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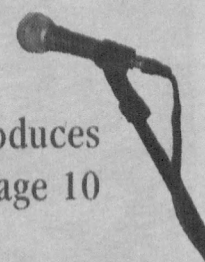
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Tuition and parking costs to jump

New budget contains a 4 or 8 percent tuition increase, extra \$15 for student parking passes

By Ernest Scheyder
Staff Writer

Not only is tuition expected to increase by 8 percent next year, prices for student parking are also slated to jump nearly 50 percent. On Tuesday, Janet Waldron, University of Maine vice president of administration, unveiled a proposed budget

for the fiscal year 2005.

The new budget contains several cuts in key areas, including technology, and increased funds for scholarships and library journal inflation. Costs for employee benefits have risen 60 percent in the past five years, Waldron said.

The total budget is approximately \$265 million and must now be

approved by University System Chancellor Joseph Westphal and the system's board of trustees, Waldron told the crowd of about 100 Tuesday in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

After state appropriations, \$10.3 million remains to be raised by the University of Maine for fiscal year 2005, Waldron said.

In order to cover the budget gap, Waldron proposed increases in fees across campus, including either a 4 percent or 8 percent increase in tuition for the next fiscal year, as well as a \$15 increase in the cost of student parking permits. Faculty

and staff permits will not be affected, Waldron said, unless agreed upon through collective bargaining. Waldron said she would be amenable to meeting with the General Student Senate to discuss the proposals.

"I think if they're going to increase the [student] parking permit, it needs to be reinvested into bettering our parking system," said Student Body President Cortlynn Hepler.

The proposed budget involves only educational and general revenue and expenses. Other items, such as student housing and dining,

are covered in an auxiliary portion of the budget, Waldron said.

Waldron pointed to skyrocketing costs across the board at UMaine, saying the problem must be addressed now to ensure sufficient funds are available in 2006 and beyond.

"We would have to find this money in 2006," Waldron said, if substantial funds are not raised immediately for the university's budget crisis. "[Cuts] are exacerbating the financial situation on this campus."

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STUDENT SENATE NOTES

NAACP chief: UM Senate response racist

Senators call complaint a nonissue

By Rick Redmond
Assistant News Editor

During the General Good and Welfare section at Tuesday's meeting of the General Student Senate, James Varner, president of the Bangor Area NAACP, accused Student Government of discrimination for not funding a Solidarity Concert featuring two Black performers. Student Government was slated to be among several sponsors for the event, including the NAACP, the Black Student Union, WMEB, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Zeta and the student program fund.

Performers at the event were not paid all of their \$10,000 fee and Varner felt that Student Government should back fund the event to help absorb some of the costs.

"We have not gotten some support that we were looking for from Student Government and I kind of feel like you folks have not supported us," Varner said. "I feel that we're being discriminated against and you're turning

your backs on this project."

Ross Bartlett, vice president for financial affairs, was quick to respond in defense of the senate. Bartlett said that the event was not denied funding, rather a representative from the event failed to make an appearance at the Executive Budgetary Committee meeting and so no funds could be given out.

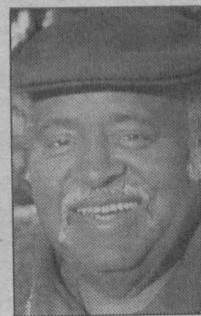
"When he didn't show up, we were unable to consider the budget for the event," Bartlett said. "We can not back-fund for events. That has nothing to do with people being discriminated against and I'm offended that was suggested that we are discriminating when we were only following our policy."

Varner also noted that the event was well-attended, and claimed that the reason the event was not funded was because it featured black people.

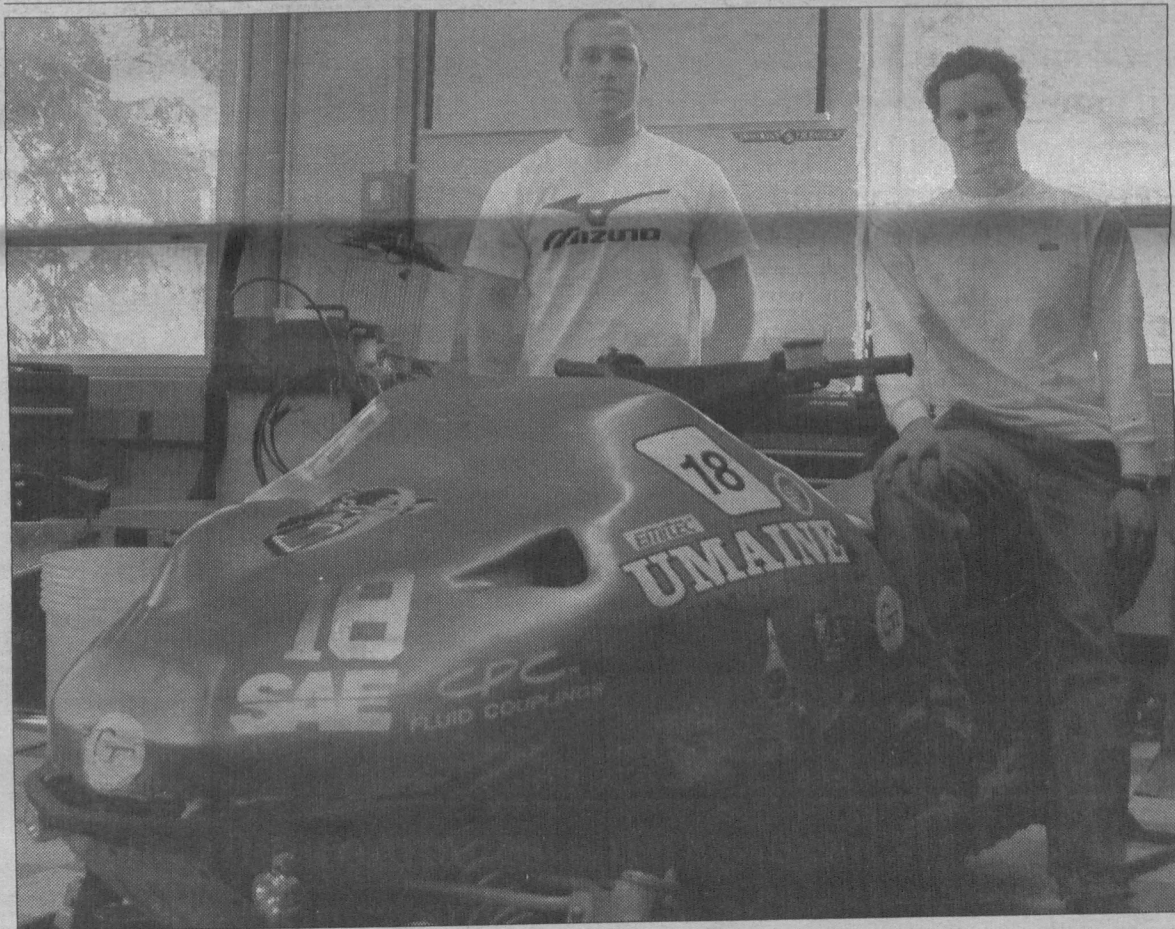
"Sometimes people don't think events that involve people of color are as important as we think they are," Varner said.

Bartlett said he was deeply offended by Varner's insinuations, and said other members of the senate should be equally offended at the accusations.

Sen. Dan O'Brien offered to help find out what exactly did happen, but made it clear as well



Varner



CAMPUS PHOTO • ANDREW DAVIS

VROOM — Kenny Abbott and Adam Caldwell stand with the snowmobile they helped design and build. The university finished third overall in the Clean Snowmobile Challenge.

UM takes third at snowmobile contest

By Nathan Schlingmann
For The Maine Campus

A team of University of Maine engineering students have just returned from Michigan with a third-place award for developing a cleaner, quieter, more fuel-efficient snowmobile.

The team placed third out of 14 teams in the Society of Automotive Engineers' Clean Snowmobile Challenge, many of which had entered previous year's competitions. The University of

Maine also won the Best Fuel Economy and the Best Value awards.

The team worked on designing and modifying two snowmobiles, only one of which was actually brought to the competition. A newly purchased 2003 Arctic Cat with a four-stroke engine was chosen over a 1994 Skidoo with a two-stroke engine to bring to the national event.

"The goal was to modify a snowmobile to have the least noise, lowest emissions, highest

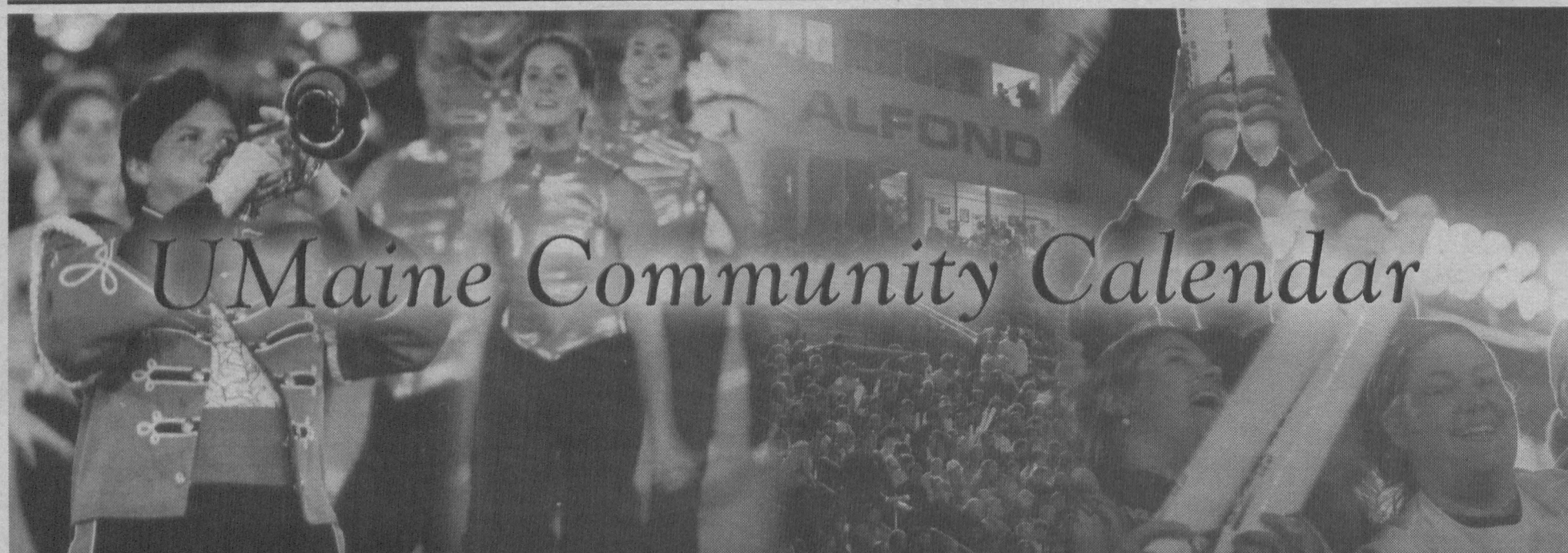
endurance and highest performance that the team could produce," said Kenny Abbott, a graduating senior who worked on the project.

"The judges of the competition are stakeholders in snowmobiling. They include technical and managerial people from Bombardier, General Motors, U.S. Army Tank and Automotive Command and Harley Davidson," said Dr. Michael Peterson, an associate professor in UMaine's

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Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on 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 25

- Maine Bound will sponsor a \$1 Climbing Night from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.

- Constant Albertson, Andy Mauery and Kris Sader will take part in the panel discussion "Feminist Activism Through Art" as part of the Women's History Celebration. This event will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Maine Center for the Arts. Call Angela Olson at 581-1228 for information.

- "Fidel: The Untold Story"

will be shown at 7 p.m. in 110 Little Hall as part of the Peace and Justice Film Series. Call Doug Allen at 581-3860 for information.

Friday, March 26

- Maine Bound will present an "Adventure Blow-Out Weekend" Friday and Saturday. Events will include a film festival and a presentation by Timmy O'Neill, a performer who "combines stand-up comedy with tales of adventure." More information is at www.umaine.edu/campusrecreation or 581-1794.

- The Lidral Duo will perform from noon - 1 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union as part of the Chamber Jazz Lunch Series. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

- Kickin' Flicks will show "Kill Bill" on a big screen at 7:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. This event is free for students and is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

- The Maine Attraction

presents comedian PJ Walsh from 9 - 10 p.m. in the Marketplace of Memorial Union. This event is free for students and is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

Saturday, March 27

- "War, the Economy and the University," an active community teach-in, will be held from 1 - 5:30 p.m. in Neville Hall. This event will feature a keynote address by Peter Lems and a panel discussion with Jim Valette, Doug Allen, Dan Innis and John Mahon. Steve Schnapp will also hold an interactive workshop, "War and the Economy. Too Many Guns, Not Enough Butter." For information about this event, call Doug Allen at 581-3860.

- There will be a Chocolate Buffet Benefit for Spruce Run Association starting at 7 p.m. at the University College Center, 201 Texas Ave. in Bangor. Call Angela Olson at 581-1228.

- Karaoke will begin at 9 p.m. in the Marketplace of

Memorial Union. This event is free for students and is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

Sunday, March 28

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

- The Page Farm and Home Museum will sponsor a Maple Sunday Children's Workshop at 1 p.m. This event will include activities and stories followed by a guided tour of UMaine's sugar bush. There is a cost for this event. Call Patricia Henner at 581-4100 to register or for information.

Ongoing & Upcoming

- Maine Bound has one spot open for its trip to Lesotho, Africa this May. This is a 10-day hiking trip on a rugged, wild range. For information on this trip, e-mail Guy DeBrun on FirstClass.

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Man caught with marijuana, arrested for probation violation

• An officer on foot patrol in Somerset Hall on March 17 shortly before midnight entered the third floor and saw four men in the lobby, two of them holding large cups. The officer asked the individuals if they were drinking anything besides soda and one man handed the officer a cup, which smelled of alcohol. While the officer examined the cup, another man quickly swallowed the remaining liquid in his cup. The officer also detected the odor of marijuana and asked all four men to empty their pockets. One man, Brandon Crocker, 19, of Orono, revealed a cigarette package. When the officer opened the package, he saw a rolled marijuana joint inside. Crocker was summoned for possession of marijuana and officers determined he was out on bail from Somerset County on unrelated charges. A condition of his bail was not to consume or possess alcohol or drugs. Crocker was then placed under arrest for violation of his conditional release and transported to Penobscot County Jail. The other three individuals were referred to Judicial Affairs.

• An officer on patrol near the



POLICEBEAT

By Ernest Scheyder
Staff Writer

Stillwater River on March 21 noticed a vehicle traveling on College Avenue without its headlights on shortly after midnight. The vehicle was also completely covered in snow. The officer saw the vehicle pull into the Steamplant Lot and the officer pulled behind the vehicle and turned on the cruiser's lights in an attempt to stop the driver. The vehicle did not stop as the driver continued to look for a parking spot, likely because the driver could not see the cruiser's lights due to the snow on the vehicle, according to police. The driver soon found a parking spot and got out of the vehicle. The officer approached the driver, Joshua Kurlande, 20, of Orono, and detected alcohol on his breath. Kurlande said he had consumed one can of beer that evening. The officer was granted permission to search the interior of the vehicle and discovered a backpack containing six cans of beer. For viola-

tion of Maine's zero-tolerance law, Kurlande was required to take an intoxilyzer test, which revealed his blood-alcohol content to be 0.07. He was referred to the Department of Motor Vehicles as he is under the legal drinking age.

• An officer on patrol in the Hilltop area noticed a vehicle traveling quickly on Hilltop Road on March 21 at 3:15 a.m., despite the snowy conditions. The vehicle was detected on radar traveling 35 mph in a 20 mph zone. The officer pulled the vehicle over in front of Memorial Gym. When the officer approached the vehicle, he could smell the odor of alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver, Nathan Willette, 20, of Orono, failed a field sobriety test and arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. A search of Willette's vehicle revealed two bottles of Bacardi 151. Willette was also charged with illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor.

Grad student runs for senate seat

By Pattie Barry
Staff writer

A University of Maine graduate student has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the upcoming primaries. Jeff Lowell will run for Hermon's senate seat against Joe Perry, who was that district's house representative for four terms. The position will be vacated by Tom Sawyer, R-Hermon, who has held the seat for two terms.

Lowell is running as a clean election candidate, meaning that he receives money only from the clean election fund and not from private businesses or individuals. A state senator's role is to represent the community and not private industries, Lowell said.

"[It's] is the only way to ensure that you are representing the voters and not the special interest groups," he said.

Lowell said he hopes to focus more of the state's budget in education and health care.

In education, Lowell is against the No Child Left Behind Act. The federal government sets mandates for schools that the states have to pay for, a cost that is often passed on to municipalities, Lowell said.



Lowell

"The program is bad enough and now [the federal government] does not fund it," Lowell said. "With No Child Left Behind, we are teaching kids how to take tests instead of encouraging creativity. It's also a way to set our schools up to fail. I believe that the Bush administration wants to privatize education."

Though Maine has been a leader in health care issues, much more can be done, he said. Since 2000, health care costs have risen more than 35 percent, he said. Lowell said he feels

inspired by former presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich's campaign in regards to health care.

"We are paying for national health care and we aren't getting it. The problem is that the health care industry is for-profit," he said.

The best way to reduce health care costs is to reduce rising insurance costs, he said.

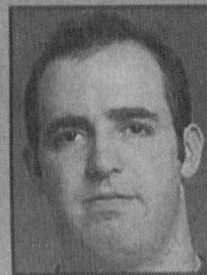
Another issue that Lowell cites as part of his platform is the proposed 1 percent property tax cap referendum.

"This proposal is going to hurt funding for vital services like firefighters and police," Lowell said.

Lowell is a second-year graduate student in political science and peace studies. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Maine at Farmington in business in economics. Originally from Portland, Lowell lives in Bangor with his wife Anna, an undergraduate student at UMaine.

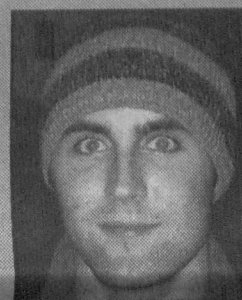
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Alyssa Yohman
Third-year
Business administration, accounting



"Couldn't tell you."

Nate Holmes
Third-year
Accounting



"I have no idea."

Shannon Trahan
First-year
Elementary education



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UMaine awarded patent for stronger building panel

Wood composites lab invents disaster-resistant material, UMS may license for development

The home of the future may stand up better to earthquakes, hurricanes and other stresses as a result of a newly patented invention at the University of Maine. Engineers in the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center have developed a reinforced building panel that substantially increases the structural strength of a typical house.

On March 2, the U.S. Patent Office granted patent 6,699,575 to Habib Dagher and William Davids, AEWCC director and assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, respectively. The patent is assigned to the University of Maine System, meaning UMaine has the right to license the technology for

commercial development.

The panel increases the sheer strength and ductility of wall, roof and floor systems, Dagher said.

"The panel itself is expected to be useful in southeastern and western regions of the country at risk for high wind and seismic events, where more stringent construction measures apply," Davids said. "Other potential uses that could impact the construction industry are currently being investigated at the AEWCC Center, including applications in modular panelized construction and specially engineered narrow walls."

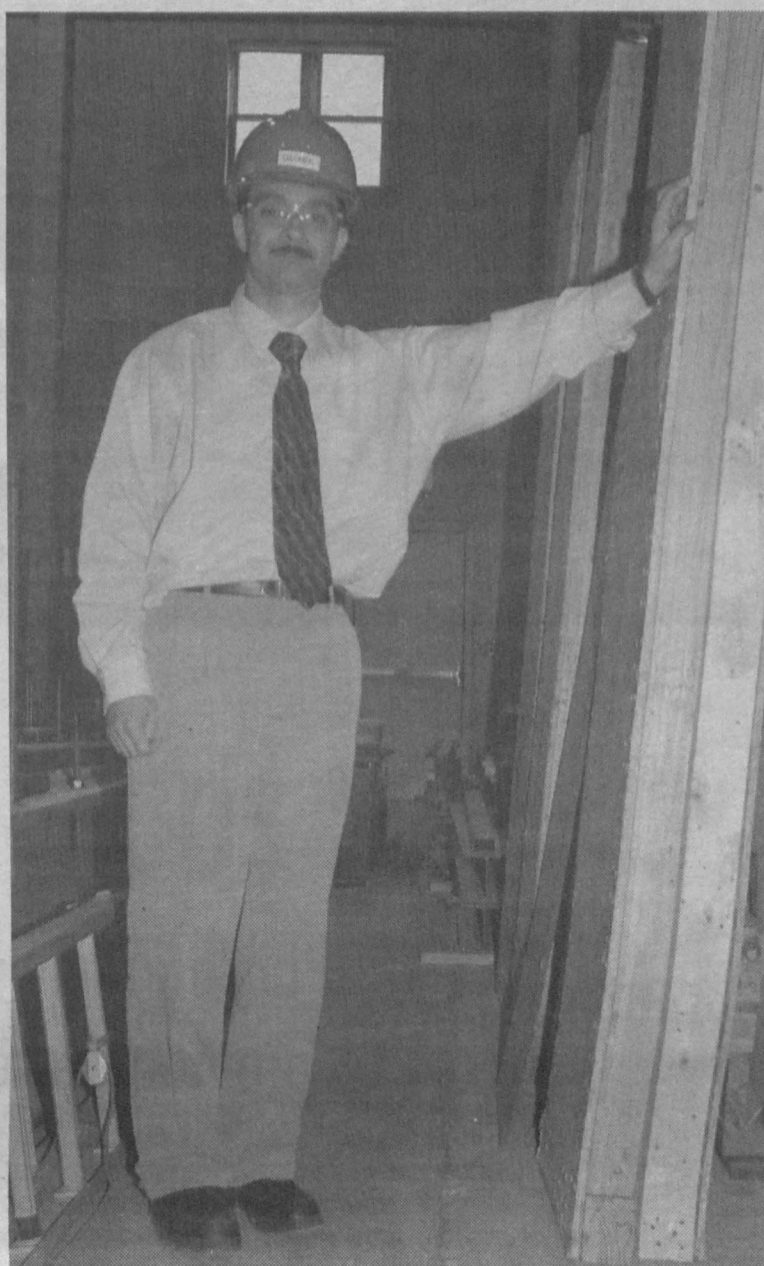
Research by AEWCC graduate students Aaron Bremer and Eric Cassidy evaluated poten-

tial applications and optimum design of the patented technology. Keith Martin, a master's degree student at AEWCC, is continuing to explore new potential uses.

At the heart of the technology is the addition of tough fiber reinforced polymer material to the perimeter, and other nailing surfaces of building panels, including oriented strand board and plywood. When storms and earthquakes cause homes and other structures to collapse, structural failure can often be traced to weaknesses where panels are nailed to framing members such as wall studs or roof rafters. Reinforcing those areas will reduce the likelihood that panel edges can be splintered or pulled away from the framing, according to Davids.

In typical house construction with nails and 2 by 4 framing, the reinforced panel improves wall strength up to 20 percent, Davids said. "In an engineered wall we can achieve 100 percent or better," he said.

The patent also notes that by reducing the potential for structural damage, disaster resistant panels can reduce expenses related to insurance and reconstruction. In 2003, windstorms in the South and Midwest cost insurers about \$5 billion, according to Insurance Journal. The most expensive U.S. natural disaster for the insurance industry, the 1994



CAMPUS PHOTO

INVENTIVE — Habib Dagher, director of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Lab, displays the new building panel that was recently patented.

Northridge earthquake in California, was estimated to have cost about \$44 billion, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

The patent is the sixth approved on the basis of AEWCC research since the 33,000-square foot center opened in 2000.



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Four new senators join ranks of GSS

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that no decision was made on behalf of the Senate on the grounds of racism.

"You tend to criticize us in a racial atmosphere and I do take offense to that as well," O'Brien said. "Regardless of what happened here, it wasn't because of discrimination."

Varner did apologize to the Senate if he had offended anyone else and said that he hoped an investigation could be launched to look into the matter.

Also during the General Good and Welfare section, former Sen. Matt Desmond condemned the Senate for striking down Sen. Brandon Libby's proposal to look into a SafeRide program. He urged senators who voted against it to think about representing their constituents.

"All Brandon Libby was doing was asking for the chance to look into the idea and see if it was feasible," Desmond said. "It could have saved lives but I guess we'll never know because you guys voted it down."

Sheri Cousins also announced a leadership conference to be held on April 17 and encouraged members of the senate to attend.

Caren Orlick Korin from DaVor Photography was the guest speaker at the meeting, representing the Yearbook. She encour-

aged members of the senate to support the yearbook and asked that they please spread the word about seniors having their portraits taken for the yearbook.

Bartlett also reported that more than \$1,200 had been returned to unallocated funds from various student groups.

The Anthropology club was allocated \$1,000 for a trip and the Equestrian Team was given \$1,825 to cover the cost of their meets for the rest of the season.

Four new senators were also sworn in at Tuesday's meeting. From the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Erin Smith and David Reid, from the College of Business, Public Policy and Health: Van Tran, and from the college of Engineering: Lindsay Girard.

Five current members of the Senate were nominated and/or approved for new positions within the organization. Sen. Kate O'Brien was approved for the positions President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Membership Committee Chair. Sen. Jesse Davis was approved as a member of the Executive Budgetary Committee. Sen. Liz Anderson was approved as a member of the Cabinet. Sen. Sam Brennan was approved as Legal Services Liaison and Sen. Jud Ritter was approved as the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

'05 budget contains fee hikes

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A 4 percent increase in tuition would leave the university with approximately \$3.3 million to raise for fiscal year 2005, while an 8 percent increase would require only \$1.5 million, Waldron said. UMaine has the lowest tuition rates, for both in-state and out-of-state students, when compared to other New England states, Waldron said.

The adjustments will be difficult for all concerned, but the changes must be made for the financial health of the university, Waldron said.

"The reality of making this type of adjustment in such a short amount of time period is extremely painful," she said.

In an effort to ease the financial burden on students, funds for scholarships are proposed to see an approximate \$200,000 increase, for a total of \$772,109. A majority of that amount will go to Presidential and Dean Scholars, Waldron said.

Another way to raise revenue, Waldron said, is to increase enrollment at the university. Enrollment at UMaine has leveled off to approximately 11,500 in the past three years, Waldron said.

"If we grow, we have more revenue," Waldron said.

Areas that need immediate funding include employee benefits, university marketing, scholarship funding, and academic incentives to professors, Waldron said.

"Each year, the budget gets more and more restricted," said University Provost Robert Kennedy.

Kennedy said a positive aspect of the new budget proposal is the creation of a \$300,000 allocation toward health insurance coverage for graduate students. Another new item planned for addition to the budget is the Safe Campus project. Funded in the past by several grants from different sources, the program works to promote a safe campus environment for students, specifically women. The new budget allo-

cates \$15,000 toward the program, Waldron said.

Waldron ended the presentation by highlighting several positive aspects of UMaine life that she said have improved dramatically since 1997. She pointed to the growth of the Honors College, a 50 percent increase in first-year enrollment, more than \$175 million in construction projects, and a five-year strategic plan.

A 2 to 8 percent increase in first-year enrollment over last year is expected for the upcoming fall, Kennedy said.

"Our enrollment predictions for next fall look good," Kennedy said. Currently, Waldron and Kennedy are polling public opinion regarding the proposed budget.

"We won't know what we're authorized to do as a campus until late May," Waldron said, referring to approval from the Board of Trustees. A second public forum on the budget will be held Monday, March 29, from 1-3 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

UM team returns from snowmobile challenge

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mechanical engineering department. Peterson works on researching and designing automobiles that will work in a sustainable environment.

"While many of the modifications were of interest to the judges, the star was the system modeling that the University of Maine team had performed as a part of their senior project class," Peterson said. "What sets the education of the University of Maine Mechanical Engineers apart from the rest of the field is their emphasis on a fundamental understand-

ing of engineering."

The major modifications made to the snowmobiles included the addition of a catalytic converter, which helped to burn many of the hydrocarbons created by the engine; a cowl to help reduce the noise; and a clutch cover made out of Kevlar to reduce clutch noise.

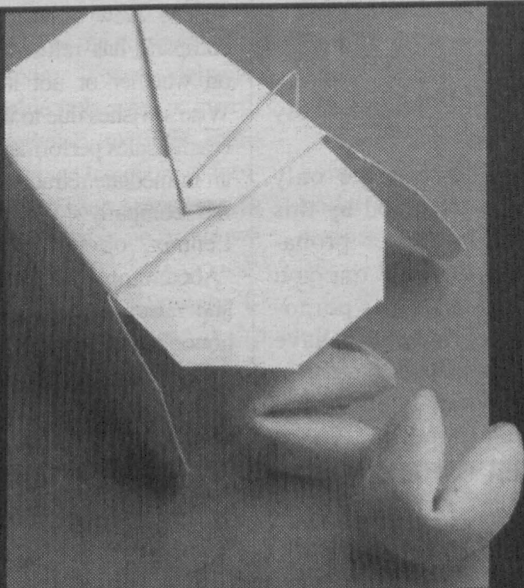
"The engineering of the modifications made to both snowmobiles went well. We had some tough work with the welding and actual machinery, but the group worked really well together," Abbott said.

The team started the competi-

tion strong, one of only five teams surviving the first event, a 100-mile endurance run. The University of Wisconsin-Madison won the competition with a hybrid gas-electric motor design.

Members of the UMaine team include: Adam Caldwell, Kittery; Michael Wallace, Hodgdon; Christian Bushnell, Old Town; Daniel Bennis, Pownal; Jason Byrd, Penobscot; Joshua Higgins, Kittery; Aaron Dejardins, St. Agatha; Shawn Rossignol, Frenchville; Steve Schaub, Belfast; Matt Allard, Kingfield; William Hotchkiss, Harborside; Mike DeMaio, Farmington, Conn.

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Opinion-Editorial

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EDITORIAL

The real solution

Maybe the University of Maine has finally found a way to combat the parking crunch on campus.

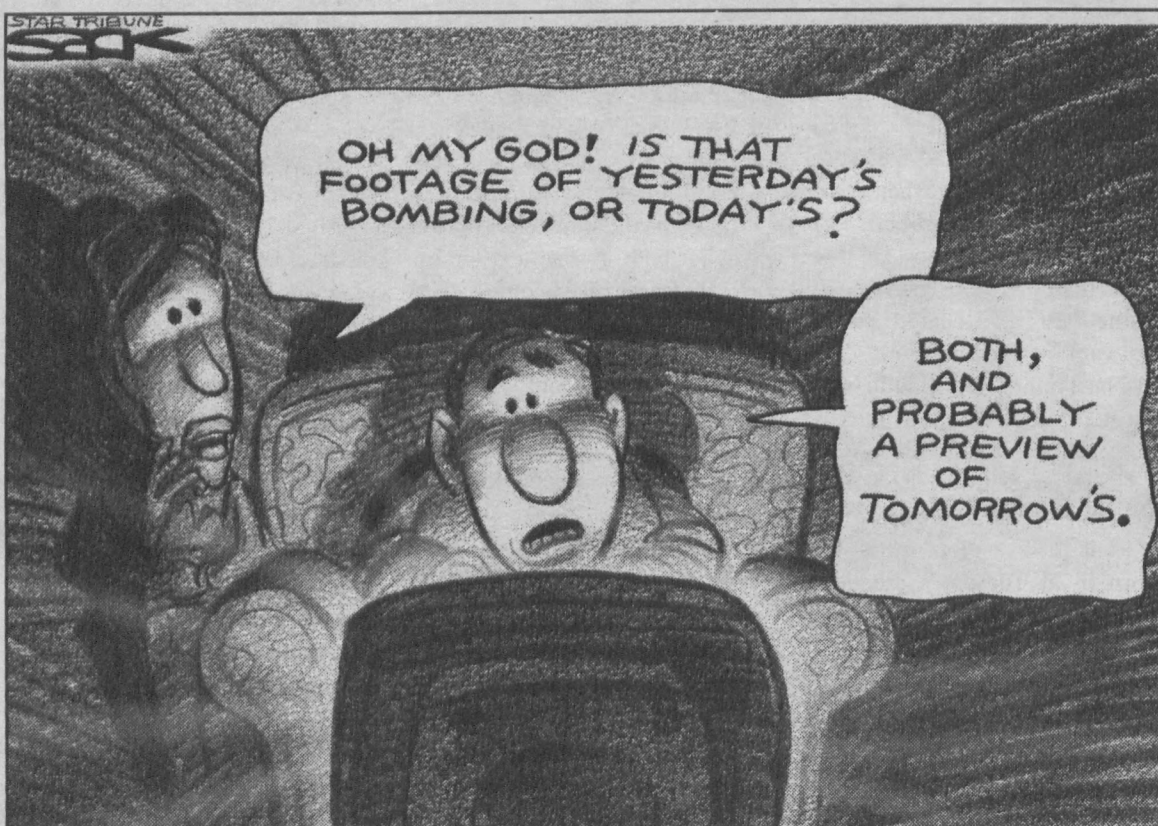
Increasing the parking fee by almost 50 percent is sure to make a few people think twice about just how valuable a commuter pass, as opposed to a cheaper perimeter pass, is to them. This hike is probably necessary in order to cover the cost of replacing part of the Maine Center for the Arts parking lot, which will soon be lost in order to make room for the new campus recreation center. We know this increase is necessary, but what about providing the students at UMaine with some options?

The current tiered parking system on campus gives students the option to buy a pass valid only in perimeter lots — where most commuters end up parking anyway due to faculty overflow into the commuter lots and the general overcrowding in our parking lots. This is the right idea but the system still has flaws.

Selling perimeter passes has yet to have any effect regarding the lack of parking. *The Maine Campus* proposes developing a more intricate, three-tiered parking system where lots near the center of campus would be more expensive to obtain a parking pass for than ones located on the outskirts of campus.

Additionally, a lottery system could be instituted where students could put their names in to win a prime parking spot on campus. Many students would gladly pay a much higher price for a spot right next to Memorial Union. Raising the prices for these preferred spots while keeping perimeter passes relatively cheap would help the parking crunch and increase the university's cash flow.

Parking has been a headache all year, and it's good to see the university making some changes to alleviate the problem. Making just a few changes will bring us one step closer to fixing the situation.



Conscientious objections

Pharmacy customer denied the "morning-after" pill

An interesting trend is popping up in Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Washington and Missouri. According to the Los Angeles Times, each state is trying to pass legislation that "would shield pharmacists from lawsuits and protect them from disciplinary action ... if they refuse to provide the ['morning-after'] pill as a matter of conscience." This is a very perplexing idea. Allow me to elaborate.

This disturbing trend reached its apex when Missouri pharmacist Matt Hartwig received a call from one of his employees. The employee explained to Hartwig that a woman had come in with a prescription for the "morning-after" pill, and the pharmacist refused to sell it to her.

MARSHALL
DURY

OPINION EDITOR

Now it begs reminding that the federal government has classified this pill as "an emergency contraceptive." Clearly, the government's final say on classifying certain drugs doesn't quite fly in Missouri — something to keep in mind when you're looking for a place to settle down. What's more disturbing than this pharmacist who decided to take things into his own hands is that Hartwig, the employee's manager, continues to support his vigilante pharmacist. Hartwig's

explanation lies in the fact that pharmacists are required to do no harm — something that is comparable to a doctor's Hippocratic Oath.

While it may come as a shock to a few of you, pharmacists aren't doctors. Technically, I'm sure their education can lead up to something similar, but that's not what we're debating. Instead, this country is beginning to let like-minded individuals set events in motion that will create a ripple effect across this country. I'm not having it.

Lifestyles have little to do with a person's job. Many people will argue that this statement explains the general public's loss of ethics in this country. I think an objective mind at work is an effective mind

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Letters to the Editor

• Did I really just read that?

I can't believe that the editors of *The Maine Campus* even considered publishing Nathanael Saintcy's "Probing for facts behind a taboo topic" in its March 18 edition. Printing an article in a college newspaper about anal sex is ridiculous.

A good portion of the students that read the paper are

minors, and they don't need to be reading about this kind of stuff.

This kind of article is one that you'd find depicted in a pornographic movie, not printed in a college paper. I agree that students should be informed about having safe sex, but this information should be done by counselors or parents — not by some jour-

nalism major who probably has never had sex.

I'm sure I'm not the only one that was outraged by this article, and my letter probably won't be the only one you get. The author of this pornographic article needs to have his material checked quite a bit more before it's published in future papers. There

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Apathy & Finch

The T-shirt debate

MIKE
MELOCHICK



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Spring has almost sprung, even here in Maine. It's nearly time to put away the parkas, peacoats and fleeces until next fall. It is about that time to don all the spring apparel you've been dying to wear throughout the bitter winter. You select one of your trendy Abercrombie & Fitch T-shirts to make a savvy statement as you strut across campus, oblivious to the stares of the masses passing by, seemingly unimpressed with the lewd stereotype emblazoned on your chest. Suddenly, spending \$25 on a T-shirt doesn't seem so cool does it? I can picture the MasterCard commercial now, "T-Shirt: \$25. Maintaining offensive stereotypes: Priceless."

Abercrombie & Fitch is once again under fire for marketing T-shirt designs that perpetuate unfair stereotypes. This time, it's Bob Wise, Gov. of West Virginia, crying foul over a T-shirt that depicts the outline of the state, superimposed with the phrase "It's All Relative in West Virginia." He claims the shirts "depict an unfounded negative stereotype" of the state. The governor wrote a letter to the home office of the company demanding the immediate cease of sale of the T-shirt in question, in both stores and catalogs. Wise also demanded the remaining merchandise be destroyed to avoid possible black market resale of the not-as-yet-remanded item.

The New Albany, Ohio-based company has refused to comment on whether or not it will respect Wise's wishes due to the shirt's successful sales performance. In lieu of an immediate retraction of the shirt, the company's spokesman, Tom Lennox, offered this comment: "Abercrombie & Fitch was born and raised in the U.S.A., and we honor all 50 states in the union." Sorry, D.C., looks like you're screwed. And you'd be best to watch your ass, Puerto Rico.

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Pill

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at work — and a happy one at home. If you enter a field of professionalism that requires you to do things your ethical tenets disagree with, maybe it's time to start looking for a new job.

If I worked at McDonald's, a prerequisite for working there would be to serve beef to customers. Let's assume I'm going onto my third year and just received a cushy assistant manager position. Hooray for me. After some serious thought, however, I have a moral change of heart about consuming beef, and I go vegetarian. I decide to bring my personal ethics to work and stop serving people hamburgers because I disagree with beef consumption and the amount of beef production in this country. I am making a valiant effort to dissuade people from eating beef, and I should be commended, right? Wrong. I should be fired. It seems like an absurd example, but if several states pass corresponding legislation, you can kiss the slogan "the customer is always right" goodbye.

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This is not the first time the company's edgy humor has spurned a negative response from a social group. A couple years ago, Asian-Americans actively protested a line of the company's T-shirts, which depicted stereotypical images of Asians with slanted eyes and rice-paddy hats. The shirt in question had two such images with the slogan: "Wong Brothers Laundry Service — Two Wongs Can Make It White." Other shirts in the series showed traditional stereotypical images of Asians with rickshaws and played upon Asian culture by making puns with the word "wok." The shirts were removed from both stores and catalogs after pressure from Asian-American protesters, yet A&F offered no concrete apology to any Asians who may have been offended by the shirts.

According to Hampton Carney, a spokesman for the company during the Asian T-shirt debacle, "Abercrombie pokes fun at everyone from women, to flight attendants, to baggage handlers, to football coaches, to Irish Americans, to snow skiers. There's no group we haven't teased." Carney also added the company thought the T-shirts would be "big sellers" in the Asian market.

Asian-Americans, Blacks, Hispanics and other ethnic interest groups have filed a class-action lawsuit against the clothing giant, citing racially unfair labor and hiring practices, and nearly exclusive white brand imagery as discrimination. The groups complain that

When Hartwig's pharmacist decided to use his morality to make decisions at work, he made a mistake. It is a fine line where a person's individuality and work persona begin. Ideally, they would be no different, but when people begin to take their own ideas about what's better for another person — ideas that happen to fly in the face of U.S. law — things have gotten out of hand.

I make no qualms about the fact that I believe people should have fun at work, express themselves however they see fit and do their job accordingly. The case in Missouri has to do with one thing — obligation. If Hartwig's pharmacist has a problem with the laws in this country and how they correspond with the pharmacist's code of ethics, then he should sort things out and leave the real work to those of us who can keep a clear mind on the job.

Marshall Dury is a senior English major.

company guidelines favor traditional white standards of beauty, which are used in hiring, promoting, and even selecting models for Abercrombie's quarterly catalog. Abercrombie officials claim they go for an "All-American look," but in the eyes of many minorities, All-American has become synonymous with white.

You would think that a company embroiled in a class-action discrimination lawsuit, with a past history of cultural insensitivity, might tone down its edgy humor. Instead, the company keeps pushing the envelope. Other T-shirts in the same spring fashion line as the controversial West Virginia T-shirt include: "Who's Your Paddy," which depicts an angry Irishman standing cross-armed. N.H. also gets a nod in A&F's humor department with a T-shirt stating "New Hampshire: 40 Million Squirrels Can't Be Wrong." And of course who could go all spring without their very own, "Cheeses of Nazareth" T-shirt?

There is a fine line between humor and distaste. I should know because I tread it on a weekly basis in my columns. All joking aside, where does the line of tasteful fashion end and offensive stereotypes begin? Apparently, all you have to do is drive to the mall, walk into A&F, and buy your own little piece of ignorance — just make sure you keep your receipt.

Mike Melochick is a junior journalism major who shops at Goodwill in an effort to not offend anyone.

Letters

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should be a board set up consisting of people who will look over the articles that people want published in the paper. This board should also determine what does and does not get printed.

I have another three years here at the University of Maine, and I will never pick up another issue of this paper again after reading Saintcy's article.

Tracey Sawtelle
UMaine student

Assassinations abound

Bush's pothole-laden road to peace

RICK
REDMOND



ASST. NEWS EDITOR

"deeply troubled" reaction to Yassin's murder. Britain, our one remaining ally lately, has also criticized the attacks on Yassin. What's wrong with you people? Are you mad because you weren't the first to get the guy? I don't seem to remember a nationality clause for terrorist hunting. Besides, how hard is it to hit a 70-year-old blind quadriplegic? He's not exactly an elusive target. In fact, if I were him I'd probably wear a target hoping someone would put me out of my misery.

Or maybe Bush and his cronies are upset because this isn't the direction the "road map to peace" should be taking. Bush, let's be straight here. If peace were actually attainable from a road map, I'd feel confident getting directions from a toothless prostitute in Queens. I'm not sure how this attack is so much worse than the daily suicide bombings we hear about in Israel, Gaza and all over the Middle East.

But let's back up a minute.

The White House, although still "deeply troubled," has not come out and condemned the attack outright. Condoleezza Rice is insisting they had no prior knowledge of the attack. Well duh, Condoleezza. That would sort of eliminate the element of surprise there. My guess is that Bush, Condoleezza and Donald Rumsfeld are all kicking around the Oval Office, slapping each other on the ass and congratulating each other on inspiring Israel to launch its own miniature shock and awe campaign.

We kick ourselves now for missing opportunities to kill terrorists when we had the chance. The Clinton administration is being bombasted for allegedly missing opportunities to knock off Osama Bin Ladin years ago. And need I remind George who's father it was who sat on his hands during the first Gulf War? Israel had the chance, they took it, the world should rejoice. Until the White House can come up with a definitive response to this recent turn of events, Condoleezza Rice should shut her mouth and Bush should think long and hard about what side he's taking — democracy or terrorism.

Rick Redmond is a senior journalism major.

As my patience dwindles ...

Dorm programs take to the phones for reminders

I was visiting a friend in Somerset earlier this week. We were watching an episode of *The Sopranos* when his roommate checked their built-in voice mail. I could hear the dial tone stutter from my nearby post. This triggered an annoyed, "Oh, it's probably another hall program."

At the beginning of this semester I checked my voice mail and found a message from a number I didn't know. It was a blanket message to everyone in the hall from one of my resident assistants reminding me of the roommate game in the lobby at 7 p.m.

I was not impressed. At the beginning of the year, I politely asked my RA to stop sending me e-mail reminders about hall programs. This did little to stem the flood of advertising that bombards me every day on campus. Credit card companies call my room at every inconvenient hour possible. My mailbox is a breeding ground for honors fraternity applications and paper flyers about recycling and the importance of preserving natural resources. I throw all of these away and smile at the irony.

Every single bulletin board is cluttered with flyers. There's

MIKE
HARTWELL



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

one on the second floor of Little Hall that still has a campaign poster for Justin Brown. For those of you who don't read *The Maine Campus* regularly, Justin Brown resigned last month.

If I was able to miss the 3-foot letters that coat the inside of my hall's lobby, I now have a message on my answering machine to remind me of the dreaded roommate game. I turned to the last bastion of the slightly annoyed. I posted on my hall folder.

I thought my neighbors would be titillated by the presence of a real issue among the requests for AA batteries and annoying gripes about classes not being canceled despite the seasonal cold. I pointed out how I lived in a single and clearly did not need long-winded reminders of hall programs. I brought up the fact that the blanket voice mail function is intended for broadcasting important information, like

reminding students to unplug everything before Christmas break. Using it to advertise is inappropriate as well as a nuisance. I lived in York last year and the RAs never tried to pull any stunts like that.

I figured I'd get a few replies along the lines of, "Yeah, that hall program message sucked. Go Black Bears!" Surprisingly, most of the responses I received were in support of the junk voice mail saying they didn't see anything wrong with the new advertising front. One non-sarcastic post told me I should be applauding my RA for being so innovative.

The RA who left the minor nuisance in my voice mail posted that I should have written to him personally, and that he'll stop sending me roommate-based reminders. I was slightly more annoyed than before.

I haven't received any more junk voice mail messages since the harrowing roommate game reared its ugly head. I'm thankful for the peace that has followed, but I shudder when I think of the huddled denizens of Somerset, and their eternal struggle.

Mike Hartwell is a junior journalism major.

Style

Project quarter-finals produce 3 winners

By Matt Kearney
Staff Writer

Java Jive's The Project held a quarter-final round Tuesday night, with three groups advancing to the semi-finals, instead of the usual two, in front of the show's largest audience to date. Due to a second place tie between pianist Kat Roy and the band Stoplight Rehearsal, both will advance with the first-place finisher, Calvin Goodale.

Goodale impressed the judges with his vocals and guitar-playing, acquiring a score of 37 out of a possible 40. Goodale's final song, "Glass," was a slow and brooding piece that brought a hush over the crowd. He described the song as "kind of depressing."

Goodale, a student at the University of Southern Maine, had nothing but good things to say about the show.

"I thought it was awesome," he said. "It was incredible, I've never seen anything like it before."

The Project is a talent show for acoustic acts, both bands and soloists, spanning three months with a total of six shows. The acts are judged on music, vocals, crowd interaction and style. Eight acts will now perform in the semifinals next week. Four acts will then advance to the finals where each act will be given 20 minutes to impress the judging board.

Stoplight Rehearsal, the only full band of the night, pumped up the crowd and raised the energy level with a high octane set. The band's emo/punk-influenced sound included original songs such as "The Last Emo Song," "Summer Song" and "Get It Through Your Head." The band is scheduled to play at Bumstock this year.

Stoplight Rehearsal looks forward to playing at the next show, but is a bit apprehensive about how the next round will turn out.

"I'm curious to see how the judges will react to our next performance," Case Chandler, bassist for Stoplight Rehearsal, said. "I think our band is different and I don't think it's a sound that everyone necessarily likes."

Roy, who tied with Stoplight Rehearsal for second place, was a little worried about her performance as she was just coming off a cold, she said, but was happy with her set, which included a cover of Mazzy Star's "Fade Into You."

Roy's set at the semifinals will be the second of three per-



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WINNER — Calvin Goodale (top) serenaded the audience with John Mayer-sounding lyrics and vocals early in the evenings lineup.

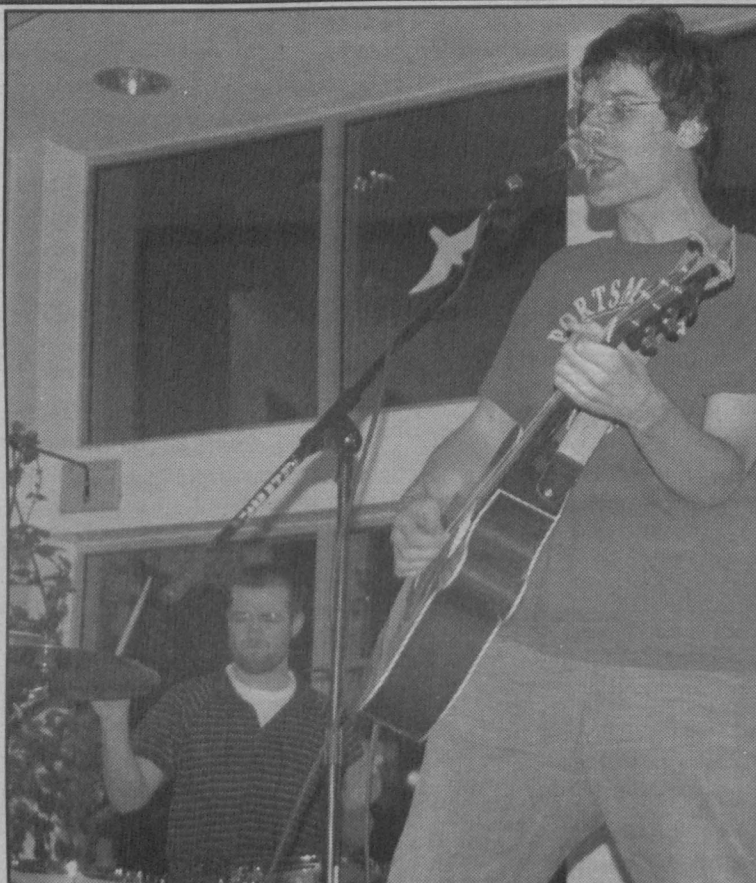
IMPRESSED — Spotlight Rehearsal's performance (right) of original songs like "Last Emo Song" impressed the audience and judges enough to give them a spot in The Project's final round of competition.

formances for her that night.

"I'm in the Concert Band for the university, so I have a concert for that, I have [The Project] and then I'm driving to Bangor and doing Benjamin's acoustic night," Roy said.

She hopes the hectic sched-

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HEALTH SPOT

Dropping hard

By Jay Fonseca and
Tara Hire
For The Maine Campus



In high school, Tara and Carrie were best friends. They would sneak around to the back of the high school and smoke cigarettes and go out on the weekends and get into all sorts of trouble. Together, Carrie and Tara learned a lot of life's lessons. But there is one lesson Carrie learned on her own, and it changed her life forever.

During Carrie's senior year in high school, she decided to drop acid. She did not start off modestly and move up — she took two hits at one time. The acid really did a number on her — it was as if she were reliving her childhood and acting it out. At one point she had to be restrained.

After that night, Carrie was no longer Tara's best friend. She was some new person that had emerged out of the drug. The acid induced epileptic seizures that she had to go on drugs to control. These drugs made her eyes glaze over and distorted her personality, dulling her once vibrant character. She did not laugh like she used to.

We're sure most people have their own stories related to drug abuse. Whether it is alcohol, pot, ecstasy or acid, most of us can remember when something should not have happened, and maybe regret the entire incident. That is why this week we are going to look into the more common drugs around UMaine, and do a little peer education.

Alcohol: Ninety percent of college students admit to using alcohol, a depressant drug that slows our nervous system by inhibiting neurotransmitters in our brain. The result is difficulty walking, let alone driving. Getting a ride from a friend or the Late Night Local can prevent drunken driving and potentially fatal accidents. If you find yourself confused or in a stupor — both signs of an overdose — get to the hospital.

Cannabis: There are three

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MVP '04 delivers the goods, falls short

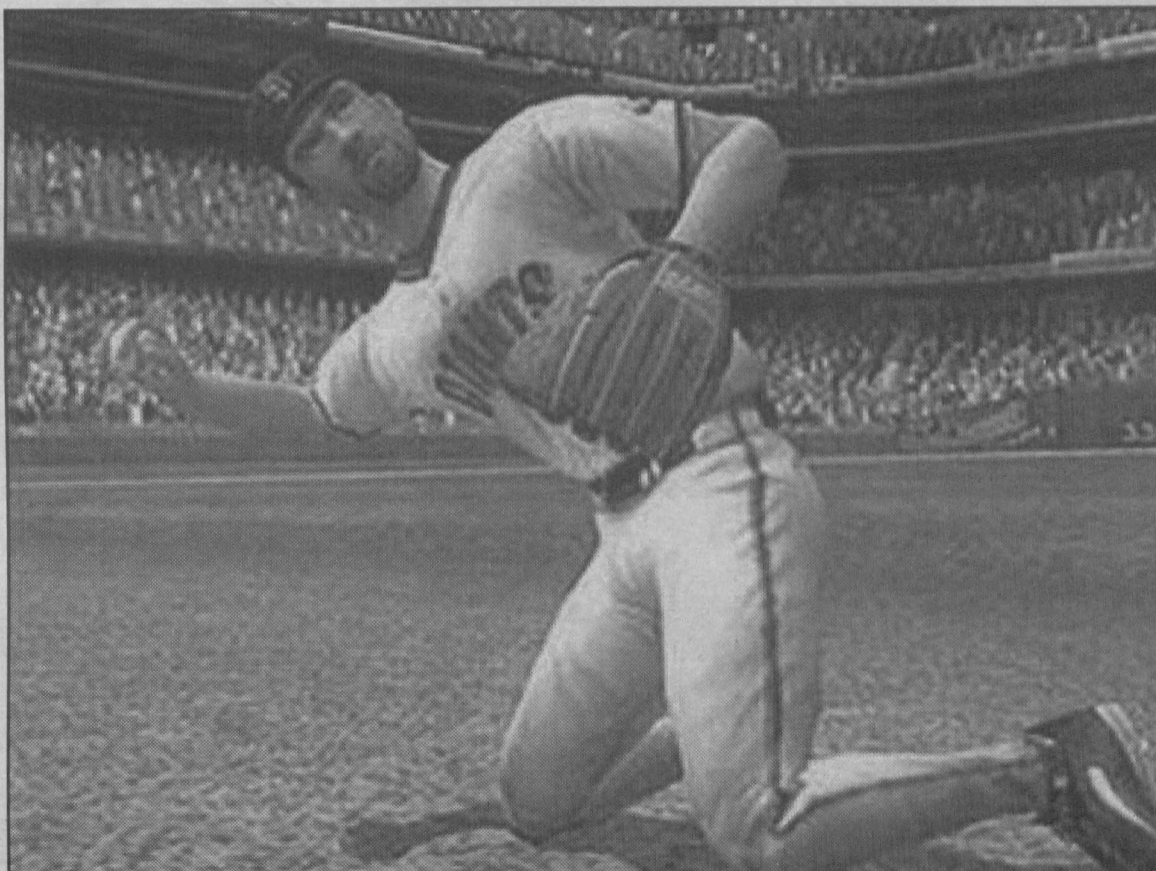
By Matt Desmond
For The Maine Campus

With each passing year Electronic Arts (EA) Sports improves on its award-winning formulas for game play. This year's "MVP Baseball 2004" is no exception. With a dynasty mode that goes through 120 seasons, enhanced graphics and increased depth to the game, the 2004 edition is almost perfect.

For a long time now, sports fans have been wanting a game where they not only play on the field, but also call the shots in the front office. Thanks to the new dynasty mode, gamers can do just that. The dynasty mode is a big improvement over last year's season mode. There are more options, such as player happiness, team chemistry — which determines how well your team plays together on the field — and an option called the trading block. With this option you can put any player up for trade and get offers from other teams and possibly get a better deal.

The final big improvement this year in dynasty mode is Minor League play. In the past, if your players weren't playing well, the only option you had was to bench them. Now, as the general manager of a Major League franchise, you have the option of sending someone down and giving a lucky player "the call." Each Major League franchise has its AA and AAA teams — yes, this includes the Portland Sea Dogs and the Pawtucket Red Sox. Now the options for game play are unlimited.

Despite its positives, one can't come away from dynasty



A screen shot from MVP Baseball 2004.

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mode without thinking that it has a half-baked feel. The team chemistry and player happiness are well and good, but at the same time there is no way to improve anything. At least the game play itself has some new options to it.

The graphics and audio have been updated for this year's edition, but not by much. The aesthetics of the game are pleasing to the eye and it looks like a real Fox Sports broadcast, although I have to admit that the announcers are lacking in decent commentary. They do well in pitch-by-pitch commentary and giving interesting tidbits of information and stats from last season, but when it comes down to calling on the

field plays, they don't do so well. In next year's edition, perhaps it's time for EA Sports to ditch Mike Krukow and Duane Kuiper, the announcers for Giants radio, and go with a different duo.

Another interesting feature is sound from the stands. For example, at each ballpark you can hear vendors in the stands selling hot dogs and the fans will jeer opposing players.

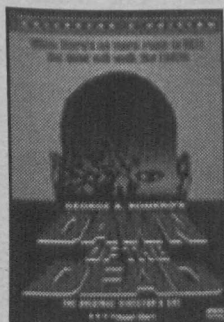
While the fundamentals have remained the same since last year's edition, there are a few changes. To pitch, you use the thumb sticks and select the pitch using the corresponding button on the controller. Fielding the ball, running the base paths and batting are all

primarily the same as before.

One of the best improvements to the game is the realism. For the first time, you have the option of charging the mound when hit by a pitch. While it doesn't show much, it does make for an interesting diversion during the game. Also in this year's edition, the player has the option of taking a visit to the mound when things are getting a little sticky. Do this at the right time and the stamina level of the pitcher increases. But, do this at the wrong time, the pitcher's rhythm gets jacked and his stamina goes down. The player also has the option of warming

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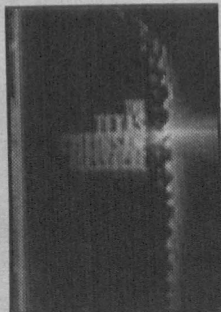


"Dawn of the Dead" (1978)

A remake is one thing, but a remake of a sequel? That's just crazy talk. What's next, a remake of "Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo?" Sometimes it's best to stick to the original, as is the case with "Dawn of the Dead." In 1978, George Romero released the long-awaited sequel to his zombie opus, "Night of the Living Dead." It missed much of the social commentary within the first one, but "Dawn of the Dead" was not without substance. The character-development of "Dawn" is something so foreign to today's horror movies that I think they have forgotten what it is entirely. Ken Foree's performance is particu-

larly noteworthy and you should watch for his cameo in the updated version of the movie. Where "Dawn of the Dead" really succeeds is in the gore department. Tom Savini — who also worked on the remake — is the master of make-up effects. From the cheesy blue zombie make-up to the incredible bloody effects — check out the bit where a zombie is partially decapitated by a helicopter blade — Savini proves he truly is the best. This older version also includes the main characteristic that all zombie movies should follow: zombies are slow because they are dead and decomposing. "28 Days Later" was innovative because the fiends ran, but those were not the undead. They were simply infected living people. Like the lumbering corpses, the original "Dawn of the Dead" does run a bit slow at times, but creepy atmosphere and balls-out blood and guts will make this a favorite for years to come.

-Derek Francis



"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (1974)

Recently to DVD and video is the Marcus Nispel re-interpretation of what was already a nail-biting endeavor. If you read *The Maine Campus'* review of the new version of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" then you'll remember that, while it was entertaining, it simply didn't hold a candle to director Tobe Hooper's initial vision.

Hooper delivered the goods with his '70s directorial debut. Unfortunately, he was never able to capture lightning in a bottle a second time, as each of his subsequent films was less than astounding. "Massacre" is probably as close as any of us

could get — or would want to get — to seeing a snuff film.

The lack of almost any musical score whatsoever and shaky camera-work — much better than in today's "classic" "Blair Witch Project" — places a tiny voice in the viewer's head that seems to say, "Maybe I shouldn't be watching this."

The guerrilla film-making tactics convey a type of dirtiness and violence that just isn't done anymore. Everything now is extremely sanitized for the audience's viewing pleasure. This is the original slasher flick so keep in mind, this is before there were "rules for survival" for these types of movies, so all bets are off.

While you watch handicapped people get sawed in half and freaks go crazy on a highway in broad daylight, one can't help but shudder and pray that it's really based on a true story, as the opening suggest.

-Derek Francis

The List

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Umbilical Brothers
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Blue Orphan
Maine Center for the Arts
Sunday @ 8 p.m.

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"The Expansion"
Tomorrow's Retro Future
Pavilion Theatre
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"Rock'n Blues
Dance for Choice"
The Sunset Strip Club
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Saturday @ 7 p.m.

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Saturday @ 5 p.m.

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Kat Roy stroked the piano and sang herself into a second place tie at Tuesday's Project competition. Tuesday was the last qualifying round, so now only the winners will compete for the coveted prize of free studio time to record a CD.

Three advance to next Project

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ule won't affect her set.

The winner of The Project is given a day in a recording studio, 100 free CDs and 10 hours

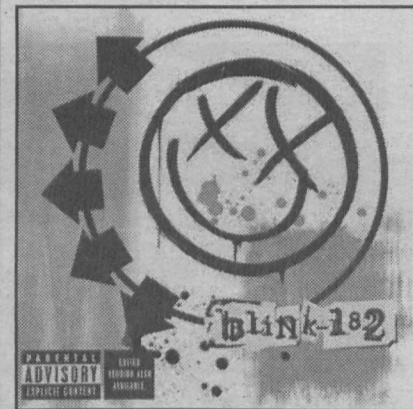
of consulting services from Jeff Hyman of the Auburn Moon Agency.

Goodale, Roy and Stoplight Rehearsal will be joined by Rob Roy, Quarter Crisis, Andy

Matson, Mary Holt, 4 Fold and the duo of Alex Rosenblatt and Colin Graebert at the semifinals.

The semifinals will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in Memorial Union.

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"Blink-182"
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Not having released an album since 2001, Blink-182 undoubtedly took the time off to experiment with new sounds and other musical projects. Geffen Records' Blink-182 came back to the music scene in 2003 with a delicious new maturity.

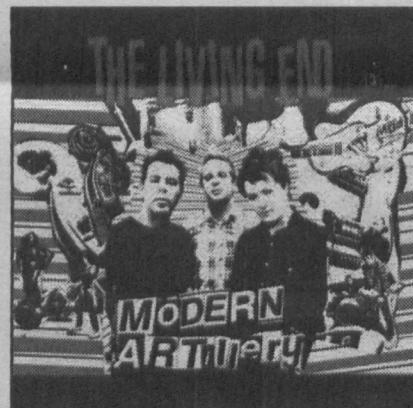
The self-titled album is the band's eighth release, and is a mixture of all their previous album sounds, with a new and interesting flavor thrown into the mix. The band has come out of the one-sound funk and transformed to a multi-genre blend.

Songs like "Feeling This," and more recently "I Miss You," have already been released to radio stations and music television, but there are

other tracks, yet to be unveiled to the masses, that are noteworthy. Songs such as "Down" and "Stockholm Syndrome" are prime examples. One of the album's best is "All of This" which features Robert Smith of The Cure. The song is not so much the driving chords and drums Blink is known for, but is more focused on the sultry vocals of Mark Hoppus and a set of lyrics that are filled with emotion. There's even a hip-hop reminiscent interlude on the album, which only makes it more appealing.

Blink-182 has finally found a sound that fits. The band should be proud of this album, even if it did take eight mediocre tries to get there.

-Aerin Raymond



The Living End
"Modern Artillery"
EMI Records

Aussie punk band The Living End returns with its fourth studio album, *Modern Artillery*, a follow-up to 2001's *Roll On*. While the band continues with its punk roots, it seems the band's music has not evolved over the past three years. Any track from their newest effort could be confused for a song on *Roll On*.

While to some people this might not be a necessarily negative issue, as their current sound is very catchy and easy to listen to, it does raise some interesting questions about the band. Have they reached their creative limit? Have they gone as far as they can go?

Putting that issue aside, *Modern Artillery* is actually a pretty solid CD. The hit single "Who's Gonna Save Us?" sets the pace and standard for the album. The song, a political statement — the band's

favorite topic — is addictive and fairly clever, like most of the songs on the CD.

Unlike other punk bands, the Living End does not sing much about love and relationships, which is a refreshing break from the teenage angst-doldrums of most punk bands these days (à la New Found Glory, Something Corporate, etc.). Instead, the band sings about politics, current events and other seemingly important issues. This helps to add to the uniqueness of the CD.

Modern Artillery is a good piece of work for what it is — a punk CD with a different point of view. Fans of the band may be disappointed (or pleased, for that matter) with the fact that the sound is nothing new. The real question is: what is next for the Living End and can they actually evolve as a band?

-Matt Kearney

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Hard drugs revealed

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kinds of pot — marijuana, hashish and then the stuff soaked in embalming fluid called “wet,” “fry” and “illy.” THC is the psychoactive stuff inside and has concentrations of 2 to 5 percent in the regular stuff, 15 percent in hashish and “wet” can be either. Not only is pot illegal, it also slows your reaction time. If you do become high, you should not drive for 12 hours. Using “wet” will get you high, but it also comes with violent and psychotic — read: you are going to jail — side effects. While pot may not be as dangerous as other drugs, it does kill brain cells and is considered a gateway drug that can lead to experimentation and addiction to harder substances.

Cocaine: How many drugs can you name that can kill you the first time you try it? This is the classic drug that produces a high and then a crash. This is followed by a not-as-high high, and then an even worse crash. Some

users die after speed balling, which is mixing heroin with cocaine and injecting it. Mistakenly thinking that the side effects cancel out, people who do this often overdose.

Ecstasy: This is another drug that can kill you on your first trip. It is also highly addictive and this can come after only rolling once. Complications of this drug can include making you what is in essence a paranoid schizophrenic with both auditory and tactile hallucinations — this means you hear voices and feel spiders crawling all over you. It can also give you Parkinson's Disease-like symptoms, pretty much ruining your night.

All of these drugs are illegal (with the exception of alcohol), expensive and can have dangerous effects on your health. If someone you know has a problem with drugs or alcohol, get them help as soon as possible. It's too late for Carrie, but it's not too late to help someone you know who is in trouble.

MVP features put it above

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pitchers up in the bullpen.

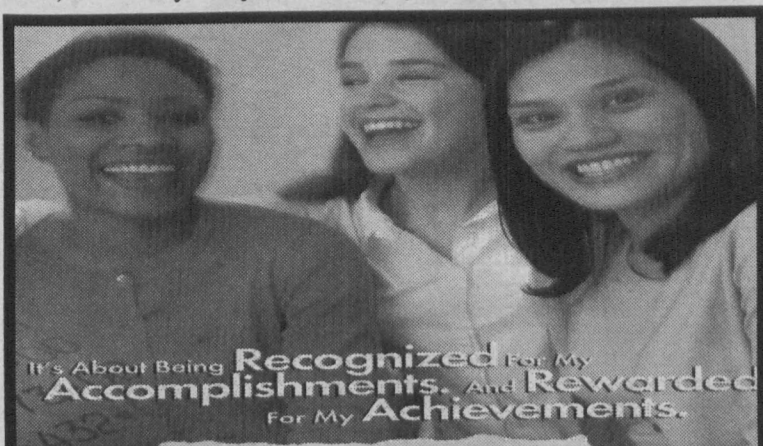
One of the biggest problems that the game has is the official scoring. Plays that would naturally be made in baseball, such as throwing to home, keep a runner from rounding third base and scoring a run or throwing to second to hold a runner at first, are marked up as errors. It doesn't make any sense. Those plays happen consistently in baseball, but in “MVP Baseball 2004,” those plays are marked down as an error. Another problem is that the rosters are only current as of Jan. 15. This is fine if you have a Playstation 2 or PC, but for those of us that own an X-Box, the only way we can

update our rosters is by inputting each trade manually — and unless the fair trade option is off, they rarely go through. Maybe next year EA Sports and Microsoft can finally come to terms on the X-Box Live component. Finally, for you San Francisco Giants fans, Barry Bonds is absent from the lineup this year in all baseball games. Due to his pulling out of the MLB Players Association, he is replaced in the Giants lineup by Jon Dowd, a fictional player.

While the fundamentals have remained since last year's edition, “MVP Baseball 2004” is definitely a step above from last year's game. If this trend continues, we can expect next year's game to be even better.

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| 1. FRANZ FERDINAND | Franz Ferdinand |
| 2. DEERHOOF | Milk Man |
| 3. VON BONDIES | Pawn Shoppe Heart |
| 4. TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS | True Love |
| 5. DANGER MOUSE | The Grey Album |
| 6. TV ON THE RADIO | Desperate Youth, Blood Thirsty Babes |
| 7. IRON AND WINE | Our Endless Numbered Days |
| 8. BAD PLUS | Give |
| 9. FIREWATER | Songs We Should Have Written |
| 10. MADVILLAIN | Madvillainy |
| 11. GET UP KIDS | Guilt Show |
| 12. HOLD STEADY | The Hold Steady Almost Killed Me |
| 13. ELECTRELANE | The Power Out |
| 14. SNOW PATROL | Final Straw |
| 15. STEREO LAB | Margarine Eclipse |
| 16. TRANS AM | Liberation |
| 17. AIR | Talkie Walkie |
| 18. CLOUDDEAD | Ten |
| 19. PHANTOM PLANET | Phantom Planet |
| 20. ZERO 7 | When It Falls |
| 21. PULLEY | Matters |
| 22. EAGLES OF DEATH METAL | Peace Love Death Metal |
| 23. BLONDE REDHEAD | Misery is a Butterfly |
| 24. EYEDEA AND ABILITIES | E&A |
| 25. LIVING END | Modern Artillery |
| 26. LOVELESS | Gift To The World |
| 27. RASPUTINA | Frustration Plantation |
| 28. CHALLENGER | Give People What They Want In Lethal Doses |
| 29. 50 FOOT WAVE | 50 Foot Wave [EP] |
| 30. WALKMEN | Bows And Arrows |



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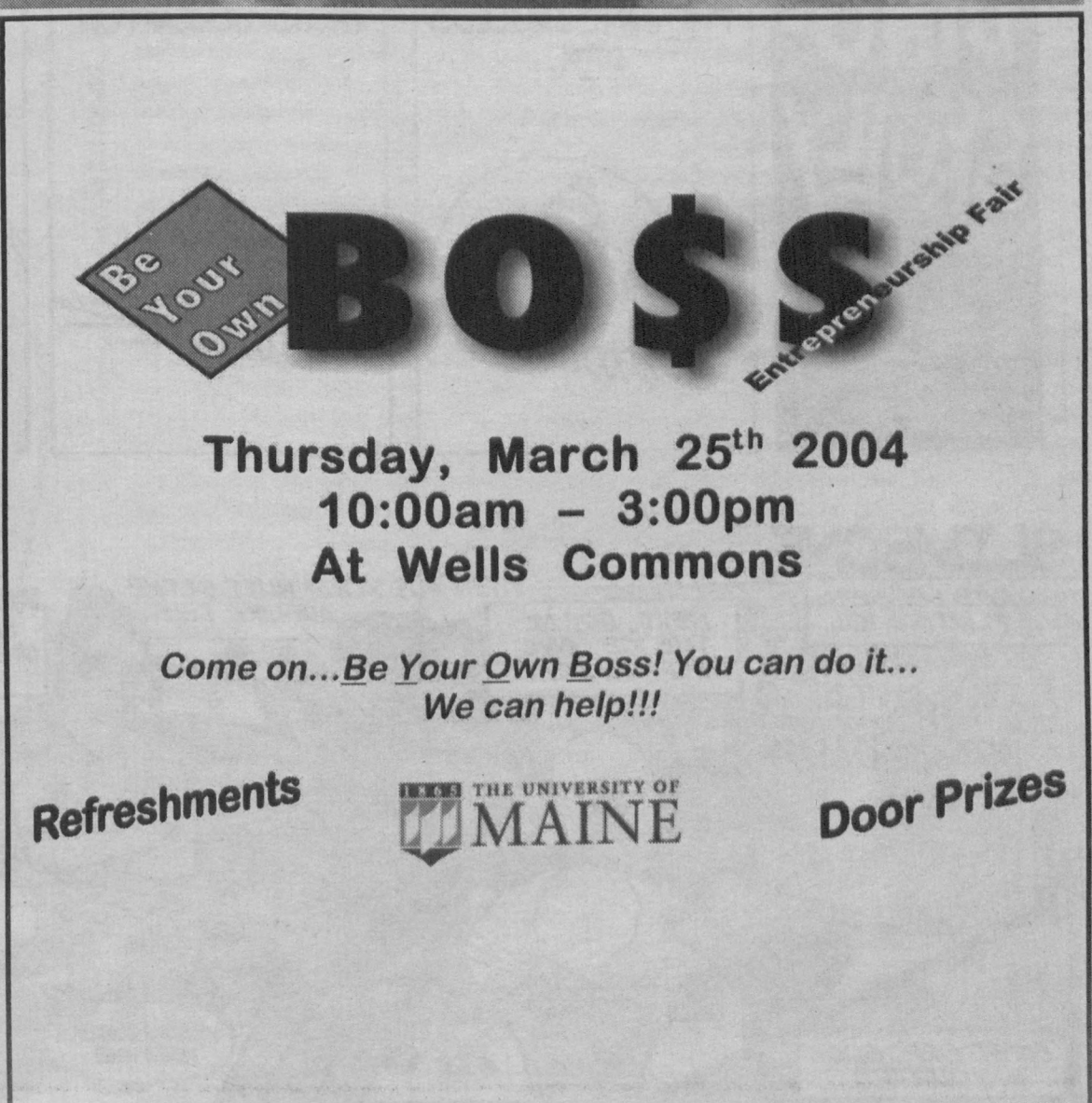
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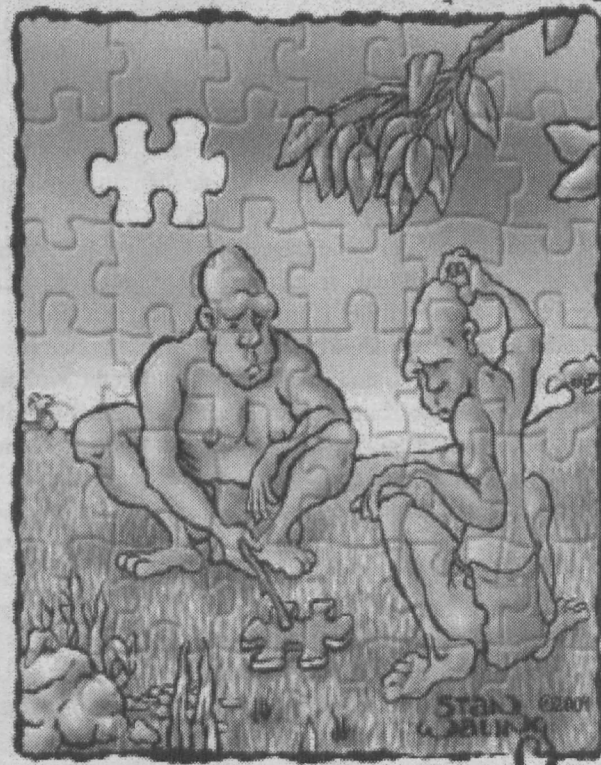


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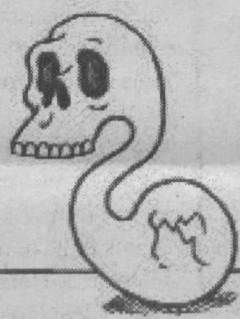
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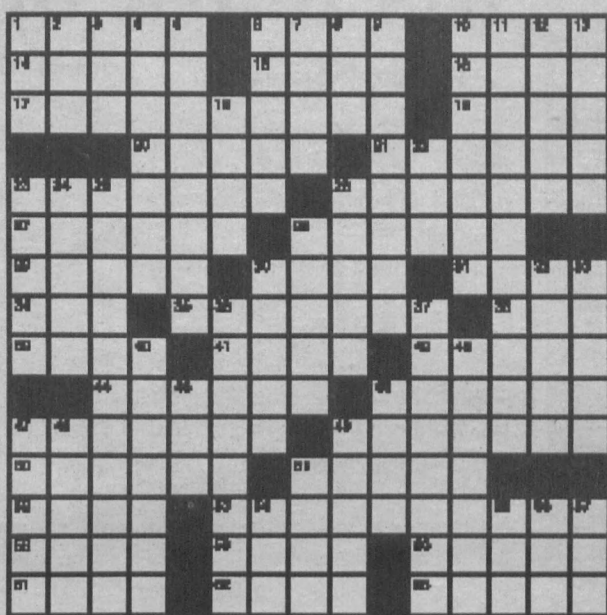
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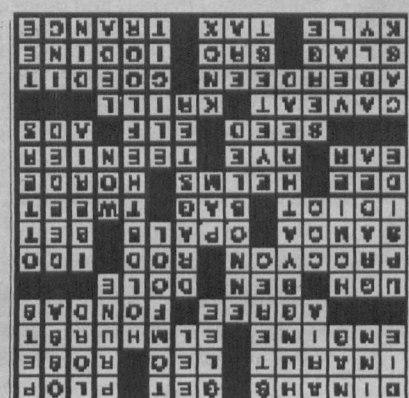
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 34. Cigar dropping
 35. Branch
 36. "Mistakes?"
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 41. Quince
 42. The best
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Solutions to previous puzzle



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SEX MATTERS with Dr. Sandy Caron

Understanding the female libido

My girlfriend sometimes goes for weeks without being interested in sex. However, the instant she is again, she assumes that I'll be ready to respond to her every solicitation. Is it normal for women's desires to swing like this? *Male, junior, University of Maine*

Thank you for your question. There seem to be two parts to it — one related to her expectations of you when she is interested, and the other which has to do with changing desire. I would like to address the latter first. Sexual desire varies considerably from person to person, and is not necessarily based on gender. For example, there are men who go for long periods of time without showing any interest and then all of a sudden seem to desire sex. Variation in desire is normal. There are some people who just seem to have low desire all the time, while others seem to go through life with high desire. In terms of the fluctuation in a person's desire, hormones can play a role for some women, and perhaps this is the case for your partner. As you have seen firsthand, sexual desire also varies from time to time for an individual. A person who used to be interested in sex on a daily basis may find that for whatever reason, she doesn't have time or it is not a priority at this point in her life. In your situation, you say she seems to have no desire for weeks and then is interested. Hormones, her work schedule and energy level and the state of your relationship could all be playing a role. As your relationship continues, you may be able to discover what seems to trigger her desire or lack thereof. Be prepared for what is in store.

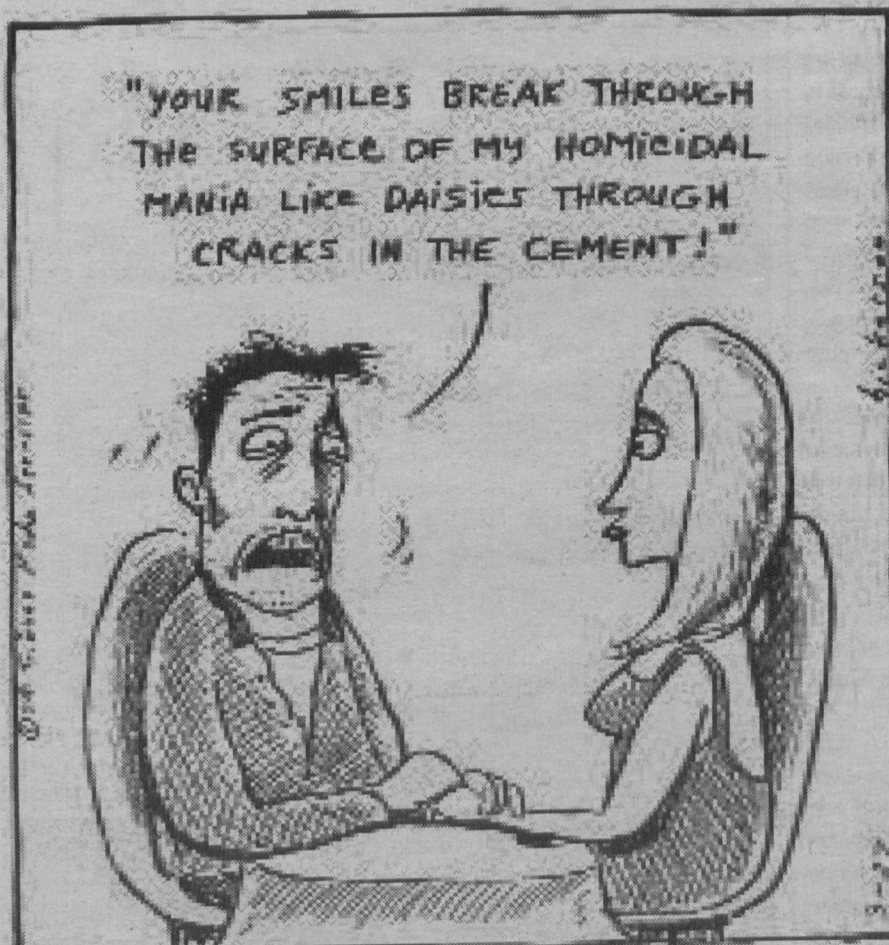
The other part of your question has to do with expectations. In your case, you say she is not interested at all for weeks and then once she is interested, she expects an immediate response, which does seem unfair. We are not robots, able to respond on command. Unfortunately, some people believe the misconception that all men are ready and interested in sex at the drop of a hat. We hear about studies that say that men think about sex hundreds of times a day, so why shouldn't he be able to perform this instant? As you describe your situation, it appears you have a wonderful opportunity to have a heart-to-heart with your girlfriend about what has been, until now, unspoken ground rules within your relationship. It is time to renegotiate. Having the conversation outside the bedroom will be useful, and making it clear that you want to improve the relationship — not cause problems — will reassure her that this conversation is important. Try to be honest. Talk about the how you feel about her not desiring you for weeks, as well as her expectation for an immediate response when she is interested. No one wants to feel pressured to do things they aren't ready for. Use this as an opportunity to strengthen the relationship.

Why are guys embarrassed to admit to being virgins? *Female, sophomore, University of Connecticut*

We give many, many social messages to boys as they are growing up to be competent, to be knowledgeable, and to be in charge, in such areas as sports and social performance. In this way, young men assume they are supposed to know and be competent in everything, even in sexual matters, before they have the experience. Everyone is a beginner sometimes. There is a first time and that can be very special.

I started seeing a guy who has human papilloma virus. He has gone to his family doctor and has used the cream. His doctor said he can barely see them. The warts are located on his mound (pubic) area. His doctor has referred him to see a specialist. Since he is on medication, can this be spread to me? Also, how can we use protection when they are on his mound area? *Female, senior, unidentified university*

Human papilloma virus is the most common sexually transmitted viral disease in the U.S., with more than 5 million new cases annually. The warts usually appear on the genitals a few months after exposure to an infected partner. They are not painful, but some strains have been associated with a higher incidence of cervical cancer. HPV is extremely contagious, so it is in your best interest to wait until the small warts have been treated to proceed with genital contact. As you know, a male condom is not going to cover the mound where the warts are located. If you use a female condom, the rim may offer some protection from coming in contact with his mound, but it cannot be guaranteed to keep the area covered during sexual intercourse. Although the cream he is using is effective in removing the warts, it works slowly and may take months, and the warts are still contagious. In addition, contact with him is not advised while he is using the cream that is designed to burn off the warts. Direct contact between this cream and your genitals would not be pleasant. I am glad to know he is being referred to a specialist — someone who works specifically with sexually transmitted diseases — who can verify that these are genital warts and remove them more quickly. Genital warts can be removed by laser surgery, cryotherapy (freezing), cauterization (burning) or surgical excision. Once they are treated and the skin has healed, your friend should plan regular follow-up visits and also check himself regularly, since recurrence is not uncommon. As his sexual partner, you should proceed with caution once all signs of the warts are gone.

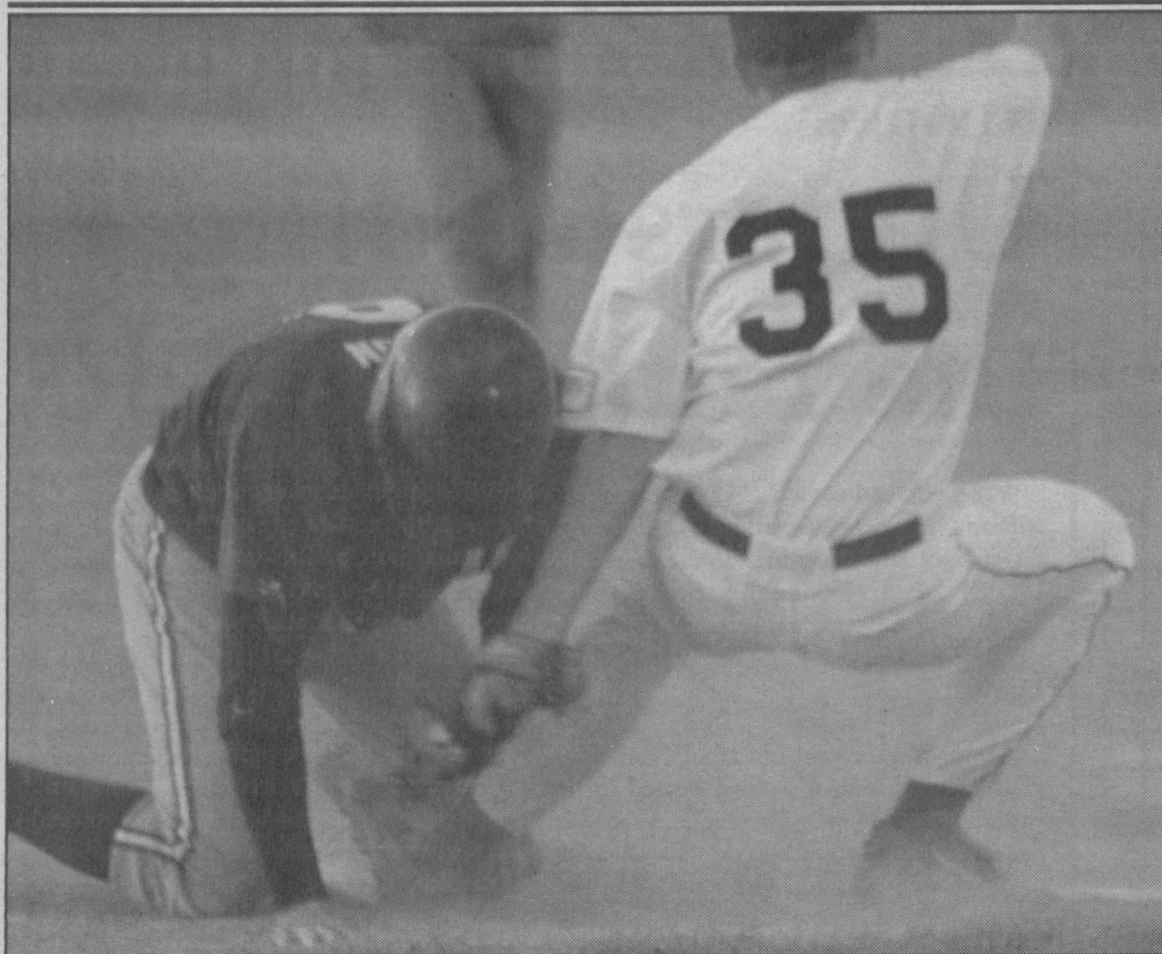


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OUT — Black Bear 3rd Baseman Aaron Izaryk tags a Colby College player in one of the last baseball games of the 2003 season. The team improved to 10-7 on the season, but won't play at Mahaney Diamnod until mid-April.

Black Bears find success in Florida

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outing saw a feverish explosion from their offense on opening day. Joe Hough gave the Black Bears the only homerun of the evening. Maine would finish the outcome with 12 hits, while St. Francis headed to the clubhouse with four hits. Greg Creek and Matt McGraw posted impressive starts and served as the catalysts for the Black Bears' offense assault from the plate. Creek had four hits in five appearances at the plate, with two RBIs, while freshman Matt McGraw snatched two runs and two hits from the plate. Maine would conclude their first weekend of competition with a 6-1 loss to LaSalle.

The Black Bears would earn arguably their most notable victory this season with an impressive 7-2 victory against Boston College following the LaSalle loss. The Eagles, widely considered one of the best teams in the Northeastern, were overwhelmed by a powerful eighth inning from Maine, which featured the decisive hitting of Mike Ferriggi. The talented junior from Baltimore tallied a two-run single that provided the Black Bears with the dagger they needed to cap off the victory. Greg Norton pitched six innings, allowing four hits and two runs, one of which was earned. Coming in to secure the Norton win was Scott Robinson, who pitched three dazzling innings of relief to pick up the save. The Black Bears would round out the rest of the week with a disheartening four straight losses, none more disappointing than the Black Bears' 9-3 loss to Miami, a game in which Maine held control of the outcome going into the sixth inning 3-2. The victory came after the Hurricanes took the lead for the first time in the seventh inning with seven runs. The inning was highlighted by RBI singles from Joey Hooft and Jon Jay along

with a base clearing triple from Brian Barton. For Maine it was Greg Creek, who provided the Black Bears with their only home run of the day.

After the match Miami head coach Jim Morris commented on Maine's early ability to hinder the Hurricanes game and his teams inability to avoid mistakes.

"It was a good win, but we made some mistakes early," said Miami head coach Jim Morris said "[Mike] MacDonald pitched very well for Maine tonight, but we made some early mistakes that hurt us."

Miami was able to garner the victory largely because of its superior base stealing. Aggressive running on the base paths led to eight stolen bases, the most for the Hurricanes since stealing 10 bases against Clemson on June 2, 2001. Paco Figueroa led the way with three stolen bases, making him 10-for-10 on the season. For Maine, the week tailed off with losses against Villanova, Temple, and Wagner.

As the Black Bears went full-spin into their second week of Florida Ball, they were able to get back on track with key victories against St. Josephs. In the first of the two meetings, the Black Bears scored a run in each of the first two innings, before the Hawks came back to take a 3-2 lead in the third inning and added to its lead with a run in the fourth. Maine would tally four runs in the fifth inning to hold a 6-4 lead, but once again, St. Joseph's evened the game at 6-6 in the eighth. Maine answered with three runs in the bottom of the eighth to earn the 9-6 win.

Aaron Izaryk carried the Black Bears to the decision, as he went 2 for 4, scoring two runs and driving in three. Simon Williams also went 2 for 4, scoring a run and driving in two, while teammate Mike Ferriggi had two hits and two runs scored. Scott Robinson pitched the final 1.2

innings the win.

In the two team's second entanglement, Maine was led by McGraw, who made contact for three important hits. Ferriggi and local boy Joel Barrett, from Brewer, each added two hits for Maine, while Simon Williams scored two runs. Creek brought home two runs for the Black Bears, as they coasted to a 6-1 decision. On the pitching end of things MacDonald allowed just one unearned run and improved to 1-0 on the season.

Maine extended its hot play by going 5 of 6 in its last appearances in the Sunshine State. The span would include strong wins against Division III power Cortland State and unheralded Iowa. The Black Bears won by scores of 4-3 and 3-2 and a 3-2 victory against the Hawkeyes. Maine would leave Florida with a 7-7 record after picking up momentum at the end of the stretch.

This weekend also provided the Black Bears with another chance to boost their young record with a trio of games against Niagara. Maine swept a pair of games from Niagara on Saturday afternoon in Salisbury, Maryland. The Black Bears won the first game 18-8 and the second one 8-6. With the outcomes Maine improved 9-7 on the season.

Joe Hough went 5 for 6 with three doubles; a home run and seven RBI to lead Maine to an 18-8 win over the Purple Eagles in game one. Izaryk was 4 for 5 with two home runs and five RBI, while teammate Ferriggi (Bellmore, Md.) was 4 for 5 with two doubles and two RBI's. Troy Martin was able to give Maine five flawless innings in relief to earn the victory and improve to 1-0 on the season, after striking out five.

In second game of the day, Quintal posted a 2 for 3 mark at the plate, with a home run and three RBI's. Norton contributed five innings to earn his second win of the season.

Dobson leaves his mark on UM

From **DOBSON** on page 19

so far from home," the point guard. "My grandfather said I needed a new experience, so I came up here."

It was ultimately a smooth fit for Dobson who occupied the point guard position in his two years at Maine. In Dobson's first season, he averaged nine points per game and shot 410 percent from the field. However, it was his emergence as one of the leagues best guards this season that turned the most heads. Dobson came to this season's preseason practices and showed a better understanding for the position. As well as developing mentally Dobson, came back stronger and quicker. It was these new qualities that allowed Dobson to have the year that everyone anticipated. When asked what changes he thinks were the most important between the two seasons, he doesn't cite his own game but rather an improvement in the team.

"Last year we were teams inside of a team," comments Dobson. "This year there was more of a bond between the players."

He believes it was this main attribute that factored into the Black Bears' success this season. At the same time he also believes that the team's heartbreaking

quarter-final loss to Northeastern in the America East Tourney last season helped to motivate the team.

"We wanted it really bad this year," said Dobson.

Nearly two weeks after the Black Bears ended their season in Burlington Vt. in the America East title game, Dobson is already looking to the Black Bears' future, even if he is not going to a part of it. He believes next years team has all the right players and tools to make the same type of postseason run in 2005.

"Next year's team is picking up Jermaine Jackson and Ernest Turner, so they should be good," Dobson said.

As for himself, Dobson has his own goals to pursue. In May Dobson will graduate from UMaine with a major in child development and hopes to be making an impact on the court or off it.

"Hopefully I can play somewhere professional; otherwise I would like to do something with children," Dobson said.

Whatever path Dobson embarks on in the near future, one thing is for sure; his presence will definitely be heard, even if he is trying to pass by with as little noise as possible.

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Sweet 16 match-ups should entertain fans

From SWEET 16 on page 20

so grossly thrown on the bandwagon by TV analysts and picked by the majority to make the Final Four, was gone. It was beautiful. I loved seeing everyone agonize over the defeat. Last week I said they wouldn't make the Sweet 16, and was patting myself on the back for such a prediction. The end of the season loss to Washington never left the team's mind, and they should have had at least three losses prior to that game. Last second shots to win erased shoddy performances all season for Stanford. Now Josh Childress has time to trim his afro.

If Saturday hadn't shoved enough paper through the shredder for people (like me), Sunday was no disappointment. The day began with overrated Mississippi State losing to a hot Xavier team. For most, State going past the Sweet 16 should have been a no-brainer. But after I saw how many people were distraught by the game it was clear some just don't understand how the upsets work. An overachieving team like Mississippi State never continues the streak into the postseason, and losing their second round game by 15 warrants no sympathy from me.

Later that afternoon Vanderbilt took care of N.C.

State, a team some had actually beating Connecticut in the next round. Are you serious? Forget the crap about Omeka Okafor not being 100 percent, even if he was out the Huskies would have annihilated them, just as they will Vanderbilt tonight. N.C. State's success was all based on Julius Hodge. After he fouled out of the game against Vandy with 2:45 left and an eight-point lead, Hodge sat and watched his team give the game away. They served the victory on a silver platter.

Without a doubt the weekend shocker and ultimate bracket-buster game was UAB sliding past Kentucky. Who in the world saw this coming? UAB has been receiving healthy respect from critics before and after their great win over Washington, but come on, Kentucky? The No. 1 team in the tournament surrendering in the second round? You bet. Again I was delighted to see the outcome, and having the Wildcats losing to Kansas in the next round anyway in my bracket will earn me a lot of points. In addition, the Kentucky Final Four bandwagon was just as packed as Stanford's ride was, and watching everyone suffer was just as sweet.

We are now left with some excellent Sweet 16 match-ups, despite a few high seeds absent from the party. Predicting each

game would be tedious and strenuous for you readers, I know (and I applaud you for reading this far), but here are three games which could raise blood pressures this weekend.

KANSAS VS. UAB — Let's continue with the boys from Alabama-Birmingham. The game against Kentucky was no fluke, but I'd be lying if I told you I'm not surprised by the outcome. What was so impressive was UAB's poise down the line. Seeing their lead deteriorate and eventually being down by seven points with three minutes to play, UAB just upped the intensity and chipped away at the lead with incredible defense and free throws. It also showed they were for real. Kansas could be in some serious trouble because their conditioning is nowhere near that of the Blazers and head coach Bill Self has spoken openly about it. The slower, more half-court style of Kansas does not play well with the style used by UAB, a ruthlessly paced self-proclaimed "40 minutes of hell" similar to that of the Arkansas teams of the early 90's. Don't be surprised if another elite program falls to the Blazers this weekend.

XAVIER VS. TEXAS — I'm not saying it will happen, although the chances are there. The Longhorns have been playing good ball but Xavier has been playing even better. I know

I am being a hypocrite by jumping on "their" wooden vehicle, it hurts believe me, but I can't pass it up. Lionel Chalmers and Romain Sato will be fun to watch against the Texas guards of Brandon Mutton and Royal Ivey. In terms of momentum, the edge goes to the Musketeer backcourt. They are playing too well. Xavier by two.

DUKE VS. ILLINOIS — A game being overlooked by many as just another branch in the way of Duke's axe, but it's more than that. Illinois is playing at the top of its game, and if any two guards can lead their team the way Nelson and West of St. Joe's do, it's Dee Brown and Deron Williams of Illinois. Chris Duhon has been hampered with bruised ribs and the first two games showed Duhon in serious pain. J.J. Redick, the Blue Devil's swingman hasn't been shooting the way he was earlier in the season. It will come down to defense and rebounding, skills both teams have. Look for the Fighting Illini to possibly knock the Cameron Crazies back to Durham.

There's a good chance none of these could happen, but if any of them do, the dream will stop there for the underdogs. As for San Antonio: Oklahoma State vs. Georgia Tech and Duke vs. Connecticut.

UM softball

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want to make sure we put ourselves in the position to be in the top four. We will be competitive with any team in the conference."

After an inconsistent two weeks in sunny Florida, the Black Bears will look to improve as they gear up for their fast approaching conference schedule.

"We had times that we were very successful but we weren't consistent at all," Smith said. "The biggest thing we were surprised about, coming out of Florida, was our lack of offense."

While several pitchers, most notably sophomore Sarah Bennis and junior Jennifer Merchant pitched well for Maine in Kissimmee, Maine struggled offensively. Central Florida pitched a no-hitter against Maine, which was one of the four times the Black Bears were shut out. Maine fell to conference foe Boston University 8-3, but Smith does not believe the game is a good indicator of her team's conference season still to come.

"We played sloppy," Smith said. "We made a number of mental mistakes in the game... The score in that one is not at all indicative of where things should be in the season."

Smith said they are moving in the right direction.

"Our biggest thing is consistency," Smith said. "That's kind of our motto for the year and we definitely didn't put that together down there."

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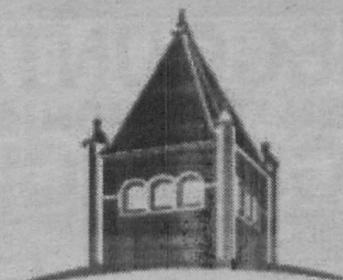
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UM hockey arrives at NCAA Regionals

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has four goals and seven assists for 11 points. Junior Ryan Lannon (0-9-9) is also an important player for Harvard's defense.

The Crimson's biggest reason for success down the stretch has been their junior goalie Dov Grumet-Morris. Grumet-Morris is 16-13-3 on the season, with a 2.27 goals against average, a .916 save percentage, and three shutouts. In Harvard's ECAC playoff run, Grumet-Morris had one shutout and made 30-plus saves twice. He has given up just 10 goals in his last six games. Against UMaine for his career, he is 0-2 and has given up seven goals.

"Anytime you have a good run down the stretch, and certainly he's been good throughout his career at Harvard," Whitehead said. "We've faced some hot goalies recently ourselves. It will be important to get to the netfront and take his eyes away."

While Grumet-Morris has been outstanding for Harvard, Jimmy Howard has been even more spectacular for UMaine. Howard has given up just four goals in his last six games and has had three shutouts. His goals against average (1.05) and save percentage (.958) are poised to shatter the NCAA single-season records in both categories. Howard is 12-3-3 on the year and has won his last six decisions, and is unbeaten in seven. He hasn't given up an even-strength goal since December 5 at Merrimack.

"He just continues to amaze me with what he's been able to do every weekend," Whitehead said of

Howard. "He's playing exceptional right now, and we're real excited for Jimmy."

Whitehead said the decision is not final for the goaltending this weekend, meaning senior Frank Doyle (18-4-0, 1.84 GAA, .922 save percentage, 5 SO) could get a chance to play.

"As always, we'll make that decision before the game, but with the way Jimmy's playing right now, there is a good chance that he will be in the net," Whitehead said.

One other interesting subplot to the game will be the faceoff of the Murphy brothers.

UMaine junior Ben Murphy, who scored the game-winning goal in the third overtime of the Hockey East Championship game, will get to play against his brother Dan Murphy, a sophomore at Harvard, on Friday.

"I've never played against him in a competitive sport before," Ben Murphy said. "Especially being the stage that it's on. It's not even that you'll face your sibling in a game like this. It's going to be exciting."

Ben has three goals and eight assists for 11 points, while brother Dan has two goals and one assist for three points for Harvard this year.

The winner of the UMaine-Harvard game will face off with either Ohio State (26-15-0) or Wisconsin (21-12-8) in the East Regional Final at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Ohio State and Wisconsin play at 8:30 p.m. Friday night. The winner of the East Regional advances to the Frozen Four, to be played at the FleetCenter in Boston April 8-10.

EAST REGIONAL TEAMS

Maine Black Bears

Coach: Tim Whitehead (3rd Season, 8th Overall)
Seed: 1
Conference: Hockey East
Overall Record: 30-7-3
How Qualified: Automatic Bid (Hockey East Champions)
Regular Season Conference Finish: 2nd (17-5-2)
Conference Tournament Result: Won
Championship 2-1 in 3OT over Massachusetts
Leading Scorers: (goals-assists-points) Colin Shields, SR., F (17-25-42), Michel Leveille, FR., F (5-33-38), Todd Jackson, SR., F (20-12-32)
Top Goalies: (record, goals against average, save percentage, shutouts) Jimmy Howard, SO. (12-3-3, 1.05, .958, 6), Frank Doyle, SR. (18-4-0, 1.84, .922, 5)
The Skinny: Maine will be the favorites in the bracket. With the Black Bears leading the country in goals against per game at 1.55, the defense and goaltending is hard to beat, especially for teams that struggle offensively. But, if Maine can't put the puck in the net themselves, as the team has struggled to do during the Hockey East Tournament, it could spell trouble against a hot goalie. UMaine was just 1-for-18 on the Power Play during the Hockey East Playoffs. UMaine's seven-game winning streak is tied for longest coming into NCAA tournament with its first-round opponent, Harvard. UMaine is the only 30-win team in the field.

Ohio State Buckeyes

Coach: John Markell (10th Season)
Seed: 2
Conference: Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA)
Overall Record: 26-15-0
How Qualified: Automatic Bid (CCHA Champions)
Regular Season Conference Finish: 4th (16-12-0)
Conference Tournament Result: Won
Championship 4-2 over Michigan
Leading Scorers: Paul Capinigrì, SR., F (17-22-39), Scott May, SR., F (15-19-34), Doug Andress, SR., D (5-27-32)
Top Goalies: Mike Betz, SR. (17-13-0, 2.67, .899, 3), Dave Caruso (9-2-0, 2.09, .920, 2)
The Skinny: The Buckeyes impressively won three games on three consecutive nights to win the CCHA title. Two of the wins came in overtime, both over NCAA tourney teams Notre Dame and Miami of Ohio

before knocking off conference Regular Season champ Michigan for the title. OSU defeated UMaine 4-2 on December 27 in the first round of the Florida Everblades College Classic. Caruso took over the goaltending duties after Betz was pulled from the quarterfinal game with Notre Dame, which was a come-from-behind win for the Buckeyes. Capinigrì, May, Dave Steckel, Dan Knapp, and Andrew Schembri are all talented scorers. Andress and Nate Guenin can both score from the defensive position. If the Buckeyes put it all together, they can beat anyone in the field, but consistency has been a problem at times this year. OSU's current six-game winning streak is its longest of the season.

Wisconsin Badgers

Coach: Mike Eaves (2nd Season)
Seed: 3
Conference: Western Collegiate Athletic Association (WCHA)
Overall Record: 21-12-8
How Qualified: At-Large Bid
Regular Season Conference Finish: 3rd (14-7-7)
Conference Tournament Result: Lost a best-of-three quarterfinal series to Alaska-Anchorage in Quarterfinals at home in three games
Leading Scorers: Rene Bourque, SR., F (15-20-35), Ryan MacMurchy, SO., F (15-12-27), Robbie Earl, FR., F (14-12-26)
Top Goalie: Bernd Bruckler (18-9-8, 2.16, .922, 3)
The Skinny: Mike Eaves has begun the resurrection process of the once-proud Wisconsin hockey program, landing them in the NCAA's for the first time since 2001. He has done it by bringing in some of the top freshman in the country: Earl, Andrew Joudrey, Ryan Suter, Jeff Likens, and Jake Dowell. Suter was drafted seventh overall by the Nashville Predators in this summer's NHL Draft. Mark Heatley, the younger brother of former Badger and current Atlanta Thrashers standout Dany Heatley, is also a member of the freshman class. Eaves' sons, Ben and Patrick, both play at Boston College. Wisconsin has been in the top five of the polls most of the season, but has been inconsistent from February through March, especially down the stretch. Inexperience may finally be catching up with the young team. They have as much talent as anyone and have beaten national powers North Dakota and Minnesota this year. UMaine crushed Wisconsin 6-2 in the finals of the Maverick Stampede tournament in Omaha, Neb. on October 11.

Harvard Crimson

Coach: Mark Mazzoleni (5th Season, 16th Overall)
Seed: 4
Conference: Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)
Overall Record: 18-14-3
How Qualified: Automatic Bid (ECAC Champions)
Regular Season Conference Finish: 6th (10-10-2)
Conference Tournament Result: Won Championship 4-2 over Clarkson
Leading Scorers: Tom Cavanagh, JR., F (16-20-36), Tim Pettit, SR., F (10-23-33), Tyler Kolarik, SR., F (12-18-30)
Top Goalie: Dov Grumet-Morris, JR. (16-13-3, 2.27, .916, 3)
The Skinny: Harvard is getting hot at exactly the right time. The team was almost a consensus pick to win the ECAC going away this year, but stumbled badly in the regular season. The Crimson have come together in the playoffs, needing to win the conference tournament to make the tourney field. The team has plenty of gifted scorers and physical defenseman, which may make it hard for UMaine's forwards to get to the slot. Grumet-Morris is one of the hottest goalies in the country and has the ability to steal games. Harvard is looked at as a team with nothing to lose that could pull off amazing things. The Crimson won the conference championship at the Pepsi Arena in Albany, which is where the East Regional will be contested. Harvard also has the added motivation of a Frozen Four being held across the Charles River from its Cambridge, Mass., campus at the FleetCenter.

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A Quiet Leader

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

When noon rolls around in Memorial Union it is quite a challenge to find one distinguishable face. A person can go for minutes searching for a familiar face in the

responds just as you would expect he would; with modest.

"That was a pretty good game, but I also had some turnovers," Dobson said shaking his head. "The ball was getting wet and hard to control."

It now becomes clear that Dobson is not

Senior point-guard Eric Dobson leaving UM with lasting imprint

crowds of people that scour the Marketplace at feeding time. However, when University of Maine men's basketball player Eric Dobson made his way through the cluttered hallway leading to the Marketplace entrance, you would have trouble finding one person not dazzled by the presence of the senior point guard.

Although Dobson quietly coasts around campus trying to attract as little attention as necessary, it is hard not to notice when the star's ever-present smile enters the room. Dobson's gentle and docile personality makes it extremely easy to enjoy the compa-

ny of the point guard. His often quiet nature and easy-going spirit are refreshingly different from the cluttered collection of blowhard athletes that fill today's sports world.

It's hard to imagine such a relaxed personality leading an NCAA basketball team into battle, but this season Dobson did just that with the Black Bears. The 6-foot-3-inch guard served as the catalyst for the

one to step into the limelight. The manner in which he shook off his near record-breaking performance is an admirable quality. Instead of acknowledging his dazzling play, he addresses his mistakes and what he could have done differently a trait often exemplified in the most passionate of athletes that are always looking for a new way to fine tune their game. It is also obvious now that Dobson is always looking for some type of improvement. As he recalls the past season, he pin-points the exact game he feels was the turning point for him on the year.

"The first game against Florida State, I was pressing a lot," Dobson said. "I was playing in front of family. I didn't want to come out and show off but I didn't want to sit back."

He believes the first game of the season against FSU played an important role in his improvement over the course of the year, allowing him to see what he could not do anymore. The game also provided Dobson with a homecoming of sorts as the team faced off with the Florida State Seminoles in Tallahassee. Dobson, who hails from Immokalee, left the Sunshine State two years ago to come to Maine after a successful Junior College career. After averaging 12 points per game and leading St. Petersburg Community College to a berth in the NJCAA National tournament in Kansas, Dobson felt it was time for a change of scenery. It was a decision that didn't come with a little doubt at first, but ultimately it was the help of his family that led him to his final choice.

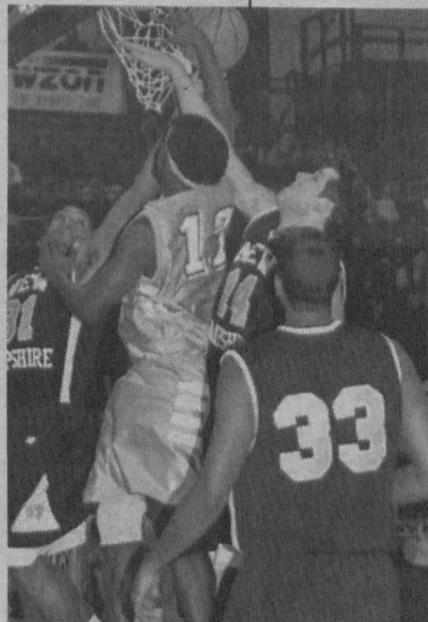
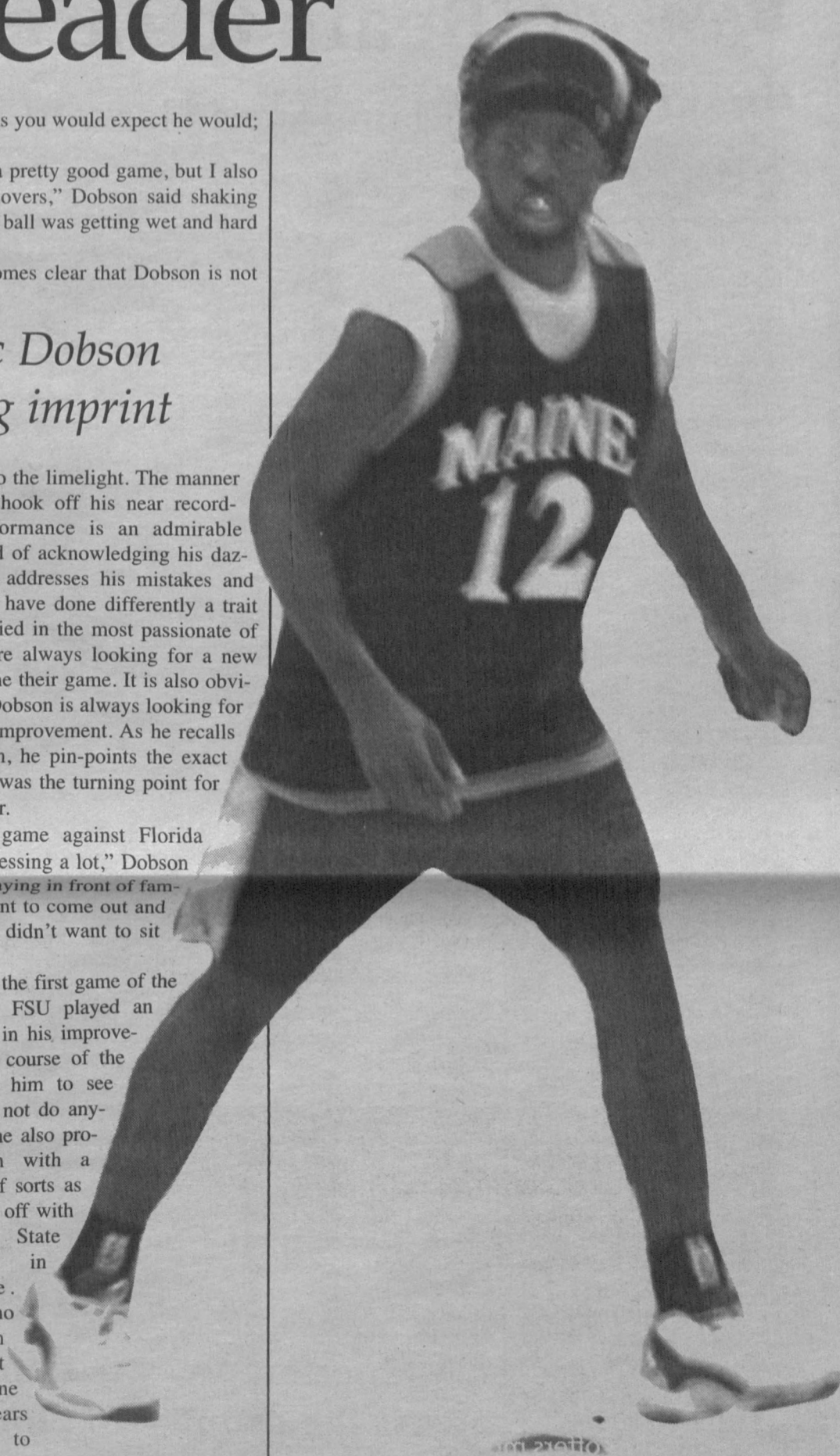
"At first it was a little bit of an iffy decision. I had never been



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HOLLY BARBER
Eric Dobson heads for the basket during the November 2 blue-white scrimmage

Black Bears' 20-10 season, which fell one game short of the program's first ever NCAA tournament bid. Along the way, Dobson managed to attract plenty of attention, as he collected a league-leading 5.9 assists per game and finished 13th in the league in scoring, with 12.3 points per game. Dobson's tremendous play throughout the regular season garnered him a spot on the All-America East Second team.

In Maine's quarter final match, Dobson finished one assist and rebound shy of the America East tournament's first triple-double ever. He headed to the locker room that afternoon with 20 points, nine assists and nine rebounds against a strong Binghamton team that gave Maine. Maine offensive explosion help to catapult the Black Bears to the only overtime victory of the tournament. When asked about his performance, arguably one of the best of the tournament, Dobson



FILE PHOTO
Eric Dobson fights for the rebound during the Feb. 11 game against UNH.

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Breaking down the Sweet 16

By Kyle
Fortinsky
For The
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My initial reaction after Nevada destroyed Gonzaga last weekend during the second round of the NCAA basketball tournament was a mixture of relief and confusion. Relief came after finally seeing the Zags are all hype and cannot handle the pressure of entering the tournament higher than a 10 seed, and confusion arose after they willingly folded to a fellow mid-major. This was supposed to be Gonzaga's year. St. Joseph's was busy grabbing all the pre-tourney "Cinderella number one" hype, and for once the little school from eastern Washington dodged bandwagon speculation by critics. However, it was to no avail and Nevada won in a rout, maintaining a double-digit lead for nearly the whole game and earning a trip to the Sweet 16.

I had accepted the loss, and despite picking Gonzaga to lose in the second round anyway, inside I was hoping for them to make a run at the Final Four.

As a matter of fact, the opening weekend of the tournament was full of outcomes I had to learn to accept and, more importantly, get used to. Not because my bracket has gone to hell (it survived the opening weekend beating alright), but because I know the surprises are not over, and if you are familiar with this tournament at all you are thinking the same way. I love upsets and often find myself rooting against certain picks I made in my own bracket. I picked North Carolina to play Duke in the Elite Eight, but did I really want them there? Hell no. I had to close my eyes while penciling U-N-C in three times. Let's take a moment and relish in last week's upsets and predict new ones for tonight, tomorrow, and the weekend.

Just as people were coming to terms with Nevada's win, Alabama decided to give out free heart attacks by derailing Stanford. The Cardinal, a team

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Bears to face-off with Crimson

UMaine faces Harvard in first round of NCAA Regional

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team is just four wins away from what many would have considered an impossibility when the season began in October: a national championship.

The Black Bears will begin their quest as the top seed in the East Regional against the Harvard Crimson at 5 p.m. Friday, at the Pepsi Arena in Albany, N.Y.

Men's Hockey

"They're playing great hockey right now," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead. "We're playing good hockey as well. The last two teams we played were hot down the stretch, and we were able to cool them off a little bit. We expect this to be as challenging as

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the games with BU and UMass. We'll have to step to the plate."

Both the Black Bears and the Crimson carry the longest winning streaks of NCAA tournament teams, with seven straight wins for both sides. The Black Bears won Hockey East's automatic bid by defeating UMass 2-1 in triple overtime, the fourth-longest game in NCAA history. Harvard qualified with Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference's automatic bid, defeat-



CAMPUS PHOTO • MATEJ KRAJKOVIC

GOAL — Forward Derek Damon a Bangor native, struggles with Ryan Sullivan, defenseman for Merrimack College, while all three watch a shot just miss the net from the March 13 game. The Bears will play Harvard in the first round of the NCAA Regional tournament in Albany, N.Y. on Friday at 5 p.m.

Clarkson 4-2 in dramatic fashion at Pepsi Arena in Albany on Saturday to win the league title. Senior captain Kenny Smith scored the winner with just 38 seconds remaining in the third period to break the tie, and then Dennis Packard added an empty netter for the final margin.

The Crimson are 18-14-3 on the year with a 10-10-2 regular season ECAC record, good enough for sixth place in the 12-team league. Harvard is coached by Mark

Mazzoleni, in his fifth year at Harvard. This is the third straight time that the Crimson have made the NCAA tournament. Two years ago, UMaine was pushed to overtime in the first round of the NCAA tournament by the Crimson before then-freshman John Ronan netted the game-winner, sending the Crimson home and helping UMaine advance to the National Championship game.

Harvard has tons of quality players, especially at the forward posi-

tion. Junior Tom Cavanaugh leads the way with 16 goals and 20 assists for 36 points. Senior Tim Pettit (10 goals-23 assists-33 points), senior Tyler Kolarik (12-18-30), and junior Brendan Bernakevitch (10-19-29) are other key players for the Crimson attack.

Harvard is also deep at the defensive position. Junior Noah Welch is the leader with six goals and 13 assists for 19 points. Smith

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UMaine competes with teams across the country in Florida

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine softball team returned from its trip to Florida last week where the Black Bears spent two weeks competing with teams from all over the country.

Softball

The team was scheduled to make a stop at Hofstra for a two-day tournament last weekend but Hofstra canceled the tournament due to snow. The Black Bears now find themselves with a 7-10 record, and after playing ball for two straight weeks in Kissimmee, Fla., they will go two weeks without playing a game before they head to Hamden, Conn. on Friday to play Quinnipiac.

In her fourth year as head coach

at Maine after being both a player and assistant for the Black Bears, Deb Smith looks to once again improve in conference play next month. Each year that she has been the team's head coach the Black Bears have improved. Last year her team was 26-22 and 13-9 in the America East.

Maine will host the conference tournament this May. Smith is excited about the opportunity to be the host team and believes her team can make a run at the conference championship. Maine has not won the conference championship since 1994, which was Smith's senior season with the Black Bears.

"We expect to compete for the tournament championship," Smith said. "We have to get there first. We

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Black Bears return from Florida with .500 record

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

While the majority of students at the University of Maine took part in the annual goings-on of spring break, a group of 26 enrollees began a quest that will hopefully bring

Baseball

them to glory in late May as most students enjoyed the perks of a week in Cancun, Mexico or a relaxing trip to their hometown, the University of Maine men's baseball team kicked off its season in the tropics of Florida. The span of nearly two and a half weeks that featured a total of 14 games in 16 days provided plenty of interesting headlines, stories and a little bit of fore-

shadowing for the rest of the season. The Black Bears would leave the south with a 7-7 record against some of the best teams in the country and the first chapter of its season concluded.

In the opening week of competition, Maine traveled to Miami and Homestead for a stretch of seven games that would allow them to tango with some of the most respected and heralded teams on the eastern coastline. The schedule started smoothly as the Black Bears were able to easily dispose of St. Francis by a commanding 8-0 decision on the heels of Ryan Harris' precise starting pitching. Harris went 7 1/3 innings and gave up only four hits with six strike outs. For Maine the

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