position. Only one episode has aired, Sunday night at 10 p.m. on ESPN, but you can already tell most of

these people are jokes. Of course it's not easy to announce highlights in real time while also being creative, but how these people made it to the final cut is mind boggling. One guy sounded like Chris Farley on crack, and the girl made one too many beer pong references, hindering her chances of resembling anything close to a sportscaster. My personal favorite is this wild-haired guy named Zachariah. He looks nothing like a clean-cut ESPN employee, but he is smart and witty and different from any one of the other competitors. Plus, his name is Zachariah. How can they not pick him? ESPN joined the drama wave when it made "Playmakers" and is now enticing us with "Dream Job." It's stupid but you can bet I'll watch it every Sunday night for the next six weeks.

And finally, here are some questions that I thought of to ponder while on break:

1. Would it kill you to see Tiger win all four majors this year?
2. Does anyone know when the Stanley Cup playoffs start? And since when did hockey go into June?
3. How does Gonzaga, the No. 4 college basketball team in the country, play in a building smaller than Alford Arena?
4. Who will the Patriots pick first in the draft?
5. Is Dave Chappelle the funniest man alive?
6. And finally, will Frank Doyle win the Hobey Baker Award?

Well in a nutshell: Yes, no, I don't know, I don't care, hopefully a running back or offensive lineman, yes because I'm Rick James bitch and you better believe it because he deserves it.

See you in March.

Bears face must-win game

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

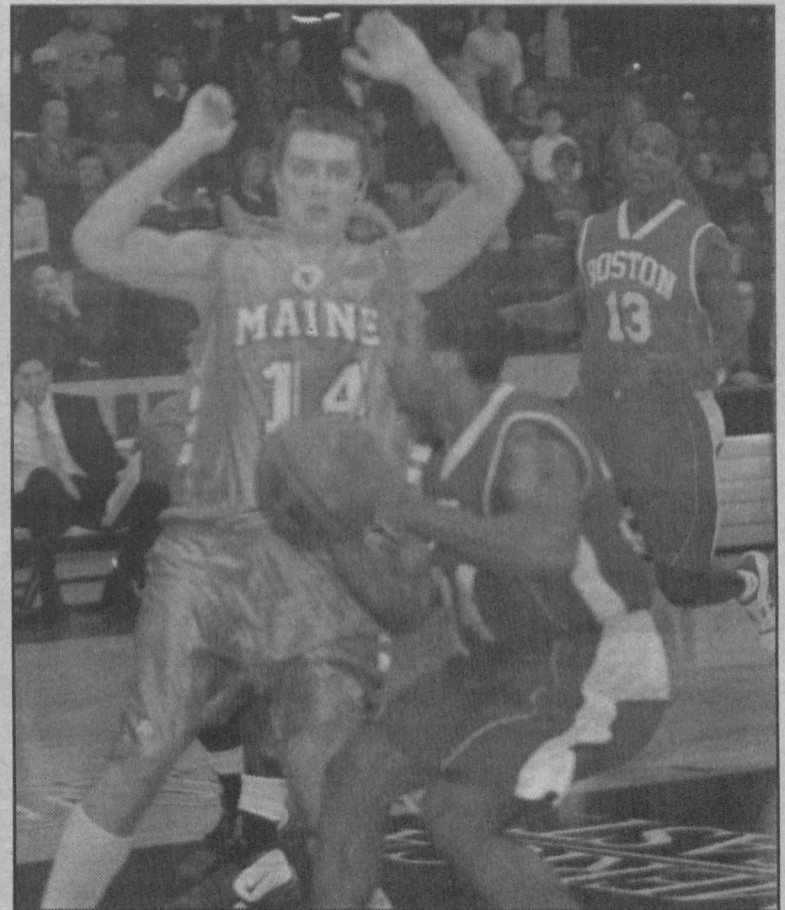
After Tuesday night's duel between Beantown rivals Northeastern and Boston University, Northeastern head coach Ron Everhart made one comment that resonated all the way to the woods of Orono. When the well-regarded coach left the podium, after his team's 82-68 beating at the hands of the Terriers, one thing seemed already etched in his mind: The

Men's Basketball

Huskies' Thursday night game was almost a must-win. The University of Maine men's basketball team, scheduled to tussle with the Huskies in this "must-win" game, will also be looking for their own retribution.

"[This is] the biggest game of the year, without a doubt, for us," said Everhart in reference to the engagement in Boston.

Maine, however, has its own reason to look forward to the game, which will serve as a battle for third place in the America East Conference. The last time these two foes went toe-to-toe, they provided fans with an instant classic. In the opponents' last face-off, Northeastern left Alford Arena with the narrowest of victories. The Huskies used the play of charismatic and sensational point guard Juan Barea to catapult them to win. Barea, who has recently made a habit of abusing the Black Bears, tallied 33 points on the night. It was Barea's second straight game with 30 or more points against Maine, along with last year's America East quarterfinals when he dropped 38 points.



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PICK ME, PICK ME — Junior guard Freddy Petkus heads into block a Boston University shot at the Febuary 18th game. Maine lost 64-53. The Bears head to Boston to face Northeastern tonight.

That match was highlighted by a frantic pace that played out for the 40 minutes of regulation and nearly saw an extra frame. The Black Bears used a ferocious comeback to pull even with the Huskies with just a minute remaining. As the clock whittled down, both teams would exchange punches, unable to land the knockout. With Maine down by three and able to make its own destiny, Black Bear Mark Flavin missed a game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer. Maine head coach John Giannini said after the game

that the difference-maker was the turnovers.

"We did a lot well, expcet turnovers, which were the difference in the game," Giannini said.

Maine is currently averaging 15.6 turnovers a game, while the Huskies are averaging 15.1 turnovers. This statistic will figure to be a key proponent in each teams' success. The Black Bears must limit their amount of turnovers, which has been escalating lately, and force the

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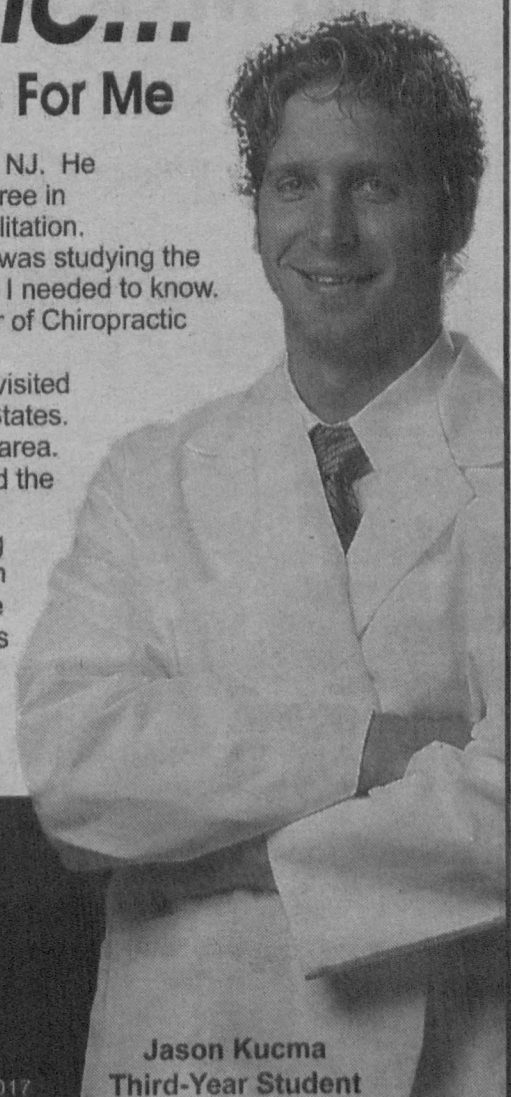


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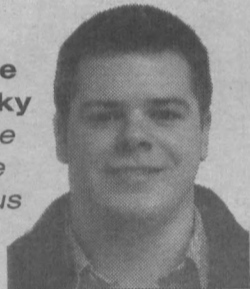
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Jason Kucma
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A week of recurring odd themes

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While no huge stories were brought to the forefront of the sports world this week, or at least none you would care about unless you watched four hours of ESPN a day while skipping class and eating 10 bags of Doritos in a half hour, there were certainly a few eyebrow raisers and recurring themes.

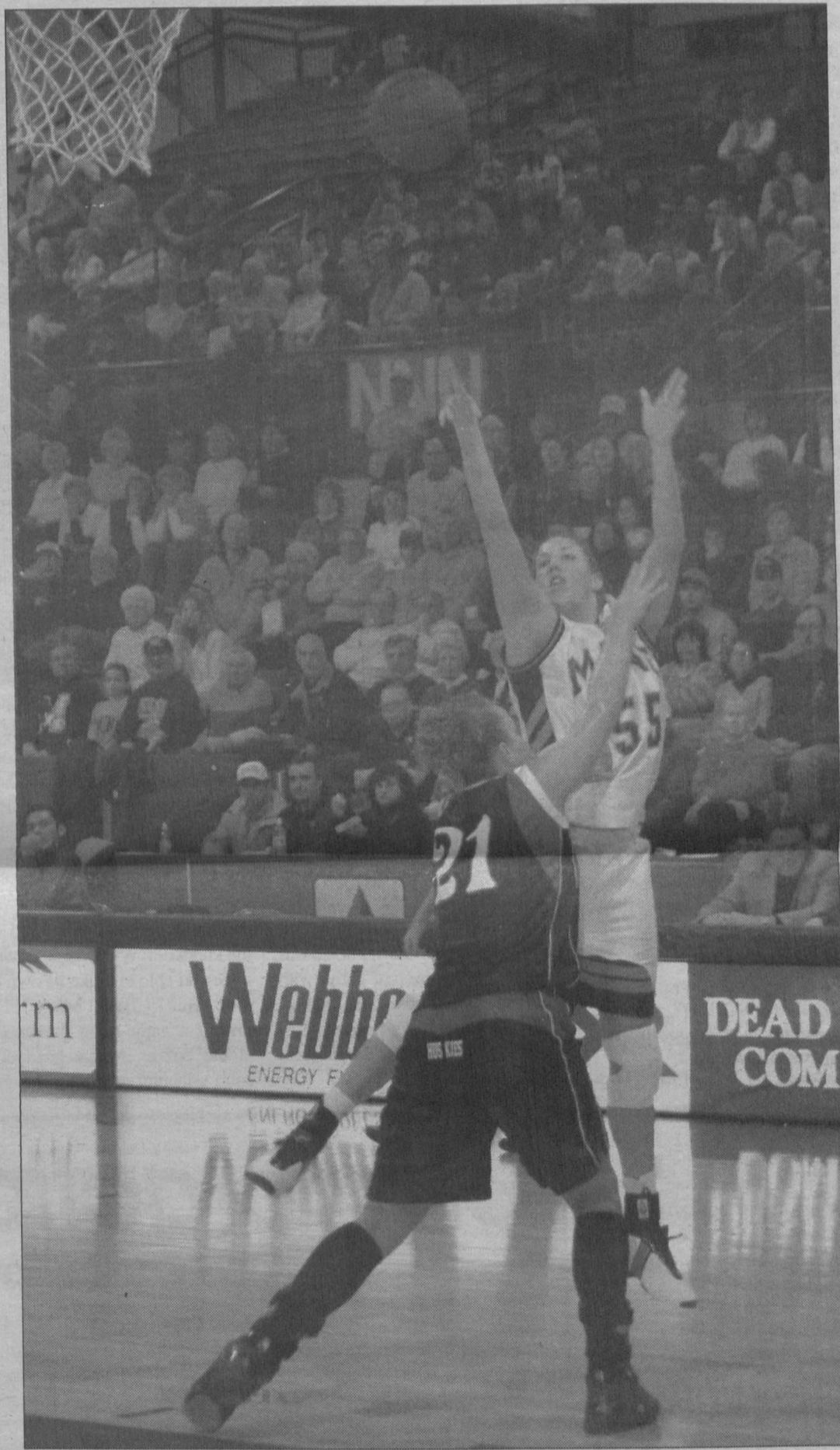
For instance, John Daly winning his first tournament in nine years and following it up with a top five finish the next week. In a way it was nice not having to follow a blockbuster lead and just let the world produce outlandish stories barely worthy of print.

The first thing that comes to mind is the incident in Belpre City, Ohio. Have you heard this one, a sixth grader was suspended for three days after bringing the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue to school. The school board even suggested to the parents of this "delinquent," he be ushered off somewhere else to learn. Now I can think of 300 things worse than a swimsuit magazine that a 13 year old can show to his friends, and that's only after browsing half the selection of porn at Movie Gallery. I mean who wasn't the kid that did that? The whole reason he brought it was because it didn't have any nudity in the first place, thus not being crude or inappropriate. The kid probably got busted in history class where they were watching a movie about guns and murder during World War II. If that was my son, I would pat him on the back because, well, it could have been a lot worse.

The same day little Jimmy was being reprimanded for supplying his classmates with real textbooks, a couple high profile rumors milled about.

Coming not only from New York sources, but writers for the Boston Globe, it was made apparent Nomar may play second base in Pinstripes next season if he is not resigned by

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HANG TIME — Abby Schrader, sophomore forward, makes a mid-air shot over the Northeastern player's head at last night's basketball game at Alford Arena.

Bears maul Huskies UMaine picks up 20th win of the season

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team got off to a slow start against conference foe Northeastern last night, but The Black Bears would end up grabbing their 20th win of the season with a 66-48 victory. This season makes the second in a row that coach Sharon Versyp's team has won 20 games.

The Bears started the game shooting six for 20, while the Huskies were shooting three for 19. Maine picked up the pace when freshman guard Ashley Underwood hit a three with 7:08 to go in the half, making Maine's lead 17-10. Missy Traversi and Monica Peterson each hit quick shots off the bench and Maine had jumped to an 11-point lead. Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa

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UMaine heads to Lowell

By Jeff Mannix
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With just four regular season games remaining, the University of Maine men's ice hockey team will travel to the Tsongas Arena in Lowell, Mass., for a match up against the UMass-Lowell River Hawks.

UMaine comes off of an important sweep of Providence

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at home, allowing them to stay in the hunt for the Hockey East regular season title.

"We're excited about how we're playing right now," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead. "We want to continue that down at Lowell, and if we are fortunate to be in a position to challenge for the championship, that would be awesome."

The Black Bears are trailing the Boston College Eagles by five points in the Hockey East standings and have positioned themselves as the only two teams with a shot at the regular season title. If UMaine can pick up at least one point on BC this weekend, it will set up a showdown for the championship at Alford Arena on March 5-6, capping off the end of the regular season. BC is playing a home-and-home series with New Hampshire, which puts UMaine fans in the abnormal position of rooting for their archrival.

"I think we need to start scoreboard - watching a little bit," Whitehead said. "We find ourselves in the unusual position of rooting for New Hampshire this weekend for at least a tie, if not a win. Of course, we have to do our part to get as many points as we can on the road, but certainly we're looking for a little help from our friends across the border."

Last season, UNH stole a regular season championship from Boston College in the final weekend of the regular season, tying and beating BC in a home-and-home to take the regular season championship themselves.

But UMaine has to take care of business itself against a UMass-Lowell team that has had a problematic second half.

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