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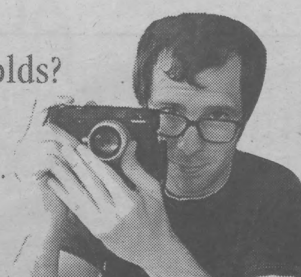
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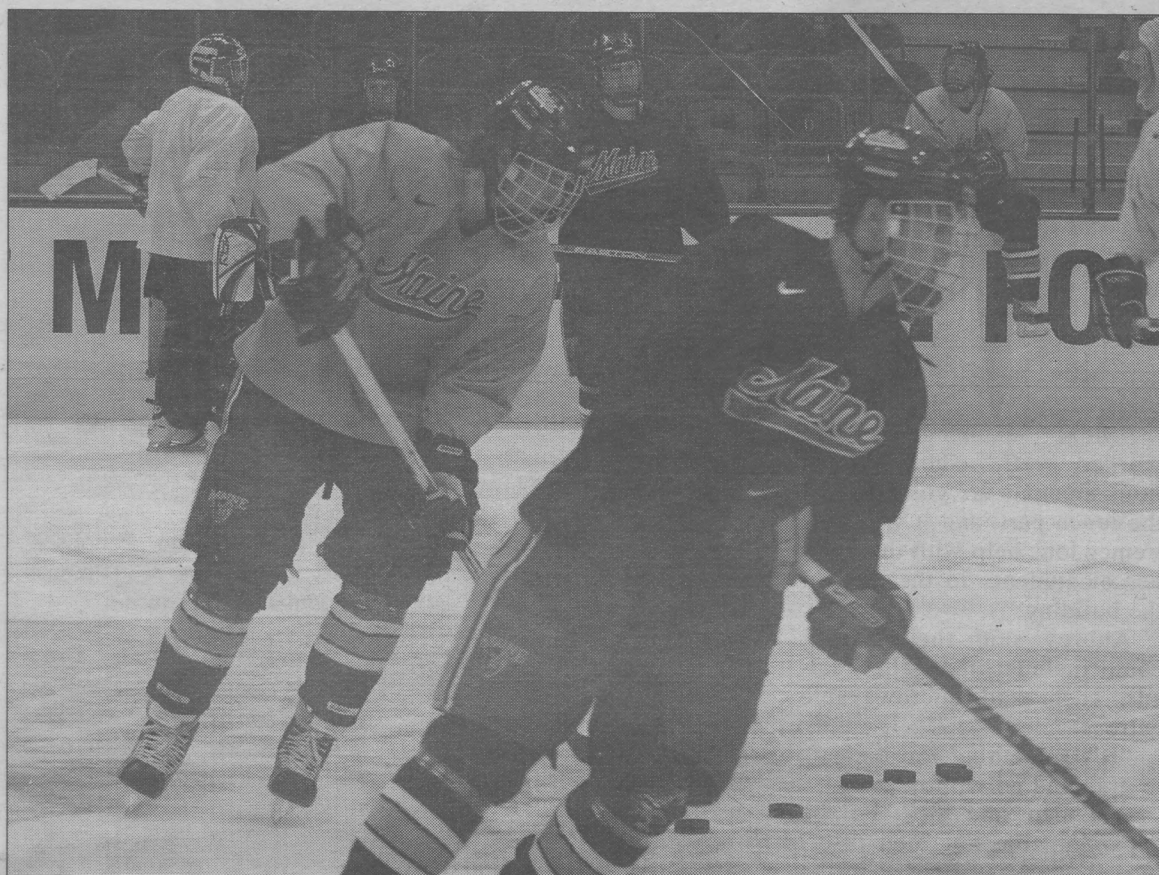
# THE MAINE CAMPUS

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## Meet Me In Milwaukee



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

ON A MISSION — (Front from left) Brian Plasczc and Michel Leveille practice while Jeff Marshall and Mike Hamilton look on. The Black Bears play Wisconsin tonight at 8p.m. in the Frozen Four at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

## Activity fee increase upheld

FEPC votes to dismiss complaint about ballot wording

By Nick McCrea  
For The Maine Campus

The Fair Election Practices Commission voted unanimously during a hearing Monday to dismiss a complaint against the General Student Senate concerning the wording of the Student Activity Fee referendum, which passed last Wednesday.

The 4-0 vote means the increase moves on to Dean of Students Robert Dana for his approval. Dana will then submit the increase to the Board of

Trustees.

Christina Brown, president of UMaine College Democrats, lodged the complaint with the FEPC, stating that the question on last Wednesday's ballot was ambiguous and poorly worded.

The complaint cited a violation of Article 1, Section B, of the FEPC guidelines. This article requires the FEPC to run fair, honest, and democratic votes.

According to Brown, the GSS, which drafted the referendum, purposely misled the students into voting a certain way.

"The Student Senate is supposed to be here to represent the students," said Brown when presenting her argument during the hearing.

"They deliberately misled the students by using wording for this referendum that wouldn't be clearly interpreted."

The ballot question read: "Do you support limiting any increases to the student activity fee over the next four years to the one-time increase of \$10 effective fall of 2006?"

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## SG president resigns office

McNaughton out, Kirkland in as Student Government leader

By Brian Brown  
News Editor

Student Government President Brigham McNaughton resigned Monday, moments before a special meeting of the General Student Senate was to convene announcing impeachment proceedings against him for official misconduct.

Vice President of Financial Affairs Benjamin Benwell was handed McNaughton's resignation five minutes before the meeting. Senator William Pomerleau, president pro-tempore of the

GSS, read the letter to the senate and adjourned the meeting.

"I have decided to resign the presidency for personal reasons. Current circumstances have undermined my ability to govern," said McNaughton in his resignation letter. "Due to Aaron Sterling finishing his term at the end of the spring semester, I feel a special election is warranted. Good luck and farewell."

When reached via e-mail, McNaughton declined further comment.

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## English professor dies after stroke

By Khela Kupiec  
Assistant News Editor

University of Maine professor Constance Hunting passed away early Wednesday morning after suffering a stroke late last Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning, according to Margo Lukens, chair of the English department.

Hunting was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor after being discovered unconscious in her home early Thursday. The English department received the news from Hunting's son and daughter, Sam and Miranda Hunting.

"I was saddened to hear of

professor Hunting's death," said UMaine President Robert Kennedy. "Her creativity was a gift to our community, and her positive influence on countless students is a wonderful legacy. My thoughts go out to her family and friends at this difficult time."

Hunting was a professor at UMaine for almost 40 years since moving to Orono in 1968. She became a professor in 1995 and was a full-time professor of creative writing up until her death.

Originally from Rhode Island, Hunting was born in 1925. She received her bachelor's degree in English from Brown University

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## Hilltop commons to close in fall

Changes to meal exchanges and Black Bear Bucks also planned

By Brian Brown  
News Editor

Changes are in store next year for Dining Services at the University of Maine.

The biggest change is the closure of Hilltop Commons, which will shut down for renovations according to Dawn Aubrey, director of Dining Services.

Aubrey said the project is going to begin the week after graduation and the commons will re-open in the fall of 2007 at the latest.

It is important that students who wish to live in the Hilltop Quad next year know about the change, she added.

"Many times, students make housing decisions based on where they eat," said Aubrey.

Changes are being made at Stewart Commons to help it accommodate students affected by the Hilltop closure. The dining room is being expanded, and they are changing the way the food service is set up to increase its capacity.

"We feel really confident we're able to accommodate

everyone," said Aubrey. "We're expanding Stewart by 250 seats. Looking at the volumes right now, that's more than enough."

There are also plans to re-open Wells Commons, which is currently being renovated. She said it will most likely re-open after Hilltop Commons, and then Stewart will be closed for renovations.

Another major change is the elimination of the option to transfer \$75 of dining funds

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

THE LAST SUPPER — Elise Jack (left), Aaron Gagnon and Nicholas Hahn enjoy a quiet dinner at Hilltop Commons, which will close next year for renovations as part of a series of Dining Services changes.



## Dangers of Date Rape Drugs



CAMPUS PHOTO BY PETER BEUHNER

ATTENTIVE LISTENERS — Panelists Carey Nason, Katie Jennings and Detective Chris Gardner listen to questions from the audience during a presentation on Date Rape Drugs Tuesday in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

## HILLTOP

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into Black Bear Bucks. Aubrey said that while students may not be happy with her decision, it was made to keep meal plan prices from increasing.

"It used to be over \$1 million going out of campus. Now it's not nearly that much," she said. "But we don't have any reserves. We're tapped out; we just can't afford it."

She added that UMaine's meal plan prices rank in the 50th percentile in New England and in the 25th percentile nationally.

"We don't want to see meal plans raise any and this is a way to keep from doing that," said Aubrey, noting that only one-third of all eligible students participated in the transfer.

To help make up for the elimination of the transfer program, Aubrey said they are

instituting a meal exchange program during lunch hours in Memorial Union.

*"We feel really confident we're able to accommodate everyone. We're expanding Stewart by 250 seats. Looking at the volumes right now, that's more than enough."*

Dawn Aubrey  
Director  
Dining Services

According to Aubrey, they cannot accept meal exchanges in the Marketplace from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. because its capacity would exceed the number allowed by the Fire Marshall. But Dining Services is close to securing approval for a location in the building where it

can offer meals on a to-go basis.

"Meal exchanges have worked well," she said. "I think students are going to like the lunch part, and it will be a tremendous help with the number of students in the area of the building."

Aubrey said the offering could include sandwiches, salads, sushi and microwavable entrees.

"It's something for students to grab and go with it."

She also said they will be expanding the hot food offerings throughout the day in the commons and revamping the Black Bear Delivery menu. Aubrey added that block meals will continue to be accepted in the Bear's Den, and the program could be expanded to offer meal exchanges there as well.

Aubrey said she welcomes comments from students and encouraged people to contact her on FirstClass if they had any concerns.

In the December '01-January '02 edition of UMaine Today, Hunting said in an interview:

*"As a teacher, she was an extraordinarily effective professor, and while I was department chair she regularly received the best student evaluations. She had a powerful effect on students and that continued until the end of her life."*

Burt Hatlen  
Professor  
English

"I like to look and listen," said Hunting of her love of language. "Place and landscape are important to me, just as Maine is in my work. I remember standing for 15 minutes beside a stream in autumn and just watching the leaves. What a luxury — the color, motion and shapes."

In her 1999 publication

"Natural Things: Collected Poems," her writing is described as ranging from "imagist lyrics to a verse novella; and in the extended meditative poems of her recent years, Hunting created a mode—witty, playful, but probingly reflective—that is distinctively her own."

Throughout her years of teaching, Hunting always left a lasting impression on her students; her passion for literature was contagious.

"As a teacher, she was an extraordinarily effective professor, and while I was department chair she regularly received the best student evaluations in the department," said Hatlen. "She had a powerful effect on students and that continued until the end of her life; a very full and remarkably productive life."

Arrangements for Hunting's current classes, ENG 205, 305 and 405, are being made.

Hunting is survived by her two children. Her husband, Robert, was chair of the English department for eight years when they first came to UMaine. He passed away several years ago.

No services are being held, according to the Brookings-Smith Funeral Home.

## THE MAINE CAMPUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

in 159 Shibbes Hall.

### Poster Signing

UMaine summer session poster signing by Val Williams. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Bookstore of Memorial Union.

### Environmental Lecture

Water quality of the Penobscot River, offered by the Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research. Noon – 1 p.m. in 105 Norman Smith Hall.

### Post-Election Israel

Part of the Socialist-Marxist Studies Series. 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union.

### Poetry Reading

By Pierre Joris, part of the New Writing Series. 4:30 p.m. in 120 Little Hall.

### Peace and Justice Film

"Howard Zinn: You Can't be Neutral on a Moving Train." Discussion follows film. 7 p.m. in 110 Little Hall.

Friday

### School of Marine Sciences Seminar

11 a.m. in 354 Aubert Hall.

### Instructional Lecture

Instructional practices in reading first classrooms in Maine, part of a College of Education and Human Development Research Colloquium. 2 – 3 p.m.

Friday April 7 - Saturday April 8

The University of Maine's second annual Relay for Life will be held in the Field House. Doors open for teams at 3 p.m. Friday. The Survivor and Caregiver Lap is at 6 p.m. and the Luminaria Ceremony is at 10 p.m. after which doors close to the public. The event ends at 10 a.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Jennifer Currid on FirstClass.

Saturday

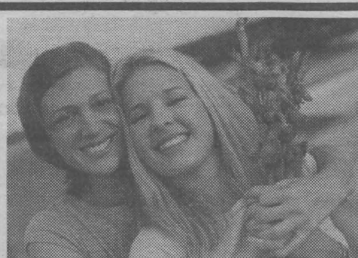
### Telescope Clinic

Jordan Planetarium open house and star searching tutorials; offered by the Penobscot Valley Star Gazers. 2 – 6 p.m. in the Jordan Planetarium in Wingate Hall.

### Star Party

Offered by the Penobscot Valley Star Gazers. 7 – 11 p.m. in the Jordan Observatory.

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.



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## ENGLISH

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in 1945, and later attended Duke University and Purdue University as well.

She was named poet laureate of Indiana before coming to UMaine and was a member of the National Poetry Foundation Board.

Described as a pianist, a professional poet and a supporter of Maine writers, in 1971 she founded her own press, Puckerbrush Press, following the publication of her first book, "After the Stravinsky Concert and Other Poems" in 1969.

Seven years later, Hunting began publishing a biannual literary magazine, Puckerbrush Reviews, printing the works of up and coming writers.

Hunting combined her passion for words, music and the world around her in her writing. When she came to Maine, she embraced and identified with the local culture and set out to make herself a Maine writer, said Burton Hatlen, professor of English and director of the National Poetry Foundation.

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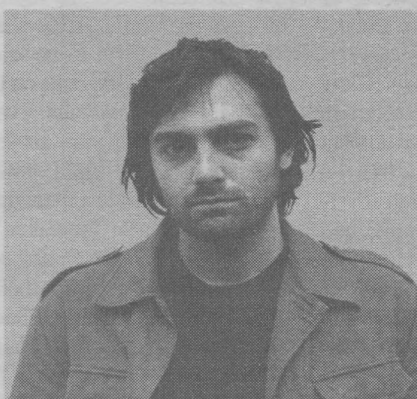
# The Gamekillers **OBITUARIES** April 2006

## Game Killed

Andre Massis  
Fernando Nieves  
Zack Danielson

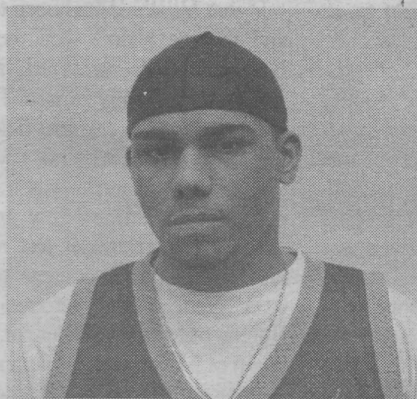
Hanwey Shieh  
Bharat Kumar

Eric Smith  
Jon Fox  
Chad Utsch



### MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a heated game of 'Foos' by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as "The Mayor of No Women's Land." While Andre made several attempts to step away and put himself back into contention with the said female, Carl's relentless pursuit for all things that don't involve getting some, was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table, from where he would catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre's game will be remembered by many, just not her.



### NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. "I, I, I just can't be alone tonight, Brit." Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn't. "Four years seems like a long time ago," he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was recast in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified on-lookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

### DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

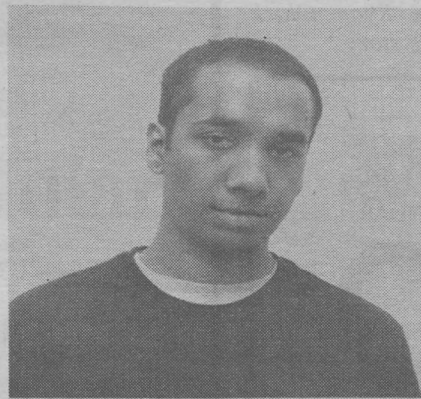
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack

did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a beefy mesomorph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strong-arm him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack's over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in mid-air by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.



### SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.



### KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

## Game Killed

After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevor, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents, so all it took was a single "pardon" to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get riled by calling out the guy's busted grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl's brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat's territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat's game strewn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

### SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lives by the motto "Anything you can do I can do better." Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper's supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the gloat-fest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric's game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

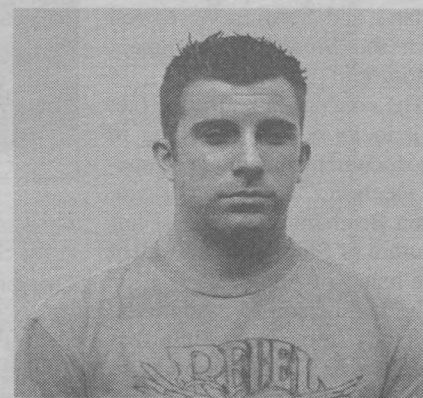


### FOX Jon, London, UK

Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite

## Game Killed

famous for trashing 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.



### UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive latte drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroy-clad Gamekiller known as "IQ" entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, overheard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad's Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing "IQ" would: the wrong way. No, the answer to "When do you feel Picasso peaked?" isn't to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad's actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

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## RESIGNS

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"I believe my resignation letter should cover it," he said.

The Student Government Constitution stated that vice president Aaron Sterling would assume the presidency and appoint a new vice president. At the regular GSS meeting on Tuesday, Sterling nominated Adam Kirkland for the position. After Kirkland was confirmed, Sterling's resignation was announced, elevating Kirkland to the presidency. Kirkland then completed the round of musical chairs by nominating Sterling to reassume the vice presidency.

In the December election, McNaughton received 53.2 percent of the votes to defeat Kirkland. Sterling won 44.2 percent of the votes in the vice-president election to defeat Nathanael Saint-Cyr and William Beaudoin.

Pomerleau said the actions of Kirkland and Sterling were well within the Student Government Constitution.

"The concern is really the fact that it looks odd, but nothing in their documents mandate a special election," said Pomerleau. "When Brigham resigned, he left the future of Student Government in the hands of Aaron."

The last person to assume the presidency through multiple resignations was Paul Creasemen in 2001, when Brett Hall and Matthew Gagnon both resigned.

In a statement to the GSS, Sterling stated his desire to remain vice president as the sole reason for giving up the presidency.

"Throughout my recent history in Student Government, I have tried to make it absolutely clear that I did not wish to be president of Student Government," he said. "I ran for the vice presidency because this is the position I wanted, and where I felt I could best serve the undergraduate student body. Current events have not changed this sentiment."

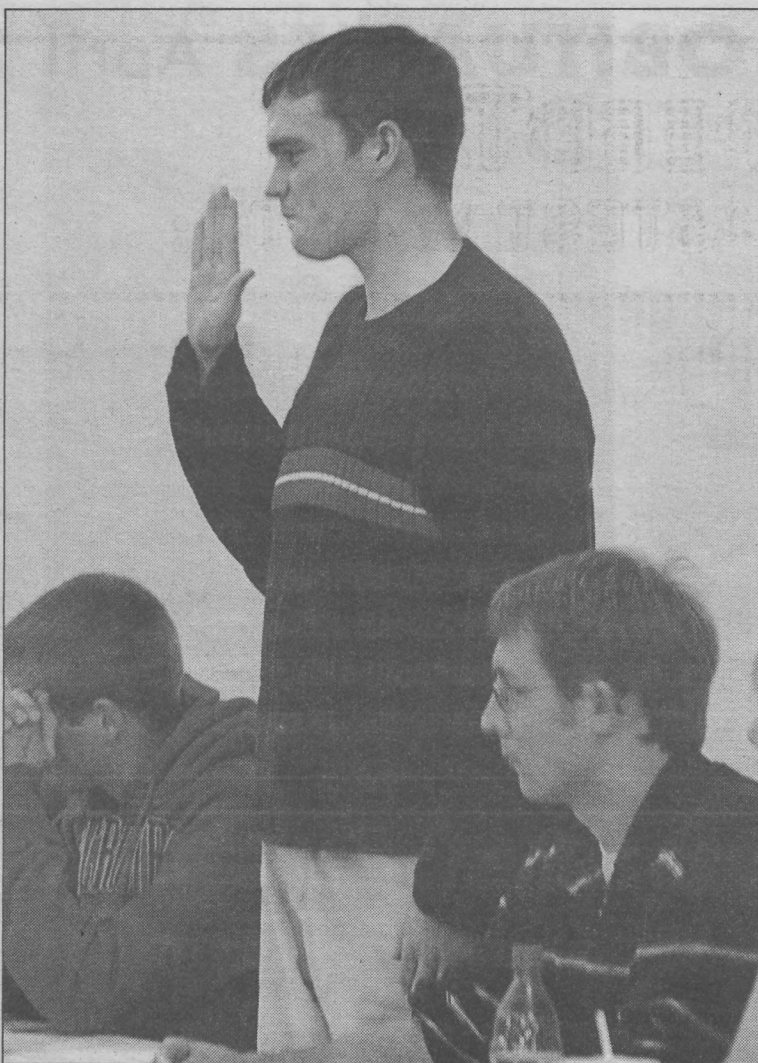
Sterling said he was confident that Kirkland was qualified for the position.

"When I made the decision to stay on as vice president, I couldn't think of anyone who would do a better job than Adam," he said. "From a purely objective standpoint, if you look at Adam he is the senior senator in GSS, he is the chair of a standing committee, and had an executive position on ROC. He has the contacts and relationships to be president."

Pomerleau agreed with Sterling's assessment of Kirkland.

"It's not like there's a big controversy that Adam is not qualified. Nearly half the student body voted for him. It's only fair to have him finish Brigham's term."

Members of Student



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF** — Adam Kirkland is sworn in as the new Student Government president on Tuesday during the General Student Senate meeting.

Government were surprised with McNaughton's resignation and the change in president.

"I would have rather seen what action the senate would have taken," said Sterling. "Brigham did an awful lot for Student Government; it's too bad he felt it

*"In light of the recent events, I'm kind of shocked how quickly the resignation came. I wish Brigham well."*

William Pomerleau  
Senator  
General Student Senate

came to that.

"We're thankful for what Brigham had done for Student Government," continued Sterling.

"In light of the recent events, I'm kind of shocked how quickly the resignation came," said Pomerleau. "I wish Brigham well; I know he's been under a lot. I wish Student Government well."

Sen. Zach Brochu, of the College of Business, Public Policy and Health, said he was "kind of shocked" and said he would most likely not have supported the impeachment movement.

Off-Campus Board President Jesse Ouellette said he was prepared to debate the impeachment issue.

"I'm surprised he resigned. I thought we'd discuss the issue. I wish Brigham the best," he said.

Derek Mitchell, vice president of Student Entertainment, said it was important for Student Government to move forward.

"I'm very pleased to have put all of this behind us, and that Student Government has gotten back down to business, and back to serving the student body," said Mitchell. "Everyone involved in Student Government has a big job to do in advocating for UMaine's 9,000 undergraduates, and it's important that we stay focused on that task."

Kirkland is looking forward to his time as president.

"I don't have any plans coming in immediately. I did back when I was running," he said. "I think right now the big thing is listening to students, and senate and getting a feel of what needs to be done."

Sterling also said it was vital to reach out to the students.

"I think we've got a good person in the presidency and hopefully a good person in the vice presidency," he said. "Hopefully we can work together and re-establish students' faith in government."

Kirkland said he isn't worried about how he became president.

"I think first and foremost, Student Government needs to run by its own documents. If we don't we lose legitimacy."

Staff reporter Ryan Clark contributed to this story.



## POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell  
For The Maine Campus

### Woman orders pizzas with stolen MaineCard

On Jan. 28, Public Safety received a complaint from a student that her purse and its contents, including her wallet and MaineCard, had been stolen from her room in Penobscot Hall. When the student checked her MaineCard activity a few days later, she discovered several unauthorized transactions had taken place at the Orono House of Pizza. Officers learned that transactions had been made on the card and that pizza had been delivered to two separate addresses. Officers interviewed the tenants of the first address, located in Orono, but concluded that they were not involved. After researching the second address, located in Old Town, officers obtained the name of a tenant, Eve Oliver, 20. Witnesses at the apartment verified that they had been with Oliver at the time of the pizza delivery, and they confirmed that she had used a MaineCard. Several appointments were set up for Oliver to come to the station to be interviewed, but she never came. On March 30, officers were able to find Oliver at the residence for questioning. Oliver admitted to using the MaineCard and stated that she had found the purse in a bathroom and had discarded all other items. Oliver was issued two summonses for misuse of credit identification and theft by unauthorized taking.

#### Somerset residents shoot at students with air soft gun

On March 30, Public Safety received several complaints of someone shooting something at people from a window in Somerset Hall. Victims didn't know what was being shot at them but suspected that it was an air gun. Upon arriving at the scene, officers were shown the window from which the shooting occurred. After knocking at the door,

the two residents of the room let the officers in. While inside the room, they observed holes in the screen and several small plastic balls on the windowsill. The residents eventually admitted to having an air soft gun, which was located in a drawer. The residents, identified as Jonathan Bell, 19, and Benjamin Toothaker, 19, initially claimed that they had been target shooting at a can in their room. When officers stated they had several witnesses who had claimed to have been shot on the quad, Bell and Toothaker admitted to firing at a group of people. As a result, both residents were issued summonses for reckless conduct.

#### Minor referred to state BMV for zero-tolerance violation

At 2:44 a.m. March 19, an officer monitoring the traffic on Rangeley Road observed a vehicle traveling at 38 mph in a posted 25 mph zone. The officer activated his lights to initiate a traffic stop, but the vehicle didn't stop, turning onto Long Road and accelerating to 40 mph. The officer activated his siren, and the vehicle finally pulled over. As the officer approached the vehicle, he could immediately smell the odor of intoxicating beverage coming from the vehicle. When the officer asked the driver, identified as Roman Nadeau, 18, of Orono, why he didn't stop, he said that his stereo had been too loud and that he hadn't seen the lights. Nadeau's eyes were red, and his speech was slightly slurred. The officer asked him to perform field sobriety tests, which were not completed satisfactorily. Nadeau was transported to the Public Safety building, where a breathalyzer test revealed his blood-alcohol content to be a 0.03. Nadeau was referred to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for his violation of Maine's zero-tolerance law.

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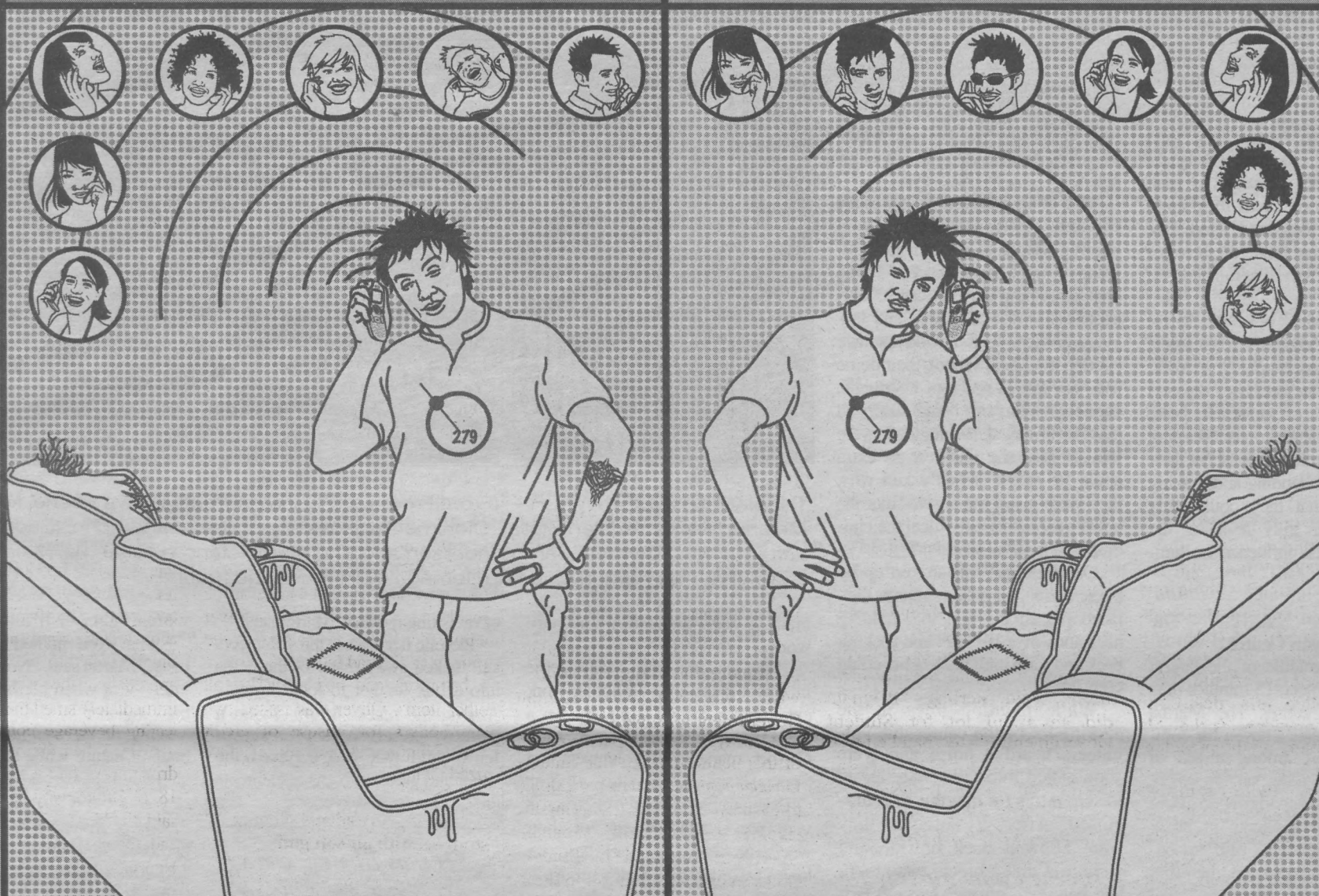


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# ASB members help where it's needed the most

By Khela Kupiec  
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What would it be like to shovel lost treasures out of four inches of mud or see a child's eyes light up as he learns to catch a football for the first time? How about going alligator hunting after a day of cleaning invasive plant species out of a national park, or being forced to hide in a room while police take care of a shooting that happened a block away?

If you asked a group of students at the University of Maine they could tell you what it's like, and gladly.

For the ninth consecutive year, Alternative Spring Break lived up to its name and delivered alternative spring breaks that broke all the rules of what it means to have fun and volunteer.

During the week of March 3–14, six groups of eight to 10 students traveled to Mississippi, New York, Florida and Tennessee. They traveled by vans, planes or sometimes both, to get to their destinations. Sleeping in tents or churches, they spent their week growing, bonding and making a difference that they could only imagine, never truly realizing the measure of their influence on hundreds of lives.

## Tennessee — Nashville — The Martha O'Bryan Center

It's in the middle of the largest and poorest project; 15 minutes max from the city center. The Martha O'Bryan Center is a haven for community support among a sea of poverty and often despair.

The average income is \$4,200 a year for 1,800 residents in a six square block area. Half of the population are school-aged children and 92 percent of the households are headed by single women.

"Just a note," said Judy Gaither, manager of Volunteers and Special Events at the Martha O'Bryan Center, "You can't buy cleaning products with food stamps."

ASB adviser Gustavo Burkett was shocked when he was faced with the reality of what that means.

The UMaine students spent their week doing a wide variety of jobs for the Center, including working with groundskeeping, administrative assistance, children, and cleaning the homes of clients that the Center serves.

Burkett remembers cleaning the home of a man who was living in

filth in an apartment infested with cockroaches. The man was diabetic and wheelchair bound, barely having enough strength or energy to leave his chair for a few minutes, let alone clean his apartment.

"He was so very thankful, it was amazing that we could do that for him," said Burkett.

On another job, Burkett's group delivered meals on wheels to seniors and shut-ins. In one heartbreaking moment, they delivered a meal to a blind elderly woman. It was such a small task, but without a family member to take care of her, Burkett took the time to describe what the food in her tray was that she would be eating before she was left alone again.

One of the toughest parts was the children. Afternoons were spent tutoring Somali children in third-grade through high school—who were struggling in American schools against all odds of culture and language barriers. As if they do not have enough trouble in school, their home lives are just as much of a struggle. Burkett remembers being surprised that on Friday the volunteers were told to give the children an extra apple for snack. When asked why, they were given the answer that the apple may be the only meal the children will have all weekend.

One little girl was shaken up by the screaming of police sirens as they raced passed the building, holding her hands over her ears and rocking back and forth until her teacher could comfort her.

While painting lines in the parking lot of the center, the volunteers heard a noise and were soon called into the center, asked to step into a room with the blinds closed. After 30 minutes they were allowed back outside and were told that a block away there had been a shooting. Around that area the shootings are a common occurrence. "At least one a month," said Burkett.

The students also witnessed a few examples of the reality of domestic violence.

At one point a man walked into the Center, his face bleeding from being stabbed by his wife because he had left for five days without telling anyone. Even in situations like these, the residents of the project turn to the Center for help; they can't afford the cost of a bus or taxi fare to the hospital so employees and volunteers help with the transportation.

Whether they know it or not, the ASB volunteers left their



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THANKFUL HOME OWNER — (Front From Left) Christie Orcutt, Sonya Keene, Ms. Melanie Mitchel, Kristen Stellar, Ofonime Awakessien, Lindsay Landroche, (Back From Left) Matthew Bennett, Sarah Anderson and Eric Martin stand outside Ms. Melanie's home that they helped clean up damage from Hurricane Katrina.

mark, through dedication and hard work.

"The students from Maine come in, make themselves at home, work extremely hard and seem to have a good time together," said Judy Gaither, manager of Volunteers and Special Events at the Martha O'Bryan Center. "Martha O'Bryan is very proud and grateful for their work and time spent here and we look forward to next year's group."

"Personally, the UMaine students always sing to the strings of my heart and endear themselves to me very quickly," Gaither added.

The toughest part of the trip was the end, according to Burkett. "The last day the kids were still asking us if we would be coming back the next day, I felt like I didn't have the heart to say no. There was still so much we could have done."

## Mississippi — Waveland-Community Collaborations

The master bed looked like it had been sprayed with paint it was so covered with mold. When Eric Martin lightly touched the footboard, both ends of the bed fell off. The house had been flooded up to two inches below the ceiling of the second floor; the first floor covered in four to five inches of silt and mud, an excavation with promises of treasures from a life disrupted six months prior.

"We would dig into the mud with our shovels and pull out shirts and blouses that would just shred to pieces," said Martin. "It was like we were scraping her whole life off the bottom of our shoes every day."

For the two days that the volunteers worked, almost every shovelful would bring forth a new scrap from dragging up memories of another life. Eventually it became overwhelming for the owner, Jen, to see pieces of her past life resurface, and she asked for almost everything to be thrown away. Unofficially it is called "post-hurricane syndrome" when the victim comes to their breaking point

of revisiting the past, Martin said.

Despite her wishes the volunteers still tucked away many of the items into a box for her to look through. Among the muck, Martin found a perfectly preserved baby picture of Jen's child that had survived the water and the six months of elements pressed between two books.

*"It was like we were scraping her whole life off the bottom of our shoes every day."*

Eric Martin  
ASB Member

On their third day the group participated in "beach cleanup" the importance of which is often overlooked in the aftermath of a hurricane while people race to clean up and build houses. Making the surrounding area safe and attractive is just as important in convincing people to move back as giving them a roof to live under, said Martin.

The original beach was beneath 15 to 20 feet of sand that the hurricane carried. The top was mostly covered in wood that was buoyant enough to float, but buried in sand the volunteers found items like mattresses and even a fire hydrant with the hose still attached.

Friday was spent cleaning the rubble of what was left of another house; the roof of which was just about sitting on the first floor. They joined students from USP and Loyola among a few other colleges, bonding in their common interest to give up their vacation to help others.

Martin said that "Ms. Melanie," the owner of that house, was so thankful for their help.

"God has sent angels down here," she said.

Martin felt like he got a real feeling of accomplishment from that day and project, helping the

woman get her life back.

"She even invited us to come back," Martin said. "Not to work, but just to visit when her house was put back together."

One of the toughest parts was battling nature while the volunteers attempted to sleep. The students stayed at the iCare Village, a community of Korean War-era tents that had been donated for the use of the 150-200 volunteers in that area. Almost according to Murphy's Law, the zipper on Martin's tent broke, practically providing a sacrificial feast to the local mosquitoes. Then, like every other tent, the students made the situation into an adventure and solved the problem by sleeping on the beach while the wind kept the bugs at bay.

"We had an amazing team," said Martin. "You can start out with what you think is a strong bond and then find that it doubles 10-fold when you get down there and are really working as one."

The students really had to come together as one when they were faced with a 36-hour trip back home versus a three-to-four hour flight. Due to scheduling difficulties, they ended up missing their flight back home, but had another bonding experience out of renting vehicles for the day-and-a-half drive to Maine.

A total of 16 students went to Mississippi divided into two groups of eight each. Martin's group worked with Community Collaborations, the other with worked with Impact Ministries on similar projects.

Martin said that he would really like to go back, possibly forming a small team of friends, independent of the university, to do more work there this summer. "There's still so much more to do," said Martin.

*Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series. The second part on the trips to Florida and New York will run in Monday's issue.*



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HELPING HANDS — Students work at a site in Tennessee for Alternative Spring Break, a national organization that helps college students use their vacation to help others.



## UPHELD

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"I read the resolution many times. I don't consider myself to be a stupid person. I think I come here and I get an education and I'm pretty politically savvy," said Brown.

"But when I read the question, I was still caught off guard and confused."

Jeffrey A. Bailey addressed the FEPC with Brown. He said it was unfair that the GSS introduced the referendum again after it failed last semester, but with a slightly smaller fee increase this time.

"We had voted down an increase once already," Bailey said. "They got around on a technicality by reintroducing the same resolution but changing the amount, which could let them do it as much as they want."

Bailey believed that many students might have voted for the fee increase because the question implied that a "yes" vote would mean they wouldn't be bothered by the same question for another four years.

He added that he "would've liked to have had two separate resolutions: one that said 'we won't bother you for four years,' and another that said, 'raise it by this amount.'"

Bailey and Brown also believed that the referendum should have been advertised beforehand, like the one earlier this year. They contend that if

this had been done, there might have been fewer questions as to what the ballot was asking.

"This isn't an argument that the student activity fee shouldn't be raised," Brown said. In fact, she added that her group, the College Democrats, would benefit from some of this money.

She said the only thing she was offended by was the way in which the question was presented to the student body.

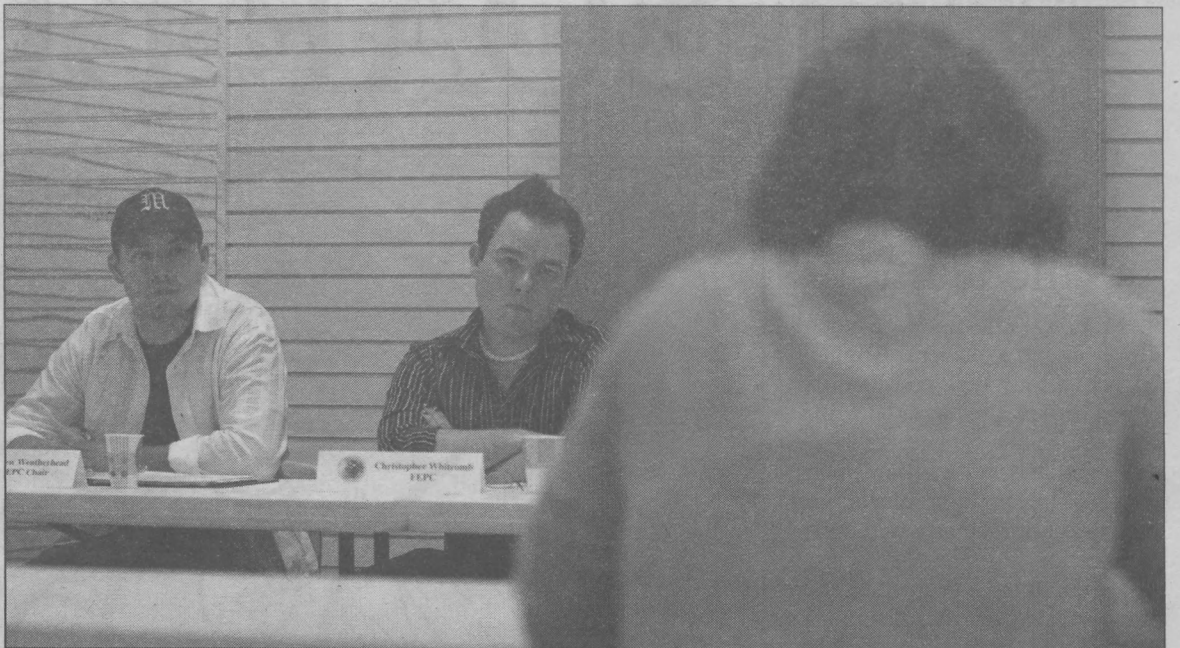
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Aaron Sterling  
Vice President  
Student Government

The GSS, represented by Aaron Sterling, president of GSS, and Derek Mitchell, vice president of student entertainment who authored the resolution, then took its turn to refute the complaints.

"The GSS did not intentionally mislead anybody," said Sterling.

"We tried to provide all the information that was there,



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COMPELLING TESTIMONY — Andrew Weatherhead and Christopher Whitcomb listen to the testimony of Christina Brown during the Fair Election Practices Commission hearing.

available to the students, well beforehand."

Mitchell said that Student Government chose not to do any paid advertising for this vote, as opposed to the previous one, because they thought that "paying for advertising was a bit like propaganda."

However, Sterling said, "The entire resolution was in public view for seven days. The Maine Campus had articles written on increasing the student activity fee. I myself, speaking as a student senator, wrote an editorial on the increase."

They believed that students with concerns had plenty of time to address their issues

with the question and that the referendum received more than enough attention without paid advertising.

Sterling argued that of the 33 posts on the student forum to that date, only three people took exception to the question.

Two of those people, according to Sterling, were the complainants.

"I would certainly question whether there was really a problem with the wording of the question, or if a minority of the students are unhappy with the opinion of the vast majority," said Sterling.

The referendum passed by a vote of 540 to 318.

"There were 858 students

who voted on this referendum," said Sterling, "and so far I've only heard from four people with real serious distress about the question."

He believed that the vote was passed by a significant amount and there was no reason to overturn it.

Brown rebutted Sterling's claim.

"I doubt that there are only four people on campus who think that this was worded unfairly," she said. "The difference between the yes and no votes I don't think is substantial enough to believe that there wouldn't have been a different result if it had been presented in a more fair way."

## Replacing a Lost Love

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## McNaughton takes one for the team

Monday afternoon, Student Government President Brigham McNaughton resigned amidst allegations of a sex scandal with a former UMaine student.

Regardless of guilt or innocence, McNaughton elected to take the high road and step down from office.

He could have decided to stay in office and fight the allegations. That would have led to a long impeachment process where there would have been no winners.

McNaughton's resignation saves the members of the General Student Senate from the difficult decision of whether to forcibly remove their leader from office. Impeachment proceedings are never easy and often lead to infighting among members. Just ask Residents on Campus.

From the sentiment of the GSS meeting, it was clear that McNaughton had a lot of the support of the senators. The appointment of Adam Kirkland to the position gives the senators a leader they can follow, and more importantly, the undergraduates get an effective government.

## Remembering a member of our community

Already this semester we have lost two valuable members of our community: Professor James Horan, of public administration, who died earlier this year after a car accident; and UMaine benefactor Larry Mahaney, whose contributions built the Mahaney Dome by the Field House. Yesterday morning, the University of Maine community lost a dear friend and valuable colleague, English professor Constance Hunting.

Professor Hunting's contributions to the UMaine community were invaluable, not only as an adviser and a mentor but as the publisher of Puckerbrush Press and editor of Puckerbrush Reviews. There are few professors at this fine university who could approach Dr. Hunting in both experience and dedication.

As President Kennedy said, Hunting's energy and creativity will be missed profoundly by her students, colleagues, and all the people whose lives she touched.



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answer: it doesn't matter.

## His money, but not his choice

Lawsuit puts debate on reproductive rights in new light

So you're in a long-term relationship. And, like many, many people in these kinds of relationships, you're having sex. And, like many men and women who have sex, you aren't interested in having kids – at least, not right now.

Then mistakes happen. The choice you make, whatever it is, isn't easy. Hopefully you can make that choice with your partner – but, like many difficult decisions, people don't always agree on the right course of action. That's when things get ugly, because if you're the guy in the relationship, you don't have much of a choice. Want to be a father? You have no rights to the life of that child. Don't want to be a father? Well, you'll have to dish out the cash to support her anyway.

Michael Dubay, a 25-year-old computer technician from Saginaw, Mich., believes that men should be

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able to make reproductive choices, too. The National Center for Men has filed a lawsuit on his behalf contending that he should not have to pay child support for his ex-girlfriend's daughter.

The back-story: Dubay's girlfriend allegedly told him that she was infertile and on birth control. Dubay said that he was vocally forward with her both before and after their daughter's conception that he had no intention of becoming a father.

Dubay's lawsuit aims to absolve him of all responsibility – and in

particular, fiscal responsibility – for his daughter. At \$500 a month, he'll be paying \$108,000 for a child he never wanted.

To put it simply, when she says "my body," he says "my money."

The NCM and Dubay have a convincing argument, even if they are skewing it in such an unfavorable way. Men have significantly fewer options than women when it comes to family planning. Even if we don't open the can of worms which is Roe v. Wade – which is exactly how the National Center for Men is marketing this lawsuit – men are consistently given the short end of the stick when it comes to parenting issues. The courts are often slanted toward mothers in custody battles, recent studies estimate that paternity fraud is as high as 30 percent of child support cases,

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### A safe campus

After reading the front page of The Maine Campus on Monday, we felt the need to remind our community of available resources and opportunities to speak out about sexual violence. There are always people available for anyone to talk to in confidence or to get information from. These resources include: Safe Campus Project at 581-2515; Rape Response Services at 1-800-310-

0000; the Spruce Run shelter at 1-800-863-9909; Counseling Center at 581-1392; UM Public Safety at 581-4040; and the Office of Community

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## End the marriage

First installment  
of an evaluation  
of U.S. politics

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A strange phenomenon has entered into the political colosseum battle. It's not the sequel to Christians vs. the Lions, as much as I wish it were. No, it's the contemporary idea of being branded with a party symbol and living with it. Allow me to explain in part one of my two-part rant. Or, if you don't want me to, put down the paper or turn to sports. I'm sure there's something about hockey in there that has nothing to do with politics, or if it does, Canadian politics.

When I ask people what their politics are, they generally say, "Democrat" or "Republican" or "Arbitrary third-party with no say in governance." If they do take the high road and say "conservative" or "liberal," they immediately start talking about how great the respective party is for their ideals. What happened to the idea of American individualism that makes us all freedom-loving, evil-fighting, spoiled, first-world country brats? Shouldn't we like politicians on an individual basis and not what letter precedes their name? Let me run down the list of people I personally could never force myself to vote for because of reasons that don't have to do with their party, or at least not entirely, but more so with the actions they have taken on our behalf.

First up, Joseph Lieberman, the senator from Connecticut. Although picking on Lieberman isn't really fair because at this point, he's the friend that no one likes, but I like to think of myself as being more scientific than that. In April of 2005, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act was brought forth by Republicans who wanted to make it more difficult for people to go into bankruptcy due to credit card bills and other debts they owe. This

### Letters to the editor

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and 42 states, including Maine, have "safe-haven" laws where a mother can legally abandon her newborn at a police station or hospital without any respect to the father's wishes.

Realistically, Dubai has about an ice cube's chance in hell at winning his case, as neither the family-conscious right nor the feminist left are going to take his side. Both he and his lawyers have admitted to the press that their goal is not so much to win the lawsuit, but to get the dialogue started.

Despite the validity of his argument, I have little sympathy for Dubai. Instead of working to fix the inconsistencies between the reproductive rights of men and women, he attempts to further the gender gap instead. This lawsuit is a symptom of the sad reality is that the role of fathers has been reduced to their wallets. Men have been so

alienated from parenting and families through social programs and policy that it should come as no surprise that they now want the option to pull out altogether. While feminists in the '70s and beyond worked to get equality for women in the workplace, they did not think about the revolving door which would bring more men into the home.

If we want to fight for women's rights, then we must work for gender equality across the board. Children have a right to both parents, and every effort should be taken so that all willing, competent parents should be able to be just that. Likewise, every child has a right to be a "wanted" child, and enabling their parents to make decisions on the value of their lives before they are born only works against that goal.

I don't envy the person who has to explain the case to Dubai's daughter when she's older.

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## POLITICS

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struck me as strange because the three most common causes of bankruptcy are medical emergency, loss of job or divorce. Actually, it makes sense if you look at it through the eyes of a conservative ideologue. If you want people to pull them up by their bootstraps, you need to give them tough love. That will teach them to get injured, marry the wrong person and have their job outsourced to India due to an apathetic tax code. Take that, proletarians.

Next, the notorious bane of the conservative party, Hillary Clinton of New York. You might say, "But she could be the first woman president, you jerk. Why would you vote against her, you chauvinist pig?" Well, I'd rather vote for someone with an actual policy that I agree with rather than someone who's breaking the gender barrier with their genitals, however painful or hilarious it would be for said genitals. Hillary went postal on "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" for the now highly sought after "hot coffee mod," which allowed players to

imitate acts of human nature with their virtual girlfriends. To be fair, Lieberman was doing that back in the early '90s with Mortal Kombat before it was cool. Err, I mean "kool." Well, the game's already rated M, and you're supposed to be over 17 to buy it, so most of the time a kid ends up playing the game because their ignorant parent didn't bother to learn the ESRB rating system. And to think that the democrats laughed when Alberto Gonzales announced his plan to crack down on pornography and start censoring adult entertainment. Here's a memo for Howard Dean to slap Lieberman and Clinton with: If you censor a paid service, whether porn or video games or both, it's unconstitutional. I hope the memo he makes is written on plywood.

Now I imagine that by now some of you think that I'm a wacky conservative who TiVo's the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour." Well joke's on you, 'cause that couldn't be farther from the truth. And joke's on "Blue Collar Comedy Tour," 'cause they don't have any good jokes. Stay tuned for the next installment.

*Seamus is serious about his threat to write a follow-up in the next issue.*

## LETTERS

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Standards at 581-1409.

There are also several events happening on campus where people can voice their experiences and opinions. On April 10 and 12 you can "Try Walking in My Shoes" — decorate a shoe to tell your story of sexual violence and domestic abuse. On April 20 there is a "Take Back the Night" march where people are again given the opportunity to express their experience of how sexual violence and domestic abuse has affected their lives. We would like to urge our

community to attend these events, to seek out these resources, and to get involved.

Talking is a large step towards a safer campus — talk about your experiences, talk about consent — remember that consent is needed every time you engage in a sexual act — talk with your sexual partners about what you do and don't want to do. By starting a dialog about this we can promote awareness of how sexual violence impacts us all. Cut this article out and give it to a friend. Then talk with them about this. Begin the dialog!

Joseph Sargent  
Students for a Safe Campus

## Your opinion matters.



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## The straight truth about gay people

### Hartwell misused facts, data and language last issue

Michael Hartwell's article "Proud to be Heteronormative" takes a word used by scholars out of its context and places it in a space that is more individual than cultural. Heteronormativity is a word used to describe a society that believes that all that live within it are heterosexual and creates laws, morals, advertisements, and basic living according to that. On an individual level, this is not a concern. You can believe whatever you want. You can argue that you think homosexual behavior is wrong. This just means that I don't have to agree with this view. The only time I will fight back is when you inform the public with inaccurate facts and use this to point out that it is okay for homosexuals not to be treated equally with their heterosexual peers.

Culturally, heteronormativity hurts everyone, including heterosexuals. For example, Maine's Civil Rights bill says "that no one cannot be fired from their job due to their real or perceived sexual orientation." You might be straight, but if you are thought to be a homosexual you could still have been fired in the recent past. Now, this isn't the case, but we have to be sensitive to these issues.

One inaccurate fact used in Hartwell's article is the percentage of homosexuals in our society. There are many reasons why

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gay and lesbian organizations have debunked the idea that 10 percent of the population is gay. The study was conducted by Alfred Kinsey in the 1950s. During this time it was not safe for homosexuals to be out due to the threats of being arrested, shunned from their peers, or possibly being killed. Another reason why they debunked this 10 percent idea is because that number only accounts for the percent that is out. Many organizations think there are even more due to the fact that homosexuals in the closet are hard to count.

Hartwell uses examples of homosexual behavior found in animals as a part of his argument that homosexuality is not natural. We need to keep the idea of homosexual identity and homosexual behavior separate. The homosexual identity is self-identified. You cannot place what our cultural perspective says that homosexuality is on animals that have no concept of what is homosexual and what is heterosexual. Homosexual behavior also

occurs for many different reasons, but the fact that it is found in nature makes the point that homosexuality is natural. Hartwell also says that, "If a sexual practice is invented, that means it is unnatural." Homosexual behavior was never "invented," but rather the identity of homosexuality and heterosexuality. These terms were used in the 1800s to identify certain behaviors in mental patients. During the 1970s, homosexuality was scratched off the list of mental health issues. This does not mean that homosexuality is not legitimate and natural. Many sex researchers point out that there is a major difference in sexual practices among all sexual orientations, and not all of them have to do with reproduction.

Michael Hartwell better remember that heterosexuality is a sexual orientation, too. I applaud Hartwell for mentioning that violence against homosexuals is wrong. Also, different views and opinions are important. We live in a society that thrives on the idea of freedom of speech and freedom of expression. But inaccurate facts and the misuse of terms are harmful. If you are going to argue that homosexuality is not natural, use correct facts, data and language to back it up.

*David Kujawa is the president of the Wilde Stein Alliance.*

## The normality of homosexuality

### Sociological definition of "normal" can include gays

There has been a lot of buzz around campus about Michael Hartwell's recent article "Proud to be Heteronormative." Many people feel that something needs to be said about the view this article presents, and some seem to be confused about what heteronormativity actually means.

The "hetero" part of the term heteronormativity is obvious, but the "normative" part seems to be where people get foggy. Normative is not meant to signal what is statistically normal. An article co-authored by Stephen Marks, a professor of sociology here at the University of Maine, suggests that "normativity" refers to "what the majority of people hold as a value or a moral standard." Therefore, heteronormativity implies that society sees heterosexuality as the moral standard of sexual practice.

The article suggests that heteronormativity is often used interchangeably with the term "homophobia." Because heteronormativity assumes that same-sex relationships are immoral, saying you are "proud to be heteronormative" is the same as saying you are "proud to believe homosexuality is wrong."

Hartwell wants us to believe that because only 4 percent of people in the 2004 exit polls identified themselves as gay, rather than the 10 percent claimed by Kinsey, same-sex partnership should be considered

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abnormal. What the statistics fail to address is that sexuality is larger than the question "are you straight or gay?"

A person's sexuality cannot always be labeled as either homo- or heterosexual. There are people who consider themselves bisexual, or bi-curious. There are people who participate in same-sex acts but don't feel that they are gay or lesbian. There are people who have same-sex feelings but choose not to act on them. Some people have different sexual feelings at different times, identifying as straight at one point in their lives and gay at another. Some people don't want to be identified as any word, because that inflicts boundaries on their sexuality. The list goes on.

If we ignore the range and fluidity sexuality has, it can be quite easy to have a narrow view of what constitutes normalcy. The words "normal" and "abnormal" too often imply "right" and "wrong," and the stigma of these words are ignored in the article. To quote Hartwell, "I don't understand what's wrong with calling it abnormal." What's

wrong is that calling same-sex relationships "abnormal" gives the impression that these relationships are "wrong." Hartwell believes that it is unfair to lump together people who commit violence against gays and lesbians with people who simply do not agree with the practice. Unfortunately while gay bashers and people who oppose same-sex relationships can be very different from each other, they do have similarities. Both groups of people are supporting the stigma that gay relationships are wrong, and in some cases they are hindering the rights people have to love freely.

It's no secret that societal factors influence the way we express our sexuality, and heteronormativity is part of why some people are afraid to be themselves. Heteronormativity is one of the major reasons why people stay in the closet and don't explore their sexual feelings. It's a large part of why gay- and lesbian-identified people are struggling with marriage rights, adoption rights, occupational rights, etc. If our society were more accepting of sexual diversity, homophobia would be less of an issue and society as a whole would be better off.

Basically, everyone would benefit from being less "proud to be heteronormative."

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Tuesdays  
Blues Cafe, Orono

Roost  
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7:30 p.m.  
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VFW Hall, Old Town  
\$6 for students, \$8 General  
Admission

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Hawaiian Dance Party  
9 p.m.  
Friday, April 7  
Memorial Union

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"The New Year in Sri Lanka"  
10 a.m.  
Thursday, April 6  
Hudson Museum

Poetry Reading by Pierre  
Joris  
Part of the New Writing Series  
4:30 p.m.  
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Jeness Hall

Student Art Exhibition  
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Opening Reception  
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Carnegie Hall

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the Secular  
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Embedded Quilts from the  
Iraq War  
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Yin and Yang: Elements of  
Chinese Gardens  
through June 23  
Hudson Museum

The works of photographer  
Michael Alpert, sculptor Laura  
Fernstock and five landscape  
paintings  
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# Ben delivers ten-Fold

## Piano sensation comes to the MCA for a stellar performance

By Michael Hartwell  
Opinion Editor

Monday night, the University of Maine welcomed piano-based musician Ben Folds to a packed MCA. The three-hour performance ran right on schedule and surpassed the expectations of the young crowd. After splashing into the music scene in 1997 with "Brick," in the misnamed trio "Ben Folds Five," Mr. Folds developed a steady cultish fan base. Fans were saddened when the band split up in 2000, but were relieved about a year later when Ben released his solo album, "Rockin' the Suburbs." Three EPs, a solo album and a wad of side projects later, Ben has established himself as an enduring rockstar.

The concert started off great. Chris Mills, the opening act, did an excellent job of starting their set within four minutes of the scheduled curtain opening. They had one memorable song, "I Wish I was a Bomb," in an otherwise bland 24-minute routine. It was unclear when they tossed in "Orono, Maine likes to Party!" if they were honestly trying to win over the audience or parodying cheap crowd-pleasing tactics.

Still, I think most of the assembled college and high school students were pleased with Chris Mills since they did exactly what an opening act should do: Show up, warm up the crowd and get the hell outta the way.

It's nearly impossible to be a Ben Folds fan without also liking Ben Folds Five. That made every fan in attendance wonder if Folds would only play songs from his solo albums, or dig up a few "Five" songs. As required by international law, Ben did in fact play "Brick." Of the 26 songs he played, 27 if you count the first five seconds of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Freebird," five were from the original Chapel Hill trio.

It wouldn't be a Ben Folds concert if he didn't try to play a song he wrote a decade ago and forget the lyrics halfway through. This time the culprit was B-side "The Secret Life of Morgan Davis." Three lines from the finish and his mind went blank. Ben handled it like a veteran performer and got a couple of kids from the audience to climb on stage and sing the rest of the song.

The surprise song that stole the show was Ben's cover of a Dr. Dre rap. Even though covering of gangsta rap in a slowed-down alternate musical genre is a stale decade-old humor formula, the song still came off as funny.

The only close call was when Ben made a quick Chuck Norris reference. Humor elitists in the audience held their breath and waited for their piano-playing hero to repeat one of the tired Internet jokes and break their hearts in the process. Thankfully the moment didn't come and Ben changed the subject and went back to punching some keys on the piano.

The audience got to fill in for missing instruments on two different songs, "Army" and "Not the Same." There was a good amount of talking between songs without going overboard, and the wait for the mandatory encore was rather short.

Ben told the audience that he's currently revamping some songs for the soundtrack of this summer's CGI movie "Over the Hedge." Since it is a children's movie, he had to change some of the lines to "Rockin' the Suburbs." He admitted that censor-pleasing changes watered down one of the songs so much that he had it pulled from the soundtrack. Ben Folds aficionados may remember the horrible mistake "Lonely Christmas Eve" from the Grinch soundtrack and hope that history won't repeat itself.

All in all, it was a great concert for fans that have been with Folds since the late '90s, as well as those who just found out about him last week.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO



## BandSpot Sparks the Rescue

By Tony Reaves  
Copy Editor

Sparks the Rescue, arguably Maine's hottest band right now, are playing Bumstock later this month. The band, which has been labeled emo, screamo, pop and post-hard-core, has exploded in popularity since cementing their line-up last year and have grown an obsessive following in southern Maine.

"It's gotten to the point where you will see the same faces every night right up front and we have kids bringing us food and it's just surreal," said Marty McMorrow, who plays synth and backup vocals for Sparks the Rescue.

Night after night, McMorrow said, the band finds the audience singing along to songs the band has never even recorded. "We have had kids messaging us after shows and asking us to see if the lyrics they memorized from the concert earlier were correct... it's pretty insane."

McMorrow admitted that through all the screaming, even he can't understand all the words to his band's songs. "It seems almost impossible to make out clear lyrical lines. I mean, I play these songs too much to even count."

Sparks the Rescue are stunned by their popularity but say they're not letting it get to them. "We don't want there to be a separation between band and fans," said guitarist and backup singer Toby McAllister. He says he's still excited about every show, although some definitely stand out. Recently, Sparks the Rescue opened for Hawthorne



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPARKSTHERESCUE.COM  
RESCUE ME — Lead singer Alex Roy performing at a recent event.

Heights at the Asylum in Portland. "That was intense," McAllister said. "All of our friends were there and everyone was singing with us. It was one of the happiest days of my life."

"Friends" is a term the band applies to all their fans, and they hold to it. The band members have Instant Messenger screen names posted on their MySpace Web page, and they talk to the fans regularly.

McMorrow said he doesn't feel far removed from the fans. "I'm pretty much the same as them. I go to shows as often as possible and have been doing so for years. I sing along to every word of the bands I love. Just now sometimes I go onstage."

Their manager, Jacob Simcock, is less surprised by their swelling fan base. "The music they're playing right now is definitely fitting in with what's hot: Fall Out Boy, Hawthorne Heights—the emo-screamo thing." Sparks the Rescue's metal riffs mean their appeal spreads even wider. "There's

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## Acts return for second round

Semi-final round of The Project narrows down the competition

By Damon Griffin  
Staff Reporter

The five-act, two-and-a-half hour semi-finals for The Project on Tuesday night in Memorial Union opened with The Choice Professionals. Singer Nick Mather sat down at a piano on stage right and trumpeter Karl Varian stood in the center of the stage, blowing out notes on his horn. For the following song, Mather switched to the guitar and the two white-shirted lads belted out the following and final two songs of their set.

Their three songs in no way set the template for the night; they were brief, rollicking, and featured a member playing dual instruments. In each of The Project's subsequent acts, individuals stuck to one instrument, often presented lengthy introductions to their songs and exerted a general atmosphere that was a mix of non-

chalance and generic angst.

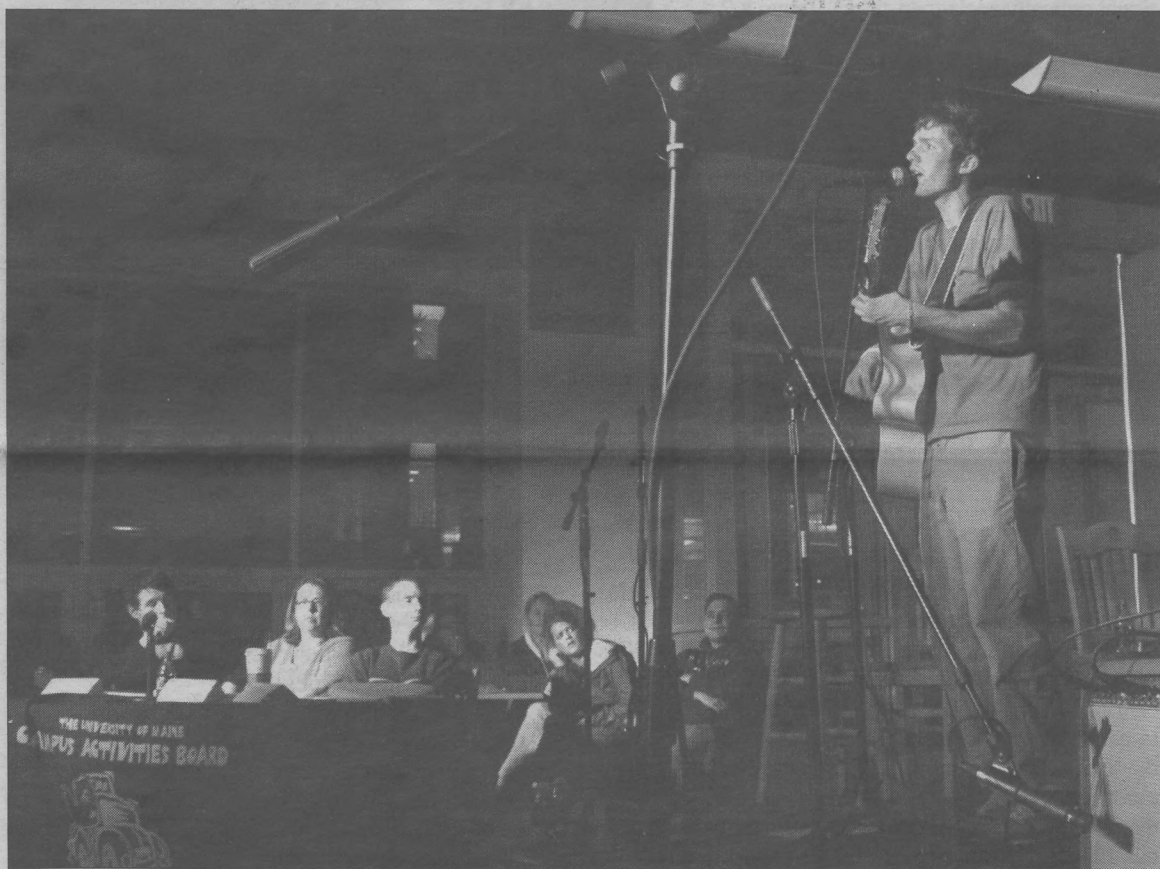
The Choice Professionals opened the show with gusto, but one got the feeling that they were overly conscious of their 15-minute time limit; the other acts cared slightly less about such matters. Katie Bradley came on second. She performed a set of approximately equal length and was interested in attempting to rouse the crowd, reinforcing this practice with her heavy-handed introductions and forceful vocal style. Although her guitar sounded a little out of tune, Ms. Bradley certainly had the passion.

The following act was a lone guitarist named David Sprague, with a humble demeanor and a closing song that lasted ages. After him, an all-girl group called Glosoli played. They spent a longer time setting up than the previous performers, with a guitarist, a drummer and a singer-pianist all needing to be accommodated on the

small platform. Unlike the other groups, they called for audience participation for their second song, with a chorus of the word "Love" repeated three times. This inspired twist, their tight instrumentals and their quirky name made them one of the more intriguing acts of the night.

After Glosoli, who received a standing ovation, a large portion of the audience cleared out. By the time Megan Mathieu appeared onstage, the room resembled a bar just before closing time. In truth, those that left were not missing a whole lot. Mathieu awkwardly stopped a song halfway through, either out of insecurity or unsuppressed anticipation for her next number. The final performer, Ryan Quigley, had impressive finger-picking chops on his guitar, but suffered from trouble with the sound quality and fine-tuning of his

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS  
COMPETITIVE EDGE — Ryan Quigley finishes up The Project's semi-final round Tuesday night in Memorial Union. Quigley, along with Megan Mathieu and the ensemble Glosoli will go on to compete in the final round.

## The ins and outs of 'Inside Man'

Action thriller a departure from director Spike Lee's usual fare

By Anthony Stewart  
For The Maine Campus

The premise of Spike Lee's film is relatively simple. A gang of men dressed as painters enters the New York City Bank with the obligatory barrage of vulgar threats and heavy artillery. They are led by Dalton Russell, played with impossible coolness by Clive Owen, and have a definite planned course of action. Before long Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington) arrives at the scene and takes control of the situation.

Washington plays Frazier as an

everyman, gaining weight for the role and shaving his head bald. Frazier has commitment anxiety in regards to his long-time girlfriend and problems with some unaccounted-for money from his last case.

Frazier is quick to notice that Russell and his fellow robbers don't seem to want their demands met, and would much rather just wait it out in the bank. Frazier, through some exciting scenes, must deal with Russell firsthand to try and uncover the real motive for the robbery.

The most unnecessary plot element comes in the form of the bank owner, Arthur Case (Christopher Plummer), who is most disheartened by the bank robbery as his livelihood seems to be located in one of the safety deposit boxes in the bank. We are quick to forgive this section of the plot, however, because it requires him to hire the powerful and resourceful Madeline

White, played wonderfully by Jodie Foster. Foster must try and manipulate both Washington and Owen's characters to make sure that the safety deposit box, and its contents, remain a secret.

A great deal of the film's strengths come from the performances of the cast. Washington, never a disappointment, seems to hit all the right notes. He is playful at times, using charm to illicit information from his contemporaries, and forceful and dynamic in some excellent scenes with Owen. A particularly strong scene occurs when Frazier and White go for a walk in an attempt to come to an agreement. Both Washington and Foster's characters have a distinct agenda, and the dialogue is witty and sharp as they each try to gain the upper hand. Much can also be said for the screenplay, by newcomer Russell

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## Keeping it all together

Hand-  
made  
Tales



By Erin McNamara

Everybody has their own little "good luck charm." For some, it's a pair of lucky underwear or a hat. For others, it's a run-of-the-mill rabbit's foot keychain that their grandfather gave them when they won the Little League tournament back in fifth grade.

For me, it's a sunshine yellow stone I found on the beach in Orient, Long Island. Not a big deal, really, except it became my worry stone — and believe me, I was worrying away at it all night — while some friends and I stayed in a creepy, haunted house. Now, I'm stuck with a little golden stone I'm paranoid will fall out

of my pocket because I can't bear to part with it.

After much debate, I decided that I should make a medicine bag to keep my stone in. You've seen them — the traditional American Indian medicine bag has become wildly popular recently, on sale in locally owned shops, online, and in do-it-yourself kits in craft stores all over the place. They're simple little bags, made from leather, canvas, or most any other material you could want, usually beaded or at least decorated in some way.

Traditionally, many American Indian tribes, like the Ojibwe, used medicine bags to carry healing herbs, stones and personal totems with them. In today's world, people use them to carry around herbs, good luck charms, treasured jewelry that doesn't fit them, or anything else they might want to keep close but don't have

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# Would you care to dance?

Bangor restaurant Thistles offers tango for Tuesdays

By Bridget Madden  
For The Maine Campus

For the first time in recent memory, the state of Maine is keeping up with the latest trend, at least when it comes to tango. That's because Thistles restaurant in Bangor has been hosting Tango Tuesdays for the past year.

"We were actually ahead of the trend," said Santiago Rave, who is co-owner of Thistles along with his parents, Alejandro and Maria Rave.

Many styles of tango exist, but its origins are from Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. In honor of this, the menu at Thistles changes from its usual international cuisine to Argentinean dishes on Tuesdays. Thistles also offers 30 Argentinean wines on their wine list.

"It's the longest list in the state of Argentinean wines," Rave said.

He went to Argentina last May to learn more about tango and Argentinean wines. He even took lessons from the academy of Miguel Zotto, a famed tango dancer and director of the international critically acclaimed show "Tango x 2."

The Tango Tuesday night menu features many dishes, even a vegetarian option. However, the most popular dish is, of course, the Argentinean beef. While the menu prices are slightly higher than other restaurants, it is well worth it. Tango night is far more than just the meal.

On Tango Tuesdays, Thistles has a live band that plays traditional tango music. Piero Brovarone is the lead guitarist, Leo Jonason plays drums and Mark Neslusan is on bass.

"We sometimes have an accordion player," said Rave, "but what we really need is a bandoneon player." The bandoneon is similar to the accordion, but it is smaller and doesn't have keyboard on the side. It is the traditional reed instrument in a tango orchestra.

Thistles evokes the romance of the '30s and '40s on Tango Tuesdays. To set the right mood, relics of tango are on display throughout the restaurant, whether it's pictures of the debonair tango icon Carlos Gardel, who brought tango to the world in the 1930s, or the large-screen TV constantly playing tango-theme films featuring gorgeous blonde actresses like Veronica Lake.

During the evening, couples who already know how to tango get on the dance floor right away. Guests who don't know how to tango watch longingly and with admiration until someone, usually Santiago, offers to teach them steps. In addition, Santiago Rave and his dance partner, Elham Khavari, perform for the crowd. Rave wears a slick pinstripe suit and Khavari, a sparkling white dress in the style of the '40s.

Alejandro and Maria Rave also dance for the guests. They are more experienced and therefore more alluring. They met decades ago in Maria Rave's native country of Colombia while Alejandro was touring the



PHOTO COURTESY SANTIAGO RAVE  
SPIN ME ROUND — Two participants prepare for a dance at Thistles Restaurant in Bangor.

country with an acting troupe from Argentina and Maria was a teenager. He fell in love, but Maria thought he was too old. When he returned a few years later, Alejandro was still in love and Maria returned his affections. That's how they were brought together, and their chemistry still dazzles.

Maria Rave is also a Spanish teacher at UMaine and Husson College. Alejandro Rave is the head chef at Thistles. In addition to dancing for the tango guests, he performs for them, too. He sings Argentinean songs as an experienced actor should: with dramatic flair and serious stage presence. It's captivating.

In addition to all of this, the service at Thistles is friendly, efficient and accommodating. The next Tango Tuesday is April 11. All guests need to make reservations beforehand, as space is limited and fills up quickly due to the popularity of the event. For more information or to make reservations, call 945-5480.

out on some sort of label. We want to meet as many people across the country as possible and play as many shows as we can."

Sparks the Rescue will visit the University of Maine on April 14 to film a music video for their song, "Nurse! Nurse!" "It's our 'hit,' apparently, or at least the song we're pushing," McMorrow said. While they're here, they'll stop into WMEB for an in-studio show and interview. Those interested in hearing a preview before Bumstock can listen in April 14 from 7-8 p.m. Bumstock director Andrew Gerke calls the radio show "a chance to do more with Bumstock." Gerke hopes events like these will get students excited for the April 22 concert.

Sparks the Rescue has only a two-song demo to sell at the moment, but McMorrow said they'll be returning to the studio in early July to record for a fall release. The band has two songs available for streaming at their Web site: <http://www.myspace.com/sparks-therescue>.

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guitar and lacked sufficient stage presence. Several jokes he told at the start of his performance went over like brick frisbees.

The first four acts had no shortage of fans, and each act had their share of musical persona. However, The Project lasted too long and there seemed to be an uneven rift between the audience, who mainly wanted to see their friends play, and the performers, some who seemed to be asking too hard to be taken too seriously. The judges, one of whom was known as Simon from "American Idol" for his sarcastic manner, didn't do much to close this rift, though they certainly did help to reflect it. The event was just a college show, after all, so was there much to even reflect on? The winners ended up being Ryan Quigley, Megan Mathieu and Glosoli, who will be performing at the finals.

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bubble gum pop girls out front singing their lyrics, and a bunch of tough guys in the back breaking each other's noses," said Simcock.

McAllister said the band is looking forward to playing some shows outside of Maine, where the band may convert new fans. "We're doing a month-long tour in May/June in which we are going to Florida and back, playing almost every single night," he said.

The band is taking a big step in the near future and making the band the focus of their lives. According to McAllister, they're all dropping out of school to play music full-time. Although they range in age from 18 to 20 years old, McAllister says he's confident with the decision. "We want to be touring as much as possible and eventually have a record put

# Wrestler Robinson is one 'fine' athlete

By Joel Crabtree  
Copy Editor

"The Finely Tuned Athletic Machine Luke Robinson, ladies and gentleman," commissioner Matthew T. Michaels yells as Robinson walks out during intermission to sell his FTAM shirts. Robinson, outside of the ring, dresses in collared shirts and dress pants, a far cry from his in-ring attire, which consists of tight, silver spandex shorts that read "FTAM" with a thunderbolt splitting the acronym.

Robinson, a 21-year old business major at the University of Southern Maine, along with his longtime friend and fellow NWH wrestler Casey Duncan, pack up their gear and drive from Portland to Old Town — over 140

miles — every Thursday to put on a show for the NWH fans. When the show gets over around 9:30 p.m., the two help take down the ring with the rest of the wrestlers, grab a leftover hotdog from the concession stand, and head back to USM on another 140 mile drive.

In high school, Robinson played every sport available to him. Once he discovered his passion for wrestling, he and his friends would get together and make wrestling videos of themselves, but he wasn't just a backyard wrestler or high school kid messing around. Robinson was interested in learning the techniques of professional wrestling.

Robinson sent his tapes to Tony Atlas, a former World Wrestling Entertainment tag team champion and current local wrestling promoter, who trained him to live out his dream. Through Atlas, he met contacts from the NWH and decided to make the most out of the opportunity.

His nickname, The Finely Tuned Athletic Machine, was a joke from the movie "The Water Boy." "There's one line where [Adam Sandler] says 'I'm in a finely tuned athletic machine,'" Robinson said. "It just fit. It sounds cocky, but I can pick up any sport and be good at it. It's based on my natural athleticism and being naturally coordinated." and being naturally coordinated."

Luke Robinson  
The Finely Tuned Athletic Machine

Robinson understands that professional wrestling is a business. He is a showman, who promotes himself as much as he works on his wrestling. He likes to cover all aspects of the business, including merchandise. He has 8x10 photos that he autographs and sells, T-shirts that read "FTAM: Finely Tuned Athletic Machine," his nickname, and he meets and greets the fans during the show's intermission.

Robinson has described his wrestling style as a combination of solid technical and lively skills with an older, showier appearance. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound Robinson displays energy when

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MOVE WITH THE MUSIC — American-born Cuban artist Pablo Menendez talks about his experience in the Cuban Music scene, and shows videos by other Cuban artists.

## Cuban-based musician shares music, experiences

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

Instead of discussing United States-Cuban relations through words, Pablo Menendez did it through sound.

The Cuban musician visited the University of Maine with a presentation entitled, "A Walk Between Two Worlds" on Monday afternoon in the North Pod of Memorial Union.

Menendez's presentation focused on different styles of Cuban music ranging from hip-hop to jazz and rock.

The presentation, which was attended by more than 50 people, gave insight into how Cubans feel about different world issues.

During the course of the presentation, Menendez would play videos from different artists and talk about their meaning.

One song about which Menendez went into great discussion was about the United States' involvement in war. The song and video were composed by a Cuban youth who described what he has seen and read. One of the images showed the Statue of Liberty

holding a pistol instead of a torch.

Before playing to the crowd, Menendez showed the crowd a video of his band, Mezcla. The word is Spanish for mixture which, according to Menendez, incorporates the different sounds that his band possesses.

The video shows Menendez cycling around his neighborhood putting up fliers to promote the band's concert. During the time the video was made, bicycles became important in Cuba due to a shortage of oil.

After he stopped showing videos, Menendez played Irving Berlin's "Cuba," a song that caught a few people off guard. Berlin wrote the song during the prohibition era in the 1920s. The lyrics entailed going to Cuba to find some of the finest rum available.

When he was done with the Berlin song, he performed a Cuban song that drew its roots from blues.

Although he was born in North America, Menendez comes from a Cuban background and is the only person from the United States to be living and working in Cuba.

While working between the two countries, he has played with musicians such as Carlos Santana.

scouts, and then working on getting a developmental contract with the WWE. "I definitely have a set path, and within two years I want to get that accomplished," he said.

"I think that having the athletic background, the academic background, I can use all of those tools to distinguish myself from just some guy who dropped out of high school and wants to be a wrestler," Robinson said.

"He has enough to make it a lot bigger than what we do here in Old Town," said NWH promoter Matthew T. Michaels. "I wouldn't be surprised in two or three years to see him on TV on a national level."

Michaels described Robinson as charismatic. "Luke has got a lot of the x-factor. He can wrestle, the crowd loves him, very talented, good on the mike. He has good ring psychology."

Although acknowledging Michaels' assessment of him, Robinson would say 'eclectic' is a better way to characterize himself. He enjoys all kinds of movies, relishing the Lord of the Rings trilogy. He even listens to country music, but he says his key to life is: "I don't limit myself, and I think that's what makes me different and dynamic."

## Students make preparations for exhibition opening Friday

By Damon Griffin  
Staff Reporter

Carnegie Hall will host the 2006 Student Art Exhibition from April 7 to May 4. The opening reception is on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., in conjunction with an awards ceremony for the art on display.

For this event, the second student art exhibit this school year, around 100 works from over 60 artists will be displayed. Mediums include painting, drawing and photography, as well as three-dimensional works of sculpture and new media, amongst others. All the art on display has been juried; so the show has come about by way of highly selective process; the art is meant to represent the highest achievements of university art majors this spring. The subject matter of each work may be elaborate, such as figure drawings, serene and reflective, such as landscape paintings and serious-minded, such as political reflection. The first floor of Carnegie will be largely occupied by massive installations and

large-scale paintings, while the second floor will contain mostly photography and smaller paintings, drawings and installations.

The awards ceremony on the opening evening is no standard procedure; students will be honored with cash awards, travel awards and scholarships.

In their official campus announcement, the Department of Art states that the campus community, along with friends and family, are all welcome to the opening. The event is free and food will be included as one of the many refreshing aspects of this exhibit. For more information, MaJo Kelesian or Laurie Hicks may be contacted on FirstClass.

The season has arrived when we should truly consider our opportunities. There is only a month left of school and even less than that amount of time to look at some diverse and highly interesting student art. Are you going to spend the time sleeping, partying and worrying about finals, or are you going to take a day off to hear what some emerging voices in the art world have to say?

Opening  
5 p.m. Friday  
Until May 4

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Gerwitz, which provides strong dialogue throughout and many opportunities for the actors to show their chops.

The film has the advantage of sticking out from other standard thrillers merely by the virtues of its director, the often controversial Spike Lee. Lee's name power generates an interest that the film may not carry with a lesser filmmaker. He doesn't waste our hopes, however, but delivers a jarring surprise to those familiar with his work; a rather standard and commercially viable film.

"Inside Man" doesn't have the directness and power of some of Lee's best films, such as the racially driven "Do the Right Thing" or the more recent and unrelenting "25th Hour," but it delivers sheer and undeniable entertainment value. Lee affords himself various deviations away from the plot that lead to enjoyable moments. In one scene the wandering eyes of Frazier's partner Detective Bill Mitchell, played by newcomer Chiwetel Ejiofor, get the two detectives reprimanded by a former hostage. Another scene between Owen's character and a young Bronx child serves as a public service announcement about violent video games.

Lee, known for dealing with racial issues in his films, doesn't make race the focus, but there is some commentary throughout. There is a Sikh hostage who is angered when he is called an Arab and treated as if he robbed the bank, in spite of his obvious victim status.

There will undoubtedly be a backlash against Lee for his departure from controversial filmmaking, but there is something undeniably enjoyable about watching an acclaimed director who is able to take on a commercial project and cause the material to shine.

In this film, director Lee has taken relatively shallow subject matter and transformed it into something that is far more enjoyable than it should be. While "Inside Man" may not have the depth of his earlier works, it is a polished and entertaining excursion for director Lee, and one that he need not apologize for.

## BAGS

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a convenient and safe way of carrying.

While you can buy medicine bags everywhere now, I strongly recommend making your own. Medicine bags are, and have always been, intimately connected to the carrier, and if you believe your charm is more than just a comforting presence — i.e., you actually think it brings you luck, inner strength, etc — then making the medicine bag you use will only intensify your connection to the object and to the vessel you make for it.

There are tons of resources and

patterns for making these bags online. You can knit your bag, make it from leather or fabric, bead it or leave it plain. Research the different styles — drawstring, button-closed, and more — and pick the one that will work best for you. Or, if you don't feel like you're quite up to the challenge of making it all from scratch, go to A.C. Moore and pick up a kit to start with. They're inexpensive and come in a variety of patterns and sizes.

Whether you feel the need to have some valerian and an agate stone near you to help keep yourself calm, or you just need something to carry your old rabbit's foot in, the now-trendy medicine bag is a comfortable, meaningful way to transport your totems.

## FINE

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wrestling, but also does not forget the showman aspect of the business. His hair is gelled to perfection, he takes time to pose for fans on a regular basis, and he feeds off of the fan's participation.

"It's like acting. You're trying to get your name out there so other people can recognize you, so you can branch out and network from there, so hopefully you can find a break and make it big," Robinson said.

Making it big is exactly what Robinson has in mind. He turned down a spot with the WWE developmental league in order to finish his education at USM, but plans on training with the wrestling after graduation. "Wrestling is a very realistic goal for me. My goal is to be in the WWE within two years. I want to be right there," Robinson said.

Robinson said that being in the NWH has given him a lot of experience working in front of crowds and on his abilities. He wants the NWH to serve as a springboard for bigger and better things. He plans on getting some good matches on tape, sending them to

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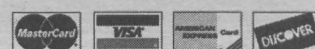
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## Horoscopes

By Julianne Siegfried

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

You have good intuition today, Aries. Listen to your gut, it will guide you well. What you think you should do is not always what you want to do. Only you know what will make you happy.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You're a bit sensitive today, Taurus. Don't let those little things get you down. Tomorrow, when your head is clear, you'll realize that it wasn't worth it. Lean on a friend if you need to.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You will be a peacemaker today, Gemini. You offer good advice to those around you. You also have good insight regarding an issue at school or work. People will notice this and seek your guidance.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is quite stressful for you, Cancer. You have a lot going on and very little time to get it done. Stick with it, relief is just around the corner.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Things just don't seem to be going your way today, Leo. People may not be able to see your abilities for what they are. Try to spend as much time as possible with people who appreciate you.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You will want to pull your hair out today, Virgo. People just won't listen and they may seem a tad on the mean side. Do that thing you do to calm down and relax. You'll need it.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You'll be split today, Libra. Those around you will not want to share you or your time. There isn't a right answer but there are ways to make it worse, so do your best to get through it.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Good news, Scorpio, life is about to slow down a little for you. Take this opportunity to start a hobby or take time doing something you truly enjoy.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It's time to pick things up a bit, Sagittarius. You are beginning to take this leisure thing a little too far. If you don't put in the hard work now, you'll regret it later.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Romance is in the air, Capricorn! Plan something special with the one you love or agree to go on that blind date your friends have been trying to set you up with. Tonight is the night!

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

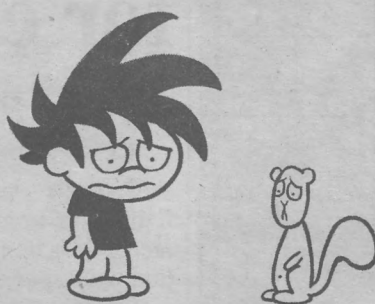
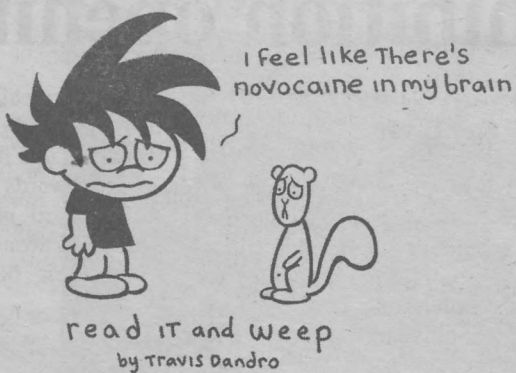
Loved ones will try your patience today, Aquarius. It may be time to take a breather and take some time for you. You will be rejuvenated and be in much better spirits tomorrow.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your finances are good, Pisces. Take advantage of it and splurge a little. Offer to take a friend out to dinner or do a little shopping. You can afford it and your friend will appreciate the break.

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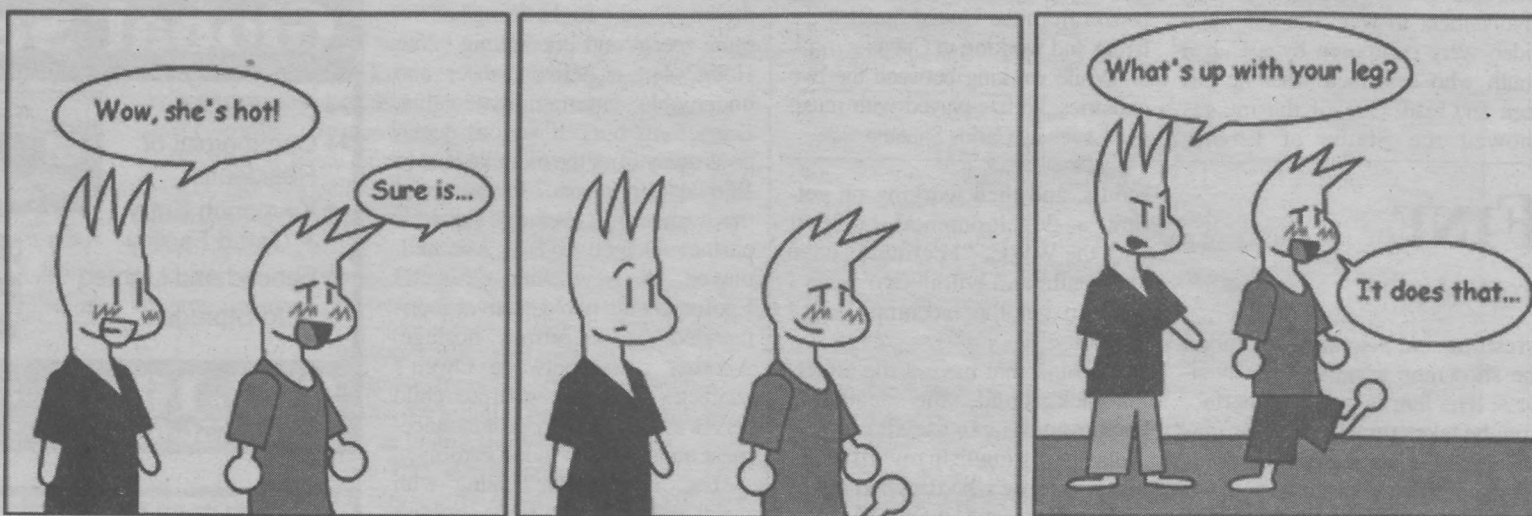
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# Unsolved mysteries, sketchy allegations

I have a confession to make. I woke up this morning with absolutely no idea what I was going to write about this week. I was at a loss. I spent a huge part of today, which, right now, is Monday, with that fact lurking in the back of my mind, teasing me.

"You have no idea," it said, sounding eerily like the Emperor from "Star Wars." "You've got nothing and when the time comes, you'll be staring at a blank computer screen for hours! Mwahahaha!"

I'm not sure why it enjoyed the thought of me wasting time as much as it did, but hey - whatever floats the boat. It's not that I was without ideas, really, but that they all struck me as being patently lame.

All was not lost, though. Having almost given up, I headed out to get some dinner. It was then that inspiration hit me. I walked in the door and saw a stack of the Campus just lying there - calling to me.

"Read us," they said, sounding much too much like a horny Elisha Cuthbert, never mind, than I was immediately comfortable with. "Read us. We can help."

How could I resist?

It turned out to be worth it. I hadn't even picked one up yet when I knew I had my inspiration. My muse, as it was: "McNaughton Faces Sexual Allegations."

I checked to see if I was sitting in a beam of light. It was too good to be true. Sure, making fun of people is one thing, but actual scandal? The student body president? Non-consensual oral sex? Are you kidding me?

Now, this is still a pending process and before I continue, I have to say that no one has been found guilty of anything. As far as what's been made public thus far says, it's strictly an allegation and statistics say that a large number of such allegations prove ultimately false.

There are so many things I could say here, it's ridiculous. The limitations of time and available space prevent me from writing a book, so let's make this quick:

1) What the hell?

The allegations are sketchy at best. Reading the account of the unnamed victim makes



Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

McNaughton look like a predator, and her look like an idiot. There are so many solid questions attached to this: Why did it take three or four days to make a report? Why initially withhold the alleged offenders name?

"Referendums make me sooooo horny!"

2) Non-consensual oral sex?

This is a term I've never understood. It would seem to me that forcing someone to engage in this activity would be difficult. Let's all be adults here for a second. It's tough enough to get that to happen on a consensual basis. She might have politely refused his offer, but after he made a motion to reconsider a hasty action, they moved forward. After all, it worked for the activity fee increase.

3) Suspension?

By all means, correct me if I'm wrong, but it appears to me that McNaughton hasn't actually been found "guilty" of a crime. Granted, there were hearings by the Student Conduct Code Committee, but if this took place then it is a serious crime that needs to be handled by authorities beyond the university. Words like suspension, impeachment and the like are now being tossed around freely and it seems to me that something is amiss. Now, I'm not a big fan of student government as a whole or several of those involved in it as individuals. It seems, though, that a simple accusation shouldn't be enough to warrant actions like that until they can be proved. It's bad enough that accusations of this sort are all it takes to ruin people in normal society. Let's try to be a little more level-headed here. We're supposed to be smart.

If all it takes is accusations though, then, well, I have another confession. I had non-consensual sex with the whole of student government and that's why I'm so bitter. I look forward to seeing them all suspended.

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BY JULIANNE SIEGFRIEDT

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## CELTICS CORNER

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

A funny thing happened Saturday night. Despite living on campus, I got to watch the Boston Celtics. See, the Green were matched up with the Chicago Bulls. Since we get WGN, Chicago's local affiliate, I got to enjoy the contest between two of the NBA's brightest young teams.

I stumbled on the game as the second half was getting underway and the Celtics had a seven-point lead. The next two quarters would turn out to be a microcosm of Boston's entire season.

It was easy to see that Paul Pierce was off. He hadn't scored since the first quarter and wasn't taking many shots. The ones he did throw up were off the mark.

Still, the Truth had racked up a bunch of assists and Boston was still rolling. Then Kirk Hinrich got hot and momentum started to shift. He scored something like 12 points in the third, and it was okay for a while because the Celts were answering his buckets. Then, on successive possessions, sharpshooter Delonte West missed open three-pointers and I had a sinking feeling that this was going down the tubes.

The Bulls forced a bad Celtics turnover and buried a three to tie it up at the end of the third. The Celtics stormed back to take a double-digit lead with about six minutes left, only to blow it again. They couldn't hit anything in the final minutes and would end up losing 100-94. It was the second time in as many weekends that the Celtics had blown a double-digit lead to Chicago.

For many people, Saturday's loss meant the end of the playoffs and the beginning of wondering about the draft. But since I don't get to see these guys that much, I was just stunned that they managed to give away the game. I shouldn't have been;

they've now lost 18 games by four points or less. That game is what the 2005-06 Boston Celtics are all about.

They've got a ton of talent, and that's what gets them these early leads. But they're young, oh-so-young and inexperienced. They don't know how to win. They endure excruciating loss after loss. These two losses to the Bulls and the two final possession losses to Gilbert Arenas and the Washington Wizards leap to mind as the most heart-wrenching and those are only four of the 18 close losses and 43 overall.

Fans and players alike are asking, "now what?" Hopefully, the Celts' young guns are learning to win. It'd help if Al Jefferson could get healthy. He's been plagued by injuries throughout his sophomore season and it's preventing Doc Rivers from trying out all the combinations he wants to so he can find the best rotation for next year.

That's what it's about now: Finding that prized rotation for next year. The Celtics should add a stud in free agency who will automatically change the rotation, but right now Rivers has to find the chemistry. Does Ryan Gomes play better with Jefferson or Kendrick Perkins? Which one of the three young stallions ends up playing the sixth man role, and making sure it's the right guy, will be a huge key for Boston's success next season.

That rotation also has to balance offense and defense so that the Celtics aren't susceptible to these late come-from-behind losses. Because at the end of the day, they are the reason Boston finds itself thinking about the fall rotation rather than preparing for a fifth-straight playoff appearance.

## LACROSSE

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raised \$6,500 through fundraisers in order to fund their trips and buy new gear. They recently spent \$3,500 on new helmets for the players and are hopeful that they will receive funding for new jerseys.

UMaine hosted their first game of the season against Framingham State on Sunday. The Black Bears started the season off on a good foot by defeating the Rams 7-1. Junior Mark Ross and senior Brett Ferry lead the team with two goals each, Ross scoring one in the first and third quarters and Ferry in the second and third. Freshman Josh Delcourt scored during the second. Sophomore Mike Capen and senior Neil Kasper finished the game with a goal each in the fourth. Senior president and captain Tim Taylor had 12 saves while in goal.

"I had no idea what to expect going into the game," said Taylor.

UMaine's numbers have been rising significantly since they recently organized themselves and joined PCLL. "We used to have tops 11-12 kids," said Taylor. Taylor said there was a lack of commitment in the previous years. There are currently around 30 players on the lacrosse roster. The rising interest by players and acceptance into the PCLL has

Taylor highly optimistic that this season will lead to their approval into Division A of the league in the near future.

Until then the team is scheduled to play on upcoming weekends. April 8 and 9, the team is traveling to Connecticut to play a doubleheader against New Haven and Central Conn, and again two weeks after to Mass to play Framingham State and Salem State.

*"If we keep at the rate we are, we'll be in good shape for the upcoming games. We don't know what to expect though, since we just joined the league. It's a learning experience."*

Derek Pike  
UM men's lacrosse club

"If we keep at the rate we are, we'll be in good shape for the upcoming games," said sophomore Derek Pike. "We don't know what to expect though, since we just joined the league. It's a learning experience."

## MARK

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Black Bears and Badgers.

"He's like a surrogate grandfather. He represents a reference you can always go back to," said Wisconsin head coach Mike Eaves.

UMaine captain Greg Moore added that Standbrook's subtle advice is often exactly what players need to get to their games going, while coach Tim Whitehead noted his constant presence over the years.

"He's sort of the link between

[late UMaine] coach [Shawn] Walsh and myself and some alumni. It's amazing when people come in who are linked to Grant and just feel like a part of the program," said Whitehead.

Perhaps Standbrook's biggest contribution is in how he teaches his players to act off of the ice. In recruits, he looks for strong character and he continues to preach that throughout their years in college hockey.

It's most evident in those traits that brought UMaine and Wisconsin here to Milwaukee: their discipline and their depth. Men of character are responsible for their actions, and

The team will be eligible to play in the PCLL tournament on April 29 and 30 depending on their record this season. Four out of the five teams in the league will participate. Due to the small number of games, their entrance is fully dependent on their performance.

In order to participate more competitively though, the team needs more funding. The club is not currently recognized by the Student Senate as a club due to a paperwork issue which is restricting them from receiving needed funds. On April 11, the Student Senate will either approve or disapprove their club status.

In September, Taylor requested that their club be recognized by the Student Senate, but it's mandatory that all groups wait 15 weeks after submission before going up for approval.

"When they get their final approval, they will be eligible for funds," said vice president of Student Organizations Teagan Thibodeau.

Thibodeau said that requests for funding are approved on the basis of the organization's merit.

Taylor hopes to host a midweek tournament this season with other Maine lacrosse teams, including Maine Maritime Academy, Thomas College and Unity College. UMaine has already scrimmaged against MMA and Thomas College before the PCLL season started.

you'll find no two teams with more responsible forwards in the defensive zone than these Badgers and Black Bears. It's a testament to the way their programs were fathered and it's no coincidence that it emanates at one man.

Who will triumph tonight is anybody's guess. Both teams will bring intensity and mistake-free hockey, and will play the game in its purest form.

And behind the UMaine bench, win or lose, a white haired gentleman will smile knowing that his two favorite sons have authored such a beautiful display of the coolest game on Earth.

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# Team capsules for the Frozen Four



## Wisconsin Badgers

28-10-3, Midwest champions

**Key Players:** Joe Pavelski (23-30=53), Robbie Earl (21-25=46), Jack Skille (13-7=20).

**Top goalie:** Brian Elliot, 25-5-3, 1.55 GAA, .938

**Strengths:** The Badgers are the strongest defensive

team in the country.

**Weaknesses:** Can lapse into scoring lulls.

**The Skinny:** Wisconsin has the crowd on its side and the talent to win it all. It'll take disciplined, opportunistic hockey to beat them.



## Maine Black Bears

28-11-2, East champions

**Key Players:** Greg Moore (28-16=44), Josh Soares (15-25=40), Michel Leveille (15-24=39).

**Top goalie:** Ben Bishop, 21-7-2, 2.22 GAA, .908

**Strengths:** UMaine has the deepest, most experienced

team in Milwaukee.

**Weaknesses:** Prone to taking periods off, soft goals.

**The Skinny:** Led by their seniors, the Black Bears have shown a will to win that could carry them if they get some bounces.



## Boston College Eagles

25-12-3, Northeast champions

**Key Players:** Chris Collins (31-30=61), Brian Boyle (22-30=52).

**Top goalie:** Cory Schneider, 23-12-2, 2.03 GAA, .930

**Strengths:** The Eagles have great goaltending and a

phenomenal top line.

**Weaknesses:** Lack of scoring beyond the first line.

**The Skinny:** BC dominated Miami and BU in regional play and has hit its stride at the perfect time.



## North Dakota Sioux

29-15-1, West champions

**Key Players:** Drew Stafford (24-23=47), T.J. Oshie (24-21=45).

**Top goalie:** Jordan Parise, 24-8-1, 2.08 GAA, .933

**Strengths:** UND has the most seasoned goaltender

and is red hot right now.

**Weaknesses:** Inexperience. UND has six 30-point scorers: five are underclassmen.

**The Skinny:** North Dakota is beatable if you can get to Parise. But that's a big "if."

## HOT

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able to win their last two games against Stony Brook, placing them in a tie for second with the University of Maryland - Baltimore County. Perennial conference powerhouse Albany leads the conference with a 3-0 record.

UMaine's attempt at sweeping the series ran into a bit of trouble during the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

Heading into the fourth inning, the Black Bears were holding a 3-2 lead until the Seawolves tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom half of the frame.

Stony Brook eventually took the lead when they scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to win the game 5-3.

"It's plain and simple," Grimm said. "We have to get the bat on the ball and move runners around. When we do that, we will be successful."

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Black Bears used freshman starlet Jenna Balent, who pitched a two-hit shutout en route to UMaine's 3-0 win. Aside from limiting the Seawolves to only three baserunners all game, Balent struck out seven batters.

The Black Bears' offense was powered by the duo of Brittany Cheney and Ashley Waters. Waters went 3-for-3 as she came in on a groundout by Cheney, giving UMaine a 1-0 lead. The next time Waters was at the plate, she tripled to lead off the inning. Cheney followed with a single to give UMaine a 2-0 lead. The final run was driven in by Molly McKinney for the 3-0 lead.

Sunday's finale saw UMaine squeak out a 1-0 victory.

The lone run came when shortstop Brittany Cheney scored off a fielding error at third base.

Similar to her start on Saturday, Balent's performance was a major key in UMaine's victory as she held Stony Brook to another two-hit shutout.

Besides receiving the merits of a two-win weekend, Balent was named the conference pitcher of the week.

As a staff, we have worked hard on our mental aspect of the game, as well as playing together as a team," said Balent, who is second on the team in wins with eight. "We have worked together to fix any miscommunications and staying focused for the entire game."

UMaine's series against the Catamounts will start on Saturday at noon.

This season, Vermont is 10-13 with a 1-2 conference record. Despite their record, the Catamounts have one of the conference's best arms in Aimee Kern. This season, Kern is in the top three in ERA, opposing batting average and strikeouts.

Vermont's conference opener came against last year's conference title winners, Boston University. The Catamounts dropped the first two games of the series, but bounced back to win the final game 5-4.

"Our goals are high and it is about pursuing hard work and not looking too far down the road," said head coach Stacey Sullivan. "Starting when we were in Florida our mindset became to look at the opponent in front of us not the ones after."

## UMAINE

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the-pack teams. One through five could be in any order.

"They are a scrappy team, they always have been," said Barrett.

Including UMBC in that mix of five teams, Trimper has no doubt that the Black Bears can get to pitchers Jon Pavlis, Tom Schlein, Zach Clark and Tim Comiskey. What he hopes to see out of his Black Bears is an improved effort from the pitching department.

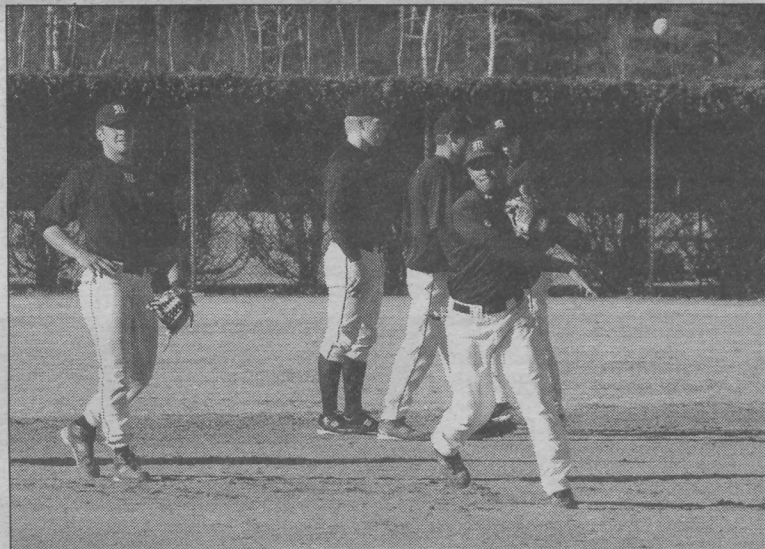
"For us to do well, we need to pitch well," said Trimper. "We need [Troy] Martin to step up a notch and [Scott] Robinson to step up a notch. We're not getting the complete package. We're not looking for strikeouts or no-hitters, we're looking for a little consistency."

In the past two weeks, UMaine has shored up some of their pitching woes, dropping their team ERA from 7.49 to 6.14. They have also seen their earned run totals and hits per game go down. Trimper, however, feels that success will arrive when the walk totals come down.

"I am not concerned about how many hits we give up, but we do walk guys and that puts a lot of pressure on the defense," said Trimper. "If you are going to walk guys, you better be striking a lot of guys out. That's the bottom line. You can't do both."

The Black Bears are led on the mound by senior Scott Robinson, who is 3-2 and has three saves. Robinson's problem has been his ERA which comes in at 7.45.

"We really need to cut down on our walks and leaving the ball up; that is the biggest problem right now," said Martin. "We are too wor-



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SPRING STEP — A UMaine player takes some fielding practice last week at Mahaney Diamond.

ried about giving the walks so now our balls are getting fat and thigh high."

Martin did say the Black Bears have gotten lots of help from young hurlers like Nolan Boike and Mike Powers. Both Boike and Powers are undefeated. Powers has one win, while Boike has three.

At the plate, the Black Bears are the exact opposite. In fact, they have yet to expose any holes offensively. Anchored by Curt Smith, who is batting .429 with 24 RBI, UMaine has recorded a .326 team batting average.

"Curt is Curt; he is always going to do his thing," said Barrett. "You're not surprised by anything he does."

UMaine will also look to get production from heavy-hitting Ryan Quintal, Matt McGraw, Barrett and freshman Kevin McAvoy. McAvoy has been one of the biggest highlights on the season as he has knocked in 31 RBI to lead the team.

"Health-wise, the Black Bears are still awaiting a decision from Greg

Norton on whether or not he will red-shirt because of an injury.

"We are going to toy with the idea of sitting him for the year and bringing him back next year," said Trimper. "We might have to for the good of him and the team. Instead of having him 80 percent, we'd rather have Norton 100 percent for the whole year."

"That's really the tough decision we are making right now. It really is his decision."

During the week, Quintal and McAvoy were named America East Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week respectively. Quintal batted .668 with 10 runs and eight RBI in four games. He spearheaded the Black Bears near a school record of 26 runs on Saturday against UMES. McAvoy batted .350 for UMaine and had team high nine RBIs. It was the third time he has earned the honor.

The Black Bears throw out the first pitch in the four game series Friday at 7 p.m.





## RED SOX CORNER

By James MacKay  
For The Maine Campus

There is a lot of speculation about the 2006 Boston Red Sox. Many people question whether or not they can compete with the New York Yankees. There isn't one starter from last season's infield who is still starting, and the Sox lost two Boston fan favorites in Johnny Damon and Bronson Arroyo. Baseball fans may also be questioning Manny Ramirez's dedication to the team and whether or not the starting rotation can contend in the AL.

A 7-3 win over the Texas Rangers on opening day may have silenced Boston's critics. Curt Schilling looked like the Schilling of old as he cruised through seven innings of great pitching. Curt had five strikeouts and 79 strikes off 117 pitches in seven innings of solid pitching on Monday. He looked like the Curt Schilling of 2004 as he hit speeds of 97 and 98 mph with some of his fastballs. The confidence we saw two years ago appears to be back with the 39-year-old right-hander.

As good as Schilling was, Boston's bats seemed to be the story on opening day. "Big Papi" David Ortiz was back to his old ways as he went 3-5 with three RBIs, one home run, and a double. Captain Jason Varitek went 2-4 with two RBIs and a double. As good as the veteran Red Sox were, the new additions seemed to be fitting right into place as well. Newcomer second-baseman Mark Loretta hit an RBI double in the top of the fifth inning and

third-baseman Mike Lowell hit a solo home run in the top of the eighth inning. In fact, eight of the nine starting batters for the Red Sox had at least one hit as Boston cruised to an opening day win.

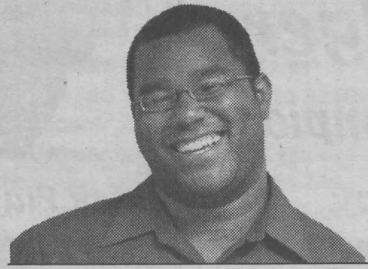
After last season ended on such a down note, it was good to see Boston start off fresh on opening day.

In 2005, Boston ace Curt Schilling spent two and a half months on the disabled list from a bruised ankle. After his recovery, he came back as a closer and finished 8-8 with nine saves and an ERA of 5.67. Schilling was obviously looking to start off 2006 on a good note and he clearly did that with his impressive performance on Monday.

Boston winning 7-3 on Monday wasn't the only interesting story coming out of Ameritrust Field in Arlington, Texas. According to a story on Major League Baseball's Web site, former Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens met with Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein for about 45 minutes on Monday afternoon. Clemens has given some indications of retiring but if he decides to come back, Boston is one of the four teams he would consider. The Texas Rangers, Houston Astros and New York Yankees are the other three teams the Rocket has thought about returning with.

Boston continued their series against the Rangers and then travel to Baltimore for a set against the Orioles over the weekend.

## Florida's Noah brings home national title, should bring glory to an NBA team



By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Celtics just found another reason to lose all their games for the rest of the season.

That reason is two words — Joakim Noah.

Heading into this tournament, not too many people knew who he was. Unless you really followed Florida Gator basketball, or better yet, tennis — because of Noah's father — there was a chance that most did not know Joakim Noah existed.

Something tells me that has changed.

Just in case you didn't see the national title game, here's what you missed.

Besides leading his team in points and rebounds, Noah set a tournament record for most blocks in a game. Not those blocks where he nips it with his fingers, but the ones where he palms the ball.

The kind of blocks that any team named the Celtics or Knicks could really use around this time of year.

Although Noah is a sopho-

more, it would be a safe bet to say that if he decided to go pro, maybe, just maybe, he would be a Top Five pick.

There are so many things that make this guy great. It's not just his 6-foot-11 frame. It's not just his shot blocking ability or the fact that he is a great ball

And usually, they made their shot.

Those shots were not anything spectacular, but they were dunks or easy jumpers. What made them so great was the fact they came as a result of a team working together with intelligent players like Noah.

Whenever UCLA used a press, and Noah had the ball, can anyone think of a big man able to run the court with the ball without looking awkward?

Exactly. It's something that doesn't happen too often.

The last time any of us witnessed a player Noah's size doing this well was some guy by the name of Tim Duncan.

Wasn't Duncan projected to go to the Celtics? Didn't he go to San Antonio and win NBA titles?

This time last year, everyone was singing Andrew Bogut's praises for being this dominant force in the paint. Yet nobody was singing his praises for his ability to make good decisions. That is what separates one draft pick from being a flop or a franchise player.

That's the truth.

Speaking of which, here's a decision bad teams should have no trouble making — to keep losing to get the first pick in the draft.

Why?

Because getting a big man with great hands and a smart mind always wins games, and usually championships. And if anything, that is the real truth.

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handler. It's something else.

It's the fact that Noah understands the concept of team basketball.

Having talent is great. Talent is not enough. If it was, Paul Pierce or loud mouth Stephon Marbury would be Bill Russell. Any person who wants to become great at anything needs intelligence.

Intelligence is something Noah and his entire Gators team displayed on Monday night.

When the clock started ticking down from three minutes, Florida continuously looked to pass the ball and run out the clock. Unless there was five seconds left or a really, really good open look, they always shot.

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# Frozen Four full of stories

By Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

MILWAUKEE — Opposed to popular belief, freshman netminder Ben Bishop's height is not the greatest story involving the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad this postseason.

Yeah, I am telling you the truth.

Don't believe those big, bruising national media types that spent all day here in Milwaukee thinking ways to talk about Ben's 6-7 frame.

They're wrong on this one. Way wrong, I promise.

There are a host of different storylines that the pundits can attach to but for some reason this one has been predetermined as the story of the century. Sorry, Milwaukee State Journal. I don't care about Big Ben's daunting height.

Need a story?

Here's a few. Michel Leveille fought off near-season ending injury to return and led UMaine in final weeks of regular season. Greg Moore emerged as easily one of the best players in the country. Seniors collect team together after an atrocious off-ice incident with another athlete. Matt Lundin propelling Bishop to a higher level. And those aren't even all of them. My point is simple. The reason the Black Bears are here is not because their starting goalie from the Midwest grew as high as three corn stalks in a Missouri cornfield. No, the Black Bears are playing for their third national championship in history tonight because they embody every meaning of the word "team".

They are aggressive, talented, deep, hungry but most importantly, they are convinced that they can do something special. And this trait goes a long way in hiding some of their glaring faults.

All season, head coach Tim Whitehead has said how special this team is. From the get-go the unpredictable Whitehead ensured everyone that the only sure bet about the Black Bears was that they were capable of performing some magic at the end of the year. For those who watched the team emerge from their first-half slumber, they saw it to. UMaine possessed the most important qualities: the desire to finish a goal as a squad. Maybe it came from their impeccable senior leadership. Or maybe it was because of the way the Black Bears had completed their last two postseasons in heartbreaking fashion. Whatever it was the squad entered with a different look in their eyes. And while it has appeared off and on all year, it was in commanding presence during Wednesday's press conference. While the local media rattled off questions about the difficulty of playing in Wisconsin's home state, the Black Bears held the secret. They weren't concerned with the little factors which clog the minds of us media folk. In their eyes there stood a purpose. The players had the look of a team that knew they were two wins away from glory. And their will was going to carry them there.

Whatever happens tonight, I will relish in the fact that this team got it right. Whether they were playing poorly or at the top of their game, the Black Bears believed in themselves and one another. And of course, they also thought Bishop was gigantic.



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PRESSING ISSUE — From left: Greg Moore, Steve Mullin, Michel Leveille and Coach Tim Whitehead answer questions during a press conference on Wednesday. The Black Bears will hit the ice tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Bradley Center. (Bottom) Coach Tim Whitehead practices along with his players at the Bradley Center.

## BADGERS

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Whitehead says this experience is nothing new for the Black Bears.

"We've been there before," said Whitehead. "But hey, in 2004 we were able to beat BC in Boston and we played very well in the other games. We know it's possible, though, because we beat BC in Boston. That gives us some confidence."

The Black Bears have played in the home state of their postseason opponents for the past five years. Combined with the victory over Boston College in 2004, UMaine has lost to Minnesota in 2002 and 2005 and Michigan in 2003.

"It's good; it's kind of an us-against-the-world mentality," said Jankus. "Any team loves that. And a lot of people love cheering for the underdog."

"Obviously, it's nice to play in front of your home fans, but we can't make excuses this weekend."

Fourth-line forward Rob Bellamy feels the location won't matter if the team sticks to their game plan.

"We just got to stick together as a team," said Bellamy. "It's going to be us against the building. It's happened to us a lot this year. It's just like going into UNH or something. I think we should be fine."

"At this point, the event is so huge that it doesn't matter where you play, you are going to get pumped up," said Leveille. "The positive on the side is that the place is going to be sold out and playing in front of a sell out is great."

UMaine was granted the date with Wisconsin after an authoritative run through the NCAA East Regional where they beat Harvard and Michigan State.

"I think down the stretch here we have been playing our best hockey," said UMaine forward Keith Johnson. "That's kind of a trademark for Maine hockey. That's what the tradition does here. We play our best down the stretch."

Continuing that impressive run will be imperative if the squad wishes to unseat the Tournament's No. 1 seed Wisconsin. The Badgers, who are composed of one of the deepest teams in the country, enter the contest coming off a triple overtime victory against Wisconsin, and a 4-0 shutout of Bemidji State.

"Yes, we are prepared for Wisconsin," said Whitehead.

"We know some of their general tendencies. But you know, they can make some adjustments like we might. So in the end, the key is going to be who executes their systems the best and that is what we are putting the most emphasis on."

Wisconsin, anchored by renowned head coach Mike Eaves, were 28-10-3 and 17-8-3 in the WCHA. Buoyed by a lethal front line of forwards, the Badgers have a 3.37 goals against average per game. On top of the offensive heap for Wisconsin are Joe Pavelski and Robbie Earl. Pavelski leads the team with 23 goals and 30 assists, while Earl has 21 goals and 30 assists.

"Robbie Earl has to be one of the better forwards in the country," said Johnson.

"They really stick to their systems. They are similar to us," said Damon. "We are really disciplined within our systems. And that is what it is going to take: A team that is more disciplined in

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Michel Leveille  
Assistant captain  
UMaine men's hockey

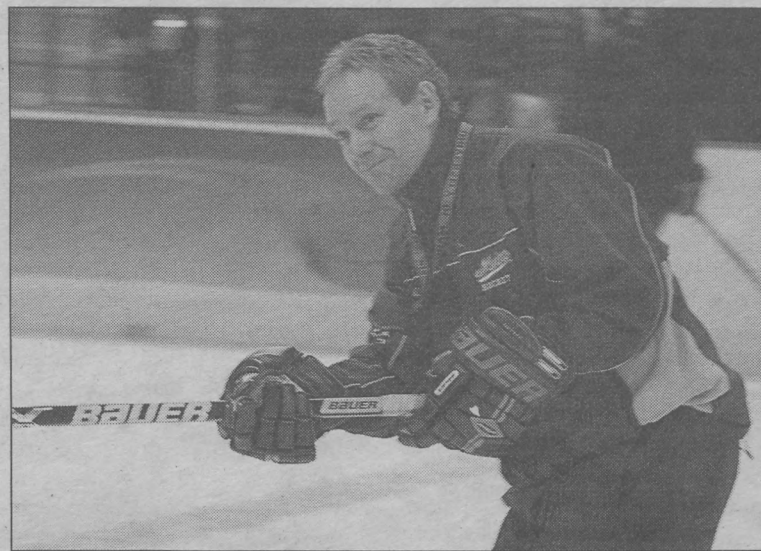
their systems and willing to do whatever it takes to win the game."

The list doesn't stop with Earl or Pavelski. Following close behind are Tom Gilbert, Adam Burish and Ryan MacMurchy. Gilbert, the property of the Edmonton Oilers, has registered 11 goals and 19 assists. Burish and MacMurchy have both scored eight goals. The Badgers are loaded with 12 NHL draftees.

"A lot of those WCHA schools have a lot more goals, it's a lot more wide open game over there," said netminder Ben Bishop. "But we are playing on a rink our size so it's going to benefit us, not them."

The Black Bear defense isn't too worried about Wisconsin's high powered offense.

"Every forward is the same. There is really not anyone who does anything extremely different from everyone else," said



Bishop.

"It all comes down to a team defense," said assistant captain Steve Mullin. "It's not one line or one set of defense or Bishop in net that is going to shut them down. It's going to take a full team effort and everyone playing their best and being in position."

Wisconsin isn't too shabby in net, either. The Badgers boast arguably one of the best netminders in the nation with Hobey Baker Finalist Brian Elliot. Elliot is 25-5-3 on the season and has a 1.55 goals against average.

"His numbers speak for themselves," said Damon. "He hasn't let up a goal in the NCAA tournament. So obviously we are going to have to make sure we are creating a lot of traffic for him."

Bishop is equally excited to match up with Elliot, who he believes is one of the best goalies he will face next to Boston College's Cory Schneider.

"There is nothing more fun than that," said Bishop. "I love playing against those guys like Schnieder and Fallon and all those great goaltenders. It's a lot of fun to play against those guys."

Bishop has a 21-7-2 record while posting a .908 save percentage and a 2.22 goals against average.

"This is where the good players shine," said Bishop.

Teammates were quick to praise Bishop upon the mention of Elliott's accolades.

"If you get Bishop on his game I would take him over a lot of goaltenders," said Mullin.

"You know you can count on Ben back there," said Damon. "He's played well. He is definitely not playing like a freshman. That's what we need. We really need him to step up and make those big saves for us because in the NCAA tournament one bounce here or there could really cost you."

According to the squad, all

that matters to them are their own systems. They are confident that if they execute their own game plans, they will be fine.

"We kind of made our team identity and we know what we have to do to be successful," said Johnson. "Getting off to a good start is definitely a key. We struggled with that earlier in the year. We've been treating the first period like it's our last; that's what we have been saying in the locker room before the game."

"We just have to go out, concentrate on ourselves and play off the emotion that crowd brings," said Mullin.

Leveille feels UMaine needs to remain relaxed.

"There's no heroes out there; there are no Lemieuxes or Gretzkys. We just want to be a bunch of kids playing on the ice," said Leveille. "Hopefully everyone is going to have fun."

Leveille went on to say several Black Bears from the past have been contacting the team to send words of encouragement. He said that 2004 All American Colin Shields had just sent him an e-mail.

Like that 2004 squad, Whitehead feels there is something special about this group.

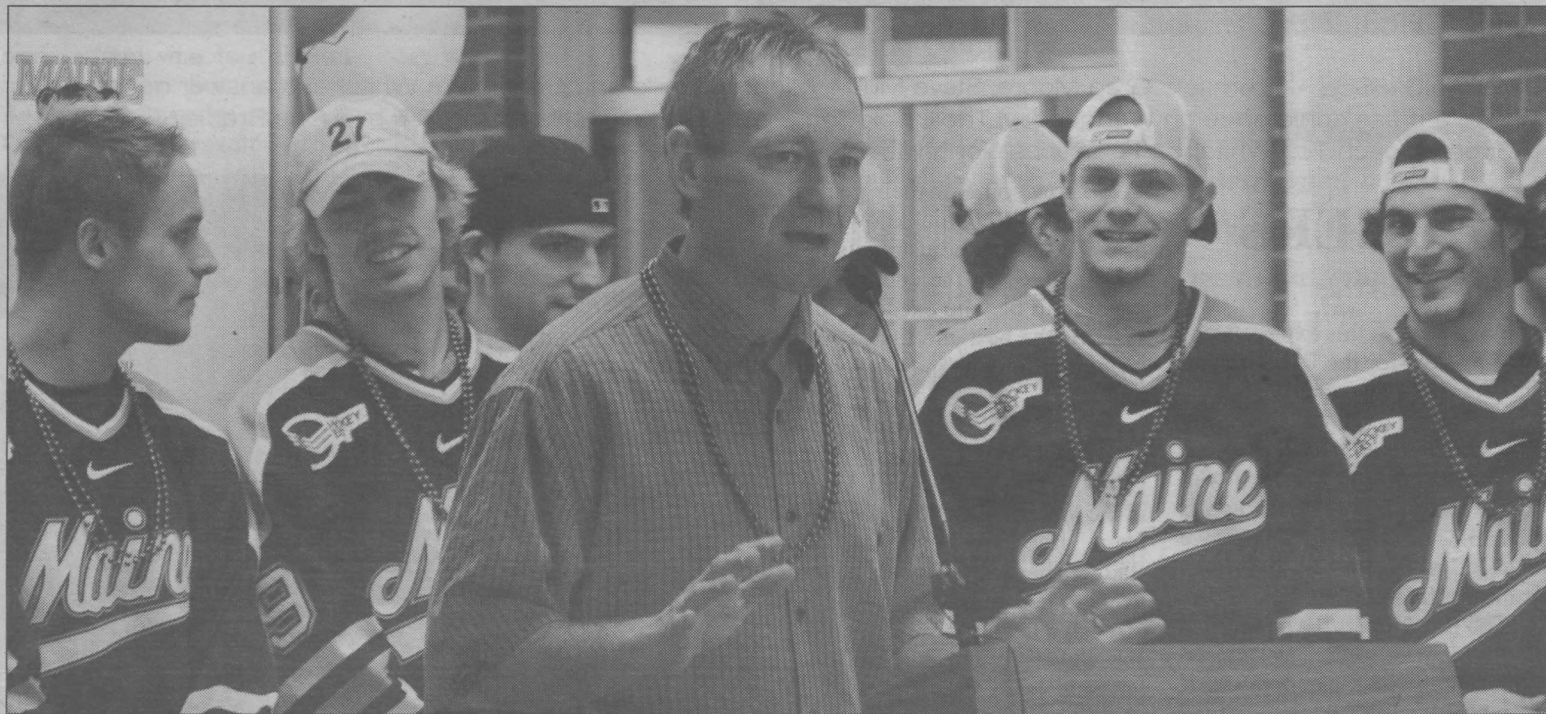
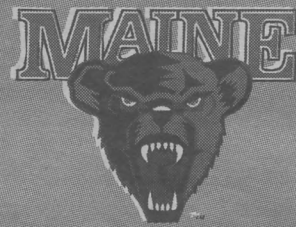
"This has been a special team and a special season for us," said Whitehead. "We've been through a lot. It started early when we lost Jimmy Howard to the pros three days before the first day of classes. We had some tough situations off the ice in the fall. A lot of injuries to key players in the spring. But the most important thing is that the guys stuck together through all that and found a way to keep improving despite some of those challenges. I am very proud of them and excited for them to have this opportunity to represent the school at the Frozen Four."

Tonight, UMaine will get the chance to show just how special they are.





## Hour of Reckoning

Frozen Four  
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**MEN OF THE HOUR** — Men's ice hockey coach Tim Whitehead addresses the crowd during Monday afternoon's send-off rally at Memorial Union. Also seen are players, from left, Travis Wight, Brent Shephard, Rob Bellamy and Josh Soares.

## Black Bears set to face off with top ranked Badgers in historic Frozen Four matchup

By Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

After nearly six months of competition, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad

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stand two victories away from the program's third National Championship in school history and first since 1999.

For the Black Bears, who have had to overcome their fair share

of adversity throughout the season, the achievement is not satisfactory enough. In their eyes, their mission is not complete. They have one more bit of business to attend to.

"Your ultimate goal when you play on any team is to win the championship," said senior Jon Jankus. "It's a good accomplishment getting to the Frozen Four, but you can't be content with that. We got to go there and prove that we earned the right to be there."

Thursday, UMaine will hope to inch one step closer to this dream when they tango with Wisconsin in the NCAA Frozen Four in Milwaukee. The Black Bears take on the top-seeded Badgers in the second semifinal which begins at 8 p.m. If UMaine wins they will move on to face off against the winner of the first semifinal between Boston College and North Dakota. The Eagles and Fighting Sioux tussle at 3 p.m.

"This is it; I want to go out as

champion," said senior forward and Bangor native Derek Damon.

In order to earn their fifth trip to the title game and first since the 2004 1-0 Championship loss to Denver, the Black Bears face another daunting task: disposing of the Badgers in their home state. The Bradley Center, site of UMaine's first championship, resides just an hour away from Wisconsin's Madison campus. UMaine head coach Tim

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Standbrook  
leaves mark  
on UM, UWBy Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

MILWAUKEE - Asked to define "Badger Hockey," Wisconsin assistant captain Tom Gilbert's response was candid and eerily familiar.

"We just pride ourselves on going hard every shift. We take 20 minutes at a time and then a shift at a time and just make sure we're going hard all the time. That's Badger hockey for us," he said.

Sounds a lot like Black Bears hockey, eh?

Indeed, both the University of Maine and Wisconsin men's hockey squads may feel as though they're entrenched with a doppelganger in tonight's national semi-final.

"Maine is a mirror image of us," Gilbert added. "They play hard, they've got great defense and they've got great depth."

The Badgers and Black Bears each boast two of the top defensive teams in the nation statistically, backboned by four lines of blue collar, forechecking forwards who are dependable at both ends of the ice.

It's no accident that the philosophies of these storied college hockey programs are so similar. In fact, it's by the deliberate design of one of the game's most treasured minds: Grant Standbrook.

The legendary UMaine assistant got his start at Wisconsin and between the two schools he's coached in 14 of these Frozen Fours. The footprints of his recruiting style, philosophy on the game and outlook on life itself are stamped all over the lores of the

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UM looks  
to stay hotSoftball hosts UVM  
in weekend seriesBy Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

With the best start in school history, the University of Maine softball team will look to continue that trend in conference play this weekend.

The Black Bears, who are 20-12 and 2-1 in America East play, are looking to improve their record as they face the University of Vermont in a three-game set this weekend at Kessock Field.

"This past weekend, we had solid pitching and defense and that is what won our games," said senior captain Dana Grimm. "In order to improve against Vermont, we have to find a way to push some more runs across the plate."

Last weekend, UMaine was

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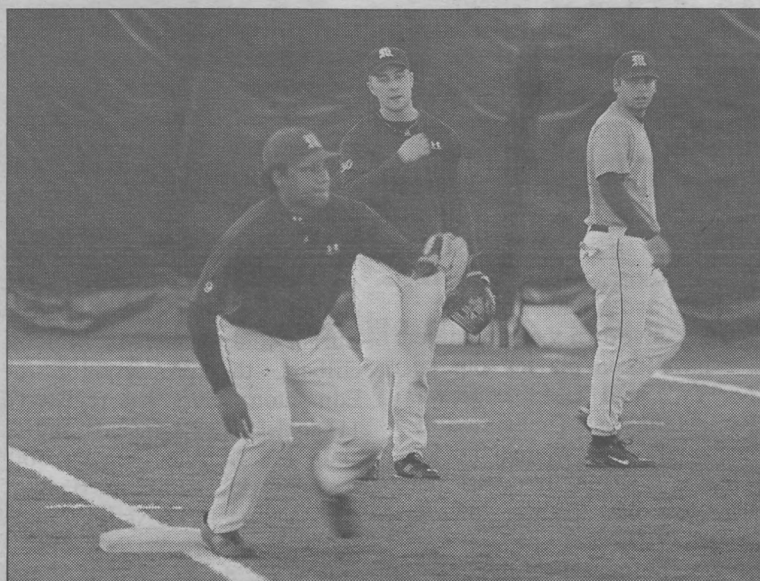
## UMaine ready for conference play

By Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

Only moments after returning from a lengthy road trip, the University of Maine baseball team was forced to direct all their attention towards a midweek matchup against UMass-Amherst. Forget that they had just pounded their opponents for 52 runs, it didn't matter. It was 7 a.m. and the Black Bears were physically drained. The last thing they wanted to do was jump back on a bus in two days and travel eight hours to Amherst.

Around 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, all that went out the window. Upon hearing that their Wednesday game with UMass had been cancelled, the team was more than ready for battle. The cancellation meant the Black Bears would be getting some extra rest in preparation for their America East opener against University of Maryland-Baltimore County. More importantly, there was no longer anything in the way of UMaine's America East schedule.

"We're all excited," said senior captain and first baseman Joel Barrett. "We're all ready to do it. Up



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

**MANNING THE BAG** — Curt Smith covers third base during baseball practice earlier this week.

to this point it's basically been spring training games. Right now, this is what it's all about."

UMaine enters conference competition with a record of 14-9-1 and will need to continue their run of success at the plate against a Retriever squad laden with quality pitching.

"UMBC is one of those teams

that can really sneak up on you and bite you," said Trimper. "They have three real good arms. We've been seeing good pitching and hitting it so that's nice. But their kind of like that middle-of-the-pack team. And America East is full of middle-of-

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Men's lax  
club gets off  
the groundBy Dana Bulba  
For The Maine Campus

The UMaine men's lacrosse club has secured a promising future by joining the regional league, Pioneer Collegiate Lacrosse League (PCLL), this season. The PCLL is a division of the US Lacrosse Intercollegiate Associates. After being accepted in Division B of the league, the lacrosse team has scheduled several games with schools in the northeast in the league; Salem State, Framingham State, New Haven University, Central Connecticut and Rochester State. UMaine has the least number of games scheduled within the league, five, because of a lack of funding for the program.

Since the recent activity in PCLL, the lacrosse players have committed themselves to raising money to fund their rising club. So far, they have

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