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Rally looks back on invasion of Iraq

Chain of Concern, campus events protest war on its two-year anniversary

By Melanie Morin
For The Maine Campus



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNY
STANDING STRONG — Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau and Kalina Janson marked the two-year anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq on campus Friday at a demonstration organized by the Maine Peace Action Committee.

The Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine and the Maine Peace Action Committee organized a Chain of Concern 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning to mark the second anniversary of the beginning of the Iraq War. The demonstration was one of many which occurred around Maine and throughout the country calling for troops to be taken out of Iraq and for the war to come to an end.

Douglas Allen, philosophy professor at the University of Maine and adviser to MPAC said there were over 500 demonstrations planned all over the country on Saturday, which is double from the number last year. Allen also said there was less opposition and more support for the group of about 100 people who stood by on the bridge by Cascade Park and held signs declaring such phrases as "Health care not Warfare" and "Iraq is Arabic for Vietnam." He said he believes that people are becoming more and more against the war in Iraq as time passes.

"A lot of people were willing to give the administration a little bit of doubt saying, 'Maybe they'll find weapons of mass destruction,'" Allen said. "All of a sudden we have all these other allies who are now against the Iraq War."

Participants in the Chain of Concern also held large photographs of Iraqi civilians taken by Jim Hanney.

"You hold these photographs up and people say, 'Gee, they're human beings just like us,'" Allen said.

The demonstration began with songs and a reading of quotes from a woman whose son was killed in Iraq, followed by speeches from several members of the community, including Norman Powell, a World War II veteran, Emily Patrick, a mother from Veazie, and Gerald Oleson from Veterans for Peace.

"We support our troops best by bringing them home," Oleson said in his speech. "And in our struggle for peace and justice, we will never give in."

Participants stood for almost an hour outside with signs before gathering at the Peace and Justice Center to spread ideas and share refreshments.

Ilze Petersons, coordinator of the Peace and Justice Center said the purpose of the group was clear.

"We have three main messages: Bring the troops home, end the occupation of Iraq, and jobs, education, health care, not warfare," Petersons said.

Bonnie Robinson said she's been participating in anti-war demonstrations since the United States invaded Afghanistan. She said what angers her most is the poor opinion the world has of America and that the poor are

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MCCS credit transfer approved

By Justin M. Wozniak
For The Maine Campus

Students pursuing a two-year degree at any school in the Maine Community College System will now have the opportunity to upgrade to a baccalaureate degree at any University of Maine System school upon completion of an associate degree in liberal arts and studies, according to a new credit transfer system announced last week.

The new transfer program is said to represent a major milestone in continued efforts of the university system and community college system to raise appropriations and increase college attainment rates in Maine.

UMS Chancellor Joseph Westphal and MCCS President John Fitzsimmons met with Gov. John Baldacci and Maine Education Commissioner Susan Gendron on Wednesday to sign the new agreement between the institutions.

"This historic agreement between our university system and community college system marks a milestone in Maine, and I commend the leaders of these two systems for coming together to streamline the transfer process and bring the promise of a baccalaureate

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New Media Web site scheduled for redesign

Upgrade comes 3 years after previous update

By Stephen York
For The Maine Campus

The Web site of the new media program, has not seen an update in about three years. It will soon receive a facelift. Jon Ippolito, assistant professor of new media, said the changes were long overdue.

"We haven't announced a specific date yet," Ippolito said. "Technology changes so fast that the three years that passed since the previous site are more like a decade of Web time, so our team

had a lot of catching up to do."

The original site, created by Raphael DiLuzio, assistant professor of new media, and several students, was set up in three days to provide basic information about what was at the time a young and growing program.

"That site had served its purpose and was ready for a makeover, so the current design team took up the baton," Ippolito said.

The new site will contain more

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Program aims to recycle campus pizza boxes

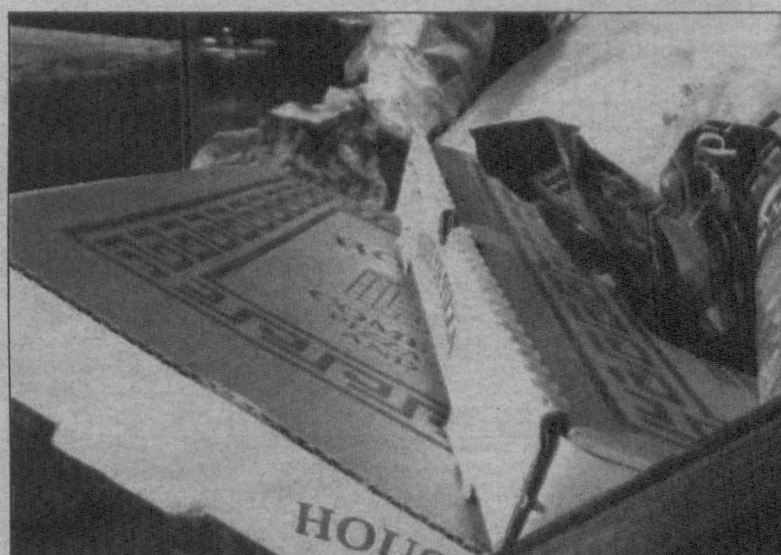
By Justin M. Wozniak
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine students have a new opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the environment. The Residence Recycles program has discovered the means to rid campus trash of bulky, one-time use pizza boxes.

The method emerged when Jessica L. Richards of Residence Recycles embarked on a mission to find exactly how much waste pizza boxes created at UMaine.

"It was discovered that the amount of pizza boxes being thrown away was enormous. My findings were astonishing," Richards said. "I learned that a majority of the trash building up from the residence halls

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY STACY ALEXANDER
PILE UP — Pizza boxes overwhelm the dumpster outside of Doris Twitchell Allen Village after a typical weekend of ordering out.

THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, March 21, 2005

Wellness fair

Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Multi-Purpose room. There will be a chance to win prizes, free massages and more.

Survivors speak out

UMaine students talk about their personal experiences with eating disorders and provide advice at 7 p.m. in 101 Neville Hall.

Architecture lecture

Max Page will give lecture titled "Giving Preservation a History" in the Bodwell Lounge in the Maine Center for the Arts at 4:30 p.m.

Aquacize class

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

Wildlife lecture

Paul Nickerson of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will give lecture titled "Maine and the ESA: 30-Year Review" at noon in 204 Nutting Hall. For more information, contact Nora Ackley at 581-2862.

Buddhist lecture

"Buddhist Archetypes and the Resilience of Zen Practice" will be discussed by Hugh Curran as part of the Counseling Center's Brown Bag Luncheon Series: Resilience and Well-Being. It will take place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Memorial Union's Coe Room. For more information, contact Rex Norris on FirstClass or 581-4145.

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.

Vietnam film

"Surname Viet, Given Name Nam" will be shown as part of the Women's History Celebration: Drawing from the Past, Feminism for the Future, in 115 DPC at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Angela Olson at 581-1228.

Aerobic classes

A Butts & Guts class will be held at 4:30 p.m., and a pilates class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information, contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Power yoga

Power yoga class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in 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.

Games night

CAB will host "Campus Feud" from 8 to 10 p.m. in Memorial Union's main dining room. For more information, contact Carole LeClair 581-1793.

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Budget forum

Janet Waldron and John Mahon will lead a forum on the UMaine budget at 9:30 a.m. in Memorial Union's Bangor Room. For more information, contact Heidi Carlow at 581-1512.

Retirement workshop

"Retirement Plans and Financial Planning" will be held as part of the UCU Financial Education Seminar Series at noon in Memorial Union's Bumps Room. For more information, contact Kim Daigle at 581-1427 or on FirstClass.

Relationship workshop

"Developing and Maintaining Healthy Relationships" will be led by Alan Butler from 2 to 4 p.m. in Memorial Union's Bangor Room. For more information, contact Rex Norris at rex@umit.maine.edu or 581-4145.

Aerobic classes

A cardio kick step class will be held at 4:30 p.m., and a toning class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information, contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

Aquacize class

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

Genealogy workshop

Workshop will be held as part of the Fogler Library Workshop Series from 9 a.m. to noon in the Library computer classroom. Registration is required. For more information, contact Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1896.

Grad fair

Order your announcements or class ring, pick up your cap and gown, receive information and have your senior photo taken, at the fair Memorial Union's Multipurpose Room from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Holly Williams at 581-1700.

Feminism lecture

Lecture titled "Working Out a Salvation: Jane Addams and Democratic Faith" will be given by Victoria Bissell Brown as part of the Women's History Celebration: Drawing from the Past, Feminism for the Future in Memorial Union's Bangor Lounge at 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact Angela Olson at 581-1228.

Aerobic class

A butts & guts class will be held at 3:30 p.m., a pilates class will be held at 4:30 p.m., and a toning class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information, contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Financial aid lecture

"Drug Convictions and Financial Aid." The Progressive Student Alliance will have an information and action night on sensible drug policy at 6:30 p.m. in the FFA room. A presenter will speak about the loss of financial aid from drug convictions and postcards will be available to send to Senator Susan Collins on the issue.

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.

Men invite police into cocaine party, charged with possession

Two men received charges following a warranted arrest turned drug bust 12:21 a.m. Friday, March 4. Officers responded to a Bodwell Street residence to arrest Nicholas Baker, 21. Upon arrival, they were invited into the residence by Matthew Pelkey, 20. Once inside, one officer noticed a silver platter with a cut straw and lines of white powder sitting on a table in the room. He asked Baker and Pelkey what the powder was. Both men claimed they did not know. Baker was arrested and transported to Penobscot County Jail based on the warrant. A search was then conducted of the house. As a result of the search, officers found one Neurontin pill cut in half, a morphine pill, five Amoxicillin pills, a pill crusher with white residue in it, three marijuana pipes, a cut straw with white residue on it, rolling papers and a marijuana pipe cleaner. Pelkey stated that the pills, pipe, pipe cleaner and rolling papers were his. All items were taken to the Old Town police department, where the white residue tested positive for cocaine. Pelkey was later charged with unlawful



POLICEBEAT

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

possession of a schedule W drug and sale and use of drug paraphernalia.

Man mistakes newspaper for napkin, steals it

A theft occurred at the Old Town Main Street Irving gas station sometime prior to 1:45 a.m. Friday, March 11. An employee of the store reported that a male and two females entered the store and purchased a few items. The females then went out to a car. The male, who appeared highly intoxicated, then asked the clerk where the napkins were. The clerk said they were on the counter. The man looked at the counter and grabbed a Penobscot Times, valued at \$.75, and wiped his face with it. He then left the store, carrying the newspaper with him. He got into the vehicle with the females and left. The clerk stated that he later found the newspaper in the parking lot

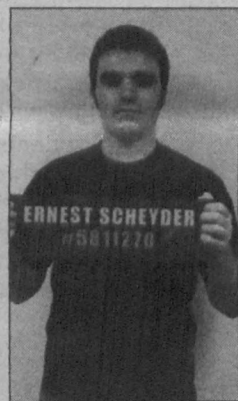
with a brown liquid on it. Officers tracked down the vehicle but were unable to identify the male who stole the newspaper.

Snow blower stolen from front yard

A theft occurred on Oak Street sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10. A man reported that a red Snow Wolf snow blower was taken from the front of his residence. The blower was dug out from the snow and apparently loaded onto a truck by two individuals, based on tracks in the snow.

Money stolen from YMCA lockers

A theft occurred at the Old Town YMCA sometime between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 7. Two men reported that money was taken out of their pants from lockers at the sports club. One man reported \$111 missing and the other had \$40 missing.



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Contact Ernest Scheyder on FirstClass or by phone at 581-1270 for details.

LAST REMINDER

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

Budget packets for the 2005-2006 fiscal year are available now in the Student Government Financial Affairs Office (FAO), Room 152, on the ground floor of Memorial Union during regular office hours. These packets can be obtained on a daily basis through the deadline date of Friday, March 25, 2005. Some organizations have been assigned mailboxes in the Wade Center for Student Leadership. For these organizations, the packets have been placed in there already.

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

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

DEADLINE: Completed forms must be submitted to the FAO by Friday, March 25, 2005

For more information, contact Sue Ash at 1-1778.

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degree to more Maine citizens," Baldacci said. "Our planning confirms that Maine's economic and cultural future depends on an educated work force."

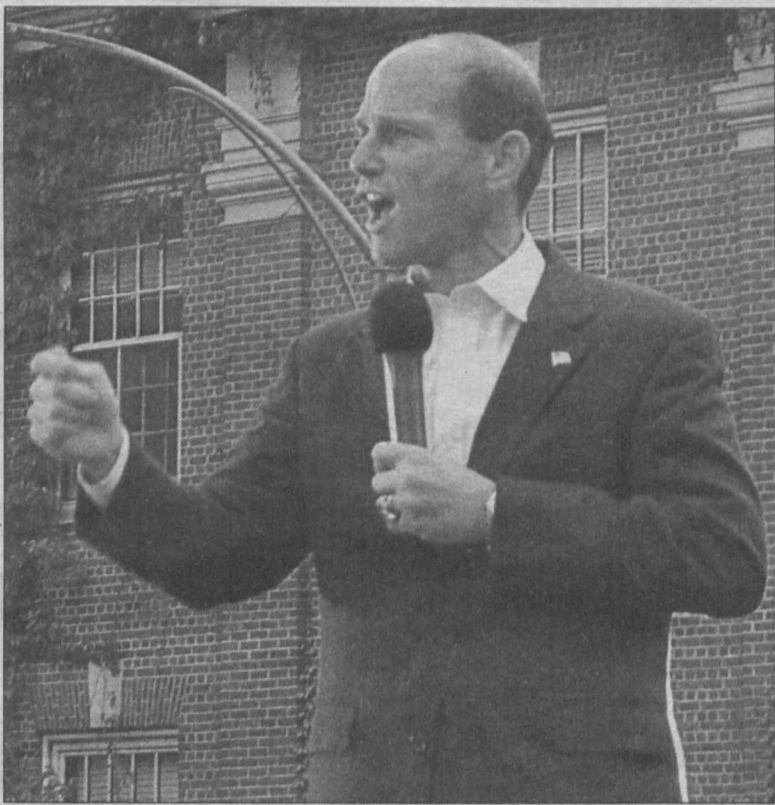
The new program, AdvantageU, will be available to MCCS students in fall of 2005. Upon completion of the degree and 45 credits at MCCS, students can choose to transfer to any UMS school without an application fee and with junior class standing.

"The main goal is to increase the number of people in Maine who get four-year degrees," said Rita Sullivan, UMS communications coordinator. "We're tapping into a new pool of students. It increases opportunity for people in Maine."

Students must sign up for the program before completing 45 credits selected from a set schedule of courses that collaborate to form the associate in liberal arts and studies degree, according to Sullivan.

"Our mission is to prepare people for careers and four-year degrees," said Alice Kirkpatrick, MMCS director of public affairs. "It removes barriers to four-year degrees."

AdvantageU streamlines the application process in order to assist MCCS graduates in finding the UMS school that is right for them. Additional advising is available to students at MCCS, and is later coupled with advising in the student's prospective UMS school. By allowing students to enroll in UMS in junior standing, it offers more ability to complete a four-year degree in a four-year time period, regardless of transfer status. AdvantageU was developed in collaboration with the Maine Higher Education Partnership



FILE PHOTO

CREDIT WHEN DUE — Gov. Baldacci Speaks to a crowd gathered on the UMaine mall for the John Edward's rally last September.

and leaders of both system schools, over a two-year period.

"Improving the ease with which students transfer from community college to a university is a major milestone in making the attainment of a four-year degree a reality for Maine students," Westphal said.

Fitzsimmons said the initiative will benefit the entire state.

"In the years ahead, thousands of Maine college students who got their start at a community college will benefit from AdvantageU," Fitzsimmons said. "This initiative will help us achieve our goal of increasing the number of community college transfer students enrolled in our universities from 1,700 to 3,000 within the next few years."

Students enrolled in AdvantageU are guaranteed

admission to any UMS institution. The program requires those in it to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and a 2.5 GPA for guaranteed admission to the University of Maine. The University of Maine at Farmington has an enrollment cap that affects transfer students from MCCS.

The associate in liberal arts and studies program is now the largest program within the MMCS. About 30 percent of MCCS students are enrolled in that area of study. Kirkpatrick said the course curriculum was developed to prepare students for four-year university degrees.

"Liberal arts and studies offers MMCS students good experience for a four-year university," Kirkpatrick said.

MCCS currently has 11,000 students at seven colleges throughout the state of Maine.

UM program to aid high schoolers

By Melissa Walls
For The Maine Campus

Twelve Maine school districts have been selected to develop and exercise the policies and strategies reflecting the University of Maine's Sports Done Right recommendations.

The federally funded University of Maine initiative began in October 2003 with the creation and publication of Sports Done Right: A Call to Action on Behalf of Maine's Student Athlete's. This report makes recommendations for providing a successful learning environment for student-athletes. Robert Cobb, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, co-directed the initiative.

"We are delighted to see that the Sports Done Right report represents what these schools and communities consider to be a good direction," he said.

Each of the 12 pilot sites were selected from 25 applicants, based on geographic distribution, community and school size, expressed commitment and need, and potential for broad community involvement in the initiative. The 12 sites are: Augusta School Department, Brewer School Department, Lewiston/Auburn School Departments, Portland Public Schools, Winthrop Public Schools, SAD 5, SAD 29, SAD 32, SAD 35, SAD 51, SAD 71, and School Union 29.

Cobb said that all the schools are involved for the right reasons.

"We know that responding schools thoroughly considered the implications of taking on more work, and we applaud their proactive commitment to building better athletic experiences," he said. "We are also aware of the tremen-

dous pressures schools are under to implement state and federal mandates and assess student progress."

Dan Bowers, athletic director of Cony High school, said he wanted to get involved in the initiative to set a standard for Augusta.

"I saw it as an opportunity to get the parents, coaches, players and community members of Augusta all on the same page. We have a lot of groups; the school's recreation department, the YMCA, volunteer organizations that take care of little league. This is a chance to bring them all to the table and open the line of communication," Bower said.

He said incorporating the Maine state learning results into the sports program will make it more credible and ultimately protect the program from budget cuts down the road.

"The sports program is only one percent of the budget, yet is one of the most productive as far as getting kids involved and keeping their grades up," Bower said.

One recommendation in the report which Bower said he doubts will happen in Augusta, is the creation of a position for an athletic director at the middle school level. Bower said this is an issue of cost.

School-community leadership teams from each pilot site will attend a training session scheduled for March 22 at the University of Maine to define healthy interscholastic sports and discuss how to engage their community in the effort.

Eventually, the standards developed by Sports Done Right will go before local school boards for approval.

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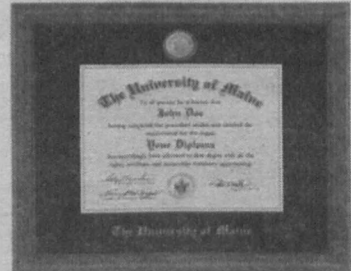
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Student engineers to enter international catapult competition in the Netherlands

By Melanie Morin
For The Maine Campus

In an effort to gain hands-on experience, a trip to the Netherlands and worldwide recognition, six University of Maine engineering students will compete in the world's only Composite Catapult Competition, sponsored by the European Pultrusion Technology Association. UMaine is one of three teams from the United States participating in the competition. The other teams are from the University of Arizona, Virginia Tech, Windesheim University of the Netherlands, Germany's University of Kaiserslautern and Lancaster University of the United Kingdom. The event will take place in the Netherlands this summer on July 6 to 8.

The object of the competition is to design and build a catapult which will launch a six kilogram — 13 pound — rubber bowling ball accurately at a target and then launch the ball the farthest distance possible when adjusted to its maximum distance setting. According to EPTA competition guidelines, the catapult can only be made out of "pultruded reinforced standard off-the-shelf composite profiles."

Steven Knapp, a third-year civil engineering student, serves as the Media Secretary and Project Presenter for the catapult team, said that building the catapult will greatly contribute to the

team's engineering skills.

"In school we take classes that teach us one step of the engineering process. This is like a major project for us. We're designing it ourselves and then we also get to build it," he said.

Knapp said the increasing popularity of pultruded materials in engineering makes their use in the competition valuable to the students.

"Pultrusion is an automated manufacturing process for the production of constant cross sectionally shaped profiles of fiber-reinforced composites. The profiles produced with this process can compete with traditional metal profiles such as steel and aluminum for strength and weight," according to the EPTA Web site.

Though the pultruded materials the team is using have been donated by Creative Pultrusion Inc., the team has still been faced

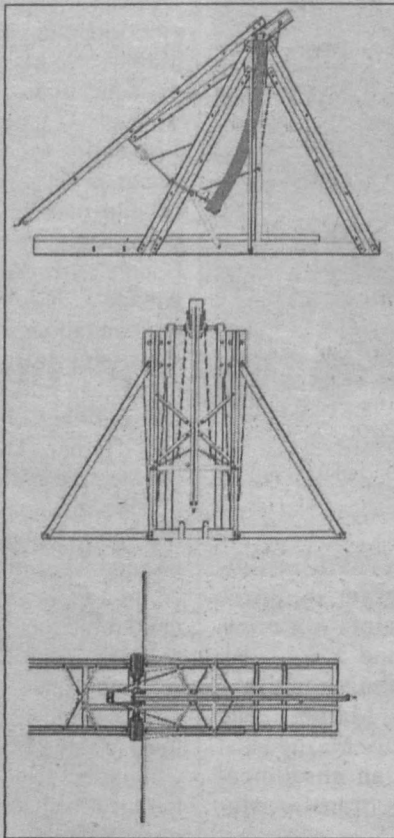
with the task of raising \$6,000 to pay for shipping costs, airfare, and other materials to help build the catapult. Knapp said they have already raised about half of

their goal, but still have a lot more work to do to reach it. He said the team was nervous about being able to raise the money at first, but now feel it won't be a problem. With the money issue almost out of the way, he said the team has become even more excited about the project.

"It's going to be a really great catapult," Knapp said. "I think we should do really well, but there's always complications when you begin to construct some-

thing."

Roberto Lopez-Anido, a UMaine engineering professor and advisor for the team, said the competition will not only be valuable for experience in engineering, but also for the experi-



UM catapult design

MEDIA

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information than the original, as well as news and several other features. According to Ippolito, prospective new media students will find a video introducing them to new media in general. An undergraduate will be able to navigate to pages devoted to courses, faculty or teaching philosophy. A current major may scan the page's electronic bulletin board for new courses or calls for submissions for exhibitions and publications.

According to Ippolito, the engine driving the site is the brainchild of new media major John Bell, who came up with a clever way to squeeze fancy features out of a system that stays as simple as possible. Bell, who has been working on the design since last semester, said that the new site uses several different scripts and engines. Scripts will allow the user to customize what they see on the page, and the database will handle storing and retrieving data.

"One of the most dangerous, and therefore stimulating, features of the new site is the many ways that we'll be putting students in the driver's seat," Ippolito said. New media majors will be able to contribute news stories as well as comment on stories posted by others.

Another feature of the site is Web feeds. These will display current headlines from outside news sources, such as Wired magazine.

"We aimed in the new design for transparency over whiz-bang effects, and content over eye candy. We want not just to trumpet our exciting program but to catalyze a vibrant sense of community among our new media faculty and students," he said.

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March 16, 2005

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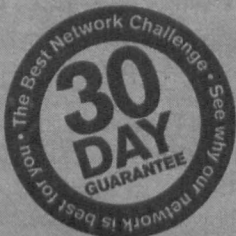
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WORD OF MOUTH

Now that Spring has arrived, what do you plan on doing differently?



"Go outside more."

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Physics
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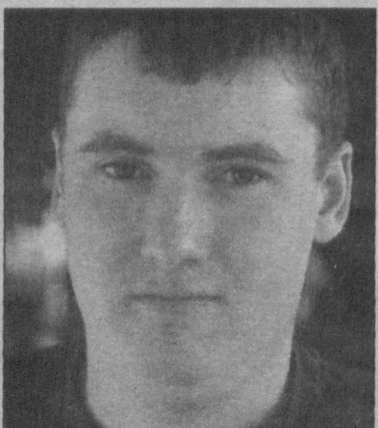
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"I don't know."

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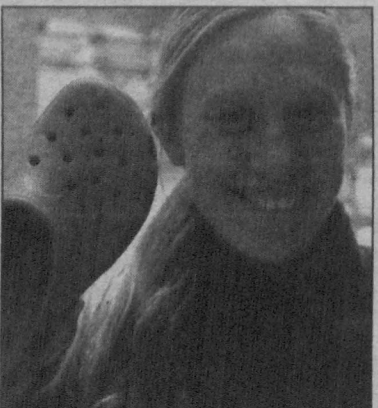
"Get out and bike."

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Mechanical engineering
Freshman



"Study harder and continue to be fabulous."

Matthew Penney
Journalism
Freshman



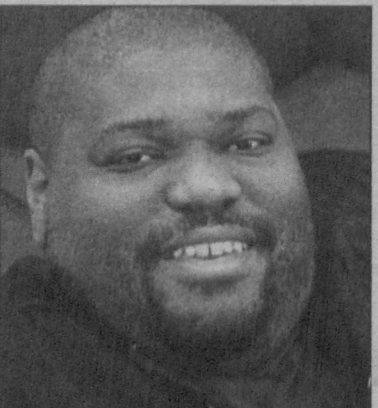
"Wear my Waldies."

Sarah Carter
English
Senior



"Spend more time outside."

Becky Peterson
English
Senior



"Spend more time outside."

Terry Watson
Human development
Senior

FBI agent speaks on cybercrime

By Amanda Sprowl
For The Maine Campus

A top agent with the FBI visited Donald P. Corbett Business Building last Tuesday afternoon to share some of the Bureau's information on computer intrusion and cybercrime threats. University faculty, students and the general public packed the Devino Auditorium for 90 minutes of intense lecture by James Burrell, head of the bureau's Counterintelligence-Counterterrorism-Criminal Computer Intrusion, Cybercrime and the Computer Analysis Response Team Programs for the northeastern region of the United States.

Burrell led the cyber-investigative response for the 9-11 terrorist attacks, monitored malicious software proliferation incidents and worked on the FBI's response to the Year 2000 computer issue, among other numerous national and international incidents.

Burrell's visit to the University of Maine focused primarily on the importance and ever-rising issue of cybercrimes. Cybercrimes deal with computer and network crimes, including hacking, along with tradi-

tional crimes through the use of computers, including Internet fraud and child pornography.

"Cybercrime is not just about breaking into computers any more," said Burrell. "It is turning into a traditional type of crime."

Burrell's visit was arranged and sponsored by the University of Maine Business School and the Management Information Systems Association.

Nory Jones, an assistant professor of management information system, requested Burrell's appearance.

"We're trying to expand the knowledge and skills of our MIS students. We initially invited James to speak to our MIS students, but since he is such a prominent authority in this area, and it is of such a concern to the public in general, we decided to open the talk to more people," she said.

Burrell said that college students need to be aware that wireless networking is ideal for the user but easily corrupted.

"The last thing you want to hear is a knock on your door by the FBI, telling you that your computer has been hacked into and all of your private information has gone public. If the FBI knows about it, then you

have to wonder how many criminals have your information," he said.

Burrell assured the captive audience that the bureau has many tactics to use when hunting down criminals that steal identities, credit card numbers, post child pornography and harvest virus and worms, among other cyber-based crimes.

"[The criminals] are becoming more and more advanced in keeping their stolen information secret," he said.

"The problem is who is the offender? Where is the offender? Who is the offender associated with? Who does the offender work for?" said Burrell. "There are two steps in investigating: locate computer, identify offender."

Colleges and universities, even in Maine, have had their own issues with cybercrime in the past.

"If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. I hope people won't fall victim to it," said

MISA member Bryan Feeser said that the speech contained knowledgeable information that went hand-in-hand with topics discussed in MISA.

"No matter how prepared you think you are, you are always vulnerable," Feeser said.

PIZZA

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comes from the remnants of food."

Richard's research into the Orono pizza industry began by contacting local vendors who provide food delivery services to campus. Over 17,000 pizzas are delivered to campus each month, according to Richards, and is the second largest residence hall waste item, accounting for 25 tons of waste each academic year.

Students from Residence Recycles visited the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, one of the state's largest waste management facilities, located in Orrington. Peter Prata, PERC plant manager, said he often sees a reckless throw-away of materials that can be recycled, used by someone else, or have not been used at all.

"It's a crying shame what we do here in this country," Prata said. Maine currently ranks in the top

ten percent of states with the largest percentage of municipal solid waste recycling, according to the State Planning Office's waste management and recycling plan. This is something Richard said she hopes to change.

"Preserving the longevity of this planet is worth a little conscientiousness in my daily routine," Richards said.

The goal of the program is to find a vendor who will support the purchase of the boxes and recycle them. Another option is to transport the boxes to Whitter and Rogers farms and have them disposed of in the compost piles. Either system reportedly requires dramatic changes to the current system, according to Richards.

The university would incur the expense of purchasing new equipment. The cost of the equipment is not known at this time. However, Richards said the university will save money on more than just trash removal by implementing the program.

"If we recycle pizza boxes we can save over \$16,000 a year in trash removal pay-out and cut down our overall waste," she said. "It saves the university money by selling the cardboard in the recycling program."

Eco-cycle, one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the U.S., published an article stating that paper fibers contaminated by food are not able to be processed for recycling. Non-contaminated parts of the box can be recycled, but contaminated portions must be thrown away, or composted.

With the implementation of both ideas developed by Residence Recycles, contaminated boxes could be composted, while those salvageable are recycled, potentially eliminating all waste from pizza boxes within the campus community.

"As a campus I think that by taking personal responsibility for our trash, and promoting recycling, we are cultivating a more diverse sense of community," Richards said.

PROTEST

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fighting the war of the rich.

"You have to do something so you won't feel so helpless," she said.

Her husband, Gary Robinson, voted for President Bush in the 2000 election, but said he felt President Bush had done so poorly that in the most recent election, he voted for a Democrat for the first time in thirty years.

"We saw through the lies," Robinson said. "What he's doing to this country is disgusting."

Anna Sweeney, a member of MPAC, said she feels that less attention should be focused on President Bush.

"There's a lot of other people like him," Sweeney said. "He's not the problem. The problem is the system."

Participant Debbie Brooks said much of the problem was with the media.

"The media is presenting to us

that Iraqis aren't even people; they're casualties," Brooks said. "The media is not telling us what's really going on."

Oleson agreed, saying the media is "brainwashing" people, which he said is partly a result of corporations owning newspapers.

Although most attendees said they were pleased with the turnout at the demonstration, some said they were worried about how many did not come.

"I feel such concern about people who are choosing to put their head in the sand," Brooks said. "People should realize that personal freedoms are being taken away."

Eric Olson, a UMaine alumni and former MPAC member, said he understands why some people choose not to get involved.

"There's [people] foreboding that, 'If I really look into this, I'd be too scared,'" he said. "It's hard enough to maintain your own life."

Allen said many members of Veterans for Peace and some others chose to go to the state rally in Augusta instead of the one in Bangor. Also, he said about a hun-

dred individuals attended the rally held the day before in front of Fogler Library where a movement sponsored by MPAC and students from Bowdoin was highlighted. He said the idea is to get as many people as possible to send postcards to Rep. Mike Michaud, D-Maine, asking him to cosponsor H.Con.Res. 35, which is a resolution calling for the beginning of the withdrawal of troops from Iraq and an effort to replace them with an international peacekeeping force.

While there is no telling what actual impact demonstrations such as these have, participants seem to be glad to just know their voice is being heard.

"It's a very hard job, but the effect is so important, which is to show that the peace movement is still there," Olson said.

"[I'd like to see] a change in American policy from trying to dominate all aspects of the world and instead, through diplomacy, solve the world's problems," he said. "If something doesn't happen, there's going to be tremendous warfare."



"Ryan Montbleau could well be the love child of Ben Harper + Martin Sexton + Stevie Wonder."
Boston's Weekly Dig (January 2003)

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AvantageU benefits all students

There are a number of good reasons for choosing a community college to start your post-high school education: Lack of funds, preference for smaller class sizes and the ability to go to classes locally while still working are some of the reasons that Maine residents enroll in community colleges.

The Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System have partnered and agreed on terms to allow students pursuing a two-year degree at an MCCS school to transfer credits to a UMS college. This agreement includes the opportunity for students to further their education by pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

The program, AdvantageU, has attached to it certain specific enrollment requirements and specifics regarding which credits can be applied towards an undergraduate degree. Even with these caveats in mind, AdvantageU is nothing but a good thing. Allowing those who tested the waters of secondary education in the MCCS to continue their education in a university setting is good for the individual and good for diversity on UMS campuses as well. Removing barriers to higher education is an investment in our society we can all agree on.

Mama mia, that's a lot of pizza pie

Thanks to the Residence Recycle program, a solution to the overwhelming waste of pizza boxes on campus is currently underway. Hopefully, the Residence Recycle program will find the support they need from a vendor to cover the costs of purchasing and recycling.

This program is not only a great opportunity to help the environment, but it will also save the university money for trash disposal and removal on campus.

While groups like the Residence Recycle program are doing their part to help the environment, it is important for students to make the extra effort in their daily routines to recycle. Beneficial efforts to improve our campus and the environment can struggle without student endorsements and extra efforts. After all, we're in this together for the overall betterment of our campus.

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The Cost

He's a husband and a dad. A son and a sibling. A friend and a neighbor and a co-worker and a church member and a teammate and a mentor and a volunteer and a classmate and a voter. He's a comrade in arms, and an American hero.



Now multiply by one thousand five hundred.

Social deviants left strand-ed

D.N.A. testing leads to arrest of two different degenerates

Deoxyribonucleic acid, DNA, is simply the building block of life. We are taught this at a young age in elementary and middle school. We are reminded of it when we take chemistry and anatomy in high school and college. This simple double helix is the reason why we exist. This little genetic gem has also been making headlines as of late.

From the early '70s to just weeks ago, Wichita residents lived in fear of an unidentified serial killer known to the world as "The BTK Killer." This monster would bind, torture and kill his victims, including families and young women. He would leave his literal mark on the crime scene by leaving deposits of semen at the grisly sites. This vile calling card, coupled with the violent, masochistic killings was the bane

MIKE
MELOCHICK



OPINION EDITOR

of Wichita police for nearly three decades.

About a month ago on Feb. 26, 59-year-old Dennis Radar, was arrested and charged with 10 counts of homicide as the dreaded BTK Killer. Radar, a U.S. Air Force veteran and former U.S. census taker, is awaiting arraignment on the murder charges brought against him by the state of Kansas.

How did Wichita detectives solve a "cold case," which had no alleged victims since 1986? It

would seem Radar's grotesque genetic trademark would catch up with him as technological advances gave investigators more insight into the identity of the killer, including accessing DNA currently on file. Radar's own daughter suspected him, and ultimately implicated him as a potential suspect in the killings.

Residents of this quiet Midwestern locale, voted three times an "All-American City" can rest, assured that their loved ones will not be maimed, tortured or killed by the heinous BTK Killer, thanks to the modern-day genetic fingerprint of DNA.

Another case involving a use of male ejaculate involves an ex-dentist in North Carolina. Dr. John Hall who faces multiple

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Letters to the Editor

•MPAC strikes back

This past Saturday, marked the second anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. As we now know, this invasion was undertaken under false pretenses of weapons of mass destruction and Iraqi links with Al-Qaeda and Sept. 11. We are now paying the costs, both in human lives and in desperately needed funds, for such falsehoods. The Iraq

War has now cost over \$200 billion, with no end in sight. The costs of this war to the University of Maine and its students are considerable. These include decreased Pell Grants and other financial aid, decreased research funding and less money for education in general, along with increased funds for military recruitment to continue this disastrous war. The billions of dol-

lars being spent on the Bush administration's "war on terror" are more than just numbers with a lot of zeroes after them; they are lost opportunities for U.S. students and those who would be students if they could afford it.

The Maine Peace Action Committee held an anti-war rally at

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Oppressing free speech

Bush, cohorts guilty of deceit

MICHAEL
ROCQUE

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I don't know about you, but I'm rather sick of the mainstream media failing to report anything that might in any way impugn the current administration.

More than likely, it is due to the severe tactics that have been used of late to punish news journalists who bring to light stories that portray President George W. Bush in a negative light. Dan Rather, who reported on an apparently false document most likely leaked by Bush's main henchman, Karl Rove — just one victim in this witch hunt. CNN Chief News Executive Eason Jordan is resigning after pressure he faced regarding comments about suspicious U.S. military mistakes which resulted in the deaths of news-media members in Iraq.

Now that a true scandal is unfolding in the White House, many news outlets are steering clear of the issue.

Back when Bill Clinton was the commander-in-chief, anything that he did — or did not do — could be reported freely, so much so that we were all extremely sick of Kenneth Starr and Newt Gingrich's mindless antics. When one of Clinton's aides was associated with a prostitute, the political right howled with rage at the utter immorality of it all.

Recently, it was discovered that one of those infamous reporters who tossed the predetermined questions toward the robotic Bush is a male prostitute, using a pseudonym: Jeff Gannon. The man, whose actual name is James Guckert, operated a male escort service and various websites including MilitaryStud.com. In this aspect of his life, he went by various names including Sgt. Rock and Private Parts.

While working as a reporter allowed historically stringent access to the White House,

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DNA

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assault charges following allegations that he injected semen into the mouths of at least six female patients via syringes, while the patients were under anesthesia.

This should be a general concern anyone who has ever visited a dentist. Not that your orthodontist may have violated you while you were unconscious, but the thought of someone in that position doing something so grossly inappropriate is perturbing.

Naturally, Dr. Hall denies the allegations. However, initial tests conclude that his DNA matches that of the semen found in the syringes in question. Talk about leaving a bad taste in your mouth.

In all seriousness, the fact that two individuals could do such

vulgar deeds with what is intended to be a procreative substance is outlandish beyond belief. Science is catching up with crime. One may argue that injecting semen into someone's mouth is not on the same plain as torturing and murdering someone, but the fact of the matter is that these men are guilty of violating societal norms with lewd and repulsive behavior. Moreover, the chance of either man being caught and tried without concrete, substantial evidence — such as DNA — would have been unlikely and improbable.

Both men will pay the price for penance for their respective perversions due to sperm samples and ultimately DNA testing. Now, that's what I consider a "money shot."

Mike Melochick is a senior journalism major who proudly keeps his DNA safe — by not getting any action.

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Gannon-Guckert wrote for Republican media outlets such as GOPUSA.com and Talon News Service. There, he wrote pieces criticizing homosexuals and promoting Bush policies.

It is likely that Gannon-Guckert was a plant in the White House, someone hired by Bush and his administration to protect him from actually having to answer actual questions. This is a scary thought, especially considering the erosion of the First Amendment over the past four years.

Typically, the Bush Administration has refused to speak of the incident, though some have admitted that they knew that the man's name was not Jeff Gannon. Interestingly however, a tape of Bush seemingly talking about his experience smoking marijuana was leaked around the same time. How curious?

When Clinton occupied the White House, anything that had to do with "immoral" behavior became a top story and proceeded to be pounded to death by reporters. Yet, when Mr. Bush is in office, and a homosexual prostitute is writing anti-homosexual propaganda, and somehow snuck into the press corps while legitimate reporters are continually denied access, nothing is said about it.

Perhaps, the most disturbing in this whole affair is the lack of outrage at what is happening. Something is terribly wrong when one political party is fair game for slander while the other is untouchable. What does it say about accountability if it is true that Bush has insiders asking him questions instead of real reporters challenging him to defend his position? Paul Goodman argues that Bush can do whatever he wants to because he was democratically elected. Remember, so was Hitler.

Michael Rocque is a senior sociology major.

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noon on Friday, March 18, between the Memorial Union and Fogler Library. Speakers from several groups spoke about the costs of the war here at the UMaine. Immediately following the rally, we informally gathered to discuss these costs.

On the 19, The Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine and other groups had a "Chain of Concern" at Cascade Park in Bangor from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. where we voiced our opinion on the war and its costs. Both of these events were open to the public and free of charge. We sent this administration a clear message that we do not want to pay for their war anymore.

Maine Peace Action Committee

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- Vitaminwater
- Boston College hockey
- Warm-weather clothing

- Too many major upsets
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- Nelly's Pimp Juice
- Maine's at-large bid
- Potential of still getting snow

Protesting the protestors

After two years in Iraq, anti-war cries fall on deaf ears

PAUL GOODMAN



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Meanwhile, in neighboring countries, you can see a lot more of the consequences of the invasion of Iraq. Tens of thousands of Lebanese citizens have begun to heavily protest the decades-long Syrian occupation of their country, leading to Syria's sudden troop withdrawal. Afghanistan is becoming a stable, democratic nation. Palestine and Israel are engaged in peace talks and are respecting a cease-fire. Even Saudi Arabia and Egypt are experimenting with democratic elections. It hardly seems that Iraq is going to descend into a bloody civil war, or that things in the Middle East will go to hell in a hand basket because of the U.S. invasion. Such common signs held by protestors comparing Iraq to Vietnam, demanding an end to the non-existent imperialism of America and other clichéd antiwar slogans don't seem to hold much weight all of a sudden.

As a result, some protestors

have stopped saying "U.S. out, U.N. in" and opt that while they still protest the war, we need to stay and clean up our "mess." Others have moved on to the next possible war, objecting to any kind of military actions against Iran, Syria and in one instance, Cuba. Since we have only just begun the motions of diplomacy with Iran and Syria, it looks to me that some protestors and organizations are jumping the gun and just aiming at the next big thing.

A downside to their pre-emptive actions show that those protestors may not exactly know the entirety of what they are demonstrating against. There is nothing wrong with demonstrating, having marches or anything of the sort, you just really don't help your cause if what you're waving around is a baseless expression that has been seen time and time again. It's also a detriment if you don't really have an idea of what you're talking about and just going for shock value without any kind of support. However, it remains to be seen if such demonstrations change for the better in the future, and not rely on clichés to get their points across.

Paul Goodman is a freshman new media major.

Life imitates art, or vice-versa

'Rocky' movies are reflections of issues in everyday life

Yesterday, I was sitting around my house getting drunk, while watching the "Rocky" marathon on American Movie Classics. Before the entire "Rocky" story unfolded I was feeling a bit lazy and reserved but, as any real guy can attest to, as soon as that "Rocky" theme blares through your television speakers, your mood elevates tenfold.

Like any kid, I grew up loving the "Rocky" movies for the blood, sweat and the punches. As I got older, I started to recognize all the deeper meanings involved in the storylines. Even though the "Rocky" films aren't true stories, many of the films' meanings can be directly correlated to real life.

In the original "Rocky," Rocky Balboa is a broke, no-name boxer from the tough streets. After finding a trainer — Mickey — who takes him on, he becomes an excellent fighter who fight the great Apollo Creed to a draw. What this shows is that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. All you have to do is find a senile old man to help you. If you aspire to be the best goddamned gas-pumper in all of Orono, then swing over to a nursing home and abduct the first decrepit sun-bitch you see wearing a diaper. With that old dude's help, you'll soon be the envy of every gas attendant in the area. You'll even be able to click on the exact amount of gas without going over by a penny — something I wish I could do.

In the second installment, "Rocky" fights Apollo in a rematch and beats him. Also, his

TRAVIS COWING



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

girlfriend Adrienne gets pregnant and goes into coma after collapsing at the pet store where she works. What this goes to show you is that girls who work at pet stores are easy, not to mention very fertile. If you have the chance, never date a pet shop woman because they'll just wind up going into a coma. Besides, even if she doesn't go into a coma, she's always gonna come home from work smelling like rabbit shit.

In "Rocky 3," Balboa fights the mighty Clubber Lang, Mr. T, and loses. However, in the end Rocky fights him again and regains his championship, but Mickey is not there to see it because he cashes out halfway through the movie. What the third "Rocky" tells you is that old people die. But when they do, don't crouch over their dead body and talk to them — it'll make you look like a pussy. This movie also shows that if you ever have a choice — never pick a fight with a black guy sporting a Mohawk — you'll just get the piss beat out of you.

In the fourth movie, Apollo gets killed by the mighty Ivan Drago. Rocky then vows his revenge, moves to Russia, and goes ape-shit on the giant communist. What this movie shows

you is that Russian's are big, bad people with hot blonde wives. But as the giant, commie freak learns — Americans are tough. Or, as Drago says, "He's like a piece of iron." This movie also reminds me it's a good time to switch from beer to vodka. In a "Where Are They Now" moment, we find that after this movie, Stallone's career takes a nose dive and Bridgette Nielsen goes on to screw Flava' Flav. Dolf Lundgren tries to hold on — but fails — with the movie "The Punisher." As horrible as that movie was, it is 10 times better than last year's turd-like remake.

In the final "Rocky," we find Balboa a mere shadow of his former self. After finding he has brain damage from all the ass whippings he's taken, he decides to give up fighting, opting instead to take on young up-and-comer Tommy Gun. This movie climaxes with a street fight between teacher and student. The final "Rocky" installment shows that age and experience prevail. It also shows that you should always put your hands up in a fight or you end up a drooling monkey in your latter years of life.

It's at about this time I start to feel nauseous but I can't tell if it's from the booze or this horrible final chapter to the "Rocky" series. But for all the bad things about the last "Rocky" movie, I do like one particular quote. It's when Rocky replies, "My ring is outside." Which, ironically, is where I'm headed, because I'm about to vomit.

Travis Cowing has the eye of the tiger.

go.

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Java Jive - Lyndsey Bachelder
8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22
Memorial Union
Free

The Frequency - Ryan
Montbleau Band
8 p.m.
Thursday, March 24
Memorial Union
Free

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8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29
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Free

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7 p.m.
Thursday, March 31
MCA
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"Anya Lewis: Freezetag"
Through Saturday, April 2
Norumbega Hall
Free

"A Maritime Album: 100
Photographs and their Stories"
Through Saturday, April 2
Norumbega Hall
Free

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

"Across the Sands of Time:
Art and Artifacts
from the Middle East"
Through Friday, June 10
Hudson Museum
Free

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"Six Characters in Search of
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7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6
Hauck Auditorium

ENTERTAINMENT

Mars Invasion
7 p.m.
Friday, March 25
Wingate Hall

Campus Feud
8 p.m.
Tonight
Memorial Union
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3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekdays
MaineBound Outdoor
Education Center
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Wednesday, March 23 and
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Bangor Room, Union on Friday

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*'Romeo & Juliet' brought to life through the provocative dance
of the St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre*



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from bard to ballet

By Kal Dauphinee
Staff Writer

First off, I have no experience with ballet. I've never seen one, I've never been in one and in the circles I travel most of the guys I know wouldn't be caught dead at one. That said, when an absolutely adorably attractive girl with bouncing blond curls asks you to take her, I don't care if it's to watch

THEATER REVIEW

Corey Feldman fold laundry, you take her. Going into this thing I didn't know what to expect, only that I wasn't expecting much. Even without any understanding of the skill it takes for ballet, I still couldn't help but be impressed Saturday night at the St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre's production of Shakespeare's "Romeo

and Juliet," hosted by the Maine Center for the Arts.

The story of the famous star-crossed lovers is a familiar one, assuming you weren't raised in a cave or The County. I was still skeptical, however, as to how this story could be told replacing Shakespeare's words with the Russian choreography of Yuri Petukhov. After all, isn't that a large portion of what is so drawing about Shakespeare's work? Apparently not in this case. I was subtly surprised to find that Shakespeare, without words, is still Shakespeare. The love, the hate, the passion, the conflict, they were all very much present and even when being projected using only movement, Shakespeare's genius still shone through and the production never suffered for it. This was never more apparent than in the portrayals of Benvolio and Mercutio.

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Living vicariously through 'University' proves to be fun

By Matt Desmond
Staff Writer

College — that time in our lives when all we can think about is beer, parties, the opposite sex and maybe some occasional classwork. "The Sims 2: University" emulates the rush of going to college, and does so very well. Some of the things you can do are go to your classes, participate in Greek life, join a secret society, talk with your professors or just hang out with your friends.

Going to college in "University" is pretty simple — you can either select one of your existing Sims — they must be a teenager — or create your own college student. Teenagers can call the local university to enroll. After acceptances it's off to college, where they can live in the dorm, Greek house or rent

an off campus apartment. And obviously you can create your own Sim and move him or her to college. This is where the game gets interesting.

Obviously, living in the dorms is much cheaper than living off-campus, at least to start out with anyway. Most of the campuses have at least three dorms and tons of off-campus housing. To start out, each semester lasts 72 game hours — about three hours of actual playing time at the lowest speed setting. During this time, you need to balance grades and social life and build new skills to progress to the next semester. It's realistically challenging and adds a new level of playing to the game.

You can start off with an undecided major and as you figure out what you want your Sim to do, whether it be the colossal

waste of time — in terms of game rewards — as a philosophy major, the overly dramatic drama major, the intellectual history major, the deep thinking political science major, and seven other majors. Each major helps you gain the skills needed to start a new career at a higher level — show business, paranormal, artist, and natural sciences being the four new additions.

To advance in school, characters will need to do their generic assignments, write a term paper, and build their skills up to get that A+. Oh yeah, and going to class helps too. Grades will also determine how much financial aid your character — will get for the new semester the higher the grade, the higher monetary amount the university will give you. During downtime between



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VIRTUAL KEGGER — In "The Sims 2: University" you assume the role of a college student and live out all the things you normally do through a computer games.

classes and assignments, characters can go visit the local campus scene by getting in a taxi and heading to the student union, the library or the gym. Here you can meet new people, buy an MP3 player, a cell phone or even meet the members of

the secret society on campus.

The secret society is the coolest aspect of the on-campus scene. Joining isn't too difficult, either. All you need to do is make friends with three mem-

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'Ice Princess' surprises with performances, sentiment

By Derek Francis
Staff Writer

This isn't the most macho confession in the world, but truth be told, I dig a good figure skating competition. And no, it has little to do with the tiny costumes. I used to have a friend who figure skates, and so I have an appreciation for all the incredibly hard work that goes into it. Plus, those jumps are frickin' amazing. So, when I first saw the trailer for Disney's "Ice Princess," I knew I was going to be dragging somebody to go see it with me.

Casey Carlyle (Michelle Trachtenberg) is a whiz when it comes to physics. So much so

that she even has the reputation of being one of the school geeks. Sadly, I don't remember any geeks being quite that hot when I was in high school. Casey's true love, however, is the a sport of figure skating. So, in an effort to win a physics scholarship to Harvard, she sets out to find a unified theory within the jumps of skating. She wants to find out if there are mathematical equations to improve a figure skater's natural abilities. When she applies them to herself, a local figure skating teacher and former figure skating sensation, Tina Harwood (Kim Cattrall) takes her under her wing. Tina's daughter, who has trained her whole life to

be an Olympic figure skater, doesn't take kindly to this. Meanwhile, Casey's intellectual, ultra-feminist mother, Joan (Joan Cusack) feels her dreams of her daughter going to Harvard begin to slip away.

Aside from the whole physics angle of the film, "Ice Princess" is a heartfelt tale about working hard to fulfill your dreams. Luckily, that physics blunder only lasts for about the first 15 minutes of the movie. The real meat and potatoes of the flick are the two mother-daughter relationships. Cusack and Cattrall give absolute tour de force performances that shocked me for this sort-of fare. And when the movie

turns it's focus to being about parent's wanting their children to fulfill dreams that aren't their own, the movie becomes something special. On another acting note, Trachtenberg isn't too bad either. It is the smaller parts that cheapen the experience since they were obviously cast for their skating abilities rather than their acting chops. That, and the love interest couldn't act his way out of an ice rink. Those tumbles aside, "Ice Princess" is a sincere piece of work that has real moments between the actors and a way of pulling the audience along through Casey's perspective.

"Ice Princess" hits the mark in



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CUTTING EDGE — Michelle Trachtenberg stars as a teenager with a dream in "Ice Princess."

most respects. Disney can chalk up yet another success within its live-action endeavors — if only their other non-CGI animated films could be so entertaining.

Steiners impress again

By Erlin McNamara
Staff Writer

In a benefit for the University of Maine's Respect, Education, Action, Community and Hope service group, Bear Vocals and the Maine Steiners gathered a crowd of about 70 people on Thursday night in the Donald P. Corbett building. Despite it being St. Patrick's Day, the fundraiser was a success. The event raised well over \$100 for REACH.

REACH plans on using the money raised for its upcoming trip to Panama this May. There, they will be working with Sustainable Harvest International to connect with local farmer and improve their agricultural practices. Bear Vocals started off the event with a rousing, spirited set of four songs before turning the next hour over to the Steiners.

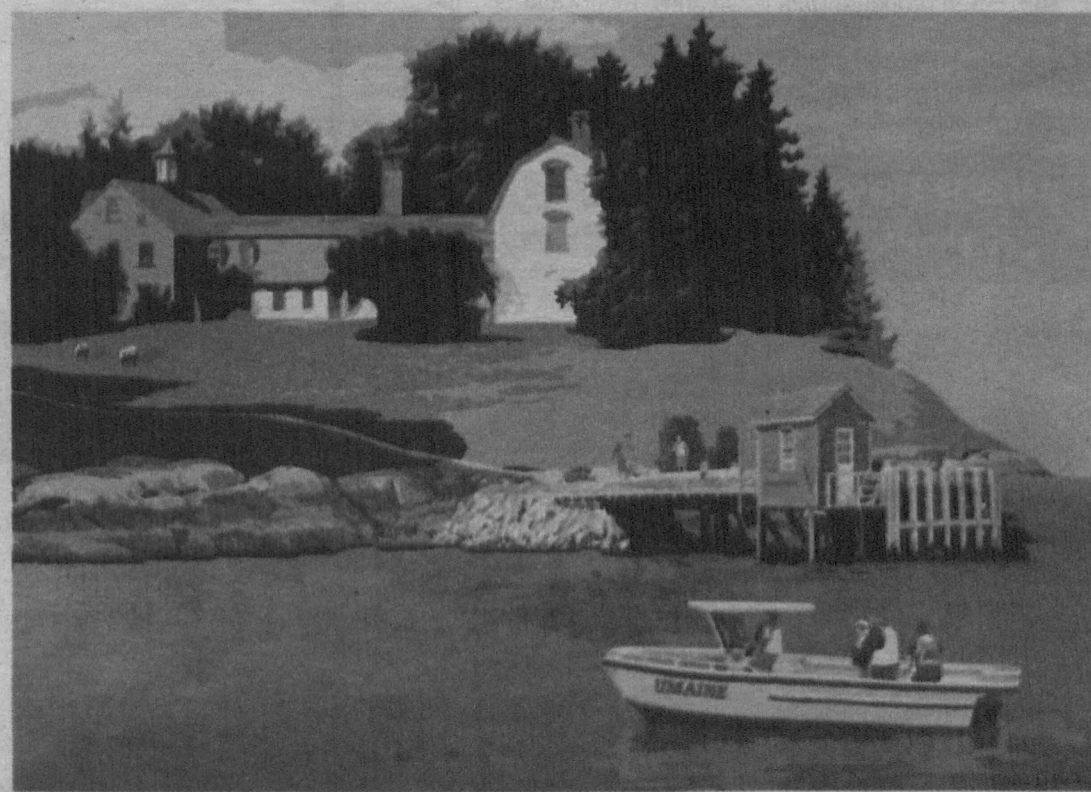
"Bear Vocals was awesome, as usual," said Steiner Lee Pidacks at intermission.

The two groups appreciate and respect each other highly, and both appeared to enjoy each other's performances.

The Steiners came on well-dressed for St. Patrick's Day, including one member decked out in green and orange, the traditional colors of Protestant Ireland. After having been on tour for the entire second week of Spring Break, many of the Steiner's voices and bodies were still tired, but they hacked on through their first set, sounding just as strong as ever, if a bit raspier. And I do mean, "hacked" — there was a bit of coughing and a lot of water-chugging on stage. Towards the end, even the computer-generated background behind them was getting tired — as they neared the end of their last song of the set, the laptop from which the backdrop was being projected went into hibernation, and their last few notes were illustrated by the Window's XP symbol flashing over their heads. Then, they, too stepped off the stage for hibernation. Um, for intermission.

During the intermission, there were the typical off-stage antics that the Steiners have

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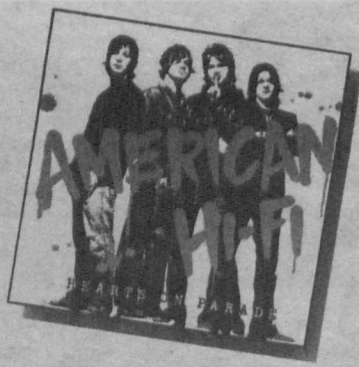
Hearts on Parade American Hi-Fi Maverick

Four years ago American Hi-Fi's catchy hit single "Flavor of the Week" was everywhere. You couldn't turn on the radio without hearing the song, and the band seemed poised to carry the mantle of the kings of soft punk. However, their follow up album "The Art of Losing" failed to secure any hit songs and the band slipped away into irrelevance. Now, the band looks to regain its lock on CD players of teenagers across the country with the release of their new CD next month, "Hearts on Parade."

The first thing that is notably evident upon listening to the first three tracks is the band has not seemed to mature much since the release of their debut album. Their sound is still very similar as well as the cliched and tired themes of girls and relationships. That said, the album is thoroughly enjoyable, if mostly as a guilty pleasure.

The CD kicks off with "Maybe Won't Do," which sets the theme of the album: girls. While the lyrics are nothing special and the message trite, the band is able to overcome this with a catchy chorus, which seems to be a reoccurring issue throughout the album. While most of the songs lack real substance, this is made up with acoustically pleasing bridges and choruses.

The next song, "Hell Yeah!", is another shallow song with near-inert lyrics that is only salvaged by the songs ability to grab the listener's attention and keep them entertained. The chorus of this song is a good example of the triviality of many of the songs: "Hell yeah, so young and fine — Could she be the one my baby — I'm gonna make her mine — At least for tonight." Not exactly awe inspiring poeticism, but then again this is a punk album, so the band can get away with it.



The third track and the first single from the album, "Geeks Get the Girls," seems to be cut from the same vein as "Flavor of the Week," and the auditory resemblances are more or less uncanny. Once you get past this fact, the song is just as catchy and memorable as its predecessor. While the former was about a loser boyfriend who didn't appreciate his girlfriend, "Geeks Get the Girls" is a fictional tale of a night when geeks around the world go home with hot girls. The lyrics ring true and the song is just as catchy as "Flavor of the Week" and could be the song that helps propel American Hi-Fi back to the top of the charts.

After the high-powered and explosive start to the album, it starts to slow down a bit after the first three songs. Although the songs are still punk rock, they are a bit softer. "Something Real" starts off as an acoustic piece, reminiscent of the band's older and mildly popular "Perfect Day." The song is one of the standout tracks on the album, and while it may not be as instantaneously appealing as some of the earlier songs, but is just as entertaining.

The last few of the tracks are some of the weaker ones on the album, as it seems like the band was just trying to fill out an album at that point. They would have been wise to leave them off, but then the album would have been a little too short.

For the most part, "Hearts on Parade" is worth a listen, while it is by no means a classic, if you are a fan of the punk rock style of music then this should hold your attention for awhile and the first three songs are reason enough to listen.

—Matt Kearney

ROMEO

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Russian dancers Pavel Vinogradov and Alexander Abaturov gave such charisma to Romeo's two closest friends that they practically stole the show. A huge accomplishment considering it's not easy to garner genuine laughter, while still wearing those tights, and not have it be at your own expense. Their love of mischief, laughter and for each other was so genuine that I found it the easiest of all the performances to accept. It seems almost cliché to mention the beautiful portrayal of Romeo and Juliet because the characters are so universal, just about anyone with half a heart ends up projecting some part of themselves into the lover's plight. Even Leonardo DiCaprio couldn't screw Romeo up. With that said, both Alexander Akulov and Anna Borodulina were exactly what I would imagine the picture of perfection and grace to be.

Another accomplishment of this Russian rendition was the ingenious addition of a new female character into the Shakespearean pantheon, The Queen Mab. Intrigued, I did a small bit of research on the character — God bless Google — and discovered The Queen Mab to be a figure taken from Celtic legend, the word Mab derived from the word "Mabled" which means to be "led astray by the faeries or elves." Whether the embodiment of evil, turmoil or chaos — this chick is more bad news than a jealous sorority cheerleader. With the understanding that while the audience could see her orchestrations the players could not, her presence

added the much-needed tension that would have been missing due to the lack of dialogue. As the conductor of the whole ill-fated affair, this Fury, played by Elena Grineva, proceeded to tempt, persuade and manipulate her mortal puppets to their ruin. Not to say that this goddess of chaos didn't have her impish moments as well. There was one hilarious scene in which Romeo and his two friends sneak into the Capulet's costume ball with Mercutio dressed as a woman, and the Fury proceeds to blinds poor Tybalt, Mercutio's enemy, not

watching water dance. With such fluid motions it's the only analogy that comes to mind, and if the first half was like watching water than the second half was like watching fire. After the deaths of Mercutio and Tybalt the dance became agitated and aggressive. Even the lighting reflected the turmoil of this silent poetry in motion, changing from the cool blues and greens of the budding romance to the harsher reds of anger and retribution.

The contemporary set design, while far from traditional, was a perfect fit for the costume designs that I can only describe as post-modern Elizabethan garb. During the first half, I chuckled a time or two at the fact that some of the dress worn on stage reminded me of discarded Halloween costumes. Tybalt practically broke out of his Spidey suit a time or two and Queen Mab went slinking around in what can only be described as Halle Berry's fated Catwoman suit, only with less leather if you can imagine that. But good or goofy, it was new, it was different, and it worked. I was expecting to be the first person on their feet to race for the door at the end. While I was one of the first people to stand, it wasn't out of want of relief but admiration. The well-deserved standing ovation lasted a good three to four minutes.

As I left for the car amidst the crowd of smiling faces and little girls that I'm sure would be signing up for ballet classes on Monday, I couldn't help but feel good about myself. In one evening I'd broadened my horizons, expanded my tastes, learned something completely new about myself and still left with the girl. I don't know about you but for me that's not bad for a Saturday night.

*"Whether the
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sorority
cheerleader."*

only into thinking that he really is dancing with a woman but that he is attracted to her as well. Between genuine bouts of laughter I began to wonder how much the form of ballet might have drawn from the style of the French pantomimes. To talk without a voice takes talent and in this case physical strength that rivals most athletes.

I have no history with this art form and I am dismayed to concede that I am most likely not doing it any real justice here. As I stumble through my mind for a description, I can only think that it was like

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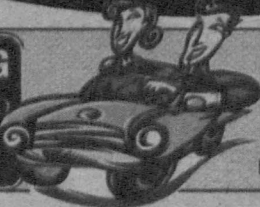
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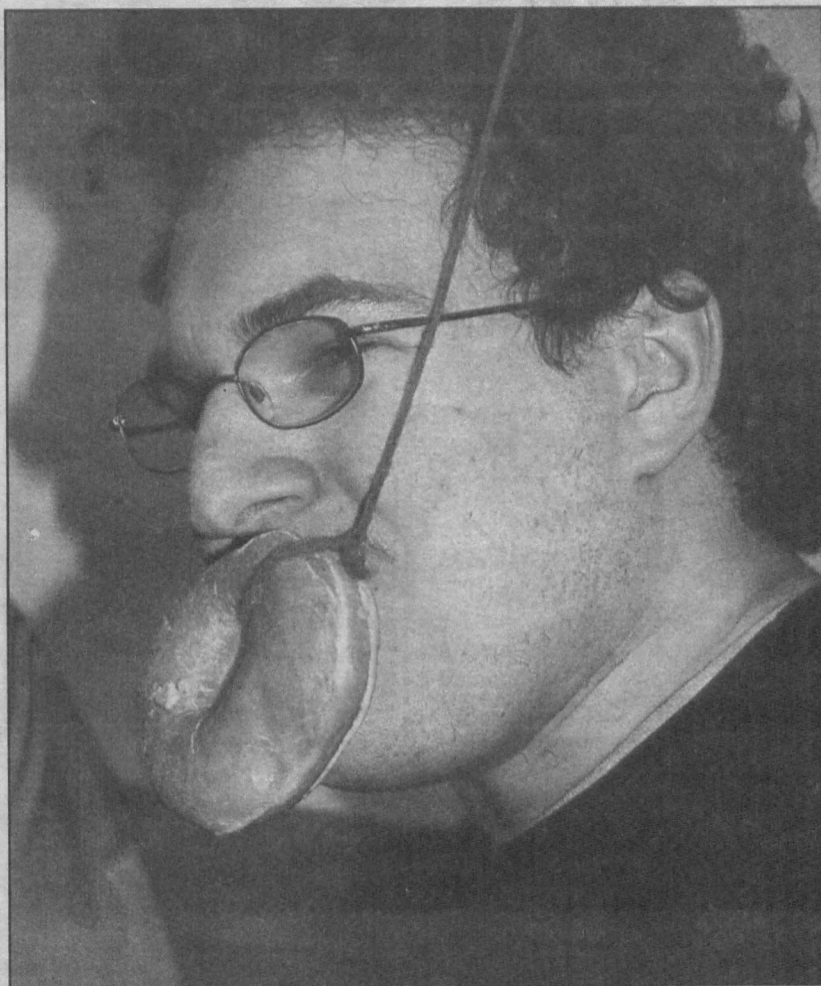
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become notorious for, including Pidacks being groped — on the chest — by Stiener James Wieland. When asked for comments, Wieland promptly turned and interjected a few hysterical but unprintable comments about Steiner Jason Paquette's dating life — or lack thereof. Paquette said he is "hot, single, [and] likes long walks on the beach."

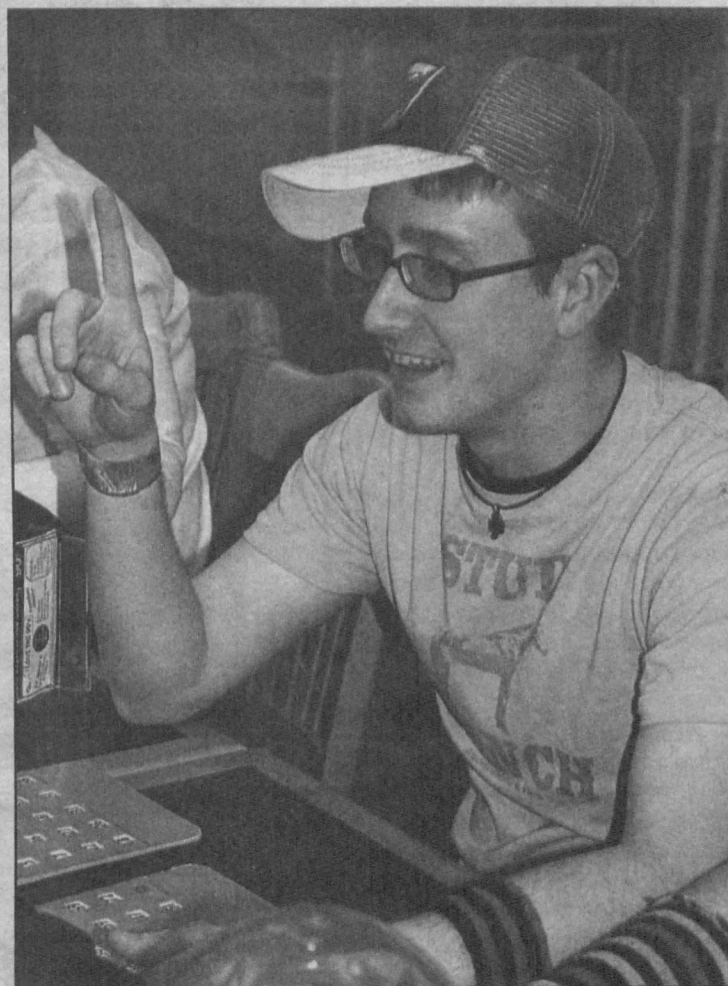
After intermission, there was a bit more clowning, two girls from the audience were brought up so the Steiners could sing "Happy Birthday" to them. Their performance, for all the effort they've put in over the last two weeks, only improved. They closed the evening with a preview of their competition set for the ICCA's, which was a set of three songs, and was choreographed. All in all, the choreography was pretty good, keeping in mind that, as Paquette announced, "[They're] guys, and [they're] really white."

On a more serious note, the Steiners will be going to the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella on Saturday at Yale. They will be performing at approximately 11 p.m., and tickets for students will be \$8.

A late-night festival



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIANNE HESS
DONUT ON A ROPE — Paul Bereron nibbles his way to victory at the donut-eating contest at Late Night in the Union. He earned himself a \$5 gift certificate from Dunkin' Donuts, which he plans to use on a cup of coffee and his favorite donuts, Boston Cream.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIANNE HESS
NUMBER ONE — David Kujawa claims victory during "I love the 90's" Late Night at the Union Bingo. His prize consisted of a rubix cube, which he plans to leave untouched so people will think he solved it.

SIMS

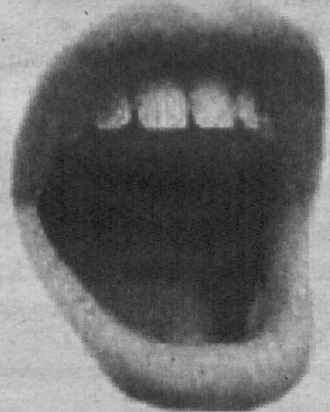
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bers of the society, and during the middle of one night, a limo will pull up in front of where you are staying and a member of the secret society will arrest your character. Once you are a full member of the Secret Society, you'll get access to all of the career rewards in the original ten careers — you can only use them at the Secret

Society House. The other special feature you get access to is the ability to call up death and have him resurrect a dead character that you know, which makes it worth your while to attempt joining.

Other aspects of college include the standard Greek Life toga party and some very juvenile pranks. The pranks include streaking, which really isn't as fun as it sounds, and setting the sprinkler systems off. There are also water balloons you can toss at people as well.

In terms of graphics and sounds, there really isn't much of an upgrade from The Sims 2, but some of the new character animations like your character rocking it out to tunes on her MP3 player are amusing to say the least. The new social game of kicky bag — hacky sack — allows you to make new friends in an easier way. Overall though, "University" is a great expansion pack and will bring you hours of enjoyment, until the new "Nightlife" expansion pack comes out this fall.



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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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If somehow you slip and show a bit of vulnerability, it's OK. It makes you seem stronger, not weaker, to a person you admire.

Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Having people to your house could be a lot of fun. Don't even bother to clean up the place until after the party's over.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

The reputation you're developing gets you into a new social crowd. These folks move along very quickly, so don't let them catch you gawking.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You may be surprised to find out how much you can do, in such a little time. Somebody else's emergency is your opportunity. Make the most of it.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

Your confidence is huge, and with good reason. You're the best. The audience is receptive. Go ahead and strut your stuff.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

A job that you've been putting off demands your prompt attention. No point in whining about it — you'll feel much better after it's done.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

Friends can help you find the partner for whatever you need. Be it for cards or for life, just let them know what you want. They'll set you up.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21

Your status is rising, and that's always nice, but you can't relax and enjoy it. With everyone knowing how good you are, the work keeps coming.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

If you're like most Sagittarians, you never quite grow up. You have a Peter Pan quality about you all your life. Indulge that side of your personality now, it's very cute.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Find a clue from a friend in the business or in a hiding place. There's a heck of a deal to be made out there. Snoop around, and you're liable to find it.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

If you need an introduction, ask a friend who knows you well. And, don't figure out what type you'll like. Leave your options open.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

A person with more ideas and money than he or she knows what to do with, could use some of your expertise. Offer your services.

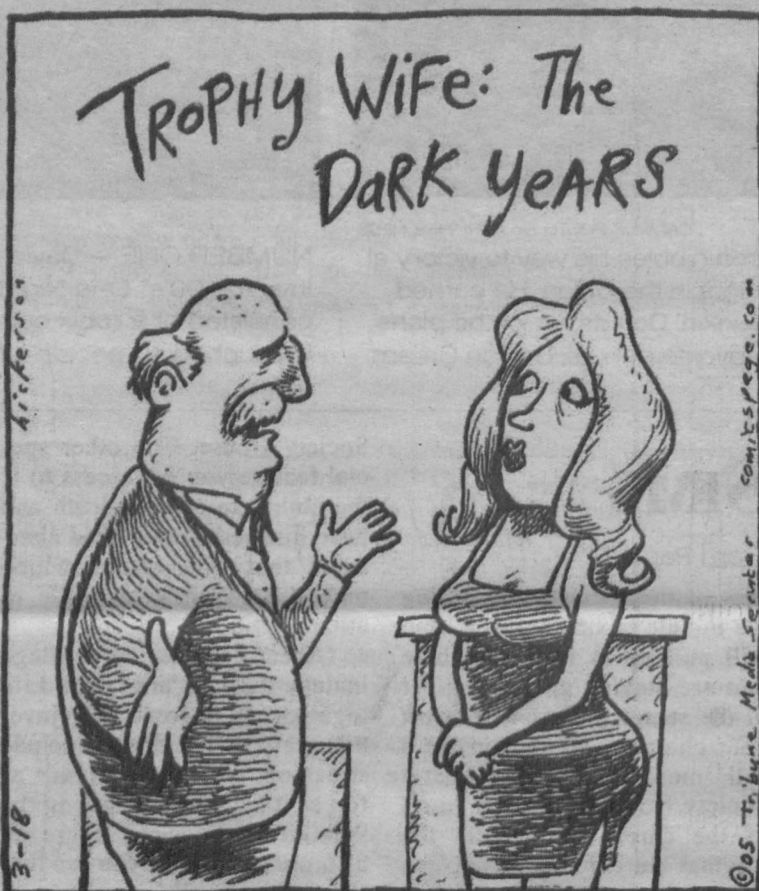
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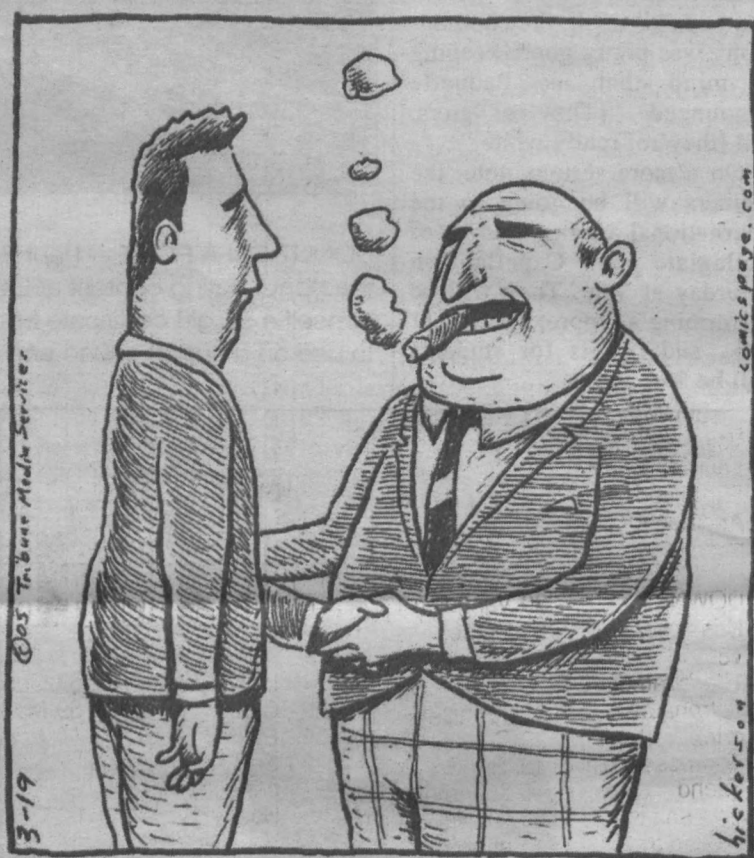
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"I don't understand you, Megan. Despite my ceaseless warnings, you still insist upon aging!"



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Not Quite Wrong

By Ross Nover



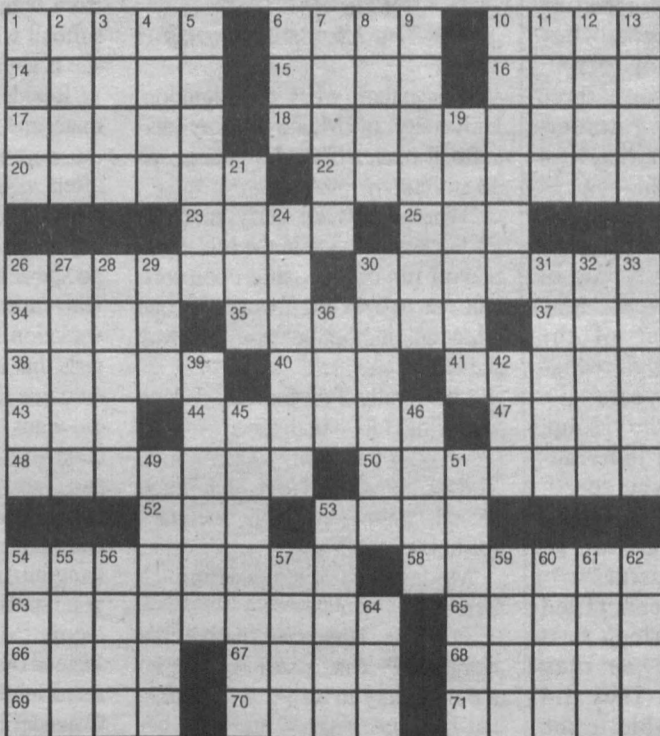
Crossword

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- 1 Slogan
- 6 Ms. Bombeck
- 10 Persian ruler
- 14 Pocatello's state
- 15 Diamond or Young
- 16 Moved quickly
- 17 Tablet choice
- 18 End-of-semester essay
- 20 San __, Texas
- 22 Undaunted
- 23 Adam's grandson
- 25 Long of "The Broken Hearts Club"
- 26 Don formal duds
- 30 Hangs loosely
- 34 No-sweat victory
- 35 Pick one
- 37 Pub purchase
- 38 WWII marauder
- 40 Ump's cohort
- 41 Kept for later
- 43 Bon __ (witticism)
- 44 On cloud nine
- 47 Actress Olin
- 48 Siberian plains
- 50 Craftsperson
- 52 Poetic contraction
- 53 Headliner
- 54 Attribute to
- 58 Squabble
- 63 Type of music
- 65 Response to a thrust
- 66 Continental cash
- 67 Sleuth Wolfe
- 68 Voice a thought
- 69 Laura or Bruce
- 70 Expanded
- 71 Apothecary measures

DOWN

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- 3 Astronaut's drink
- 4 Address for a friend
- 5 Lots and lots
- 6 Tolkien tree

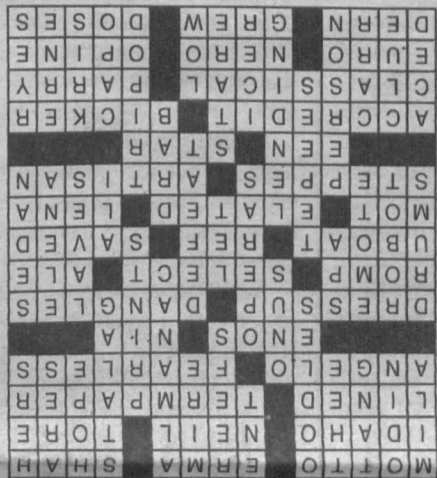


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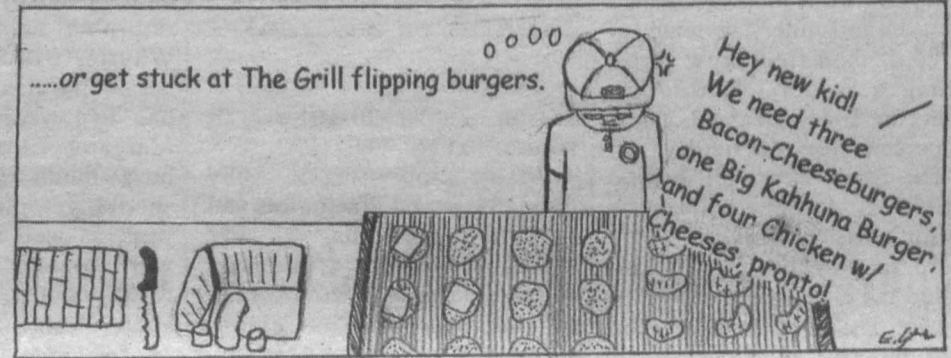
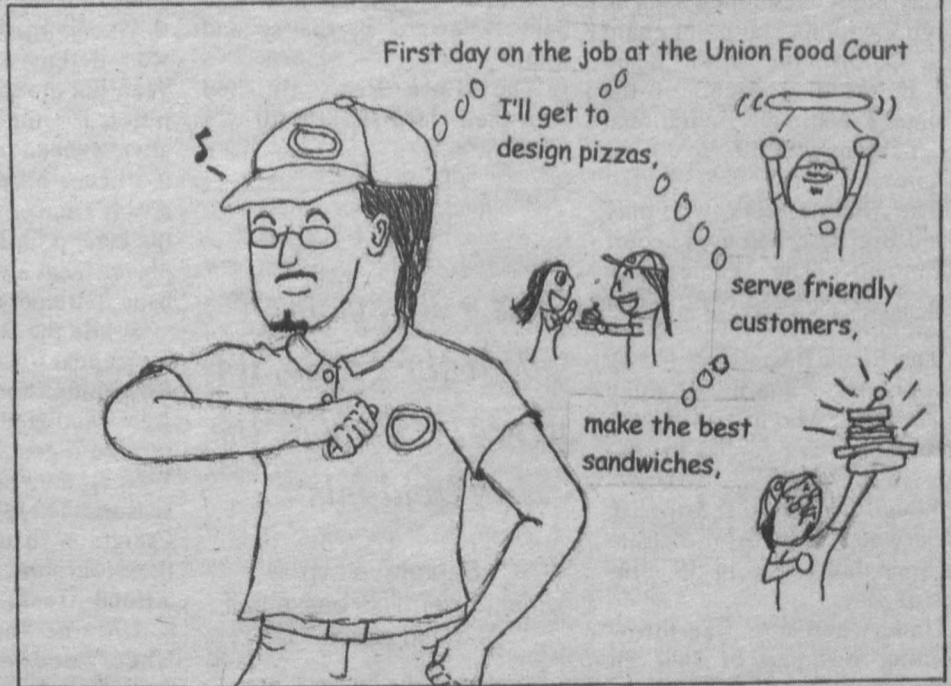
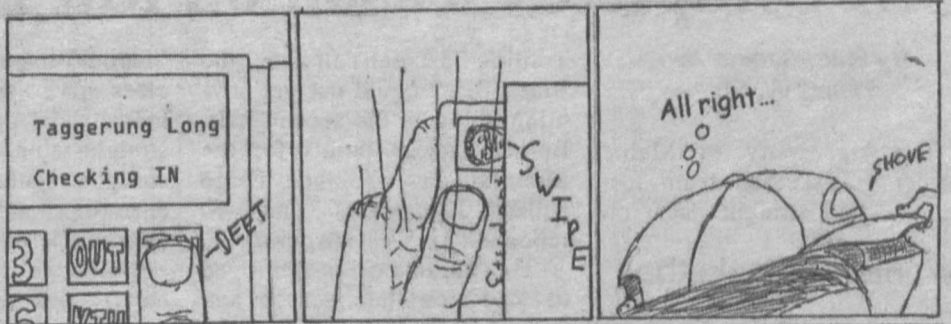
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- 8 Boggy area
- 9 Annual information source
- 10 "Hogan's Heroes" setting
- 11 Have faith
- 12 Bellicose deity
- 13 Towel word
- 19 Reproductions
- 21 Burden
- 24 Massenet works
- 26 Percussion instruments
- 27 Automaton
- 28 Ham it up
- 29 Health resort
- 30 Vanquish
- 31 Bathes
- 32 "Maria __"
- 33 Family car
- 36 Tennis do-over
- 39 Conical abodes
- 42 The Greatest
- 45 Imparting
- 46 Not very colorful at all



- 49 Individual
- 51 Camera holder
- 53 Extend a look
- 54 Served perfectly
- 55 Board game
- 56 Vocalist Vikki
- 57 Cake finisher
- 59 Mafia bigwig
- 60 Actor/singer Kristofferson
- 61 Sea eagle
- 62 Cereal grasses
- 64 Sad

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By Aaron Warner



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UM completes season on low note

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team lost their second straight game on

Women's Basketball

Friday night to end their season. Playing without star point guard Kim Corbitt, the Black Bears fell in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament 75-59 to West Virginia.

The Mountaineers, who play in the Big East, had home court advantage. The game was played in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The Black Bears were led by sophomore guard Ashley Underwood, who had 14 points. Underwood was forced to step up in Corbitt's absence. Although she shot just 3-for-10, Underwood was 6-for-6 from the free throw line in 39 minutes of play.

Underwood's free-throw shooting was part of an even larger overall team performance from the foul line. The team hit all 24 of their free-throw shots, setting a school record. As a team, the Black Bears shot just 32 percent from the field.

The Black Bears fell behind early 7-2. A three-pointer by senior Missy Traversi with 13:55 to play in the first half pulled the Black Bears to within two. The Mountaineers then went on an 11-0 run. All 11 points were scored by Meg Bulger, who hit three three-pointers in a minute and a half.

The Black Bears, who fell behind 18-7 with 10:52 left in the half, could never recover.

Trailing 33-24 at half time, the Black Bears could not get anything going in the second half. Bulger had 23 points for the Mountaineers. Yolanda Paige added 17 points and 10 rebounds for West Virginia.

The Mountaineers improved to 18-12 on their season and will take on St. John's, who beat Delaware in the second round.

The Black Bears finished with their third straight 20-win

"It's always been about the group, its never been about the individuals."

Sharon Versyp
UMaine women's basketball,
head coach

season and a 20-10 overall record.

Maine's only junior Abby Schrader scored nine points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

While Schrader will return for her senior season next year, four members of this seasons team will graduate in May. Corbitt, Traversi, Monica Peterson, and Nicole Jay, all seniors, will leave UMaine after three straight trips to the post season.

The Black Bear seniors were

Sharon Versyp's first recruiting class five years ago. They helped lead their team to four straight winning seasons, three straight regular season conference titles, and an America East Championship in 2004.

"They've all grown so differently," said Versyp of her four seniors. "Monica was rookie of the year freshman year. Kim was defensive player of the year, but didn't get much recognition for the other years. It's always been about the group, it's never been about individuals. It's never been who scores the most points, who's the go-to player. That's why I think we've been extremely successful."

While the Black Bears failed to repeat as America East Champions in 2005, as they were predicted to do. They did receive a post season bid to the WNIT, their second in three seasons. The Black Bears lost to Creighton in the first round of the tournament in 2003 at Alford Arena.

UMaine has sophomores Underwood, Bracey Barker, and Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa returning next season. Katie Whittier will be a senior academically next year, but still has two years of eligibility. Margaret Elderton, who was hurt much of this season should get playing time next year, as well as Kris Younan, who played three minutes Friday night, Vandy Pullen, and Ameshia Bryant. All four are freshmen.

A number of the Lady Black Bears suffered from injuries this season, causing them to miss critical game time, including Jay, Corbitt, and Elderton.

White: A girl of two seasons

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

No matter what the situation, University of Maine hockey and softball player Cheryl White keeps on smiling.

Whether it's an early morning ice hockey practice in the midst of a playoff run or a late afternoon softball practice, White focuses on one thing: helping out her team any way she can.

"It's really fun for me. I love practicing, I love both the sports and I love both the teams," said White. "It does not seem like its that much of a challenge going from one practice to the other."

Modest? Yes. Humble? Definitely.

For this Manitoba native, an average day consists of waking up at 6 a.m. only to arrive at the rink a half-hour later. Once she gets her gear on, she heads out on the ice minutes before practice, working on aspects of her game including her shot.

When practice arrives she's one of the first people to volunteer for a drill. Even when practice is over, she stays on the ice to work on her shot or help players such as Susannah Orzell make the adjustment to playing goalie. After she takes her last shot or last run around the rink, she takes on another obstacle — class.

White is a biology-psychology major with a minor in kinesiology. Her studies deal with how the body works chemically, mentally and physically and she still finds time for lunch. Before she got sick and UMaine hockey coach Guy Perron limited her to just hockey practice, she was going to softball practices as well.

"Cheryl does her best to come to practices and she is always working harder than anyone," said softball teammate Molly McKinney. "She is amazing to do both sports — I know I couldn't do it. One sport takes up so much time. Cheryl puts forward so much effort in both practices, she does it for the love of the game and you can tell."

"She would do anything for either one of the teams," said McKinney. "Especially coming

from being a captain in hockey to softball where we have no captains, she is always a leader."

Besides being a leader, a teammate and a friend, White helps in the community as well. Minutes after UMaine's 5-0 over Northeastern, instead of just going home and relaxing, she took time to go speak to some of the area youths who came to game. During the conversation, she told one of the young girls that she would be at her hockey game the next day.

"Fans are what make your sport, they give everything to us and it's easy to give something back," White said. "You have to set an example. I love those kids, I love hanging out with them and when you spend time getting to know them, they become your friends. Instead of fans going to your games, its friends who go the games. Considering they take the time to come out to our games, the least we can do is spend time with them."

White always puts others first. Her values came from her parents, Ron and Lorna. For as long as she can remember, White recalls how her parents have not only been her biggest critics but biggest support system. From the time she was a child, White's parents would take her to and from her various athletic practices. Throughout it all, White said that her parents never had time for themselves, which helped her learn about putting others first.

That attitude of unselfishness extends onto the ice.

"Go ahead and write this down, I am not a goal scorer," said White.

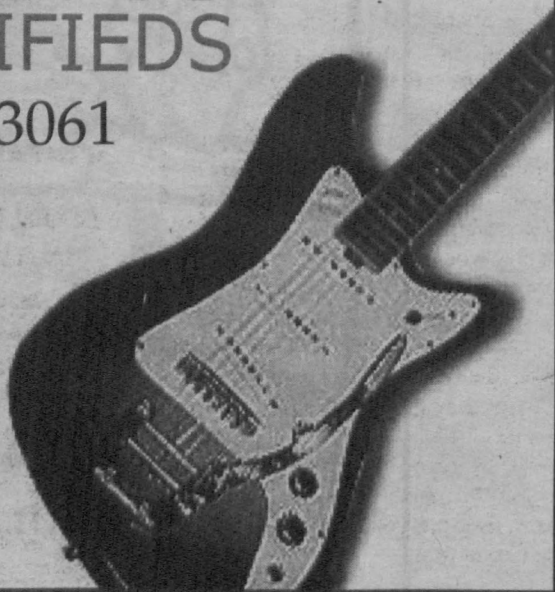
For someone who may claim not to be a goal scorer, and in her own words says, "this is a fluke," she scored 12 goals this season, which was good enough for second on the team. One thing she also claimed to not be was a home run-hitter.

"When you go out on the ice, you go to score goals, or to hit a home run, but it's about getting the job done," White said. "It's not about hitting the game winning home run, it's about getting the hit to move runners over. It's not about me scoring a goal; it's about getting the puck to Tristan Desmet so she can score a goal. The team winning is the big picture."

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UMaine stumbles over the weekend

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine softball team continued its strenuous non-conference

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schedule this past weekend. The Black Bears took on Seton Hall and Hofstra, playing each team twice over the weekend. The Black Bears picked up a win, but dropped the three other games, losing twice on Sunday.

On Saturday against Seton Hall, the Black Bears were led by senior third-basemen Lauren Dulkis, who had two hits and batted in two of UMaine's three runs. Erin Provost, who plays second base, went three for three at the plate, and scored twice. Catcher Lindsey Tibbetts also had two hits for the Black Bears. Sarah Bennis went the full seven innings for Maine and gave up just one run on six hits. She also had five strikeouts as the Black Bears picked up the 3-1 win.

They followed up Saturday's early morning game with a mid-day game against Hofstra, but fell short 2-1. In the second game it was sophomore Alexis

Pullen's turn to take the circle. She pitched the entire game and gave up six hits. UMaine's defense was solid, but the two runs it gave up in the bottom of the sixth did them in. UMaine took a one run lead in the top of the first, leading until Hofstra tied the game and then took the lead on a single to center field.

In the Sunday afternoon contest the Black Bears again gave up a one run lead, this time in the top of the fifth inning to

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Hofstra. The game went into extra innings and the Pride added three more runs in the top of the eighth. A bottom of the eighth comeback attempt by the Black Bears fell short 4-2. Seton Hall won the tournament championship.

In the first game of the day the Black Bears lost 7-1. Candace Jaeger took the circle for the Black Bears and pitched five innings, giving up eight hits and six runs. She struck out five batters. Jenna Merchant pitched an inning and gave up the sev-

enth run. The Black Bears had only three hits in the game, two of them coming from Dulkis, who also had two hits in the second game.

The Black Bears fell to 5-14 on their season. All three teams that participated in the tournament also participated in the NCAA tournament last season. Seton Hall improved their record to 9-6 on their season, while Hofstra improved to 11-10.

UMaine will next play in Fairfield, Connecticut, against Quinnipiac, and host team Fairfield, in a Saturday double-header. The games are scheduled for March 26.

The Black Bears home opener is Saturday, April 9 against Hartford at 1:00 p.m. The teams will play a double-header and then meet again on Sunday, April 10. The Black Bears play their home games on Kessock field.

Erin Provost leads the team with a .340 batting average. Christina Belmonte, Dulkis, Brittany Cheney, and Jess Brady are all hitting above .300 as well. Dulkis leads the team with 19 hits. Sarah Bennis leads the team in ERA with a 2.15 average. Pullen is second at 2.89.

on the road and come together as a family and take on whoever together."

"Sometimes its good to get on the road without distractions," said Whitehead.

Leveille talked about the chance to play on the road as well.

"Obviously they are a great team, it's a good match-up," said Leveille. "Personally its kind of fun to go away, we always play BC, BU and UNH and stay on the east coast. It's just going to be a different atmosphere. The whole crowd against us, which I like."

The first round slate between the Gophers and the Black Bears marks the first meeting of the two foes since 2002's epic National Championship that few in the states of Minnesota or Maine will ever forget. For the Gophers, the night ended in happiness, while for the Black Bears it was the first of two championship game heartbreaks in the last three years. In one of the most memorable games in tournament history, the Gophers tied the Black Bears with 50 seconds remaining in regulation. Minnesota, then proceeded to snatch the National title with a 4-3 victory in overtime.

"Losing back a few years ago, I know the seniors still have that on their mind," said sophomore Josh Soares about the 2002 defeat. "We really want to help these seniors get a championship ring."

"I am sure they are going to get it going in the dressing room and in practice," said Howard about the aspect of revenge for seniors. "A lot of this weekend depends on their leadership, too."

The Gophers, who play on one of the few Olympic ice venues in college hockey stand at 26-14-1 on the year, while UMaine has a record of 20-12-7.

"I know they are talented up front," said Ronan. "Anytime you've got good, skilled forwards on a Olympic rink its going to make it that much tougher defensively, but we are a defensive team."

Whitehead feels the large size of the Olympic ice will not throw his team off.

"We have won on Olympic sheet before," said Whitehead. "I think our players will be very comfortable in that environment."

"I think its an exciting challenge and our team likes playing in front of hostile environments," said Whitehead. "Those are the type of challenges as an athlete you look forward too."

Only a month ago, the Black Bears looked liked they were on the verge of not making the tournament but a season sweep of UMass-Lowell during the regular season, as well as the Hockey East quarter-finals helped to push them in. UMaine went 5-0 against the RiverHawks. An impressive series against Boston College, Boston University and University of New Hampshire helped to bolster UMaine's chance of making the field of 16.

"We feel we are playing really well right now but I believe we can play better," said Whitehead.

Whitehead touched about the health of his squad going into the quest for a National title.

"I think we have a couple injuries we are going to have keep tabs on," said Whitehead. "Bellamy won't be playing and Shephard is unlikely. If we are fortunate enough to get Shephard back great — if not, we feel we have some real strong guys that can helped the team."

If UMaine is able to upset Minnesota, a rematch of last seasons Regional final against Wisconsin could lie ahead. The winner would then move on to the Frozen Four in Columbus, Ohio.

Whitehead though is not looking to far ahead. In less than five days, the Black Bears can show how far they have come in the last month.

"They earned the No. 1 seed," said Whitehead, "but it doesn't mean they are going to advance to the frozen four."

Life without Moss

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

Being a Minnesota Vikings fan has been a painful experience over the past few years. Every team has its ups and downs, but the Vikings never cease to amaze with their on-field mistakes and front-office stupidity. The latest in a string of bad decisions made by owner Red McCombs was the trade of Randy Moss, arguably the best receiver in the NFL, to the Oakland Raiders for an underachieving linebacker in Napoleon Harris and the seventh overall pick in the upcoming draft.

When I first heard this rumor, I was devastated. My favorite player was being traded from my favorite team, and to make matters worse, they were getting hardly anything in return. McComb took a page out of France's handbook circa 1803, and sold Moss for \$18 per square mile. Moss was the reason I'd become a Vikings fan. Having loosely followed his career at Marshall I was excited when the Vikings drafted him, and fell in love with the explosive '98 team that also featured Randall Cunningham and Chris Carter that went on to break the NFL scoring record.

Over the course of spring break, I've had time to let the information settle and sacrificially burn my Moss Vikings jersey. I've started to feel a little bit better about the whole ordeal. While Moss has been a major component of the Vikings offense, have they really accomplished anything while he was on the team? Not really. Moss's tenure in Minnesota has only lead to disappointing season after disappointing season.

First there was the '98 season, when Gary Anderson missed a field goal in the NFC championship that would have wrapped the game up and paved the way to the Super Bowl. Next was the 2000 season, which saw the Giants hammer the Vikings 41-0 in the NFC championship, then in 2003 the Vikings were knocked out of the playoffs by the Arizona Cardinals, who had nothing to play for, on the last play of the regular season and finally this year the Vikings hardly

gave the Philadelphia Eagles a game in a NFC Divisional Playoff game.

Does this warrant the trading of the most explosive and talented receiver in the game? Probably not, but with such a heartbreaking run of seasons, it was obvious that something needed to be done. I am desperately clinging to the hope that the Randy Moss' departure will lead to ESPN.com columnist Bill Simmons' "Patrick Ewing Theory." The theory holds that there are certain situations where a superstar leaves a team either due to injury or through trade and the team becomes inexplicably better.

Most likely, though, the Vikings won't excel and will probably be lucky if they make the playoffs next year. Nate Burleson, who had a standout last year, while filling the first receiver spot when Moss was injured, is going to have to play even better and learn to become a deep-ball player to help give Minnesota the same deep-ball dimension Moss always gave them.

The real question is: Did the Vikings do a good thing in trading Randy Moss? As much as it hurts me to admit it, they probably did. They were obviously not going anywhere with him and as exciting as he is to watch, he had his share of off-and-on field problems. The team needs a radical change to make any progress, and perhaps this trade will provide it. However, the Vikings seriously blundered in giving away Moss for next to nothing. Not only has Napoleon Harris underachieved in his first three years, but the Vikings already have two very athletic linebackers similar to Harris and their need for another is questionable. They easily could have secured one or two premier players for Moss, but seemed to rush the deal, and as a result got stuck with a run-of-the-mill un-needed linebacker.

In the end, only time will tell if the Vikings made a mistake, but for the time being, I'm sure that everyone in Minnesota is breathing a sigh of relief that the Vikings will not be facing the Raiders next season, barring a Super Bowl appearance.

NCAA

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squad after news of their seeding broke.

"We are excited to be in the tournament," said Whitehead. "A couple weeks ago, we didn't know if we were going to be playing hockey at this moment. I am really proud of the guys. They really perceived and they found a way to claw their way into the tournament."

"We thought going into last night we were a three seed," said Whitehead, "but we were prepared for whatever happened."

UMaine has made the tournament 15 times.

The Black Bears are currently ranked 12th in country and will meet up with the Golden Gophers for a 2:30 p.m. battle on Saturday. The Gophers are the No. 1 seed in the bracket, while the Black Bears reside as the fourth seed. The other engagement in the West regional is second seeded Cornell against third seeded Wisconsin.

All American netminder Jimmy Howard talked about having to play Minnesota, the host team, in their own arena.

"Its going to be us versus the whole state of Minnesota," Ronan said.

Black Bear captain John Ronan feels the difficult task of playing the top seed at home is one his squad is ready for.

"I think it is just a situation that we thrive off," said Ronan. "It's us 20 guys versus an entire arena. It's daunting when you look at it but it can be fun."

"Any time you go to another school and take on host team like that its tough," said Ronan.

The team also feels having to play so far away from home could be a blessing in disguise.

"Sometimes it's good to get away from home, you don't have the pressure," said Ronan. "Just get

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The Woodsmen strike back



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CUTTING ONE— Darren Cole saws his way through the single buck competition at Saturday's Woodsmen in Nutting Field. UMaine competed against teams from the University of New Brunswick, Colby and Unity.

Alcohol and Sports: A Beautiful Union

By Matthew McGraw
For The Maine Campus

To celebrate the passing of this year's St. Patrick's Day, I would like to write a small thank you to all the good ways alcohol helps sports. Before you throw this page away, talking about how alcohol has no place in sports, hear me out on this one. On behalf of sports fans all around, I'd like to thank alcohol for these accomplishments.

1. Helping Canadians deal with the NHL Lockout. It should be no shocker that Canadian hockey fans took this blow the hardest. Alcoholism has doubled in the Great White North without hockey this year. Add that to the loss of the Expos and the Raptors' poor play of late and you have a bunch of Canucks looking to forget the sports problems. March Madness in the United States is a time when brackets are being filled, bets are being made and basketball is the talk of the town. North of the border, March Madness is a clinically diagnosed disease where fans long for alcohol to get through the depression associated with hockey loss.

2. Being a recruiting tool for recreational softball leagues. If you ever ask someone in the know about adult softball, it's most commonly referred to as a beer league. This actually doesn't just go just

for softball, it goes for all adult recreational leagues, including basketball, football, and hockey. Alcohol of all kinds allows these gym class heroes to keep the dream alive. Maybe one day another Larry Walker will be found playing in a beer league softball game, but until then, keep that water bottle filled with Miller Lite.

3. Causing European soccer riots. Everywhere you go and see a riot, its always being compared to European soccer riots. I have never in fact been a part of a European soccer riot, however when I went down to Boston for the World Series parade, I prayed that by day's end I would end up seeing one. Boston however stayed intact and Europe remains the only place you can go see these world-class riots. The recipe for disaster? Two cases of Guinness and a Manchester United loss.

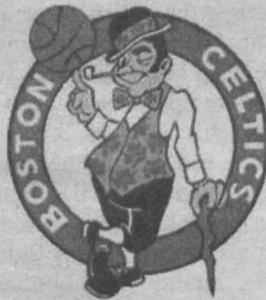
4. Gave the Red Sox the confidence they needed to beat the Yankees. After Kevin Millar took a shot or two of whiskey before game six of the ALCS, the "tradition" apparently caught on and lasted through the World Series. There has been speculation that this was just a joke by Millar while on the "Best Damn Sports Show Period," but I beg to differ. Legend has it that a Gatorade cup holding Jack Daniel's whiskey was passed around by all the players and they

each had small sips from it prior to the game. On the David Letterman show however, star of "The Passion of the Johnny," Johnny Damon said that the story was taken too far. Millar later admitted the whiskey was actually Johnny Damon's blood that turned into whiskey, and the drinking of the blood was to give them the Lord's blessing heading into their third straight elimination facing game.

5. Keeping you warm in sub-zero temperatures. Ask any drunk fan who watched the Patriots blow out the Colts at Gillette Field, and I'll bet they tell you that they felt 10 to 20 degrees warmer than their sober chauffeur. Sure it would be ideal to go to a NFL game and actually remember what happened, but come on, that's so against tradition. Especially in New England, in January, with a wind-chill of minus forty that prevents blood from flowing properly through the average human body. 10 cold ones later, however, and not only is that blood circulating again, but you can actually feel your hands while you clap. They hurt, but you can feel them.

Some readers out there may not be able to relate to any of these situations, but for anyone who can, I hope you said cheers twice this St. Patty's Day and remembered to hoist your glass like you just won the Stanley Cup, no pun intended.

CELTICS CORNER



By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

Two games on the road presented completely different challenges: one against the searing hot Houston Rockets, the second against the sub-par New Orleans Hornets. The juggernaut known as the Boston Celtics notched blowout wins in both games this weekend, extending their Atlantic Division lead to five games, a season high.

The Green's Friday night showdown with the Rockets was touted as a titanic battle between up and coming contenders. Boston came in riding a five game winning streak, while Houston was on a six-game run of its own.

Sparked by Mark Blount's 22 points, the visitor's bench held a 55-27 advantage. The Celtics led by as many as 21 and never trailed after the first minute of play, dispatching the Rockets 103-92.

Houston adds its name to the impressive list of teams Boston has beaten since Antoine Walker returned at the trade deadline. The Celts also have wins over the Lakers, Wizards, Pistons and Suns, and are now 11-1 with Walker in the line-up.

Coming off a road win, which snapped their opponents' six-game winning streak, the Celtics could have fallen victim to the Hornets in a typical trap game. Not so for Doc Rivers' troops, however, who put their collective foot on New Orleans' throat early and never let up en route to a 113-100 win.

Most impressive about the trip was that Boston's All-Stars, Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker, did not lead the team in points on either

night. Three years ago, Boston couldn't have won consecutive games without huge nights from their dynamic duo. The fact that they've been doing just that recently is a testament to how much better their supporting cast is this time around.

Ricky Davis trumps any third scoring option the Celts have had since Parish was walking through the door. Raef LaFrentz and Mark Blount may not be as good as their inflated contracts, but they're certainly miles ahead of Tony Battie. The rookies, Delonte West, Tony Allen and Al Jefferson, have developed well ahead of schedule and are making key contributions.

Not to be overlooked is savvy veteran Gary Payton. Payton swallowed his pride when he reported for Celtics camp in September and it has paid off as he suddenly finds himself in contention for an NBA championship again.

Read that again: The Celtics are in contention for the NBA title. They're going to get the No. 3 seed in the East, and have a shot at catching Detroit for No. 2 if they stay hot. They've beaten contenders, and they're playing their best ball at the right time. They have a great mix of vets and rookies. This is not the team that previously lost eight straight playoff games.

What has been an unbelievable sports year in Boston is going to get a whole lot better when NBA playoff time rolls around. Green 17 just may have a ring to it this time around.

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UMaine earns series split on the road in New Jersey

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

On Saturday, the University of Maine baseball team continued their traveling tour of the east coast

Baseball

with a split against Monmouth. The Black Bears closed out the afternoon doubleheader with a 2-0 shutout victory after opening the day with a 8-7 defeat. The squad's Sunday game against Monmouth was called in the top of the fifth inning due to constant rain that had persisted since its start.

With the split, the Black Bears improved to 7-7 on the year, while the Hawks slide to 4-8.

Anchored by Steve Richard, the Black Bears used steady pitching to garner the decision. Scattering three hits over seven innings, they struck out nine. Richard improved to 2-0 on the season. For the talented sophomore, the shut-out was the third of his career.

The Black Bears found the scoreboard first, with a run in the top of the second inning. The inning began with a Matt McGraw single. The skilled freshmen then proceeded to advance to third off a throwing error. Frank Pasanello drove McGraw in with a single.

In the sixth inning, UMaine tacked on an insurance run to finish off Monmouth. The score saw Joe Hough single and then advance to second when Aaron Izaryk hit into a field's choice. On the following at-bat, Joel Barrett smashed a double to left to bring in Hough. The RBI capped off the game for UMaine.

Game one of the double-header played out with drastically different results, both teams combated each other run for run throughout the match. The Black Bears burst out to an early advantage when McGraw brought in Izaryk with an RBI single. The Hawks responded with two runs in the bottom of the second inning, only to be countered by UMaine in the third inning. Barrett crossed the plate after McGraw reached on a error.

Monmouth jumped back to a 5-2 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

After pulling the game even in the sixth, UMaine snatched a two run lead in the seventh when Ryan Quintal singled in Barrett. Curt Smith then brought home Quintal with a single.

The Hawks answered back with two in the eighth to win the game.

Quintal finished the game 4-for-4, while scoring two runs. Quintal also drove in three runs.

On the mound for UMaine, Greg Norton went three innings while allowing four runs on five hits. Troy Martin also saw time throwing from the rubber in 4 1/3 innings. Martin allowed four runs on five hits. Martin fell to 1-2 on the year with the loss.

The Black Bears return to action this Saturday when they travel to New York Tech on Saturday, March 26.



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CORNERED — Derek Damon snaps the puck to Bret Tyler during a faceoff early in Friday's Hockey East Semifinal game against Boston College. UMaine fell to the Eagles 2-1 in double overtime.

EAGLES

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The chance to star in another thrilling Hockey East playoff engagement was not lost on Howard.

"It was two teams leaving it all out on the ice," said Howard. "It was a thrill to really participate in another classic Hockey East playoff game."

The game-winning goal, coming at 9:09 of the second overtime, punched the Eagles their first trip to the Hockey East Tournament final since 2001. Boston College went on to win the tournament Saturday night, dealing the University of New Hampshire a convincing 3-1 defeat.

On the final tally, Alberts sent a rising shot over the glove of Howard into the back of the net. Alberts received the puck off the sticks of Brian O'Hanely and Dan Bertram. The shot was deflected by John Ronan, who was trying to block the attempt.

Howard talked about the game winner.

"It somehow got kicked out to Alberts and they were putting the pressure on," said Howard. "Ronan came sliding across and it went off his stick just enough to fool me and go over my glove."

York commented on the goal. "We got a little lucky," said York. "Andrew's shot hit the defenseman's stick and just went in glove side."

The semifinal almost didn't see a second frame. With 40 seconds remaining in the first overtime, BC's Ryan Shannon began a dazzling play by launching the puck 20 feet in the air up to a streaking Chris Collins. Collins hauled in the Hail Mary pass just past UMaine's blue line to setup a breakaway on Howard. Collins then attempted to flip the puck into the top corner, where Howard stacked the pads send-

ing the puck spiraling out of the danger zone. The play was easily the Black Bears' finest of the year.

"I knew he really couldn't do much with it because it was bouncing all over the place," said Howard. "He never really had good control on it, so I just stacked the pads and he put into my chest."

The play was also fresh on the mind of Tyler, who was chasing down Collins on the play.

"I was chasing him, I had no idea what was going on," said Tyler. "I saw him flip the puck and go on a breakaway and I

"If they are the best team in the country, we are a heck of a team."

Derek Damon
UMaine men's ice hockey,
Forward

was going 'Oh my God.' Jimmy Howard is in the net so you don't feel that scared but you are nervous."

The near-goal by Collins was one of several by BC in the closing 10 minutes of the first overtime. At 3:41, Dan Bertram fired a clear shot that sprang off the bottom of Howard's leg pad and out of confusion. Another close call came with 8:30 left when Shannon pinged off the top crossbar causing the Eagles' legion of fans to shutter in disbelief.

Tyler discussed the play of

Howard throughout the game.

"The kid is just phenomenal with what he does," said Tyler. "He keeps us in every game."

Howard finished 36 saves.

On another end, Howard was matched nearly save for save by freshmen Schneider. The drafted netminder registered a remarkable 39 saves.

"He is a great goalie," said Howard. "BC finally has a goalie they can ride on and they are going to be a very dangerous team."

"He didn't get rattled and that shows a lot about his character," said Howard. "That's why he is a first round draft pick."

The Black Bears opened the game outshooting the Eagles 14 to 4 in the first period. The stark advantage in play, however, failed to merit UMaine a goal. The Black Bears were unable to capitalize on two pivotal powerplay opportunities in the period.

Forward Derek Damon said the squad was happy with the opening assault but wished they could have garnered more.

"We were happy but we just wish we put a couple more in the net," said Damon. "We need to find the net a little more."

After both foes went scoreless in the opening frame, the second period saw the only regulation scoring tallied in 12 seconds.

The Eagles found the score sheet first at 6:39 when Brian Boyle was left wide open on the powerplay after a missed coverage scheme by the Black Bears. Boyle ripped the tally of the glove of Howard and into the top of the net. Pat Gannon and Joe Rooney grabbed assists on the play.

"Their powerplay is so dangerous," said Howard. "You can't put a box on them, you just can't do it because they will make you pay."

UMaine countered right after when Josh Soares fired a shot past Schneider to deadlock

the game. Soares hauled in the puck off a Leveille rebound.

"The guys didn't get rattled and they went right back out and bang, they tied back up" said Howard. "I knew I really couldn't let up another one because he was doing so well at the other end."

The game also marked the first time a opponent had outshoot the Eagles in 20 games. The Black Bears outshot BC 40-38.

"If they are the best team in the country, we are a heck of a team," said Damon. "We have nothing to be ashamed of. We played a hell of game and our goal is just incredible."

Late in the third period, BC turned on the attack with a Ryan Murphy shot denied and a Bertram rocket clink off the right post.

However, BC's best chance came on a Black Bears mistake that nearly surrendered the stalemate. On a delayed penalty for the Eagles, Howard skated off the ice to bring on an extra attacker. Then, in UMaine's defensive zone, Leveille sent an errant pass back to Mike Lundin that nearly crossed the blue line. Lundin, in a heroic swipe, whipped the puck off the goal line with one hand on the stick.

The Black Bears closed out the third period with a near goal of their own off a Soares rebound and put back as time expired.

With the loss, UMaine moved to 20-12-7 on the year, while BC improved to 24-6-7.

"Obviously we wanted to come out on top. It's just frustrating," said Damon. "We couldn't get the one to get us over the hump. There are not a lot of words that could describe how we feel."

UMaine returns to action Friday against Minnesota in their NCAA regional matchup. UMaine is the four-seed while the Gophers stand atop the region as the one seed.



The show goes on



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FLEET STORM — Junior goaltender Jimmy Howard attempts to cover the puck as Boston College's Chris Collins tries to squeeze it past him. The Black Bears double-overtime defeat to the Eagles was the longest semifinal game in Hockey East tournament history.

Men's ice hockey suffers double overtime loss to BC

By Matthew Conyers
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BOSTON — Six minutes into the second period, every fan in the house knew where the University of Maine and Boston College Hockey East Tournament Semifinal game was headed.

They felt it in the sweaty FleetCenter air. They saw it in

every breathtaking kick save. And they heard it in their own voices, as the volume steadily increased and the clock quietly dissipated.

It should have come as no surprise: Boston College and UMaine; Jimmy Howard versus Andrew Alberts; and Tim Whitehead against Jerry York. It was a game that had all the makings of a classic on paper. And on Friday, in a spectacular array of hockey, both teams

held up to their end of bargain.

Behind the sensational goaltending of Cory Schiender and a perfectly timed shot by Alberts, Boston College garnered a harrowing 2-1 double overtime win against UMaine in the longest Hockey East semifinal in tournament history. With the games first two goals coming just 12 seconds apart in the second period, the fans had to wait another 63 minutes for the game winner.

The tournaments' longest game was last years final between UMaine and UMass.

The instant classic at the FleetCenter came nearly one year after the Black Bears stole another memorable performance from the Eagles in the Frozen Four. That contest was also played in the FleetCenter.

Whitehead commented on the heartbreaking defeat after the decision:

"Bad Ending. Bad ending to

a really good game," said Whitehead. "We wanted to play like it could be our last. And I thought out guys did leave it all out there."

Bret Tyler expressed the same sentiment that was circling the UMaine locker room.

"It's heartbreaking to come this far," said Tyler. "We just got an unlucky bounce and they got the win."

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UMaine earns automatic bid to NCAA Tourney

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For the past two months, all the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad wanted was a shot. On Sunday morning at 11:22 a.m. they got that shot.

After more than three months of bubble talk and contemplating Pairwise rankings, the Black Bears got their wish and were sent packing to Minneapolis, Minn. for a first round match-up against top seeded Minnesota in the West regional of

the NCAA tournament.

UMaine, who was in jeopardy of missing the tournament early in the year and as late as three weeks ago has reached the tournament in seven straight seasons. The run stands as the second-longest active streak in the country behind Michigan. The Wolverines have qualified for the tournament the past 14 years.

UMaine head coach took time Sunday to discuss the mood of his

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FULL ATTENTION — Jimmy Howard, Derek Damon and Billy Ryan watch intently as the Black Bears await news of where they are headed for the NCAA Tournament. UMaine was eventually sent out to the West Regional to play top seeded Minnesota on Saturday.