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Dining Services mulls \$20M renovation project

By Pattie Barry
Copy Editor

As part of a campus-wide initiative to keep the University of Maine on the cutting-edge, Dining Services will petition the Board of Trustees in March for a \$20 million revenue bond to update its facilities. Major renovations are planned for Hilltop and Wells Commons, as well as an overhaul of the menus and meal plans.

Dawn Aubrey, project manager of the strategic plan for Dining Services, said she was excited about the plan.

"These are some awesome, awesome changes that will be taking place," Aubrey said.

The members of Dining Services are partnered with Joyce Fasano, a consultant from the Cornyn Fasano group. The project was spear-headed by Robin Toderin, assistant vice president of Auxiliary Services, as part of a campus-wide initiative.

The first leg of the plan is to renovate Hilltop Commons. In order to complete the renovations, Hilltop will have to close, though no closing date has been planned as of yet. Major renovations have been planned

beyond those that are cosmetic. "We want more of a 'marche' concept than a food court [like the MarketPlace in Memorial Union]," Aubrey said.

The vision for the facility is a combination of retail dining with a convenience market, as well as an all-you-care-to-eat dining area.

Other changes that the UMaine community can expect to see will happen at Wells Commons, which currently houses a few drawing studios and a catering service. In the future, Wells will also add a conference center. There will also be a retail section, complete with convenience

market and a bakery, where patrons can see bakers preparing the foods behind the store-front. There are plans to purchase a wood-fired oven for making pizzas, flat breads and other open-faced sandwiches. Aubrey said this will make the building more than a typical dining hall.

"The stigma of 'commons' is going to go away," Aubrey said. "We're hoping that Wells will become a location for students as well as alumni who attend the hockey games on that side of campus."

Dining Services' goal is to complete the renovations for both facilities by the fall of 2007, in accordance

with the opening of the new fitness and recreation center. Currently the department is conducting a feasibility study through the Ames Company in order to evaluate both Hilltop and Wells for necessary renovations. The study, which will be completed this spring, will determine when the facilities will need to close.

"The renovations probably sound like they will take a long time – but they won't," Aubrey said.

Students can expect to see renovations to the MarketPlace and York Commons, in hopes to make the

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

SPINNIN' FOR THE WEB — WMEB will now be streaming live across the internet via their Web site. DJs, like Micheal Whittman, will now be heard on campus and across the Web.

WMEB goes global with new Web site

Page to offer album reviews, streaming audio, schedule, gallery

By Elizabeth Deprey
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's student radio station, WMEB, has launched a new Web site. The site will allow students to view play lists, read album reviews, see a daily schedule for the station, read some history of WMEB, and look at a photo gallery. Station Manager Thomas Grucza said that

the most useful feature of the new site is a link on the home page which reads, "Listen to WMEB Live."

"This will give people all over the world around-the-clock access to the station," Grucza said.

Students will be able to listen to the station with their computers, rather than their radios, using RealPlayer streaming audio software. Alfred Schulz, the program director

for WMEB, said this will greatly increase the station's listener base.

"We have a pretty strong signal," he said. "You can get us in Bar Harbor sometimes, or Newport. With this, you'll be able to listen from any place on the planet."

Schulz said the new site would not only benefit WMEB listeners.

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ResLife ponders theme change in dorm living

By Justin M. Wozniak
For The Maine Campus

Do you have anything at all in common with your neighbor? You may soon enough.

Residence Life and Programs at the University of Maine is in the process of developing themed living in many residence halls. The effort is being made to help students who live on campus improve the quality of their education. It is designed to provide options that allow students to be most comfortable in their surroundings, and create a sense of community among residents in student housing.

Living-Learning communities are being created at several universities nationwide. The idea appeals largely to incoming students by offering them the option to reside with students who have similar interests.

Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs, said students benefit from the core themes that bring them together by providing a sense of commonality. These shared interests help to shape a community and develop a network of communication.

"They create living environments where people are learning about themselves and their environment," she said. "It supports learning in the many ways that

students learn, which is not always academic."

Learning-Living communities are best known for increasing first-year student retention rates, as well as improving grade-point averages. Themed living arrangements based on academic programs also allow UMaine to continuously improve the academic reputation of the institution.

Many themed living situations are currently available to students, include chem-free, honors, quiet and upperclassmen halls. Themed living offers students the opportunity to live in an area where students share common values. Learning-Living communities are different in that they offer students the ability to develop through shared experiences and interests, Smith said.

Plans are underway to develop new Living-Learning communities that will appeal to students. Living arrangements currently available include the Green Dorm for students with interest in the environment in Stodder Hall, Outdoor Adventure and Support for Science Students, coined S-Cubed by the founders, in Oxford Hall. Smith said the different themes can help all stu-

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Public Safety receives Intoxilyzer from state

By Elizabeth Deprey
For The Maine Campus

Take a deep breath University of Maine drivers. UMaine Public Safety has received an Intoxilyzer from the State of Maine, a machine that determines blood-alcohol level by testing breath.

Until recently, Public Safety officials would transport students suspected drunk driving or violating the under 21 zero tolerance policy to the Orono Police Department

to run this test. Now the test can be done right here on campus.

UMPD Officer Chris Gardner said this will benefit all involved.

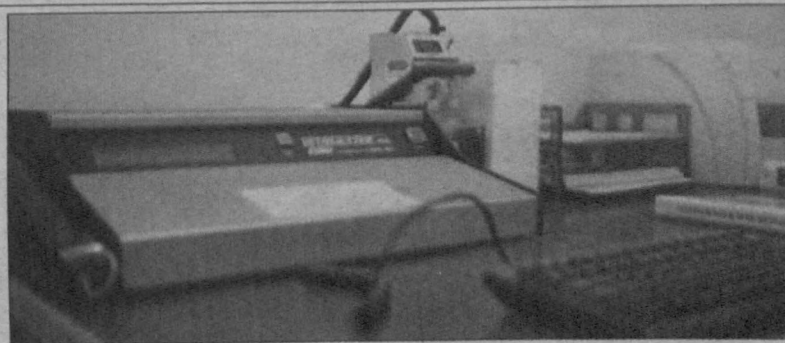
"It is less intrusive and less time-consuming for those that are required to submit to a test to do it here on campus, and depending upon the result they can quickly be released," Gardner said. "This Intoxilyzer being on campus will once again reduce the amount of time officers are processing OUI's and

other alcohol related incidents."

UMaine Police Chief Noel March said the purpose of the new tool was not just to incriminate students.

"People who are suspected of being above the legal limit will be free to go more quickly, instead of bringing them over to Orono," March said. "We can validate sobriety ... we're not just looking to catch people. This is an important

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY MEGAN MARSANSKIS

BREATH OUT — Instead of traveling to the Orono Police Department to test drives for sobriety, Public Safety will be able to use their newly acquired Intoxilyzer at the University of Maine campus.

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services easier for patrons and staff. However, Aubrey said these renovations won't happen until after Hilltop and Wells are done.

Students won't have to wait two years before they see changes. In addition to renovations to the facilities, an overhaul to the meals and meal plan is expected. Dining Services is reevaluating its hours of operation, as well as looking to maximize meal plan value.

"We want to update the meal plan to be more competitive as we have more offerings for students on campus," Aubrey said. "Food services needs to be updated in order to com-

pete with other campuses as well."

Dining Services has been comparing the meal plans of UMaine with that of other Northeast land-grant universities, including Boston College, Cornell, and Boston University.

"You name it, we've looked at it," Aubrey said. "Food services is an important component of a student's higher education experiences."

Part of these changes include offering more ethnic foods to students. Kathy Kitridge, assistant director of Dining Services, and Glenn Taylor, executive chef, have been planning several events for the dining commons in upcoming months, hoping to introduce students to more diverse foods.

"Dining Services should provide foods that expand students' aware-

ness and palates. Dining Services should provide an opportunity to expand awareness of the different foods available and be a learning environment, just like the classroom," Aubrey said.

Another part of these changes includes a fresh-foods approach, where food is prepared in front of students with fresh ingredients. While not all commons are readily equipped to make these changes, Aubrey said the feasibility study will bring answers to these questions.

"The kitchen is going to move forward," she said.

One change students will soon see is the availability of nutritional information of the food from the commons.

Laura Honeycutt, the depart-

ment's dietitian, has been working on a manual process of analyzing recipes and typing up individual sheets of each menu item that includes ingredients and nutritional information, she said. These sheets are being put into notebooks, and later next week these notebooks will be put in each of the dining commons. In addition, the nutritional information will be available on the Dining Services' Web site soon. Eventually the Web site will have an automatic calculator for the nutrition content of all its recipes. There will be a kiosk at all dining services where patrons can look up nutrition information.

"[The project] is something I've wanted to do for years, but

haven't had the technology to do it," Honeycutt said. "Customers want this kind of information and we're finally going to be in a position to provide it. ... I'm thrilled that we'll finally be in a position to make this happen."

At this time, planning has not been completed and Dining Services is still looking for student input. In February a Internet survey will be open to all students, faculty and staff. In addition, weekly meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Coe Room in Memorial Union, open to all who care to attend.

The Dining Services will know whether or not the funds will be available to complete the projects when the new budget is presented in June.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 31, 2005

Aquacize class

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

Aerobic class

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

Aerobic class

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

History talk

Lecture by David Smith will be held in the Memorial Union Bangor room. For more information contact Suzanne Moulton at 581-1908.

Wildlife series

Erin Simons will give lecture titled "Predicting Suitable Habitat for the Pygmy Rabbit Using a Geographic Information System." Seminar will be held in 204 Nutting Hall at noon to 1 p.m. For more information contact Nora Ackley at 581-2862.

Bible study

The Wilson Center will host a bible study from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Timothy Sylvia at 866-4227 or on FirstClass.

Power yoga

Yoga class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Gymnasium All-purpose room. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Community meal

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

Poker

A Games Night will be held in Memorial Union Dining Room. For more information contact Carole LeClair at 581-1793.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005

Climbing anchor construction

An introduction to the basics of anchor construction in ice will be held in the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$15. For more information contact Paul Stern at 581-1794.

Education workshop

Featuring presentations by Professors Stephen Gilson and Elizabeth DePoy. The workshop will focus on making education accessible to those with disabilities. It will be held in the Memorial Union F.F.A. room from noon to 1:30 p.m. and is free to all UMaine teaching staff, \$15 for off-campus teaching

staff. Registration required. For more information call 581-3472.

Yoga

A yoga class will be held in the MaineBound-UM Outdoor Education Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Paul Stern at 581-1794.

Aerobic class

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

Aerobic 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.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2005

Aquacize class

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

Aerobic class

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

Aerobic class

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

Aerobic 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.

Belay seminars

Learn to belay 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.

Immigrant Women's Stories in Maine

Students will present oral history studies as part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Lunch Series from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial Union Bangor Room. For more information contact Angela Olson at 581-1228.

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.

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"We're hoping the new Web site will be more user friendly to DJs and staff as well," he said. "The staff will be able to input stuff, and the site will be more up-to-date."

Gruza said it would help to get the word out about the station.

Schulz said another positive aspect of the site is that it will allow out-of-state students to listen to the radio station while at home. "Students and alumni will be able to listen to Jeff Mannix announce the Black Bear Hockey games," Schulz said.

Schulz said he hopes even those not affiliated with the University will listen in.

"A lot of people surf the net looking for college radio stations, because bands like Nirvana, REM, and U2 were discovered by college radio," he said.

Students such as Amie Alexander, a first-year psychology major, have had a favorable reaction to the site.

"I like that they give you updates of what's been going on and introduce you to the bands. It's very



FILE PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

LISTEN UP — DJ Micheal Whittman hosts a show in the WMEB studio. The studio will soon hit the Web.

organized," Alexander said.

Melissa Johnson, a sophomore business administration major, said that students will tune in more often now that the station is on the web. "Not a lot of students have radios in their rooms and now we can listen in on our computers. My radio doesn't even pick the station up," Johnson said.

Haley Labbe, a first-year Journalism major, said she liked all aspects of the Web site. "I like the setup of it, it's easy on the eyes, and easy to navigate around. I like the

headlining, it keeps everyone informed without having to click on a bunch of other links to get to it. I like that you can listen to WMEB online too, that's a really cool feature," Labbe said.

The Web site, designed by new media major Dan Olsen, can be found at www.umaine.edu/wmeb. Students can see the schedule for the day and decide when to tune in for their favorite shows, read updates from the Webmaster, and click on links to other features. It is located at 91.9 FM on the dial.



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Office promotes studying abroad

By Melissa Walls
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine students, staff and visitors have probably seen the fluorescent pink, green and orange fliers that blanket campus bulletin boards. Study Abroad informational meetings will continue to be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30 through Feb. 10, in the Coe Room of the Memorial Union.

Catherine D'Auteuil, study abroad advisor, will hand out and walk through general information, discuss direct exchange and other program options, cost, financial aid and answer questions.

D'Auteuil began last Tuesday's meeting by encouraging students to take advantage of the program.

"You must all do it," she said. "Here, a walk across campus is routine. Abroad, a walk across campus is an adventure."

D'Auteuil has been advising UMaine students in the process of studying abroad for several years. As an international student at UMaine and a world traveler, D'Auteuil said she knows how important it is to have a global perspective.

"[It's the] best thing a student can do to enhance the student experience. A global focus is extremely valuable in any field," she said. "An international experience favored by employers."

At the information meeting, D'Auteuil explained how economical a direct exchange is. Essentially, you swap places with

a student from a university abroad. Tuition is paid to UMaine, at the university's cost. Direct exchanges are offered in Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, England, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Turkey and Wales. For those who can't find a program out of 17 direct exchange options, the Office of International Programs assists students in enrolling in other study abroad programs, that tend to be more expensive. A list of recommended credible programs is provided at the information meetings and at the Office of International Programs.

Students who can't attend an information meeting can visit the Office of International Programs, 100 Winslow Hall. There, interested students can find information on direct exchange programs, financial aid and scholarship opportunities. The resource room provides numerous brochures and pamphlets on other study abroad programs, and the room is staffed with peer advisors. You can also visit the study abroad Web site, conveniently linked to the UMaine home page.

In the process of selecting a program, D'Auteuil advises considering cost direct exchange vs. study abroad program, location and academic courses. Also consider language prerequisites.

Students who would like to discuss their options should call Susan Landry of the Office of International Programs at 581-2905 to schedule an advising session with a study abroad advisor.

A few things to consider early in the process: apply for a passport and visas. This process can take several months, and you're not leaving or entering the country, without it. Also be aware of deadlines. UMaine has deadlines of April 1 for fall semester and full year programs, and Oct. 15 for spring programs. Individual programs may have earlier deadlines.

According to D'Auteuil, Australia is a popular destination because it's exotic, adventurous, and they speak English. While Australia is the most popular country, Western Europe is the most popular continent.

D'Auteuil advises about 20 students per week, and said that a common misconception is that you have to study abroad during your junior year. Sophomore, junior and the first semester of your senior year are all an option to study abroad, depending on a student's individual needs.

While the number of international students who come to UMaine has decreased, D'Auteuil said that Sept. 11 made students realize how important a global understanding is and actually boosted interest.

"We're sending more and more students away," she said.

Eric Kempen, a senior English major and public management, just returned from a direct exchange in England, where he studied political science. Kempen said his experience was worth while and dispelled any doubts he had.

"[It was] the best time of my

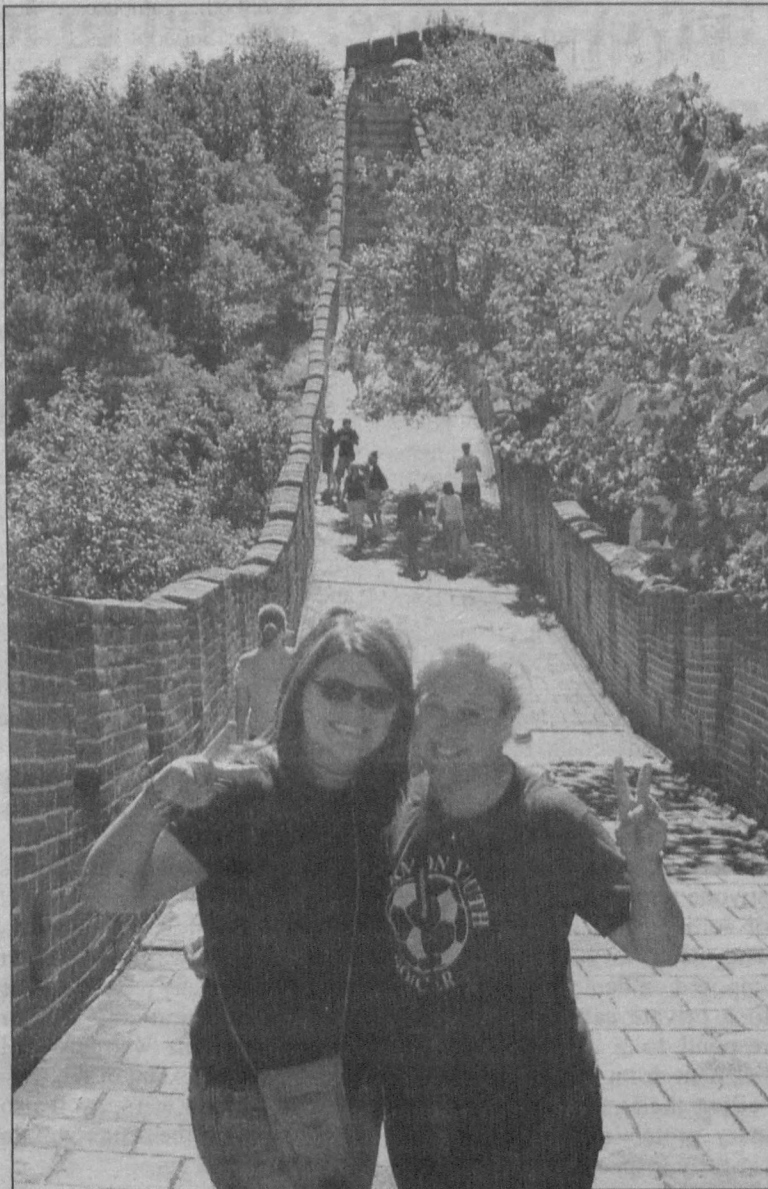
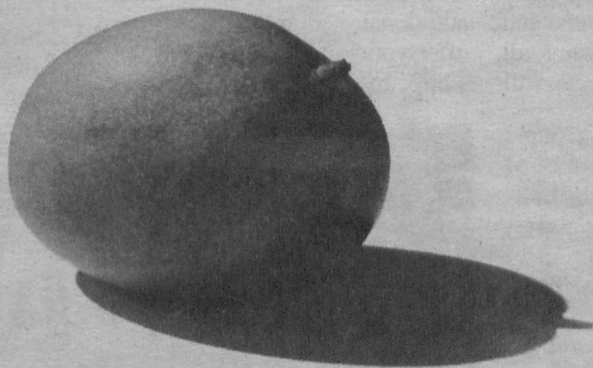


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WALKING THE WALL — Allison Frazier (right) UMaine junior, and Jessica Falk of the University of Minnesota stop for a moment on the Great Wall of China. Frazier spent last fall on a Semester at Sea ship.

life. Travel, beer and beautiful women," Kempen said. "I was a bit apprehensive about traveling at first, but know that I'm back, it really doesn't seem like a big deal, so dive in despite the fear."



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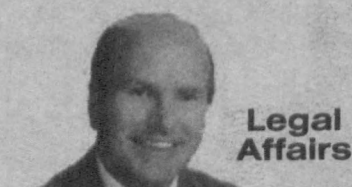
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Buyer beware: What to look for when purchasing a used motor vehicle



Legal Affairs

By Brett Baber
Student Legal Services

Caveat emptor: Let the buyer beware. Nowhere does this phrase have more application than the purchase of a used car. The purchase of a used car is a major investment for a college student. What first appears to be a major means of fulfillment can become a major source of stress when the engine fails and the repair bills start to mount.

Fortunately, Maine law provides some limited protection for used car purchases from dealers. A dealer is defined as anyone engaged in the business of selling used motor vehicles. The statutory requirements imposed on dealers do not apply to a private sale. Thus, if you respond to a classified advertisement from someone who is selling their only car, your primary protection is to have the car fully inspected by a mechanic you trust before you hand over the purchase price. I also recommend a full independent inspection before buying from a dealer.

Dealers are required by law to provide potential purchasers with two types of written information: A warranty statement, and a disclosure statement.

In the warranty statement, the dealer must provide proof that the vehicle has been inspected and meets the inspection standards. While this sounds like a broad form of assurance, it only pertains to the standards for inspection, including the body, brakes, exhaust, glass, horn and lights,

mirrors, seat belts, steering, tires, windshield wipers and pollution control equipment. Notice the inspection standards do not include the engine or the transmission, the most expensive components of a vehicle. If the engine fails the day after you drive the car off the lot, this warranty may not help you.

A dealer is also required to describe in the warranty statement any other warranty the dealer is providing. This additional warranty is entirely optional to the dealer; they are not required to provide additional warranties. Fortunately, market competition has encouraged dealers to provide various types of used car warranties. I encourage you to shop around to find the best warranty available.

If an additional warranty is provided, the dealer must describe its basic terms and coverage. The warranty must describe where any repairs will be done, the expiration date or mileage when the warranty will expire, and the extent of the warranty, i.e. a repair warranty. It also must state what the dealer will do if a problem occurs.

If the dealer breaches either warranty, the buyer must first give written notice of the alleged breach before bringing suit. If court action is required, the buyer can seek to rescind the sale to recover the purchase price, less the cost of any damage to the vehicle caused by the buyer, and any loss in value if the car has been owned for more than thirty days. Attorney's fees may also be recovered.

The dealer is also required to provide a disclosure statement. This includes identification information for the vehicle; the dealer's duty to disclose the name and address of the previous owner; all known mechanical defects; all

known substantial damage of \$2,000 or more; a statement whether implied warranties are excluded or modified; a statement if the vehicle was repossessed or returned to the manufacturer for warranty or "Lemon Law" problems (new cars only); and the dealer's refund policy. If the vehicle was bought at an out-of-state auction, the dealer does not need to provide the disclosure but must indicate the car was purchased at auction.

The dealer is obligated to obtain the necessary information from the seller. This requirement offers the dealer some protection from a fraud suit if the dealer has simply passed on the information received from the seller. For example, if the seller tells the dealer the car has never been in an accident, and it is not obvious to the dealer the information is false, the dealer probably could not be sued for fraud if you later find out the car was hit by a dump truck and repaired.

For this reason, it important for you to ask the dealer for the name and address of the prior owner. You should then contact the prior owner to verify the dealer's information. If the information is verified and is later proven false, you may have a claim against the prior owner. If the information does not check out, you should not buy the car from a dealer that is providing misinformation.

As in any important transaction, it is important to do your homework, what lawyers call "due diligence." If you do, the odds are much greater that you will not get stranded on the road when your gleaming 1988 Miata breaks down on your way to your final exam. If the dealer offers additional warranties, these may offer you some protection against a huge repair bill.

A statement of the group's purpose describes the goals of the Tree House, including hall-based study, peer mentor activities, excursions, community service projects and local business partnerships.

Another theme suggested to Smith was the development of a community for students in academic programs involving social justice.

First-year students who chose to reside in a Learning-Living community are not at a disadvantage with understanding or developing an appreciation for a diverse student population, according to Associate Dean of Students Angel Loreda.

"I would venture to say there is diversity within the Living-Learning community," Loreda said. "Academic connections are a plus, creating additional benefits to students."

Loreda said that by living with diverse people who have one common interest; students can contribute to and learn about others. Economic, ethnic, geographic and social diversity is still present within each community.

"They appreciate differences, but have commonalty," Loreda said.

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tool to help us do a better job and hold people accountable."

The legal limit for blood alcohol level is .08 percent for people of legal drinking age, and zero for anyone under 21.

An Intoxilyzer is similar to a Breathalyzer, only the brand name is different. According to March, most police departments in Maine have an Intoxilyzer, though there has never been one at the University. UMaine Public Safety is one of the last police departments to get one. We're glad it's finally here," March said. "It's especially important on this campus because it's very dark, there are a lot of pedestrians, and cars go very fast. It's dangerous."

Last [academic] year, there were 36 alcohol related arrests on campus. This year seems to be following that trend; last semester alone that number totaled 27.

It is estimated that each DUI costs an of-age person over \$3,000 in lawyer's fees, insurance rates rising, lost work, and fines. According to March, The general ruling for a

DUI is loss of a driver's license for three months, and a \$350 fine.

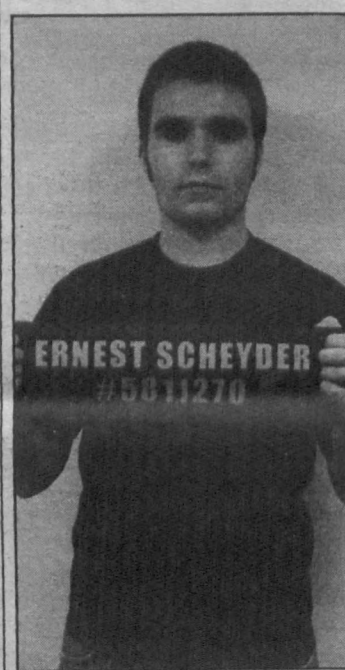
If a person is arrested, he or she is taken to Penobscot County Jail, where officers perform breath tests and then put them through the booking process. Gardner said that doing these tests before would save a great amount of time.

"In situations where they are arrested and taken to Penobscot County Jail the booking process will be considerably reduced if the test has already been completed here on campus prior to arriving at [the jail]. This should result in reduced processing time ... and allow Bail to be made sooner," Gardner said.

Gardner hopes that the intoxilyzer will help the department operate more efficiently, "This will allow officers to get back on Campus and back to his or her normal duties quicker," Gardner said.

March said that there was no reason a student should have to drive drunk.

"There are plenty of other alternatives. You can get a designated driver, call a taxi, or ride the bus that goes around on campus at night. Driving drunk is dangerous and it's stupid," March said. "Our whole goal is to keep the University safe."



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dents learn from their environment.

"People go in with different expectations and learn from each other," Smith said. "I don't know that we have enough of them."

The idea is popular among students like Steve Fortune, assistant Doris Twitchell Allen Village coordinator, who is currently pursuing the development of an Agricultural Learning-Living community. This theme was introduced by Smith at a resident assistant staff development session last semester. The new community is expected to be named the "Tree House."

"When I was a high school senior trying to decide which college would best suit me, I would always pay attention to the schools that cared enough to orient their residential programs based on student needs, values and interests," Fortune said.

The agricultural science fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, said they support the development of the Tree House, as do other campus organizations not named at this time, according to Fortune.

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By Elizabeth Deprey
For The Maine Campus

The possibility of extraterrestrial life was discussed in a lecture last Thursday. The hall in Neville was packed with students from various astronomy classes as well as some curious community members. Wendy Hagen Bauer, Ph.D of Wellesley College spoke at the event sponsored by the Shapley Visiting Lectureships Program of the American Astronomical Society and by the UMaine Department of Physics and Astronomy.

During her stay at the University of Maine, Bauer also gave a weekly physics colloquium. She also spoke in several classes.

The room was filled with pictures of star formations and clusters of dust and gas. Dr. Bauer spoke about the most recent searches for life in our solar system and the possibility of life beyond. She used the time attempting to answer some commonly asked questions. She discussed which types of stars are likely, or not likely, to harbor intelligent life, where in our own solar system we might expect to find liquid water, how we are detecting planets around other stars, how we will attempt to find earth-sized planets in the future and how we are searching for radio signals from intelligent life. Bauer explained that there

probably is no other surface life in our solar system, but there are some promising possibilities under the surface of place like Mars, and a few of Saturn and Jupiter's moons.

Professor Batuski of the Department of Physics and Astronomy introduced Dr. Bauer, and described her connection to him and the university. "Dr. Bauer is one of a select group of astronomers-astrophysicists who participate in the American Astronomical

"I have always been amazed by stars and the solar system."

Wendy Hagen Bauer Ph.D
visiting professor
Wellesley College

Society's Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureships program. When I contacted the people at that program, they recommended Dr. Bauer as our speaker. This is Dr. Bauer's second visit to UMaine as a Shapley lecturer. The first was 27 years ago," Batuski said.

"This was also a 'lucky' con-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS — Wendy Hagen Bauer lectured life to a packed 101 Neville Hall Thursday night. The lecture focused on the possibility of alien life in the galaxy and humans might discover it.

nection for both Dr. Bauer and myself, since she loves to visit Maine — often vacationing here with her family in the fall — and she and her family have been friends of mine since we met when I was a graduate student and she was a visiting professor at the University of New Mexico in 1984."

Bauer said it was an honor to speak at the University. "I was one of many being considered to give this lecture. I really love coming to Maine and I am glad I was chosen," she said.

Dr. Bauer is a Professor of Astronomy at Wellesley College.

She joined the faculty there in 1979, having spent two years as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Bauer is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and the University of Hawaii and is currently investigating the binary star system VV Cephei, in which a mass-losing supergiant star is orbited by a smaller, hotter companion.

Bauer is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the American Association of Variable Star Observers, the American Astronomical Society, the Astronomical Society of the

Pacific, Council on Undergraduate Research, and the International Astronomical Union. She said that astronomy has always been a part of her life.

"I have always been amazed by stars and the solar system," Bauer said. "I remember being very young. My mother loved Greek and Roman mythology and she would tell me stories. One night she mentioned that some of the names of the gods and goddesses in the stories were also names of planets. I started asking about the planets and my mother took me to the library to check out some books."

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Marxist lunch mulls human rights

By Melanie Morin
For The Maine Campus

In line with Human Rights Week, Socialist and Marxist Studies held a student panel last Thursday in the Bangor Room on the topic of "Human Rights and the University of Maine." The event was moderated by Isaac Curtis, a member of the Maine Peace Action Committee. The other students on the panel were Sarah Bigney and Alec Aman, members of the Progressive Student Alliance, and Jeff Lowell, another MPAC member. From tacos to tsunamis, topics ranged from a variety of issues in an attempt to raise awareness.

Bigney was first to speak and addressed dining services and bookstore policies. Her main focus was Taco Bell. Bigney said there is a farm in Florida where workers are paid only 40 to 50 cents for every 32 pound bucket they fill with tomatoes, which means they would have to pick 320 tomatoes per hour to make minimum wage, which is nearly impossible. Most of these tomatoes go to Taco Bell.

According to Bigney, the farm workers aren't able to afford housing, so they must live in places near the farm and owned by the people who run the farm, who charge more than the workers make. Bigney said this forces workers to live with seven to eight others in a small area just to pay rent. The workers are not given benefits, vacations, or paid overtime. These workers have just recently begun to organize and try to better their conditions, but the corporate owners of Taco Bell, Yum Food Brands, refuse to meet with them.

Outrage over these conditions has begun a movement to boycott Taco Bell and has caused 21 universities to remove Taco Bell from their schools. Bigney said that students have been the main drive behind the movement and

have caused these results.

"It's really important that students start to learn about workers' rights and that they are directly responsible for the living conditions and the lives of the people behind the food here," Bigney said.

Bigney also criticized the UMaine Bookstore for selling products made by workers in poor conditions. She is trying to get the Bookstore to become a member of the Workers Rights Consortium, which monitors factories and the standards of purchasing schools have.

Douglas Allen, philosophy professor at UMaine and MPAC advisor who helped to organize the event, said that the bookstore had agreed to join the WRC three years ago after much demand from the MPAC, but never did. Allen said that this was partly because a female student who had been the main drive of the movement graduated, leaving no one to put serious pressure on the bookstore to follow through.

Bigney also mentioned Starbucks as a human rights violator. She said that the average coffee grower for Starbucks only makes \$300 a year.

Aman said the human rights issues of the colonial days have only progressed and become more bureaucratic. America realized it could make money if they gave large loans out to South American countries and charge interest. This has been going on for quite a while and has caused huge problems with embezzlement and interest payments.

In one example, Aman said that 75 percent of a particular country's loan was unaccounted for, presumably embezzled by the elite of the country, leading to oppression and poor living conditions for the country's population.

"It's a systematic problem within developing worlds that they can literally not afford to take care of their own people

because they're paying foreign governments money," Aman said.

Aman also touched on issues of sustainability, saying that a footprint mapping quiz online shows that most Americans use twenty times their global allotment of resources. He said students need to be aware of how what we use, from computers to paper cups, affect other people.

Lowell then spoke briefly about the contract the UMaine has with Coca Cola and with their sponsorship of an event last year concerning Iraq. Lowell said that America's view of Coca Cola is much different from what the rest of the world thinks of them.

"Here we think about polar bears, but around the world, they're not such a nice corporation," he said.

Lowell said the company is a major human rights violator, citing an incident where someone saw a worker killed by people coming out of a Coca Cola truck.

Lowell said that last year there was a large uproar when the university sponsored an event at the Black Point Inn called "Doing Business in Iraq." The event was going to cost eight-hundred dollars a plate, marked down from fifteen-hundred, Lowell said. The benefit the event would provide the students was questionable and it was eventually canceled.

"We need to be vigilant in keeping an eye on what the university does and who they're signing contracts with and how that affects other people around the world," Lowell said.

Lastly, Curtis spoke about the contradiction of non-profit humanitarian groups and organizations who, though they save many lives at critical times, fail to take political action on the causes of crises, such as the tsunami disaster.

As for the tsunami disaster, Curtis said that the money raised



CAMPUS PHOTO BY AMILA PATHIRAJA

MY POINT —Isaac Curtis of MPAC organized and spoke at Thursday's student panel on human rights at the University of Maine. The panel was part of the weekly Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series.

and donated by people and countries were done for the wrong reason.

"It's no less racist to denigrate another than to believe that we're needed to go and save them," Curtis said.

Curtis said the money raised from charity concerts and the like are basically irrelevant considering the damage done.

"Human rights can't be achieved by charity, by aid," Curtis said.

He said the issue relates to the university because many students are being trained to work at non-profit organizations.

Aman said the main goal the students on the panel had was

simply increasing knowledge of these issues.

"What's so important about this week is that we create a fundamental awareness of what our impact is," Aman said.

Mark Kline, a member of MPAC who attended the student panel event, said he appreciated the students giving such a critical analysis of the university and human rights and is pleased that the mood was still able to remain positive.

"It gives me hope as a student that I can come out of here doing something," he said.

Allen said he was happy with the attendance to the event and the performance of the students.

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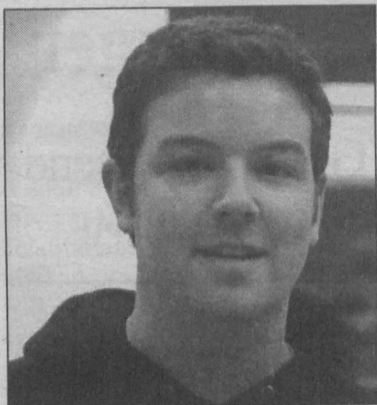
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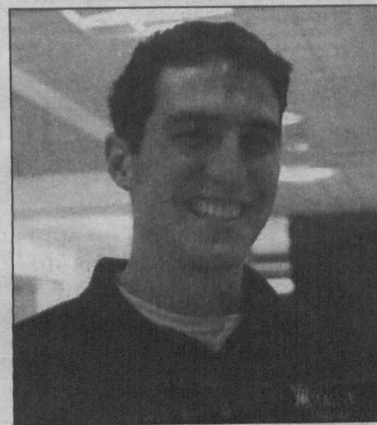
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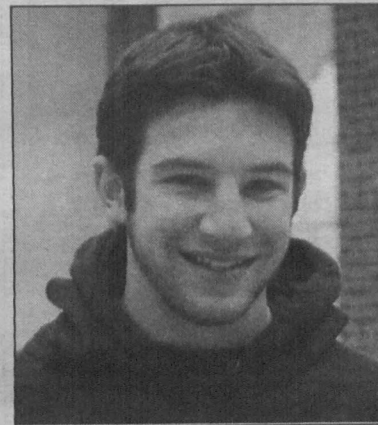
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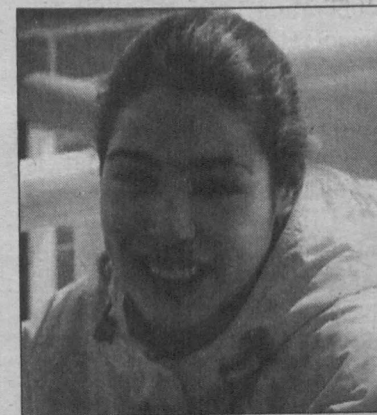
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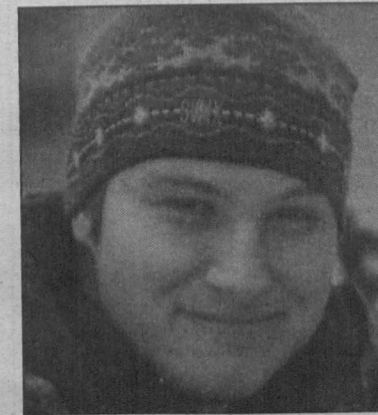
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Fair trade discussed in talk

By Randy Perkins
For The Maine Campus

Fair trade was the topic of a lecture titled, "The Negative Impacts of Free Trade Agreements Here and Abroad." The lecture was held as part of the University of Maine's Human Rights Awareness Week by Peace Through Interamerican Community Action (PICA) last Wednesday night in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union.

PICA, based out of Bangor, is a non-profit grassroots organization that focuses on an anti-sweatshop movement. The relationship with Bangor's Sister City of Carasque, El Salvador, and fair trade awareness and action between the United States and its trade partners are primary concerns of the organization.

Stefano Tijierna, director of PICA and native of Colombia, led the lecture. He said that its aim is to inform people of what goes on behind closed doors when countries gather to discuss trade agreements. He emphasized that the terms of trade are not represented by average citizens but rather by special committees made up of high ranking officials of transitional corporations such as Dow and Ford.

"What we practice today are similar versions of colonial trade ... trade negotiations are not an open or democratic process," Tijierna said. "They are in the hands of isolated

individuals, not citizens or local government."

Tijierna said that a vast majority of the trade negotiations and agreements go unnoticed by the citizens of the countries that they affect. He listed several trade agreements that have been signed or are still in negotiation. The Andean Free Trade Agreement, Israel Free Trade Agreement, and the South African Custom Union Free Trade Agreement are just a few that many people are unaware of. Tijierna explained that these agreements are bilateral because the U.S. is not interested in negotiating multi-lateral trade agreements that limit its strength in the terms of trade.

According to the December 2004's edition of Picantico, PICA's newsletter, this strength allows the targeting of "non-tariff barriers to trade," which are measures that federal, state, and local governments take to protect public health and the environment, sustain development, and provide accessible health care.

Tijierna outlined "Plan Colombia," which was set-up by the U.S. and Colombia in order to establish a safe situation for bilateral trade negotiations between the two countries to begin. Part of this plan is to solve Colombia's drug problem by indiscriminately fumigating 1.2 million acres of farmland, an area almost the size of Massachusetts, in order to drive down the ability of farmers to grow coca. According to

Tijierna, these fumigation efforts have displaced more than 700,000 small scale farmers in the region.

With President Bush's trip to Colombia late last year, the progress of "Plan Colombia" was seen as going well. He gave the approval for the Colombian Free Trade Agreement negotiations to begin.

"The Colombian Free Trade Agreement is just a photocopy of NAFTA and every other Free Trade Agreement," Tijierna said. "It is very worrisome and is a mystery how this agreement will benefit Colombia."

Tijierna said that because of the little or no press attention that many free trade agreements receive, the negotiation will go unnoticed and the public will be informed of them only after they have been signed.

According to Tijierna, this is not the case for the Central American Free Trade Agreement and the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas. Concerned citizens who are aware of the negative impacts that free trade agreements have on the global community are fighting against this threat.

Tijierna and PICA urged the public to become informed about free trade agreements because they will and have affected the lives of the citizens who do not get their fair say.

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The recent addition of an Intoxilyzer to University of Maine Public Safety is a perfect example of funds being put towards a worthy cause. An Intoxilyzer will help make our campus safer by putting drunk drivers in jail in a more efficient manner.

While many people may complain about how Public Safety uses its budget to amass a fleet of vehicles, there is no denying the fact that an Intoxilyzer will help serve Public Safety and the university very well.

In the past, if Public Safety wanted to test a suspected drunk driver, they had to transport them to the Orono Police Department — the closest facility with an Intoxilyzer. Now, they can bring alleged offenders to the Public Safety building on campus, cutting down on unnecessary transportation time which will allow for the officers to get back to patrolling quicker.

Perhaps people will think twice before drinking and driving armed with the knowledge that Public Safety now has an Intoxilyzer it's easily accessible disposal. Any step toward making this campus safer is a positive one and Public Safety has made a wise decision in acquiring this device.

Leaving a bad taste in our mouths

Students who attend the University of Maine in the next few years will be the first to experience changes designed to enhance campus living for students.

First, there will be theme dorms for students to live with those with similar interests. Groups of new friends will be flocking from their theme dorms to newly renovated dining commons.

What's the point of having a scaled-up, refined atmosphere, as proposed in the \$20 million proposal, if the same low-grade food is being served? The fact of the matter is that students only care about one thing — their vittles.

Dining services claims food options will be modified and any alterations will benefit students — including foreign students — who may have different culinary tastes.

Let's ensure that if we are going to spend \$20 million on renovating the commons and making them more lavish, that the food gets a makeover to match the swanky new decorum, because bad food is still bad food, no matter how or where it's served.

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Customer service conundrum

Revenge of a man wronged by the realm of retail

Before I made the decision to attend college — and even after I took the agonizing steps to follow through with that decision — I worked in retail. I was bright-eyed, if not bushy-tailed, and the prospect of quick advancement and fast money had me interested from the first day. The next promotion was always imminent, and it didn't take long to figure out that playing the game correctly meant I'd soon have a store of my own to manage. The day I was offered such an opportunity, I remember making phone calls to share my good news with friends and family. I was fishing for congratulations and commiseration, but what I should have been asking for was a referral to a psychiatrist. It took me less than one year to determine that devoting my life to earning a dollar for someone else isn't a rewarding way to earn a living. I left retail with an addiction to caffeine and a penchant for smoking cigarettes that would have reserved me a plot next to Johnny Carson and Rod Serling, had I not quit. I also took with me an acute understanding of what servicing the public is all about. I say "servicing the public" because it's similar to what goes on in the champagne room at Diva's. Without first-hand

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knowledge of the world's oldest profession from the working girls' side of the coin, my comparison may be off base, but I'd say the business of providing customer service is a lot like prostitution — except on salary, which makes prostitution more appealing.

I grew up as an only child, a brat really, and my worldview consists of a distinct dichotomy: What happens to me, and shit that doesn't matter. I've managed to find some maturity since adolescence, but I'll always hold my selfishness dear to my heart. Depending on how you look at it, selling products to people who really don't need them is either the ultimate in selfishness or the epitome of altruism; I'll go with the former, since we're talking about capitalism. In retail, one has to prostitute personal honesty in the name of making a buck. I'm not talking about misrepresenting a product or lying about the price. What I'm referring to is the con-

stant stream of bullshit that has to emit from your mouth in order to sell a person a widget. The particular company I worked for had one thing right at least, and that's the notion that we operate in a society where almost all consumer goods are commodities. The only thing that separates retailer A from retailer B, aside from price and foolish employee uniforms, is customer service. Even the price barrier can be overcome with some old-fashioned customer servicing. And by customer servicing, I'm referring to exchanges like the following:

Woman: "Do these sneakers make my feet look big?"

Me: "No, ma'am, those size 12 men's running shoes are a perfect fit for your four-foot seven-inch frame."

Maybe that's not the dialogue verbatim, but you get the point. I became quite adept at assuring all shapes and sizes of customers male and female, mind you — that their asses didn't look big in those two-sizes-too-small running tights, and that I certainly couldn't tell they had one leg a full half-foot shorter than the other. Quite possibly, I was doing God's work by making the public feel better about themselves. At least that's what I told

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Democrats in danger

GOP may amend constitution

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KATZ

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Orrin Hatch wants to change the Constitution. In 2003 Hatch proposed altering the clause in the constitution that makes it impossible for foreign-born U.S. citizens to run for president, and the debate went nowhere. This isn't so strange really. Every so often Congress debates the idea of amending what seems an increasingly archaic law. In 2005, Hatch plans to reintroduce his proposed amendment. What's different this time, and perhaps alarming, is that for once this debate may actually go somewhere.

With Bush elected to a second term and Democrats increasingly marginalized in all sectors, strategists for the Democratic Party are discussing a bargaining plan that would benefit both parties. U.S. News and World Report described potential bi-partisan cooperation, which would see Democrats allow the amending of the foreign-born issue if the Republicans support the altering of presidential term limits.

What this is all about is Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bill Clinton and it's sad. It's sad because, Schwarzenegger makes a great candidate but it's previous work that he'll be judged on. I don't need to lose any more arguments defending America to friends abroad. At any moment they would be able to trump me with, "Col. John Matrix is your president." You could insert any of Arnold's roles, they all work, but I digress. What can I say to that? But his record speaks for itself. He's a fiscal conservative who revamped California's antiquated state pension program, that had in three years ballooned from \$160 million to \$2.6 billion. He's also a social

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myself while enjoying a coffee and a cigarette. More than likely, though, I was thinking about my bonus at the end of the month. There were days when I yearned for the bullshit-free life of a crack dealer. Everyone economically involved in that type of transaction is fully aware — the crack dealer knows his product is addictive and socially disruptive, and the crack buyer knows he's buying a product that is marked up 1,000 percent and will eventually cause his heart to explode. There was no way I was going to tell some huge Puerto Rican guy that the shiny Dada pants he was buying made him look like an ethnic Neil Diamond on steroids and that his wearing them would nullify any chance he had of ever getting laid again. I always gave the pendulum of honesty a little nudge my way. It's the nature of the game, dawg.

These days, I get an unnatural kick out of being a consumer. I enjoy putting retail employees, from the part-time sales clerk all the way to the box store manager, through the gauntlet of crap that I was put through for years. Lots of people are shopping online to avoid the hassle, but I'm actually shopping in person to be the hassle. After a good back-and-forth argument session at a return desk, I'll end the conversation with my most sarcastic "Thaaank you," and I'll usually throw in an under-the-breath "for nothing!" before I run away giggling. When I'm not greeted in a store, I let an employee know that — by silently walking up behind them and belting out "Hello there!" like I've got Tourette's and personal space issues. I'll ask Best Buy employees to describe features of products that I already own and know inside and out

just to remind them how little they actually know. At Staples last week, I was buying a digital camera, and heard an employee feeding a customer a bullshit sandwich about the capabilities of a computer. I immediately let the customer know what the computer could actually do, in front of the salesperson. I wasn't shy about interrupting, either. Happy customer, unhappy employee — just the way I like it.

I'm a retail vigilante who's out for corporate blood. I'm all about promoting natural selection in the retail environment. I seek out the meekest, most uninformed employees and pounce on them with a vengeance that can only come from a jaded veteran of retail. Suncoast Video sales clerks — Rambo's not your worst nightmare, I am, and I'll prove it to you by coming in bi-weekly to ask for DVDs of movies that haven't left the theaters yet and remind you how ridiculous anime really is. Abercrombie employees — I'm the guy that walks in the store sporting greasy jeans and torn t-shirt with pit stains and informs you that \$70 is too much to pay for a shirt that looks like it belongs on the ladies racks. I'm doing these employees an invaluable service by showing them that retail is a dead-end job and that retail corporations are good-old-boys networks which promote racism and sexism. Sales clerks, get your butts to college before it's too late, or at least seek employment at the Old Town Dunkin' Donuts, where the only things you'll be required to do are serve up cold coffee and ignore customers. Oh, and that digital camera I bought at Staples? I returned it last night, five minutes before close, after the store manager had already closed out the registers. And I did it with a knowing smile on my face.

Aaron Barnes is a senior English major.

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liberal, earmarking \$228 million to solve the state's homeless problem. And in Total Recall he killed 50,000 people, barely pausing to appraise the woman with three breasts or the large man with a very intelligent baby growing out of his back.

Maybe this amendment needs to happen, but don't do it now, and not just so Schwarzenegger can be president. Can't we keep our top elected official someone who has risen through the ranks that we can be proud of as our leader?

Which brings us to the Democrats. Are you so weak in the knees and beaten that you think the only way to climb back up is through bringing Clinton back? I liked Bill; I was young and he was charismatic and if I had to pick a former president to hit the town with he'd be right behind Jimmy Carter. But this doesn't make any sense. Nobody is going to re-elect a President who has been out of office for

eight years. Would he have to reunite with Gore? All you'd be doing is opening the door to a potential 3rd term for Bush.

The idea that a president could serve 12 years is dangerous and counter-productive, and the fact you would willingly ride roughshod with a red pen over not one but two constitutional clauses and amendments is seriously disheartening. Question: Would I like to see Clinton debate Bush? More than most things. Would I like Bush to still be in office when my first child is born? Frightening.

This is all conjecture at this point, but conjecture alone is too much. With Hatch reintroducing his proposed changes this year and Democrats being hounded like Ben Richards in the "Running Man," who knows what could happen.

This needs to stop. The reliance on celebrity to win office is pathetic and it is evidence of fear on one side and disregard on the other. Start acting like the elected officials you are and not guests on VH1 remembers the decades. Obama in '08.

Nate Katz is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Piecemeal patriotism

Yellow ribbons another trendy showing of national pride

Countless editorials, endless rhetoric and boundless satire have typified the past two years of wartime in America. The people, both blue and red, have waged popular protests, muck-raked political history and demanded campaign recounts. The leaders, both fearless and fearful, have reinvigorated American patriarchy, redefined constitutional freedom and reignited bipartisan hypocrisy.

One thing has remained the same, one thing that will surely remain unchanged for ages to come: Americans' incessant pseudo-patriotism. We have all participated in, or at least witnessed, such jingoistic hogwash, whether conscious of it or not. Consider the uneasy months following Sept. 11: All of a sudden, the country remembered it had a flag, and if your house didn't have one scotch-taped to the front window, you were unpatriotic.

The same amazing putting aside of differences came with the news of the prison abuse scandal last year: What was once a country undeniably divided was however briefly a country united in the common bond of freedom, humanity and goodwill toward all. Of course, that sense of unity soon dissipated, as more important events crowded the pages of our newspapers, such as the Boston Red Sox winning the World Series.

Since then, a new trend has

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gained popularity, one that marks the unbearable zenith of America's masked chauvinism, and it's available at any gas station across the country. Now,

"There is a difference between supporting our troops and supporting our war ..."

Dusty Lavoie,
for The Maine Campus

peppered among the cars and SUVs of the country's roadways is a perpetual barrage of yellow magnetic ribbons, donning the impressively beside-the-point command, "Support Our Troops." Some have relegated yellow for the even more oppressive flag design.

What strikes me as inappropriate

about the "Support Our Troops" stick-on emblems of xenophobia is not the idea of championing the efforts of this nation's defense system — what is a defense system without support? What does irk me is that many people are confused have about who they claim to support and what a magnetic ribbon says.

There is a difference between supporting our troops and supporting our war, and I see no reason to announce to the world that I support our troops: Who doesn't? What these magnetic nationalistic symbols say is "I think the war in Iraq is ethically sound, and I feel the need to make clear my approval by temporarily affixing a mark of such patriotism to my mode of transportation. I know that affixing this mark makes no real difference in the world at all, but it helps nevertheless to placate my fear of being perceived as uncaring. Besides, it's not a sticker, so it can easily be removed and discarded once the axis of evil is rightly punished by our commander-in-chief."

I do support our troops, but I wholeheartedly reject the demoralizing, condescending and inevitably doomed war into which our myopic leaders have thrown us.

Dusty Lavoie is a senior secondary education in English major.

From the brain of Bull

Cowing calls out snobby girls, sandal wearers & grandma

My shrink has been telling me that keeping all my anger and aggression pent up is unhealthy. So in honor of his advice I've decided to vent just a bit.

First of all, I'm getting real sick of being shot down by young college broads just because they were popular in high school. Last week a girl told me she didn't want to go out with me because I wasn't cool enough for her. She proceeded to tell me how she was the "most popular girl at Bangor High last year." Really? And you're bragging about that? In my opinion, nobody should be gloating about being from Bangor. The place absolutely blows. The only reason they named it "Bangor" was because the name "Asshole" was already taken. In fact, when I go to the proctologist I tell him to go easy on my "Bangor".

And can we please do something about these giant hard-ons that prance around in their sandals with socks on? This irks me to no end. Besides, you should-

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n't be wearing sandals anyway. There are two types of people who wear sandals: People at the beach and douche bags.

And don't even get me started on people who buy presents for their pet. Get a life, you bunch of weasels. For example, my gram doesn't buy me shit for Christmas. However, her turd-eating dog has a bigger wardrobe than Puff Daddy. This Christmas, Gram bought her collie a sweater that cost 55 damn dollars. Hey, at least the dog looks trendy while it's licking its own ass.

I'm also getting real fed up with all the bracelets every "hip" peckerhead is wearing. Yeah, we get it — you support

Lance Armstrong and his one testicle. Sorry to inform you, but he only needs one. And it's not like he saves lives or anything. The dude rides a bike — big deal. If you want me to slice off a nut and ride a tricycle for a couple of miles I will; I've got time.

Not to mention, I've been getting real angry with my own body as of late. Why is it that after 20 or 30 shots of Jager my mind seems to go to bed at 2 a.m. while the rest of me stays up drinking until 6 a.m.? I wake up with piss on myself and my clothes are ripped like David Banner. Last week I woke up in some random house beside some random girl that looked like Dee Snyder from Twisted Sister. I think we hooked up but I'm not sure. All I know is the sex must have been kinky because my "Bangor" was sore as hell.

Travis Cowing is a man bound only by his own limitations and imagination.

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Jave Jive - The Project
8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1
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

Poker
8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 31
Memorial Union
Free

Karaoke
9 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Memorial Union
Free

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

COMEDY

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

Bull's Comedy Parade
8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Ushuaia

MOVIES

"Ray"
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2 and
Friday, Feb. 4
100 DPC on Wednesday, and
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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Soma LIKE IT HOT



*Soma 36 celebrates its
grand opening after
months of preparation
and construction*



CAMPUS PHOTOS BY SCOTT CAPARELLI

By Jesse Davis Staff Writer and
Matt Kearney Style Editor

The Bear Brew was packed Friday for the opening of the new dance club, Soma 36. The club, located on the final floor, was the second half of renovations which included the third-floor pool room. Complete with its own bar, table and booth seating, a DJ booth and a modest dance floor, the space has been maximized to be as comfortable and functional as possible.

"I like the layout, it makes sense," said Zachary Marriner, a fourth year business management major. "They're definitely going to make their money back on it."

Soma's vibe is strikingly different from the rest of the Bear Brew. While Bear Brew is known for its laid back feel, the new club looks and feels like a nightclub, offering quite a different vibe. For those who are accustomed to the old Bear Brew it may take a little time to get used to seeing the entrance to Soma 36 in the middle of the second floor.

The club is manned by three bartenders and several waitresses, as well as a bouncer at the door. Working together, they were able to keep the drinks coming, although traffic at the bar did build up after some time.

One of Soma 36's strongest aspects is its look. From custom-printed drink menus on every table to the backlit liquor cupboard behind the bar, the designers covered all the bases. The bar itself is dressed up with fluorescent lighting and shattered mirrors inlaid in its surface. Even the trays the waitresses carry have blue neon lights around the edge. Also noticeable were the matching shirts for the male employees and halter-tops for the female employees.

"It was quite different from the rest of the Bear Brew," said fourth year forest ecosystems science major, Seth Rifkin, "but it was pleasant overall."

Anyone who has spent time drinking on the second or third floor of the Bear Brew can attest that the lack of bathrooms on the upper floors was a problem, but along with Soma 36 comes two brand new bathrooms.

"It's a good thing that bathrooms are upstairs so when the seal breaks you don't have to rush down two flights of stairs," said UMaine graduate student Ryan Logan.

Drink specials were running Friday night with well drinks for \$1.50 and Jager bombs for \$3. At one point during Friday evening, owner Matt Haskell announced that while the current song was playing, Bud Light and PBR were free. Needless to say, people flocked to the bar to take advantage of his offer. Lightweight drinkers be warned, as drinks in the club are mixed stronger than those in the rest of the Bear Brew.

One drink that seems like it could become a local favorite is the Fish Bowl, a giant bowl of alcohol, which serves at least three and even has Swedish Fish floating at the bottom. For \$12, it makes a perfect drink to share with friends or significant other, as long as they don't have herpes.

"I loved the Fish Bowl, it tasted really good, but it had a lot of alcohol in it," said Logan.

While Friday night was crammed for the grand opening, Saturday night left a little to be desired as Soma 36 saw a fairly sparse crowd. It may take a few weeks, possibly even months, for Soma 36 to build credibility and draw a larger contingency. While people may be quick to point out the similarities between Soma 36 and Ushuaia, in reality the two clubs are notably different. Each will attract a different patronage and in a college town with so few drinking spots, both will thrive.

DVD P.I. tackles first case, discovers heinous library

DVD
P.I.



By Mike Melochick

My mailbox has been flooded with e-mails commenting on my article "DVD collections offer insight into personality" [*The Maine Campus*, Jan. 17]. Some are supportive, patting me on the back and re-affirming my stance. Other responses range from cynical to downright negative, claiming that I perpetuate stereotyping and that I'm an idiot. I can't totally deny these allegations of my ignorance or lack of intelligence, but at the same time — I am right. One e-mail in particular stood out to me, because it challenged my theory. In the interest of supporting scientific methodology, I will test my theory to see if it is true — Mr. Willette, my sixth grade science teacher, will be beaming with pride as he reads this.

Junior business major Matt Jameson allowed me access to his DVD collection in the interest of applying my DVD theory. The results?

It was with slight trepidation and the eagerness of a young lad on Christmas morning that I viewed Jameson's collection. I have never met this man and have heard only limited stories from co-worker Matt Kearney about him, so this is as controlled as a social experiment can get.

The first thing I noticed about Jameson's collection was the "Scarface" deluxe set. This movie alone can tell you volumes about a person. Either this guy is a Pacino fan or he's a rapper, because all the rappers proudly show off this film gem on MTV's "Cribs." From there, things went downhill rapidly.

I jumped off the good movie train and got on the bus headed straight for DVD Hell. First stop, "Barber Shop," not just the original, but the sequel. Movies that bad get a sequel? I wish Ice Cube would just stick to rapping.

I needed a hero to save me from our plunge into DVD

despair, but "Daredevil" showed up. I thought I asked for a hero not Ben Affleck in a role that makes him look like he should've won an academy award for "Reindeer Games."

I thought Jameson was a better man than this. Then I saw "Shrek" and "Shrek 2." I figured this guy was either a father or a jackass. It turns out neither was correct.

"I, Robot," "Mr. Deeds" and "Punch Drunk Love" ended the suckfest that was quickly becoming Jameson's collection. Then we hit bottom — rock bottom.

"Star Trek: Nemesis" and all three extended versions of "The Lord of the Rings" films pretty much assured me that this guy gets laid less than I do — and that's not saying much. Apparently "The Wizard" isn't out yet on DVD or this guy would own the collector's edition.

Of course, to mask the inner-dork, Jameson has "American Pie I and II," and "Old School." I have those movies as well. In fact, I think they hand them out at freshman orientation these days. Another Frank-the-Tank impression please, frosh.

I was nearly vomiting and sweating profusely when hope came in the form of Norman Reedus and William Defoe in the cult classic "The Boondock Saints." Surely a person who owns this film can't be all bad. Then, like bullets, good movies started popping up. "Garden State," "Man on Fire" and "Fight Club" all show a dynamic diversity of taste and class. "Clerks" and "Mallrats" show an appreciation for the now-clichéd genius of Kevin Smith and his films. Anyone who owns the first three seasons of "The Simpsons" — before the show became funny — is a hardcore fan and a good shit in my book.

That was the point I realized Jameson was a good guy, not just for letting me critique his collection, but for proving my point that people can be unfairly pigeonholed based solely on their DVD collections. Please keep the e-mails coming. I have to go have a little talk with Jameson about owning "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

'Good Company' endearing, sentimental, in a good way

By Derek Francis
Staff Writer

The 1980s saw a flood of movies dealing with corporate greed. Greed was in during the 80s but the repercussions of the young hot shots in those movies rarely got told. With "In Good Company", writer-director Paul Weitz puts you in the shoes of the regular guy and the young mover and shaker.

Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid) is a middle-aged New York advertising executive for a top sports magazine. Dan is a family guy with a wife and two daughters. He is a great father as well as a loving husband. Life is good for Dan. To stir things up a bit he discovers that he is about to become a father again at age 51. Also, his oldest daughter, Alex (Scarlett Johansson), wants to transfer from her current college to NYU, a much more expensive school than the one she's currently attending. However, shortly after taking out a second mortgage so his daughter can attend NYU, Dan finds himself being demoted at work due to a buy out of the magazine's parent company. To make things even worse, his replacement is a 26-year-old with no advertising sales experience. This young business genius, Carter Duryea (Topher Grace), must rely on Dan to learn the ropes. In the process, ad sales are down and one by one people Dan worked with for years have to be let go and Dan finds himself wondering if he'll be the next to go. Carter admires Dan and tries



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NICE TO MEET YOU — In "In Good Company," Topher Grace plays boss to Denis Quad his senior by many years.

to squeeze his way into Dan's family life since his own wife (saucy Selma Blair) recently left him. Carter finds himself falling for Dan's daughter, Alex, and must balance that secret relationship while also keeping the magazine afloat.

I expected much less from the guy who orchestrated the crude jokes in "American Pie." True, "About a Boy" was moderately heartwarming, but Weitz is in top form with "In Good Company." Quaid and Grace each turn out top-notch performances as characters that are both layered and reliable. Each play the humor in the film honestly and it never once feels forced. Dan and Carter are both characters you come to genuinely care about. Even the smaller roles played by Blair, Marg Helgenberger (TV's "CSI"), and

David Paymer become characters you feel as though you know. Selma Blair can play a bitch like no other.

The weakest aspect of "In Good Company" is in its secondary plot elements beyond the relationships between the characters. The plot points that push the movie along are as played as my Atari 2600. However, it doesn't bring the movie down as much as one might think, since it is the human emotion and strong performances that take centerstage in this drama-edy.

"In Good Company" is a simple but endearing film that tugs at the heart strings. It portrays characters that never feel like cardboard cut-outs of real people but are fully realized individuals. The story may not seem new but for once it might feel relevant.

'Pirates!' lets you live the life you've always wanted - without the disease

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

Ever since watching "Pirates of the Caribbean" a year and a half ago, I've wanted to live the life of a pirate. Not the scurvy-ridden, town pillaging kind of pirate, but the romantic, womanizing, swashbuckling kind. Due to the fact that I am afraid of swords and hate rum, I could not make this dream a reality, no matter how hard I tried. I even returned my parrot to PetCo, although I remain a fan of booty and peg-legs. "Sid Meier's Pirates!" for the computer is the closest thing to living out my pirate fantasy that I can find.

"Pirates!" is a remake of a 1987 game by the same name, and mostly follows the story and gameplay of the original. 18 years has done wonders for the graphics, however. Gone are the three-pixel boats replaced instead by lush, opulent boats of different classes, ranging from small merchant ships to huge war vessels.

The game does a great job of staying true to its roots and keeps gameplay simple and entertaining. If you are looking for an in-depth, brain-stimulating strategy game this



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ARRR, MATEY — You play the role of a privateer in the Caribbean circa the 18th Century in "Sid Meier's Pirates!"

probably isn't the game for you. The name Sid Meier implies a certain degree of strategy, like "Civilization," and "Pirates!" does have elements of strategy, but for the most part it is not a thinking-man's game.

You play the role a privateer in search of your family that was torn from you at the age of eight. Although, any form of plot takes a backseat for most of the game. In reality the purpose of the game is to attack

other ships, commandeer these ships after you have defeated them and then sell their goods at different ports for gold. Along with navel battles you can also duel, attack towns, romance governors' daughters and look for buried treasure.

The navel battles are probably the most entertaining portion of the game. As you sail around the Caribbean you can view other ships, their destina-

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There's nothing
to do in
this town.

go.

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Getting caught up with 'The Apprentice' in all its glory



By Kristin Saunders

The game is on. This season of the Apprentice has two very different groups facing off, Season Three Donald Trump has shook things up by pitting the contestants who only have a high school education against college graduates.

One might think that the Book Smarts team would take control of this competition, but the Street Smarts group is the group to beat. Not only do they have a net worth three-times that of the degree laden Book Smarts they also have been in the trenches for years, allowing them the mentality to perform in a variety of business tasks.

After watching the first episode it is evident that John is the front-runner for the season. He was the project manager for the Burger King task in the first episode. The Book Smarts people didn't understand the balance of customer service and having the necessary staff on their cash registers during peak hours. John had a great pep talk with the staff of Burger King and was able to contribute at all aspects of the team.

Across Manhattan the Book Smarts people actually had people leaving their restaurant because they didn't have enough people trained on the cash registers. As people

walked out of the burger joint they were faced by a promotion that looked worse than a game of pin the tail on the donkey gone wrong. The promotion included Danny the street performer, Project Manager Todd and Stephanie all just standing on the side walk, as the other half of the group were asking, "would you like fries with that?"

Despite his hair, The Donald considered Danny and his original wardrobe a "disaster." But

"Despite his hair, The Donald considered Danny and his original wardrobe a 'disaster.'"

don't expect Danny to be fired any day soon, because he makes for good television. Danny also makes a strong comeback after Todd is fired after the burger debacle. Danny actually arrives for the second task in a business suit.

After flipping burgers, the second-task the teams were forced to renovate a Jersey shore motel and only one word can appropriately describe them: "dump." The two teams were only allowed \$20,000 in budget funds to revamp the dives. The teams had to paint, recarpet, clean and renovate the rooms and bathrooms in

just a matter of days. The teams must also use the money to furnish the rooms as well, before their guests arrive.

This week, front runner, John was the Street Smarts mediator between a bunch of the feuding women and the slick wily, crass Brian. Brian actually ignored the team and went and bought 12 unnecessary toilets and torpedoed the Surf Side Motels budget, resulting in moldy, smelly carpet to remain. The Book Smarts group also worked on their dump, The Sea Garden, but with less drama. The Book Smarts team did have a mini-drama when Verna walked off from the task, because she couldn't handle the pressure.

The Book Smarts group actually won the task, despite the fact their rooms were not decorated as well, but their guests were happier. Danny deserved the MVP award, because he went the extra mile when he was helping guests to their rooms after they checked in. He started telling everyone of a social gathering that evening by the pool. Everyone had a great time drinking by the pool. Danny said that his group enjoyed the time with the guests because they knew what it was like to ditch class, play guitar and have a few beers. Their guests gave better scores and it was evident that they deserved to win.

The Street Smarts team got rid of the overbearing Omorosek Brian and they should continue a team dynamic that is held together by John. Watch out in the next few months because John is going join the ranks of The Donald's Apprentices.



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ON GUARD — Dueling is one of the many pirate activities you will partake in on the high sea in "Sid Meier's Pirates!"

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tion and their cargo, and you can choose to attack them if you so desire. When you do battle, you use arrow keys to move your ship and fire your cannons. While it may sound rather simple, it is rather refreshing and straightforward gameplay. Once you cause enough damage to the other ship with your cannons, you will either force them to surrender or you can board their ship and duel with their captain, this is most advantageous when your crew substantially outnumbers theirs. After you win a battle you can keep the boat and then sell it later or turn it into your flagship and upgrade it to make it faster, more powerful and in other ways.

Attacking towns is an interesting affair, as it is setup as a turn-based strategy, as you move your pirates around the

land and then computer moves the town's officers as you fight it out. If you win then you plunder the town — but surprisingly don't rape the women — and take all of their supplies to sell.

Between attacking ships and plundering towns — in a G-rated manner — you can also accept missions for governor's of various towns like escorting a ship or seeking out and destroyed ships.

Throughout the game you earn fame points by successfully romancing a governor's daughter, destroying other pirate ships and taking over towns. There is also a list of the top 10 pirates on the water and you can watch as you move up or down on it, depending on what kind of activities you are partaking in.

"Pirates!" is not the kind of game you are going to play for months and months, but it is the perfect if you are looking to kill some time and want a game that is a real throwback to the games of yesteryear.

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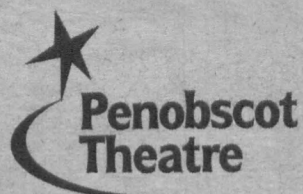
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What song are you singing
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would you get?
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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Aries

March 21 to April 19

Don't be disrespectful, even if all your friends agree. And don't pile onto a person who's weak. That's beneath your dignity.

Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Postpone an outing until the job is finished. Then use it to celebrate. Grant yourself a reward that means something special to you.

Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Everything seems to be going your way, but try not to be impatient. There's one thing you won't be able to get yet, but you don't have to give up on it. Persevere.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You do need to take someone else's wishes into consideration, but once that's done, a lovely compromise can be arranged. There's plenty for all.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

It's important to show you're dependable now. Others, some of them very highly influential, want to lean on you. Stand firm, and the synergy works.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Accept an opportunity to make some extra cash, but not if it's going to wreck domestic plans already made. Better call and see if it's OK for you to work overtime.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

As you explore possibilities and imagine consequences, you'll discover which paths you want to take and which ones to avoid. This is good. Don't hurry.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21

Get things at home organized just the way you want. A combination of luxurious efficiency, subtle opulence and technical sophistication can be achieved.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

The trick now is to keep some of that newfound wealth safely in your pockets. Don't blow it all on fun and games. Some, yes, but not all.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Don't be ashamed or frustrated if you're feeling less confident than you'd like. This could actually work in your favor. Let others help you for a change.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

As you roll along with the flow, pay attention to where you're going. You can steer around the barriers that pop up quite easily, if you're watching.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

You don't have to tell how much you have. In fact, you probably shouldn't. It's not disrespectful at all to keep your finances private. So, do it.

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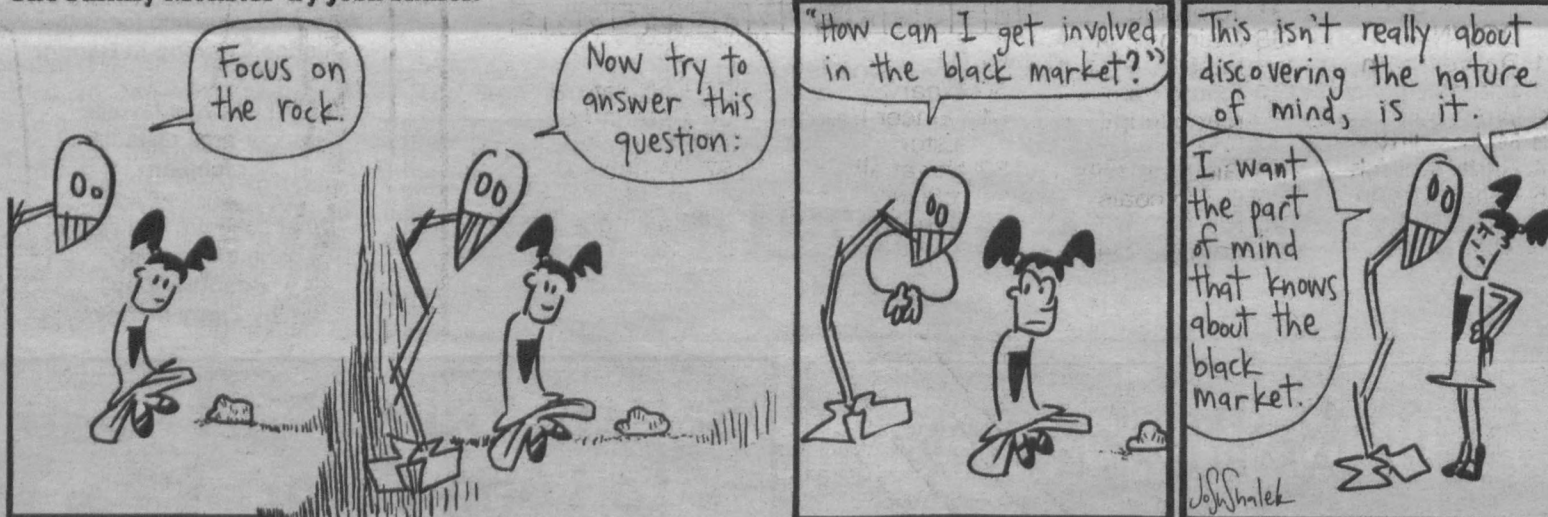


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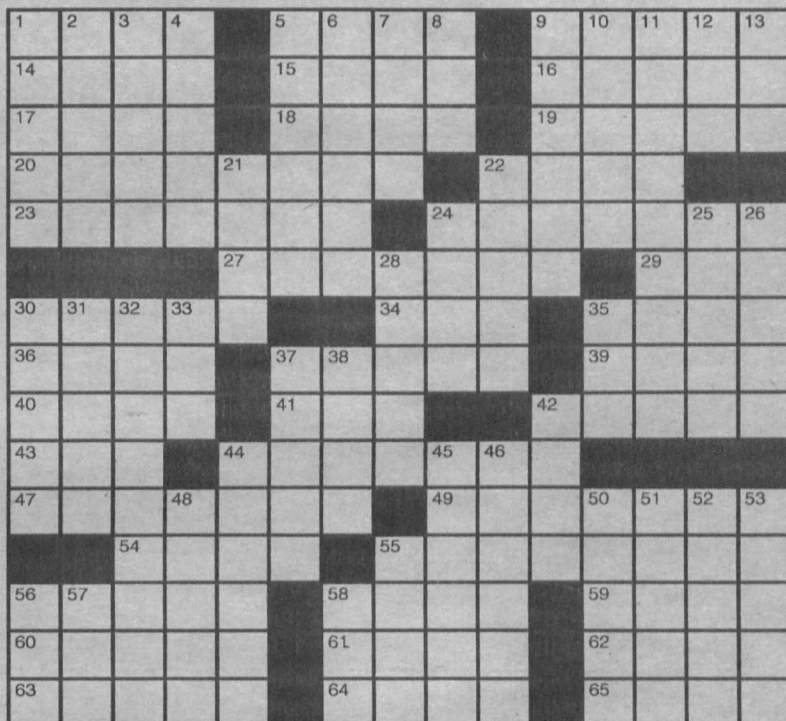
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23 Force into bondage
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27 Dictionary
29 Khaki shade
30 Miniature
34 Actor Chaney
35 Conceal
36 Ice-cream holder
37 Buff
39 Wicked
40 Presley's middle name
41 Oolong or Darjeeling
42 Bring to bear
43 Irish Sea isle
44 Foundation for a highway
47 Layered board
49 Mimic
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DEVOUR

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points and 10 rebounds. Schrader is well aware of what carried her team to success against the Seawolves.

"We all ran the floor really well," said center Abby Schrader, "and that's our game, that's the Maine game. We did a great job."

Katie Whittier added 12 points off the bench for UMaine in 23 minutes and also grabbed six rebounds. UMaine coach Sharon Versyp was pleased with Whittier's play.

"You could see she had a twinkle in her eye today," said Versyp. "I could just sense it before she went in. She can score. She looked for her shot tonight. She rebounded well for us. I was really pleased with her contribution."

Monica Peterson and Bracey Barker each chipped in with nine points. Peterson also had nine rebounds.

With the win, UMaine moved into a tie for first place with Hartford. The Black Bears and the Hawks are both 6-2 in conference play. UMaine's overall record is 10-8, while the Hawks are 12-5.

Stony Brook head coach Maura McHugh, who is in her first season with the team, had only good things to say about UMaine.

"In my opinion, they're the best team in the conference," said McHugh. "I think they're the most balanced. They have good shooters, they hustle, they execute well. I think that right now they're probably the team to beat in the conference."

McHugh coached former UMaine star Cindy Blodgett in the WNBA, when she played for the Sacramento Monarchs. Her Seawolve team fell to 2-6 in conference play and 4-13 overall. They are tied for last in the conference with Northeastern and UMBC.

Many of the fans were at the game to see the retiring of jersey number 24, which was worn by Jamie Cassidy who played for UMaine from 1996 to 2000.

"It's very overwhelming and it's a great honor to be here in front of all these great fans and my former teammates and family and friends," said Cassidy, who helped the Black Bears to four straight NCAA tournament appearances. "It's just very exciting."

Along with Cassidy, a number of other Black Bear greats took the court at halftime of Sunday's game. Cindy Blodgett, Martina Tinklova, and a number of others were all on hand.

"She was a lot of fun to play with because she was a star player, and we had fun on the court," said Martina Tinklova, who graduated in 2000.

Tinklova was a 6-4 center who played three years with Cassidy. Chantal Macream also played three years with Cassidy. She was a 5-6 guard.

"It was awesome to play with her," said Macream, who graduated in 2001. "She is the best post player I've ever played with."

UMaine continues their conference play Tuesday night when they head to Boston to face Boston University. The Terriers are 4-4 in conference play and 9-8 overall. The Black Bears and the Terriers met in the conference championship game in each of the last two seasons. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Madigan brings passion for soccer to Hampden

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

Pete Madigan has a passion. You can see it when it walks into a room. You're enveloped in it when he sits down to chat with you. You feel it when he shakes your hand. Madigan's passion is soccer. His obsession is his life.

A native of Liverpool, England, Madigan has begun to spread his passion for the game around the little hamlet of Hampden and surrounding towns. Madigan is the owner and operator of the Maine Sports Complex in Hampden. His dome-shaped soccer complex off interstate-95 at exit 44, might be the next big thing when it comes to indoor athletic recreation.

"The opportunities which we present are specifically in sport," said Madigan. "On a private hire basis or league basis, soccer, flag football, field hockey, baseball and softball."

"People travel from 60 miles around to play," said Madigan.

Madigan has long been an enthusiast of the game. He opened the complex in January 2002 after purchasing the land more than a year before.

Madigan doesn't stop with sports. He hosts a array of other activities and is eagerly in pursuit of others.

"I am waiting for my first marching band," said Madigan.

The plan to establish an artificial grass facility in the Hampden woods has long been in the works.

"I had a great love of New England and had been coming over here for years," said Madigan. "I had been doing business with a gentleman from Hampden, which lead me up to this part of Maine. Then he suggested four years ago that I consider selling my businesses in the U.K. and moving over to New England."

As an established businessman in the United Kingdom and a Liverpool soccer club aficionado, the decision to leave his beloved homeland was a extremely tough



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

SOCCER SCENARIO — UMaine students partake in a Monday night game of soccer in Hampden at the Maine Sports Complex.

choice.

"One of the businesses was selling soccer and rugby souvenirs to the U.K., continental Europe and Africa, as well as the far East," said Madigan. "That was a company I enjoyed being a part of. I was sorry to say goodbye to the business but also to the closeness to soccer."

The plan to form the complex with three partners fell through and Madigan was stuck building the establishment on his own.

"It turned out that I was the only one out of three that was prepared to follow it through," said Madigan.

The creation of the complex was not easy for Madigan but the gentle Englishman weathered the storm.

"The building took place, regrettably, during the winter," said Madigan.

Although the complex was closed due to various difficulties during its tenure, Madigan is confident in the development of the site.

"I am hoping in the next few

years, we progress and advance and increase our facilities here," said Madigan.

Nearly four and half years since the complex's inception, Madigan still has half his heart in England.

"We haven't turned our backs

"We are not getting enough interest from students."

Pete Madigan
Owner

Maine Sports Complex

on the U.K.," said Madigan.

If you have time enough to listen, Madigan could talk for hours on his beloved Liverpool team.

Madigan, who traveled to see many of Liverpool's illustrious matches, misses the close-knit family atmosphere that the games brought.

"It was great when you used to get to the ground, it was one big family being in the pubs before the game and singing the songs," said Madigan.

That atmosphere is what Madigan hopes to bring to the pine tree state. Madigan still dreams of better attendance when it comes to the complex.

"We are not getting enough interest from university students who don't realize the opportunities to play in our soccer leagues," said Madigan. "I also don't think there is enough use by university students setting up things on their own."

No matter what the preference, the instantly likable and approachable Madigan is eager to provide recreation for UMaine students just a corner kick away in Orono.

Sluggin' Sammy says sayonora to struggles in Windy City

By Matthew McGraw
For The Maine Campus

Sammy Sosa is no longer a Chicago Cub. Well, not exactly.

The only thing keeping Sosa from departing the friendly confines and becoming a full-fledged Baltimore Oriole is himself and Major League Commissioner Bud Selig. For the deal to be officially finalized Sammy needs to waive his no trade clause and Selig needs to administer his signature on the deal.

I'm pretty confident Sammy will waive that clause, allowing the trade of one of the greatest home run hitters ever to play the game to occur.

Despite steroid allegations, throwing his back out on a sneeze, the infamous corked bat, his fallout with Cub's manager Dusty Baker and being fined almost \$90,000 for arriving late and leaving early, Sammy will be remembered for his smile in Chicago.

In the final days of his career, Sosa no doubt felt his world fell on his shoulders. Aside from his

slipping performance in past years and playing in less than 130 games this season, Sammy and the Cub's management were in a minor feud all year long. After going through a slump, Sosa was angered that he had been dropping in the batting order.

Sosa also went public with his criticism of Dusty Baker, saying that Baker blamed the Cub's failure on Sosa. While none of this reflected well upon the Cub's organization as a whole, it certainly made Sosa look like a sore loser. Has Sosa let the pressure of his poor performance and struggling team break his ability to be a good person? Had his recent string of bad luck tainted the image of the once so likeable slugger? Would his recent outbursts hurt his chances at being the Cub's leader, or worse, hurt his chance at the hall of fame? While nothing is certain, however, I currently think Sammy has nothing to worry about.

Goodbye windy city, hello Baltimore. Sosa is soon to be an Oriole.

The Dominican-born slugger will now join up with other power hitting Latin stars Javy Lopez, Miguel Tejada, Rafael Palmeiro and Melvin Mora. This new environment should definitely give Sosa a great chance to perform well since he won't be the biggest star on the team and the surrounding lineup will take a lot of pressure off his performance. With less expectation Sosa should be able to get back to form and deliver the moon shot home runs we all remembered him for.

But what does this trade mean for Sosa's chances at the Hall of Fame. It certainly is opening a door, even if it is closing the Chicago window. The chance to turn around his poor performances of the past two seasons should motivate Sosa to become fourth all time on the home run list. Sosa, who already has 574 home runs, has likely sealed his fate as a Hall of Famer. If Mark McGwire hadn't beat out Sosa in the chase for Maris, and Sosa's single season mark of 66 home runs stood for at least one off-season, I don't think there would

be reasonable doubt regarding Sammy's chances at the Hall. However, without that single season record to his name, Sammy will need this opportunity to swat at least thirteen more home runs to eclipse McGwire and the legendary Frank Robinson for fourth all-time on the home run leader board.

Baseball has been known to give its elder statesmen a second chance every now and then. Sosa, who never won a ring during his term in Chicago, will definitely need to take advantage of his new opportunity. At age of 37, coming off a season which saw him play in his lowest game total ever, Sosa must be blessed to have received this good of a second chance.

Even if he doesn't win the championship, he has still been given the opportunity to play baseball for a city whose team won't place the pressures of winning directly on his shoulders. That alone should give him the opportunity he needs to swing his way into the record books and eventually the Hall of Fame.

VISIT

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UMaine, who entered the contest two-for-three in their last five games, were backed by an inspiring performance by their go-to man Ernest Turner, who scored 22 points. Turner lead a lethal UMaine offensive assault in the second contributing 20 of his 22 points, in the later half.

Turner ignited a Black Bear run halfway through the second half that ultimately led to the Seawolves demise. The talented junior guard recorded seven straight points for the Black Bears, helping to extend their lead to ten with little under ten minutes to play. UMaine proceeded to hammer away at Stony Brook for the next five minutes, increasing their advantage to 20 points. The Seawolves, who managed to cut the advantage in the final moments of the game, were finally done in from the charity strip.

Kevin Reed registered 16 points and seven rebounds for UMaine, while Joe Campbell also hauled in 15 points. Mark Flavin rounded out the scoring sheet for the Black Bears totaling 12 points on the afternoon.

The Black Bears closed out the decision, shooting a sparkling 62 percent from the floor in the second half and 55.8 percent overall for the game. The statistic bodes well for UMaine, who fell to Stony Brook last Thursday on the heels of poor shooting.

The first half played out with both teams combating each other on the varying sides of the court. Flavin opened the scoring for in the first half tallying the first four points.

Reed closed out the first half nailing a buzzer beating two pointer to send the teams into the locker room deadlocked at 30-30.

UMaine end the half shooting 48.2 percent from the field, while the seawolves connected for 54.2 percent from the field.

On Thursday, the Black Bears once again fell victim to an underdog program eager to obtain the type of win a season can hinge on. In a depressingly slow decision, UMaine was upset 71-57 by UMBC.

For the Retrievers it was a night of firsts. The victory, which was the team's first against the Black Bears, also marked the squad's first three-game winning streak in three years. Highlighted by a fiery performance from Ron Gogerty, who chipped in a team-high 16 points, the Retrievers used an aggressive defensive rotation and precise perimeter shooting assault to snatch the milestone win.

In a match that should have been remembered for Kevin Reed registering his 1,000th career point, the Black Bears were left puzzled by a Retriever offense that recorded one of their best shooting percentages of the year.

UMaine head coach Ted Woodward discussed the disappointing outcome for the Black Bears.

"It's a very tough loss, we're extremely frustrated," said Woodward. "They got us in every area, we just want to make sure we stay consistent."

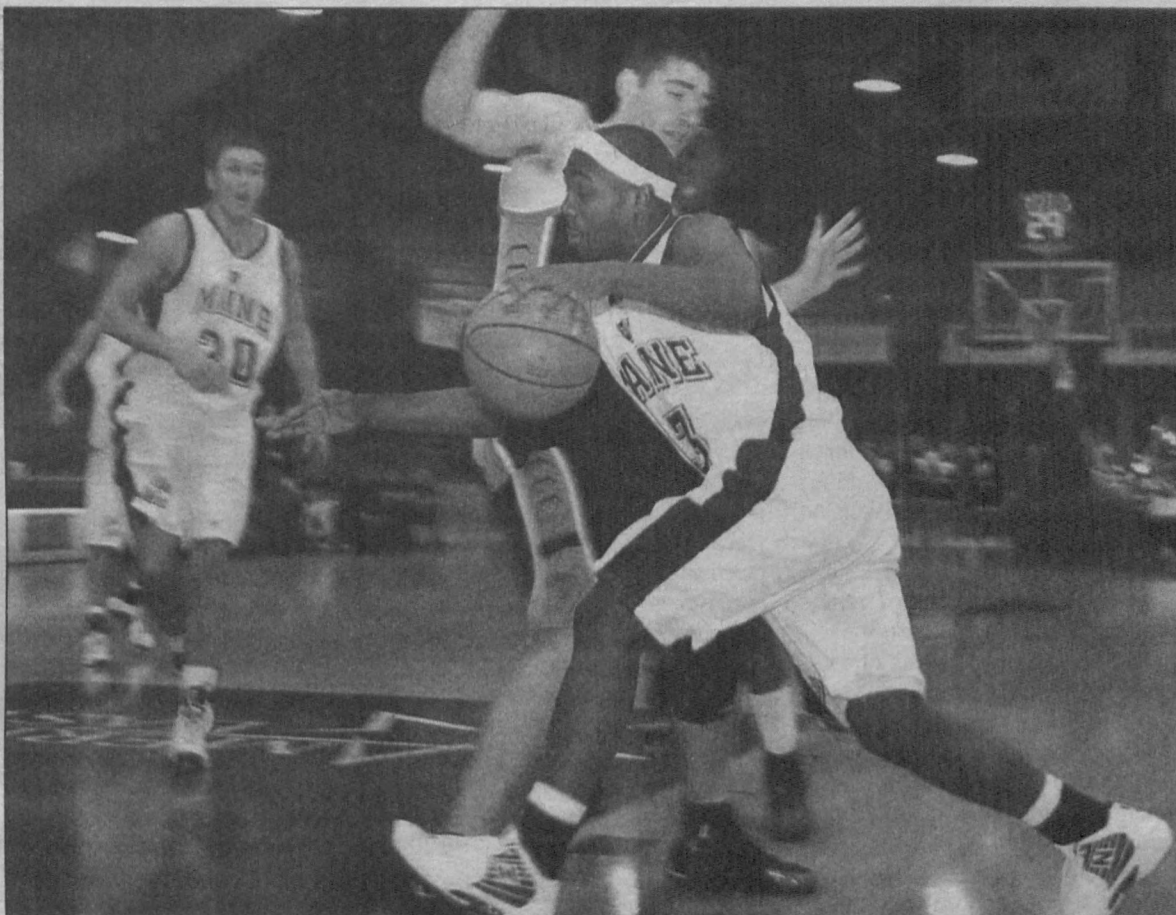
They have beaten Albany, Binghamton and UMaine in the last couple of weeks, they are doing good things," said Woodward.

Retriever head coach Ron Monroe was elated with the victory.

"I just think we have a great group of young men," said Monroe. "Our defense has been something we have talked about and we're making a team commitment to playing defense."

Monroe believes the win will give his team momentum heading into the team's coming games.

"I think it's a tremendous confidence booster for our team," said Monroe. "We've won three games in a row now. I think our kids are feeling good about themselves and I want them to feel



TURNING THE CORNER — Ernest Turner plows through a UMBC guard last Thursday. UMaine lost 71-57.

good about themselves."

The Retrievers, who watched three players hit double figures and two haul in nine points, used a 10-2 run with nine points remaining in the game to bury the Black Bears for good. With the game tied 46-46 with 8:09 remaining in the second half, Brian Hodges nailed a three pointer to ignite the run. Following up Hodges' bucket was Andrew Feely with two straight arching baskets in the paint that rain the score up to 56-48. The buckets coming with six minutes left in the half, all but finished the Black Bear squad awaiting a dramatic comeback.

Feely finished the game with seven points and 10 rebounds, Cory McJimson also contributed 14 points and seven rebounds.

Gogerty scored 12 second half points including four in the last

minute and half to ice the game. The tenacious guard nearly missed the remainder of the contest when he went down early in the first quarter with a knee injury.

Monroe talked about Gogerty's ability to shake off the injury and return to the game.

"He came up to me and he's the only guy on the team that can tell me 'Coach I think I am ready to go back in the game'," said Monroe. "I think he has earned that."

Flavin led the Black Bears on the score sheet with 16 points and eight rebounds, while Joe Campbell finished the game with a career high 16 rebounds and 13 points. Reed, who tallied his 1,000th point, did so while recording 10 points on the evening.

He became the 26th Black Bear to reach the milestone

and ranks 25th overall in his junior season. Reed talked about the remarkable achievement after the match.

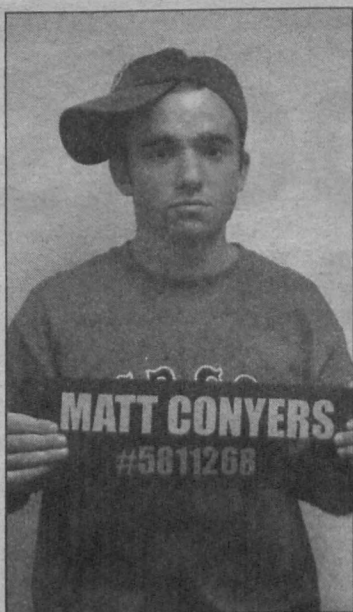
"I am excited about it but at the same disappointed about tonight," said Reed.

"When I came here I didn't expect to break anything," said Reed. "My purpose to come here was to win games not break records."

Woodward, although upset about the night's performance, took time to address Reed's milestone.

"When you think about all the ... players that have come to UMaine, its a great credit to Kevin to do that in his junior year," said Woodward.

The Black Bears are set to return home for an entanglement with Boston University 7 p.m. on Wednesday.



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CELTICS CORNER

By Matt Williams
Staff Writer

The NBA trade deadline is fast approaching and Celtics Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge has some interesting decisions to make. The Celtics stand at a pedestrian 21-23, but that record is good for first place in the Atlantic Division and the 3rd seed in the East.

These Celtics are a mix of movable veterans and promising young talent. They're playing reasonably well together, but not well enough to impress. In fact, they'd be no higher than fourth place in every other division in the NBA.

When it comes time to wheel and deal near the trade deadline, there are two kinds of teams: buyers and sellers. The biggest decision Ainge has to make is which one his team will be this season.

The Celtics have several players who would be attractive to teams looking to make upgrades for their playoff runs. The most likely to move is Raef LaFrentz, acquired from Dallas last year in the Antoine Walker deal. LaFrentz missed all of last season with a knee injury, but has made a great comeback this year. Experienced big men who can shoot are hard to come by, and the Celtics would love to get his salary off the books to clear cap space for going after free agents this summer and beyond.

Gary Payton is a proven leader who has hit his stride again in Boston. After a dismal season in Los Angeles, Payton is playing solid defense and dishing out assists like the old days. His experience may be invaluable to teams looking to make a run this year, and while Ainge is unlikely to deal him, for the right

price Payton could be playing somewhere else come May and June.

Rumors that the Celtics may be preparing to completely shift the focus of their franchise by dealing perennial All-Star Paul Pierce have been running rampant. Al Jefferson has emerged as a bona fide star in the making and Ainge may want to build his team around him, a future Tim Duncan-Kevin Garnett type. Pierce admittedly hasn't been the same player since Walker was dealt last season, but still has the ability to be one of the more prolific scorers in the league.

Ainge can also go the buyer route. Marcus Banks and Walter McCarty would be great fodder for teams looking to unload talent that could help the Celtics make a run in the wide open Eastern Conference. If Pierce returns to form and Jefferson and Tony Allen continue to develop, the green should be guaranteed a home playoff series, something Ainge would be reluctant to trade away.

The great thing about the Celtics is that no one quite knows which way Ainge will go.

Say what you want about the moves Ainge has made, but at least he's always making them. The Celtics have put together a fast-paced, running team that is averaging 100 points for the first time in a decade. While they may not be ready to raise banner 17 yet, they will be a topic of much discussion as the trade deadline looms closer. They're relevant again; people have to pay attention to them. Relevance is the first step on the road back to greatness.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

OVER AND OUT — Sophomore Erin Hatch won the high jump competition with a height of 5 feet, 3 inches.

TRACK

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UMaine swept the field events, led by junior Troy Irvine with wins in the pole vault and long jump. Irvine cleared 4.57 meters in the pole vault, setting a meet record. Chris Warren was first in the high jump and Jesse Ludwig grabbed the win in the triple jump. In the weight throw, Anthony Morgan set a meet record at 16.43 meters and Michael Leconte won the shot put with a throw of 14.88 meters.

On the track, Sydney Harrison won the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.63 seconds, while Scott O'Connor and Paul Rupprecht racked up points in the 800-meters finishing second and third, respectively. In the mile, Michael Lansing took first place in 4:28.54 and David Woods placed second at 4:49.06. Donald Drake finished

first in the 1000 meters, running a 2:29.39, followed by Lansing at 2:32.46. Sophomore Kirby Davis continued UMaine's strong showing by leading a top three sweep of the 3,000 meters picking up the win, running 8:51.66. Junior Josh Trevino and senior Adam Goode finished second and third, respectively. In the 60-yard hurdles, Nathan Holmes ran away with

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first with time of 7.98. The Black Bears also won the 4-by-800 relay and were second in the 4-by-400 relay.

In the women's meet, senior Silvia Scaldaferrri had another great meet, leading the women with wins in two events. Scaldaferrri took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.19 and added a win in the long

jump, going 5.44 meters. Sophomore Hana Pelletier set a meet and Fieldhouse record in the 1,000 meters with a time of 2:55.28, while freshman Lindsay Burlock finished first in the 500 meters with a time of 1:19.08. Junior Kathryn Souviney was first in the 60-yard hurdles with a time of 8.37. Black Bears won the 4-by-400 relay, but finished third in the 4-by-800 relay. Maine was strong in the field events with sophomore Erin Hatch winning the high jump at 1.60 meters and junior Stephanie McCusker taking first in the triple jump with 11.66 meters. The Bears also had a 1-2-3 sweep in the shot put. Freshman Micralyn Wiechman was first with a throw of 11.70 meters, junior Mary McDonough took second at 11.60 meters and freshman Maegan Burke finished third throwing 11.57 meters.

The Black Bears continue their home-stand hosting Holy Cross on Saturday, Feb. 5.

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Tiger back on the prowl after victory

By Kyle Fortinsky
For The Maine Campus

You can hear it now. It's in the distance, but there nonetheless, and coming straight for you. The drumbeat is heavy and pounding like a mid-tempo metronome. His signature Nike is cresting over the hill; Tiger Woods has returned.

Scared?

Last week's Buick Open at Torrey Pines marked the second PGA tour event Woods has played in this young 2005 season, finishing 3rd in the other. Though his performance was less than stellar, it was good enough to grant Woods his first tour victory among a legitimate field of contenders since 2003's Western Open. A whole year went by without a fairway glaring, fist-pumping performance by the golf phenom. In fact, the last two years have seen Woods take home only \$12.1 million in tour winnings, a far cry from his previous three-year streak of being golf's number one money earner.

2004 wasn't only disappointing for Woods, it was also embarrassing. Forget barely being in contention on any weekend the entire year — Woods had to deal with ongoing problems with ex-swing coach Butch Harmon. Harmon is regarded as the reason Woods did so well in his first seven seasons as a tour professional. Since canning Harmon, Woods has struggled with his swing and become frustrated with a year's worth of sub-par performances.

But last year is behind us, and it's apparent that it's behind Tiger as well. He is slightly leaner and apparently laying off the weights a bit, perhaps to help his body relax and retain more energy for his powerful swing.

Woods will forever have support from the majority of fans, dashing to a victory so early in the season only increases the fanatical attention that is sure to shadow Woods through the summer.

Watching his four rounds at Torrey Pines evoked flashes of the old Tiger. At the Buick, Tiger hit slightly under 50 percent of the fairways, but controlled his driver well. He missed nearly one-third of his greens in regulation, but not as erratically as in 2004. And then there was Tiger's short game; a staple in Woods' repertoire since his Junior Golf days. Woods was second both in total puts and average puts per green over the entire weekend. His putting was so consistent that it led him to an all-to-familiar, come-from-behind Sunday victory.

Those fortunate enough to have their 2005 tour cards are faced with the unfortunate fact that Tiger Woods is back on his game. It may be too early to predict two Major victories for Woods this season, but it will happen. He looks confident and when he's confident, his results can be very scary. Almost as scary as that creeping drumbeat.

If you look now, Tiger's eyes and the collar of his traditional Sunday red garb can be seen over the hill. He's marching, straight-faced, staring down the competition. The look says it all. He's back, he's fit and he's still only 29 years old. 2005 belongs to Tiger Woods.

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to 9-13-3 overall and 5-8-3 in Hockey East play. More importantly, the deadlock between the two foes pushes UMaine into a two-way tie for third place in Hockey East with hated rival University of New Hampshire, setting up classic atmosphere for next weekend's duel between the two programs.

Highlighted by a feverish overtime period that saw both teams register near fatal penalties in the opening two-minutes, Northeastern was able to steal a one-point souvenir from their weekend engagement in Orono. The Black Bears, who watched their unbeaten streak rise to seven games with the deadlock, were buoyed by the play of the red-hot Keith Johnson and All-American goaltender Jimmy Howard.

After the game, UMaine Captain John Ronan addressed disappointment in missing the near-sweep.

"It's unacceptable being at home and blowing a two-goal lead like that," said Ronan. "We were undisciplined and that's when they took over."

"I guess we took three of four points. That's our main goal, but we're not happy with tonight," said Ronan.

In the other locker room, Tim Judy, who finished the game with two crucial assists, discussed the sudden reversal of fortune.

"Anytime you get a point up here against Maine," said Judy. "They came out and we weathered the storm. We knew if we stuck to the game plan things would turn our way."

The bigger of Judy's two assists came halfway through the third period at 9:43, when Bryan Esner received a long pass from the talented defenseman. UMaine defenseman Matthew Deschamps proceeded to miss a swipe at the puck, which allowed Esner to sneak in for a breakaway opportunity on Howard. Esner capitalizing on the one-on-one took Howard top shelf for the tally.

Esner talked about the play after the decision.

"I beat him through the arm. It was a fortunate bounce," said Esner.

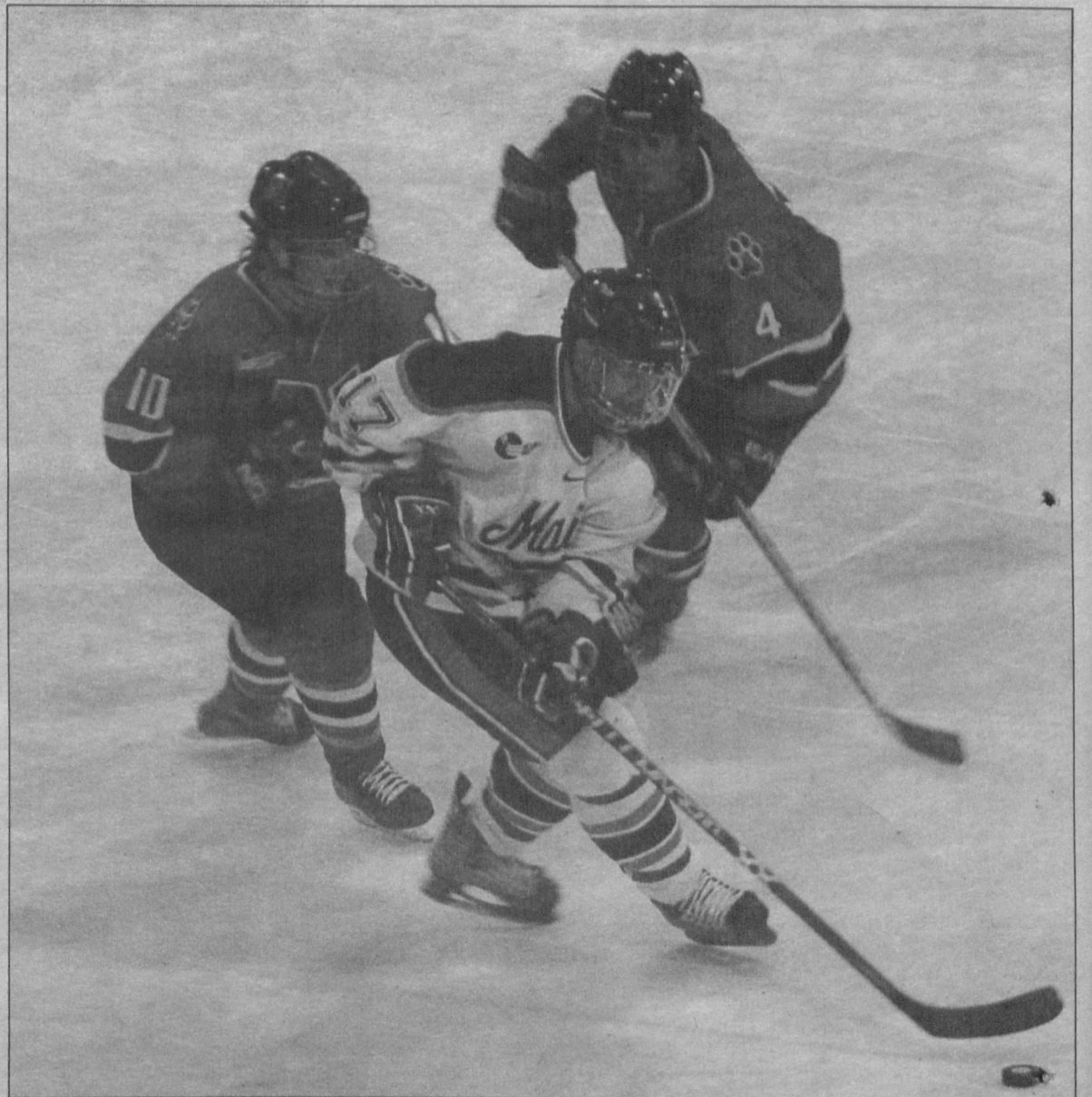
The goal completed a dramatic comeback by the Huskies, which was ignited in the waning minutes of the second period. With 1:19 remaining in the period, Judy flung a bouncing pass into the front of the Black Bear net to Mike Morris, who found the mesh for his 12th tally of the year. The goal, coming on the power play, incited a raucous home crowd that believed Morris was in the crease. Judy talked about his squad's ability to beat the aerobic Howard.

"We just threw a puck to the net and guys battled through their defense and got to Jimmy Howard," said Judy. "That's the only way you're going to score against that kid."

UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead believed the Huskies rally benefited on the play of an undisciplined Black Bear attack.

"No question, we gave them opportunities on the powerplay," said Whitehead. "The 5-on-3 was a big opportunity for them. I'll have to watch the tape and look at some of the calls, but the bottom line is we took penalties."

"I thought we didn't come out with enough urgency in the second period," said Whitehead. "We let them back in the game. We took a couple penalties and it cost us."



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HUNTING THE MURPH — Ben Murphy eludes a pair of Northeastern defenders during Saturday's game with the Huskies. The game ended tied 2-2.

UMaine finished the game with 13 penalties, surrendering six power play opportunities to Northeastern. Both teams went 1-for-6 on the power play.

Easily the biggest of those penalties came in the extra frame, when Michel Leveille was called for a five-minute spearing penalty 24 seconds into the period. The penalty caused the Black Bears to drop back to a more defensive mindset, nearly surrendering any chance of an overtime victory.

Whitehead commented on the huge call and its impact on the game.

"I didn't see it, but my guess is that it was a penalty," said Whitehead. "If you're going to get a five-minute it must have been very severe, so there's no excuse for that, we have a opportunity to win that game and basically we have to play for a tie."

The penalty was fresh on Leveille's mind after the outcome.

"It's my fault. I shouldn't have done it. You've got to play with adversity," said Leveille.

However, only a minute later, at 1:05 in overtime, Northeastern merited a two-minute obstruction interference call, preventing a four-minute power play for the Huskies. Jared Mudryk was the assailant.

With both teams battling four-on-four for the middle part of the overtime, Northeastern was unable to get any good looks at Howard.

The Huskies only real chance on net came with 40 seconds remaining in overtime, when Mudryk sent a short-range wrist shot wide of Howard.

The Black Bears proceeded to clear the puck on the play, sealing the tie.

Howard finished the contest with 25 saves, while Gibson hauled in 32 on the night.

UMaine opened the scoring earlier in the first period when the red-hot Johnson deflected a Bret Tyler slapshot from the left point. The goal,

coming with 12:32 left in the period was assisted by Derek Damon. The Black Bears continued to dominate throughout much of the opening period, recording another goal at 3:34. On the score, Ronan was able to fake out Gibson with a deke to his right side to allow a wide open top half of the net. Ronan proceeded to fire the shot home for his seventh goal of the year. Deschamps registered an assist on the play. UMaine closed out the period with 11-5 advantage in the shot department.

The Black Bears nearly added another score with 20 seconds remaining in the second period, when Leveille sent a beautiful wrap-around shot on goal only to hit the post. The shot, which initially looked like a goal, turned out to be a pivotal point in the decision.

"I think maybe it hit both posts, but Gibson deserves that kind of luck," said Whitehead. "He made so many great saves this weekend."

On Friday both teams staged a thorough defensive battle with neither team willing to surrender a goal until the final five minutes of the game.

With each team pressing eagerly in the third period, the Black Bears found an unlikely hero in Mike Lundin. The Minnesota native, who had yet to score on the year, was able to notch a wrap-around goal with 5:23 left in game for the victory. The shot, which was initially saved by Gibson, bounced back to Lundin, who put in the rebound. Assisting Lundin on the goal were Matthew Deschamps and Ben Murphy.

Lundin and Gibson discussed the game-winning goal after the decision.

"I was kind of crossed. Our guy and their guy got tangled up in front of me, so when I went to try to go to the left post, I got tangled up," said Gibson. "I tried to cover up the goal line-hoping it wouldn't get in, but it trickled in somehow."

"I picked it up and skated around

the net and I was thinking pass and then I was like uh-oh, the net's wide open," said Lundin. "So I just wrapped it around as quickly as I could and threw my hands up. The red light came on, but I didn't really see it go in."

For Lundin, the lone goal provided him a chance to finally get the monkey off his back when it came to scoring.

"Last year, I had a few goals early in the season. It seemed a lot easier then," said Lundin, "but this year I didn't really get anything even close so it's just nice to get that first one under the belt."

Howard proceeded to ice the game in the final three minutes, making two pivotal saves on Mudryk and Ortiz. The Huskies, unwilling to surrender quietly, had a powerplay chance at 2:21, however, failed to pilfer Howard's net. Northeastern pulled Gibson with 41 seconds remaining to briefly hold a 6-on-4 advantage.

Howard finished the game with 11 saves and his fifth shutout of the season, while Gibson had one goal and 25 saves.

"I'm just trying to get back into the rhythm and it's really starting to feel good out there," said Howard.

Whitehead had high praise for Howard's adversary.

"Every year, he steals games and I thought their team played very strong as well," said Whitehead. "Their shot total is deceiving. I thought it was a good hockey game from end to end."

UMaine returns to action next weekend with a two-game road series with UNH, while Northeastern is set to play Massachusetts this Thursday at 7 p.m.

"We have to go down there and steal a win there are no ifs, ands or buts about that," said Howard. "Maybe somehow we'll walk out of there with a sweep."



UMaine rebounds with strong road visit

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

They needed this one. For the past two weeks, University of Maine head basketball coach Ted Woodward has continually stressed consistency. The Black Bears were flip-flopping from dismal to delightful in their performances. On any given night, two different UMaine squads could show up. It quietly became a question of which one was going to appear come tip-off. On Sunday, rebounding from a stingy defeat against the University of Baltimore-Maryland County, the Black Bears hope they got on the right path after decisively knocking off Stony Brook 76-63.

UM	76
SB	63

In a game more typical of Black Bear basketball, UMaine used outstanding shooting and stand-up defense to haul in the victory. UMaine scored 46 second half points en route to the win.

With the victory, the Black Bears improved to 10-9 on overall and 5-5 in America East play. For the Seawolves, the defeat saw their regular season mark drop to 7-12 and 2-8 in conference competition.

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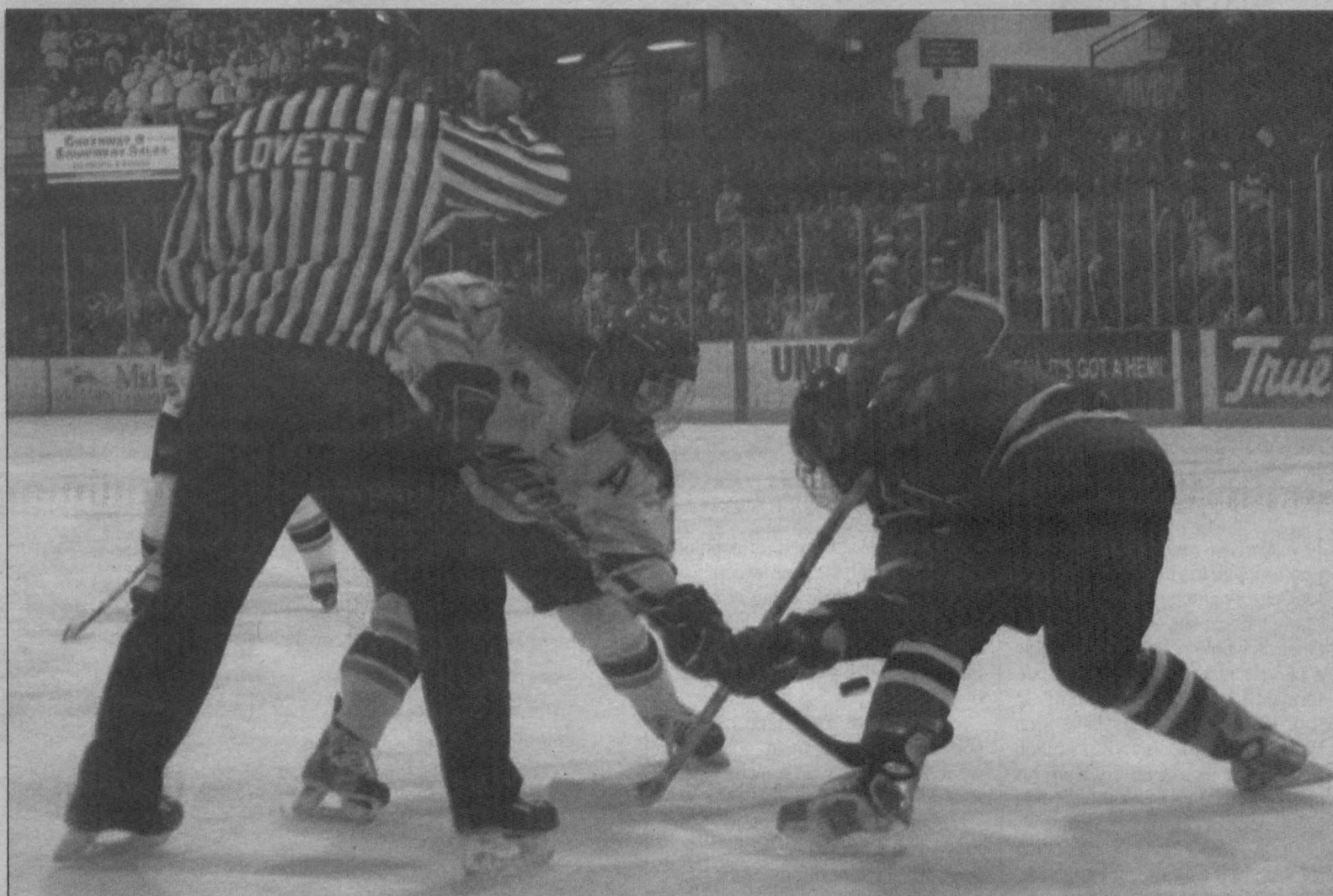
Track teams crack down on Blue Devils at home invite

By Meghann Burnett
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's and women's track teams have been maxed out competing in their first five meets all over New England without enjoying one home event. On Saturday, the 48-day drought came to an end when the Black Bears hosted Central Connecticut State University and the University of New Hampshire. The men enjoyed their homecoming with a commanding 107-65 win over CCSU. The women fell one point shy, placing second to UNH, 132-131, but handling CCSU, who placed third with 86 points.

The men did not let anyone down. The Black Bears dominated in almost every event en route to their first win of the season.

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MIXING STICKS — Michel Leivielle closely watches a face-off late in the second period on Saturday. The Black Bears tied the game 2-2 against Northeastern.

Pursuing Perfection

Men's ice hockey grabs three-out-of-four points for third straight weekend

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

New weekend, same story.

For the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad, the past three weekends have played out eerily similar. Tie one contest, win the

other. Beginning three weeks ago in Amherst, Mass, UMaine has refused to lose and their opponents have refused to be swept.

On Friday and Saturday night against Northeastern it was déjà vu all over again.

After opening their series with a

rousing 1-0 shutout victory, the Black Bears concluded their second straight homestand with a 2-2 stalemate. Before a sellout crowd of UMaine faithful, the underdog Huskies, anchored by the always dangerous Keni Gibson at goal managed to stage a dramatic two-goal

comeback against a streaking Black Bear squad.

With the decision, UMaine slides to 14-8-6 on the year and 9-3-4 in conference competition. For the Huskies, the tie improves their mark

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Black Bears devour weaker Seawolves

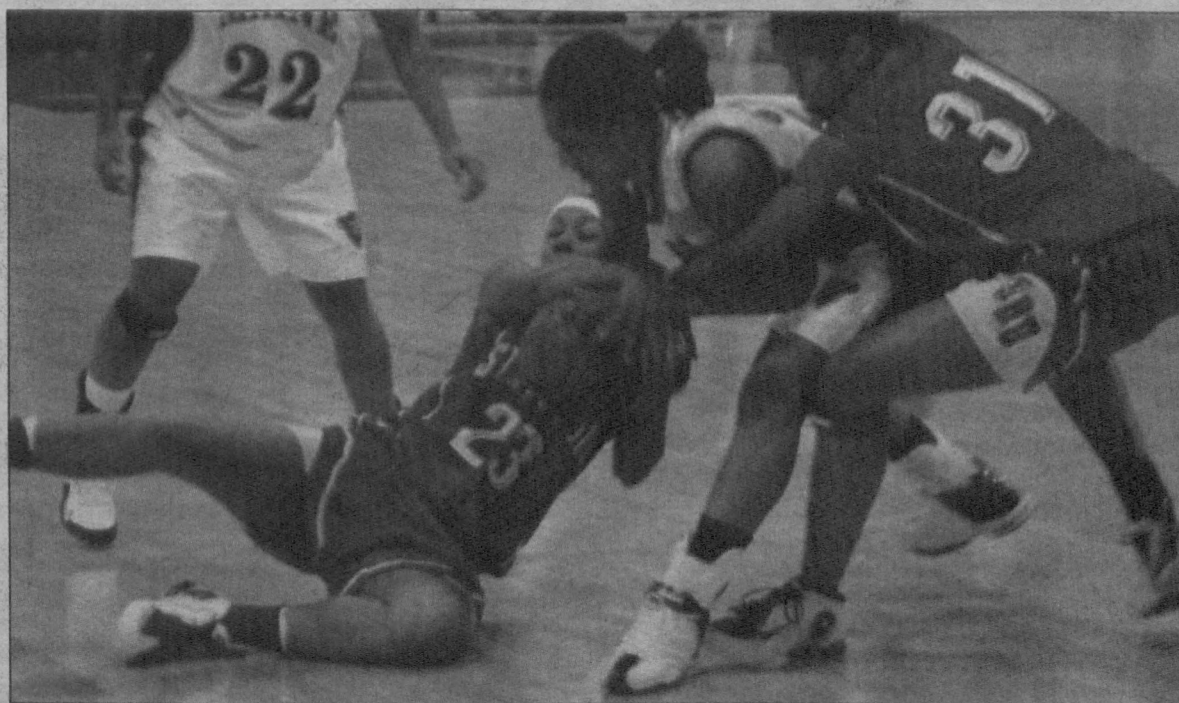
By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team won its third straight game Sunday against Stony Brook in front of one of their largest home crowds all season. The Lady Black Bears third consecutive conference win was an 88-60 blowout against the America East Conference's last-placed team.

UM	88
SB	60

The Black Bears got off to a good start with a 10-0 run in the game's first five minutes. They led 24-8 with 10:22 to go in the first half. Stony Brook picked up their offense a bit, but could not stop the Black Bears offense. UMaine knows how important it is to get off to a good start.

"That's key for us," said senior Missy Traversi. "Starting strong and starting fast, and just running up and down the court. We had so much energy today and that was huge. Our legs were fresh. We've been doing well in practice this past



CAMPUS PHOTO BY PAUL BERTSCHINGER

HITTING THE FLOOR — Ameshia Bryant fights for the ball during UMaine's win over Stony Brook on Sunday afternoon.

week. We're just getting better and better every day and that's just where we want to be right now."

UMaine poured it on in the second half. They increased their 16-

point half-time lead to 28 before it was all said and done.

Traversi led the Black Bears with 21 points. She also added seven assists and four steals.

UMaine also got production from a few players who have been quiet as of late. Abby Schrader had 15

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