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Your last chance
to say goodbye to
a UMaine
tradition.
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Westphal resigns as system chancellor

By Brian Brown
News Editor

University of Maine System Chancellor Joseph Westphal announced yesterday that he is resigning from his position effective June 30, 2006.

Westphal, who has held the post since April 2005, also announced he has accepted a professorship within the university system and will return

to full-time teaching.

"After many years of leading large and complex organizations, I want to use my energy in new ways to contribute to this university system and Maine," said Westphal. "I want to fulfill some personal goals that rely on the many incredible experiences I have been fortunate to have had in my career, and

returning to a full-time faculty position will enable me to pursue those objectives."



Cyr



Johnson



Westphal

UMaine President Robert Kennedy was disappointed to hear about the chancellor's resignation.

"I've worked closely with Joe Westphal for many years, and I appreciate his creativity, his energy and his strong commitment to public higher education," said Kennedy. "Maine is a better

place because of his leadership."

Charles Johnson, chairman of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, said the board accepted the chancellor's resignation "with deep regret."

"The Board of Trustees is very pleased with the job he's done," said Johnson. "He's done a tremendous job for the system and the state."

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SWA cooks up trouble

GSS censures organization

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

An attempt to make a statement resulted in the Student Women's Association being censured instead.

On Tuesday, SWA was rebuked by the General Student Senate for a recent bake sale that violated Student Government policies and Maine state laws.

Because of the censure, SWA will have one week to issue an apology to Student Government or further actions against the group could be taken.

"This resolution shows that if student organizations break the rules they are going to pay the consequences," said Sen. Justin Labonte, who sponsored the resolution.

Last week, the organization had a bake sale where it promoted higher costs for items sold to men than for items sold to women in an attempt to reflect how women make less in the job market.

Members from the group told the GSS that prices for the items were based on how much a person wanted to donate and the differences in cost, were to make people aware of the situation.

According to Student Government's financial policies, it's against the rules to charge one group of people more money than everyone else.

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Trapped In The Dark



LIGHTS OUT — Students walk in the dark Memorial Union during a power outage that affected the entire town of Orono Tuesday afternoon.

Fournier interviews for AD job

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The first of three finalists for the University of Maine's athletic director position was on campus this week, conducting extensive interviews and visiting with members of the UMaine community.

Robert Fournier, 50, currently serves as athletic director at Wayne State University.

While his first impressions of Orono were quite positive, Fournier was quick to admit that first impressions aren't always the most honest.

"It's like when you ask a girl out on a first date," Fournier said in his first formal meeting with UMaine media yesterday at Dexter Lounge. "I'm seeing the best of what's here, but by contrast I'm showing you my best, too. So some of that has to be fettered out; you don't fully realize everything that's going on until you're in there."

Fournier toured Black Bear athletic facilities and met with players and coaches Tuesday.

He then met with UMaine President Robert Kennedy and senior administrators on Wednesday. He also held court for the

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Dinner helps fund HIV testing

By Khela Kupiec
Assistant News Editor

Do you know your status? Wilde Stein and Peer Educators collaborated to bring a unique event to the University of Maine Monday evening.

A benefit dinner was held in Stodder Commons as part of Wilde Stein's Pride Week to raise money for HIV and AIDS testing on campus for UMaine students. The event sent the message that it is time for people

to get serious about the risks of AIDS and the responsibility of sexually active students to get tested.

All \$500 of the proceeds were donated to Cutler Health Center, subsidizing half the cost of a current \$50 HIV-AIDS test. For \$25, testing will be available for students by appointment at Cutler next Wednesday, April 26.

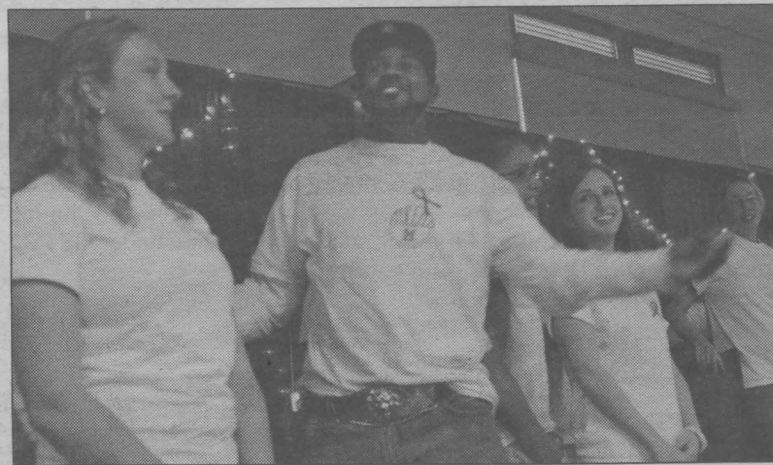
The event drew a large crowd of more than 240 people, many admittedly drawn by the grand-

finale promise of a performance by the UMaine Steiners in addition to support for the cause.

"The turnout was amazing," said Andrew Johnson, Pride Week committee chair for Wilde Stein. "We are happy that we could have such a successful event, to be able to raise awareness amongst students, faculty and staff on campus as well as community members."

A catered dinner was provided

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

SING FOR YOUR SUPPER — Jamal Foreman sings at the Know Your Status benefit dinner Monday night.



COURTESY OF SENIOR SKULLS

MEN OF HONOR — Members of the 100th class of Senior Skulls. The all-male honors society was founded in 1906.

Senior Skulls celebrate 100 years

By Elyse Kahl
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's Senior Skull Honor Society is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary on Saturday, May 6.

The ceremony will take place on the mall between Lord Hall and Alumni Hall for Senior Skulls alumni.

The event will include a lobster bake followed by a short program including guest speakers UMaine President Robert Kennedy and Amos Orcutt, President and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation.

According to The Senior Skull's Web site, the honor society was formed in 1906 with the intent to "publicly recognize, formally reward, and continually promote outstanding leadership and scholarship, and exemplary citizenship within the University of Maine community."

Becoming a member of the

Senior Skulls is considered a high honor for any male student at UMaine.

Members of the group represent more than just academic achievement. Each member must also display above average leadership abilities, involvement with the community and campus, responsibility, and integrity during their years at UMaine.

Seth Robertson, a fourth-year microbiology major and treasurer of the society, believes members of the Skulls represent what a UMaine man should be.

"We come from all walks of life, Greek, Non-Greek, Liberal Arts Degrees, Science Majors, pre-professional majors," said Robertson. "We are involved in numerous activities on campus."

The Senior Skulls are asked by University Administrators to represent the future-alums of UMaine at certain events such as the President's Club Brunch.

The society is also in charge of

keeping the many traditions of the university alive while spreading the college's history.

The honor society helps the college community while embracing well-rounded individuals.

For the future, the society plans to complete their endowment, the Senior Skull Centennial Fund, which has been established with the UMaine Foundation to support the group, and to continue supporting any activity that helps promote and preserve university traditions.

According to Robertson, "If there is a bus going to the Frozen Four hockey game and they need funding, the group could approach the Skulls [once the endowment is established]," said Robertson. "If a club wants to do a historical tour of campus, the Skulls can be asked to help. Any activity that promotes University Of Maine spirit, the Senior Skulls will support."

Fiandaca, Peer Education Program graduate assistant. "Several STD-Is can be transmitted through skin-to-skin contact and oral sex, so this is not just something those who engage in sexual intercourse need to be thinking about. We all have the responsibility to promote awareness about safer sex."

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Angela Fiandaca
Graduate Assistant
Peer Education Program

More information about testing is on Peer Ed's Web site at www.umaine.edu/peered under "fact sheets" and under "STDI testing."

According to Johnson, support for Pride week has been wonderful.

"The week itself is going very, very well," said Johnson, on Wednesday. "For the first two days we've already had an attendance of over 350 students with the walk [Walk With the Ones You Love], dinner and the comedian

[Elvira Kurt]; and we still have three more days of events to come."

Today the UMaine Day of Silence is being held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Wilde Stein open house will be in the Multipurpose Room at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union. Friday will close the week with the Annual Drag Show and Dance 8 p.m.-midnight in York Commons. "Brokeback Mountain" will also be shown at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

Public Safety is also flying the six-color Gay Pride flag below its American Flag this week to show their support for a safe and diverse community. According to Public Safety, UMaine's Human Resources received complaints about the flag from faculty but that report is unconfirmed by Human Resources.

"No one on this campus should be bullied, intimidated or live in fear while they live, work and learn at the University of Maine," said Public Safety Chief Noel March, council member of GLBT Allies. "I hung that flag below the United States flag, not as a political statement but as a statement that people on our campus, men and women, will be safe and protected."

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Johnson said he was not surprised by the chancellor's decision.

"At the last Board of Trustees' meeting he indicated that he achieved much of what we wanted him to accomplish, and he indicated a desire to return to teaching," said Johnson. "We were aware of what he was planning to do and were working with him."

The chairman said the Board would have an interim chancellor in place by July 1, and a national search will take place over the summer.

Other members of the Board of Trustees positively viewed the chancellor's tenure.

"I believe the chancellor leaves the system in better condition than he found it, said Trustee Gregory Cyr. "He has done an excellent job for the University System and for the state. I'm sad to see him leave that position, but I understand and respect his decision to return to teaching and research."

Among his achievements as system chancellor, he developed a broad and comprehensive strategic plan, promoted and achieved greater partnerships with Maine's community colleges, and undertook major assessments of university policy with respect to financial aid and distance education.

"The state owes the chancellor a debt of gratitude for all that he has taken on," said Johnson.

Westphal will become a full-time faculty member and will hold the title of University System Professor. His duties will include teaching, conducting research, engaging in public service outreach and advising students.

"Ever since I returned to teaching at Georgetown University and

most recently at the University of Maine, I have had a tremendous urge to work with students and engage in writing and research with colleagues in Maine and around the world," said Westphal. "I have many projects I want to pursue and I intend to continue working in support of our university and our great state."

Prior to coming to the UMaine System, Westphal served as a senior official in the Clinton and Bush administrations. From 1988 to 1995, Westphal worked in the United States Congress before becoming senior policy adviser for water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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Charles Johnson
Chairman
Board of Trustees

In 1998, he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as assistant secretary of the Army, where he served as head of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Westphal spent 12 years as a professor at Oklahoma State University, and was chairman of the political science department. He was also an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University.

The chancellor was grateful for the Board to allow him to return to the classroom.

"As we begin implementation of the Strategic Plan and head toward the next biennium, this is a good time for an easy transition," said Westphal. "The timing will give the System's new leader an opportunity to put his or her imprint on these efforts."

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for students free of charge, donations accepted, and faculty and community members were charged a minimal fee.

Keynote speaker, Jamie Cotenoir from the Eastern Maine AIDS Network spoke to the audience about the importance of HIV testing and gave a brief description of the actual testing experience.

Athletes for Sexual Responsibility, with their adviser Dr. Sandy Caron, performed skits, while Gustavo Burkett, assistant director of Campus Activities for Student Organizations and Greek Life, won a 50-50 raffle but donated his winnings of \$53.60 back to the cause.

The entire event was made possible by the Deans of Students Programming Fund, according to Johnson, and because of the success, Johnson says his group will possibly make the benefit dinner an annual Pride Week event.

"Even though this particular event was focused on HIV, we want to stress the importance of getting tested for all Sexually Transmitted Diseases-Infections, or STD-Is," said Angela

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Athletic Advisory Board, as well as the Athletic Director Search committee.

Though he stressed that he hasn't seen enough details about UMaine to develop a specific plan, there were a few things that stood out in Fournier's mind.

"I think the trailer issue is a concern for some people," he said, referring to mobile trailers behind Memorial Gym which currently house UMaine athletics' staff offices. "The way some of the facilities are spread out throughout campus, and the basketball teams practicing in one facility and playing their games in another is something I didn't know about before coming here."

Fournier's focus on facilities is no surprise, as he made extensive improvements at WSU, located just outside Detroit.

Since he took over as athletic director in 2000, Wayne State has built a \$300,000 baseball stadium that's an exact replica of Fenway Park, provided a parquet floor and new locker rooms for both men's and women's basketball, and made improvements to the school's swimming facilities.

"Our baseball program was horrendous, the field couldn't pass as a playground," said Fournier. "Now they just won the conference championship. Our swim teams were ranked sixth in the nation. That's not a coincidence."

A graduate of Defiance College with a master's from the University of Akron, Fournier stressed that no sport should be left out in the cold when it comes to funding and attention.

He cited the cross country track program at WSU, which has 16 Presidential Scholars and was successful running as well. Though track is not the most popular of sports, it shouldn't be neglected, he said.

"You're being disingenuous to your student athletes if you neglect a sport. I don't have a

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Robert Fournier
Athletic Director Finalist

favorite sport; I like them all," said Fournier. "If you make students feel good about what you're doing, they might give back later on. You get current students and alums excited about what you're doing, and show an interest in a program, good things will happen."

One of the most important jobs an athletic director has is fundraising. Fournier has a strong record in that department and cited several corporate sponsorship deals he made for WSU, including having a student dress as a UPS worker and deliver the game ball before

most Warrior home games.

Fournier was attracted to Orono by the prospect of working with the state's flagship university and one of the most recognized names in the country.

"If you're in Wyoming, you've heard of Maine. There's a mystique and an eliteness about it," Fournier said. "UMaine is Maine, they're intrinsically tied together."

Fournier is also an attorney but was drawn to athletic administration by the energy and pageantry associated with college sports.

He served in various associate commissioner roles at the Mid-American Conference from 1995-2000 before accepting the top position at Wayne State.

"I can't think of a better career," he said. "You get to work with a lot of gifted people; I'm energized by being around student athletes."

Those associated with UMaine will be glad to hear that Fournier has a special affinity for college hockey as well.

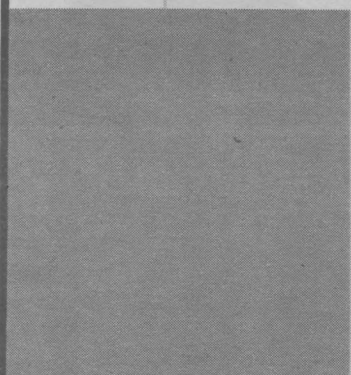
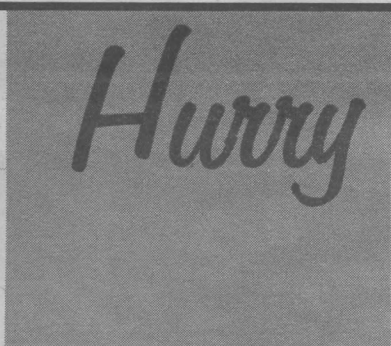
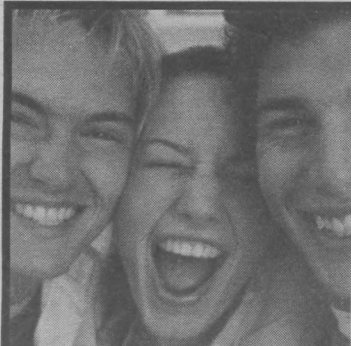
"I always tell people I enjoy the Frozen Four more than the Final Four because it's more spirited," he said. "[This year's Frozen Four] was just electric. I'm sure it got people excited about UMaine; where else can you get that energy?"

Along with UMaine Interim Athletic Director Blake James and Southeastern Louisiana University Athletic Director Frank Pergolizzi, Fournier was selected as a finalist from the national search conducted by a committee appointed by President Kennedy.



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MAN OF THE HOUR — Robert Fournier, athletic director at Wayne State College, takes questions from reporters as part of the interview process for the vacant UMaine AD job.



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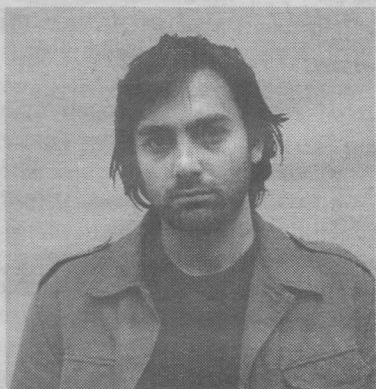
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Zack Danielson

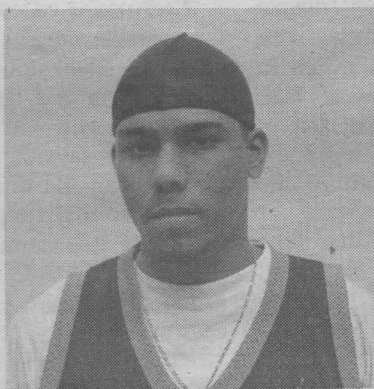
Hanwey Shieh
Bharat Kumar

Eric Smith
Jon Fox
Chad Utsch



MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

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



NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

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

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

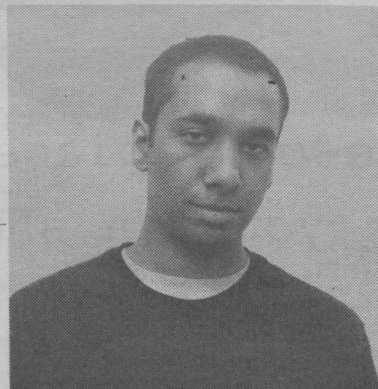
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack

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



SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

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



KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

Game Killed

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

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

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

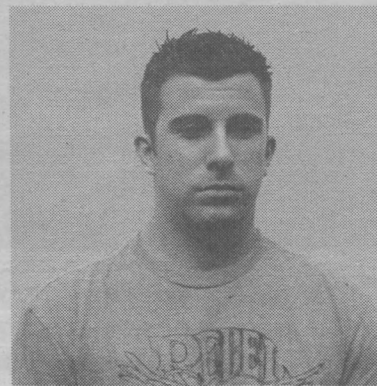


FOX Jon, London, UK

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

Game Killed

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



UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

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

Obituaries can be created and sent via email to friends at gamekillers.com



Keep Your Cool. Axe Dry.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIANNE HESS

PLEADING THEIR CASE — Alexie Russ (right) of the Student Women's Association reads a statement during Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting.

CENSURE

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Not only was the sale against financial policies, but it was also deemed by Student Government lawyer Brett Baber as a violation of Title 5 Ch. 337 Sec. 4592 of the Maine statutes, which states it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of sex in pricing goods.

"I would like to point out that donations were suggested and the women at the table did not require anyone who found the differential pricing offensive to actually pay different rates based on sex," said SWA member Alexie Russ in a statement. "The pay-equity bake sale is an established method of raising awareness on college campuses. It has been used successfully and without complaint from several American and Canadian campuses over the last decade."

Besides the bake sale, a sign that SWA created about rape awareness also came into question.

The sign, which said, "MEN," with "can stop" in small type, "RAPE," had received complaints from people across campus.

SWA defended the sign by saying that they wanted to make people more aware of the issue and that there was a message explaining the ad at the bottom and how their upcoming "Take Back the Night" event goes further into detail.

Before censuring the organization, the GSS asked questions of SWA representatives about the bake sale and the signs.

Although multiple questions were asked, according to Sen. Bill Pomerleau, what brought

on the resolution censuring the group was the notion that they did not apologize during that time.

More than an hour after SWA answered the questions of the GSS, the resolution was brought up.

Once the document went into debate, ex-officio members and senators voiced their opinions.

One of the strongest opinions came from Vice President of Student Affairs Teagan Thibodeau who said, "As a woman I want to be represented by a group who brings things into a positive light, not piss people off, especially not through a bake sale."

Throughout the debate period, the group discussed whether or not censuring was the right way to go about handling the issue.

At one point, things became so tense that Russ' voice cracked as tears were coming down her face.

"It's the one time a woman can actually earn as much as a man," said Russ. "I am the only person in SWA who took this job due to time restraints and I apologize for charging men more than women, but it was to raise awareness."

Afterward, the GSS voted 16-3-1 to pass the resolution.

SWA now has a week to issue an apology to the GSS.

If the group does not comply then the GSS will take actions it sees fit as early as next meeting.

At its meeting on Wednesday, SWA issued a statement saying they are apologizing for the notion that their publicity was not clear because they did not discriminate and all they were trying to is prove a point. In the future, the group hopes the GSS will become more involved with SWA.

Constitutional amendments approved

Students approve changes to Senate membership and budget timetable

By Brian Sylvester
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine student body approved two amendments to the Student Government Constitution Wednesday.

The first amendment, a proposal to change article VIII, section II of the Student Government Constitution by changing the date that the annual budget process timeline needs to be submitted to early February, unofficially passed 313 to 67.

The second amendment, a proposal to change Article IV, section III-A, regarding the minimum and maximum number of senators in the General Student Senate also unofficially passed, with 199 votes in favor of the change and 176 votes against.

The new amendment will reduce the maximum number of senators from 55 to 35, and the minimum from 35 to 10.

Both votes will become official if no complaints are filed with the Fair Election Practices Commission.

The first amendment was seen largely as a boon to the vice president for financial affairs, who has to prepare and submit the budget process timeline quite soon he or she takes office.

The amendment, which was proposed by former vice president

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William Pomerleau
Senator
General Student Senate

of financial affairs Jud Ritter, was conceived as a way to give a newly appointed VPFA time to adjust to his or her post before taking on the project.

"It's hard for a new VPFA, who comes in at the beginning of a new year, to have a full annual

budget, which is a very, very difficult process, submitted within a couple of weeks," said GSS President Pro-Tempore William Pomerleau.

He went on to discuss the importance of the proposal, saying it "allows the VPFA to learn his duties and responsibilities before having to do something as vital as prepare the budget for every student organization on campus."

The second amendment was sponsored by Pomerleau and co-sponsored by Student Government President Aaron Sterling.

The measure is intended to bring GSS into accord with the apportionment suggested by the FEPC.

"This resolution simply brings our internal documents into compliance," Pomerleau said. He went on to add that if, in the future, the FEPC should suggest a larger apportionment for the GSS and another change could easily be made.

Program advocates rape awareness

Take Back The Night will be held tonight on the steps of Fogler Library

By Khela Kupiec
Assistant News Editor

As early as the 1970s, Take Back the Night has received global attention and support throughout communities and college campuses: now considered a world wide tradition of dedicating an evening for women and men to raise awareness about rape, domestic violence, violence against women and violence against children.

The Student Women's Association is in charge of the event, cosponsored with Students for a Safe Campus and the Safe Campus Project that is being held tonight at 6 p.m. on the steps of Fogler Library.

Speakers, survivor testimonies, music performed by Renaissance, a candlelight vigil and a march around campus, after which refreshments will be offered, are planned for the annual rally at UMaine.

This week is Rape Awareness week and April is Sexual Assault

Awareness month.

Take Back the Night's origins are a bit hazy, there are a few theories about how the event got its name and where the first rally was held. Many accounts agree that the event started in Western Europe in 1973 when there was a sudden increase in rape and violence during that time. In 1976, women attending the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women held a candlelight vigil and a march to make their point. A few years later a rally was held in England in response to a series of rapes and murders by a man dubbed the "Wearside Jack."

All accounts agree that Take Back the Night came to the United States in 1978 in San Francisco when women protesting pornography first used the slogan. The movement continued to grow from there, spreading to communities and college campuses nationwide.

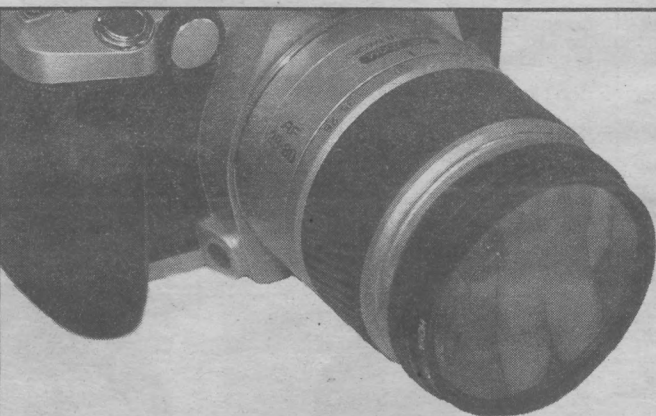
Traditionally, the event is held in mid-to-late April: a throwback

to an early Christian holiday called Walpurgisnacht. The holiday was named after Saint Walpurga who wished to make people aware of the need for "protection against witches," according to SWA member Jamie Roper, but the holiday only fueled the distrust and discrimination against women during that time.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the rally.

Amy Blackstone, assistant professor in the department of sociology, who will be speaking at the rally, says that it is important for men and women to work together to make rape a thing of the past — something that Students for a Safe Campus, the group she advises, has been successful in doing.

"The university is relatively safe, but we're part of a larger culture that still allows rape to happen. We're not isolated," said Blackstone. "The goal is to promote positive, healthy relationships between the genders."



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POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell
For The Maine Campus

Three men charged in Androscoggin incident

At 4:07 a.m. April 9, Public Safety received a report of a fight in progress on the first floor of Androscoggin Hall. While en route, officers received word that the fight had originated in the men's wing and had moved into the bathroom, and that it was unclear how many people were involved. Upon arrival, officers located a man wearing shorts and a ripped T-shirt. The man had red marks all over his body and admitted to being involved in the altercation. This man, identified as Troy Kubic, 19, of Orono, claimed that he was laying in his bed in his room when he heard someone urinating on his door. Kubic allegedly opened the door and shoved the man who was urinating, identified by Kubic as Daniel Price, 18, of Orono. Price allegedly then punched Kubic in the face, and the fight began. Officers located Price, also a resident of Androscoggin, and interviewed him. According to Price, Kubic had been in Price's room earlier, and Price had ordered him to leave. Kubic left after words were exchanged. Later that night, Price had been in the hallway near Kubic's room with some friends when Kubic opened his door and began exchanging words with him, leading to the

fight. Price denied urinating on Kubic's door. Officers then talked to Kubic again, asking if he had been in Price's room earlier that evening. Kubic said he had. Kubic admitted that the person who had urinated on his door was not Daniel Price, but Russell McLain. As a result of these incidents, Kubic and Price were issued summonses for disorderly conduct and McLain, 20, of Calais, was issued a summons for criminal mischief.

Bike patrol officer spots underage man with can of beer

At 12:36 a.m. April 9, an officer was on bike patrol in the area of Androscoggin Hall when he observed a group of males standing outside one of the doors. The officer noticed that one man was carrying a silver beer can. As the officer approached the group, he saw the man attempt to conceal the can in the front pocket of his pants. The officer identified the man as Scott MacDonald, 20, of Calais. Positively identifying the can as that of Natural Light beer, the officer issued MacDonald a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

A World Of Difference



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

MAP QUEST — Peter Maracele points to his home country during his talk about life in and out of communism.

Police investigate soda bottle explosion

By Brian Brown
News Editor

The University of Maine Department of Public Safety is investigating a soda bottle explosion that occurred outside Knox Hall Sunday night.

According to Detective Chris Gardner, Public Safety received two calls notifying them of a loud explosion in the Hilltop area.

He said the first call came in around 10 p.m., notifying the department of a smoking bottle on the ground, but the officers who responded could not find evidence of an explosion.

After the second call at approximately 10:30 p.m., Gardner said officers found "an

oddly shaped bottle that was indicative of a soda bottle explosion."

University spokesman Joe Carr said Public Safety called the Orono Fire Department, and the agencies went through the hazmat protocol.

Gardner said the bottle contained household cleaners.

The detective said the department is taking the explosion seriously.

"These explosive devices are pretty dangerous because of the volatility," said Gardner. "There is no way for telling when it will explode. There is the potential to go off anytime. We're very lucky we didn't have any injuries. It's a very dangerous situation. Someone could be

walking by, not knowing when it's going to explode."

Carr said the university was concerned about potential injuries from the acidic liquids and exploding plastic bottle.

"The police are taking the matter seriously, investigating who might be responsible," he said. "There was the potential for someone to be hurt very badly."

Gardner said the department's investigation is ongoing.

"We're following up a few leads," he said.

Gardner said that anyone with information is asked to contact Public Safety at 581-4040, or through the campus eyes program at www.umaine.edu/public-safety/campuseyes.htm.

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Thursday

Illustrated Lecture

On the Elements of Chinese Gardens by photographer Marta Morse, whose images are on display in a Hudson Museum exhibit. Registration is required. In the Maine Center for the Arts and Hudson Museum at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Kathryn Braggins at braggins@maine.edu.

Film and Panel Presentation

The Penobscot River and Her People: Wading through the Politics of Power, Pollution and Protection; given by John Banks, James Francis and Angela Reed. 4 p.m. in the University Club of Fogler Library.

New Writing Series

Reading by experimental fiction writer, Mary Caponegro. 4:30 p.m. in Soderberg Auditorium in Jenness Hall.

Take Back the Night

Featuring music by Renaissance, survivor speak-out, candlelight vigil and a campus march. 6 p.m. in front of the Fogler Library steps.

Friday

School of Marine Sciences Seminar

By David Fields, senior research scientist at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. 11 a.m. in 354 Aubert Hall.

Chemistry Colloquium

Fluorescence analysis of natural

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waters and humic materials by Jonathan Kenny from the Chemistry Department at Tufts University. 1 p.m. in 316 Aubert Hall.

Education Colloquium

School size and the "power rating" of poverty: substantive finding or statistical artifact? 2-3 p.m. in 159 Shibles Hall.

Saturday

Rock Climbing

Intro to level one, two days of climbing and one night of camping on Mt. Desert Island. Registration is required. Admission fee. For more information, contact Guy Debrun on FirstClass.

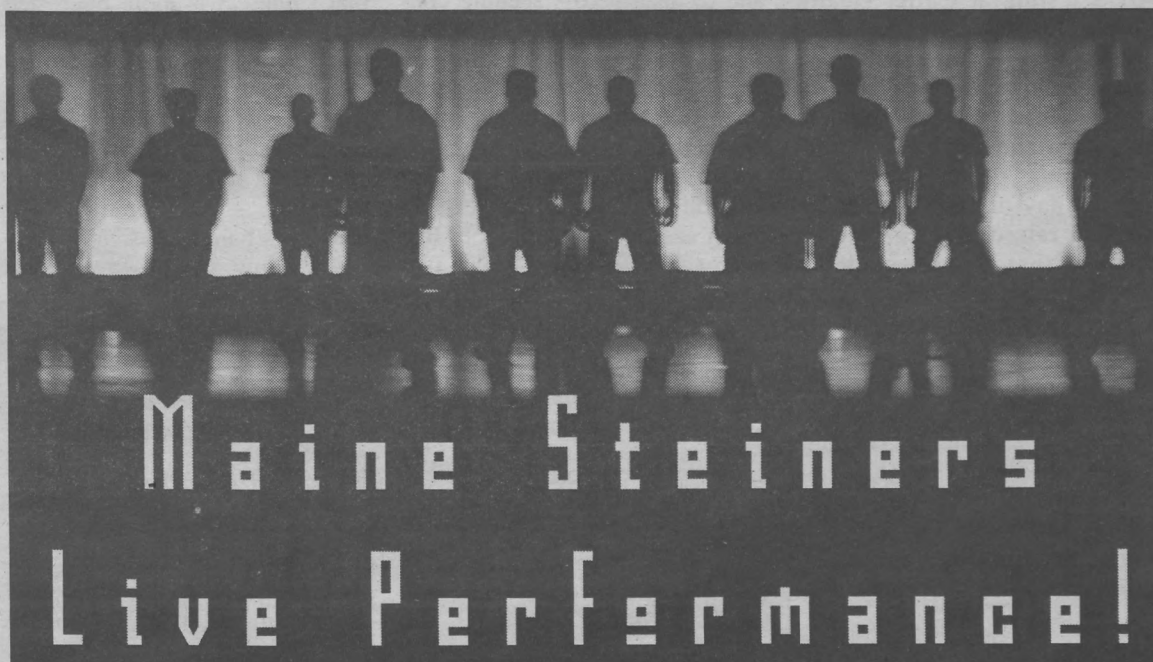
Sunday

Benefit Walk & Run

Fourth annual Move Your Phi't 5k Awareness Walk & Run followed by a BBQ. Registration is required. Admission fee. 11:30 a.m. at the Buchanan Alumni House. For more information, contact Daniel Hodgkins at 581-1689.

Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Khela Kupiec or dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.



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Amanda Morang at 581-1700.



SWA caught promoting discrimination

In the last week, the Student Women's Association has taken the proverbial spotlight in an attempt to rouse both support and funds for reproductive health issues with an arresting approach.

Last Wednesday, and again on Monday, SWA held a bake sale to support Planned Parenthood where they charged women 75 cents per item and men \$1 per item. While the circulation promoting the event declared that these prices were for "self-identified" members of a gender, this stipulation is no less in violation of the student handbook, which expressly prohibits discrimination based on sex. The price discrepancy is also in violation of the student organization administration policy, to which SWA must consent in order to receive Student Government money.

The intent of the bake sale was to promote discussion, and while it has certainly served that purpose, the effect of the bake sale's message is one of polarization and alienation, as opposed to collaboration and cooperation.

Dinner raises big bucks for AIDS testing

This Monday's benefit dinner made possible by Peer raised money for half-price AIDS testing at Cutler Health Center.

The Maine Campus would like to commend the organizers of the dinner for its flawless execution and tangible results. The dinner raised over \$500 for the day-of half-price testing and raised awareness of a service that many students would be wise to take advantage of, as well as draw attention to the severity of STI outbreaks on college campuses.

The dinner was well attended by over 250 people ranging from peer educators to the dean of students. These people combined their presence and money to make the night one to remember.



The president and the pumps

Bush could win supporters if he'd stick up for motorists

'Mr. President, might I have a word?

A massive shake-up inside the White House continued yesterday as the President's press secretary resigned and Karl Rove stepped back to focus on mid-term elections.

Ah, the elections. The ones that have Democrats salivating over gaining control of Congress as President Bush's approval ratings continue to plummet, and with them the American people's opinions of the Grand Ole Party.

Well, Mr. President, I have a solution to all that ails you. It'll cure public ire over Iraq, the war on terror, the immigration debate, and even the NBA seeding controversy.

Fix gas prices and win the day, sir. It's as simple as that.

Now, taking back control over an industry that's strong-armed the Federal government into submission for the last 20 years is much easier said than done. But if President Bush can pull it off,

MATT
WILLIAMS

SPORTS EDITOR

he'll save his legacy.

First and foremost, the American people care about themselves. People are getting screwed over at the gas pumps and they're fed up with it. They expect their leaders to be looking out for them, not for corporate interests and lobbyists. And they're fed up with the perception that Congress is more interested in big business than in Joe Public's struggle to pay his bills.

That's why President Bush would be so wise to put the hammer down on the big oil companies. He'd be reaching out to the little guy — the common men who work hard for a living.

I know the President's

philosophies are rooted in hard-core capitalism, and if the oil companies can price gouge and make huge profits, in his mind, the government has no right to stop them. But the retired CEO of Exxon-Mobil gets \$400 million in pension. Meanwhile, the American people can't afford gas to drive to work. That's not right. Exxon-Mobil and other big oil companies would still profit with lower prices, they just wouldn't set new records for profit every year.

Would that be so bad? Pure capitalists would argue that it's a slippery slope, setting a cap on profits. But, really, isn't this all paper profits anyway? Is there really a difference between \$100 million and \$200 million? The bottom line is that they're all filthy rich.

President Bush should push legislation to end price gouging among the big oil companies to

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Letters to the Editor

Rational enforcement policy

Why not just say, "If you're going to hire an undocumented person, your company should pay \$X into Federal, \$Y into the State, and \$Z into local," in

essence paying the "tax" on the person you want to hire at minimum wage? This would be, essentially, an alternative tax, perhaps as part of a guest worker system. If this rate were

established correctly, it would also encourage the hiring of any permanent residents who are willing to work at the lower

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keep gas prices at affordable rates. Democrats would laud such action, and Republicans can't afford to say no with mid-term elections looming. Americans have no choice but to buy gas for their cars, and somebody has to protect them from greedy, profit-mongering oil companies. It's the responsibility of the Congress and the President to do just that.

But if he, as politicians so often do, needs a self-serving reason to push ahead, there's one of those too. It's actually Republican economics at work, in a way. If you put money back into Joe

Public's pocket, he'll put it into the economy and he'll be a happier person. Approval ratings rise, and the country as a whole is a lot better off.

The bottom line: Bringing fair gas prices to the American people is the right thing to do. The political benefits are just bonus points. The way things have gone the last few weeks, President Bush could use all the bonus points he can get. And the folks could sure use a fair shake at the pumps. It's win-win for everybody, and that's something Washington should always embrace.

Matt Williams only goes to independent gas stations because their coffee tastes better anyway.

WHITE

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obvious, white people have no culture. Whites were all spawned from a bastard godless albino amoeba in Europe, and only exist to oppress others. It is well known in the intellectual community that if there were no minorities to oppress, then the white culture would collapse into despair, until the day comes when Martians land on Earth to be oppressed.

Other writers make excellent points when, after dropping the name of a black writer of The Maine Campus, they imply that all minorities relate to one another, and would never wrong one another. It is well known that all minorities respect and agree entirely. I have never heard a black rapper use any derogatory words

towards gays, or any other minority speak badly about another group of non-whites. It is clear that discrimination of any kind is entirely a white problem.

If in the sad event that a white person expresses another opinion that does not agree with a politically correct idea, it is important to respond appropriately. This response entails sending angry e-mails calling them key words such as homophobic, racist and ignorant. It is important to throw the word ignorant around when talking with the white devil, as it is the one word that smites their evil power. And if a minority should write an article, it is important to not treat them like you would everyone else with an idea, but a god of the opinion section.

Chris J. Allen is a black, Latin American, Asian, gay studies major.

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wage, e.g. young people and retirees. There are various ways to collect taxes from people, sparing the expense of criminal proceedings and deportation.

The world has changed, and it is not to be assumed that most immigrants even plan to become permanent residents. In the years ahead, we will be shifting ourselves from country to country along with information economies. We need to

think outside of the "citizen and non-citizen" frame and find a workable way of supporting public infrastructure, as well as the changing needs of the workplace.

I don't disagree with the recently published editorial that illegal immigration is a problem. I do think that there are rational solutions which enforce responsibility on the corporations that profit most from it, while simultaneously enabling guest-worker status.

Stephen Yost,
Senior

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Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Electricity
- Ultimate frisbee weather
- Flying a kite
- Tom Cruise getting sprayed by a water gun

- Power outages
- Fire alarms
- Raging winds
- Tom Cruise having a baby girl with Katie

An apathetic look back at UMaine

Disenchanted senior reflects on his college life

I just don't care. Really, it's not important that I explain it to you. I'll bet you don't care either. In fact, I'll wager you don't care about my not caring. But here's the kicker: I don't care that you don't care that I don't care. Wrap your head around that. While you're thinking about all these wonderful things, let me tell you exactly what it is that I don't care about. It shouldn't take more than a few minutes.

My Major. Yeah, that's right. Remember the column I wrote about new media? I don't even care if you do, but that's another issue entirely. Regardless, I just don't care about new media. I know that I'm never going to be a success in the eyes of my professors, and frankly that's more of a relief than you can possibly know. The day I'm labeled a "New Media Success Story" will be the day I find a nice, tall building to leap from. I hope the ground is firm.

My Capstone. Some majors require graduating students to write a thesis. My major requires a capstone project. That's basically a fancy way of saying that you're made to work on a project that you quickly lose all interest in. I won't say much about it for fear of giving away the kernel of my creative inspiration; suffice it to say that I really don't care anymore. I'm not going to show my capstone to anyone after I graduate unless someone offers me large bundles of cash.

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MARQUIS



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Graduation. Remind me again why I'm supposed to care about this, because I really don't get it. I'm going to school here so that I can get a little piece of paper that proves to people I'm qualified to work for them. Only no one's ever even heard of my major. I'm sick of having to explain exactly what it is that I do to every person who asks what I'm going to school for. It's inflation time and the likes of new media and women's studies have rendered a college diploma useless. Simply wonderful. Tip of the hat and many thanks for the huge bill and the slip of paper, UMaine.

Getting a job. Everyone seems completely content to chain themselves to a desk until the age of 65, all for the privilege of buying newer and newer pieces of electronic junk. I really don't care if I never make enough money to own every movie in the universe. I don't even watch TV. All I want is to find a job that gives me enough money that money isn't my number one concern from day to day. Keeping up with the Jones'? I just don't care. If you care, I probably don't care about you.

All those pompous tools that give me grief. I really love it when people jump all over me for speaking my mind. Know what I love even more than that? People who question the very definition of something and yet complain when I question their interpretation of the same thing. Yeah. I absolutely love that. But really, it doesn't matter. I guess you could say that I care a little about it, but not all that much. No, scratch that: I just don't care.

People who can't take a joke. Seriously. If you feel the need to take everything personally, you're just beyond my capacity to care. Oh no, some kid who I don't even know just made fun of fraternities, sports fans and new media. How can someone possibly speak a word of jest about things so sacred? It's time to hop on my high horse and trample the peasants. Know why I don't care? I don't care because this is an opinion column. If you're looking for a fully-researched article, read something else.

And that's what I don't care about. Really, I don't care about much of anything these days. I blame it all on you. By reading my article, you're just feeding the machine. See, I don't care that you don't care that I don't care that you don't care that I ate the cake. It was my cake to begin with. I baked it and now I'm going to eat it.

Ian Marquis is a senior new media major.

America: The great whipping boy

Peace movement paints a lopsided portrait of the U.S.

Probably the oddest thing that struck me in Mr. Lowell's response to my previous article was the insinuation that I am not aware of the true motivations of the anti-war movement. Perhaps I am somewhat confused about its real objectives, but then again, when was the last time anyone from the peace movement actually looked at what they were saying?

When Cindy Sheehan, a prominent anti-war movement leader, claimed in a speech last February, "If you're not with us, you're against us," she went uncriticized by her peers, whereas the President was lambasted when he said the same thing a few years prior. And for every peaceful protester calmly asking for an end to war last March, there were a half dozen other activists shouting remarks laden with anti-semitism, vulgarity and hatred during some of their recent protests and rallies across the nation. Yet these negative, and frankly hypocritical, messages seemingly went unchallenged by fellow anti-war colleagues.

If they don't know what the anti-war movement is really all about, then perhaps these people should not be its front-line representatives. When was the last time there was a serious look at the real message being broadcast, or the actions they are demanding be taken? With all the efforts made to

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GOODMAN



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criticize everyone else, perhaps the peace movement should take the effort to examine their own, instead of alienating many of the moderates both in and outside the movement itself and promoting apathy with such statements.

One issue I see prevalent within the peace movement is that there are far too many people who believe that we're the cause of all the world's problems to begin with, whether we actually are or not. Many who disagree with this "Blame America First" ideology are either out-shouted or labeled a warmonger or an imperialist. So much for debate and engagement within our own nation, let alone the world. By no means am I saying that we are an infallible or perfect nation, but if you're all for world peace, you're going to have to accept that there exist other nations that are capable of doing so much worse than any of the 'mistakes' we've made in the past, and that peace-at-all-costs diplomacy is not always going to work.

However, if there was ever a

time to try and prove that such a concept is of use, the time is now, with the ever-impending Iranian nuclear crisis. Iranian President Ahmadinejad has repeatedly claimed that it's his holy mission to eliminate Israel, and his theocratic government has a nasty habit of executing political dissidents, gays and women who are considered 'unchaste.' And despite all diplomatic attempts by the European Union, Russia, China and the rest of the U.N. to cease Iran's nuclear programs, many experts believe Iran will have a nuclear weapon ready in five years- even though it only took us four years to build one from scratch.

Based on this, I estimate that any military action against Iran will be taken within three or four years. So I strongly encourage the peace movement, if it really wants to prove that all we need to do is talk, to start coming up with a realistic and moderate resolution to the problem that both sides could agree on, and start pushing it home with our elected representatives. And a simple "Hands off Iran" is not an option. After all, as Mr. Lowell said, the anti-war movement wants engagement with the rest of the world, doesn't it?

Paul Goodman wonders that if it was all a war for oil, why does it still cost 40 bucks to fill up his gas tank?



THE *end* OF AN *era*

*UMaine bids
farewell as
the Bumstock
tradition
draws to a
close*

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

In a five-year span, Bumstock has gone from having no-shows to being no more after this weekend.

Saturday will mark the last chapter in a 34-year concert series, which has suffered from a combination of dwindling attendance accompanied with complications of getting a big-name act to come to Orono over the last few years.

The origins of the concert were humble: In 1972, UMaine student Bruce Gram and several of his friends organized the festival and named it "Bumstock."

As the concert grew, so did certain product demands, namely beer. The festival made UMaine history by serving beer to students. Residence Life and Programs gave \$600 to the organizers to purchase beer. Just three years after giving funds for beer, RLP said that it would no longer support the event if beer was handed out. This instituted a BYOB policy which did not last long, as beer was eventually banned from the event altogether.

In 1988, organizers decided to move Bumstock from The Cabins, which were located in the woods just beyond Grove Street Extension, near what is now Sawyer Environmental Research Center, to several different areas. The event continually moved from The Cabins to an area behind Fogler Library, to an area behind Wells Commons, and eventu-

ally set up a permanent home on the field that now hosts the annual music festival on Rangeley Road.

In the last five years, names such as Fat Joe were slotted to play the event but never showed up. The most well-known case of cancelling headliners was when Method Man and Redman were scheduled to perform. Instead of the "How High" duo showing up, other Wu-Tang Clan members Cappadonna and Ghostface Killah played at the event.

"It's changed a lot and if the alumni saw it now compared to when it first started, they would see that it has changed," said Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell. "It's gone from people playing frisbee and listening to bands they may not have heard of to now where it's hard to draw college students without the big name at the event."

"They want to look at the poster to see who the big name is and then decide if they will come."

Plans to cancel the event were announced during the March 28 meeting of the General Student Senate.

Then in 2004, Bumstock was turned into a one-day concert, where the weather went through a series of cycles; first raining to hailing to sunshine and blue skies in a two to three-hour span. Last year, conditions were once again less favorable as

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1972

Bruce Gram founds Bumstock at UMaine

1976

Then UM President Howard R. Neville imposes a 10 p.m. curfew on Bumstock

1980

Officials describe UM life as "a zoo" and decide they would like to change Bumstock

1989

Orono Town Council puts pressure on university to move the concert site from Cabins field.

1999

Godsmack headlines Bumstock, making way for the era of big headliners.

1975

Attendance tops 600; Res Life gives the festival's organizers \$600 for beer

1977

Bumstock becomes a BYOB event as Res Life pulls free beer funding

1981

Bumstock is subject to more regulations; only university community welcome

1998

The beer tent for staff is done away with, removing all presence of legal drinking at the event

2004

The event changed from a two-day to a one-day affair

Dr. Lecter sighting in Palmyra



The Modern Man
By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

Celebrity sightings, no matter what scale celebrity, are an exciting occurrence in one's life. The other night while I was sitting down, having a meal at the local hotspot known as Denny's, some of the most profound local celebrities walked in: New Wrestling Horizon superstars.

Sure, they're just regular people, but seeing a celebrity figure incites people to make fools of themselves. If I hadn't been eating with other people, I might have jumped up from where I was sitting, pulled a Jerry Maguire and just flipped out. It would have been entirely uncalled for, because I was one of the only people who recognized them, but it still would have been worth it. Although I refrained, I have found myself regretting that decision.

Something about that night at Denny's reminded me of another celebrity run-in I had a few years back. I was at the Wal-Mart in Palmyra, picking up "NFL 2K3" with my brothers, when we walked past a man. This wasn't just any man, this was clearly none other than Sir Anthony Hopkins.

Hannibal Lecter, himself, at my local Wal-Mart. It was too much to believe, I just assumed that it was just a look-alike, until I heard him speak. He not only looked like Hopkins, but sounded like him too. The resemblance was uncanny.

My brothers and I just sort of walked on by though, trying to be as discrete about it as possible. We also figured that in rural Maine, nobody would really go out of their way to

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Two plays, four days

Maine Masque wins with two American plays

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

"Taking chances is what theater is all about," said Maine Masque director Allen Adams.

Two plays in one night. Two sets on one stage. Six actors starring in one hell of an original idea. The Maine Masque took a chance, and they pulled it off with their performances of "American Buffalo" and "Boston Marriage."

Opening last Wednesday night with "American Buffalo" and running through the weekend, the completely student-run Maine Masque presented two David Mamet plays. Friday and Saturday showcased the back-to-back performances.

"Buffalo" told the tale of three men, Teach, Don and young Bobby, the entire plot taking place within the walls of Don's pawn shop. The actors' accents were excellent; their profane vocabularies, both blatantly and intricately articulated, kept laughs streaming from the audience.

However, "Buffalo" offered more than the comedy-via-swear-words which college students love

so dearly. The play addressed friendships in trying situations, showing the characters breaking down and testing the boundaries of their bonds with each other. At no time was this more evident than in the play's climax, featuring a violent outburst from Teach, played outstandingly by Dustin Sleight. Sleight and his co-stars, Josh Snowden and Matt Bessette, nailed their characters perfectly and created an absorbing, outrageous, at times intense experience.

"Boston Marriage," starred Rebecca Bailey, Starsha Schiller and Nadiya Dragan. The play also explored trials of friendships, although in a much more lighthearted and comedic manner, compared to the powerful and often stressful events in "Buffalo."

While "Marriage" contains David Mamet's wit in the writing, some of the comedy was lost due to inconsistencies in accents and the rapid-fire nature of the dialogue. While the comedic moments were not completely lost, the accents dealt a noticeable blow to the wit. The ladies of "Marriage" somewhat

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mtvU tickets up for grabs, required to attend concert

On Friday, May 5, the University of Maine will be the last stop on the mtvU Campus Invasion Tour.

Since the event will be held in the Field House, tickets sales will be limited due to space.

"Because of its location, only 2,200 tickets are available, and I think UMaine students will be claiming them since they are free," said Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell. "I think it's going to be really popular with students."

Tickets for the event can be found today at the information booth located on the second floor of Memorial Union. Those wishing to obtain tickets will only need to show their MaineCard.

Performing at the event will be Hellogoodbye, Motion City Soundtrack and Straylight Run.

Besides checking out the bands, students can also visit booths set up by event sponsors such as Nintendo, Neutrogena and Old Spice. The booths will have different activities students can engage in.

The event will start at 8 p.m. and run until about midnight.

Since its creation, the tour has had acts such as UK sensation Muse perform as early as last year. This year, the event started at The College of New Jersey and has visited campuses such as Florida International University in Miami and Providence College.

event. If they redirect their money towards something like that, I'd be pleased," said Travis Bourassa, a UMaine student since 2002. "I had a really good time the first year and the second year was all right, too, but I feel that I am too old to stand out in the rain and listen to music I do not really care about."

Although the tradition may end there is a chance that another spring festival could be held in the near future.

Mitchell said the success of the final Bumstock in the fieldhouse could determine how things work

in the future for another spring music festival.

He also said having an event at the end of the year is good for campus morale since it can allow people to relax during the last week of classes before Finals week begins.

"I think having some sort of a spring festival is a good thing. As far as what it should contain, I don't know," said Mary Grose, a third-year student from Winslow. "If it's here for us, then let us decide what we want in it."

"From what I know, Bumstock used to be a tradition, but it's not anymore. Traditions only last so long."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

FIRST PLACE — Female trio Glosoli performs their last song for The Project's final round. The group took the grand prize.

Glosoli takes home The Project prize

By Damon Griffin
Staff Reporter

Tuesday night in the Union, Java Jive presented The Project finals, in which three music acts from the semi-finals performed for the chance to win recording time in a studio.

Glosoli won the first place prize for studio recording time, and Ryan Quigley came in second place, winning \$200.

Ryan Quigley opened The Project finals shortly past eight with an extensive story of adolescent yearning for the perfect girl. The song that followed played like a second version of the story, in a common musical form; the kind that uses the acoustic guitar as its backbone and the sentimental first-person monologue as its substance.

Quigley had improved on his stage presence since The Project semi-finals. His strident, churning guitar style and his gaunt swaying figure gave Quigley a style and persona that was charming and worthy of the audience's interest, especially those with X chromosomes.

His second song was a brief and humorous pastiche of popular '90s songs that comfortably danced along the line separating parody from homage. Despite the song's short duration, it was the most creative piece any of the performers would muster up.

Megan Mathieu came on stage next, looking as if she was trying

to start a look for a new genre: new-wave country. However, that label hardly fit any of her songs. Rather, Mathieu sounded more like a one-woman Indigo Girls act. Although she was much more secure in her approach to performing than at the semi-finals and while each song was concise in structure, it was also hard to distinguish between the melody of the first and second songs. Or the third and fourth, for that matter.

JAVA JIVE

The female trifecta Glosoli was the third act and, like Quigley, their main strength came from juxtapositions between their demeanors and their delivery of their songs. If they were more timid in their altercations with the audience than their previous two colleagues, the songs they played had a joviality that was missing from the rest of the event.

Glosoli's strength was their original material, catchy and played with almost perfect musical coordination. The three girls also had a certain crispness of their musical spirit that made the audience perhaps more attentive to them than the others.

Although these musicians are, of course, still amateurs in comparison to the professional music world, Tuesday night showed feeling shining through uneven craft: The Project was enjoyable to watch as the great passion for music held by each musician left vague marks in the Bears Den.

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a threat of rain loomed throughout the day.

Besides the weather, another problem Bumstock faced was the future of Cabins Field as it went from a grassy surface to play Frisbee on to an ever-growing parking lot with a stage, thus forcing the move into the Field House.

"I was surprised when they turned it into a one-day event and I am looking forward to the mtvU

Hour Past
7:40 - 8 p.m.

Sparks the Rescue
8:10 - 8:30 p.m.

Beudion Sound Clash
8:40 - 9:15 p.m.

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9:25 - 10:25 p.m.

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BUMSTOCK 2006

WMEBSpot

DJ Quoi brings his cultural roots to the 'Q Connection'

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

For a kid from mixed backgrounds, hip-hop may be the one language that best defines Quoi Laval.

With a name as unique as his Jamaican-Liberian background, the engineering technologies major is the host of the 'Q Connection' on WMEB. The show airs on Saturdays from 8-10 pm.

"I love this stuff, it's my culture," said Laval, in such a distinctive voice that makes one think of reggae before hip-hop. "I'm not used to stuff like country and not that I am opposed to that, but I grew up in a hip-hop world."

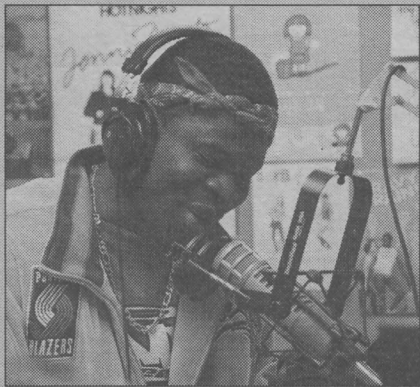
In the first hour of Laval's show, the Providence native plays hip-hop from the mid and early '90s that he likes to call the "Old School" portion of his show.

Throughout this section of the show, he plays songs such as Jay-Z's "Takeover." Between songs, he will have guests on his show to talk about current topics that are taking place on campus.

After the first hour of the program, the show usually has its freestyle competition. He got the idea from a multitude of places, with the show "106th and Park" a his main inspiration. The show, which airs on the Black Entertainment Network, has a competition every Friday where two people exchange rhymes off the top of their heads.

Besides watching "106th and Park," Laval also got the idea from a local radio show he heard while visiting a cousin in Baltimore.

One of the stations had a



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

similar kind of competition. When he first heard it being done of the radio, Laval said that he turned to his cousin and said, "One day, when I have my own show, I am going to do that."

During the second half of his show, Laval plays some of the newer hip-hop that people may or may not have heard of.

Although he may play the hits that get people ready to hit the clubs, he uses some older songs that have their own kind of flare. One example would be the song "Hey Papi" by Jay-Z, which mixes a hip-hop melody but with somewhat of a Latin flare.

Besides his love for the Jigga-Man, Laval says that his favorite artist of all-time is the Notorious B.I.G. Even though he respects 2Pac, the West Coast rapper whose feud with Biggie was well publicized before their deaths, he enjoyed the East Coast artist more.

"I like everybody but if I had to choose one person, it'd be B.I.G.," Laval said. "Back in the '90s when it was him and 2Pac they had coming out every year, but when I was 11 or 12 years old, I just loved his rhymes growing up."

Festival rocks the north next week

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

"If you decide to go to only one fest this year, this should be it," says renowned metal publication Revolver Magazine. Metaljudgement.com calls it "hands down, the best metal fest in the world." I repeat, in the world. And it's in Maine's backyard.

The Eighth Annual New England Metal and Hardcore Festival will be held from Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30 in Worcester, Mass. The festival features an impressive lineup of over 80 bands, ranging from metal and hardcore legends, current leaders in the genres, and talented up-and-comers.

As in years past, the three day festival will be spread across the two stages of The Palladium; the smaller, more intimate upstairs stage and the downstairs main stage, reminiscent of a larger version of Maine's State Theatre.

Friday's lineup will include one of metal's undoubtedly most talent-

ed groups, on their first U.S. tour, Necrophagist, as well as Arsis, Between The Buried and Me, The Black Dahlia Murder, Cephalic Carnage, Dead to Fall, Lacuna Coil, Ed Gein, and Through The Eyes of The Dead, among many others. Lacuna Coil has been announced as one headliner, while Necrophagist or The Black Dahlia Murder would be safe guesses for the other slots. Exact band times are set to be announced early next week.

Saturday's lineup will include Swedish shredders Arch Enemy, Caliban, Cryptopsy, Chimaira, Exodus, God Forbid, Hate Eternal, Immolation, Ion Dissonance, Suffocation, Full Blown Chaos, Remembering Never and dozens more. Arch Enemy and Chimaira will headline the main stage.

Sunday's lineup includes Dragonforce in their first ever U.S. gig, Cannae, Daughters, Gamma Ray, Light This City, Mercury Switch, On Broken Wings, Torn Asunder, Twelve Tribes, xdeathstarx, and plenty more. Dragonforce and Gamma Ray are the two

announced headliners at this point.

The Palladium will be filled with metal vendors selling rare albums, t-shirts, and a variety of music merchandise. Checking out the vending setup is an integral part of the Metal and Hardcore Festival experience, as nearly any music fan will find something they are looking for.

ESP guitars will be giving away guitars and basses, including one signed by every performer at the show. Krank Amplification will give away one of their acclaimed half-stack model amps, as well.

Friday tickets run for \$35, Saturday and Sunday tickets run for \$40, and a three-day pass costs \$109.50. Additional information, including complete band lists, directions, and pictures of past festivals, can be found at www.metalandhardcorefestival.com.

Tickets are available at Strawberries Record Stores and The Palladium. Don't miss your chance to be part of one of the nation's most acclaimed metal and hardcore festivals, right here in New England.

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Hopkins," if even for verification's sake. But I didn't, and I have regretted it every day of my life.

More relevant to my professional wrestler sighting, my cousin saw pro wrestlers Dean Malenko and Perry Saturn once. He yelled out, "dude, you're Perry Saturn," and sure enough, Saturn acknowledged him. There's the verification, right there. That's the satisfaction of a celebrity sighting.

Granted, Scottie Vegas and Alex Chamberlain are a far cry from Sir Anthony Hopkins. But it's the purpose. I had a chance to make an ass out of myself and yell out, "Dude, you're Scottie Vegas," and I didn't take that opportunity. Would it have been justified to do so? Probably.

So what's the moral of the story? Next time I see Sir Anthony Hopkins, I will be sure to yell out, "Dude, you're Anthony Hopkins." Maybe he'll turn around and give me confirmation that he is, indeed, Sir Anthony Hopkins. Or maybe he'll turn around, and say in that Hannibal Lecter voice we all know, "No, I'm just a real good look-alike."

left Wal-Mart. I should have just spoken up, or waved at this "Anthony

MASQUE

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wit. The ladies of "Marriage" somewhat lacked the striking individual characters of the three in "Buffalo," but the play's key themes remained intact.

A review of these performances would be incomplete without noting the amazingly complex sets. Set designer Justin Elie did a fantastic job in creating detailed sets for the two plays. Both Don's shop and Anna's drawing room were full of meticulous details, making the locations come to life and draw the audience further into the already excellent performances.

"I wanted to do something different, something that none of us had the opportunity to do before," said director Adams of the experience. Adams and the Maine Masque thought outside the box and brought a fresh, original idea to the stage; a unique dual performance as enjoyable to the UMaine audience as it was to the cast and crew themselves.

Wanted: Network Manager



The Maine Campus is now accepting applications for the Network Manager position for the 2006-2007 school year. Must be skilled with computers. A cover letter, resume and application are due by Wednesday, April 26. Please contact Matthew Conyers on First Class or call 581-1273 for more information.

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By Julianne Siegfriedt

Your bank account is filling up nicely, Aries. You will have a nice break to improve and you have some celebrating to do.

No more of that gloomy mood, Taurus. Things are looking up and the tides are changing. Embrace new opportunities and step out of your mold a bit. Try a new restaurant or a different look.

Today will be a bit stressful, Gemini. Do your best, drink an extra cup of coffee, and just meet it head-on. Give yourself a debrief time when you need it.

You will find comfort in your friends, Cancer. Life is about to slow down a little but make sure you don't get too lazy. Just because you have a break in work doesn't mean you're in the clear.

School work is your main focus lately, Leo. People will ask you for help when they see your dedication. And then you can show off a little, which is always fun for you.

Your typical logic won't get you out of the maze today, Virgo. It will most likely be a confusing day with no way out in sight. Set that ego aside and ask for help; an outside view from friends will be just what you need.

Usually you don't have any trouble getting people's attention, Libra, but today is different. Others won't necessarily be won over by your charisma so try the more serious approach. You'll get better responses.

You've been hard at work lately, Scorpio. There hasn't been a lot of leisure time, but that is why you need to make room for fun. Part of getting stuff done is making sure you're taking care of yourself.

It's spring cleaning time, Sagittarius. Although instead of cleaning your living area, you should think about clearing out some of that rubble in your schedule. It's definitely time to reorganize.

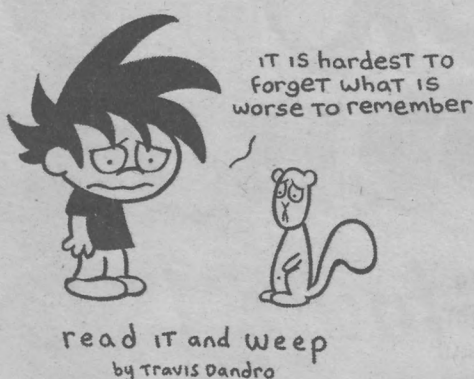
As we approach Earth Day, Capricorn, start thinking about the more natural aspects of your life. Take the time to enjoy some of the simpler things that you may take for granted.

The way things have been lately. Aquarius, it's beneficial to go to your roots. Confide in those that know you the best and with whom you can be yourself. Family should be your main focus.

You will get a look at the larger picture, Pisces, specifically around being wasteful. You will come to realize the importance of conservation and the fact that what you do affects the larger picture.

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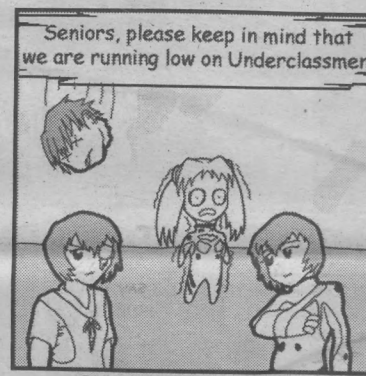
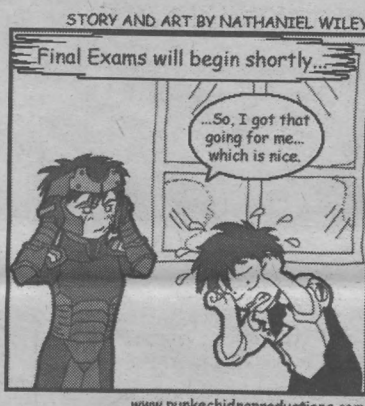
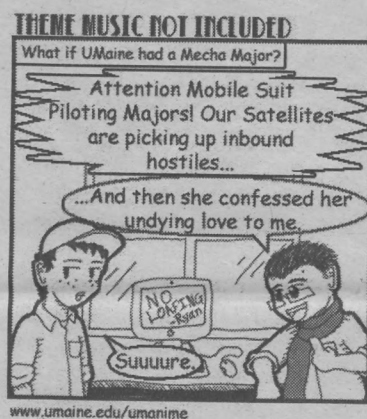
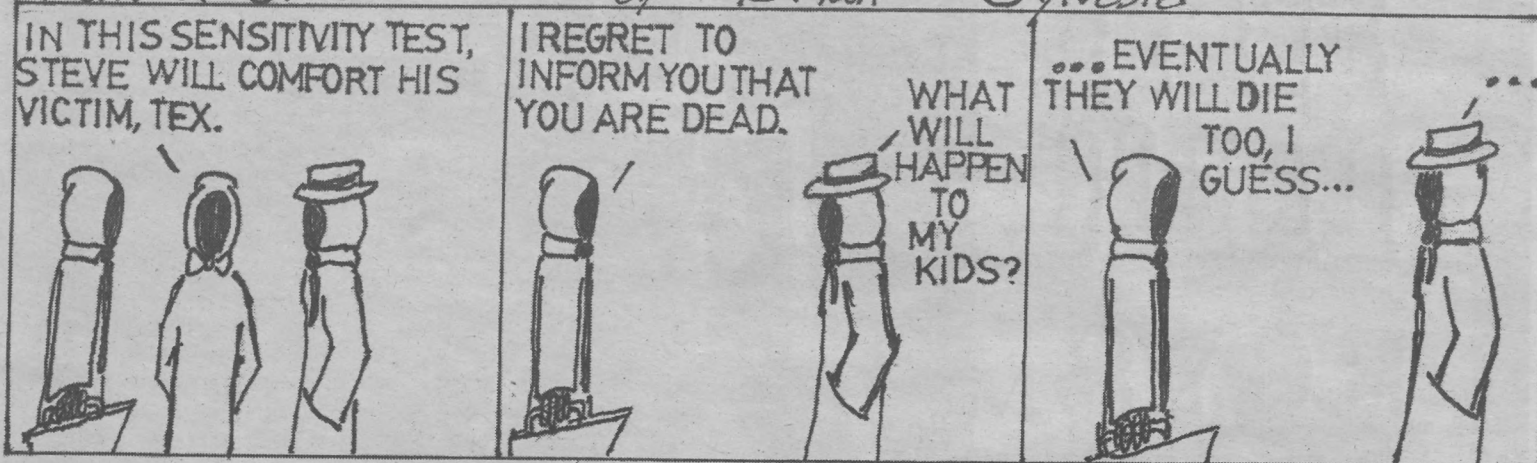
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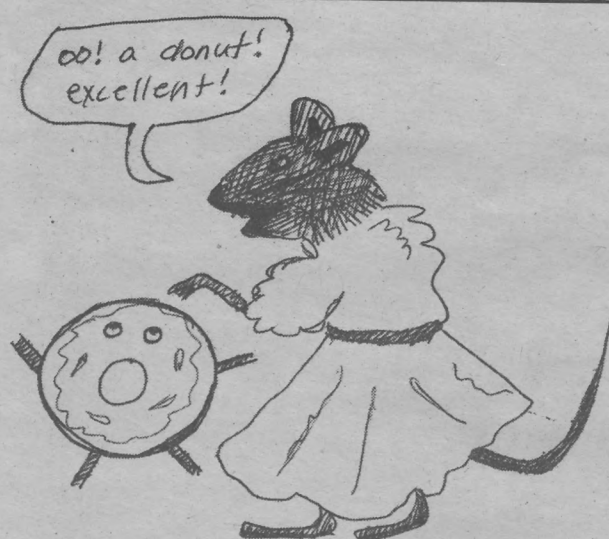
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BY JULIANNE SIEGFRIEDT

Sudoku

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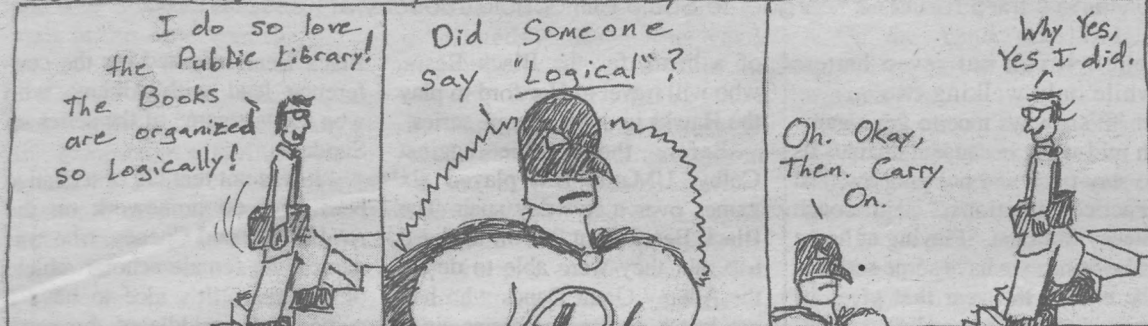
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LOGIC MAN!

by Brian Sylvester



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Momentary Dementia - Don't Fear the Reaper, Steve!

By - Steven Lindquist



New men's club doesn't involve hair restoration

Rambling Fool



By Benjamin Jarvela

I hardly have to think of my own ideas anymore and man, is it ever great. Every Monday I spend a good chunk of the day with the week's topic rattling around in my head, trying to figure out what it is I'm going to cover.

I should realize by now that you've got my back. We're cool like that.

It was brought to my attention Monday that the Student Women's Association had a bake sale. That's lovely. Everyone loves a cookie. Good job, ladies. Then it was brought to my attention that at said bake sale, women were charged 75 cents for the wares while men had to pony an entire Mr. Washington. Hmmmm...

While the 25-cent difference doesn't seem like much, it raises some interesting questions. What's the motive? Is this some gesture to signify the fact that women are expected to earn less in their lifetimes, which is a somewhat skewed statistic? If so, then it's a noble gesture indeed. Or is it some half-hearted jab at men everywhere, a mere stone's throw from the suggestion that all males be lashed to death for being born with penises? Given my own experiences, I'm going to have to assume the latter. Jim Carrey makes the Ike and Tina joke and I get in trouble - go figure.

It's not that I'm particularly angry or anything, nor do I wish to start some sort of blood feud with the SWA. I can imagine a scene straight out of the movie PCU with 100 angry protesters marching outside my window - "This penis party's got to go! Hey hey! Ho ho!" Nobody, least of all me, wants THAT.

Instead, it got me thinking. SWA, all the various religious organizations, the student political parties ... where's my benefactor? Who's going to represent me when the time comes? Who's going to loudly scream my opinion and plaster the campus with poorly painted paper signs for me, except, well, me?

Then it hit me - The Student Men's Organization. It's brilliant and exactly what UMaine

needs. Membership would be as follows: Anyone part of any other "club" is out. If you're getting paid for what you're doing, student government, etc. you're fine, but anyone who's a member of anything else like SWA, the Steiners or the Paranormal Investigation Club is automatically disqualified. Also—and this should go without saying—members have to have wangs. That's a no-brainer.

To become a member, applicants will have to demonstrate that they are in fact, men. This will be done by lifting something heavy and demonstrating the ability to grow facial hair. While a few of the more... robust...women from former Soviet satellite nations may slip through this net, most of these will be eventually discovered by the most obvious clue of them all - PMS.

Meetings will be every Tuesday, starting promptly at... whenever. There will be kegs and, should the university sign off on installing poles in one of the Little Hall lecture rooms, strippers. Ideally, the kegs will have beer, but various forms of hard liquor, wood grain alcohol or industrial solvents will be acceptable. Members will also be encouraged to bring tools, engine parts or failing all else, large, rough pieces of metal or wood so as to make the surroundings seem as masculine as possible.

I can imagine this will appeal to men everywhere and expect that membership numbers in most other student organizations will plunge dramatically. Let's face it - few other clubs could ever hope to compete with booze and strippers. Thankfully, though, membership in SWA should remain largely untouched.

Now give me my freakin' cookie.

Making mischief?



THE MAINE CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

WMEB 91.9 FM

America East Softball Standings

1. UMaine	8-3
2. Albany	8-3
3. UMBC	7-4
4. Boston U.	6-5
5. Stony Brook	5-6
6. Hartford	5-6
7. Vermont	3-8
8. Binghamton	2-9

UMaine Leaders

	Average
1. B. Cheney	.378
2. A. Kuhl	.293
3. E. Provost	.275
4. A. Waters	.264
5. M. McKinney	.264

	ERA
1. J. Balent	1.53
2. S. Bennis	1.68

	Record
1. S. Bennis	15-5
2. J. Blalent	10-9

MULES

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Crowell threw a wild pitch that allowed Joseph to come home as UMaine took a 2-0 lead.

"Conditions were not favorable since they were windy and cold," Cheney said. "I just tried to keep the ball down and just saw the ball well and hit it hard."

In the fourth, the Black Bears repeated their form from the third with another two-run inning.

UMaine's first base runner came when Crowell's throwing error to first base allowed Christina Belmonte to advance to second base. Two at-bats later, Belmonte came home on a single by Soule for a 3-0 lead.

After Belmonte advanced to third on a 5-3 putout and Ashley Waters reached base, the speedy second baseman tried to steal second. With Colby focusing on Waters, this allowed Belmonte to come home to give UMaine the 4-0 lead. Once Belmonte scored, Waters was tagged out to end the inning.

Despite the two-inning, four run output, the Black Bears were led by Gingrich and Bennis, who combined to strike out eight batters.

Gingrich, who was making her sixth appearance of the season, did not allow a hit until the third when the Mules' Amy Palmer hit a single to shallow left field.

In her last inning of work, she recorded her third 1-2-3 inning of the afternoon before Bennis relieved her in the fifth. Bennis, in her three innings of



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

HEADED FOR HOME — Senior Christina Belmonte rounds third base en route to scoring UMaine's third run on a Marguerite Soule RBI double Tuesday at Kessock Field.

relief, struck out seven batters while only walking two.

"It's always nice to get a game in mid-week because it enables us to stay fresh and not plug away at practice situations," said coach Stacey Sullivan. "Playing at home is key since we have some series at the end of the year that gives us home-field advantage."

The mid-week game against the White Mules comes as somewhat

of a break for the Black Bears, who will travel to Hartford to play the Hawks in a three-game series.

Before their game against Colby, UMaine had played six games over a five-day span. The Black Bears went 3-3 on the road trip, but they were able to defeat the Albany Great Danes who had not lost a conference series since 2002.

Heading into the weekend, the

Black Bears are tied for the conference lead with Albany, who won the last game of the series on Sunday.

"It was not that big of a change because I do homework on the road trips," said Cheney, who was named the female scholar athlete of the year. "It's nice to have a game in the middle of the week because it makes things a bit easier than if you are on the road."

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RED SOX CORNER

By Brian Brown
News Editor

Move over Keith Foulke. There's a new closer in town.

Last season the Red Sox posted 95 wins despite failing to have a pitcher who could consistently shut the opposition down in the ninth inning.

Well that's all changed this year. Enter Jon Papelbon: the fiery rookie righthander that throws gas and has the swagger to match it.

After Foulke's struggles on opening day in Arlington, in a move of sheer managerial brilliance, Terry Francona inserted Papelbon into the closers' role. Over the next 14 games, the kid has made his manager look like a genius.

Papelbon has converted all seven save opportunities while allowing only three hits, fanning seven and walking only two batters. He is a big reason the Red Sox are off to the best start in the American League at 11-4.

Papelbon and Foulke are polar opposites in every facet of the game from pitching style to mentality to paycheck. Paps is your prototypical closer with a dominating fastball coupled with a devastating splitter. Foulke relies on the separation between his change-up and fastball. If his fastball is topping out in the high 80s it is an invitation to get hit and hit hard.

The biggest difference

between the two is their mentality. The 25-year-old Papelbon, who makes a fraction of Foulke's salary, thrives off the emotion of finishing a game. He truly enjoys being on the hill, in the spotlight with the game on the line, while the grizzled veteran Foulke has stated time and time again that he does not enjoy baseball and views pitching as his job. Foulke has said he'd rather be watching a hockey game than a baseball game.

Right now the one thing Papelbon gives you that Foulke does not is the best chance to win games, which is what it's all about. Despite only being April, Papelbon has enabled the Sox to stake themselves to a 2.5 game lead in the AL East. Those two plus games could look mighty big come September, considering last season's division ended in a dead heat.

Someday down the road, Papelbon is going to be in the starting rotation, that's where he should be. Right now he could easily step in and be one of the Sox top three starters. But right now there's a bigger need in the bullpen. Until Foulke proves he can handle ninth-inning save situations, which is a long time away right now, the kid is needed in the "pen." Foulke can keep the setup role, or I hear Burger King is hiring.

Rugby squads come up short in Maine Cup tourney competition

By Dana Bulba
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine rugby teams competed at the Maine Cup this past weekend at the Cumberland Country Fair Grounds. Colby College, Bowdoin College, the University of Maine at Farmington, Maine Maritime Academy and UMaine all traveled to compete in the tournament hosted by the Portland Rugby Football Club. The UMaine men's team finished a close second to UMF, while Colby was the women's champion.

The women started the tournament playing early Saturday morning against Bowdoin College. It was a tight game, and the teams were evenly matched.

"I'm sure Bowdoin was not expecting to face the team they did," said junior co-captain and president Teagan Thibodeau.

The Polar Bears rode the momentum of an early score to a 5-0 win over the Black Bears.

On the men's side, UMaine opened up with an impressive 55-0 win over MMA.

"It was raining the entire game, and you could barely see across the field due to the heavy fog," said junior Anthony Desjardins.

After a slow start due to the weather and its consequential penalties, the team went into the second half with a sizable lead. During the second half the team substituted with some rookie players and rested some of the veterans.

The women were slated to take

on UMF next, but due to a lack of players UMF had to forfeit. UMF gathered enough players from other teams, though, to have a match.

"Their pack must have outweighed ours by a couple hundred pounds, but our girls stood pretty tough against them," said Thibodeau.

The men played their second game against UMF as well.

"[UMF] is traditionally one of our largest rivalries in the state," said Desjardins.

"Their pack must have outweighed ours by a couple hundred pounds, but our girls stood pretty tough against them."

Teagan Thibodeau
UM women's rugby

Earlier that day UMF beat Colby, the reigning champions of the tournament four years running, by just one try.

"Our match with Farmington started aggressively with hard hitting, fast passes and overall quicker game pace than our first game on the day," said Desjardins.

Heading into the second half both teams were scoreless. Farmington was the first to score, gaining a seven point lead. The game was tied 7-7 with just 12 minutes to go after freshman Rocco

Andreozzi scored a try and kicked the conversion. A few minutes following, UMF was awarded a penalty and decided to kick which resulted in their 10-7 lead. UMaine failed at an attempt to tie the game after a penalty kick was awarded to them. UMF won, 10-7.

Senior president Stefan Scarfs, senior William Dow, freshman Eric S. Anderson, freshman Anthony Purpura, and Desjardins were selected to the New England Rugby Football Union Maine all star team.

Senior Matthew Mosley, junior Brian St. Pierre, and Michael Groth were also asked to compete in the all star game although they did not receive all star jerseys.

"[Those selected] will play a game in two weeks on the [April] 29th against New England's best rugby players," said Desjardins.

The women harvested three tournament all stars: senior Carolyn Kelly, junior Kylie Newman, and senior Alanna Pfeffer. Thibodeau and sophomore Renee Rioux were both named to the Maine All Star Pool. The all stars will join the Maine Collegiate Select Side to compete at the NERFU Cup against the top college players from around New England on May 7.

"Overall, what stood out most was how we played as a team. We worked hard to get ready for Maine Cup, and we really came together as a team," said Thibodeau.

The women's team will be attending the Beast of the East tournament this weekend in Portsmouth, R.I.

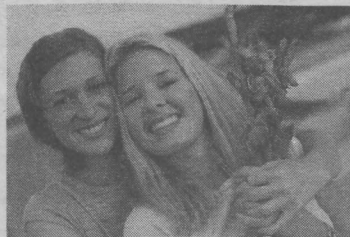
The Maine Campus congratulates Joe Thornton on the Art Ross Trophy and his impending MVP.

We're not bitter or anything.
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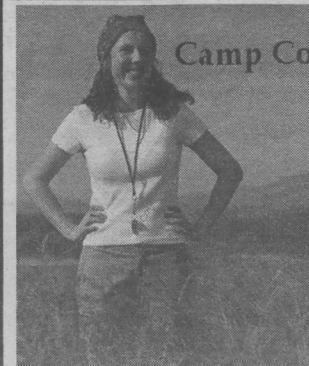
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The NBA MVP Debate: Kobe vs. LeBron

Bryant's season was most memorable James was more valuable to his team



By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

KB8 = MVP.

That's not a math formula or anything, but it's a short-hand way of saying that Kobe Bryant is the Most Valuable Player of the NBA this season.

No offense to LeBron James, D-Wade or even Elton Brand, who actually led that other team in Los Angeles to a better record, but let's be honest here. Has there ever been a season like this that everyone will remember years from now?

Yes, there has. Jordan had a few. So did Magic, Bird, Kareem, Wilt, etc.

It might be early to put him in that class. I even admitted the other day that the man does not crack my all-time top five Laker players list, but the fact that he has, on average, more than 35 points per game and made the playoffs with Lamar Odom and a bunch of CBAers is impressive.

Actually, it's more than impressive, it's damn near impossible to do something like that.

First of all, not too many people had the Lakers making the playoffs, let alone being above .500.

Secondly, the most impressive thing about Bryant this season has been his willingness to be a leader.

Yes, Kobe Bryant, the "ball-hog" has been a leader.

He may not have done it by putting his arm around his teammates' shoulder, but he led by example — showing how much he wants to win. Say what you want, but there is a fine line between being a selfish ballplayer and one who wants to win.

Stephon Marbury is a selfish player. He is selfish because he only cares about himself. Starbury only cares about Starbury and does whatever he can to make sure that he gets his wish.

If you disagree with me, please, go ask Larry Brown. He will say that guys like Marbury are selfish but someone like Kobe is not.

Let's just face it, a good portion of the people reading this column, or anyone else touting Bryant for MVP, do not want him to win it because of his personality. Because of what happened in Colorado. Because he pissed Shaq off.

Those are not good reasons to say someone does not deserve an award.

MVPs are usually judged on how much impact a player had on his team and their ability to perform.

When you look at Kobe, 'Bron and Wade, let's be serious here, whose team do you think has the least likely of chances of winning making the playoffs without them?

In Cleveland, you have an all-star center, a defensive presence in Larry Hughes and a good group of role players who play in a conference where finishing three or so games under .500 gets you a playoff spot.

Miami has Shaq, Gary Payton, Antoine Walker, Jason Williams, Alonzo Mourning, etc. I do not think I need to say anything else.

That leads to L.A.

Besides Lamar Odom, no one on that team even registers in consideration for the NBA's Top 50 or even Top 100 players in the league.

If not for Bryant, the only thing the Lakers may have been challenging for is the first pick in the draft.

Plain and simple, when you look across the league at every team, the Lakers have the most lackluster playoff roster. Yet they made the playoffs in the Western Conference, where all the good teams not named Detroit or Miami play.

No matter if you say, "35.4 ppg" or "40-plus win season," something tells me saying "MVP" is just as easy.



By Matt McGraw
For The Maine Campus

I feel like I should start this column with some kind of witty knock on Kobe, or maybe a corny King James joke, but I'd rather not. Turns out I just lost a coin toss and have to argue for LeBron. In that case, LeBron James should be voted the NBA MVP for 2005-06, and while Kobe offers a strong alternative, there are several good reasons as to why LeBron really did have a better 2006 campaign.

The most basic form of a Most Valuable Player, beyond being the most valuable player and not just the best player in the league, is who is consistently the top contributor within the NBA. So, for example, while Marcus Camby posted unbelievable numbers while he was in the lineup, he couldn't contribute his talents all 82 games this year, thus lowering his chances at becoming an MVP. On any given night LeBron outperformed Kobe as an all-around player.

When you look at the numbers, you see how productive LeBron was for the Cavs, and how close Kobe came to out-performing him. Let's work through a simple math problem based on each player's average game this season. First, LeBron scored 31.4 points per game, while shooting 48.0 percent, and Kobe scored 35.4 points per game, and shot 44.9 percent. This means that while Kobe scored four more points per night, it took him two more shots to do it, thus taking away from his team's ability to score and giving two chances to Cleveland.

Secondly, LeBron averaged 6.6 assists per night, while Kobe only helped 4.5 times, meaning LeBron now generated four extra points per game for his team. Finally, LeBron, on average, out rebounded Kobe 7.0 rebounds to 5.3 rebounds per game, thus giving the

Cavaliers an extra two possessions per game. Since the Cavs score once of out every two shots, the Cavs are now up by eight points over the Lakers.

Although this is a simplified formula, it no doubt shows that in the major categories of basketball, LeBron scored less points himself, but actually generated more team points than Kobe did.

Another reason why LeBron was a more valuable player than Kobe was because by the end of the season the entire Cleveland offense ran through him. LeBron has nearly become the NBA's version of Michael Vick, by leading a terrible team to the playoffs, single handedly, within his first three years in the league. Before Vick it was fairly crazy for a quarterback to throw, run and absorb hits en route to gaining a majority of his teams yards and points. Before LeBron it was equally crazy to have a 6-7 forward who can run, jump, and shoot, to also run your team from the point. So while Kobe takes all the Lakers' shots, he doesn't control the ball on every possession.

Lastly, the writer's association always goes on and on about the intangibles that MVPs should have. Often you hear about fourth quarter scoring, clutch shooting, or other weird intangibles that old writers love. Well here's my intangible: overtime wins.

In overtime games this year Kobe led the Lakers to a 4-3 record, while LeBron posted an undefeated 5-0 record in OT. That's about as pressure cooked as the NBA regular season came this year.

LeBron deserves the MVP. If he doesn't win it this year, it will mimic the situation that took place a few years back regarding the NBA Rookie of the Year. In 2004, LeBron got the Rookie of the Year trophy over Carmelo Anthony, when Anthony clearly outperformed LeBron and led the Nuggets to the playoffs. If Kobe wins this year it will be a similar scenario. Only this time it will be LeBron getting snubbed for an award he deserves because the writers association forgets to compare the numbers, the environment, and the overall picture.

But hey, if they are really stuck, they can always borrow my coin.

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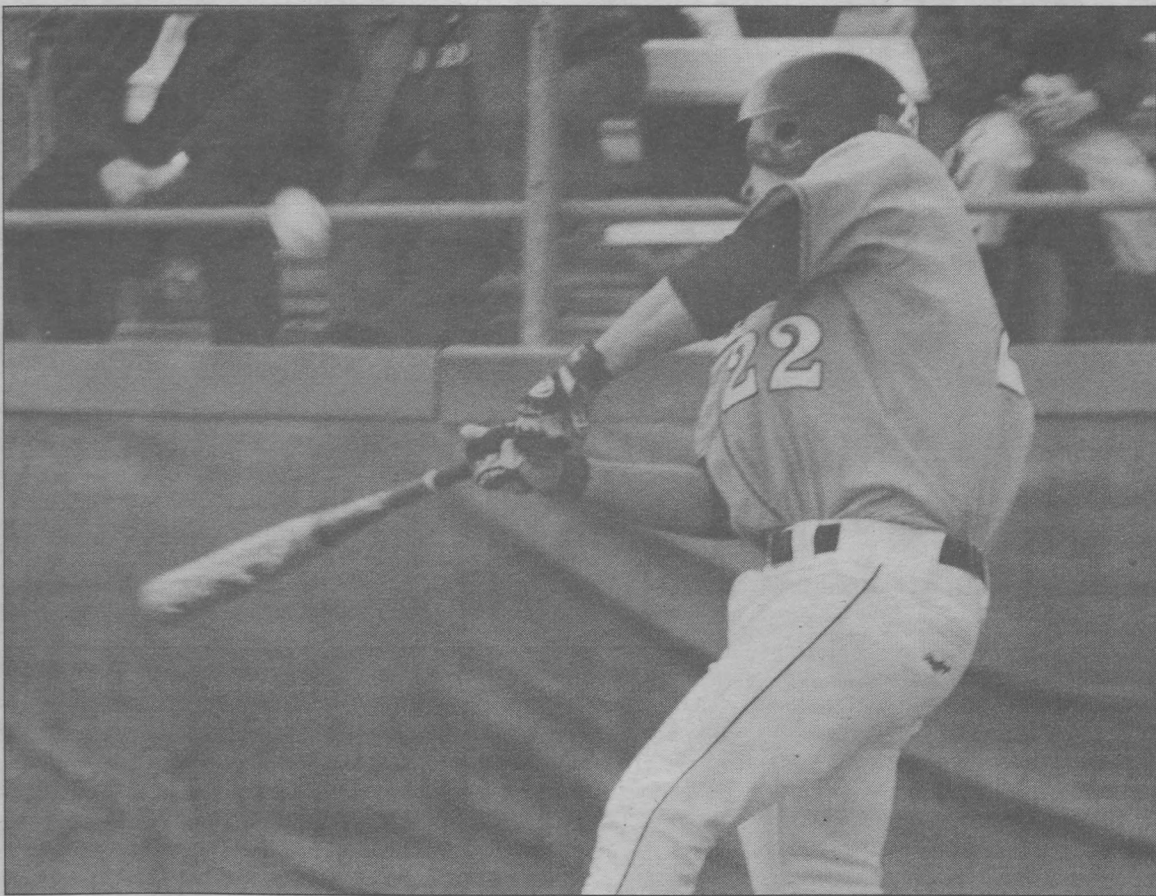
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BREWER BASH BROTHER — Freshman sensation Kevin McAvoy takes a cut during Tuesday's game. McAvoy's claimed five Rookie of the Week honors this season.

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going to score 10."

In the third, Mendoza settled down from his only shaky inning and UMaine tallied four more runs courtesy of a double to centerfield by Quintal and a Kevin McAvoy RBI single to left.

Quintal, two hits, one run and three RBIs, felt the Black Bears capitalized on several

Thomas College mistakes.

"That's what good teams do," said Quintal. "Good teams when guys make mistakes always capitalize on them. You can't let them make four or five outs in an inning. When they screw up you got to score runs."

"No disrespect to Thomas, but these guys are going to give you more mistakes to hit than a team like Stony Brook will," said McGraw, who had three hits, one RBI and two runs. "You might take a pitch but you're still going to get

another fastball. It's not the end-all if you don't hit the first fastball."

The Black Bears continued to press, adding three more runs in the fourth. McGraw believes the increased run support helped Mendoza to get back into the groove in his final innings.

"I think it just allowed him to relax more than anything," said McGraw. "It was a game where we needed to get like four or five innings out of him. He might have felt more pressure if we didn't have that lead. When he got that lead he

was relaxed and allowed to be the pitcher he is capable of being opposed to tensing up and trying to do everything."

The bottom of the fourth saw RBIs come from Quintal, McGraw and Curt Smith.

"When they screw up, you've got to score runs."

Ryan Quintal
UMaine baseball

"We took the approach of trying to drive the ball up the middle," said Trimper. "They were throwing a little slower velocity than we had seen so we just sat and tried to drive the ball up the middle. If you try and pull a slower pitcher you're just going to be capping everything."

"When we put five on the board in the fourth and then Jose went out and rolled with a 1-2-3 inning it was the point where we went out and said 'Okay it's time to bury these guys,'" said McGraw. "It was just time to send them packing."

Trimper was pleased to see that his guys weren't complacent against Division III Thomas.

"I said in the clubhouse 'all right they got red uniforms since Stony Brook just left with red uniforms, this is game four of the conference.' That's the way you got to approach it. You don't look at their chest. You just look at them as an opponent."

Last season, UMaine nearly fell

to D-III Husson before eventually winning 4-3. McGraw drew comparisons between the two teams.

"We don't want a repeat of Husson last year," said McGraw. "It is tough to get up for these games. It's a Tuesday game, we only had one day of practice and it's cold. Nothing about it screamed opportunity day for baseball. But that's the difference when you're at UMaine compared to Thomas. You have to play these games and you have to get up. Just because they are Thomas you can't go out there and throw it in the bag in the first inning because they could beat you as we have seen before."

The final five innings featured RBIs by Smith, Brown and Ostrander. In the bottom of the seventh, Ostrander hit his first career home run. His homer was followed by a Smith slam in the eighth.

"We had a tough weekend with the bats this past weekend against Stony Brook, so we just wanted to get back to getting some good at-bats and get some hits," said Quintal.

After leaving after the fifth, Mendoza was followed by AJ Balsinde, Pat Moran, Mitchell Clegg and Nolan Boike.

UMaine will now await the arrival of New York Institute of Technology. The two foes who have already faced off this year are set for a three game slate starting Friday at 5 p.m.

"Tech is good," said Trimper. "They're just like Stony Brook except they run tremendously well. We have to shut down their running game and pitch well against these guys because they have great pitching. You can't take these guys lightly because they are a team that if they had a conference they would be at the top of it."

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UMaine held in recent years. After the offense was shutout in back-to-back games against Hofstra and James Madison, Cosgrove and his staff scrapped their system. They put in a spread, shotgun oriented scheme that helped spark a three-game winning streak and doubled UMaine's point production over the last four games.

Coming into this offseason, no one was quite sure if the Black Bears would return to their old system or stick with the new offense. For Cosgrove, it was never a question of philosophy, but one of talent and personnel.

"Good football teams have their best players in feature positions; they find ways to make them productive," he said. "The goal now is to implement [the spread offense], practice it, and find out who the guys you want to lean on are."

Perhaps the most important player will be senior receiver Arel Gordon, the offense's catalyst in the latter part of 2005. Gordon lined up at both wide receiver and running back, leading the team in rushing and receiving yards several times last year. He caught a team-high 70 balls and is the only returning Black Bear with a touchdown catch on his resume. He also had a team-best 5.7 yards per carry rushing.

Gordon's focal role was evident at Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage, as he made several nifty plays evading tacklers and fighting for extra yardage.

The offense as a whole, however, still has some progress to make this spring. They failed to score on the Black Hole defense during the 40-play scrimmage, despite driving inside the defense's 25-yard line several times.

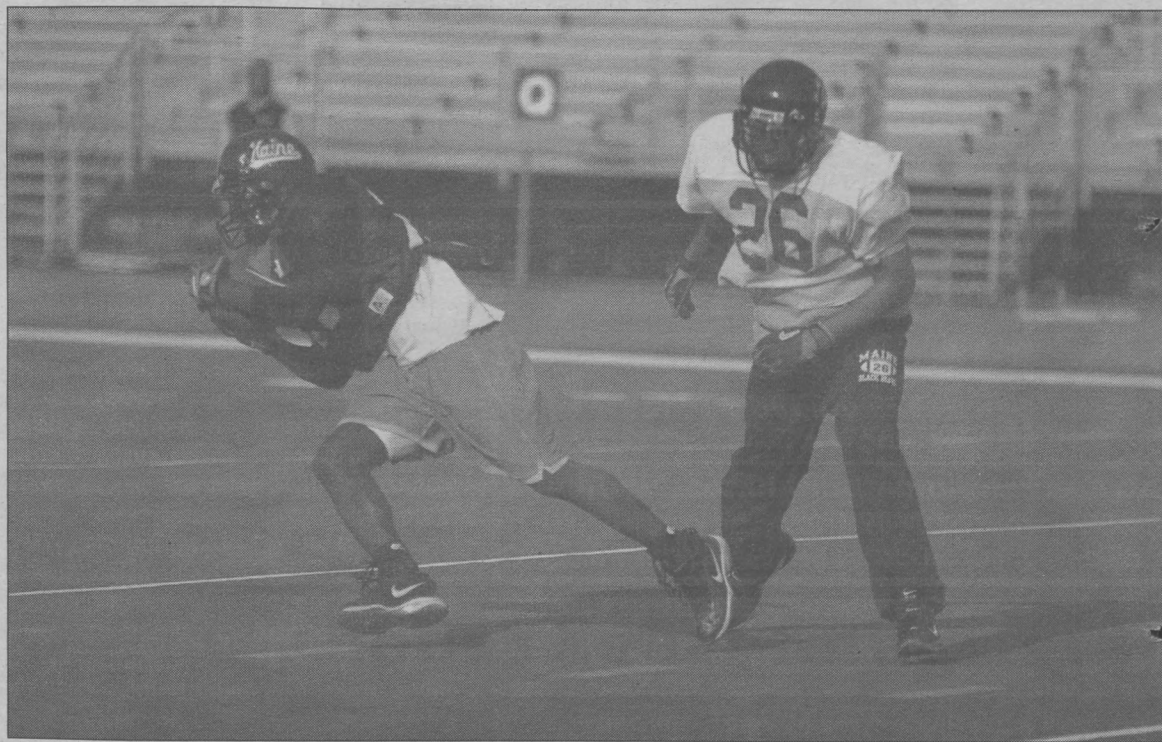
"The offense made a couple plays today, and then the defense would step up and make stops when needed," Cosgrove said. "The guys were into it on both sides of the ball. They were flying around and having fun."

The Black Bears have gaping holes at the other wide receiver spots, however. Gone is stud Kevin McMahan, who led the team with 893 receiving yards and caught 13 of team's 17 touchdown passes. The other deep threat, Ryan Waller, also graduated, along with All-Atlantic-10 tight end Josh Radulski.

Sophomore Rodney Saloman is the prime candidate to fill McMahan's shoes as a vertical threat. At 6-5 he has the height to win jump-balls, and gained valuable experience in 10 games as a true-freshman last season. His 13.9 yards per catch ranked third on team, just behind McMahan and Waller.

Other contributors at the receiver spot look to be sophomores Ken Fernser and Manzi Pierre, as well as senior Steve Williams. At 6-4, red-shirt freshman Jeremiah Watts could make an immediate impact. Like all the other positions, each will have ample opportunity to earn playing time during the spring season.

"We speak to our guys about being one of the best 11," Cosgrove said. "Make us play you for your ability, even if we have to change a personnel grouping to get you in the game."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

MAN OF TROY — A UMaine receiver breaks away from defender Troy Harris (26) after making a reception during spring football practice earlier this week.

One thing working in the Black Bears' favor this winter was the Mahaney Dome, UMaine's new indoor practice facility. The turf inside the dome allowed the team to work on football specific drills that they couldn't have in past years.

"We had a lot more opportunities to be in a football friendly atmosphere," said Cosgrove. "We've never had a facility like that and it really changes January, February and March for us in terms of preparation. It allows us to be more productive and grow at a quicker pace."

While the Dome benefited all the players, the skills positions on

offense, especially the wide receivers, may have had the most to gain. The turf allowed them to practice route-running and cuts on a real-life surface.

"Athletically, we'll be better, especially in terms of the big skill kids changing directions in a small area," Cosgrove said.

Having senior quarterback Ron Whitcomb, who's started every game for the Black Bears over the last three seasons, directing traffic will only help the young skills players feel more comfortable in the new offense.

"There's no question, there's a lot

of confidence from your team when the guy who's in charge, the guy behind the center, has the number of snaps [Whitcomb] has," said Cosgrove. "You can't beat that experience."

For now, the focus remains on teaching the players the new schemes and finding the best players to fill holes not just on offense, but on defense and special teams as well. The Black Bears will be hard at work looking to set the tone for next season throughout this weekend, practicing Friday with an intra-squad scrimmage Sunday at 1 p.m. on Morse Field at Alford Stadium.



Black Bears slide past overmatched Thomas

Win secures 10th
straight 20-win season

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

ORONO — Behind Floridian Jose Mendoza's lucid slider and a well-timed offensive barrage, the University of Maine baseball team trounced Thomas College 13-1 Tuesday at Mahaney Diamond. Anchored by the steely Mendoza, who registered his first collegiate victory, the Black Bears avoided a potential trap game en route to their 20th win on the season.

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Battling 40-degree weather and troublesome winds, Mendoza surrendered six hits over five innings while junior Matt McGraw and senior Ryan Quintal combined for four runs and four RBIs, as the Black Bears smacked 14 total hits.

UMaine is now 20-10-1.

For Mendoza, the victory, along with the weather, was new terrain.

"The cold weather was the only thing I had to adjust to," said Mendoza. "I have been working on a lot in practice doing bullpens. Coach has really been helping me with my slider and my two seam and throwing it for strikes."

"[Coach] told me 'just throw strikes and go after them' and that is what I did."

Manager Steve Trimper had high praise for the Black Bears' South Beach representative.

"You got to remember the kid came from Florida and never left the state, so he hasn't pitched in 60-degree weather let alone 40-degree weather," said Trimper. "It was good for him to be able to make that adjustment."

According to Trimper and catcher McGraw, the difference in Mendoza's performance was due to his command.

"We haven't got him on the mound in awhile so it was good for him to just get out there and get some innings," said Trimper. "If you look at his stats he was walking in guys in his last couple performances. This



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

HIT THE DECK — Billy Cather slides safely into third base under the direction of UMaine head coach Steve Trimper (4) during Tuesday's 13-1 thrashing of Thomas College at Mahaney Diamond.

time his whole goal was to go out there, throw strikes and try and let the ball move on itself."

"The big thing with him is his control this year," said McGraw. "He has been struggling but he has four pitches when he throws them for strikes. When he does that you're going to be fine."

It also didn't hurt that Mendoza was backed by a lineup that outscored Thomas

13-0 in the final seven and a half innings.

"They've been doing great," said Mendoza discussing the offense. "They really responded today with 13 runs. I was pretty happy with that."

The only blemish to the stat line for Mendoza and UMaine came in the top of the second inning, when Jerry Randall racked a single to right field that drove in Jordan McDonald. After escaping the inning with

one man on, the Black Bears proceeded to drill starting pitcher Taylor Helberg for two runs in the bottom half thanks to a sacfly by Bobby Brown and an RBI single by Moises Rivera.

"I wasn't worried about that run in the second inning," said Mendoza. "I was like 'these guys are going to come back and

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UMaine wins duel with the Mules

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

ORONO — A break away from conference play proved to be useful as the University of Maine defeated Colby 4-0 on Tuesday afternoon at Mike Kessock Field.

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The Black Bears' rare mid-week game improves their record to 27-15 while Colby dropped to 6-13 on the season. UMaine's victory was powered by a combined one-hit shutout pitched by Courtney Gingrich and Sarah Bennis.

Softball

"Courtney played really well and Benny's been consistent all year," said catcher Marguerite Soule. "It was a little tougher because you are in class all day, but it's fun because our pitchers all throw differently."

Although the White Mules held the Black Bears hitless through the first two innings, UMaine surged for two runs in the third inning.

With runners on first and second,



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

PIECE OF CAKE — Senior Kate Joseph hauls in a routine fly ball during Tuesday's 4-0 UMaine win at Kessock Field.

the Black Bears' first run came when Brittany Cheney doubled to center field to drive in Megan Ramos for a 1-0 lead.

Then, with Cheney at second and Kate Joseph on third, Colby's Alyssa

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Spreading it Out

Football to stick with wide-open
offensive philosophy next season

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

Power-I or spread the field? Pound the rock or fun and gun? It's a question that's plagued football coaches since the advent of the forward pass, and it's a question that followers of the University of Maine's gridiron squad have wondered about all winter.

As the Black Bears enter their second week of spring practice, finally, the answer has become apparent.

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"We're going to keep following that path that we blazed last year," said UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove. "You're going to see a lot more of the spread stuff, trying to take advantage of the field vertically and horizontally, and taking chances trying to get the ball to our best receivers."

The path blazed in the latter part of the 2005 season was a radical departure from the ground and pound philosophy

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