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People's rally protests Bush inauguration



PHOTO COURTESY OF ILZE PETERSON

HEAR ME ROAR — Local peace activists converged on the mall in front of Fogler Library Thursday despite deep snow and frigid temperatures to advocate for political change. Over 50 people showed their support for peace at the event sponsored by Maine Peace Action Committee and the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine.

By Melanie Morin
For The Maine Campus

As President Bush enjoyed his inauguration ceremony Thursday, and many UMaine students enjoyed some rest and relaxation during their snow day, Al Larson and Peter Baldwin pounded large drums before the steps of Fogler Library for fifteen minutes beginning at noon.

According to Larson, drumming during the inauguration was performed nationally to represent the heartbeat of American soldiers and every person in the United States not in support of their country's president.

Jonathan Eddy of Veterans for Peace said the heartbeats represented a nation at war. "It's to signify the heartbeats of those involved in Vietnam ... well, that's an easy slip ... I mean, Iraq," Eddy said.

Larson, a philosophy professor at UMaine is the co-founder of and the adviser to the Maine PeaceAction Committee, helped the Peace and Justice Center organize what was called "A People's Inauguration: A rally to celebrate an alternative to Bush's agenda."

Standing faithfully beside the

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UM fraternity holds Sleep Out

Beta brothers
brave cold to
stand against rape

By Justin M. Wozinski
For The Maine Campus

Neither the cold nor the wind could keep the brothers of Beta Theta Pi from accomplishing their task. On Friday night, the brothers of the fraternity braved the frigid winter night, with a low temperature of 21 degrees below zero to successfully complete the 12th annual Sleep Out to raise money for Rape Response Services of Bangor.

Dallas Phillips, philanthropy chairman for the fraternity, said raising rape awareness was the main goal of the event.

"Rape is a problem. We want to make students aware of how rape can happen," Phillips said.

From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the brothers remained on the front lawn of the fraternity house alongside the bonfire, while selling raffle tickets and providing refreshments to students, faculty and staff attending the event. Associate Deans for Students Angel Loreda and Kenda Scheele as well as



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

LATE-NIGHT FUN — The brothers of Beta Theta Pi and friends spent Friday evening around a bonfire to raise awareness about and fund raise for Rape Response Services of Bangor. The fraternity's annual Sleep Out includes a raffle to support the cause.

Director of Greek Life Lauri Sidelko attended the event.

Approximately 300 individuals attended the event and joined in the brothers in taking a stand against rape. The amount raised for Rape Response Services has not been determined at this time, but the goal is to raise approximately \$1,000 each year, according to Phillips.

The event has been held for Rape Response of Bangor since 1997,

when the organization went to the fraternity looking for help with their financial burden. Before 1997, the Sleep Out benefited a homeless shelter. Beta Theta Pi immediately began assisting Rape Response of Bangor through the annual fund-raiser.

Ben Atherton-Zeman of "Voices of Men," a one-man educational stage production on rape and sexual

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Rally marks 32 years under Roe v. Wade

By Ernest J. Scheyder
News Editor

This past Saturday marked the 33rd anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. Ever since 1973, the issue of abortion has divided the United States and tested the very heart and soul of our democracy. To mark Saturday's anniversary, about twelve individuals from three local organizations protested in downtown Bangor

with signs and posters declaring their support for abortion and a woman's right to choose.

Deena Partridge, of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, said she was there to take a stand for an issue she feels passionately about and to say that just because a person comes from a religious background does not mean they must be pro-life.

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Union plasma television sparks debate, dialogue

By Elizabeth Deprey
For The Maine Campus

Students might have seen a brand-new plasma screen TV on the ground floor of Memorial Union. What they may not have seen is a chair to sit and watch or a remote to find something besides commercials. That is because this TV is a University Network TV that uses sight, sound and motion

to attract student's eyes.

The University of Maine has signed a contract with the University Network which allowed them to install the TV and run ads all day. UMaine is allowed three advertisements that run in between every regular commercial. Right now, these ads are for CAB and activities in the union. Kenda Scheele, associate

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THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 24, 2005

Dropping courses

Today is the last day to drop a class for a full refund.

Aquacize class

Class will be held in the Memorial Gymnasium Wallace Pool from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Diversity dialogues

As part of Human Rights Awareness Week, discussions will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Memorial Union's Coe Lounge. For more information contact Barbara Blazej at Peace.Studies@umit.maine.edu or 581-2609.

Lecture

"Osmoregulation and Migration in Juvenile American Shad: When to Go and How They Know." Joseph Zydlewski will lecture as part of the Wildlife Ecology Seminar Series in 204 Nutting Hall from noon to 1 p.m. For more information contact Nora Ackley at 581-2862.

Aerobics class

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

Aerobics class

A Pilates class will be held in Lengyel Gym from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Power yoga

A Power Yoga class will be held in the All-Purpose Room of the Memorial Gymnasium from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Community meal

The Wilson Center will host a free home cooked meal for students from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Timothy Sylvia on FirstClass or at 866-4227.

Night of Solidarity

A part of Human Rights Awareness Week, the evening will feature a keynote address by Bahman Baktari. It will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Newman Center. For more information contact Shezwae Fleming at 581-1405.

Belay seminars

Classes for beginners and advanced will be held at the MaineBound Adventure Center from 6 to 8 p.m. There is a \$5 deposit. For more information contact Paul Stern at 581.1794 or on FirstClass.

Go Blue Bingo

Games night will be held in the Memorial Union Main Dining Room from 8 to 10 p.m. For more information contact Carole LeClair at 581-1793.

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Human rights talk

A student panel discussion will be held as part of Human Rights Awareness Week, and the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Lunch Series. It will take place in the Memorial Union Coe Lounge from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Angela Olson at 581-1228.

Yoga

A Kripalu Yoga class will be held in the MaineBound Adventure Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Aerobics class

A Cardio Kick/Step will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Aerobics class

A Toning Class will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Lead climbing seminar

Advanced climbing seminars for those aspiring to lead climb will be held at the MaineBound Adventure Center from 6 to 9 p.m. There is a \$5 refunded deposit. For more information contact Paul Stern at 581-1794.

Moonlight snowshoe hike

Moonlight snowshoeing will begin at 9 p.m. at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$10 and includes transportation, snowshoes, and instruction.

Jan. 26, 2005

Career Fair 2005

The Career Center will sponsor a Career Fair in the Field House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact Patty Counihan at counihan@maine.edu or at 581-1359.

Aquacize class

Class will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at the Memorial Gymnasium Wallace Pool. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Aerobics class

A Butts & Guts will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Lengyel Gym. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Aerobics class

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

Aerobics class

A Toning Class will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at Lengyel Gym. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Free trade talk

A lecture by Stefano Tijerina, director of PICA (Peace Through Inter-American Community Action) will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union as part of Human Rights Awareness Week. For more information contact Shezwae Fleming at 581-1405.

Submitting information

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

Man seeks out prostitution from Old Town food pantry

Police received a call from two employees of a local thrift shop and food pantry in Old Town on Jan. 12 regarding an unidentified man who they say came in requesting drugs and prostitution. Brenda Davis and Kelly Soucier reported a man, who they believed to be deaf, came into Crossroads Ministries on Jan. 11. The two women had trouble understanding the man and thought he was requesting to speak to the boss. They told him to return at about 5 p.m. so that he could speak to the manager, James Russ. When the man returned later that day, Davis and Soucier realized that he did, in fact, want to speak with them and was requesting a bag of marijuana and some sort of sexual gratification, according to police reports. The man said an online friend had informed him via instant messenger that he could receive sex and drugs at Crossroads Ministries in Old Town from someone using a sexually suggestive handle. The women informed the man that he would not receive sex or drugs there and sent him away. When police were contacted about the incident the next day, Soucier told them she did not know the man's name but she thought he lived near her father in the Sunset Trailer Park in Milford. Police are investigating the incident further.

Woman injured in hit-and-run

A woman was injured at about 6 p.m. on Jan. 10 near the Old Town Plaza on Stillwater Ave. in a hit-and-run accident. Several witnesses reported seeing Bertha Osnoe crossing the street with three other people when a red



POLICEBEAT

By Rick Redmond
Staff Writer

Nissan pickup truck with a white cap struck the woman. Benjamin Hooks was driving behind the pickup when he said it swerved abruptly to the left, hit Osnoe and continued traveling west on Stillwater. Hooks reported seeing a bumper sticker on the rear window of the cap that read "Newt Happens." Osnoe was conscious, but complaining of back and neck pain and bleeding from the head when police arrived on the scene. Osnoe was transported to Eastern Maine Medical Center via ambulance. The accident occurred after dark on a wet road surface and Osnoe was not crossing in a crosswalk, according to police reports. Police are still searching for leads that will help locate the driver of the truck.

Man summonsed for trespassing on bakery property

A man was issued a written notice for criminal trespass and warned about harassment after an incident involving employees from Labree's Bakery on Gilman Falls Ave. at about 2:45 p.m. on Jan. 14. James Curran called police and reported that John Cardoza, a former employee at Labree's, had followed an employee to Harris Grocery and had given him "the finger." While on the phone with police, Curran

informed them that Cardoza was outside the bakery, yelling. When police arrived, Cardoza informed them that he wanted his final paycheck. Manager Richard Nickerson printed the paycheck and told police he didn't want Cardoza allowed on the property any more. Along with his paycheck, Cardoza received the written notice for criminal trespass and was asked to leave the property.

Divorce dispute turns into harassment

Police responded to a report of harassing calls from a man employed at Rent-A-Center in Old Town on at about 8:30 p.m. Jan. 12. Shawn Graham, 21, reported that Joseph Wright, 23, had left him two messages in the past week: "We will meet someday and you will be sorry." Wright is the spouse of Graham's co-worker, Courtney Brown, 22. The two are divorcing and, according to Graham, Wright believes he is the cause of the marital problems. Police explained to Graham that the messages were not direct threats but he could request a protection order could be issued. Graham declined to have a protection order issued but said he would contact police again if he received any more messages from Wright.

Tv

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dean for students said she hopes the TV will be useful for all student groups.

"I'm hoping for this to be a tool for departments and student groups to get their message out," Scheele said.

The company's advertisements typically feature movie trailers and products that are geared towards college students. However, Scheele said the company does not have full rein over what they advertise.

"We have total say-so about the ads put on there," Scheele said. "You won't see ads for alcohol, credit cards, or cigarettes and tobacco."

The TV is connected to the Internet and receives its broadcasts from there. UMaine sends their advertisements to the company by e-mail.

"This is state-of-the art," Scheele said.

The university will receive a percentage of the advertising profits quarterly, which Scheele said would go toward improvements in the union.

"We don't know how much money this will be, we haven't gotten a check yet," said Scheele.

This TV is not unique to UMaine. There are University Network TV's in schools across the country, from UCLA and Florida State to Northeastern and the University of Vermont. There are 75 participating schools total, reaching 1,706,874 students, according to the University



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

CHECK THIS OUT - The new plasma TV in the basement of the union caused a stir when it appeared with no explanation in place of a bulletin board. The TV was given to UMaine by the University Network to advertise campus events.

Network web site, www.universitynetwork.net.

The University Network provided the TV and free installation and removal, allowing the university to benefit without losing money.

"This is a great opportunity to get a little money, with no investment," Scheele said.

Students, such as freshman Shawn Plante, are more skeptical.

"When I saw it I thought that it was randomly placed on the wall in a place where no one would watch it," he said. "I think it's kind of random, there's no place really to sit down and look at it."

Catharina Trust, a sophomore music education major, said that she thought the advertisements would be effective.

"The most I've seen on it are lit-

tle clips of university stuff, which is kind of cool," she said.

Scheele said she hopes to make a committee to decide what advertisements should be used on the TV and decide what to do with the money when it comes. She hopes to have students, faculty and staff on this committee.

"This committee will serve as a sounding board for [Memorial Union Director] Joe Mollo," Scheele said. The committee should be up and running by the fall semester.

Students who mourn the loss of the bulletin board that was on that wall will be glad to see the two new ones that have been ordered to flank the TV. Scheele expects to see the first check of the TV's profits in May.

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ABORTION

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"There's such a distinction in people's minds between religion and faith," Partridge said. "You can be pro-faith and pro-choice." Partridge stressed the fact that her own faith is what inspired her to become a pro-choice activist and guides her along her own journey.

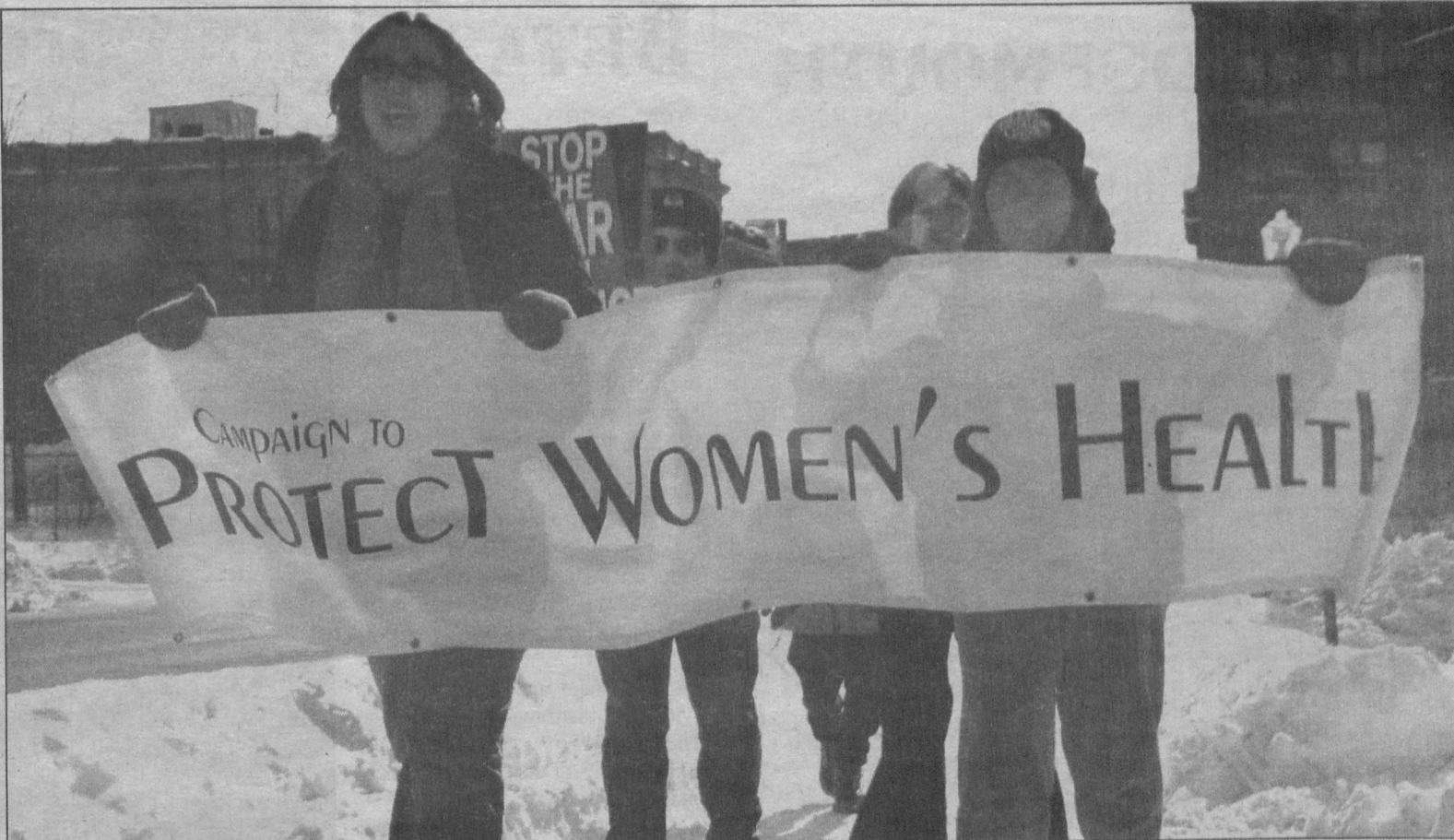
"I'm a pro-choice activist because of my faith," Partridge said. "We're saying one's faith and one's reproductive decisions are a precious choice."

Also in Bangor were several individuals silently exercising their rights by standing vigil with pro-life signs and posters. Local pro-life activist Jean Barry noted she feels very passionately about the issue and said that while she respects the pro-choice demonstrators, she finds fault in both their cause and logic.

"This caldron of protesters who want to keep their 'enshrinement of choice' legal and flourishing is not proud of what is in their pot," Barry said. "The kettle is shiny and is mirroring what is in the pot. Yet this pot is calling the kettle black." Barry said her own objection to abortion stems from its effect on women.

"Abortion first causes denial, and many women who are post-abortive are living in this stage. They deny that there is any feelings or problems," she said. "Many women are so ashamed of their abortion that they keep it a secret to most people. Abortion destroys relationships."

On the pro-choice side of the rally was Lyndsay Santeusario, of Planned Parenthood of Northern



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

LET'S WALK — Lyndsay Santeusario and Melissa Mounce walk back to the pro-choice group's meeting point to warm up after holding signs in downtown Bangor Saturday morning.

New England. She noted that the event was planned on the pro-choice side as a conglomerate of multiple organizations.

"We try to work together as a group," Santeusario said. "What we're looking for today is support for Roe v. Wade."

Both sides did note that they feel Roe v. Wade could potentially be overturned within the decade, and that they are both working on the state level to advance their own cause.

"We are a strong pro-choice

state," Partridge said, referring to Maine. "[If Roe v. Wade is overturned], we'll continue to offer advice," Santeusario noted that Planned Parenthood continually offers advice for women and encourages them to make a decision regarding their unborn child. Partridge echoed her sentiments:

"Women had abortions before [Roe v. Wade]," she said. "Our efforts are to make them as safe as possible."

Barry, however, holds a dif-

ferent viewpoint.

"Planned Parenthood markets the tools of the sexual revolution: Birth control and abortion," Barry said. "They view human sexuality as if we were no more than insects. ... But we are not mere insects. Philosophers from as far back as Aristotle have recognized the soul and the moral framework of the human being."

Barry also talked about the connection between faith and abortion and said that pro-life activists cut across all cultural lines.

"Right to life is a nonsectarian concept," she said. "It can be known by a reasonable person. There are many people without faith who are pro-life."

While the weather did have an effect on the protesters — Partridge's group left after 10 minutes outside — both groups were out in full force to make their voices and issues heard.

"It's cold but we're out here to make our voices heard," said participant J.L. Palmer.

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Junior



"Played old-school Nintendo."

Alicia Furbush
Social work
Junior



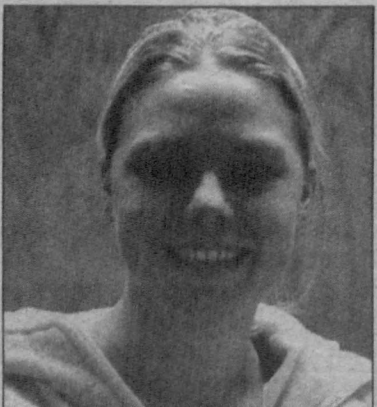
"Went skiing."

Caleb Heffner
Chemistry
Sophomore



"Homework."

Jordan Jesiolowski
Mechanical engineering
Sophomore



"Played old-school Nintendo."

Colleen Smithner
Psychology
Junior



"Went to work anyway and wasted the afternoon."

Megan Soderberg
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BETA

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assault, spoke in the early evening at the event. Atherton-Zeman is a public speaker on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault and prevention, as well as a spokesperson for the National Organization for Men Against Sexism.

Atherton-Zeman came to the event at the request of the fraternity and said he was pleased to support the brothers because men need to take more initiative in stopping sexual violence.

"It is mostly a crime where men rape women, and yet very few men stand up and take leadership against the issue," he said. "Every 12 seconds a man assaults a woman." This is only one of many nationwide statistics on rape and sexual assault. With such alarming numbers, Beta Theta Pi brothers urge students to be conscientious of the facts about rape and sexual assault.

"We relay our message to men and women, but we also try to reach out to men," Phillips said. "It's not always a stranger jumping out of the bushes." The predatory stranger selecting a victim at random is more stereotypical than factual. Often rape is perpetrated between friends, and even with the least suspect people, he said.

College students can become proactive on campus by becoming involved in organizations focused on sexual violence and assault prevention. Students can also become involved in the White Ribbon Campaign, an effort similar to the red AIDS ribbon or the pink breast cancer ribbon.

The campaign, which started in 1991, is the single-largest effort put forth by men who want to end assault and violence toward women. The campaign is volunteer supported, and is funded solely by individual and organizational contributions. Phillips believes that it would be an excellent idea to begin the campaign at UMaine and said that it is something that the fraternity



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

THIS KISS - Beta Theta Pi brother Ed Pellerin shares a moment with girlfriend Emily Eplin at the fraternity's charity sleep out for Rape Response Services of Bangor on Friday night.

could look into promoting.

Raffle tickets were sold throughout the week in Memorial Union and also during Friday night's event.

"The donations to the raffle prizes come from local businesses and money donations come from family and friends along with UMaine students," said fraternity President Eric Degress. Tickets were sold \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for six. All of the proceeds from the raffle and collected donations will be provided to Rape Response Services.

"Rape Response relies on the money and we want to help them continue their services," Phillips said.

"Raising awareness against sexual assault to females is an important cause," Degress said.

Those who attended the event said it was enjoyable, even though the frigid weather made it difficult to

stay outside for even a short time. Morgan Hough, sophomore said the cause was worth braving the weather.

"I knew a couple of the brothers, so I decided to stop by," Hough said. "It was a really good cause, so I'm glad to see people came out for it."

Brittany Fariel of Phi Mu sorority said the event set a positive example of the Greek community.

"I went last year with my sisters who come every year, so I decided to come again this year. It's a really awesome cause and it's Greek-supported," she said.

At 6 a.m., after 12 hours of sitting in the cold and huddling in front of a bonfire, the brothers unlocked their house and ran back in for some much deserved sleep.

"It was a big sigh of relief," Degress said. "But it was also a big amount of satisfaction."

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RALLY

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drums were dozens of people displaying signs with statements such as, "Good jobs and health care, not warfare," and "Support the troops and bring them home. We the people say no to the Bush agenda." Others handed out fliers to the few students passing by or simply stood without a sign to show their support of the rally and to represent their respective organizations and beliefs.

Many were nervous about how many people would participate in the rally because of the weather, so when it moved to the Coe Room at 12:15, the group sighed in relief. The generous crowd packed tightly into the Coe Room, some moving outside the entrance as more and more arrived. Jeff Lowell of MPAC said this was a pleasant surprise.

"The turnout's better than I thought," Lowell said. "It shows there are a lot of people out there who are unhappy."

Rally participants expressed sadness and concern over the Bush presidency.

"I'm in mourning for this country," Eddy said.

Marty Kelly, Director of the Peace and Justice Choir in Orono expressed similar feelings. "I am very sad that president Bush has been elected. I am greatly concerned for the welfare of this country," he said.

Despite an underlying dislike of Bush and his policies, the mood of the event remained extremely positive and hopeful. Lowell said this was the group's intention.

"What we didn't want is people getting together who were angry and bashing Bush policies," Lowell said. "We're not spending our time letting Bush define us. We're setting our own agenda."

Alexander Aman further described what the rally was all about.

"This isn't a counter-inauguration. This isn't an anti-inauguration. This is the people's inauguration, and so no matter who got elected we'll always be building democracy," he said.

Larson said the groups participating would have not simply shut down if Kerry had been elected. He said MPAC would still have been protesting, as they were while Clinton was in office. Ilze Peterson, Peace and Justice Program Coordinator, and Lowell supported Dennis Kucinich during the democratic primaries, because of his stance against the war.

"I was disappointed that John Kerry was not able to voice the feelings of what I think is the majority of the Democratic Party," Peterson said. "I realized after the election that we can't rely on our elected officials."

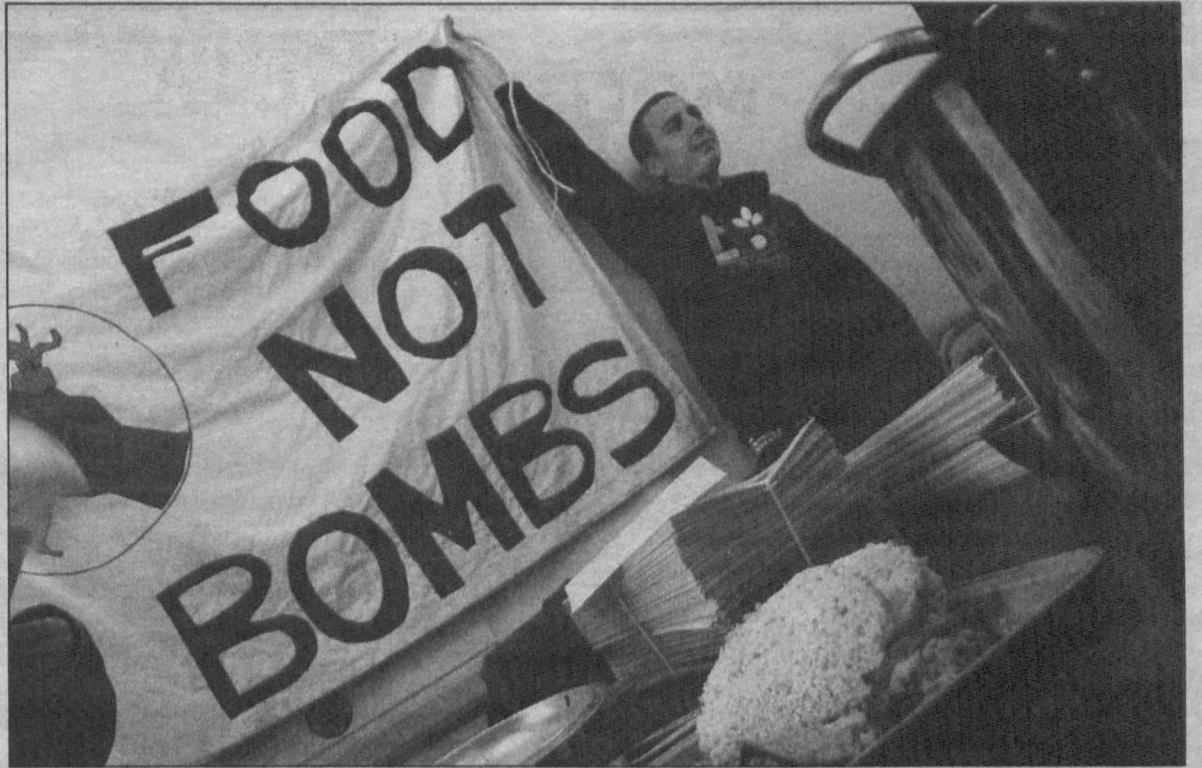
Larson said it was hard to figure out what Kerry stood for because he went so closely to the middle. He said this was because Kerry didn't want to offend big money interests. Emily Albee, a junior, said that similar problems plagued the Democratic party as a whole.

"The Democratic Party needs to look at itself and what it stands for," Albee said.

Larson said that with so many upset by the current state of the Democratic Party, a split may be in the future. He said he knows several people dedicated to developing a Progressive Democratic Party. Albee agrees that a third party being formed out of upset democrats is possible.

"There's something on the horizon," she said. "Something's gotta give in. It has to."

Numerous organizations including the Student Environmental Action Coalition, Spruce Group, the Orono Peace Group, Veterans



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

STAND TALL — Brent Hall holds a sign for his organization with others in the small but strong-minded crowd at the People's inauguration event, despite the blizzard conditions that forced classes to be cancelled. Participants joined after the function by sharing food and warm drinks.

for Peace, Maine People's Alliance, Peace Through International Community Action, the Progressive Student Alliance, and the Maine Association of Inter-Dependent Neighborhoods gathered with MPAC and the Peace and Justice Center to present their respective agendas and have them included in what was titled, "People's Agenda — a Work in Progress."

The agenda expressed many goals participating groups have for the years ahead such as to "Promote peace, economic justice, and sustain development locally and globally," and "Medicare and social security for all - no privatization!" Other issues included sustainable energy, affordable housing, ending the war in Iraq, fair trade, and bettering education. Larson said all of these goals were simply common sense.

"Any rational, decent, moral human being should say these are the kinds of priorities and values we should have in society," he said.

Larson further said that people in other countries are also being hurt by our policies, and that we should speak up for them. "They don't have a voice, we do. We have a responsibility to work together cooperatively to educate ourselves and others in order to build a resistance to militarism, racism, sexism and environmental devastation, and in a positive way to show what in fact democracy could look like," Larson said.

Peterson said about 100 people from Maine made a trip to Washington D.C. on Thursday to rally there and to turn around during Bush's inauguration speech, putting their backs to him. There was also a national movement to refrain from pur-

chasing anything and boycott businesses on inauguration day to show Bush that they were upset by hurting the economy, the idea being that Bush only listens to money. Peterson said she was participating in it and that it was a great idea, but others said they weren't going to and the movement was not mentioned or promoted at the rally.

The upbeat atmosphere of the rally was complemented by cakes, a set of cupcakes representing a multi-racial choir, vegetable soup, and coffee. Children, older adults, and students made up the large and diverse group. Many participants stayed for hours chatting with friends and members of other progressive organizations. Albee said the upbeat atmosphere was representative of the people and attitudes in the movement.

"These are such beautiful people with a very positive agenda," Albee said.

When beer gets to be too expensive



Legal
Affairs

By Brett Baber
Student Legal Services

The Student Legal Services Office compiles statistics for the types of cases we handle during the year and the numbers are not surprising. At least 70 percent of our cases involve criminal issues or civil infractions.

Of those cases, approximately 80 percent involve alcohol. These include operating under the influence, possession of alcohol by minors and furnishing alcohol to minors.

You might think a \$6 beer at a Red Sox game is an outrageous sum to pay for a carbonated malt beverage. However, that price tag is cheap when compared to the fines and other punishments that can be imposed for alcohol offenses. Consider these mini-

mum fines and other offense characteristics:

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Fundraiser benefits Alexander scholarship

By Melissa Walls
For The Maine Campus

"If you're looking for the hockey game, this isn't it," said Jeff Hecker, chairman of the psychology department, arousing laughter from about 50 friends, family, colleagues, students and various community members who assembled to enjoy music and honor Michele Alexander Friday night.

The Psi Chi Honor Society held a benefit concert to raise money for the Michele Alexander Scholar Fund. The fund was established in honor of Alexander, a UMaine professor of social psychology, who died in a car accident last December following a snow storm.

Steve Alexander, Michele's husband, said that psychology was an important part of his wife's life.

"[It was] more than a career, she loved social psychology," Alexander said. "I know that it is important to continue her love of social psychology. I know [the scholarship] is something she would want."

The scholar fund was announced in Michele's obituary, requesting contributions in lieu of flowers. In addition to private contributions, the psychology department held an auction and organized Friday night's concert to raise money for the fund. The concert featured folk music by Generations, a local group that includes UMaine professors, Larry Latour and Joel Gold. The concert raised over \$1,100 in proceeds for the fund.

The group played familiar songs that audience members were encouraged to join in on, and closed with "Simple Gifts," a favorite of Michele's that was also played at her memorial service last year.

Joel Gold, a friend and colleague of Michele's, played his banjo during the night's festivities.

"I absolutely adored her," Gold said. "[She was] a wonder-

ful colleague and mentor to students. We were so lucky to have her. It's a huge loss. She's irreplaceable."

According to Hecker, the scholarship was established "to keep Michele's spirit alive in our department. [She had] an infectious enthusiasm about social psychology."

Erin Leighton, a senior psychology major is living proof of Hecker's statement.

"When I came to the University of Maine, I was undecided. I was required to take Psych 100 and she made it so interesting and fun that I decided to declare psychology as my major," she said.

The department hopes that the fund will be self-sustaining so that the interest can be awarded to a graduating senior continuing their education in social psychology. The first recipient of the award will be nominated by the department of psychology faculty this year.

Steve said he was happy to see how many people came to honor his wife.

"It's really wonderful that people love her so much that they want to do this. I know that's why this is happening," Steve said.

He said her love of music made the concert a fitting memorial.

"Something that very few people know about Michele is that she wrote a number of songs herself. A few piano instrumentals and some songs for guitar. She was planning on making a CD of them, just for family and friends, but the accident intervened. However, I have them all on paper and some demos of the songs, so right now several different musicians around the country are recording their renditions of her songs, and we are going to compile them on a CD for those who are interested," he said.

To describe Michele to those who did not know her, Steve quoted his wife's obituary: "[She was] full of life. She was alive."

UMaine unveils new Web site

By Kara Cox
For The Maine Campus

The recently redesigned University of Maine Web site, which debuted on Jan. 7, is the result of a year-long collaborative effort by the department of marketing and public affairs to make the site more accessible and user-friendly for students and staff.

The redesign was initiated last January by Luann Lawrence, then executive director of the department. He left UMaine in September of 2004.

Howard Mosher was in charge of the marketing department's side of the project, which included visual aspects of the design.

"The belief was that we could significantly improve on the student sections [of the site], as well as the faculty sections," Mosher said.

According to Chris Smith, who was responsible for the content of the new site, one of the first steps toward improvement was to visit more than 200 different Web sites of other organizations to get an idea of the current trends in Web site design.

"It's mostly students who are using the site, so we wanted it to appeal to students," he said.

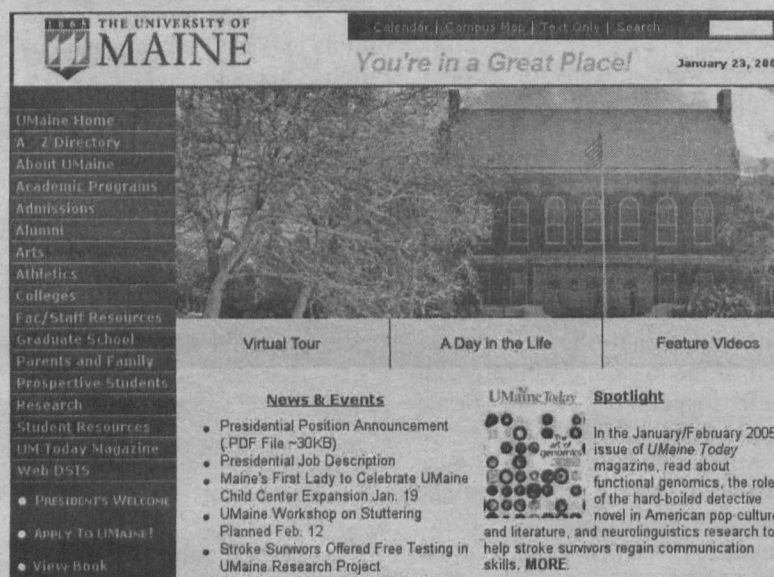
The new site was also partially designed by UMaine students, including Jay Kinser and Caroline Moore. Kinser, an information science major, said he worked with the "nuts and bolts" of the project.

"There were functional problems, it was hard to find things," Kinser said. He said the new version was a great improvement.

"It's easier to use, it's easier to find things," he said.

The revamped A to Z Directory was compiled using a list of the words and phrases that were most commonly searched for by students, so that information previously accessed through running a search may now be found by simply clicking a button.

Students such as Jorge Rodriguez, a freshman, said they like the new site, even though the



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WELCOME - The redesigned University of Maine Web site features a revamped student section as well as numerous other features designed to appeal to the campus community.

features they regularly use have been moved.

"I think it's pretty nice, (and) easy to navigate," Rodriguez said.

Adam Russell, a sophomore, said the information was very accessible.

"I like it. All you have to do is click on student resources and everything's there," Russell said.

Some, however, are having a little more difficulty adjusting to the new format. Eric Gasperini, sophomore, said he did not like the changes.

"I just thought the old one was easier," he said.

Mosher said that he knows there will be an adjustment period.

"People don't like change," he said.

Smith said that the site is specifically designed to be intuitive. Bryanna Goulet, freshman, did not agree.

"It does make sense," she said. "You just have to find it all again."

The new site contains many features intended to keep students up-to-date on university happenings. The "News and Events" section on the home page is updated daily, and carries newsworthy items related to

the university. Spotlight, just to the left of "News and Events," is more focused on artistic happenings, according to Smith. UMaine Today Online is similar to a datebook with current information and links to stories about UMaine in regional and national news. It is maintained by Interim Director of Marketing and Public Affairs Joe Carr.

Another reason behind the change was to make the site more appealing and informative for the general public, including prospective students. Moore, a new media major, put together the Virtual Tour, which features multiple 360-degree click-and-drag images of locations on campus. For Moore, who used the skills she has gained in her major to create the virtual tour, this has been a learning opportunity.

"It's helped me learn about designing for a multitude of people," she said. In the future, the tour will be updated to reflect the current season.

Daniel Becker, a high school senior at Steller Secondary School in Anchorage, Alaska, recently visited

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the new site and said he was impressed with its format.

"It's one of the better Web sites I've been to. The information is actually there," Becker said. He said he also liked the site's comprehensive content.

"I found the 'A to Z Directory' most useful. I was looking into whether they had a Native American Studies program, and I found it. There's a ton of information in there," he said.

Though carefully planned and implemented, Mosher said the new design is not flawless.

"We look for feedback and try to include all those good ideas that we receive," Mosher said. Feedback may be directed in the form of telephoned or written suggestions to the department of marketing, or to Mosher on FirstClass.

"We really do welcome feedback, and we need it," Mosher said.

As an example of the way feedback will improve the site, Mosher pointed to the "A to Z Directory." In the past, the directory was posted as a continuous list of links, but because the new list is longer, it is broken into sections such as A to F and G to L. This does not appeal to every user, and feedback about the subject has led to an attempt to offer both forms of the list as an option.

Now that the main site has been updated, the team at the department of marketing and public affairs has turned their attention to secondary university sites, such as those for individual academic departments. Moore and Kinser have created a template that will allow those secondary sites to display their information more clearly and attractively. The financial aid and English departments sites will be among the first to benefit from their work.

Institute reaches out to ESL students

By Maeghan Naimie
For The Maine Campus

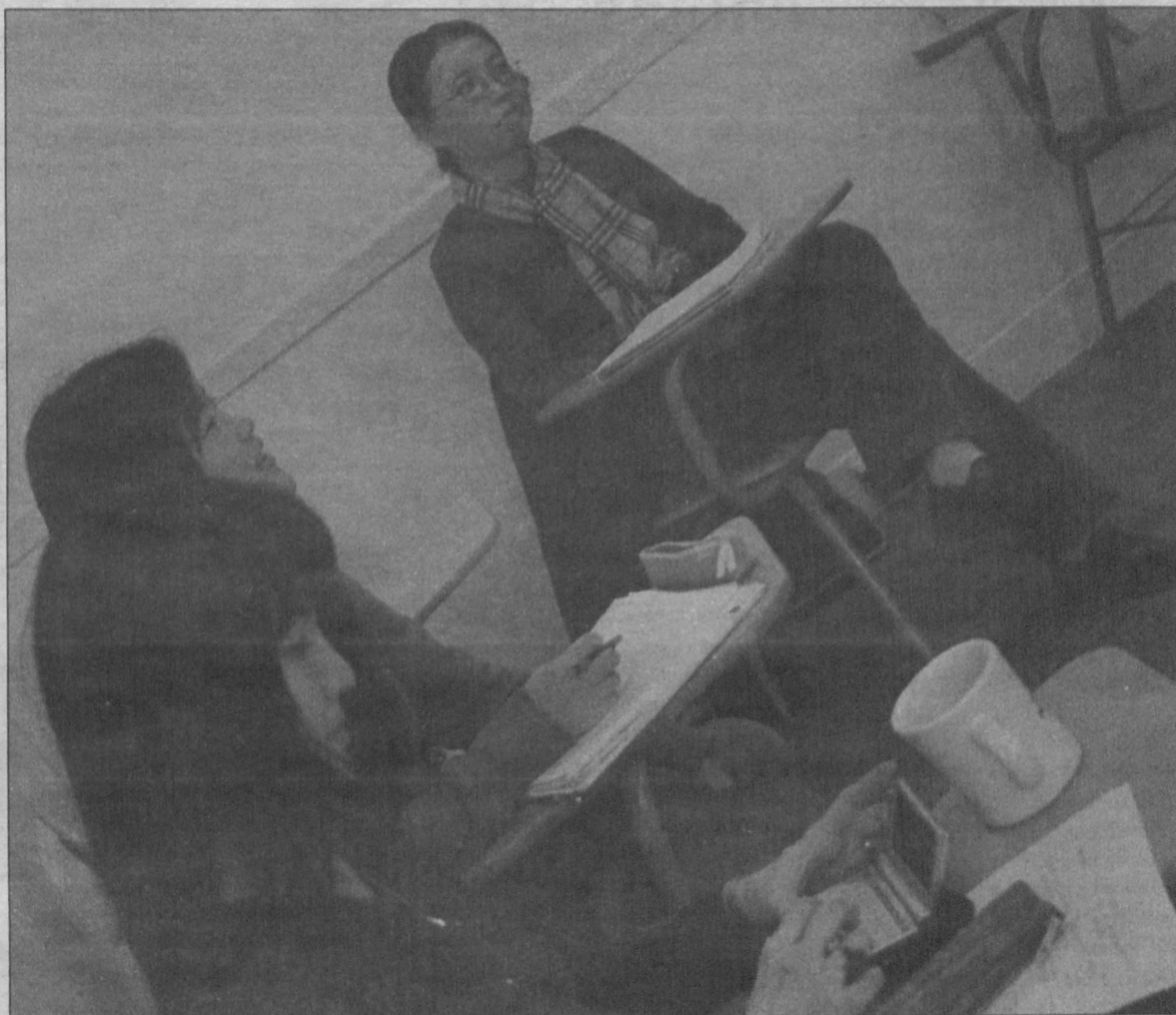
The Intensive English Institute at the University of Maine offers a program to international students called the Conversation Partner Program. Students who speak English as a first language volunteer to work with an international student for at least one hour a week. During this time, students speak with their partners to help them improve their English. This gives them the opportunity to share their culture. Some even learn the native language of the international student, making the program of mutual benefit.

Carrie Blouin, lecturer and program development specialist at IEI, said the program was initially designed to benefit the international students, but soon it became clear that both sides benefited equally, as the experience opened native English speakers' eyes to cultures outside the United States.

"It is important here in Maine for students to interact with international students," Blouin said. "Some students even end up visiting their partner abroad because of the great relationship they built in this program."

The international students that participate in the program have many different reasons for joining. Some want to meet new people, while others want to perfect their English. Many times it is a personal choice, and not academically driven.

Some students are conditionally accepted to the university based on their Test of English as a Foreign Language, or TOEFL scores. This is a test that every student applying from abroad or with English as a second language to a United States university. IEI also serves as a resource when there has been a cultural misunderstanding, and provides additional language assistance.



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LET'S TALK — Sung-ja Choi, Eun-ok Kim and Yukiko Fukumizu listen to music with mentor Christopher Mares during a meeting through the Intensive English Institute to help students improve their English skills.

IEI offers a teaching certificate program, which can be one or four weeks long, called the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Program. It is designed for anyone who wants to study abroad and has been considering working in that country.

Their small faculty personalizes IEI, creating a one-on-one, supportive advising structure.

"It is a completely free program,"

said Blouin. "We work closely with you, to help you learn how to tutor an IEI student in English. If jumping right into it makes you uncomfortable, you can also complete the program mainly by specialized observation."

The program will soon be hosting an event with UMaine's sister college in Japan. Twenty-two Japanese students from Hirosaki University will be staying at UMaine for a pro-

gram that runs from Feb. 20 to March 11. This program is a requirement for all English majors at Hirosaki University. The students will stay with host families near campus and UMaine students have volunteered to assist with language study, during their stay.

If you are interested in volunteering for this or another IEI program, contact Chris Mares or Carrie Blouin on FirstClass.

Orono receives grant for police station upgrades

Dept. of Homeland Security awards town funds for real interrogating room, audio and video equipment

By Andrew Knapp
Staff Reporter

In order to repair offices to meet code and adjust the interview room to comply with state law, renovations to the Orono Police Station are set to begin within the next few weeks. Police are awaiting a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that will fund a state-of-the-art audio and video recording system for the new interview room.

According to Town Manager Catherine Conlow, the project involves the consolidation of offices that are currently separated within the building and also involves the relocation of an office that was awkwardly situated.

"We used to have an employee here who was using an office that was under the stairwell," Conlow said. "That's not pursuant to code. But that individual retired, and we decided to fix it. He actually tended to like it, but I didn't want to put any other individuals in any substandard office space."

Lee Cookson, a volunteer for the police department for 15 years, currently occupies that office. Cookson is in charge of maintenance of the building and public safety equipment.

"Basically, my job is to do whatever has to be done to keep the officer in town," said Cookson. "And these renovations will help."

Cookson said the project isn't being completed for convenience, but in order to comply with state law. One cramped space in the station once simultaneously served as a lunchroom, equipment room and interview room.

"By law, you're supposed to have a separate room for interrogations, and there can't be anything in the room except a desk, a chair and plain white walls," Cookson said. "So that's why this is being done. We're trying to utilize space as much as possible but still comply with the law."

A modern audio and video recording system will also be installed in the interview room once the town is awarded a federal grant to fund the project. The law enforcement and terrorism grant, sponsored by the state Department of Human Services, is dispersed to fire and public safety services around the country. Sgt. Josh Ewing said Orono police officials are confident that they will receive the grant.

"The Orono Fire Department will get some of the money, but there's also a specific portion set aside for law enforcement only,"

Ewing said. "We determine what the best use of that money is, and we feel this is a very important project for us right now."

According to Ewing, the state mandated all interviews of individuals in connection with felonies or sexual assault crimes must be recorded using audio and

"By law, you're supposed to have a separate room for interrogations."

Lee Cookson
volunteer,
Orono Police Department

video. Recordings can be admitted as evidence at trial, making the job of the law enforcement officials much easier.

"We have to do everything to make sure the room is set up in that way, so we can have better coverage of our interviews," Ewing said. "It's a liability for us whenever a case goes to court. Sometimes it's just our word

against theirs, so this will absolutely help us do our jobs a lot better. I hope it takes place."

Mitchell Builders was awarded the contract for the renovation project at a price of \$4,765, after the town council reviewed some bids exceeding \$9,000. The contingency fund, a \$69,000 appropriation of the budget set aside each year for unanticipated emergency purposes, will pay the cost of the project. Since money is already available for such events, the renovations won't impose any extra expense on the taxpayers. Conlow said Mitchell Builders cannot stray from the amount quoted in their original estimate.

Cookson said that he had the Milford company do work on his own home, and the department was confident that the company would do good work.

"Several people in the department, including myself, have had experience with Mitchell Builders," Cookson said. "So we know they're pretty reputable."

In addition to the construction of the new interview room, Sgt. Scott Wilcox's office will be expanded by the demolition of a wall that separates his workspace from an equipment storage room. The equipment room, which contains uniforms and helmets, will be relocated beneath the stairwell.

"We have so much equipment and so little space to put it," Cookson said. "It's obvious that a new equipment room will really help."

Office carpeting that was buckling upward, creating a tripping hazard, and deteriorated ceiling tiles will also be replaced. According to Conlow, these renovations may seem minor, but will greatly assist in the overall operation of the department.

"It creates a more usable site," she said. "It's kind of a weird setup right now. But the renovations will put all our police officers together, instead of having them separate. So the shift supervisor will be there in the main hallway and not under a stairwell."

Officers will relocate to temporary desks while the project is ongoing.

"We're going to need to move people out for a day or so," said Conlow. "It's a little hassle, but not too bad."

The project should take two to three weeks to complete, according to Cookson. Due to strict code enforcement at public access buildings, workers will use special building materials, which may cause the renovations to last longer than other projects of the same scale.

Free speech is not a free-for-all

This past week saw a number of organizations gather on campus to engage their First Amendment rights for freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. By actively voicing opinions on various issues, such as the second inauguration of President Bush and the 32nd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade, these groups are disseminating their opinions while at the same time reminding the rest of us that democracy still thrives in the United States. The notion that a person or group holding an opinion may legally assemble in public and voice that opinion is crucial to our form of government, the democracy. Lawmakers are elected by the people, and assemblies such as the ones we witnessed on campus prove that individuals have the potential to influence public opinion just as much as commercial media outlets.

It is important to note that groups with distinctly polar opinions gathered in relatively close proximity and demonstrated peacefully. By displaying respect for a conflicting opinion, these individuals were also showing respect for the base freedoms all Americans should hold dear. Let us use their assemblies as examples of democracy that are to be championed and emulated.

Snow days come to those who wait

University of Maine classes were canceled last Thursday, and *The Maine Campus* staff couldn't be happier. Thank you, Inrim President Kennedy for putting the safety of students first.

After we all did a double take when the typically taunting voice at 581-SNOW told us the good news, the campus breathed a collective sigh of relief. Thanks to the cancellation, there were less cars on the road to slip into ditches, and less fingers suspect to frostbite. A day of missed classes and meetings is a small price to pay for the safety of thousands of UMaine students and faculty.

The Facilities Management crew was also on the ball, with the roads and major parking lots cleared before noon. While the resident lots remain a mess, we still appreciate not having to carry a shovel to make it to class. We hope that the university continues to keep it's students out of the storm.

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Plasma screen propaganda

New television in Memorial Union raises questions, ire

There's a new piece of technology in Memorial Union. There's this TV. No, that line is not supposed to remind you of: "There's this girl ..." But like an overprotective mother, some members of the university community are largely skeptical that this new piece of electronic prowess can have any potential benefit for the University of Maine community.

I think that this new TV is a good idea. We're in the 21st Century, technology shouldn't be something that scares us. After all, was George Jetson scared of his car-in-briefcase? I think not.

In all reality, this new TV is an even better form of advertisement for student events. Now I walk through the Union and see this large flat panel screen and think: "Hmm, I really should go to karaoke this Saturday night." Of

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NEWS EDITOR

course, I never end up going because I spend every waking moment working to put out this newspaper, so you have something to read with your Fernald Club. But I digress.

Where was I? Oh yes, the television. There was some talk that it focused solely on military advertisements and was a propaganda tool being used by the U.S. Army to increase numbers. There were rumors going around saying that the Army had paid for the television and wanted to turn UMaine

into a drone-zone replete with wanna-be soldiers. Well, somehow that just seems too Orwellian for me.

So, on a whim one day, I walked down the hall to the TV and stood there for a good 10 minutes, letting the waves of plasma crystal display goodness wash over my eyes. And while I'm not in the market to buy a dream vacation for two to Bali or Cancun or Memphis, I can report that I do not feel pressured to join Uncle Sam's efforts any time soon. Some guys look good in uniform; I am not one of them.

In truth, this particular television actually serves a purpose. It is a bulletin board; It is a television; and yet it is both. Brilliant.

Additionally, this whole matter just points to a good sign that stu-

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Letters to the Editor

• Kennedy puts safety first

I want to extend my sincere gratitude for the decision to cancel class on account of the inclement weather on Thursday. In my three years at the University of Maine, I have forged my way to campus and to class buildings during weather that no reasonable person would have traveled

in. I have watched cars spin wildly out of control on unplowed roads and narrowly missed many accidents myself. Once, during a particularly cold day when I used to live on campus, I heard stories of people making pit stops in buildings halfway to class because the wind was too cold to endure. Through all three years, I've zipped up my coat, reminded myself

I'm a Mainer and trudged off into the storm. And despite the occasional report of a serious weather-related injury, or vehement e-mail protests from commuters with cars entrenched in snow and ice in their driveways, I was given the distinct feeling that a snow day at UMaine

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Cutler is concerned

Healthcare is
primary concern

DR. MARK
JACKSON

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

To clarify some points concerning Paul Goodman's column, "Questioning Fernstrom's fate," [*The Maine Campus*, Jan. 17]:

• "Did the University inform Fernstrom of her medical plan's incompatibility with the University [of Maine]?"

On September 13, 2004 *The Maine Campus* ran an article "Cutler Health Center offers new services" and it explained the changes with the building, RelayHealth and the Bridge Plans.

• Cutler Health Center Activities:

We participate with new student orientation on campus.

At new student orientation, we tell all parents and students their insurance cannot be billed by the university. We had one student spend more than \$1,800 for care and 400 students individually spend more than \$600 for health care services during 2004. Our motivation for the Bridge Plan was to allow students a means to spend less money and continue to receive quality care. We have 400 students who elected to participate with the plan.

A new student registered with the university by June 24, 2004 received a mailing containing information about the Bridge Plan and other programs offered at Cutler Health Center. This information explained our billing practices. In the information we clearly state our billing practice: "In all likelihood, since we are non-participating, your carrier will not pay for these charges ... That if the charges are not paid at the time of service, we will charge your student account."

Returning students who were registered with the university as of June 24, 2004 also received this mailing.

• If the student was a late registrant:

Students were repeatedly asked at the front reception area if they wanted to participate in the Bridge Plan when they came for a health care visit. The Bridge Plan sign-up

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dents are taken an active interest in their university and care about where its going and what it's becoming. I don't think at other places of academia across the country students would take such an active interest in a similar matter. It is encouraging to witness. I was talking to Associate Dean for Students Kenda Scheele the other day and she echoed these senti-

ments. I admit, when I asked her about the matter, I expected her to be wary of student grumbling. However, it was encouraging to hear her react so positively to the issue at hand. Who knew a matter as small as a television could reaffirm your faith in the system?

So, for now I sit back and relax, knowing that 25 feet down the hall, the modern world is slowly creeping into the Union. Now, if only they would hurry up and put those real bulletin boards back up.

Ernest Scheyder is a junior English major.

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materials were available throughout the fall semester.

Students who used the health service prior to Oct. 1, 2004 were provided with a grace period for signing up for the Bridge Plan which would retroactively cover charges incurred in September. Students received statements from Cutler Health Center that explained the charges posted to the student's account. The following message appeared in their service statement:

"Savings Opportunity: You may become a Plus Bridge Plan member today and take advantage of additional health care savings throughout the year."

• "Was she told of the potential costs...":

Students received statements from us. Students have access to their financial accounts. Our efforts to work with students do include proactive contact when appropriate. Student Health Services will initiate contact with a student about the cost of care incurred. We will work with students to refer them to providers who will take their health insurance. Students should know the limits and requirements of their

private health care insurance.

How any of these matters resolve is dependent upon many factors. However, students are responsible for their accounts and a student should initiate contact if he or she is having difficulty managing the account. The student is an independent agent and it is not appropriate for us to question someone's abilities to pay their bill. When assured by the student that things are under control, we have no cause to pursue any further intervention.

• "What sort of message does it send to other students...":

Primarily, there has been no change in our approach to the billing of health services to private insurance. The need for students to submit claims to their private insurance companies for reimbursement has been the established practice of Student Health Services for the past 30 years. We will investigate whether or not this practice should change or continue unchanged. In the interim, students should know that our focus is on providing quality health care to students. We take care of the student first. We can resolve all funding matters after we are sure the student has been properly helped.

Mark Jackson, M.D. is the director for Student Health Services for Cutler Health Center.

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was something to be scoffed at — a mythical holiday that only happened in the long-ago days of high school.

Some of those days, I could find a way to agree with the school's decision to continue holding classes. Sure, the weather might have been dangerous, but it's normal here and if everyone's careful, the day can pass without incident. The reality, however, is that on many occasions the conditions outside were simply too harsh to require travel. As a commuter, I looked at the roads this morning and felt a familiar fear for my own safety. We've had school on worse days, and I'd soon be fishtailing along on my way to campus. I thought back to last night, when one of my roommates jokingly suggested we'd have a snow day today, and I proclaimed I'd eat my own shoe if we did.

To Interim President Kennedy, and to the rest of the UMaine administration, I'm not sure what changed, but thank you for showing us there's still someone there who cares about our safety. There's a teriyaki sneaker on my grill right now and it's going to taste delicious.

Benjamin Pottle

Junior UMaine student

• **Just a dancin' fool**

In response to Matt Kearney's article on Dance Dance Revolution, which appeared in the Jan. 18 edi-

tion of *The Maine Campus*, I have a few words. DDR has been in the United States for at least five years. I was introduced to it four years ago by a friend who hailed from a university near cities, where they get fun new toys sooner than Bangor. He, my roommate, some friends and I would play for hours on end whenever we could — and to quote Kearney, "sweat our balls off" having a great time — and swearing like sailors when we missed steps. As people with jobs, school and not much free time on our hands, DDR was our fun way to get a cardiovascular workout and not have to freeze ourselves jogging in the winter, or at the Lati Fitness Center.

In the years that have followed, every time we'd happen by the arcade in the mall, we'd explain the game to the rude staff — except that one cool guy with the glasses — and they'd sit and stare while we told them how to rake in the cash. The game got more popular, and came out on PS2, Xbox, Dreamcast and Nintendo 64, and now there's a machine in the mall. However, as someone who doesn't get to play with said "DDR groupies" very often, I still know a lot of them by name and am quite positive that they are not giving anyone "looks of disapproval" for being "amateurs." I say to Kearney, don't be "too intimidated" to try the game, you just might like it. And, if you are still too "old fashioned" to try something new, don't bash it. I would bet money that my calves are a hell of a lot hotter than yours.

Ho-hum-stock

Bumstock's about the music, not creating a carnival

I'm not alone in saying that Bumstock has gone downhill in recent years. Headlining bands have canceled, security companies have been problematic and the duration of the event has been cut in half. This year, Bumstock director Elizabeth Hansen has decided to change things. She is doing everything in her power to make sure that this year's Bumstock is the biggest, fattest waste of money in the University of Maine's history.

Hansen is thick with bad ideas. She wants to turn this year's concert into a carnival. She told *The Maine Campus* last week "We're looking into getting things like inflatables, new food vendors and mini-racers."

"Inflatables" are those giant inflatable stations you take your shoes off and jump around inside. I'm sure there are a few students that would love to play inside a giant, rubber giraffe. However, playing to this tiny minority will take a big bite out of the music budget.

I searched all over the Internet for "mini-racers" and could only find little remote control cars. I hope to God Hansen meant go-carts. Maybe she knows where we can get magic go-carts that don't

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make noise, cost money or amass long lines.

What's next, face painting? If we allow these awful ideas to go forward, Bumstock will only get worse next year. We students are the ones paying for this concert. We don't need a petting zoo or a Ferris wheel gobbling up the budget. I want to see a balls-to-the-walls rock concert, not a Vaudeville troupe hamming it up.

Hansen justifies her enormous lack of judgment saying, "maybe you don't want to watch a band." She seems to have forgotten that her responsibility is to provide the students with a great concert. However, she doesn't even know what kind of music Bumstock should have. She's too busy looking into amusement park rides that will chow down on the budget to even think about music. She won't tell us what genres, let alone specific bands, that she's thinking about. She tried to hide this when

she said "We're looking for bands that have variety in their music — bands that, maybe, transcend a musical genre." Unfortunately for her, we're not a campus of gullible toddlers. It's obvious she has spent all her time daydreaming about roller coasters instead of researching potential bands.

Thankfully, Hansen is keeping the DJ tent in the Bumstock buffet. It offers an alternative to the main stage that is still musical in nature. Some students, however, say that more effort needs to be put into organizing the smaller stage. "Last year they shelled out a lot of money to get the world-champion scratch DJ there, and didn't even promote it," said new media major Mark Seiler, alias DJ Phonicoid.

If you don't want to spend this year's Bumstock wading through a ball pit trying to hear a late-90s one hit wonder over go-cart engines, than you know what you have to do. Write a FirstClass e-mail to Elizabeth Hansen, or visit her in the Student Entertainment Office. Her hours are Tuesday 11-3:30, Wednesday 12-3 and Thursday 11-1:30. Let her know you want a concert, not a three-ring circus.

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Make no distortions about abortion

Anniversary of Roe v. Wade not something to celebrate

Though it may have come and passed without your notice, Saturday marked the 32rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the court ruling that legalized abortion. Much has changed in 32 years: the Cold War has ended, computers have become a deep-seated aspect of our lives and drive-thru fast food has taken a hold in the American economy. Our generation is among one of the first born into a society where abortion is legal. We've never known it any other way.

I'm sure you've heard both sides of the political spectrum. Pro-life and pro-choice, each term designed to distract you from the issue — abortion — and direct you to the unanswerable questions: "When does life begin?" and "Is a fetus property?"

There are many reasons why people tell me that they are for legalized abortion, but I don't buy it. Here are five reasons why Roe v. Wade shouldn't see its 33rd anniversary:

• **Abortion is discrimination against an entire class of human beings:** I'm sure that many of you have seen or heard of local demonstrator Terry Hughes' posters. Many people feel the pictures, which depict aborted fetuses, are disturbing, especially to young children. Not denying that the signs are disturbing, I do wonder if a sign depicting a post-operation appendix would have the same effect. Abortion proponents claim an abortion is just like any other surgery, but the pictures are clear: the results look like little dead people. Prior to their eventual emancipation following the Civil War, blacks were considered to be three-fifths of a person. Likewise, fetuses are not considered a complete person.

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• **Abortion targets minorities:**

A little-known public fact is the history of Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger. While Planned Parenthood's Web page hails Sanger by her "visionary accomplishments as a social reformer," she was actually a documented eugenicist who wrote that blacks and other minorities should be segregated and sterilized. While its founder is deceased, Planned Parenthood certainly still operates under her principles: black women are three times more likely to have an abortion than white women and Hispanic women are two and one-half times more likely, according to the Alan Guttmacher institute.

• **Abortion, legal or not, isn't safe:** Though Planned Parenthood asserts that an abortion is 10 times safer than childbirth, they fail to explain that any abortion-related death is counted as a pregnancy related-death. Therefore, complications from prior abortions can effect a woman's ability to conceive later would be counted against the childbearing statistic, but not for the abortion statistic. Moreover, abortion has been linked to mental illness and breast cancer. Statistics aside, the logic in 1973 was that legal abortion was safer than illegal abortion. Obviously, providing pregnant women with better resources than abortion would be the safest solution of all.

• **Abortion confuses the definition of when life begins:** Last summer, in Bangor, there was the trial for the murder of Heather Fliegelman Sargent. She was stabbed to death by her husband while eight months pregnant. Though the two cats killed could be used in the context of the trial, not a word was permitted about their unborn son, Jonah. While Jonah lived in his mother's womb two days after her death, he was never considered alive. Sargent's case is one of many in this country where a mother's right to choose life for her child is not protected.

• **Fetal rights don't conflict with mother's rights.** The most overwhelming argument I hear from the pro-abortion standpoint is that a mother's right to choose life for her child negates a fetus' right to existence. However, parents are responsible for their own children. No true feminist would uphold a father's right to his property over his responsibility to pay child support. The logic is that the child didn't get there by him or herself. Except in cases of rape or incest, both parents performed an action which directly led to the creation of the fetus, whether it be deliberate or not. Therefore, it is the obligation for support that provides a fetus nine months' use of his or her mother's body.

I don't think it's surprising that the number of abortions in the past 10 years has been diminishing, or that the number of people who identify themselves politically against abortion have increased. On this anniversary, I urge you to think again about the legitimacy of legalized abortion in America and how "progressive" it really is.

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MUSIC

Jave Jive - Will Elliott
8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 25
Memorial Union
Free

GWAR
Wednesday, Feb. 2
Ushuaia

Bowling For Soup, American
Hi-Fi
7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10
Maine Center for the Arts
\$10

ART

"Sense Is: The Annual Senior
Exhibition"
Through Thursday, Feb. 3
Carnegie Hall
Free

"Persian Impressions"
Through Friday, June 10
Hudson Museum
Free

ENTERTAINMENT

Bingo
8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 24
Memorial Union
Free

Karaoke
9 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Memorial Union
Free

Climbing Night
3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekdays
MaineBound Outdoor
Education Center
\$1

COMEDY

"The Maine Event — Robbie
Printz"
9:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Memorial Union
Free

"The Maine Event — Brian
Kaufman"
9 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4
Memorial Union
Free

MOVIES

"Saw"
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 26 and
Friday, Jan. 28
100 DPC on Wednesday,
Bangor Room, Union on Friday
Free

"At the River I Stand"
7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 3
110 Little Hall
Free

BARS

College Night
9 p.m.
Thursdays
Bear Brew Pub
\$1 Bear Brew beers

College Night
10 p.m.
Thursdays
Ushuaia
50-cent drinks

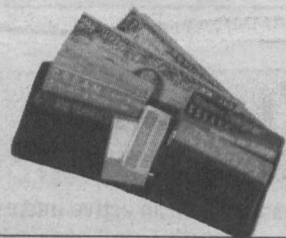
College Night
Thursdays
The Chocolate Grille
Half price entrees

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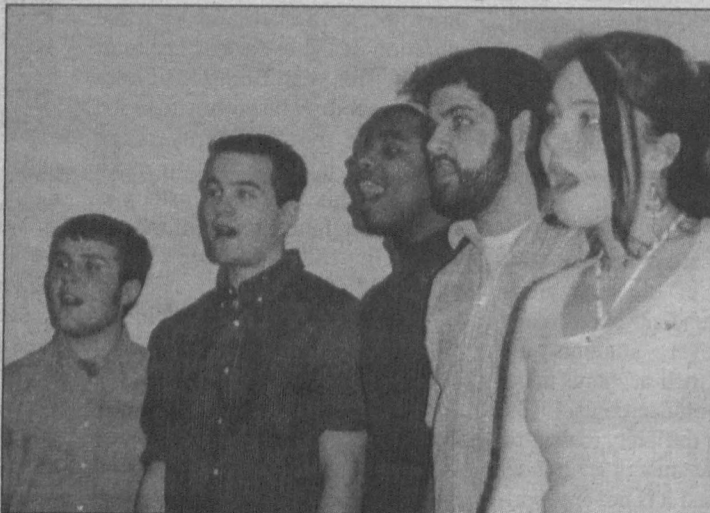
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BELTING IT OUT —
(Left) Members
of Bear Vocals, a
mixed a capella
group, join
together in song
at the Songs for
Change concert
Wednesday.
(right) Beth
Peters belts
out a solo
in one of
Renaissance's
pop renditions.



Making a DREAM come true

By Bethany Farnham
Staff Writer

U niversity singers and musicians gathered on Wednesday evening to help a fellow student in need.

"Songs for Change," a benefit concert held in Neville Hall, featured several student singing groups and soloists, including the Steiners and Renaissance a capella groups. The event turned out to be a financial and artistic success.

The concert was put together by Wilde Stein, UMaine's alliance for sexual diversity, in support of Claire

Folsom, a transgendered student who is facing a financial burden while trying to move to Florida for her internship with the Walt Disney Company. After denying her entrance into their female dorms, Disney is requiring Folsom to pay more money for a double-single room in order to keep her internship.

Matthew Small, adviser for Wilde Stein, came up with the idea of a benefit concert, and asked several singers and groups to participate. There was an overwhelming response to Folsom's situation. Many students sang selections from Broadway musicals: Nester Gonzalez sang "In Your Eyes," a song from the popular musical Rent. Chris Libby sang a selection from the musical "On a Clear Day, You Can See Forever." Becky Guilford performed the famous Les Miserables song "I Dreamed a Dream."

After a short intermission, it was time for some pop music. Show host and creator Matthew Small sang some original songs, alongside guitarist Steven Barter. The newly-formed group Bear Vocals sang a capella versions of Top 40 hits "Bad Day" by Fuel and Eurythmics "Sweet Dreams." The all-female group Renaissance performed some songs, including "Come on Eileen." The Steiners rocked the house with Huey Lewis's "Hip to Be Square."

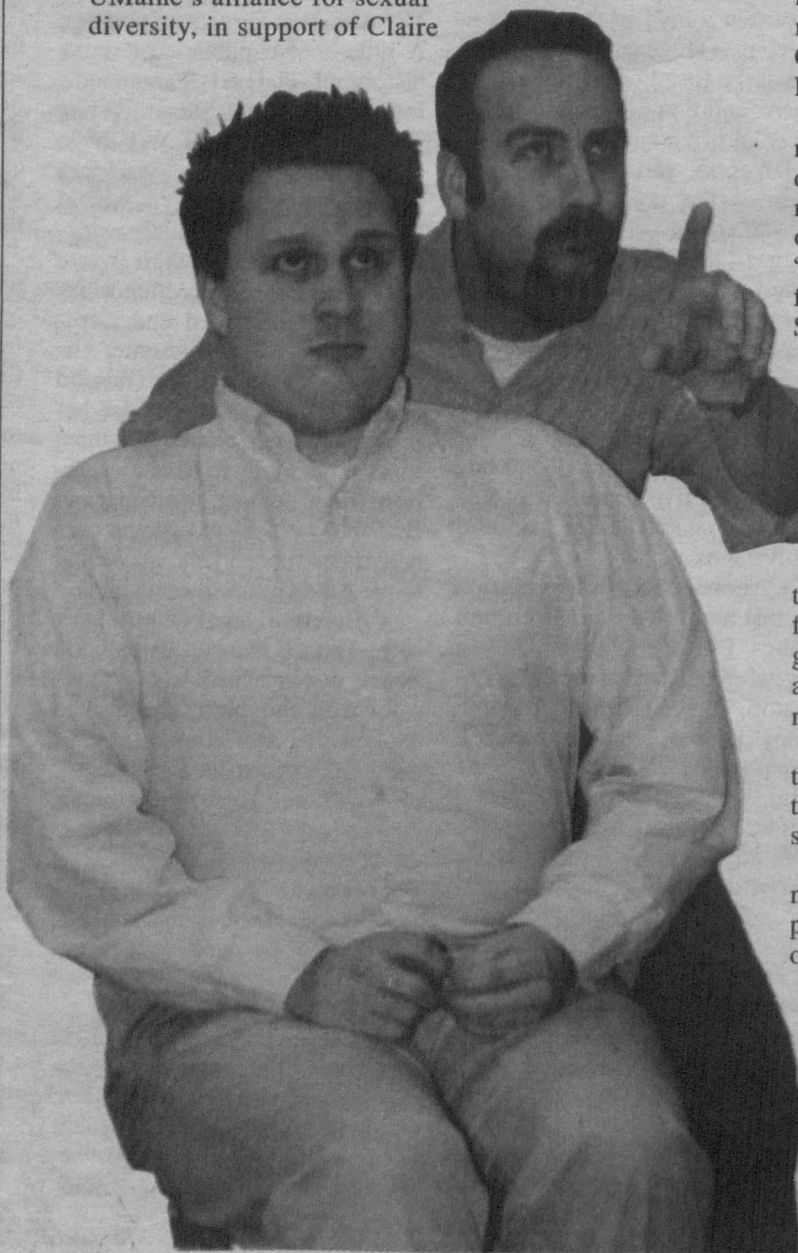
Despite the poor choice of a concrete classroom, "Change" had a laid-back, cheerful ambiance, and Small's narratives were humorous transitions between acts. A large turnout of friends and generous students helped to create a positive and appreciative vibe.

Not only did the groups perform, but they also did their part to help Folsom out. The Steiners gave her \$5 from every sale of their CD that night, and Renaissance gave her \$200. All contributions, including ticket sales and donations from outside businesses, added up to more than \$1,200.

"Thank you. It means so much, and I don't know how to express that," Folsom said to the crowd. She admired the sense of community her fellow students had, which, she added, is what Maine is all about.

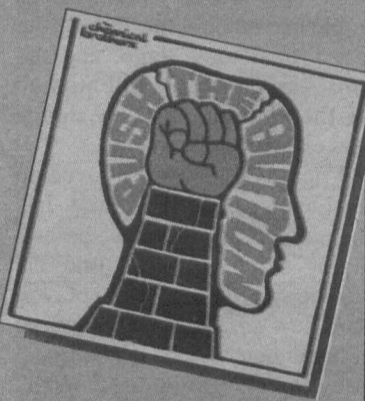
Matthew Small ended the concert on an appreciative note: "We're all for an education and [an internship] is part of Claire's. We all banded together to try and help one of our own."

Josh Schmersall, left, and Dominick Varney perform Big-Ass Rock from the Broadway musical The Full Monty at the Songs for Change concert Wednesday. The benefit concert raised more than \$1,200.



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For Your Entertainment



CDs

"Push the Button"
The Chemical Brothers
Tuesday, Jan. 25

"Knuckle Down"
Ani DiFranco
Tuesday, Jan. 25

"Seventeen Days"
3 Doors Down
Tuesday, Feb. 8



DVDs

"Alien Vs. Predator"
Tuesday, Jan. 25

"Ray"
Tuesday, Feb. 1

"Shark Tale"
Tuesday, Feb. 8



In Theaters

"Alone in the Dark"
Friday, Jan. 28

"Hide and Seek"
Friday, Jan. 28

"Boogeyman"
Friday, Feb. 4

'Assault' entertaining but tired remake

By Joel Crabtree
Staff Writer

"Assault on Precinct 13" is a remake of the 1976 John Carpenter movie of the same title. The original "Assault on Precinct 13" is itself a remake of Howard Hawks' classic "Rio Bravo." There have been several forms of the "Rio Bravo" story since its release in 1959, including "From Dusk Till Dawn" and "John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars." "Assault on Precinct 13" is just one of the many, and that puts it at a serious disadvantage. It can be hard to stand out in a crowd. The premise of the movie has been done so often that it's nearly impossible to bring anything fresh to the story. Jake Roenick (Ethan Hawke) is an on-the-edge police captain whose precinct gets taken under siege by a group of corrupt cops led by Marcus Duvall (Gabrielle Byrne) trying to prevent Marian Bishop (Laurence Fishburne) from taking the stand against them. Roenick has to team up with the prisoners to defend the precinct from the corrupt cops

who have laid siege to it.

"Assault on Precinct 13" is a highly unoriginal action movie, but succeeds in entertaining. A lot of its material is very clichéd for the action genre, and the story does not present any new ideas. Even with its slightly stale story, the movie has a certain level of intensity to it that is seldom seen in similar action movies. The intensity of the movie partially comes from its cold and secluded atmosphere skillfully created by director Jean-Francois Richet. The two lead actors, Hawke and Fishburne, are used well as adversaries force fight on the same side. Much of the tension created in the movie come from the characters' interaction. Hawke, Fishburne, Byrne and the rest of the cast are all very talented actors who have been put into a standard action movie. The results are surprisingly good, as each actor does more than just carry their own weight. The supporting cast is surprisingly strong in the movie. They turn a possible generic action movie into something more entertaining and



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NOTHING NEW — Ethan Hawke stars in a remake of John Carpenter's classic "Assault on Precinct 13." In the movie he plays an officer who has to team up with criminals to defend his station from rouge cops. Laurence Fishburne stars as one of criminals Hawke works with.

they are also used effectively as comic relief. Brian Dennehy, of "Rambo" fame, is appropriately cast as an old fashioned cop who really plays off of the hodge-podge of quirky criminals he has to work with.

"Assault on Precinct 13" hits nearly all of its marks. Though it is terribly unoriginal, it more than makes up for that with its

strong cast and direction. One of the few unique points of the film is its over-the-top violence, which gives it a seventies-style action movie feel, comparable to Carpenter's movies from that decade. Even with the style, "Assault on Precinct 13" never transcends the action genre label, but it is a good movie for sheer entertainment purposes.

Breaking down the possibilities of 'With Teeth'

Metal Guru

By Jesse Davis

Early last year, information surfaced that caused millions of Nine Inch Nails fans to drool as their dreams appeared to be coming true: A new album, named "With Teeth," was in the making. Now, at the beginning of a new year and with only three-and-a-half months until the scheduled release date — Tuesday, May 3 — NIN fans are holding their breath. Will it be good? Will it be bad? How different will it sound than the rest of the band's discography?

Throughout the recording of the album, Trent Reznor, the group's mastermind, has kept his fans updated on the album's progress through the Web site, NIN.com, where he has offered clues as to how it is shaping up. References to recording methods, guest musicians and similarities between "With Teeth" and previous albums have

stirred imaginations and fueled speculation. In this installment of the "Metal Guru" I will be offering my two cents on the matter.

The first defining aspect of the album will be that all tracks will include vocals, as Reznor has chosen to not add any instrumentals this time around. This is, of course, a step away from his previous album, "The Fragile," which was laced with both vocal tracts and semi-instrumentals with only one or two lines of lyrics. This leads me to believe that artistic decisions aside, he has more to say, and that can only bode well for the album. His discontent with the election results may have also given him an angrier edge, although if he actually references politics I think it will be metaphorical.

On the band's Web site, he mentions that he was once again playing around with odd sounds and noises heavily. This could have led the album in a couple directions. The direction I'm sure most people would like to see it take is one toward songs like "Reptile" and "Eraser" from "The Downward Spiral." On the other hand, it could also move toward a "Too Dark Park"-

esque amalgam of industrial sounds tied together in an almost twisted pop sense — "Too Dark Park" is a classic industrial album from the band Skinny Puppy. Either way, Trent's obvious talent in this arena promises that it won't go sour.

For a brief time, he toyed with the idea of going completely monophonic on the

Downward Spiral and tracks like "Starfuckers, Inc." from "The Fragile," mixed with a more experienced and possibly angrier and darker Trent. Now to move on to who will be performing alongside him.

In my mind the biggest and most important addition to the band comes with the new bassist. We all know him, we all love him, he's currently in A Perfect Circle and was previously in Marilyn Manson, the one, the only, Jeordie White — ex-Twiggy! Not only does White have years of experience in two amazing bands, he has also toured with NIN before, giving him what I believe will be an extra edge live.

Coming in on guitar will be Aaron North, previously of The Icarus Line. Reznor showers him with praise in several statements he has made regarding the new lineup.

Rounding out the live band are Alessandro Cortini on keyboard and Jerome Dillon on drums.

In speaking about their live shows, Trent has stated that those who were amazed by the Fragility 2.0 Tour will not be let down, and posted one line that should say it all: "We are preparing to destroy you."

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keyboard tracks for the album. What this means is that when recording, he would use a keyboard that could only play one note at a time, making each note more deliberate. As recently posted, however, he seems to have moved away from that idea.

Overall, I believe that the new album will be amazing. In my opinion the sound will fall somewhere between The

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this town.

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STYLE CALENDAR

Post-holiday sales mark a good time to find the deals

By Erin McNamara
Staff Writer

And back to the mall we go. The sales are crazy in the Hogan Road area — it's just that time of year. All of the stores are getting in new stock for the spring, but there's still a load of stuff leftover that they couldn't sell two months ago for the holidays. That is good news for us, the consumers, because it means clearance-time.

This week's column will be devoted to a few specialty stores. No, not some fancy boutiques or exclusive stores where the sales clerks wear suits and offer you chocolates on a tray — I've only read about those places, but I'm sure they exist somewhere. The specialty stores I'll be focusing on are located right in our very own Bangor Mall: Lids, The Christmas Corner, and Go! The Game Store.

Lids is having a buy-one-get-one-free sale right now. They have a wide selection of baseball caps, including all your favorite sports teams.

They even sell Yankee hats, though these are probably somewhere in the back of the store, shoved in a corner and covered with dust. In theory, you could buy a hat for yourself and get a Yankee's hat for free. Send it to your cousin in New York. He might like it.

The Christmas Corner and Go! The Game Store is having an enormous storewide sale. All the Christmas goods are 75 percent off right now, and all their games are 50 percent off. That can work out to a heck of a deal. The Christmas Corner — which comprises about half of the combined store, carries everything from wrapping paper to decorations to Christmas-themed gifts. Now is a great time to stock up for next year — or at least your mother can go in and stock up for you if you don't have room in your apartment or dorm to store Christmas stuff for next year.

Go! The Game Store has a good selection of unusual, old-fashioned themed games. There are the usual card games, board games and train sets, but there

are also some really cool spin-off games that you won't find elsewhere in Bangor. I have never seen a "Horse-opoly" version of Monopoly before, nor have I encountered most of the boxed card games they sell. How on earth do you play Canasta, anyway? And why do you need a box for it?

The only problem with their selection, for most of the year, is that it's a bit pricey. The specialty Monopoly boards are usually priced in the \$35 range, which is admittedly a bit steep. Right now, however, you can get that Coca-Cola Monopoly game for about \$18 — not too bad, when you think about how much you are saving off retail. And if there are birthdays coming up for children or "big kids" who still like board games, now is a great time to go get the gifts and just hang on to them. That's better than some crappy card and \$20 because you can't find anything interesting and affordable.

That reminds me — I should go buy a gift for my brother while it's still on sale.

Local bands rock out to help tsunami relief efforts

Pattle Barry
Copy Editor

On Friday night, Ushuaia and some outstanding local bands put on a great show in order to raise money for the Red Cross Tsunami Relief Effort in Southeast Asia. Of the bands that played, all did a great job supporting a worthy cause.

The first band to take the stage was Burning Valhalla at 9 p.m. They commenced the night with an energized sound, playing heavy-brand alternative tinged with

harmony. Their songs relied heavily on instrumentals, displaying the abilities of the band's bassist and guitarists. Despite the sedentary crowd, the band did their best to rev them up, playing songs off their demo such as "Love is Love," "Battles" and "How to Take a Bullet," which has received some airtime on local radio stations.

Second to take the stage was Propel, touting more of a Godsmack-type sound. The two lead singers traded powerful screams with soothing harmonies,

creating an effect that garnered much crowd enjoyment. More people had entered the club by the time Propel took stage, and the song "Full-Frontal Lobotomy" was the first song that saw significant crowd involvement.

After Propel came Soundbender, a band that has wowed the Ushuaia crowd before. Mixing some nu-metal into the rock-heavy night, they played some new songs as well as some off their demo, such as "Mind," "Boredom," "Building a Wall" and "Sink or Swim."

After that came Nobis, jarring the crowd with a heavy metal sound yet again. The lead singer, who sounds quite a bit like Shavo Odadjian of System of a Down, led the crowd in bringing down the house.

Finishing up the evening were the bands Inbound and Bedlam. Inbound, a metal-hardcore band, got the crowd moshing. Bedlam, also hardcore, kept the hard rock theme of the evening going.

Attendance was well over 100 people, the goal set by Ushuaia owner Alex Gray. All of the proceeds from the evening went to the Red Cross to fund their Tsunami Relief Effort.

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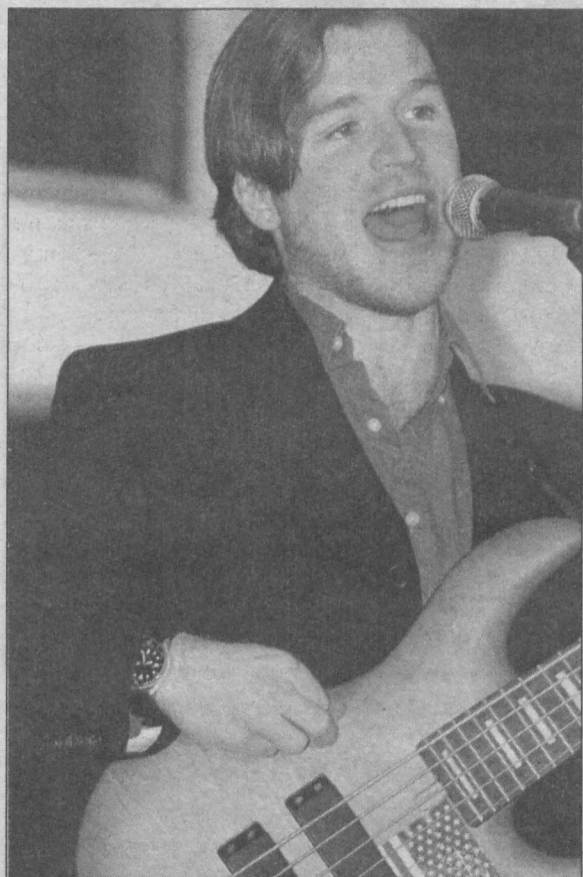
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SHARP DRESSED MEN — Joachim Horsely (left) and his band, Little Horse, get the crowd in the Union's North Pod horsing around and clapping along for Thursday's Frequency concert. Drummer Larry Finn (right) eyes the crowd during Campus Activity Board's weekly band venue, The Frequency.

WMEB Top 10

- 1 Death From Above 1979 • You're a Woman, I'm a Machine
- 2 Low • The great Destroyer
- 3 My Robot Friend • Hot Action!
- 4 Interpol • Antics
- 5 U2 • How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb
- 6 Kings of Leon • Aha Shake Heartbreak
- 7 Futureheads • The Futureheads
- 8 Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds • Abattoir Blues
- 9 Ted Leo and the Pharmacists • Shake the Sheets
- 10 Handsome Boy Modeling School • White People

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What's on your TiVo Box?
"Law and Order: SVU"

What's in your fridge?
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What's your favorite watering hole?
The Whig and Courier

Where did you take your last date?
My bedroom, and then to Cloud nine



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What's on your TiVo Box?
"Sex in the City" reruns

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Macaroni and cheese

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Bear Brew

Where did you take your last date?
UMaine hockey game



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Murder.

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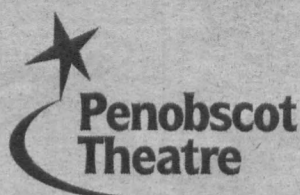
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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Aries

March 21 to April 19

Clean up the mess, including apologizing, if necessary. Arrange your social calendar to have some cuddle time tonight.

Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Use what you've learned in the past to help you reach your next big decision. Don't be stopped where you were before, however. There's no fun in that.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Your natural curiosity is about to get tweaked again. In order to get where you want to go, there's a whole lot more to learn. Dig in.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

It's a little too soon to make more changes in your living arrangements. There's more money coming in for the next few days. Make your decision after then.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

This is not a good day to take risks, even if you feel confident you are right. The odds are better that things won't go as expected. Proceed with caution.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Finding the perfect gift for a person who usually does without is a worthwhile gesture. Others are inspired to do the same, and old hurts are healed.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

Don't be too exuberant or over-enthusiastic. No giggling or jumping up and down, either. Be cool, and you'll make more points.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21

Some of the paperwork that's been plaguing you never has to be done. Sort through and discard that, and do the other stuff.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

If you're the one with the checkbook, you have to enforce the rules. It's a tough job, but you can do it. Simply ignore temptation.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Figure out what you're going to need, and how much it's going to cost. Spend more time on the discussion and you'll spend less money in the stores.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

Take care when traveling — the course will be more complex than expected. It's best to drive defensively, so you don't get blindsided. Otherwise, enjoy.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

An outing to visit friends is still slightly out of reach. Continue to add to your savings account, and visit via phone instead.

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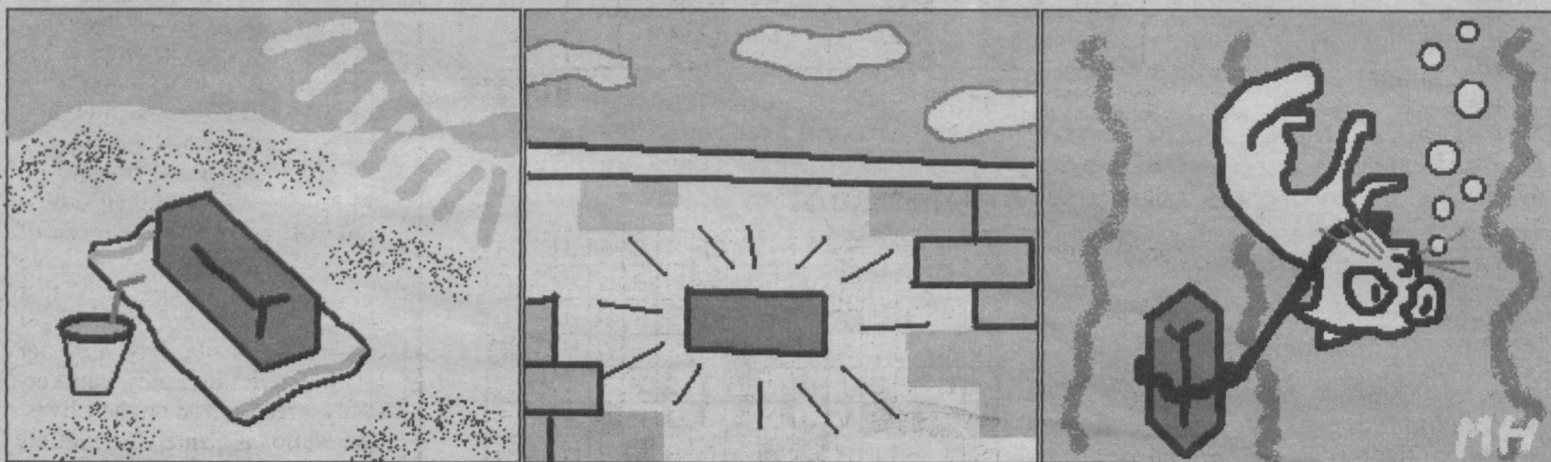
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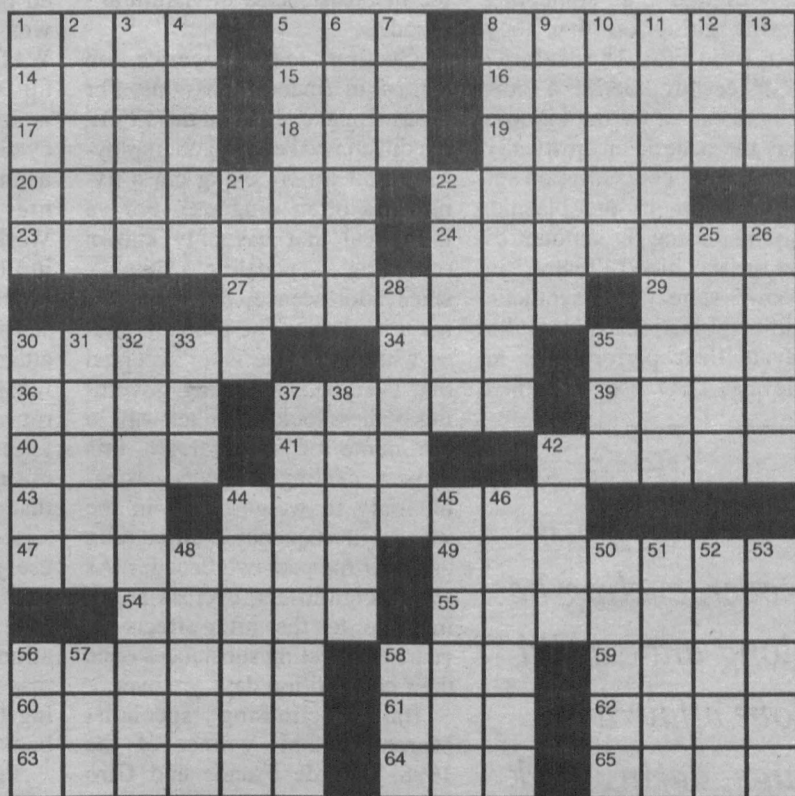
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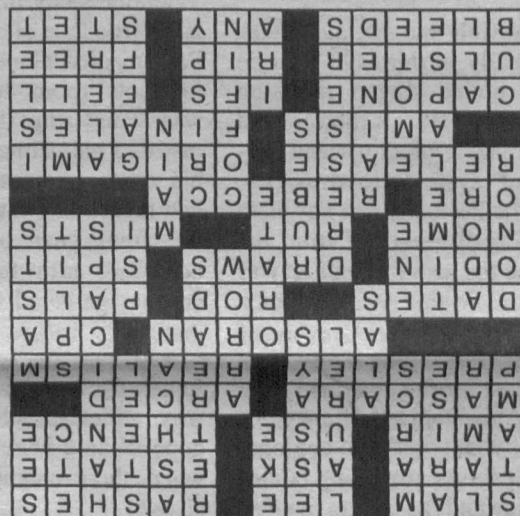


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MENTAL FLOSS by Terri Eloffson Bly

How stalking affects women's personal safety

In college, when I was planning to pursue a career in movie stardom, I would remark flippanantly that I could measure my success by the number of stalkers I had. The reality is, many celebrities have suffered emotionally and, occasionally, physically at the hands of stalkers, and it is not a topic that lends itself well to jokes or casual remarks. In 1989, a popular young actress by the name of Rebecca Schaeffer was shot and killed by a 19-year-old man, Robert Bardo. Bardo became obsessed with Schaeffer after watching her sitcom, "Sister, Sister." He apparently had a collection of 100 videos of the show in his bedroom, along with a shrine he built so that he could literally worship her. One morning, he went to her apartment and, he claimed, shot her to death after she told him that he was wasting her time.

Fortunately, most stalkers do not kill the object of their obsession. The bad news for those of us who have yet to achieve superstardom, however, is that most stalkers do not target celebrities. While they may not kill their victims, they can certainly wreak havoc on their lives. The National Center for Victims of Crimes (NCVC) reported that 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetimes. According to the NCVC survey, stalkers harass their victims most often via phone calls, but also send unwanted letters or packages, vandalize their property and, in some cases, even threaten or kill a family pet. Over half of female and a third of male victims reported that they had been in an intimate relationship with their stalkers, and when the stalker is a former partner, he or she no longer appears to be content with a letter or a phone call. Of the women whose stalkers were former partners, 81 percent reported being assaulted by their stalker, and 31 percent were also sexually assaulted by him or her. Acts of violence, particularly violence against women, are

often preceded by stalking. For the vast majority of female homicides, the victim was stalked at least once in the year before her death.

When contemplating what kind of person becomes a stalker, a vision of Glenn Close in Fatal Attraction might come to mind: wild eyes and wilder hair, crazier than a hoot owl as she seeks revenge for being rejected by her lover. Indeed, some stalkers do suffer from severe mental illness. Robert Bardo had been hospitalized twice, due to "severe emotional damages." Many stalkers, however, are not psychotic. The American Psychiatric Association, in a study of 145 stalkers, found that only 30 percent of the stalkers suffered from some type of delusional disorder. The researchers concluded that most stalkers appear to be lonely, socially incompetent men, often responding to a rejection from a woman by stalking her, sometimes in a misguided effort to convince her to be with him, and sometimes out of anger and irritation in order to intimidate her, punish her, or both.

So what do you do if you suspect you may have a stalker? First, know that you are not alone. A 2000 study found that 1 in 13 college women reported being stalked in a 6 to 9 month period. The important step is to report the stalker, whether it be to your RA, Campus Security, or the Safe Campus Project (581-2515). Last but not least, you can also visit the Counseling Center, not only to talk about your experience, but also to address the emotional damages you may be suffering as a result. If you would like to learn more about stalking, or have an experience you would like to share, please tune in to WMEB 91.9 FM tonight at 7 p.m. for Wicked Psyched, a weekly radio show sponsored by the Counseling Center. The topic will be stalking and we will host Carrie Nason from the Safe Campus Project.

A College Girl Named Joe

By Aaron Warner



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Doping problem highlighted in world of cycling

**Dope
Man**



By Aaron Barnes
Head Copy Editor

This past week, prosecutors in France once again opened an investigation into allegations that six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong has used performance-enhancing substances to attain his victory.

American cycling accomplished and soft-spoken poster boy Tyler Hamilton, who won the Olympic gold in the time trial discipline in Athens last summer, was found twice to have undergone a homologous blood transfusion. A technical error in the testing lab spared Hamilton his gold medal, but he'll still be banned from international competition for two years.

2003 World Mountain Bike Champion Filip Meirhaeghe tested positive for banned substances in 2004 and admitted his guilt, although a lack of any previous positive tests will allow him to keep his title of World Champion.

As much as one wants to believe that his or her favorite athlete isn't guilty of crossing the line and entering the realm of cheating via chemicals, it's hard to ignore that sport today is an enterprise driven by money and fed by glory. Most likely, Tyler Hamilton isn't resorting to chemicals in an effort to increase his salary; in his case, as in the cases of other well-compensated athletes; for him it's all about the record books. Vanity and compulsion push the already successful athlete to use performance-

enhancing drugs. For most professional athletes, though, resorting to the use of banned substances is a matter of survival, as results mean money. A mediocre athlete can ensure continued employment with one season of good results. This isn't about adding another Ferrari to the garage; it's about staying in the game, period.

Some of the most amazing feats of human athleticism have been accomplished by athletes who happen to use a bike as their tool of sport. For all its glory, however, cycling has a long and sordid love affair with drugs, dating back decades. British world champion Tom Simpson collapsed and died on the slopes of one of the Tour de France's most arduous climbs in 1967, primarily due to the overabundance of amphetamines he had ingested. Even as he fell from his bike, in and out of consciousness, Simpson pleaded with the crowd "Put me back on my bike." That's not love for the filthy lucre, that's a passion for glory.

In the early 1990s, however, cycling reached a turning point. Something began to change on the roads of Europe — Americans, and a select few European trade cycling teams, could even keep pace with the rest of the peloton. Forget winning races — the task became simply finishing them. The change? Cycling was on an upswing in Europe, and American Greg Lemond's three Tour De France victories had brought a new, lucrative American audience to the sport. Cycling teams all have resident physicians, and little by little these doctors began prescribing questionable, and soon downright illegal, substances to riders. Greg Lemond was forced to retire in 1994 without a major victory since 1990, citing chronic fatigue syndrome. Years later, he and other

American cyclists of the era would admitted that something fishy was going on that they weren't privy to. The culprit? EPO, or erythropoietin, a hormone synthesized by the kidneys that has the benefit of drastically increasing the concentration of red blood cells in the plasma, thereby increasing the amount of oxygen in the blood. Teams "in the know" were using synthetic EPO in combination with insulin to elevate their performance to new levels. EPO use continued

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unabated well into the late 1990s, when finally, at the 1998 Tour de France, police staged raids on participating team's hotels and found a cache of drugs and evidence of systematic drug use among the Festina team. The team was promptly removed from the Tour, and the resulting fallout was termed the Festina Affair by journalists. This 1998 event, on one of sport's biggest world stages, was the catalyst for the creation of the World Anti-Doping Agency, or WADA, which works in conjunction with sports governing bodies worldwide and the IOC to oversee drug testing. WADA's practices are currently being vigorously tested by the Hamilton case, as it was a controversial WADA-sanc-

tioned lab procedure that revealed the inconsistencies in Hamilton's blood.

Cycling teams operate on razor-thin financial margins. For professional cyclists in the 1990s, the difference between unemployment and simply eking out a living was often drug use. For an individual that has only known one thing — pedaling a bike — since adolescence, the choice is not a hard one. The problem arises when drug use is so accepted that everyone, including governing bodies, look the other way in the name of survival. In this respect, cycling is second probably only to weightlifting in the scope and frequency of illicit drug use over the past two decades. As with weightlifters, cyclists aren't immune to the after-effects of years of injecting substances once their competition days are over.

Italian climbing specialist Marco Pantani, winner of the 1998 Tour de France and Giro d'Italia, developed a nasty cocaine habit after years of being hounded by the press for alleged drug use. He was found dead of a massive cocaine overdose on Valentine's day of last year. This is the true face of doping in sport. Pantani died alone and confused in a hotel room, and no doubt he was wondering if his drug use justified his palmares. Days after his death, the same public that had forced him into seclusion for the final year of his life by hounding him for his alleged doping, gathered by the tens of thousands in his hometown to hail him as one of the greats of Italian cycling. And one wonders why athletes feel compelled to dope. Where were Pantani's fans when their champion was still alive?

The attitudes of professional athletes must change in order to eradicate the culture of doping that pervades many sports. When

mountain biker Meirhaeghe tested positive test for EPO said he was simply "unlucky" when WADA representatives showed up at his door for an unannounced test. What's the former cyclist, who most likely had an annual income in the seven-figure range, up to these days? Working on his neighbor's farm in Belgium — for free.

Retired cyclists are already starting to drop dead of heart attacks and aneurysms as they reach middle age, and many retired substance-abusing athletes in other sports will meet untimely demises as well. If that's what it takes to get the message across that the perils of drug use just aren't worth it for athletes, then so be it. In the meantime, however, two simple alterations to world sporting code may make the difference in saving lives and keeping the record books free of future cheaters:

First, hold the majority of an athlete's salary in escrow for a predetermined period of time; if an athlete fails a drug test while competing — or even months afterwards — move the funds to WADA and the IOC to combat doping, or return them to the sponsors that paid the doped athletes in the first place.

Second, all sports should have clauses in their respective record books and achievement halls that will strike the name of any athlete found to be using performance-enhancing chemicals from the record. Relatively recent advances such as gene therapy prove that sport has a long way to go in determining the most effective methods for weeding out those who use chemicals to cheat, but with some luck and a little common sense, we'll be able to keep future generations of athletes honest. Will we be there for our champions of sport while they're still alive?

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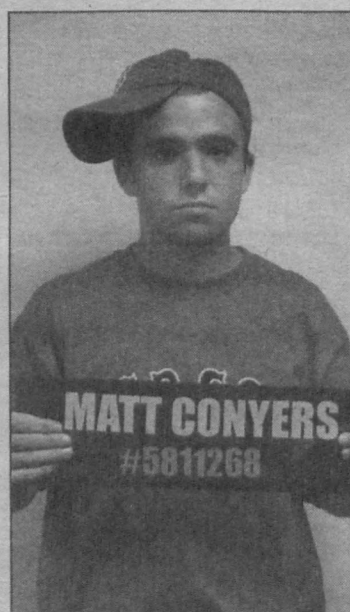
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Black Bears traverse New England during strenuous stretch

By Meghann Burnett
For The Maine Campus

Considering they have had two away meets in the past six days, the University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams have put up some impressive numbers.

On January 15th, the men traveled to Boston University for the Terrier Cup, an open meet with no team scoring. The women made the drive to Brown University in Providence, R.I. for the Challenger Cup, where they garnered a third-place finish behind Brown and Rhode Island, respectively. This past Friday, both teams hit the road again for the Rhode Island Invitational, with the men placing fifth with 59 points and the women taking fourth place with 64.33 points.

In men's action, the Terrier Cup gave the runners an opportunity to compete individually against a variety of competition. Junior Paul Rupprecht took fourth place in the mile with a time of 4:15.48, followed by sophomore Donald Drake in fifth place at 4:16.59. Rupprecht also snatched a third-place finish in the 1,000 meters, running a time of 2:32.46. In the 800 meters, Drake

finished third at 1:57.61 and junior Scott O'Connor took fourth at 1:58.80. Jeff Caron took second in the 3,000 meters at 8:24.20. The men also picked up a win in the 4 by 400 meter relay.

Sydney Harrison finished fifth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.70. Freshman Christopher Jodoin was eighth in the 400 meters at 51.70 and Nate Holmes placed second in the 55-meter hurdles.

Troy Irving cleared 4.40 meters in the pole vault, placing third. Senior captain Anthony Morgan was fourth in the weight throw with a toss of 15.65 meters.

At the GoRhody Invitational on Friday, Michael Lansing and Caron finished fifth and sixth in the mile run with times of 4:17.72 and 4:19.30, respectively. Rupprecht took second in the 1000 meters at 2:29.82. In the 800 meters, Drake and O'Connor took sixth and seventh, recording times of 1:57.29 and 1:58.58. Sophomore Kirby Davis was fourth in the 3,000 meters at 8:42.71. The 4-by-800 meter relay team took second overall and Morgan secured seventh in the shot put and third in the weight throw. Sophomore Christopher Warren was seventh in the high

jump, clearing 1.93 meters, and Irvine cleared 4.35 meters in the pole vault for third place. Junior Jesse Ludwig was seventh in the long jump, recording 6.24 meters. In the 55 meter hurdles, Holmes

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Hana Pelletier
800 meters,
UMaine Women's Track

finished sixth place and Irvine took eighth.

On the women's side, the Black Bears scored 127 points at Brown University on January 15th. Leading the way were Silvia Scaldaferrri and Stephanie McCusker, who placed in two events. Scaldaferrri took second

place in the 55 meters in 7.47 and first in the long jump, recording 5.28 meters.

"I was pleased with my 55," said Scaldaferrri. "It has been a while since I raced in the dash. I don't think I competed in it all of last year, if not longer, so it really felt good to come back."

McCusker finished second in both the long jump and triple jump, despite some issues with the placement of the pit, according to Scaldaferrri.

"Both Stephanie and I found it slightly restricting to jump at Brown because of how the pit is situated, but we both pulled it off," said Scaldaferrri.

Freshman Lindsey Burlock placed second in the 400 meters in 59.61 and Amanda Virget took second in the 500 meters with a time of 1:18.90. In the 800 meters, Hana Pelletier ran a time of 2:15.99 for the win and Kathryn Soviney took first in the 55 meter hurdles in 8.31.

On Friday night, the women didn't get started until 8:00 p.m., and finished in fourth place overall.

For the third time this season, sophomore Hana Pelletier took first place in the 800 meters with a

time of 2:14.61.

"I think the 800 has become my race," said Pelletier. "If you are confident and you tell yourself, 'I'm going to run fast, no one can beat me,' it's much easier to accomplish when it comes down to the actual race."

Burlock finished third in the 400-meters in 59.10 while Virgets took eighth in the 500 meters with a time of 1:20.88. Souviney took eighth place in the 55-meter hurdles in 9.35. The Black Bear 4-by-400 relay was third and the 4-by-800 relay was fifth. In the high jump, Virgets tied for second at 1.55 meters, and Hatch finished fifth at 1.55 meters. Junior Shira Panelli was seventh in the pole vault, clearing 3.00 meters. Scaldaferrri was second in the long jump, going 5.29 meters with McCusker and junior Carly Bunyan taking fifth and sixth in the triple jump. In the shot putt, freshman Micalyn Weichman was fourth with a throw of 11.94 meters and Mary McDonagh took seventh at 10.98 meters.

The men and women return to action on Saturday, Jan. 29th to host Connecticut College.

ESPN enters the Animal House

By Kyle Fortinsky
For The Maine Campus

For many college athletics are a way to exhibit school pride. For some, they are a way of life. Extensive coverage your favorite Atlantic Coast Conference basketball or Big Ten football team is simply not enough. You crave more knowledge about NCAA hockey, baseball or wrestling. You want to flip on sports radio and have the entire program consist of college sports. You hate wading through endless Web sites and links to find out whether your buddy who plays lacrosse on a Division III team scored a goal in yesterday's game. You want a place that has everything NCAA, all the time. Well my friend, you can now die a peaceful, satisfying death.

The manifest destiny of college sports has been accomplished. In roughly a month-and-a-half, ESPN will launch ESPNU, a comprehensive multimedia initiative, which includes a 24-hour-a-day television station dedicated to all that is NCAA athletics.

Excuse me while I wipe a tear or two from my eye. This is incredible.

In Tuesday's official press release, ESPNU's vice president and GM Burke Mangus said "ESPNU will become a destination for the rich passion and pageantry of intercollegiate athletics." In other words, anyone exposed to this ESPN expansion will become ridiculously obsessed with college sports, if they weren't already. That day, for people like me, Burke Mangus was Santa Claus; Santa Claus with the most incredible sack of presents one could imagine.

According to the press

release, baseball, softball, wrestling, hockey, lacrosse and swimming are only a taste of what will be covered on ESPNU. The television station alone will broadcast 300 live collegiate events in its first year of operation, while also airing specials and replays of classic NCAA games.

Excuse me; I think I just threw up in my mouth.

Based on the consistent success of the ESPN conglomerate, and its reputation for superior sports coverage, there is no doubt ESPNU will thrive. It rhymes with ESPN2 – the network's last expansion success – and presents an already catchy marketing slogan for the March 4, 2005 inauguration: "03-04-05." The fact that the date happens to be during the heart of the conference basketball championships – known to ESPN viewers as Championship Week – is no coincidence. Mangus explains "March is a memorable time for college sports fans. Given that, the start of Championship Week and the added bonus of the easy-to-remember '03-04-05' date, the launch timing is ideal."

Complete details on broadcasting, scheduling and station accessibility will be released soon, said Mangus.

ESPNU is a godsend for the college athlete fanatic. Perhaps the most dynamic component of ESPNU will not be just its coverage of lesser known sports, but the extent of which the sports are reported on. Viewers, readers and listeners will have information pouring in from all angles on their alma mater fencing squads and crew teams.

To the fanatics, "03-04-05" is your new favorite number. ESPNU, we salute you.

Scaling the salary cap situation

By Matthew McGraw
For The Maine Campus

For all you National Hockey League fans eagerly awaiting the return of the season, I'd like to ask you to please let them continue the fight against a serious cancer to sports – the salary cap. I hear the booing already. How dare I say the salary cap is a cancer to sports, right? According to supporters, the salary cap puts every team on equal ground and lets the true organizations win championships. I'm sorry, but I can't find a loud enough buzzer to demonstrate how wrong that statement is.

The salary cap is one of the most disastrous creations ever to hit professional sports. It promotes reverse Darwinian thinking. Salary caps let the weakest, least ambitious sharks swim amongst the strongest and hungriest. Instead of just letting them swim, the cap gives teams a protective shield.

The professional sports industry is just that, an industry: rich investors, or groups of rich investors, who buy teams to make a profit. They will sell tickets at a price people are willing to pay and supply on-field entertainment. Some of that money goes to the players who entertain the sober fans, some of that money goes to the beer companies who entertain the drunken fans, and some of that money goes into their own pockets. The players are also being paid for their talents. Sure most of them do love the game they are playing, but make no mistake, these men are being paid for their talents. The common problem is that the general public thinks that these players play to win. Players do like to win. However, players like money more.

So what's wrong with salary

caps? Well, first of all, they place, a huge restriction on the free market. I'm sick of everyone saying that small market teams cannot compete with large market teams. Aside from being very ignorant, that statement is simply untrue. Market size has nothing to do with winning. If it did, New York would win every major championship every year. Second of all, there is no such thing as an economically small-market team. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are, on paper, the cheapest Major League Baseball franchise, with a payroll of \$29.5 million in 2004. Forbes, however, says the team is really worth \$145 million dollars, a figure which Major League Baseball and the Devil Rays themselves claim is in fact an underestimated value. What does that mean? It means that while they only put \$29.5 million into payroll, this team has a lot more money readily available if their owners wanted to invest. Furthermore this means that Tampa Bay, as an organization, isn't interested in paying for big-ticket players, and would rather have a cheap team that will make them money. If there were a salary cap in the MLB it would do two things: One, it would give teams like Tampa Bay, who as an organization have decided they would rather make money than win, a better chance to win. Second: It would hurt teams like the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Anaheim Angels, and a dozen other teams whose owners feel acquiring the best players is a priority.

When owners and investors are regulated on how to spend their money they become handicapped. Imagine if Microsoft had a salary cap to help boost competition with Apple. What if movie directors had salary caps? "I'm sorry Warner

Brothers, signing Morpheus for "The Matrix 3" put you over the top. You're going to have to trade Neo to "The Bourne Identity" for Matt Damon and a future consideration."

There are other problems with the salary cap though. Both the National Basketball Association and the National Football League have salary caps in their respective leagues. Does this mean teams pay attention to their spending? No. Here are the ways professional organizations get around the salary cap. If you're a NBA franchise, don't even pay attention to it. Twenty-five of the twenty-nine NBA teams are over the salary cap. I sure am glad that the NBA has that cap – too bad nobody enforces it. The NFL, however, takes a different approach to beating the cap. When Michael Vick signed his new ten-year, \$130 million contract, he was also guaranteed \$37 million in signing bonuses. In plain English, Vick gets \$170 million over ten years, but only \$130 of it counts as salary. There are regulations that prevent teams from just paying players entirely in signing bonuses, but for business sake, the signing bonus nullifies the purpose of the salary cap.

So there you have it. The salary cap is a complete waste of time and I applaud the NHL Players Association for fighting against their owners. The benefits of the salary cost do not include the fans or players, or winning-hungry owners. The only winners a salary cap produces are rich owners who want financially low-risk teams. Instead of losing games and making large sums of money, they might win games and make large sums of money. But after all, isn't that's what's great about sports?

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"Every home win is a huge win," said Reed. "It's good that we got one at home, we were disappointed about Albany last week."

Head coach Ted Woodward believed the outcome was a testament to his team's tough effort.

"We played hard," said Woodward. "We were disappointed we didn't play as hard this Wednesday against Hartford, and I think that's something that motivated us."

Reed finished the decision just two points shy of the 1,000-point mark for his career. Along with the 13 impressive rebounds, Reed shot 4-for-11 from the court and 3-for-5 from the three point arc.

"Kevin Reed had another 13 rebound game, a guy coming from the guard position and getting that many rebounds in the course of a game is just phenomenal," said Woodward.

While Reed provided the explosion in the first half when he scored all his points, it was Flavin who managed to ignite the scoring assault in the second half.

Flavin tallied a game-high 19 points on the afternoon, the largest of which came with 6:04 left in the second half when he connected on a conventional three-point play that capped off an 8-0 run that gave the Black Bears the lead for good.

Northeastern head coach Ron Everhart believed Flavin's performance had a big role in the final outcome of the game.

"I thought Flavin was a really big difference in the second half," said Everhart. "He's always played well against us."

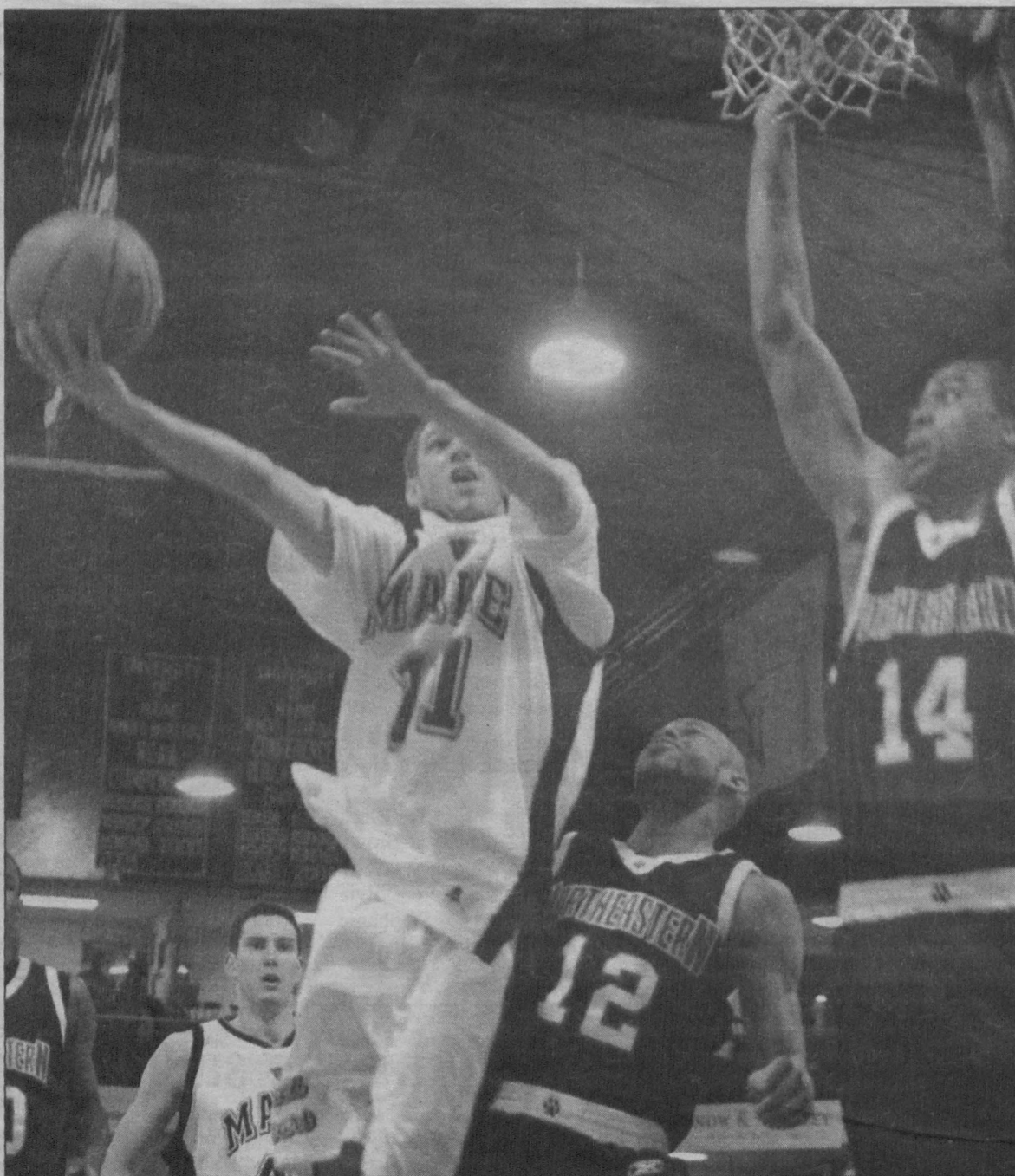
Flavin, shooting 8-for-16 from the field, hauled in eight rebounds on the day.

Flavin commented on his own personal display after the conclusion of the contest.

"These last couple practices we've had I've felt pretty comfortable, so I try and keep them same mindset going into the game," said Flavin. "I just tried to get as low and as deep as I could in the post."

Rounding out the scoring for the Black Bears was the red-hot Ernest Turner, recording 18 points with four assists. Joe Campbell also saw double digits, garnering 12 points.

Woodward felt his top did a



FROSH FRONTAL — Jason Hight attempts a right-handed lay-up during Sunday's upset over a talented Northeastern squad. The Black Bears won the game 67-60.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

good job of going to the basket.

"We did a good job of being able to get the basketball to the basket, whether it was off the drive or the pass," said Woodward. "I think the other thing we did was continue to hold them down both halves, we were able to key our offense off our defense."

For UMaine, the opening half saw an offense assault succeed in ripping the Huskies for 36 points. The early barge was led by Reed, who banked two graceful three-pointers in the opening five minutes of the match. At the 12:20 in the half, the Black Bears got hot stretching the lead to a sparkling 12-point advantage. The capper came on a hard fought Turner layup off a fast break at 10:59 that gave UMaine a 21-9 lead.

"In my four years at Northeastern, that's the worst start to a basketball game we've had," said Everhart.

"We just got whipped today in every phase," said Everhart. "The guards dominated us today off the dribble, we didn't rebound, they just beat us up."

The Black Bears closed out the lead with a 36-22 lead on the scoreboard.

"Basically at halftime, we knew they weren't going to go away," said Reed. "They are very talented team you just got to keep coming at them."

The opening minutes of the second half played out drastically different for the Huskies and the Black Bears. UMaine went scoreless for the first four minutes of the half, while the Huskies managed to chip away at the lead for a six-point deficit at 14:53. The drought continued for the Black Bears, with Northeastern outscoring them 19-4 in the first 8:15 minutes of half. UMaine officially surrendered their mighty 14-point lead at 12:12 with Adrian Martinez.

Northeastern snagged their largest lead of the game at 9:23 of the half when Aaron Davis pushed the advantage to 46-43.

"I thought Northeastern did a great job with their pressure in the second half," said Woodward. "They did a good job coming out with a lot of energy."

However, the Black Bears quickly answered back, squashing any chance of a fourth consecutive loss to Northeastern when Ernest Turner started a 10-0 run off a outlet pass layup.

With the Black Bears building a 53-46 advantage, Davis stopped the bleeding with a sharp three-pointer.

For the remainder of the half the Black Bears shutdown the always potent Barea until the final minutes of the contest.

Barea talked about the Black Bears defense on him during the match.

"I'll give them credit they did a good job," said Barea. "They changed their defense a lot. All game long they did a good job."

"He's such a smart player," said Woodward. "Whenever he gets anyone worn out, he really understands the whole floor."

UMaine entered the final three minutes with a 61-53, however, the Huskies had one last attack saved. Quietly knocking away at the lead, Northeastern pulled within two points at 1:25 when Barea sent a beautiful lob pass to Davis for the bucket.

The Black Bears responded going to Campbell for a bucket inside the paint, giving the squad a 63-59 lead. On the following play, Barnes was sent to the free-throw line with an opportunity to get two behind the Black Bears, however, Barnes missed the second of his two free throws leaving the score 63-60. Turner snatched the ensuing rebound. Northeastern proceeded to send Turner to the charity strip, where he nailed both his shots to seal the deal.

Freshman point-guard John Hight would close out the game with two free throws of his own to give the Black Bears the win.

"We didn't really do anything unusual or any different schemes," said Woodward. "We do have confidence in our defense."

UMaine returns to action at 7 p.m. this Thursday against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

UConn

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UMaine's opening goal came when Tristan Desmet scored a power-play goal 13 minutes into the first period to give UMaine a 1-0 lead. Desmet knocked in the rebound off a Brigitte LaFlamme shot for the goal.

The Huskies were able to tie the game later in the period when Jacquelyn McGuire, notched her second goal of the weekend.

McGuire's game-tying goal was short-lived. The Black Bears regained the lead just 36 seconds into the second period when Andrea Steranko scored for the second straight game. The Black Bears were able to hold the lead throughout the second period until the final minutes, when the Huskies tied the game again off an errant Black Bear pass. The play was deflected off UConn's Katherine Van Devere and past netminder Rachel Gettings.

The score remained tied at 2-2 until Law scored to put Maine up 3-2. Although UConn had seen success all night after giving up a goal, the Huskies could not mount a final comeback. During one stretch in the third period, the Huskies played the final 2:39 with an empty net on an attempt to tie the score yet again, and at one point even had a 6-on-4 opportunity with on a power play.

Although they conceded four goals on Friday, the Black Bears were on the attack, recording 30 shots on net compared to UConn's 15 shots. The Huskies may not have been able to put up a high shot total like the Black Bears but it did not stop them from scoring early. McGuire gave her team a 1-0 lead just 30 seconds into the game. The goal came when McGuire redirected a slapshot by Liz Gallinara to beat Gettings. UConn doubled its lead when Jennifer Houlden ripped a one-timer at 13:29 from the top of the circle past Gettings to end the first period with a 2-0 lead.

UMaine was able to get something going offensively five minutes into the second period when Steranko scored the lone UMaine goal. Steranko was set up by team-leading scorers Desmet and Cheryl White. Steranko's goal was her sixth goal of the year, which places her in third on the team in points.

The Black Bears created four power play opportunities in the second period, but, they still couldn't beat Huskies' goalie Kaitlyn Shain or the UConn penalty killers. With a little over a minute left in second period, Tiffany Owens increased the Huskies' lead to 3-1.

While on the penalty kill, Owens intercepted a pass at the red line and pushed the puck up the ice for a short-handed break-away goal. The goal was just one of three UConn shots on net for the period. Through two periods, the Huskies scored three goals on just seven shots while holding UMaine to one goal on 22 shots.

The last UConn tally came when forward Leslie Hurlburt scored on a power-play goal at 10:55 in the third period.

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MOORE IMPORTANT — Greg Moore buries the puck home during Saturday's big 4-2 victory over Boston University. Moore finished the series with two goals, scoring one in each decision. UMaine will remain in Orono to play UMass-Lowell next weekend.

SERIES

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"We really tried to tell each other that this was probably the biggest game of the year," said Johnson. "Anytime you get a win, especially when it's someone ahead of you it all counts toward the NCAA's."

With the weekend concluded the Black Bears moved to 13-8-5 and 8-3-3 in Hockey East play, while the Terriers saw their record slide to 13-9-1 and 9-4-1 in conference play. More importantly, the win and the tie allowed the Black Bears to fall into a three-way tie for second place in the Hockey East standings.

Junior Greg Moore, who tallied two pivotal goals on the weekend, also commented on the team's large victory.

"The team was really focused," said Moore. "You could tell with the preparation today before the game that the guys were ready."

In Saturday's contest, the Black Bears were able to convert three power play goals on the night while killing seven BU power plays. The surprising play of special teams was just one of the glaring improvements for the Black Bears on the series.

Whitehead discussed the inspired play of the special teams. "That was crucial," said Whitehead. "That's been an area that hurt us in the first half of the season, I certainly hope it's becoming a strength of ours."

The Black Bears, who enter the third period with a slim 2-1 advantage saw the eventual game-winning goal scored by Johnson at 1:20. Johnson who snatched a Bret Tyler pass on the ensuing play managed to beat BU netminder John Curry on low backhanded shot to the left side of the net. Mike Hamilton received an assist on the score, as well. The power-play goal was Johnson's second of the night.

"I still don't know how it went in really," said Johnson about the goal.

BU quickly answered back with a tally of their own to pull them within one when Brian Ewing scored on a laser from the left slot. Peter MacArthur and Bryan Miller earned assists on the goal that came just 37 seconds after Johnson's mark.

With BU heavily pressuring the Black Bear net, All-American Jimmy Howard stepped up to the task. Howard, who finished the game with 28 saves and the victory discussed the Terriers assault on the net in the third period.

"I just kept my composure out there," said Howard. "I took it one save at a time. The defensemen did a good job letting me get to the puck."

Late in the final period, Moore put the final touches on the Black Bears work of art when he garnered a Jon Jankus pass in front of the net. The team's third power play goal of the night saw Moore rocket a low wrist into the mesh. The tally, coming at 16:36, saw Michel Leveille also credited with an assist.

"I was screening high slot so I didn't see what it hit," said Moore. "When it came back to me in the slot, I just hit it low, right side."

BU would continue to assault the UMaine offensive zone pulling Curry with 1:22 remaining in the game to garner an extra attacker. However, the Terriers were unable to convert on several good looks coming before the final 30 seconds.

Both teams finished the game with 30 shots each.

BU head coach Jack Parker had high praise for his opponent after the game.

"UMaine played great on the power play and that was obviously the difference in the game," said Parker. "They played well on both the penalty kill and the power play."

In the first period, the Black Bears were able to get on the scoreboard first when Moore sent a shot from the left circle that bounced off Curry right to Jankus, who pushed the puck home at 7:51. The terriers bounced back at 16:50 when speedster Brad

Zancanaro found Dave Van der Gulik for a goal.

UMaine would get the lone goal of the second period when Johnson recovered a Tyler rebound for the go-ahead goal at 2:19.

On Friday night before an exuberant Alford Arena crowd, BU and UMaine added another page in their storied rivalry battling to a 1-1 stalemate. In a game reminiscent of past duels, the two squads saw both goaltenders combat each other save for save. With neither goaltender willing to be outdone by their peer, both offenses were rendered surprisingly useless.

Leading the way for the

"We really tried to tell ourselves that this was probably the biggest game of the year."

Keith Johnson
right wing,
UMaine men's ice hockey

Terriers was Curry, who hauled in a remarkable 27 saves on the night. Matching Curry on the other side was Howard collecting 25 saves and completing the deadlock.

After the game, Whitehead took time to discuss the strenuous deadlock.

"It was a pretty even game," said Whitehead. "For both teams there was quite a bit of action, each team had opportunities to get the winning goal."

Each coach had praise for the goaltending clinic that was put on between the posts.

"Both goalies, I thought were very sharp and were probably the first two stars of the game," said Whitehead.

"We got some pretty good chances, Howard looks as good as

ever to me," said Parker.

Parker, however, believed the biggest area of play came in neutral zone.

"An awful lot of play at center-ice for a BU-Maine game," said Parker. "Usually, when we play up here there's a lot more forechecking, a lot more action in both zones."

For much of the final two periods and in overtime, the two foes played sensational defense preventing any chance at a clear look.

"We played pretty close to the vest," said Parker. "Both teams really tired to make sure they didn't get beat up the ice."

The Terriers found the scoreboard first when just halfway through the first period John Laliberte was able to create an opening while on the powerplay. After freeing up space, Laliberte hit an open Brian McConnell on the near boards. McConnell then proceeded to find an eager Chris Bourque at the right point. After gaining possession on a well placed McConnell pass, Bourque fired an excruciatingly accurate shot over Howard's left shoulder for the tally. The goal, Bourque's fifth of the year, was scored at 11:46 of the first.

"I just never saw it till the last minute," said Howard.

UMaine fired back only four minutes later when Greg Moore scored his 10th goal of the year off an excellent pass from Josh Soares. The tally coming at 15:52 into the first, saw Soares skillfully beat the Terrier defense for a 2-on-1 with Moore, rifled a high shot past Curry and into the back of mesh.

BU had their best chance to open the game up late in the 2nd period after a 5-on-3 saw several near goals collected in Howard's pads. The consistent pressure continued throughout the third with BU having nothing to show for it.

"The defense did a good job of clearing out tonight, we're getting more precise in our own end," said Howard. "We're definitely trying to work on little details in our own end."

The Black Bears followed with

their own assault on the BU net, with their best chance coming in the final minute of regulation. After making a glaring blocker save on Derek Damon, Curry proceeded to flounder on the ice leaving an open net for the Black Bears. However, UMaine was unable to capitalize on the situation before the net was displaced and the whistle was called.

Howard discussed the play of Curry in the final two periods.

"Curry made some good saves for them," said Howard. "A couple in the second period and a couple flurries in the end where he just managed to get a piece of the puck, whatever way you can stop the puck."

The extra frame saw BU jump out to the early advantage only to be shutdown by Howard, once again.

"They were just looking to crash the net in overtime, but they didn't really get any good ones by us," said Howard. "Our guys did an excellent job of picking up sticks and picking up guys."

UMaine, closed out the decision with a slight advantage in the shot department besting BU 28-26.

With neither team able to establish their forechecking in their opponent's zone, most of the game played out through center ice.

"Neither one of us could sustain much of a forecheck," said Parker. "There is so little room at center ice in this building that you don't have much room to make plays at center ice, if you don't get forechecking off the face-off in the attacking zone you don't get a lot of offense going."

Although the Black Bears fell one point short of their desired goal Whitehead was pleased with the results.

"It was a very hard fought weekend," said Whitehead. "Points are tough to come by when you're playing Boston University that's for sure."

The Black Bears return to Alford next weekend for a two game slate against UMass-Lowell.



UMaine conquers Huskies in Beantown

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

With the recent home loss to Hartford fresh in their minds, the University of Maine women's basketball team tried to bounce back against Northeastern

Women's Basketball

University on Saturday. Led by senior captain Kim Corbitt, who scored a career-high 17 points, the Lady Black Bears did just that, defeating the Huskies 68-65 in Boston.

A three-pointer by Missy Traversi with 3:56 to go in the first half gave UMaine an 11 point lead, their largest of the game. A 7-0 run by the Huskies to end the first cut the UMaine lead to 29-25.

In front of just under 400 fans, Northeastern finally got its first lead with 7:13 to play in the second half. Corbitt tied the game at 52 with a jump shot, and UMaine regained the lead with a lay-up by forward Bracey Barker. Barker, in her sophomore season, is one of only two Black Bears to have started every games so far for this season, the other being senior forward Monica Peterson.

Missy Traversi scored 14 of her 16 points in the first half. Although she did not start the game, Traversi put in 32 minutes off the bench. She was 4 for 4 from behind the arc in the first half. UMaine was 7 for 8 as a team from three-point range in the first half. Barker scored all of her 16 points in the second half, to balance UMaine's scoring attack. She also had seven rebounds, three blocks, and two steals.

Junior center Abby Schrader had a career-high four blocked shots, after getting the starting nod. She also scored seven points and grabbed five rebounds.

UMaine bumped their overall record to .500 with the win. They are now at 8-8 and improve to 4-2 in America East play. Northeastern dropped to 2-4 in conference play and fell a game below .500 to 7-8 overall.

Shaleyse Smallwood scored 21 points for the Huskies. Maralene Zwarich, who leads the conference in scoring, had 16. She averages over 17 points a game.

UMaine remains a game behind conference leaders Vermont and Hartford, who are each 5-1. Vermont has won four in a row, after losing to the Black Bears by seven points. The Hawks have won three in a row, including their win over UMaine.

The Black Bears will now head to Maryland for a matchup with UMBC in Baltimore on Wednesday night.

Black Bears shine in pivotal series

Men's ice hockey garners three Hockey East points against rival Terriers

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

Sometimes you just have to wait.

For more than four months, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad has waited. For the better half of the college hockey season, the Black Bear faithful have waited. On Saturday, with the conclusion of UMaine's week-end series against rival Boston University, the wait was officially over.

All season, the Black Bears have awaited that fateful shift in momentum. So, Saturday's game against the talented Terriers, a team whose history with the Black Bears can be charted in a history book, it seemed fitting that the Black Bears would snatch luck back on their side. In a game reawakening memories of Alford's past, the Black Bears scraped together a gutsy performance against the 11th-ranked Terriers for an all important 4-2 victory. Coupled with the two foe's 1-1 stalemate on Friday, which was another classic, the team collected a vital three points in

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

BU BRILLANCE — Josh Soares skates around the Boston University defense during Friday's 1-1 stalemate with the Terriers. UMaine grabbed three points on the weekend.

Hockey East competition.

The victory and the tie helped place the Black Bears back into the NCAA tournament picture, a scenario that seemed cloudy only a week ago.

After the series, UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead talked about

the importance of the victory.

"I think one of the positives this weekend, is that we have recaptured home ice advantage," said Whitehead. "Early in the year, it was an odd feeling to not win at home consistently, I think we're doing that now with hard work and

fabulous fan support."

For the weekend's breakout star, Keith Johnson who registered two goals on Saturday, the significance of the win was not overlooked.

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UM records impressive victory

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

It's been a long time coming.

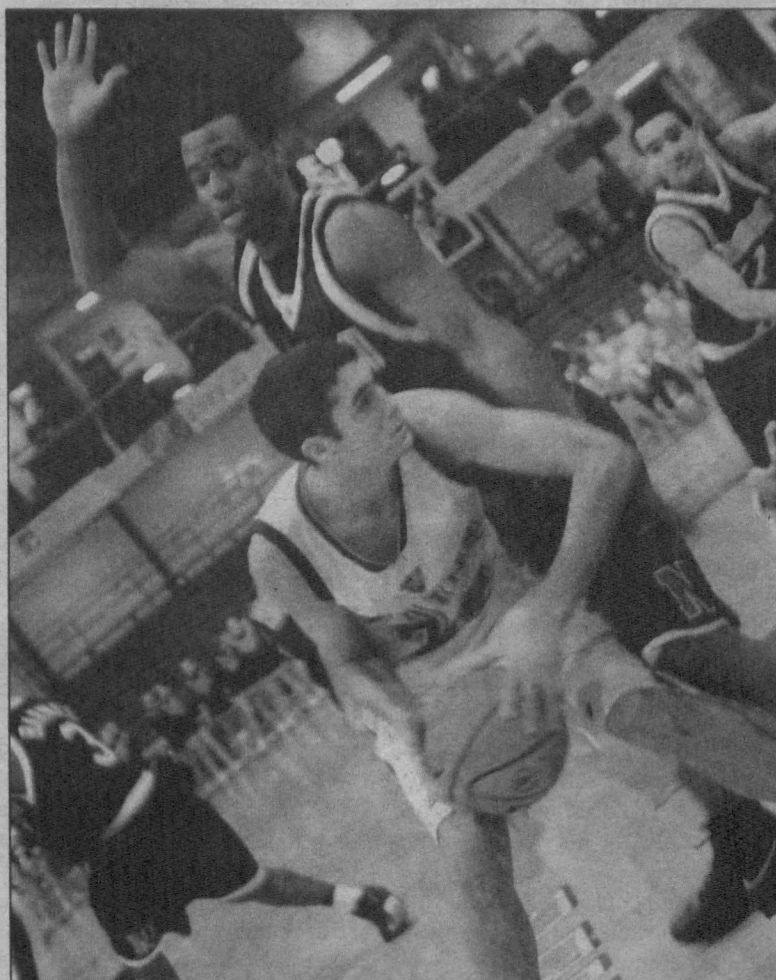
On Sunday afternoon, before a depleted crowd at Alford Arena, the University of Maine men's basketball team got some long awaited revenge with a 67-60 upset over Northeastern.

Nearly two years ago in the America East tournament semifinals, the Huskies stunned the Black Bears with a buzzer-beating three-point, compliments of the sensational Jose Juan Barea. The Huskies then proceeded to deal the Black Bears two more strenuous losses last year in the regular season. Barea and his gang had UMaine's number and they had it good.

Then came Sunday. Behind the fiery play of Kevin Reed and Mark Flavin, the Black Bears, who shot 42.9 percent from the field, finally were able to get some good old fashion payback. The Black Bears also managed to slow down the always high flying duo of Marcus Barnes and Barea, who had given the Black Bears serious trouble in the past. Barea and Barnes scored 18 and 14 points, respectively.

With the victory UMaine moves to 9-8 overall and 4-4 in conference competition. As for the Huskies, the loss dropped them to 10-7 on the year and 6-2 in the America East. More importantly,

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP

SUNDAY SURPRISE — Joe Campbell elbows his way into the paint during Sunday's upset over Northeastern.

the win allowed the Black Bears a chance to slide back into a two-way tie for third place in the America East. The loss dropped Northeastern into a two-way tie for second place.

Reed, who finished the game with 13 points and 13 rebounds, talked about the importance of the victory.

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Women's hockey earns split against rising UConn

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

For the second time this season, the University of Maine women's hockey team conceded four goals on Friday night, only to turn around and win 3-2 on Saturday afternoon.

With the Black Bears' win against the University of Connecticut on Saturday, the squad reclaimed sole possession of third place in Hockey East. Before Friday's game against the Huskies, UMaine shared third place with Boston College. The Eagles took on competition outside of Hockey East.

Saturday's game saw defender Kelly Law score the game-winner with 5:48 remaining in regulation.

With the victory, UMaine's record improved moves to 12-7-3, with a 3-5-2 mark in Hockey East.

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