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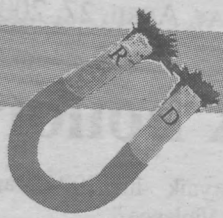
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CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

SINCERE APOLOGY — Emily Lord, co-chair of SWA, reads an apology letter on behalf of the organization to the General Student Senate Tuesday night.

## SWA submits formal apology

### General Student Senate agrees to lift censure of organization

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

A week after being reprimanded, the Student Women's Association had its censure lifted by the General Student Senate on Tuesday night.

Last week the organization came under fire after an ad campaign and bake sale caused a bit of an uproar.

Because of the controversial actions, the GSS voted to censure the group and said it would be retracted if an apology was given within one week.

"We apologized for our advertising and the clarity of it because the Senate thought we were violating the laws by discriminat-

ing," said SWA co-chair Emily Lord.

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Emily Lord  
Co-Chair SWA

"In our letter, we emphasized our intent and finally we appreciated the senate on their commitment

against discrimination," Lord said. SWA's decision to apologize came during its meeting last Wednesday.

More than a week ago, the group featured an advertisement for its Take Back the Night event that was held a week ago.

In the ad, the words "MEN" and "RAPE" were in bold letters with "can stop" in smaller type, causing members of the campus community to comment on the signs.

However, the main issue at hand for the GSS was the bake sale that SWA held. The bake sale, which according to SWA was donation-based, suggested that

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## Interviews begin for new provost

### Mahon makes pitch to keep position

By Brian Brown  
News Editor

Interim Provost John Mahon said the current economic landscape in the state has left the University of Maine in a budget crunch.

"I don't think I have to paint a picture of what you're paying at the gas pump and utility costs and magnify that by the university," said Mahon yesterday during an open forum as part of his formal interview for the vacant provost position.



Mahon

Mahon said the decreased funding from the Maine Legislature coupled with the increase in education costs has left UMaine with a budget deficit of approximately \$3 million. He added that next year will be the first time in history that the university gets more revenue from tuition than it does from state appropriations.

"As the land grant institution we have an obligation to the state of Maine to educate its children," said Mahon adding the goal of the university is to keep a "manage-

able" gap between the cost of attending and the financial aid a student receives.

Mahon said the university should do everything it can to avoid a tuition increase and it should not follow that path of the University of Vermont, which "jacked up tuition and appeals more to out of state students."

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John Mahon  
Interim Provost

But he admitted the university, which has made about \$11 million in cuts during the past three years while continuing to add programs, is running out of places to trim from.

"We're running out of options that won't affect people's lives. We need to find more revenue sources," said Mahon. "I need to find ways that bring additional revenue into the university."

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## Students run for Maine House

### Campaigns continue the trend of youth movement in the region

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Who says today's youths aren't interested in politics?

In keeping with a near 15-year tradition of Maine House of Representatives legislators from the Orono and Old Town areas being under age 30, at least two UMaine students are throwing their hats into the Augusta ring this fall.

Riley Donovan, who turns 23 in June, is running for the State House of Representatives in District 14, representing Old Town and the Penobscot Indian Island.

Donovan, a Republican, will oppose incumbent democrat Richard Blanchard, first elected in 2004.

"I'm running because I have a sincere interest in seeing Maine become a better place," Donovan said. "I love Old Town; this is where I want to start my family. I just want to try to make the state better now so it'll be better for my kids and the future."

Another UMaine student, Morgan Malinowitz, has filed papers to oppose democrat incumbent Emily Cain in the 19th House District, though she was unavailable for comment before press time.

Their candidacies come fresh on the heels of failed efforts of four UMaine students to win seats on the Orono Town Council.

The runs also come just after legislation introduced by Cain to lower

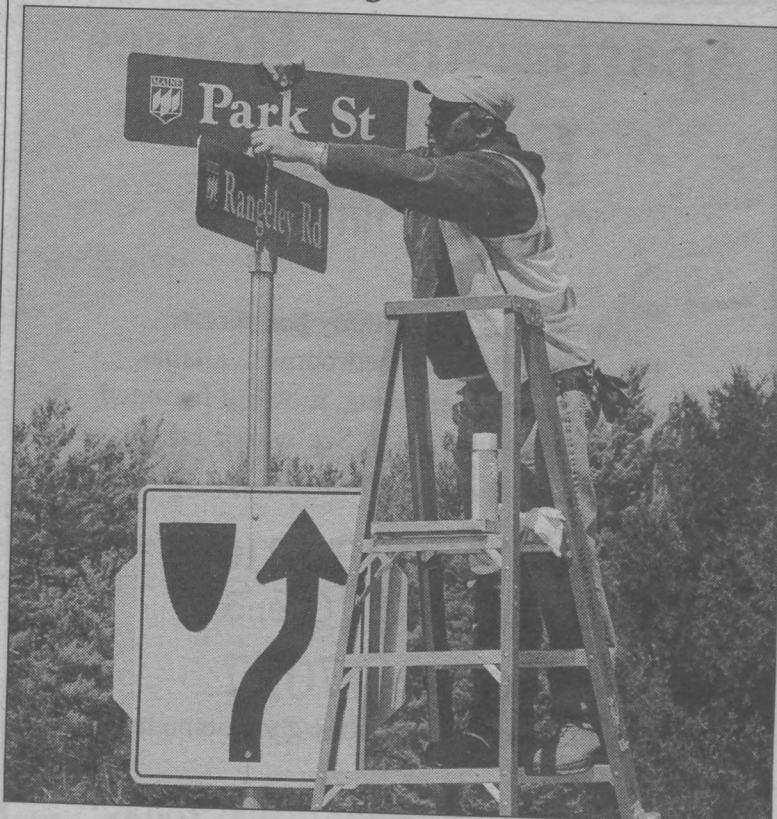
the minimum age to run for the State House to 18 fell just short of reaching voters for a referendum.

"It passed with a majority in both the House and Senate, but did not receive the requisite two-thirds vote in both houses to go on the ballot this fall," Cain said. "I am encouraged by the statewide positive response I received from this legislation, and I look forward to bringing the issue back next season."

While youth involvement in politics has been a national trend in recent years, Maine has certainly set the standard. Orono has been represented in Augusta by a legislator under age 30 since 1992, and young

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## The Higher Road



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

WHERE AM I? — Facilities Management puts up new street signs on Wednesday afternoon at the Park Street and Rangeley Road Intersection.



## POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell  
For The Maine Campus

# Bangor man arrested on two alcohol charges

At 10:50 p.m. Saturday an officer was on patrol on College Avenue when he observed a vehicle traveling in the Stodder parking lot without headlights on. The officer continued to watch as the vehicle turned into the Penobscot Circle and began honking its horn. The vehicle came back out from the circle onto Schoodic Road, where it failed to stop at a stop sign. The officer initiated a traffic stop, and identified the driver as Ryan Olderman, 20, of Bangor, and the passenger as Joshua Underhill, 18, of Stetson. The officer could smell the odor of alcohol coming from the car, and observed Olderman trying to conceal an open can of beer in the backseat. The officer had Olderman perform field sobriety tests, which he failed. After Olderman was arrested for operating under the influence, officers returned to the vehicle and found that the open beer can had disappeared. When questioned, Underhill admitted to emptying the can and shoving it under the seat. As a result of these actions, Olderman was charged with operating under the influence, possession of alcohol by a minor, failure to stop at a stop sign, and driving with an open container of alcohol. Underhill was charged with falsifying physical evidence.

### Man summoned for photocopied parking permit

At 12:56 p.m. Friday officers received a report from Parking Services that a vehicle had been discovered in the MCA parking lot displaying a clearly photocopied parking permit. Parking Services issued a citation and had the vehicle towed. The owner of the vehicle, identified as Christopher Bailey, 21, of Auburn, was contacted by the police. When Bailey came into the

station, he admitted to police that he and his girlfriend had purchased one parking pass together, and that he had made a photocopy of it. As a result, Bailey was issued a summons for theft of services.

### After drinking 14 beers, Orono man receives three citations

At 9:55 p.m. April 20, Public Safety received a report of an out-of-control male subject on the third floor of Somerset Hall. Upon arriving at the room in question, officers were greeted at the door by a resident, Christopher Ripley. Ripley had his hand wrapped in a towel, and there was blood on the towel and all through the room. Ripley stated that he had put his hand through the window. He went on to admit that someone had poured beer on his head, and he responded by punching the person five times. He said he was upset about this. After speaking with other witnesses, another story emerged. Earlier in the evening, several individuals, including Ripley and the individual he assaulted, had been consuming alcohol in another room. It was, in fact, Ripley himself who had poured the beer over his own head, becoming combative immediately afterwards. He attacked and punched another individual in the face and throat several times, at which point the victim had fled the room. Ripley, who had admitted to consuming 14 beers, remained agitated and combative, and was transported to the hospital with an officer. Ripley, 18, of Orono, was issued summonses for assault, criminal mischief, and possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

# Barkan recipient of textbook honor

By Derek Mitchell  
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine sociology professor Steve Barkan was recently honored with a 2006 'Texty' textbook excellence award from the Text and Academic Authors Association.

Barkan's textbook, "Criminology: A Sociological Understanding, 3/e" from Prentice Hall Publishers was selected as the best textbook published in humanities or social science this year.

According to Barkan, his textbook has been printed in three editions, the latest in May 2005.

More than 22,000 copies of the textbook have been sold.

Barkan said he was pleased to win the award.

"It was great to get this kind of recognition from my peers in the world of academic writing," he said.

The Text and Academic Authors Association has approximately 1,000 members who are involved in the academic writing field.

"They know firsthand that writing a good textbook is both difficult and important," said Barkan.

The criminology text is used at UMaine in SOC 214 - crime and criminal justice.

Barkan donates his royalties from use of the textbook in that course to the sociology department's gift fund, which is used for

George Bryajk in 2004, and "Collective Violence."

Barkan is currently writing a law and society textbook, and will be co-authoring a social problems textbook in the near future.

Text and Academic Authors Association President John Wakefield said these awards are competitive; each textbook is reviewed by a topic specialist prior to awarding a 'Texty.'

"Whether there is one book submitted in the category or 10, they are still reviewed by subject experts that may approve them for an award or not," he said.

Wakefield said Barkan will officially receive his award at the association's annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. in July.

The Text and Academic Authors Association awards up to eight 'Textys' annually, honoring the best textbook in accounting, business and economics, communication, education and performing arts, computer science and engineering, humanities and social sciences, languages and literature, life sciences, math and statistics and physical sciences.

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Steve Barkan  
Professor  
Sociology

student travel and awards.

"Criminology: A Sociological Understanding" was not Barkan's first published textbook.

He has also produced "Discovering Sociology: Using MicroCase ExplorIt," Wadsworth Publishing Company, 2006, "Fundamentals of Criminal Justice," a book he co-authored with

cabinet and GSS meetings.

Because SWA falls under the community association's umbrella of student government, they are required to have attendance at both meetings.

Since there was no representation at these meetings for an extended period of time, the group's budget was canceled until the GSS unanimously voted to award the group money for next year.

"I think that SWA, now with its budget intact, will be equipped to be a strong organization, which they always have been," said Student Government President Adam Kirkland.

"From a professional standpoint, everyone was able to look past what happened and things

were resolved."

The other notable non-SWA issue the senate discussed was the process of campaigning for the presidential and vice presidential elections.

Originally, candidates had roughly two weeks before the December election to campaign for office.

According to Sen. William Pomerleau, the two weeks was not enough time, as he motioned to extend the campaign period by starting on the last week of October or first week of November.

After about 10 minutes of debate on the resolution, the bill was amended to give candidates 30 calendar days to run for office.

Next Tuesday's meeting of the GSS will be the last of the school year.

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men should have to pay a higher price than women for the baked goods.

The idea was to promote the fact that women earn less than men in the workplace.

Although SWA apologized during the first half of the meeting, those who were in attendance spoke in support of the organization during the general good and welfare section of the meeting.

In the second half of the meeting, SWA also had its budget reinstated for the fiscal year of 2006-07.

Its budget had been suspended due to the organization's absence at



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# The Gamekillers **OBITUARIES** April 2006

## Game Killed

Joe Magner  
Rashid Theodore  
Andy Tider

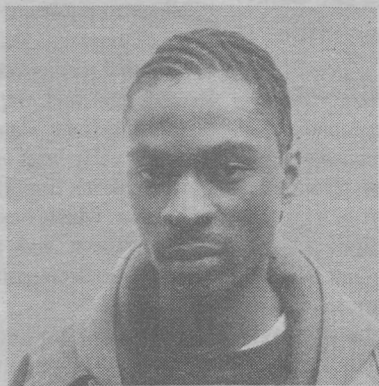
Ross Barton

Peter Moyses  
Mike Choi  
Judd Engelbrecht



**MAGNER, Joe, Acton, MA**

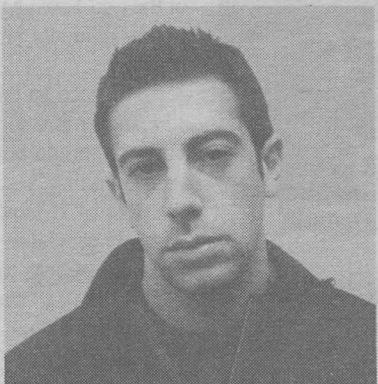
It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Joe Magner's game. A game once respected for its ability to overcome great resistance. It was in the process of doing just that; charmingly dismana none other than the over-educated, pseudo academic, knower of everything, known as IQ. The Gamekiller whose sole pleasure in life is using his enormous brainpower to extricate girls just like Joe's. And so it was that IQ quickly and seamlessly steered the conversation to the dilemma of quasi existentialism. Joe asked if the conversation was for real. Setting himself up for an intellectual pummeling. By the time Joe had finished struggling to hold onto IQ's train of thought, he had lost his hold on the girl. Natura non contristatur, Joe. Natura non contristatur.



**THEODORE, Rashid, New York, NY**

Were it not seen by many a witness at the club, the death of Rashid's game would remain a mystery befitting one of the many crime scene investigators portrayed nightly on television sets. For it is a generally accepted truth that when men get off to a great start with a girl at a club, they soon expect to find themselves suavely working that woman's torso into a tangle on the dance floor. (With particular attention paid to the rubbing of the palms, the elbows, and of course the occasional posterior.) But, Rashid's case was peculiar, and no matter how fluid his conversational flow was flowing, his game saw no moment towards the aforementioned dancing routine, most especially as it pertained to the absence of any posterior-knocking. Instead, Rashid's spicy prospect was beginning to show classic signs of eye-drift and

to none other than, Man Candy, the sugar-sweet confection of a Gamekiller revered for his talents at topping cherries like Rashid's lady-friend. And indeed, another game met its demise, as it is also a generally accepted rule amongst women that candy is the truest way to a woman's heart.



**TIDER, Andy, Teaneck, NJ**

Andy Tider's game was alive and well. Busting up the place and making the ladies say, "Da-am." His game was a fine thing—full of one liners, well-timed nods and boyish smiles. He was firing smoothly while he talked to a lithe young American princess named Sharleece. Lines like, "You should be called SHAR-LACE. Because you're beautiful, and so is lace," confirmed that his game was flying on all cylinders, until along came the future hall-of-famer himself, The Baller. The one Gamekiller with more moves than a nomad. Andy Tider could have kept his cool, could have shrugged off The Baller's play for his girl with a simple pump fake to the bar and a drive to the Sharleece lane, but instead he got caught in The Baller full-court trap. And before he knew it, Tider and The Baller were re-enacting Detroit vs. Indiana 2005. Andy Tider, you are the first player to turn an easy lay-up into a personal foul. Somewhere up there, Andy Tider, Wilt is laughing.



**BARTON, Ross, McDonough, GA**

Approximately at dawn or sometime early like that last Saturday morning marked the death of Ross Barton's game. Which came as some surprise to Ross who thought for sure he was in the process of scoring at Club Voidance with a gorgeous pixie-raver named BunnyFlower. But such is the fate of any man who tries to score while in the chill out room of a rave, especially

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if that chill out room is inhabited by the cuddly teddy-bear of a soul otherwise known as The Gamekiller, Sensitivo. For as cute as rave girls can be in a pair of neon purple pajamas, it is best not to tell them so when they are in the middle of wondering why the Earth doesn't orbit around love. Nor is it cool to try to cop a feel inside their fuzzy one-piece and pass it off as a momentary lapse of depth perception. Nor is it cool to mention that all this music seems to be stuck on repeat. And these were just some of the many lessons Ross learned from Sensitivo, the last of which came when Sensitivo took his BunnyFlower home at 9 a.m. to, "Just, you know, mellow out and lounge on his warm, velvet comforter."

**MOYSE, Peter, Washington, DC**

This is to mark the demise of Peter Moyses's game. Peter's game had been happily working on a pair of foreign exchange students. Well aware that there's so much that can be misinterpreted as charming and witty when there's a language barrier. Peter was about to go for broke, offering to teach them the meaning of his favorite (and only) French term: ménage à trois, when fate dealt him a cruel blow, for in walked The Gamekiller, The Balladeer. A walking repository of meter and rhyme, The Balladeer is more than a pair of ripped denim jeans and an unruly haircut. For as any music groupie would attest—especially those who could care less about lyrics—a song sung is like eight octaves better than one spoken. Peter could have kept his game alive if he'd just kept his cool. But did he? Hell no. He stepped out of his game and went all a cappella on the foreign beauties. Leaving the girls with no choice but to nightcap at The Balladeer's house where he delighted them to his latest chart-topping track, "Just the Three of Us."



**CHOI, Mike, Queens, NY**

The once valiant game of Mike Choi died this past weekend at a charming pub well known to locals as a killer pick-up scene. The evening had begun auspiciously when Choi was asked by a beautiful lass what he did for a living. To which, Choi replied convincingly, "Philanthropy." On any other night such a cavalier lie might be rewarded with an equally generous tongue-to-tongue

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reciprocation, but on this night, Choi was unaware that within earshot of his gross misrepresentation was the Emirate for which the UAE was named after, the financier who prefers currency with his own likeness on it, The Gamekiller Switzerland calls on for financial planning, Kash Munn. And what a shame it was, to watch something as genuinely humanitarian as Choi's definition of philanthropy die a quick death at the 24-Carat gold watch laden wrist of Kash Munn who needed only to turn it over once and say simply, "The limo, my lady, awaits." Leaving Choi feeling philanthropic only to Glen, the genial bartender.



**ENGELBRECHT, Judd, Brainerd, MN**

Judd's game was proceeding along nicely as it followed closely behind the toned and tanned posterior of his athletic date, Beth, on a bucolic mountain bike ride through the hills of San Francisco. When all of a sudden something punctured Beth's tire, leaving it and subsequently Judd's game, gasping for air. For, while Judd tried to repair the tube, along the path came The Gamekiller who has never consulted the thesaurus, known simply as Early Man. And, as all damsels in distress will do, while Judd tried in vain to remove her tire from the wheel frame, she gradually grew weary of his laundry list of excuses and began to turn her attention to Early Man whose brain might resemble a slime mold, but whose biceps require their own zip code. And before Judd could say, "Uh, Beth I thought we were on a date here," Early Man had picked up Beth, perched her on his shoulders, and took a caveman-like pride about showing her each and every hill of San Francisco, then Sacramento, then Santa Barbara, and finally, San Diego.

Obituaries can be created and sent via email to friends at [gamekillers.com](http://gamekillers.com)



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# WORD OF MOUTH

What would you add or bring to UMaine to make it a better place?



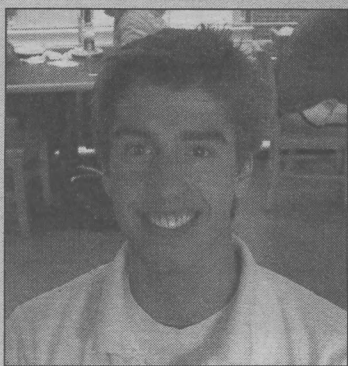
"Less authority."

Ryan Lister  
Resource Management  
Junior



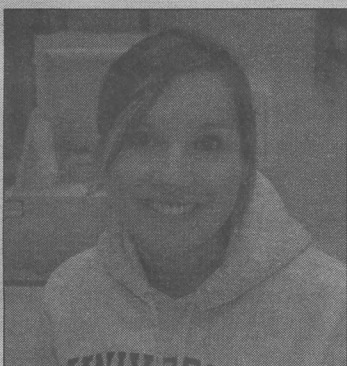
"More intramurals."

Kelsey Rush  
Secondary Education and Physics  
Freshman



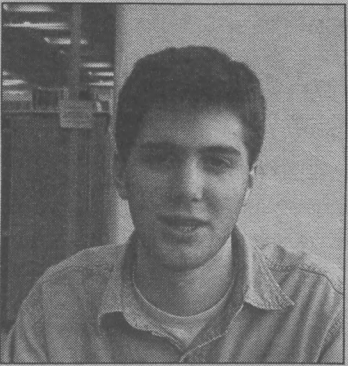
"For more people to give back to the university and the community, or underground tunnels between the buildings."

Eric Martin  
Mechanical Engineering  
Junior



"I think we could use more eclectic cafes and places to hang out."

Jess Long  
Political Science  
Freshman



"Keeping the dorm situation as it is and not making the wings co-ed."

Matt McCarthy  
Chemistry  
Sophomore



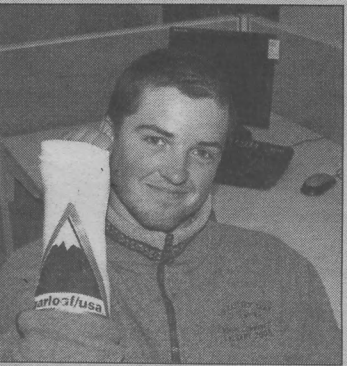
"More lights around campus when we're walking at night."

Katie Mackin  
Business  
Junior



"More support for athletic teams."

Brittany Hill  
Nursing  
Freshman



"More snow."

Robert Goodwin  
Survey Engineering Technology  
Freshman

# HOUSE

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people are pulling papers to run for office all over the state.

"If you look at the statewide landscape, there are young people running in Old Town, Orono, Presque Isle, Holden, Portland, South Portland and more. North, south, east or west, young people can make a difference all over Maine," said Cain, the youngest current member of the Maine House.

Cain, a 2002 UMaine graduate, was elected in 2004 and followed in the footsteps of former Orono representatives Jonathan Thomas, elected at 21, and Kassie Stevens Walker, elected in 1992 and sworn in at age 22.

Political climates have certainly changed since Stevens Walker campaigned in 1992, and even since she was termed out of office in 2000. What's gone unchanged, though, is the general acceptance the voters in the UMaine community have had for young legislators.

"When I got elected we did a dorm-storm. We knocked on all the doors in the dorms, registered people to vote regardless of party, made reminder calls and drove them to the polls. It was the first year President Clinton was elected, so the student turnout was high," said Stevens Walker.

Harnessing young people's energy, ideas and support remain among Cain's top priorities as well.

"The key to overcoming apathy among young voters is engaging them in issues relevant to their lives like health care, education costs and jobs," she said.

Still, the ideal candidate can't afford to ignore the town's non-student population.

"Students can control that seat," Stevens Walker said. "But you can't treat off-campus residents as though they're not there."

"There's a town and gown relationship. So much of the town is professors, off-campus students, or people who work at the university that the town is gown in a way."

Despite recent controversies over the closing of Ushuaia, a night club popular with students, and the failed bid to win town council seats, area voters seem as objective and open to student candidates as ever.

"I've never envisioned any kind of divide between Orono and the university," said Mark Haggerty, a professor with the Honors College at UMaine and a member of the Orono Town Council. "Without the university, there is no Orono."

Haggerty suggested that it was more a lack of campaigning and viable platforms than their age that led to the downfall of the UMaine students seeking council seats. The town's open mind when it comes to House elections seems to agree that it isn't as much about a candidate's age as it is ideas and what they stand for.

"I think that's endemic of the

democratic process, that what to one person may not be a good candidate, to another person is ideal," Stevens Walker said.

It's that sort of objectivity among voters that Donovan will hope to take advantage of this fall. The political science major will graduate from UMaine in May and is unopposed in June 13's Republican primary.

Donovan's platform is highlighted by issues that impact all Mainers regardless of age or occupation.

"I think the four issues we need to tackle and take care of are education, health care, the cost of energy, which is out of control, and the high tax burden," he said.

Among Donovan's proposals are placing Old Town and towns like it on a list to receive state funding for education faster. The town's school budget was already in crisis before losing tax revenues with the closing of the Old Town Mill, and nearly 100 tuition students since this time last year.

"We need to take the funding of education more seriously," Donovan said. "It should be the top priority in state spending."

Most of Donovan's views center on making Maine a more attractive place for people to raise their families, not only to keep residents from leaving the state, but also to bring in new settlers.

"I think we should have the goal as a state to one day not have the government supporting as many people," Donovan explained. "The way we get there is by first lowering the tax burden to make Maine more affordable. We have to remove reg-

*"I'm running because I have a sincere interest in seeing Maine become a better place."*

Riley Donovan  
Candidate  
Maine House

ulations on insurance companies to create a free market because everyone in Maine deserves affordable healthcare and we have to explore alternative forms of energy."

Donovan is quick to point out that with cutting taxes must come reduced spending, something he says shouldn't be that difficult in Augusta.

"Number one, we have to cut out the wasteful spending," Donovan said. "If we can do that, we can lower the tax burden, which will in turn bring business into the state, creating more jobs and having less people relying on the government."

District 14's incumbent, Rep. Richard Blanchard, recently wrote that small businesses are the backbone of Maine's economy, supporting the Small Business Initiative and trying to keep young people in Maine.

A Scarborough native, Donovan has lived in Old Town for several years and ran unsuccessfully for a town council seat in 2004. He has been a volunteer basketball coach at Leonard Middle School for two years, as well as a cross country coach at the high school. He plans to campaign this summer by going door-to-door and engaging voters. He collected 25 signatures to appear on the ballot.

Donovan's opponent, Rep. Richard Blanchard, is a retired small business owner.

Blanchard recently sponsored the Small Business Fairness Bill, which passed in March, and asks all businesses offering construction and road maintenance vehicles to register them in Maine. He also received top honors as an environmental legislator from the Maine League of Conservation Voters.

Blanchard was unavailable for further comment before press time.

Donovan also collected \$5 donations from 50 people to enter into Maine's Clean Elections Fund, which will furnish him \$4,000, the only funds he can use in his campaign.

"I've met a number of great people who were so willing to help and sign checks," said Donovan. "I'm looking forward to knocking on those people's doors over the summer and meeting and listening to as many people as I can."

Running as a Republican in a traditionally Democratic area is another of the challenges Donovan faces.

While party affiliation generally becomes less important at state and local levels than in Washington, it can still be a hindrance.

"Maine's traditionally a 'blue' state, but it has a fierce independent streak and can be very conservative on issues such as gun control," Stevens Walker said.

From a republican standpoint, running young candidates makes sense in Orono and Old Town.

"The Republican party's generally an older crowd," said Aaron Sterling, UMaine Student Government Vice President and a former chair of UM's College Republicans. "Young candidates can grab a piece of that youth vote you might not otherwise have a shot at."

"Riley's a good guy and he'll run a zealous campaign," said Churchill Hammond, current chair of College Republicans. "I think any college student, Democrat or Republican, that wants to run for the state house shows real charisma. We're hoping students at UMaine will back him as [College Republicans] have."

For Donovan's part, though, he is hoping that just as voters have overlooked age and experience when evaluating candidates, they will overlook party lines as well.

"I think it's important that I look at things as what's best for the people of Old Town and the people of Maine, not necessarily what's best for a party."

"The voters, hopefully, will have an open mind when they go to the polls, and choose not between a Democrat and a Republican but who has better ideas," Donovan said.

Regardless of the outcome of these elections in the fall, there is no doubt that the UMaine area has served as an example not just for the state, but for the country as a whole, in terms of young peoples' ability to get involved in politics.

"I have always felt that I belonged and that my voice has been equally heard at the State House," Cain said. "I am very proud that Maine has a political environment so welcoming to young people."

As Donovan looks to become the latest young Mainer serving in Augusta, the crux of his message transcends platforms, issues and proposals. It extends to the most basic of ideals in public service.

"I've gotten to know a lot of wonderful people in Old Town, and I certainly hope that people who know me trust me and know that all I really want to do is help their kid, and make Old Town and Maine a better place to live."



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## THE MAINE CAMPUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

11 a.m. in 352 Aubert Hall.

### Candidate Forum

Athletic Director finalist Blake James. 11 a.m. in Dexter Lounge of Alford Arena.

### New Writing Series

Readings by French writers, Emmanuel Hocquard and Juliette Valery. 4:30 p.m. in Soderberg Center in Jenness Hall.

### "Invisible Children"

A film about "night commuters" in northern Uganda. 6:30 p.m. in 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

### Physics Lecture

Promises of Nanotechnology: Fact or Fiction? 7 p.m. in Hill Auditorium in Engineering and Sciences Research Building.

### Queer Forgetting

By Judith Halberstam, author of "In a Queer Time and Place". 7 p.m. in 140 Little Hall.

Friday

### Thesis Symposium

9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Thomson Honors Center in Colvin Hall.

### Candidate Forum

Athletic Director finalist Frank Pergolizzi. 11 a.m. in Dexter Lounge of Alford Arena.

### School of Marine Sciences Seminar

### Hitchner Seminar Series

G Proteins in Development: Not Getting "Frazzled" About Frizzleds. 2:10 p.m. 203 Hitchner Hall.

### Engineering Lecture

On factors that control reactivity and selectivity on surfaces and nanostructures. 3 p.m. in Hill Auditorium in Engineering and Science Research Building.

### Biological Sciences Seminar

Nanotechnology based Solutions for Product Authentication: Using the Small to Protect the Big. 3:10 p.m. in 102 Murray Hall.

Sunday

### Volunteer Appreciation Night Award Ceremony

5 p.m. Bodwell Lounge of the Maine Center for the Arts and Hudson Museum. For more information, contact Lyn Dexter at lynette.dexter@umit.maine.edu.

### Submitting information

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## Wood Walk



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FRIENDLY TOUR GUIDE — Adam Turner, a graduate student in the civil engineering department, gives a tour of the wood composite center.

## PROVOST

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While he hopes the Legislature will appropriate more money for the university, Mahon thinks the past history of budget cuts could work against UMaine.

"In the eyes of the State Legislature, life is going on really well there [UMaine]," said Mahon. "More money is probably going to get cut."

Mahon looked toward the university's manufacturing sector as a possible source of income.

He noted the university holds about 50 patents that are worth about \$50 million, including a truck container developed by the Advanced Engineering Wood Composite facility that weighs 1,600 pounds less than the average truck container.

He said that given the rising

fuel costs, the new container could be viable in today's market.

"To quote the Godfather, 'I want a piece of that action,'" said Mahon.

Mahon also advocated the need to increase faculty participation in the UMaine co-operative extension program.

"Push partly has to come from the campus side rather than the co-operative extension side," said Mahon. "We need to keep hounding on the deans about all the things that are available for the co-operative extension."

He added the university needs to encourage faculty and staff to go out with the co-op programs and likened the event to trying an exotic food for the first time.

"First, you find out you don't die. Second you find out it's pretty good."

Mahon also tackled the issue of changing enrollment demographics. He said that because of

the growing trend of fewer high school graduates in the state attending college, the trend toward more out-of-state students will need to continue if the university is going to continue to maintain the current student body size.

He also said the out-of-state students help financially because their tuition, which averages \$12,000, is closer to the actual cost of education than the in-state tuition of \$6,000 per semester.

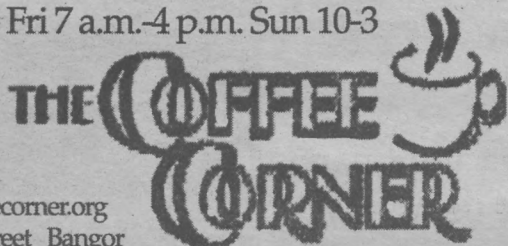
In his closing remarks, Mahon drifted back to the financial hurdles the university must overcome.

"The financial condition of the university is a challenge. I'm not convinced the legislature will give the university more money," said Mahon. "We need to find additional sources. If we do not, we cannot continue on as we're constituted right now."

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## Volunteer Week honors those dedicated to service

By Katrina Jones  
For The Maine Campus

National Volunteer Week kicked off Sunday and is set to end April 30 with an appreciation night. The University of Maine Black Bear Volunteer Program has events planned throughout the week to involve students and staff.

National Volunteer Week dates back to 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration for volunteering.

Since then, every president has honored a week for volunteer service.

The Black Bear Volunteers participate in National Volunteer Week every year.

This will be the fifth year for Lynette Dexter, coordinator of the program.

"Every year we have events during the week then an awards ceremony at the end of the week," said Dexter.

The theme for this year is "volunteers work wonders," focusing on thanking those who have volunteered their time while getting more people involved.

The Black Bear Volunteers have asked student organizations to get involved with different events during the week.

"We have all kinds of stuff

planned," said Dexter.

On Monday volunteers like Stephanie Guillemette, a second-year member of the Black Bear Volunteer Program, had dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

Asked why she chose to volunteer Guillemette said, "It's the right thing to do. It is also such an amazing feeling to know that you helped someone and made an impact in their life."

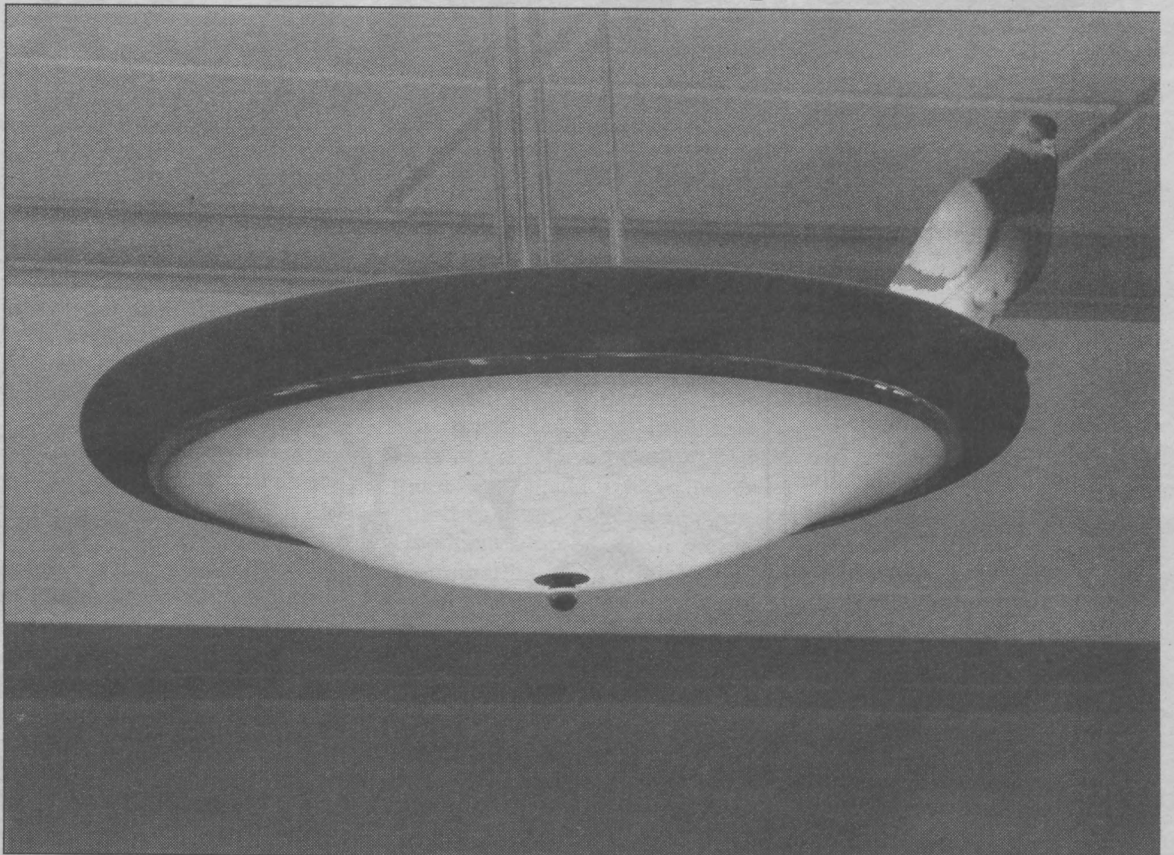
There will also be a showing of "Invisible Children," a documentary about the humanitarian crisis in northern Uganda at 6:30 p.m. in 100 Donald P. Corbett as well as a free dinner for students in the Wilson Center tonight.

Volunteers will go to Bangor's Powerhouse Teen Center, a support program on Friday at 7 p.m. and will participate in the Orono Land Trust Clean Up from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Volunteer Appreciation Night will wrap up National Volunteer Week here in Orono in the Bodwell Lounge at the Maine Center for the Arts on Sunday.

Five awards will be given out to students, faculty members, staff, volunteers, the Greek service house and others to show recognition of participation in community service.

## Lonely At The Top



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UNION VISITOR — A pigeon found its way into Union Central on Wednesday afternoon.

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## UMaine hit in the bank vault

The University of Maine is currently facing dire financial times.

During an open forum yesterday, UMaine interim provost John Mahon said the university is facing a \$3 million budget deficit.

While rising education expenses and ever-climbing energy and utility costs have had a hand in the deficit, the biggest culprit is in Augusta.

The Maine Legislature has failed to increase university funding enough to keep up with rising costs. In the past three years alone, UMaine has been forced to trim a total of \$11 million from its budget.

Unless the House and Senate pull through with some miracle 11th-hour funding, the university will be forced to make additional cuts, at the expense of the quality of education, or make up the difference by tuition increases.

Actions speak louder than words, and it is quite evident that the representatives and senators do not place a high priority on UMaine.

## Class lectures on your iPod

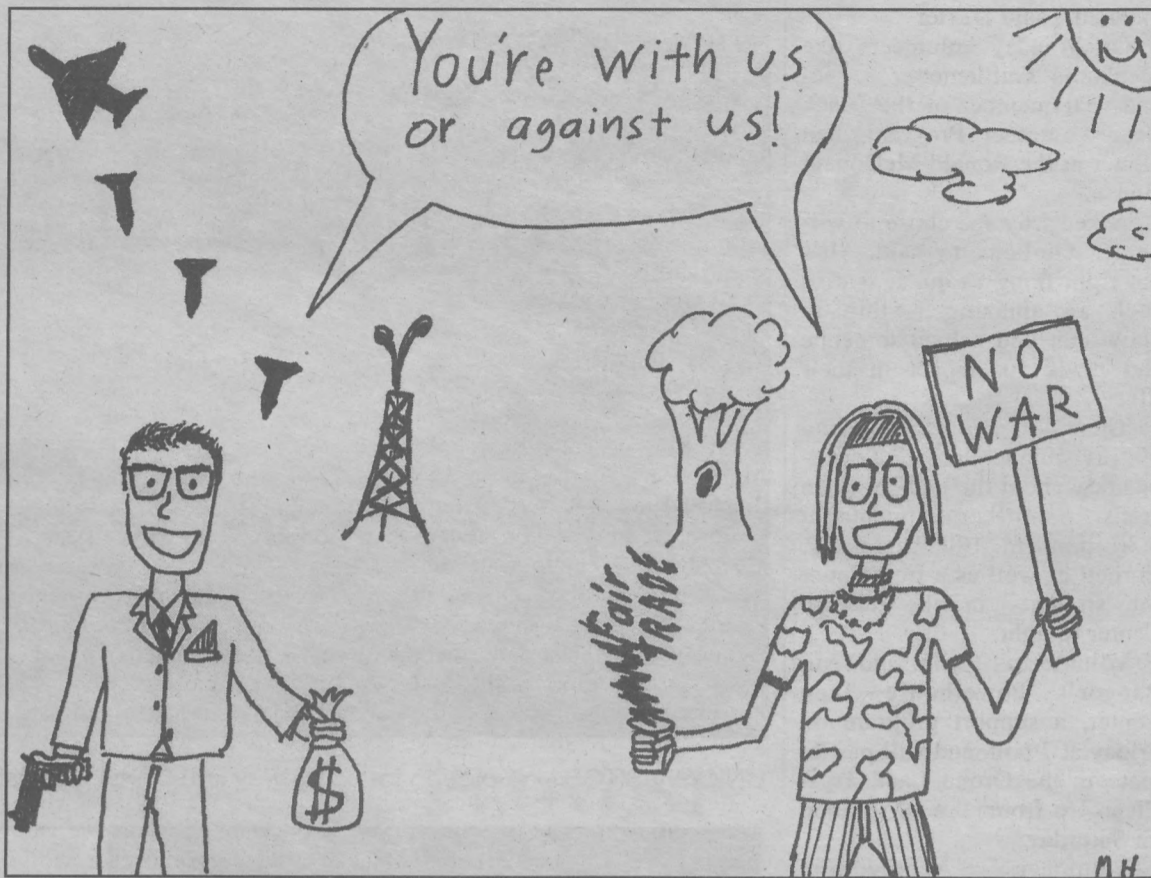
Maine Business School professor Wayne Ingalls has taken technology to a new level in his classroom.

By enabling his lectures to be downloaded on an iPod, students can learn about accounting while on the go.

While not meant to replace class attendance but rather supplement it, the to-go lectures are a valuable tool for students who miss a point during class or are ill and unable to attend.

Why does the technology craze have to stop at class lectures? The medium can be used to make UMaine athletic events and concerts accessible to students and alumni around the globe. Imagine being in California and being able to download the Black Bear hockey game onto your iPod.

As the state's flagship university, UMaine has always been on the cutting edge of technology. Now, the university has a chance to take a professor's idea and expand upon it. The winners in the end will be UMaine students and alumni.



## SWA talks big, but says little

Bake sale draws attention to the wage gap, equality issue

The Student Women's Association had their hearts in the right place, but their heads in the sand with a recent wage gap campaign. SWA cited they were only trying to start conversation, prove a point and raise money for a good cause. Normally the acts of this fine organization should be, and have been applauded. It's safe to say their campaign proved quite successful. They raised money for a wonderful cause, and they got conversation started on campus. I love conversation.

For those of you still gray as to what all the fuss is about, take a deep breath. The man is not, despite popular belief, trying to keep the woman down.

No one is arguing SWA's use of freedom of speech or expression. No one batted an eye when posters cited the wage gap at 75 percent, although they should.

While it is true that according to

RANDY CUMMINGS



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the 2003 census bureau, women earn 75.5 cents on the dollar compared to men, it is widely accepted that the wage gap fails to take tenure, experience, number of hours worked, overtime, dangerous working conditions, child rearing and occupational choice into consideration. If women only earned 75.5 cents of men's pay, wouldn't companies only hire women to save money?

A comparative example of a naive interpretation of the wage gap would be to deduce that men donate to family planning an average of \$1 for every 75 cents women do

according to suggested bake sale donations. Simply put; both statements are preposterous. However, they have the right to claim whatever they want.

Still wondering where the discrimination lies? Good.

Discrimination is the unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice. Charging different prices for goods or services based on gender is discrimination.

Claims that SWA "did not force people to buy a cookie," and "the rates were clearly marked self identifiable," take away from the hard work feminism has done globally and are the most disturbing.

The self-identifiable defense is not only a slap in the face for anyone who has been shamed by having to lie about their sexuality, gender, religion or marital status in order to receive equal opportunity, but also a

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## Letters to the Editor

With us or against us

The title is more of a full disclosure than a drawing of the battle lines; it should be noted that I am a conscientious objector. In my view, the Student Government's censure

on the Student Women's Association was aimed at fairness, fairness protected by Maine statutes Title 5 Ch. 337 Sec. 4592. The call for an apology, however, is a trampling of free speech. The free speech

of SWA as an organization to speak against the differential pay scales in Maine based on gender. The differential wages that were mirrored in

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## The great division

Voting by party is a lousy idea

SEAMUS MCGRATH



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I previously penned my conundrum of how people are content to simply vote according to party lines. Pundits and politicians have seemingly herded us into two separate categories in which no one can transcend their imagined boundaries. Unfortunately, this could be attributed to the fact that people haven't learned about their political representatives or, in some terminally ill cases of Kool-Aid drinkers, they choose to ignore what's going down with their favorite representatives. Well, allow me to explore my delusions of grandeur. Let there be light.

John McCain, senator from Arizona and opponent of W back in 2000 for President. I have sympathy for the guy, because Karl Rove did accuse him of being a traitor and said that his wife was addicted to painkillers and had an affair with a black man. It's sad because his daughter isn't mulatto. She's adopted from India. You know what's sadder? Those inbreeds who supported Bush in the primary actually believed it. Actually, the real reason that I hold such disgust for the "Straight Talk Express" is because John McCain has more to do with the fact that he is a lemming among a herd of them in the Republican Party. As head of the Indian Affairs Committee, he looked the other way multiple times when Jack Abramoff, Mike Scanlon and Tom Delay bilked millions from the indigenous people. So, McCain allowed Delay to walk around as head of the majority in the House for years knowing full well that there were back alley dealings going on under his watch. Apparently the "Straight Talk Express" doesn't stop at Moralityville.

Batting next is Senate Majority Leader, Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee. This is particularly poignant as he is most likely going to be running against McCain. Why wouldn't I vote for this crazy, yet

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## SWA

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stab in the back to anyone who died by refusing to denounce these same labels.

Was it that long ago that people were up in arms because banks weren't granting home loans to the unmarried or homosexuals? We didn't question the need for change when banks weren't "forcing" minorities to get home loans.

The fact of the matter is that SWA violated a contract with the General Student Senate regarding discrimination. SWA violated Maine State Law.

Keep in mind this rant is not to take away from the hard work that has been done to fix the legitimate wage gap based on discrimination, a percentage that was an appalling 58 cents on the dollar in 1960, or the hard work done to improve human rights in the workplace, hospitals, shelters, and government.

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devout Frisian? First off, he took the courageous stand of creating a moral soap box out of Terri Schiavo, claiming that she was perfectly healthy according to a video he watched of her. He said that she moved, recognized human interaction and could talk. What part of "spinal cortex has dissolved in bone soup" does he not understand? Oh, did I mention that Bill Frist is a doctor? Not a doctor of brain tissue or nerve endings in the spine, but a heart and lung surgeon. He doesn't study the brain or nerve functions at all.

Frist claimed on "This Week with George Greakanopoulos," err, "Stephanopoulos" that "HIV could be transmitted through tears and sweat." I know some people say that if you drink a gallon of tears or sweat from someone with HIV that you can get it. When has that case scenario ever come up? So, until Bill Frist can stop equating HIV to

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the differential cookie costs. It is only fair that if women's wages to men's are going to remain at 75 cents to a dollar, then women's costs should be 25 percent less for goods and services. This is thus a challenge to the University of Maine's Student Government to draft a resolution for equal pay for women in Maine and send it to the Maine Legislature to truly champion fairness, and amplify SWA's eloquent free speech.

Fred Odera  
Senior

### Discrimination is never right

I completely disagree with Nate Shea's opinion "Defending SWA from its GSS critics" on April 24 when he said that SWA's bake sale was a good idea. First of all, he never mentioned that in addition to violating the university's anti-discrimination policy, the SWA also violated a Maine state law as brought up in the article "SWA cooks up trouble" by Ryan Clark in the Thursday, April 20 paper. This law Title 5 Ch. 337 Sec. 4592 says that pricing based on gender is

So with this grain of salt comes the moral of the story.

As the saying goes, you can't bake a cake without breaking a few eggs. We would be liars if we said that we all didn't make mistakes while fighting for what we believe in. They say they meant no ill will. I am willing to accept the fact that perhaps this thing wasn't planned out all too well. Promoting women in the workforce through a bake sale? Think about it. Reality is funny like that.

It's the 21st century. Too much is still wrong with the world that can't be fixed with only one game plan. Take something good from SWA's campaign; start conversation. Applaud people trying to create positive change. Join groups. Start new groups. Be wary of one-sided arguments. Look facts up. Let's create some checks and balances to ensure that everyone's rights get represented equally, not just the convenient ones.

*Randy Cummings would have been willing to pay the extra 25 cents if SWA was selling chili dogs.*

cooties, I'm going to have to refrain from voting for him.

We need to stop supporting the dastardly fiends who impede America from becoming even better. If you like a politician, good, vote for them, but don't let an "R" or a "D" tell you which way to vote. If you're a conservative who supports Bush simply because he is a Republican too, what are you still holding onto? The old Republican mantra used to be "keep the government out of the bedroom and the boardroom," but it's been bastardized to "keep the government in the bedroom with the boardroom."

Now it's time to face the alternatives. This may mean voting third party and throwing away your vote because although you may not make a difference, only 50 percent of us vote and if they see that people are willing to go to the polls, but not vote either Democratic or Republican, that's going to change their tactics. And if it doesn't, eventually some third parties might start winning. No, I'm just kidding. That won't happen.

*Seamus McGrath is the angriest man North of Veazie.*

unlawful. Nate brings up the point that the difference in price was only a suggestion and that no one was forced to buy anything. Even though this is true, anyone who would buy something would most likely pay the suggested price anyway. Who would actually walk up to the table and pay anything less than the suggested price regardless of gender? Being a male, if I were to buy something for 75 cents, the suggested price for women, I'm sure I would get plenty of nasty looks from the members of the SWA. Don't get me wrong, I think it is a good idea to make people more aware that men typically make more in the job market than women, nor do I have anything against the mission of the SWA. I feel they simply took the wrong approach to getting their point across. Setting up anything for sale in which one gender "should" pay more than the other is nothing other than prejudice, regardless of the motive behind the pricing. Why didn't they do something more simple, such as hand out flyers or post average annual incomes of men vs. women? Something like that would have surely avoided controversy.

Seth Bickford  
Sophomore

# Halting misleading pro-war rhetoric

## The plight of peace is not as simplistic as some think

I considered not writing back to Paul Goodman's April 20 article "America: the great whipping boy," because I thought, is it worth it? In the end, I decided that correcting basic facts and pointing out flat and unjustified judgements was important.

"When was the last time anyone from the peace movement actually looked at what they were saying?" Well, Mr. Goodman, call me emo, introspective or post-modernist, but I think about what I'm saying almost all the time. Perhaps not in ordinary conversations, but in speaking of peace and war, I am careful not to blurt. So when was the last time? Right now. "When was the last time there was a serious look at the real message being broadcast, or the actions they are demanding to be taken?" Right now. "I am not aware of the true motivations of the anti-war movement." Clearly.

Mr. Goodman points out that Cindy Sheehan claimed in a speech last February, "If you're not with us, you're against us." Did he think that this may have been said in a satirical tone? I know it sounds far out and I'd hate to put words in her mouth, but that just may have been her goal. I sincerely hope Mr. Goodman does not think that Cindy Sheehan would make such an exclusive and harmful

JEFFREY  
HAKE

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statement without blinking.

Then there is this "Blame America First" ideology that Mr. Goodman has invented. First of all, I have never uttered those words and I have never heard them before Mr. Goodman's op-ed, so it would seem that he created this on his own. Second, when the peace movement talks about democratic action towards peace, should it go to the legislative halls of other countries around the world and use its combined power as non-citizens of that country to work for change? When you hear peace activists complaining, we complain chiefly about America because this is where we live and what we know. This is where we can make a difference because this is a great country where we as citizens can accomplish great things and take a stand. Sure, we can complain about somewhere else, but our chances for acting on those words are severely limited by our geography. Thirdly, Mr. Goodman puts the word "mistakes" into quotation marks as if to further downgrade them to mere slip-ups. Even if you are going to claim that America has not made as

many mistakes as the rest of the world, they are mistakes nevertheless. Lastly, while America may have done its fair share of good deeds for the international community, I feel that these have been squandered in recent years by a combination of covert government action and sheer bullheadedness. I suppose I and my fellow peace activists err on the side of democracy and caution when it comes to military action. We apologize.

"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." Should we boast about the fact that we developed the world's deadliest and most dangerous weapon in all of history, and in record time?

As one final note, the peace movement is not out "to prove that all we need to do is talk." We want action, and you may be surprised to hear that military action is not the only kind of action out there. There's economic action, political action and social action, to name a few. Just because Hollywood has put the word "action" on violent movies does not mean that is truth. And just because we have been labeled "America-haters" does not mean that is truth, either.

*Jeffrey Hake is one of those "peace people."*

# Avoiding the extremes in abortion

## Both sides of the debate are filled with crazy zealots

Women's rights. Those two words can spark a debate on a number of issues, most of which have absolutely nothing to do with women's rights.

It is truly amazing that 12 letters can bring about complete chaos and ignorance. For example: abortions. Pro-choice advocates say "It's about a woman's right to choose;" whereas pro-life advocates say "It's about a baby's right to live." Most people form an opinion on one side or the other, but is it a true opinion?

I fall into the lonely position of neutral. I can't say that I'm pro-choice, but I'm not exactly pro-life either. I'm stuck in the middle with my conscience and my morals—and we are quite happy here.

Abortions should be circumstantial. There is no way to create an absolute law; it doesn't have to be illegal or legal, and there are always exceptions to everything. There are certain situations that people can get into that cannot be prevented. On the other hand, there are situations that are preventable but no effort is made to do so.

Women and men should be held accountable for their actions. In this country we are held accountable if we rob a bank, commit a violent crime or even cross the road without being in a crosswalk, so why aren't we held accountable for

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having sex and becoming pregnant?

Accountability: That is the simple solution to the never-ending argument over the legality of abortions. If you do something you should be held accountable for it, including having sex. Don't get me wrong though. Like I said, there are exceptions to everything.

If a woman is raped and becomes pregnant, she did not make the choice to have sex and therefore should not be held accountable for the pregnancy.

A close friend of mine, Nicole, was in a long-term relationship with her boyfriend, Steve, when she became pregnant. Nicole and Steve never used protection when having sex because they had been together for so long. Neither Nicole nor Steve took any precautions against pregnancy. Nicole was about to start her final year of college when she found out she was pregnant. She decided to put off college and have the baby, even though she knew how hard it would be. She held herself accountable for her actions.

Don't get me wrong, women

aren't the only ones who should be held accountable for their actions regarding pregnancy; after all, they didn't crawl up on themselves and get pregnant. But this is where it comes down to women's rights. What about the men involved?

Is it a woman's right to deny a man his child? I don't think so. If a man wants to keep the child and raise it — with or without the help of the woman involved — he should be able to.

I know a couple, Paula and Jason; they have been married for six years. Paula has never wanted children, but Jason did. Despite his desire for children he stayed with Paula because he loved her. Although Paula was using birth control she became pregnant. Jason was excited at the thought of having a child, but Paula wasn't. Paula aborted the baby and told Jason that she miscarried. Is that fair? No. He had a hand in making that baby and he should have had a hand in the decision to abort.

Women are often blinded by the term "women's rights," and I as a woman can relate. The fact of the matter is a man has just as much of a right to a child as a woman does. Men and women alike should be held accountable for their actions.

*Amanda Levesque is currently raising a family of sea monkeys.*

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New Media Fair and public  
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DPC

2206 Student Art Exhibition  
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the Secular"  
"Embedded Quilts from the  
Iraq War"  
"Kenro Izu: Sacred Places"  
"Maine Women: Living on the  
Land"  
"Yin and Yang: Elements of  
Chinese Gardens"  
Hudson Museum

## ENTERTAINMENT

Taste of Asia  
Celebrate Asian Culture and  
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6 p.m.  
Friday, April 28  
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Free

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The Maine Attraction  
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Friday, April 28

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pulled in to  
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# Apartment Hunting 101

By Pattie Barry  
Style Editor

As the end of the semester draws near, we all have a lot of things on our minds. For most of us, they probably have something to do with that pesky little time of the semester called finals week. Then there are the things we need to worry about once we make it through finals week: Where am I going to live? Whether you are looking for some digs for this summer or when you come back in the fall, the time to start looking is now.

## Deciding to move off campus

There are certainly many pros and cons for living off campus. Living on campus, you have the luxury of waking up 10 minutes before you have to go to class. You can return back to your dorm throughout the day, and your friends either live close by or come to campus often. You don't have to own a car, you don't have to cook for yourself, and, probably best of all, you don't have to work.

Then again, if dorm life was for everyone then everyone would be doing it. Moving off campus, you have the potential to save a lot of money and the freedom of having "your own" place. You can cook and eat whatever and whenever you want. Apartments are much more spacious than dormitories, and usually far more attractive, too.

Of course, with all the benefits comes added responsibility as well. By moving off campus, expect to have more bills to pay - and a way to pay them, as well as a way to get to school. Like a dorm, you probably will live with a roommate, too. Unlike a dorm, however, you are stuck with him or her until the lease runs out, and a lot more is at stake here than your mental health - if your roommate flakes on the bills or bails on the lease, he or she has the potential to screw your checkbook, your credit, or worse, your ability to get another apartment.

## So I know that I want to get out of here

If you do decide to move out, there are many different resources available to you. The Student Affairs office compiles a database of places for rent which is available both in paper form at the Information Desk in Memorial Union and online (www.umess.maine.edu/housing). On FirstClass, there is also a folder (C a m p u s

Connections > Auctions and Enterprise > Roommates and Apartments) in which landlords and tenants post listings. In addition, you can find listings of apartments in the Bangor Daily News classified section, and at this time of year there are many postings on billboards around campus, as well.

Of course, not all apartments are created equal, and not all off-campus living situations necessarily need be apartments either. Maybe you want something more like Orchard Hills or Talmar Woods, which is closer to dormitory-style housing by virtue of its proximity to campus and building construction. Another option is renting out a room, either in an individual's house or in a fraternity house. If you can rally together enough friends, you might want to consider renting a whole house.

It's a good idea to start watching apartment listings at least two months before you need a place to live in order to get a good idea of the market. If you are looking for a place before you come back for the fall, many recommend scoping out the market now.

"The market is becoming more competitive," said FirstClass Roommates and Apartments administrator Walter Hilenski. "There have been more people jumping into the market in the past two years that are trying to actually provide decent housing as compared to what it was when I looked around three years ago."

About a month before you plan to move, you should start contacting landlords and viewing the property. Renting an apartment should "be a mutual fact-finding mission," said Danny Williams, landlord and owner of Hubbard Farms in Orono.

"A student should not be afraid to research the landlord, the property or the management compa-

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Everything you wanted to know but didn't know how to ask

It's Not an Option, It's the Fair Housing Act

During Fair Housing month, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development and Human Rights Commission wish to educate the public on federal and state law, discrimination, rental and sale of dwellings.

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**Pointed View**  
Danby wields a sharp wit in his satirical cartoons, daily in the Bangor Daily News.

## D20s: It's how we roll

This week in metaphor



By Michael Hartwell

This Tuesday our Student Senate accepted the Role-Playing Game Society as the newest club on campus. In honor of these outgoing outcasts I'm going to base today's column on the single most important object associated with the often-tyrannized world of RPGs, the d20.

A d20 is a 20-sided die used to generate random numbers. Each side is an equilateral triangle and is labeled one through 20. These icosahedrons are rolled to decide the outcomes of different events in an imaginary world.

The history of the d20 is really the history of the flagship RPG Dungeons and Dragons. In the early '70s two college students in Minnesota produced a pamphlet for a tabletop swords and sorcery game called "Chainmail." In 1977, "Chainmail" was turned into "Dungeons and Dragons," and soon a more complicated version, known as "Advanced Dungeons and Dragons" came out. In the coming years, the advanced version flourished while regular "Dungeons and Dragons" perished. When the second edition came out, the publishing company, Tactile Studies Rules, only printed the advanced version. In 1997 TSR was losing money and was bought out by Wizards of the Coast, the company famous for making "Magic: The Gathering." In 2000, the third edition of the game came out and the "Advanced" was dropped from the title.

There have been a lot of RPGs on the market, but D&D has always been the industry standard. Some systems use dice with different numbers of sides, like White Wolf's d10 system. In the '80s the zocchihedron, a 100-sided die, hit the market. Although not all of the dice being used in these games are d20s, they do challenge the popular assumption that dice are six-sided objects.

What's interesting about d20s is the relative obscurity of the word outside of RPG circles. Of all the habits and jargon associated with these games, none identify a person's involvement with RPGs like how they refer to dice. If you're playing monopoly with a casual friend and "accidentally" say "can you pass me those 'd6s?'" instead of saying "dice", you can figure out how RPG-friendly a person is. If they know what it is, they'll be outed. If they don't, they'll just say "huh?" and forget about it. Sociable role-players can ascertain who else plays by casually slipping d20s into a conversation in geometry class, or leaving them around in their dorm room. D20s are a password into the downtrodden world of nerdism that the outside world typically ignores. A Cadillac is the d20 of automobiles.

## This One's For You



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

IN YOUR FACE — Patrick Anderson takes a pie to the face as part of a fundraiser for the Maine Powerhouse Center.

## Campus radio kicks off WMEB fest 2006

By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

Friends and haters alike were lucky to witness students Ben Jarvela, Michael Hartwell, Andrew Catalina, Patrick Anderson, Travis Bourassa, Andrew Eldridge, and others taking pies in the face in Memorial Union on Tuesday afternoon. Originally scheduled to be outside, the WMEB event, aptly titled "Take One For The Team," was moved to the

upstairs of the Union near the Information Center.

"One dollar to pie this man in the face," shouted Travis Bourassa through a megaphone outside the Union in the early afternoon on Tuesday. At his side was Andrew Eldridge, grinning and ready, despite his clothes and plastic bib being saturated with chocolate and vanilla pie.

The WMEB-sponsored event started with lukewarm enthusiasm, perhaps to lack of knowl-

edge about the event. However, the event raised over \$100 and became busy by the end of the afternoon. The proceeds will go to the Powerhouse Teen Center.

In addition to pies in the faces of UMaine students, WMEB DJs, and Maine Campus staff, there was a raffle to win the chance to pie Dean of Students Dr. Robert Dana and UMaine men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead. Raffle tickets were \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The raffle will continue

through Tuesday, and tickets are available in the reception area of WMEB in the basement of the Union. WMEB will also have a booth set up in the Union on Monday and Tuesday from noon - 4 p.m., where tickets and free frisbees, buttons and bottle openers will be offered.

Dr. Dana and Coach Whitehead will be ceremoniously pied on Maine Day at the afternoon barbeque. Keep an eye out for further times and announcements.

## Asian heritage month ends with celebration

By Damon Griffin  
Staff Reporter

The school year is almost over. What could this mean? No more fun events at UMaine until next semester?

6 p.m.  
Friday  
Stodder Commons

Actually, now that Asian Heritage Month is nearly over, it is time to seriously party. In case you have missed out on any fun events on campus this semester, The Asian Student Association is hosting the Taste of Asia festival at Stodder Hall and Commons this Friday. Although the word 'taste' infers that food is the main attraction, the festival entails far more activity. It is a self-described 'celebration of Asian Culture and Heritage' and includes dance performances and songs in addition to

exotic Asian food. There is even a section at the end of the evening in which students can get their names printed in different Asian languages. This event focuses equally on educating students as well as entertaining them, so each event will be placed in a societal or historical context.

The ASA has been in existence for more than four years and every student involved with it is close. It functions as a sort of community-within-a-community. "We do a lot of stuff together as the ASA, most of us are close friends," says Jason Ustaris the president of ASA.

Whether Asian or caucasian, black or latino, purple or polka-dotted, anybody is welcome to Taste of Asia. The event lasts from 6-9 p.m. and everything it involves, including the food, is free for all students. For more information, Jose Cordero the ASA adviser, can be reached on FirstClass, as can Jason Ustaris.

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## CDREVIEW

The Flaming Lips  
"At War With The Mystics"  
Warner Brothers

The Flaming Lips released their album, "At War With The Mystics," as their first record in three years, and the results, musically, are about what you'd expect. But lyrically, as you might guess from the title, the band seems to have a soft anti-war axe to grind. They're doing it in a room filled with lava lamps while wearing animal costumes, but yes, the hallucinogenic Lips have become political.

This is more of a departure for The Flaming Lips than most indie bands. Their best known song, "She Don't Use Jelly," is emblematic of the sort of nonsensical playfulness you'd find in most of their lyrics. Though they revealed great lyrical depth with their 1999 album "The Soft Bulletin," the band had usually rested in a comfortably abstract lyrical world.

Now there are psychedelically politicized lyrics, coming across at times like a leftist children's record. "If you could make everybody poor, just so you could be rich, would you do it?" sings Wayne Coyne in "The Yeah Yeah Yeah Song," to be answered with "Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah!" by a chorus of Donald Duck-sounding voices surrounded by handclaps before Wayne declares, "We cannot know ourselves or what we'd really do with all your power."

But you just want to know if it rocks. The answer is yes, though in a different way with every click on your iPod. The band embraces the funk-pop weirdness of Beck with "Free Radicals," then shifts to a Pink Floyd-esque "My Cosmic Autumn Rebellion."

The album doesn't produce many standards, but that doesn't mean the music isn't any good. The album as a whole is more interesting

for the songs that will never find their way onto mix CDs. The album shows off a range of influences, from Bacharach-like easy listening and Brazilian Psych rock to the sonic weirdness of the Dr. Who theme. But this penchant for genre-hopping doesn't always

work. "Mr Ambulance Driver," sounds a bit like Hall and Oates cutting a pop-country single. The album also closes on a dull note with "Goin' On," which accurately describes what the song does. So you know, "Goin' On" was the only song the New York Times reviewer enjoyed. Just passing that along.

Over the whole, this record won't disappoint fans of any of the band's last three records. If the band dropped off your radar after "She Don't Use Jelly," well, maybe it's time to come back to all the willfully non-hit experimentation and creativity this band has to offer.

Or maybe you could get a job as a record reviewer for the New York Times.

-Eryk Salvaggio



## WMEBSPOT

### Groce gets direct about 'Politically Indirect'

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

By being indirect, Paul Groce has a direct impact on his listeners.

As the host of "Politically Indirect," which airs on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. on WMEB, senior has given listeners another way to think about the political issues that are on the forefront.

6-8 p.m.  
Tuesday

"Politics is good to know about and is good for me to not be involved with directly," Groce said.

Growing up in Union, Groce had what he liked to call a 'love-hate' relationship with politics.

Always intrigued by what went on around him, at times he would get flustered and upset when it came to learning more about the issues.

While reading about and watching the ongoing battle of conservatives vs. liberals, it was his ears that eventually led to future University of Maine students doing all the talking.

As a child, one of Groce's

biggest musical influences was Public Enemy. "It was Rage Against the Machine and a Public Enemy album that made me really open up my eyes to see what music can do," Groce said. "Fear of a Black Planet" is an amazing album, the beats are revolutionary and the subjects had such passion

because I never heard people talk about those things before."

From the sounds of "Fight the Power" to "Sleep Now in the Fire" by Rage Against the Machine, Groce had the idea to flirt with mixing politics with music as a chance to inform the community about what's going on.

Two years ago, Groce went to the offices of WMEB and presented the idea of his radio show. Although his idea was liked by the station's management, they wanted him to find an indirect way of expressing a viewpoint, instead of turning a music show into a talk show.

It was at that point that he came

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## Eighty heads are better than one

Norumbega Hall's exhibit offers portraits from well-known artists

By Bridget Madden  
Staff Reporter

A panoply of portraits is what the current exhibit "81 Heads" at University of Maine Museum of Art offers its patrons. All the portraits are from the museum's own collection. The title "81 Heads" comes from the fact that of 33 pieces, the heads featured add up to 81.

"The Kenro Izu exhibit, Sacred Places, that we're also featuring at this time is monochromatic, very distant and soulful," said Wally Mason, UMMA curator. "I wanted to have an exhibit with lots of color and lots of different ideas going on all at once."

Indeed, the exhibit is varied. It features works from well-known artists such as Pablo Picasso to less prominent artists, like Robert Gordy. Gordy was an American artist from New Orleans, who died from AIDS in the eighties. The portrait featured in "81 Heads" titled "Head," an abstract lithograph featuring the head of a man, was the last print he made.

"He signed that print on his



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

FACE FIRST — "81 Heads" is the newest exhibit at Norumbega Hall this season.

deathbed," Mason noted.

Upon entering the Zillman gallery adjacent to the UMMA lobby where the majority of the exhibit is included, one is inundated by the collection of portraits featured. This was intentional.

"Again, because the Kenro Izu exhibit is so sparse, we wanted to overwhelm in this exhibit," said Mason.

The most prominent portrait in the gallery was a Picasso. The large Picasso, titled

"Jacqueline in a Straw Hat," portrays a head with a yellow hat in the abstract manner one would expect from a Picasso. It is a standout because of its size and obvious creator.

Each portrait juxtaposes the next and taking the time to focus on each can give the viewer a variable of stories. Tucked in the bottom corner of the third wall was a surrealist portrait by British artist David Hockney titled "Celia with Guest."

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ny," Williams said.

### Not all apartments are created equal

Not all apartments are created equal, and they certainly don't all cost the same. You might be able to find a great deal in Milford, but you will also have to drive farther to campus and to go shopping, or out to dinner. Likewise, you might find a great deal close to campus, but you have to haul all your laundry to a Laundromat.

"The price really varies, depending on how close you want to live to campus," Hilenski said. "As you get closer to campus, the price has a tendency to get higher. And even then, the rent price can vary greatly with how many people are occupying the apartment."

According to Hilenski, the going rate for a single-occupancy apartment advertised on FirstClass can go as high as \$500-\$600, but if you are willing to share a flat with someone then it can go under \$300 per person.

If you can be flexible about the location, then look at the kinds of amenities that the apartment has to offer. What utilities do you have to pay for on top of your rent? Most landlords require you pay for your own electricity and telephone. Ask if heat is included when you speak with the landlord — it can end up costing more than \$100 per month on top of what you will already be paying for rent, making what would seem like a good deal could actually be pretty crappy.

After the bills are settled, look at what else is going for the apartment: Is there a washer or a dryer? Dishwasher? Porch? Hardwood floors? Bathtub? How old are the appliances? When is the last time the walls were painted? Can you

have pets? Is there parking for visitors? It is definitely worth it to look at several different apartments to measure the quality of each one before you make your decision. An apartment might be listed as a three-bedroom, but if the third bedroom isn't even big enough to fit a twin-size mattress and a bureau, don't count on your third person living happily there.

### A foot in the door

If you want to save money, you'll need to get roommates. Choose them carefully. There's a saying that goes, "great friends make bad roommates," and noth-

*"The key to having a positive rental experience requires that first-time tenants do their homework and understand the responsibility they are taking on."*

Mark Hunter  
Owner  
Hunter Property Investments

ing can turn a friendship sour like an incompatible living situation. These are people with whom you will have to share your living space — and, as it follows, your food, utilities, phone, transportation and patience. Talk with each other about your expectations before you commit to living together.

Once you pick a place, most landlords require all tenants to go through an application process, including providing references. If you don't have references from previous landlords, you can use a personal or work reference, or, even better, a reference from your resident assistant or resident director. Another biggie that landlords look at is your ability to pay rent.

"Tenants should be prepared if they are students to say that their parents or helping them, or that they have a full time job," Williams said. "Landlords want to make sure that students or any tenants have the ability to pay rent."

"It is also a big plus if a parent accompanies a potential student tenant, especially a first-time renter," Hunter Properties Investments owner Mark Hunter said. "That shows a landlord that there is parental support and guidance behind the tenant."

Some landlords require a lease of their tenants as well, which can range anywhere from three months to a year. If you plan to be away for the summer, you may be struggling to pay three months of rent or to find someone to sublet your apartment. If you think that this will be difficult for you, or if you have reservations about the apartment, don't rush into signing a lease.

"If the apartment or landlord seems sketchy, find another place," Hilenski said. "While there have been a large improvement on housing in the past two years, there are still landlords out there who will take your money and not improve their apartments."

Once you sign the lease, stay educated as a tenant. Pine Tree Legal Assistance offers a guide to tenants' rights, which is available on their Web site (www.ptla.org). If you have trouble with your landlord, you can report their actions in the FirstClass folder as well as the Office of Student Affairs which lists off-campus housing.

"The key to having a positive rental experience requires that first-time tenants do their homework and understand the responsibility they are taking on," Hunter said. "Renting brings a few new responsibilities. Being on your own, especially for the first time, can add to the complexity of life on top of the huge academic stresses inherent in college life."

## 'Silent Hill' makes a good game, bad film

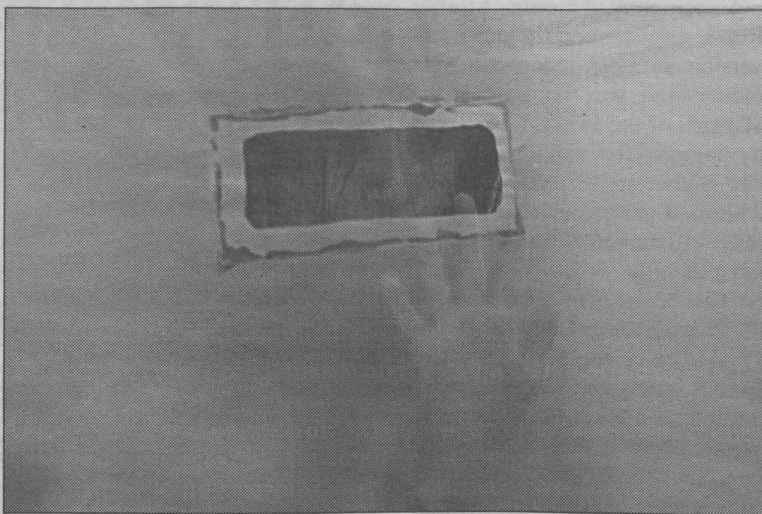


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By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

For fans of the "Silent Hill" game series, I'm going to get directly to the point: the film adaptation of "Silent Hill" is a disappointment. A disappointment which will be added to the pile of other videogame-based movie crap, sitting only several notches above "Resident Evil," "Doom," and 1993's "Super Mario Bros." While "Silent Hill" may be one of the better games-made-film, it is far from great.

The movie seems to have all the right things going for it. Director Christophe Gans, who helmed "Brotherhood of The Wolf," knows the source material extremely well. They cast play their characters convincingly and represent the game as well as fans could hope. Jodelle Ferland, playing the dual-role of Sharon and Alessa at the ripe age of 10 years old, does a fantastic job, along with the film's lead, Radha Mitchell.

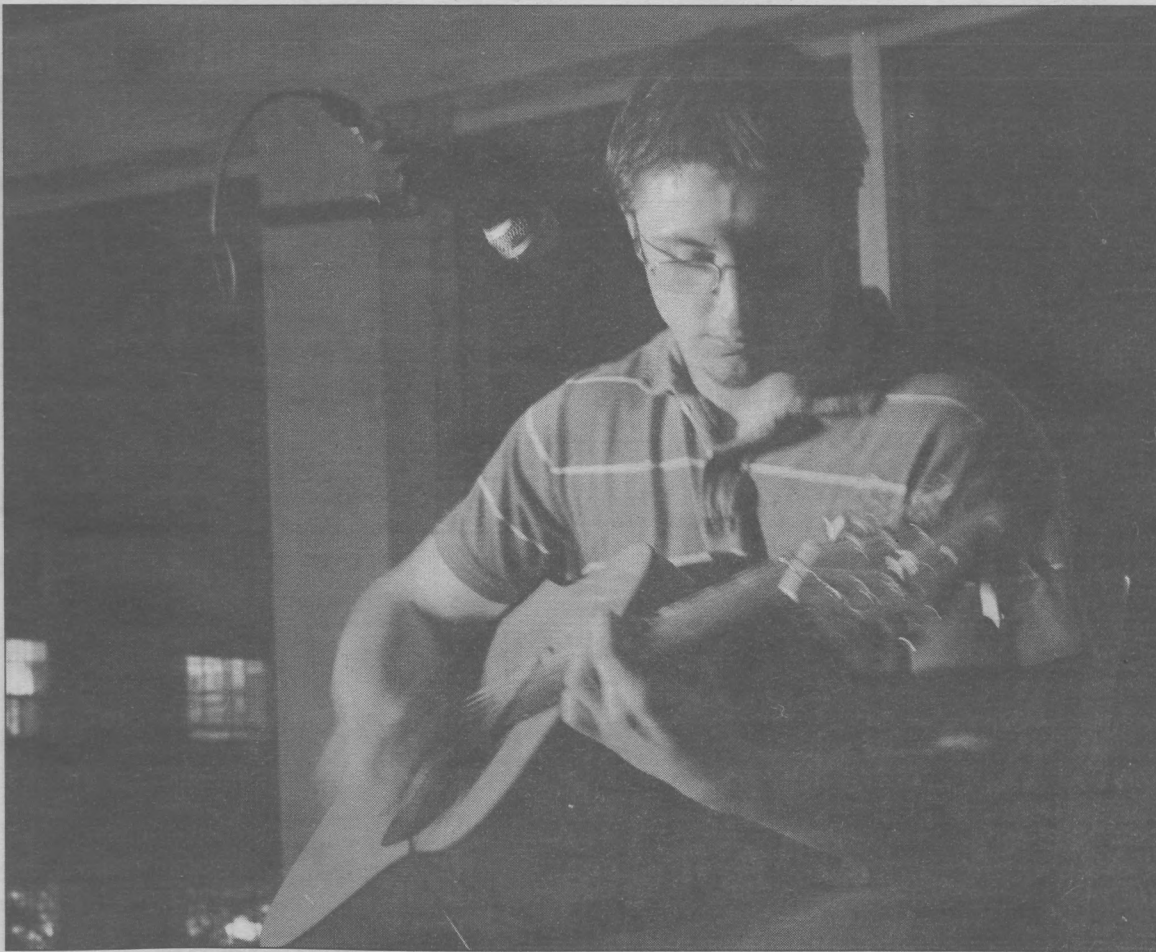
The film's biggest pro is the

imagery and atmosphere. A gamer that has played any of the four outings in the "Silent Hill" series will be amazed at the faithfulness this film has to the games. The town routinely switches between an abandoned, fog-drenched wasteland to an abysmally dark, nightmarish state, with a loud siren as the only forewarning. This effect is pulled off in a cool fashion. The film's monsters are also true to the game: creepy, disturbing and weird as hell.

So why is this film such a disappointment? The film is a little over two hours long, and the first two thirds are extremely slow, boring and repetitive. Even when the film's protagonist, Rose, reaches Silent Hill and begins to explore, boredom prevails. Despite the stunning conceptualization of the game's visual atmosphere, the aura of suspense and underlying fear are nowhere to be found. Rose's travels through the town and its buildings are pointless wastes of potentially suspenseful or frightening moments.

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### An Attempt At Stardom



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIENNE HESS

OPEN MIC — Brian Monahan strums his guitar balefully as the crowd looks on.

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up with the idea for the name of his show, "Politically Indirect."

Since that time, Groce has gone on to play the sounds of traditional music activists such as Bob Marley and Immortal

Technique. He also plays groups like The Beastie Boys and The Roots. This format has brought him everything from criticism to praise.

Besides getting different opinions, the show has captured somewhat of a cult following. One listener even made Groce brownies. Another has gone so far as to record the show every Tuesday.

"I get phone calls and many of them are from the older generations," Groce said. "I have had 70-year old ladies to young people listen and they have even come down to thank me."

"People are invested into this show because it's not about hearing their favorite artists, but something they actually believe in."

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Hockney portrays Celia's head as a canvas with two full-lashed eyes and a luscious heart-shaped mouth. Her guest is a black stick figure sitting on blue points that vaguely resemble a chair. The portrait is deceptively simple and offers so much in a small space.

Another standout piece in the collection was Andy Warhol's "Birth of Venus by Sandro Botticelli." In this piece, Warhol "changed the context of the Renaissance to contemporary times," Mason noted. "It makes it more appeal-

ing for young people." The famous Botticelli portrait was made into a silk screen by Warhol and then he changed the colors. Most striking is the fact that the Venus is black instead of white in Warhol's reproduction.

The inspiration for the set up of portraits of the gallery walls was that of someone's home, where pictures of friends and family crowd the hallway or stairway. "I wanted to put together work that was disparate in content to show that there are as many ways to see a person as there are artists to portray them." The result is a fresh and adventurous look at the pieces already in the museum's collection.

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Next problem: this film is not scary. I personally regard "Silent Hill 2" as the creepiest, most psychologically disturbing work of all time — bar no game, movie or book. So when a movie based on the series is made with all the right aspects, and it somehow evades scaring the audience, I am understandably baffled.

As the film arrives at the final act, the boredom fades into the background, replaced by a ridiculous story that makes little sense and almost completely departs from the game's established mythology. Screenwriter Roger Avary's decision to take the originally cool concept of the "Silent Hill" games and

turn it into a clone of "The Crucible" in the film's closing scenes is an unforgivable mistake.

The film is still remarkably faithful to the game in some scenes, and fans will see minute details from the games, possibly bringing half-smiles to their lips. Full-fledged smiles will be abundant in the several shining moments of gore, however. The sheer brutality and creativity of the deaths in the film is some saving grace.

Ultimately, "Silent Hill" fails to please any target audience. Fans of the game will be bored to tears and pissed off at the ridiculous changes later in the story. Average moviegoers will be confused, bored, and angry at being tricked into thinking they were seeing a horror movie or psychological thriller, as "Silent Hill" does not effectively fit the bill as either.

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# Horoscopes

By Julianne Siegfried

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Try to hold back those reigns today, Aries. You will want to jump down everyone's throat but try to realize that they are not the source of your frustration. Deep breathing may help.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Something has rubbed you the right way today, Taurus. You are much more tuned into passion today. Take advantage of that feeling and spend time with that thing or person that sparks that inspiration.

## Gemini (May 21-June 21)

A piece of news will capture your interest today, Gemini. And once it does, you will want to share it with all but make sure you research its validity with the source before rumors start.

## Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You have the drive and the self-assurance to get a lot done today, Cancer. Take full advantage of this mood and go full-throttle. This can be applied to relationships as well.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Waiting for that Zen moment, Leo? Well, today it will come. You will be able to look inside yourself and settle any unresolved issues. You will go to bed feeling satisfied with life and yourself.

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

Sometimes you just need to get away, Virgo. Go ahead and get away today. You may even find that those problems actually resolve themselves when you return.

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

You are the mediator, Libra. When others can't see a solution, you will step in and show some clear guidance. Make sure you show that same guidance with allowing yourself some kick-back and relax time.

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

Change is on the horizon, Scorpio. A new opportunity will present itself to you and you should go for it. It may be scary and a shift from your normal routine but it will be a good change.

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

Something that has been kept secret from you is about to reveal itself, Sagittarius. Don't get too excited right away; let things unfold in their own time. Rushing these matters often results in unpleasant consequences.

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

Today is one of those days, Capricorn, that you wish you could stay in bed. But don't be fooled. There lie some prospects within those challenges that you will face and they will prove to be beneficial to you in the future.

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

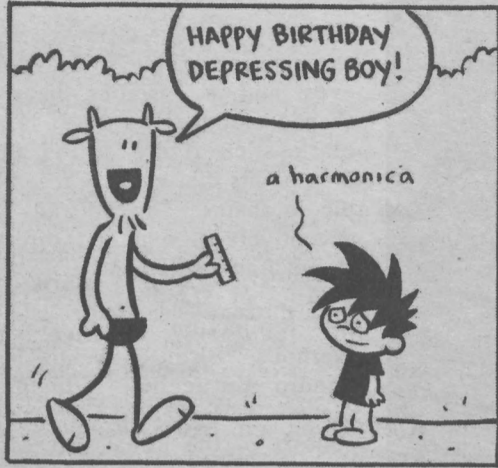
Aquarius, it is time to stop procrastinating. Today could be the most productive day of the semester if you put your mind to it. So stop reading this horoscope and get to work.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

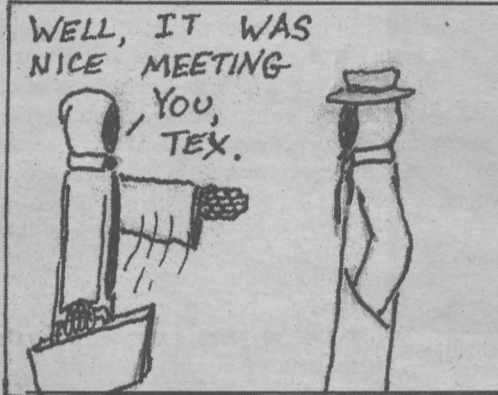
Today will take an unexpected turn, Pisces. This will not necessarily be a bad turn, but you should be prepared to change your plans as events won't follow exactly as scheduled.

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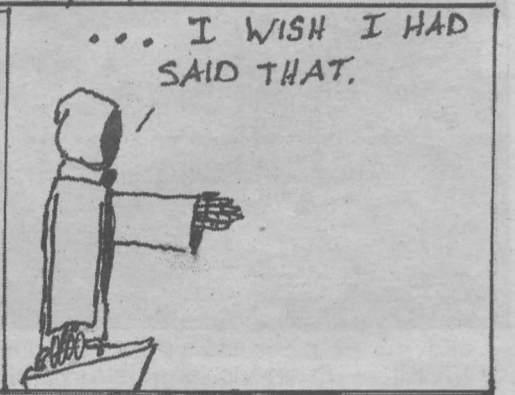
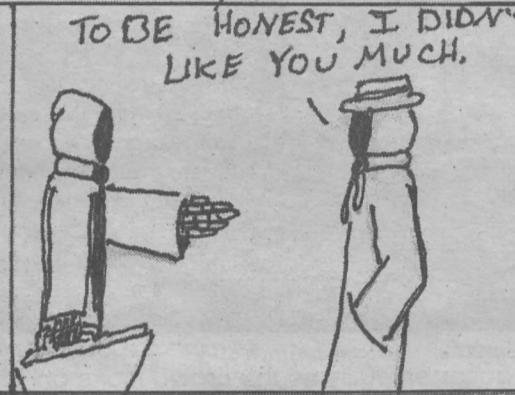
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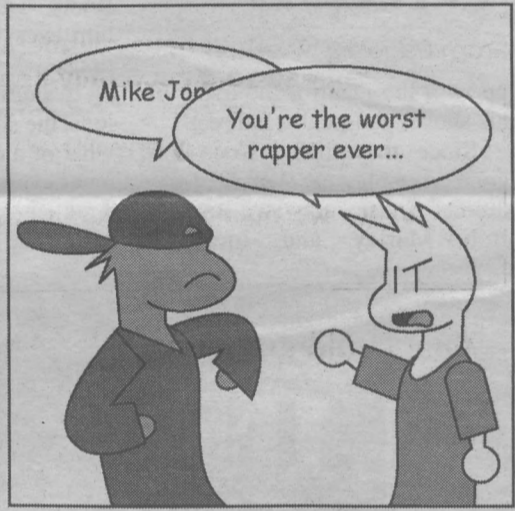


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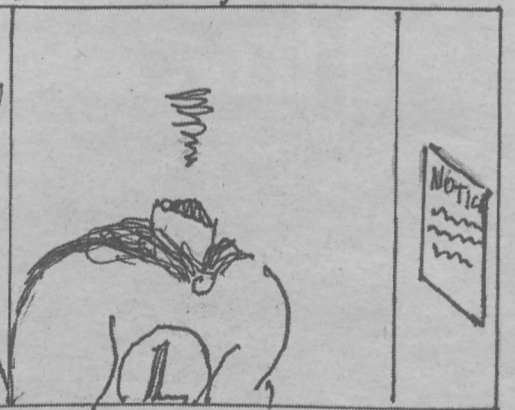
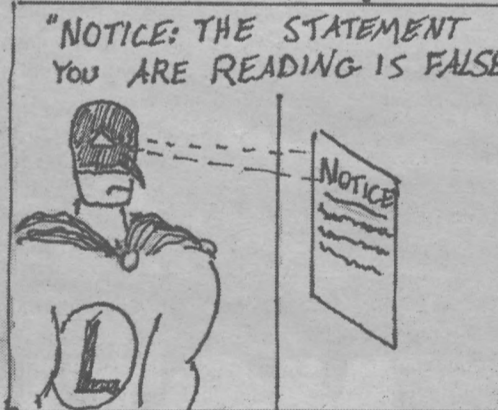
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## Let's avoid another year of screwups; we should give Student Senate the boot

**Rambling Fool**

By Benjamin Jarvela

Another year, another several thousand dollars in student loans. Given that next week is the Year in Review issue for the paper, sort of a Greatest Hits album for The Campus, if you're new here. This pretty much wraps it up for me until the fall.

Looking back, I can't help but think that most of the high-profile moments at UMaine this year were marked by conflict. This isn't so unusual, but the conflict always seemed a good deal more intense and hostile than it has been in the past. Not that I didn't have anything to do with ... some ... of that.

Maybe that's just a matter of reference. I'm only a junior, so it's not like I can look into eons past for reference. This year did seem different, though.

To those of you graduating - congratulations and good luck. To those of us coming back next year, though, there's something I think we need to consider as a community and it's something I think could go a long way in alleviating much of the dissatisfaction that seems to plague this school lately. The start of a new academic year is a great time to change things and there's absolutely nothing saying we can't kick off the '06-'07 year with a massive change.

Is there a better way?

Looking at the population of this school over the last year, it has become painfully obvious that a large number of students are dissatisfied with the way certain things are run. Really, there's no sense in beating around the bush - when it comes to student government, ROC and the myriad of other "elected" boards, committees, organizations, corporations, hug-a-bunch-clubs, etc., large portions of the student population are extremely dissatisfied, and for good reason.

Want an example? How about one of my personal favorites: the decision was made to kill Bumstock because of, among other things, cost.

At almost the exact same time, the student activity fee was raised - a feat that took multiple attempts. Does anyone else see the contradiction here? Fewer services at higher cost always seems like a bargain to me.

To be fair, the argument is made

that the money can go elsewhere and be used to provide other services. Now, a show of hands as to who believes the people who couldn't make the 30-year-old Bumstock work are going to be able to create something from scratch that's better. Anyone?

Unfortunately, things like this often lead to a sort of passive detachment than any kind of action and we see the results of it all the time. Elections with turnout numbers smaller than gen. ed. class sizes, events with participation totals that can be counted on one hand - the signs are everywhere.

Even up through last year, I was willing to write off these sorts of things under the belief that people were doing their best and acting in good faith. After nine months of the accused responding with little more than personal attacks and useless amendments to an already convoluted set of guidelines, it's become painfully clear that it was wishful thinking.

*"A trained monkey with a rubber stamp could handle the day-to-day operations of the GSS..."*

Student Government is broken.

Stop and think about it for a second. The student body president faced sexual allegations and, following this, the vice president refused to take over the position, violating the very essence of his own role. How much more do you need?

I've broached this sort of thing in the past and the results were exactly what I expected and then some. While it's not my intent to condemn everyone involved in these organizations individually, there were a number of public occurrences that proved the intentions and attitudes of several members, especially over the last couple of months. It almost seemed like a few of them were going out of their way to prove how utterly unqualified for anything resembling public service they were.

Most people care little about the actions of a few tie-wearing knuckleheads hiding in the basement of Memorial Union and for good reason. Unfortunately, the corporation-literally- that is Student Government is trusted with thousands upon thousands of dollars of our money and many of the much more benign and benevolent student groups on campus are dependent on. GSS has not shown itself to be above at least attempting to abuse this

power. Anyone want to join the German club?

All of this wouldn't be so bad if the members didn't seem absolutely terrified at the thought of accountability. The invitation has been extended by multiple people, including me, on multiple occasions to discuss different actions of the GSS in an open forum and every time has been completely ignored and, in the case of at least one senator, conveniently forgotten.

In the end, every last one of us is forced to foot the bill for a money-wasting, unaccountable boondoggle that seems hell-bent on ignoring the opinions of the population at large. It doesn't matter if they're trying and it doesn't matter if they're "just students like us," as was recently suggested in one editorial. What matters is that the massive amounts of money being placed in the hands of a petty bureaucracy, who are more concerned with boosting the resumes of its members than serving the population of this school.

We don't have to tolerate this. A trained monkey with a rubber stamp could handle the day-to-day operations of the GSS and we'd probably have to pay the monkey quite a bit less. I think it's time we consider sending Student Government, Inc., to the same place they sent Bumstock - the scrapbook of ideas that were great in the '70s but have failed to evolve to meet today's standards.

There has to be a better way to do business. Given its legal incorporated status, I'm sure disbanding the organization would be a massive headache for all involved, but in the end I have no doubt it would prove to be a remarkably positive step in the welfare of the student body as a whole. It's unfortunate that such an extreme suggestion has to be put on the table, but any attempt at change, working inside the rules of the organization itself, would simply rid us of some of the symptoms and not the disease.

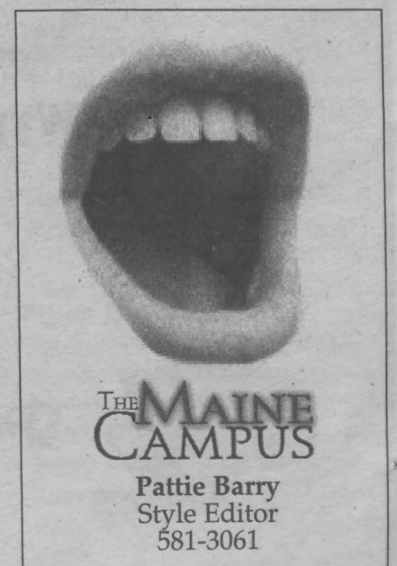
At a minimum, I don't think it's extreme to suggest that if those involved with student government this year are as dedicated to the student body as they like to say they are, then none of them should attempt to have any involvement in it next year. The numbers prove that most simply don't care what you're doing and the majority of us don't like the way things are being done.

In the end, it's up to the students. We don't have to conduct business like this and there's nothing saying next year has to work the same way this one did. It's your money. Stop wasting it.

### What could go wrong? by Andrew P Young



### YAY, YAY, GO, GO, BY KEVIN





## DRIVES

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off an inning where the Terriers went up 4-2 after UMaine tied the game two innings earlier.

After Ashley Waters led off the inning with a single, her double play companion, Brittany Cheney, cut the lead to 4-3 with an RBI double to center field.

With Cheney on base, fellow senior Molly McKinney drew a walk to give the Black Bears runners on first and second. The following at-bat saw Amy Kuhl slap a double to shallow left field that allowed Cheney and McKinney to score to give UMaine a 5-4 lead.

"We knew it was crunch time and that we wanted to get the job done," Cheney said. "It was about controlling our at-bats and we were controlling her better than she controlled us."

Kuhl was removed by coach Stacey Sullivan for the speedy Megan Ramos, which ended up paying dividends later in the inning.

Although UMaine had recorded two quick outs, Ramos advanced to third only to come home after a bad throw from BU catcher Christy Leath went into the outfield, giving UMaine the 6-4 advantage.

Once the Terriers were out of the inning, they made an attempt at a rally of their own as they were able to load the bases with two outs. BU's last-ditch effort at winning the game was the best offensive surge since Balent came into



TRAFFIC JAM — A pair of Boston University players converge on UMaine senior Brittany Cheney (21) as she is covering third base. The Black Bears vanquished the Terriers 6-4 at Kessock Field yesterday.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

relieve starting pitcher Sarah Bennis in the fourth inning.

"That's seven innings of softball," Sullivan said. "It was a real tug of war today and they wanted to win this game and that was true from the first pitch."

Earlier in the game, the Terriers had taken a 2-0 lead until an Erin Provost two-run homer in the third inning. As of late, the senior from Peru, N.Y.

had been in impressive form, coming off a 6-for-11 series against the Hartford Hawks earlier in the week.

In their last game, the Black Bears were able to finish out their series with the Hawks as they won 3-0 on Monday.

The game was postponed to Monday because of heavy rain and flash flood warnings in the area.

On Saturday, the Black Bears will play Binghamton in a dou-

bleheader in their last home series starting at 1 p.m. The series will conclude on Sunday.

The Bearcats are in last place in the America East standings with a 3-11 record, 10-28 overall.

The Black Bears, by contrast, sit on top of the conference table with an 11-3 league mark. Second-place Albany is 8-3, meaning the Great Danes need to win each of their three

games-in-hand to keep pace with UMaine, but lost the season series to the Black Bears 2-1, giving UMaine the tie-breaker over the defending champs.

The conference's regular season champion is afforded the right to host the postseason championship from May 11-13.

The Black Bears won their last America East title in 2004 when the tournament was hosted at Kessock Field.

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## Pistons over Suns in six: predicting the postseason

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By Matt McGraw

Luckily March Madness is over and we can get on to predicting games that are less of a crap shoot than college basketball. Everyone knows in a one game match, anything can happen. Just ask Iowa or Memphis fans about that one. The NBA playoff experience is still difficult to call sometimes since this is often the first time you see an entire team trying to win a basketball game. Late April come May, during most NBA games you will likely see passing and playmaking, let alone some defense from time to time. I'm only kidding of course, but teams definitely perform up to potential in the playoffs. Without further delay, here is my best guess as to how the 2006 playoffs will breakdown.

The Western Conference has long been hailed as the stronger of the two conferences, however, it seems like the winds may be changing. Regardless take San Antonio in the first round. Between Tony Parker, Tim Duncan, and Manu Ginobili, you have three weapons that few teams can defend against. The Spurs will win in four over the Sacramento Kings.

In another four-game sweep, I'll take Phoenix over the LA Lakers. This should actually be a no-brainer, but the Suns often make a habit of poor performances in the playoffs. Still, they are playing the Lakers, who, as Ryan Clark properly asserted, are basically a team full of CBAers.

Next, in a battle made for classic soccerballers, Dallas squares off against Memphis. In this series, highlighted by European stars Dirk Nowitzki and Pau Gasol, I figure it will take six games for Dallas to advance. Memphis has lost four times this year to Dallas already, and while I don't expect them to lose seven straight, Dallas does a much better job of controlling games, and has considerable playoff experience.

Finally, unless Carmelo and Kenyon wake up the rest of Denver, expect the Clippers to march right along into the second round. Denver has made

great strides as a team in the past few years, but they are an overrated three seed and the Clippers are a well-balanced team — Clips in five. In the conference semis, San Antonio should beat Dallas in six, and Phoenix will beat the Clippers in seven.

This year's final will see Nash and Marion get past the Spurs into the Championship. Nash is better than he was last year, Marion had an MVP-like season, and the Spurs have been too hot lately, which actually scares me. Plus, Phoenix might have more to prove this year, compensating for the loss of Amare Stoudemire.

Moving along to the Eastern Conference, I'll take Detroit in four games over Milwaukee and then four games over Cleveland. Expect LeBron and company to get past the Wizards in six. The Wizards have two great players in Gilbert Arenas and Antawn Jamison, but I still expect Cleveland to roll past the Wizards.

In New Jersey, the Nets should take care of the Pacers in five games, as they have returned to resemble the Nets of old. New Jersey is strong from top to bottom, and it looks like Vince Carter is trying to win games again. With Vince, Kidd, Jefferson and Krstic at the helm, New Jersey could be in for a long playoff run. Indiana also seems worn down, desperately missing a go-to guy. All things considered, the Nets will win in six.

For the last first-round series, expect Miami to roll Chicago in four. Miami is a solid basketball team, who can find ways to win when Dwayne Wade or Shaq aren't at the top of their game. Next, Miami should handle New Jersey in six games, although I will say New Jersey could be the darkhouse here. New Jersey beat Miami three times this season, however the stakes are on the table in May, so I still have to go with Miami, who is an experienced winning team. When all is said and done in the East, Detroit will beat Miami once again, in six games, to go on to the NBA Finals.

The East will finally prevail this year when Detroit beats Phoenix in six games. Their team chemistry will overwhelm the run-and-gun philosophy that defines Phoenix. Don't get too excited for the Finals yet, though — remember anything can happen, and the championship round isn't played until late June.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

HOUGH ABOUT THAT — Senior Joe Hough dives back to the bag during last weekend's home series against NYIT. The Black Bears won two-of-three against their rivals.

## STORM

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Led by the newest record holder at UMaine, the team is 24-11-1. In their two back-to-back victories this week, the squad has received both steady pitching and timely hitting. According to manager Steve Trimper, those components, as well as commendable defense, are crucial to the Black Bears' success.

"To be the team we want to be we have to get timely hitting, good pitching and be strong defensively," said Trimper. "[Today] we got timely hitting, outstanding pitching and sharp defense. We played a very good game against a tough opponent."

Bolstered by another strong performance by A.J. Balinside, who replaced a struggling Jose Mendoza, the Black Bears snatched the lead and the game in the bottom of the eighth Tuesday. Once again it was cleanup hitter, Ryan Quintal doing the damage and earning his own Black Bear prestige.

On an RBI single to right field that scored junior Matt McGraw from third, Quintal slide into sole possession of fourth place in the career RBI list. The run gave UMaine a two-run cushion heading into the ninth.

Two innings before Quintal led off the sixth by smashing a double to straight away center. With Quintal on second, the Black Bears proceeded to move him to third on a groundout and then drive him home on an error.

"Quinny smoked one," said Trimper. "It was definitely one of the hardest hits I've seen all year."

The Quintal run which came courtesy of Kevin McAvoy, who hit into an error that allowed Balinside to relax and lock in. During his 2.2 innings Balinside fanned five batters while allowing just one hit.

"He was fantastic," said Robinson. "He is really getting better and coming into his own. I really think he is turning a corner."

Robinson went on to say that Balinside provided the Black Bears with a major boost when he replaced Mendoza in the fourth inning. Balinside came in with runners on second and third and managed to close out the inning.

In the top of the first, UMaine opened the scoring when Matt McGraw drove in Joe Hough from second with a double down the left

field line. The Black Bears continued to add to their advantage when Sean scored on Joel Barrett groundout. Parker was able to get in position to score off a well-placed bunt by Matt McGraw.

The Crusaders struck back in the fourth after an RBI single by Tom Potvin and an RBI double from Andrew Sweeney. The Black Bears watched Sweeney's hit speed down the right field line because of a misplaced slider from Mendoza. Holy Cross started the rally with a lead-off double by Tyler Stamphone.

With the game knotted at two, UMaine roughed up Kevin Begalane who relieved starter Dan Seip and went three innings. Begalane allowed two runs on four hits and fell to 0-5.

Tuesday, UMaine was forced to overcome both rain and cold weather en route to a 11-4 win. The Black Bears' resident climate controller Mitch Clegg served as the star of the show going six scoreless innings after only pitching in six previous innings. Clegg scattered four hits, while dispensing eight strikeouts. The impressive showing for Clegg earned him his first collegiate decision.

"Mitch Clegg did a heck of a job," said Trimper. "Mitch did a great job of throwing two pitches for strikes."

Catcher Matt McGraw, who had two hits, two walks and three RBIs, applauded his hurler for a vibrant arsenal of pitches.

"He had all his pitches working in my opinion," said McGraw. "We didn't go to the changeup too often just because the wind was pushing it and it would turn into a fastball for us. He has three excellent pitches and he is going to be a great pitcher down the line for us."

John Tesseyman began the game but only lasted three innings after getting whacked by four runs. Tesseyman gave up six hits as well.

Clegg felt his impressive display came down to confidence. Having only pitched in six innings before the night, Clegg gathered it rather quickly.

"It was basically just a matter of getting confidence," said Clegg. "It's a lot different from high school. You can't expect too much coming in as a freshman. You just have to take the opportunities they give you and work with it."

Clegg aided a bullpen hurting after an hour and a half rain delay that extended the game to

a five hour duration.

"It's tough, you do lose focus in games like this," said McGraw. "You saw that our bats broke down midgame. It's just that sort of thing as baseball player you know you are going to be in for long, repetitive games sometimes. You just have to go out there and say I am not going to allow myself to lose focus, have a bad at-bat and have my swing fall apart in the next couple of days. You need to stay on yourself."

For the Black Bears surviving the weather was also a struggle.

"That was by far the coldest I have ever been on a baseball field," said McGraw. "The wind was in my face the whole time. It made setting up for Mitch's slider especially different because it was taking the movement right off the ball. The fastball also tailed a lot more than it usually did. It kind of changed how we called the game because the pitches were a lot more erratic than usual."

Centerfielder Joe Hough, who tied the stolen base record with three in a game agreed wholeheartedly.

"That was ridiculous, I was so cold," said Hough. "It wasn't bad until the wind got going. It was probably one of the worst days ever to play. But you have to play it."

Hough discounted his achievement.

"There's a lot of people who have that record, it's probably like eight or nine guys so it's nothing really that great," said Hough.

Hough, three runs and two hits, led the track meet on the bases as UMaine set the record for steals in a game with nine.

The offense received RBIs from Hough, McGraw, Barrett, Curt Smith, McAvoy, Bobby Brown and Mark Ostrander.

During all that bashing, UMaine matched the record for triples in a season. The 23 triples has helped UMaine become the national leader in triples.

All the success came against a capable Colby squad who refused to admit defeat in the first six innings.

"When we play Colby they always come out like this is their World Series," said Hough. "They come out and they always play us hard and well. They have some good players over there."

UMaine returns to competition Friday eight hours from home in sunny Binghamton, NY. Robinson is slated to start the Black Bears first game.

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# Who's No. 3: Experts Stark, Gillette weigh in on fishy winter deals

## Hockey or baseball?

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

Who's No. 3?

Normally, the question of "Who's No. 1" is asked but in this case, it's trying to figure out third place that is so interesting.

### Commentary

When it comes to college sports, there is no question of which two are top dogs. In the fall, college football dominates TV screens from Miami to Seattle while basketball has the same effect in the spring.

However, it leads to the question of what is the third most popular sport in college athletics?

Before I came to the University of Maine, it was baseball and softball by a large margin since both sports are popular in the South. Everyone played it. It was the last time of the school year where Florida State fans could care about beating Florida.

After almost four years of being here, I am starting to have second thoughts about that since this is a hockey school.

Funny, I say this place is a hockey school now considering a few months ago I said that it wasn't. Maybe hanging out with Guy Perron and Matt McGraw will do that to you, who knows?

What I do know is that during the Frozen Four, it's the only time of year where people across America, and especially back home, realize that I did not make up this school and that it's actually in the United States and not Canada.

First when UMaine's softball team made it to the NCAA tournament two years ago and the baseball team made it last season, it got me thinking and people back home talking.

Would you believe that the University of Maine baseball team made the front page of sports sections in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi?

Then again, the men's hockey team has been making the front page of newspapers across America and the women's team ended up being the focus of USCHO.com for an entire weekend.

With that being said, I think when it comes down to it, college baseball and softball are the more popular sports from a nationwide standpoint.

In many cases this school is an exception, but for the most part, baseball and softball have to be No. 3 because every time you look on CSTV or ESPNU, the two sports are always on, and that is something hockey cannot claim.

Plain and simple, any and everyone can play baseball. All you need is a bat, ball and a glove. Hockey is a bit different since it's one of the more expensive sports to play, plus, not to single out Canadians, but baseball is the national pastime.

So, it may be No. 1 in the hearts or whatever we have in America but for the sake of this list and not getting jumped by Rob Bellamy or Vince Laise in an alley, it's No. 3 on this list.



By Sean Hladick  
For The Maine Campus

One may not be entirely sure what the general manager of the Florida Marlins, Larry Beinfest, had in mind when he began giving away his team in the off-season, but essentially what he did was destroy the team's, and fans' spirits. The 2003-2005 Florida Marlins, who were once feared, are no more. They went from perennial playoff contenders to division bottom feeders.

The free-for-all negotiations that occurred in the off season consisted of trading away seven players: Josh Beckett, Mike Lowell, Guillermo Mota, Luis Castillo, Carlos Delgado, Paul Lo Duca and Juan Pierre. Of those seven players, six were either starters in the field or in the starting pitching rotation. On top of that, the Marlins lost five players to free agency: A.J. Burnett, Juan Encarnacion, Alex Gonzalez, Antonio Alfonseca and Todd Jones. Similarly, of those five players, three were either starters in the field or in the starting pitching rotation. According to the [www.baseball-almanac.com](http://www.baseball-almanac.com)'s listing of the 2005 Florida Marlins opening day roster, after all the moves, they have officially lost eight of their nine opening day starters.

In an interview, Gary Gillette, columnist for [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com) and

editor of the 2006 ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia, said, "It's disgraceful, but every club had the opportunity to feed from the Marlins trough." He wasn't surprised as he immediately made reference to their past actions. "They did the same thing in 1998. It's less common in the modern era, but this kind of thing was routine before free agency." Fellow analyst Jayson Stark, who also works as a columnist for [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com) and appears on ESPN's "Baseball Tonight" and ESPN Radio, expressed similar disgust in an e-mail interview. "I understand what the Marlins are doing and why they're doing it. But it's embarrassing to the sport to have a team that's so non-competitive in a division as high-profile as the NL East."

One thing that may be of interest is that of the 12 players they lost, eight of them ended up in the AL. Gillette doesn't feel that this has stacked the AL because, as mentioned before, everyone did have the chance to get the players. Of the teams who obtained Marlins players, he believes that, "the Red Sox probably benefited the most, albeit their tactics were absolutely ruthless." Gillette was referring to the habit of a large market team like the Red Sox using its money to lean on smaller teams. The Boston Red Sox received three players, one of which was traded away in a later deal. Among those players is the 2003 World Series MVP, Josh Beckett. Making the deal so appealing for the Marlins was the absorption, by the Red Sox, of third baseman Mike Lowell's behemoth contract; he is due to receive \$9 million this season.

Disagreeing on the topic, Stark said, "The team that benefited most

from their moves was the Mets, because they got 25 percent of their starting lineup out of them in Carlos Delgado and Paul Lo Duca. The Red Sox, though, are right behind, with Josh Beckett and Mike Lowell. I'd rate the sum contribution of Delgado and Lo Duca higher over the long haul."

Another notable recipient was the Minnesota Twins, which traded for Gold Glove second baseman Luis Castillo. When asked about the potential positives of the Toronto Blue Jays signing of pitcher A.J. Burnett, Gillette said, "They paid such a huge price that even with a good season from him, they might not have benefited that greatly from the signing." He also noted that past and present elbow issues could be a concern for the club.

While few agree with what the Marlins did, some still have faith in the organization. Hall of Fame baseball reporter Peter Gammons recently published an article declaring that the organization is building a pennant contender. With a roster that, according to [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com), only has four players who are 30 or older; it may be hard to see things from Gammon's point of view. Gillette said of the new Marlins, "I do think there is more talent with the Marlins than most people think." But he was quick to add that it is still "premature to say the Marlins are building a contender." It is easy to see why dreams of pennants are still several years down the road since the Marlins' two star players, Dontrelle Willis and Miguel Cabrera are a combined 47 years old, which is the age of New York Mets first baseman Julio Franco.

In an interesting twist, the

Marlins' off-season moves have spurred conversation of something that many people consider has long been missing from baseball: a minimum payroll. As of right now, the Florida Marlins' payroll is just below \$15 million. Stark said of their miniscule payroll, "The Yankees employ six players who make more money by themselves than the Marlins' whole team will make. And this team will take in more than \$50 million before it sells a ticket this year, in revenue sharing, national TV money, national and satellite radio revenue, and Central Fund payouts. So I can't see how the sport can justify allowing this to happen in an age of revenue sharing."

Stark also added that, "You can't ask the Yankees to pay \$100 million a year in revenue sharing and luxury tax without requiring that teams on the receiving end use the money to keep their major-league team competitive. That's the whole point!"

While nothing is expected to happen if things stay as they are, Gillette said he believed that, "If the Marlins trade Willis or Cabrera, there will be a movement." The prospect of such a trade is not only feasible, it is considered by some to be probable due to the money that each player will likely demand after this season.

The Florida Marlins currently sit at 5-11, in last place in their division. Their trades and free agent let-downs have left most scratching their heads. It can be said that this type of activity is bad for baseball, but the true deciding factor will be where the organization goes from here. Are they destined to stand atop of the NL as pennant champions or shall they be banished to the depths of the NL East? Only time will tell.

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# 13 Questions

## UMaine linebacker Andrew Downey talks about football, ladies and more

By Will Cleveland  
For The Maine Campus

Welcome to the inaugural edition of 13 Questions in The Maine Campus. My name is Will Cleveland and I will be your host every Thursday as I will attempt to get to know a random athlete here at UMaine with 13 random questions. Most of the time, the questions will have little or nothing to do with that athlete's sport. I am going to ask the hard questions, the ones that you as a reader have a right to know.

This week's participant is Andrew Downey, a sophomore linebacker for the UMaine football team. Downey, originally from Kingston, N.Y., was a standout on special teams last season for the Black Bears. He is slated to start at weakside linebacker this coming season as the Black Hole defense will look to return the team to prominence. Let's see if Mr. Downey can tackle these verbal assaults.

**Will Cleveland: Which of your linebacking teammates would win in a street fight? Or who is the strongest linebacker on the team or the defense? What makes that person so strong and would he unleash some kind of secret move to win?**

Andrew Downey: If we are talking about linebackers, probably Jovan [Belcher], who is my roommate, or John Wormuth, because that guy is crazy. Jovan is like an All-American wrestler, so he would probably be tough. He would know how to do something like that.

**WC: I would be pretty scared of Jovan too. What about any secret moves he would unleash on you guys?**

AD: Probably. He would pull out some wrestling moves. All those hip tosses or something.

**WC: With the Spring Game happening this weekend, what are your expectations for the upcoming football season? What do you guys have to do to be successful in the Atlantic-10?**

AD: The Atlantic-10 is really tough. As a conference, we are ranked higher than some I-A conferences. We've just got to play together. We've got a great group of senior leaders and we've got a lot of young kids that played a lot last year. We got a lot of experience last year. We've just got to play together, work as a team. We'll be alright.

**WC: Any predictions?**

AD: I am not the one to make any predictions or guarantees.

**WC: Any realistic goals?**

AD: We are just going to try to win all our A-10 games and then after that, we will try to win all of our out-of-conference games like BC [Boston College]. Our main goal is to just win the A-10.

**WC: What's the most embarrassing CD you own and why?**

AD: Embarrassing? Oh, man. Well actually, I don't have her CD, but I like Vanessa Carlton. Funny enough, I do like her.

**WC: Why is that?**

AD: I don't know. I just like her songs.

**WC: Do you think your teammates are going to give you some ribbing for that?**

AD: No. I don't care. I like all different kinds of music. I take no shame in what music I like.

**WC: Are there any foods that scare you?**

AD: Scare me? No. No foods that scare me.

**WC: You aren't scared of tofu or any of that organic crap?**

AD: I don't eat tofu. It's kinda weird. Some kids on my team like it. I don't dig it.

**WC: What's more embarrassing:**

dropping a pick or missing an open-field tackle? And what would happen if you did either?

AD: Missing an open-field tackle, because it's your job. I mean picking the ball off, that's your job too, but tackling is my job. If I missed a tackle, my coach would yell at me. I would get embarrassed, especially if someone ran me over.

**WC: With a blonde guy, Daniel Craig, slated to be the next James Bond, which of your teammates would make the best 007 and why?**

AD: That's easy. I think Mike Brusko [a backup quarterback] would make the best 007, because he's smooth. He's real smooth. He's a good talker.

**WC: You're at a bar and you notice a lady sitting across the room. What's the best thing you can say to her to get her attention and what's the cheesiest pickup line you've ever heard?**

AD: Well, I'm under 21 so...

**WC: OK, we'll say it's the dining commons then.**

AD: Sitting at the dining hall, that sounds good. I would just go up and talk to her. I would be myself. I don't really have any pickup lines. The cheesiest pickup line? You ever hear that one about Tennessee? Yeah, you must be from Memphis, because you're the only ten I see. Pickup lines are not a good way to go.

**WC: So what's your advice to all the guys out there?**

AD: Just be yourself and hopefully you will find the right one.

**WC: Who is the cutest athlete at UMaine? If you have a crush on that special someone, can we play matchmaker through the newspaper?**

AD: Cutest? Ah...I don't know. The volleyball girls look pretty good.

**WC: Which Simpson do you relate to more: Ashlee or Jessica?**

AD: I'm gonna say Ashlee because I am the younger sibling. I have an older brother. And that's the only way I am going to relate to her. I don't want to be related to those girls, because Ashlee Simpson sucks. Jessica's got a good voice, but she's crazy too.

**WC: Any nicknames that we might not know about?**

AD: They [UM teammates] call me Sean Paul, because they think I look like him, but I don't think I do. Everyone swears that if I had braids, I would look like him.

**WC: Are you more inclined to lean back or rockaway?**

AD: I am going to say lean back, because if you get up in Ushuaia, you have to lean back.

**WC: Let's play some word association. Tell me the first thing that comes to your head. Bananas the Black Bear.**

AD: Crazy.

**WC: Ricky Santos [the quarterback at New Hampshire].**

AD: Very good player.

**WC: Jack Cosgrove.**

AD: Good coach.

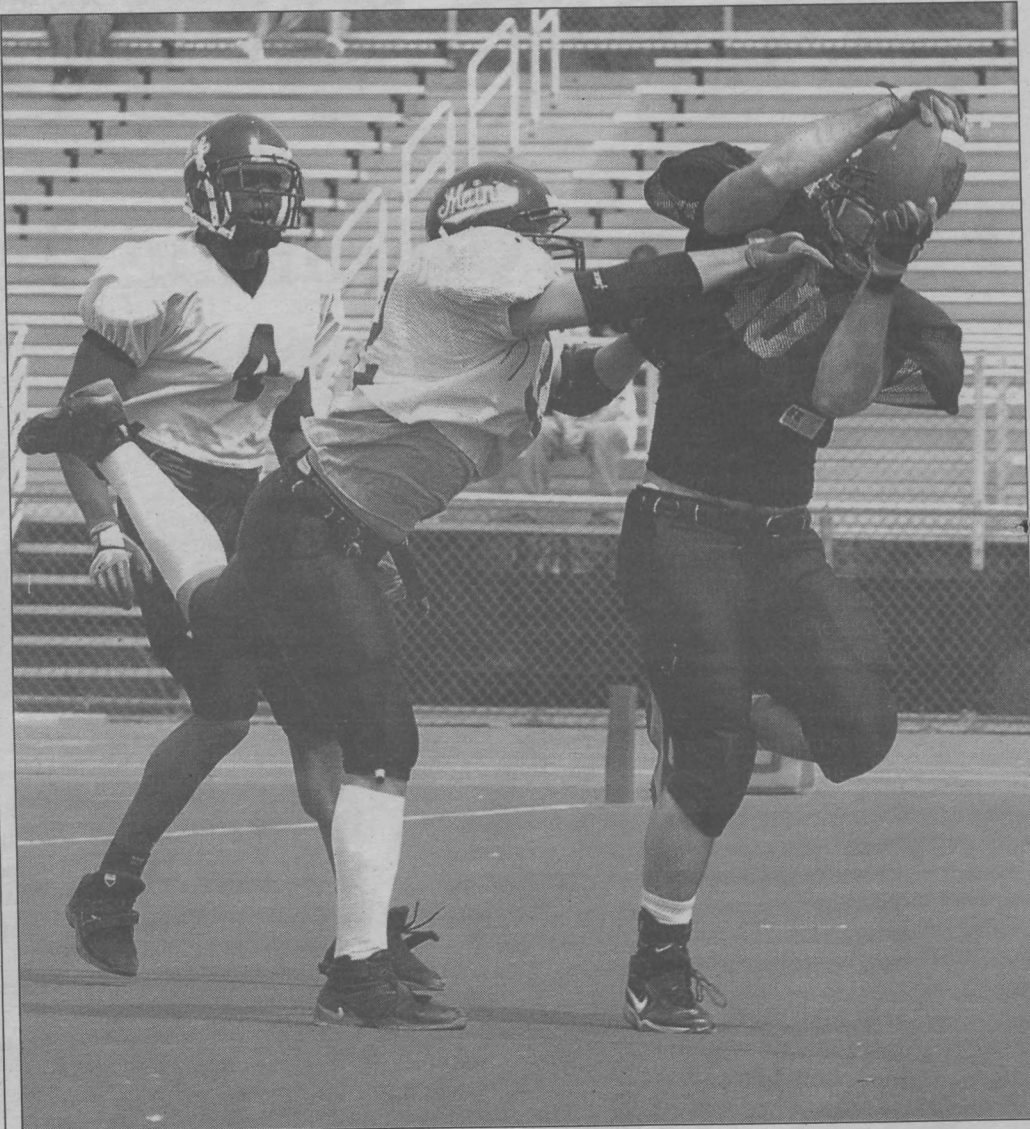
**WC: 50 cent.**

AD: Terrible.

**WC: Do you know the words to the UMaine fight song? If you do, will you sing it?**

AD: Oh, hold on. My teammates might kill me if I can't remember this. Oh, it's a... (he starts to hum the tune). (Starts to sing) Fill the steins to dear old Maine! Shout 'til the rafters ring! Stand and drink the toast once again! Let ev'ry loyal Maine man sing... Yeah, I know it. We have to learn it before camp is over or we pay a price.

**WC: You should go on American Idol.**



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

HOT POTATO — Kenny Henry (40) controls a pass despite heavy pressure from John Wormuth as Darren Stone (4) looks on.

## HOLE

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nationally in yards-per-game last season, they were torched in the battle for the Brice-Cowell Musket against bitter rival New Hampshire. The Wildcats scored 59 points and gained 555 yards of total offense.

It was no coincidence that UNH was running a spread, multiple-receiver oriented offense. Several times in that game, Wildcat formations confused the Black Bears, leading to missed assignments and open receivers. That type of confusion is exactly what UMaine wants to take advantage of next season.

"This is the way football is going. Whether it's the Atlantic-10 or college football in general, you're seeing much more of a spread offense," Cosgrove said. "You don't see too much of the two backs in the backfield sets with tight ends anymore."

After two scrimmages and nearly three weeks of practice, it's safe to say the Black Hole has looked a lot better against their teammates' offense than they did against UNH in November. In fact, the defense has been so strong that at times it's worn on the offense's confidence and development.

"I have to keep telling our offense that if we have success against this defense, we're making real progress," said offensive coordinator Bob Wilder.

The 17-year coaching veteran and 1987 UMaine grad's sentiments are not exaggerat-

ed. With nine returning starters, the Black Hole figures to be backbone of the 2006 squad and one of the best units in the Atlantic-10, if not the nation.

"I've been around this league for a long time. If I had to evaluate our defense, I'd say this defense will be one of the top two or three we'll play against next year, and that includes Boston College," said Wilder, referring to the Black Bears' Sept. 30 clash with the Eagles in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

*"I'd say this [UMaine's] defense will be one of the top two or three we'll play against next year, and that includes Boston College."*

Bob Wilder  
Offensive Coordinator  
UM football

The unit's strength comes largely from its defensive line and linebackers. Primarily aligned in a 4-3 front, with two tackles, two ends and three linebackers, the Black Bears return five starters from the season finale. All-Atlantic-10 tackle Mike DeVito returns alongside Bruno Dorismond. At the end spot, Pat McCrossan is joined by end Matt King, a three-year starter who missed all but three games last season with a hand injury.

UMaine's linebacking corps is led by returning starters Jovan Belcher, a sophomore, and John Wormuth, a junior. Despite the loss of team captain and tackling machine Jermaine Walker in the middle, the linebacker spot should be one of the Black Hole's strongest. The prime candidates to replace Walker are sophomores Andrew Downey and Sean Wasson, who've both played well in the spring season. Junior Anthony Hicks will also challenge for playing time every step of the way.

"They're extremely good up front, probably as good as anyone we'll face," Wilder said. "When we make a mistake against our defense, we're going backwards. A lot of times when you make a mistake it's just second and 10, but they're making plays and backing us up."

The Black Hole secondary is no slouch either, led by All-Atlantic-10 safety Darren Stone. The ball-hawking senior will be flanked by senior Manauris Arias at the corner. The other corner spot will come down to sophomores Lamir Whetstone and Lionel Nixon, while sophomore Jonathan Calderon is penciled in at the remaining safety spot.

Each should see play, though, when the Black Bears run nickel and dime packages with extra defensive backs on the field.

The team returns to the practice field Friday, followed by a session on Sunday, in preparation for the second annual Jeff Cole Memorial Scrimmage, to be held Saturday, May 6 at Alford Stadium.



# Four-run sixth inning drives UMaine to victory

Softball moves closer to school record for wins, conference title

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

ORONO — Even with the best start in school history, the University of Maine softball team almost lost their game as quickly as they came back.

BU	4
UM	6

A four-run sixth inning was the driving force behind the team's 6-4 comeback win against America East rivals Boston University on Tuesday afternoon at Kessock Field.

UMaine's attempt at victory was threatened when BU loaded the bases, only to have reliever Jenna Balent strikeout her last batter.

"It's still about trying to throw strikes and stay competitive, granted, it's easier to do when your team is on top," Balent said. "I was not really worrying about who was on base and I had confidence that I was going to get her out."

In the top of the sixth, the Black Bears, who improved to 31-15, 11-3 AE had just come

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

ROUND TRIPPER — UMaine's Erin Provost (11) is greeted by teammates at home plate after blasting a two-run homer in the third inning of Wednesday's 6-4 win over Boston University at Kessock Field.

## Black Bears weather storm to two wins

Robinson sets mark for appearances, tied for saves

By Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

More than three and half years after throwing his first pitch for the University of Maine baseball team, senior Scott Robinson can now lay claim to being the busiest pitcher in the program's illustrious history.

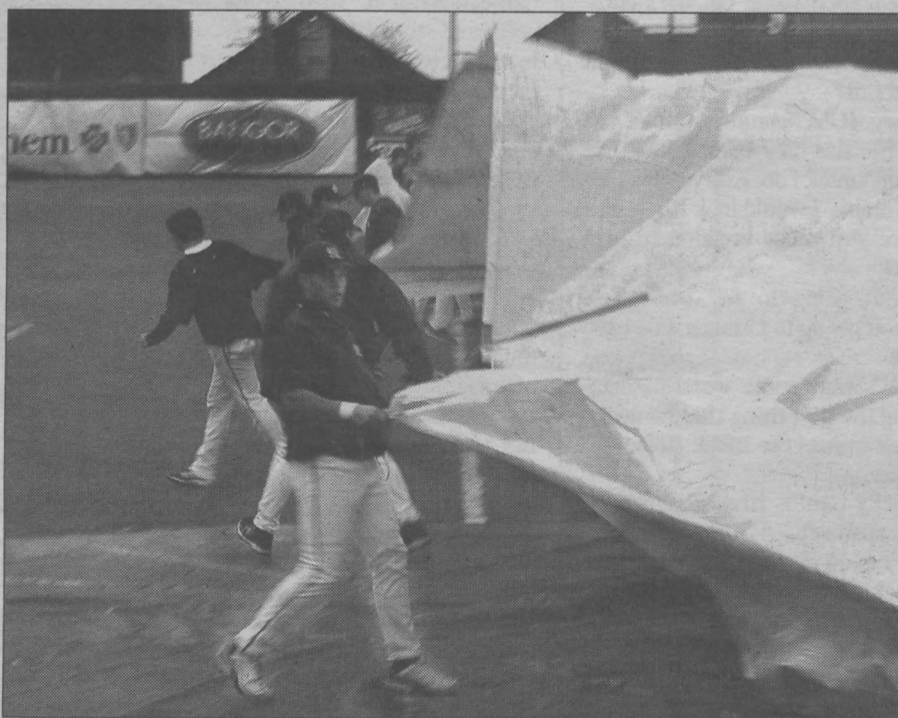
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Wednesday, Robinson, the backbone and funnybone of the Black Bears, set the school record for appearances while propelling the squad to a hard-fought 4-3 victory over Holy Cross in Sanford. Appearing on the mound for the 78th time, Robinson closed out the contest and moved one mark shy of owning outright the all-time record for saves. The save, Robinson's 19th, tied an 18-year-old record but more importantly guided UMaine to their 24th win on the year. Coupled with Tuesday's 11-4 pounding of Colby, the Black Bears are headed into a pivotal weekend series with Binghamton.

CLB	4
UM	11

After the game, Robinson took time to discuss the record and inching one save closer to sole possession of the record.

"It was just nice to get it out of the way," said Robinson. "After the season it will be something I can look back on and really



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ADRIANNE HESS

DOUBLE LIVES — Members of the UM baseball team also serve as the ground crew, dragging the tarp over a rain-soaked field Tuesday night.

savor but right now we have unfinished business to attend to. We want to repeat as America East champions."

With a little less than a month left in the season, the Black Bears are now headed into the dangerous part of their schedule with games against conference rivals Binghamton and Vermont looming large. First up, Binghamton — the Black Bears

opponent this weekend. After Wednesday, however, the Black Bears believe they are more than ready for the Bearcats and the country's leading ERA man.

"We are really feeling like we are getting better and coming into our own," said Robinson.

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## Black Hole hopes to be amongst I-AA's top units

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Beyond the usual aims of getting into shape and adjusting to life without last year's seniors, the focus of the University of Maine's spring football season has been installing the spread offense.

But senior quarterback Ron Whitcomb's troops haven't been the only ones benefiting from the updated offensive schemes.

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UMaine's Black Hole defense has also learned a considerable amount from the offense's change in philosophy. That's because in spring practice, the units play against each other in scrimmage and skeleton situations. That means the defense gets a look at complicated, spread out sets that are difficult to read in game situations.

"It helps out defense to practice against it," said UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove. "In the past we were almost behind everyone else because we were practicing against two-back sets."

While the Black Hole was ranked in the top-20

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