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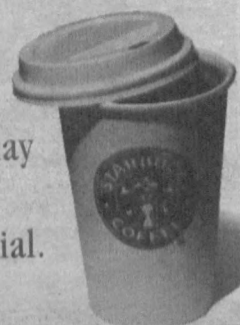
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## Augusta ponders tenant legislation

By Andrew Knapp  
Staff Reporter

AUGUSTA — Have problems with your landlord? The state Legislature wants to help. If a landlord fails to correct an unsafe condition in a rental unit, the tenant may be able to withhold \$500 or half of the monthly rent, whichever is greater, if a bill presented to the Maine legislature in Augusta last Monday is passed into law.

LD 611, sponsored by Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, updates a 12-year-old law that permits tenants to withhold \$250 of their monthly rent for failure to rectify a dangerous condition.

"While other remedies exist, namely the courts, waiting for a court date is simply out of the question when you have no water, a backed-up toilet, a broken window or a lock that won't work," Cain said during a public hearing on the bill in front of the Judicial and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Increasing rental costs triggered the proposed amendment to the current law. According to Cain, the cost of apartments in southern Maine has swollen 70 percent in the past 10 years to an average of \$895 in Portland. For Bangor, the price is \$642. Typical repair expenses average \$425. The adjustment for inflation alone, Cain said, demands a raise from \$250 to \$345.

The law is not without restric-

tions. According to the statute, tenants are able to invoke the law only "if the landlord fails to comply within 14 days after being notified by the tenant in writing by certified mail or as promptly as conditions require in the case of emergency."

"It really has to be a dangerous condition," Cain said. "It can't just be a stained carpet that needs to be replaced. It needs to be something that needs to be fixed immediately because it affects your ability to live in a space safely."

Cain and her husband, Daniel Williams, are the partial owners of Hubbard Farms, a 20-unit apartment complex on Colburn Drive in Orono, and full owners of a house they rent out. As a landlord herself, Cain said the bill makes sense.

"It's good people business, for both students in the Orono area as well as landlords," Cain said.

She said she tries to fix customers' problems promptly.

"I hope no one ever has to invoke this law, but if they need to, I want them to use it to its fullest extent," she said.

John Royce, lobbyist for the Maine Apartment Owners and Managers Association, said a majority of its 2,500 member landlords support the bill.

"We're happy to stand up and back this legislation," Royce said. "It's been since 1993 when this law was updated, and we thought \$500 was a reasonable amount."

The law, which mirrors other statutes in Massachusetts and Vermont, will also permit tenants to perform repair work themselves and deduct the cost, no

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Cain

## '05-'06 budget unveiled

### Tuition to increase due to 'leveling' enrollment

By Ira Perkins  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine announced its plan for the 2006 fiscal year, covering issues big and small. Janet Waldron, vice president of administration and finance for the university spoke to a room full of faculty and staff about the financial projections for the next year. She spoke of ways to secure school programs, deal with the on going maintenance issues and stabilize tuition inflation.

Early on in the meeting, Waldron said that there are no school programs in jeopardy of being cut.

Although tuition is going to be increased, she said it will only be incremental. Gendron did not say how much tuition rates will grow next year. The primary reason for increase in tuition rates is largely due to the leveling off of enrollment numbers. About three years ago, the number of students enrolled had been growing steadily, but since have declined. This is also correlated to the number of students in the most recent graduating classes.

Waldron said that not enough young people know the importance of post-secondary education. Consequently, there is a strong effort to make K-12 students more

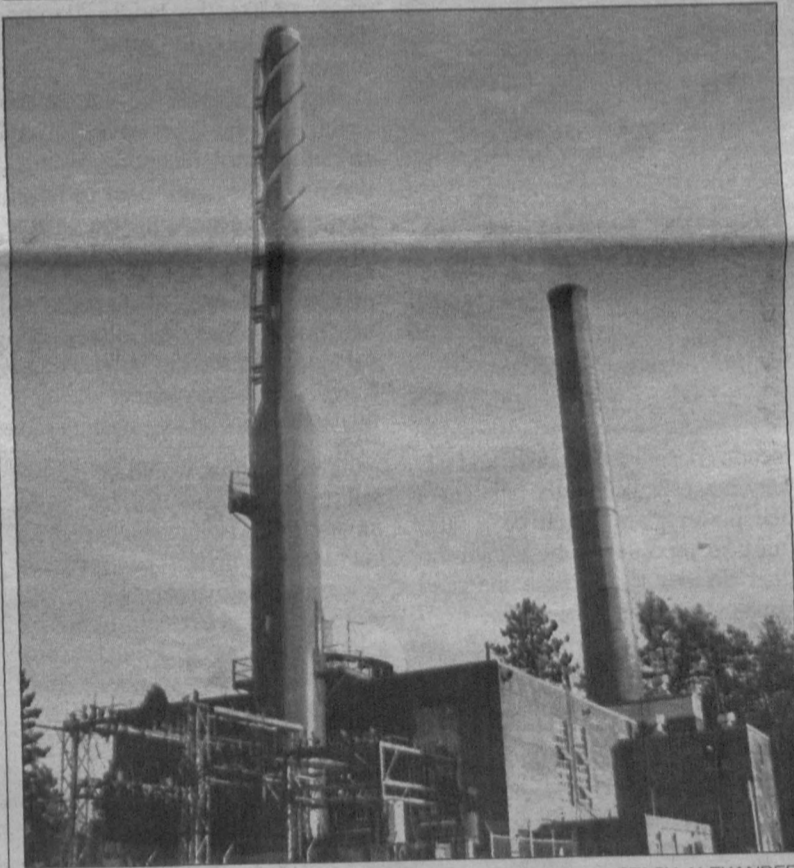
aware of college and to prepare them for it. A statement released by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, a group UMaine is tied to, said the program will be effective.

"We are pleased that President [Bush] has provided resources for high schools to develop programs to assist students achieve their aca-

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Waldron



HOT AIR — The UM Steam Plant produces heat for Orono. The UMS board of trustees recently approved an addition that would generate electricity as well.

## Engineers livid over UM power facility

By Melanie Morin  
For The Maine Campus

As University of Maine administrators enthusiastically pursue building an addition to the steam plant that would allow the university to generate their own electricity and heat, engineering faculty and students along with one very determined member of the community are doing whatever they can to stop them.

On March 14, the board of trustees voted unanimously to create an ad hoc committee to review the concept of cogeneration, the producing of electricity and heat at the same time by using the steam generated from providing electricity to

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## Graduate Fair helps equip seniors for May commencement, beyond

By Justin M. Wozniak  
For The Maine Campus

Graduation is less than two months away, and some University of Maine seniors marked that timeline by attending Wednesday's graduate fair. The fair offered seniors the opportunity to prepare for commencement, purchase memorabilia and review services offered to UMaine alumni.

The University Bookstore was on hand for students to select their cap and gown. Classic Photography Inc. provided students with the ability to get graduation photos with no up-front costs or obligation to purchase a photo package.

"Students have the opportunity to get things out of the way before

graduation day," Bookstore floor supervisor Colleen Gagnon said. "It's one less thing to deal with."

Gift packages were available for graduates, which will also be in the Bookstore through the end of the semester. Caps and gowns will also be available for sizing and purchase for any students who were unable to attend the graduate fair.

Kimberly Lyman, representative for Northeast Emblematic, was on hand to provide information on diploma frames provided by the company. The frames are sold through the Bookstore, although the University of Maine Alumni Association also has frames available. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association diploma frames

are available at the Buchanan Alumni House on College Avenue.

The Alumni Association was present to provide information regarding Alumni FirstClass e-mail, student loan consolidation through Collegiate Funding Services, Maine Magazine, Black Bear license plates and general graduation and commencement exercise information.

The Career Center was available to offer advice on job searches. Specialized catalogs regarding how to pursue careers in different fields were available for students. Representatives were on hand to provide information on Career Center services.

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY STACY ALEXANDER

PICK A COLOR — Donna Wickett, an employee of the University Bookstore, assists seniors in preparing for May's commencement ceremony at Wednesday's Graduation Fair.

# THE MAINE CAMPUS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, March 28, 2005

### Aquacize class

The 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.

### Cuba lecture

Mary Jo Blazek will give a lecture titled "After the Revolution and Embargo: Cuban Social Policy for Women and Families" at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Union Bangor Lounge. For more information, contact Angela Olson at 581-1228.

### Latin American forum

"Latin American Studies at UMaine and Beyond: Local and Global Connections," a forum featuring Joseph Westphal, Dan Sandweiss and Kathleen March will be held at noon in Memorial Union FFA Room. For more information, contact Rosaline Weller at 581-1167.

### Cancer lecture

Tony Brinkley will give a lecture entitled "Working with Cancer" as part of the Counseling Center's brown bag luncheon series "Resilience and Well-Being" at 12:15 p.m. in Memorial Union Coe Room. For more information contact, Rex Norris at 581-4145 or on FirstClass.

### Bible study

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

### Aerobic class

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

### Power yoga

A yoga class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Gymnasium All-Purpose Room. For more information contact Paul Stern on FirstClass.

### Community meal

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

Tuesday, March 29, 2005

### Candidate meeting

An open faculty meeting with Presidential Candidate Brian Foster will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Wells Commons and Conference Center. For more information, contact Heidi Carlow at 581-1512.

### Counseling workshop

"Managing Political Angst: Dealing with Feelings of Powerlessness as a Global Citizen" will be led by Melinda Merrill at 3 p.m. in Memorial Union Coe Room. For more information, contact Rex Norris at 581-4145 or on FirstClass.

### Aerobic class

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

Wednesday, March 30, 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.

### 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.

# How to protect yourself and your security deposit



By Brett Baber  
Student Legal Services

If you are one of the many students renting off-campus, chances are you were required to provide your landlord with a security deposit. This security deposit can be used by the landlord to cover any unpaid rent or damages caused during your tenancy. The amount of security deposit required by a landlord cannot exceed two months rent.

Once the landlord receives the security deposit, the landlord is required to place the funds into an account separate from any personal assets. As a tenant, you have the right to request that the landlord provide you with the name of the institution and the account number where your security deposit is being held. The security deposit is held in this account until the end of your tenancy, unless the landlord transfers or sells your rental unit to another.

Upon a transfer or sale of the rental unit, the landlord is required to either transfer your security deposit to the new owner or return the security deposit to you. If the landlord elects to transfer the funds to the new owner, the landlord must mail to you notice of the sale, the new owner's name and address, and the amount of security deposit transferred. Once transferred, the new owner assumes all responsibility for

your security deposit.

Typically, once paid, the security deposit is forgotten about until it's time to move. Once you have vacated the apartment, the landlord has 30 days to return your security deposit, or 21 days if you're a tenant without a written lease. The landlord can withhold from your security deposit amounts for unpaid rent, damage in excess of normal wear and tear such as worn flooring or chipping paint, removal of trash or personal property and cleaning if the apartment is left in an uninhabitable condition. The amount your landlord can collect from you is not limited to the amount of your security deposit, and your landlord can sue you for any excess amount owed. If your landlord withholds any amount from your security deposit, the landlord must send to your last known address a written statement itemizing the reason for withholding, along with payment for the remaining balance.

There may be instances when a landlord fails to return a security deposit or provide an itemized withholding statement within the specified time limit. Should this happen, the landlord's right to withhold any portion of the security deposit is forfeited, and you should request the prompt return of your security deposit. This request should be in writing and sent via certified mail with a return receipt requested. The return receipt will be your evidence the landlord received your letter. The landlord has seven days from the date of receipt to respond to your request. If, after the seven days, your landlord has not refunded your security deposit, or you think the landlord withheld too much, you

can sue your landlord in small claims court, or seek the help of an attorney. The court may award you double the amount of your security deposit if it finds that your landlord acted wrongfully by not returning your security deposit after you sent the request. You can also request attorney fees and court costs.

It is important to note that if you rent an apartment in an owner-occupied building with five or fewer units, the Maine statutes that set forth the rules relating to security deposits on residential rental units and that were the basis for the above discussion do not apply. You still have similar rights and can sue in small claims court, but instead of double damages and costs, the court would award whatever it thought was fair based upon your agreement with the landlord.

To protect yourself from ending up in small claims court, there are several steps you can take to protect your security deposit. Prior to moving in, you and landlord should inspect the apartment together. If your landlord won't agree to this, take along a witness or photograph or video tape the condition of the apartment. During the inspection make a list of all defects. Give a copy of this list to your landlord and keep a copy for yourself. Any damages occurring during your tenancy should be reported to your landlord immediately. When it comes time to move out, be sure to clean the apartment and remove all your property. Once this is done, do another inspection with your landlord. Hopefully, this will facilitate the return of your security deposit and prevent any surprise deductions.

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generate heat. The administration is requesting \$9 million to build the facility and could, according to Joe Carr, UMaine interim director of public affairs, reap vast economic profit. Carr said conservative estimates for the amount of net profit the university could make over a 15-year period range from \$6 to \$17 million, depending on the size of the engine purchased.

"It's important, as a public facility, that we look at any way we can to save costs," Carr said. "I think it's really good news. The potential is outstanding."

Carr also said the turbine would be good for the environment because they would be burning mostly natural gas with possibly some oil.

Janet Waldron, vice president of administration and finance, said the university would make money from selling the excess electricity produced by the large turbine to the Bangor Hydro power grid. The profits from selling electricity and the money the university would save through cogeneration could mean money saved for students as well, since the university could reduce a possible future tuition increase by two percent, Waldron said.

"All the information we have would point to this as being an excellent option for the campus," Waldron said.

Much of the university's engi-

neering department students and faculty, however, believe the building of the power plant would be a huge mistake, especially if the administration decides to purchase the used nine-megawatt turbine engine from Georgia Pacific, which has given the university priority on it before they open it up further into the market, said Jesse Packard, a UMaine mechanical engineering student. Packard said the university would most likely lose money with this plan because the turbine is too large and the grid is so competitive that they would not be able to sell the extra electricity, and what they did sell wouldn't be at a high price.

Energy expert and former mechanical engineering professor Dick Hill has also expressed his concern for the efficiency of the turbine. He said the university is not fit for cogeneration because they need much more heat than they do electricity. The turbine would produce too much electricity and not enough steam for heat, Hill said. In order to produce more heat with the turbine, they'd have to burn #2 oil, which is expensive and not environmentally friendly.

Jim Lebreque, an outside businessman who designs and builds process control systems and who has had a long-term relationship with the UMaine's engineering department, said there are several reasons why the university would be interested in purchasing the oversized turbine.

One reason could be that they would rather throw a lot of money at

a big project that would be easy to sell to the public than to spend money on a bunch of less expensive but numerous updates on the current infrastructure to make the campus more energy efficient, Lebreque said. He said that the recent Barrows Hall addition was so poorly built that it costs \$1,000 per day for electricity and increased total campus use of electricity by ten percent. Also, the university runs air conditioning in buildings during winter months and heats the sky boxes at Alford Stadium during the winter for almost \$8,000 a month just so coaches can bring potential players there to help in recruitment, Lebreque said.

"The incompetence of the facilities engineering department has accumulated so many long-term energy problems that I believe they feel that a cogeneration project can be a fix-all to cover all their past mistakes," Lebreque said.

Lebreque is investigating is the utility lawyer, the university hired to consult them, Tony Buxton in choosing a company which could research cogeneration possibilities and find a suitable turbine. Buxton referred the university to Comprehensive Energy Services, a company Lebreque said Buxton actually owns a portion of.

Lebreque has filed a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain scores of records, bills and other documents that would settle many disputes, including whether the figures the Waldron has released to the press concerning the financial and

environmental benefits cogeneration would provide were indeed accurate or not. Lebreque said he believes these figures are false and that the research required to obtain actual figures didn't begin until two weeks after the numbers were released to the press.

In his FOI, Lebreque is also requesting documents which would either prove or disprove that the university paid \$40,000 out of the fund for the student recreation center to Cianbro a year ago. At the time, the university was looking into a different cogeneration plan which Lebreque was very actively against. The university paid Cianbro to gather information which would support the plan and hopefully keep him quiet, Lebreque said. He obtained a copy of the presentation package Cianbro produced for the money and said he has not found one engineering professor who thinks the presentation and information is in any way useful, factual or productive. The university eventually decided not to pursue the Cianbro plan. Lebreque said an employee of the department of administration and finance told him the money came out of the student recreation fund, which is made up of students' tuition money.

As to a timeline for the university to provide the information, the Maine Freedom of Information Act states that if a governmental agency refuses to relinquish certain information, the individual that requested the information has five days from the date of refusal to appeal to a court.

"Until somebody starts asking

some hard questions and delves into the public record, they'll throw \$9 million at a cogeneration system that'll be very costly for the university," Lebreque said.

Lebreque said that if the university refuses to disclose necessary information, then he will take the issue to court and will participate in a rally in front of the chancellor's house.

"People who have something to hide unfortunately have unlimited legal funds supported by the tax payers and they will use them to the greatest extent possible," Lebreque said. "They truly have something to hide, and they're doing a damn good job of hiding it."

Lebreque has been working closely with engineering students Packard, Chris Leech and Ryan Stanley in researching the proposal themselves and trying to figure out what it would really mean for the university. Packard said doing so has been difficult, though, since the administration had refused to provide them with the information they would need to accurately determine figures. The administration has also not consulted the engineering department at all for assistance in helping with their energy problem, but has instead hired out-of-state firms to aid them, even though the students and faculty are highly capable and more than willing to provide their assistance, Packard said.

"This is a big slap in the face to the engineering department," said Stanley.

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greater than \$500, from their rent payment. However, a licensed professional must be hired to install and service electrical, oil burner or plumbing equipment.

Aaron Sterling, president of University of Maine's Off Campus Board, testified to the committee on behalf of the 5,500 off-campus students at UMaine.

"Most landlords are wonderful people to rent from, but there is a minority of them who are indifferent to the safety, health and security of the tenants occupying their apartments or houses," Sterling said. "Their only concern is that the rent check comes in on time once a month. Hopefully, increasing the amount from \$250 to \$500 will give such landlords increased incentive to see that their properties are kept in habitable condition."

A work session of the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee will determine whether the bill goes to the full legislature. Sterling said he's confident the bill will pass into law but encourages UMaine students to notify their representatives of their support for the legislation.

"It's obvious to me that passage of this bill has the potential to greatly improve the lives of off-campus students at the University," he said. "After talking to some off-campus students, I have no doubt that this bill will significantly improve some of

the situations I have heard horror stories about."

One such story is that of Heather Currier, a former UMaine student who graduated in December with a journalism degree. She said she consistently suffered problems with her apartment in Bangor. After the shower nozzle broke, Currier couldn't shut off the water. Carpeting placed throughout the apartment, including the bathroom, was getting moldy.

"I called about the shower, and the landlord was on vacation, so I left a message with his wife," said Currier. "Two weeks later, we get a call from him saying he's coming over to fix it because the people below us complained that water was coming into their apartment."

According to Sterling, most students aren't aware of their rights to take recourse and responsibilities to utilize a tool such as the one supplied in LD 611 to make landlords more responsive. He added that if the bill is enacted, the OCB will undertake a campaign to educate tenants of the law.

"This bill will go a long way toward discouraging the cavalier attitudes of slum lords and improving some of the unsafe and unhealthy conditions college students here in Maine are forced to live with," Sterling said. "If, and hopefully when, this passes in the Legislature, I plan to do my best to be sure that as many students know about their rights under LD 611 as I possibly can."

# Commissioner of Education talks at conference for future teachers

By Emma Popewelch  
For The Maine Campus

"Shouldn't education be about learning?" asked Susan Gendron, Maine Commissioner of Education. Gendron gave the keynote address during the fifth annual Mathematics and Science Future Teachers Club spring conference, which focused on the future of education.

"The old system was about a bell curve — some get it and others do not — but today education is pushing to encompass all students," she said.

A national statistic Gendron shared shows 70 percent of high school and 50 percent of college students reaching graduation. Gendron said she sees early and individual interaction as the key solution. As early as third grade, children can implement the skills required to succeed in math and science, although not full-fledged algebra, some of the activities children are participating and succeeding in incorporate pre-algebraic skills.

In assessing the need for student learning, Gendron highlighted the ever-changing technological field. Classrooms are using laptops and PDAs. With these tools, teachers are able to transform the mode with which children gain information. Changing curriculums toward self-direction and problem solving will gear students towards the business and economic world. A program called Real World Relevance education and learning is being documented in legislation for Promising Futures, Gendron said.

This legislation incorporates funding for a technology initia-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

FLIGHT SCHOOL — Robin Kennedy, an employee of the NASA Challenger Center, shuffles cards while teaching students and teachers about the importance of communication at Saturday's conference for future teachers.

tive as well as a comprehensive plan to link networks between Maine high schools, community colleges and the universities. The goal is an emphasis on exit skills or skills necessary to enter society.

Laura Bolstridge, a sophomore secondary education and mathematics major, said she was pleased with the plan.

"I am glad to hear of government involvement in the goals and possibilities concerning the future of education," she said.

Gendron cautioned participants away from standardized tests and assessments. She said that although it is a potential

tool, the obtained data is not utilized.

"Teaching to the test is not the goal. Instead, the information must be used to target areas needing attention," she said.

"Your challenge as future teachers and leaders is to take this opportunity and push the boundaries as far as possible," Gendron said.

"I came because it was an interesting opportunity to hear from someone in the field," said Robert Slaughenou. "I left with new and interesting ideas regarding the emphasis of teaching to a students needs and interests."

## Making mischief?



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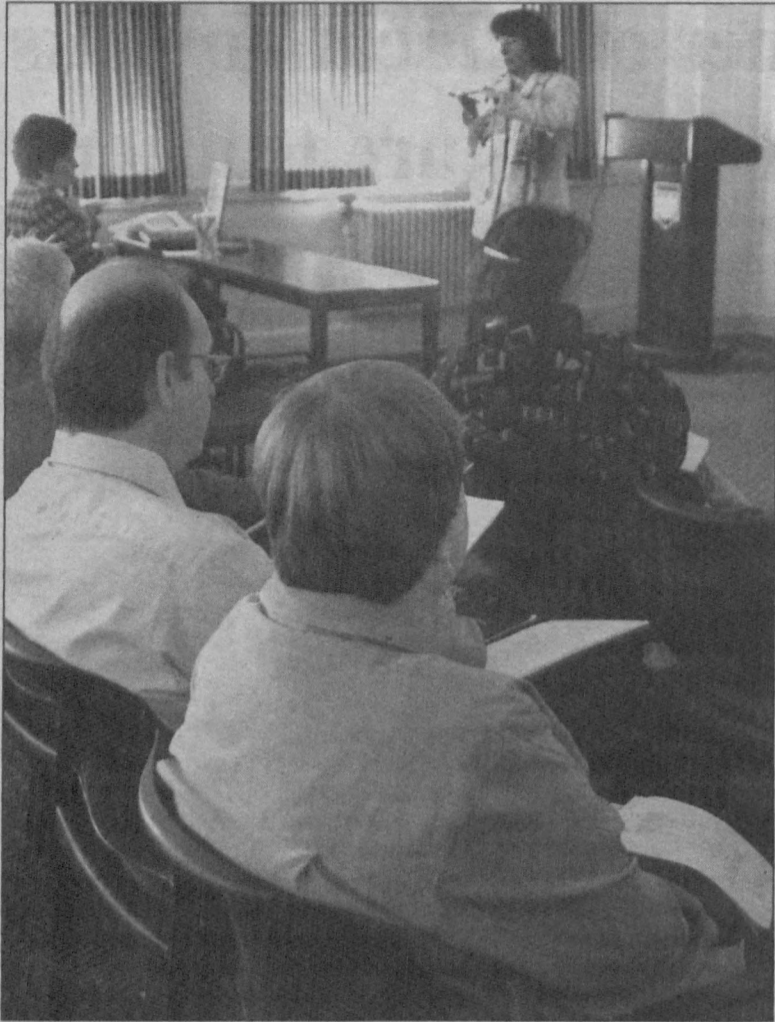
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CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

**BUDGET TALK** — Faculty and staff review the 2005 - 2006 budget analysis presented by Janet Waldron, vice president of administration, Tuesday in the Bangor Room.

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demic goals," the statement read.

Low enrollment numbers are not the only thing the school is dealing with in respect to the rising tuition. Waldron said there is a sense that our own state government could be making more of an effort to supply the university with aid.

"We should get more from our state appropriation. If we don't, it puts pressure on tuition, because that's the other big slice of the pie in terms of our increase," she said.

Although she said it is felt that the state should be more generous with funding, it still stands as one of the most fair in that arena. Private and industry subsidies are also a regular pulse in the heart beat of university funding. Many

graduates of the University of Maine contribute to the financial welfare of this school along with various industries in the state, Waldron said.

Other topics brought up by Waldron were maintenance and the aging buildings on campus.

"The average building is 33 years old," she said.

Waldron said the budget committee is not worried about the financial standing of the school. They want to find ways in which to keep costs down and revenue up. The University of Maine in 2004 grossed \$28 million and the plan is to keep that number growing. Discussion of how to best protect school assets and how to increase capacity is still taking place.

"We won't be there over night, we can get there bit by bit and then we'll be there," Waldron said.

# PSA decries financial aid law

## Group claims discrimination in current federal drug statutes

By **Samantha White**  
For *The Maine Campus*

Imagine that a group of college students are having a social gathering late Friday night. It begins to get a little out of hand, and Public Safety comes to break it up. At this point, several of the students are found with a few joints of marijuana. They have to pay a fine and receive a reprimand from the school. What many college students are unaware of is that this is not the full extent of the punishment. These students are now most likely ineligible for financial aid under the Drug Provision of the Higher Education Act.

Since the drug provision was added to the HEA in 1998, more than 160,000 students nationwide have been affected. According to a statement prepared by the Students for Sensible Drug Policy and the Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform, "the provision has had the effect of disqualifying a large number of deserving, low-to middle-income students from receiving federal aid to attend college for what are often relatively minor drug offenses, including misdemeanor possession of marijuana."

When the law was passed, it was intended to be a deterrent from doing drugs and to apply only to students who had committed drug crimes at the time that they were applying for financial aid. Instead, it has been applied to every student who has ever committed any drug crime, no matter how minor or how long ago. On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, if someone answers anything other than "no" on the drug conviction question, more forms must be completed in order to

determine his or her eligibility for financial aid. A misdemeanor such as possession of marijuana can deem someone ineligible. For one offense, no financial aid for a year; for two offenses, no aid for two years; and for three years, an indefinite amount of time.

Since the law passed, hundreds of colleges and universities, including Yale, Columbia and their student governments have endorsed a resolution for the repeal of this act with the Removing Impediments to Students' Education (RISE) Act. Orono student groups are hoping that soon the University of Maine will join this force. All last week, Amy Bair, a representative from Washington D.C., was on campus urging UMaine students to get involved. She spoke with the General Student Senate and worked with the Progressive Student Alliance, who sold more than 1,000 postcards that were sent to Senator Susan Collins urging her to endorse this resolution. Wednesday night, the PSA held a special meeting to discuss this further. One of the points of both this meeting and the Senate meeting was to give general information about the act to student leaders and how it can affect anyone at UMaine, and why they think students need to get involved. According to Bair, the first major flaw of this act is that it hurts lower income families.

"It's counter-productive and really hurts families that need financial aid," Bair said.

She said this provision is hurting the exact people that the Higher Education Act was supposed to help.

Jesse Wertheim, who spoke at the PSA meeting, made another point.

"It only affects kids that are in school, need financial aid and can do well in school," he said.

He said if the GPA of a student who is affected by the Drug Provision falls below a C, they are automatically ineligible for financial aid. This means that all students that are losing financial aid due to the drug provision are getting As and Bs. In addition to this, 36 percent of these A and B students will never return to school after having to withdraw due to lack of financial aid.

He said it also is discriminatory. Thirteen percent of the American population is black, yet they make up 55 percent of drug convictions, while making up 13 percent of drug users.

"They are four times more likely to be convicted," Wertheim said.

The RISE Act's intentions are to restore eligibility for financial aid to needy students. It also reads that this act would not change criminal law pertaining to controlled substances, nor would it change any other similar prohibitions on federal aid for convicts. Wertheim said the point of the PSA meeting was to get students to take action. He said that for students to get involved, it won't mean hours of protesting or debates, it simply means becoming aware.

To do this, everyone in the room with a cell phone dialed the number to Collin's office, something called "phone hits," where they left messages that urged her to endorse this act.

"This really isn't that controversial of an issue. Susan Collins said she'd be interested in introducing it to the Senate if enough Mainers get in touch with her," Wertheim said.

## Interested in PR?

Student Government is currently accepting applications for a new Director of External Affairs for Fall 2005

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**HOW FITTING** — Laurie Brophy tries on a gown for size at the Graduate Fair on Wednesday morning. Brophy, a 2001 UMaine graduate, will be graduating in May with her masters in social work.

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"We can take your resume and teach you ways to improve it," career assistant Ineke Hooydonk said. "Students can make an appointment with a career counselor for job search strategies."

Balfour was available to showcase official UMaine class rings. The ring display will be available in the Bookstore, although rings generally have to be special ordered for sizing and style. Students were able to be sized at the Graduate Fair and have rings ordered by Balfour staff members. The official class rings are sponsored by UMAA in a partnership with the Bookstore.

The Graduate School provided information to seniors regarding the master's degree programs available at UMaine. Graduate course information was available as well as schedules for summer and fall courses. According to Scott Delcourt, associate dean of the graduate school, the graduate school program information is generally available at the graduate fair each year, as well as other recruitment events throughout the academic year.

The Continuing Education Department was available to provide information on distance education and summer session programs. Cindy Thomas, student academic

services coordinator, described a certificate course available at the Orono and the Hutchinson Center to students, describing how CED offers programs that can greatly improve resumes and skills in the work force.

"I took this program, it is excellent," she said.

The University Credit Union was present, providing information to students regarding nationwide services to graduates, informing students that they are not required to close accounts because they are leaving campus. Rather, credit union members have the same benefits of home financing, student loan consolidation and other financial services provided by other banks.

UMaine Human Resources and the Computer Connection were also available to provide information to graduates on their departments.

A raffle at the graduate fair provided some students with free graduation prizes. The winners of the prizes will receive a refund on their purchases if they had already been placed at the fair.

Andrew Barter, senior business major was the winner of the official class ring.

"I found the Graduate Fair both exciting and helpful," he said.

Michelle Gallant, senior psychology major, agreed.

"This is definitely easier. I can get it out of the way before graduation day," she said.

# UM students help at Old Town middle school annual science fair

By Ira Perkins  
For The Maine Campus

Students put their science skills to the test at Leonard Middle School. Jonathan Doty, a graduate of the University of Maine and science and math teacher at Leonard Middle School, recently asked UMaine students if they would help out with the fifth annual science fair. His sixth grade class spent the better part of the winter months preparing themselves for a March 24 fair, when they would have a chance to show off all their hard work. University students helped them complete this long-awaited event when they showed up early in the morning for a briefing on the judging process.

The judges of the fair walked around the gymnasium talking with students about their projects, determining who best followed the scientific method. Nicholas Bonzey, ecology and environmen-

tal science major, was among the judges.

"The kids all seem to have something prepared to say. It's going well, a lot of them are on the ball, have pretty good projects, and know what to do with the scientific method," he said.

These sixth graders are learning science awareness and getting a chance to show it off to other students, parents and community members. Inadvertently, these students are also learning communication skills by preparing presentations.

The judges varied in association to the university. Some were undergraduates, graduates, faculty and three students who are still in high school taking university classes. Joshua Toothaker, a secondary science graduate student, said he enjoyed the event.

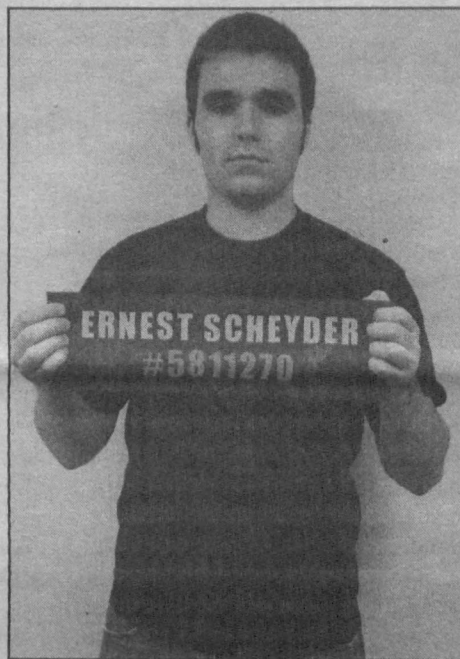
"It's good to come out and see where the state of science education is, I think it's really important," he said.

The students were responsible for coming up with a hypothesis, testing that hypothesis and drawing a conclusion. The entire process was then transferred to a backboard that was set up any way the student desired as long as it clearly explained their experiment.

The winner of the school's science fair is going to go on to the state competition, there will also be awards given for best interactive lesson and oral presentation.

Susan Linscott, a science teacher at Old Town High School is seeking a masters degree in science education and thinks there is something in the science fair for the adults along side the students.

"It's important for them to have a chance to see what the children are doing in the schools, people who are out in the community sometimes get disconnected from the schools, and this is a chance to see what the kids are interested in," Linscott said.



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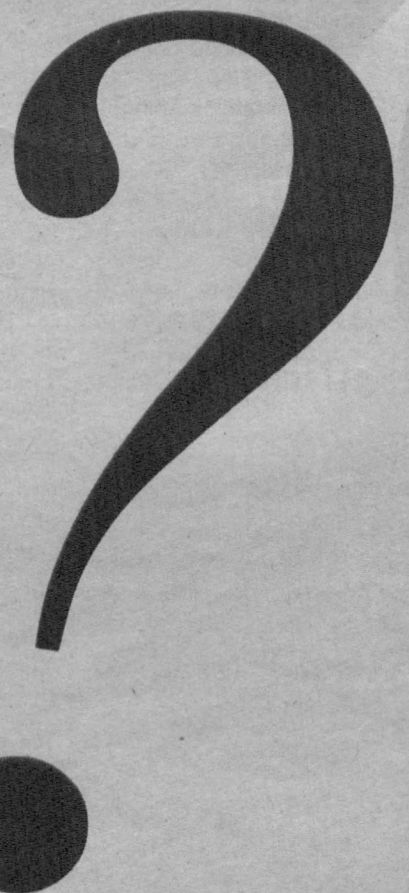
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## Secretary Wanted...

Student Government is currently accepting applications for the position of secretary for Fall 2005

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- attending weekly meetings
- taking notes at meetings
- keeping and maintaining records
- providing minutes of meetings to all members of SG and all others interested

Applications can be picked up in the SG office located on the first floor of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Kathleen O'Brien on FirstClass.

## Think about getting a summer job

It's not easy paying for school. In fact, higher education is one of the greatest financial burdens an individual will ever undertake. This is why many students will be dismayed to learn that tuition is scheduled to jump again for this upcoming school year, based upon "leveling" enrollment numbers.

This latest increase comes in the wake of last year's stinging rate hike, and couldn't come at a worse time. Beginning next week, University of Maine students will select classes for the fall semester, yet the increase in tuition rates is unknown. Any scholar of capitalism knows that it is illogical to buy something before you know the price. Therefore we ask how can students be asked to commit to taking a class for which they do not know the ultimate charge?

Not only is a rate hike uncalled for after several years of increases, but the board of trustees should announce their decision on tuition before students finalize their academic schedules.

## Rep. Cain enables faith in politicians

Politicians make many promises on the campaign trail in an effort to garner support and the necessary votes to be elected. Some politicians fail to make good on their words.

Rep. Emily Cain is an exception to the negative stereotypes that surround contemporary politics. During her campaign this past fall, Rep. Cain rallied students, claiming she would work for them if elected.

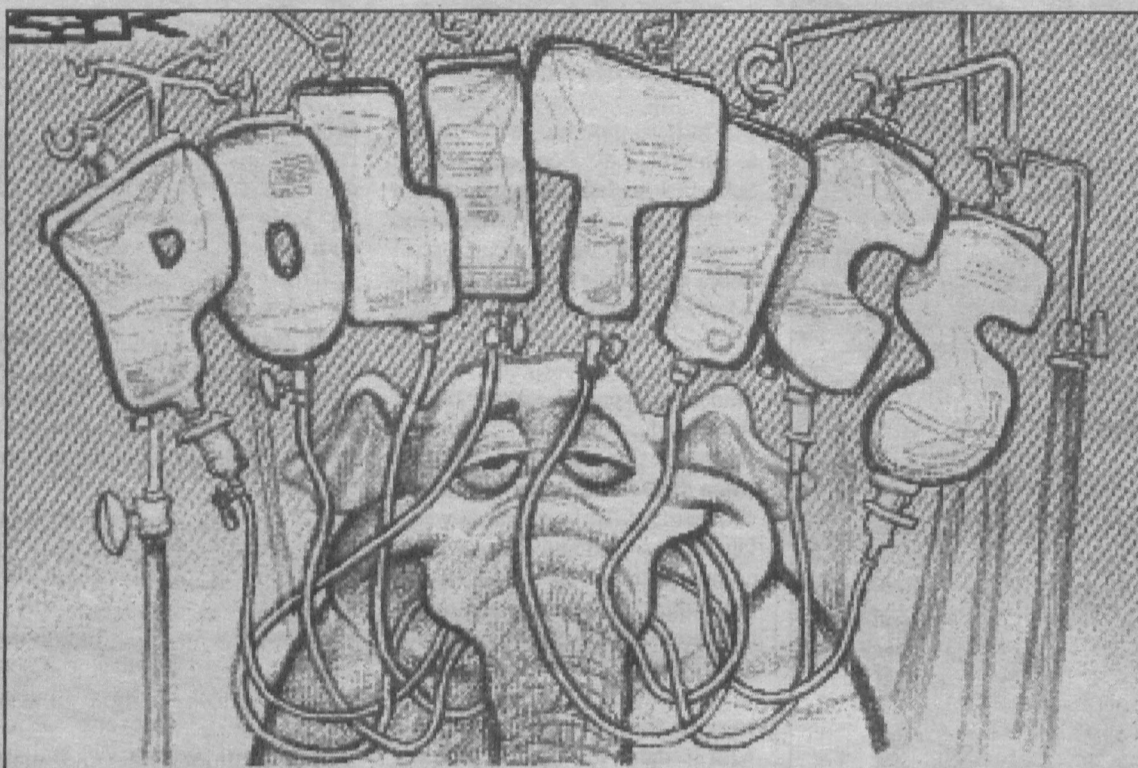
Her recent sponsorship of a bill that would assist tenants by allowing them to withhold rent for essential repairs is evidence of her promise to work for students.

While not aimed exclusively at helping student renters, Rep. Cain's proposal, if passed, would empower tenants who may be subject to negligent landlords. As a former University of Maine student herself, Rep. Cain knows there is a lot more on our minds than worrying about safe and acceptable living conditions.

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Quote from Republican memo:  
"...the pro-life base will be excited....a great political issue..."

## Put away your placards

### Schiavo protesters infringe on family's right to decide

Some people will capitalize anytime they protest or politicize a cause, even though someone's personal life is at stake. In the case of Terri Schiavo, everyone seemed to jump on the bandwagon of what they feel should be done in her case, more importantly, her life.

For the past week, Terri's face has been plastered across media outlets throughout the United States due to the infatuation and sides that are being drawn throughout the country. For some inconceivable reason, people have felt that this family court case is fascinating, and that they should put in their own two cents.

Over 15 years ago, Terri fell into an incapacitated state over which her parents have fought with her husband for years. In 1990, then just 26-years-old, Terri collapsed at her Florida home from what doctors said was a potassium imbalance.

KRISTIN SAUNDERS



EDITOR IN CHIEF

After she collapsed, her brain did not receive oxygen for about five minutes. The oxygen deprivation caused severe brain damage. She has been in a vegetated state since, and the sides have been drawn.

Her husband, Michael Schiavo, has insisted that his wife did not want to be kept alive by artificial means and her parents, Mary and Robert Schindler think that she should be kept alive no matter what it takes. Michael and the Schindlers have battled in the courts over her feeding tube. According to

CNN.com, David Gibbs, an attorney for the Schindlers, said 41-year-old Terri has the mental capacity of a 6-month-old. George Felos, Michael's attorney, said she lacks all mental capacity and spinal fluid occupies the space where her cerebral cortex was.

But the real question is: Who has the right to inflict their beliefs on another person's life? The family has been speaking with the protesters that parade themselves outside Hospice House Woodside. This past weekend more than 100 protesters held a vigil for Easter; they carried wooden crosses or signs. The signs included, "Don't murder Terri," and one sign read "Michael is a murder," according to CNN.com. Some extremists' placards are not going to medically help Terri, or the family to

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## Letters to the Editor

### •Protesting Goodman's views

In his article "Protesting the protesters" [The Maine Campus, March 21] Paul Goodman seems to take great care in painting those acting out against the Iraq war as purveyors of cliches and inaccurate beliefs, but it seems to me that Goodman himself suffers from these maladies.

The reality of the situation is everything is not going as well as Goodman would have us believe. His statements about Iraq follow closely to the line that the current administration adheres to, but one election does not make a stable democracy. The results of that election have led to a renewal of factional conflict between the

Kurds, Shia and underrepresented rejectionist Sunnis.

They are indeed supposed to meet soon to begin crafting an Iraqi constitution, but given the fact they have not been able to agree on the composition of a government, this process may be in

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## Challenge to Disney

### Transgendered student defended

MATTHEW SMALL &  
DR. ROBERT DANA

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

The Disney College Program returns to the University of Maine today to recruit our students for semester-long internships. Many of our students choose to take advantage of the excellent opportunities to gain real-world experience, complementing the demanding work they encounter in UMaine's classrooms.

One of our transgender students is currently participating in the Disney program, despite challenges she has faced as she worked out the details of her employment. She is currently paying double the rent that any other participant pays for housing with Disney. The company requires her to live in a double-single, and does not allow her to seek a roommate. The issue indicates a real hardship for transgendered people who are participating in the Disney College Program.

Thanks to the generosity of many within the UMaine community and beyond, our student has received a \$2,500 grant from Wilde Stein Alliance to cover the additional housing fees incurred for the semester. The group raised the money through its recent "Songs for Change" concert and subsequent donations. Without this funding, the playing field would not have been leveled, and this UMaine student would have been forced to decline the internship.

There is currently no law assuring equal rights for transgendered people in housing and employment. Until such a law exists, we call on the leaders of the progressive Walt Disney Company to examine their policies for transgender employees. The company has an excellent track record with gay, lesbian and bisexual persons, and we hope that Disney will take the next step so that all members of the GLBT community may have equal opportunities.

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## SCHIAVO

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come to a resolution. If these people think that they are actually going to help, try writing a sympathy card to her family rather than calling people murders and using this as an excuse to protest.

This family matter has become a special with bystanders and politicians inflicting their values. On Oct. 21, 2003 politicians in Florida made a cause out of Terri and turned this into a political stepping stone when they passed "Terri's Law." The bill allowed Gov. Jeb Bush the authority to reverse a judge's decision and order the reconnection of a feeding tube that had kept Terri alive for 13 years. The tube had been removed six days earlier. Bush called the decision "an act of compassion." He and Florida Speaker of the House Johnnie Byrd, R-Plant City, got most of the credit and gratitude according to the St. Petersburg Times. They cited that Byrd, then a candidate for U.S. Senate, attracted nationwide media coverage. He appeared on Fox News Channel's "Hannity & Colmes" and PBS' "NewsHour." Not bad when you are running for a Senate seat.

In 2004, the Florida Supreme Court declared "Terri's Law" unconstitutional and Gov. Bush later appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

There has been speculation that Michael's account of Terri's right to die declaration was fabricated because Michael has a girlfriend

and two children by another woman. Or, that the \$700,000 awarded in a malpractice lawsuit has run out, and would cause Michael to make up the declaration. CNN.com reported that the money ran out about three years ago. Although he has been guardian of Terri since 1990, he waited until 1998 to begin the legal battle to have her feeding tube removed. Her parents could be correct in their assessment that he is motivated by greed in Terri's right-to-die declaration.

Six days following the signing of "Terri's Law," Michael told Larry King that his wife didn't want to be kept alive artificially. "This is Terri's wish, this is Terri's choice," he said, "and I'm going to follow that wish, if it's the last thing I can do for Terri."

Despite conflicting opinions from doctors on both the parents' or the husband's side, all we can remember when we are inflicting our opinion is that we have no idea what something this is like, unless we have actually been in that situation. It is awful to think that all these family members, who love the same woman, are battling it out in courtrooms because no one can agree on what is best for Terri or what she actually would have wanted. Imagine if Terri had written down her true intentions, maybe this whole situation would have been reverted. No placards, no courtrooms, no politicians and no fighting — just one woman resting peacefully the way she wanted.

*Kristin Saunders believes protesters should "go home."*

for GLBT students and their straight allies each Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Union. The GLBT and Allies Council meets monthly to discuss climate, educational and policy issues affecting our campus. For more information, visit [www.umaine.edu/glb](http://www.umaine.edu/glb).

Other excellent campus resources include Peer Educators, the Counseling Center, Athletes for Sexual Responsibility, the Safe Campus Project, Professor Sandy Caron's human sexuality course, residence hall staff members and numerous other supportive organizations and individuals.

As always, we continue to make ourselves available to advocate for all our students.

*Robert Q. Dana is UMaine's Dean of Students. Matthew Small serves as the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Liaison to the Dean, as well as co-chair of the GLBT and Allies Council.*

banditry are rampant in the countryside.

As for Iran, I would direct Goodman to read Seymour Hersh's article "The Coming Wars," which catalogues just how likely it is that the United States will be militarily involved in Iran sooner or later. Hersh is widely considered an incredibly accurate reporter, and it is altogether likely that the current U.S. diplomatic ministrations are nothing but a preamble to an inevitable conflict. There are other things which I could point out, but space does not permit.

The Middle East may not devolve into bloody chaos, but it is certain that our actions in the region have not improved the situation much at all.

**Nick Laverty  
Senior Political Science  
Major**

## Fair Trade more than a hill of beans

### Insight into the multi-billion-dollar java empire

STEVEN J.  
BUTTERFIELD

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

the only exporters, they sell high, oftentimes four or five times what they paid.

Very few commodities sold at the global level have market conditions as volatile as coffee. Prices fluctuate wildly and rapidly: an overnight frost or especially strong storm in Brazil, the largest coffee exporting nation in the world, can annihilate prices, literally in hours. In the past few decades, mechanizing and modernizing the production process in many countries means that more coffee can be produced more cheaply than ever before. All of these conditions have understandably led to a flattening out of coffee prices.

Enter Fair Trade. Fair Trade is coffee that has been certified by non-profit international organizations as providing a living wage to farmers. Fair Trade organizations work with small local producers in export markets to form cooperative trading blocs: In other words, five hundred farmers working together can negotiate a better price than if they sold individually. This puts the profits in the pockets of the producers and keeps it away from the profiteers.

Opponents claim that it undercuts free trade. Free trade agreements apply only to government market controls: they have nothing

There's a good chance that as you're reading this you have a cup of coffee nearby. These days, that cup probably cost you a few quarters more than a buck. Take a look into your cup and ask yourself a simple question: does that \$5 triple-shot decaf extra hot soy latte seem cheap to you?

Coffee is the second-most heavily traded commodity on the global market, behind — you guessed it — petroleum. It's the largest food import in the U.S., where we account for one-fifth of global coffee consumption. There are eleven million hectares of farmland worldwide used for coffee cultivation, and each year over 25 million farmers and workers in 50 countries produce the estimated twelve billion pounds consumed annually. Make no mistake: Coffee is big business. So how can it be that farmers worldwide can barely afford food? How is it possible that they can't make enough to live when we pay \$12 a pound?

Before it can be brewed, coffee must be roasted, exported, and re-imported, leading to necessary cost increases to cover production. Frequently, local businessmen in South and Central America intercede as market middlemen and hijack raw coffee. By acting as export intermediaries, they place themselves between small farmers who cannot possibly sell their comparatively low-yield harvests on the global markets and consumer nations. In other words, by acting as the only buyers, they can buy as low as \$30 per pound, and by acting as

ing to do with these kinds of non-governmental cooperative trading groups. In fact, the market intermediaries are far more harmful to the spirit of free trade than agricultural cooperatives. Thanks to free trade, prices on products worldwide are decreasing. Why not take some of the money saved to make sure that coffee farmers can afford to live? The buying power of \$.50 in Guatemala is drastically greater than the buying power of the same \$.50 cents here.

Providing more money directly to the farmers has multiple benefits. Extra profits are recycled into community development and environmental initiatives in the affected areas. Keeping production profitable helps ensure that farmers will stick to coffee, rather than more lucrative crops such as cocaine, marijuana and opium poppy. In an effort to meet production quotas, farmers often bring children into the fields with them as free labor. Fair Trade coffee helps to prevent that.

It's easy to support Fair Trade — just buy Fair Trade-certified coffee. If you're buying coffee by the cup, opt for a Fair Trade brew: the Oakes Room on campus always has several varieties available. It costs no more than other coffee, but by checking the label for certification you can be assured that the profits are going where they should be. For more information, contact the Progressive Student Alliance on campus, or check out <http://www.globalexchange.org/campaigns/fairtrade>.

*Steven J. Butterfield is a senior international affairs major.*

## DISNEY

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Transgender issues are becoming a part of the greater public dialogue about equality for all people. We encourage UMaine students, faculty and staff to learn more before making judgments on the rights of transgender people. Too often, we allow preconceived notions and misinformation to form our opinions around issues that have a real, human effect on members of our own community. We must educate ourselves first.

The Rainbow Resource Center, located across from the Wade Center in the basement of the Memorial Union, is an excellent first stop for resources about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. Wilde Stein Alliance holds meetings to support and advocate

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peril. And simply because an election occurred does not eliminate the fact that there is a large and energetic insurgency, guided by a mix of foreign and domestic elements, that is intent on destroying the process. Goodman's comments about other areas of the Middle East are equally misguided and underinformed. The assertion that Afghanistan is becoming a "stable, democratic nation" is laughable when taking into consideration that Hamid Karzai's power does not extend beyond Kabul, that Taliban and Al Qaeda elements are reconstituting along the Afghan-Pakistan border and that poppy production and increasing warlordism and

## Winds of change and watersheds

### The spread of freedom in the Middle East

KEVIN  
O'KEEFE

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Recent events in Beirut and Lebanon are nothing short of remarkable. An oppressed Lebanese populace at the hands of the Syrians that would not have dared protest in the streets for years are now rising in astounding numbers to kick the Syrians out of their country. They are beginning to exercise a value we all know well, but is just being born in that region of the world. This is freedom.

We often take it for granted here in the United States because we have been born with it and have lived every day of our lives exercising it. Yet the people of the Middle East are just tasting the fruits of freedom for the first time, and many are fighting for it. Where did this sudden catalyst come from? In the case of Lebanon, certainly the death of the well-respected Rafik Al-Hariri was the flashpoint for many Lebanese to say enough is enough. There is no way that these mass demonstrations would have commenced without the great show of freedom expressed in Iraq on Jan. 30, their election day. Amidst many threats from Islamo-facis terrorists and the continuing violence in that country, 8 million brave Iraqi men and women, young and old, literally risked their lives to vote and to express their

freedom. Today, brave Iraqi men continue to enroll in Iraq's security forces in droves, to serve and defend their new country. Women have been empowered in many arenas of public life, a value practically unknown in the Arab world. We are now seeing ordinary Iraqis in the streets demonstrating and protesting the terrorists, not the Americans. A truly remarkable reversal of affairs.

How have these revolutionary changes taken place? These brave people too openly yearn to be free and actively take part in and fight for freedom. The courage and resolve of President George Bush, who made the tough decisions and to continue to see ahead and fight on. Last but certainly not least, our American soldiers who have fought and died so valiantly for a good cause and for these shifts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Certainly the winds of change that are in their infant stages in the Middle East cannot be attributed entirely to the United States. The death of the terrorist

Yasser Arafat lead to a break in the Israeli-Palestinian impasse and the assassination of Hariri prompted the Lebanese to finally take it to the streets. However, little would be changed in this region without the American-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Democratic revolution is spreading, and this is good for two main reasons. First, and most importantly, it is in our nation's best security interests to see anti-American, war-like dictators fall and democracy spread in the volatile Middle East. Secondly, I feel that the values of freedom and democracy over religious or dictatorial rule are far better for the prosperity and future of the region and its people. Military might is not the only way to push these changes. The ideals of freedom do not know borders or boundaries and will spread. Now, more than our military, freedom is what is endangering these oppressive backward Arab regimes and exposing their failed tyrannies. The road ahead is still long and tough, but worth fighting for. Major, permanent in-roads have been made and the pressure must continue towards reform. We are winning, keep going.

*Kevin O'Keefe is a senior history major.*



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8 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 29  
Memorial Union  
Free

Gavin DeGraw  
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Thursday, March 31  
MCA  
\$10

## ART

"Anya Lewis:  
Freezetag"  
Through Saturday,  
April 2  
Norumbega Hall  
Free

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

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Art and Artifacts  
from the Middle East"  
Through Friday, June 10  
Hudson Museum  
Free

## THEATER

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

## ENTERTAINMENT

International Dance Festival  
7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 31  
Minsky Recital Hall  
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Mars Invasion  
7 p.m.  
Friday, April 1  
Wingate Hall

Campus-Wide Poker  
Tournament  
11 a.m.  
Saturday, April 2  
North Pod, Memorial Union  
\$20

Karaoke  
9 p.m.  
Saturday, April 2  
Bear's Den  
Free

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3 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
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Sony's first foray into the hand-held entertainment world results in success



## SONY PSP: A portable, palmable Playstation

By Aaron Barnes  
Head Copy Editor

Electronic gaming aficionado — that's the term I prefer over video game geek. I consider myself a member of this much-maligned and often misunderstood group. For years, I've tried repeatedly to walk away from gaming, only to return with ever-greater fervor. I once showed up at a Narcotics Anonymous meeting to kick the habit. No such luck — I'm still gaming as hard as ever, only now I've got a raging meth habit that lets me mash controller buttons for days on end.

Being a lover of all things video game has its costs: There's the money spent on gaming hardware and software that should have been spent elsewhere; the time spent playing the games themselves, which often trumps activities such as eating or sleeping; and the hours spent foraging the Internet for the latest gaming gossip. It comes as no surprise that there's a certain stigma attached to gamers. This is bad enough when you're a teenager, but it's downright humiliating when you're in your mid-twenties. So, I do what any intelligent person would do — keep my beloved pastime a dark secret. Only my shrink and the clerk at Electronics Boutique are the wiser.

Last week witnessed a beacon of optimism for gamers in the form of the Sony PSP, released on Friday to an anxious North American market. Since the release of the Nintendo GameBoy — the first widely successful handheld gaming system — in 1988, marketing types have been telling us that subsequent portable systems will change the way we entertain ourselves on

the go. Did the battery-draining brick known as the original GameBoy offer me anything aside from a chronic case of carpal tunnel syndrome? Nope. The Nintendo DS, released last fall in the United States, was the first glimpse of a true portable multimedia device of the new millennium. It's clunky design and rushed initial game lineup overshadowed innovative features such as a dual-screen display with touch screen and built-in Bluetooth networking. Sony's first foray into the Nintendo-dominated portable market hits the sweet spot with a perfect combination of design and features. This is the handheld gaming system that will finally get geeks laid — it is one sexy system.

First, the bundle: The PSP comes packaged with some useful goodies. For \$249.99, you get the system proper, obligatory battery and AC adapter, manuals, a rather nice set of earbuds with iPod-style remote control, 32 MB Sony Memory Stick, wrist strap, padded carrying pouch, cleaning cloth and demo software. The first 1 million to pre-order a PSP also received the "Spider-Man 2" movie in UMD format. The only thing missing here is a game — if you didn't buy one of the gaming bundles, that is — which are reasonably priced at \$39.99.

Opening the box and pulling out the PSP, the first thing that struck me was how well designed the system feels. Even with the battery in, the weight of the PSP isn't a hindrance, and the familiar Playstation button layout, complete with analog stick and two trigger buttons, is reassuring. Compare this with the Nintendo DS, which has the

uncanny ability to cause severe wrist spasms in mere minutes. It's not until the PSP is powered up that the most gorgeous aspect of the system is highlighted — the display. The 4.3-inch TFT screen is capable of displaying 16.7 million colors, and it boasts a 16:9 widescreen aspect ratio. This means that movies on the PSP can be viewed as they were intended — no pan-and-scan funkiness here. Sony included a button to adjust the brightness of the backlight, and even on the lowest setting, the screen is visible in daylight.

For media, the PSP accepts Sony Memory Stick Duo cards and UMD. For those unfamiliar with UMD, they have the appearance of miniature CDs enclosed in plastic housing, not unlike Sony's MiniDisc format. UMD media are capable of storing up to 1.8 GB of data, meaning that even movies distributed in this format will be near-DVD quality.

The PSP is capable of playing MPEG-4 movies from both the UMD drive and from Memory Sticks, meaning you can rip your favorite pirated TV shows and movies for watching during lectures. The copy of "Spider-Man 2" that came with the system left me with a puddle of drool on my shirt in no time. Even the stereo speakers output a decent range of audio at a surprisingly high volume with no distortion.

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# 'Broadway Nights' a diverse, fun show

By Steven J. Butterfield  
Staff Writer

It was an evening of superb performances, light moods, and laughter at this year's "A Night of Broadway," presented by the university's own Broadway Players.

With music from "Avenue Q," "Footloose," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Anything Goes" and current Broadway smash "Wicked," the show kept the audience captivated from start to finish.

Co-producer Anne Schmidt said that turnout for Friday night's show was fantastic.

"Overall it went great. I'm so proud of the cast, especially considering the short timeline of the show this year. We just cast it on the 17th, and still had one of the best turnouts I've ever seen Friday night," she said.

The 13 pieces were all fantastic. The first show-stopper came with the second number of the night, "I Am a Woman" from "Smokey Joe's Cafe." This brassy ode to womanhood was performed by Maida Cordero, Amy Smart, Janis Greim — the other co-producer of this year's show — and Crystal McArthur. The highlight was McArthur's extraordinary solo.

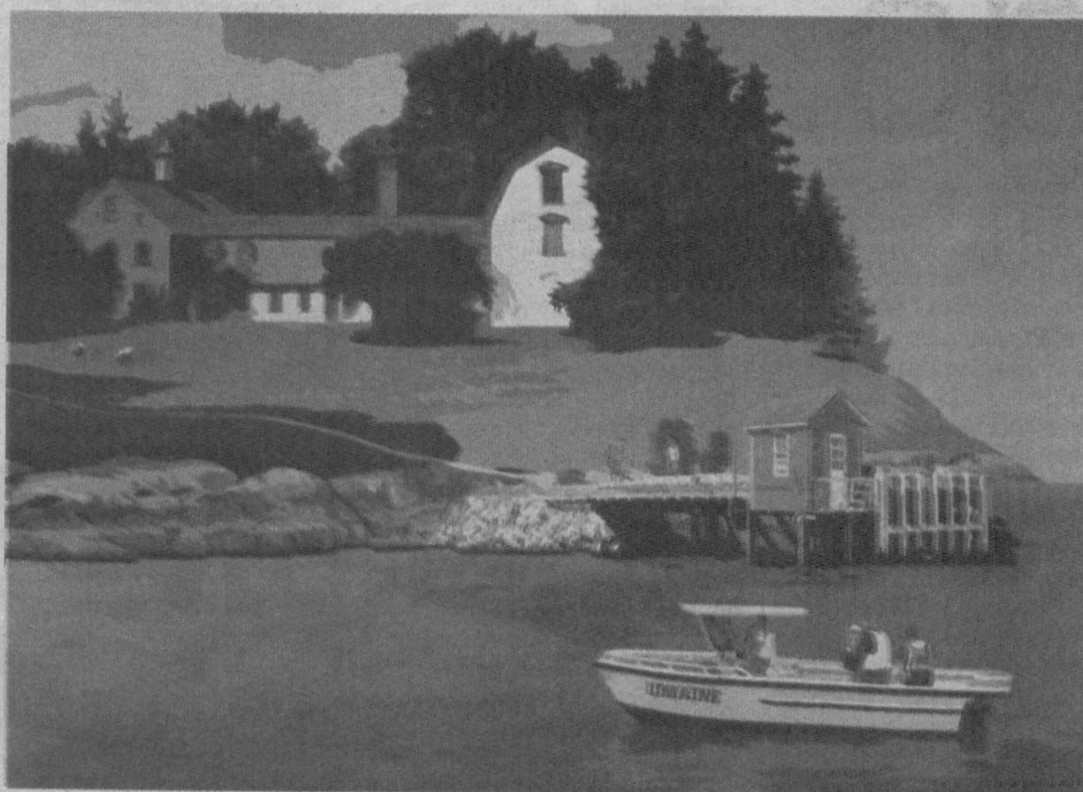
It can't be easy to steal the show from Greim, a seasoned performer who was last seen on cam-

pus starring as Velma Kelly in the campus production of "Chicago," but McArthur pulled it off with aplomb. This number was hers from top to bottom. McArthur has a set of pipes that, octave for octave, note for note, nobody else in the show could match. She could have given lessons on projecting to a few of the cast members.

A few minutes later, Schmidt ate up the stage like a maniac, a modern-day Momma Rose, promising success and popularity as she trilled her way through "Popular," from the show "Wicked." She floated through the staccato highs and lows of this ballad about the power of looking good and being loved for it. It wasn't hard to tell that Schmidt was one of the best all-around performers of the evening as she lit up the rafters with her voice and the audience with her charm.

The second half had the biggest highlights — and the biggest disappointments — of the evening. Opening was Maida Cordero performing "Dance 10, Looks 3" from "A Chorus Line." Cordero nailed the smart, world-wise attitude, but apparently spent so much time learning how to be smugly self-aware that she forgot to learn the music. At one point, it seemed like she missed a line entirely, and by the end the gimmick was more annoying than effective.

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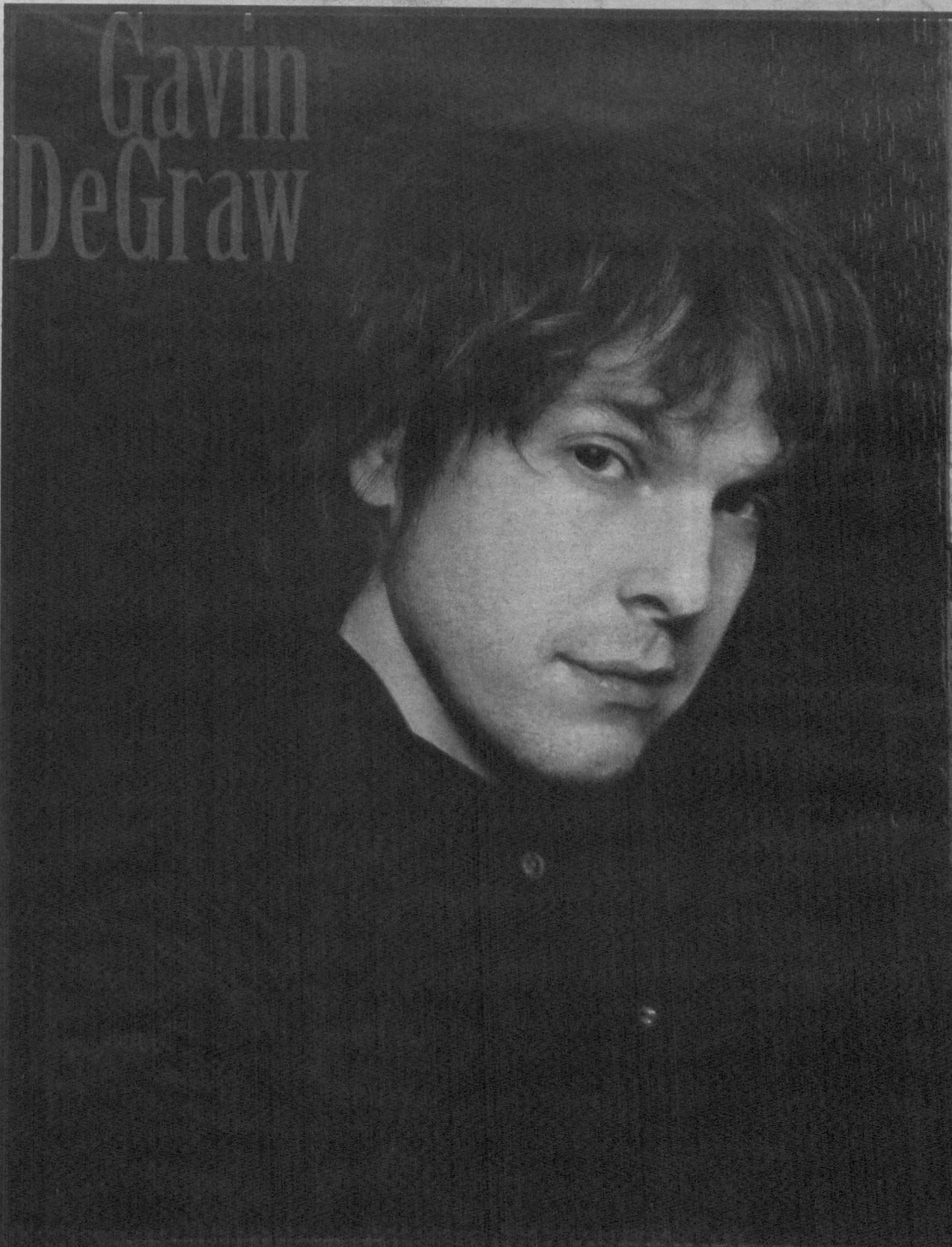


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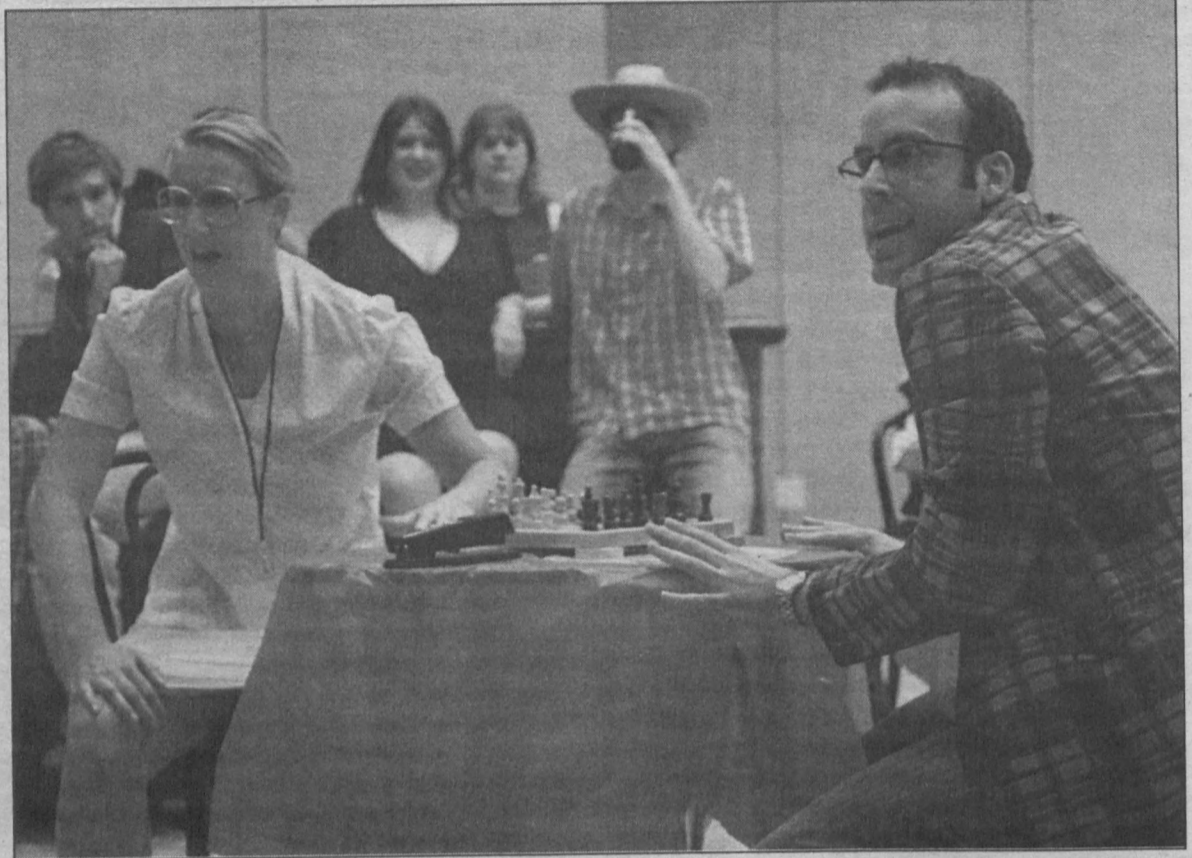
First-year student Sara Richardson was both sweet and frisky in spades as she flounced across stage for "I Enjoy Being a Girl," from "Flower Drum Song." You may have heard the song in GAP commercials with Sarah Jessica Parker, and Richardson actually looks a little bit like Parker. She brought a natural, easy charm to the number that some others lacked.

Perhaps the best act of the show came when Dominick Varney and Janis Greim belted their way through the dark, moody duet "Dangerous Game" from "Jekyll and Hyde." This is a chilling and eerie bit of music, so I was a little surprised when they upped the shtick by playing nerdy opponents in an apparently high-stakes chess match who could barely seem to take their eyes off of each other. I was even more surprised when it worked. It lightened the mood enough that the number meshed well with the generally

upbeat tone of the rest of the evening, and still gave them a chance to show off some dizzying vocal acrobatics and great stage chemistry.

I've reserved my greatest criticism for the master of ceremonies, Michael Thayer. His emceeing was irritating and, inexplicably, featured a sock puppet frog. Unless there was some inside joke that I didn't get, the frog was more of an aggravating distraction than sidekick. Thayer's attempts at seeming muddled, confused and wimpy were unfortunately all too effective, and before long he had lost any hope of doing what a good host should — keep the show running — and just ended up making things choppy than they had any right to be.

Still, the complaints are minor and the show overall was a deserved success. The university could use more devoted groups like the Broadway Players to bring such talent, energy and culture to the stage. Here's to many more nights of Broadway here at UMaine.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

**CHECKMATE** — Janis Greim and Dominick Varney sing "Dangerous Game" from the Broadway Show "Jekyll & Hyde" while playing chess, a metaphor for their uncertain romance.

## PSP

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multiplayer, and the PSP has a number of connectivity options to accomplish this task and others. The USB port — USB Mini-B cable not included — facilitates connecting the system to a computer where it then acts as a reader for Memory Stick Duo media, allowing a user to copy files to and from Memory Sticks. The PSP also sports an Infrared port for IR connections, although the built-in 802.11b wireless networking means this feature will most likely go unused. The wireless networking has the most promise of any other PSP feature. It allows ad-hoc connections between up to 16 systems at once, and can connect to wireless access points, even ones that have 128-bit WEP encryption.

A common issue with many portable electronics devices is battery life. Thankfully, the Lithium-Ion rechargeable battery used by the PSP offers up to six hours of use during gameplay and up to five hours of use when viewing videos. I got just under five-and-a-half hours of mixed gaming and movie-watching use. The system has a number of user adjustable power-saving options, including display backlight timeout, wireless LAN power-saving mode and an AutoSleep feature that puts the system in hibernation after a certain period of inactivity. To further conserve battery life, a switch on the side of the unit allows the wireless networking to be turned off altogether.

I brought home just one game with the PSP, a fun but seen-it-all-before role-playing game called "Untold Legends," but I have played a number of them. All the games I

tried share one trait: The quality of the graphics is amazing. These first-generation titles won't push the hardware as much as later games will, but the crisp anti-aliased polygons and beautiful colors are without a doubt the best graphics to ever grace a handheld system. Framerates are stable, and I rarely noticed hitching, which is pausing on the side of the screen. Screaming around corners in "Ridge Racer" had me thinking I was playing Gran Turismo 4 on my PS2, and hacking my way through dungeons in "Untold Legends" brought back memories of the "Baldur's Gate" series. The capabilities of the PSP are at least on par with current console systems.

New electronic devices always have a few caveats, and the PSP is no exception. Most glaring is the omission of any sort of Internet-related software for use with the wireless networking. There is no Web brows-

er, e-mail client or chat software. Currently, the only uses for the wireless networking are multiplayer gaming and "Network Update," a feature that updates the system software online. To not fully utilize the capabilities of the networking seems folly, and one can only assume that Sony will roll out Internet-enabled software in the future.

Sony's proprietary Memory Stick Duo media is also notoriously expensive, with a 1GB stick currently selling for around \$175. The 32MB stick that comes with the PSP is good only for save game files and a few photos, so purchasing a higher-capacity card is essential for viewing movies or listening to music. It appears as though third parties are releasing Memory Stick media, and as with all media formats prices will eventually drop.

A few minor issues cropped up as I used the PSP over the weekend. First, the system is quite loud when UMD media spins up and data is accessed from the disc. Load times aren't bad at all, and are less than most PS2 load times, but the sound of a disc spinning thousands of RPM between my fingers is discon-

certing. This is more of a problem with the design of UMD media, however, so the possibility for modification exists. The text-entry system is also a throwback to cell phones. To enter text, it is necessary to cycle through a combination of letters and number to reach the desired character. This system can be tweaked somewhat, but it is far from intuitive. An on-screen keyboard would have been more appropriate.

These issues are nitpicks, though. The PSP is leaps and bounds above all other portable systems, and it renders the current offerings from Nintendo and Nokia obsolete. Sony has included the right mix of gaming and non-gaming features, thrown in a visually appealing user interface and packaged it all in a sleek design that screams "I'm cool, look at me," in the same way Apple's iPod does. The PSP seems destined to be the device that transcends the boundaries of gaming and appeal to the masses that won't drop \$250 on a single-use device. Whether it will let electronic gaming aficionados transcend the boundaries of geekdom remains to be seen.

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STRUMMIN' — The Ryan Montbleau Band offered a fresh sound to The Frequency on Thursday night by including a bass in their ensemble.

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# Montbleau Band combines blues, rock

Boston-based band performs for Frequency

By Desiree Fernald  
For The Maine Campus

At Thursday night's Frequency show, The Ryan Montbleau Band made the crowd anxiously wait for nearly half an hour before taking the stage. To the delight of the crowd, the wait was worth it.

This Boston blues-rock band consists of Ryan Montbleau on guitar and vocals, James P. Cohen on drums, Jason Cohen on electric piano and organ, and Matt Giannaros on bass guitar and viola.

The band has a blues rock sound like a combination of Ben Harper, John Mayer and Stevie Wonder. The band combines instrumental genius with catchy sing-along lyrics. On a number of songs, audience members cheered along with Montbleau's masterful guitar playing, as well as Giannaros' viola playing.

Many of the songs started off slow and then picked up the pace with students dancing in their chairs and moving along with the blues melodies.

There were about 60 people in the crowd when the show started, and more came as the evening progressed. The combination of dim overall lighting with just some colored spot lights on stage was a perfect setup for their blues-rock sound.

Some of the smooth grooves of the evening were "I'm Around," "Any Blues," "Stretch," "Inspired by

Number One," "Shuffling Paper," "Substitute Teacher Blues," "Dancing in the Sunshine" and "Already There." There was continuous cheering after every song and the audience enjoyed the music as well as Montbleau's humorous story about his past two years' experience as a substitute teacher.

Montbleau gave a short introduction before starting most of their songs, and he even did a little dancing to a cover song by Sly and The Family Stone. He claimed he was not much of a dancer, but the crowd disagreed with their cheering. Cohen's electric keyboard and organ playing stood out in this song among the bass guitar and drums.

"Dancing in The Sunshine," was a love song about a girl who brightened up Montbleau's day and was a catchy finale with him playing acoustic guitar and the viola, organ and drums in the background. A number of girls in the audience appeared entranced by Montbleau's playing and singing.

"Our next stop will be Worcester, Mass. on Friday and then we are off to play in Saratoga Springs, NY," Montbleau said. He said he was pleased with the size of the crowd, especially for a college gig.

Four different live CDs were on sale, and some were purchased by fans and signed by Montbleau.

# Theater for a cause

By Steven J. Butterfield  
Staff Writer

In 1962, a West German immigrant named Peter Schumann formed a theater company that was to become the Bread and Puppet Theater. Since then, the group has toured the world, applying a distinct theatrical voice to contemporary social and political issues.

"The show is always evolving," said cast member Justin Lander, who has been with the group for three years. "Our goal always is to try to respond to the moment. We do have some shows on events like the Vietnam War, but the themes are timeless."

The entirely self-supported group came to the University of Maine on Saturday as part of the Maine Peace Action Committee's seventh "Active Community Teach-In," presented jointly by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. The group performed a show called "How to Turn Distress Into Success."

Though most of the show featured abstract themes and limited dialogue, the overall message was about the perils of wartime society. Featuring individual pieces such as "The Collateral Damage Dance," the show

tracked the path of a war from initial distress — in this case, the World Trade Center attacks — to success — the war itself. While clearly anti-war, the show used sardonic wit to highlight the issues that lead to war in the first place. Featuring apocalyptic scenery — including an eerily masked actor portraying "Truth" and abstract characters painted on large cardboard cut-outs — and a minimalist set, the performance itself featured an interesting interplay of rhythm, music, chanted and spoken speech and silence.

"They're a famous, internationally known group," said prof. Doug Allen, co-founder of and faculty advisor to MPAC. "In the past, we've usually featured a guest lecturer or speaker at ACT, but this year we decided to do something creative." After checking with Bread and Puppet and discovering they were going to be in Maine around this time, Allen says it all came together perfectly.

"People brought so much creative energy, positive energy this year. They are really coming away from this saying 'OK, what next? What can I do now?'" Allen added that there had already been discussion among some attendees



TRUTH BE TOLD — The Bread and Puppet Theater rolled their painted bus into Orono Saturday to perform at Minsky Recital Hall for MPAC's "Active Community Teach-In."

CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNAY

about trying to create a similar group in the area, to creatively address the issues that MPAC focuses on.

Anna Sweeney and Peter Hagopian, two UMaine students who served as volunteers in the

show's production, described working with the group's full-time cast members as "a great experience."

"We were only there for rehearsals from about 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.," Sweeney said, "it was

amazing that it came together as easily as it did."

"We only practiced our parts," Hagopian added, "so even we hadn't seen the whole show before tonight. So it was like a nice surprise for us too."

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# DIVERSIONS



"Everyone wants me to shoot, shoot shoot! But I want to paint! Just did my Exit Wound series in oils. Do I got depth or what?"



I wish someone would tinker, tweak and cunningly edit my life the way they do on reality TV."

COLLEGE SEX TALK

by Dr. Sandy Caron

## Lost that lovin' feeling

A student from Duke University would like to know:

I heard once that vibrators cause some desensitization of the clitoris. Is this true? I use mine by applying it directly to my clitoris, so that I need to know if it's bad for me in the long run. I wouldn't want to do something that would cause me to go without future pleasure.

-Female, Senior

No need to worry. The vibrator is very safe and very effective in stimulating the clitoris. There is no evidence to suggest it will lead to any structural damage or desensitize — so enjoy. I assume that by applying the vibrator directly on your clitoris, it leads you to orgasm most quickly. You might think about varying your technique I know, you're probably thinking: Why change a good thing? What's great about the vibrator is that you can learn to extend and build to terrific orgasms. So you might want to think about varying your approach. For example, consider stimulating the clitoris for a few minutes and then backing off just before orgasm by stimulating the area around it, or putting a towel between you and the clitoris for a few minutes. By doing this several times, you may find your orgasm is much more intense, extended and pleasurable. Enjoy.

A student from UM would like to know:

My boyfriend and I have been together for a long time but we haven't been sexually active with each other, or anyone else, for a few years. I can't seem to bring myself to want to do stuff with him. Is there anything I can do or we can do? It is starting to become a big problem.

-Female, Junior

You say it is becoming a problem. I wish I knew what you meant by this. For example, is it that you feel pressured to be doing something sexually because you assume every else is? Is it that you don't think this is how normal couples should interact? Or is it that your boyfriend is not happy with the way things are? Some couples feel that there may be something wrong with them if they do not have frequent sex. You may be surprised to know that many couples who are in what they consider "long term happy relationships" are not sexually involved with one another. In fact, a national sexuality study published about 10 years ago — Sex in America by Michael et al. — reported that nearly one-

third of couples said they rarely, if ever, had sex. Knowing this may take some of the pressure off you to change what may be a very comfortable, fun-loving relationship for the two of you.

On the other hand, you say it is starting to create problems, which suggests you would like a change. You want to have the sexual part of the relationship, but can't seem to find the desire. Consider those aspects of your life situation and your relationship that may be creating roadblocks to desire. For example, it's hard to have desire when you have so many other demands in your life, or if you do not feel that your partner cares about you or if there is unresolved anger. Were there problems within the sexual relationship that led to a lack of desire is for example you were never sexually satisfied or he was feeling pressured to perform? You do not mention any of these, but these could be issues to look at and discuss, either with your partner, a friend or a counselor.

It seems like a good place to start would be to talk with your partner about his comfort with the relationship as it is. Perhaps there is no need to change. Or maybe he feels the same way. Perhaps you two have become so comfortable that you forget about those earlier times in the relationship when sex played a key role — it may have been a way to make you feel wanted, satisfied, sexy, loved and cared for. Like so many things in life, it can be hard to keep the excitement alive over time. Think of it as an analogy for your favorite food. For example, Ben and Jerry's ice cream — the first time you tried the Phish Food flavor it was amazing, but if you started eating it every week, or even every day, it probably got boring quickly. A little taste once in a while may be just what you need. Begin to rekindle those tastes, those feelings, by finding a way to date one another again, adding little surprises to the relationship and doing those.

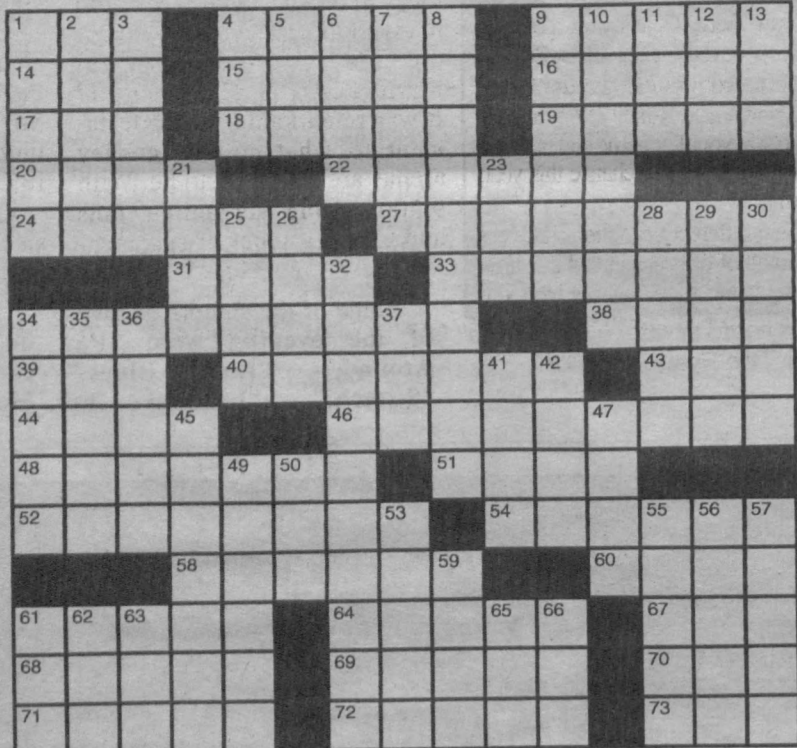
Things that used to turn you on that have now fallen by the wayside. Find time to just kiss and hold one another, to snuggle and lay close together and listen to each other's heartbeat. Take it slow and work on rekindling those pleasurable activities that create sexual feelings for you. Work on building upon those little things that make you feel comfortable, loved and cared for.

Dr. Sandra L. Caron is a professor of human sexuality at the University of Maine. To submit a question to Dr. Caron or chat with your peers, visit [www.CollegeSexTalk.com](http://www.CollegeSexTalk.com)

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 High times
  - 4 Spinach-and-bacon, e.g.
  - 9 Proud mount
  - 14 Downing Street address
  - 15 Think out loud
  - 16 Spud
  - 17 McKinley's first lady
  - 18 RBIs and such
  - 19 Jet black
  - 20 Cavil
  - 22 Fail to forget
  - 24 On the same team
  - 27 Uses up
  - 31 \_\_\_ the Red
  - 33 Most tidy
  - 34 Argued
  - 38 Overfill
  - 39 Ref's cohort
  - 40 Floors
  - 43 Work on a sampler
  - 44 Sapporo sashes
  - 46 Beach quality
  - 48 Gallivant
  - 51 Actress Lollobrigida
  - 52 Most available
  - 54 Conical abodes
  - 58 Shaving foam
  - 60 Per pop
  - 61 Sort of fever
  - 64 Ouzo flavoring
  - 67 Sock end
  - 68 Tanklike animal
  - 69 Outspoken
  - 70 Building addition
  - 71 Strong flavors
  - 72 Opponent
  - 73 Striped shirt

- DOWN
- 1 New York city
  - 2 Bicycle part
  - 3 Growl
  - 4 Help!
  - 5 Suitable
  - 6 Ananias, e.g.
  - 7 Fed the pot
  - 8 Coming down
  - 9 "\_\_\_ by Starlight"
  - 10 Pads
  - 11 DDE's command



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## Solutions



- 12 Poetic contraction
- 13 Matter-of-fact
- 21 Wharf
- 23 Barbary denizen
- 25 Spells "spells" "spels"
- 26 Middle management?
- 28 Toy with
- 29 Politico Kefauver
- 30 Medley meals
- 32 Narrow escape
- 34 "\_\_\_ the Raven, 'Nevermore!'"
- 35 Shaded area
- 36 Concerning bees
- 37 Important time
- 41 Cut and splice
- 42 \_\_\_ qua non
- 45 Inching crabwise
- 47 Scruff
- 49 Baldwins and Steinways

- 50 Congeal
- 53 Mortise's partner
- 55 Consumer.
- 56 French school
- 57 Knickknack spot
- 59 Asian staple
- 61 PC monitor element
- 62 So that's it!
- 63 Hopper
- 65 Actor Waterston
- 66 Culbertson of bridge

# NCAA

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racked a rocket off the crossbar with the delayed penalty on.

"He is a great goal tender and it seemed like whenever we had great opportunities he was there to shut it down," said Kaufmann. "We just kept plugging away and eventually we had to get one by him."

The Black Bears' defense also stood on its toes against Minnesota, something that didn't go unnoticed by Howard.

"The guys do such a tremendous job in front of me," said Howard. "They make me look really, really good a lot of times taking away second chance opportunities and blocking shots. I owe a lot to them for making my life easier out there."

Howard, coming off another memorable performance against Boston College in double overtime last weekend, was fresh on the mind of Whitehead during the post-game press conference.

"He is definitely our catalyst," said Whitehead. "The fact that he was describing reading the guys' eyes on a 2-on-1 — that is pretty good. He is an elite athlete, his concentration is fascinating."

On the opposing end of the ice, sophomore Kellen Briggs gamered 25 saves for the shutout victory. Overshadowed by Howard's heroics, Briggs commented on his faith in his team to get the win.

"I didn't have to make a whole lot of extraordinary saves," said Briggs. "I just had to be solid. I knew our guys were going to get one."

Briggs was coming off an injury that had caused him to struggle in a loss to North Dakota before the regional semifinal.

The classic contest did have one low light: the power play. Both squads went a dismal 0-for-13 in power-play situations. UMaine was 0-for-4, while the Gophers failed to register a tally on nine power-play chances.

"I thought the only element of the game that wasn't really good was the power plays," said Minnesota head coach Don Lucia, "but some of that was the play of the goal tenders and the penalty killers."

"It is one of our strengths, we are always proud of how we play in that situation," said forward Michel Leveille.

The Black Bears, who spent 20 minutes on the penalty kill, felt the constant strain did place some added pressure on them.

"When you have to kill off nine power plays it definitely eats away at

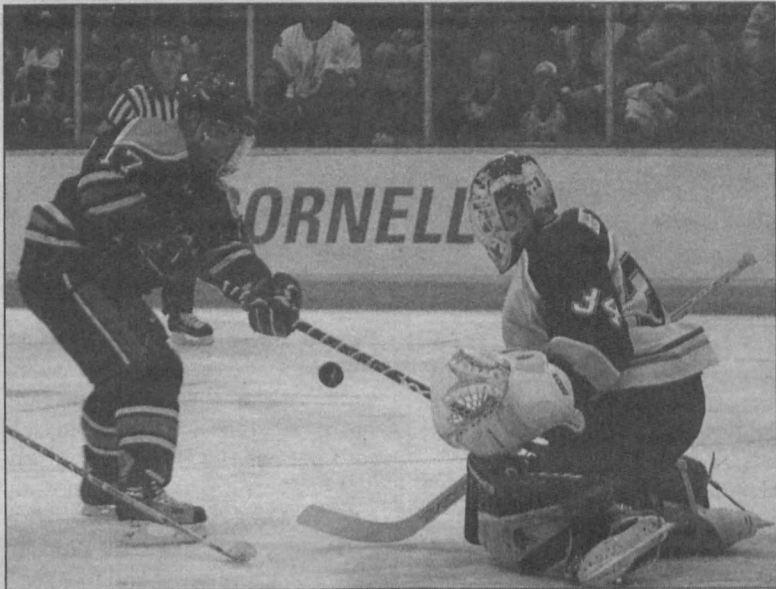


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**SHUTOUT** — Ben Murphy faces off with Minnesota's sophomore goalie Kellen Briggs Saturday afternoon for the NCAA tournament. Maine lost 1-0 in overtime to the Gophers.

you," Whitehead said.

"Most of all it just disrupts your flow," Ronan said.

Lucia was not worried about the low production on the power play bothering his team.

"I kept telling the guys, don't be frustrated, they are great on the penalty kill," said Lucia.

The success on the penalty kill allowed the Black Bears to stay in the game despite being out shot 38-25 and 17-9 in the second period.

Although out shot, the Black Bears had several pivotal chances to snatch an advantage. At 10:39 of the second period Jon Junkis rifled a shot from above the left faceoff circle into the crossbar only to spring out of the zone. Then with 6:53 remaining in the period sophomore Josh Soars flipped the puck way high over a wide-open net. Soars, who received the puck on a beautiful Ronan pass, had little time to react to the pass causing the high flying shot.

Only seconds after the near goal, Howard regained the limelight. On the opposing end of the ice, Howard dove across the crease to stop a shot by Kaufmann, who had fired a loose puck to Howard's right.

"There were some swings in momentum and we had our moments," said Whitehead. "I think our guys expected that there were going to be some times when it was going to be a little crazy."

"As far as odd man rushes, I thought both teams had some pretty good looks that way but not a lot," said Whitehead. "At the start of the third period I really liked the flow. We were playing to win, not tentative."

For UMaine, the loss marked their second straight 1-0 defeat in the NCAA Tournament. Last year, the Black Bears fell 1-0 to Denver in the National Championship game.

"This is going to motivate us to go out there this off season and focus on getting things done so this doesn't happen next year," said forward Derek Damon. "There is nothing really that can describe this feeling."

The loss to Minnesota in the land of the 10,000 lakes was reminiscent of 2002, when the Blacks were dealt a crushing 4-3 overtime defeat in the National Championship game. That game, played only 15 minutes away at the Excel Energy Center, drew comparisons from several senior Black Bears.

"This is comparable because I am a senior now," said Ronan. "You always want to win your last game and unfortunately I didn't get that chance this year. It's similar."

"It's a different year and a different stage in all of our careers and this time it's the last one, I am really sad to see it go," said senior Matthew Deschamps.

"In the key games it seems like these two clubs are destined for a one goal game," said Deschamps.

The Black Bears end the season at 20-13-7, while Minnesota improved to 27-14-1 and set up a date with Cornell in the regional final for a chance to play in the Frozen Four on Sunday.

The sentiment in the loss was best seen in senior captains Ronan and Deschamps, who 45 minutes after the game still remained in their jerseys unwilling to admit that it was all over.

"We just thought we were going to get the breaks eventually," said Damon.

their belt. The thought of Billy Ryan, Keenan Hopson, Rob Bellamy bigger, stronger, and more experienced is downright scary. Brent Shepard, Keith Johnson, Josh Soars, Derek Damon, Matt Lundin, Michel Leveille, and Greg Moore: the list is a who's who of UMaine hockey this year and they'll all be back.

The biggest thing for next year's team will be to learn from this year's Ronan, Murphy, Barnes, and Deschamps were the pillars of hard working hockey and they left it all on the ice

every game. They taught the younger guys the proud tradition that is UMaine hockey, and how to play the game the right way.

Their legacy doesn't have a national title, but it has two Frozen Fours and a conference banner. Simply put, they're winners, and they're class acts.

I can't believe I've seen Murphy throw a check for the last time. I'm going to miss watching these guys play, as will every UMaine hockey fan. For this year, and the past three, we salute the 2005 senior class. All we can say is thank you.

on the same night until this week, and the results were losses.

The Celtics will look to end their mini-skid against the high flying Dallas Mavericks Wednesday night. Both teams are renowned as offensive juggernauts with weak defenses, so the game should be one of the most exciting of the season.

Someone should make sure the TNT people know this when deciding what to televise Wednesday night.

Maybe the Celtics aren't as good as they looked during the stretch that won them 11 of 12 games. But they certainly aren't as bad as they've looked over the last three games either.

# CRY

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Dear" on CBS. I was a poor sport. I was Art Garfunkel finding out Paul Simon had made the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame based on his solo career. I was a bitter child.

So more than 30 minutes after the Black Bears defeat to the Golden Gophers, I was expecting the worst. But this time things were different. After doing the regular post-game interviews and information sorting, I headed back to Mariucci Arena's glorious press box and grabbed myself a Pepsi. After unscrewing the cap, I let out a smile. A smile. Can you believe this? Here I am in Minnesota smiling after Jimmy Howard stood for 62 minutes only to come out with a lost. Here I was smiling after a last second plane ride and 30 dollar taxi rides had gotten me there. The cap was right. I needed to tone it down a notch. So I did.

I relaxed in my cushioned press seat that was nicer than my regular chair in my dorm room. I was lucky, right? How many kids get to travel to Minnesota on the company's clock and watch sports for free? Better yet, how many get to write about the one thing they love so much? Not too many. So I reflected. No longer did I despise this beautiful Mariucci Arena. How could I? It was remarkable. It was testament to what college hockey arenas are supposed to be. With 9,500 strong screaming fans and a vast arsenal of spectacular views it made the game look great. Not to mention that any beverage or snack was at

your disposal. It was a great arena. Where else can you get Papa Johns and Subway within a two-yard walk? The university was great; I mean all the big, wide open facilities sportswriters could ask for. I learned to take it all in.

After the second game of the afternoon, a 3-2 win for Cornell, I decided to pack it up and head back to my hotel room, which seemed to reside in the middle of nowhere. Who cares if it's a \$30 cab ride, I had a new lease on life. I called my own personal cabby that I had made arrangements with earlier on and he arrived swiftly to bring me home. I mean how many guys show up in a city for the first time and get their own personal cabby in fewer than 48 hours? Not only had I been taught a lesson by a soda cap, I had made a friend. He was Ethiopian, we talked Ethiopian soccer and about how he was trying to become a doctor, what more could you ask for?

With less than five minutes to go in the ride, Taye, that would be my cabby, asked me about my team. I told him that they lost in heartbreaking fashion but that's the breaks of sports. He said "oh yes it is." And then he asked me if I was gloomy, I said a little and I told him why it wasn't too bad. My Pepsi cap had said "Please Play Game Again" and I had thought — everyone gets another chance, and Maine would be back soon and this time to win. So I was at peace. Taye said that was funny, but he always liked Coke.

Come to think of it so did I, so I threw out my whole new philosophy and went back to the old me. Like Taye said, I was always liked Coke.

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than to have two 1-0 tournament losses on his resume. He made two of the finest glove saves I've ever seen this weekend, and what he did night in and night out for the Black Bears proved once and for all that he is the standard by which every netminder in this country should be judged.

Who knows what this team can do with another year under

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line-up. They don't play much defense, so any game they have an off shooting night will be a challenge. Walker, Pierce, and Ricky Davis hadn't shot poorly

# Bears sweep double-header

**Matt Williams**  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine baseball team swept a double-header in Westbury, NY on Saturday, recording wins over Harvard and the New York Institute of Technology. The Black Bears downed the Crimson 8-4 and defeated NYIT 11-3, winning their third game in a row to improve their record to 9-7.

## Baseball

The Black Bears began the day on a rocky note, as the Harvard Crimson jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Sophomore right-hander Steve Richard settled down and went six innings, while allowing just two runs on four hits for the win. Richard is now 3-0 this season.

The Black Bear offense struggled early, but UMaine finally got on the board in the fifth inning, as senior catcher Aaron Izaryk drove in sophomore Joel Barrett.

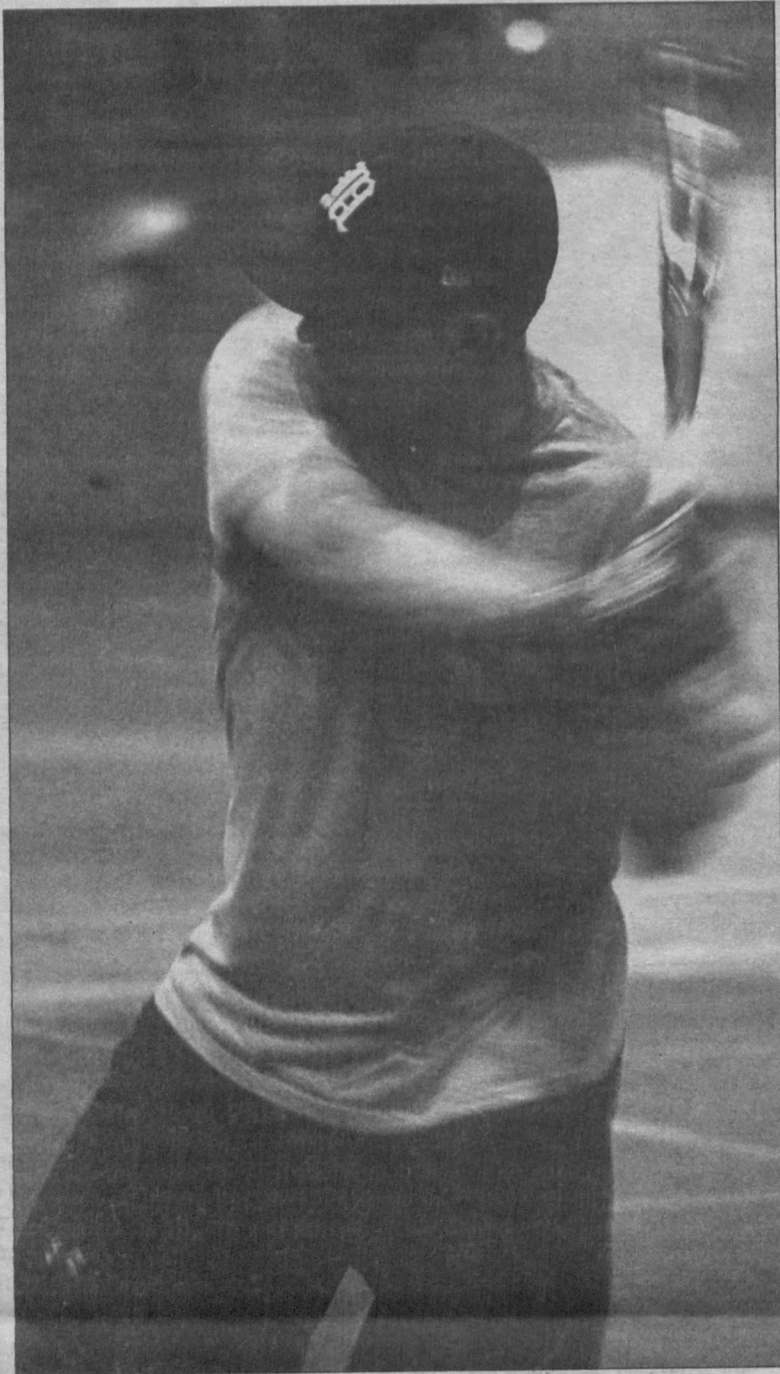
The Black Bears exploded for five runs in the sixth inning to take control. Freshman Curt Smith led off with a single and scored on sophomore Ross Cantara's double. Junior Joe Hough hit a triple to drive in senior Mike Ferriggi, who had singled. Izaryk followed up with an RBI single, and was driven in by junior Ryan Quintal's double to give UMaine a 6-2 lead.

UMaine added a run in the eighth and Harvard scored twice in the bottom of the inning to cut their deficit to 7-4. The Black Bears added an insurance run in the ninth to account for the final score of 8-4.

The Black Bears took to the field two hours later to take on NYIT and started right where they left off, grabbing a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Hough singled, stole second and was driven on Quintal's single. Smith and Cantara had the other RBI's in the inning.

UMaine continued the onslaught, scoring six runs in the third to take a 9-0 lead. Hough had a two-run single for his 4th RBI's of the day, as Gambale, Izaryk, Cantara, and Smith drove in UMaine's other runs in the inning.

Junior starting pitcher Greg Norton turned in a solid effort,



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

**SWING BATTER-BATTER** — Members of the University of Maine men's baseball team gear up for the spring season with batting practice in the Field House on Tuesday.

throwing 5 innings and allowing just 3 runs in the fifth. Norton's record improves to 3-1 on the season. Sophomore Josh Zyskowski shut out NYIT in the final four innings, allowing 3 hits and picking up a save for his efforts.

In other baseball news, Richard was named America East Pitcher of the Week last week. Richard earned the honor by pitching a complete

game shutout against Monmouth University in a 2-0 UMaine win. Richard, who had career-high nine strike-outs, is the second Black Bear named to the America East honor roll this season, as Smith was Rookie of the Week on March 14.

The team will take on the Northeastern Huskies and Vermont Catamounts in Boston next weekend.

# Same old story

**By Matt Williams**  
For The Maine Campus

A year ago, the University of Maine men's hockey team lost the National Championship game 1-0. A week ago, they bowed out of the Hockey East tournament 2-1, in double overtime. Over the weekend, fate morphed those terrible losses into one, as the Black Bears fell 1-0 in overtime to the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

For the team and its fans, it was a heartbreaking end to a season of "what ifs." If Jon Jankus' skate is a centimeter wider, he deflects that centering pass and then who knows what happens? What if his shot didn't hit the post, if they'd converted a power play?

All year, it seemed like this team couldn't catch a break. They lost or tied 20 games, almost all of which came by a one goal margin. If a couple of pucks bounce in their favor, they're conference champs, and possibly headed for the Frozen Four.

They played without an all-conference forward and without a bona fide scorer. They made the tournament despite everyone south of Portland saying they wouldn't. They did it because

they had heart.

Seniors John Ronan, Ben Murphy, Troy Barnes and Matthew Deschamps simply weren't going to see UMaine miss the NCAA's on their watch. They led a team that fought and clawed its way back into contention, and they gave everything they had in every game they played.

This team might be remembered for their frustrating scoring droughts, but it should be remembered for its grit, a blue-collar style that beat the odds and the critics. It would have been easy to pack it in after their slow start, but they bounced back. They deserved better than to endure another loss at Minnesota.

There are those who say Jimmy Howard didn't have his best year, but saying he was spectacular is an understatement. He was super human. Howard posted a 1.92 goals against average and had 6 shutouts while leading the country in minutes played despite a bout with mono and a sprained knee.

He has been the backbone of this team for the better part of two years, and he deserves better

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# MAKING THE JUMP

*Soares makes the transition from the junior league to UMaine*

**By Matthew Conyers**  
Sports Editor

No one ever said freshman year was easy.

Whether it is the lack of home cooking, a good night's sleep, or the adjustment to a new environment, the first year of college certainly poses its own set of learning curves. For Josh Soares, however, that rookie year away from the friendly confines of Hamilton, Ontario, brought with it its own set of struggles.

For Soares, now a sophomore wing for the University of Maine men's hockey team, freshman year marked the departure of role he had held since he was a child: top dog. The talented sophomore had always been the go-to-guy. Before even committing to the Black Bears, Soares shone brightly in the OPJHL tallying a league-leading 56 goals and 68 assists for 124 points.



Soares

These exorbitant numbers helped the soft-spoken Soares land the title of Western Conference's Most Valuable Player, but more importantly, ignited a flurry of interest from several colleges.

Among the suitors were the Black Bears. UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead discussed what it was that drew the program to Soares' abilities.

"Josh put up some insane numbers in junior hockey," said Whitehead. "He was a very prolific scorer and assist guy up in the Toronto area throughout his career."

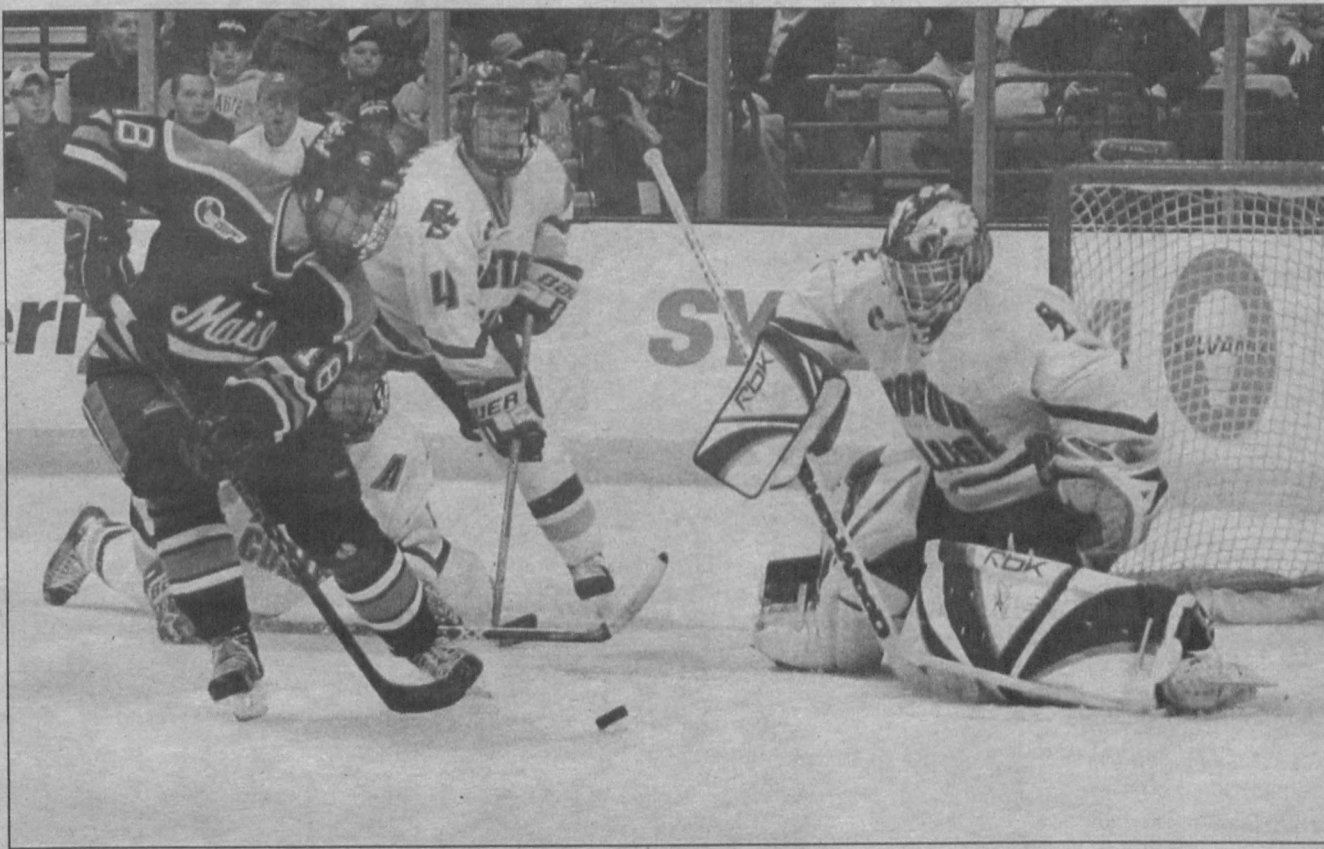
The recruitment of Soares was helped along by UMaine junior Jon Jankus, who played with Soares on the Hamilton Kitty Bees before coming to Orono.

"We had the advantage of recruiting Jon Jankus previously," said Whitehead, "and Jon spoke very highly of Josh Soares, because he known him really well and that gave us extra reason to be interested."

Soares commented on the final decision to play for the Black Bears.

"It came down to Maine, Ferris State and Lake Superior," said Soares.

"Luckily Maine stayed around and I keep



FILE PHOTO

Freshman Josh Soares takes a back hand shot on Boston College's goalie during Maine's Hockey East quarter final loss.

my SAT scores up."

Freshman year, however, was not exactly what Soares had anticipated. The forward, who had grown use to pilfering goalies' nets as if it were second nature, was suddenly fighting for the limelight. Playing in only 15 games, Soares registered three mere points in his freshman campaign. Soare's first goal came nearly half-way through the season against the University of Vermont.

"Last year really was a difficult year for me," said Soares. "I was coming out of juniors and I was use to playing every day and in every situation and I had to battle here just to get into the lineup. I had a lot of sleepless nights."

Adding even more melodramatics to the proceedings was the fact that Soares had to watch Maine's miraculous run to National Championship not on the bench but rather in the stands as a healthy scratch.

"Granted, he finished the year not in the lineup, but we had a good run down

the stretch and it was tough to get in that lineup," said Whitehead.

"I persevered through it and I just keep working," said Soares. "I knew this summer was going to be a big change in my career if I was really going to do anything here."

Completely aware of the changes he needed to make during the off season, Soares hit the weightroom and is now in the best shape of his career.

"What Josh did over the summer was get himself in the best shape of his life," said Whitehead. "So his skating took a big jump, now you're seeing him at his best."

"I think throughout the season, I knew that if I didn't change the way my body was I was going to have a difficult time cracking the lineup," said Soares.

Whitehead also chatted about Soares off-season regime.

"When we saw the commitment level from Josh, I knew right away with his talent he would be pretty good this year,"

said Whitehead. "I am just real excited for him, sure he will have some ups and downs like all of us do, but he has prepared himself now so his downs will be very short lived, and his ups will be a lot more consistent."

The strenuous work away from the rink has paid off for Soares, who has emerged this season as one of the Black Bears pivotal players.

"We have given him an opportunity to show what he can do," said Whitehead. "He deserves it, he trained and he is in the shape he needs to be in."

Whitehead believes Soares improvement is clearly displayed on the ice.

"No question he is one of the most improved players on the team, if not in the league," said Whitehead.

And for Soares, the progression is something that couldn't have come soon enough.

"I am really happy with my decision right now," said Soares. "I couldn't imagine playing anywhere else."



## CELTICS CORNER

**By Matt Williams**  
For The Maine Campus

What a difference a week makes. In that time, the Boston Celtics have seen a seven game winning streak turn into a three-game losing skid, and their lead in the Atlantic Division shrink from six games to just three.

It started Wednesday night when the hot Celtics rolled into New York expecting to walk over the bottom-dwelling Knicks. Jamal Crawford and Stephon Marbury had other plans. The Celtics shot just 38 percent from the field, and were embarrassed 107-82.

After the game, Celtics head coach Doc Rivers admitted his team had a little too much swagger and needed to be brought down a peg. The Celtics and

Knicks trash talking resulted in seven technical fouls, but it was New York that was able to back up their words, shooting an impressive 51 percent and dominating every phase of the game.

The wounded Celts returned home to face the surging Chicago Bulls Friday night. The standings match up Boston and Chicago as first round play-off opponents and the Bulls gave the Celtics a message in the form of a 94-86 win.

The Celtics led late and let their guards down as the Bulls closed the game with a 14-4 run. Poor shooting was again the story for Boston, as they netted just 38 percent.

Saturday night featured a

rematch of the epic double overtime game the Celtics and Detroit Pistons played at the FleetCenter three weeks ago. The Celts pulled that one out, and Detroit was looking for revenge.

The Celtic's offense was again impressive against arguably the league's best defense and the Celtics led by as many as seven in the final period. The Pistons would rally and lead, but Antoine Walker converted a three-point play with under a minute to go to tie it up. Fittingly, this game would head to overtime as well.

The extra frame was Rasheed Wallace verses Paul Pierce. Pierce scored all 11 of the Celtics' overtime points, and Wallace had 7 of his 31. Wallace's supporting cast made the difference as the Pistons won it 105-99. Richard Hamilton returned to the Detroit line-up and scored 22.


Perhaps the Celtics were a little too confident after winning 11 of their first 12 with Walker in the

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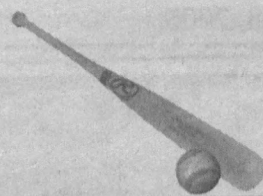
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## Big boys don't cry

By Matthew Conyers  
Sports Editor

MINNEAPOLIS — That Pepsi cap said it all.

Now, I am not normally one to receive wisdom or tutelage from soft drink containers, but at this precise moment it all made sense.

All I needed to know was right in that little half-inch yellow cap. I did not need to go back to Arden Hills and stuff myself with half a pint of ice cream. Nor did I have to sulk back to that lonely little hotel room and listen to Ryan Adams albums. I would not be

### Commentary

depressed and disenchanting tonight. No, my Pepsi cap told me to do otherwise. The Black Bears had lost 1-0 in overtime to Minnesota in Minnesota and I was surviving it.

So what if the team I had covered religiously for more than seven months just bit the dust in heartbreaking fashion again? So what if I had been in attendance for two of the most devastating losses to the University of Maine hockey program in the last two years? Forget about it, life goes on. My Pepsi cap told me so.

But how could I be reacting to things this way? I was the guy who didn't talk to human beings for a month after the Red Sox suffered defeat in the 2003 American League Championship Series. What had happened to the kid who had to be asked to leave the FleetCenter after last season's National Championship defeat? Only a week ago I alienated all of my co-workers after watching UConn basketball succumb to a weaker NC State team in the NCAA tournament. I was that nasty old man that didn't give a damn about anyone or anything after my team lost. I was mean. I was cruel. I was that troll under the bridge who refused to be a good sport in the old nursery rhyme.

To make matters worse, I philosophize about defeats more than five years after they happen. Ask me about the 2002 National title game and I promise you I will give you a new spin each time. Ask me about UConn losing in the Elite Eight to Maryland in 2002, and I will still break into a cold sweat and begin reciting words from some bad Joe Pesci mob movie. More curious about my obsession with losses? Ask me about the following year and how Texas managed to beat the Huskies in the Sweet Sixteen. I guarantee what will happen next will be uglier than an episode of "Yes,

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## Game Over



## Black Bears suffer first round NCAA overtime loss to Minnesota

By Matthew Conyers  
Sports Editor

MINNEAPOLIS — Somewhere along the line, luck had to go their way.

They kept telling themselves it was coming. They waited patiently and anxiously for the moment when good fortune was supposed to roll in their favor. But fate can be cruel, and on Saturday afternoon at Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, MN, in their opening round NCAA West regional game, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad learned it the hard way.

After nearly 62 minutes of scoreless hockey, the University of Minnesota ended the Black Bears season with a gut wrenching 1-0 overtime defeat.

UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead discussed the heartbreaking nature of the loss.

"It was a great college hockey game, obviously though a very disappointing result for us," said Whitehead. "Personally I am really proud of these guys; We really became a team this year. This is a tough one because we really wanted things to carry on; because it took us a long time to get things going in the wrong direction. We didn't want this to end."

Despite the best efforts of All-American goaltender Jimmy Howard, who recorded 37 saves, the Gophers were finally able to pilfer the net in the overtime thanks to a sensational play by freshman Evan Kaufmann. Just a 1:46 into the overtime period, Kaufmann slid under the UMaine defense and slammed a one-timer past Howard's right pad for the game-winner. Kaufmann, who had just won the face-

off, was fed the puck from Garrett Smaagaar, who was waiting behind Howard's net to send a puck to a streaking Gopher. Andy Sertich also earned an assist on the play.

The goal was scored on the first shot of the extra frame.

Kaufmann commented on the harrowing goal that sent Minnesota to the West Regional final.

"I really just fired it," said Kaufmann. "We had been shooting glove all game and I had been talking to Dustin Justin and he said if we were going to score on this guy it was going to go somewhere other than his glove. So he said aim marker side and I was just ripping it."

A deflated Howard had high-praise for the goal:

"He just put an excellent shot on me," said Howard. "He put it a little bit off the ice over my right pad and those are tough plays for a goal tender. It was on his stick and off his stick in a matter of seconds."

The goal coming off an excellent centering pass from Garrett Smaagaar was laser that left Howard with little time to react.

Up until the game-winning play, the story of the game had been Howard. Solidifying his legacy at UMaine, Howard allowed the Black Bears to stay in the decision after the team allowed 10 power plays.

"What he did out there was phenomenal, I haven't seen too many performances like that," said senior captain John Ronan. "It could have been over in the first period."

Late in the third period, the Gophers looked like they were finally going to caress the mesh but Howard once again had other ideas. With 2:44 remaining in

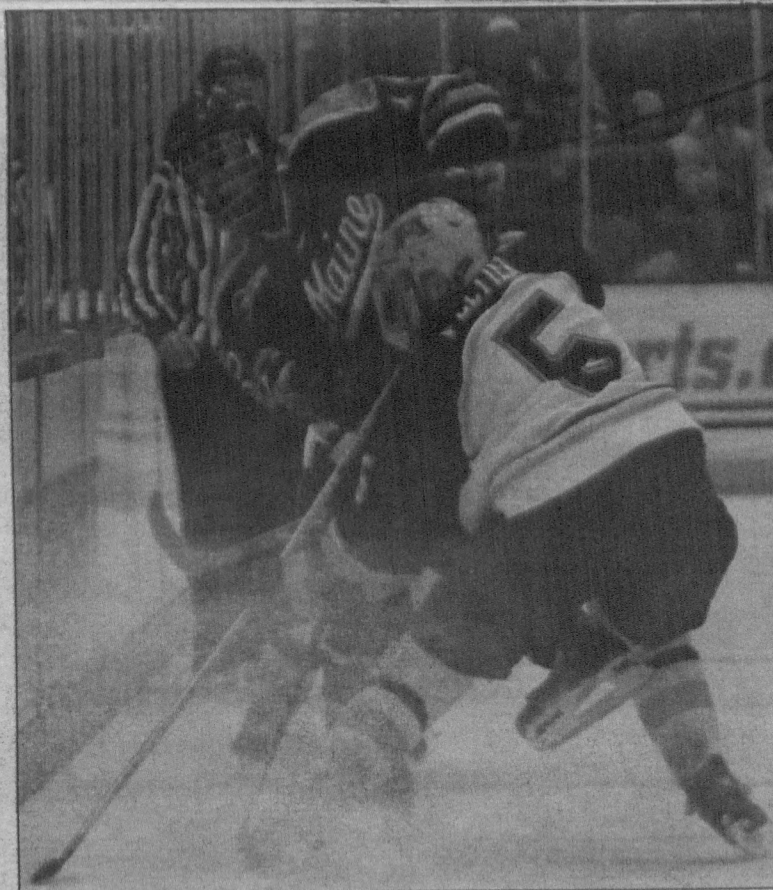


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(From top) GOOD GAME — Senior Black Bear captain John Ronan shakes hands with Minnesota players following UMaine's 1-0 overtime defeat. The loss this weekend ends the Black Bears season.

CHECK THIS — Greg Moore collides with a Minnesota Gopher during Saturday's first-round NCAA Tournament loss at Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, Minn.

regulation Danny Irmen and Derek Peltier snuck in for a two-on-one on Howard. With defenseman Mike Lundin matching up with Irmen, the talented winger sent a smooth ascending pass to Peltier who rocketed a shot to Howard's glove side. Quickly shifting to the left side, Howard snagged the puck leaving nearly 9,500 rabid Gophers in awe. The save was just one of many dazzling plays for Howard.

Howard commented on the near-goal:

"I was just fortunate I was reading his eyes and saw him look over there at the last second and he made the little motion and passed it across," said Howard, "and I reacted to it and I was able to get across."

Moments earlier, Mike Vannelli had

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