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year's classes?
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State upholds Ushuaia liquor license denial

By Brian Brown
News Editor

The state dealt another blow to Ushuaia and its owner Alex Gray.

The State Liquor Licensing Commission upheld the Orono Town Council's denial of the establishment's liquor license.

Gray had appealed the coun-

cil's denial to the commission.

"The department finds by clear and convincing evidence that the decision of the town of Orono to deny Ushuaia's application for renewal of a Class XI restaurant-lounge liquor license is justified," said Lt. Patrick Flemming of the Maine Department of Public Safety in the commission's decision.

Gray said he was taking the denial in stride.

"It's business as usual," he said, adding that he has yet to decide whether he will appeal the rejection to the Maine Superior Court.

If the final appeals are denied, Gray will have to wait until January 2007 to reapply for the liquor license.

Gray declined further comment, and his attorney, Glen Porter, was out of town and unavailable for an interview.

The Orono Town Council rejected Gray's application for a liquor license renewal in January because of concerns of an increasing number incidents at the nightclub.

At the appeal hearing on

Feb. 17, Orono Town Attorney Tom Russell presented a report compiled by Deputy Police Chief Gary Duquette showing 46 incidents that occurred at the establishment in 2005, and 43 in 2004, compared with 23 in 2003 and 20 in 2002.

Duquette outlined 15 incidents

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COURTESY OF LURA RAYMOND

ALL SMILES — Laura Porters participates in the balloon shaving event at the Relay for Life held in the Field House. The event raised money for the Bangor-area chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Relay promotes cancer awareness

Two-day event raises more than \$28,000, honors survivors and victims

By Khela Kupiec
Assistant News Editor

We light candles for victories today. For survivors who have fought the fight, we celebrate today. We light candles, a brightly shining flame, for all the ones who have gone before, remembering each by name.

Lining the Field House track, white paper bags glowed with the names of cancer survivors and those deceased, while members from 27 teams walked for their cause. Friday and Saturday, the University of Maine held its second successful annual Relay for Life that far surpassed any expectations for the 18-hour event.

According to Aislinn Bryne, co-founder of UMaine's Relay

for Life, money is still coming in but she knows that they raised at

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Lura Raymond
Maine ambassador
Celebration on the Hill

least \$28,000, exceeding their goal by at least \$1,000.

Trying to achieve what they

did last year was probably this UMaine Relay's greatest hurdle, according to Lura Raymond, Maine ambassador for Celebration on the Hill.

"It was more than anybody expected," said Raymond.

Relay for Life began almost 21 years ago, the brainchild of a single man from Tacoma, Wash. who wanted to raise money for his local American Cancer Society office.

Dr. Gordy Klatt enjoyed running marathons, and in May of 1985 he raised \$27,000 by circling a track for 24 hours, running more than 83 miles.

After the huge success of his one-man marathon, Klatt envisioned a 24-hour team relay

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Search committee names AD finalists

Interim director James one of three selected

By Brian Brown
News Editor

Three current Division I administrators were named finalists for the vacant University of Maine athletic director position.

Robert Fournier, athletic director at Wayne State University in Michigan, Frank Pergolizzi, athletic director at Southeastern Louisiana University, and UMaine interim Athletic Director Blake James were selected from a national search that began in late 2005.

"The candidate pool was exceptionally strong, which says good things about the way people around the country perceive the University of Maine and its athletic department," said David Townsend, chairman of the search committee and director of UMaine's School of Marine Science, in a press release.

Joe Carr, director of university relations and a member of the search committee, was also pleased with the search.

"We were pleased and impressed with the entire field of candidates," he said.

Carr added that the ability to attract three current Division I athletic directors "says good things about Black Bear athletics."

All three candidates will visit campus and meet with the search committee.

Carr said the committee will make a recommendation to UMaine President Robert Kennedy, who will make the final decision.

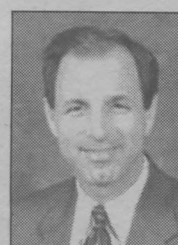
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Fournier



James



Pergolizzi

Police seek suspect in campus sexual assault

By Brian Brown
News Editor

The University of Maine Police is looking for a perpetrator who allegedly sexually assaulted a female student on campus.

According to Lt. Paul Paradis, the department received a complaint that a female was allegedly assaulted early Saturday morning in the area of Androscoggin Hall.

In an alert released to the campus community, Paradis said the department is looking for a male subject seen in the area

around the time of the attack.

He said the man is college-aged, thin, white, approximately 5-foot-10-inches tall with glasses and dark hair. He was also unshaven.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Public Safety at 581-4040 or through campus eyes at www.umaine.edu/public-safety/campuseyes.htm.

Paradis said he believes the incident is isolated.

"There is nothing to indicate

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POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell
For The Maine Campus

Minor summonsed for sipping on "lemonade"

At 7:05 p.m. April 6, an officer patrolling Rangeley Road noticed a vehicle traveling 37 mph in a posted 25-mph zone. The officer pulled the vehicle over on Long Road and made contact with the driver, identified as Oliver Markewicz, 19, of Orono. While the officer was speaking with Markewicz, he noticed a lemonade bottle on the floor of the passenger's seat. Noting that the color of the liquid inside was not that of lemonade, the officer asked the passenger, identified as Bryan Roach, 19, of Orono, what it contained. He admitted to the officer that it was rum mixed with lemonade that he had been drinking. As a result, Markewicz was issued a summons for operating a vehicle with a passenger consuming alcohol, and Roach was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Minor summonsed after he is caught trying to hide his Bud

At 9:49 p.m. April 6, an officer on foot patrol on the fourth floor of Hart Hall observed a male at the other end of the hall carrying a beer can. Upon seeing the officer, the individual ran into the stairwell. Officers caught up to him and asked where he put the can. The man, identified as Patrick Norton, 20, of Orono, retrieved a can of Budweiser from behind a stair. Officers confirmed that he was not yet 21, and as a result Norton was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Intoxicated minor gives cops a heads up on his stash of alcohol

At 11:30 p.m. April 6, officers responded to a call from Androscoggin Hall regarding an extremely intoxicated man on the premises. When officers arrived, they found the man in question, identified as Kevin Sinclair, 19, of Orono. Sinclair was visibly intoxicated and told officers that he had more alcohol in his room upstairs. He gave the officers consent to search the room, and they found six Natural Light beers. The beers were confiscated, and Sinclair was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Penniless Orono resident gives Taco Bell a run for their money

At 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, officers responded to the Maine

Marketplace in Memorial Union. The manager had detained a male who had been caught shoplifting. When officers arrived, they located several Marketplace staff and the suspect, identified as Rory Larson, 18, of Orono. The manager had witnessed Larson pick up an order from Taco Bell, put the food into his backpack, and then proceed to walk around the cash registers without making an attempt to get in line or to pay. When questioned, Larson stated that he did it because he didn't have any cash. As a result, he was charged with theft by unauthorized taking.

Hart Hall, once again, takes the heat for underage drinking

At 10:25 p.m. April 6, officers on foot patrol on the second floor of Hart Hall heard a loud party in progress. After knocking on the door, a man answered and admitted that underage alcohol consumption was taking place inside the room. After all people were identified, the occupants of the room, identified as Benjamin Kasper, 20, of Orono, and Jedidiah Spear, 20, of Orono, were both charged with furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol.

Prank knocker alerts police to underage drinking in Kennebec

At 11:05 p.m. April 6, officers on foot patrol in Kennebec Hall heard what sounded like a bottle falling and breaking. They also heard male and female voices coming from the same room, and the odor of alcohol. At this time, a female appeared down the hall, walked to the door in question and knocked on it. Afterward she walked away. The door then opened, and an individual from inside asked the officers who had knocked on the door. They told her a female had knocked and then walked away. The officers asked what was going on inside the room, and stated that they believed there was drinking going on inside. The resident, identified as Benjamin James, 18, produced beer and vodka from the refrigerator. Three females were also identified in the room, two of which had been drinking. As a result, James and the other resident, identified as Jeffrey Cole, 18, were both issued summonses for providing a place for minors to consume alcohol.

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Carr said there is no timetable for the process, but said he expects the committee will reconvene the week of May 1.

Fournier, who is an attorney, has held the top post at Wayne State since 2000.

Prior to that he worked for five years for the Mid-American Conference, where he served as associate commissioner, senior associate commissioner and acting commissioner.

Fournier also worked as assistant to the athletic director, and athletic director at University of Akron, where he was an assistant professor of communication.

Fournier earned his bachelor's degree from Defiance College, and his master's and law degree from Akron.

Pergolizzi had worked at Southeastern Louisiana since 2000.

He also spent two years as athletic director at East Tennessee State University, and Saint Francis College, where he was assistant athletic

director for eight months before taking over the top spot. Pergolizzi also spent six seasons as head football coach at St. Francis.

Pergolizzi earned a master's degree in physical education and sports administration from Western Michigan University in 1987.

"The candidate pool was exceptionally strong, which says good things about the way people around the country perceive the University of Maine and its athletic department."

David Townsend
Chairman
Athletic Director Search
Committee

He earned a bachelor's degree in American civilization from Williams College in 1978.

James has served as interim athletic director at UMaine since July 2005, when Patrick

Nero resigned to become commissioner of the America East Conference.

He came to Orono in October 2003 as senior associate athletic director. James spent nearly 15 years at the University of Miami, where he served as director of ticket sales, director of major gifts and corporate sales and director of athletic development.

James also served as athletic development officer at the University of Nebraska and director of athletic development at Providence College.

James earned a master's degree from Saint Thomas University and a bachelor's degree from Mankato State University.

In addition to Townsend and Carr, members of the search committee include: professor Sandra Caron, UMaine graduate Barbara Dalton, professor George Jacobson, interim Director of Student Records Tammy Light, Associate Dean of Students Angel Lordeo, women's basketball coach Ann McNerney, UMaine graduate Tom Patrick, men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead, and Planned Giving Officer for the University of Maine Foundation Dan Willett.

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that occurred in the previous year that he considered serious. They included disorderly conduct, assault, motor vehicle theft, operating under the influence and two stabbings.

Orono Town Manager Catherine Conlow said the town has been working with Gray.

The town granted the establishment a forbearance and non-enforcement agreement on the club's special amusement license, which was also denied

in January by the Town Council.

Conlow said the agreement allows Gray to offer special amusements, such as dancing and live entertainment, until the appeals are heard.

"It's business as usual."

Alex Gray
Owner
Ushuaia

Two conditions of the agreement are that Gray "constantly operates" with a valid liquor license, and that there are not any additional breaches of the peace.

Gray has already reapplied for his special amusement license, and the matter will be heard by the Town Council on May 8.

The town manager said that while Gray has been working with the town, there are still some things he needs to do.

She said he has submitted a first draft of a management plan, but it contained little about the procedures that occur when there are acts of violence, an integral component the town is seeking.

"We haven't seen as much about that as it is about what it takes to run a nightclub."

What are you doing next year?

Here's what students are saying about the new one-year MBA:

"The professors are approachable. We learned so much in a short period of time.

"My classmates are fantastic, too. We get along well and we socialize on weekends. I really like that they come from a variety of backgrounds.

"I studied biology as an undergraduate. What I am learning now will help me in my medical career."

—Liberty Elliott '06

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event and in 1986 he organized 19 teams to participate in the first event raising \$33,000. Today, similar to the disease it is fighting to cure, Relay has invaded and spread across the world, an international fundraising phenomenon from Argentina to Australia and Guatemala to Greece.

In the United States, cancer accounts for one of every four deaths, second only to heart disease. About 1,339,790 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2006—the equivalent of diagnosing the entire state of Maine with cancer—based on the 2000 population census.

The National Institutes of Health estimate overall costs for cancer in 2005 at \$209.9 billion, including costs directly and indirectly related to its treatment.

Bryne, a third-year marine biology major, organized UMaine's first Relay event last year with the help of her boyfriend, Jason McCormick. For the kickoff year, last year's event was a big success, according to Bryne. They raised a net \$16,000 with 21 teams.

Bryne has been involved with Relay for more than half her life, participating since she was 9 years old in her northern Vermont hometown, where her neighbor, whose husband died from cancer, inspired her to become active.

Old Town currently hosts a Relay in May after the university has let out, and therefore UMaine's Relay is focused on stu-

dents and student groups to give them a chance to participate in the fundraiser.

This year, many games and activities were set up for the team members not walking around the track.

They held a pie eating contest with chocolate pudding pie, played team Bingo using cancer facts and people as Bingo chips and a balloon shaving contest.

They showed "The Chronicles of Narnia" and "Duck and Cover," and an on-campus band played.

Relay for Life works with teams averaging eight to 15 people, where at least one person per team is walking the track at any given time.

For example, this year the goal was to have at least 27 people walking around the track all night.

"There's a support system [at the Relays] you can't find anywhere else," said Raymond. "There's just this unspoken feeling of understanding among everyone walking the track."

Each team member is encouraged to try to raise at least \$100, but many members go above and beyond.

Julia Weyland raised the second highest amount and had an experience that was well worth the effort it took to raise the money.

"I had a blast. It was great to see people come together for a common reason," said Weyland. "People can be hysterical when they are tired but everyone there had a lot of spirit. It was a celebration of life and we were showing appreciation for it."

Laurel Grosjean had many reasons to walk. Her Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society formed

the "Tau Beta Pi-rates" team, honoring their adviser and professor Al Whitney, who is currently fighting cancer. Brought together by their shared admiration for Whitney, they fundraised the most this year, answering their question "What can I do?" with "We can do a lot," said Grosjean.

On a more personal level, Grosjean walked for her best friend from junior high and high school. Amy Barney died from a rare form of cancer at the age of 25, leaving behind her husband and their then 4-year old son, but she was able to live longer than first diagnosed. Grosjean credits that to advances in research.

"The American Cancer Society is a huge factor behind cancer research, education and advocacy. With Amy, the extra time I got to spend with her was so exceptionally precious to me, and I know it was immeasurably more precious to her family. Seeing that firsthand converted me to someone who can't possibly justify not wanting to give back something in return."

"Each individual team member walked for his or her own reasons," said Grosjean. "I spent a lot of laps remembering Amy, and smiling at the memories of the times we shared as friends, and how knowing her taught me to live life."

Raymond has been involved with Relay since she was 9 years old as well. Her mother passed away from breast cancer when she was 8, and the following year her family became active with Old Town's Relay.

This fall, Raymond will be one of 16 ambassadors from the state



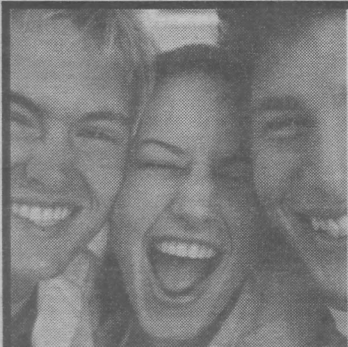
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WILLING WALKERS — Members of the Chi Omega team sign in at the Relay for Life.

of Maine selected to participate in a large-scale rally in Washington D.C. Sept. 19-20. Nearly 4,000 American Cancer Society "Celebration Ambassadors" will gather on Washington Mall for Celebration on the Hill 2006. They aim to show the nation how the American Cancer Society is fighting against cancer for their friends, family and themselves, and to put pressure on the legislature to support research funding.

Raymond will bring a piece

of UMaine with her to Washington as well. The Wall of Hope, made up of banners from Relays all across the nation will line the mall during the rally. All UMaine Relay participants had a chance to sign a banner above the lilac lettered "Hope" that will be one of many in the Wall of Hope. Various UMaine departments helped raise the \$1,000 required to purchase the banner, which shows that UMaine cares.



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Socialist-Marxist Studies Series

Resisting the new conquistadors: struggles against U.S. corporations' control of resources in Latin America by Sean Donahue, journalist and director of PICA in Bangor. 12:30-1:45 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union.

The Chemistry of the Universe

Presented by William Klemperer, Erving Research Professor of Chemistry at Harvard University. 3 p.m. in Buchanan Alumni House.

Friday

Marine Science Seminar

By Collin Roesler, senior research scientist at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, part of the School of Marine Sciences Seminar Series. 11 a.m. in 354 Aubert Hall.

Hitchner Seminar Series

Hedgehog signaling, neural patterning and axon guidance in the zebrafish forebrain by Rolf Karlstrom for the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. 2:10 p.m. in 203 Hitchner Hall.

Introduction to Islam

A presentation to provide a brief explanation of the beliefs of a Muslim followed by a question and answer session. 3-4 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union.

Intermolecular Forces

The making and breaking of weak bonds. 3 p.m. in Hill Auditorium of Engineering and Science Research Building.

Garden Celebration

13th annual UMaine cooperative extension spring garden celebration. Donations. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. off-campus at Unity College, Unity. For more information, contact Sonia Antunes at santunes@umext.maine.edu.

Monday

New Student Open House

8 a.m. at the Maine Center for the Arts and Hudson Museum. For more information, contact Robin Parady at 581-1590.

Cookie Club

Free cookies 5-6 p.m. outside Fogler Library weather permitting. For more information, contact Michael Hartwell on FirstClass.

Wednesday

Celebration of Springtime and New Beginnings

Offered by the Development Office. Register by April 19. 3:30-5 p.m. in the Sigma Chi Heritage House. For more information, contact Sherry Pennington on FirstClass.

Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Kheila 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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it's connected with any other reported incidents," he said. "We don't see this being a series of incidents."

He also said that as the semester is winding down, it is important that students don't forget to take safety precautions.

"If you see something odd, call the police."

That's what they're there for."

AnneMarie Reed
Associate Director
Residence Life and Programs

"It's the time where people have dropped out mentally but are still here," said Paradis. "It's important the rest of us take safety precautions."

Paradis said the department will continue its presence in residence halls.

AnneMarie Reed, associate director of Residence Life and Programs, said residents need to be vigilant about their safety.

"Students in general take their convenience over safety 90 percent of the time," she said. "We're always concerned about safety."

She also said there will be



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COMPOSITE SKETCH OF SUSPECT — Anyone who recognizes this person is asked to call the department at 581-4040.

increased patrols from residence life staff in the halls, but not because of the alleged assault.

"In light of one incident, we're not doing things really different," said Reed. "As it turns to spring, it's pretty much a given we're going to increase

the presence of staff."

Reed said she hopes this incident is an opportunity for students to become increasingly aware of their safety.

"If you see something odd, call the police," she said. "That's what they're there for."

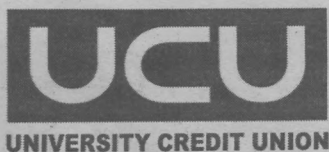
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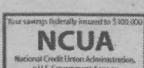
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LEGISLATIVE LEADERS — Members of the General Student Senate listen during Tuesday's meeting in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

STUDENT SENATE NOTES

Student entertainment budget increased

By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

The student entertainment budget received an additional allocation to its \$80,000 budget during Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting. The extra money is the result of the increase in the student activity fee, and is pending the Board of Trustees' approval.

Derek Mitchell, vice president of student entertainment, said that by passing the budget earlier, booking big-name acts in the fall will be easier.

The question of urgency was brought up for next fall's student entertainment budget. Mitchell responded, "This is something we'd like to see for flexibility when we're looking to get a big act in fall." He said that this will allow them to book shows earlier, rather than wait until September, when many acts have made prior engagements.

Concerning Bumstock, student entertainment asked to allocate \$4,000 in funds, as a precautionary measure in case the show goes over budget. The funds allocated will serve as a backup.

GSS welcomed Aaron Sterling back to his role as vice president during the meeting as well. He was sworn in and said, "I'm glad to be back. My health is not back to perfect,

but at least I'm present."

Sterling said that there has been much publicity and internal dealings in the last week. He said that he wants, "more of an external focus for the next four weeks." He also encouraged the senate to brainstorm ways to show students that they are working for them.

"It's been nonstop since I walked in the door.

Things are going well, but we need to turn our focus outward."

Adam Kirkland
President
Student Government

Newly appointed GSS president Adam Kirkland was in attendance as well and commented how tumultuous the past week was.

"It's been nonstop since I walked in the door. Things are going well, but we need to turn our focus outward."

Dave O'Heir was sworn in as the new senator of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The senate took nominations for its Executive Budgetary Committee and Board of Trustee representatives. Those elected will hold non-voting positions

within their respective assembly. Nominations will continue next week, and voting will take place during the following week.

Money was allocated for Student Women's Association as well as Fair Elections Practices, and \$8,000 was allocated for Gamma Sigma Sigma to host Kickin' Flicks next year.

The Men's Lacrosse Club was recognized as an organization after two representatives discussed the consistent popularity of the group.

In other business, Senator William Pomerleau brought up the idea of a consent calendar for GSS, which would put any bill or resolution on the calendar. Pomerleau said that he got the idea after visiting the State House. "It would expedite business a little faster," Pomerleau said. "It would move things along and make it a lot easier."

Sen. Jesse Ouellette agreed with Pomerleau's statement, saying, "It would be a great resolution. I think this should pass through."

Student Entertainment is also looking to get a logo designed. It hopes to get one of Maine's top public relations and design firms to create the logo. It was recommended, though, to possibly have a contest among students to create a Student Entertainment logo.

Campus Crusade ends 'I'm sorry' campaign

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Whether it was a plan in the making for two weeks or just a two-second glare, the best way to inform a campus may have been just to put two words on a t-shirt.

During the month of April, members of the Campus Crusade for Christ ended their most recent campus-wide event with the "I'm Sorry" campaign.

"We were meeting for prayer one morning and Becky [Rogers] said that she wanted to try this campaign and I said it was a great idea," said club president Rachel Lombardi. "We both had it on our hearts a lot to do something like this on the campus."

Ideas for the campaign came when Rogers, a member of the group, went to Panama City, Fla. for spring break. The trip was part of a program that gathered members from different CCC chapters across America. While in Florida, Rogers noticed two people wearing the shirts. Once she came back to Maine, she sat down with Lombardi and followed through with the idea.

Starting in March the group, which is comprised of 70 members, orchestrated the campaign. They used bright green and orange shirts with black lettering that said, "I'm Sorry" on the front. The back of the shirts read, "Ask Me Why."

The purpose of the shirt was to get people to ask what they were sorry about. Afterward, members of the organization would inform people about the fact that they are sorry if they have faced any misrepresentation about God.

"In this case our leaders came up with the idea and ran with it," said CCC campus director Alvin Winslow. "As an adviser, we just try to support and help them with ideas and this one was magnificent."

After talking to people all over campus who inquired about the shirts, the group held a rally to cap the campaign. The rally, which was in the North Pod of Memorial Union, had Rogers read a letter apologizing to anyone who had felt offended by Christianity for anyone who was a Christian.

Once Rogers, who wore the t-shirt, read the letter, she and Greg Glidden told personal stories about

conflicts they faced when it came to being a complete Christian. Glidden's testimonial talked about his upbringing in the church and some of the things he did to make people feel unwelcomed.

"Jesus said it himself, we are to have compassion," said Glidden, a second-year political science major. "I'm sorry I never helped you in your time of need. I'm sorry if I ever turned my back on you."

"I'm sorry if I ever made you feel inferior because in God's eyes, we are all the same."

Rogers, a Bangor native, was the next to speak.

She discussed her experience at a Christian high school. Throughout her account, she mentioned how administrators at the school singled her out. She stated that it was then that she started to realize this was not what Christianity was supposed to represent.

Although their goal with the campaign was to apologize for any wrongdoings, the goal of the organization is to get others to connect with God and their community.

Besides their work on campus, the group has branched out as they have gone to conferences around the United States and international mission trips year-round even during both spring and winter breaks.

One of their trips included going to New Orleans to help out with Hurricane Katrina relief over spring break.

The most recent event the CCC had was placing Easter Eggs across campus with different messages to get people thinking about their day.

"I wanted to come out, and I myself am a Christian, and I wanted to see what they were all about," said Interfraternity Council President Kevin Ballew about the "I'm Sorry" rally. "There are some people who are not practicing the faith as well as they should and no one's perfect so I was glad that they did that."

The CCC was founded in 1951 at the campus of the University of California-Los Angeles where it exists on 1,029 campuses in the United States and around the world.

Over the last five years, more than 37,000 students have joined the organization.

Blueberry research builds connections between UMaine, University of Milan

Program developed on recommendation by Maine's First Lady Karen Baldacci seeks to determine chemical and physical effects

By Emma Potvin
For the Maine Campus

Blueberries are building bridges between Orono and Milan, Italy.

Urged by Maine First Lady Karen Baldacci, Vivian Wu, assistant professor of food microbiology, and Dorothy Klimis-Zacas, professor of clinical nutrition, have developed a cooperative relationship between the University of Maine and the University of Milan.

Baldacci visited the University of Milan's Department of Food and Microbiological Sciences and Technology, or DiSTAM, in order to help foster trade on behalf of Gov. Baldacci. When

she returned, she requested that the University of Maine join their blueberry research with that of DiSTAM.

Every year, 60,000 acres of wild blueberries grow in Maine, a crop valued at \$75 million according to the Wild Blueberry Extension Office, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

In September 2005, the University of Maine's Office of the Vice President for Research funded a trip to Milan for Wu and Klimis-Zacas. They spent five days there touring the facilities and sharing research.

Klimis-Zacas said that as they compared their research with that of DiSTAM, "We found some common areas."

Klimis-Zacas' research studies the bio-chemical and bio-physical effect of antioxidants found in blueberries.

"It expands your horizons. When you have more people working on something you can answer questions more fully."

Dorothy Klimis-Zacas
Professor
Clinical Nutrition

"Blueberries are a powerhouse of antioxidants," she said.

Currently, she is focusing on how blueberries affect the constriction of blood vessels, and ultimately how they affect blood pressure.

High blood pressure increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. In 2002, high blood pressure killed 49,707 Americans, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Wu's research includes methods to detect and remove antimicrobial pesticides from the surface of the blueberries.

"We are trying to develop methods that are simple and not very expensive so they can be used by Maine Industry," Wu said.

Wu said she also hopes to use DiSTAM's nanotechnology to

detect and control food-borne pathogens.

Both professors are happy to be part of the collaboration.

"It expands your horizons. When you have more people working on something you can answer questions more fully," said Klimis-Zacas.

Both professors also hope to return to Milan. Wu is planning to visit this summer or late this year to take part in ongoing research at DiSTAM. Klimis-Zacas hopes to spend her upcoming sabbatical in Milan.

Wu said that the University of Milan is interested in all kinds of education exchange, including sending some of their students to study abroad in Maine for a summer or a semester.

Beers tabbed as UMaine's new vice president of development

By Tony Reaves
Copy Editor

The University of Maine recently named Barbara Beers the school's new vice president of development. Beers, a UMaine graduate and Maine native, has decades of fundraising experience at Maine Public Broadcasting Network and Husson College as well as Beers Associates, Consultants in Philanthropy, her own consulting business that she started in 1992.

Beers' hiring comes months after President Robert Kennedy announced a \$150 million fundraising campaign, the largest in the school's history. As vice president of development, Beers will oversee private fundraising, relations with donors and corporate support. She already has fundraising experience with the university, having helped UMaine raise funds to build the Buchanan Alumni House.

Beers graduated from UMaine in 1974 with a degree in journalism. Even as a student and a writer for The Maine Campus, Beers demonstrated her ability to go above and beyond. She recalls an incident where she was assigned to try horsemeat from a shop in Bangor and write about it.

"I did what my editor told me to," said Beers. She said she and her husband-to-be bought a couple of steaks and fried them up. "It wasn't all that bad, either," Beers admitted, adding that she loves horses and hasn't eaten one since.

After college, Beers went to work for Husson College, running their alumni relations program and working on development and public information. Soon, MPBN hired her as a pub-

lic information manager, later promoting her to director of development.

Beers ran all fundraising and public information programs for the network until Bob Woodbury, then chancellor of the University of Maine system, enlisted her for a project. In 1992, Beers helped the university system garner funding for a closed-circuit instructional television program called ITV.

That same year, she began her Bangor-based consulting business. Beers Associates, Consultants in Philanthropy helped nonprofit organizations raise money, and it was while helping the Bangor Symphony

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Robert Kennedy
President
University of Maine

Orchestra that she crossed paths with Anne Pooler. Pooler, Associate Dean for Instruction in the department of education & human development, had a good first impression of Beers.

"I was president of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and we were looking at initiating a \$1 million endowment," said Pooler. It was the BSO's first time seeking so much money, and the original person they hired was unsuccessful.

"We ended up hiring Barbara and her company; we met our goal," said Pooler.

Pooler chaired the committee at UMaine that eventually hired Beers last month, but said she didn't base her decision solely on her previous experience with Beers. "That was a different venue, and I just wanted to see how she resonated here on campus."

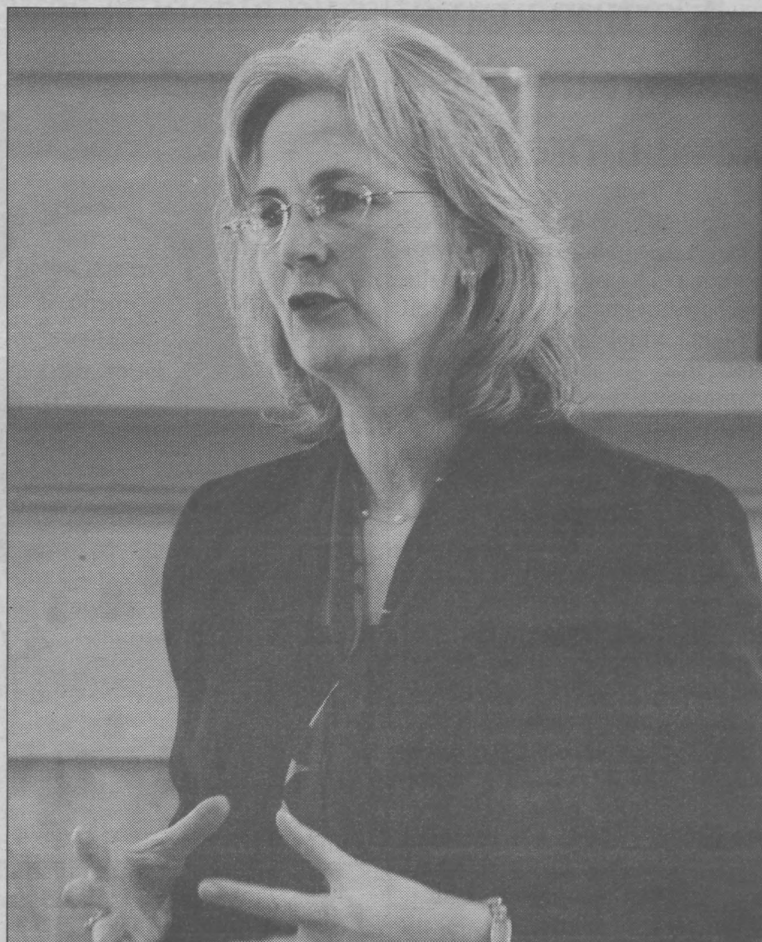
It didn't hurt that the UMaine Alumni Association, who also had a say in hiring, had seen Beers' work in helping raise money for the \$7.3 million Buchanan Alumni House. "The people from that committee certainly knew what her capabilities were," said Pooler.

The new campaign to raise \$150 million in six years doesn't intimidate Beers. "It will be at least \$150 million," she said. "I hope to go well beyond that." Beers said a campaign of this size is conducted in the same way as any other, the only difference being the goal. "It's a greater emphasis on endowments rather than building," Beers said.

The campaign is looking for \$60 million for endowed chairs and professorships, \$40 million for scholarships and \$40 million to go to building renovations and restorations. The remaining \$10 million would go into a fund which Beers said would give UMaine "the flexibility to take advantage of exceptional opportunities that we might not have funding in the general budget for."

Beers got the position after a nationwide search. According to Joe Carr, director of university relations for UMaine, two other candidates for the position visited the university.

Pooler said Beers' experience



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DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR — Barbara Beers, a 1974 graduate of UMaine, was recently named as the university's vice president of development.

with academic institutions, and with UMaine in particular, made her an ideal candidate. "We felt that the work she did with this campus gave her a background and a knowledge that was more solid than someone who came from the private sector and didn't have any academic background."

"Her experience and leadership skills will enable us to meet the considerable challenges that come with a campaign of this magnitude and importance for UMaine's future," said UMaine President

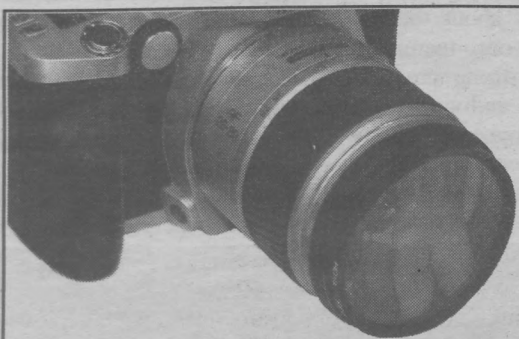
Robert Kennedy in a press release.

As a UMaine alum with numerous ties to the university, Beers is passionate about her new job.

"I come from a family with five children and out of the five of us, four of us either attended or graduated from the university," Beers said.

"I'm married to an alumnus, and now my son is a junior here at the University of Maine. I think rather than just transforming the institution, a campaign like this really has the capacity to transform Maine."

A service of remembrance for Constance Hunting, professor of creative writing at the University of Maine, will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday April 22, at the Church of Universal Fellowship, 82 Maine St. in Orono. The Rev. Lorna Stuart, pastor, will be officiating. All are welcome to attend.



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Campus on lookout for sexual predator

Recently, a case of sexual assault has taken place on our campus. As of press time, the perpetrator has not yet been caught, which is a scary situation that all members of our community should take seriously.

It is especially sobering that a sexual assault would take place on this campus during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This month is a time for people to learn about building a safer environment and raising awareness about sexual assault.

Safety is something often taken for granted, especially in a state like Maine, where the crime rate is relatively low. However, when an incident does occur, it is up to all of us to act. When one person is hurt, it affects everybody.

This campus is a community, and all members should be responsible and alert when it comes to finding the perpetrator. He is out there somewhere, and until caught, this campus will be a less safe place for everybody.

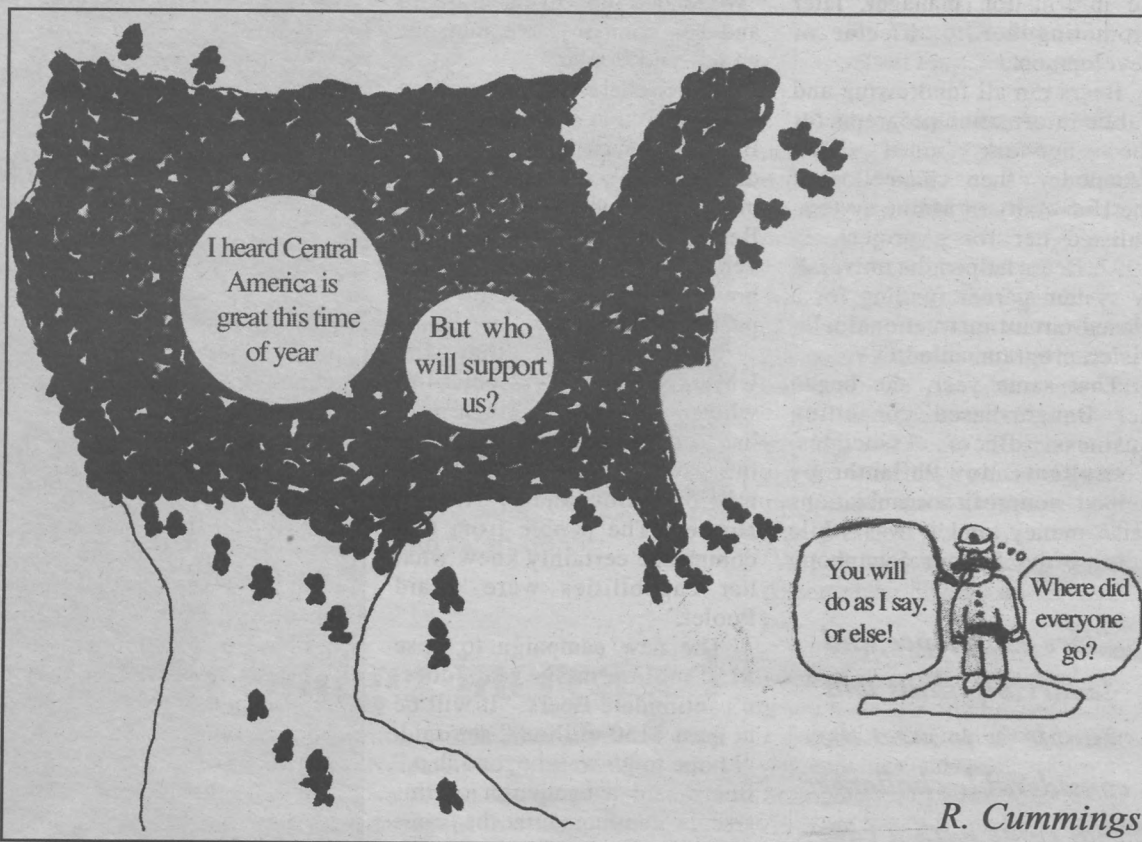
Hall selection leaves seniors out in the cold

During the past academic year, Housing Services made a few sweeping changes to its programs and services including the recent implementation of co-ed wings in dorms.

While such changes are being made, maybe one more thing could be added to that list.

The current registration system does not take seniority into account and puts upperclassmen in the same pool as freshmen.

The system is unfair to those upperclassmen who have lived on campus for their entire college career and would like to have more of a say in where they live. Seniority should count for something. Housing Services should implement a system similar to how registration for classes is done and give seniors and juniors first choice in room assignments before underclassmen.



Separating criticism from hate

We have the right be skeptical of questionable theories

Last week The Maine Campus printed several responses to my column about the normality of gay people. Others wrote to me directly, angry at what I wrote. I can't say I was surprised. There are a lot of people who would like you to believe that homosexuality is a purely genetic trait and that societal influences play no role. As expected, someone made the infallible argument that we have a huge population of gays, much more than 10 percent of the population, but most are in the closet so we will never know. This writer attributed this claim to "many organizations." This is a vague and unfounded statement with no source of reference.

A couple of them tried to take what I said about what it means to be normal and inserted an alternate definition of "normal" that includes moral judgment. This tactic is called the "straw man fallacy." There was a good argument

MICHAEL
HARTWELL

OPINION EDITOR

that the term "heteronormative" is intended for a society and not an individual. However, I don't see any harm in stretching the definition a little to include personal attitudes.

The one that did surprise me was the number of times "homophobia" was brought up. It made me wonder if all of these people actually read the article they were responding to? It's strange that a pro-gay article would receive so many accusations of bigotry and homophobia. What I said was: So what if being gay isn't natural or normal, that doesn't make it wrong or immoral.

Supposedly, homophobia is a term analogous to "sexism" and "racism." I have yet to read a definition of homophobia that includes using critical thinking skills when evaluating claims made by the gay community. If people want to make claims that there is an elusive gay gene that science has yet to find, they should be prepared for other people to disagree, or at the least demand a little evidence. Lumping anyone who disagrees with a statement made by members of the gay community with thugs and murderers who target gays is dishonest and shameful. This alarmist reaction has no place within a discussion about a scientific theory. Pure science has no ties to mythology, politics or religion.

Science involves harsh, unforgiving scrutiny. Responding to skepticism of scientific claims with accusations of bigotry is a diversionary

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Better luck next year

I was proud to be in attendance last week in Milwaukee as our Black Bear hockey team competed in the Frozen Four. As they have all season, the coaches and players gave a tremendous

effort. Although the outcome was not quite what we had hoped it would be, the Black Bears showed the nation what the University of Maine is all about — excellence and the ability to compete at any level. I received

countless compliments about the accomplishments of our team, UMaine's perennially strong program, recognition of individual players like Greg Moore, Michel

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Running into a wall

Immigrants cost
American tax-
payers money

TONALEA
CHAPMAN

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I will be the first to admit that the populace and progress of America since the 1500s has been entirely immigrant. And our original ancestors, beginning in 1492, did indeed come here illegally, assuming they had the God-given right through manifest destiny. But that didn't make their actions right then and it certainly doesn't make them right now. Since the first immigrants came here this country has evolved, establishing laws in which to help this country survive for years to come.

Those laws allow for the immigrants to legally enter American borders and become U.S. citizens. When those laws are broken, as with any other law, the results are a corrupted system that is unable to enforce essential protection for legal U.S. citizens. Herein lies the problem. There is a big difference between legal immigration and illegal immigration.

If someone is in this country illegally, they are not paying taxes, thus they are not supporting any government programs. If the illegals break any laws, they are virtually unstoppable and unpunishable, because they are so hard to find. They have no permanent address and therefore do not exist. However, the police force — that they don't support — must be pulled from calls helping American citizens — that pay for the service — in order to spend their time and energy trying to catch people who don't legally exist in America.

In some states, the ratio of illegal students in the school system whose parents don't support the system in the school system compared to legal residents, whose parents pay for the right to education, is one to three. American taxpayers are forced to take money from children who are here legally and hand it over to people who refuse to become legal citizens and pay for that right. This means that your children will do without proper books, lunches and

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tactic. You can call this skepticism ignorant if it ignores indisputable evidence. If evidence arises that proves heterosexual pairings are not the standard in biology, then I will have to change my view or be ignorant.

Some people choose to live in a dark fantasy land where any disagreement with the gay community is motivated by hatred. This "with us or against us" attitude is regressive to all the advances gay rights advocates have made since

the '60s. To them, anyone who suggests that heterosexuality has a purpose in nature while homosexuality does not is an enemy.

It appears that people on this campus are still stuck on the idea that being different is always bad. I believe that we can accept and embrace people that aren't like us, those who walk an unbeaten path. I see no problem in tolerating people who don't fit what previous generations found acceptable. Fortunately, some members of the gay community spoke up and showed me the error of my ways.

Michael Hartwell is a senior journalism major.

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other school supplies, even though you have paid for those supplies. And the whole concept of giving work to the illegals because Americans won't do the work is — excuse the language — a load of crap. Americans are more than willing to do the work, but they cannot do the work at slave labor prices. The illegal workers who are paid cash under the table and do not pay taxes are paid much less of an hourly wage. They do not have to pay for their children's health care because legal American citizens pay for that, and they do not have to pay for their children's education, again because the legal tax-paying citizen is paying for that. So, the illegal worker can afford to receive a smaller hourly wage. The American citizen however, who is paying taxes, and must pay for their health care and education cannot raise a family on the minimal

pay that the employer offers and therefore they are forced to find work elsewhere.

America has always been a safe refuge for all nationalities and should remain open for all immigrants who want to come to America and become United States Citizens, but American citizens should not have to foot the bill for every illegal person who enters its borders refusing to support our great country. Every year, millions of tax dollars are spent supporting people who refuse to enter our country legally. America has legal citizens standing in soup lines, and children who cannot receive an education because the country cannot support them. Yet, millions of American tax dollars go to support people who enter this country illegally and refuse to follow the laws to become U.S. citizens. If you are unwilling to help support this great country, then you shouldn't demand that it support you.

Tonalea Chapman is a history Ph.D. student.

LETTERS

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Leveille, all our seniors, and our fans while I was in Milwaukee. And they have continued since we have returned to Maine!

Although the hockey team has the highest national profile, I am proud of our coaches and student-athletes in all of our sports. They are dedicated, they work hard, and their efforts reflect the best characteristics of the University of Maine.

Robert A. Kennedy
President of UMaine

MPAC defends movement

The first thing that becomes clear while reading Paul Goodman's April 3 editorial is that he doesn't know the first thing about the motivations of the anti-war movement. The second is that he has never once bothered to discuss this issue with anyone in the Maine Peace Action Committee. As a longtime member of both the anti-war movement and MPAC, I have never met anyone in either who wants the United States to adopt an isolationist foreign policy. In fact, the complete opposite is true: we want engagement with the rest of the world. What we don't want is an imperialist, aggressive, unilateral foreign policy that weakens our country's reputation, our security, our economy and our freedoms. When the weapons inspectors, all the countries that share a border with Iraq and the vast majority of the people around the globe say that invading Iraq would be wrong, only an isolationist could fail

to hear their unified voice.

As for desiring the complete pull-out of U.S. troops from Iraq, Mr. Goodman is correct; many in the anti-war community would like this to happen. Our invasion was illegal and based on outright lies. Our continued presence in Iraq is not helping the Iraqi people. How much longer should we keep making the same mistake? The bottom line is that as long as we are in Iraq, there will be no stability for the Iraqi people.

Goodman then goes on to state that it is naive to think that other countries would follow suit if the U.S. cut military spending. He may be right, I cannot guarantee that other countries will suit. What I can guarantee is that as long as we continue to spend hundreds of billions of dollars on our military, other countries will follow that suit and increase spending on their militaries. The inevitable result will be war. I can also guarantee that cuts in military spending would mean that there would be more money for health-care, education and housing. Taxes would be lower, too. Right now, the U.S. spends more on its military than all other countries combined. We could cut military spending in half, fund the areas mentioned above, and we would still be spending more than any other single country on our military. If the U.S. is truly concerned with other nations having so many weapons, we should stop selling them the weapons. While that would not prevent other countries from selling weapons, it would go a long way towards reducing militarization around the globe.

Jeff Lowell
Class of 2005

Losing sleep over next year's classes

Fall registration makes students burn the midnight oil

I'd like to think of myself as a rational person. I enjoy the simple things in life and I must say I've met many understanding and pleasant students at the University of Maine. While our school is probably just like any other campus around the nation I've always felt we had a rational and sensible administration. However last semester, which was my first semester in college, I was proven wrong. Now while the administration does its best to meet the needs of the students sometimes the "best" just isn't good enough. What I am referring to is the most dreaded day of the year: class sign ups.

Now as I move up in credits this may become less of a problem however this has to be the most incompetent system ever made. I honestly cannot think of a more ridiculous way of signing up for classes if I sat down for a week and tried. It almost seems like a joke. The administration is basically saying, "Let class sign ups begin at midnight, that way students all rush and jam the server and phones lines, but become too tired to attend their classes the next morning, thus having to retake classes and give us more money!" Now while I may try to be a rational person, this almost seems like a conspiracy. Last year I had a test in my 8

JUSTIN
CHASE



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

a.m. psychology class following registration. I had to wonder if the university administrators had it out for me, drinking their martini's sitting by the fire place and having a good laugh at how poor Justin has to sign up for classes and then go take a test at 8 a.m. You may be saying that this idea is absurd and the administrators have better things to do. Well, have you walked by their offices lately?

I don't think there is any excuse to have class sign ups continue in this manner. The server jam can be so bad that students have to wait for hours on end. I know no one is twisting my arm to get online at midnight, however if I don't all the classes I hope to take will be filled. Now some may be saying "Well that's tough" but why is it "tough" when there are better ways to do this? Well things don't have to be this way. Why not have classes at a certain time other than midnight? Hell why not eight, nine or 10 at night. For those stu-

dents who pick morning classes you may as well make class sign ups at 3:47 a.m.

Why not even allow the system to be set up so that each year gets its own two days, and within those two days those students with the highest GPA get first pick? 4.0-3.6 gets to sign up at 8 a.m., 3.5-3.0 gets to sign up at 9 p.m., etc. Not only would this prevent the server and phone lines from being overloaded, yet it may give some students a little extra incentive to do better in their classes?

Anyway, the point of this article isn't to pick on the administrators. This is just one aspect of student life that is much more difficult than it has to be. I don't claim to have all of the answers but there are many different ways that the students could sign up for classes without having this problem. At the very least, the school could implement a new policy stating that no classes can make their students take tests during those days. I know that some classes have students who are in different grade levels, but the entire block would only cover eight days and I don't think it'd kill a professor to just do lecture material during this eight-day span.

Justin Chase is a first-year psychology major.

Pot calls the kettle African-American

Letter stereotyped all blacks as victims of oppression

Those of you who read the April 10 issue of The Maine Campus may have seen a letter to the editor that involved my name.

If you hadn't read it, the gist is that in order for someone like Michael Hartwell, our opinion editor, to learn about things such as bias and oppression that he should talk to me because I know what it's like to be African-American and face stereotypes.

Look, I am here to say this: Any time my name gets dropped, it's cool. I have no problem with that. It shows that people read this paper. I am proud of that. What I am proud of is when someone uses my name without knowing the whole story.

This is not a "Defend Mike" column. However I will say this: If Mike was lacking judgment when it comes to anyone who does not look like him, then he would not have been one of the first people to welcome me to this school by including me as a friend. Furthermore, if this was true, then Mike would not have invited me to his house for Thanksgiving, where I met his entire family.

Just because someone may share a viewpoint about one aspect of diversity, does not make them completely oblivious to everything that lies

RYAN
CLARK



STAFF REPORTER

under that umbrella.

Everyone has their view on the issues. I think that this section and this column, along with the others printed in this issue prove that. People have opinions. Some people write things that everyone loves and sometimes it's just the opposite.

There have only been a few stereotypes or biases that I have faced since arriving here. Of course, typical questions are asked about my race and no matter how odd they may seem, you have to take a certain approach to answering them.

Since I enrolled at UMaine, it feels at times as if whatever I say is the entire mindset for anyone who is black.

I hope this does not sound far-fetched, but in all honesty, it's true.

Throughout my time here, anytime there is an issue where an opinion by a black person is needed, people ask me. What makes this different from anyone who is not a certain race or sexual preference is that it seems like whatever we say, it's

the end-all, say-all, do-all for the entire group.

It's not true. That would be like saying every time someone like Matthew Hale, a white supremacist leader, spoke, that all white people think like that. It's actually just one opinion.

No matter what I say, or what anyone else says for that matter, stereotypes are going to exist for as long as we let them.

And just like stereotypes are going to exist, so are opinions we do not agree on.

So I may not agree with Thomas Hudgins about Mike or anyone like him talking to me about diversity to get a better understanding of what it's like for us.

What I will say to Mr. Hudgins is this: I do not know you. I have never met you. I am sure you are a nice person and although I appreciate what you had to say about a hot topic, I just ask that from now on, unless you are referring to a story I wrote, to please leave my name out of your future letters to The Maine Campus.

To say that someone needs to hang around a person of a certain race or sexual preference to find out about bias and oppression is a bad statement.

Actually, it's more than a bad statement — it's stereotypical.

Ryan Clark is a senior journalism major with a film minor.

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Arts of Asia: The Sacred and the Secular
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"The Marx Brothers: Duck Soup"
Part of the MPAC Film Series
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Second Annual Maine Paddle Picture Show
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Thursday, April 13
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"King Kong"
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Friday, April 14
Bangor Room

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CUT me some SLACK

By Bridget Madden
Staff Reporter

You know those people on the mall who do that crazy thing where they walk on a rope from one tree to another? Well, they're not tightrope walkers. The term for what they're doing is "slack-lining" and it is as fun and difficult as it looks.

"Slack-lining, in its most basic essence is like tightrope walking," says Josh Firmin, one of UMaine's slack-liners. "It involves balancing on a piece of one inch tubular nylon webbing strung out between two fixed objects. In our case, we do it only a few feet above the ground, but there are places where the line is suspended hundreds of feet in the air."

"Although the balancing skill required may seem tightrope-esque, there the similarities end. Unlike tightrope walking, where the rope is stretched very tight, the nylon webbing is very dynamic and stretches. This small factor makes the act of balancing nearly impossible. You want to move one way, but the line wants to go the other. It bounces and swings, basically taking you along for the ride, or fall."

And many people do fall. But that doesn't stop any of the slack-liners from getting up and trying again. "First of all, [slack-lining] is fun," says Chris Persico. "It also helps my balance. Slackling on the mall is also a way for me to meet new people. I think it's awesome when some random people come up and ask to give it a try."

Most of the onlookers at the mall are intrigued by the slack-liners. "I'd like to try it," said Jamie Livingstone, who was lounging on the mall while studying, "but it looks scary."

The community of mall slackers is a welcoming and friendly group. Most are into rock climbing and work at MaineBound. They encourage new people and praise the experienced ones as well, in addition to offering one another some friendly competition while slackling.

"It is fun to slack with others because then you are constantly pushing one another to do increasingly difficult moves," says Josh Fermin.

Surfing is one move that is difficult. It is when you purposefully move the slack-line back and forth and try to stay on. One particularly impressive move performed by Joe Orefice is the "flip-flop" trick. Orefice gets on the line in his flip-flops, takes one off, setting it on the ground with his toe, then takes the other off, setting that on the ground with his toe. Then, while remaining

on the slack line on one leg, he bends his knee and with his free leg puts his flip flop back on. He then does it with the other foot. Everyone watches with bated breath, hoping he can do it, wondering how bad the fall will be if he doesn't. He executes the trick perfectly.

Cat Holmberg was the ambassador for my first attempt at slackling. As I came upon the crowd for this story, she was attempting — and succeeding — at slackling in spike-heeled sandals. Wow.

"It's like riding a bicycle," she explained, as I squatted over the slack line before pushing up on my leg to walk the line. "You just need to find your center of balance."

As I leaned on the shoulders of Holmberg to my right and Persico to my left, I pushed up into the air on the line, concentrated on a spot on the tree in front of me and found my balance. Walking the line proved to be far more difficult.

"The minute you put your foot on the line and try to stand up, you realize how unstable it is and how much skill is really involved," says Matt Swartz, who has been slackling for two years. "I have

After a long day of classes, some students have found a new way to slack off

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HANGING OUT — (Above) Joseph Orefice performs a slack line trick with his flip-flops where he removes them and then puts them back on without falling off the line.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

Beyond the smart script and plot line

TV Guide



By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

In my opinion, there are three crucial aspects to every great television series: a story with a hook, believable dialogue and a transcendent lead character. If you possess all three, you're golden. If not, you're headed for UPN and "Good Morning Miami" territory. Just ask Breckin Meyer.

For many shows, the first two factors are easy enough to get by on. Great writing, check. Great dialogue, check. Honestly, how hard is it to at least discover the next J.J. Abrams or Chris Carter? If this year is any proof, we have seen a ton of smart, young writers come out of the woodwork with creative stories to tell. However, these shows lack the one pivotal factor needed in making that truly great series that will stand the test of time: A dynamic lead character.

Whether it be a villain, a perfect American hero or a mix of both, it honestly doesn't matter; what is important here is that these characters step beyond the normal and make you develop strong passions towards them. Love 'em or hate 'em, you're reacting to their actions and that is what matters.

Another telltale sign of whether someone is actually lead character-quality is their ability to rise above an even better cast. It's one thing to carry an entire show, that's easy stuff compared to what we are talking about. When a character breaks free from an entire cast worthy of your attention, you have your guy. Or your gal, for that matter.

So who are the best?

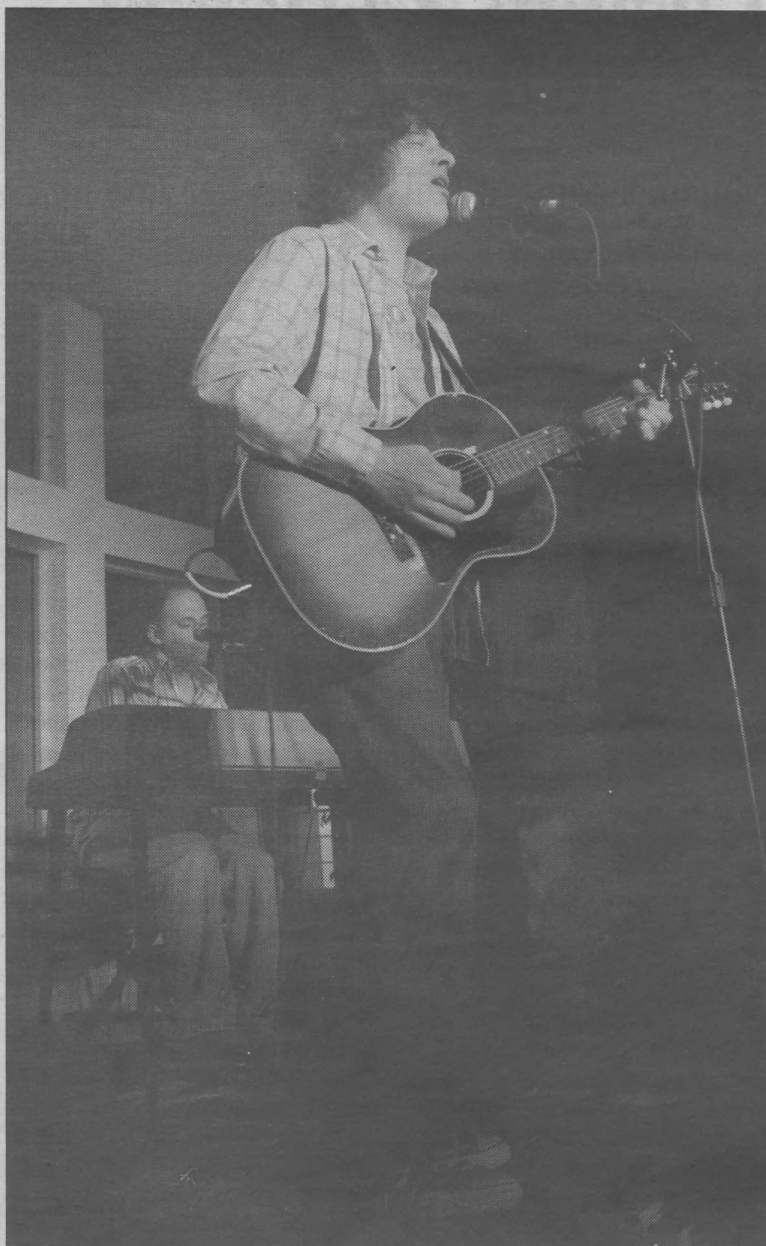
6. Michael (The Office) — At the top of the heap resides the boss from "The Office." Anchoring the best comedy in primetime, Michael (Steve Carell) makes you both cringe and laugh with every word that comes out of his mouth. However, it is his ability to make you actually feel sorry for him that creates his TV legacy. Carell's depiction of Michael is utterly ridiculous and yet somehow real. Watching Michael is like observing the worst Boss in history and sadly rooting for him.

5. Capt. Tom Underlay (Invasion) — Took long enough. After enduring two years of a villainous television world, viewers have their man. In the past six months, Underlay (William Fichtner) has easily developed into the most complex and underrated character on television. The trick to Underlay is his unpredictability. At any moment, he can go from respectable father figure to alien-loving psychopath.

4. Veronica Mars (Veronica Mars) — The lone female representative on the list. And it's only taken her a year to get here. Mars (Kristen Bell) is the textbook definition of

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Jiving Up A Storm



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIANNE HESS

STRUMMER — Ben Arnold performed a bluesy set to a sparse crowds at Java Jive Tuesday night in Memorial

Adventure and film

Second Paddle Picture Show presented tonight

By Damon Griffin
Staff Reporter

Are you a wild adventurer at heart or do you take more to modern technological niceties? Perhaps you like both?

If you are one of the latter and believe that the two lifestyles can be integrated in certain ways, the second Annual Maine Paddle Picture Show may be your idea of a fulfilling night tonight at 7 p.m., the outdoor publication No Umbrella is bringing the Second Annual Paddling picture show to campus.

Last year, the festival only made

two stops; this year, it has toured schools such as Bowdoin and the University of New England since late February. The event is a series of seven short documentaries celebrating the craft of kayaking and the sonic force of the rivers braved by kayakers. The films were made by New England filmmakers and outdoor adventurers, many from towns in Maine such as Brewer, Fryeburg and Windham.

The event is of a nature both celebratory and alluring. The season for whitewater rafting starts early in

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Aquila Co. returns to the MCA with 'Hamlet'

By Bridget Madden
Staff Reporter

The Aquila Theatre Company's unique production of "Hamlet" at the MCA this Tuesday left most of the audience pleased but not completely dazzled. The same plot line was followed and the adaptation veered only mildly from the original lines. The real surprise was the contemporary setting, which brought a modern slant to the plight of Hamlet and his family.

The stark, heavy wooden furniture audiences expect to see in productions of the medieval Danish

play was still used but in an imaginative manner. Five heavy chairs, three sets of three wooden panels each and a large, wide rectangular box composed the spare, versatile set. Each character in the play moved the set pieces during musical interludes between scenes. They arranged their assigned pieces in somber, elegantly choreographed moves while staying in character. This unique staging offered the audience additional visual montages, strengthening character development throughout the play.

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GLBT community celebrates with pride

By Erin McNamara
Copy Editor

"It's time to celebrate!"

Just ask David Kujawa, Wilde Stein president. He's spent the last several weeks working with a panel of Wilde Stein members, volunteers and GLBT Services Coordinator Kyle Webster to plan the University of Maine's Pride Week.

Wilde Stein, UMaine's Student GLBT group, is working this year with the Maine Masque, the Maine Center for the Arts and many other groups on campus to make the 33rd annual Pride Week one of their biggest celebrations since the event's inception. In addition to the much anticipated Drag Show and awareness speakers that they have every year, there are also a number of exciting new events next week.

Pride Week starts with Walk with the Ones You Love. This is a chance for students and faculty to walk publicly around the Maine Mall with their partners or friends

in a safe environment. The Maine Masque also begins performances of two David Mamet plays on Monday, "American Buffalo" and "Boston Marriage." Both are beautiful explorations of same-sex romances and friendships. There will be an open discussion following the Thursday, April 13 performance of "Boston Marriage," led by former GLBT Services Coordinator Matthew Small.

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The Walk will be followed that evening by the "Know Your Status" Dinner. Stacy Alexander of Peer Educators has paired with Wilde Stein to offer an evening of awareness, including a keynote speaker from the Eastern Maine AIDS Network and a free concert by the Maine Steiners. The goals of this event are to raise awareness in the UMaine community of the threat of AIDS, and to raise funding to help provide a half-price HIV testing clinic at Cutler Health Center the

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Last Chance to Reason comes back to Ushuaia



PHOTO COURTESY LAST CHANCE TO REASON

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

Last Chance to Reason is on the path to becoming the most successful band in Maine. What about Nobis, you ask? Their album is advertised in metal magazines. What about Sparks the Rescue? They're planning a tour to Florida this summer.

Last Chance to Reason has been playing shows, without fail, almost every single weekend since the fall. The rowdy five fellows of LCTR, hailing from the Belgrade, Oakland, Augusta area, returned from their third major tour last weekend. They played more than a dozen shows in nearly as many states, reaching as far south as West Virginia.

"It was our best tour yet," said drummer Evan Sammons. "Every show was a really solid show. There were great crowd responses at a lot of them, especially the Pennsylvania shows."

When the band isn't on tour, they continuously play local shows for their large Maine fan base.

"We're still having a blast doing it," said vocalist Mike Levenseller

when asked if the group is getting tired of being onstage so often. "Playing every night is just making us really, really tight. We still love all the songs as much as we did."

LCTR currently has nine dates lined up through June 16. They will play with Kill Whitney Dead, a film-sample oriented hardcore group on national label Tribunal Records, on June 2 in Melrose, MA. The June 16 appearance at The Kave will kick off LCTR's

most ambitious undertaking yet, a 22-date tour of the entire East Coast including dates in New York, Maryland, Florida, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and New England.

"We're starting to get the tour experience under our belts and some labels are starting to take interest in us. It's exciting and nerve-wracking at the same time," Sammons says. "This is pretty much becoming a focus of everybody's life. We're all dropping everything to do it. The band is showing a lot more promise as we go."

The coming year will hold more success for Last Chance to Reason.

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BANDSPOT

Fans "Stoked" to see State Radio at Bumstock

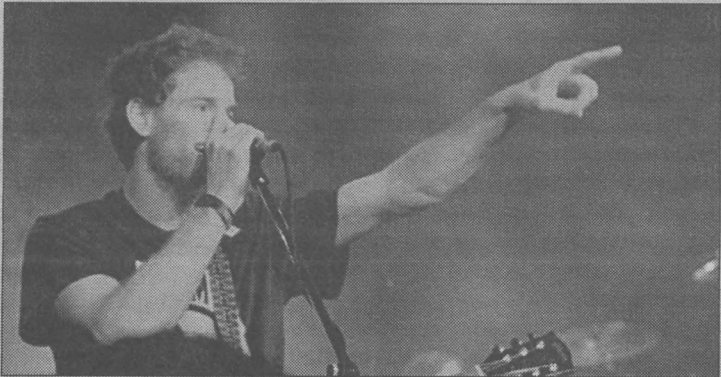


PHOTO COURTESY OF STATE RADIO

Chad Stokes, lead singer for State Radio, at a recent concert.

By **Tony Reaves**
Copy Editor

Chad Stokes' former band Dispatch is the 10th most popular band at the University of Maine according to Facebook.com, making State Radio a natural fit for Bumstock. Stokes said his new band "will be pretty familiar" to Dispatch fans. "It's not night and day," the guitarist and lead singer added. State Radio is more rock and reggae-centered than Dispatch, but the biggest difference fans will notice is the political message.

"We're trying to get people to talk about issues that I think the youth of this country need to take ownership of," Stokes said. One track from the brand-new album "Us Against the Crown" takes a hard stance against the war in Iraq, with a verse directed toward President Bush. "You tried to recreate Normandy/ But you made up the reason to fight," Stokes sings on "Camilo."

The singer explained that the song is about Camilo Mejia, a Staff Sergeant in the Army Reserves who'd already served his two tours and was called back for another one in Iraq. He went, but while home on leave, Mejia "decided he couldn't return. His

conscience wouldn't let him," Stokes explained. Mejia claimed status as a conscientious objector, "but that didn't go over well with the military, so he was put in prison for about nine months."

State Radio is the political-leaning band Stokes has wanted to put together for a long time. "I think in Dispatch I was a little more careful about what I wrote about because of the way the other two guys might feel about wording that may be too strong," he said. Stokes said he doesn't have that problem anymore because his new bandmates, bass player Chuck Fay and drummer Mike Najarian, "see things from almost exactly the same angle."

Stokes' politics are influenced by his free-spirited upbringing and his colorful past. After high school, Stokes traveled to Zimbabwe for six months with a friend. There, he taught school and played soccer.

Later, while working at a camp on Martha's Vineyard for disabled children, Stokes began a documentary called "How's Your News." The children at the camp interviewed people around the country. "We'd go around the country to different events and we'd cover these different goings-on, whether it be smash-up derbies or carnivals or regular

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Pushing Zero hits Frequency tonight

Machias band to finish up spring line up

By **Zach Dionne**
Copy Editor

At 8 p.m. in the Union tonight, the final Frequency of the semester will showcase Pushing Zero.

Pushing Zero, a four-piece from Machias, currently has seven dates scheduled through May 20, including one show in New Hampshire and a festival in Pennsylvania.

The group's sound maintains a balance between forceful and delicate, demonstrated in songs like "Satellite." The song begins with gentle acoustic guitars and progresses to rock riffs and a guitar solo featuring impressive sweep picking.

Singer and guitarist George Skala's confident vocals hold Pushing Zero's material together and keep the intensity strong. Adam Hawk, who cites Dream Theater and Steve Vai as influences, has shining moments on lead guitar.

The rhythm section, Jason Loeb on drums and Andrew Pelczar on bass, holds the band together throughout their mid-tempo jams.

With a label of modern rock, music fans may be initially cautious of Pushing Zero. After all, dozens of bands, ranging from Nickelback to 3 Doors Down to Led Zeppelin, ride

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May. The organization Northern Outdoors is the real current that carries these films and they are using the event as celebration before the season begins, as well as a motivation for others with a love for the outdoors to sign on to their summer programs.

The world has no shortage of rapids, river-foam or films. But it

does have a shortage of collaboration between filmmaking and outdoorsmanship. While the two practices may sound contradictory, they actually have created a paradox: What better medium to show the essence of man in the wild than film, with all its physical and visceral possibilities?

In addition to Northern Outdoors, sponsors of the event include Teva Sandals, N'East Magazine and Captain Eli's Soda. For more information, contact Nick Callahan at nick@noubrella.com.

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They have definite plans to record a full-length album with Jamie King in North Carolina in January of next year. King produced both "Alaska" and the self-titled album by well-known metalcore geniuses Between The Buried and Me.

"We're trying to do our best; we don't want to be disappointed in it," says Levenseller of the upcoming album. The group is planning to tone down the amount of live shows and focus on rehearsing and writing material from September to January. "We

want to be really proud of what we did, when this album is done."

The band was on their way to a show in Ashland, Mass. I sat back and looked at the facts. This is how small bands make their way up through the ranks. LCTR are using the tried-and-true steps employed by bands from America's hottest metalcore act Unearth to the Swedish gods of melodic metal, In Flames: Write great songs, play tons of shows, maintain a hard work ethic and high level of musicianship, and get signed.

Doors will open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10. The bill will include The Killing Moon, Zebesk, Burning Valhalla and Last Chance to Reason.

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what young, smart and likable characters should be.

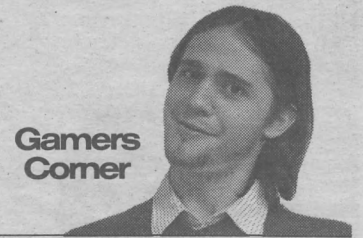
3. Gil Grissom of CSI — Yeah, I know he's on CSI. The most popular show on television. Why the extra limelight? Well, that's simple. Grissom (William Peterson) deserves it. After cutting his teeth in several low-rated movies and shows, Peterson has easily become the best crime figure on television. His strange interest in bugs and cheesy one-liners only heighten his appeal. By not fitting the mold of the standard do-gooder, Grissom quickly finds a place in everyone's heart.

2. Jack Shepherd of Lost — Classifying a lead on ABC's hit "Lost," is almost an impossible job. For many, their favorite character reside in a variety of choices. Most select Locke or Sayid. Others elect to go the Hurley or Kate route. But make no mistake there is only one lead amongst the

group, and he is front and center on every poster and piece of merchandise: Jack (Matthew Fox). Whether you think he is judgmental or too perfect does not matter. Fox embodies the group's leader to a tee. When thinking of "Lost," it is hard not to envision Jack doing something heroic. More importantly, Jack represents the American Hero ideal, the person we all wish to be at some point or another.

1. Tommy Gavin of Rescue Me — Dennis Leary's depiction of firefighter Tommy Gavin could not get any better. Leary's explosive performance is funny, endearing, scary, nasty and most importantly true. Gavin represents a different type of hero. A post-Sept. 11 hero. Gavin is clearly overwhelmed with hate and mistrust for the deaths of his partners and friends. Yet through it all he manages to showcase not a TV character but a person who is as real as anyone you could find. His is the type of character television rarely gives the public.

Stay classy, video gamers



Gamers Corner

By **Brian Spillane**

Hello and welcome. I don't know if you've noticed, but The Maine Campus has decidedly lacked up-to-the-minute 24-7 coverage of video gaming. I have toiled tirelessly to change this, but because of the physics involved in printing things on paper and also the science of time, I failed. As a consolation to fans of high-octane, through-the-roof gaming like Echo the Dolphin, however, I offer up-to-the-week 2-1 coverage. That last part is a joke about how long it takes me to write an article, and I smugly found it too clever to just leave in sans explanation.

This is a riveting time for most console gamers, as the clock ticks away until the release of the Playstation 3 and Nintendo Revolution, and the clock continues to tick as we wait for anything interesting to come out on the Xbox 360. After a shameful system release that reminds me of a little something called "the Playstation 2 release," Microsoft has followed up with a continually lackluster lineup. Maybe I'm just living in a nebulous past world where systems launched with mind-blowing openers like Super Mario 64 or, I don't know, Starfox 64 — or any number of games ending in the number 64.

So far Microsoft and its admittedly solid third party lineup hasn't been particularly spellbinding. Sequels to "Project Gotham Racing," "Tony Hawk," "Need for Speed" and "Call of Duty," though attractive, haven't done much to show what the 360 is capable of. Sony's often insulted tactic of heavily delaying the launch of the PS3 may indeed work for them as it did for Microsoft in the last generation. The time will give Sony ample opportunity to fine-tune their launch and hopefully, if the heavy-weight that made cartridges look passé wants my dollar, put together a few truly special launch titles.

Of course it takes time for developers to learn how to utilize a system, and Sony's tricky cell technology, the terrifying concept of arranging multiple small processors at its core rather than a large one, draws that period out even longer.

But rather than rambling on and on about what might have been — awesome release titles for the 360 and more on the horizon than another "Mechassault" clone — and what might be — "The Revolution" having a controller that's not a gimmick, the PS3's cell technology being manageable — let's take a short look at the best thing about new systems coming out: The old ones getting last generations, pushed to the limit, utilizing every ounce of megahertz, imported-from-Japan super games!

Now for Brian Spillane's top pick of the week for future awesomeness to keep your eyes, and \$50, set on. Even though "God of War" lost out for best game of the year to the excellent "Shadow of Colossus," the sequel "God of War 2" looks like

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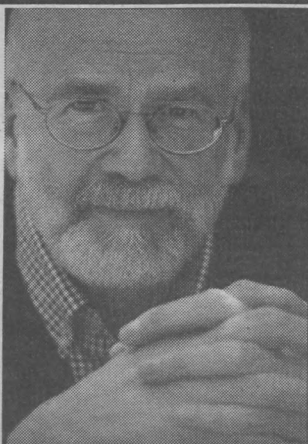
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Gamer flick 'Stay Alive' fails to stay amusing



HOOKED ON HACKING — Frankie Muniz stars in the video game thriller "Stay Alive."

By Eryk Salvaggio
Staff Reporter

Have you ever been at a friend's house, and for lack of something to do, you just sit around watching the screen while your friend plays video games? Have you ever wished that awesome experience could play out for you on the silver screen? Neither have I. But somebody did, because "Stay Alive" has all that and less.

All of the characters in "Stay Alive" are caught in a ridiculous situation, which they figure out a bit too fast. "Yes, two of our gaming friends have been murdered — clearly, this game has been designed and coded for the PS2 format by a 16th century Hungarian witch who intends to resurrect herself through the players' blood!" Of course!

The film is fraught with all the inexplicable actions you've come to hate about bad horror movie characters. While on a smoke break from your day of being preyed upon by bloodthirsty cyber demons, why not take a minute to go alone into that spooky, abandoned construction site? When you think you've seen a demonic figure in the rural country road, why not pull over to investigate, and then call your friends to come pick you up? Makes perfect sense!

Most of the fun to be found in this movie will come when it's released on DVD, at which point throngs of

gamers can mock the film in groups. Game geeks will recognize just how amazing it is that the sound the demons make is the sound of the Nintendo Rumblepack Controller. Or they'll wonder out loud about how a game with only three levels can take these "hardcore gamers" three nights to complete.

You don't have to be a gamer to appreciate the atrocious dialogue or script that places plot progression ahead of believability on its list of priorities. But you know the movie isn't even trying when a character comes back from the dead with no explanation whatsoever.

So, it's a less-than-one-star film, but let's not forget that doesn't exactly mean it's unwatchable. It's such the perfect opposite of a good film that it still comes out as sort of fun. You could watch it again and again trying to find all the layers of meaning that are missing. Or you could do something with your time that is more entertaining and rewarding. Like watch your friend play PS2 for an hour-and-a-half.

the "epitome of fun" for showgoers, who may well find themselves dancing up on stage with the performers that night. This is the fourth show Whitcomb has hosted and describes it as "grown-up humor." He mentioned that the performers are all participating because they genuinely enjoy it, and have all put a lot of work into their own performances and the group numbers as well.

Thursday will be the UMaine Day of Silence, in honor of GLBT persons who have been silenced or feel they have no voice in their own communities, followed at 7 p.m. by the Wilde Stein open house, where students, faculty and staff will have the chance to hang around with the people who put Pride week together and made all the events possible. After the serious tone of the day Thursday, Friday's drag show will be an awesome way to wrap up the week and have a good time with your friends. As Pride Week coordinator Andrew Johnson said, "Pride Week is a time to celebrate and be proud of who you are."

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week following Pride Week.

Toronto comedian Elvira Kurt will entertain students Tuesday night next week in 101 Neville Hall. Kurt performed at UMaine during Pride Week 2002 and will be coming back again to provide yet another GLBT-friendly night of laughs.

Starting Wednesday night, there will be four showings of "Brokeback Mountain" in DPC 100, two Wednesday and two Friday evening. You can plan to go see the movie around the other events happening those nights, as Wednesday night at 7 renowned author Augusten Burroughs will be giving a lecture followed by a book signing in the MCA, and Friday night is the much-anticipated drag show.

Organizer Chris "Mizz Kitty Pryde" Whitcomb has put a lot of time and energy into the planning of this show and promises it will be

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taken a few gnarly falls and have seen some pretty brutal ones too. I suppose you could say it's a little scary at first."

Perhaps more than a "little scary" for some, but the fun factor more than makes up for it.

"When I'm on the line, all the troubles of the day, whether it's a crumby grade on a paper, or the three-hour lab you have to go, they all seem to melt away," says Josh Fermin.

One thing particularly ironic about the term "slacking" for those who slack-line on the mall is that it actually turns into slacking in classes for several slackers. It's like the Land of the Lotus Eaters in the Odyssey; it totally sucks you in. Once you're out there, bare foot and playing in the gorgeous weather, who wants to go inside and sit in a classroom?

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under the terms "rock" or "alternative."

Pushing Zero seem to have a little something more. Just pay a visit to their MySpace, listen to any of the four songs, and feel your excitement build for the opportunity to see the group for free in the Union this evening.

"UMaine students can expect to hear and see a group of regular, down-to-earth guys sharing some great music with them," said Skala, speaking of the upcoming Frequency performance.

Pushing Zero have currently recorded two five-song EPS: 2004's "The Chosen" and 2005's "Rite of Passage." The band has also worked with Emmy-award-winning producer-performer-songwriter, Bill Chinnock of the E-Street Band, adding to their list of credits.

If neither Ushuaia's punk show last night nor the metal show on Friday fit your style, you would likely be comfortable right in the middle with the alt-rock tunes of Pushing Zero. Stop by the Union, check out a single song, and you may be hooked to the group's unique style, surprisingly high level of musicianship, and knack for great songwriting. This will be an excellent finale to a fantastic semester of Frequency shows.

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a slice of polytheistic gold. It has three stars to feed the lustful needs of gamers everywhere. For one, there's Kratos, a blood drenched, emotionally conflicted character we all hate to love. Combined with the engaging gameplay of the original, you already have magic. But what's most exciting are those spellbinding visuals. Nothing gets my heart thumping like miles and miles of bump mapped environment, and "God of War" will not disappoint. Like "Shadows of Colossus" and "GTA: 4" before it, "God of War 2" continues the newest generation of low on load time, high on volume worlds that suck players in like nothing before.

The future will be sweet, boys and girls.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

HANG 10— Ben Wasserman (Right) slack-lines with a partner on the mall Tuesday afternoon.

Chris Persico freely admitted to missing class in favor of slack-lining, which was the case on my day with the slack-liners.

"I do find that Tuesday from 12:30 on is a good time [to slack-line]. I find slack-lining much more

rewarding than the economics class that I have then, especially when it's nice outside," claims Swartz.

For more information about the sport of slack-lining and its history, go to www.slackline.com.

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Costuming followed the current fashion of the upper class, helping to immediately establish the present-day setting. Each costume piece was perfectly telling of the character wearing it. The conniving King Claudius, brother and assassin of Hamlet's father, wore sleek, finely tailored suits with silk ties in bright purple or indigo, the color of kings. Hamlet, a rogue monarch, wore a t-shirt and corduroys but also wore a sports coat, signifying the prince cannot completely abandon all decorum.

Lighting was dark and shadowy, which is expected for a tragedy in which all major characters perish by the end. The backdrop was a scrim that looked like the bottom of a stone well. When lit from behind, it gave a gray blurred distance to the characters behind it, as necessary for when the ghost of Hamlet's father appears or when Hamlet watches the burial of Ophelia from a distance.

Andrew Schwartz as Hamlet offered a striking contemporary interpretation, especially of the familiar monologues such as "to be or not to be." His pacing and inflection sounded more like characters in modern dramas. He displayed Hamlet's psychosis with modern ticks, like smacking his head repeatedly and twitching like a patient

from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." This modernization worked marvelously throughout most scenes and was quite compelling.

Fairly disappointing was Emily Bennet as Ophelia. Her performance lacked energy and dragged what could have been intense scenes with Hamlet way down. The lack of chemistry between Ophelia and Hamlet in this production made the intensity of the "get thee to a nunnery" scene odd and unbelievable rather than maddening and disturbing. After the intermission, though, Bennet did seem to pick up a little as she frighteningly portrayed Ophelia's madness after her father's murder.

Polonius, the loquacious father of Ophelia, played by Andy Patterson, was spot-on and delighted the audience. Queen Gertrude, played by Natasha Piletich, also fulfilled her role as the seductive sophisticate. Jay Painter was a real scene-stealer in his slapstick role as the gravedigger. The pacing of the banter between Hamlet and the grave digger is key to the scene's humor and neither actor missed a beat. It set the audience up for the disconcerting and dark conclusion of the play.

Overall, the artistic direction and contemporary adaptation of "Hamlet" by the Aquila Theatre Company was a good play to watch. It could be a fantastic production if all the components were tighter.

RADIO

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city parks where we'd interview people," Stokes said.

Trey Parker and Matt Stone, creators of "South Park," helped fund the project after viewing one of the "How's Your News?" 10-minute videos. Stokes said, "Through a friend of a friend they happened to see one and loved it." The documentary played at major international film festivals, and a new DVD is soon to be released where the HYN team interviews politicians and celebrities including Newt Gingrich, Michael Moore, Andre 3000 and Senators Hillary Clinton, John McCain and John Edwards.

Bumstock Director Andrew Gerke said he was aware of Stokes' success and fame. "I knew they were big when they were

around, and that they're really popular here. I thought they were the biggest bang for our buck."

State Radio is one of few bands today with a political message. "I feel like there's just a handful, and unfortunately just a few of them are mainstream bands," Stokes said, naming Led Zeppelin, Cat Stevens and Rage Against the Machine as the band's heroes. Those attending Bumstock should expect petitions and information at State Radio's merchandise table.

"It's an opportunity to realize the power of the people and we try to encourage that," Stokes said of his band. "I don't think we'd be involved in music if we didn't think that there was something deeper than just the music itself."

State Radio's new album, "Us Against the Crown," hit stores Feb. 7, and on April 22 they'll be the second-to-last band ever to play Bumstock, opening for headliners Boys' Night Out.

By Julianne Siegfriedt

Today you will want to take over, Aries, so cool down a bit. Nobody likes to be bossed around so take that energy and do something physical. Working out may be a good option.

You have great intuition today, Taurus. You are smart to listen to good advice. Just make sure you are speaking with your head and not from pure emotion so you don't offend anyone.

You may be looking over your shoulder today, Gemini. A friend may make you suspicious. The only thing that is really wrong, though, is your perception.

You may be a little emotional today, Cancer. Talk to loved ones and they will help you through. It's okay to lean on people once in a while and today is one of those days.

You will be quite indecisive today, Leo. Yes, there are so many options. Take this opportunity to do something new or out of the ordinary. Think travel.

You'll have to make some tough decisions today, Virgo. Listen to your gut and you will know what the right thing to do is. A friend might also be able to lend some guidance.

Things are looking up for you, Libra. Things are back on schedule. Find your inner-strength when a certain something difficult happens today. Stay with it and you will be fine.

Your compassionate nature will be recognized today, Scorpio. You will be that shoulder that a friend leans on in a time of need. This can be taxing, so make sure you give yourself time, too.

You are in overdrive today, Sagittarius. Try to look at things from a different perspective. If you get a chance, re-evaluate why it is you are working so hard. It might be that you are too hard on yourself.

You're a little nervous today, Capricorn. Your workload is a bit stressful right now so take some time to relax and do a little pampering. You need and deserve it.

Change is on the horizon, Aquarius, especially at work or school. You will be more stubborn than usual today but if you rely on friends a little they will help you out.

There is romance in the air, Pisces. Don't play hard-to-get because you may miss out on something special. Be yourself and you will be rewarded for it in the end.

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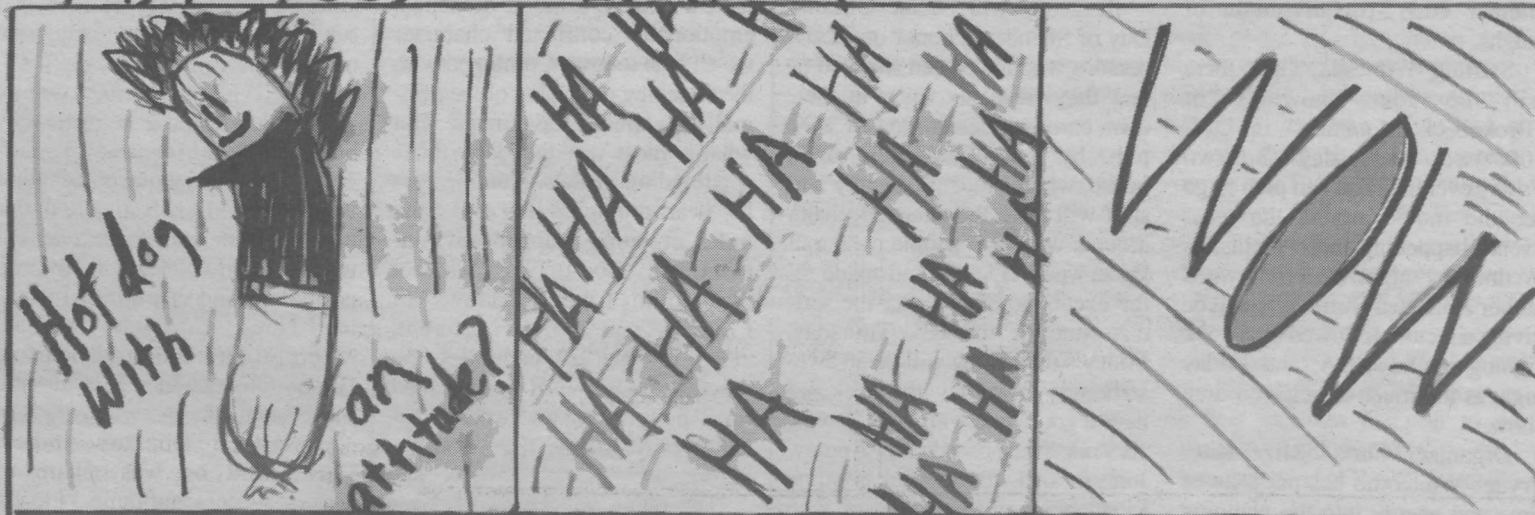
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Hypocrisy at its finest

Meet Bobby and Sally, everyone. They've been going out together for more than a year now and things are getting really serious. Bobby is a junior majoring in chemical engineering. Sally is a freshman — because chicks dig older guys — who hasn't quite decided on her major yet but thinks theater looks pretty interesting.

Bobby and Sally do all the things you'd expect a normal college couple to do. They like to party on the weekend together with all their mutual Facebook friends, hang out between classes, and all that other couple stuff you see everywhere. Why, a few months ago, Bobby and Sally even started having sex. Things are definitely looking up for Bobby and Sally.

A few weeks ago, when it came time to register for on-campus housing next fall, Sally had a great idea.

"Bobby," she said, "Wouldn't it be great if we could get a double in one of the halls and actually live together on campus?"

Of course, Bobby liked the idea.

"Well, heck, Sally," he replied, "That'd be just about the most swell thing I can think of!"

So Bobby and Sally went to housing to see if they could share a room next fall. The answer was, of course "No," and Bobby and Sally are now in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for being suspected communists. Have fun breaking those rocks, Bobby and Sally. Put your back into it!

Now, meet Tim and John. Tim is a sophomore anthropology major, John is a junior working towards a degree in psychology. Tim and John have been dating for about almost two years now and things are progressing normally, much like Bobby and Sally. Tim and John are having sex on a regular basis and have been for most of their relationship. Last year, when it was time to register for housing for the '05-'06 year, Tim asked John if he'd like to share a room. John thought the idea was a good one, so the two of them went to housing, applied for a double, and are now living happily in such a room and, according to their neighbors above, below, and on all sides, happily spending large portions of their day having sex.

Anyone else see the discrepancy here? I've noticed a few occurrences of homosexual cohabitation throughout my time at UMaine and, like most, didn't think anything of it. About a week ago, however, as I was signing up for my own housing for the fall and reading through the multiple agreements one must sign in order to live on campus, it dawned on me that this is a largely discriminatory system — and one that discriminates against the majority.

"Surely," I thought to myself, "this cannot be intentional." True enough, it wasn't. I spoke with Andy Matthews, the big man in charge of housing

Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

assignments and he informed me that the university does not, and understandably so, have a policy concerning homosexual cohabitation in on-campus housing. According to Matthews, not assigning men and women together is largely based on tradition. Indeed, the notion of co-ed rooms makes the idea of co-ed halls look tame by comparison and there were plenty of people with objection to the male-female-male-female room assignments slated to begin next year. The idea would also likely sit poorly with the parents of many of the younger incoming freshmen each year and likely have an adverse effect on enrollment here.

The result of this is a system that does not allow heterosexual couples to live together in standard dorms, DTAV being the one slight exception, but even there more of a loophole than anything else, but happily signs off on any homosexual couple that wishes to split a double between them.

Matthews expressed his concern over the notion of policing this and I wholeheartedly agree. No one wants to see a form that says "Are you gay? Check Yes or No," when they apply for housing. Doing so could easily be seen as a violation of privacy. Even beyond that, though, is the notion of transition — what if someone either doesn't realize they're gay or doesn't wish to come out on official paperwork? It's impossible and inconceivable that a bureaucracy like housing or the university itself could fairly or effectively keep track and should never, ever attempt it.

However, the system shouldn't remain as it is. If the roles were reversed and heterosexual couples were allowed to share rooms while homosexuals were denied this privilege, I have no doubt we'd see the ACLU marching up and down the mall in full force. We'd all be on the news with people like Nancy Grace and Rita "I sound like I eat glass" Cosby calling us narrow-minded bigots.

Is there an easy solution to this? Definitely not, and I can't think of one that doesn't end up trampling all over somebody. It should be discussed, though, and discussed with the same fevered passion that would be involved in the reverse scenario.

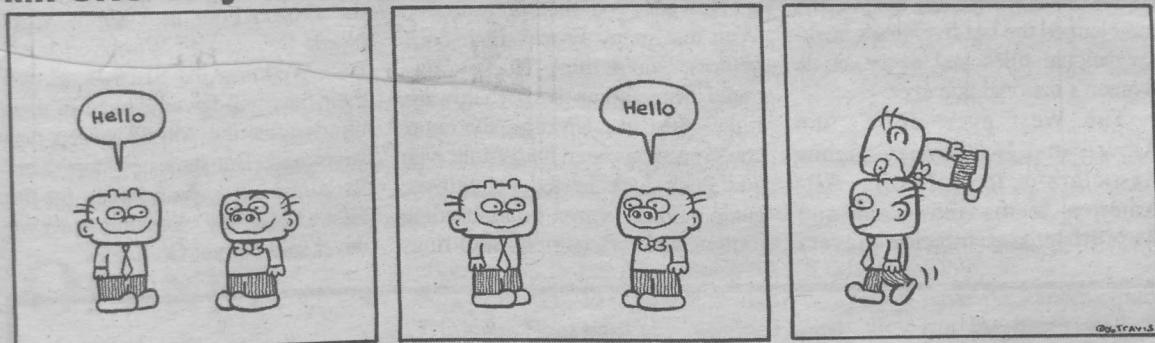
In the mean time, the playing field should be leveled. Every single co-habiting homosexual on campus has a decision to make — either move into separate rooms and even out with the rest of the population or admit the hypocrisy involved "why change the system when it works in my favor?" and be prepared to deal with it in the future.

LOGIC MAN!

by Brian Sylvester



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RUGBY

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ed in 10 different divisions. After several years of not being able to participate due to scheduling and funding, both teams returned to Savannah with just enough players to compete.

The men's team finished fourth in their division after crushing Northern Florida 47-0, and then winning by default against the University of South Carolina. Senior president Stefan Scarks said they missed playing for first by only four points.

The women did well in Savannah, said junior co-captain and president Teagan Thibodeau. They held their own against one of the best teams in the country, from Orlando, Fla.

"It was a true testament of our team's ability," said Thibodeau.

"We'll win, not even kidding. Our talent pool is ridiculous,"

Anthony Desjardins
Junior
UM men's rugby

The Maine Collegiate Rugby Cup, one of the most highly anticipated tournaments of the season, is this upcoming weekend at the Cumberland Country Fair Grounds. Schools such as Colby, Bowdoin, Farmington, MMA and Bates will all compete.

Last year, the women's team had four all-star players chosen to play on the Maine Team during this tournament. Thibodeau

hopes to add more players this year.

"Even if we don't get the outcome we want, we'll still have individual outcomes," she said.

Thibodeau and senior Carolyn Kelly were among the selected women to play last year. Thibodeau anticipates junior Rebecca Woods and freshman Judi Azevedo will be significant factors this year. Azevedo, playing the difficult position of fly-half, started playing for the Black Bears just this year without any prior rugby experience.

"I'd like to see a nice four years out of her," said Thibodeau.

The men's team, on the other hand, is fully optimistic of their upcoming performance at the Maine Cup.

"We'll win, not even kidding," said junior Anthony Desjardins. "Our talent pool is ridiculous."

During the fall season the men's team went nearly undefeated, only losing to Colby once, 12-5. The team anticipates good competition from both Colby and Bowdoin.

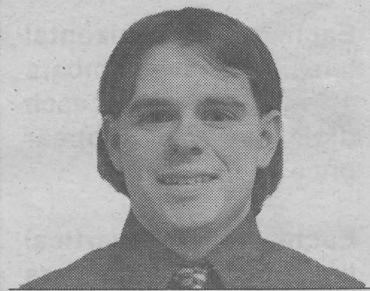
Several freshmen, Eric S. Anderson, Rocco Andreozzi and Anthony "Big Tony" Purpura have all been outstanding additions to the team, Scarks says. Andreozzi, whose father played rugby for the Black Bears, started playing last season and scored the most tries on the team.

The women will travel solo on April 22 and 23 to Rhode Island to compete in the Beast of the East tournament. The women took third last year after being defeated by Northeastern University. The Beast of the East will be the last tournament of the season for the Black Bears.

The men hope to travel to New York and Michigan this summer to compete.

"We'd like to go into the season in good shape with everyone playing well together," said Scarks.

How the West was won: The battle between college hockey's conferences



By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

As difficult as it is to admit this in print, I cannot tell a lie. A part of me was hoping that — gulp — Boston College would bring home the national championship in the Frozen Four finals last weekend.

You're probably thinking, what do you mean "bring home?" Home is Orono, not Chestnut Hill, and those dastardly, despicable Eagles would've only brought the title to Orono to rub it in our face and gloat.

Alas, the home I refer to is a second home, of sorts, and a much bigger one: Hockey East.

There's only one thing in this world that makes me more sick and tired than the popped-collar society at BC, and that just happens to be the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

I've had it up to here with the mighty WCHA, home of Minnesota, North Dakota, Denver, Colorado College and your national champion Wisconsin Badgers. As a matter of fact, and as every college hockey fan west of the Mississippi will be sure to remind you 100 times over the course of a conversation, the WCHA has claimed the last five men's hockey national titles and every single women's national title ever.

The West even allows the American Hockey Coaches Association to split its All-America teams into East and West to let our inferior players

garner some honors, too.

Western players are better, Western teams are better, Western fans are better, Western games are more fun to attend and the baked potatoes and hot dogs taste better out West.

Gag me.

The WCHA's superiority complex is sickening and I wanted it ended, even if it did mean Boston College got a few bragging rights.

So they've gotten a few bounces in national championship games, big deal. UMaine and BC could easily have two or three titles each in the last eight years, which is what we'll work with here since that's the Black Bears' current consecutive tournaments reached streak. By the way, no team in the WCHA can lay claim to eight straight tourney berths.

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Gag me.

Since 1999, Hockey East's crowning moment with three teams in the Frozen Four, the conference has hogged 13 of the 32 berths in the Big Show, compared to 12 for the WCHA.

How do you measure success? With that many Frozen Four competitors, you'd think Hockey East could bring home some hardware, right? Just like UMaine, the entire conference has been hamstrung with bad puck luck in the penultimate game. When Frozen Fours become routine, lack of championship rings

start to make it look like you're not succeeding. But placing that many teams in the Finals, year in and year out, is still remarkable.

It doesn't matter, though. What matters is hardware. Just ask the Atlanta Braves. Getting to the show means nothing if you're not the star. Hockey East is the bridesmaid, and the WCHA always ends up with the golden ring off the little boy's pillow. If you've ever seen a bad romantic comedy, you know the girl who's a bridesmaid at every wedding is only one thing — miserable.

Misery I wanted to escape last weekend, when everyone on the planet thought North Dakota would challenge Wisconsin in the title game. I wanted UMaine and BC to stick it to the West. The Hockey Gods had other plans for the Black Bears, but a big part of me took pleasure in watching BC build a 6-3 lead on the mighty Sioux. Another, smaller part of me would've been thrilled to see 18,000 Badgers fans go home in despair, and 50 pro-WCHA media pundits wonder how the East managed a championship. I figure misery loves company.

That's why I'm making a radical proposal: From now on, let's root for one another. From now on, I hope every other Hockey East team, from hated UNH all the way down to Merrimack, goes undefeated in their non-conference schedules. No more cheering in the Alford when UNH trails Michigan after two.

Next year, as only college hockey can provide, we'll have rematches of the Frozen Four as UMaine visits North Dakota and Wisconsin hosts BC. We know the Black Bears and their fans will have revenge in their minds after the Alford sweep two years ago. But let's not stop there. Let's make it a clean sweep for the East. Let's say something we've never said before: Go Eagles.

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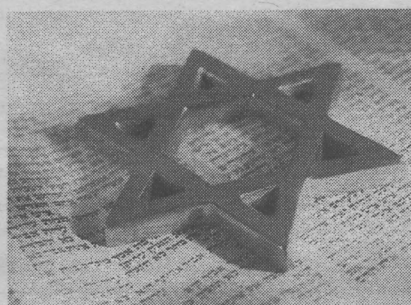
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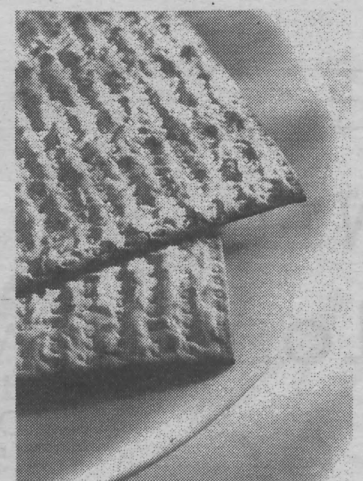
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SPRING

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year. Also, UMaine has 13 red-shirt freshmen hoping to earn time after sitting out last year to train and acclimate themselves to the Black Bears' system.

"It's about creating a competitive atmosphere that allows for the best players to step forward," said Cosgrove. "The guy who gets to the front of the line is usually the best."

One of the most important "new" faces on the UMaine sidelines is actually an old one: recently promoted defensive coordinator Robb Smith. With the departure of celebrated defensive guru Rich Nagy, Cosgrove felt turning to a familiar face was an easy and obvious choice.

"To me, it was a pretty easy choice to go in that direction."

Jack Cosgrove
UMaine head football coach
On promoting Robb Smith
to defensive coordinator

"One thing I believe is always looking within your own home to see if you've got something to help your staff," Cosgrove explained.

This fall will be Smith's fifth season at UMaine. He served as linebacking coach last year after working with the defensive backs for the previous three. Needless to say, Smith has worked close with a Black Hole defense that ranked among the

best in the nation during Nagy's tenure.

"[Smith] was an obvious guy to look to because of his relationship with those coaches and with our players. The fact that he was a part of a very much improved defense last year and was part of the implementation of the plan we used last year helped tremendously. And he has a great working knowledge of our personnel. To me, it was a pretty easy choice to go in that direction," said Cosgrove.

The Black Bears return eight of 11 defensive starters from their season finale last November, losing All-Atlantic-10 linebacker and captain Jermaine Walker, along with standout safeties Jarrod Gomes and Joan Quezada. Senior-to-be Anthony Hicks as well as sophomores-to-be Jovan Belcher, Sean Wasson and Andrew Downey saw time last year and should see increased time this fall, filling Walker's shoes.

As for the defensive backfield, UMaine returns both corners in Manauris Arias and Lamir Whetstone. Jonathan Calderon and Lionel Nixon saw time as freshmen last fall and should also be in the mix for starting jobs this fall.

Darren Stone is a versatile back who played rover, a sort of safety-linebacker hybrid, in some schemes last season, and will no doubt find a spot on the field no matter what alignment the Black Bears settle on. The ball-hawking senior-to-be ran away with the team lead in interceptions last year, picking off five of the team's 11 total.

That strong core is hoping to continue momentum from last year's late season surge and a powerful defense that spent much of the season in the top-10 nationally. However, they're also looking to shake off the sting of giving up 59



HOLD THE LINE — Linebacker Anthony Hicks (36) fights through a block thrown by running back Terron Allen (44) during practice yesterday at Alford Stadium.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

points and 555 yards in a season-ending loss at New Hampshire.

"Having the same faces doesn't mean you're going to get better. You've got to work at it and grow," said Cosgrove. "As well as we played in three of our last four, especially on defense, giving up that many points isn't something we're proud of."

Another returning stalwart is defensive end Matt King, who

missed all but three games last season with a wrist injury. King has 2.5 sacks in just three contests last year and started nine games as a sophomore in 2004, recording 43 tackles. The 6-3, 245-pounder should be a force to be reckoned with along the defensive line in his senior season.

With the combination of strong, experienced players and a capable, seasoned coaching staff, Cosgrove only expects

his defense to get better this fall.

"We've improved our speed and athleticism," he said. "I think we'll see a faster team, on defense especially."

The Black Bears practice again Friday afternoon, followed up by their first intra-squad scrimmage at 9 a.m. Saturday at Alford Stadium. The spring season culminates with the Jeff Cole Memorial Scrimmage on May 6.

OPENER

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"Not having a 14-hour bus ride is going to make it a lot better," said Powers. "We will be a lot fresher."

The Black Bears, 17-9-1 and 3-0 in conference, will need that energy when they take on the pre-season pick for second place in the league, Stony Brook. The Seawolves, however, are currently underachieving with a record of 9-17 and 1-2 in league competition.

"This is a very key weekend for us," said Trimper. "I think Stony Brook is probably one of the better teams in the conference. This is going to be a little preview of what is going to probably happen in the postseason."

Led by a potent front end of the rotation, Stony Brook will look to stymie a Black Bear lineup that has gone .333 from the plate. The mark is the 10th best in the country.

"College baseball is built around hitting mistakes," said Trimper. "I think what we are doing is that there hasn't been too many times we've had a hitters count and we let a fastball go. We've been swinging and that just goes to show if you got good short compact swings and swing at strikes you're going to get hits."

The success has not caught Trimper off guard.

"I knew we had some pretty good hitters in the fall, I think we didn't tinker too much," said Trimper. "We basically changed more with the mental approach than the physical approach."

"I think this one of our most potent offenses," said catcher Matt McGraw. "It's more complete from top to bottom."

UMaine is also eighth in the country in runs per game at 8.9 and 15th in slugging percentage at .496. Both marks rose over the weekend thanks to an explosive sweep of University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

"We did a lot of things right this [past] weekend," said Trimper. "We played clean defense, we obviously hit and the pitching was pretty good."

Trimper is confident that the weekend created some momentum for the Black Bears.

"It did build some momentum for the weekend," said Trimper. "Anytime you win a series it's great. Anytime you win a road series it's even better. And anytime you sweep, it's outstanding."

McGraw, however, said this momentum could backfire.

"It could carry us through the weekend or kill us," said McGraw. "It's like two sides of a coin. If we keep playing with the same intensity I think we are going to be good. If we let it get to our heads we could be in trouble."

Trimper said Stony Brook has

several components that could give UMaine trouble.

"They have outstanding pitching, they run the bases well and they are going to be a team that is going to capitalize on our mistakes if we do make them," said Trimper. "We've got to play clean."

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Matt McGraw
UMaine baseball
On the team's momentum

"They have two or three starters that can go toe-to-toe with our guys," said McGraw.

Trimper believes the Stony Brook pitchers could play an important role.

"They don't walk a lot of guys," said Trimper. "They got a

couple ERAs that are down which means they play pretty good defense. We are really going to have to hit good pitching this weekend."

In the past few weekends UMaine has proven they are capable of not only hitting good pitching but knocking it out of the park. Slugging his way to the top of the offensive charts is Kevin McAvoy, 10th in the nation in batting average and 18th in slugging percentage. Earlier this week, McAvoy and Joe Hough earned America East Player of the Week honors. McAvoy received his fourth America East Rookie of the Year honor, while Hough collected Player of the Week honors.

"It's definitely a great honor to be acknowledged for something like that," said McAvoy. "I just go out there and do what I can do. I try not to do too much."

"He's done a great job," said Trimper. "What he has done is obviously not play like a freshman, he's stayed pretty even keel. He doesn't say much. He is going to go out there and do what he is told. He is a strong kid. He gets a lot of hits because of his strength. He's a guy who has bought into the system. He takes a good aggressive hack when he is up in the count or when he's down two strikes he shortens up and tries to use the whole field."

McAvoy has a .440 average with 22 runs scored and a team-

leading 36 RBIs. Hough on the other hand is hitting .324 with 29 runs scored and 16 RBIs. Others likely to play huge roles in the weekend offensively are Joel Barrett, .383 and 29 RBIs; and Ryan Quintal who is batting .350 with 31 RBIs.

"We have to stay with the relax approach offensively," said McGraw. "We can't worry if it doesn't come right way. We can't start changing approaches. We have to stay with it."

Getting the start today will be Nolan Boike, 3-0, who has a 3.58 ERA. Also likely to get the ball sometime over the weekend will be Jason Weymouth, Scott Robinson, Powers and Josh Zyskowski. Robinson is one save shy of the all-time save record at UMaine held by Mike LeBlanc.

Today's game and Friday's doubleheader starts at 4 p.m., while Saturday's decision kicks off at 1 p.m.

"Stony Brook has always been a good team to play against and now we are getting them at home for the first weekend," said McGraw. "This is a good time where you can start getting ahead in the conference race and start putting some teams back in the distance. This is actually my favorite part of the season because at the end you have all the pressure building up and at the start you can't see how things are developing."

BENNIS

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pitchers are doing phenomenally and they are more consistent than our pitchers when we went to regionals."

UMaine, which is 24-13 with a 6-2 America East record, played a two-game set against the Terriers on Wednesday and on Thursday will travel 3.8 miles down Commonwealth Avenue to play Boston College.

BU is in third place behind the Black Bears with a 5-3 record in conference play. The Terriers have won six of their last 10 games, including two against the Catamounts. In their most recent series against Hartford, BU took two out of three games from the Hawks.

Part of BU's success was credited to Liz Alley, who was one of four players to be named the conference player of the week as she hit .462 with three home runs and had a slugging percentage of 1.385.

The Black Bears' game against the Eagles will be one of three non-conference games UMaine will be playing until the end of the season. UMaine's other games will be against Colby at Kessock Field next Tuesday and against the University of Massachusetts in the first week of May.

"Throughout the whole year, we've felt that we were one of the strongest teams in the conference and I think this week we have the opportunity to prove that."

Stacey Sullivan
UMaine softball coach
On the upcoming match-up with Albany

"This is by far our biggest road trip of the season, since we are going against the two teams who were picked to finish at the top of our conference," said coach Stacey Sullivan. "Throughout the whole year, we've felt that we were one of the strongest teams in the conference



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON
WINDMILL MOTION — Sarah Bennis, seen here winding up against Vermont last weekend, beat BU 4-2 yesterday.

and I think this week we have the opportunity to prove that."

Once the Black Bears leave the Bay State, they will travel west to take on Albany, who lead UMaine by one game atop the conference standings.

Albany has won 12 of their last 15 games and in seven of those games they have scored more than eight runs including a 12-2 bashing of Lehigh University in five innings.

The Great Danes' last game came against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County when they took the series against the Golden Retrievers.

On Monday, Sarah Bennis was named the America East

Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season. She won both of her starts in the sweep against Vermont while allowing just two runs and striking out 23 batters.

This is the third time that the Black Bears have had a player win the award; freshman Jenna Balent won the award last week.

"We have just worked really hard all offseason when it comes to improving our pitches and we have just complemented each other well," said Balent, who red-shirted last season. "If I am having a rough day, she is there to pick me up and if she is having a rough day, I will pick her up too."

CLUB

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UMaine has a varsity football team at the NCAA I-AA level, but is the only known University in the country that also has a club team. The club has 50 members on its active roster and received preliminary funding from Student Government earlier this year and are expected to get full funding after the mandatory waiting period expires later this month.

"We wanted to use the Black Bear name to help with recruiting and because it'd be good for the school," Clarke said.

These Black Bears will compete in the North American Football League 3, a semi-pro league that holds a national playoff with a championship game at Disney World. Other teams in the NAFL3 include the Casco Bay Mutiny, Central Maine Warriors, Central Mass. Fury, East Coast Sharks, Exeter Gamblers, Maine Blizzard, North East Knights and Southern Vermont Storm.

UMaine's first official competition will be this fall, with practices starting in August.

While most other teams have owners and tryouts, any UMaine student who wants to continue his football career can join the club.

"I played four years in high school and was told I'd never get to play again, so this is great," said

Clarke, noting that the club is perfect for those who don't have the time, desire, talent or size to compete at the I-AA level.

The Black Bears will play an eight-game season featuring six NAFL3 games and two non-conference contests. UMaine has been practicing four days per week in Mahaney Dome and on Morse Field, and plans to play its home schedule at Alford Stadium in the fall.

"They've been very gracious to us," Clarke said, referring to the club receiving time at UMaine's premier athletic facilities.

The club doesn't have a formal coach, though UMaine equipment manager Eric Marsh serves as their adviser. As for schemes, they are often drawn up by the players and also sometimes taken from outside sources like other college teams.

"We're running a base 44-stack defense so far, and we have the first 10 or 15 plays on offense scripted for most games," said Clarke. "We just got in a copy of North Carolina's playbook, so hopefully we can get some stuff out of that."

The team is seeking members and Clarke estimated club dues around \$50 once all the funding from Student Government and Campus Rec. is in order.

Anyone looking for more information on the tackle football club or looking to join can contact Wayne Clarke on FirstClass, or club president Eric Whitman.



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Bonds' hurdles pale to Aaron's

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

For once, I really cannot feel sorry for Barry Bonds.

This has nothing to do with steroids or the fact that he has not gotten off to a blistering start but about his show, "Bonds on Bonds."

In case you have not seen it, this show chronicles Bonds' life very much the way Billy Crystal did with the film "61," when talking about what Roger Maris went through en route to setting the single-season home run record.

Last night, while I was watching the show, I couldn't help but think about one person — Henry Aaron.

I was thinking about Aaron and what an impact it would have had if a camera crew followed Aaron around during the 1974 season when he broke Ruth's record of the most home runs in a career.

For those who do not know Aaron's story, it was one of utter sadness. Here was a man from Mobile, Ala. who had never done anything to hurt the game's credibility but because he was black, received death threats from people about breaking Ruth's record.

With Bonds, on the other hand, it's something completely different. People do not like the man for whatever reason. I admit that I grew up a Bonds fan and if it was not for the likes of Gary Sheffield, Jim Edmonds and Andrew Jones, he'd probably be my favorite player.

That said, I have no sympathy for the man simply because he did not go through what Aaron dealt with.

An example would be what happened to Bonds last week: When he was running into the dugout at the end of an inning, a fan tossed a needle in front of Bonds to heckle him about the steroids situation.

Bonds played it off coolly, but when compared to Aaron, I do not think we all realize how easy he has it.

In Aaron's case, it was something completely different.

The night he broke the record, two fans ran onto the field at Fulton County Stadium and congratulated Aaron. This was a major security issue because Aaron's people thought that these guys were going to stab him.

Problems such as those are things most people do not have to worry about, but the fact that one player has to have security for breaking a record is disheartening.

What is even more disheartening is hearing Bonds complain about not seeing his 15-year-old daughter all day.

For guys like Henry Aaron, whose life was on the line, there may have been days when he thought about never seeing daylight again.

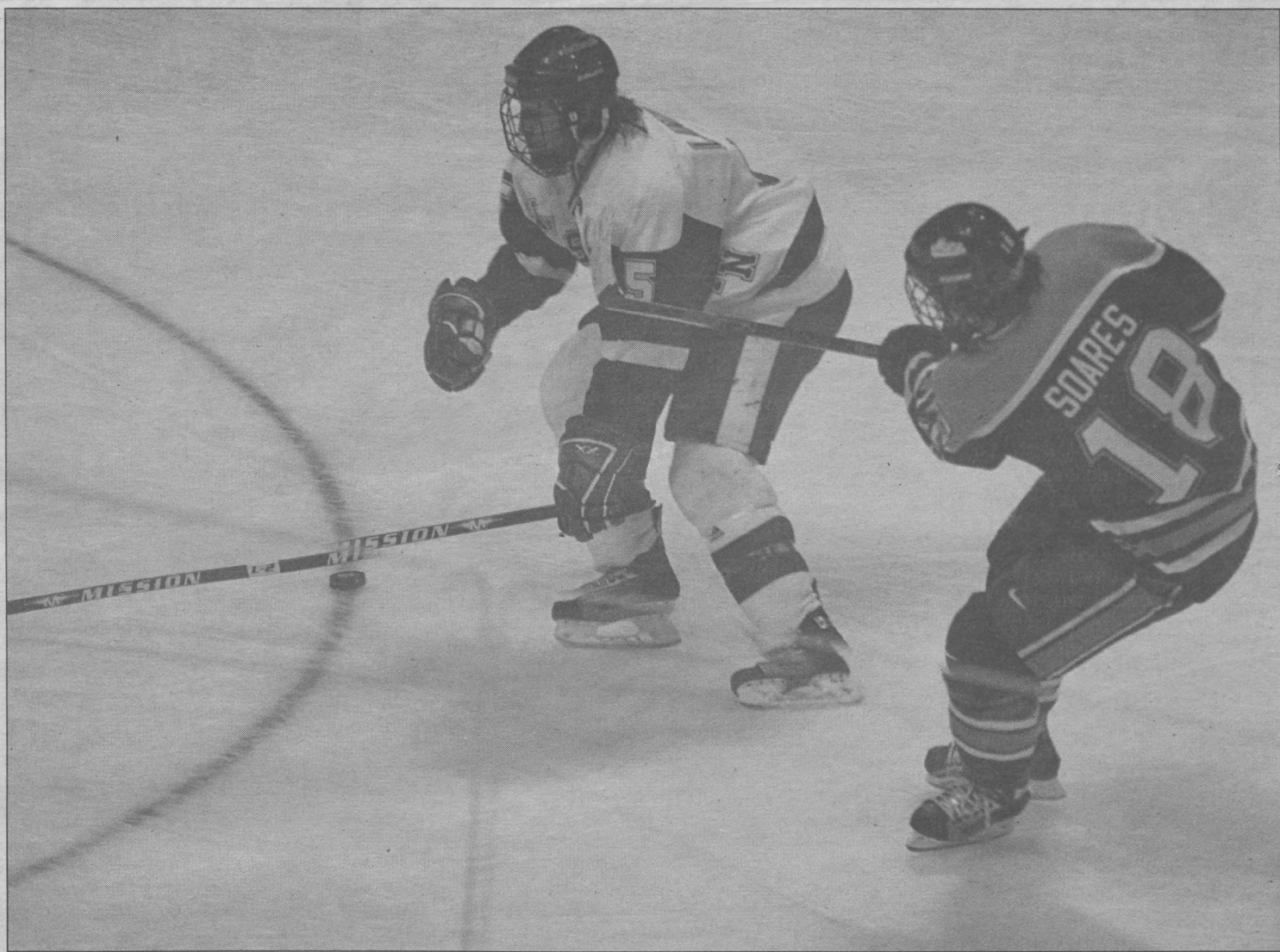
I am not against stating that athletes complain too much. I do not like talking about it frequently because anyone with emotions or a pulse does the exact same thing. We do not make a large amount of money.

Regardless of whether he took steroids or not, I would just like to hear Bonds admit on his show that compared to guys like Aaron, Willie Mays or even his father, who should be in the Hall of Fame, that he does have it easy.

The other day, I had this same chat with my 40-something year-old brother who lives in Atlanta, a place where Martin Luther King is the only person who has more love than Hammerin' Hank. My brother, an avid Bonds fan, even said that he was impressed with the fact that Aaron has continued to support Bonds even though he went through more.

Sometimes it's not about who hits more home runs or wins more awards. At the end of the day, it's about respect.

I respect Barry Bonds. I really do, but compared to Henry Aaron, let's just say this — the amount of respect I have cannot be measured in a record book.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

BREAKOUT SEASON — Josh Soares, seen here harassing a Wisconsin forward, had a career year with 41 points and will be one of the Black Bears' top players next fall.

FUTURE

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Hopson, Steve Mullin and Travis Wight.

"It's tough losing some real talented seniors that put up some great numbers," said defenseman Mike Lundin.

Future seniors Keith Johnson, Lundin, Josh Soares, Mike Hamilton, Shephard and Michel Leveille face the difficult job of filling the void left by one of the winningest classes in school history.

"We've lost some forwards up front and we're going to need our sophomores, juniors and freshmen to step up," said Soares.

"Myself and my class are going to be the seniors so we're going to have to do a lot of the things we weren't doing this year," said Shephard. "We need to score more."

Despite the absence of Moore, who is already set to graduate, UMaine returns more than 15 starters on the defensive and offensive side of the puck. As well, the squad now has some new motivation: a 5-2 loss to eventual National champion Wisconsin in the Frozen Four.

"I think everyone coming back next year has seen what it takes to get that far," said Lundin. "We've seen where we don't want to end up. We will have that in the back of our minds at the start of the season."

"It was unfortunate that it came to an end but we know we have some good players coming back next year," said Soares. "We got a strong defense and some great goaltending coming back."

The Black Bears have clearly shored up the goaltender questions that plagued UMaine during the offseason last year. This time around UMaine has two proven netminders, Matt Lundin and Ben Bishop, coming back and there are

no worries of either of them going pro.

"It's a great feeling," said Soares. "We know what we have to deal with next year. It was real difficult not knowing if Jimmy would be back."

"Losing Jimmy, there was a lot of question marks in goal last year," said Shephard. "I think this year they both played excellent for us at different points of the season and proved that they are both capable."

The No. 1 spot won by Bishop after Feb. 4 is now up for grabs according to Shephard.

"They are going to push each other for the starting job, which is even more comforting because we now have someone to look to if the other one gets hurt or has a couple bad weekends," said Shephard. "If I had to predict something at the start of the year, I would probably say that is what he is going to do."

"I know we are losing a lot of great players so I want to make sure I am ready to come in and be an impact player."

Chris Hahn
Freshman forward
UMaine men's hockey

The pair will be without two of their most reliable defensemen in Travis Wight and Steve Mullin. Both players are graduating in May.

"We got a good chunk back but we are still losing two key members," said Lundin.

Lundin, however, feels the defense should be able to recover.

"The experience we're having coming back is pretty good," said

Lundin. "Overall the experience we have coming back is more than what we did this year."

Current freshman Simon-Danis Pepin, Matt Duffy and Bryan Plaszcz will be making the leap from part-timers to starting jobs next season.

"Guys like Pepin, Duffy and Plaszcz are going to play big roles," said Lundin. "They got the experiences this year and they are going to be OK."

Shephard said their play will be pivotal in how the squad fares.

"Guys that were freshmen are going to be counted a lot more this year," said Shephard.

On the offensive side, the Black Bears have plenty of experience. It's now a question as to whether those with two years under the belt can make the elite jump. The first two names that come to mind in this case, are sophomores Billy Ryan and Keenan Hopson. Both have displayed signs of becoming UMaine's next offensive force but have yet to breakthrough.

"They definitely have some great talent," said Soares. "With two years under their belt now, I think next year is going to be key years for them. I think they will be able to step in and really contribute. They did a great job this year but I think next year you are going to see some complete seasons out of them."

Hopson and Ryan are not the only wingers that need to evolve. Soares feels that Wes Clark and Chris Hahn, who were featured sparingly, should factor into any talk of the future.

"Another couple players that I think we need to step in our Chris Hahn and Wes Clark," said Soares. "They didn't really get the opportunity that much this year but I think they will be key contributors next year. If they can do that I think we will be set."

Hahn, a freshman from Saskatchewan, is ready for the

chance to prove his worth.

"This year was a real tough year for me," said Hahn. "Obviously most of the guys that come in here played a lot where they come from. It's a big difference to come here and not be in the lineup. I didn't enjoy it. We had a good year and I had a lot of fun but I definitely want to be playing a lot more."

"I know we are losing a lot of great players so I want to make sure I am ready to come in and be an impact player."

Hahn was quick to point out that a player like Moore is someone that is not forgotten quickly.

"No one is going to fill their shoes," said Hahn. "I am just hoping to be my own player and step up and contribute."

Another question mark in the forward position is whether or not Leveille will return. Leveille is currently a junior but is graduating in May. Also he could make the jump to the pros if he receives a tempting offer.

"We would love to have him back obviously, if he does stay it will be great for the team," said Soares.

Soares said Leveille has been quiet about the issue.

"I pretty much get the same answer as you guys," said Soares. "He doesn't really know what is happening yet. It's a tough decision. We will probably have to wait a little longer before we hear anything."

The next step?

UMaine now has two weeks off before they start their spring and summer sessions. In Lundin's eyes the Black Bears are ready.

"We've been through three years of college offseason, now it's time to go all out and do what we can to get it done," said Lundin. "Seeing how close we were to winning it all, we now know that we need to get back to that point where we're better than everyone else."



Mahaney opener set for today

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Today, the University of Maine baseball team will get to experience something they haven't felt in more than a year — a home game.

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After 27 straight road games to open the season, UMaine hosts conference power Stony Brook for a four game slate starting today. For the red-hot Black Bears, the visit to lonely Mahaney Diamond is long over due, even if it's against one of their major competitors in America East.

"We've been on the road for 27 games and it gets tiresome," said Trimper. "It's outstanding to get back on our home field with our home crowd and in our own beds and locker room. I really think that we're getting pumped up because of this."

"I am very excited," said pitcher Mike Powers. "I've never played at home. It's been tough to be away for 26 games or so. I am excited to see the crowd here."

Powers, like several of the Black Bears, is happy just not having to travel.

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STICK IT TO HIM — UMaine's Travis Wight reaches for a loose puck while a Wisconsin player tries to hold him back during last week's season-ending loss to the Badgers.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

Looking toward the Future

Moore, Damon turn pro as men's hockey team eyes next season

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Exactly one week after the University of Maine men's ice hockey ended their season in Milwaukee, the squad's locker room has already undergone drastic changes.

Tuesday, the program's two most prominent faces, Greg Moore and Derek Damon, departed Orono for the brighter lights of the profession-

al leagues. Black Bear captain and Hobey Baker finalist senior Greg Moore led the exodus, signing a professional contract with the New York Rangers. Following shortly behind was Derek Damon, who signed a tryout contract with the AHL's Carolina and Colorado affiliate Lowell. The departures, which were expected by many, signal a new era for UMaine hockey.

"We're losing some really important pieces from this year, as it

is with every year," said current junior Brent Shephard. "So next year some of the guys that are going to be upperclassmen are going to have to step up and fill the roles. I think we are capable of it."

Shephard and his classmates will have the task of replacing not only Damon and Moore, who combined for 43 goals this season, but also key players Jon Jankus, John

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Bennis gets 14th victory

UM splits doubleheader
with Albany on horizon

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Besides playing five games in six days, the University of Maine softball team was looking to continue their five-game winning streak.

That wasn't to be, though, as Boston University snapped the streak with a 2-1

win in the first game of yesterday's doubleheader in Boston.

The Terriers got two runs in the fifth, and while the Black Bears rallied with one in the top of the ninth, they couldn't get the tying run to force extra innings.

Softball

Sarah Bennis won her 14th decision of the year in the night-cap, as UMaine bounced back with a 4-2 victory.

The Black Bears play Boston College this afternoon, then head to Albany for a three-game set with the perennial America East conference champs.

"We're just ready for the games that we have to play and if we keep playing the way we are playing, we will do fine," said senior Molly McKinney. "Our

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Black Bears kick off spring practice

Returning starters, promoted
Robb Smith lead strong defense

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

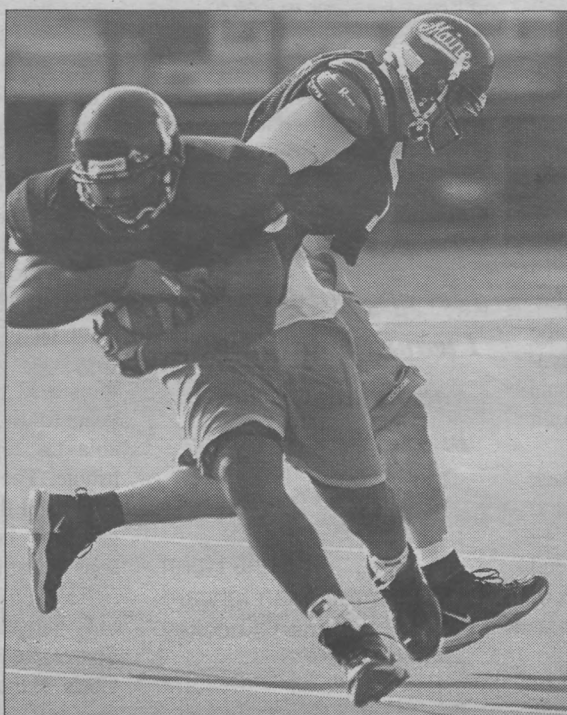
There were no orange yard markers, no lit up scoreboard, no fireworks and no roaring crowd. But there were coaches' whistles, helmets, shoulder pads and most everything else needed to lay the groundwork for a good football team.

The University of Maine football team ran its third practice of the spring season on Morse Field at Alford Stadium. For the most part, the Black Bears ran through positional drills and absorbed technique and some schemes. But it was an up-tempo session with crispness typically conducive to success on the field.

"I would compliment the guys on the blueprint they've put down in how they practice," said UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove. "I've seen a very eager group of guys that are excited to be practicing football."

The Black Bears enter the spring season looking to build on the momentum of a late push that saw the squad post its first three-game winning streak in several years before falling to then No. 1 New Hampshire in the season finale. At the same time, UMaine is looking for marked improvement over the 5-6 mark posted in the last two years, and the senior class is looking to make its first I-AA playoff appearance.

"We want to continue doing the things we did well, but also fix some of the things that didn't work," said Cosgrove.



BREAD BASKET — Quarterback Michael Brusko hands off during a drill yesterday.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

Spring practice is a time for veteran players to take on larger roles and for new faces to step forward. The Black Bears had a number of underclassmen make significant contributions last fall, experience that could prove invaluable in the upcoming

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Tournaments prepare rugby squads for fall

By Dana Bulba
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's and women's rugby teams are amidst their tournament season and have high hopes that their recent and upcoming tournaments will prepare them as serious competitors for the fall. A total of four tournaments this season are in store for the women, while the men will participate in three.

The first tournament of the season was held at UNH, where both teams played 7-on-7. The rugged tournament was held on the floor of a gravel filled barn, toughening the Black Bears up for the remainder of their tournament season.

Over spring break both teams traveled to Savannah, Georgia to participate in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament; 63 teams compet-

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Football club up and running

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

A young man strides into Memorial Union sporting a navy football jersey with sky blue trim. A closer look reveals no NFL logos, no team design and no famous name stitched across the back.

This particular jersey represents not a larger than life figure from a faraway squad, but the same young man on whom it rests.

He's a member of the new University of Maine tackle football club, and he's showing his allegiance by wearing the fresh-off-the-press jerseys the squad received earlier this week.

"We did some fundraising and some of the guys bought them themselves," said Wayne Clarke, one of the club's members and its public relations representative.

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