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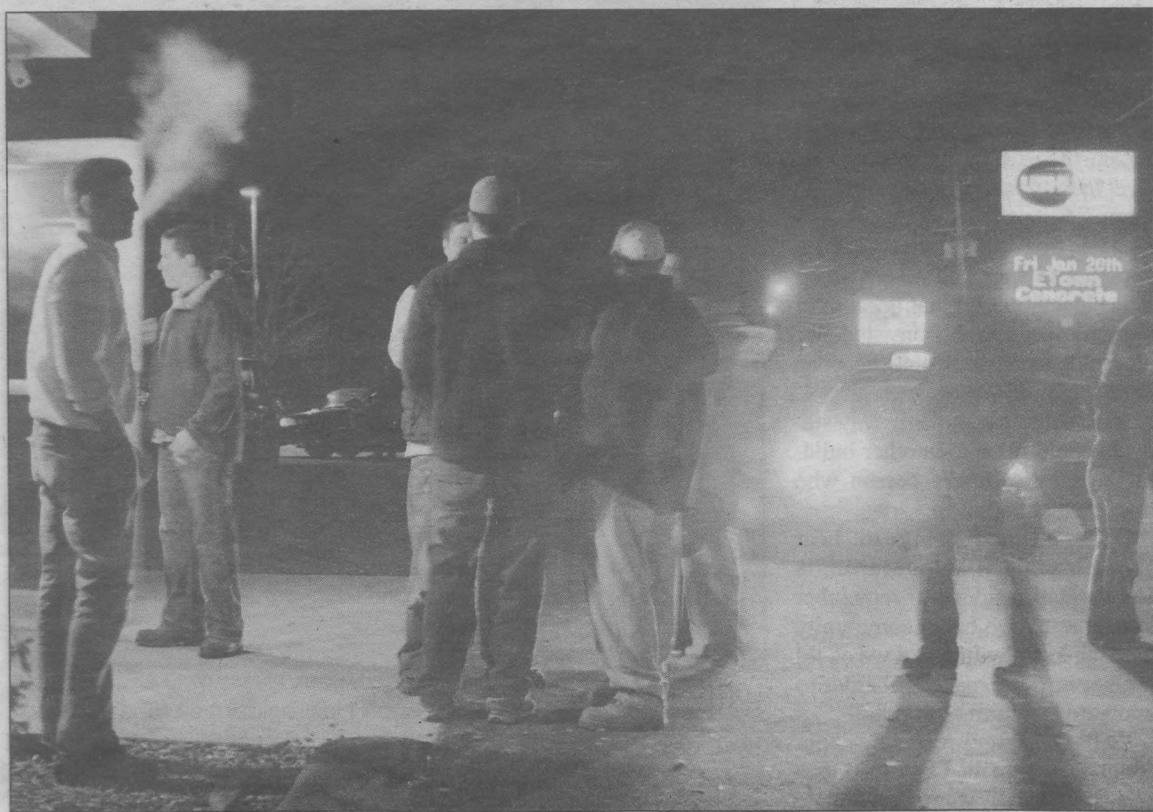
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Don't get roped into watching
the wrong
movie.
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Popular night club faces last call



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

BREAK IN THE ACTION— The combination of a constantly coming and going crowd, frequent police check-ins and several media cameras kept Ushuaia busy on Thursday as patrons relaxed outside.

Safety concerns force Ushuaia permit denial

By Khela Kupiec
Assistant News Editor

The Orono Town Council's indefinite suspension of the liquor and special amusement license for nightclub Ushuaia was a surprise to many University of Maine students returning from winter break.

Earlier this month Alexander Gray, owner of the local hotspot, made his annual application to the town for a liquor, special amusement and food license. In a unanimous vote, the council denied all but the

food license because of the increased severity of violent incidents at the nightclub during the past year.

The severity of incidents rather than the number convinced council members that something needed to be done, according to town Councilor Mark Haggerty, an economics professor at UMaine.

"There's enough of a record to show there's a problem, and it's [the Town Council's] responsibility to respond to that," said Haggerty. "We believe in living in a peaceful, cooperative and cohesive community."

Recently the state issued an extension that allowed the club to operate until a public hearing is held. The liquor license was set to expire on Feb. 11, and the special amusement license on Feb. 28. Such extensions can be given by the state if the business does not have a bad track record. In eight years, Ushuaia has never had a single license violation, according to Glen Porter, Gray's attorney.

Despite feelings from the students

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Professor dies in automobile crash

By Brian Brown
News Editor

A longtime University of Maine public administration professor died on Jan. 8 as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident 11 days earlier.

James Horan, 70, was a passenger in the vehicle driven by his 73-year-old wife Sally. The accident occurred Dec. 28 on Route 2 in the western Maine town of Rumford.

According to Sgt. Daniel Garbarini, a detective with the Rumford Police Department, the couple's 2004 Buick was traveling eastbound when a witness observed the vehicle drifting off the right side of the

road. The car went down a slight embankment and traveled more than 400 feet before striking a pine tree.

The Jaws of Life were used to extract Horan from the vehicle, and he was taken from the scene to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston by life flight helicopter. His wife was transported by ambulance to Rumford Hospital and then to CMMC. She suffered a broken arm, broken ankle and cracked ribs and faces two more months of rehabilitation.

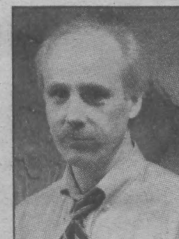
Garbarini said the accident is still under investigation but has shown no evidence of vehicle

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Athletic director search committee begins work

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The search for the University of Maine's next athletic director is officially under way. The 10-member committee, appointed by President Robert Kennedy in November, publicized the vacancy and began accepting applications and credentials last week.



Townsend

Blake James has served as interim athletic director since Patrick Nero left UMaine in July to become commissioner of the America East Conference, of which 16 of UMaine's 19 varsity

ty teams are members.

James, who has hired coaches in women's basketball, baseball, softball, and field hockey during his tenure, served as senior associate athletic director under Nero and is eligible to apply for the permanent post.

The search committee features faculty, administrators, coaches and alumni, and is headed by professor David Townsend, who also heads UMaine's School of Marine Sciences.

"As one who has been affiliated with UMaine since graduating from high school, I appreciate the enthusiasm that people feel for Black Bear sports, and the important role athletics plays in our campus life," said

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Health code violations close bar

Bear Brew reopens six hours later after two violations corrected

By Brian Brown
News Editor

A popular Orono restaurant was closed for approximately six hours Friday afternoon as the result of health code violations.

The Bear Brew Pub was ordered closed at about 12:30 p.m. by inspectors from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services for "numerous health and safety violations" according to Lynn Kippax, DHHS director of public and media relations.

Kippax said that by late Friday afternoon, owner Matt Haskell had corrected enough of the violations to be granted a 30-day conditional license. Under terms of the agreement, the pub's liquor license was reinstated and they were allowed to serve pizza. The establishment reopened around 6:30 p.m.

The chief violation concerned the restaurant's refrigerator, which was running too warm. Kippax said the inspector's report stated the refrigerator was running at about 50 degrees

Fahrenheit. The other major violation was the lack of a hand-washing station near the pizza preparation area. Kippax said both violations were corrected Friday afternoon.

According to the spokesman, inspectors were acting on a tip from Orono Code Enforcement Officer John Robichaud. Neither Robichaud nor Orono Town Manager Catherine Conlow responded to an e-mail requesting comment.

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

SHUT DOWN — Bear Brew closes because of a health violation.

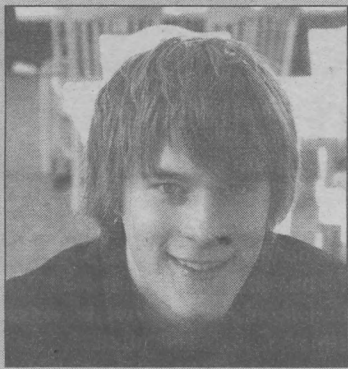
WORD OF MOUTH

What do you think about
the Ushuaia incident?



"Kids drink before they
get there."

Vincent Renteria
Psychology
Senior



"I went there once, and I
really didn't like it, so as
far as I'm concerned, it's a
good thing."

Mike Thibeault
Business administration
Freshman



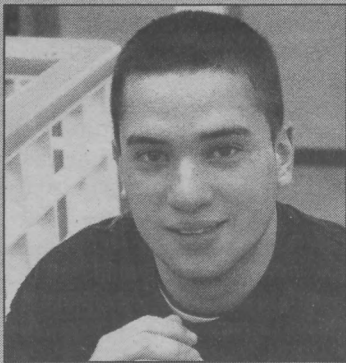
"It's not a big deal because
I don't go there. You can
still have fun without
drinking."

Margaret Camden
Women's studies
Junior



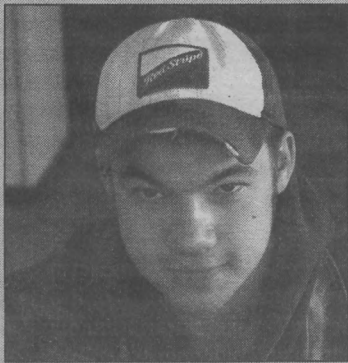
"I think it's sad that they're
closing it because it's one
of the few places we have
to go on the weekends."

Sokha Say
Business
Junior



"It's actually going to
start a lot more trouble
because there will be more
house parties."

Fernando Marin
Anthropology
Junior



"It's a good spot for kids,
but either they need to
make some changes or else
shutting down may be the
only alternative."

Jack Kerney
Business
Sophomore



"I don't think it's much
of a loss."

Katie Radigan
Parks, recreation and tourism
Freshman



"I think it's a good thing,
because honestly it's not a
place I'll hang out in."

Victoria Comer
Theater
Sophomore

Residence hall access restored

Scheele announces change in response to concerns from students

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

In addition to changing residence hall entry times, Associate Dean of Students Kenda Scheele is looking to make a few other adjustments and held an open forum on Friday to discuss potential changes.

"Some of the changes we are looking to make concern rooming assignments and break housing," said Scheele, who also oversees Residence Life and Programs. "During the semester and spring break, the goal is to keep around five halls open rather than all of them."

The first major change concerned residence hall access times. Scheele announced that because of numerous concerns from students, all residence halls would be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m..

Last semester, the only way students could get into another building was by calling a person who lived in that hall.

"It's a good thing to hear about," said Mikela Martin, a Colvin Hall resident. "I remember last semester we had a community meeting at Balentine and we could not get in. That makes it harder to integrate a community."

Scheele started receiving input about the issue in October. Once she saw that it was a legitimate concern among students, she attended two Residents on Campus meetings to see if the feeling was campus wide.

After hearing what different ROC representatives had to say, she decided to make the change.

"We asked Dean Scheele to come to a meeting and basically a lot of people said they felt that this added to hall damage as people are damaging doors trying to get in," said ROC Vice President Erin Tripp. "I think that this speaks a lot to how the administration does care about what students need."

DENIAL

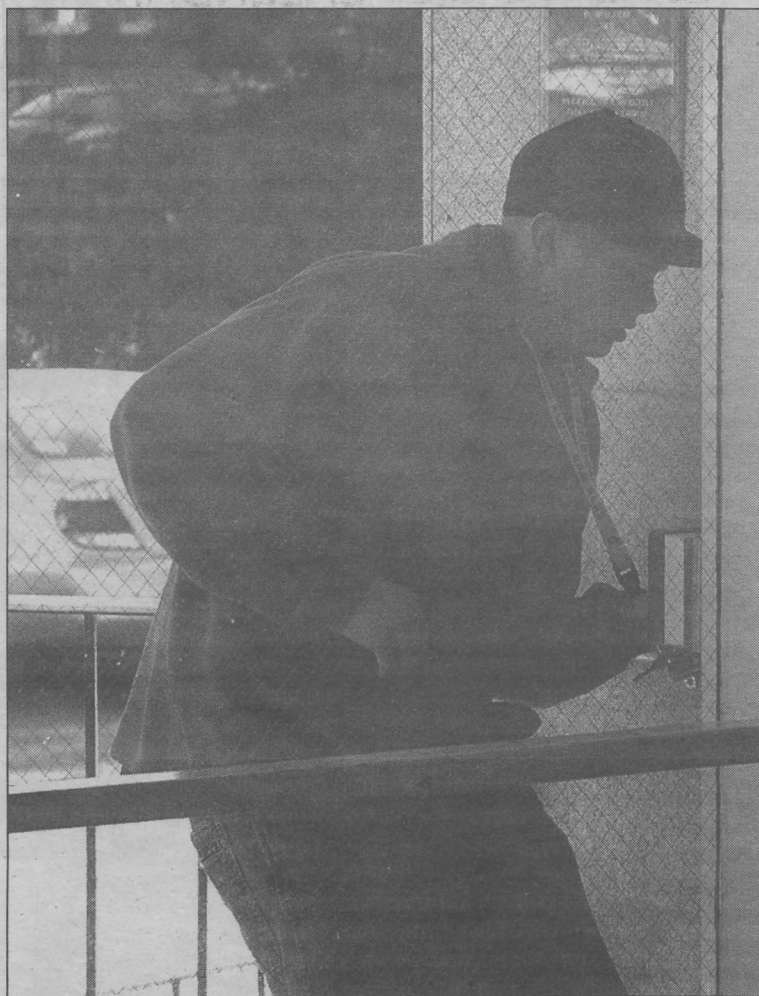
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that the council is targeting them by taking away one of the few local venues of its kind, council members say they are only looking out for the safety of the nightclub's patrons.

"I certainly remember what it's like to have a good time," said Geoffrey Gordon, Town Council chairman. "I think young people everywhere need a venue to have a good time. It's absurd to believe that the Orono Town Council does not want young people to have fun."

Many students are not convinced and believe that the situation is a result of misrepresentation of their wishes in a town where they make up 50 percent of the population.

Last week, UMaine Student Government passed three resolutions in support of Ushuaia and on behalf of the 9,000 students and eligible voters they represent. Two of the resolutions charged the council with misrepresenting the views of students who wish to attend the nightclub and brought forth the concern for safety issues concerning students being forced to travel farther for amusement or attending unsecured venues.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

SWIPING CHANGES — A Gannett Hall resident swipes his card to get into the building. As of the beginning of this semester security protocols on all residence halls have reverted to those

A potential change discussed at the forum was cutting down on the number of residence halls open during breaks. Scheele said the idea was part of a cost-saving strategy.

According to Scheele, it cost the university nearly \$10,000 to keep the halls open last spring break. As for the winter break, in 2004, it cost nearly \$9,000 to keep the halls open while paying resident assistants to stay in the halls.

If the changes were to go into effect, a tentative list of buildings that would remain open during

breaks would be Estabrooke, Gannett, Doris Twitchell Allen Village, Patch, Oxford and York hall.

During the breaks, the other residence halls would have work done on them so when students returned there would be some changes.

The second item discussed at the forum was the possibility of having more coed wings throughout the residence halls. Scheele stated that the goal of this would be to promote a better community that includes everyone instead of being divided by gender.

"Student Government is looking at this from a student safety aspect," said Jesse Ouellette, president of the Off-Campus Board. It is possible that students will now be partying at unlicensed parties. I personally feel safe at Ushuaia."

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to have fun."**

Geoffrey Gordon
Chairman
Orono Town Council

The third resolution instructed Student Government President Brigham McNaughton to work with the university and town officials to resolve a conflict of dates between Orono Town Council elections and spring break.

Student Government believes Ushuaia's permit denial is the result of the student voice not being heard in the town. If the elections were held while classes were in session, more students would likely vote for candidates who would represent their needs.

The council based its decision on reports presented by Orono Deputy Police Chief Gary Duquette. In the last year, 47 assaults and two unrelated stabbings took place. One of the stabbing incidents resulted in the death of a man from an asthma attack while in custody.

Gray said he has done all he can to protect his patrons and has always had their safety as his top priority. He has currently trained his staff to use metal-detector wands, confiscating many potentially harmful items such as knives and even a key chain that was sharp enough to be dangerous in a fight.

The procedural search also prevents patrons from bringing in their own alcohol and cuts down on the possibility for underage drinking in the establishment.

Gray's staff has done a good job identifying fake identifications as well as increasing safety by putting a high-tech surveillance system in place, according to Duquette at the council meeting.

"I think it would benefit the council to come in and visit the establishment," said Gray. "We've been encouraging them to visit for years, but they haven't. Ushuaia is extremely safe when you get right down to it in comparison to what we could have."

THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday

Faculty workshop

An open discussion for all faculty, instructors and teaching assistants; part of Teacher Talk, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence. 12:10 - 1 p.m. in the Walker Room of Memorial Union. For more information contact Gail Afrell on FirstClass or at 581-3472.

Belay seminar

Free seminar for beginner and experienced climbers on how to belay or orientate to the Maine Bound Adventure Center facility. 6 - 8 p.m. at Maine Bound - UM Outdoor education Center. For more information contact Guy Debrun on FirstClass or at 581-1794.

Tuesday

Nonsexist language policy lecture

Part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program Lunch Series. 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Angela Olson on FirstClass or at 581-1228.

Neuroscience talk

Lecture given by cognitive neuroscientist and clinical psychologist Herbert Weingartner. 4 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall. For More information, contact Kay Hyatt on FirstClass or at 581-2761.

Relay For Life kickoff

Bangor Room of Memorial Union. 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Currid on FirstClass.

Java Jive - The Project

Easy listening, new on-campus talent competing for an end-of-semester prize. 8 - 10 p.m. in the main dining room of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Carole LeClair on FirstClass or at 581-1793.

Wednesday

Cravings: Your Need to Feed

Part of the Nutrition Lunch 'n' Learn Series. 12:10 - 1:30 p.m. in the Coe Room of Memorial Union.

Kickin' Flicks - The Legend of Zorro

7:30 - 11:30 p.m. in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. For more information, contact Carole LeClair on FirstClass or at 581-1793.

Submitting Information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Khela Kupiec 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.

Rasaiah honored by colleagues

By Ashlee Doherty
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine professor of chemistry Jayendran C. Rasaiah has been elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Each year, no more than 0.5 percent of the society's membership is recognized by their peers for fellowship status. Rasaiah has an extensive background in physics and chemistry, which makes him a perfect candidate for this elite group.

The APS fellowship program recognizes members who make advances in knowledge through original research and publication or made significant and innovative contributions in the application of physics to science and technology. The society also recognizes members who contribute to the teaching of physics.

Rasaiah has spent his career

working specifically with physical, theoretical and computational chemistry and chemical physics. He was honored by the APS for his "pioneering contributions to fundamental electrolyte theory, the thermodynamics of polar fluids, the transport of ions in polar solvents and water through carbon nanotubes and studies of water in nonpolar cavities."

Rasaiah has helped to make many important advances in the areas of physics and chemistry. Letters from his peers made clear there is no question about the importance of Rasaiah's work; it is significant and of excellent quality.

His research interests include computer stimulation studies of liquids, polar fluids, the mobility of ions and water permeation of carbon nanotubes and cavities.

Through his research, Rasaiah has been able to spread his knowledge. His early theoretical contribu-

tions to electrolyte solutions and polar fluids, done in collaboration with professors Harold Friedman and George Stell at Stony Brook University, are widely cited in textbooks and journals.

Rasaiah continues with his studies and recently has made even more advances to the science world. After studying ion mobility in water with graduate student S. Koneshan and professor Ruth Lynden-Bell in the United Kingdom, he was able to help explain a long-standing problem regarding the size and charge dependence of the transport of ions in solution.

Recently, he and his team of colleagues and graduate students used computer simulations to discover how water molecules are transported through partially confined systems, such as carbon nanotubes, and to explore water clusters in nonpolar cavities.

UM plays a new tune with jazz minor

By Emma Potvin
For The Maine Campus

Next semester, the School of Performing Arts is introducing a jazz studies minor, according to a press release issued on Jan. 4.

The new minor will offer students an immersion into jazz that was not possible in the existing music education or music performance majors.

The minor requires students to complete a total of 19 credit hours, 12 of which must be in music theory, three in jazz history and four in jazz performance.

At least two of the four required jazz performance credit hours must be fulfilled by the chamber jazz ensemble, a new group designed to give students practice in improvisation and other skills essential to jazz.

Of the 11,435 students enrolled at the start of the school year, 131 were music majors, according to the office of institutional studies Web site.

While the minor will appeal to music majors, Karel Lidral, director of jazz studies, hopes that musicians who are not music majors will consider it as well.

"This is a unique minor," Lidral

said, not only because it allows students to get hands-on experience with jazz, a style that is becoming increasingly popular, but also because it teaches them how to perform using "the smallest possible unit, a voice and a piano."

Lidral believes a jazz studies minor is important for music education majors because it will prepare them to teach jazz ensembles and choruses that are becoming more popular in schools. For music performance majors, it will add another dimension to their skills.

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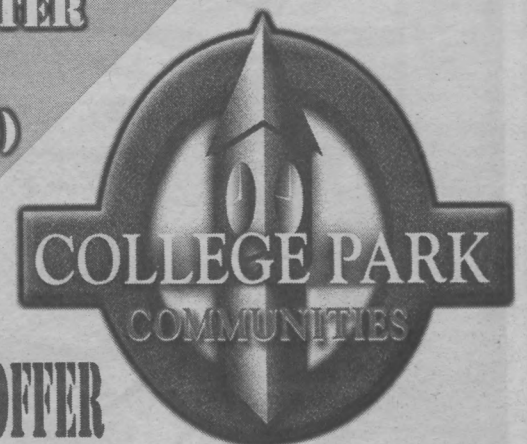
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POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell
For The Maine Campus

Intoxicated man lands in jail

At 1:27 a.m. Jan. 17, officers responded to Hancock Hall after a resident reported that his roommate was extremely intoxicated. When the officers arrived at the room in question, they found Theodore Smyth, 21. Smyth was having difficulty walking and was visibly drunk, and, according to his roommate, had urinated on the floor from the top bunk. Upon reviewing Smyth's information, the officers learned that he was out on bail from a prior arrest and that one condition of his bail was that he was not to consume or possess liquor. As a result, Smyth was arrested for violating his bail conditions and transported to Penobscot County Jail.

Lost parking pass leads to theft summons for Bangor resident

On Nov. 16, a graduate assistant reported to Public Safety that his faculty parking pass had been stolen from his vehicle. Wednesday, a Parking Services employee observed the pass in question being used in a vehicle parked in the Norman Smith lot. Officers were notified, the vehicle was towed, and the permit was seized. The owner of the vehicle, identified as David Sheehan, 30, of Bangor, was contacted and came to the police station. Sheehan told

officers that he had found the pass on the ground in Bangor, but he couldn't remember when. Sheehan said he decided to use the faculty pass to get better parking spots on campus. As a result, Sheehan was issued a summons for theft of lost property.

Police nab Gannett Hall resident for marijuana charge

At 7:05 p.m. Monday, police were notified about possible marijuana use on the first floor of Gannett Hall. When officers arrived at the room in question, they knocked on the door, which was opened by a resident. The officers observed six people in the room and a bag of marijuana on the windowsill, as well as two homemade bongs fashioned from plastic soda bottles. When the officers asked who the contraband belonged to, no one answered. The officers questioned each person in the room individually, and later that night, they returned to Gannett Hall to continue the investigation. The resident of the room, Jesse Remillard, 21, admitted that the marijuana and paraphernalia were his. As a result, Remillard was issued summonses for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

CRASH

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defect. He believes that Sally Horan may have fallen asleep at the wheel.

Horan, a native of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., had been a UMaine professor since 1965, working in the political science department before transferring to the public administration department in 1997. He earned a Ph.D. in political science and international relations from the University of Connecticut.

In addition to his teaching duties, Horan served as university vice president for planning and public affairs, director of community relations, and associate to the president. Horan was also instrumental in the formation of the faculty and staff union in the mid-1970s.

Horan's death came as a shock to many members of the UMaine community. In a statement, UMaine President Robert Kennedy said, "Jim was a real leader among our faculty and in our community. He leaves a wonderful legacy, having positively affected the lives of innumerable UMaine students and a great many colleagues. We will miss him."

"He was a delight to be around. He was very sharp and very blunt. He'd do anything for you to help out if you came to him with a problem. As an individual he is irreplaceable," said Thomas, Taylor, chairman of the department of public administration.

Taylor recalled how Horan enjoyed his tenure as union president. "Jim loved to negotiate, and he loved to be the deal maker," said Taylor, noting how Horan fought to secure benefits for unmarried couples.

"If he was an advocate or defender, he'd take the shots that were coming. He had the moxie to take them or deflect them. He was a very good conflict manager."

Horan was always willing to go out of his way to help his colleagues, according to Taylor. "He would meet with virtually anyone. He'd hold office hours and help anyone in any discipline in any college. Some of these things went well beyond union types of things. He did it because he was a good guy."

Inside the classroom, Taylor described Horan as a caring teacher whose passion was teaching large, entry-level classes.

"He was an excellent teacher over the years, both in political science and public administration," said Taylor. "Jim really cherished the courses he did in both departments. He loved the entry-level courses where he had students coming from different majors."

Taylor said Horan hinted at retirement for the past few years, but his love of teaching always brought him back. "He

talked about it during the year, but when it came around to fill out the paperwork he never did. He always changed his mind."

Horan was an ardent supporter of the New York Yankees and enjoyed bantering with his colleagues who were Red Sox fans. Taylor remembered he was surprised about Horan's reaction after the Red Sox won the World Series in 2004.

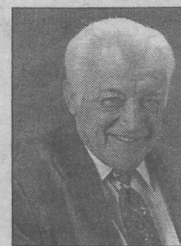
"We weren't quite sure how he was going to react, but he came in and said, 'I can be gracious. The Yankees have won 26 times, the Sox have won once over the past 50 years.'"

Outside the classroom, Horan was a familiar face in Orono town government. He served on the Orono Town Council from 1975-84, including seven years as mayor, and assisted the town in the transition from a selectmen form of government to a town council method.

Madeline Freeman, who served on the board with Horan from 1975-79, said Horan's expertise was vital during that period.

"He was a very active member of the council. His political science and public administration background was very helpful," she said. "He served in a period during which there was a lot of transition in the town. His teaching and his background was what the council needed."

Funeral services were held on Jan. 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Orono.



Horan

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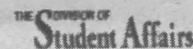
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Center on Aging studies drugs

By Brian Sylvester
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Center on Aging has been working closely with the Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group over the past several months to increase awareness and education about the use and abuse of benzodiazepine drugs, or "benzos".

The drugs, which include brand names like Valium, Xanax and Ativan, are primarily used to treat depression and anxiety-based stress disorders, and are sometimes prescribed as sleep aids.

However, their use can lead to a number of potential side effects and they have been described as extremely addictive.

The Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group has been researching the problem of benzodiazepine drug abuse in the state and is hoping to provide research information and raise public awareness about the drugs.

The MBSG was founded by Stephen Gressitt, a practicing psychiatrist from the Bangor area, with the goals of determining the rate of use, dissuading misuse of that medication, and encouraging proper use.

Gressitt went on to say that while the benzos are helpful for treating some ailments, there are cases when alternate medication could be used. However, he cautioned, it would not be wise to do away with the drugs altogether, as they are the only way to treat certain conditions.

Benzodiazepine drugs have been widely prescribed in the United States for the last 40 years. They act, said Gressitt, as low-level tranquilizers, lowering

blood pressure and slowing reaction time.

In fact, one of the primary dangers of these types of medication is impairment of driving ability, known as 'drug driving.'

In years past, the number of automobile accidents involving people impaired by medication use has grown.

"We know that at least a couple of years ago 14 percent of motor vehicle accidents involved a driver who tested positive for benzo use," said Gressitt.

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Steven Gressitt
Founder MBSG

The drugs are not necessarily the cause of such accidents, he cautioned, but they are a detrimental factor in driving ability.

Furthermore, the drugs are often prescribed to elderly patients and can result in disorientation that could lead to potentially dangerous slips and falls.

The primary danger of the drugs is their addictiveness. Benzos are sometimes called a gateway drug; they potentiate the use of other drugs according to Gressitt.

The benzodiazepine drugs

create a strong physical dependency in the user, which makes taking patients off the medication hazardous.

"Coming off the drugs must be done gently," Gressitt cautioned. "There is a very serious risk of withdrawal seizures."

As a result of this danger, in many cases patients continue to take the drugs long after they should have been off of them, which leads to other medical problems.

To help expand the effectiveness and better direct the resources of the members of the MBSG, Gressitt and others have teamed with the University of Maine Center on Aging as a way to focus their efforts.

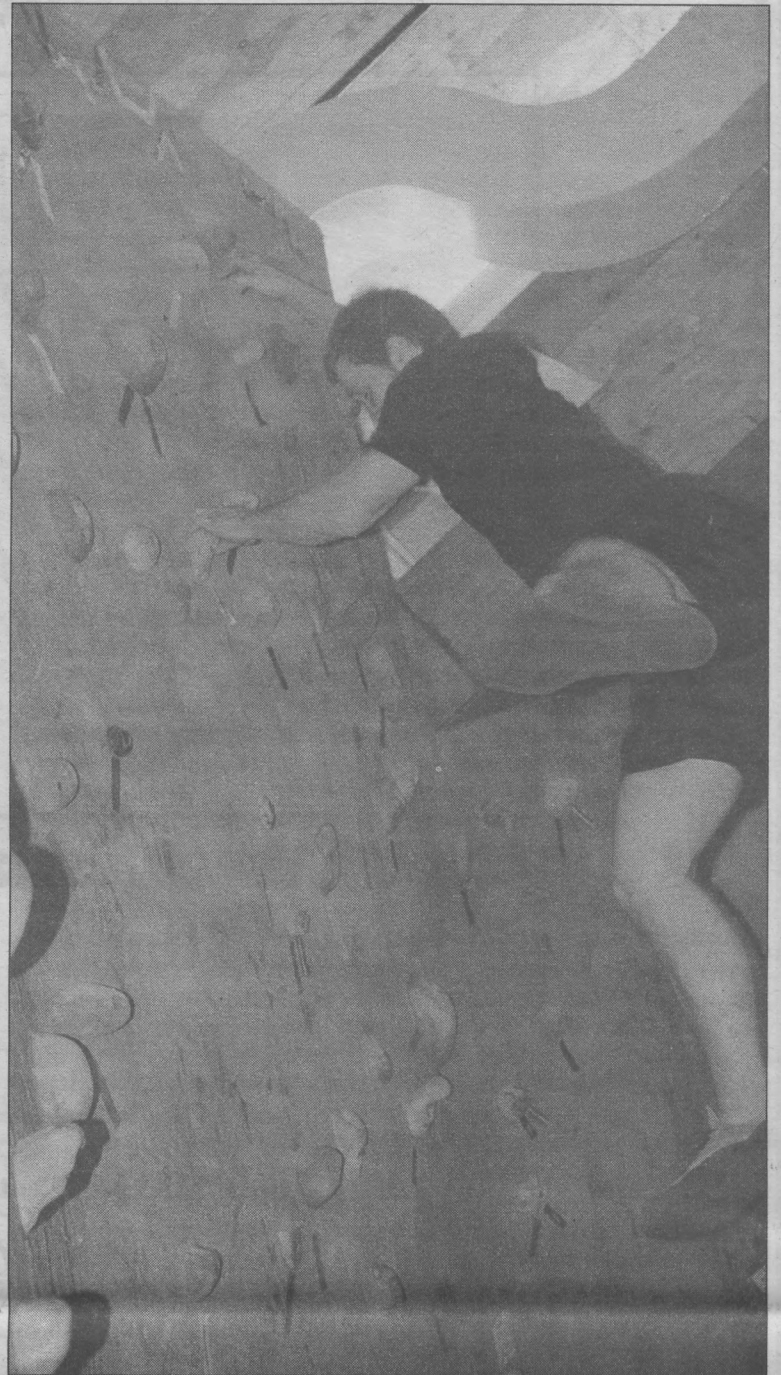
Over the past two and a half years, the group has been slowly consolidating its efforts into a single location to help better achieve its goals.

Gressitt recalled that the partnership likely started because of heavy benzodiazepine abuse among the elderly citizens of Maine, but the dangers are not restricted to elderly patients. In past years, the highest rising percentage figure of benzodiazepine abuse has been in the 20-to-30-year-old age range, with particularly high figures for college aged students.

The UMaine Center on Aging is part of the school of social work and the College of Business, Public Policy and Health. The Center focuses its research on providing education materials, research data, and consultation services for elderly Maine residents.

For more information regarding the Center on Aging or benzodiazepine abuse, contact center director Lenard Kaye.

Climbing to New Heights



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

HANG IN THERE — As a way of dealing with Maine's winter, Kevin Edward Sargent goes for another grab at the climbing wall in the MaineBound center Sunday night.

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Haskell acknowledged that while there were mechanical violations at his restaurant, his customers were not in danger at any point. "My restaurant is healthy. My restaurant is clean. That's undisputable," he said. "I wasn't endangering any of my customers in the way we were preparing and handling food."

"In the four years I've owned the business, I've made the kitchen about 20 times cleaner, and the restaurant about 100 times cleaner."

The owner said he discovered the problem with the refrigerator on Friday morning and had called a repairman before the inspectors came. He said that no food was stored in the cooler overnight, and a new order of supplies was delivered moments before the inspectors arrived.

"The food had just come off the truck," said Haskell. "It was being put away right as she [the inspector] was walking through." He said the fresh shipment was immediately put on ice until the

cooler was fixed 20 minutes later. Haskell was so sure of the food's safety that he wanted to take it home for personal use, but the inspectors forced him to destroy the products.

Haskell said he plans to close the kitchen for an extensive remodel, and it will not reopen until "it is the best in the entire area."

"I'm going to come back stronger than ever. That's how I do business."

Matt Haskell
owner
Bear Brew Pub

Kippax said the department will continue to work with Haskell to ensure the safety of the pub's patrons. "The inspectors will meet next week with the owner of the pub, and continue to make sure the pub is operating safely," said

Kippax. "The intentions of DHHS is to make sure the customers are safe. In the end, they will be much better off."

Haskell said the pub will reopen on Monday if it gets approval from the DHHS. They will serve food for a few nights and then shut down to modernize the kitchen. They will continue to serve pizza and alcohol throughout the renovation. He said his business will return better than ever.

"There were some mechanical problems. They need to be fixed. That's the law," he said. "But, I'm going to come back stronger than ever. That's how I do business."

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STUDENT SENATE NOTES

Senate tackles activity fee issue

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Even though it was the start of a new semester, there was still an old issue to discuss.

With 13 new resolutions and a few appointments to consider, the General Student Senate held its first meeting of the spring semester on Tuesday night.

"For having had so much time off, I think the senate did a great job getting down to business and getting work done," said the GSS President Aaron Sterling. "This was a very complicated agenda, and it had the possibility of making for a very lengthy meeting."

The first issue the GSS voted on was an act to increase the student activity fee by \$10. The fee increase, which failed last semester, was approved and will go to a referendum that students should vote on before spring break.

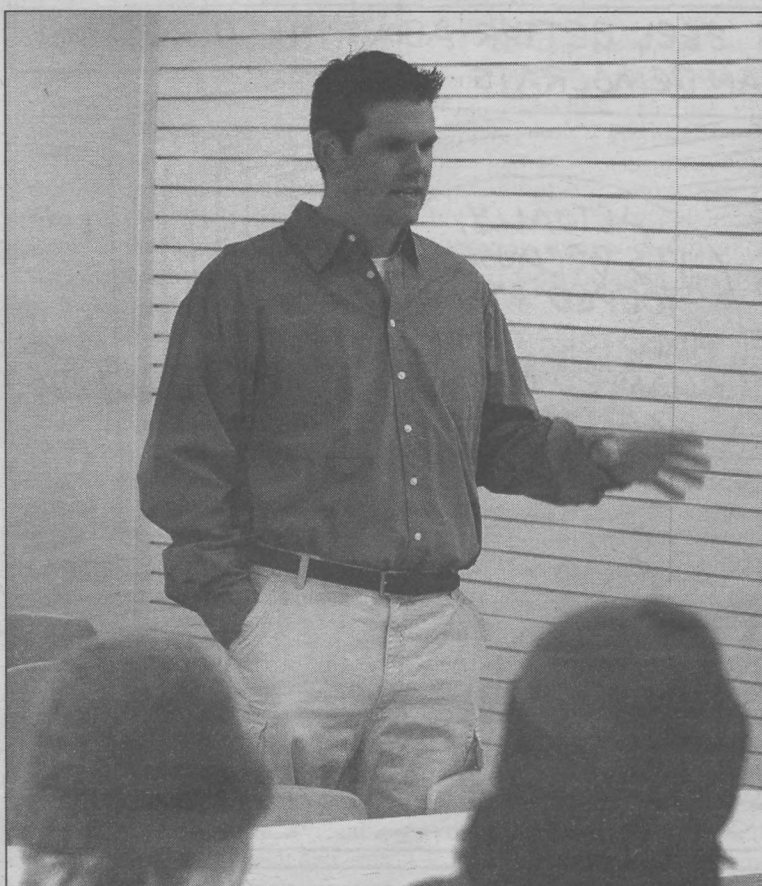
As the meeting continued, the senate spent time discussing an act asking U.S. Reps. Thomas Allen and Michael Michaud not to vote on the upcoming budget reconciliation bill.

According to the GSS resolution form, the bill would cut \$12.7 billion from the student loan programs. The resolution also noted the bill generates 70 percent of its savings by making loans more expensive for borrowers. If the bill were to pass, it would affect 32,730 students in Maine who borrow money from student loan programs.

The resolution passed by a vote of 13-4.

The final issue of the night was a resolution designed to promote student involvement in Orono town government. The resolution, which was sponsored by Ouellette, stated that the Orono charter stipulates an election time that coincides with spring break.

"I am not a registered voter in



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON
GRAY'S LAST STAND — Alex Gray speaks to the Student Government about security at Ushuaia.

Orono because I like to keep up with my politics in Vermont, but I was not aware of this," said Student Government President Brigham McNaughton. "When we got into this somebody brought this issue up, and I asked about this and around 50 percent of the voters are students."

In other business, the GSS approved the nominations of Sens. William Pomerleau and Katie Lauze to the president's council. The council is composed of executive members of Student Government, including the president from representative boards such as Residents on Campus, and two

members from GSS.

The final matter of the meeting centered on appointing new caucus chairpersons for the Exploration and Onward program and the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture. Sen. Jennifer York was named the chairperson of the Exploration and Onward program as Tyler Ham won the chair position for NSFA.

"First and foremost, I want to contact the dean of our college and keep an open contact," Ham said. "My job, as I see it, is being the mediator between the dean, the students and the senate."

They are joined by alumni Barbara Dalton, a 1981 graduate, and Tom Patrick of the Class of 1962.

The athletic director will supervise over 400 Division I student-athletes who compete for UMaine in 19 sports and will also handle nonconference schedules, budgetary matters and disciplinary measures.

"I appreciate the enthusiasm that people feel for Black Bear sports"

Chairman David Townsend
Athletic Director
Search Committee

The positions's responsibilities include: developing and implementing policies, procedures and systems that foster winning teams, maintain strong academic standards and provide the support base necessary to raise the funds and friends, for a first-class intercollegiate athletic program.

The committee is set to review and examine candidates immediately, though as of yet no deadline has been set for receiving applications.

Breakfast honors King

Event promotes legacy of civil rights movement

By Brian Sylvester
For The Maine Campus

On Monday, Jan. 16, the Greater Bangor Area branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in conjunction with the University of Maine Human Rights Coalition, sponsored a breakfast to celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr.

The 10th annual "Keeping the Dream Alive" breakfast took place in Stodder Commons and drew many government speakers, including Gov. John Baldacci, U.S. Rep. Michael Michaud and state Sen. Elizabeth Schneider.

Other speakers included James Varner, president of the GBA-NAACP, the Rev. William C. Imes, president of the Bangor Theological Seminary, and UMaine President Robert Kennedy.

About 250 people attended the breakfast, and were treated to a number of different speeches and group discussions about the life and continuing impact of the late civil rights icon.

In keeping with King's own religious views, opening and closing prayers were held.

Imes delivered the opening invocation, and the Rev. David Grainger, of the Orono United Methodist Church, led the closing prayer.

After a series of special presentations and speeches, including remarks from Kennedy and Baldacci, Bishop Steve Coleman of Portland delivered a powerful keynote address highlighting the events of King's life and his continuing impact on the civil rights movement.

A special section of the day's events were set aside to commemorate the memory and life of Rosa Parks, who passed away in 2005.

Varner described Parks as "the mother of the civil rights movement." He spoke of her life and her enduring commitment to equal rights writing.

"If we truly want to honor Mrs. Rosa Parks for her lifetime of sacrifice, we should rededicate ourselves to the very cause to which she was loyal for her entire life, the civil rights movement."

The purpose of the holiday, said

"I hope that people will go away from this event with a personalized plan of action for themselves to keep the dream alive"

James Varner
President
GBA-NAACP

Varner, itself is to remind people that the civil rights movement is still very much an ongoing process.

"There is still a lot of work to be done," he said.

A large number of people attend the event each year with the purpose of preserving and promoting the unique message of King.

They have adopted the slogan "Keeping the Dream Alive" in reference to the civil rights leader's most famous speech.

Varner hoped that the breakfast would help people keep the ideals of the civil rights movement with them throughout the new year.

"I hope that people will go away from this event with a personalized plan of action for themselves to keep the dream alive," he said.

He hopes that in the future, more Maine residents will work to make King's dream a reality.

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Townsend, a 1974 UMaine graduate who received his Ph.D. in oceanography from UMaine in 1981, in a press release.

"As a professor, I have had the opportunity to teach many UMaine student-athletes. I have been impressed with their commitment to the necessary balance between sports and studies, and I am hopeful that we will find an athletic director who exemplifies and models that ethic."

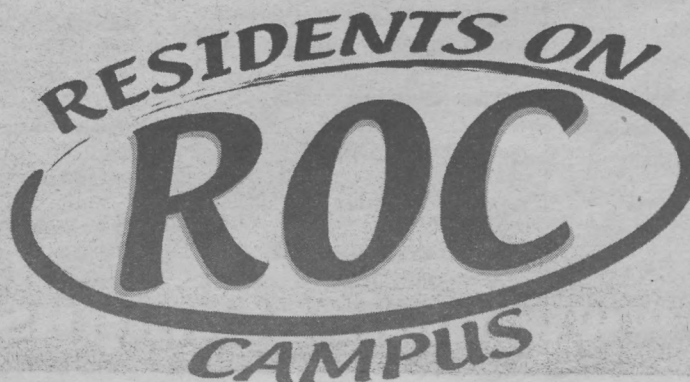
Other faculty on the committee include UMaine's NCAA faculty representative George Jacobson of the Department of Biological Sciences, and Sandra Caron of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

Men's ice hockey head coach Tim Whitehead and first-year women's basketball head coach Ann McInerney will also serve on the committee. In addition, they are joined by Joe Carr, director of University Relations, interim Director of Student Records Tammy Light, Dan Willerr, who is a planned-giving officer with the University of Maine Foundation and Associate Dean of Students Angel Lordeo.

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Editorial

UM opens its doors to all dorm residents

For much of the fall semester, students cried out against a change in residence hall access policies, which allowed them access only to their own residence hall.

Voicing their concerns through Residents on Campus, the students' complaints were answered when Associate Dean of Students Kenda Scheele announced the access policies would be changed to allow residence hall access to any on-campus resident from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The majority of on-campus students wanted this change. The university listened and gave them what they wanted.

For nine months of the year, this is the students' home. While the university undoubtedly has the students' best interests at heart when they make any decision, restricting access was not something the residents wanted. Scheele and Residence Life did the right thing listening to the residents.

Student Senate addresses the right issues

Tuesday, GSS voted on two separate issues on the behalf of UMaine students that involve advocating off campus for students. Our senate has been elected by the student body as a voice, and it is encouraging to see them using that voice beyond the university's boundaries.

One act asks Maine's U.S. representatives to vote against a bill that would cut student loan programs, and the other resolution would change Orono Town Council voting so that elections would occur when school is in session, which would promote student involvement in the council that makes so many important decisions in their town.

The recent Ushuaia events are a great example of why students should have a particular interest in voting for Town Council members. The Town Council can essentially determine how the face of Orono will look. Students should support GSS in trying to pressure the Orono Town Council.

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Ushuaia is UMaine's Alamo

Orono Town Council has bullied us for the last time

The town of Orono is always clever in how it welcomes students back to UMaine. Last September, it decided to greet us with road construction and mile-long traffic. This semester we were welcomed with a passive-aggressive attempt to shut down a local nightclub popular with students.

The Orono Town Council refused to renew Ushuaia licenses to serve liquor and host concerts. They initially refused to renew the license to serve food as well, but later admitted it was a mistake and passed it. I guess they were just on a roll.

It's true that Ushuaia has a dark side. Some say it's yet another place for hockey players to pick up underage girls. There has also been an increasing number of brawls at the club. However, owner Alex Gray has introduced more and more costly security measures each year, as

MICHAEL
HARTWELL

OPINION EDITOR

well. It looks like he's done everything he can.

Let's not forget that Ushuaia hosts a number of great concerts. The council says its unanimous decision was inspired by a desire to protect UMaine students. However, I fail to see how two hours of listening to the Dresden Dolls in an intimate setting is going to turn any patron into a violent maniac.

Here's the skinny: The Orono Town Council doesn't like UMaine students. I wish there was a less simplistic explanation for this, but that's really it. Just drop by 205A

Stevens Hall and ask town council member and UMaine economics professor Mark Haggerty. Since the beginning of last year, Haggerty has been trying to pass a resolution that would enforce an ancient Maine blue law originally intended to thwart prostitution. If Haggerty succeeds, no more than three people who are not related will be allowed to live together in an Orono residence.

If the council really wants to help UMaine students, there are some bigger issues they can concentrate on. There is a 4 o'clock traffic problem every weekday between the university and downtown Orono that needs to be addressed.

And if they get on another roll like when they started denying every permit Ushuaia submits, they can put an end to the regulation in

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Take that, science

There is no such thing as a link between men and apes. The Grand Canyon did not form slowly. Rocks do not date fossils, nor do fossils date rocks. The geologic column is not

found anywhere in the world. There is no such thing as an index fossil.

Natural selection does not cause evolution. Comparative anatomy does not prove common ancestry. A human embryo does not have gill

slits. The appendix is not vestigial, neither is a whale pelvis or snake feet. Smaller is never simpler, always more complex. The eye did not arise

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We need Fox News

The liberal media bias needs to be balanced

JOHN
BURBANK

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Over the last few years, there has been an overwhelming attack on the nation's No. 1 cable news network, Fox News. However, this attack is not aimed at achieving a worldwide standard of objective and unbiased reporting in all media; it is aimed at squelching one of the only television news outlets that hasn't bowed to the unfortunate status quo and political correctness of the liberal mainstream media.

In an era where access to information is becoming more readily available, Americans have more options for television news than ever before. The "big three" news networks of ABC, CBS and NBC are quickly losing ratings as Americans turn to 24-hour news channels to find out what's going on in their world. The new leader in the ratings game for cable news networks is Fox News, which currently receives a greater average viewership than both its chief rivals, CNN and MSNBC, combined. With nicknames like "Faux News," "GOP TV" and "Republican News Network," which allude to a conservative bias, it is evident many feel that Fox News is not "fair and balanced" as the network's slogan suggests. Although "bias" is a harsh word and journalists tout themselves as being completely objective, it is impossible to report on an issue without at least some of one's personal beliefs entering the story. Often times, a story is influenced more by what is left out and considered irrelevant than by what is included. Fox News simply lacks the more liberal viewpoint that is and has been so prevalent in the mainstream media.

A study conducted by the Roper Center at University of Connecticut in 1998 found that 78 percent of Americans believe there is a significant bias in the news. A 1997 survey conducted by the Center for Media and Public Affairs found that the number of people who found the

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downtown Orono that encourages drunken driving. Cars in the parking lot behind the Bear Brew and Margaritas, which is walking distance from four different bars, are towed if left overnight. I can see that this is intended to keep people from abusing this ample parking location, but it puts people in a real pickle if they drink more than they intended. Unexpectedly drunken patrons are forced to choose between driving drunk or taking a cab and having a big hassle and towing charge the next morning. I recommend that the four adjacent bars should start selling one-night-only parking passes. This can generate money and discourage

drunken driving. Everybody wins. The Orono Town Council has admitted that over half of its voting population are UMaine students. However, every year its elections are held during spring break. This means half the population of this town is unable to vote.

Thankfully, there is hope. As of right now, four different UMaine students are considering running for the Orono Town Council. Student Government and The Maine Campus are encouraging UMaine students that live in Orono to pick up an absentee ballot from the town clerk's office before leaving for spring break. Watch this page for future developments in this important issue.

Michael Hartwell is a senior journalism major and a tax-paying Orono resident.

FOX NEWS

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news media to be liberally biased outnumbered those who viewed the news media as conservatively biased by more than two to one. Armed with these facts, one can easily see where a news organization such as Fox News Channel could feel that there needs to be a voice that counters that of the majority of the media. While the underlying ethical obligation of any journalist is to be objective and completely unbiased, one can defend the organization's viewpoint that the scope of media needs to be corrected.

The National Survey of the Role of Polls in Policymaking conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates, which included TV and radio journalists as well as newspaper journalists, found that members of the press were a full seven times more likely to identify themselves as Democrats rather than Republicans.

The social responsibility theory states that the media should help further the social contract. Counterbalancing a problem that has been expounded over time by the media is clearly furthering the social contract, even though we all know that two wrongs don't make a right. If presenting a side of an issue in a

light opposite other news outlets results in the public gleaning information from both sides of the issue, then the ends justify the means and the decision is therefore ethical.

Fox News Channel obviously does not will that media bias should be a universal law. Instead, Fox News Channel views the liberal media bias as a fact of life and is trying to offset the liberal bias with more conservative viewpoints of its own. Although Fox News may at times appear to hold a conservative bias compared to other networks, keep in mind that, in contrast with the mainstream media, almost any viewpoint that stands for family values, says that capitalism and the free market economy is a good thing, or that maybe, just maybe, there are things in this world that are worth fighting to the death for will seem like a conservative bias.

Fox News reports facts in a clear and concise manner. Real journalists report the real facts, not just numbers without giving their actual significance. The news can't tell you what the "truth" is; it's different for each individual person. If you're looking for "truth" take a philosophy class. I, for one, would rather get the facts and decide for myself.

John Burbank is a fifth-year journalism major.

LETTERS

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by slow evolution. The first bird did not hatch from a reptile egg. DNA's complexity proves a designer, not evolution. Fossils do not prove evidence for evolution. The Earth was never a hot molten mass. Pangaea never existed. There is no such thing as a "simple living organism." The sun did not form before the Earth. Scientists have never made life in a laboratory. The Earth never had an oxygen-less atmosphere. Mutations do not improve species. The big-bang theory is a hoax. Darwin did not prove evolution. Feathers did not evolve from scales. Microevolution is a fact; macroevolution is a lie. If you think you are a superior race

because of the color of your skin, you're stupid, you're wrong and you're fighting against God.

There is no scientific reason to reject the Bible, the creation account or the creator. Some people just don't like the idea of God telling them what to do. God loves you and is justified and quick to forgive everything if you confess that you, like all people, have done wrong against him. Jesus, the son of God, took the blame for the wrongs you've committed because he loves you. He overcame death by being the only person to live a perfect life. He was raised from the dead by the same power that can save you now if you turn from a life of evil and accept his gift of eternal life.

Noah Bryant,
Student

Stop driving like an absolute jerk

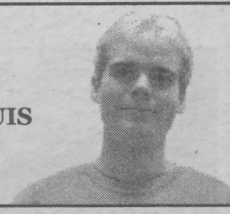
A few rules about driving on the Marquis motorway

Everytime I use my car it's an adventure. I'm a good driver— regardless of what those people I killed might say— but the other people on the road are something else altogether. I'm not going to be diplomatic or placating and bow out of my broad generalization this time. This column is directed at everyone on the road who owns a car and is not me. Yes, that's right: It's time for a few "rules of the road."

Rule No. 1: Don't plant your 45-mph driving car in the passing lane and refuse to leave. The passing lane is not a happy place for people who like to drive 20 mph below the speed limit. I don't care what your reason is for driving so slow. You're not passing anyone, so get back in the normal lane and let me pass you. Next.

Rule No. 2: If you plan on turning into the road, look to your left and right first. See that car coming down the road? That's me. Do me a favor and hop onto the road when I'm a ways away. Waiting until I'm right on top of you to floor it is just plain stupid. See, I don't want to hit you. I don't really care about my car much, but my body is important to me. I'd rather not see myself lying on

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MARQUIS



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the road in pieces because you couldn't figure out how best not to hit me.

Rule No. 3: This is an extension of the first rule, but it's important enough to merit its own section. Unless the weather is adverse, do not drive below the speed limit. It's really quite simple. See, I have someplace to be. I want to get there before the sun sets and my car turns to stone. I have a parking spot back by the chain-link fence that I risk losing every time I venture out on the road. Don't spoil my day by driving 30 mph in a 45 when you should actually be going 55. If you're too old to drive at a proper speed, stay at home and watch "What Not to Wear" like the rest of America.

Rule No. 4: See that stuff zipping by you through the big glass window at the front of the car? It's important you watch it carefully. See, unlike the mindless TV you people watch all

day, which stays the same regardless of how many times you watch it, the view outside that nice window changes. A lot. If you look away from it for a few minutes to make a sandwich, you might hit me. I wouldn't like that much at all. In fact, I really recommend you avoid hitting me at all costs. Put your car in the ditch and kill all of your passengers, just don't hit my little white Pontiac of rusty fame.

Rule No. 5: The road is for me and me alone. It's best you keep away from me whenever possible. If I tailgate you, it's because you're violating this principle. If you tailgate me, you're still violating this principle. In fact, you violate the principle by simply getting in your car to begin with, so just stay at home. The road would be a much nicer place if you all just kept off of it.

And that's all for today. Print out these five simple rules and tape them to your dashboard. You'll be on your way to becoming a better driver in no time at all. Just remember: The rules only apply to you. I can drive however I like. It's my road after all.

Ian Marquis is a fourth-year new media major.

We need less talk and more action

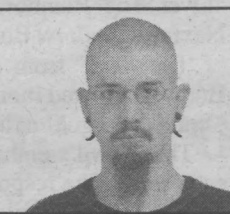
UMaine students, lend me your eyes, ears and fists

What is going on with America today? We have a president who assures us everything is under control by throwing around polished phrases like "No Child Left Behind," "Compassionate Conservatism" and "Foundation for Growth," yet we have no idea if we will ever be out of Iraq or if we are even making any progress. His speeches are built by the Washington propaganda machine, big illustrious events with banners, elaborate staging and synchronized lighting. We are a nation with troops set to line our borders because we cannot figure out how to make a difference without force. I don't recognize this country anymore.

Our generation doesn't seem to care that our nation is being run into the ground. I see my peers spending more time worrying about having the right clothes and getting as much power, material possessions, and popularity as they can for the sole purpose of having the most comfortable life possible without any worry for what's going on around them. I don't feel like dealing with it anymore, so I'm quitting. I don't want any connection to a generation filled with airheads and morons. You can have it to yourselves. I've got better things to do, starting with working for change.

We need a new America, a new movement, a new life.

JESSE
DAVIS



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

First things first, this bipolar political crap has to go. Republican versus Democrat, conservative versus liberal—it's all a bunch of garbage. We, as a country, need to realize that there are more than two paths to progress, and no amount of tradition or long-

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standing popularity makes one better than another. I know that people are going to argue that it would be too complicated to have more than two major political groups, and I have an answer to it. Grow up, use your brain, hell, maybe even read a little sometime. Not just what you're assigned for class, not just Cosmo or Playboy.

Pretty soon, you might find it easier to understand such an advanced idea as three or four. Amazing, isn't it?

Next! Commercialism runs rampant. I can't go anywhere or do anything without 5 million people telling me why I need to buy their product. Why do we have to use every spare moment to try to sell things to people? American society is trying to commercialize the soul, and if we don't do something soon, I'm sure they will. Why is it that every American is considered first as a number, then a consumer, then a voter, then a person? Shouldn't the inherent value of the individual come first? Have you ever read the Constitution? Being alive and aware is not about buying things, it's about being happy with who you are and bettering yourself as a human being. Start taking time in your day to sit down and think. Just think. Think about what you believe, what you don't believe, who you are as a person. It's good for both the mind and the soul, and frankly it would do a lot of people good to increase their ridiculously narrow minds.

Start making changes, people. Stop just being and start living. Give a damn. Don't let the country run itself by itself; you won't like the outcome. Let's end the war in Iraq and start a war of words and ideas.

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CABARET COLLECTION —
(Left) The entire cast ends the show with "I Wish I Could Go Back to College" from the hit Broadway musical Avenue Q. (Middle) Andrew Bodwell performs one of several solos, including "Santa Fe" from Newsies. (Bottom) Rebecca Gilford performs "When You're Good to Mama," from "Chicago." In all, Songs for Change earned over \$600 for ASB.

A change would do you good

By Zach Dionne
Staff Writer

Last Thursday night, the crowd at the Bear's Den grew until the pub was jam-packed with students and community members excited to see the Songs For Change benefit cabaret. The evening kicked off with a tune familiar to everyone — a rendition of "Over The Rainbow" by Molly Webster. Next was Andrew Bodwell, singing "Corner of The Sky," from the musical "Pippin." Bodwell showed moments of James Taylor-esque vocal gold in his performance.

The crowd's enthusiasm amplified with each song. The response to the songs started as moderate applause and quickly grew to an energized roar by the time Matthew Small performed "Blue Moon."

The evening's performers were Andrew Bodwell, Emily Cain, Rebecca Guildford, Molly Webster and Matthew Small, accompanied with exceptional piano playing from Dr. Laura Artesani.

"I decided to try a cabaret-style event for this show. Musical theatre songs fit naturally into this format," said Matthew Small, the director of the event. "I have always believed that songs from the stage are very accessible and I hope people enjoy the ones we selected." Small could not have been more dead-on with this comment.

The event's title, Songs For Change, referred to the purpose behind the cabaret-style performance. All of the proceeds from Songs For Change will benefit Alternative Spring Break, a project that will bring positive change to different areas across the nation. According to the Black Bear Volunteers' Web site, "Volunteers have built houses for low income families, worked with troubled and at-risk youth, served meals, helped organize NYC's annual AIDS Walk, participated in an urban peace program and helped the elderly" in more than half a dozen states since 1998.

Throughout the evening, the singers continually brought the audience into the world of each musical, one short song at a time. Emily Cain's passion, comic delivery, and overall believability in "Stars and Moon" was a great example of this. Instead of choosing songs from musicals and simply singing them, the performers took their characters and stories directly from the musicals and brought them into the Bear's Den for each song.

"With input from the cast, I attempted to

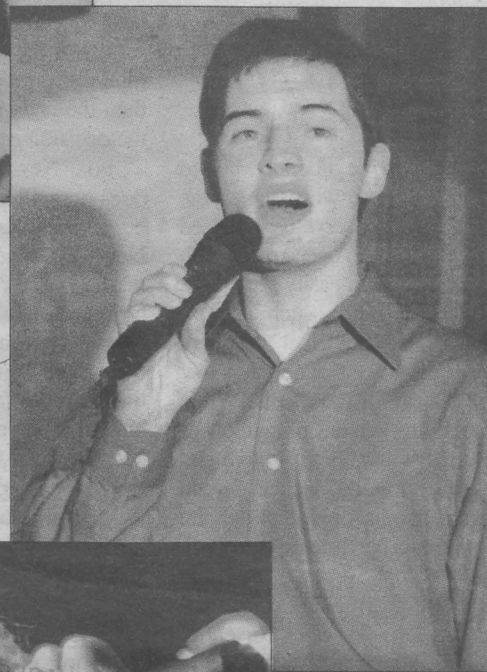


balance popular tunes with ones that may be new to audience members," said Small of the evening's selections. The program contained songs from both newer and lesser known musicals, peppered amongst classic staples such as "Memory," from "Cats."

The atmosphere in the Bear's Den on Thursday was an easygoing air of enjoyment. Just ask any of the guys whose shoulders were lovingly stroked in Rebecca Guildford's performance of "As Long As He Needs Me," or any of Emily's "volunteers" on "If I Were A Bell." With or without the crowd's interaction, the audience was smiling for the entire night and clearly enjoying themselves.

The fun atmosphere was accompanied by excellent musicianship. The performers were from various musical backgrounds, including members of Renaissance, The Maine Steiners and the University Singers. Dr. Artesani's piano playing was also exceptional, solidifying each song and tying the tunes together with catchy background melodies. Duets "In His Eyes" by Cain and Guildford and "What You Own" by Bodwell and Small were full of amazing harmonies and great vocal interplay.

The performers had smiles on their faces for the entire evening, clearly enjoying themselves with these songs. At one point in the program, Matthew Small took a moment to address the audience and speak about the upcoming Alternative Spring Break experience. Small said that over 50 students from UMaine will go to New Orleans to help with the hurricane relief effort, New York City to volunteer in an AIDS clinic, and the Everglades. At the end of the night, Small thanked the audience for coming and



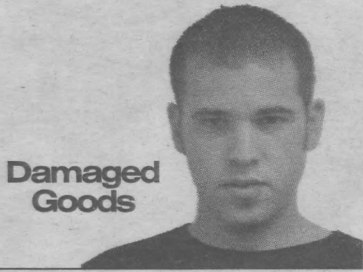
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Songs for Change,
two enthusiastic
nights of cabaret
to raise funds for
Alternative Spring
Break's trek to
New Orleans

announced that over \$600 had been raised for the ASB cause.

According to the programs passed out at the door, the ensemble piece "I Wish I Could Go Back To College" was scheduled to be the last tune of the night. But as soon as the audience stood to applaud the final number of the evening, they quickly sat back down with broad smiles as Dr. Artesani played the familiar opening notes to "Seasons of Love" from "Rent." This surprise encore was the perfect ending to an excellent night of music, fun and fundraising for a great cause.

Deserving of nothing



Damaged Goods

By Kal Dauphinee

Whoever gets what they really deserve? And who among us is ever really deserving of anything? The word "deserve" is thrown around so much that once you actually look for it, you notice it everywhere.

This past Christmas season, I found myself perusing the obnoxiously overcrowded Maine Mall looking for a gift I was sure I wouldn't find. While walking past the fragrance counter, my olfactory senses were attacked by a woman attempting to drug every passerby into buying her overpriced chemically enhanced cat urine. While I've never found much need to purchase fragrances, I was quickly charmed by her oral campaign. Within two minutes, I started to feel that special tingle that starts in the wallet and quickly travels up the back of my spine, exploding into my subconscious with the thought, "I gotta have this." I asked a few questions, not wanting to seem too eager, and attempted to pull off an aloof posture because, after all, every man knows that the second a woman knows that she has something you want, the deal is closed. It's like blood in the water, and she's the shark. With that said, I did in fact want it, and she did very much want to give it to me, so this is where the next phase of this little game comes into play: rationalization.

Do I really need it? Of course not! Do I really want it? Hell, yes! Can I honestly afford it? Of course not! So, basically, I'm gonna buy this on an impulse to relieve the retail pressure and to impress a chick? Hell, yes! It was right here in my moment of brow-creasing confliction that this little devil of a retail demon used a line on me that closed the deal completely: She tilted her head ever so slightly, fluttered her lashes just once and leaned toward me as she exhaled the words, "C'mon, you deserve it." My face broke into a smile, and I looked her dead in those baby blues and said, "How the hell would you know?" I turned and walked out of the store.

Impulse shopping is very much like a one-night stand for the wallet. It feels great at the time, but more often than not, you're gonna end up wanting to take it back. I really can't explain why her line landed like a wet blanket on the fire of my consumer desire, but something about it annoyed me to my core, and I haven't fully shaken it since.

The next evening, I was doing a bit of late-night driving with a friend of mine while we listened to the slippery, soft-core, saccharine-infused sounds of the Delilah radio show. Always good for a laugh, we sat there making fun of the poor schlubs that called in, one after another, pretending to be good

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UMMA premieres new exhibit this week

By Astra Brinkmann
Staff Reporter

Bugs, car doors and trash are not what you'd expect to see depicted at an art gallery, but at the University of Maine Museum of Art from Jan. 20 through April 8, you will encounter these unlikely subjects and more. The new exhibitions feature the works of conceptual sculptor Lauren Fensterstock, photographer Michael Alpert and five large landscape paintings by different artists.

Behind the receptionist's desk lies the isolated exhibit of Maine artist Lauren Fensterstock. The UMMA Web site (<http://www.umma.umaine.edu/>) shows one of the artist's works, "Traces, Spider" as a delicate and ironic balance between the gruesome and the glamorous, but its effects are much stronger in person. For the majority of Fensterstock's pieces, she has taken actual preserved insects and desiccated vegetables and juxtaposed them with brilliant gems. One of her most alarming pieces is "Butterfly Tondo 3," wherein she places approximately 80 pierced butterfly corpses into an organized cluster against a white background.

The main room houses both the bleak black-and-white photography of Michael Alpert and the colossal nature-themed oil paintings of various artists. Unwittingly, Alpert's pictures reflect Fensterstock's theme of appreciation for the minutiae of the ordinary. Alpert explores the forlorn and the forgotten side of industrial Maine like an anti-tourist by documenting what everyone else would normally overlook. "Abandoned Automobile" captures a rusting car



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

INTO THE WOODS — Joseph Soley (left) and his son Jak admire a landscape by Neil Welliver at the University of Maine Museum of Art in Bangor. Both men came from Portland to see the show, which opened Friday.

door in the stages of its decay, and the composition of "Airport Hangar" is precise, cold and calculating. Alpert's more definitive collection, "A Maine Portfolio," lies on the bench and should not be missed.

"The Five Landscape Paintings" are as varied as their creators. Rackstraw Downes' painting is an exaggerated widescreen view of a landfill harbor, which is so well detailed that the onlooker could believe that one man's trash is, indeed, another man's treasure.

Despite Vaino Kola's Maine residency, the landscape depicted in "Sneifellsness Peninsula #4" is part of his Icelandic series and has an eerily lunar quality. The beauty in April Gornik's "Valley Under Water" lies in the amazing clarity of the water's reflection of the submerged trees, and Neil Welliver's impressionist "West Slope" yields striking color in the highlights and the shadows. Lois Dodd's "Woods" stands out from the rest simply because of its stylistic contrast. Whereas Gornik, Kola, Downes

and Welliver favor more natural and flowing strokes on their canvases, Dodd has employed a cubist approach to her trees.

Admission is free at the UMMA for students with Mainecards, while friends pay a \$3. It's interesting to speculate on the themes and methods used in these pieces, but mostly it's pleasant to gaze upon well-crafted artwork. Whether your interests lie in entomology, Maine sites or attractive nature scenes, the exhibits for this spring offer an enjoyable array of creativity.

WMEBShowSpot

Wittman's spot features array of unique tastes

By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

WMEB personality Michael Wittman began his radio show, "International Electron" with a rule that no English lyrics were allowed. "It didn't matter, it could be German Punk, French hip-hop, Senegalese pop music: as long as there was no English," he said.

Since then, his show has been broken down to modern composition from the 1960s, which is often referred to as modern classical.

Wittman, a physics professor on campus, began as a faculty member in January 2001. He started his DJing career when he was an undergraduate at Duke in 1989. Since then he has worked at campus radio stations in Maryland and at UMaine's WMEB.

"I got addicted to it, I couldn't leave it. I loved hearing new music. I love new sounds. I can't really listen to regular radio. If I hear the same song three times a week, I'm done. I just don't want to hear that song again. I want new sounds, and college radio gave me a chance to do that," Wittman said.

Wittman believes most college radio stations are similar in ways,

but he said WMEB is different because it is the only station of its kind in the area. "It has a really unique voice, and it can do stuff musically that other stations in the area can't, because it's student-run."

Although Wittman's show is not on at the most stellar timeslot, every Tuesday 9-11 a.m., and modern classical music is not the most popular genre, he still has managed to find a fan base. "I got a phone call from a woman saying that she had told her dad about it. She had grown up listening to that type of music, and her dad tuned in religiously. Every Tuesday morning he got the Real Audio feed over the Web even though he was hundreds of miles away."

Wittman admitted that the music he plays is often difficult to listen to. He said that sometimes the music he plays is "difficult, harsh, unfriendly, scraping metal kind of noises," but he added "I like that kind of stuff, but some people might not."

Wittman's love for classical music began with his father. When he was a kid, his father could identify composers of classical pieces after listening to them for five seconds. The push for more abstract music came when he heard the band Einstürzende Neubauten's album "Five on the Open-

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The Project begins

By Emily A. Whitney
Staff Reporter

Have you found yourself mysteriously drawn to the premise behind American Idol? Does some kind of vindictive delight rise within you at the destruction of someone's ego? Are you a performing artist or masochist? Then join Z107.3, Mark's Music, and the Campus Activities Board in celebrating Maine's live talent competition for best acoustic performance. Jan. 24 will be this year's launch date for "The Project."

"Eight acts will have the chance to perform in each of the four qualifying rounds," the event's director Jessica Bishop said. "The top two acts each night will move on to the semifinals, where the top four will advance to the finals on April 18."

The grand-prize winner this year will be awarded with a day in a recording studio, resulting in the production of their own CD, while the first runner up will win a \$200 gift certificate to Mark's Music.

"That's a pretty encouraging prize, but the reason I'm consider-

ing entering is just so I can perform," student David Sprague said. "In this kind of setting, where you can repeatedly appear before an audience and judges, you can really learn a lot about your performing and how to improve it."

Each night, the performances will be assessed on their overall entertainment value by a panel of judges.

"It could be pretty interesting," student Chaz Buccanan said. "I enjoy music in most forms, except the bad ones, and with a judging situation, it would kind of eliminate that problem."

The qualifying rounds are Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and 21, and March 21, while the semifinals begin April 4. Each round will begin at 8 p.m. in place of Java Jive in the Union. The stage will be set up accordingly, with intent to provide an entertaining listening environment for the audience.

For more information or an application form contact Jessica Bishop on FirstClass. Participation is free for all UMaine students. For non-students, there is a registration fee of \$50.

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This winter's silver screen offerings

The Maine Campus offers new perspectives on what has proven to be this season's most popular titles

"Brokeback Mountain" Directed by Ang Lee

There is a scene in "Brokeback Mountain" in which Heath Ledger, playing a cowboy named Ennis, has had enough. He cannot contain himself any longer in front of two chauvinistic loudmouths who have no respect for his wife, his young daughter and himself at an outdoor carnival, and have rudely ignored his request that they stop. Ledger gets to his feet, walks over to the two men and threatens them. The two readily rise to his strong suggestion that they should scuffle, but find themselves thrown flat on the ground, cowering before this unexpectedly vicious cowboy. As Ledger admonishes them, a tall volley of fireworks

explodes behind him.

It is this scene that lays one of "Brokeback Mountain"'s not-so-secret secrets on the table: This is a grand, American melodrama, and for that it will take home an armful of Oscars. One gets the impression, in the end, that this film has insistently clung to the traditional look and feel of a melodrama and that it is unhealthily aware of its own hype.

Based on a story by Annie Proulx and adapted by Diana Ossana and Larry McMurty, "Brokeback Mountain" tells the story of two men, Ennis and Jack (Jake Gyllenhaal) who meet one summer when they are employed as ranch hands on a mountain in Wyoming, where they will herd sheep. Their time together begins

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"Munich" Directed by Steven Spielberg

It is said that Steven Spielberg does not know how to end a film. If that is true, then it should also be noted that he can direct a gem of an beginning. The opening fifteen minutes of "Munich" are a series of scenes that add up to such a marvel.

First, we are introduced to a group of shady individuals who are sneaking in to an airport complex at night. Then we are treated to a canonade of handheld camerawork showing these men killing and kidnapping Israeli athletes inside the airport. The camera then cuts to various televisions showing the various recountings of the hostage situation in "Munich." The reactions of different families

all over the world are shown. Eventually, we meet Avner (Eric Bana) and his pregnant wife (Valerie Bruni-Tedeschi).

In this opening, "Munich" simultaneously announces itself as a political thriller and cleverly introduces its protagonist. It also brings to the forefront one of the film's major motifs: group dynamics. In the story that follows, Avner, being of Israeli descent, is assigned to lead a mission of five men all over the globe in order to kill eleven terrorists who are a known threat to Israel. These five men meet and bond quickly, but as their journey progresses, complications arise, all centered around professionalism, devotion towards Israel and their temperaments.

One of the greatest aspects of Spielberg's

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"Hostel" Directed by Eli Roth

Eli Roth's new flick, "Hostel," has to be better than the writer/director's last box office endeavor, "Cabin Fever," right? Not exactly. Even a less cliché and more mature plot — well, a little more mature plot — and the name of film genius couldn't make this film meet my unusually high expectations.

"Hostel's" first half is, for all intents and purposes, an unofficial sequel to Euro Trip — only with barrels of more topless women, drugs, and sex. By the time the film changes gears to its actual premise — a European hostel where the guests are abducted, tortured, and killed by wealthy men willing to dish out enough cash for the deed. The switch is extremely jarring to an audience that has seen nothing but sex and

comedy for over a half hour.

While this abrupt change in tone was probably what director Roth was looking to do, there lies a problem in the film's second half. It's the "Saw" series without a plot. While films like "Saw" and "Seven" weave grisly torture and death around intricate plots, clever twists and compelling characters, "Hostel" opts to try to skip these steps and compensate for them with even more sick and demented levels of violence. The bottom line is that "Hostel" is a disappointment for viewers with high hopes, perhaps worth one viewing if you're into violence and extreme gore peppered with sex and jokes. And a friendly tip to anyone still thinking about seeing this film someday: a certain scene involving an eyeball will haunt you for the rest of your life. Consider yourself warned.

For fans that expected something special



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since Tarantino slapped his name on this movie, don't blame yourself. I started drooling at the mention of my favorite filmmaker, too. Just know that "Hostel" is not in

the same league as classics like "Seven" and "Saw." It ain't even in the same ballpark. Hell, it ain't even the same sport. —Zach Dionne

What's the Attraction?

By Thomas F. Bennett Jr.
For The Maine Campus

If you are hanging around the Union about 9 p.m. on Friday nights, you're bound to hear some laughter coming from the Market Place. That is the setting for The Maine Attraction, where every week you can see a big name comedian for free.

The Maine Attraction puts on about 10 shows a semester. The organizer of the event, Katie Clegg, said that she reviews 30 to 35 comedians before she chooses the acts. One past comedian who have appeared in The Maine Attraction was Dan Ahdoot, who was featured in NBC's Last Comic Standing.

This semester keeps the quality coming. Pete Dominick, the regular warm up comedian for The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, will be appearing. There will be a number of comedians who have appeared on Comedy Central, including Tim Young.

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIANNE HESS
STAND UP — Comedian Les Camp performs at last Friday's event, The Maine Attraction. A different comedian is featured each week.

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Ended Richter Scale."

"It was just metal noises banging against things, and I mean, what the hell was it? I just liked it, I don't know why," Wittman said about the album.

His show serves as a good antithesis to modern radio, especially considering his influences range from Einstürzende Neubauten to Phillip Glass. He had been into punk and hardcore music though, and said that Dead Kennedys and Sonic Youth were always two of his favorite bands, and they also helped to push him toward more abstract types of music.

"I go for things that are challenging, things that are odd. For example, I have an odd fascination with the extreme high register of a violin."

Although he doesn't appreciate the repetition and amount of advertising on modern radio, he does enjoy pop music. "I think in the 80s Prince was brilliant and Madonna blows my mind."

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A complete healing

Silo Seven offers forum for providing community lessons about Reiki and alternative medicines

By Astra Brinkmann
Staff Reporter

One of the great things about living in a small town is the sense of community that can be achieved by the actions of its inhabitants, especially for those who are "unusual" and seeking outlets or like-minded thinkers. Silo Seven, located off of Bomarc Road in Bangor, is a bookstore that specializes in spirituality, new age and holistic issues. The store also offers workshop-type services for its patrons, ranging from Reiki and philosophical discussions to psychic awareness and celebrations of various Pagan holidays.

Last Friday featured one of these activities, hosted by Reiki Master Practitioner, Lisa Lyon. The description in the Silo Seven newsletter, found at (<http://www.silo7.com/newsletter/jan/index.htm>), noted the event "Creating Healing" as "thought provoking explorations of how we set the stage for creating our own reality. [We will] examine the underlying conditions that enable healing by vibrational definition."

Although the talk did not directly involve Reiki techniques, many of its attendees were familiar, if not masters of Reiki. As defined by a holistic website, Reiki is believed to have its origins in ancient Tibet, but does not have religious affiliations. Rather, it is a method of therapy that focuses on healing a patient by relaxation, detoxification of the body and restoring or balancing one's own energy.

In a sense, the discussion centered upon some Reiki essentials, as well as general positive reinforcement. Lyon commenced her talk saying, "We are all perfectly healed in our natural state," but

that as people develop, they create blocks because of society's collective consciousness. She went on to define "vibration" as another word for energy that we feel with our senses, but mostly energy that is beyond our conventional five senses, such as intuition and the ability to see auras.

Lyon performed an experiment that demonstrated how easily affected we were by the collective consciousness, which was in this case the other attendees' vibrations. She asked an attendee, Kalina Jonson, a former student of the University of Maine, to stand up. Jonson raised her arm out perpendicular to her body and attempted to resist the pressure Lyon was applying to her arm. As she instructed the group to focus on negative thoughts, Jonson's resistance was weakened, but when the group held more positive thoughts, Jonson's resistance was stronger.

The session continued to highlight the power of positive thinking and that true healing starts within oneself. Lyon outlined a three step process of healing via thought, speaking the thought aloud, and acting upon what was spoken. At one point, Reiki Master Clare McEwan said of the power of collective consciousness, "If everyone got together at campus in Orono, if everyone across every university got together, we could wipe out Bin Laden altogether!"

Sentiments mentioned amongst the attendees were of good feelings, a strong community and spiritual reinforcement. As people were packing up to leave, Silo Seven owner Lisa LeBel said, "If you don't know where to go next, you're on the right path. You're always right where you're supposed to be."

And that night, everyone was.

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people with no faults of their own. They all told this non-professional civilian with a microphone their one-sided story of love dismantled, lost, or betrayed. Now, usually I get a good laugh by coming up with the rest of the callers' stories on my own, but this one caller started in on how horribly she was being treated by her boyfriend, who had just recently become her fiancé. And it's to this girl that she has known for 30 seconds that this emotional anvil of the airwaves advises to leave the guy because — here it comes — "She deserves better."

Isn't that just a kick in the nuts? She deserves better. Well, don't we all? Or do we? Are any of us "deserving?" Do any of us actually get what we deserve? I for one certainly hope not. Besides simply being deserving of something better has nothing to do with whether or not you're going to get it. Many of us, myself included, ought to be grateful we don't get what we deserve.

To tell someone that they deserve better simply perpetuates the myth that-if you hold out long

enough and never settle for less than what you want, eventually you'll find it. That's a fool's hope. You're not guaranteed anything in this world, especially happiness. The constitution doesn't even guarantee happiness, just the right to pursue it.

A very close friend of mine recently disclosed to me that she has breast cancer. She is, by far, the most undeserving person alive to get this disease. The most decent, kind, generous and truly honest person I have ever had the blessing of meeting, let alone calling a friend, is struck with not only this, but many other events and diseases that have plagued her life. Hers is about the only case I've seen where I believe truth has ever been found in the statement "She deserves better than the hand life has dealt her."

So, here's an idea, and if everyone attempts to practice it, we would all be much better off: Try to become the "something better" that someone else deserves. Live and treat those you love as though they deserved better, and more of us may begin to find that unconditional love might actually be attainable. You might get lucky. And if you do, be grateful for it, because it might just be the stroke of luck you don't deserve.

Trinity Irish Dance to visit MCA

By Hillary Dugas
For The Maine Campus

To witness authentic Irish dance, look no further than Trinity Irish Dance Company. This company's groundbreaking work opened artistic pathways that led directly to commercial productions such as "Riverdance."

To experience their hard driving percussive power, lightning-

fast agility, aerial grace and awe-inspiring precision, attend the Trinity Irish Dance performance at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Maine Center of the Arts.

According to the academy's Web site, Trinity is the most widely recognized Irish dance program in the world. The Trinity dancers offer something more profoundly significant than just infallible rhythm and skill: they also offer a dance legacy

that is rooted in tradition.

To date, Trinity Irish Dance Academy has achieved a history-making 22 world titles in team dancing.

Tickets are free for all UMaine students with 12 credits or higher as part of their two complimentary tickets each semester. The MCA box office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and tickets for the event are now available.

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Students who want a bit of the star treatment should think about showing up early to pick up their free raffle ticket for "The Best

Seat in the House." The winner gets to sit on a couch next to the stage with as many friends as they can fit there. They also have an assortment of free snacks to munch on. In the past people have used The Best Seat in the House to heckle comedians, though Klegg warns, "We won't be tolerating

excessive heckling. If the comedian wants to interact it's great, but interrupting the show is not, and if that happens they may be asked to leave."

So if you have nothing to do on Friday night, stop on by the Union at 9 p.m. You're bound to leave laughing.

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directing style is his genuine cinematic reverence. No one utilizes the techniques of Akira Kurosawa more often than he does, and "Munich" contains echoes of "Seven Samurai," both in the intense drumming on its soundtrack and in its plot. Appropriately, he dabbles

Hitchcockian visual tension everywhere.

Spielberg's cinematic reverence couples with his deep concern for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Eventually, we begin to wonder what the real difference is between the group of freedom fighters we have been watching all this time and the group of Palestinian terrorists; both kill unnecessary numbers of people, are stubborn in their beliefs and are equally devoted to their respective

countries. Munich often asserts that Israeli Jews are just as dangerous as, and more self-righteous than Palestinians.

And yes, there is still something wrong with the ending. This is a departure for Spielberg in its dark and untrustworthy view of humanity. But at least the film doesn't attempt to answer it. That is because the filmmakers have made up their minds; there are no answers as of yet.

—Damon Griffin

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in an awkward co-existence, develops in to a friendship and then turns in to a love affair. After that first half-hour of the film, they have to go to their separate homes — Jack in Texas and Ennis in Wyoming. They both marry, have children and hold down successful jobs, but then one day Ennis gets a letter from Jack. Soon the two meet up again, and so begins their first romantic rendez-

vous in a series that continues for the remainder of the 1970s, inevitably creating marital problems for Ennis and his wife (Michelle Williams) and eventually causing trouble between Jack and himself.

The director, Ang Lee, is certainly a courageous filmmaker, not because he has dared to make a film about gays, but because his movies are so varied in content yet still retain similarities in themes. Here, that courage can't quite save "Brokeback Mountain," which unevenly balances the individual stories of its two protagonists

unevenly and, more unforgivably, seems structured around the false idea that a film can be as literary as the literature itself. Its story is entirely devoted to character development and largely dependant on dialogue. During the first 20 minutes of the film, the fireworks scene and Heath Ledger's undeniably skillful performance contain the life the film could have had as a whole. "Brokeback Mountain" succeeds as a melodrama and will probably succeed at the Oscars, but it never succeeds at just being a movie.

—Damon Griffin

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (01-23-06)
You're quick this year, and you're also thorough. It's a powerful combination. Don't leave much to chance, but you won't get there without faith. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: Ten is the easiest day, zero the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a five. Pay bills, invest and otherwise focus on upgrading your credit rating. It's not a good time to shop. You'd buy way too much on impulse.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a seven. It's not always easy to hear what somebody else thinks you should do differently. Holding your temper is one of the steps to achieving mastery.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a seven. There's more work if you want it, but if you accept the assignment, take care. There's something going on behind the scenes that you should know about. Have big ears.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a seven. Cozy family time turns into a lively debate. It may take a special treat to get them to settle down. Have cookies on reserve.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a six. It won't take much effort to get a good argument going. Help the others fight fair and you'll learn a lot.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an eight. Don't make an important decision without thinking it out carefully. This is not a good time to launch new endeavors.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an eight. The euphoric feeling of being able to afford anything is actually an illusion. Don't max out your credit cards.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a seven. You are a very powerful force to be reckoned with. This is good, because you'll encounter very active resistance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a seven. This is one of those days on which you'd rather not take any orders. That's good. You should be suspicious of a request. Check for hidden motives.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an eight. You're still walking a tightrope, so don't get excited and do something ridiculous. Tempers may be a tad short, so proceed with caution.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a six. Stay out of an argument between others, but do take notes. Offer advice only if asked, and don't be hurt if they just ignore you. That would be a blessing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a seven. A great opportunity is just over the far horizon. Don't go racing off, however. More research is required.

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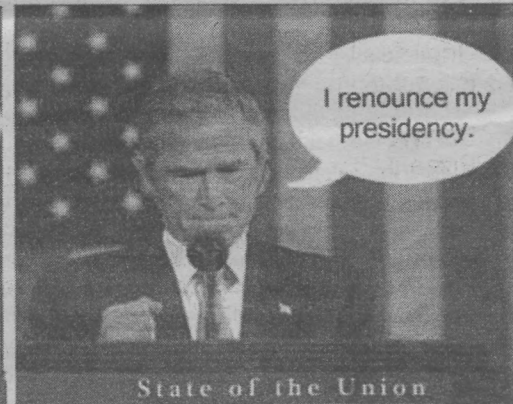
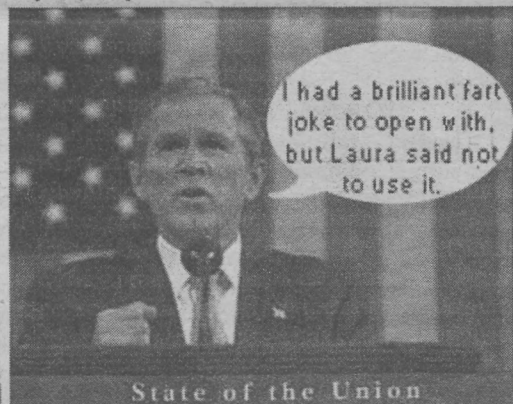
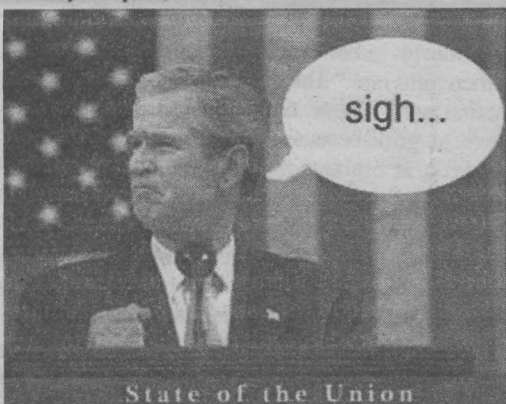
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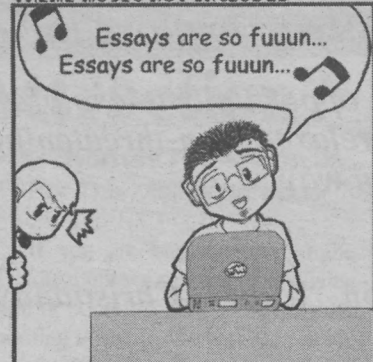
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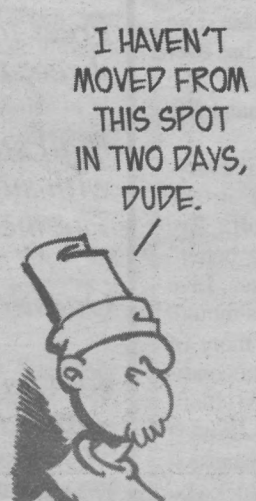
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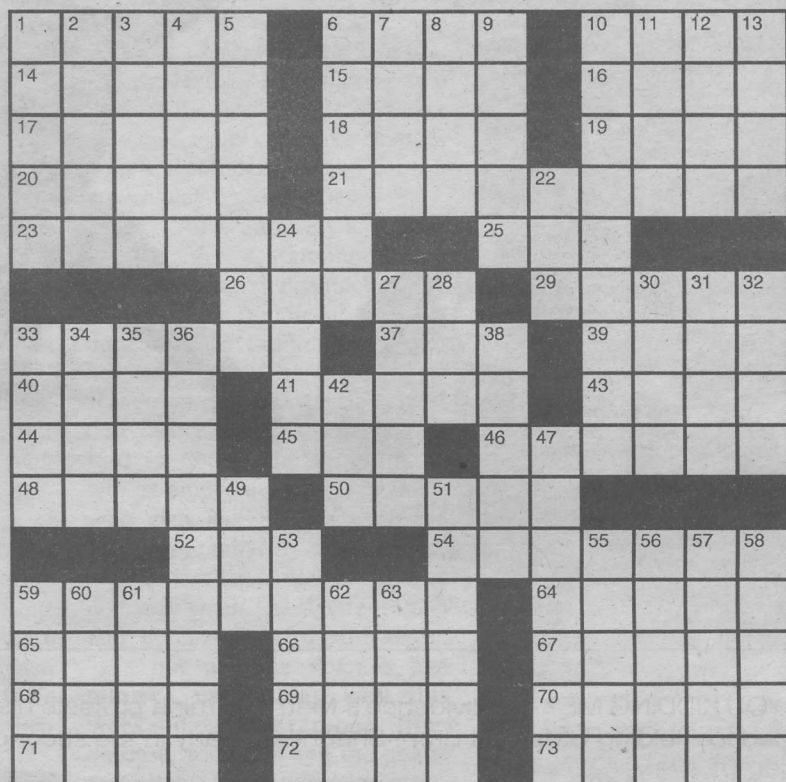
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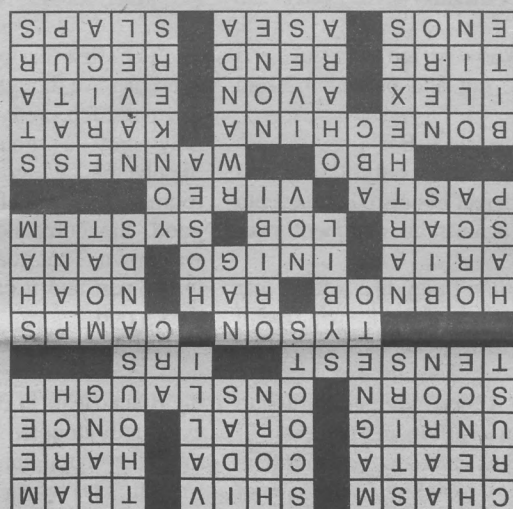
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SEX MATTERS by Dr. Sandy Caron

Sensitive subject: Testing keeps lovers off thin ice

A college student from an unidentified university wants to know...

Do thinner condoms run a greater risk of breaking?

Male

Dr. Caron's response:

Not necessarily. Condoms available to the U.S. consumer have been very well tested before being placed on the shelf for sale. What seems important is to recognize that condoms almost always break due to user mistakes - not because of the type or thinness of condom.

The FDA, which regulates condoms as a medical device, reviews production records and examines stock at random. Should leaks turn up in four per 1000 condoms in a run, the entire lot is thrown out. It is important to know that an estimated 2-5 percent of condoms tear during use. Most of those failures are thought to stem from misuse, not inherent product flaws. That's why the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides directions on the importance of consistent and correct use of condoms. Some of these directions include: use a condom with every act of intercourse from start to finish, store in cool place, check expiration date, open carefully, use a new condom every time, put condom on erect penis before it touches any part of partner's body, be sure to leave a reservoir tip and withdraw soon after ejaculation while still erect.

Consumer Reports has also tested the effectiveness of condoms. Their report in 2005 tested 23 models of latex condoms: major brands and small brands, in different sizes, textures and lubricants, some promoting extra thinness or strength. All passed minimum industry standards. I would choose one of their higher rated condoms when considering which ones to use. For example, two condoms that did well that are considered thinner include: Durex Extra Sensitive Lubricated latex and Lifestyles Classic Collection Ultra Sensitive Lubricated.

Be sure to check out their Web site

for more details on this: <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/health-fitness/healthcare/condoms-and-contraception205/ratings.htm>

Note: There are more than 100 brands of condoms available in the United States today. Latex condoms are the most effective method for reducing the risk of infection from HIV that cause AIDS, as well as other STIs. For people who are sensitive to latex, polyurethane condoms are a good alternative.

A student from the University of Maine wants to know...

How does a woman tactfully tell her partner that she is not satisfied, that he needs to slow down and perhaps take time to do a few more things rather than just take care of himself especially when he is convinced that he is doing everything well? How do you bring this up?

Female, Senior

Dr. Caron's response:

First of all, I would suggest the conversation take place outside the bedroom. You could begin by saying, "I think our lovemaking is nice, but I'd like to tell you a few things that would make it even better." Or, you may want to ask him what pleases him sexually. Even if he responds that everything is fine, you could let him know that some things he does for you are fine, but he must have some preferences also. Getting him to talk about what he really likes opens up the conversation for you to tell him what you like. It's important to be specific and let him know what turns you on, where, when.... In bed, you may want to show him how you like to be touched. Keep in mind that no one likes to be criticized or made to feel stupid, so try to give your partner positive feedback. By communicating with each other, you will be better able to meet each other's needs.

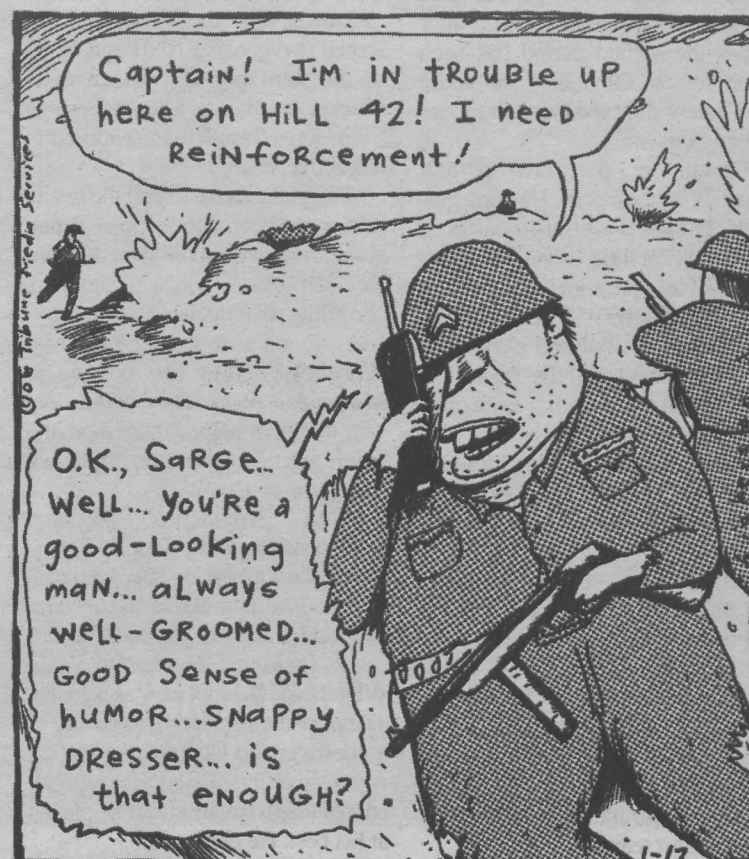
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CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

STANDING ROOM ONLY — Five Black Bears exit the crowded sin bin at the end of Friday night's loss to PC.

AWAKEN

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the start. Playing without key players Michel Leveille and Bret Tyler, UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead shook up the lines and saw it pay it off.

"I think the best thing about tonight was how the guys pulled together with their backs to the wall and a couple key guys out," said Whitehead. "I was proud of them."

That determination to pull together was evident halfway through the opening period when Damon registered the first goal of the night. The tally, which came at 11:48, saw Damon sneak free of the Providence defense and tap in a loose puck right at netminder Tyler Sims' feet. Josh Soares and Moore received assists on the score.

With both squads holding even for the remainder of the period, UMaine knew the second period would be the difference.

"It was really important for us to come out in the second period," said Moore. "Out of the last three or four games the second period has been tough for us. Obviously the entire team knew that was something we had to focus on."

Continuing to draw several penalties on the Friars, UMaine garnered another powerplay goal from Josh Soares at 4:07 of the second.

"We had some great movement on that powerplay," said Soares. "Greg had the shot and everybody went one way and the puck just ended up on my stick. It was an open net and I just put it in."

Damon started the play by sending a shot in from the point that bounced off the boards onto Moore's stick.

Providence captain Tony Zancanaro felt the penalties were the difference in the outcome.

"We just didn't come disciplined," said Zancanaro. "If we had discipline it would have been a different game. Most of them were good penalties and calls, but you just can't give up nine penalties to any Hockey East teams."

The eventual game-winner came

eight minutes later, when Travis Ramsey pilfered the net for the first time this year.

"It was actually my first goal here at the Alford," said Ramsey. "I haven't been playing too well. I just closed my eyes and shot it."

The laser, which beat Sims over his glove shoulder, saw Ramsey collect passes from Keith Johnson and Wes Clark.

The Black Bears weren't done, though. Only 48 seconds later, at 12:48, did Keenan Hopson pop in his own goal. On the goal, a fallen Sims could do nothing but watch as Hopson squirted the puck through a traffic jam in front of the net. After the score, Billy Ryan, who just recorded an assist, rushed down to the student section and gave an emotional fist pump.

"I was just getting the fans pumped up and just showing them how much we appreciate them being here," said Ryan. "After last night we didn't expect it to be sold out right away and it was. That gave us a big boost from the first minute."

Providence, however, had one last rally to stage.

Down 4-0, the Friars quickly scored two goals at 10:01 and 12:59 of the third period with an extra attacker on the ice. The goals came from Jon Rheault and Zancanaro, respectively.

The gutsy move to pull the goalie [Sim's replacement Stephen Ritter, at the time] with more than 10 minutes left was a win-win situation, according to Whitehead.

"I thought it was great," said Whitehead. "They had nothing to lose at that point. They could only gain things. It helped them a bit and gave them momentum, but we stayed the course."

With Providence pressing, Bishop slammed the door.

"I thought Ben Bishop did a nice job; he was aggressive but in control, and that's the balance he has been looking for lately," said Whitehead. "It's not easy as a goalie. The pressure is on you, especially as a young goalie like our two guys. I was very proud of Ben. He responded in a tough situation and he played at his best. He delivered."

Moore tacked on an empty net



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

ARE YOU KIDDING ME? — Providence's Matt Taormina protests his innocence after being whistled for holding UMaine's Brent Shephard early in the second period Saturday night.

goal for Maine at 18:58.

Friday's result was the polar opposite. Only 24 hours earlier it was Providence delivering the statement. The Friars were previously 1-20-1 at Alford Arena before the series.

"We know we are not a fluke and we came out and proved it," said Sims.

For the Black Bears, the pounding marked not only their third straight defeat but also their seventh straight against an opponent over .500.

"We didn't play like a team that was desperate for the win," said UMaine forward Brent Shephard.

And, what about that lopsided record at Alford? Well, according to Sims, that didn't matter this year.

"We just came out with a different strategy tonight than we have in years past," said Sims. "Obviously

utes and try and get up by one or two, but we knew they would kind of wear down," said Carroll.

UMaine forward Brent Shephard felt the tally served as a harbinger for the rest of the decision.

"The first period was a good example. We thought we outplayed them and felt pretty good and then they get a goal late," said Shephard. "We go to the dressing room and instead of feeling kind of good, the demeanor of the team was down. That goal played a really big part and it carried over into the second."

Building off the first period goal, Providence began to take it to the Black Bears in every aspect and eventually doubled their lead. This time the mark came from Jamie Carroll, who registered his seventh of the year off a pass from Colin McDonald.

The Friars eventually concluded the game 2-for-5 on the power play, using a successful strategy that saw two forwards drop below the red line and create open ice.

"We worked on that in practice this week, you know we had trouble last weekend controlling the puck down low," said Zancanaro. "We did well tonight."

UMaine finished 0-for-4.

"We got outplayed pretty thoroughly in that game so it was a very embarrassing game for us," said Whitehead. "They deserved to win and we deserved the loss."

For Whitehead and the gang, the backbreaker came at 5:50 of the third period when Zancanaro pounced on a loose rebound off Lundin's left leg pad. With not a defender in sight, Zancanaro ripped a mid-level shot into the back of the net.

Ten minutes later, Providence added even more salt to the wounds of the Black Bears when Watson tapped in a give-go-pass from Carroll. The goal came at 15:44.

As for UMaine, who moved into a tie for fifth place, they aren't going anywhere according to Ryan.

"Oh no, we are not out of this yet," said Ryan. "We are turning our season around. I think we have a great team. This could be the year for a national championship. We just had a few lumps but we are over that."

The Black Bears hit the road on Friday for a two-game slate with Northeastern.

PC vs.UMaine Jan. 20, 2005

PC	1	1	2	4
UM	0	0	0	0

First period - 1. PC, Cody Wild (Torry Gajda, Chase Watson) 19:04 (4x4)

Second period - 2. PC, Jamie Carroll (Colin McDonald, Watson) 6:46 (pp)

Third Period - 3. PC, Tony Zancanaro (Gajda, Matt Taormina) 5:50 (pp). 4. PC, Watson (Carroll, Dinos Stamoulis) 15:44.

Goalies

Tyler Sims, PC, 60:00, W. 10-2-8=20 (0 GA)
Matt Lundin, UM, 60:00, L. 8-8-7=23 (4 GA).

Jan. 21, 2005

PC	0	0	2	2
UM	1	3	1	5

First Period - 1. UM, Derek Damon (Josh Soares, Greg Moore) 11:48 (pp).

Second Period - 2. UM, Soares (Damon, Billy Ryan) 04:07 (pp). 3. UM, Travis Ramsey (Wes Clark, Keith Johnson) 12:08. 4. UM, Keenan Hopson (Rob Bellamy, Ryan) 12:56.

Third Period - 5. PC, Jon Rheault (Zancanaro, Gajda) 10:01 (ex). 6. PC, Zancanaro (Gajda, Wild) 12:59 (ex). 7. UM, Moore (unassisted) 18:58 (en).

Goalies

Tyler Sims, PC, 37:39, L. 7-7-0=14 (4 GA)
Stephen Ritter, PC, 16:12 0-0-4=4 (0 GA)
Empty Net, 06:09, (1 GA)

GAGNON

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had just played Vermont the night before," Gagnon said. "We did not want to give them the game, and for five minutes, we just kept working hard and that has been something we have been doing all week long."

Just 50 seconds into overtime, the Black Bears created their first scoring opportunity as a two-on-one break led by Vanessa Vani was stopped by a save from Jana Budgen.

Although both teams were able to put a shot on net, the last major scoring opportunity came with seven seconds left when last season's Hockey East Co-Player of the Year, Karen Thatcher, almost scored on a breakaway. Before Thatcher's breakaway, both teams had players leave the ice as a brawl ensued between Giglotti and Kelly Law. The two had to be separated, resulting in Law getting pinned down on the ice.

The first period saw UMaine

take an early 1-0 a little more than five minutes into the frame. With a host of players shielding Budgen, forward Amy Quirion found the puck and scored for the 1-0 lead. Even though UMaine lost the lead by surrendering two goals in the third, the Black Bears managed many offensive chances which included three 5-on-3 power play opportunities.

As for Saturday's game against the Catamounts, the Black Bears were deadlocked in a 0-0 tie in the middle of the third until Brigitte LaFlamme scored her team-high 10th goal of the season on a breakaway. The goal tied Cheryl White for the team lead in goals. The second goal was an empty-net goal from Law, who also had an assist on the LaFlamme tally.

"We just stress defense like we do every week," said defenseman and co-captain Morgan Janusc. "It's not just the defense that allowed us to play well this weekend, it's everyone from defense, forwards and the goalie that allowed us to be successful."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

CLEAR THE PUCK — UMaine's Kim Meagher corrals a loose puck in front of freshman goalie Genevieve Turgeon during Sunday afternoon's 2-2 tie at Alford Arena.

Black Bears garner point against top-ranked New Hampshire

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Sometimes it does not matter how you start, but how you finish.

Despite being 90 seconds away from their third loss of the season, the University of New Hampshire received a desperation goal from Shannon Clement as the then top-ranked team in the U.S. was held by the

University of Maine women's hockey team 5-5 in the first game of a two-game set. In the second game, the Wildcats bounced back to defeat the Black Bears 5-3.

"We made some mistakes against a very good team that capitalized on them," said head coach Guy Perron after the second game. "Now it's just a matter of getting back to basics and believing we can win."

Friday's game saw UNH hold a 4-2 lead in the early stages of the third period, but the surging Black Bears offense led by new addition Patricia Gagnon, allowed Maine to score three consecutive goals only to have a late Wildcat goal force a 5-5 tie.

In the second game of the series, the Wildcats were in a familiar situation as they held another 4-2 lead heading into

the final period. As the Black Bears were looking for a repeat performance, they were able to get a goal from Brigitte LaFlamme to cut the lead to 4-3.

After the LaFlamme goal, the Wildcats stormed back with a goal and held the Black Bears offense for a 5-3 win.

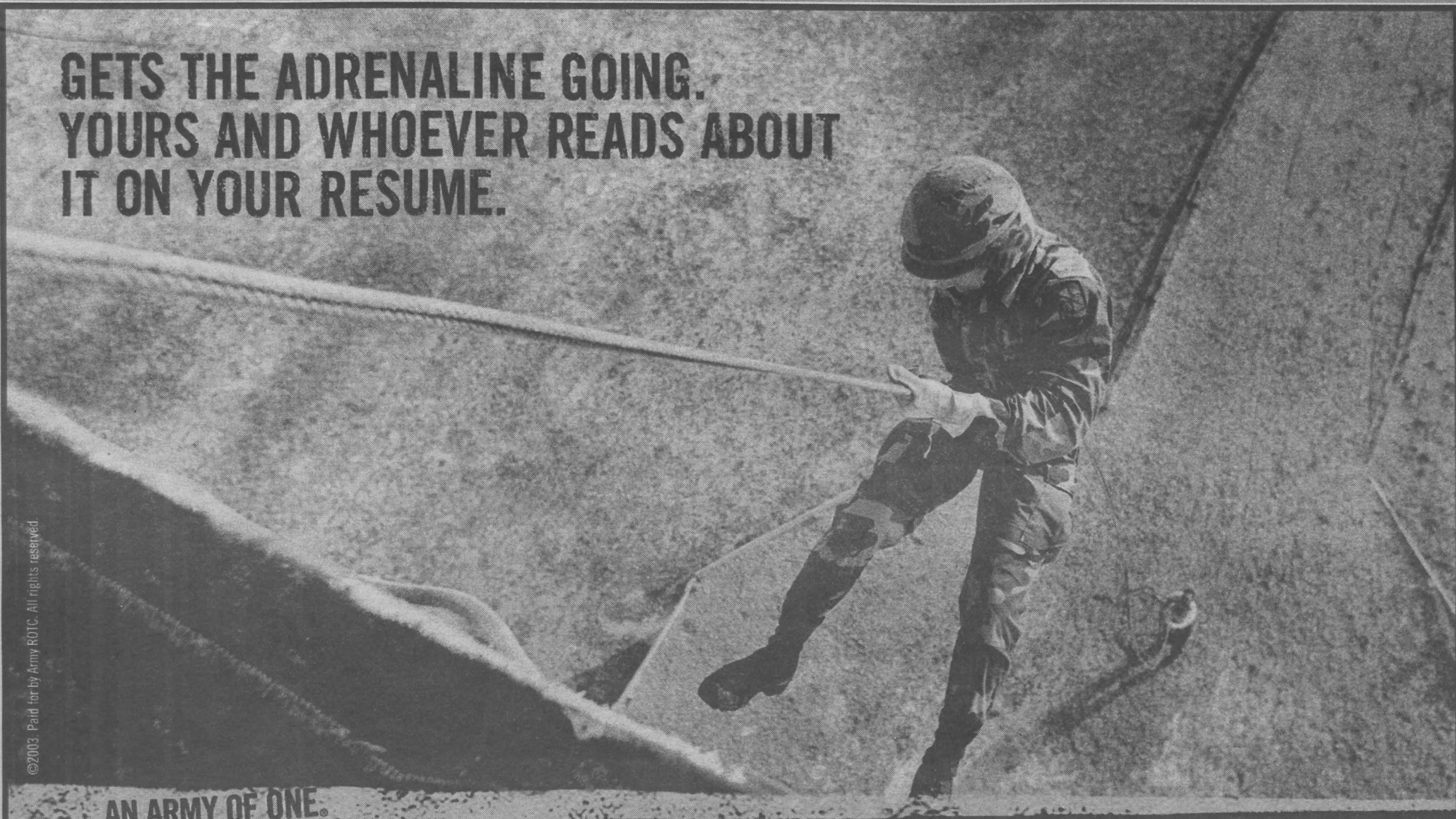
The two-game series was the first time the Black Bears had played in more than 30 days

since they faced non-conference opponents Quinnipiac.

UNH came into the series ranked No. 1 in the nation in the United States College Hockey Online poll, and following the Black Bears' tie the Wildcats fell to No. 2 behind Wisconsin.

The Wildcats are in second place in Hockey East, although they have played four fewer games than conference leader Boston College.

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CELTICS CORNER

By James MacKay
For The Maine Campus

At the McDonalds' High School All-American Game, the top high school prospects around the country come to showcase their talents. Scouts ranging from major Division 1 teams to NBA teams attend the festivities to analyze the talent. In 2005, there was one shooting guard from Gulf Shores Academy in Texas that caught the eye of many people at both the collegiate and professional levels. His name was Gerald Green.

Green led all scorers with 24 points thanks to an impressive six-for-nine in three-point shooting. Green then went on to win the Slam Dunk Contest, which took place that same weekend. With his confidence soaring, he was sure to be a lock for the top-five in the upcoming NBA draft. USA Today did a cover story on him proclaiming his status as a top-five pick, and many NBA writers around the country projected him to be selected that early.

Draft day came and all the hoopla surrounding Green proved wrong. He wasn't picked in the top five, not even the top 10. The Celtics had the 18th pick, and Green was still available, so they grabbed him. With a style of game compared to all-star Tracy McGrady, fans have all the reason to be excited about the Celtics acquiring Gerald.

His outstanding outside shooting combined with his jumping and leaping ability makes him a dangerous player.

But where has he been? He played few minutes in the pre-season and has yet to see regular season action in the NBA. Recently, Green was moved down to the NBA

Developmental League. He landed on the Fayetteville Patriots and in three games averaged 10.3 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.6 turnovers. The Celtics know that high school players need time to develop and build their bodies to be able to play night after night with the best basketball players in the world. After taking Kendrick Perkins out of high school in 2003 and Al Jefferson in 2004, Danny Ainge is experienced with building young talent.

The future may look great, but the Celtics have found themselves in a rut lately. So far in January, the Celtics have gone 5-7, dropping their overall record to a disappointing 16-24. They are having a lot of trouble holding onto leads late in games and can't seem to finish off the game on the right foot. Boston has lost a league leading 13 games by five points or less. That kind of statistic shows the consistency troubles this young squad is facing.

Coach Doc Rivers is also having trouble finding a consistent lineup. The trade rumors surrounding Mark Blount make it hard for Rivers to create a solid lineup. The past few games Blount has barely played any minutes, which usually is a warning sign that a trade is coming. The most likely trade would be the one with Minnesota for center Michael Olowokandi.

Hopefully, Boston can continue their winning ways at home when they embark on a three-game home stretch starting off Monday night against the New Orleans-Oklahoma City Hornets.

MacKay. We apologize to Mr. Sullivan, Mr. MacKay, and our readers.

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NBA's Garnett should be with a winner



By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Just because his nickname is "The Kid" doesn't mean you should treat him like one.

In this case, it appears the Minnesota Timberwolves are treating Kevin Garnett like a kid by not trading him.

Commentary

Over the past decade — yes, it's been that long, Garnett has not only served as the face of an organization but to an extent has served as the face of the NBA. Lately, that same face has had one look on it — the look of one who is miserable.

Even with that look of misery, this is even more amazing: He has not said anything about it. No matter who they play, Garnett is usually on point with his game. He gets 20, 10 and five every night, which is normally a trait of someone who wants to be traded, see Vince Carter.

With a reason like I just mentioned, you should want to see a guy like that go to a team that has a

good chance to win. Now if that doesn't, then this will.

Last year during the all-star break in Denver, John Thompson interviewed Garnett. In this interview, Garnett did something on camera that he often does on the court — he shocked and awed everyone by making the ordinary look amazing.

This man got so emotional during this interview, he literally started crying.

Not as in Garnett cried about his performance, but actual tears coming down the man's face. That is the amount of dedication this man has. We often see people cry after winning, Michael Jordan proved that; however, we never see it when people lose. Usually, they point fingers or call out teammates. Garnett did call out someone, and he did point a finger, but this time it was at himself.

When have you ever heard an athlete admit that he is the reason that his team is losing? You don't, because it rarely ever happens.

Ladies and gentlemen: This is the kind of man you not only want on your team, but to be the embodiment of your franchise for years to come.

Right now, the T-Wolves are currently holding the last spot on the Western Conference playoff chase. Normally, just getting into the playoffs is a big deal, but for a guy like Garnett, he needs to go to a team that has a legitimate shot at

winning the whole thing.

As for where to trade him, that could get interesting. Some people have said that New Jersey would be a good fit, but the question is, would the Nets have to give up Richard Jefferson? RJ for KG? That would be a good deal, but Jefferson is too vital to that team especially if something Vince Carter-like goes down.

The only other place I could see him going is Indiana for Ron Artest. Both of them play small forward, even though Garnett can play between the three and the five, and it would get rid of the headache that the Pacer franchise has had for the past few seasons. Plus, could you imagine Garnett teamed up with Jermaine O'Neal? Not to say they would be as good, but in a sense, it could result in a younger version of Tim Duncan and David Robinson and look how that turned out.

For anyone who has watched the NBA lately, we all keep seeing that commercial of Garnett going from one scenario to the next. The one that stands out in this case is him saving the woman from the burning building. Over the past 10 years, KG has done that for the Timberwolves. He has saved them from showing the world how bad that place really is and through things like that, "The Kid" has become "The Man."

A man who should not go down as the greatest player never to win a championship.

Track squads excel in weekend meets

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams competed in invitational track meets this weekend.

The women finished second in a 21-team field at the Greater Boston Track Club Invitational at Harvard University, while the men's squad came in fourth out of 11 at the the Sorlein Track Invitational hosted by the University of Rhode Island.

The Black Bears women excelled in the 400-meter event, placing three runners in the top eight.

Lindsay Burlock was third in 59.77, Amanda Virgets was fifth in 60.56, and Courtney Francis placed eighth in 62.67.

UMaine also took the top two spots in the pole vault with

Heather Zavadak and Shira Panelli. In addition, the Black Bears had three scorers in the triple jump from Stephanie McCusker, Carly Bunyan and Samantha Homer. Katie Souviney was second in the 60-meter hurdles, and Heather Jovanelli excelled in the mile with a sixth-place finish.

In addition, Maegan Burke garnered second place in the shot put.

On the men's side, the distance runners were the story of the day.

Donnie Drake's 4:18.41 mile run was good enough for second place, while Eric Libby garnered second place in the 800 meters with a time of 1:05.40, and Scott O'Connor placed fourth in that event.

David Manz placed eighth in the 1,000 meters, while Kirby Davis was fourth in the 3,000 meters and David Englehutt followed him in seventh.

The Black Bears were fourth in the 4-by-400 relay and third in the 4-by-800, while Troy Irvine was fourth in the pole vault.

The men earned two places in the triple jump with Carson Hartman's fourth-place finish and Ben Toothaker's eighth-place jump.

Both teams will be in action at home next weekend, hosting a dual meet against Central Connecticut on Saturday in the UMaine field house. The meet begins at 1 p.m.

Compiled from UMaine athletics' news releases and staff reports.

Correction

In the Dec. 15 issue of The Maine Campus, a Patriots Corner column on page 16 written by Brian Sullivan was incorrectly credited to James

MacKay. We apologize to Mr. Sullivan, Mr. MacKay, and our readers.

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UMaine men cool off, fall in final minutes

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

Odds are they'll be back in their locker room after this one.

The University of Maryland Baltimore-County put an emphatic end to a three-game losing streak that saw head

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UMBC 83

coach Randy Monroe ban them from wearing Retriever gear and banished them from their locker room by dis-

Men's Basketball

mantling the University of Maine 83-62 on Sunday afternoon, their first ever win over the Black Bears on their home court in Baltimore.

The Black Bears were held scoreless in the game's final five minutes and allowed a 19-0 UMBC run that broke open what had been a close contest.

It had been a tumultuous week for the Retrievers. In addition to their losing skid, they lost sophomore Rashard Bilal for undisclosed reasons. He did not dress for the game and Monroe is expected to make an announcement on his status tomorrow. The loss left UMBC with a seven man rotation, but it didn't slow them down as they dominated the deeper Black Bears late in the game.

The loss ends UMaine's two game winning streak and drops them to 2-4 in America East play, 7-11 on the season. The Retrievers improved to 3-3 in conference, 7-10 overall.

UMBC came in with the worst three-point defense in America East, a point the Black Bears looked to expose. They did so with ease early, as junior Rashard Turner hit on 6-of-7 from behind the arc for 18 first half points, and the team tied their season high with 11 total treys.

Turner was held scoreless in the second half, though, and the Black Bears' hot hands cooled down just as UMBC's were heating up. Turner wound up leading all scorers with his 18 first-half points, but Retrievers Jay Green and Jerrell Dinkins - chipped in 16 points each to lead a balanced attack that saw all seven UMBC players score at least four.

UMaine didn't help themselves with 16 turnovers to UMBC's 10. The Retrievers also held considerably advantage in points-in-the-paint

and out rebounded the Black Bears 40-27. Freshman Philippe Tchekane Bofia led the team with 10 boards.

The Black Bears also shot poorly in the early going as UMBC mounted a 12-point advantage in the first half before Rashard Turner's shooting took over and brought the Black Bears back within striking distance, trailing 36-34 at the break.

UMaine would go on to take its first lead since the early going just seven minutes into the second half at 50-48. The teams would trade baskets for the next several minutes before the Retrievers defense put the stranglehold on UMaine's offense that led to the game-ending 19-0 run and 83-62 final score.

The Black Bears were coming off their first two conference wins of the season, including a wire-to-wire victory over New Hampshire on Thursday night in Durham. UMaine jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first three minutes and led by as many as 18, controlling the game with efficient shooting and lock down defense en route to a 63-57 win. UMaine shot 50 percent from the field and held UNH to just 38.3 percent.

Senior Ernest Turner shined with 17 points, seven rebounds, and four assists, while junior Jon Sheets chipped in 13 points and Tchekane Bofia had 11. Ahvenniemi had nine points and was the team's leading rebounder, pulling down nine boards.

The Black Bears got their first conference win of the year a week ago Sunday against archrival Vermont at Alford Arena. Junior Chris Bruff's monster effort led UMaine to an 85-82 overtime win. He had a career best 26 points, six of them in the extra session, in addition to four blocks, four rebounds, and three assists.

UMaine erased a late 11-point deficit to force OT. Ernest Turner had 17 points, Sheets had 14, and Rashard Turner had 11 as the Black Bears shot an outstanding 58 percent from the field, while holding the Catamounts to a modest 47 percent.

The Black Bears will look to get back on the winning track Wednesday night at Alford Arena when they host the last place Stony Brook Seawolves who are 1-5 in conference and 3-13 overall. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Standout Reed to miss season

Star guard Kevin Reed will sit out the remainder of the 2005-06 season as a medical redshirt, announced the University of Maine men's basketball team in early January.

Reed suffered a stress fracture in his left foot during pre-season camp. The preseason All-America East selection and Player of the Year candidate had yet to appear in a game for the Black Bears this season. While the injury was initially slated to keep Reed out of action for 4-6 weeks, as time went by it became apparent that he would not be able to play this season.

As a medical redshirt, Reed will retain his final year of eligibility and return to the Black Bears for the 2006-07 campaign. Prior to this season, the three-

year starter had never missed a game in his UMaine career.

Andre joins team

Maine native Brian Andre, a 6-foot-9-inch, 300-pound forward, has joined the University of Maine men's basketball team and will be eligible to compete in the spring semester of 2007.

Andre spent the last two seasons at the University of Buffalo before deciding to transfer. He is one of the top players in Maine high school history, having enjoyed great success at Valley High School in Bingham before spending a year at Maine Central Institute, which has produced such stars as Cuttino Mobley, Sam Cassell and Caron Butler.

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losing streak and to snap that is going to show a lot of confidence to a lot of people," said Barker.

During the second half, Underwood sprained her ankle and was out the rest of the game.

"She is one of our emotional leaders, and when you see that kind of thing happen, your heart kind of stops.

"She's a tough kid and she was out there walking and she was on the bench yelling at us at the end of the game, she will be fine," said Barker.

UMaine head coach Ann McInerny felt that when Underwood went down the other girls stepped up.

"She's been our offensive spark in scoring, but this year she added another dimension to her game. She's become our best perimeter defender, and really has improved her over-all game.

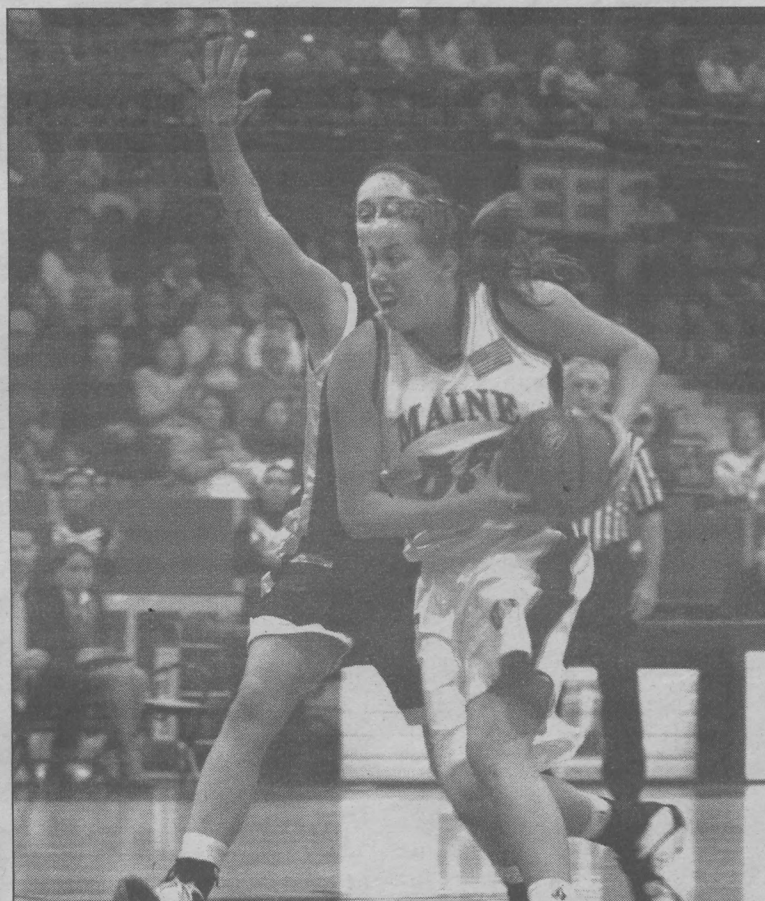
"When she went down, it was a matter of having the other kids step up. Bracey held us together down the stretch, and Katie Whittier did a great job defensively," said McInerny.

Underwood tallied nine points and an assist in the first half.

After coming off of three losses, the women's team worked on minor things to make their team better offensively and defensively.

"When we play as a team, move the ball, and do the little things like that, that's when we are most successful," said Schrader, the senior center for the Black Bears who contributed 14 points and nine rebounds.

"They run an offense where it's constant movement, but we worked on our defense against the men's team yesterday. They are a lot quicker than us so it



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

SHREDDING THE DEFENSE — UMaine's Abby Schrader drives to the basket on Saturday afternoon.

helped out a lot. Team defense was great today," said Schrader.

McInerny noted that the girls played a great brand of team basketball and they won the battles with rebounds.

"We had some key moments unfortunately this year when we lost some games because of being out-rebounded badly, but much better today. But it's still something we need to emphasize the rest of the way," said McInerny.

UMBC's largest lead of the afternoon was eight in the first three minutes of the first half, while UMaine turned around and led by 23 with 7:55 remaining in the game.

Head coach of UMBC Phil Stern felt that his team started off strong.

"We came out and played well to start out but it's a 40-minute game, we can't get excited when we have an eight point lead on the road. Maine has a lot of experienced players who know how to win."

Stern also noted that they are playing well in their non-conference schedule. UMBC is 0-5 in America East and 8-8 overall.

"We're just not playing real well right now. We are not running our stuff very well, even when we do we are missing a lot of layups," added Stern.

UMaine hopes to get their first conference road win Wednesday by traveling to Stony Brook. They will face the Seahawks at 7 p.m. at the SBU Sports Complex.

Baldomir wins one for the underdogs

By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

As a sports fan, it never gets old seeing the underdog win from time to time. On Jan. 7, boxing fans were treated to such an upset when Carlos Baldomir beat Zab Judah in a unanimous decision by the

Commentary

judges.

Baldomir, a 34-year-old Argentina native, was expected to lose the WBC Welterweight Title fight. Unfortunately, the fight could not be for the Unified Welterweight Title, because Baldomir couldn't even afford the sanctions to do so.

The fight seemed to be set up for Judah to win. It was even held in his backyard of Brooklyn. Yet, Judah managed to forget one important aspect to boxing: training.

After 12 rounds of fighting, it was clear that Judah had not prepared, while Baldomir was ready to take the opportunity of a lifetime. When the results came in, it was no surprise that the judges unanimously named

Baldomir as the winner and new WBC Welterweight Champion.

Although the year was young when the fight took place, it will probably remain one of the boxing upsets of 2006.

Judah did not fight up to par, and it showed in the ring. Baldomir, who was prepared to fight, was still a little sluggish considering his age and the fact that he is not a flashy boxer by any means. But Baldomir fought against those obstacles, and Judah showed a general lack of interest in the ring.

Baldomir will be able to do something that few athletes get the chance to do: retire on the top of his game. Baldomir said before the match that he was ready to retire after three fights, Judah's and then two more. He also wanted to spend at least one of those fights as a champion. Going into the fight, nobody expected him to accomplish the latter, yet it happened.

It was truly a feel-good win for Baldomir. It was exciting, unpredictable and everything that makes boxing fun to watch.

Baldomir expressed interest in

fighting Floyd Mayweather Jr. for his next match, considering there was no rematch clause forcing him to re-fight Judah. Floyd Mayweather's next fight was announced recently, and needless to say his opponent will not be Baldomir. Instead, he will be fighting Zab Judah in April, who just got embarrassed by Baldomir. That Baldomir was not considered to fight either one of these men is a little unfair.

So it seems as though Baldomir changed little to nothing in the world of boxing. Judah's going to be fighting Mayweather, which would have happened if he had won or lost against Baldomir. So will Baldomir just get shuffled out of the welterweight situation and retire fighting boxers who aren't championship contenders? Possibly.

However, what he did on Jan. 7 was exciting. It's rare that underdogs win. It's even rarer that they win a title fight they could barely afford. The welterweight division had an exciting start. Let's see what the remainder holds for Judah, Mayweather, Baldomir and anyone else who feels like stepping into the ring.



Black Bears awaken to snap three-game skid

Men's hockey bounces
back from ugly defeat

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

ORONO — Since 1986, the Providence Friars have had only one victory at Alford Arena.

Over the weekend, they doubled that win total.

On Friday, in one of the worst home defeats of the Tim Whitehead era, Providence used a well-balanced attack and a commendable defense to shock the No. 12 ranked University of Maine men's ice hockey squad 4-0. The shutout was the first for the Friars against UMaine.

It was easily one of the worst defeats at Alford in recent history. The Black Bears were bruised, battered, and broken. Stick a fork in them — they were done.

Or so everyone thought.

UMaine, however, had other plans.

Feeding off an emotional atmosphere at Alford, the Black Bears snagged a pivotal and decisive 5-2 victory on Saturday night against Providence. Anchored by the inspired play of netminder Ben Bishop, who recorded 22 saves, the Black Bears snapped a three-game losing streak and denied the 13th-ranked Friars their first season sweep of UMaine.

With the win, the Black Bears improved to 15-9-0 and 8-7-1, while the Friars dropped to 14-8-1 and 10-4-1.

For UMaine, the game represented not only a chance to avoid their second-straight weekend sweep but a chance to recapture the season. With the Black Bears positioned low in the first Pair Wise Rankings of the year and needing a win, a sweep would have been disastrous.

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FRONTAL ASSAULT — Travis Ramsey, who netted his first-ever Alford Arena goal Saturday night, is blocked by Torry Gajda (19) as he tries to crash the net while Friars goalie Tyler Sims looks to cover up the loose puck.

"We had a long meeting today [Saturday]," said UMaine forward Derek Damon. "We really had to re-evaluate ourselves and look at each other in the mirror. There were a lot of things that were said about guys needing to look at each other in the mirror and come out with a better attitude tonight."

"We went over a lot of details in our system and making sure everyone was loud and communicating," said UMaine captain Greg Moore.

Whatever was said worked, apparently. Looking rejuvenated and refocused, the Black Bears took the ice Saturday

night a completely different team. "This [game] was huge," said Moore. "I was very happy with the work ethic the whole game."

The Black Bears jumped on the Friars from

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Barker leads UM past Retrievers

By Amanda Chasse
For The Maine Campus

ORONO — Despite a slow start and a quick lead from University of Maryland Baltimore-County, the University of Maine women's basketball team came out with a win at Alford Arena Sunday afternoon. Bracey Barker shined across the

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Women's Basketball

board with 16 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in the 73-56 win over the Retrievers.

"We just buckled down as a team when we were behind. We needed this win, and we have a tough schedule coming up. We needed this confidence booster for the upcoming games," said Barker.

After trailing 8-0, UMaine went on a 16-4 run to take a 16-12 lead over the Retrievers. Katie Whittier started the run with five points while Ashley Underwood and Abby Schrader



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

BRACE FOR IT — Junior Bracey Barker drives on UMBC's Matea Pender during Saturday's win at Alford Arena.

added four points each.

Freshman Brittany Bowen excelled in the first half by pitching in nine points and three rebounds.

"I am just trying to be consistent with every game. As a freshman, you are always going to be kind of nervous. It was a

good team win, and we had good ball movement," said Bowen.

Holding a 38-28 lead over UMBC at halftime, the Black Bears had some momentum.

"We were on a three-game

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Gagnon's late goal lifts UMaine to tie vs. Friars

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

ORONO — Scoring a big goal in a big moment — it is what every player dreams of, and it is why Guy Perron recruited Patricia Gagnon.

The first-year player netted her third goal in four games with 1:16 left in the third period as the University of Maine

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Women's Hockey

women's hockey team skated to a 2-2 tie against the No. 9 Providence Friars in Hockey East play on Sunday at Alford Arena.

"We had a really good test against UNH last weekend and then we went to Vermont and won a hard game," said head coach Guy Perron, whose team has played three opponents ranked in the top 10 this season. "If you want to be a top 10 team in the country, then you are going to

have to play against top 10 teams."

Along with the tie, the Black Bears were victorious on Saturday, defeating another Hockey East team in the Vermont Catamounts 2-0. The weekend saw UMaine improve their overall record to 11-5-6 and their conference record to 3-5-4. With the three points, the Black Bears are now one point out of the final play-off spot.

Before garnering their third point of the weekend, the Black Bears held a 1-0 lead going into the third period. A few minutes into the period, Providence's Ashley Payton put a shot on net that deflected off UMaine netminder Genevieve Turgeon. Once the puck rebounded off Turgeon, it went into the back of the net to tie the game at 1-1.

Then, with less than nine minutes left, the Friars were on the power play as Kristin Gigilotti ripped a shot from the blue line to beat Turgeon for a 2-1 lead. However, the lead was short-lived when UMaine was able to force a power play which saw Gagnon tie the game.

"We were tired considering we

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