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Making the call
— one UMaine
student's
choice to give
up her baby.
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BAD LUCK — Residents of 342 Union St. in Bangor are displaced again after another fire burns their apartment complex. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but is believed to be caused by propane tanks being stored inside the structure.

Explosion guts students' Bangor home

Three victims survive two separate fires this year

By Ernest Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

Lightning does strike twice.

For the second time in two months, a fire damaged the Union Street, Bangor apartment of three University of Maine students.

Students Rani and Erin Gould and Anne Good were forced to evacuate after calling authorities in the early morning hours that Wednesday after hearing a loud explosion in their building.

Police and fire crews arrived at the

building shortly, which was by then engulfed in flames of up to 30 feet, Bangor Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Rick Cheverie said. The fire was apparently fueled by two large propane tanks, four and a half feet tall and a foot in diameter, being held in the rear of the building, Cheverie said. According to investigators, the propane tanks were ignited when a foreign gas in the area was lit.

"Most likely, gas might have been in the area," Cheverie said. However, the exact cause of the spark that may have lit the gas is unknown.

"[The cause of the spark] may never be determined," Cheverie said. The building the students lived had three parts. The Goulds and Good lived in the front portion of the building, and there was a middle section connecting to a small rear area. When the tanks exploded, the rear area was totally destroyed and the middle section's walls were blown out. Glass was thrown from the rear of the building over 150 feet. The front section was intact after the blast, but received severe fire and smoke damage, Cheverie said.

According to Cheverie, the building's

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Black chosen to lead senate

Skeptics concerned over new president's short term in office

By Rick Redmond
Assistant News Editor

Erik Black has been appointed as the new president of the General Student Senate and vice president of the student body following Justin Brown's unexpected resignation on Feb. 27.

Black was appointed by President Cortlynn Hepler at Tuesday's meeting followed by an approval by the members of the senate. Members of the Senate voted 8-0 in favor of Hepler's nomination with two members of the senate abstaining.

Hepler was forced to select and decide on potential replacements for the post following Brown's hasty departure right before Spring Break. And while Hepler said Black was not an "obvious" choice, it was his extensive leadership within the organization that made him "one of the best choices available."

"Justin [Brown] left a pretty big hole in our leadership. We needed someone who was already an experienced leader," Hepler said. "I needed to find someone quickly who was capable and confident right off."

Hepler describes Black as calm, collected, logical and stable. All characteristics he feels will add to the atmosphere of a functioning student government. He also commented on how Black, who is a former chair of the Fair Elections Practices Committee, Legal Services Liaison and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, fell very naturally into his new position.

"He ran his first meeting last night and it was as if he had done it all semester," Hepler said.

Although no one in the senate voted in opposition to Hepler's appointment of Black, he has drawn some fire from senators who say his decision is short-sighted because Black will be graduating in six weeks.

Ross Bartlett, vice president for financial affairs, said Black is "well-qualified" but warns that the

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Enemies of domestic violence assemble for Spruce Run vigil

By Mary Payson
For The Maine Campus

A community vigil, held Tuesday night at the Grace United Methodist Church in Bangor, provided a platform for area residents to speak out against domestic violence and sexual assault, and to celebrate the hope for peace in everyday life.

"We are here tonight to honor those victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault who have been

killed in the state of Maine and to stand in support of the survivors who continue to meet the daily challenges with hope of more peaceful lives," said Francine Stark, Community Response Coordinator for Spruce Run, the non-profit organization that sponsored the event.

This was the sixth year the vigil has been held at this church on Union Street, which this year was

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University cadet takes top ROTC honor

By Ernest Scheyder
and Heather Cox
Staff Writers

Recently University of Maine student Matthew Coutu, a senior in the Reserve Office Training Corps, received that organization's highest honor, the George C. Mitchell award. Coutu, a senior history major, found out that he would be receiving the award over Winter Break. The Mitchell award is given to the highest-ranked senior at each ROTC unit across the nation. Currently there are nine



Coutu

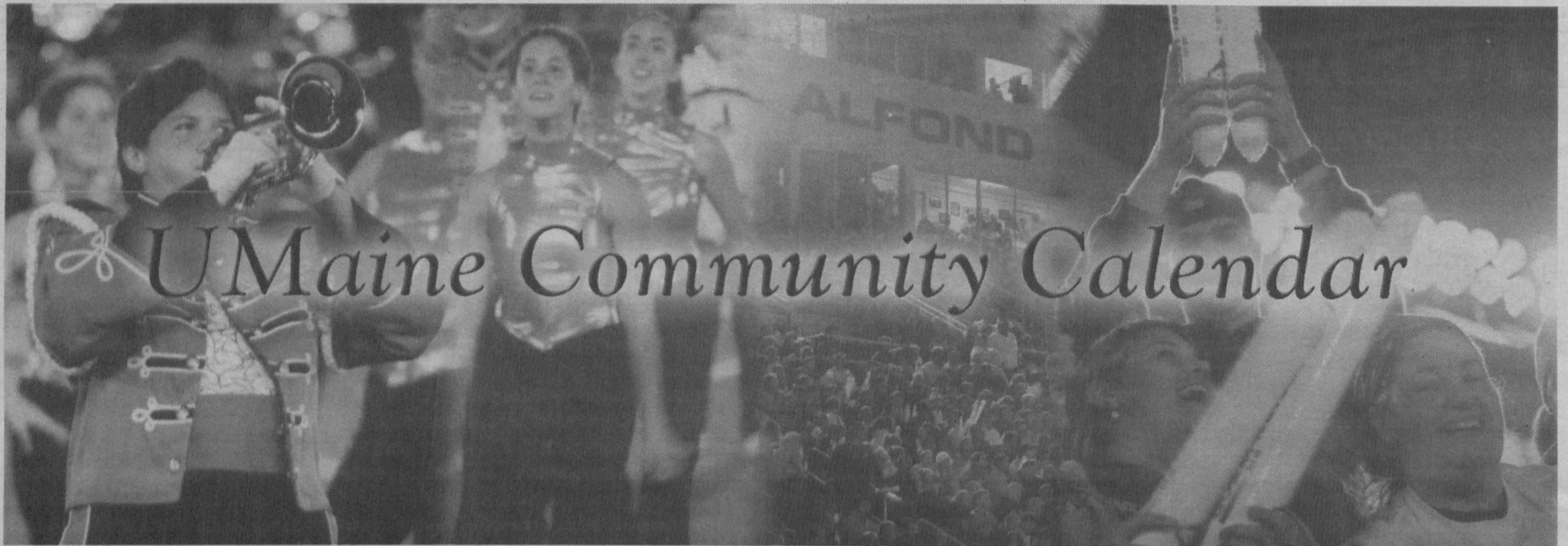
seniors in the ROTC program scheduled to graduate this May. There are numerous criteria for the award, including academics, physical fitness and battalion leadership, according to an ROTC press release.

"It's the highest award you can receive in ROTC," Coutu said.

Coutu will be attending a national conference in Lexington, Va. in April to receive the award and will be meeting with numerous military officials at the conference including national ROTC officials and Army generals, he said.

"It's a learning experience, but it's also a collaboration," Coutu said of the conference. After graduation, Coutu plans on being commissioned a second lieutenant in the army and entering training to join the military police. Coutu

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Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent by FirstClass to Rick Redmond, or dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event.

Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

Thursday, March 18

- Maine Bound will hold a \$1 climbing night from 3 - 10 p.m. at the Maine Bound - UM Outdoor Adventure Center. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.

- Cheshire Calhoun will present "An Apology for Moral Shame" as part of the Philosophy Department Colloquim series. This event will be held from 4 - 5:45 p.m. in the Levinson room of the Maples. Call Brenda Collamore at 581-3866 for information.

- The Department of English will sponsor a poetry reading by Anita Skeen as part of the New Writing Series. This event will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Frederick A. and Elizabeth F.

Soderberg Center in Jenness Hall. Call the English Department at 581-3822 for information.

- Authors Kathy Emerson, Julia Spencer-Fleming and Lea Wait will lecture as part of the Women of Mystery and Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Lunch Series and sponsored by the University Bookstore. This event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Fogler Library in the Special Collections section. Call Angela Olsen at 581-1228 for information.

- The Frequency Talent Show will be held from 8 - 11 p.m. in Memorial Union Marketplace. Call Amy Grant at 581-1775 for information.

Friday, March 19

- The Department of English will sponsor a conversation with poet Anita Skeen as part of the New Writing Series. This event will begin at 11 a.m. in the Wicks Reading Room in Neville Hall. Call the English Department at 581-3822 for information.

- The Lidral Duo will perform as part of the Chamber Jazz Lunch Series from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. Call

Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

- The Maine Peace Action Committee will hold a rally on the mall to protest occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. This event will begin at 12. Call Doug Allen at 581-3860 for information.

- Laila Farah, Lebanese-American performance scholar will perform as the keynote performance in a Women's History Celebration, 'Living in Hyphen-Nation.' This event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 building. Call Angela Olson at 581-1228 for information.

- "Mystic River" will be shown at Kickin' Flicks at 7:30 p.m. This event is free for students and is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

- Ballet Jörgen Canada will perform Petruschka as part of the Maine Center for the Arts performance season. Call Deb Seekins at 581-1755 for information.

- The Maine Attraction presents comedian Jeff Burghart from 9 - 10 p.m. at the Marketplace in Memorial Union. Call

Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

Saturday, March 20

- Hypnotist James Mapes will perform 'Journey into the Mind's Eye' at 8 p.m. at the Maine Center for the Arts. Call Deb Seekins at 581-1755 for information.

- Campus Activities and Events will sponsor a Karaoke night in the marketplace of Memorial Union at 9 p.m. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

Sunday, March 21

- Maine Bound will hold a kayak rolling session from 8 a.m. to noon at Maine Bound - UM Outdoor Education Center. The cost for this event is \$20-35. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.

- The University Singers will be in Concert at 2 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Building. Call Pamela McManus at 581-4702 for information.

Monday, March 22

- A Women's History Book Exhibit and Open House will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 101 Fernald Hall. Call Angela Olson at 581-1228 for information.

Car break-in prompts police investigation



POLICEBEAT

By Ernest Scheyder
Staff Writer

• An officer driving through the Orchard Lot noticed a green Saturn with the driver's side window smashed at about 2:30 a.m. on March 2. The officer was able to ascertain the vehicle's owner and contacted her. While waiting for the owner to arrive, the officer noticed an object missing from the center dashboard of the vehicle. When the owner arrived, she was able to confirm that a Jensen car stereo, valued at approximately \$200, had been stolen from the vehicle. Public Safety is still investigating this case.

• An officer engaged in a routine traffic stop noticed a red Ford Explorer drive through a stop sign at the intersection of Flagstaff Road and the Belgrade Spur at 1:48 a.m. on Feb. 29. The officer followed the SUV and pulled the driver over. The officer asked the driver, Benjamin Murphy, 22, of Orono, if he knew why he was being pulled over. Murphy replied that he had failed to completely stop at the intersection. The officer asked for identification from Murphy, but he was only able to produce the vehicle's registration and insurance, not a driver's license. A check of Murphy's name in police databases revealed that his license was under suspension. Murphy was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle after suspension and the vehicle was released to a licensed passenger.

• Police stopped Lane Wiggin, 24, of Benton at an OUI check-

point on Rangeley Road on Feb. 27 at about 1 a.m. An officer approached Wiggin's vehicle and noticed that he was the only one in the vehicle and that his eyes were bloodshot. The officer could also smell alcohol on Wiggin's breath. The officer asked Wiggin if he had been drinking and Wiggin replied that he hadn't. When the officer informed him that he could smell alcohol on his breath, Wiggin replied that he had consumed five beers that night. Wiggin was then put through field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and was transported to Penobscot County Jail. It was later determined that his blood-alcohol content was 0.11. His vehicle was towed to Sullivan's Car Center.

• An officer on duty on Feb. 28 at about 12:30 a.m. near Munson Road noticed a vehicle traveling down the road that immediately applied his breaks and proceeded at a slow speed past the officer. When the vehicle passed the officer, the officer noticed that the vehicle's registration had expired in December of 2003. The officer stopped the vehicle and immediately detected the odor of alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver, Brian Cattelle, 21, of Bangor, was put through a field sobriety test which he failed. His blood-alcohol content was later determined to be 0.14. Cattelle was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and was taken to Penobscot County Jail.

Giving it all away

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Writer

Her first thought was a semi-typical one: No way. This cannot be happening to me.

Lying there in bed pushing on her stomach and feeling something unfamiliar, then third-year University of Maine broadcast journalism student Kirstin Hayward realized she could be pregnant.

About 15 minutes before she was supposed to be on resident assistant (RA) duty in Hancock Hall Hayward took a home pregnancy test, which was positive. Hayward went to Cutler Health Center the following morning, and upon hearing the heartbeat from within her body she was told she was five months pregnant.

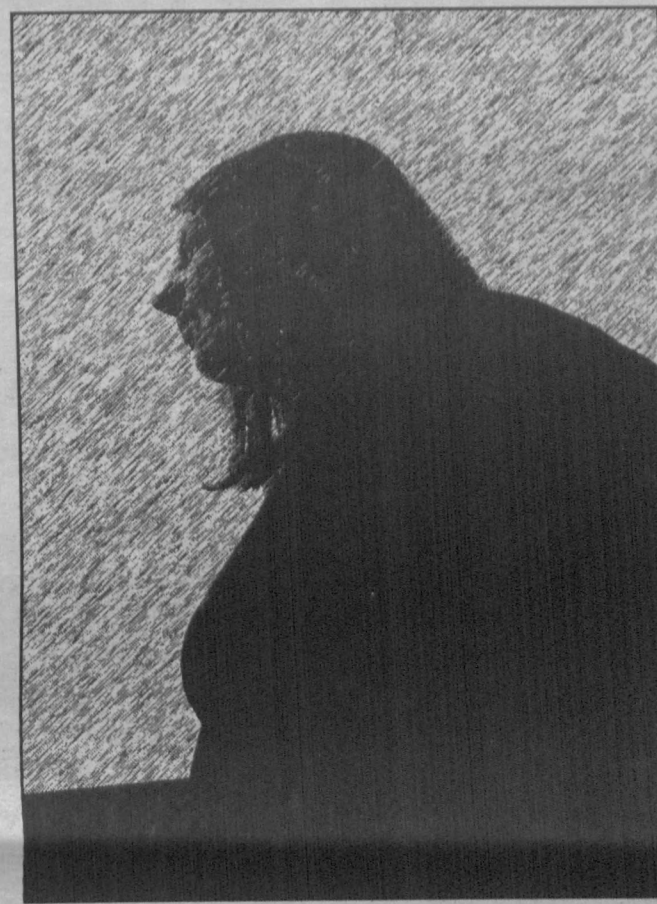
"I'm almost convinced I stopped breathing for a minute there. That's when the panic set in," Hayward said.

Somewhat incoherent thoughts and daunting questions swarmed inside Hayward's head. What would her parents think? How could she tell them this news? Could she still be an RA? Could she stay in school? Could she support a baby at this time in her life? They were questions the 20-year-old did not expect to be asking herself, Hayward said.

Hayward called the father,

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One UMaine student recalls the difficult decision to put her child up for adoption



CAMPUS IMAGE • HOLLY BARBER

THOUGHTS — Kirstin Hayward gave her baby, Audrey Joann, up for adoption in February of 2003. Hayward said while it was a difficult decision, she did what she thought would be best for herself and for her baby.

ATTENTION STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, COMMITTEE & CLUB MEMBERS

Budget packets for the 2004-2005 fiscal year will be available starting Monday, February 9, 2004 in the Student Government Financial Affairs Office (FAO), Room 152, on the ground floor of the Memorial Union during regular office hours. These packets can be obtained on a daily basis through the deadline date of March 26, 2004. If your organization already has a mailbox in the Memorial Union in the following areas: Information Booth behind the door, Wade Center for Student Leadership (WCforSL tall mailbox against the wall) for those organizations that have a cubicle there or WCforSL short mailbox in front of the FAO window budget packets will automatically be placed in those mailboxes.

There has been a change and the only organizations that need an appointment scheduled with the VPFA are Board and Community Association representatives. A list of appointment times will be available in the FAO for those organizations.

Requirements: Your club must be considered active, attained final approval status and the president and treasurer must be undergraduate students. (To check your status, please come to the FAO as soon as possible.)

Deadline: Completed forms must be submitted to the FAO by Friday, March 26, 2004.

Call Sue at X1778 if you have questions.

Oronoka Spring Party

9PM-2AM Sat. March 20
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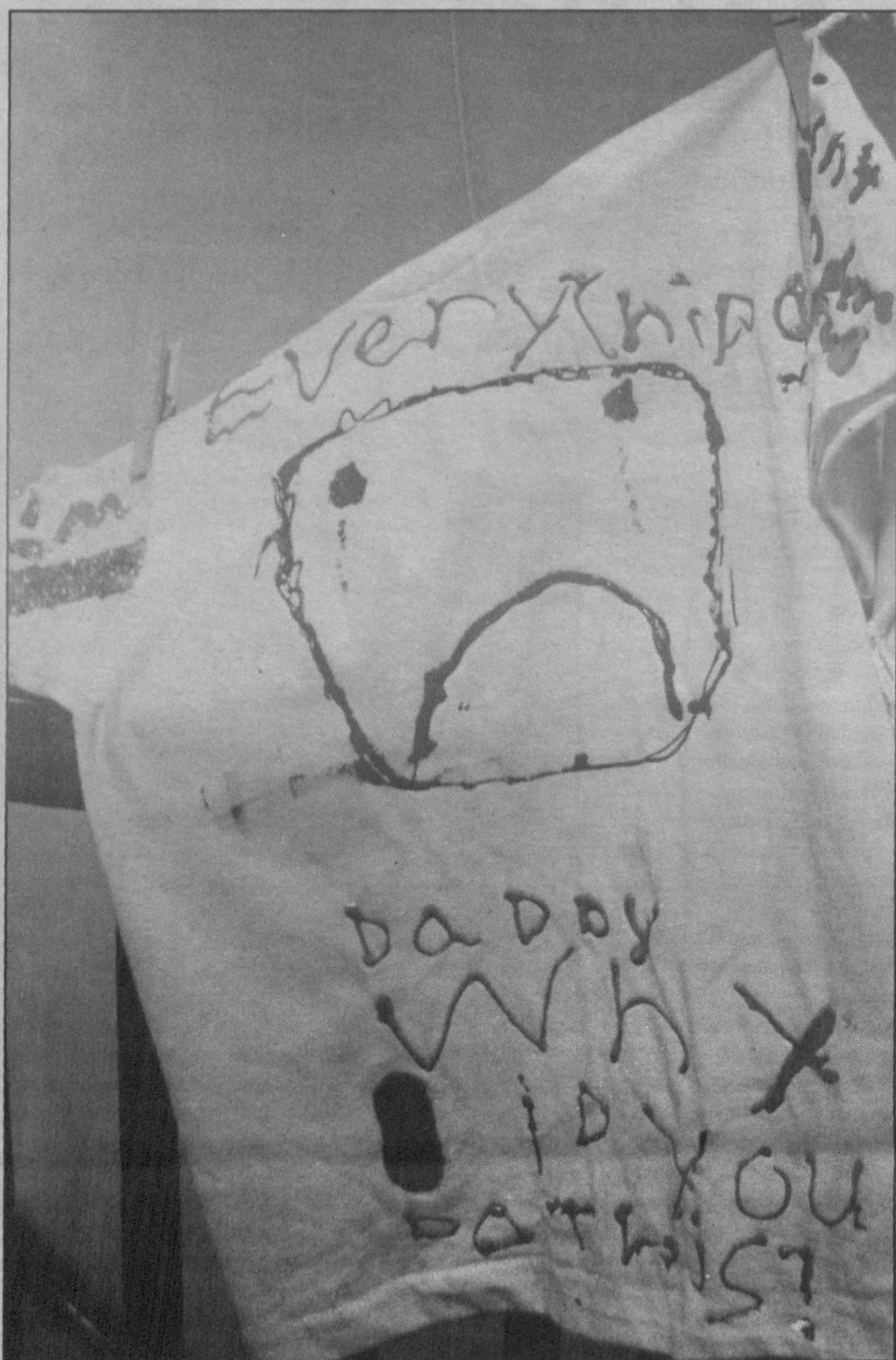
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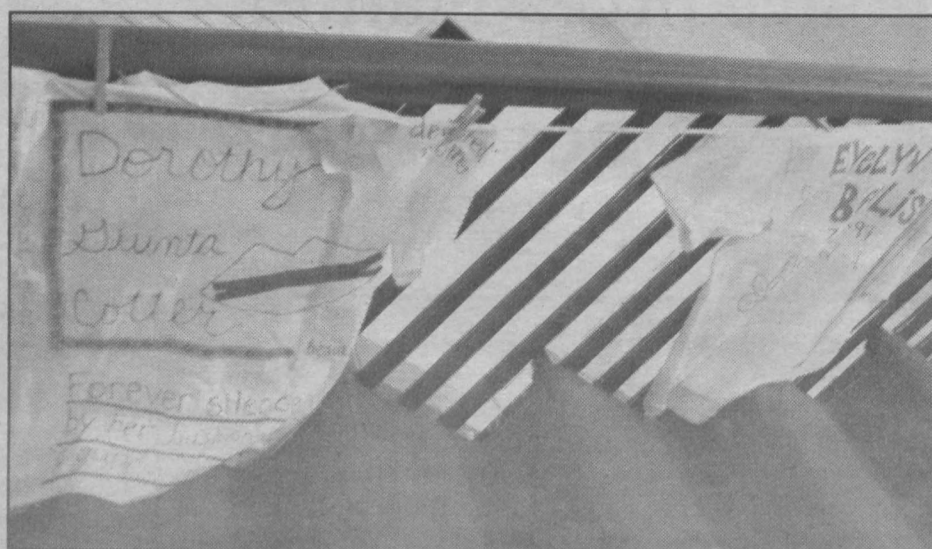
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Spruce Run vigil honors battered women



NOTE TO HOME — A child's message depicted on one of many T-shirts for Spruce Run's Clothesline Project reads: "Daddy why did you do this?"



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

IN MEMORIAM — A T-shirt depicts the name of a victim of domestic violence and the words "Forever silenced by her husband and a gun."

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decorated with shirts created by those affected by domestic violence. The shirts came in different colors and different sizes, including those small enough for young children.

The adult- and child-size cotton T-shirts wrapped up the stairway and onto the pulpit. They were created by women and children who had been affected by domestic violence and their words were thought-provoking and tear-jerking. Women and children left their small handprints, faces with tears and frowns, and words such as "why daddy?" and "don't give up." In nothing more than puff paint and fabric markers these victims were expressing their sorrows and triumphs to the vigil's attendants.

During the ceremony, eight candles were lit in memory of women and children who had lost their lives to violence.

"We are here to take a stand as a community against domestic abuse and sexual assault and reasserting our determination each day with our thoughts, our words and our actions," Stark said.

Lyn Carter, Spruce Run's Legal Services Coordinator, said she believes in the importance of events like the vigil.

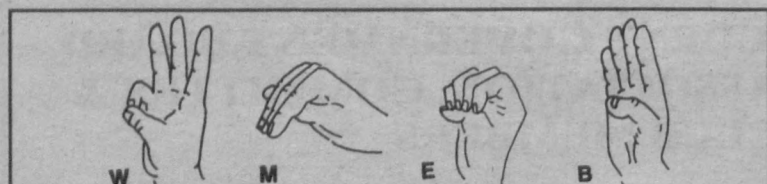
She told a story of her first years working with Spruce Run, where they decided to take out a section of the Bangor Daily News to make people aware of domestic violence. "It ended up being 3 pages long," Carter laughed. "The vigil is a way to bring the abused and those who care together," she said.

Carol Stevens, a student pastor from the Bangor Theological Seminary added that the vigil gives "not just a hope that people actually care, but that there is a way out [for victims of domestic violence]."

Sue Hamlett, the communication education coordinator for Spruce Run said that the vigil was very important to the community.

"It is meaningful to them to see the community validate their experience because for so long it has been such a secretive experience," she said.

"The choice to be violent belongs solely to the perpetrator; the consequences for that choice belong to the community," Stark said.



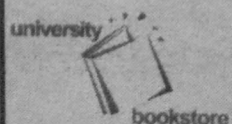
Maine Women of Mystery



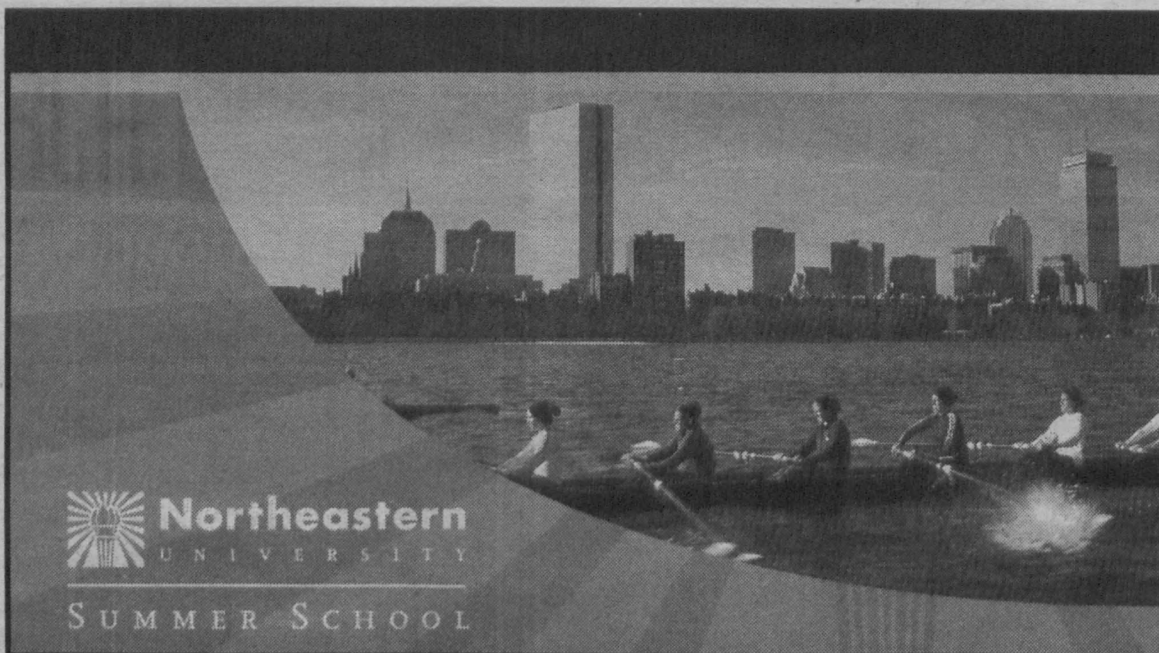
Maine mystery authors
Kathy Emerson, Lea Wait, and Julia Spencer-Fleming
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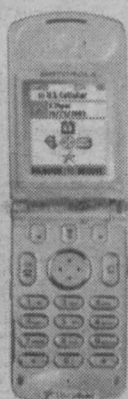
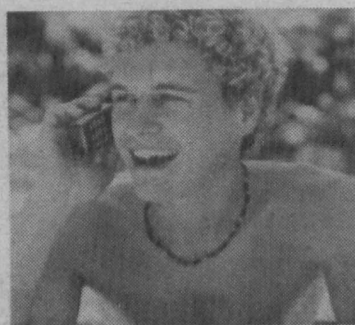
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A tough choice, but borne out of love

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who she was not in a relationship with at the time she found out she was pregnant. He was a high school boyfriend who had visited her in college one weekend. She mistakenly thought things could work again. Calling him five months later was difficult, she said.

"I told him, 'What I'm about to tell you is going to change your life. But I don't want anything from you. I want to do this on my own,'" Hayward said.

The father was silent.

Telling her parents she was pregnant was even more difficult.

"My parents being ashamed of me is something I just couldn't take," Hayward said.

Crying, she told her mother the news first. Her mother cried and vowed they would get through it. To this day her mother keeps pictures of the baby in her living room. She was very supportive, according to Hayward.

Calling her father to tell him the news was harder, Hayward said. He uttered the same response as her mother had — that they would get through it. Her father's side of the family does not talk about the pregnancy, adoption or the baby.

Hayward recalled one holiday with her father's family during her pregnancy. Her grandmother took a picture of her and gave her a teddy bear to sit on her lap to cover her pregnant belly. It's discouraging, but Hayward said she tries to accept it.

The remaining four months of the pregnancy could be best described as fast, according to Hayward.

She went back and forth between options. She considered keeping the baby and moving back to Connecticut with her mother. However, that was a fleeting thought. Hayward realized she could not financially provide what she thought her baby deserved — as wonderful of a childhood as she had growing up.

"For my childhood the whole family unit worked and I couldn't give that to [my baby]. I could give her all the love in the world,

"I don't want her to doubt for a second that I don't love her, because I do. I gave her up because I do."

but I couldn't do that to her — raise her in a single parent family who would more than likely have to work two jobs to support her and rely on loved ones to babysit," Hayward said. "Yeah, it was hard, but I think it would've been a lot harder [had I kept her]."

Hayward contacted two adoption agencies in the Bangor area, and provided criteria for what she hoped the adoptive parents would be like. She then interviewed couples that matched those criteria. She said the best part of the process was that she was able to make all the decisions.

With adoption plans under way, Hayward said she enjoyed being pregnant. She had not gained much weight, which is partly why she said she did not realize she was pregnant for so long in the beginning. She did not

experience morning sickness. It was strange for her, however, to have people always wanting to touch her belly and having other students stare at her in classes.

Hayward said it was no question whether she would remain in school. In fact, her highest grade point average in college to date was the semester she was pregnant. She attributes that to the fact that she had so much time to focus on her schoolwork since she couldn't go out, especially during winter weather. For the most part, professors and students were very helpful and supportive during her pregnancy, according to Hayward.

It was hard for her though because not many people here can understand what this situation was like for her, Hayward said.

"I hope people understand that it happens," Hayward said. "It's more frequent than you think."

Jan. 25, 2002 came quicker than Hayward expected. The night before she gave birth was a long night of physical pain. Two of her residents took care of her and drove her to the hospital early that morning. She also uses the word fast to describe the birth — it lasted about one and a half hours from the time she arrived at the hospital.

When her baby girl was put on her stomach that first moment, Hayward remembers thinking to herself, "Oh my God. Holy shit."

"It was amazing, but at the same time it was really sad," Hayward said.

Audrey Joann was named after Hayward's idol, Audrey Hepburn, and after her mother, JoAnn, who supported her most throughout her pregnancy.

Hayward spent a few extra

days in the hospital with her baby. Leaving the hospital was the hardest thing she'd ever done, Hayward said.

When she had said goodbye to her baby, she turned to walk away when she heard a nurse say to her, "Excuse me, aren't you forgetting something?" Hayward slowly turned back and whispered, "No." The nurse pointed to the baby. Hayward said, "No. The agency will be here later to pick her up," and she walked away.

"It was just hard. I cried the whole way home," Hayward said.

She told her baby before she left, "I know you're too little to understand this, but I love you more than I can say."

"I don't want her to doubt for a second that I don't love her, because I do. I gave her up

"I was meant to be a mom, but they were meant to be her parents."

because I do," Hayward said.

Although it was a difficult situation to be in and the hardest of actions she's taken thus far, Hayward said she does not regret her decision to give her baby a better life through adoption.

"I hope she understands that giving her up was not an easy decision," Hayward said. "I did it because I love her; because I wanted the best for her and I couldn't give that to her. She deserved more."

She thinks of her baby every day and said she is always in her

heart. She has photo albums of her pregnancy, the birth and pictures she's received from the adoptive family. She keeps pictures with her at all times, Hayward said.

The baby was placed with her adoptive parents on Valentine's Day 2002. The adoptive family lives in Maine, though Hayward does not know where. They pledged to raise the baby knowing she was adopted.

"I could see that they loved each other. It would be like a family. That was most important to me," Hayward said.

The adoptive parents decided to rename the baby Jordan Michelle Audrey Joann, but kept the name her birth mother had given her — something Hayward said she is forever grateful for.

Hayward sends birthday and Christmas presents to the adoption agency, which then sends them to the adoptive family to give to the baby. Recently Hayward sent a Carebear stuffed animal that had two hearts on its stomach. She said it represented her heart forever connected with her baby's.

"I was meant to be a mom, but they were meant to be her parents," Hayward said.

Hayward receives pictures about every six months. The pictures admittedly make her sad, Hayward said, but more than anything it makes her smile to see how beautiful and happy her red-haired baby is.

"That's all I need; just pictures to see if she's OK. A little kid's face doesn't lie. If she's not happy you can tell. She's glowing in the pictures that I get," Hayward said. "It just makes me stand more firm in my belief that I did the right thing."

Bangor explosion under investigation

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owner, John Kames of Bangor, was in violation of several housing codes and may face legal action for storing the tanks in the building illegally.

"We are exploring all issues at this time," Cheverie said, referring to potentially pending litigation in this matter.

Since the fire, all three students have moved into a new apartment in Bangor. They were able to salvage some personal items from their Union Street apartment, including a computer, a television, a bed, and some kitchen supplies, Good said. Firefighters also were able to rescue Good's cat and resuscitate her.

"That's what I worried about the most," Good said, referring to her cat.

For sisters Rani and Erin Gould, however, this recent string of fires is not their first experience with disaster. While in high school, the pair's home was severely damaged by fire and had to be demolished and

rebuilt, Erin said. The family lived in a trailer, paid for by their insurance company, while waiting for a new home to be built.

"Insurance covers everything when you need it," Erin said. This past August, Erin moved into the Union Street apartment with sister Rani and Good. Then in February, an electrical fire struck the building and damaged it. The three were forced out of the apartment for three weeks and were extended housing in UMaine's Knox Hall while their apartment was being repaired.

"[At] the second [fire], I was very emotional while it was happening. I thought I was going to lose everything," Erin said. When this third fire struck their lives, both sisters were in shock, Erin said.

"This [third] time it was more of a numb feeling. We just had to stand by and watch the fireman do their job," Erin said. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Bangor FD and the State Fire Marshal's office.

Hands-On Fire Extinguisher Training

There are twelve (12) sessions scheduled for Spring 2004! This training is required *ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS* if the following applies to you in your capacity as faculty, staff, professional or student employee at the University of Maine:

- > You are the *safety or evacuation coordinator* for your department;
- > You are a designated *emergency first responder*;
- > You use *open flames and flammable materials or flammable chemicals* in your job;
- > You work at *remote sites without ready access to a fire department*; and or
- > You are a *welder*

Please contact your supervisor, department safety coordinator or department head for a sign-up form. You can also contact the Facilities Management Safety Officer at 581-3066 to receive a sign-up form.

Training Dates at a Glance

Tue.	3/23	2:00-4:00 PM
Tue.	3/23	4:00-6:00 PM
Thur.	3/25	9:00-11:00 AM
Fri.	3/26	8:00-10:00 AM
Mon.	3/29	4:00-6:00 PM
Wed.	3/31	1:00-3:00 PM
Fri.	4/2	2:00-4:00 PM
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STUDENT SENATE NOTES

Senate strikes down Safe Ride proposal

By Nate Schlingmann
For The Maine Campus

In the General Student Senate on March 16, 2004, a debate was drawn over the feasibility of the senate putting together a Safe Ride Ad-Hoc.

The proposed Safe Ride system would be similar to the late-night local system. Sen. Brandon Libby had put the proposed Safe Ride System together. He said he was "making an effort to help improve the safety of the students whom he is representing."

In the end he was denied the support of the Student Government in looking deeper into creating a late night transportation system for students.

The long debate on the issue began when Sen. Ross Bartlett said, "The liability issues surrounding this actually make me cringe. I don't know how much it's understood what a task this would be in terms of management and logistics."

He was adamantly against the Student Government making any

moves toward creating a stronger Safe Ride system for students "I'd like to see the whole thing go away," Bartlett said.

President Cortlynn Hepler thought that the idea at least deserved a chance.

"I commend Brandon for his activity so far. He is willing to put in the time to do all the research and all the feasibility studying," Hepler said.

What was being proposed to the senate was their support for a feasibility study. The proposed Safe Ride system would need another series of votes before it actually comes into existence.

"I just want to go back to the point that this is just allowing Brandon to formally look into a feasibility report," said Hepler.

"This is just going to research this," said Sen. Brandon Lamire. "If you feel how you feel in a couple months or so, I'm sure you could still voice your opinion then."

At the end of the confirmation the move onward the feasibility study failed with two more senators voting against it than for it.

Lemire said he was disappointed.

"All this senate has done tonight was give money allocations, nothing was formally truly done to improve the lives of students on campus," Lamire said.

A new society "The Progressive Student Alliance" was granted preliminary approval. The Organization "aims to increase student participation in politics."

The Wilde Stein Society was granted \$3,525 for Pride Week from April 2, to April 16. The events will include Karen Grenier, a performing musician, a theatrical show by writer Tatiana de la Tierra, comedian Judy Gold and the the Annual Drag Show and Dance.

Erik Black was appointed by President Cortlynn Hepler as the new Vice President of the student body and President of the Senate. Members of the Senate approved Hepler's nomination by a vote of 8-0 with two abstaining.

Sen. Suphatra Parvichai also announced her resignation from the senate at Tuesday's meeting.

Coutu in top 6th percentile of ROTC cadets nationally

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says he is honored to receive the award and feels this is an acknowledgment of his hard work since joining the battalion his freshman year.

"He embodies the trait the military ... well, anyone would look for"

"It's more a recognition of the hard work you've done," Coutu said.

Many of Coutu's peers in the UMaine ROTC battalion are in support of actions and agree that he was the right recipient for the award.

"He's worked real hard throughout his career here and he's definitely earned it," senior Public Management major and fellow ROTC cadet Adrian Cole said.

The UMaine ROTC leadership was also behind Coutu, and nominated him when applications were due. Capt. Tim Shaffer said

that Coutu's performance as battalion commander coupled with his academic record and the fact that Coutu serves as the student representative on the ROTC faculty advisory committee and scholarship boards make him a worthy recipient

"He's put a lot more into the program than just being a cadet. He embodies the trait the military ... well, anyone would look for," Shaffer said.

"He's our number one cadet and was our number one choice," Lt. Josef Hallatschek of UMaine ROTC said. Hallatschek said selection for the battalion's nomination began last year when this current graduating class was in its junior year. Then, Coutu along with other ROTC students attended the National Advanced Leadership Camp, an event organized for all ROTC cadets throughout the nation. While there, Coutu ranked 271 out of approximately 4,600 cadets overall. Hallatschek cited this as a prime reason Coutu was chosen. However, Hallatschek said Coutu has been at the top of his list for quite some time.

"There was no doubt in our minds he was going to be our number one cadet," Hallatschek said.

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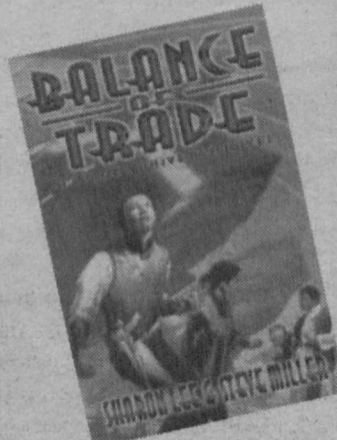
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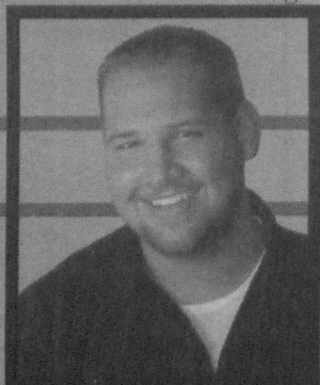
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Black to focus on communication, membership

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senate will be forced to repeat the search for a new senate president at the end of the semester.

"He's been around student government for a long time and he understands what's going on," Bartlett said. "The only side note with Erik [Black] is that he's graduating in six weeks so we will fall without a vice president again at the end of the semester."

Sen. Kate O'Brien, who was one of the two abstentions from the vote, shares Bartlett's reservations about hiring someone who will not be able to fulfill the term.

"I think that [Black] will do a good job and he's more than qualified but I'm concerned with the fact that he's graduating and we'll be faced with the same vacancy in the fall," she said.

But Black has already taken into consideration these concerns and says he is not making any long-term goals for the senate.

"I have no long-term agendas," Black said. "I don't want to start something I won't be able to follow through with myself."

Both Black and Hepler said that although Black has only six weeks to serve as president of the senate, it will not be as sudden or difficult to find a replacement for the Fall semester.

"I would say I understand their concerns but some of their con-

cerns could be alleviated by the fact that the vice president of student government does not do a whole lot over the summer," Black said.

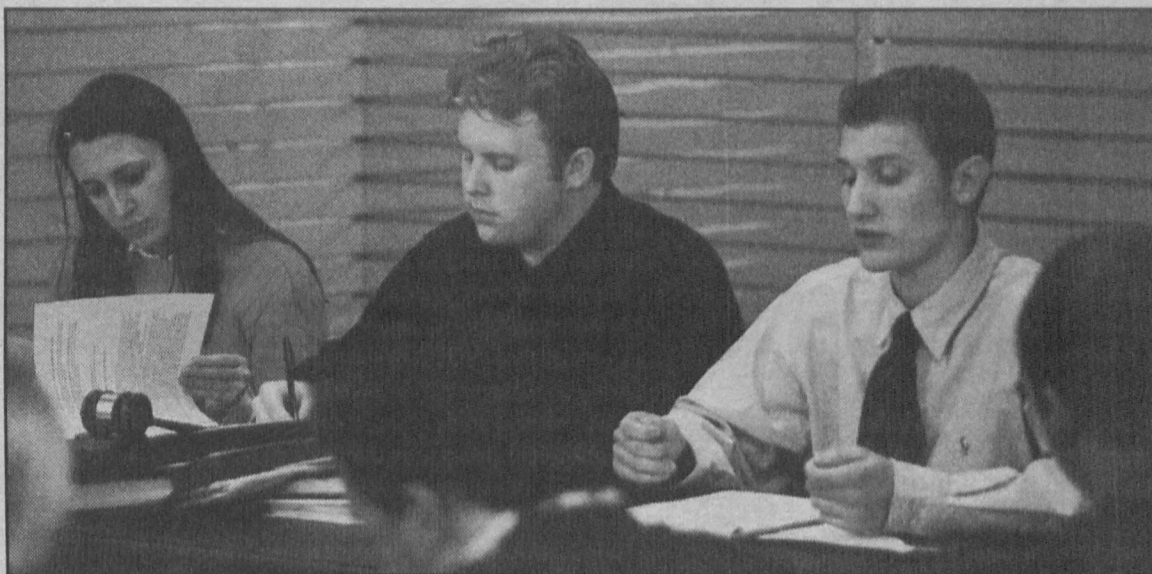
Hepler said he doesn't know if the decision will be made at the end of Black's term as to who will replace him or if that decision will come at the beginning of the Fall semester.

"What's good is that we have six weeks to plan for this," Hepler said. "It would be nice to come back and have someone in place for the fall."

Black's immediate goals for the senate are to open lines of communication among the members of the senate and to increase membership retention. Black called the departure of former president Brown a veritable "collapse," citing broken lines of communication as the reason.

"I think that communication problems helped with the collapse," Black said. "I think Justin [Brown] did the best he could to make sure student government functioned properly. I don't know of any sort of plan he had but I know he would have wanted what is best for the organization, which is good communication."

Black is also worried about the number of senators who currently attend meetings and would like to see new members with fresh perspectives and ideas coming to



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LOOKING BUSY — Eric Black, center, was sworn in as president of the senate during the General Student Senate meeting Tuesday night.

meetings.

"We have about 10 voting members right now," Black said. "If we fall below 10 we can't meet and that's a massive problem."

Sen. O'Brien agrees with Black that opening lines of communication within the organization and membership woes need to be addressed, but at a different time and place.

"I don't think senate meetings should be the time we're addressing internal problems," O'Brien said. "I think we should take that leap and bound outside Tuesday night meetings to see what is going on inside the organization."

O'Brien admitted she had toyed with the idea of resigning about two weeks ago when the senate experienced some massive turnovers, but reconsidered with the good of the organization in mind.

"Someone's got to stick around," she said. "I don't want to see the organization sink. Matt Gagnon put two-and-a-half years of his life into this organization and I'd hate to see it crumble in seven weeks."

O'Brien's ideas for filling the empty seats of the senate mirror those of Hepler and Black, who also want to see people come and enjoy working with the senate.

Ideas Hepler shot out for recruitment included talking to classes and informing them of the benefits of becoming a student senator. O'Brien suggested targeting the colleges of Education and Human Development and the ACE and Onward program - both of which have no representatives in the senate.

"There are two important objectives of student government," Hepler said. "One: it has to be an enjoyable experience. And two: it's there to develop leaders and be a good learning experience. When those two goals are met our membership will increase naturally."

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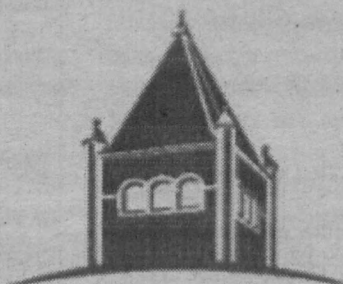
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GSS says no ride for you!

A proposed SafeRide program that would provide an undefined amount and form of transportation to students needing a designated driver was the topic of debate in the University of Maine's General Student Senate meeting Tuesday evening. The program's liability issues were scrutinized and a motion to complete a feasibility study that would have looked into the logistics of the program failed (see GSS notes, page 7).

Although the senators voting against a feasibility study for the program surely had students' best interests at heart — most were worried about spending student money on a worthless study — the subject of the study and the potential end result are anything but worthless.

The Maine Campus thanks those student leaders that supported the idea of creating a feasibility study for a service that would actually help students. It's too bad GSS didn't unanimously support the study. Instead, they will spend their time debating the idea of MaineCard compatible Coke vending machines — something UMaine students surely cannot live without.

Breaking the mold

Amazingly enough, several dozen University of Maine students bypassed bikinis and boozing this year to spend their spring breaks lending a hand to communities in need. In the face of an older generation that often questions the global awareness of today's youth, the members of R.E.A.C.H. and Alternative Spring Break set a shining example of student commitment to improving the world beyond Orono.

During time allotted to students for recuperation from grueling class loads, these students gave their labor to groups in need in West Virginia and Honduras, and for that, *The Maine Campus* applauds them. Their contributions are a powerful statement to the university community and to communities worldwide that UMaine students are conscious of their roles in the world.

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'Killing in the name of'

Spain puts the concept of peace in perspective

It's rather presumptuous of me to editorialize on whether or not peace is an attainable concept in our world today. I've lived in peace my whole life, and I only know what struggle I've read about. I can't define peace and I can't say whether it can survive, let alone exist. For some countries, peace may be considered a year in which no one they know is killed. In other areas, a time of peace is a day without a bombing.

What I do know though is how I feel about what is happening in the world. I can't remember the last time I saw an article about the Middle East that didn't have the words "bomb," "dead," or "road map" in the headline. Certainly this road to peace is well-paved with the

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lives of sacrificed innocents. We have children killing in the name of some political cause, and some of our political leaders see violence and chaos as a means to an end.

"Courage and hope are ignorance. How can anyone have hope with so much evil in the world?" Maurice Sendak, author of "Where the Wild Things Are," said this in reference to the child-like hope that somehow good can conquer evil. And yet, we have children, somewhat like Americans, "killing in the name of." Young children should be playing, kissing and occasionally

picking on each other, not sacrificing their lives for causes they don't understand. This idea, however, isn't just restricted to our current time and place. Violence in the name of change is what mankind's history is made of.

To achieve this ideal of peace, a lot needs to change: governments, borders, walls and minds. We need societies to start embracing peace for their people over power. We need borders that compromise instead of expand. We need walls that welcome workers and repel weapons. Most of all, we need education that doesn't teach generations to hate their neighbor's land, religions and culture. The world we know is steeped in terrorism. The

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Letters to the Editor

• Shaer misses the mark

In his column on Feb. 16, "Injustice for some," Matthew Shaer has the benefit of writing his opinion in *The Maine Campus* only because of the government that he is judging so harshly. I do not condemn his right to voice an opinion. I do, however, feel strongly about his choice of subject and the manner in which he takes advantage of the rights for which our military

have fought and lost their lives.

Shaer certainly deserves the right to criticize our elected officials, and the war in general. However, to base his article on the fact that these prisoners are farmers and civilians is ridiculous. I didn't know "terrorists" wore arm bands, head bands or name tags stating that they are members of a terror organization. Could it possibly be our intelligence community's

responsibility to determine this? I didn't realize that the American Civil Liberties Union had to be contacted prior to this determination.

Shaer also presumes to know more than the intelligence community. He is a college student, and he is questioning authority. These qualities are admirable. However, for Shaer to presume

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'Spring' break

A contradiction

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OPINION EDITOR

I went to South Carolina for spring break, and it was a blast. But what's that pesky thing tapping me on the backside of my head? Oh, it's my good friend logic. He was the one constantly reminding me that the frigid air moving about Myrtle Beach in the evenings was more than just an ocean breeze. Logic was also telling me that, while fun and making for a good "guess what I did story," swimming in 50-degree ocean water takes a bit more testicular fortitude than I'd previously guessed.

Nothing brings a smile to a student's face quicker than the words "spring break." I don't want to always be bitching, but it's a valid point: no part of the University of Maine break was during spring. Before you lose your mind, I am aware of other schools that partake in this debauchery. It would appear that University of Maine officials who make our calendar year are following in step with what some would consider high education social conformity. Maybe the Board of Trustees could throw on another mindless fee for good measure so we could be like everyone else.

I do not want to look at the gross overcharging of a college education, but hopefully you're starting to see my point. I want to know why our spring break is so early. Mindless facts spewed from the mouth of a presidential adviser are not the lip service I'm looking for. I want reasons. I want my old friend logic to come out and play.

I was mulling over the fact that UMaine's spring break was early one day, and someone told me that the university probably scheduled it like that so students could get out of classes earlier. Interesting concept, but sadly, they had been misled. From where I stand, when our spring break starts and ends has lit-

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world I've lived in is full of it. Terrorism could be considered radicals seeking revolution, and state-sponsored militarism is governments seeking the status quo. Terrorism means more than violence against the state. Islamic means more than fundamentalist, American means more than tyrant, and Israeli means more than Zionist.

I don't like to think that hope is ignorance, and I believe that people can share a city without killing one another. I hope I will live long enough to see this wall come down like the last one. Brought down by

a generation who has learned from the grievous mistakes and losses of past generations. We need to effect change: Ghandi said "be the change you wish to see." America is more than innocent to its people. Palestine is more than innocent to its people. Israel is more than innocent to its people. Every action reacted to creates a ripple effect. We are the change we created and when we accept our actions as our own, we take a step forward toward understanding, a welcome step toward peace.

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tle to do with when UMaine classes end. There are 14 days that scheduling officials have to work with that consist of our spring break. I am elated that our time off has not been broken up into two one-week chunks, but why must our break start while Maine is still a glacier?

There is no rational explanation for why spring break must continue to be so early at UMaine. One week of winter break has been obliterated off of the academic calendar since last year, and spring break is now like vacationing in Alaska — mild.

What's that you say? It's my fault I only went to South Carolina when I could've gone to a more southern point in this fine country? True. But you know what, I had a good time. I didn't necessarily need to be warm. I probably would have had a good time if I went down there and it had snowed a little. I'm just that kind of guy — call me Mr. Happy. But we learn from our experiences. It was warm in

South Carolina when it needed to be but there's always room for improvement. If students are paying dozens of thousands of dollars for all things having to do with their education — inducing when their time off is — why not bump spring break a week or two later? It will not be too close to the end of semester, and who knows, maybe even professors would enjoy the change.

You may be asking yourself why I waited until now to speak. Horse is out of the barn already, isn't it? Indeed it is my friend, but that does not mean spring break must continue down this dark and frightening path. If you're not careful, you may find yourself vacationing in a pair of long johns, chipping away at your pina colada with an ice pick while your spring break crew attempts to get the car started in subarctic temperatures.

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that he knows more than the intelligence community and to judge our government and military on issues that he could not possibly be privy to is ludicrous.

Shaer's opinion is paramount to Jane Fonda's showboating during the Vietnam era. Her treasonous behavior and Shaer's article border on the same type of thinking. It is an insult to the military that preserves Shaer's right to have an opinion. If the prisoners are being detained, it is for good reason. Walk a mile in one of our young military person's shoes and only then will he have the right to even think about an opinion regarding the detainees. Visit a Veterans Association hospital and witness the brutality that has been inflicted on our young men and women by Shaer's so-called civilized farmers and ordinary citizens. But, then again, he would have to leave the security of his campus life and visit the real world.

Shaer seems to be imply that if the people responsible for the annihilation of all of the citizens on Sept. 11 had lived, they would deserve a trial. These people are terrorists who do not abide by our laws, nor do they respect our

culture. They should not have the benefit of its legal system.

I believe that if just one of these security risk detainees were to venture onto the campus at UMaine and blow up a dorm, kill just one of your friends or associates, Shaer would not be calling the ACLU to see to it that they had the benefit of a lawyer. Shaer would instead be blaming the CIA, the FBI, the president or Tom Ridge for blatantly ignoring the known signs that these people had infiltrated the country. Shaer can't have it both ways. I wish he'd have a little respect for the young men and women who have committed themselves to making your "campus world" a little bit safer.

The detainees in Guantanamo Bay do not deserve a lawyer. They are neither citizens of this country nor are they prisoners of war. They are not afforded the same benefits. If they sit there indefinitely, then at least we know where 650 supposed terrorists are located. Shaer should be thanking our government instead of printing subversive garbage. You get to sleep in a warm dorm or apartment and not a hole in the ground in a desert far from home.

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Disney poaches history

Hakuna matata: it means no substance

I was browsing the aisles at Bull Moose Music this weekend and I stumbled across the newest humor-free "Weird Al" Yankovic album. His newest lackluster album comes with a big sticker that lists the names of the artists his ham-fisted songs parody. I thought, surely this is the lowliest marketing scheme I'll encounter this week. What could be worse than a lousy comedian with the staying power of Rasputin trying to ride the coattails of other musicians?

In less than an hour I saw a movie poster that made me hang my head in shame. Disney, in yet another rush of inspiration, has released "The Lion King 1 1/2."

It's official, Disney has run out of ideas for movies. It has tapped out every fairy tale and fable and resorted to making movies based on previous successes. Who can forget the magic of "The Country Bears" when it was captured onto the silver screen? A few years ago they repackaged "Beauty and the Beast" with a Christmas twist. This "Lion King" remix isn't anything new.

Disney pumped out two "Aladdin" sequels. "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights" just came out. Last year America launched the sequel to the Gulf

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War. Sequels like these don't help anyone. When we purchase and consume these sequels, they expose the gullibility of the American public.

It's easy to think that when the original "Lion King" came out, it was a gleaming new concept. Guess again. "The Lion King" is a clever revamped version of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Twenty-first century Disney is making yet another sequel to a 20th-century film adaptation of a 16th-century play based on a 12th-century Danish king.

What scares me about this new "Lion King" movie is that Disney wasn't able to get Jonathan Taylor Thomas to reprise his role as the voice of young Simba. In retrospect, they probably didn't try to cast him because he's aged 10 years since the first movie. I like to think it's because he's too busy pounding boiler-makers with Macaulay Culkin.

The American public is lazy and will accept pretty much any

product with effective advertising. That's why television is so cluttered with reality-based shows. They all boil down to the same thing, an annoying, ethnically diverse group of thin people whining about each other. We are presented with poorly-written movies, humorless sitcoms, and terrible music. Worst of all, we accept it. We settle for the crap we're presented with, and I just don't get why. All of the social movements I've learned about in sociology class show that Americans have a history of demanding change when they are unsatisfied. Even with a rich legacy, I can go to the Old Town Hannaford's and see another issue of People Magazine with Paris Hilton on the cover. The entertainment industry insults our intelligence time and time again, but people continue to gobble it and the trend continues.

In the grand scheme of things, this unnecessary sequel doesn't endanger our country. It's just more big-eyed cartoon animals for overseas animation factories to pump out. There are worse sequels threatening our society, like the sequel to George W. Bush's first presidential term.

Mike Hartwell is a junior journalism major.

Don't drop the soap, Martha

Questionable business practices land Stewart in prison

How many times have you heard, "and that's a good thing," from domestic demi-goddess Martha Stewart? She has built a financial empire based on her pretentious home and hearth helpfulness. This empire began to crumble months ago when Stewart was indicted on federal charges for corporate fraud and questionable business practices. On March 5, Stewart was found guilty on the four felony charges brought against her, including obstruction of justice for lying to the authorities, which could bring a maximum of 20 years in prison and unspecified millions in fines.

What does all this mean for the self-styled millionaire? Legal experts agree that if Stewart does appeal and lose, she will face a minimum of 12-16 months in a Connecticut minimum-security women's prison. Her new digs will be a far cry from the plush elegance she prides herself in creating. Her potential new home will be more like an oversized, minimalist apartment, which she will share with upwards of 12 other women. This will undoubtedly come as a shock to a woman who is used to the lavish comforts of a mansion.

If Stewart does go to jail, she had best listen to those who have gone before her. It has been said that upon your arrival in prison, you either get in a fight to show your strength and tenacity, or become someone's "bitch." I don't know about you, but I can't see Martha

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throwing down with a drug dealer named Shaniqua. Stewart is not renowned for her kindness, but any compassion she shows while incarcerated will be mistaken for weakness and could be relentlessly exploited.

There will be no placing Stewart on a celebrity pedestal. In fact, any special treatment received by Stewart will be met with undoubted resentment by fellow inmates. Prison is said to be the "great equalizer," and for an uppity woman like Stewart, this could come as quite a shock. Other inmates don't care if you have your name on a clothing line and houseware products in a Big-K, the store formerly known as K-Mart. They don't care if you have a show on television or millions in the bank. To them, you are nothing but another eight-digit number doing time for your crimes against society.

If Stewart is smart, she will take up smoking now and convert a large portion of her assets to cigarettes, which according to my roommate, who is no stranger to jail, will allow Stewart to score some sweet contraband while in the joint. It may be minimum-security

prison, but it is jail nonetheless.

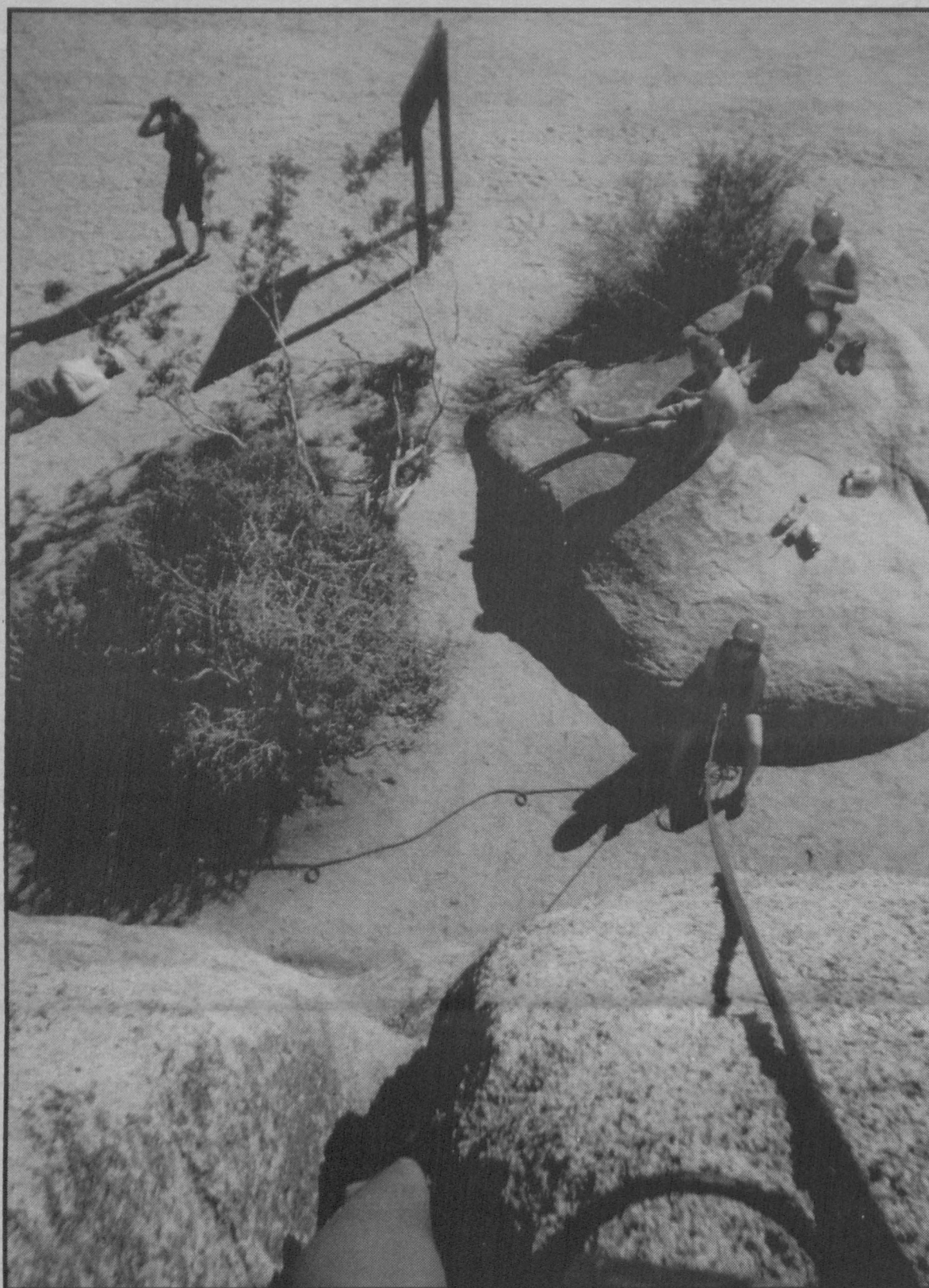
The other inmates will not take kindly to Martha's subtle touches of grace and civility. If she tries to "liven up" the living area with some throw pillows, they will most likely throw her a nice little blanket party to knock her down a peg or two. Her expertise in the kitchen will be lost on low-grade prison gruel. Last time I checked, they don't serve roasted duck garnished with cranberry glaze and thyme in the state pen. God help her if she tries to perk up the prison coffee with a little chicory.

I know what you might be thinking. I am being too hard on Martha Stewart. Well, as usual, I am calling it how I see it. This is a woman who has prided herself on being better than everyone else for so long, that I have to embrace this opportunity to take a shot at a woman falling from grace.

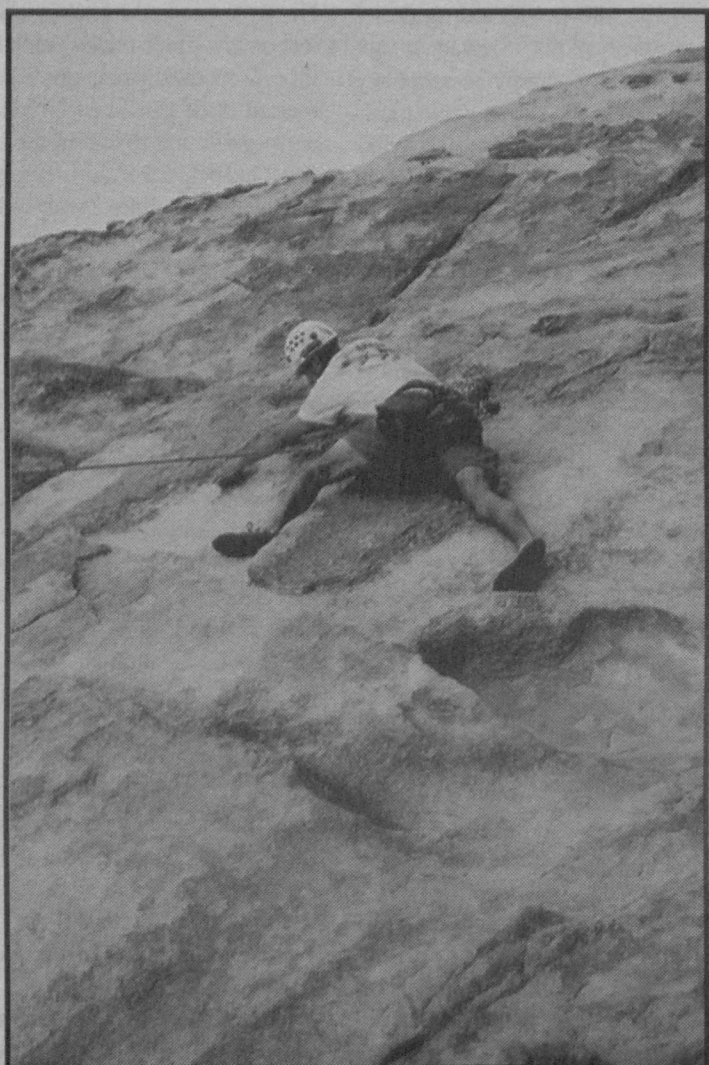
Housewives and grandmothers everywhere are crying foul because their beloved saint is being put through the legal ringer, but ladies, put down your doilies and turn up your hearing aids. Stewart broke the law and therefore, she must pay the price. Besides, I don't see masses of middle-aged women taking to the streets brandishing "Free Martha" T-shirts and cinder blocks while looting Pottery Barn and World Over Imports. To me, that's a good thing.

Mike Melochick is a junior journalism major who enjoys mocking the misfortune of others.

Rockin' it with Maine Bound



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Maine Bound offered two trips this spring break — kayaking in Florida, and rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park in southern California. The latter included a week of nights under the big sky and days full of adventure on Joshua Tree's excellent rock. Nine UMaine students, many of whom had never climbed outside the Maine Bound rock gym, made the journey westward, along with two instructors.

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(Above) The long view from the top of a climb at Short Wall, in Joshua Tree National Park. Participants in the trip learned everything from the basics of climbing movement to complex anchoring techniques.

(Left) Guy DeBrun, one of the guides on the trip, shows off on a rough patch of rock in central J-Tree. DeBrun, along with UMaine student and rock instructor Kevin Herbig, led the group of nine students.

Breaking to work

By Ernest P. Scheyder
Staff Writer

While many students spent their spring break on the shores of some distant tropical island, a group of University of Maine students had the chance to volunteer in six different places across the eastern seaboard.

I had the opportunity to join eight other students and serve at West Virginia's Southern Appalachian Labor School. Together with these extraordinary

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individuals, I traveled in a sports utility vehicle from Orono to the little unincorporated municipality of Beards' Fork in this mining state where poverty has hit hard and where the indomitable human spirit is hard at work.

Arriving in the little town dwarfed by mountains on either side, our group became immediately aware of the immense poverty in the region. We soon came upon the location where we were to stay, a former elementary school that had been transformed into a community center by SALS. Contained within the building were numerous rooms for child care, community outreach, meal preparation for the community and offices from

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More than just tacos

By Angela Fiandacca
Staff Writer

It's been said that traveling to foreign lands really does change one's outlook on the world. It puts things into perspective; it makes you realize what you should be grateful for. Traveling opens your eyes wider than ever thought possible. It was my first

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time traveling outside the country (besides Canada, which my traveling counterparts said doesn't count), and my spring break trip to Mexico was more than a sunny vacation from school; it was a cultural awakening.

Mexico and Maine are different, to say the least. The handful of University of Maine students and the dean that went on this journey discovered a culture that contrasted ours on so many levels, yet at the same time managed to allow us to find a way to relate.

At the Universidad de las Americas — the equivalent of America's Harvard University — the Mexican hosts greeted us with the same hug-and-kiss custom with which they greet one another. They

performed this ritual each time they met one another, even if only a few hours had passed. Our hosts had never met before we arrived, yet we assumed they'd been best friends for years.

They ate for breakfast what we would eat for dinner— vegetables, a starch, like potatoes, and a meat dish. Lunch is eaten anywhere from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and consists of sandwiches made with mustard on one side of the bread and mayonnaise on the other. Leaving such sandwiches in a hot car for more than six hours is considered dangerous there — luckily we have lived to tell that story so perhaps it was not as risky as we thought. Dinner is eaten anywhere from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Our hosts were shocked to hear that our dinner at UMaine begins at 4:30 p.m. for some people. It can also be said that there is nothing like a true Mexican taco. Taco Bell just will not cut it anymore.

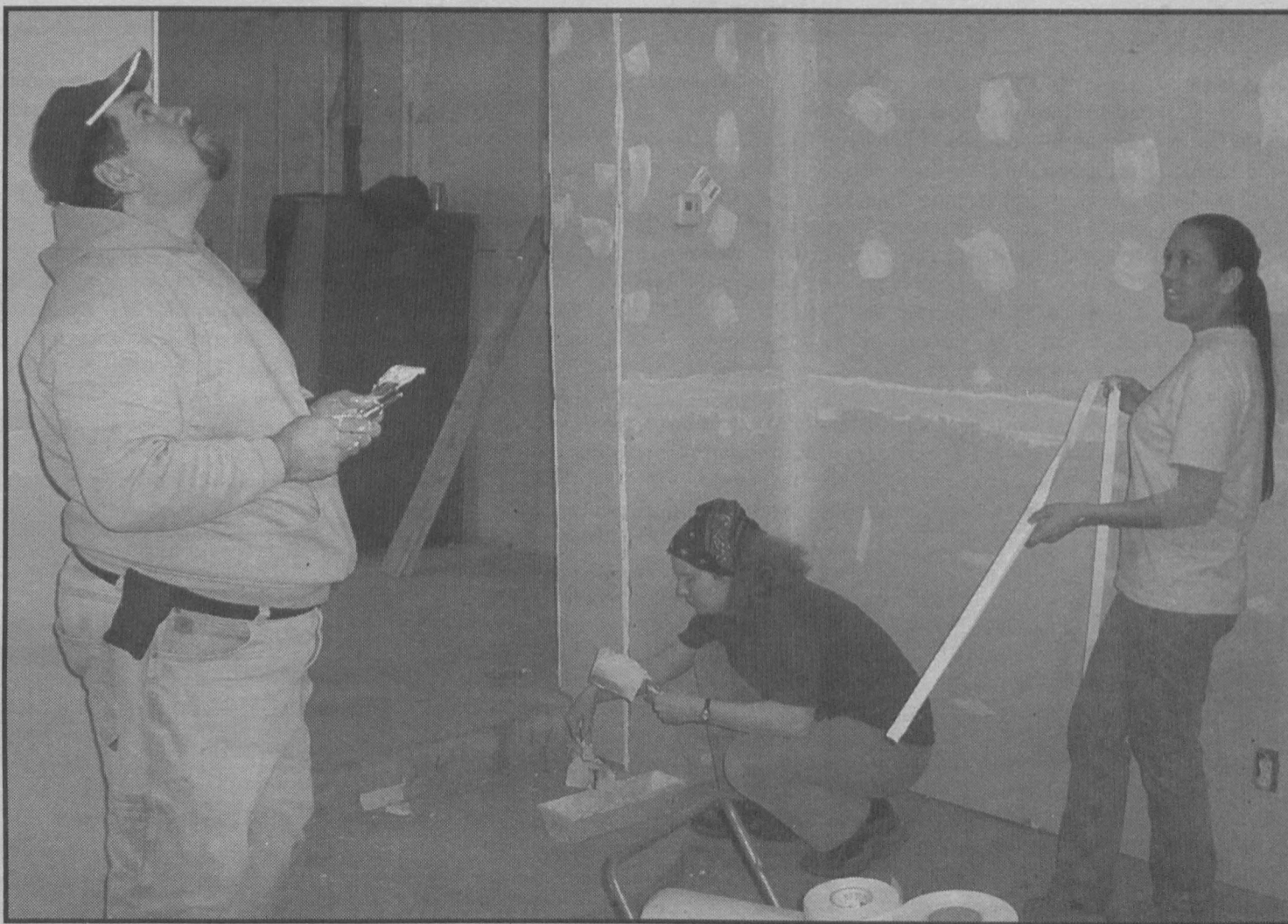
There seemed to be two colliding worlds in Mexico — something incredible for us to witness on our cultural exchange. Outside the campus in downtown Puebla, trash and graffiti line the streets. Dogs roam around

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work

SALS does much of its work. SALS relies on state and federal funding for its day to day long-term operations. They participate in federal programs, including YouthBuild and the Community Development Block Grant Investment Act, as well as numerous other organizations, including Global Volunteers. SALS has volunteers coming into the region to make a significant and impressionable mark on the region. We soon met with the director of SALS and were given a detailed economic picture of the region. Decimated by the demise of the coal industry, the state has one of the lowest per capita incomes in the nation. Adding to the frustration is the low average yearly income in the county where SALS is located is approximately \$8000 per person. The light in this scenario was that West Virginia has the highest percentage of home ownership in the country, according to our site host, Dr. John David, director of SALS. However, most of these homes are dilapidated and in need of serious repair. The causes, the building of a completely new town. This is where the YouthBuild comes in. YouthBuild takes young adults who have dropped out of high school and pays them a small stipend to work on house sites and attend GED classes, meeting off and on at weekly intervals. We came

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THINGS ARE LOOKING UP — Three members of the West Virginia Alternative Spring Break trip work on a room as part of their one week of service.

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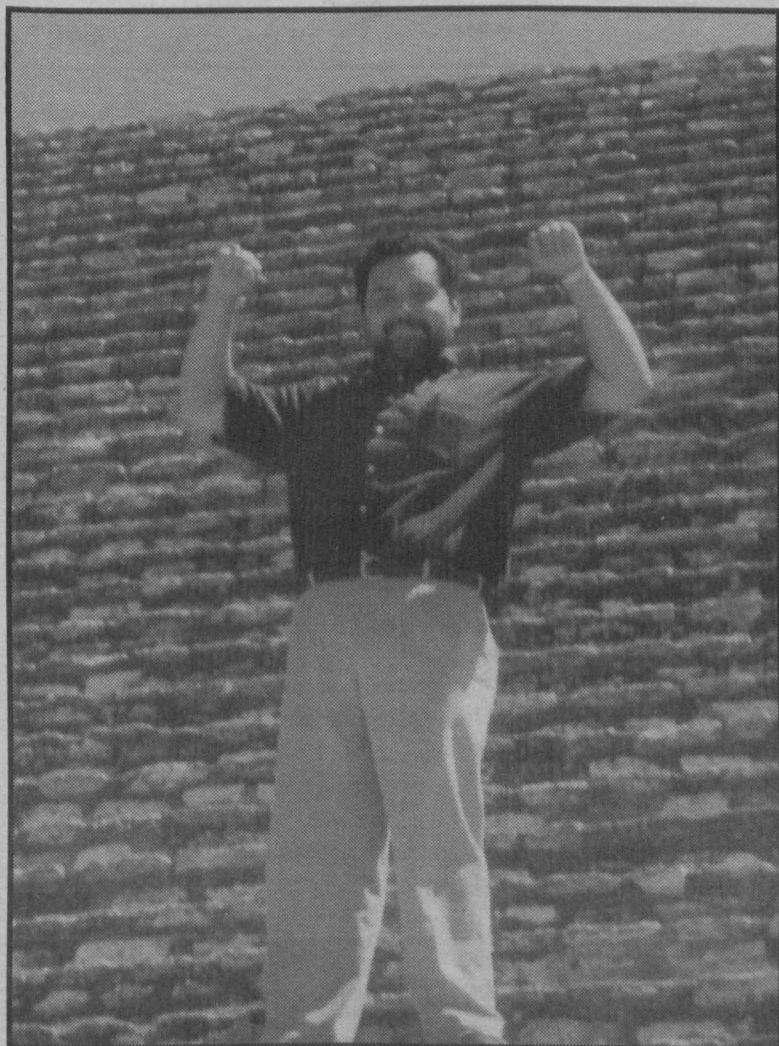
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two colliding something on our campus in a and graffiti roam around



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YEE HAW — Angel Loredo, associate dean of students at UMaine, stands on the steps of a pyramid during a trip to Mexico with several UM students.

Red, white and booze

By Rachel Maloney-Hawkins
For The Maine Campus

It began much like it continued: randomly, without much planning and, most of all, sketchy as hell. I stood in the Greyhound bus station in one of the less desired parts of Washington, D.C., for close to two

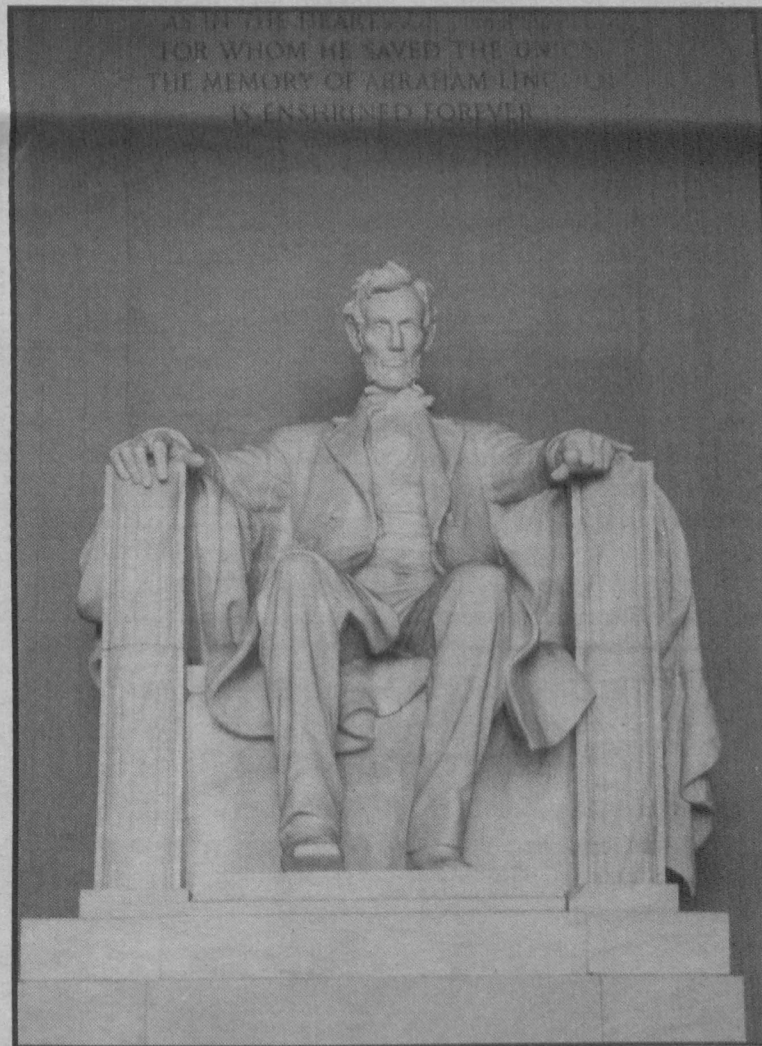
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hours while I waited for my friend to come pick me up. The Greyhound trip itself had been difficult, but now I found myself not knowing where I was or what I was doing. While everyone around me made it their goal to get to know the girl from Maine, I stood, waiting desperately for my not-so-punctual friend to pick me up. When he arrived, my combination of relief and fatigue caused me to forget my gripes and embrace him, as I almost instantly fell asleep.

I slept most of the first day away, not waking until my host excitedly jumped on me and told me to start getting ready. After quickly re-orienting myself to the situation and showering, we were off to be shown around my friend's hometown, something I had made him suffer through in Kennebunk. Along with us we had two other friends that had come down from Maine.

Following this, we got ready for the evening, I donned less clothing and a bunch of dark makeup, attempting to come across as sexy instead of exhausted as I truly was, and my male companions sprayed enough cans of Axe on themselves to lose a few brain cells.

As we walked into the club, the lights were flashing, the bass was



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FOUR SCORE — The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

pumping and I felt as if I had been stuck in the opening sequence of "Queer as Folk." Branded with my two large, black, extremely noticeable under-21 X's, I was committed as the designated driver for the evening. This pledge meant that five hours later I would be careening on five-lane highways I had never seen before, while simultaneously dodging insults from the indigenous drunk Virginian back seat driver.

The club wasn't especially packed, so there was ample room for the "flaming ballerinas," the high-kicking and spinning gentlemen that end up often inadvertently smacking someone in the face. As the hours ticked away, the already tight-fitting T-shirts were stripped off, couples headed for the bathrooms and my guys kept putting back their design-

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West Virginia

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to SALS to work alongside them and provide a positive influence.

With our work cut out for us, we began the following day at different sites. Some of us performed tasks like mudding and sanding walls, siding house exteriors, painting and roofing. Other members of the group tutored at the local GED center with students. Overall, the experience was extremely eye-opening for all involved.

This experience for me has

been one of the most amazing events of my entire life. I've gotten to know all the people in my group outside of school in a totally different way. Together we worked, played, ate, slept, cleaned, labored and toiled together to make a positive influence. Walking away from it all, I know that among all the good we were doing, we were changing and growing. This year's ASB was my first, but this one time got me hooked. I can say 2004 won't be my only year participating.

Mexico

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unattended and starving. Children from the age of 5 sell gum and other trinkets. We could not turn around without seeing someone selling something, from blankets to pottery to jewelry and food. In addition, everything is extremely cheap. Things that would cost about \$20 here are about \$4 there. We, as American shopaholics, felt right at home with this part of our trip.

Back on the UDLA campus, exquisite handmade pottery lines the walkways. Cacti and palm trees grow on the banks of ponds with fountains. Rose gardens are the perfect place for naps in the sun or for practicing an instrument. The residence halls, known there as *collegios*, look like apartment suites only found at the best of the best colleges in America. College is a privilege for these students, as few in this poverty-stricken country are able to attend. An entire year at this prestigious university would cost about \$5,000 in US dollars.

The differences were extensive and overwhelming in this new land. Yet, there seemed to be more similarities among us students than we expected. They like to toast a drink every now and then. They enjoy dancing and know

more words to typical North American songs, like "I Will Survive," than we do. They watch "Friends" and "Will and Grace" often. One girl had the entire season of "Sex and the City" on tape. They picked up on our United States humor quite well and were able to throw back some of that same sarcasm.

It surprised some of us how similar we were. It was the similarities, not differences, that helped us become friends for a week and perhaps for a lifetime. Our differences only helped us grow to conceptualize a deeper understanding of what it means to be swept away by something we'd never known before our meeting.

Our student hosts will have the opportunity to visit UMaine in the fall for a cultural exchange of their own. While we don't have views from campus of a volcano or the luxury of warm weather all year long, we will try our best to provide them the hospitality and trip of a lifetime they provided us.

Traveling is said to change your life. Perhaps it's a bit cliché, but I realize now that it's entirely true. Take it from someone who's walked inside tunnels in the largest pyramid in volume in the world, sat in pews in breathtaking cathedrals filled with gold and eaten cactus for the first time.

Washington, D.C.

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er drinks in Solo cups. Britney's "Toxic" sounded over the speakers, and I found my shoes sticking to the floor for one last song. Dripping with sexual innuendo, the lyrics were calling for hook-ups, but alas, only numbers were exchanged, and we headed back to northern Virginia.

With the feeling that Maine was devoid of anything remotely cultural, my host made it a priority to expose us to as much "culture" as possible. Breakfast on the second day consisted of Honduran food and banana soda; lunch was Middle Eastern consumed outside in the 75 degree weather; and the group from the night before headed to downtown D.C. to find a unique dinner experience. On the outskirts of Chinatown, we discovered a Burmese restaurant, debated for a while on the actual location of Burma, and then ventured inside. A unique blend of Southeast Asian, Indian and Chinese food, the fare looked promising on the menu. Moderately disappointed, we decided that the only "good" dish was the squid, which only a few at the table could bring themselves to eat.

Our group then split, half heading for a "hookah bar." Mango smoke, black lights and the Middle Eastern version of VH-1 provided the backdrop for a really chill few hours. After I took one last sip of my chai, we headed outside to find our cars. Two hours before, the quaint cobblestone street had been lined with vehicles. The street was now empty; every car had been towed. We called and found that the impound lot was closed until the next morning, so the four of us needed to locate an alternate route back to Burke, Va., where we were staying.

Fifteen blocks from the metro, we started walking, and one of the group insisted that he could walk no longer unless we found a bathroom. There was no public restroom in sight and it was nearing midnight, so the Ritz Carlton presented itself as the only opportunity. Laden with tourist-looking attire and walking in without hesitation, no one questioned our being there. Quickly after that, we were headed to Virginia on the "futuristic" circa-1970s subway.

Once home, my friend defrosted bottles of Boone's Farm Sparkling Wine under hot water in the base-

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ment sink, and we discussed life with a new friend deep into the night.

Night three: Baltimore. Randomness is really the only word for how we ended up in Baltimore our third evening. I once again drank iced tea, while everyone else opted for shots of tequila.

We then headed into downtown, my companions tipsy and myself annoyed. The city of Baltimore seemed to sparkle as we entered, mainly due to the glass embedded in the pavement. We felt like we were in an episode of Cheers, where everyone knows your name, because our Baltimore tour guide seemed to know everyone at the Grand Central, the Hippo and the Rowan Tree, the

three clubs we visited. Shocked at the number of businesses open after midnight, the "Mainers," as we were dubbed, had our pick of late-night eateries, and ended up at Paper Moon. This funky diner was filled with mangled mannequins, plastic vinery and a color palette reminiscent of a circus costume.

In an attempt to play tourist, my host and I spent our last night at the array of memorials that exist in D.C. The Korean War Memorial was ghostly in the moonlight; the larger-than-life bronze statues casting an array of shadows on the represented rice paddies. My host walked down the wall that accompanied it, taking in the hundreds of faces from the war etched in the granite. We journeyed over to the Vietnam War Memorial, a wall so simple, yet so breathtaking. Names. Thousands and thousands of names. We were the only ones there at this time of night, and the noises of the city seemed to stop. In a respectful and introspective mood, the steps up to Lincoln were our next destination. Looking out over D.C., one can't help but be taken aback by a strong sense of patriotism. We ended the night at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. This memorial has quotes inscribed on nearly every surface, and as you are reading, it feels as if FDR is speaking in a grandfather-like voice over your shoulder. After traveling through each of the terms, you end up overlooking a great expanse of water. The smell made me think of my beach in the summer, and I looked up, noticing a flock of Canadian geese in V-formation, headed north.

And much like them, it was time for us to head home.

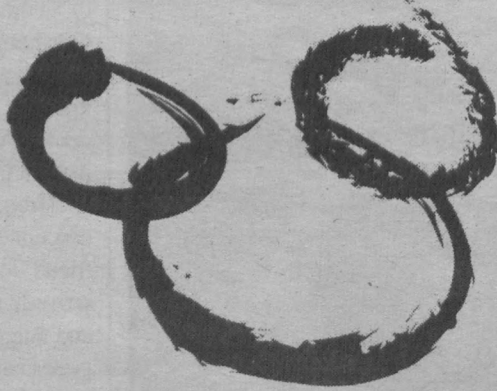
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Tony-winning play delights at PTC

Local actor shines in comedic performance

By Kyle Webster
Style Editor

Art is in the eye of the beholder. This statement couldn't be more true than in the Penobscot Theatre Company's newest offering, "Art," the Tony award-winning play written by Yasmina Reza.

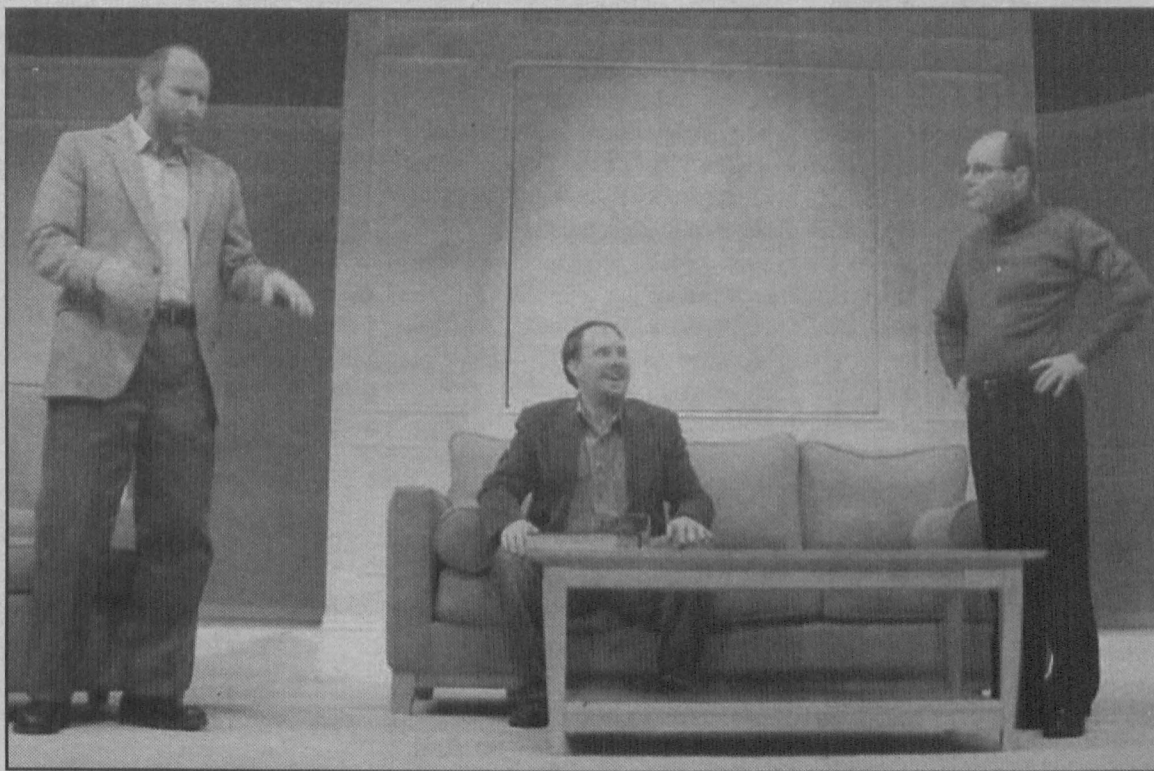
The show is about three friends, Marc (Michael Carleton), Serge (Mark S. Cartier), and Yvan (Adam Kuykendall), who clash when

extremes are represented: classic, modern and neutral. This allows for most to be able to at least moderately connect with one of the characters.

The brilliance of this play comes from the monologues that break up the majority of the scenes. The monologues offer an honest insight into what the characters are actually thinking outside of the arguments and sarcastic banter.

Beyond this, one truly interesting contrast offered is the set variations from scene to scene. The audience is presented with three living rooms. One is home to a painting of a vase and water is served. The next has a landscape painting in the same location and beer is served. Finally, in the home of the white painting, hard liquor is served. This simplistic yet powerful contrast of scenery allows for the differences in taste and stereotypes to be expressed beautifully.

One of the most refreshing aspects of this show is the character of Yvan. It's not even necessarily the character, but rather Kuykendall's portrayal. His ability to seem perfectly narcot-



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TRANSITION — Marc, played by Michael Carleton, Yvan, played by Adam Kuykendall, and Serge, played by Mark S. Cartier star in "Art" at the Bangor Opera House.

Review

Serge buys a \$75,000 painting that is solid white. The confrontation stretches far past that when the friends realize that none of them share the same taste and all of them have stereotypes and expectations of the others that are selfish and unreasonable at best.

On the surface, this is a play about friendship, but underneath that, it's a story of the roles people play and the expectations they have of those around them. Three stereotyped

ic while astoundingly neutral enhances scenes that seem a little too drab. One such scene drags on with a dialogue between Serge and Marc for close to 15 minutes. Suddenly the doorbell rings a song of salvation as Yvan bursts onto the stage delivering a five-minute rant about his wife, wedding and mother. Not only did he

save this scene, he went on to prove just how talented an actor he is by causing a seemingly impromptu comedy-fest that had the entire audience tearing up with laughter. It's important to note that the actor who steals the show, Kuykendall, is the only local talent in "Art."

The Penobscot Theatre Company consistently puts out

shows that are enjoyable, but its production of "Art" surpasses any expectations one usually has when entering the Bangor Opera House.

"Art" runs on Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for all students on the day of a showing if it has not yet been sold out.



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SEX WITH A SAINT

Probing for facts behind a taboo topic

By Nathanael Saintcyr
For The Maine Campus

Before one explores any sexual activity, it is imperative that he or she understand the physiology and anatomy behind the act. For this reason, it is my goal to provide you all with the tools and knowledge for safe exploration and maximum pleasure while engaging in anal intercourse.

There are basic rules and methods one should consider while preparing to engage in anal intercourse. Firstly, there is a difference between the female and male anatomy in regards to pleasure, sensitivity and physical limitations. It is logical to assume that every man and woman is physically different, but there are constants within human physiology which remain relatively static.

For example, according to Jack Morin, author of the book "Anal Pleasure & Health: A Guide for Men & Women," if one takes his time, using proper amounts of lubricant, it is possible to stretch the anus/sphincter muscles to roughly four inches in diameter. Granted this may take weeks, months and perhaps even years to achieve, yet it does prove one point; one ass fits all.

So now that we know it is physically possible to fit almost any sized penis (in regard to girth) within the anus/sphincter, there comes the issue of the length of one's comfort zone once penetration is achieved. Understand that muscles line up to as much as three to four inches of the rectum on initial entry so do not attempt to push past the

muscles too quickly or you will create small little tears in the lining, called fissures, and your partner may bleed. Once penetration has been achieved, one may enjoy having his or her partner entirely inside of them or they may prefer that you stay within the rectum and not enter your colon. The rectum is considered part of the colon, but for our purposes, we will break down the anatomy so that more may be understood.

The colon is a trooper, a tough guy or girl accustomed to moving bulky material, so the distance of penetration is really a matter of preference. According to several female interviewees, due to bladder sensitivity, females may find penetration past six inches (in ratio to size) to cause nausea and discomfort. There are instances where both males and females are comfortably penetrated past beyond the realm of logic (just watch any hard-core toy porn and prepare to be mortified), however, I would not recommend it and safety should come first.

Initial experimentation with anal sex should be done with a safe partner and in a quiet environment. This will allow you to explore what you're truly comfortable with. Limits are an integral part of a healthy sexual relationship and your partner should be well versed where your personal limits are concerned.

Pleasures and positions are the result of one's anatomy, therefore that is the logical next topic. Why do we enjoy anal intercourse? There are many factors to be considered. According to Morin, for many, it is the physical sensation — stimula-

tion of the prostate gland for men and the movement against super-sensitive nerve packed tissue lining the anal verge for both. For even more it is the emotional bond one must make with another to allow penetration of this kind. Many females enjoy anal intercourse while they or their partner stimulate the clitoris, creating a generalized feeling of euphoria (as described by several female interviewees). Many receiving, or passive, males prefer partners with genitalia greater in

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girth versus length so that maximum contact with the prostate may be achieved. It is all a matter of preference. Contrary to popular belief, many heterosexual males enjoy anal stimulation, allowing their female partners to use phallic-like objects gently increasing arousal; in most cases to the point of climax. There are no physiological differences between a gay male and heterosexual male, therefore anal intercourse may be enjoyed by both. It is the preference of the partner one chooses that will dictate whether or not one wishes to be penetrated.

The position in which one is

penetrated also depends a lot on personal preference. There are truly a limitless number of positions that both heterosexuals and homosexuals enjoy.

First, there is "rear entry," or doggy-style as it is commonly called. Rear entry allows for one to achieve both maximum and rectal penetration. It is generally a bad position to start with because almost no human being can truly relax when on their hands and knees.

Rear entry should be saved for engaging the climax when you have become accustomed to the size of your partner's penis. Starting in this position will only shorten the duration and kill most of the pleasure almost immediately.

According to Morin and personal experience, the best position to start with oddly enough is on one's side — parallel engagement or spooning. Research has shown that penetration while the passive partner lays on his or her side lasts an average of eighty percent longer and has a sixty-five percent greater chance of bringing both to climax.

Understand that parallel engagement is also a form of rear entry, however the active partner is positioned lower so that entry of the penis is aimed upwards to the spinal column (following the colon's natural path) and not into the core of the body where one may push against the bladder causing discomfort. If you feel the need to urinate while being penetrated this most likely means that your partner is pushing against your bladder and perhaps a position change is in order.

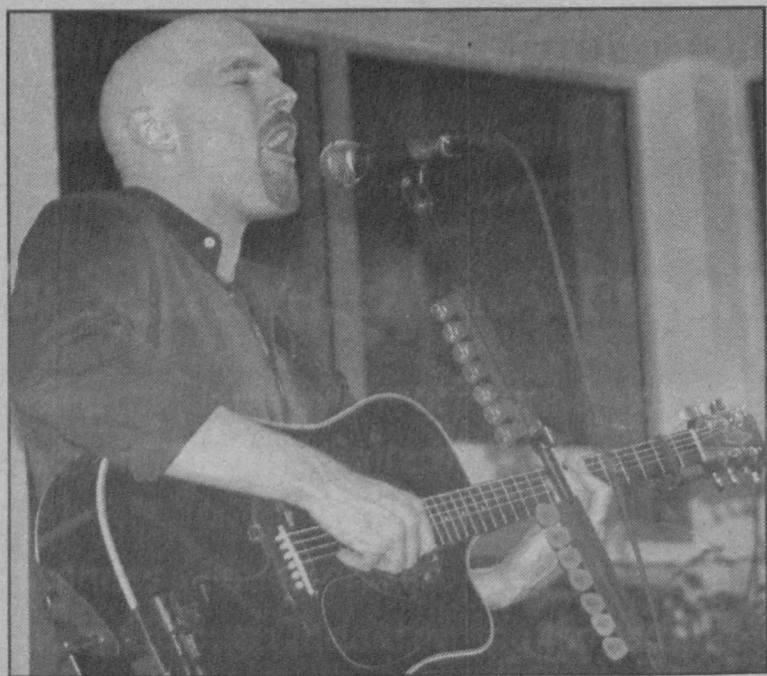
The position most enjoyed

because it allows both partners to see each other and kiss while having sex is the missionary position. This is possible in anal intercourse. The active partner must place and hold the passive partner's legs onto his shoulders. It is generally safer to allow the passive partner to guide the penis during initial penetration in this position. The active partner will be busy holding the passive partner's legs. Note, unless the active partner aims his penis directly down (as in south, to the floor) he will most likely move against your bladder and in this position, it is extremely irritating. It is important to remember that the penis should always be pushing upwards parallel with the spinal column and not inwards towards the core of the body. If you remember this, maximum penetration and pleasure will almost always be achieved.

Finding the right protection with the right lubricant can be a bit difficult. Water-based lubricants are a must and you can find them anywhere. KY, Astroglide and some Wet products are water-based. KY warming lubricant is my personal favorite because it's easy to find and delivers an amazingly warm sensation for both partners. Many prefer Astroglide, which can be more difficult to find but lasts for a long time.

Remember, there are many approaches to making love and fingers sometimes work just as well. Be gentle, caring and considerate of your partner's feelings and limitations. Sex should never be a chore or a burden, consent is an absolute and as long as you both love it, pleasure can only be the end result.

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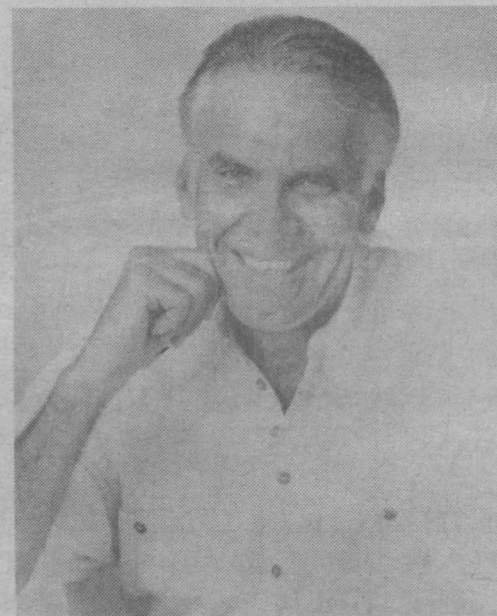
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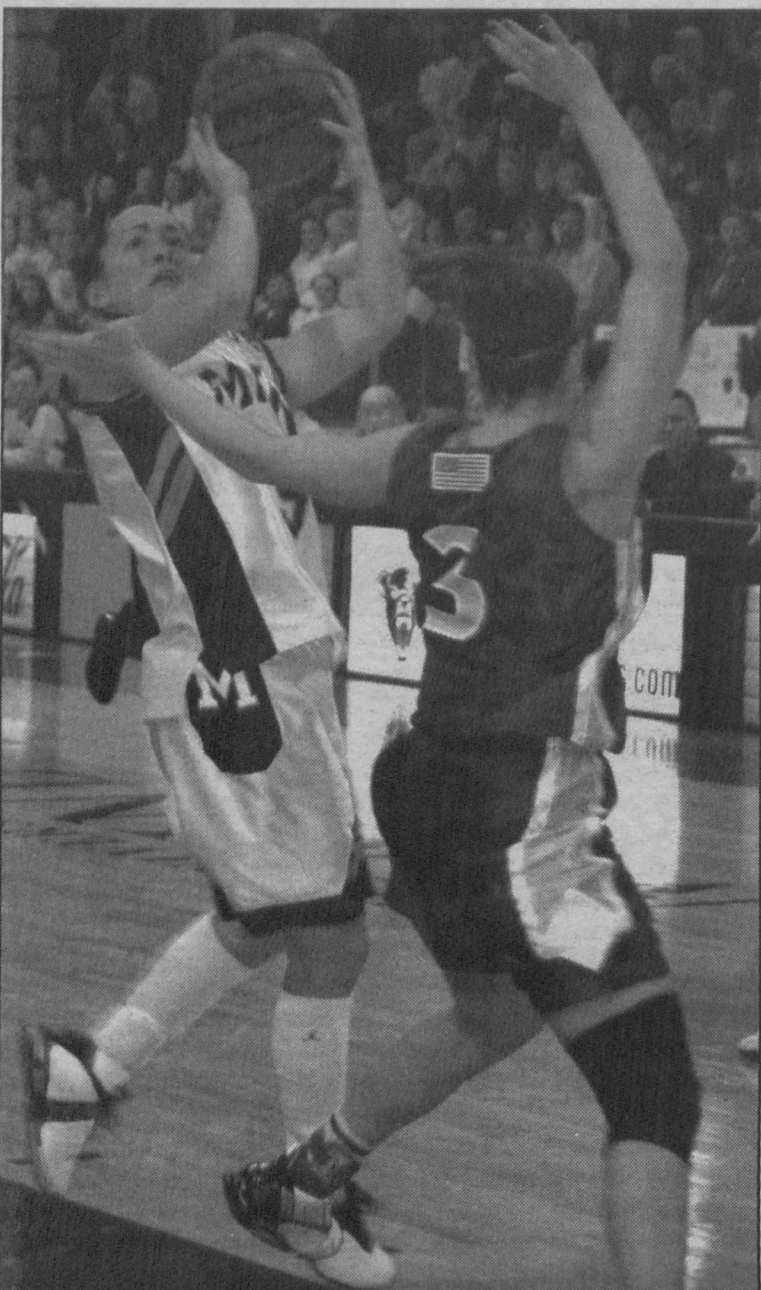
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UM trounces Terriers en route to America East Championship



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ON THE RUN — Junior guard Missy Traversi shoots over Vermont's Theresa LaRoeque during Maine's last home game of the season.

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mined group of seniors led their team to a 68-43 trouncing of the defending champions and the first America East title for Maine since 1998.

"It was a different kind of tears this year," said Heon.

Maine came out of the locker room and walked down the long hall toward the basketball court. When they appeared from behind the side bleachers at the Chase Family Arena in West Hartford Connecticut, the crowd, made up of mostly Maine fans, came to their feet. The Lady Black Bears took the court, and the chants of "let's go Maine," far outdid the chants of "go BU." Every player had one look on her face: the look of determination. Boston University had already beaten Vermont, the only team to beat Maine in conference play, and Northeastern, who was the surprise team of the tournament. They came into the game trying to defend their title, but the Black Bears would not let them get past the trying stage. After Katie Terhune hit the first basket for the Terriers, Maine went on an 8-0 run with 6:08 gone by in the first half. While Maine got off to a slow start offensively, the Terriers never got going. After a 13-0 Maine run with Ernest, the conference player of the year, on the bench with two fouls, Larissa Parr finally ended

the drought for BU with two free throws which finally put her team into double digits at the 3:23 mark in the first half. Maine not only went on a scoring run, but it shut down the BU attack completely in the first half, much of the time with two freshmen, Ashley Underwood, and Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa, in the line-up.

Maine came into the game with one goal, to make the NCAA tournament. The Black Bears knew a win would give them an automatic bid to the tournament, and played a great first half of basketball. After the first 20 minutes of play, Maine led 33-12 against a very good team, leaving BU with little hope. For a minute and a half stretch late in the half Maine used a run that would put BU down for good. A basket and foul by junior Traversi gave Maine a 19-8 lead. A quick lay-up by Heon followed by two quick three-pointers from Traversi and Underwood took any momentum the Terriers may have had right away and gave Maine a 27-8 lead.

In the second half the Black Bears came out with just as much power and the Terriers were never in the game. With 8:39 left Maine had increased its lead to 24 with a three-pointer by Heon. At the 8:06 mark a three by Underwood increased Maine's lead to 26,

their largest lead until the end of the game when Kim Corbitt hit two free throws to put her team up by 27 with less than a minute to play.

Maine was on a mission and nobody would stop them.

"I think we are the best and we played like that tonight," said Traversi. "And we were calm and we were poised when we had to be."

Traversi was seven of seven from the free throw line and had 12 points in her 16 minutes off the bench. All 12 of her points came in the first half.

"The bottom line is they're a great basketball team, and they came out and they played well, and we played like doo-doo," said Margaret McKeon, BU head coach.

Although BU felt they had an off day, it would have been hard for anyone to beat Maine that day, especially after what happened to them last year.

"We remember how we felt last year," said Ernest. "We remember that it was just devastating. Nobody wants to feel like it. We figured it was our turn. The first three years that we were here Hartford went, Vermont went, and BU went. It was about time Maine went."

"This is what we worked so hard for, last year sitting on that bench and crying," said Versyp. "I think these young ladies deserve this. The University of Maine deserves

UMaine loses AE title to power-house Vermont

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dropped even lower but Maine was unable to convert on two pivotal three point baskets that would have brought the Black Bears to within four points. Vermont would shake off their five minute slump and sling together a stretch of baskets that had all but finished off the Black Bears. All-Tournament Team member TJ Sorrentine would provide the final punch for the Catamounts, when he sank a wide-open three-point dashing any hope of a Maine miracle. As the final whistle blew everyone from Burlington to White River Junction let out an exuberant cry and began a week long celebration.

"I will take my kids to see this as a Disney movie someday," said Giannini in response to Coppenrath leading the Catamounts to their second straight title.

After the match Coppenrath said he thought he was only going to play limited minutes and contribute how much he could.

"The guys hit me where I could get the ball and from there just went the game," said Coppenrath.

The Black Bears would finish the afternoon with Eric Dobson leading the way with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Local boy Joe Campbell from Bangor added ten points for Maine.

For Maine it was the end of a sensational postseason run, that saw the Black Bears survive probably the game of the tournament against Binghamton in the quarter-finals. The Bearcats and Black Bears went toe-to-toe for 40 minutes and still needed over-time to decide the outcome. In the match Joe Campbell tallied 20 points put no more important then the two free-throws he recorded with 3.9 seconds left in the extra frame to advance Maine to the semi-finals for the fifth time in six years. Eric Dobson recorded 22 points, nine rebounds and nine assists, just shy of the first triple-double in tournament history. The Black Bears collected a 79-77 victory against Binghamton, in the Bearcats first ever tournament appearance.

In the semi-final match against America East darling Stony Brook, who had shocked top-seed Boston University with a studding upset the day before, Maine was able to use a tremendous scoring attack from their bench to overcome the Seawolves, with a 78-54 decision. All 11 players that dressed for the game saw action and scored at least one point. Kevin Reed finished with 17 points and seven rebounds, while teammate Ludmil Hadjisotirov finished with a career-high 17 points. Ludmil was part of a bench that contributed 41 points.

Bears capture third place in Hockey East

UMaine prepares for Providence in semi-final game

By Matt Hritz
Staff Writer

By winning its last three out of four games against Boston College and the University of Connecticut, the University of Maine women's hockey team climbed from fourth to third place in Hockey East, as predicted before the start of the season.

"We are very proud of how we have been playing lately," Cheryl White said. "We have been playing

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great the last couple of weeks, and we are peaking at the right time just in time for the playoffs."

"To get in the playoffs and to finish third seed like they predicted us to do, those are good things for us," said Maine head coach Rick Filighera. "Our first goal is to get into the playoffs. Our next goal is to win a playoff game. This is the third year in a row we made the playoffs and it's been tough for us. We play really tight playoff games so I am

assuming that we can do the same thing this next game."

The Black Bears will open the playoffs in Matthews Arena in Boston against the Providence College Friars on Saturday and UNH will play Northeastern in the other semifinal match-up. In the regular season the Black Bears won only one of four games against the Friars.

"Playing Providence first helps our team confidence, because we beat them earlier this season, and we know we can do it, and what it is going to take," White said. "Providence and UNH are both very talented teams, and we have to be focused and playing hard for the entire game to have success. It doesn't matter who we are playing, we have to stick to our game plan. We have to show up to play 60 minutes, play disciplined in our defensive zone, keep their shots to a minimum and get lots of shots and drive the net."

"To me, it really doesn't matter," said senior goaltender Lara Smart. "I am confident we can beat both. We tied UNH without playing our best hockey and we beat Providence even though we were shorthanded for the majority of the third period. I think we'd be a dangerous team no matter who we play. It's playoffs, anything can happen."

Offensively, Kelli Halcisak, who has 18 goals and 26 assists in

the regular season and Rush Zimmerman, who has 16 goals and 24 assists, lead the Friars.

In net, most of the playing time during the season went to Jana Budgen, 11-12-2 with a 2.32 goals against average and .901 save percentage.

Filighera said the keys to the weekend will be goaltending and how the team handles adversity.

"When it becomes the playoffs there are a lot of different intangibles that come into play," Filighera said. "Number one, goaltending sticks out in the forefront. Nobody who you are playing sometimes that goaltender has that 'A' game in the playoffs and that can be really a problem. Number two, how do your kids react to adversity? I have a very young team. How they react to the adversity will be very interesting to see."

The Black Bears will play the Friars at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The winner of the game will play in the championship game on Sunday at 1 p.m. against the winner of the UNH/Northeastern game.

"We are the underdog," Filighera said. "If we beat Providence that will be a shock to the women's hockey world. We like being the underdog. It's a good thing. I've had a lot of fun with this group. I think we've grown as people and we are very excited to have an opportunity to participate in the Hockey East playoffs."

Bears sweep league-leader BC

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the butterfly. Clark then lifted a backhand over Doyle's left shoulder at 17:05 and the Warriors were up 1-0 after the first.

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Merrimack stunned the Alford Arena faithful at 7:19 when it went ahead 2-0 with a

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power play goal. Brian Schmidt got the puck to Tony Johnson, who skated to the left circle and fired one at the net. Doyle appeared to have the puck caught between his right arm and his body, but then it squirmed through and over into the goal. It was Johnson's fourth goal of the season.

UMaine battled back, but Healey stopped everything that he was seeing. So Shields tried a little trickery, as he came from behind the net and moved the puck over the goal line. He then fired toward the net, catching Healey by surprise. It caught the back of his leg and dropped in the goal at 13:39 to cut the Warrior lead to one goal.

"He leaves himself open to the short side when he moves from one post to the other," Shields said. "I tried that last night, but I didn't get enough on it, this time it bounced off him and went in."

UMaine firmly seized control on the penalty kill early in the third period. John Ronan aggressively forechecked and knocked the stick out of Healey's hand behind the net. Merrimack cleared it to the neutral zone, but Ben Murphy intercepted the puck and got it right back to Ronan as Healey was trying to grab his stick. He rushed to try and get back in net, but was too late as Ronan scored a short-handed goal to tie it up 2:15 into the third.

Merrimack cleared it to the neutral zone, but Murphy intercepted the puck and got it right back to Ronan as Healey was trying to grab his stick. He rushed to try and get back in net, but was too late as Ronan scored a short-handed goal to tie it up 2:15 into the third.

UMaine captain Todd Jackson scored the winner on a tricky move. He stickhandled around a Warrior defenseman in the left circle and walked in on Healey. Jackson's first shot was stopped, but he put home the rebound for his 20th goal of the year at 7:43 for the game-winner.

"These guys knew that we were playing well before the third period," Jackson said of the mood in the locker room during the second intermission. "We knew we just had to come out and work hard and we'd get the win."

The win was only UMaine's second win this season when trailing after two periods.

Healey made 33 saves in the loss, while Doyle made just nine saves on 11 shots.

Merrimack finishes the season at 11-19-6, while the Black Bears improved to 28-7-3.

Black Bears Sweep BC

The third-ranked University of Maine men's ice hockey team had a tough task to close out the regular season on March 5 and 6. The Black Bears, eliminated any shot at the Hockey East Regular Season Championship a week before with a loss at UMass-Lowell, had to face the regular season champion Boston College Eagles, a team who had trounced UMaine in the first meeting 4-1 in November. But, the Black Bears responded and swept the second-ranked Eagles 3-0 on Friday and a come-from-behind 4-3 win in overtime at Alford Arena on Saturday.

Friday's game started with a surprise as it was announced before the game that BC's starting netminder Matti Kaltainen would not play during the weekend because of a groin pull suffered at New Hampshire the week before. That left freshman Joe Pearce to start just the fourth game of his college career, and the Black Bears gave him a rude welcome to Orono.

UMaine captain Jackson scored just 4:01 into the game as he wrapped a shot from behind the net around the left post for his 18th goal of the year with assists from Michel Leveille and Colin Shields.

The Black Bears added to the lead on the power play at 15:12 of the period. Derek Damon took a feed from Lundin in the right corner. He moved the puck to the slot and found an opening to shoot. He fired the puck five-hole on Pearce to give UMaine the 2-0 lead. Leveille got his second assist on the play.

UMaine continued the pressure in the second, but Pearce settled in and made some good saves. UMaine's Howard had to make the next two big saves.

The first came late in the second period on BC freshman Brian Boyle. Howard made an initial save in a scrum. Boyle got the rebound and attempted to stuff a shot around Howard's left leg, but he flared the pad out and made a brilliant save. The second big save came midway through the third period on Tony Voce as he found the puck near the left post and tried to one time it in, but Howard got across to stop it with his right leg.

A tick-tac-toe passing play off a faceoff put the game away. Mike Hamilton fed the puck behind the net to Jon Jankus. He waited for Greg Moore to cut to the front of the net. Jankus hit him perfectly and Moore roofed the one-timer for his 14th goal of the year at 11:52 of the third period to make it 3-0.

Howard made 21 saves for his second consecutive shutout. Howard also set a new record for both goals against average and save percentage in Hockey East games for the season with a 1.15 goals against average and a .953 save percentage.

"I'm kind of speechless right now," Howard said following the

game. "These guys play such great team defense in front of me. I wasn't even tested that much tonight. The defense does their job and that allows me to do mine."

UMaine's offense came out attacking again on Saturday, taking a 2-0 lead on goals by Damon on the power play at 5:06 of the first period and Jackson at 10:30 of the first, but BC's dangerous offense finally woke up a few minutes later.

BC captain Ben Eaves, playing in his first game in almost six weeks after recovering from a fractured kneecap, fed the puck on a rush to Tony Voce. Voce deked to his forehand and Doyle went down. Voce moved the puck to his backhand and beat the fallen Doyle upstairs for his 25th goal of the season at 13:02 of the first to make it 2-1 UMaine.

BC tied the game on a power play in the second period. Sophomore Patrick Eaves fed to his brother Ben behind the net, who set up Voce in front for an easy one-timer at 13:12.

The Eagles continued to take the play to the Black Bears as the third period started. BC took its first lead of the weekend early in the third, again on the power play. Voce set up Ben Eaves for a shot that was stopped, but Patrick Eaves banged in the rebound just 1:16 into the third to make it 3-2 Eagles.

After that, UMaine started generating more chances and cashed in on the power play to tie the game. Dustin Penner found the rebound of his shot from a scrum in front and was able to stuff it by Pearce at 9:36 to tie the score at three.

The game was forced to overtime after some big saves by Doyle. He caught a lucky break early in the overtime when J.D. Forrest, all alone down the right side, lost the puck off his stick as he tried to backhand over Doyle. The puck ended up in the crease and Doyle covered before anyone could whack it past.

The winner was set up from the defensive zone by freshman defenseman Zabkowicz. He passed from his own zone to the BC blue line. The puck hopped BC defenseman Andrew Alberts' stick and went to John Ronan, which led to a two-on-one. Ronan's shot was stopped, but he got the rebound and scored the winner at 3:40 of the overtime to win the game.

"Zabkowicz made a great play," Ronan said. "It kind of caught their defenseman off guard a little bit. I got the first shot stopped, but it came right back to me and I went five-hole on the next one."

Doyle stopped 39 shots in the win, while Pearce stopped 22 in his second straight loss.

With the wins UMaine ended the regular season with a 26-7-3 record and 17-5-2 in Hockey East, good enough for second place. Boston College finished the regular season on a three-game losing streak with a 26-6-4 record and 17-4-3 mark in Hockey East.

Teams head to Upset City for NCAA March Madness

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and houses are only available for week-long renting, and face paint and oversized foam hands are the area's top-selling items. This virtual ghost town transforms into the epicenter of the sporting world.

Despite the lack of year-round dwellers there are some familiar faces that enjoy overstaying their welcome. Teams such as Kansas, Arizona, Duke, Connecticut and North Carolina await Bracketville's emergence with little concern save how high they will be seeded. However, with every Bracketville sighting come a slew of newcomers salivating at the opportunity to evict the locals from their comfortable position within the town. Upset City, a suburb of the Mid Major lands, takes much responsibility for these occurrences. This is the city responsible for Hampton upending Iowa State, Creighton dismissing Florida, and the long-time giant killer Gonzaga, who for years has sent Bracketville in a state of unrest.

To be politically correct, Upset City can also be referred to as Upstart City, with the tournament giving lesser-known teams the national exposure and chance to build a basketball program instead of just a basketball team. The Zags are instant proof of how beneficial and generous Bracketville can be.

This year March Madness comes with a little more flavor than past gatherings. Bracketville's four corners (or each geographical bracket)

are more balanced, more talented, and boast more compelling first and second round potential match-ups. Each year brings ridiculous excitement to the town and its visitors, but with no single dominant or overpowering team driving to Bracketville in 2004, anything can happen.

Upset City will be well represented yet again, and the traffic coming from the urban area is already at a standstill. Look for Manhattan over Florida, Western Michigan over Vanderbilt, East Tennessee State over Cincinnati and Utah over Boston College. As for number one seeds, St. Joseph's will get caught in City traffic by way of the Sweet 16 while the other three number ones, Duke, Kentucky and Stanford, can easily be looking at Bracketville in their rear view mirrors before the Final Four. The long drive may pay off for UConn or Oklahoma State, with Pittsburgh not far behind.

Of course, Bracketville's celebration of March Madness is always unpredictable and the town usually has something up their sleeve (possibly Manhattan to the Elite Eight?). That is why, for 14 days out of the year, we descend upon this frequently ignored place. Bracketville provides a tournament unmatched by any sport, and a puzzle that is rarely solved.

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HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES — Black Bear forward John Ronan drives the puck past Merrimack goalie Jim Healey during the third period Saturday night. The team came back to win 3-2, taking the weekend Hockey East quarter final series.

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Second-place Bears take on up-start Terriers at Hockey East

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them," said UMaine coach Tim Whitehead. "Expectations were dropped for them as the year went on. People expected less and less for them as the season went along, and now they have an opportunity to salvage something. If we're able to beat them under those circumstances, I think that will be a big win for us."

BU, coached by Jack Parker (in his 31st season at the school) is 12-16-9 on the season thus far. Their eighth-place finish in the regular season was their lowest ever in Hockey East. But, the Terriers have won three of their last four games and will need to win the Hockey East Championship to make the NCAA tournament. The winner of the league's postseason tournament gets an automatic berth into the national tournament.

UMaine, the second-seeded team in the tournament and second-ranked team in the nation, swept seventh-seeded Merrimack

on Friday and Saturday at Alford Arena by scores of 2-1 and 3-2, respectively, to advance. The Black Bears had to come from behind in the third period of Game Two, something UMaine hasn't done much this year. UMaine's win on Saturday was just the second all year when it trailed after two periods (2-7-0).

"Combine that with the third period the weekend before [against BC], we came into the third tied, BC scored, and then we came back and tied it and won in overtime," Whitehead said. "While BU definitely gained confidence from their victories, I think we gained confidence from our victories as well."

UMaine also boasts the reigning Hockey East Player of the Week in senior forward Colin Shields. Shields had three goals on the weekend against Merrimack, including both goals in Friday's win. In the three games against BU this year, Shields has four goals, including a three-goal effort at BU on Jan. 23, two of which were shorthanded.

"It always helps to know that you have some key players who rise to the occasion against a certain team," Whitehead said. "They'll probably check him tightly, but he responds when teams do that to him. It's certainly good to know that Colin is playing well down the stretch."

Shields is leading the team in points with 42 (17 goals, 25 assists).

But, the Terriers have the reigning Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week in senior goalie Sean Fields. In three games at BC last week, Fields recorded 28 saves in Game One, 37 saves in Game Two, and 35 in Game Three. He also shut out the Black Bears in the final game the two teams played this year on Jan. 24, making 27 saves. His season numbers are disappointing, with a 10-15-7 record, a 2.86 goals against average, and an .899 save percentage.

"We have to get to the net front and stop on the net," Whitehead said. "We have to work for rebounds. We have to

take his eyes away on point shots. We have to put a lot of pucks on the net to get returns. We have to release the puck quickly to generate chances. We can't start teeing up slapshots. He'll handle those pretty easily."

BU's scoring has been down this year. The team's leading scorer is junior defenseman Ryan Whitney. He has nine goals and 16 assists for 25 points. He is also the team's best defensive defenseman. Whitney is helped on the blue line by junior Bryan Miller (five goals, 15 assists) and freshman Kevin Schaeffer (five goals, 12 assists).

BU's offense, though stagnant at times, has woken up recently. In BU's last three wins, the team has scored a total of 11 goals. One of the team's snipers is Vander Gulik, a sophomore with 13 goals and seven assists. Senior Frantisek Skladany (three goals, 21 assists), and freshman Kenny Roche (nine goals, nine assists) have been the other key players all year. BU also may get senior Kenny Magowan back in the

lineup. He has been out since mid-January with a broken leg. He was the team's leading scorer at the time with nine goals and six assists. He has played 25 games.

"They've got a lot of talent on that team and it's just starting to come out now," Whitehead said. "It was only a matter of time, so it doesn't surprise me that they are starting to score goals now. Every game from now on is going to be tough, so that's fine."

The other two semifinalists advanced in different ways. Third-seeded UMass, despite carrying a seven-game winless streak into the Quarterfinals, swept No. 6 UMass-Lowell at home with 6-3 and 3-1 wins to advance. Fourth-Seeded UNH had three games to knock off fifth-seeded Providence at home, winning Game One 2-1, losing Game Two 4-3 in overtime, and winning Game Three 1-0.

The winners of the Semifinals will play for the Hockey East Championship at the Fleet Center on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

UMaine sweeps season-ender BC, Merrimack on road to Fleet Center

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

It was supposed to be a cakewalk.

For the University of Maine men's ice hockey team in its Hockey East Quarterfinal series at Alford Arena Friday and Saturday, it was anything but, as the seventh-seeded Merrimack Warriors gave UMaine all it could handle. Despite that, the Black Bears still managed a sweep in the best-of-three series. UMaine won 2-1 on Friday night and then came from behind to win 3-2 on Saturday.

"I'm so proud of these guys," UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said after the series. "They were pushed both nights, and they came back. We fought hard and we never gave up."

The second-seeded Black Bears had beat-

en Merrimack all three times they had faced each other in the regular season, two of them by three or more goals, but the Warriors were scrappy and pushed UMaine hard all weekend.

In Game One Friday, UMaine got the lead on a lucky play. With the Bears shorthanded, Colin Shields was able to take the puck away from Jeff Caron at the UMaine blueline and went off on a breakaway against freshman goalie Jim Healey. Shields made a move to the right circle, deked once, and then wristed a shot high glove side to put UMaine ahead 1-0 at 7:29 of the first period.

"The defenseman fired it off my shin pad," Shields said. "It went to a spot where I could get it, I went in and got my shot off and got the goal."

The lead was short-lived, as UMaine ended up not killing off the penalty. Winger Tim Reidy made a beautiful shot from the left circle that ended up sneaking just inside the crossbar and the far post before goalie Jimmy Howard could snatch it with the

glove. Reidy's 11th goal of the season at 8:34 of the first on the power play tied the score.

The game stayed that way until Prestin Ryan nullified a UMaine power play by running into the Healey, touching off a mini-brawl. Ryan got an extra penalty, which took

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away UMaine's advantage and left four skaters per side on the ice at 13:23.

UMaine gained control of the puck quickly, as Tom Zabkiewicz passed across the blue line to Steve Mullin. Mullin quickly fed in front to Shields, who waited a split second before firing it past Healey for his second goal of the game at 13:43 of the second to give UMaine its final 2-1 margin.

"Mullin got it down to me, and the puck didn't really settle on my stick," Shields said. "It was kind of rolling, but I had an opening and got enough of it to beat him glove side."

UMaine continued to pressure in the third, but Healey kept the Bears at bay. He

made 25 saves for the Warriors in the loss, while Howard stopped 14 in the win. It was the ninth straight game in which Howard has not surrendered an even-strength goal.

The mood was one of frustration after the game.

"We got outworked in the first half of the game, plain and simple," Whitehead said. "I think we got lucky tonight. The guys recaptured the game and played great defense in the second half of the game, but we can't get beaten to every loose puck in the first of the game and expect the same result tomorrow."

UMaine took those words to heart, outshooting Merrimack 12-4 in the opening period of Game Two, but still found themselves behind after a nice play late in the period.

Ryan Sullivan backhanded the puck toward the front of the net, where Brendon Clark picked it up. He made three quick moves on Frank Doyle, who went down in

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UM wins AE title over BU

By Riley Donovan
Staff Reporter

With 1:10 left in the game Ashley Underwood, Katie Whittier and Missy Traversi waited on the side of the court in front of the scorers table to enter the game. They were to take the place of Heather

UM	64	Ernest, Julie
BU	41	Veilleux, and
		Melissa Heon,

Maine's three seniors. Boston University called a 30 second timeout and Ernest, Veilleux

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and Heon walked back to their bench. They did not make it to the bench; they were met on the side of the court by their teammates who immediately swarmed around them in a celebration of joy. In the middle of what normally would have been a timeout huddle stood their head coach Sharon Versyp, trying to hide herself from the crowd with a great big smile on her face and a hug for each of her seniors. At that point the Lady Black Bears were up 64-41 on Boston University in the America East Championship game. The Black Bears had it in for BU, the team who defeated them last year in the tournament championship game. The deter-

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ROCK STARS — Coach Sharon Versyp speaks to the women's basketball team and friends at Sunday's selection party at the Dexter Lounge about plans to charter and hopes that fans would tag along and support the team. UMaine is seeded 13 and will play number four, Texas Tech in Missoula Montana on Saturday.

Bears prepare for NCAA game with Texas Tech

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nity. I think we match up very well in some areas, other areas they might be a little stronger, but we're going like any other game, and if we play like we played last Saturday then I think we have a good chance."

The Black Bears have their work cut out for them against a team that was ranked top 10 in the country for most of the sea-

son. Maine is ranked 56th in the national RPI rankings. Although Texas Tech has lost three out of its last four games they are still the heavy favorite.

"They've lost three out of their last four games, but you have to realize who they played in their conference," Peterson said. "They played Oklahoma. They lost to Texas. They've lost to some really good competition."

Maine is in for a real battle,

but they know they can be competitive.

"I think we can compete with this team," Ernest said. "We need to go out there and play our style of basketball."

"I'm excited to play them. I'm excited for the x's and o's," Versyp said. "We don't have the pressure. We're the total underdog. No one expects us to win. Everyone expects us to lose except ourselves. We're focused on competing, and if

we compete and keep it close I think we have a great chance."

"Everything I've worked for has come true, and now it's time to take it a step higher," Heon said. "I've been working for this since I was tiny."

For Peterson, instead of watching Texas Tech. on ESPN, she will be playing against them on national television when her Lady Black Bears take the court in Missoula, Mon. Saturday

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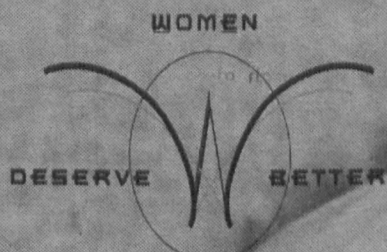
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2/28	St. Francis won 8-0
2/29	LaSalle lost 1-6
3/01	Boston College won 7-2
3/02	Villanova lost 3-4
3/04	Miami lost 3-9
3/05	Temple lost 7-10
3/06	Wagner lost 8-9 (10 innings)
3/07	Mt. St. Mary lost 2-4
3/09	St. Josephs won 9-6
3/10	St. Josephs won 6-1
3/11	Cortland St won 4-3
3/12	Cortland St won 3-2
3/13	Iowa lost 3-5
3/14	Iowa won 3-2

Current Record-7-7

SOFTBALL SCORES

Florida Action

2/29	Loyola lost 0-3 LaSalle won 3-0
3/1	Bethune Cookman lost 0-5 E. Tennessee St won 3-0
3/3	East Tennessee St won 1-0 Furman Won 5-0
3/4	Detroit Mercy lost 2-6 Central Florida lost 0-4
3/6	Florida A&M won 3-1 Creighton lost 1-2
3/7	Evansville lost 2-6 Central Florida lost 1-3
3/8	Robert Morris won 2-0 Evansville lost 0-2
3/9	Boston University lost 3-8 South Florida lost 1-7
3/10	Northern Illinois won 6-2

Current Record-7-10

Bears downed by Vermont

UM comes up short in America East championship game

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's basketball team faced one final obstacle en route to the most coveted prize in college basketball last Saturday, an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. That one last task in front of the Black Bears was a duel with conference power house Vermont in their own gym, but more importantly a match-up with the indelible force of Taylor Coppenrath. This mission was unsuccessful after Vermont declared a decisive 72-53 victory over the Black Bears in the America East title match.

In a sold-out Patrick Gymnasium, filled with more than 3,200 raging Vermonters, the Catamounts were able to ride the coattails of Coppenrath's record-breaking performance to their second straight America East Title. The six-foot-nine-inch forward scored a career-high 43 points, an astonishing achievement after Coppenrath was predicted to miss the title game. Vermont had lost Coppenrath nearly four weeks prior to the game after he had attempted to recover a rebound against Stony Brook, and broke his wrist. The commanding point total smashed the previous title game record which was set at 32 points and set an all new tournament record surpassing Boston University's Tony Docasta's 42-point performance back in the 1989 tournament. Coppenrath, who Vermont head coach Tom Brennan calls "a rock star," held a questionable playing status only a week ago had many of the Black Bears faithful, fantasizing about Maine's first trip to the big dance. However, with the loss, the Black Bears fell to a disheartening 0-5 in league title games.

"Coppenrath was just amazing. He is a

phenomenal player. if you don't understand how good he is, you haven't seen much basketball," said Maine head coach John Giannini.

As the match drew closer the two teams saw their fortunes reversed as Maine's leading scorer Mark Flavin went down in the team's semi-final victory over Stony Brook and the idea of Coppenrath being ready to go became increasingly more realistic. With Coppenrath practicing for the Catamounts on Tuesday afternoon, water coolers and dinner tables all over the Green Mountain State began to salivate over his supposed appearance on Saturday.

"Maine had a bad break today because Flavin couldn't play. Down here two weeks ago, he really hurt us," Brennan

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said. "We got a good break because what's-his-name [Coppenrath] could play."

The game almost had a circus-like atmosphere before the opening tip-off. The excitement climaxed with the appearance of Phish to perform the national anthem and Howard Dean in attendance.

Kevin Reed was able to open up scoring for both teams in the match, but only moments later Coppenrath scored a conventional three-point play and began his domination of the paint and just about everything else. The first five minutes of the contest saw both squads exchange baskets and left no foreshadowing of what was soon to come. As the half progressed, Vermont was able to distance itself from the Black Bears largely because of Coppenrath's dominance and their own sweltering defense. The Catamounts were able to slow down the Black Bears' potent scoring attack and shut down Maine's inside attack. Vermont

built a 20-10 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the half, but Maine answered back. Defensive standout Chris Markwood and Ludmil Hadjisotirov nailed back-to-back treys from the three-point arc. It would be the closest the Black Bears would get for the rest of the game.

With little more than seven minutes remaining, the Catamounts responded, regaining a 12-point lead. Coppenrath finished with an unbelievable 28 first-half points, giving Vermont an almost insurmountable advantage of 40-23 in the first half. The only other Catamount that had contributed more than one basket was Germain Nijila, who dropped seven points in the half. For the Black Bears, Eric Dobson had continued his unheralded play in the tournament with seven points, along with two assists. The question became how could you stop this one-man wrecking crew and the Black Bears were going to have to find a way if they wanted to have any chance of getting back into the game.

"To say Coppenrath makes a difference is the understatement of the year," Giannini said. "He is the difference-maker no mistake about it, he is the man. Period."

Maine was able to respond to Coppenrath's second-half domination by double-teaming him every time he stepped across half court. The scheme worked and Maine was able to capitalize on some Vermont misses to gather a 6-0 run. The sudden surge by the Black Bears had quieted the Vermont gym and sliced the Catamounts advantage to just eight, with 11:45 remaining. Maine used a pair of Kevin Reed baskets to get themselves back into the thick of things and make Brennan squirm in his chair for a few quick moments. The lead could have

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Black Bears earn bid to big dance

UMaine captures America East title and faces Texas Tech. in NCAA tournament

By Riley Donovan
Staff Reporter

Earlier in the season Monica Peterson, a junior, was watching a women's basketball game on ESPN. She was watching a game between

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Texas and Texas Tech. Texas Tech won the game, defeating Texas who was the number two team in the country at the time. Little did she know that she

would end up playing Texas Tech later in the season in the first round of the women's NCAA tournament.

"No way did it ever cross my mind that I could be playing them this season," Peterson said laughing.

Peterson and her Lady Black Bear basketball team will travel to Missoula, Montana Saturday to play Texas Tech. Maine was awarded a 13 seed on Sunday and will take on the fourth seeded Red Raiders. The game is scheduled to start at 9 p.m. EST and will be televised nationally on ESPN.

Texas Tech. is one of the most respected women's basketball programs in the country. It is strong every year and makes consistent runs for the final four. Although the team lost Jia Perkins, its leading scorer, and 6-foot-5 inch cen-

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ter Cisti Greenwalt, both to injury, the team still did very well in the Big 12.

"Well they've (the injured players) been gone for a while, so we're just worried about their team at the present," said UMaine coach Sharon Versyp.

"They're 14th in the country, they're an exceptionally well balanced team. We're not worried about how they were before."

Maine is making its first appearance in the tournament since 2000 when they were a 12 seed and lost to No. 5 North Carolina. This will be their seventh trip to the tournament but the first for any of the current players and for Versyp.

Maine is the underdog in the match up, much like its tournament appearance in 1999 against Stanford. Maine defeated Stanford in the first round of the tournament that

year 60-58. The Black Bears advanced to the second round only to lose to power house Old Dominion by 10 points. That year they were 10 points away from the sweet 16.

Coming off their blow-out victory over conference rival Boston University last Saturday, Maine is optimistic heading into the national tournament.

"Being a 13 seed that pretty much puts us as one of the top 50 teams in the country," said Versyp. "We have an opportu-

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Upset City plays host for March Madness

By Kyle
Fortinsky
For The
Maine
Campus



Nestled among the endless High Riser buildings and excruciating traffic of Upset City lies the quaint, unsuspecting town of Bracketville. Bracketville is a mysterious place, surfacing only in mid-March like an early spring flower with a two-week shelf life, and often sends its visitors violently packing and looking for a way out. Each year marks a new beginning for Bracketville, a clean slate, as the tourists arrive with dreams of success.

Bracketville is famous for one thing and one thing only: college basketball. Nothing else matters, and for the two weeks that it hosts the NCAA tournament, nothing else matters to many sports fans either. We flock to Bracketville. In fact, beginning in early February we can see it emerging from the thick, smog-filled clouds along the Upset City horizon. I like to think of it as watching your first adult molar grow: waiting painfully for its arrival as it slowly grows, nagging and toying with you. But once it has fully grown, you can breathe a sigh of relief and be happy, even jubilant.

The resounding popularity of Bracketville has forced the town to make their annual two week stint on earth one big party, dubbed March Madness. Population grows by unbelievable numbers, apartments

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NEAR MISS — Merrimack goalie Jim Healey deflects Derek Damon's shot Saturday night at the Alford Arena for the Hockey East Quarter Finals. The team took the series from the Merrimack and faces BU Friday night at the Fleet Center in Boston.

UMaine to battle BU in Hockey East Semifinals

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

If you asked someone at the beginning of the season if the

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University of Maine men's ice hockey team would meet up with the Boston University Terriers in the Hockey East Semifinals, the response probably would have been a firm "yes." Ask the same question before last weekend's

Hockey East Quarterfinals and your probable answer would have been "not a snowball's chance in Hell"

Well, the unthinkable happened and the two old rivals will meet in the first of two Hockey East Semifinals at the Fleet Center in Boston on Friday afternoon. UMaine faces off with BU at 5 p.m., while two-time defending Hockey East champion the University of New Hampshire will take on the University of Massachusetts at 8 p.m.

The improbable match-up happened after the Terriers saved their season on the final night of the regular season and avoided their first year without a postsea-

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son as a member of Hockey East with an overtime goal by David Van der Gulik at UNH on March 6. The Terriers followed that up by stunning the Hockey East

Regular Season champion Boston College Eagles on the road, winning two games to one in a best of three series to advance. BU took Game One 3-2, lost Game Two 4-0, but won the deciding Game Three 4-2. That after BC had won all four regular season meetings over BU.

"They beat UNH, then BC, and now they have an opportunity to play us at the Fleet Center, which is kind of a home game for

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