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into the
future
of UMaine.
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Senate votes to disaffiliate with Red Cross

'Institutionalized homophobia' decried regarding FDA blood donor policy for gay men

By Ernest Scheyder
News Editor

Wars have been fought on issues ranging from oil to water. But a new battle is brewing between the General Student Senate and the American Red Cross, and it's over blood. On Friday, the Senate voted to urge the University of Maine and all student organizations to cease and desist any connection with the

Red Cross. The resolution passed 15-1-3 with no debate in a special session of senate called by Student Body President Kate O'Brien. The matter came three days before the Red Cross was scheduled to hold a two-day blood drive on campus in conjunction with the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council. That drive is still scheduled to take place.

The issue with the Red Cross

arises from a 1985 policy set by the Food and Drug Administration that stipulated any man who had sexual activity with another man since 1977 was banned from giving blood for the rest of his life. The Senate's Student Affairs Committee took issue with the Red Cross because it currently stands in support of the ban. The Red Cross controls half of the nation's blood supply. In contrast, the plethora of other

suppliers nationwide are pushing for a lift of the ban, according to Sen. Derek Mitchell, a co-sponsor of the resolution.

"The Red Cross will argue that the policy protects the safety of the nation's blood supply," Mitchell said. "That argument simply does not hold up when one considers the advances in science and technology. The University of Maine will not stand for discrimination," he said.

According to the statement of fact contained within the resolution, improvements in science have made it possible to check for strains of HIV. Such tests were not available in 1985 and the ban should now be lifted since measures exist to test for a variety of diseases in donated blood. The resolution claims the policy places gay and bisexual men in

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Kennedy named president

Robert A. Kennedy has been named president of the University of Maine. According to a press release, University of Maine System Chancellor Joseph W. Westphal made the announcement on Friday, making Kennedy the 18th president of the university.

Kennedy has been serving as interim president since August, after Peter Hoff resigned from the position. He has been with UMaine since 2000, when he was hired to serve as provost and vice president of academic affairs, and was later named executive vice president and provost.

Westphal and University System Board Chair Charles L. Johnson made the announcement at a news conference held in Bangor during a break in a meeting of the System's board of trustees. Westphal said Kennedy's experience had much to do with the decision.

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Walk for Life



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

ON A MISSION — A member of the Campus Crusaders "God Squad" team applies the finishing touches to her team's T-shirts at the Relay for Life held this past Friday and Saturday in the Fieldhouse.

Augusta reacts to BOT

By Pattie Barry
Copy Editor

Last April, the University of Maine System's administrators toured the seven campuses with hopes of gaining approval for their strategic plan, which was originally planned to commence next fall. This April, the board of trustees faces two legislative actions which would limit the ability of the board to implement that plan.

The strategic plan, drafted in the fall of 2003 and published in March 2004, seeks to improve the financial status of the system by combining campuses with other campuses in the system

and with campuses in the Maine Community College System. The most debated element of the plan is the merger of the University of Maine at Augusta campuses with the University of Southern Maine and Maine Community College Systems.

Before the Legislature this week came two bills concerning

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Westphal

Maine ranked highest-taxed state

Study shows Pine Tree State exceeds Calif., N.Y. in total tax burden

By Diana McElwain
Assistant News Editor

The state of Maine has just been given a title that is far from desirable. The Washington D.C. based Tax Foundation has just named Maine the most-taxed state in the country. According to the organization's Web site, Maine has had the highest state and local tax burden since 1997, and has been one of the most highly taxed states for thirty years.

It is estimated that 13 percent of a Maine residents' disposable income goes to taxes, while the

national average is at 10.1 percent. Maine taxpayers pay \$4,309 per capita in state and local taxes.

While most college students do not pay property taxes while attending school, the fact that they may soon be faced with them is a deterrent from staying in Maine after graduation.

Bryanna Goulet, a UMaine freshman, said she already knows that she did not want to stay to take on the burden when her time at UMaine is through.

"I'm not very happy. I want to get out of here," she said.

For many Maine residents,

however, leaving is not an option. Scott Demchak is a graduate of Husson College and now works in Bangor. He said that while he disagrees with the amount residents are taxed, he would not leave the state because of it as he does not want to move his children. He said that something has to be done to help Maine workers deal with the tax problem.

"There should be some sort of tax relief. My taxes have gone up about 100 dollars a year for the last five years. The added

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, April 18, 2005

Disability lecture

"Disability: So What?" will be held in the Coe Room in Memorial Union at 12:15 p.m. as part of the Counseling Center's "Brown Bag Luncheon Series: Resilience and Well-Being." For more information, contact Rex Norris on FirstClass or via phone at 581-4145.

Book signing

A reading and book signing by children's author Davene Fahy will be held in University Bookstore. For more information, contact Holly Williams at 581-1700.

Bible study

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

Community meal

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

Yoga

A power yoga class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium's All-purpose room. For more information, contact Paul Stern on FirstClass.

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Finance workshop

The "Personal Financial Management Workshop" will be held at 11 a.m. in 220 Corbett Hall. For more information, contact Eileen Murphy at 581-1640 or 581-2362.

Alcohol workshop

The "Alcohol in the Family" workshop will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Coe Room in Memorial Union. For more information, contact Rex Norris on FirstClass or 581-4145.

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.

Asia festival

"A Taste of Asia" will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Wells Commons and Conference Center. For more information, contact Scott Reynolds at 581-1760 or on FirstClass.

Wednesday April 20, 2005

Student exposition

The department of resource economics and policy GIS-based student research exposition will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in 301 Winslow Hall.

Coffee hour

The Professional Employee Advisory Council will hold its monthly coffee hour in the North Pod area of Memorial Union at 8:30 a.m.

WIC lunch

"Just Call Me a Lobsterman": Women in the Lobster Industry" lecture will be held at 12:15 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

UMaine authors

A University of Maine authors' reception will be held in Folger Library at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

Aerobic class

A toning class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. 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.

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UMS. The first, Legislation Document 1055, sponsored by Sen. Scott Cowger, D-Kennebec County, requires that UMS seek input from parties, including administration and faculty members from campuses and colleges as well as municipalities and the Maine Community College System, that are affected by a major policy decision. The second bill, LD 1241, sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Kennebec County, reads, "The trustees may not finally adopt or implement any plan to reorganize the academic or administrative structure of the university."

"There has been some concern that the voices have not been heard by the people in the system about the convergence of the strategic plan," said Sen. Elizabeth Schneider, D-Orono.

The legislative actions were made not to limit the authority of the BOT, but to ensure that the best interests of the state were served.

"The board of trustees has been faithful to its charge and to

the expectations established for it," said Charles Johnson, chair of the BOT, at a hearing before the Educational Committee last Tuesday. "We maintained that fidelity in the development of our 2004 strategic plan initiative. Contrary to certain state-

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Charles Johnson
Chair of the BOT

ments that have been made, ours was an open process."

Johnson cited that the board, which was created to "minimize the tug-of-war involving political and parochial interests" for the universities, would be unable to serve public interests under the LD 1241.

Rep. Arthur Lerman, D-Augusta, addressed the members of the Education Committee

"Ultimately, it is the Legislature that is responsible for holding the board of trustees accountable," he said.

UMS Chancellor Joseph Westphal spoke before the committee. He said the legislation would prove to be very "costly, overly bureaucratic and damaging" to the System's ability to recruit and retain students, faculty and staff. He cited increasing costs of energy and health care, coupled with cuts and de-appropriations topping \$15 million as the reasons for the creation of the plan.

"It places substantial burden on the system and its universities to expand their revenue sources and base in recognition of the financial challenges facing Maine's policy-makers and taxpayers," Westphal said.

After the hearing on Tuesday, Education Committee members will hold a workshop session to debate the legislation before deciding to adopt or reject the bills. The adoption of LD 1241 will not determine whether or not the Strategic Plan will be implemented. However, it will determine who will be able to make that decision, the BOT or the Legislature.

Maine taxpayers also receive more federal funding per dollar of federal taxes paid than the average state, according to the Tax Foundation. Per dollar of federal tax collected in 2002, \$1.34 in the way of federal spending went to Maine residents. This is a decline from 1992, when Maine received \$1.48 per dollar of taxes in federal spending, making it forth nationally, while now it is sixteenth. This is much more than what the neighboring states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts received in funding, which is \$0.66 and \$0.75 per dollar of federal tax paid.

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payments start putting my mortgage payment to where I can't pay it," he said.

He said that cuts should be made where appropriate so the tax increase will come to an end. "I think the towns and cities should get spending down, rather than make the residents pay more taxes," he said.

Demchak said that while he has heard promises of relief, he has not experienced any real change.

"I haven't seen anything as far as that goes," he said.

According to the Census Bureau, Maine collected \$1,598,490,000 in combined state and local property taxes during fiscal year 2000. On the local level, Maine's property tax collections were \$1,567,940,000 in 2000. According to The Tax Foundation, that amounts to \$1,233 per capita, which ranks sixth highest nationally. When expressed in relation to income, however, Maine localities collect \$49 per \$1,000 of income, which gives Maine its number one title in taxes.

BLOOD

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the "same risk category as prostitutes and intravenous drug users."

O'Brien, a co-sponsor, said that as a representative of the student body, she felt word needed to be spread about this issue.

"If we can educate more people ... I think that's going to be probably the most important thing," she said.

O'Brien encouraged students who are prohibited from donating blood to seek out other avenues to volunteer their time and effort, and also encouraged such students to seek out other organizations beyond the Red Cross if they ever have opportunity to donate in the future. The

American Marketing Association is hosting a blood drive on April 26 on campus in connection with Eastern Maine Blood, she said.

"Eastern Maine Blood is openly not in support of the FDA ruling," O'Brien said.

After Friday's Senate meeting, representatives from the Red Cross met with O'Brien and other members of Student Government, as well as several deans, to discuss the policy. Donna Morrissey, the Red Cross' director of corporate affairs for New England, said she felt the meeting was productive.

"We're encouraged by the dialogue," Morrissey said. "We appreciate the opportunity to speak, and we're looking forward to ongoing dialogue."

However, she noted her organization is bound to follow the law.

"The FDA regulates the manner in which we're able to collect blood and we're required to follow the FDA regulations," she said, "or else we'd be shut down."

Morrissey said the issue of gay men donating blood, and all other deferrals, is constantly coming up for review by Red Cross officials.

"Our number one priority is to make sure that the blood that we send to all patients is as safe as possible," she said. "In order to do that we have levels of safety in place ... the tests are not 100 percent."

If individuals cannot give blood due to any type of deferral, Morrissey said that they still may volunteer at the drives. Opportunities exist to staff tables, hand out water bottles and even dress as the

Blood Hound blood dog.

Morrissey noted that her organization has considered the possibility that the ban will be lifted one day.

"Our hope is that the medical science will make it such that the FDA can reconsider the length of time of the deferral," she said, "but it's an evolving process."

She said that while blood is volunteered by donors, it is sold to medical centers in order to cover costs the Red Cross encounters for collection.

"The reason why we charge a recovery cost ... is because we have to pay for testing; we have to pay for training," she said.

Matthew Small, the GLBT coordinator for the Deans of Students office, said he was encouraged by the Senate's actions Friday afternoon.

"I applaud the General Student Senate for speaking out against the FDA's discriminatory policy currently being supported by American Red Cross Blood Services," Small said. "With this resolution, University of Maine students have publicly voiced their opposition to institutionalized homophobia."

Representatives from the Red Cross will be present at Tuesday night's Senate meeting. Both administrators and medical professionals from the non-profit organization will be present, Morrissey said.

"The resolution does have some factual inaccuracies in it and errors, and we will address those," Morrissey said. The meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of Memorial Union.

Making mischief?



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POLICE BEAT

KENNEDY

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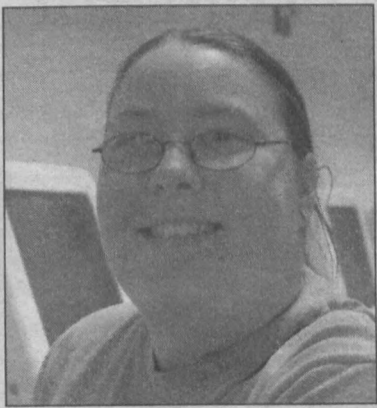
"Dr. Kennedy was selected from among a highly competitive pool of candidates and nominees as a result of a national search," Westphal said. "He is an accomplished scholar and researcher. He is experienced as a senior leader at several of our nation's top public universities. He understands the special and distinct role and responsibilities of a

land-grant university to its home state and to the nation. He is experienced working as part of a university system, here and in other states. He demonstrated that he has the confidence and support of key constituencies within and outside of the university."

He said while the other candidates were highly qualified, Kennedy had the qualities and knowledge necessary for the demanding position. Following the announcement, Kennedy spoke in Orono and expressed his

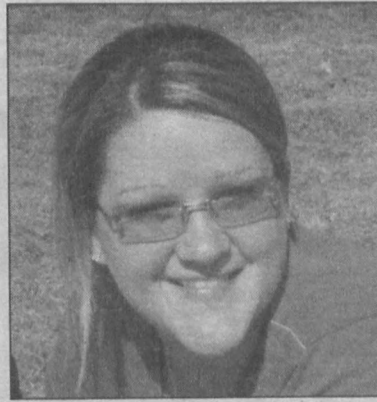
thanks and appreciation.

"I am sincerely humbled to be named president of the University of Maine," Kennedy said. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the many distinguished presidents who have led the University during its remarkable history ... I look forward with great enthusiasm to leading the University of Maine as it continues to play a growing and significant role in shaping the future of Maine and the world beyond the state's borders."



"I think they have a valid concern but if they don't have AIDS, why can't they give blood?"

Frances Ricker
Instrumental music education
Sophomore



"Doesn't bother me if they give blood."

Amanda Collette
Speech pathology
Freshman



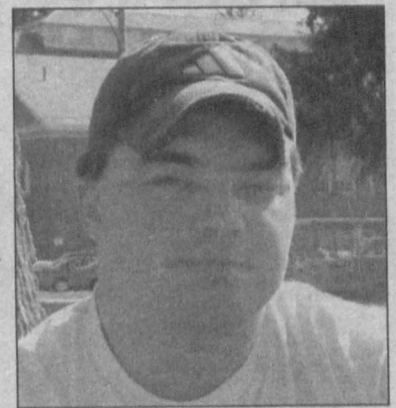
"I think it's a smart move actually."

Laura Smen
Business
Sophomore



"It's not fair."

Colleen Smithner
Psychology
Junior

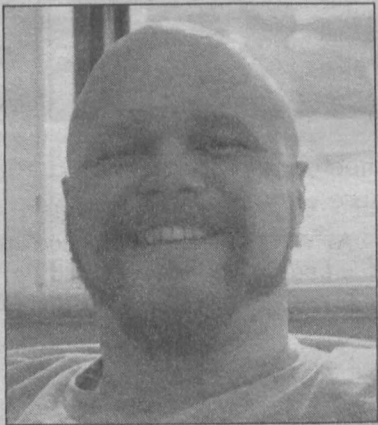


"I agree because I believe men in general will pass on AIDS more readily than women will."

Aaron Michaud
Chemical engineering
Junior

WORD OF MOUTH

What do you think of the FDA's ban on gay men donating blood?



"Guys in general just shouldn't give blood. They get around too much."

Vernon Beasley
Botany
Senior



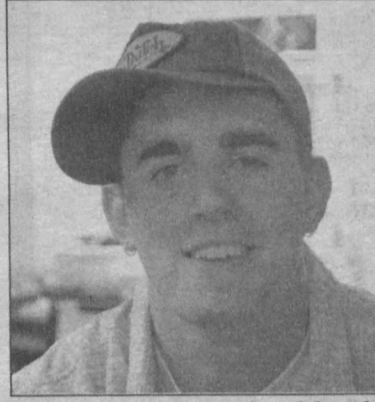
"As long as they've been tested, then it's fine."

Katie Johnston
Public management
Senior



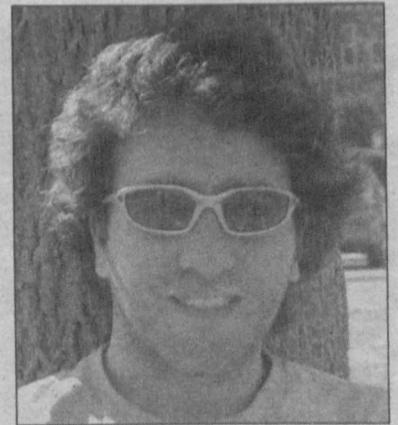
"It's totally absurd. We're all human at the end of the day"

Senthil Sockalingam
Electrical engineering
Freshman



"If they want to give blood, let them give blood."

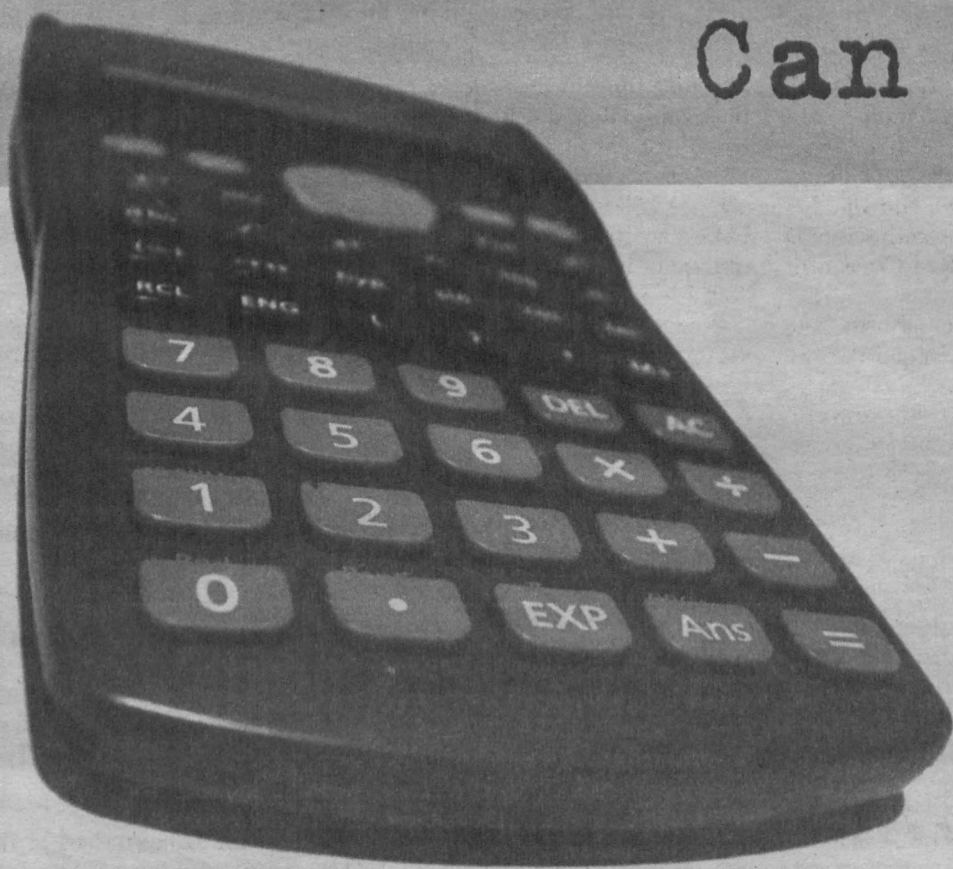
John Canon
Business administration
Junior



"It seems that women also have sex with men."

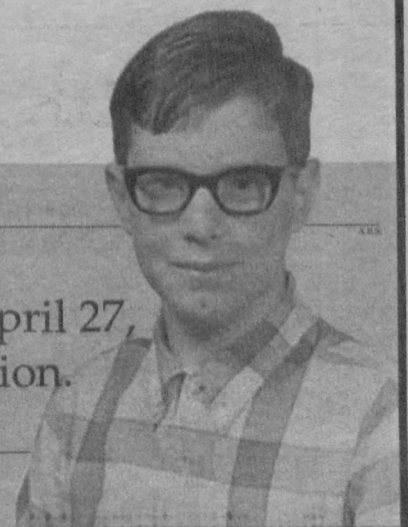
Rylan Shook
Philosophy
Senior

I hear you're good with numbers. Can I have yours?



The Maine Campus is accepting applications for Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager for the 2005 - '06 academic year.

Applicants should be undergraduate business students who have received credit for at least two accounting courses. These are a paid positions.



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Please submit your resumes to Anh Nguyen by April 27, 2005. E-mail Anh on FirstClass for more information.

Wood composite center addition to improve program

By Ira Perkins
For The Maine Campus

Two additions to the Advanced Engineering Wood Composites Center are in the works to help students become more versatile in data research and development. On April 13, an open house was held to show the public those new areas, including new office space at the front of the building and new lab space facing the Jenness Hall side of the building. The AEWC was also given a state grant of \$750,000 to add more equipment to all areas of the building. Shane O'Neil, a wood and plastic specialist, said the department made the most of the money.

"Instead of doing one or two things, we can now do a dozen different things, which makes us more versatile," O'Neil said.

There are about six different types of specialists who use the AEWC for their studies, including civil and mechanical engineers. Even students within the biological sciences department use the labs at the wood composites building because some of the analysis equipment there is not in the other science buildings, he said.

The building offers a piece of equipment that can simulate the stress the beams of a suspension bridge make undergo with various weights. The machine can also test to

failure to see how much the properties of the beam have reduced from extreme fatigue. O'Neil said that they have simulated this on a beam around 50 feet long and 5 feet high. The reason for testing like this is to get an idea of how long a bridge will last before needing repair.

"When they finally break it sounds like a cannon went off in here," he said.

Another piece of equipment unique to the building is a dehumidification kiln which can increase the temperature and decrease the humidity to make lumber of better quality in less time. They also have a hot press which allows them to make sheets of plywood, experimenting with different adhesives.

"I focus on wood and plastic composites for residential construction. It's great for fences, railings, and kids playgrounds because it doesn't have splinters or chemicals," O'Neil said.

He said that a lot of their work goes into commercial contracts which they aren't able to talk about because of confidentiality rules. O'Neil said that so many commercial contractors go to them because they are certified by a testing agency. By doing this the company knows what they are getting into right away and the



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

IF YOU BUILD IT — The Advanced Engineering Wood Composites center is undergoing a renovation and addition to service the needs of engineers more effectively.

numbers that are used for various projects will be accurate.

He said this is helpful when a company wants to keep a log of the research that went into the job and not have to worry about legalities.

"We've been certified for about two-and-a-half years," O'Neil said.

He said this makes them more marketable because it's professional. There are a many different projects in place right now for the students at the

AEWC, and the new space and money they've received will give them an edge in the market, O'Neil said.

"We're getting some pretty good endorsements right now," O'Neil said.

It's important to see the difference between public, private wrongs



Legal
Affairs

By Brett Baber
Student Legal Services

Our system of law generally distinguishes between two types of wrongdoing: public and private. Public wrongs are generally prose-

cuted on behalf of the government. In contrast, private wrongs are brought by one individual or entity against another individual or entity.

This distinction is an important concept to understand if you are the victim of some type of wrongdoing. A particular action may constitute a crime, and it may also constitute a private wrong, or tort. For example, if someone were to throw a punch at you, the other

person could be charged with the crime of assault and the tort known as battery. If you are the victim of a crime, you should report the crime immediately to the local law enforcement agency. On the other hand, if you are a victim of a private wrongdoing that is not subject to criminal prosecution — for example, a car accident due to negligence — you may obtain compensation through the civil justice system. Obtaining private com-

pensation is done through a lawsuit that is brought by one individual against another.

There are statutes of limitation which limit the amount of time when either a criminal case or a private lawsuit may be brought. These statutes of limitation differ in length. However, once the defined time period had passed for a particular type of conduct, either the criminal prosecution or the civil action is barred from further

action. Therefore, if you believe that you are the victim of either a criminal offense or a civil tort, you should pursue the appropriate relief in a timely manner. Proceeding expeditiously will also assist either the prosecuting attorney or your lawyer in developing valuable evidence.

Should you have questions as to whether you have been the victim of a crime or a civil tort, please contact my office.

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Ask Tim:
What does it mean to be
"born to belonging?"

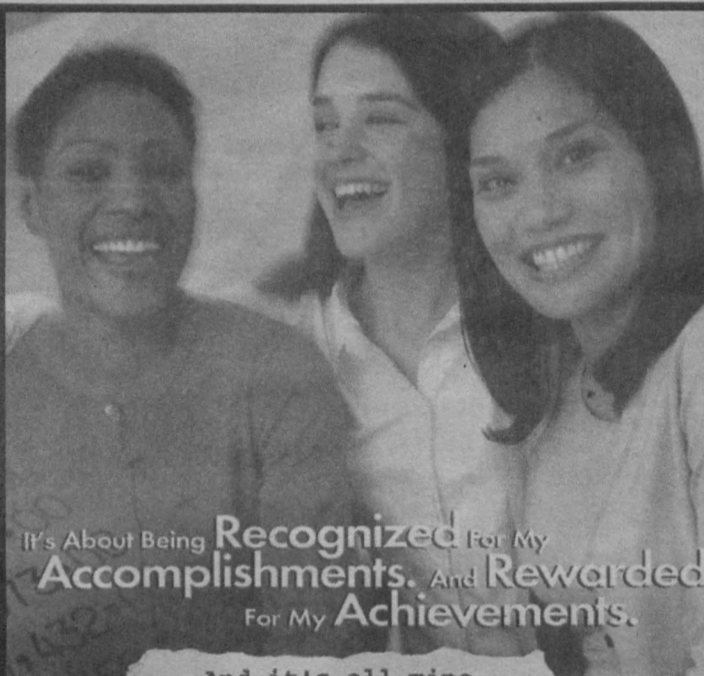


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Campus groups plan big for Earth Week activities

By Carmen Michaud
For The Maine Campus

Sunday marked the beginning of the week-long celebration of Earth Week, with activities planned for the University of Maine campus. Demonstrations of solar and hybrid vehicles, a clothing swap and much more are planned by the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

In preparation, students gathered at Stodder Hall to pot plants, paint and make banners to decorate the campus. In addition, discussion boards about sustainability on campus will be set up. Festivities began at 5:30

p.m. Sunday.

"We think this will be a good way to raise awareness in the community about environmental issues and concerns," said Amber Carr, treasurer of SEAC.

The UMaine Solar Vehicle Team's vehicles, and Toyota and Honda hybrids from the UMaine Motor Pool will be on display on the mall in front of Fogler Library Wednesday and Thursday. Members of UMaine's Solar Vehicle Team will be on hand to answer questions about their entries in the annual Tour de Sol.

Carr said SEAC is hoping members of the university community will again donate their

unwanted, clean clothes for a clothing swap from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Collection bins will be placed near each of the four commons this past Monday through Thursday.

The swap will take place on the mall, where participants can drop off or pick up articles of clothing. In the event of rain, the swap will be held in the Totman Lounge of Memorial Union. Leftover clothing will be donated to Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

In another Earth Week activity, people are urged to stop by Memorial Union for a free, trash bag. The goal is for each

person to carry his or her trash bag for a day or two, or even a week, to understand how much garbage an individual generates in that time.

"We think it's a good action to gain awareness and visibility. We encourage students to use bags they have and can reuse, after all that is the true spirit of Earth Week" said Tristan QuinnThibodeau, president of SEAC.

In addition, throughout the week the Bookstore will be selling environmental totes for \$4.50, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Earth Week Committee. There will also be a showcase of educational sus-

tainable and environmental resources containing publications, electronic resources and related materials available to the community.

On a musical note, SEAC has invited several local bands, including Retirement Check, to perform. They are scheduled to play on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the North Pod of Memorial Union.

All Earth Week 2005 activities are open and free to the public. They are sponsored by the SEAC, the Bookstore, the UMaine Solar Vehicle Team, the Maine Marketplace, Student Government and the UMaine Sustainability Office.

UMaine hosts bridge competition

By Emma Pope Welch
For The Maine Campus

When is it ideal to be 3.5 feet wide, 4.5 feet tall and 21.5 feet long? When it's a structure in the 2005 Steel Bridge Competition which was held earlier this month. The University of Maine hosted the competition this year and boasted their eighth competing bridge. The challenge involved building a single span bridge over a marsh.

The competition, sponsored by American Institution of Steel Construction, sets forth rules and regulations simulating real life. Each team works all year to construct a bridge and practices putting it together for the time-trial. The parts are set out and ready to use as teams race around trying to build the bridge speedily with as little penalties as possible.

The bridges were required to reach across a marshland. Temporary support could be used during construction. Blue

tape lined the carpets of Wells Commons representing undisturbed areas of marshland. Even a toe inside this tape meant 10 seconds added to the final tally. Maine raced to a 22 minute finish, penalties included.

Student teams from 10 New England Universities came to compete. Northeastern University and Norwich University both qualified for Nationals in Orlando, Fla. These two teams made it past the judges in both the specifications and the load bearing stage. Seven teams disqualified before loading weight.

Maine's team cleared all of the dimension specifications, but was disqualified when loading the 2,500 pounds onto the bridge. With over two thirds of the weight on the bridge, the connections were weak and broke under the poundage.

"The frustration is tough when a bridge buckles," said Bill Davids, associate professor of

civil and environmental engineering and the team's faculty advisor. "The real value of this competition is teamwork, coordination and organization."

Team member Kourtney Tourigny said many hours of work led them to the event.

"All together we spent hundreds of hours," she said. "Fifty hours alone were spent practicing."

Designing started last summer. When spring semester rolled around the team met multiple times each week. Once the bridge was designed, the team put the design through computer analysis and gathered materials with the help of area businesses. Next the parts were fabricated and the practicing began.

Only six of the team members are on the floor during construction. Everyone else helped in various aspects of hosting or fabrication. The event is hosted each year by a volunteer school.

"This year the team said 'Let's do it,'" Davids said.

University engineering students



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STEELING THE SHOW — Nick Flagg, Justin Desjarlais and Chris Lyons, members of the UMaine Steel Bridge build team work together in a race against the clock last Saturday during a bridge-building competition against other New England teams. UMaine was one of 11 teams to compete.

take four years of courses learning about principles. Competitions like the Steel Bridge allow students to tackle issues of construction and efficiency all while working to stay within regulations. Using structural steel, design and knowledge students communicate, take

initiative and get the job done.

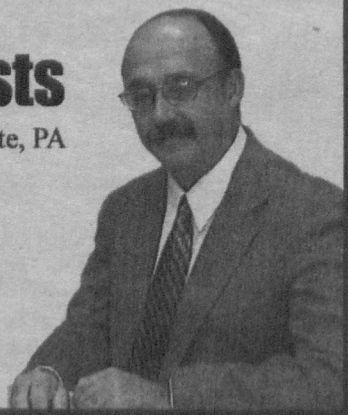
Team captain Jamie Morneau said the lessons learned at this years event will help the team in the future.

"This is the third year of disqualification," he said. "Our connections will be fixed for next year's competition."

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Beethoven's big at this little campus learning place

Psychology department's Child Study Center works to help kids of all types excel

By Samantha White
For The Maine Campus

The sounds of Beethoven flow through the air while several children enjoy picking up toys and placing them neatly where they belong. Every parent's fantasy, it is a daily occurrence among the children who attend the preschool program at the Child Study Center at the University of Maine.

"I don't know how many parents have asked me for that CD," said head teacher Kevin Duplissie. "They are amazed that the children will hear the song, and automatically begin cleaning up."

In fact, Duplissie said everything at the Center works as well as the Beethoven music and cleaning up scenario. The children are never bored and are eager to learn. He said the concept behind this is simple.

"I've been doing this for 32 years, they're always good kids. If you are consistent with them and give them the right tools, they will follow through," he said.

The children range in age from two-and-a-half to six. The program focuses largely on learning social skills. At a certain time everyday, the group of nine or 10 children gather for song time. The children eagerly raise their hands to get up in front of the group and lead the singing and public

speaking.

"How do you feel when you're in your class and you have to give a presentation? We're trying to break some of that down. At two, three, four, five years old, they're in front of their peers, leading the group, to lessen some of that anxiety," Duplissie said.

In this exercise, the children also learn patience. When a certain child was not called on, he accepted the fact that it wasn't his turn. He knew that the time would come when it would be his turn, so he waited patiently.

The children are also learning cultural aspects of life. When Duplissie asked what the French letter for "Q" was, amazingly, the sound of several little voices could be heard, sounding out the letter. The same thing when he asked for "Q" in American Sign Language.

"We're not getting them ready for college," Duplissie said. "But when they hear someone speaking a different language, it's not foreign and they're not wondering 'what are they are doing, what are saying?'"

Once a week, students from the department of modern languages and classics come to the study center to give the children Spanish lessons. Another area where the children seemed expert was in the social aspect

of the classroom. When they were not called on, they waited their turn, and did not get into arguments. And if the children do have fights, Duplissie said that they deal with them carefully.

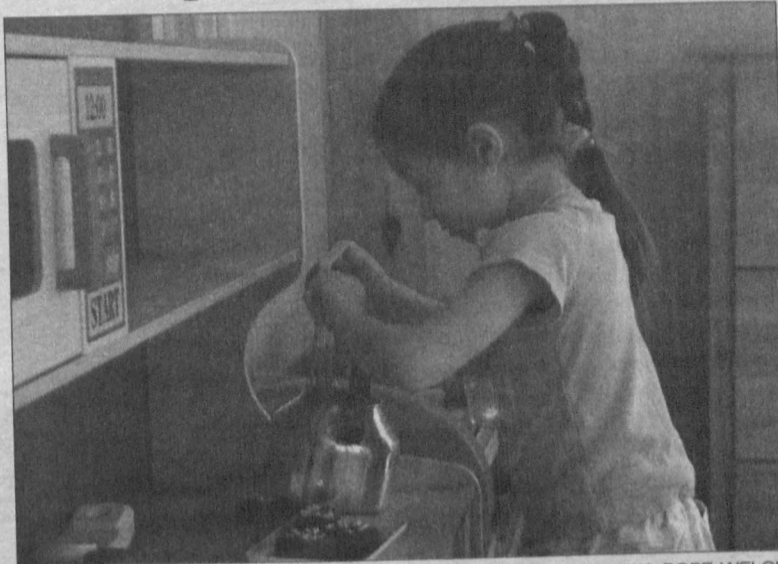
"We'll go over and help them, but we won't go over and take over," he said.

Reading is also a very big area of concentration at the preschool. The goal of the reading program is to get the children to understand the concept of what books are for and the importance of learning how to read.

"We begin finishing lines to see how much they're listening. If I begin a line, the children can finish it for me. That's beginners reading," Duplissie said.

In addition to this, the preschool donates 11 books to each child throughout the semester, hoping to further enhance their reading experiences.

The setting of the preschool is also intended to make the experience enjoyable for the children. A new sun room was just introduced to the building at the beginning of this semester. Parents of children, employees of the center and members of the university were eager to begin this project. They worked all semester break in the frigid cold, with many of their own supplies to



CAMPUS PHOTO BY EMMA POPE WELCH

LEARNING — Harriet Card concentrates on her baking activities Friday afternoon at the Psychology department's Child Study Center.

build this sunroom with their own hands, he said.

Duplissie encourages students with children to apply here, because it will not only enhance the child's learning experiences, but the parent's as well.

"If you know where your kids are, you can concentrate more on your work," Duplissie said.

Gov. Baldacci's niece happens to attend the program.

Duplissie also wants to get the word out to psychology students seeking work-study jobs.

"It's a great place to come and get training," he said.

Students can work hands-on with the children, actually

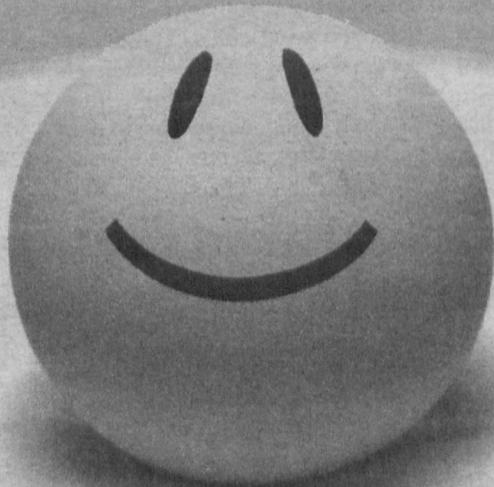
helping them learn and interacting with them, not just observing and studying them. There is lab-study session course where students get to work with the children.

"Those students who take the course will meet one day a week, and one session a week being on the floor with the children," he said.

He explained, that these children are in no way guinea pigs for the psychology department.

These young students will someday be able to tell all of their friends that they went to school at a college when they were two years old.

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Taxationland: The way life shouldn't be

Recent headlines have been host to some disturbing news, citing that the Pine Tree State is home to the nation's heftiest taxes. While this information might not alarm most students, the younger generation should become concerned about this troubling issue. Though we may not be paying taxes for our businesses or our properties right now — we will one day in the future.

Already our state is facing an exodus of its young population; a tax burden is one more nail in the coffin. In addition, the higher price of taxes constitutes a higher cost of living. We are paying these increasing taxes through increasing rent costs and soaring costs of consumer goods. Members of the University of Maine community should be concerned about this issue and work towards making next April 15 a little merrier.

Red-Crossed by FDA policy

According to an article in today's *The Maine Campus*, a resolution has passed that will encourage the University of Maine and its various student organizations to terminate all affiliations with the Red Cross. This resolution stems from a policy made in 1985 by the Food and Drug Administration which states that men who have had sex with another man since 1977 cannot give blood.

While the Red Cross does support the FDA's policy, it has to abide by the policy even if it didn't agree with it, as does any other organization.

The General Student Senate's rush to implement this latest resolution has left some scheduled Red Cross functions in a precarious situation, possibly leaving our nation's ever dwindling blood supply even more depleted. Although GSS's resolution aims to deter discrimination, the haste to which it was implemented only served to hinder efforts to collect much needed blood.

Correction: In the April 14 issue the editorial should have stated that Student Senate had an amendment that suggested \$100 for the presidential inauguration rather than the proposed \$800. The Senate approved the full \$800. *The Maine Campus strives to have an accurate and informative paper. If you notice that we have made an error, please contact the appropriate section editor.*



One prophecy not to fulfill

A sardonic look into the future of our beloved university

Nearly everyone is familiar with Michel de Nostredame, more commonly known as Nostradamus, the 16th century prophet whose quatrains foresaw global events, technologies and the impending end of the world hundreds of years before the events in question happened, or have yet to happen. Nostradamus had no crystal ball, tarot cards or magic implement to foresee his visions — just a bowl of water. I am evoking the same powers to look down the road and see the future of the University of Maine. Be forewarned, the future here at UMaine is a scary vision, filled with uncertain chaos and trepidation. These scenarios are in no way set in stone; only the actions of those in question can change the fate of our beloved institution.

The presidential conclave has convened; white smoke has billowed from the chimney of newly appointed President Kennedy's house. The church bells have peeled, signifying a new reign here at UMaine. No longer saddled with the title of Interim President, Kennedy will follow in the footsteps of past UMaine czars. No more snow days, despite volatile conditions and sub-arctic temperatures and wind chills. Those went out the window with the obliteration of the term "interim" from Kennedy's title. Make sure to pack the Gore-Tex, scarves and winter

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hats next fall break, because you will need them. When you are packing all your warm weather gear, make sure you pack some tie-dyed t-shirts, cut-off khaki shorts and a Frisbee, because following this year's Bumstock debacle and ultimate failure, UMaine administrators will reallocate the funds usually budgeted for the spring music festival to hold a mandatory, three-day seminar on peace, diversity and political correctness to make all students understand the value of having an open, liberal mind. Guest speakers from the Student Women's Association will chastise male students for being born with penises, and applaud female students for overcoming adversity while having ovaries. Transgendered students will be able

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Letters to the Editor

• Hartwell has a point

Agree or disagree with Mike Hartwell and his article on gender identity, "A sex change won't do you good" [*The Maine Campus*, April 7] I'd like to be sure we aren't simply putting forward a straw man to dismiss. In Claire Folsom's response, "Having a change of Hartwell" [*The Maine Campus*, April 11] she gives

us this information: "To qualify as a mental disorder, a behavioral pattern must result in a significant adaptive disadvantage to the person or cause personal mental suffering." That may well be how a behavioral pattern becomes classified as a mental disorder, but the definition of a mental disorder does not begin "a behavioral pattern that ..."

Another sort of mental disorder is simply to believe something that is directly contradicted by facts. It doesn't really matter if the belief is about gremlins attacking you, being a girl or being a dog. Hartwell's point, which I'll presume to know, and think is a valid one, is that for no

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Arming the Army

Draft protesters'
motives errant

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GOODMAN



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

A disturbing trend has been developing over the past few weeks. On March 31, "No Draft" protests were staged across the United States, mainly with the goals of shutting down recruiting stations for our Armed Forces and throwing recruiters off campus. Anti-war students and groups, of course, have been preceding this by forming human barricades around recruiting offices and picketing recruiters on campuses. In some instances, recruiters have been escorted out of the area by police officers because of angrier, more physical protest groups. What's their angle?

In the most recent Maine Peace Action Coalition newsletter, there's an article describing this counter-recruitment movement, listing off the reasons these anti-recruiting organizers have for their actions. Most of the propaganda is familiar:

Prevent an impending draft, military recruitment is down, prevent recruiters from targeting minorities and to show that the military is morally wrong. "The United States military is carrying out a White House agenda in gross violation against human rights, peace, freedom and democracy. It does nothing to stop terrorism and in fact encourages more terrorism," claims one student organizer. I'm not sure how others may see that, but to me that's a few steps away from calling all those that have and are serving in the armed forces "murderers," "baby-killers" and other off-key labels from the Vietnam era. Furthermore, the quotas for the Army and the Marines have actually been raised significantly in recent months. So, isn't it more than likely that the increase is the reason that their recruitment goals haven't been reached? Also, if the military just targets minorities, why is the ethnic background the Army a little over 60 percent white? And the recruiters are only doing their job,

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to choose whether to be chastised or applauded accordingly.

Speaking of applause, there will be a multitude of ovations for Student Body President Kate O'Brien as she wins the presidency for a second straight time in a flawless election. The election will be run seamlessly, because everyone will unanimously vote O'Brien to her second term as president. During her inauguration, which will be held at the lavish Penobscot County Club's prestigious reception hall, O'Brien will announce to her constituents that she is officially the Queen of the University of Maine. The title of president will be vacated until O'Brien decides to relinquish her throne in four years.

The Men's Hockey and Women's Basketball teams will be cut due to budget restraints. However, the newly funded Men and Women's Jai-lai teams will bring immense corporate sponsorship to UMaine Athletics.

Parking tickets will be increased to \$100 per violation by 2006. Likewise, over 1,000 parking spots will be slashed for various developments for the engineering and forestry departments. In lieu of parking passes, students wishing to drive and park on campus will have to bid for spots on eBay on a weekly basis. This will elevate parking

services' revenues to a multi-billion dollar business. Students will not see a dime of these funds, and are expected to pass administrative lots filled with Cadillacs, BMW's and Bentleys in quiet awe.

And in perhaps what is the bleakest vision of our school's future, we will no longer be known as the University of Maine. Following a move approved by Emperor Westphal, President, not Interim President, Kennedy, Queen O'Brien and unbiased student liaison Russ Bartlett, UMaine will be known "Coke Is It U." The move will be proposed by the Coca-Cola Company in an effort to counter the fictional "Mountain Dew U." Both Coke and UMaine officials will be undeterred by evidence that "Mountain Dew U" is a marketing tool and not an actual institution. The new "Coke Is It U" mascot will be the "Smiles," because "when you open a Coke, you open a smile." The new mascot, "Smiles the Bear," will actually be the current, smiling Bananas the Bear; only he will be wearing a "Coke Is It" shirt. He will be selling Cokes for \$3 a piece at all Coke-U jai-lai games.

There it is UMaine students, a glimpse into your collective future. My advice: Drink Coke, kiss Kate O'Brien's ass, ride a bike to school and bring an extra pair of gloves. Go Coke-U Smiles!

Mike Melochick is a senior journalism major that just found out he was clairvoyant, but had a feeling all along.

DRAFT

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like they have been for years, regardless of peace, war, or who's in office — what's the point of targeting them?

Here's another nice thought for everyone. One sure-fire way to add reasons for Congress to re-instate the draft is make sure people can't volunteer for the military in the first place. Pulling the kind of protest movements mentioned above is just a start. If military recruiters can't do their jobs, if the quotas for recruitment continue to be undermined year after year, and the size of our armed forces shrink, due to new recruits being prevented from enlisting, then Congress will have to take drastic action to ensure the size of the military is maintained to what they, as

elected officials, decide. There will have to be a draft — whether we are at war or not, whether we are still in Iraq or not — and the blame will not all be the current administration. If we can't have an all-volunteer army, then we're going to have a conscripted army. Which one sounds better?

In the end, what seems to be forgotten here, most importantly by MPAC and these counter-recruiters, is that the only person who makes the final decision to enlist in any of the military branches isn't your parents, your teachers, your friends, or the recruiters — it's you. Your call, your decision to listen to the recruiters, your decision to join. It's going to be one hell of an ironic twist if the little nudge that actually tilts the need for a draft over the edge would be these protesters trying so hard to prevent one.

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cated withholding treatment, in general, from anyone, and the implication is an unfair one. What I believe he advocated withholding, if anything, is a specific type of treatment. Second, I think this is a somewhat fair statement, and by all means, please, let's withhold similar treatment from them. Similar treatment for someone with suicidal depression would be to give them a gun and let them kill themselves. Similar treatment for any mental disorder would be to find some degree to which we could alter the facts to conform to whatever is believed and however it is believed. I don't think Hartwell is going to shy away from the statement that we ought not do that.

It may all sound silly to a degree, but I think Hartwell's article served its purpose well in raising the issue that the treatment of transsexuals, in this sense anyway, makes no effort to explain why this particular mental disorder is different than others.

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other case of mental disorder is the proposed remedy to make the facts fit the belief, instead of making the belief fit the facts.

Making some unexplained move along the lines of, "I'm a girl whether I'm a girl or not," needs some sort of validation. If it has no specific validation, what separates it from Species Identity Disorder, or transspeciesism, where we plug in dog for member of the opposite sex within the three criteria?

Folsom's response also includes this thought: "Though it is not directly life-threatening, denying treatment or insurance coverage to persons working through this disorder would be comparable to withholding similar assistance from persons with anything from bipolar disorder to suicidal depression."

First, I don't think Hartwell advo-

Democrats need a solution

Negating GOP bills is only stall tactic, not an answer

Since the convincing losses suffered by the Democratic Party in last November's election, which saw the GOP gain control of the Senate and White House, a new plan of attack, or rather lethargy, has been laid out. That new plan? Do nothing — except, every time a Republican leader outlines a proposal, disagree with it.

In the Social Security debate, President George W. Bush has been adamant in his advocacy of small, private accounts. He acknowledges that there is something wrong with the system, though just what is wrong and when that problem will surface is still in the air. The Democratic leaders in Congress, such as Rep. Barney Frank, Sen. Ted Kennedy and Sen. Barbara Boxer, have made a living in the past few months of attempting to block judicial and cabinet nominations as well as any bills and plans, including the proposed privatization of Social Security.

Recently there have been calls for Democrats to offer an alternative to the Bush plan, but none has been forthcoming. Says Rep. Frank, "We do have a progressive agenda to get to, but first we have to get everybody's attention by stressing our opposition."

Senate Minority leader Harry Reid argues that this new Democratic strategy is unifying the party within and working to show the true Republican intent.

During the Terri Schiavo debacle, rather than standing up to the efforts of Bush and House

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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Majority leader Tom Delay in trying to intervene in a familial affair, these Democrats were silent. Many of them did not even bother to show up for the vote that allowed the Schindler family to take their case to federal court.

In the short term, these efforts appear to be paying off. The vast majority of Americans were shocked and dismayed with the government intrusions in the Shiavo case, the Social Security plan is quickly falling apart and President Bush's approval ratings are the lowest — 44 percent — in his tenure thus far. However, in the long run, meaning the upcoming Congressional elections, this non-strategy will likely backfire.

In the mid-1990s, when Democrats held a position similar to contemporary Republicans, controlling the Senate, House and the Presidency, but lost 52 seats in 1994. This tremendous reversal in voter preference was not due to the failures of then-President Bill Clinton. Indeed much of the public became disillusioned after the repeated blocking of his proposals in his first term. Rather, the success of the GOP likely was the result of a bril-

liant tactic by Newt Gingrich. The cleverly named "Contract with America" was signed by most Republicans up for election and promised specific, sweeping reforms. The "Contract" called for eight reforms of the Congressional process on the first day of the new majority and for ten pieces of legislation to be voted upon.

The voting public, it seemed, took to the promises, and the Republicans have held the majority for the last ten years. Americans like action, to feel that help is on the way.

The Democratic party, under the stewardship of chairman Howard Dean, cannot hope to pull off something as miraculous, and essential for their slipping sway and influence, with mere obstruction. Soon, they will be forced to answer for the public, who realize that changes need to take place, just what should be done with respect to Social Security; terrorist suspects and gold-like gasoline prices.

Americans want leaders, not dissenters, and that means people capable of solving the problems that we now face. How are we, as voters, supposed to weigh the choices if we have none? Sooner or later people will begin to get behind ideas such as privatization, despite its flaws, for lack of a better alternative.

Now is the time to unveil Rep. Frank's "progressive agenda."

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No Bumstock is a good Bumstock

Hansen, Bumstock Committee have failed students

It is less than a week away, and there is nothing to get excited about. There are only a few general ideas about who should play when, and no headliner. Bumstock's \$50,000 dollar budget seems to be hastily spent trying to firm up a day's worth of music and enjoyment for UMaine's annual end-of-the-year music festival. I'm not a math major, but this equation seems wrong — something does not add up here.

For the past couple months, I have heard a lot of talk around campus about this year's Bumstock. Nothing positive has been spoken.

Just days before the main event is set to kickoff, no one except the coordinator has any idea about what is going to happen on the Hill come April 23.

"The news we've all been waiting for" is blah, blah, blah, Mr.-No-Name, Paranoid Social Club and Headstart. Who cares? It seems as though Bumstock has been transforming into the "Paranoid Headstock" for the past few years. Both of these bands are talented, and I enjoy seeing them, but enough is enough. Each one has performed at UMaine more times than I can count — like I said, I am not a math major.

The Bumstock Committee should sit back, relax, and realize that they have failed the student body worse than past Bumstock

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Committees have ever failed the student body before.

If there is anything that could exonerate them, it would be for Elizabeth Hansen and the Bumstock Committee to apologize and cancel Bumstock 2005.

There is no excuse for Bumstock to turn out like it has this year, except for lack of effort. Insurance and security are always a problem with Bumstock; it has not kept other committees from forming band lists before. Verbal agreements could have been reached and contracts could have been drafted long before last week. Then, when Bumstock got insurance, acts could have signed on the dotted line and Bumstock 2005 could have flourished.

Bumstock is a celebration for the student masses; it is an end-of-the-year-bash for everyone. The niche market that Bumstock has been aimed at while I have been here gets slimmer every year. Not having a headliner this year that the majority of the student body knows will increase the exploitation of the student body and more students will feel alienated by the festival, which is ironically designed to release their tensions.

Hansen and Kate O'Brien, president of Student Government, said that informing the students of the lack of insurance was not necessary. That is pure ignorance. It is the student's festival, we should know if it's going to happen or if there are circumstances that could prevent it from doing so.

In the past, the rain, the mud, the no-shows — they were all part of Bumstock, but at least students had something to look forward to, even if everything didn't go as planned.

Bumstock cannot be successful when the band list is finalized with less than a week before the show. To have Bumstock now will be a waste of the students' money. My suggestion for the Bumstock Committee would be to cancel Bumstock 2005, save the money for next year, bring back the two day festival and start booking bands in November. Putting a festival of this magnitude together this late in the game, is like writing your thesis the night before you have to present it.

Producing a Bumstock of just local bands is a cop out by a Bumstock Committee that is just trying to save face for finally killing a dying outlet for student sanity at the end of the school year.

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Through Friday, June 10
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Monday, April 18
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Free

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6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Wells Common

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7 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Cumberland Hall
Free

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7 p.m.
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EXPLAINING AN ERA



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SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE — Barry Drake presented a flashback to the 1960s to the The Frequency's crowd, explaining how Rock got its start and the many forms it took on before truly making its mark on the American Music Scene.

By Jesse Davis
Staff Writer

From groups like the Rolling Stones, the Grateful Dead and the aptly named The Band, Barry Drake could lead a complete idiot through the rock music of the '60s in the best way possible.

Drake, who has shared his '70s and '80s rock lectures with the University of Maine over the past two years did his best this past Saturday to explain to the rest of us just what it was like existing during that particular point in time in San Francisco, hanging out near the corner of Haight-Ashbury, chilling on the deck of Jerry Garcia's house — waiting for him to come out, jamming and discussing the surge of hippies moving to the city — and seeing some of the greatest artists and concerts that have ever happened in the history of rock and roll. Barry, who has been both an avid music fan and a published singer and songwriter, has a knowledge of rock music unparalleled by anyone you'll ever see on VH1 or MTV, and is willing to share it with anyone who will listen.

Attendees were enthralled as he moved from the British Invasion to acts such as Janis Joplin and the later genesis of folk rock and protest music. In covering the music, in a chronological as well as logical sense, not only was he successful in his explanation of the progression of the music, but also in expressing the feeling of what it was like to be alive and listening to it. This gave his audience a better



understanding of why music changed through the years in the way that it did.

By using audio clips of interview with the artists and their songs combined with a massive selection of slides, not only did he tell us how it was, he also showed us.

By the end of his presentation, Drake had left his audience with a wonderfully expressive picture of what the '60s were like, while also providing us with a pre-history to our favorite music. If the department of student entertainment knows what it is doing, it will book him for his '50s lecture next year as well.

*Music lecturer
Barry Drake
breaks down the
music of the
1960s from the
Beatles to the
Rolling Stones*

'Tin Chef' invades the Union tonight

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

The Japanese are invading the United States again, only this time they're not leaving their mark with 100 tons of bombs, circa 1941. Instead, it's through the country's immensely popular television cooking show, "The Iron Chef." The popularity of the show has even inspired The University of Maine's Campus Activities Board to create its own version of the show, "The Tin Chef," which will be hosted tonight in Memorial Union.

While "The Iron Chef" features world-class chefs preparing delicacies, "The Tin Chef" is aimed primarily toward a college crowd and will incorporate microwaves and other simple kitchen appliances, making it more relatable for the average college student. The decision to title the event "Tin" derives from this goal.

"The Tin Chef" features "cooking on a limited budget and with limited resources as far as kitchen appliances go. We decided tin was a less classy and lower-scale metal," said Noelle O'Clair, chair of CAB's game nights.

Like the Japanese import, "The Tin Chef" requires contestants, although in this incarnation it is teams of three, rather than individuals, to perform cooking tasks in order to ultimately create the tastiest dish using a variety of ingredients and the required "secret" ingredient. In order to achieve extra time and extra cooking appliances, the teams will engage in mini-cooking tasks, such as an apple peeling contest.

"The winning team will be given cooking-related items as a prize," said O'Clair, "there will also be an award given to the

'best-dressed' cooking team."

Before the event each team will spend \$10 on ingredients at a convenience store on campus and then use these ingredients to prepare their final dish, although they must also incorporate the "secret" ingredient. Each team

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Noelle O'Clair

will receive points awarded on taste, originality, use of secret ingredient, style and presentation by a panel of judges. There will be three teams of three competing in the event.

The competition will be held at 8 p.m. in the North Dining Room Memorial Union and the crowd will be offered samples of each team's dish, giving the event an interactive appeal.

"The hosts will have microphones to announce and interview chefs and their helpers about how meals are prepared," said O'Clair.

O'Clair said CAB is very excited about the event, as it has not hosted any form of cooking event before.

"We are expecting some great laughs and interesting tastes. Maybe even some new recipes for Easy-Mac and ramen related items," she said.

Whether the event swims or sinks like the USS Arizona, it promises to offer an interesting time for all teams and those in attendance.

Dealing with disabilities

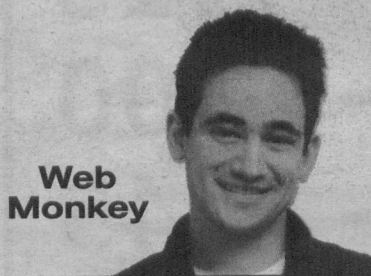


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IT WAS THIS BIG — Mathias Ringle, the host of "Pass up the Pity ... Pick Up the Pace", demonstrates how he was searched at the Detroit Airport because of diabetes supplies that he had to travel with in his pocket.

Making a mockery

Web site pokes fun at everything, everyone



Web
Monkey

By John Evans

There I was, sitting at my computer, bored out of my mind, wondering how to eat up the rest of the hours in the day. It's not like I could go for a bike ride or outside at all; someone upstairs decided snow in the middle of April would be cute. So I sat, not wanting to do anything, but wanting something new and exciting at the same time. AOL Instant Messenger, probably the only time I'll be able to say this, came through. The little blinking window popped up:

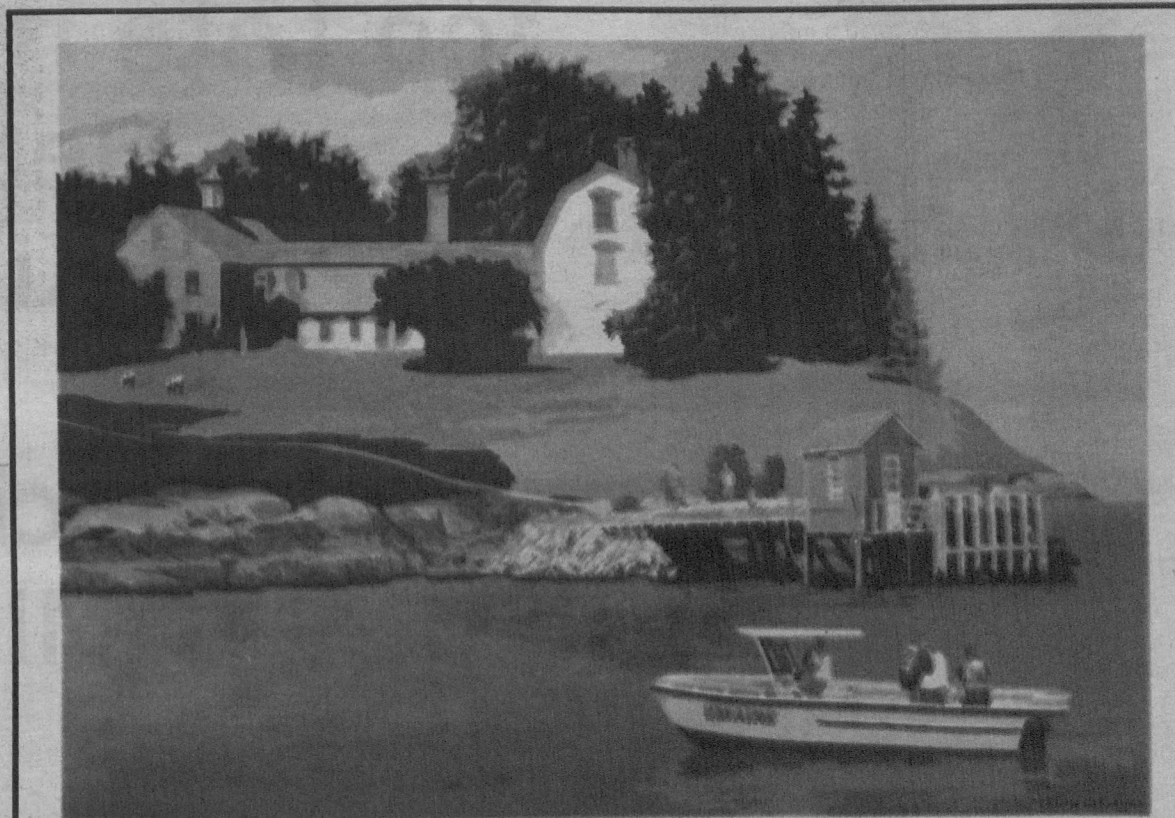
BaReFootHipPiE: Dude, check out this site — <http://maddox.xmission.com>.

So I did. Maddox.Xmission, or "The Best Page in the

Universe," has got to be the most narrow-minded and opinionated page the Internet's got to offer. There are about 20 categories listed down the page into which Maddox, the Webmaster, absolutely rips. He is a critic with Doberman-like intensity, ripping and tearing until not a shred of dignity remains. From lesbians and abortion to Dave Chappelle, Maddox takes no prisoners. A brave few have taken a stand against their brutally effective and humorous critic, only to be torn down and put on display for his fans which he titles his "Hate Mail."

The "Hate Mail" section covers every letter that's sent by readers who find Maddox offensive. The letters range from "Maddox, you suck" to long, heartfelt tearjerkers that implore him to stop. All letters are treated mercilessly. Holes are found in every argument. Maddox capitalizes on these holes and rips them out at their foundation, making the authors

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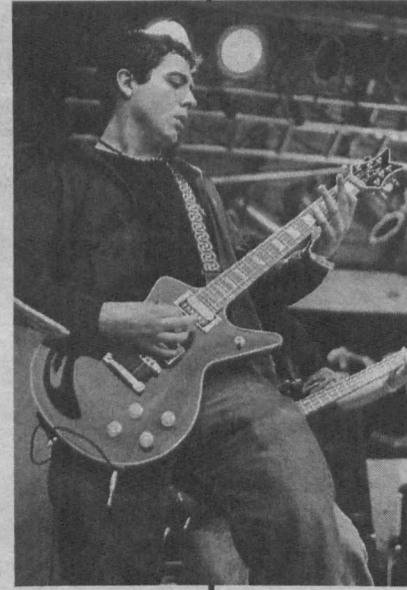
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- 4:15 - Soul Lemon



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- Vague Valentine - 5:45
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- Headstart! - 7:15
- Pete Kilpatrick - 8:00
- Zox - 8:45
- Paranoid Social Club - 9:45
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'Amityville' shallow on scares

Remake stylish but ultimately fails to scare or entertain audience

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

What I've seen of the original "Amityville Horror" is just clips from AMC while flipping through the television channels looking for something to hold my interest. While I've watched parts of it, I've never seen the whole thing, and although AMC considers it a classic, I really have to question this, especially coming from the station that recently broadcast "Missing in Action 2" as a "classic."

In any event, Hollywood decided it was time to remake it, and I paid \$9 to see it. I walked away from the movie with two very distinct impressions: Hollywood should probably stop re-making old horror movies and Ryan Reynolds is jacked.

"The Amityville Horror" is just one movie in a string of Hollywood horror movie remakes including 2003's "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and next month's "House of Wax" — with Paris Hilton in the cast, the only question about this film is how many Academy Awards will it scoop up?

While the movie is not necessarily bad, it's not necessarily good, either, and maybe it would have even succeed if it wasn't a remake. The problem with remakes is that if you are at all familiar with the plot then you know what to expect, and as a result, the movie has to double its effort to entertain and scare the audience.

The movie begins with Kathy and George Luz (Melissa George and Reynolds), looking to buy a house in Amityville described as "the deal of a lifetime." After agreeing to purchase the house they are informed that an entire family was murdered in the house and

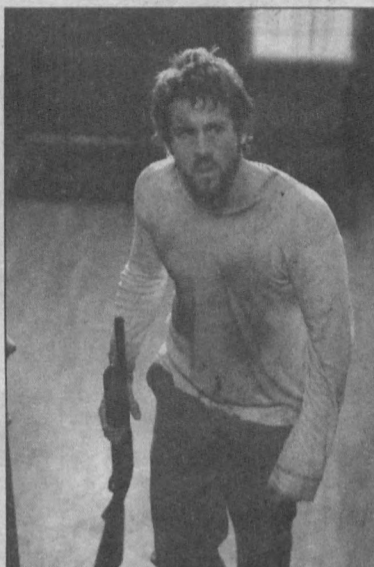
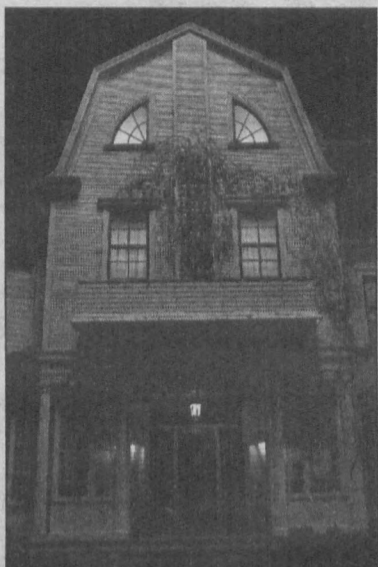


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ON THE PROWL — Ryan Reynolds stars in the remake of "The Amityville Horror." The movie lacks any real thrills or scares but does feature Reynolds shirtless.

after a three-second conference the two decide to still buy it. After all, "houses don't kill people, people kill people," as George prolifically quips.

Clocking in at 100 minutes, the movie moves at a fairly frantic pace once the Lutz family moves into the obviously possessed house. It takes just days before family members begin to see and hear things,

"...it does get to show some graphic scenes — no nudity, though, gentlemen, sorry..."

and throwing all common sense aside continue to live in the house. George receives the brunt of the house's anger and it's not long before he is terrorizing his three stepchildren.

The movie does pull off some decent scares, although they are mostly cheap ones — quick cuts and loud noises. The

movie does not really do much to build up any real sense of suspense and as a result there you feel nothing between cheap scares.

Due to the movie's 'R'rating, it does get to show some graphic scenes — no nudity, though, gentlemen, sorry — including a torture chamber in the basement, but even this can't help the movie's lack of alarm.

I actually think there are more scenes of Reynolds shirtless than there are thrills in the movie. For whatever reason, it seems as though he is only wearing a shirt about 25 percent of the time. Whether it's chopping wood, sleeping or menacing the family, he's doing it shirtless, that's a guarantee. If his co-star, Melissa George, had such a scant wardrobe as well, I might be reviewing this movie in a better light.

If you don't know the plot of "The Amityville Horror" then this movie might be definitely worth seeing, however, for those who have either seen it or know enough about it to know the plot, this movie does little to improve on the original.

The movies you missed

Joel Crabtree
Staff Writer

The year came and went, 2004 brought us some high quality movies, but just like any year, there were some that got lost in the shuffle. Although these movies have the ability to reach and be enjoyed by mainstream audiences, for whatever reason they only obtained small fan bases. Here are a few of the best films of 2004 that may have slipped by:

"Young Adam" is about a young drifter, named Joe, played by Ewan McGregor, who takes a job at a barge in Scotland. The movie balances two strong plots, Joe destroying the lives of the Barge owner and the owner's wife, played by Tilda Swinton, and the investigation of the mysterious death of an unknown woman. "Young Adam" is a movie driven by the performances, and the unraveling of the young drifter's mysterious story. It's a high-quality movie that is worth seeing.

"The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi" is one of the best foreign films of 2004. Its distributor, Miramax, gave it the shaft by heavily promoting "Hero" and putting it on the back-burner, resulting in less than \$1 million at the box office. "The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi," which won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival, is significantly better than "Hero." The film is based on a Japanese hero, comparable to Zorro or Robin Hood, who has been portrayed in several films prior to this.

Zatoichi is played perfectly by Takeshi Kitano, who also directed the film. He may be most recognizable to the kids in America as Vic Romano on Spike TV's "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge." The Zatoichi character is both a nonchalant samurai and a comedic old man. The supporting characters are generally goofy and provide for a lot of humor. The film is about Zatoichi coming to a town that is under the rule of a

tyrannical gang, and naturally the blind swordsman steps up to challenge them.

Another one of the best of 2004 that got entirely ignored, is Hong Kong's "Infernal Affairs." The film reached its theatrical peak in the U.S. when it was released on a mere five screens. "Infernal Affairs" is about a cop who is undercover as a gang member, and a gang member who is a mole in the police department. Both have the objective to uncover the other. It is a setup that provides some of the most well made, tense moments of 2004.

"Infernal Affairs" is a truly amazing film, and one of the best crime movies in decades. Not since the era of John Woo's "Hard Boiled," "The Killer" and "A Better Tomorrow" have Hong Kong crime movies been this good. "Infernal Affairs" is currently being remade by Martin Scorsese, titled "The Departed," set to be released next year.

"Baadasssss!" stars Mario Van Peebles, who also wrote and directed the picture. The film is about Van Peebles' father, Melvin Van Peebles, and the work that he went through to make the revolutionary 1971 independent film "Sweet Sweetback's Baad Asssss Song." "Baadasssss!" has one of the best performances of the year by Mario Van Peebles, and proves that he is also a talented filmmaker. The movie redefined the word "cool" in the independent film world.

"Baadasssss!" is a movie that was recognized only by the 2004 Independent Spirit Awards. It received multiple nominations, though the box-office performance left a lot to be desired. The film grossed under \$400,000, but it was respected by critics and played at the Sundance Film Festival.

All of these movies were neglected by audiences, but will hopefully find a larger audience on DVD. They are all well worth seeing, and should change the way people look at the year of film in 2004.

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of the letters look like fools.

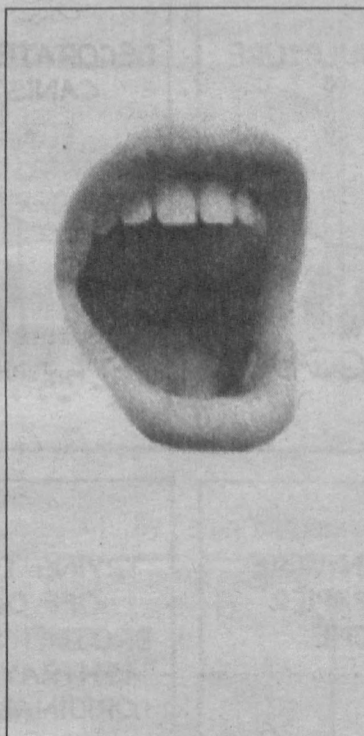
Maddox does all this with a pitiless, but hilarious tone. His "I rule, you suck" theme that dominates the entire site provides laugh after laugh. Perhaps the best section, "I am better than your kids," displays various artworks by kids that are critiqued and graded by Maddox. I know, it sounds bad. But there's something about seeing a scribbled, cute little drawing in crayons being utterly ripped apart. The best display was a set of Easter eggs painted by an 8-year-old boy named Bryce.

"This one wouldn't be too

bad if the color were kept inside the lines, you picked a new perspective, used non-abrasive colors and asked someone with talent to paint it for you," Maddox writes. "On one hand I want to give an 'A' for effort but ... F."

I can just imagine the kid getting his painting back from the teacher with the above scrawled across the top in a big red marker, and to me, that's humor baby.

The site, to some, must be offensive. Some may question the First Amendment, and why it protects such publications. But, give it a chance, I urge you. I'm sure this Maddox fellow doesn't mean half of what he says; he just knows how to put a twist into whatever topic he wishes to get a few laughs. And hey, if he really is a child-



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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Aries

March 21 to April 19

Enjoy a little frivolity, as the workload's about to increase. Your income is likely to go up, too, over the next few weeks.

Taurus

April 20 to May 20

This will be a good evening for sorting out closets and drawers. Find good homes for all the stuff that you can do without. You're a champion recycler.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Others hold you to high standards, but it's pointless to complain. In order to play at the highest levels, you've got to be very good.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Your reputation is excellent and more work is coming in. Make sure to get top dollar, of course. People are happy to pay it.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

You're looking good, and you're in the spotlight. Put on your best performance. You entertain simply by doing what you enjoy. Your happiness is contagious.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Add the finishing touches. You'll be amazed at how easy it is to complete a task that's been going on far too long, even if you're tired.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

Meetings with business associates will go very well today. There'll be a lot of good ideas, and it's easy to make wise decisions.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21

You could cinch a fabulous deal. Don't worry about a strong personality clashing with yours. You can find a way around the problem area.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

Others believe you can do it, so you might as well believe in yourself. Be bold, and blast past your old best score.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Some people think there's only so much money in the world, but you know wealth is created. So if you've depleted your inventory, start looking for materials.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

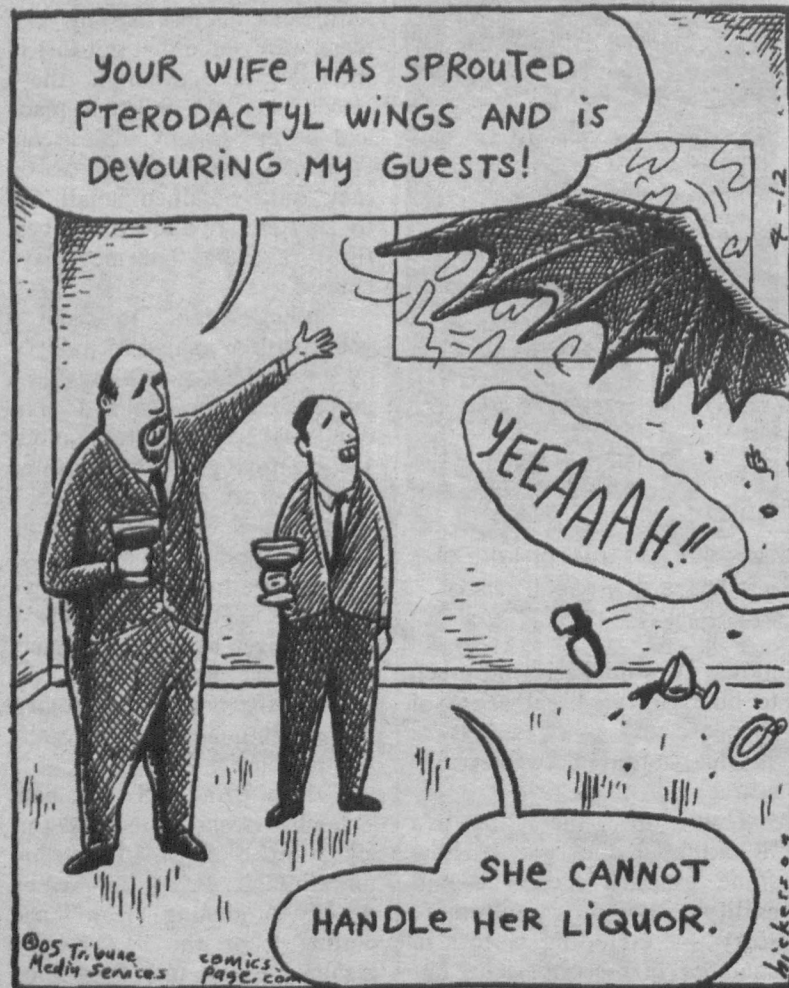
Continue to ask the tough questions. This opportunity won't last for long, and won't reappear for a while. Grab the moment.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

Make the commitment. Don't put it off any longer, the time is right. Then, start setting up a routine so you can produce what you've just promised.

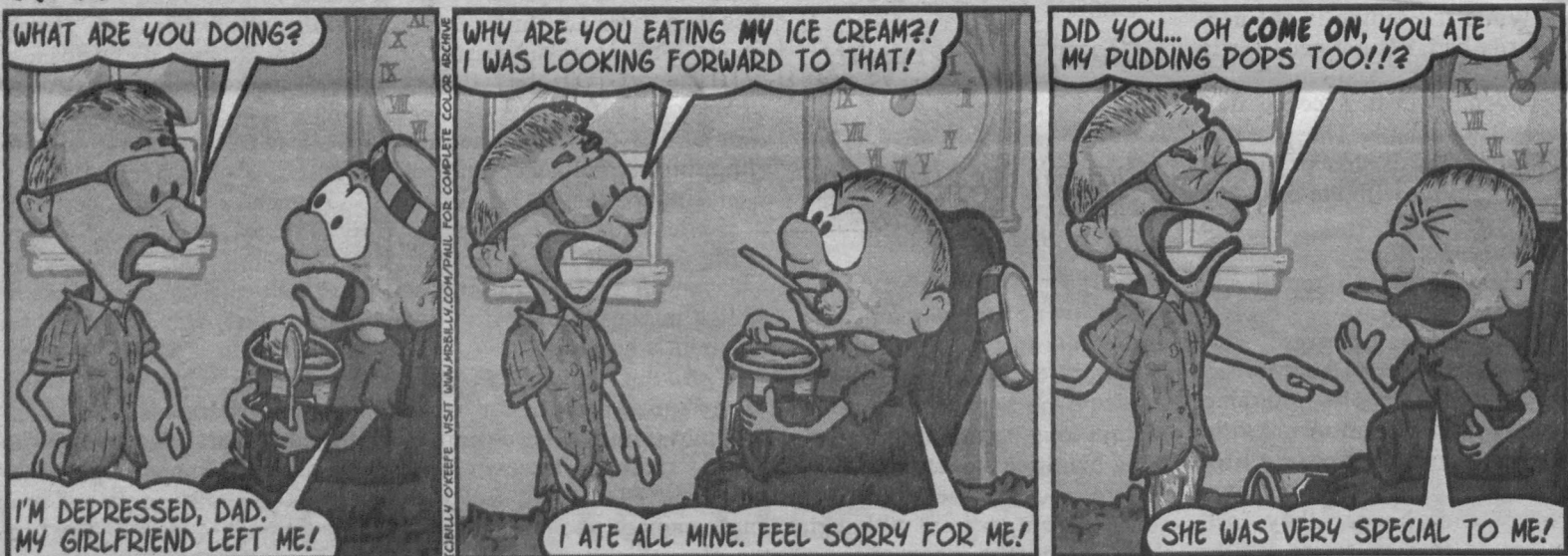
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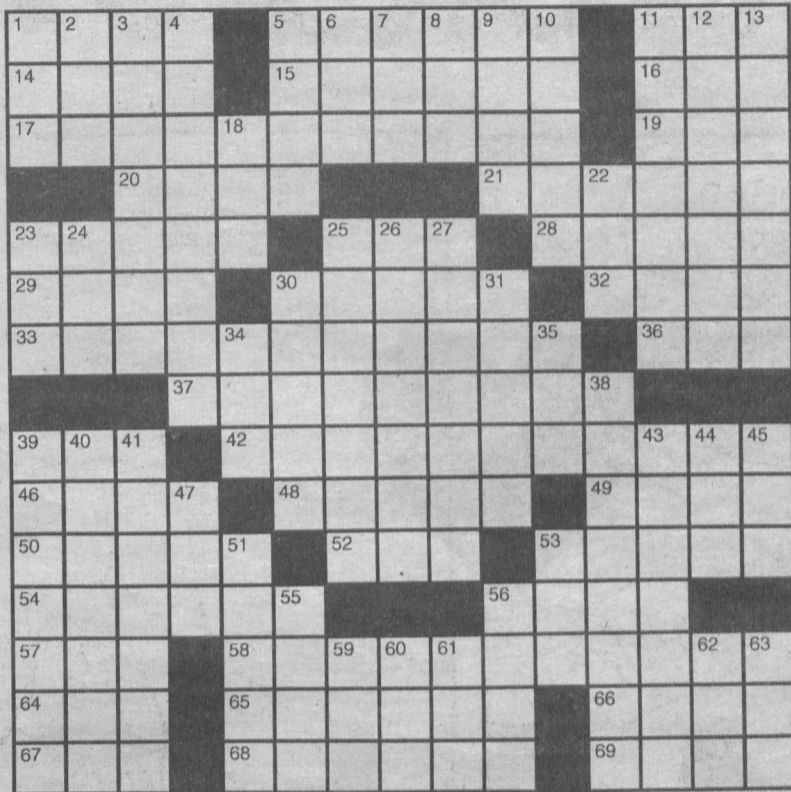
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Crossword

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- 1 Light touches
 - 5 Brief sleep
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 - 15 More nervous
 - 16 Non-invasive diagnostic
 - 17 Vincent Furnier on stage
 - 19 Screwball
 - 20 Animal hide
 - 21 Amen!
 - 23 Encourages actively
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 - 33 Powerful draft animals
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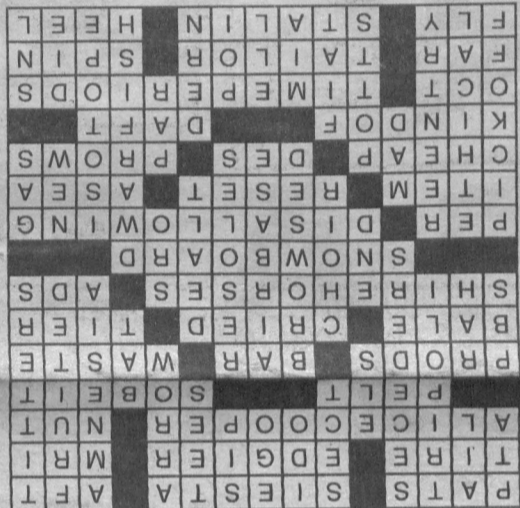
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 - 6 Marriage vow

- Solutions**
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 - 8 Liquid taste
 - 9 Golf gadgets
 - 10 Pointer
 - 11 Loss of memory
 - 12 Produced like an orchard
 - 13 Nervous laughter
 - 18 Ernie of golf
 - 22 Flying mammal
 - 23 "Nova" network
 - 24 College cheer
 - 25 Looked over
 - 26 Military landing field
 - 27 Does some cobbling
 - 30 Church singers
 - 31 Distributed the deck
 - 34 Finish
 - 35 Overflow letters
 - 38 Somewhat atypically small
 - 39 Intercept
 - 40 Moral
 - 41 Opposite of launch

Solutions



- 43 Carbon-14, e.g.
- 44 Unused
- 45 Xenon or neon
- 47 Loco
- 51 Actress Annie
- 53 Golfer's norm
- 55 Decree
- 56 Laura or Bruce
- 59 Actress Farrow
- 60 Building wing
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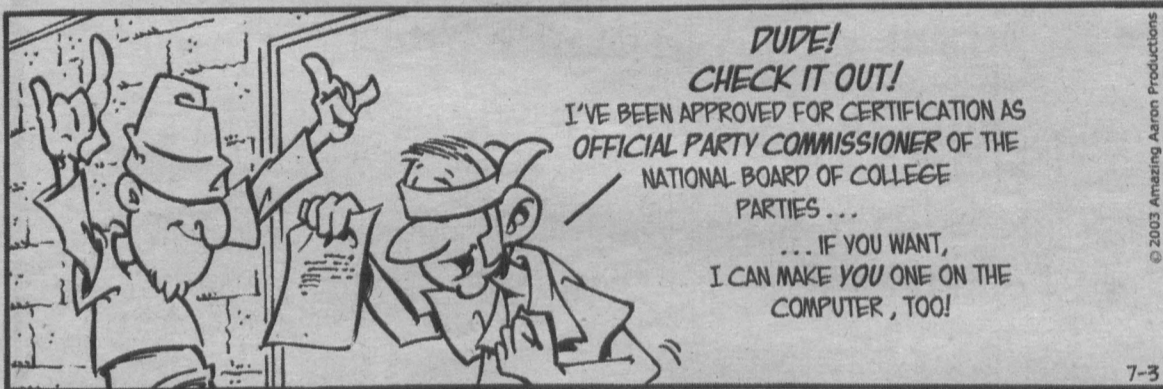
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Lebron's lost prophecy

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

I know this isn't a Sunday and this isn't a church, but just listen to the sermon.

Commentary

Like church, you grew up hearing about all these amazing stories and prophecies. Here's one for you. Remember last year when you saw a Nike commercial with some kid from Akron in a church, possessing everyone with his game? Wowing the congregation, Dr. J and the Logo while looking like Billy Graham with tats, a vertical and a headband? Yeah, me too. Just one thing: What happened to him?

With all the names like The Chosen One and The Second Coming, you'd think he'd be nothing short of Jesus Shuttlesworth himself. With all that we've been led to believe about how great he is and can be, the question is: Can Lebron fulfill the prophecies and save? Not save in the way that makes people care about the NBA but can he save his own franchise from being eliminated from the playoffs? Keeping with the biblical theme, the answer would be "Hell No."

We've all seen last-minute play-off runs before. That is nothing new but trying to do it against the defending champs, one of the most talented teams in the NBA, may prove to be something that he can not overcome.

Sunday proved that Lebron is nowhere near where Moses Malone was in the '70s. In order to

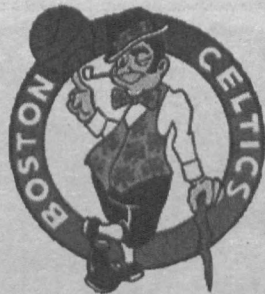
be the "Chosen One" you have to hit the shots that win the games. After all, the man he is trying to replace could hit those shots. Besides, the only time you play the Pistons this late in the season is when you're trying to win a title, not make a run at an eight-seed.

As for the second reason, the Celts are just ill to say the least. They could be the one team who could challenge Detroit for the right to lose to the Western Conference in the NBA Finals. All Cleveland has is Lebron and on a good night, Drew Gooden. With their lineup on a bad night, Boston has the Truth, Employee No. 8, Ricky Davis, the Glove and the list goes on.

Finally, that last reason is Vince Carter. He was the reason why the Dunk Contest was fun again and why Canada was even a spec on the basketball map six years ago. In case you don't remember back to high school when the NBA was trying to find someone to replace MJ, Carter was it.

Unlike Lebron, Carter is actually performing the miracle while Lebron is just watching it on TV. Although, Carter and King James won't play each other in the last week, the thing is, Vince has the better schedule, the better team and the better game.

When it comes down to it, play-off-bound teams don't fire coaches with six weeks left to go in the season. Playoff-bound teams do not change ownership with less than two months to go in the season. Most importantly, playoff-bound teams do not go 3-7 over their last ten games at a crucial point in the season.



CELTICS CORNER

By Matthew Williams
Staff Writer

Shaq who? If you were fortunate enough to live off campus, or like I did, went to a restaurant to watch the Boston Celtics take on the Eastern Conference leading Miami Heat Friday night, young Al Jefferson treated you to a show you won't soon forget.

Behind strong first half efforts from Raef LaFrentz, Gary Payton and Ricky Davis, the Celtics stormed out to a 17 point lead. The Heat fired back by snatching the lead midway through the third quarter.

Enter Jefferson. The prodigal big man scored a career-high 19 points, all of them coming in the second half. As the game got tighter in the fourth quarter, fans were on edge. Shaq would pound inside and nail a dunk or a hook shot, as Miami looked to be taking control. But on the other end was Big Al, who didn't hit a shot from outside 2 feet. He didn't have to; Miami was helpless against his low-post repertoire.

He first made a nifty move around O'Neal, then grabbed his own rebound and put it back. He also rose from a crowd to dunk an off the mark Marcus Banks shot, and slammed home a one handed hook, reminiscent of Robert Parish.

Not bad for a kid who came to the NBA straight out of high

school and wasn't expected to contribute for years. Instead of relishing in his fame and money, Jefferson has been working on his game and it has paid off. Instead of seeing limited duty in mop-up time, he was the catalyst to arguably the team's biggest win of the season.

"He's got good moves around the basket, he held his own out there," said O'Neal, Jefferson's childhood idol. Most kids would be shell-shocked facing a boyhood hero, but not the humble Mississippian. The Diesel added, "He'll be a force in the future."

Jefferson doesn't look like the typical high school-to-NBA star. He refused to accept payment for Antoine Walker's jersey number, saying only that Employee No. 8 had to teach him everything he knew about the game. Walker eventually gave him a diamond watch, but the move speaks volumes about Jefferson's humility and maturity, a rare quality in today's NBA.

But get him in the paint and the peaceful Jefferson becomes a beast, fighting for rebounds. He grabbed five Friday night and posted up opponents as if he were still playing against high schoolers.

Celtics captain Paul Pierce, who drained nearly identical

eight-foot fadeaways for the go-ahead bucket in each of the Green's three wins last week, said that Jefferson has no idea what kind of potential he has.

That's the operative word with these high school to NBA types. At the draft, we heard that Jefferson has a lot of "upside" and his play this year has shown his "potential." What he did Friday night showed us that it's time to stop throwing those words around him. They imply that he isn't ready right now, that he has considerably room for improvement. Anyone who steps in the paint with Shaq and wins has more than just "potential" on his side.

As the Celtics wrap up their Atlantic Division crown and look towards the playoffs, they know that Jefferson must continue to be a solid contributor if they are to advance.

In November, it was being forecast that Jefferson would bring championships four to five years down the line. In April, he and his mates have already delivered a small one, and are looking for another in the post-season.

The talk around Jefferson focused on the future, but Friday night showed us that the future is now.

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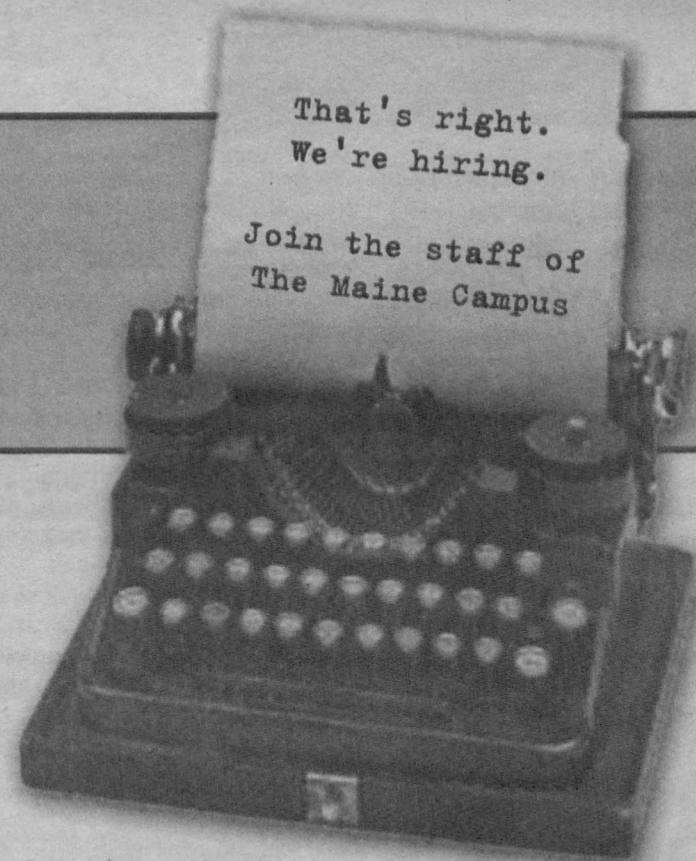
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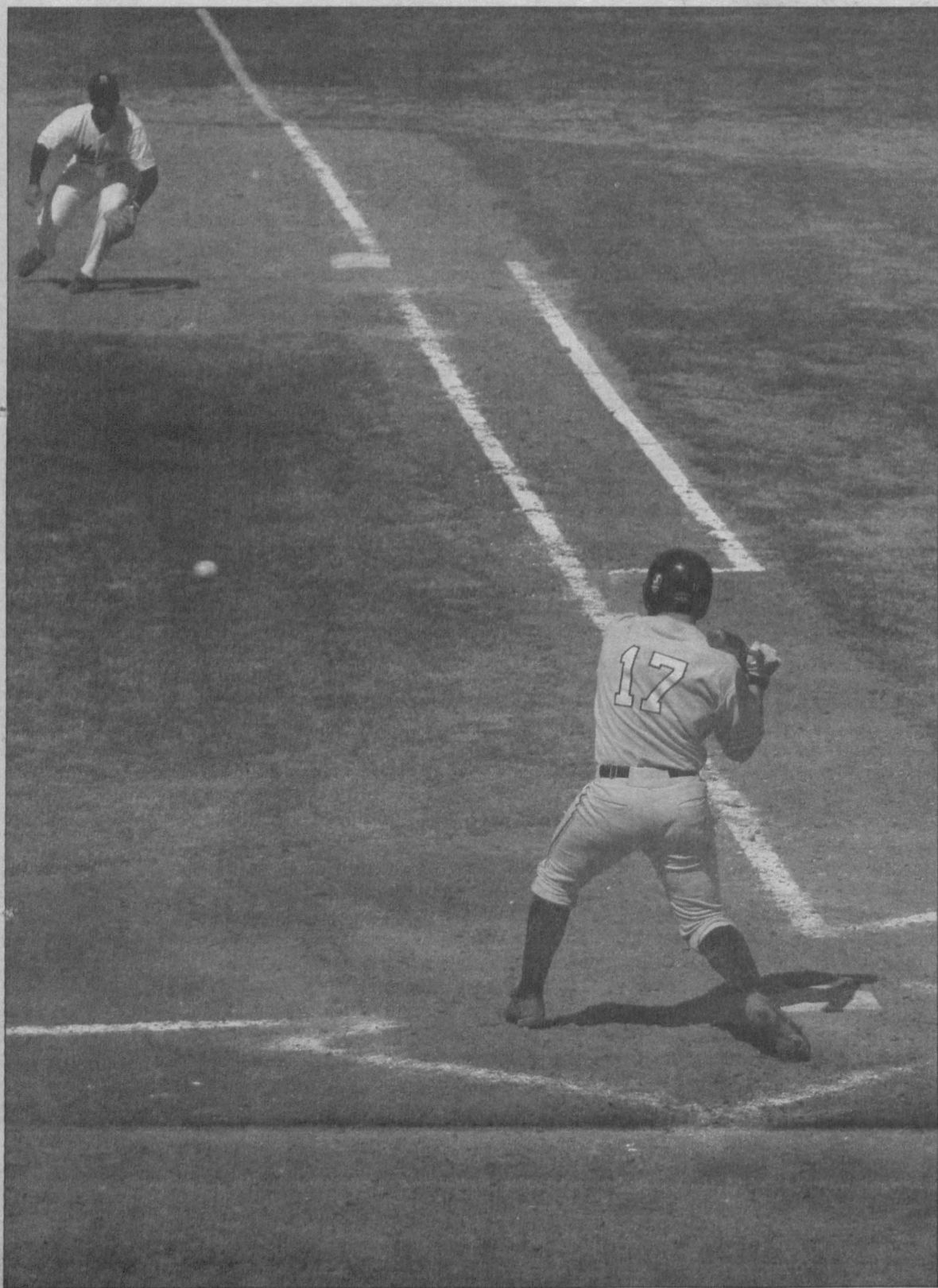
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DOUBLED UP—Alex Laddbush just before hitting into a double play during Saturday's doubleheader against UMBC. UMaine won 3-2.

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I got some timely ground balls and some great relief," said Richard.

In the nightcap Saturday, UMaine led 2-1 after two innings. UMBC took a 3-2 lead in the top of the third, but the Black Bears broke it open in the bottom of the fourth. Barrett hit a two-run homer after Quintal singled. Smith reached on an error and stole second, then scored as

Ferriggi reached on another error. Vallee followed with a 2-run double after catcher Matt McGraw singled and UMaine led 8-3.

Black Bear Greg Creek and Retriever Joe Fowler traded homers in the fourth, and UMBC added two in the fifth inning. Vallee knocked the first homer of his career out the park in the sixth to account for the 10-6 final.

Junior Greg Norton pitched a solid game for the Black Bears, going five innings and recorded nine strikeouts in improving his record to 6-1. Martin came back on to pitch the final two frames,

allowing only one hit.

With the 2-1 series win, UMaine improves its record to 19-10 this season, 4-2 in America East action. UMBC drops to 7-19 overall, 2-4 in conference play.

The Black Bears will be in action again Friday, traveling to Chestnut Hill to face off against traditional rival Boston College. UMaine and BC were both ranked in the top five of the NEIBA poll last week. The Black Bears then head to Connecticut to face the University of Hartford in three conference tilts Saturday and Sunday.

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just four hits and recorded five strikeouts. The loss for Bennis was her first in conference play. Her conference record dropped to 3-1 and her overall record fell to 6-6.

In the second game, UMaine could not muster much more at the plate. They had six hits against Sarah Burke who pitched all seven innings for the Catamounts. Jenna Merchant gave up three hits for UMaine and recorded the complete game shutout. She evened her record at 2-2.

Neither of UMaine's runs on the day were earned. Merchant hit a single to lead off the top of the second.

She worked her way to third and would score on a wild pitch.

With a 1-0 lead going into the top of the fourth, UMaine was looking to widen the lead. Merchant again reached base, this time on an error. She worked her way to third and scored on Vermont's second error of the inning.

The Catamounts three errors were enough to give UMaine a 2-0 win, with Merchant having a good day in the circle.

On Sunday the Black Bears looked to take two out of three from their conference opponent.

With senior Candace Jaegge controlling the circle for the Black Bears, UMaine took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Jess Brady was hit by a pitch for the second weekend

in a row which sent her to first. Lauren Dulkis sent Brady over to second with a sacrifice bunt. Brittany Cheney singled to right field and Brady came around to score.

After a rough first inning, Jaegge settled down and kept the Vermont offense quiet for the rest of the game.

UMaine scored a run in the top of the sixth to break the 1-1 tie when Cheney tripled down the right field line. Molly McKinney scored from third and Maine had regained its one run lead.

The Black Bears added another run in the top of the seventh and Jaegge sealed the deal with 1-2-3 seventh inning.

UMaine improved to 6-2 in conference play, while the Catamounts fell to 3-8.

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East regular season crown, something they would earn again in 2004 and 2005.

"She stepped in at a time when the program had really been built to a wonderful level," said UMaine athletic director Patrick Nero of Versyp, "and she sustained it."

Versyp, who has a 98-51 Division I head coaching record, left for Indiana where she was named head women's basketball coach.

With their search for a new coach ongoing, Nero is in the process of narrowing the field of over 40 possible candidates down to five.

"I want to bring in someone that can coach and teach, and continue the winning," he said. "That's important."

Nero, who was hired as athletic director in 2003, has not been through the process of finding a new women's basketball coach. He has hired a new men's basketball coach, and a women's ice hockey coach as well as an interim softball coach, but in each case he promoted an assistant at UMaine to be head coach. The only coach that Nero has named from outside the UMaine community is Lynn Theehs, who was named head volleyball coach in July of 2004.

Nero has not released the names of possible coaches, but one former UMaine player has offered hers. Former Black Bear standout and WNBA player Cindy Blodgett has expressed interest in becoming UMaine's next head coach.

Blodgett, who led UMaine to four straight America East Championships, would be a popular choice among Black Bear fans. Nero, however, has said he wants

someone with experience as a coach.

"We need to find a coach that's been in a program that's proven to be successful from a wins and losses standpoint," said Nero when the search began.

Blodgett was an assistant coach at Boston University for one season, while she was playing for the Sacramento Monarchs in the WNBA. Blodgett is 29 and would be a young head coach, but not as young as McCallie who was named head coach at UMaine when she was 26.

Nero has not made any names on his list of candidates public. Instead he continues his diligent search for UMaine's next coach with his mind set on finding the right coach for the program.

UMaine has had success with finding coaches in the past. In its 29-year history, the women's basketball program at UMaine has had just two losing seasons. The first came in McCallie's first season and the second came in Versyp's first season.

Eilene Fox, the program's first head coach, compiled a 115-50 record in eight seasons. Peter Gavett coached the Black Bears for five years and had a 106-37 record. Trish Roberts, now the head coach at Binghamton, another America East team, coached UMaine for four seasons and compiled an 82-32 record, while McCallie holds the record for most wins with a 142-73 record in her eight seasons.

Nero would like UMaine's next head coach to carry on the tradition of winning.

"Women's basketball has been very successful here," said Nero. "This is a program that everyone on this campus and everyone in this state looks to lead. Women's basketball has been a spectacular program for us."

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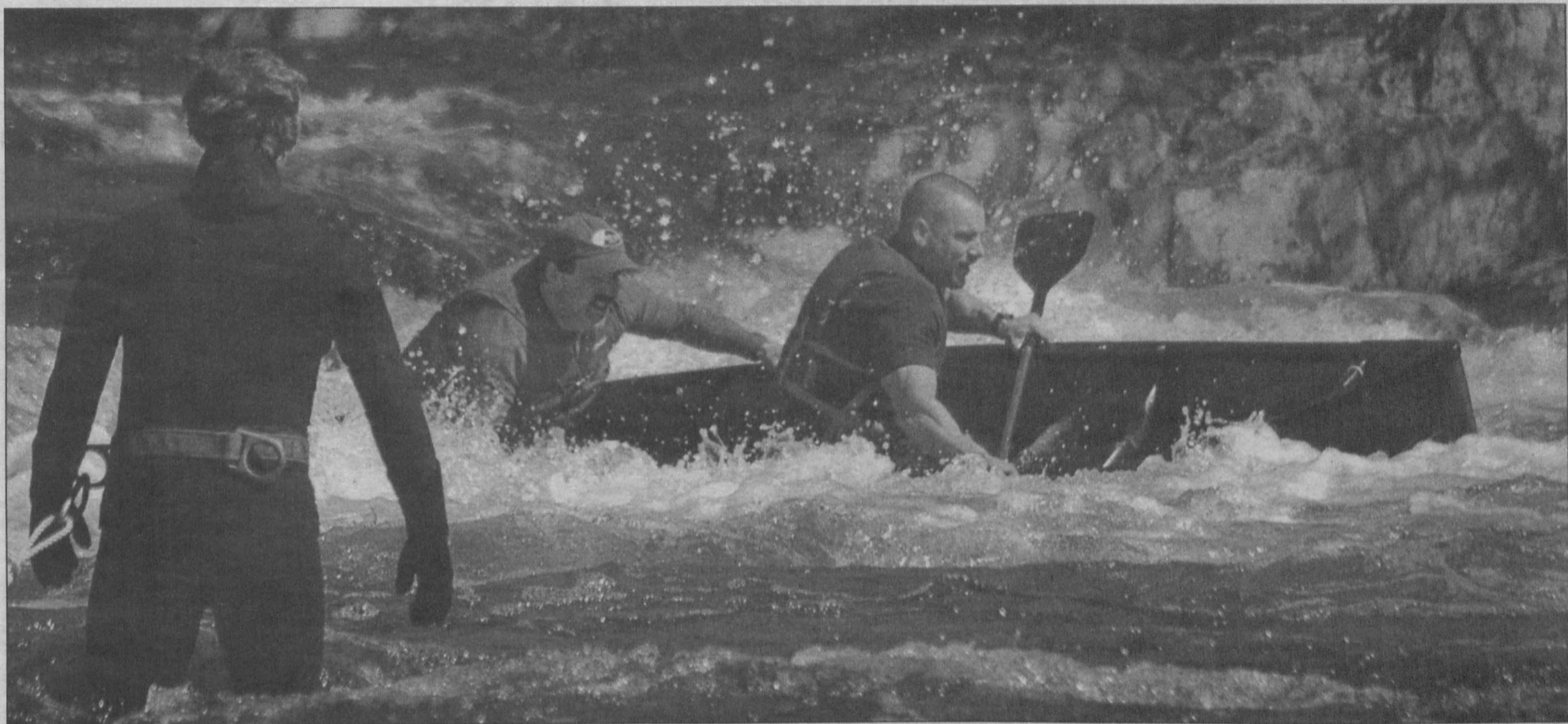
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Dueling Rapids



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WET RIDE — Two competitors paddle through a rapid at the Kenduskeg River Canoe Race held Saturday morning. The warm weather on Saturday attracted a wide array of competition for the annual event.



TWO DAYS, TWO WRITERS, TWO TRIPS TO FENWAY



Rivalry first timer

By Mike Melochick
Opinion Editor

Thursday night's installment of the Red Sox-Yankees saga was nothing short of what a series finale between two bitter rivals should be. I have watched the games on television dating back as far as I can remember. My point being, I have watched this storied rivalry unfold from afar, but this past Thursday I got to experience the action first hand at the greatest venue on Earth — Fenway Park.

My buddy had scored the tickets through an online raffle via the Sox Web site. Four standing-room tickets might not sound like the sweetest score to some, but for us, it was the equivalent to four tickets to paradise. Not only were we going to see the series finale, we were going to see Randy "Big Unit" Johnson pitch in his Fenway debut. He faced Bronson Arroyo in what many deemed a David vs. Goliath scenario.

We got to the park early, passing the vendors selling their glorious Red Sox wares on Yawkey Way. The smell of sausages, beer and mid-April permeated our senses as we entered Gate D, which apparently stood for "destiny."

Just when all was going to plan, the home plate umpire Greg Gibson did what umpires do best — he started blowing calls. His erratic strike zone allowed the Yanks to stage a shoddy, sneaky comeback, captained by the master Sox-killer himself, Hideki Matsui. Both Terry "Tito" Francona and Boston hitting coach Ron Jackson were ejected as a result of arguing with Gibson's heinous, horrible calls.

The fireworks didn't stop with Francona's and Jackson's ejections. Just as the Sox were breaking the game open in the eighth, to quote Friday's Boston Herald, "The Shef Hit the Fan." For those five Sox fans who don't know what I am talking about, Jason Varitek hit a ball down the right field line that wrapped itself around the corner in right field. As Yankees right fielder Gary Sheffield attempted to scoop up the ball, he was allegedly hit in the face by a fan. He threw a forearm shiver in the direction of the crowd, rifled the ball in and proceeded to almost accost the fan in question. Security was dispatched, as those of us out of right field view were frantic to know what was happening.

"There's a fight!" Someone yelled.

"Between who, some fans?" We asked.

"No. Between Sheffield and a fan!"

"Holy sh*t!" We replied. We all deperately grabbed our cell phones and tried to get ahold of friends watching at home to get the latest. By the time we got ahold of someone, the situation was defused and the game continued.

The game ended 8-5. We shuffled out of the park and back onto Yawkey Way, drunkly satisfied and ready to spend a small fortune on Sox hats and bootleg T-shirts that degrade and defile our bitter Bronx rivals.

I left Fenway and ultimately Boston with more than Sox souvenirs. I left with a sense of complete satisfaction that we had not only seen the greatest game of this young season, but I had seen The Rivalry firsthand, and David defeated Goliath.

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

It had been a week to forget.

Disastrous exam. Broken heart. Lies as far as the eye could see. The remnants were all there.

I wasn't supposed to be happy. The big man upstairs had planned it that way. It was all part of his master plan. Throw the short kid from the Nutmeg State the worst week ever and see how he survives. He couldn't be smiling at the end of it, right?

Wrong.

I had my own little plan, specially crafted and destined for greatness. I was prepared. I was going to put it to my Geology of Maine exam. I was about to declare a big "screw you" to all those who had gotten me down during the week. I was going to Fenway Park.

That's right folks, my sad, depressing week was about to vanish with one quick glimpse of Pesky pole. Yawkey Way was ready to quench my soul. With a Fenway Frank in hand, I was striding towards the light. And oh, what a magnificent light it was.

Fueled by my new found hate for rocks, I revved up my Honda CRV and headed straight for the land Yaz built on Friday morning. It was a trip that only 24 hours earlier had been non-existent. However, thanks to a crippled sense of pride and a departure of confidence, I was driving full steam ahead to Beantown. It was, after all, the perfect place for guys like me, a haven for broken hearts. A refugee for the depressed. It was a healing center for the hopeless and I had an appointment with

A visit with Doctor Papi

Doctor Big Papi.

Arriving way before the first pitch, I had a schedule to maintain. Step One: Garner a ticket cheaper than a Maine speeding ticket. Step Two: Deplete half my checking account in pursuit of the best Sox hat. Step three: Scale the Green Monster during the visiting team's batting practice. I settled for two out of three of the objectives.

With my bag full of Kevin Millar and Mark Bellhorn jerseys, I started my descent into the cathedral. Like the prodigal son returning home, I was cleansed. No longer did the lies of my friends and foes trouble me. They had disappeared at Gate D.

That's the beauty of sports. They have the power to heal. And I was experiencing it firsthand. For four hours, my worries and doubts would be vanquished and all I would or wanted to care about was one little ball. Wrapping myself gently in the wonder of Fenway, I was free. It was beautiful.

After making my way to my seats, which were two rows behind Thursday's now infamous "Sheffield-gate," I settled in for what promised to be the ultimate elixir. I wasn't disappointed either.

Only one grand slam and a "Sweet Caroline" later my college life had disappeared. I was in a world immune to petty GPA averages and backstabbing. In sports, it is about the game, and that is it. It is a safe environment where troubles are deflected. Yeah, the games can break your heart like no other but they won't run away from you either. Baseball is there for the long run. It may punch you in the gut one

week and then the next give you a comforting hug. That's the magic of it all.

There are no makeup hugs in geology. That 50-minute exam is all you get. Pass or fail, your stuck with it. Not baseball. No, baseball breaks your heart then mends it. Like life, it draws you back in after all the heartaches. And you want to come back because, you know baseball will be there for you when you need it must. Yes, that's right. Life will change but through it all it will be there for you when you need it must. Baseball is the most loyal friend around.

Look no further then last season, with the Sox World Series victory. Only a year earlier the Sox had been crushingly defeated by the Yankees in seven games. Life couldn't be worse. But sure enough, what happens? The Sox stage the best comeback in sports en route to their World Series Championship. You are healed you never thought possible. With geology, that stinker of a grade is there for you no matter what year. It's not going anywhere. Yeah, you can go and get your A the next time but that other exam will always linger. Baseball doesn't have the heart to fail you.

So there you have it. Watching the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for the sixth straight year in the brisk April wind was as satisfying as it could get. Well, at least in my book.

The lights beaming in from atop the green monster. The calls of the hot dog vendor 10 rows behind me. The crack of the bat in the cold air. The sound of the ball smacking the inside of a glove. Life was good. Real good.



UMaine pounces on resurgent Catamounts

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine softball team got off to a slow start in sunny Burlington, Vt. this past weekend.

Softball

The Black Bears met the Catamounts for a three-game America East series with Vermont taking the first game 3-0. UMaine picked up their play in Saturday's second game, by shutting out Vermont 2-0. The Black Bears won the rubber game between the two teams on Sunday 3-1.

As expected junior Sarah Bennis took the circle for the Black Bears in the series opener. She pitched all six innings and gave up four hits. Bennis struck out three and did not give up an earned run. Unfortunately for Bennis, the Catamounts scored three runs. Two came in the bottom of the third, and the third run came in the bottom of the sixth. UMaine committed three errors which led to Vermont's three unearned runs.

Aimee Kern picked up the win for the Catamounts and improved her record to 8-4. She allowed UMaine

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UM looks to fill void left by Versyp resignation

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

Just over a week after Sharon Versyp resigned as head coach of the University of Maine women's

Women's Basketball

basketball team, the search for a new head coach is well underway. With the University's recent search for a new President complete, the school is now focused on filling another high-profile position.

The position of head women's basketball coach at UMaine has become very high profile. Joanne McCallie's efforts as head coach from 1992 to 2000 helped turn UMaine into a winner.

When Versyp arrived in the spring of 2000, she inherited a team that had been to six straight NCAA tournaments. After a disappointing 12-16 transition season in her first year, Versyp turned UMaine back into a winner, and went 16-12 in her second season. In 2003, UMaine won the America

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PICKOFF LINE — Steve Barret attempts to pick off a Retriever baserunner during game one of Saturday's doubleheader. Firstbaseman Joel Barret narrowly missed the tagout. UMaine won the game 3-2.

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Different Strokes

UMBC eludes weekend sweep by Black Bears with Sunday win

By Matthew Williams
Staff Writer

It was a tale of two days this weekend at Mahaney Diamond for the University of Maine baseball team. On Saturday, the Black Bears got clutch hitting and decent pitching, sweeping the University of Maryland-Baltimore County in a doubleheader 3-2, and 10-6.

In the series finale on Sunday, it was all UMBC as senior right-hander Eric Butkiewicz baffled the Black Bears and the Retriever bats came alive to down UMaine 14-1.

"Sunday was a good old fashioned butt-kicking," said UMaine head coach Paul Kostacopoulos. "But we did win the series, and that's a good team over there that's going to win some series."

UMBC gave Butkiewicz a 4-0 lead before he set foot on the mound, batting in four runs on four hits and an error. After Butkiewicz recorded a 1-2-3 first, the Retrievers broke the game open in the second, sending 12 men to the plate.

After their first batter flied out, the next three Retrievers reached to load the bases and

catcher Alex Laddbush launched a grand slam over the left-field wall and into the Alford Football Stadium. UMBC got another 2 runs to lead 10-0 after just two innings.

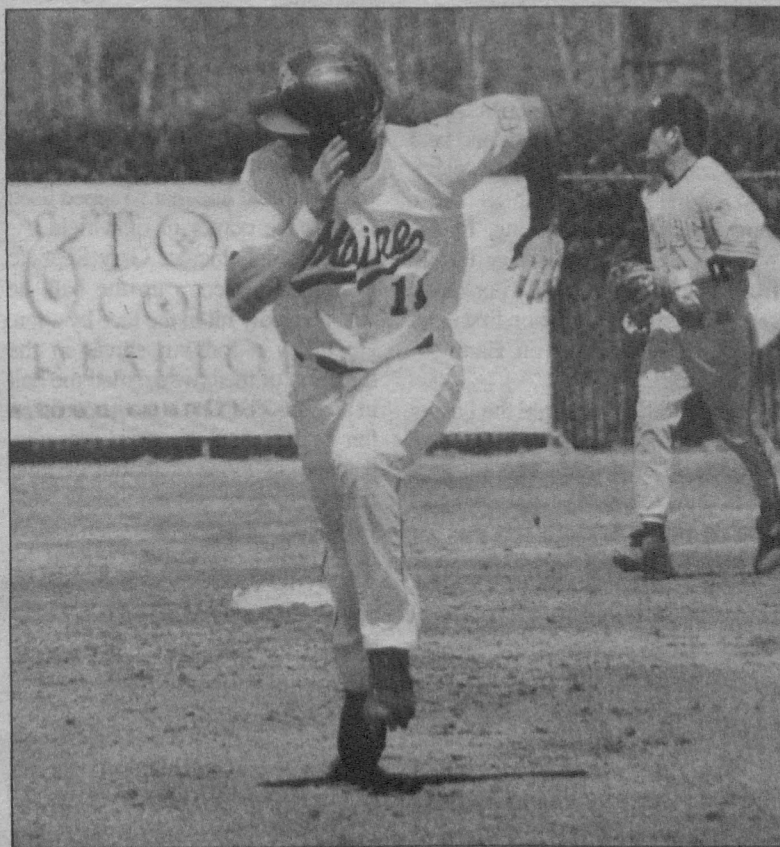
Butkiewicz took over from there, retiring the first 19 batters he faced before senior Greg Creek reached on an error. Sophomore Joel Barrett drew a walk to break up the perfect game later that inning.

"From the first pitch, he was all over our guys. We didn't make any offensive adjustments to that slider," said Kostacopoulos.

Butkiewicz carried a no hit shut-out into the ninth when pinch-hitting sophomore Ross Cantara singled to center. Creek followed with a double, and junior Ryan Quintal hit a sac fly to account for UMaine's only hits and runs.

"I was just thinking about getting a base hit; sitting all day and then getting the call to hit, all you want is a base hit," said Cantara.

UMaine had better luck against the Retrievers in Saturday's double-header. In the first game, the Black Bears took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the 2nd. Quintal singled and reached second on an error, and freshman Curt Smith drove him in with a single. Senior Mike Ferriggi followed with a single, and both runners advanced on a double steal. Freshman Ray Vallee singled in Smith to cap off the



OFF AND RUNNING — Junior outfielder Ryan Quintal rounds second base on his way to scoring UMaine's first run of the afternoon on Saturday.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

inning's scoring.

The Retrievers got single runs in the top of the 4th and 5th innings to knot the game at 2-2. Quintal plated the winning run in the 7th inning, singling to drive in junior Joe Hough, who had singled and stolen second. Troy Martin and Scott Robinson combined to close the game, as Robinson recorded his third save

of the season.

Sophomore Steve Richard was the starter for UMaine, going seven strong innings, scattering eight hits and allowed two runs, one earned. Richard fanned five batters in improving his record to 5-0.

"It wasn't my best stuff, but

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