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this local artist.
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Converter thefts hit UM lots

Police: Toyota trucks are most threatened

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

A nationwide trend of theft has hit the parking lots of the University of Maine, and it's one car owners are powerless to stop.

Since Jan. 19, four catalytic converters have been reported stolen from trucks and SUVs across campus, and Detective Chris Gardner of the UMaine Police believes there may have been more thefts that the car owners are unaware of.

"It's not something that's readily identifiable until you start the vehicle," Gardner said. When a vehicle without the converter starts, the engine will roar loudly as though the muffler were gone.

Catalytic converters have three metals — palladium, platinum and rhodium — which can

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Student aid to increase

Legislation will mean increased grants, lower loan interest if passed

By Eryk Salvaggio
Style Editor

Students having trouble paying for college may find relief under Governor Baldacci's new plan to expand Pell Grants. Coupled with new proposals passed by the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., most students will be repaying less loan money after graduation than they anticipated.

Baldacci's plan would allow for up to \$2,000 granted by the state to students who are residents of Maine and already receive federal Pell Grants. Maine residents will not pay for this program through tax increases.

Instead, funds will be taken from proposed cost-cutting measures, which include increasing the number of students considered acceptable in Maine's middle and high

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UM cuts ribbon on policy think tank

School of Policy and International Affairs will focus on scholarly research

By Ali Shareef
For The Maine Campus

The School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA) was officially unveiled at a reception at the University of Maine President's House Wednesday evening.

"I could not be more delighted to be here today to formally launch the School of Policy and

International Affairs," UMaine President Robert Kennedy said, as he offered a toast to honor the occasion. Approximately 30 faculty and staff members attended the reception.

The new school will focus on researching and exploring issues related to policy and international affairs. According to Kennedy, this school allows UMaine to take advantage of renowned faculty members and their interests to contribute

at the community, state, national and international level.

Kennedy also expressed the hope that the creation of SPIA will allow UMaine to be recognized internationally for its research in policy and international affairs.

He explained that the school will examine a wide range of interdisciplinary issues such as

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Between the Bars



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

ICE ICE BABY — Icicles hang in layers near the entrance to Lord Hall.

Mollo announces resignation at GSS meeting

Senate hears complaints of Maine Marketplace rudeness toward recent visiting lecturer

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

The resignation of Joe Mollo, director of Student Entertainment, was announced Tuesday night at this year's second meeting of the General Student Senate. Mollo will be resigning from his position effective immediately for personal reasons. Gustavo Burkett will serve as director until someone is hired to permanently replace Mollo.

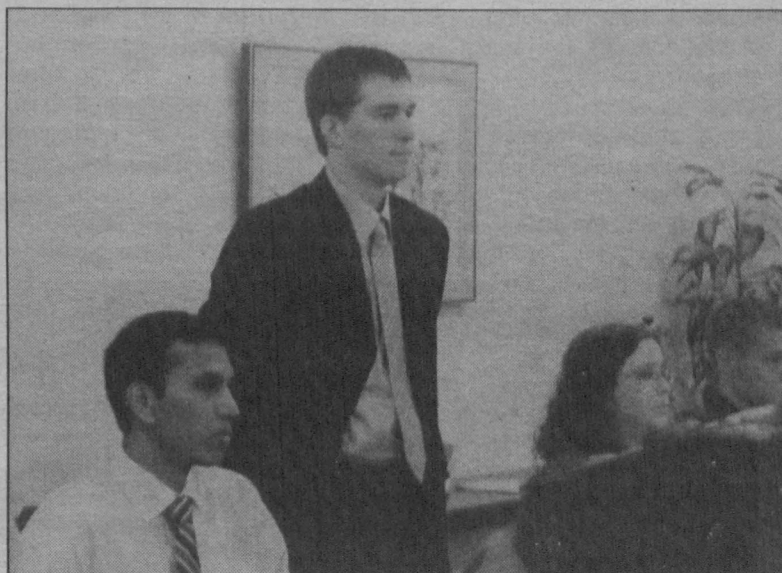
This week the senate also dealt with an alarming report of rudeness from Maine Marketplace employees.

Senator Sean Rankin related that a recent lecturer at the UMaine campus was "appalled" at the prices and service at the Maine Marketplace, during a report he gave on behalf of Student Entertainment.

Gil White, author and lecturer, visited UMaine Monday night to give a talk to students. He and Rankin had dinner in the Marketplace, where White reportedly asked to speak to a manager about the high prices.

"Out of 150 college dinner facilities I have attended, UMaine is the most ridiculously priced I can recall," White was quoted as saying.

Student Government President Priyanth Chandrasekar was already planning a meeting with representatives from dining facilities, and Rankin will also be seeking an individual meeting with dining facilities represen-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENINA LAVALLEE

ATTENTION — Bill Pomerleau and Priyanth Chandrasekar listen to guest speaker Bill Hockensmith, director of the University Bookstore, talk about buy backs and merchandise prices.

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WORD OF MOUTH

If you were a professional wrestler, what would your name be?



"Chandler the Man-handler."

Kristen Chandler
Fourth year
Clinical lab science



"The Wiggler."

Stephanie Cummings
Second year
Nutrition



"Hokus Pokus."

Ben Hoke
Third year
Political science



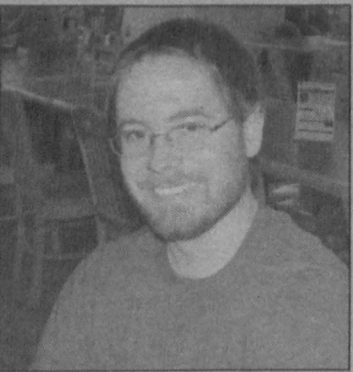
"Shawn Michaels."

Sarah Hunnewell
Second year
Civil engineering



"The Big Southern Dandy."

Cameron McCormick
Second year
Biology



"Sexual Vanilla."

Seth Morton
Fifth year
Chemistry



"Shawnee Showdown."

Shawn Plante
Fourth year
Business management



"Mattmandooo."

Nathan Rumney
Third Year
English

Seeing the forest for the trees

Maine Tree Club offers educational look at state's resources

By Sophia Tam
For The Maine Campus

Here's a chance for Maine citizens and visitors to learn about one of the state's greatest resources — the trees.

The Maine Tree Club will offer three outings around the state this year and provide a great opportunity to explore Maine's trees.

Dr. Richard Brzozowski, an extensive educator of the club, and Amy Witt, the club horticulturist, started the club in 2002.

According to Witt, the objective of the program is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to identify the trees of Maine. She says that going on outings in the woods is a great learning experience.

The program also carries a responsibility to teach people to appreciate the value of trees. The program shows participants how to best care for trees on their property and in their communities.

The Maine Tree Club has outing trips around the state every year. In 2006, the club led a trip to Ecotat Gardens and

Arboretum in Hermon. The club also sponsored a trip to the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta. The outings are guided by tree experts and are usually planned for the mountains and coastal regions of Maine.

While going on the outings, the participants receive additional materials, including a notebook, monthly fact sheets featuring different Maine tree species, pocket guides related to tree growth and care, and a magnifying lens for close-up viewing of the parts of a tree.

The participants will have a chance to see 50 different species of trees and develop skills that can be applied in their own communities. These educational materials are paid for by the annual registration fee.

Witt is still in the process of planning this year's events. She hopes to plan a future outing to learn about the trees on campus, since no events have been hosted at the University of Maine yet.

The Maine Tree Club has had over 400 members, according to Witt. The members receive monthly mailings consisting of two tree species fact

sheets, activities, assignments and various other tree-related materials.

It is easy to join the club; the only requirement is an interest in trees. The annual registration fee for the Maine Tree Club is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, \$35 per family and \$65 per group of up to 15.

A limited number of Maine Tree Club scholarships are available. According to Witt, the club has members from all over the state and a few members from out of state as well. There is no deadline for registration.

The club is the result of a two-year statewide effort sponsored by the UMaine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Forest Service and the Pine Tree State Arboretum and is designed for people of all ages to learn about trees.

Anyone interested in joining the club can request a free informational brochure by calling the UMaine Cooperative Extension at 1-800-267-1471, e-mailing treeclub@umext.maine.edu or visiting the Maine Tree Club Web site at www.umaine.edu/umext/mainetreeclub.

THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

Information Session

The UMaine Diversity Leadership Institute will hold an informational session at 10 a.m. in the Bumps Room, Memorial Union.

Chancellor Candidate Warren Fox

UMaine will hold an open session with Chancellor Candidate Warren Fox from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the McIntyre Room of the Buchanan Alumni House. All students welcome.

Saturday

Planetarium Show

The Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium will be showing "Worlds in Motion," a family star show, at 7 p.m. on the second floor of Wingate Hall. UMaine students get in free with MaineCard; \$3 for adults and children.

Leadership Conference

A student leadership conference will be held throughout the day Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Classic Cross Country Skiing Class Offered

"Classic Skiing" otherwise known as "traditional" or "diagonal" technique will be taught. Equipment is provided. UMaine Students \$14; community \$20. Contact Sharon Levasseur at 581-1081 to register.

Sunday

Kayak Rolling - Level I Class Offered

Learn this essential kayaking skill. Learn the fundamentals of escaping your boat if you flip, and also the Eskimo roll in the safety of Wallace Pool. UMaine Students \$25; community \$35. Contact Sharon Levasseur at 581-1081 to register.

Planetarium Show

The Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium will offer "Destination Pluto" at 2 p.m. on the second floor of Wingate Hall. Students get in free with MaineCard; \$3 for adults and children.

Monday

Last Day for Refund

Monday is the last day to drop a course and receive a full refund.

Chinese New Year Celebration: Year of the Boar

A celebration featuring traditional food and art projects will be held at the Maine Center for the Arts and Hudson Museum. Contact Kathryn Braggins at 581-1901 to register.

Submitting Information

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

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tatives to address this and other issues.

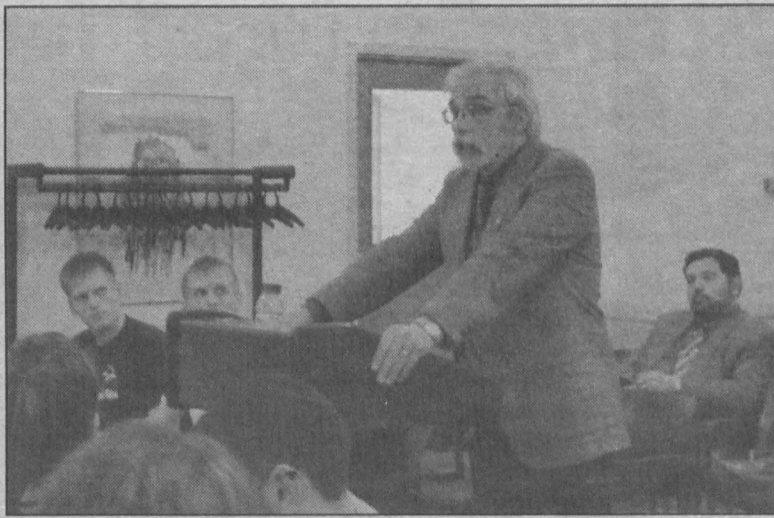
Bill Hockensmith, director of the University Bookstore, delivered a well-received report to the senate on current prices and sales figures from the Bookstore. He indicated that UMaine has one of the highest ratios of used books to new books of any college in the nation. Used books constitute roughly 56 percent of total book sales, which is well above the national average of 26 percent.

"The price of textbooks is outrageous," Hockensmith said. "I've spent the last 18 years trying to keep down the costs."

Hockensmith was questioned by Senator Abtin Mehdizadegan and others regarding the costs of non-textbook items like pens and paper. Mehdizadegan noted that most of those products could be purchased much less expensively at Wal-Mart or other department stores.

"I don't get [those items] at the same prices Wal-Mart does," Hockensmith replied. He indicated that freight charges also add to the cost of those materials, but that he could make an effort to stock more affordable notebooks and pens. "Particularly with art supplies, our prices are very competitive," he added.

Two new resolutions were read into the record at this meeting. One, sponsored by Senator Eben Strout, proposed fixing the desks in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. The other, sponsored by Senator Hart, proposed that "This



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENNA LAVALLÉE

TEXT MESSAGE — Bill Hockensmith explains bookstore policies to members of GSS on Tuesday.

"The price of textbooks is outrageous ... I've spent the last 18 years trying to keep down the costs."

Bill Hockensmith
Director
University Bookstore

day in senate history" be re-instated as a weekly feature of senate meetings.

The senate approved two fund allocations, giving \$4000 to the Woodmen's Team to attend a regional competition in Nova Scotia, and \$4400 to the Roller Hockey team.

A resolution to give the Sophomore Eagles \$700 to buy supplies to co-sponsor this weekend's Leadership Conference was considered, but ultimately failed. The group had asked for funds through the EBC, but their paperwork was not filed soon enough for them to receive their funding by

Saturday. In light of the fact that no one from the Eagles was at the meeting and the senate had very little information on what the money would be spent on, the resolution did not pass.

The senate also passed a number of "housekeeping" resolutions, amending their standing rules and revising the job description for Treasurer of Student Government, Inc. Vice President of Financial Affairs Benjamin Benwell noted that the description should be revised before the hiring process to fill the currently vacant position starts. Benwell will begin accepting applications this week.

GREENTIPS

By Nicole Mercier

Use the BAT Bus. It's free public transportation for MaineCard holders and comes right to campus. Individuals using public transport contribute four to 10 times fewer carbon dioxide emissions than automobile drivers.

If you can't use the BAT, try to carpool. Make transportation plans in advance and find out who else is going. If you add a person to your automobile trip, you've each effectively cut your personal carbon dioxide emissions in half for that trip. Add another person, and it's further reduced.

If every automobile carried just one more passenger on its daily commute, 32 million gallons of gasoline would be saved each day. 640 million pounds of carbon dioxide would not be released into the atmosphere. When you know that every gallon of gasoline your car burns releases about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air, it's hard not to want to use public transportation and carpooling.

Check out www.bangormaine.gov and click on "BAT Schedule" on the left for BAT Bus info and schedules.

Editor's note: Every week in Green Tips, Nicole Mercier will explain how UMaine students can individually lessen their impact on the environment. Mercier is a third-year forest ecosystem science & conservation major.



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POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins
Staff Reporter

Credit card thief runs up bill

On Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. a call was received from a resident of Androscoggin Hall reporting her debit card had been stolen and was being used. She believed that her roommate was the culprit. Her debit card bill showed that two telephone calls were placed to her roommate's boyfriend and charged to the card. The two calls totaled \$8.88. The victim stated that there were numerous times in which her roommate had access to the card and information. She wrote an e-mail to her roommate and received an e-mail back wherein she admitted to using the card. On Jan. 3, Public Safety interviewed Samantha White, 20. She admitted to using the card to place the calls. White was issued a summons for misuse of credit information.

Marijuana odor emanates from smoker's room

On Jan. 18 police responded to a complaint of the smell of marijuana in Balentine Hall. The responding officer knocked on the door of the room the smell was emanating from and there was no answer. Later, a male was found standing in the hallway. He did not know why it smelled like marijuana in his room, and he consented to a search of the room. The other resident, Clarence Bearce, 19, soon entered the room. The officer observed impairment on the part of Bearce and asked him to turn over any drug paraphernalia. Bearce submitted two marijuana pipes. He was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Displaying your stolen parking decal is a bad idea

On Jan. 17 at 12:36 p.m.

Parking Services located a decal that was reported lost being displayed in a vehicle in Jenness parking lot. Kittrena Moccia reported that it had been lost on Sept. 12, 2006. She indicated that she had thrown it away accidentally. It was later learned that the vehicle in which the permit was displayed was her boyfriend's. In a subsequent interview she admitted that she had given the decal to her boyfriend to use to park and that she obtained a replacement permit with Parking Services. Moccia was issued a summons for filing a report that she knew to be false.

Drunken man attempts to stop traffic

On Jan. 20 at 3:08 a.m. a grounds crew snowplow driver reported a male staggering in and out of a driveway on the road. The individual was identified as Samuel Heath, 19, of North Yarmouth. He was intoxicated and was attempting to stop traffic, interfering with snow removal. Heath was a visitor to campus and he was found to be in possession of three cans of beer. He was summonsed for possession of liquor by a minor.

Student consumes more than two six-packs of beer

On Jan. 14 at midnight an intoxicated male was found on the fourth-floor bathroom of Androscoggin Hall. He was identified as Scott Rodenhauer, 19, and admitted to drinking 12-14 beers. He was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor by consumption.

positional would cut interest rates on college loans in half — from 6.8 percent interest today to 3.4 percent interest in 2011.

After six months fixed at 3.4 percent, the interest rate would revert to 6.8 percent unless extended by another law. Students who graduate with \$20,000 in loans would save approximately \$3,000, lowering monthly student loan payments by \$30 a month.

While this bill was approved by the House of Representatives as a piece of the new Democratic leadership's "First 100 Hours" plan, it has yet to pass the Senate or the remote possibility of a presidential veto.

Senator Ted Kennedy [D - Massachusetts] will use the House resolution to launch his own proposal to increase the maximum federal Pell Grant from \$4,050 to \$5,100.

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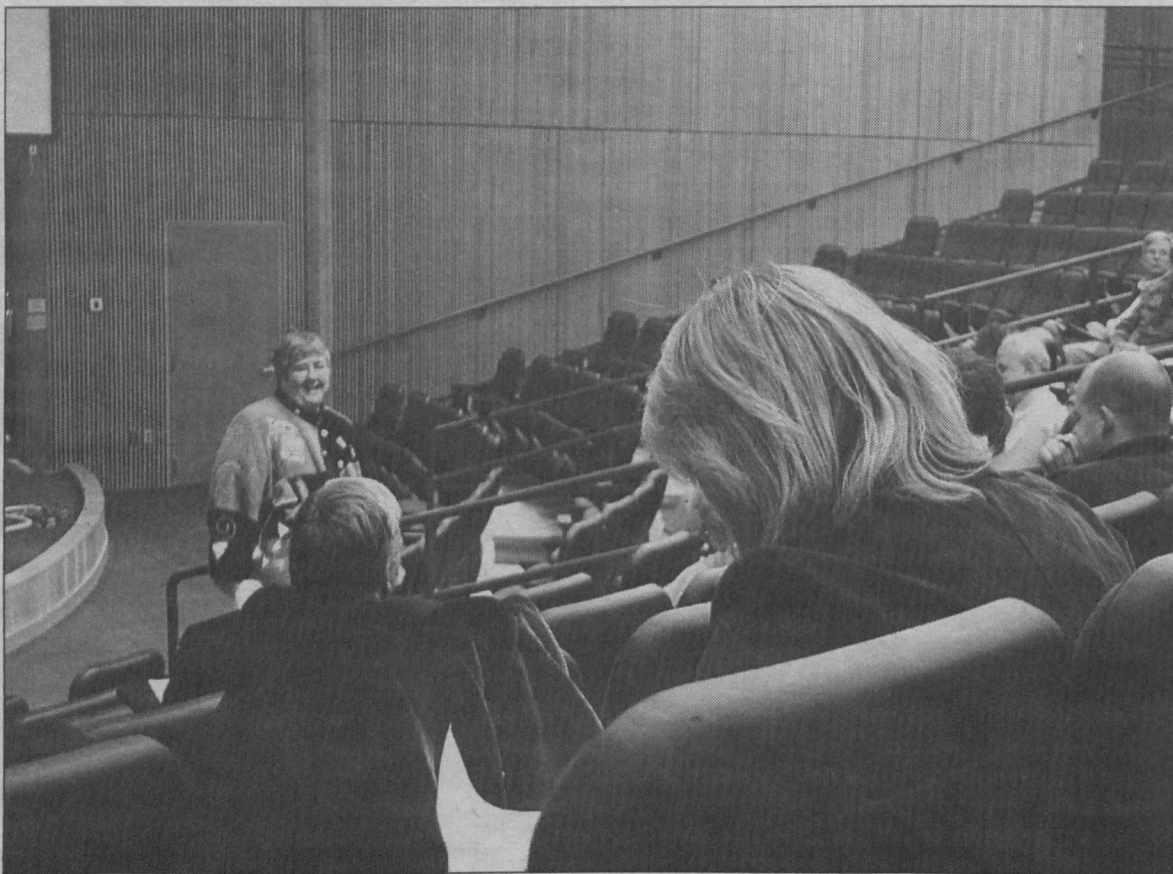
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school classes and increasing the size of school districts. This measure is expected to result in the loss of 600 teachers in affected schools.

For college students in Maine, the change is likely to be a welcome relief. As recently as 2003, the state of Maine was ranked seventh to last in terms of college affordability, though it emerged as the most affordable in New England. As of 2005, 92 percent of students received some sort of financial aid, and 49 percent received federal grants, including Pell grants.

For students with subsidized or need-based loans, the proposal by the federal House of Representatives will have a tangible impact as well. The pro-

Campus Conversation



CAMPUS PHOTO BY OLENA TRYMAYLO

BIGGER ROOM — Provost Edna Mora Szymanski held a discussion with the campus community on Tuesday afternoon in DPC 100 on the topic of student advising. The meeting was the second in a series of "town meetings" that Szymanski has held as provost. The first meeting, was standing-room-only in the Totman Lounge.

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be resold for as much as \$100 depending on the model of the vehicle. Gardner said that so far, the thefts have targeted Toyota trucks and an SUV because their converters are worth more and because it's easier for thieves to get underneath them.

Replacing a catalytic converter can cost anywhere from \$200 to \$1000. The converter is part of a vehicle's exhaust system and helps to filter some polluting emissions by converting compounds such as car-

bon monoxide into water.

On Monday, Public Safety released an alert recommending that people on campus park in well traveled, well-lit areas. Gardner admitted there isn't much else car owners can do to protect their cars.

"Generally with car burglars and those sort of things we can tell people to lock their doors, don't leave expensive items in the car and that sort of thing," Gardner said. "But here, they don't enter your vehicle, they don't pop your hood — they don't need to do anything. All they have to do is crawl under your vehicle."

Gardner advised owners of Toyota pickups to be especially

wary, and not just on university grounds. According to a report last week in the Bangor Daily News, Bangor has had its share of thefts lately, including two from the Eastern Maine Medical Center parking lot.

At this time, Gardner said he has leads but no suspects have been identified.

Public Safety encourages anyone who notices suspicious activity in parking lots to call them at 581-4040 or to use an emergency call box. To report any information regarding the thefts, call Detective Gardner at 581-4048 or report anonymously at the Web site <http://www.umaine.edu/public-safety/campuseyes.htm>.

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Protesters bus to D.C. in hordes this weekend

MPAC, others to join half a million in effort to influence U.S. policy in Iraq war

By J. Astra Brinkmann
Staff Reporter

After only a week of activity, Maine Peace Action has organized a small fleet of buses and dozens of volunteers to ride south this weekend to protest against the Iraq War in Washington, D.C. As of press time, at least five buses of volunteers will leave from Maine along with five more from New Hampshire.

Organizer Jamilla El-Shafei, who worked at an anti-war protest in Kennebunkport last summer, estimates that there will be around half a million protestors from all over the nation at the rally on Saturday.

University of Maine students may have heard about the protest through the Maine Peace Action Committee, but the effort is part of a much larger project. Doug Allen, philosophy professor and faculty advisor to MPAC, said that the movement was so sudden that many MPAC members were not aware of it until a few days ago, and attributed the lack of student awareness to the recent semester break.

El-Shafei, however, said that while most peace activist events draw in mostly fellow activists and fewer students or community

members, the roles of participation have been reversed in this protest.

"According to polls, 77 percent of people all over the country say that they are against the war," El-Shafei said.

As the owner of Visage Facial Spa, she said that many of her clients are Republican but have grown discontent with the war, despite the party's traditional pro-war views.

Allen also views this as a significant time for peace activists. "No more than one third of soldiers think that we should be in Iraq — not because they share the anti-war position; there are many reasons," Allen said.

El-Shafei hopes that this protest will put enough pressure on Congress to stop funding the war — a move that she believes is the only way for it to end. "It was how we stopped the Vietnam War — when Congress stopped funding money into the war machine."

Although MPAC was not directly involved with the Maine Peace Action's efforts, Allen said that they are concentrating more on anti-war efforts down the road, but he was excited about the upcoming protest.

"It gives us many openings to try and end this war," he said.

Just for Fun



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LAWN HOCKEY — Members of SAE and friends gather on the lawn of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to play a game of ice hockey on Tuesday night.

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BREAD (NOT TOAST) — President Kennedy, Provost Szymanski, Professor Baktiari and Professor Mahon all toast to the new School of Policy and International Affairs.

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international economics, international environmental policies, and homeland security.

John Mahon, who holds the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy and Professor of Management, was named the director.

"Michelangelo once said, 'Its not that we set high goals, we set low goals and reach them.'" Mahon said.

At present, the school will function primarily as a think tank. Currently, there are no classes offered by the school. Interested faculty members can propose offering classes in the future.

The school, also referred to as a "virtual school," will be composed of almost 80 faculty members from nearly every school and college. The school is referred to as a virtual school because it is not currently housed in any specific building.

Mahon has also been charged with raising funds for the school. He said that UMaine will fund very little of the school's budget. Instead, funds will be obtained from private donations, corporations and alumni. These funds will be used to sponsor conferences, develop internships, and aid faculty members in related research.

Mahon hopes that UMaine students will be able to intern within the UN and other international governmental organizations.

"[The School] hopes to offer students an international experience working on issues of international impact and import," he said.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

FRIENDS FROM AFAR — Kaveh Haghkerdar, the Chief Engineer at Maine Maritime Academy, discusses the creation of the new school of Policy and International Affairs with President Kennedy.

"[The School] hopes to offer students an international experience working on issues of international impact and import."

John Mahon

Director of the School of Policy and International Affairs

"The idea for the school emanated from a group of fifteen faculty members interested in the intersection of policy and international affairs," Mahon said, adding that a committee was formed almost 16 months ago to create the school.

According to Mahon, SPIA will not be affiliated with any political party. "It will be scrupulously neutral," he said, explaining that the research conducted will not espouse conservative or liberal agendas. "Let the facts speak for themselves."

The formation of SPIA will be an addition to other organizations such as the Margaret Chase Smith Policy

Center, the Senator George Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, and the Climate Change Institute at UMaine.

SPIA will oversee the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, which has plans to co-sponsor a conference to be held in March in Washington, D.C. on nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

Mahon is also a professor in the School of Business and has traveled abroad many times with students in the past and consulted for companies such as Hewlett Packard and Bosch.

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Campus Crusade connects Christians, community

Group encourages members to look inward as well as out

By J. Astra Brinkmann
Staff Reporter

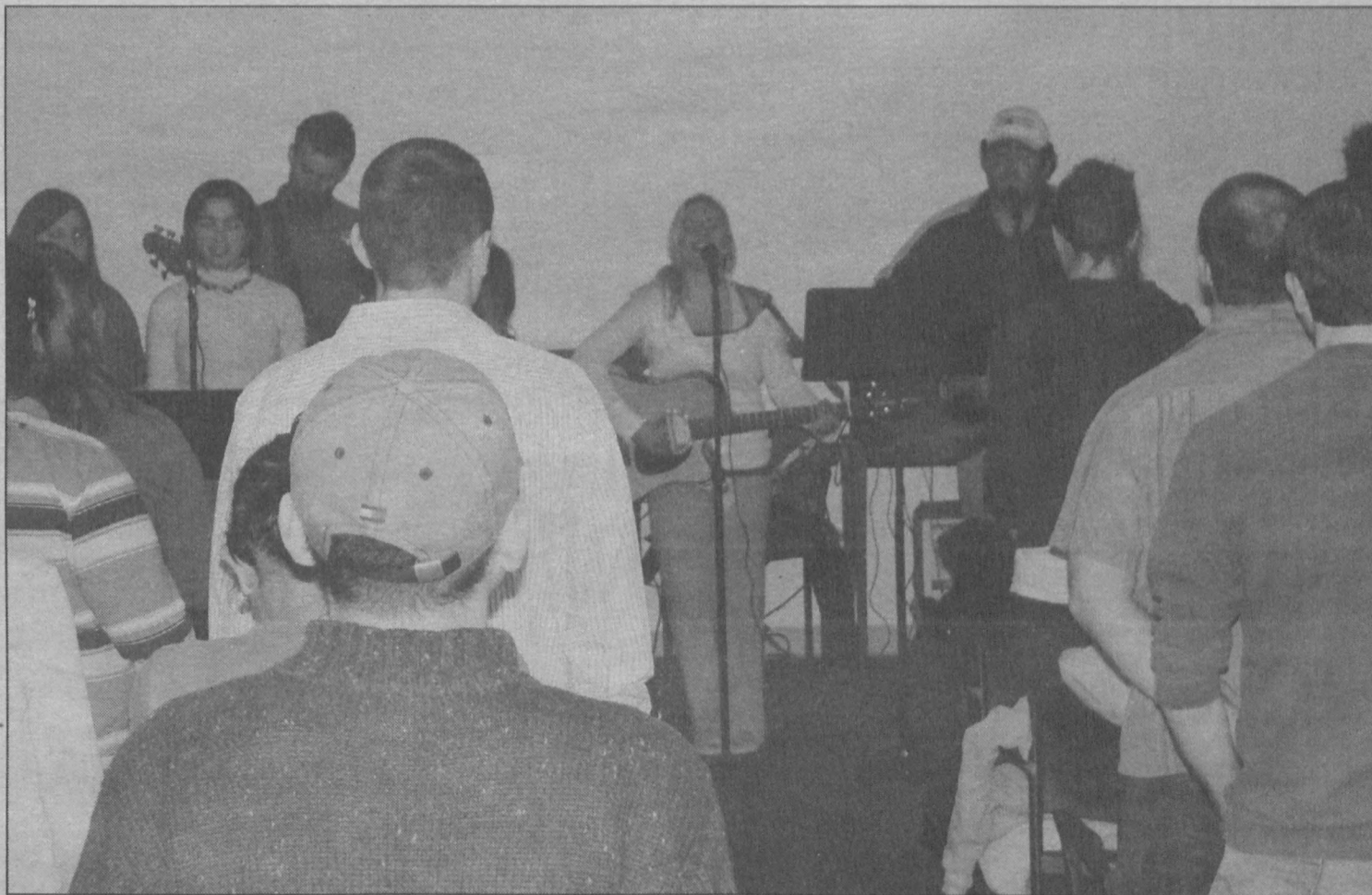
Campus Crusade for Christ's first meeting of the year, which took place at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Bangor Room, witnessed a whopping turnout of about 60 people. Its members participated in games and discussions, outlined the semester agenda, and provided feedback and suggestions for the group's organizers.

Known as CRU among its members, the University of Maine organization is part of an interdenominational and much larger international effort "committed to helping take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations," as its mission statement reads on <http://www.ccci.org>.

Staff coordinator Sarah York opened the meeting by stating that CRU's goal is to "connect with God, connect with each other, and connect with the community."

York, as well as other staff members Alvin Winslow and Tara Bryant, emphasized that this meeting was not a normal meeting, as it provided more of a taste of future activities.

In the past, the meetings have opened up with brief musical entertainment, but Wednesday's meeting provided an alternative activity as a result of CRU members craving more direct involvement with their peers. Participants submitted a "random fact about [their] break" as an ice-breaking activity, then branched off into discussion groups, where they related personal stories and discussed a selected biblical passage, Luke 15: 11-32.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENNA LAVALLÉE

CROONING FOR CHRIST — Members of UMaine's Campus Crusade for Christ sing and pray during the opening minutes of their gathering in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union last night.

The "Mission Impossible" theme played as Bryant strolled down the aisle, cordless drill in hand. She then read aloud some discouraging statistics about the situation in New Orleans and encouraged members to volunteer for Katrina Relief during spring break. While CRU offers spring break missions, Bryant wants to expand the opportunity for non-Christians who wish to extend their aid. Her goal "is to

see 200 people from Maine" go this spring.

Winslow highlighted the return of men's nights for CRU members, stating that the theme for the semester was "extreme devotion," as one of the proposed activities involves snow shoeing a mountain at Sugarloaf in potentially inclement weather. Women's activities were also introduced at the meeting, as there was no women's group last semester.

Ali St. Jeanos spoke about the presence of Lifelines, a group whose focus is an outdoor experience, as well as an opportunity for bonding. As CRU meetings occasionally invite guest speakers, members also announced that Kirk Dunstan would speak on Intelligent Design on March 28 in Neville Hall.

CRU will continue to meet Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Bangor Room.

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Editorial

SPIA to give opportunities to students

Last night the university formally presented its new School of Policy and International Affairs. SPIA will combine UMaine faculty members' expertise in international policy, international affairs, economic policy and environmental policy to create a comprehensive venue to study the increasingly prominent field of international policy. The William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce also will be a part of the new school.

It's exciting that the university has chosen to use its abundant resources to form something as timely and pragmatic as this school. Less than a year ago, UMaine made a similar move with the formation of its Graduate School of Biomedical Science.

President Robert Kennedy hopes to create one of the nation's top international policy schools. With upcoming events like the March conference on nuclear proliferation in the Middle East, the goal looks realistic. Hopefully the new school will deliver on its considerable potential.

Bon voyage to UMaine's Mollo

University of Maine students will miss a familiar face at many UMaine events, from the Spring Fling to Late Night at the Union.

Joe Mollo, the man who served up Java Jive and more to many students as Director of Campus Activities, has resigned to spend time with his family before heading overseas with his military division. Gustavo Burkett will be taking over for Mollo.

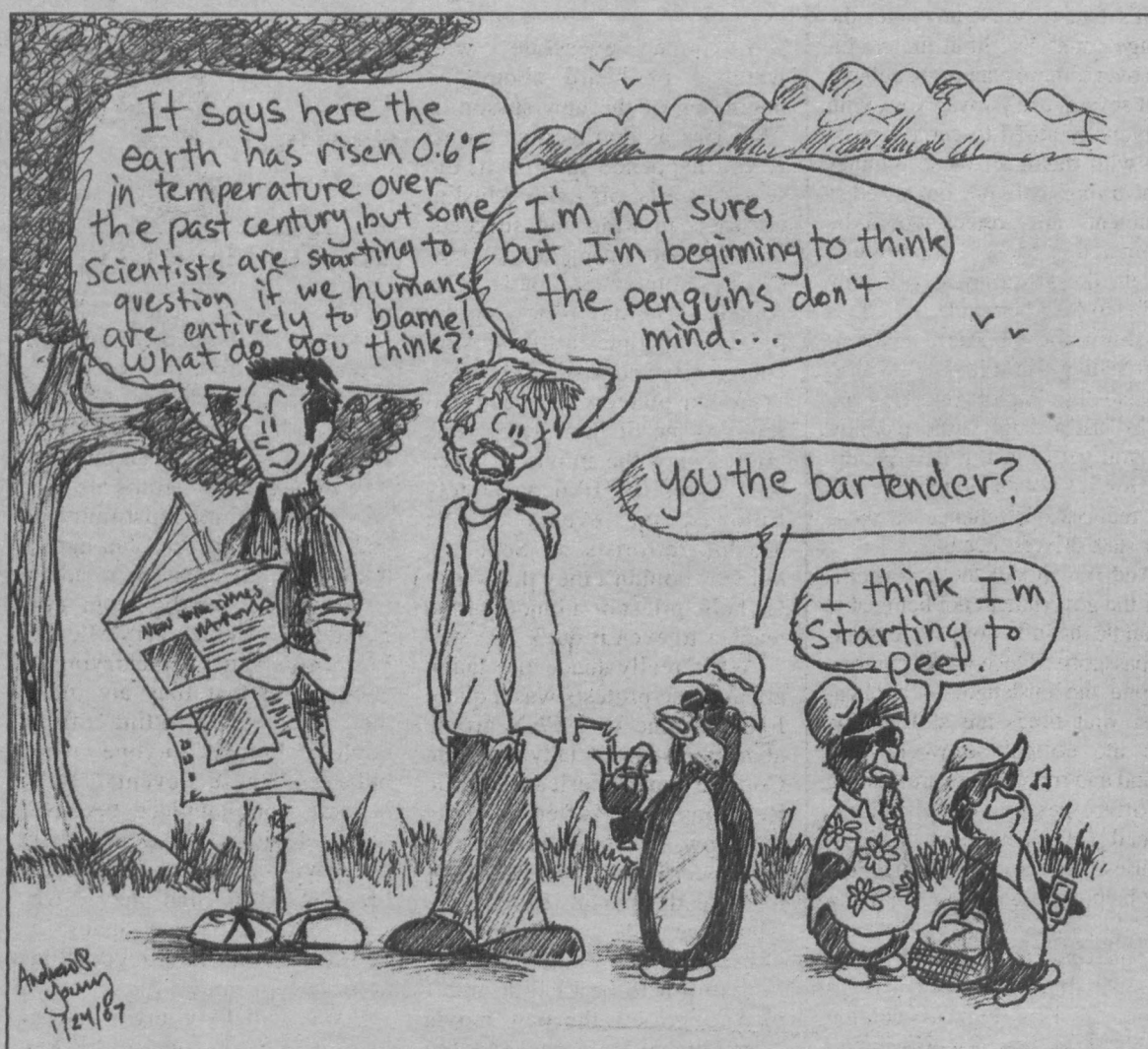
Mollo served as the faculty adviser to the student senate and dedicated countless hours to making sure the student body had a fun, memorable experience during their time on campus. He could often be seen spending time talking to students in the Bear's Den after work.

We wish Mollo the best of luck in his future, and thank him for all he has done for University of Maine students.

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Passports become mandatory

For some, traveling may never be the same again

As far as I'm concerned there are few things as satisfying as that tiny little stamp they place on your passport when you move from country to country.

Yeah, I know it's not much. It's just a little sticker. But boy does it get me buzzy. Forget the Becks. In my life there is nothing that gets me more snookered than the thought of filling up my passport with exotic proof of my adventures. Call me pompous, call me trivial, but a special feeling builds up inside me when I get that little minuscule acknowledgment of my travels. Like a sophomore co-ed at a Sufjan

MATTHEW CONYERS

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Stevens concert I become flighty at the mere thought of the future stamps that I can obtain.

Still, there are many people out there who don't exactly share my appreciation for passports. To put it lightly, they would rather not deal with passports altogether.

"Passports? We don't need no stinkin' passports."

Well actually, now you do.

On Tuesday, a rule took effect requiring U.S. citizens flying home from Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean to show a passport when re-entering the United States. With few exceptions citizens are now forced to display passports if they wish to enter the land of the red, white and blue. For those that dthe little blue book, the move couldn't be worse. In their eyes, the change in policy signals a change that is not for the better.

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Letters to the Editor

Still the King

I was pleased that the Jan. 22 Maine Campus published both a story and an editorial related to President Kennedy's recent announcement that UMaine will create a memorial to Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King. As one who has been involved in discussions about this idea since it first

came up last year, I do feel the need to clarify a couple of points.

There are no plans to erect a statue as part of this memorial. President Kennedy and others are finalizing plans for a contemplative space, featuring attractive landscaping and quiet places for reflection and conversation. We believe that such a space can help foster the kind of pos-

itive discourse that Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King worked to promote in American society.

The Maine Campus editorial staff raises an interesting point in suggesting that UMaine should memorialize Reverend Amos Freeman (1810-1893), whose contributions were certainly significant. I continue to

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A fat-free campus

UMaine dining could use nutrition labels

ABTIN

MEHDIZADEGAN



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

On a daily basis, we see signs like fat-free and low-carb hitting us everywhere we go. These things mean nothing to us! As a former "fat kid," I know the rigors of living in this ideal, fat-free world. When I decided to do something about my weight, I didn't go low-carb and I didn't try fat-free; I was smart about it.

Because I like to approach things scientifically, I started counting. I think of it like a bank account that gets filled every so often. If you overdraw it, you get into trouble. Well, working out is a way of adding money to your account. So with a combination of careful "fiscal" responsibility and a steady income source, I never overdraw my account.

Well you may be saying at this point, "and...?" Here it is: I propose that the University of Maine helps us to become more "fiscally responsible" in the matter of our weight. In Maine, three out of four people are overweight. Studies have shown that it can lead to heart disease, cancer and a slew of other health problems. I believe the time to act is now, and that we should pressure our campus to aid us in this monumental feat.

On numerous occasions I have asked dining services to add nutrition labels on all food served on this wonderful campus, and on numerous occasions I have been directed to a Web site. This Web site has all the calories, grams of fat and carbs to last me a lifetime, but that doesn't help. I want it to slap me in the face before I indulge in my Philly cheese steak.

What I demand is action. I want to see nutrition labels on every meal served on this campus, whether on grab-n-go sandwiches or piles of meat served in the commons.

You may think that because
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TRAVEL

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Already the Canadian Minister of Public Safety Stockwell Day has suggested that the rules will soon cause a disruption in air travel. The changes don't stop there.

After this new rule gets put into place, Homeland Security will be extending the policy to land and sea. The act, to take effect in 2008, is designed to thwart terrorists from exploiting the relative ease of travel. In the end, requiring passports to cross borders could ultimately clog land borders and disrupt trade. At the same time, citizens are worried that the rule will drastically affect tourism and commerce.

Logic says those worries are well founded. With Canadian and Mexican borders already high traffic areas, passports would only slow down the procedure. Making matters worse, people would be wearier when going on simple one-day trips to Canada or Mexico because of the hassle. With surveys and data showing that travel plans are now made only days or weeks before a vacation, how are people going to get passports in time? The average length for a passport to be issued is two months or more. At a time when fewer people are traveling to foreign countries, the act could, in theory, discourage even more adventures outside of the country.

For those who claim to be last-minute travelers, watch out: You're days are numbered.

But quite frankly, who cares. The amount of worry and concern surrounding the change is absurd. Not since the "Friends" finale has there been more hype about something that is meaningless. In fact, the policy change is for the better. Forget those concerns about traffic and commerce; the policy is looking out for those who hate to travel. By now asking to see everyone's passport, the country is limiting the revolving door access that travelers currently have. The policy, which will be phased in over the course of three years, is meant to improve traveling not hamper it. Now we

will keep a better eye on travelers and those who are up to no good will be locked out. Make no mistake, this is security. But simple security. Grab a passport and you're in. It's that easy. At any rate, the change could also limit the confusion over if these papers are authentic at several entryways. Now, with everyone required to carry a passport with them, all those minutes spent trying to figure out whether documents are correct would be eliminated. Most importantly, though, the government will now be able to get a better idea of who is crossing the border without encroaching on citizens' rights. This isn't the Patriot Act. After all, this is just a dainty little passport that you get to take a new picture for. Hey, it's not that tough of a task if it reduces our reliance on those ugly state drivers' licenses.

And how about those concerns over the government not being able to handle the influx of people wanting passports? Once again, untrue. Despite the onslaught of applications, wait times are still in line with the normal six-week turnaround and more places are starting to offer passport applications. Instead of just post offices, libraries, hotels and airlines are now helping to get people applications. So, actually, the policy may have increased the whole "getting" a passport procedure. With only a quarter of U.S. citizens holding passports, maybe this will eventually encourage them to get the important certification papers.

Even better is the news that several Caribbean, Canadian and Mexican travel agencies are lowering prices and coming up with more appealing packages to encourage the public to ignore the changes.

Let's review, shall we? Increased security and protection for the affordable price of \$97. All while keeping your rights in check. As far I see it, that tradeoff isn't too shabby.

Not to mention you can use that little book to snag some pretty snazzy stickers.

Not bad at all.

Matthew Conyers is a fourth-year journalism major.

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these things are "homemade" that it is impossible to count the calories in a single serving of Sloppy Joe Surprise, but it isn't. We have a wonderful nutritionist whose responsibility includes assessing the nutrition content of every morsel of food that enters our mouths. The nutritionist is also more than willing and able to plan private appointments to set diets for every student on this campus, free of charge.

Along with this, I am advocating for more wellness events on campus, whether it be via 5k running, ski or bike races, or even a few "Late Nights in the Alford" to have a little fun and exercise at the same time. I think this would be a

good opportunity for some of our organizations like ROC or Campus Rec. to show that they are advocating for wellness on this campus.

As a side note, I would like it to be known that the Alford does offer public skate one hour a day from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. In Senate, I have tried to increase hours so that more people can have the option of skating, but the Alford "powers that be" have shown no efforts to increase hours for public use thus far. I believe I contacted them well over a month ago to get the ball rolling on this — or the puck as the case may be.

When this is realized, we can curb the staggering obesity rate on this campus and eventually all over Maine. I ask you all to help me make this campus fat free.

Abtin Mehdizadegan is a first-year political science major.

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believe that UMaine has made the appropriate choice in recognizing the Kings, whose lives and legacies rep-

resent the highest ideals to which university communities like ours must aspire. I think they would appreciate UMaine for the type of community that it is. Of that, we can all be proud.

Robert Q. Dana

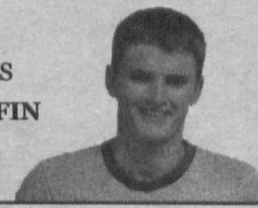
Protesters upset over '24' premiere

Sutherland show garners controversy with claims of 'racism'

I hope everyone who watched or heard about the beginning of the new season of "24" was as outraged as I was. If you happened to miss it, the season starts off with Muslim terrorists plotting and succeeding in detonating a nuclear device somewhere near Los Angeles. The day following the premiere, people in the Muslim community spoke out in protest. Who can blame them? This all reminds me of how irate I was after seeing the movie "United 93." Sure, the film accurately followed the events of the Muslim terrorists on Sept. 11, but why couldn't they throw in a Catholic priest or a kindergarten teacher to even it out?

What really made me laugh about these protests was a quote I read online in a CNN article about the story. A lady from the Council on American-Islamic Relations said, "After watching the show, I was afraid to go to the grocery store because I wasn't sure the person next to me would be able to differentiate between fiction and reality." You've got to be kidding me. I plan to go see the new movie "The Hitcher" this weekend, but I'm not going to protest on the way out because the villain is a white guy. I'm not going to shy away from any gas station in fear that someone will ask me for a ride and then slaughter me in my own car. Why not? Because I use common sense.

TRAVIS
GRIFFIN



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

This piece isn't about Muslims, it's about any group of people who think they are special and thereby deserve special rights. There are undoubtedly some crazy people among us who believe all Muslims are the enemy, but I think most rational and unbiased citizens can agree that these nutcases are a small minority. Personally, I am not going to go tackle every Middle Eastern person I see carrying a suitcase, in fear they are minutes away from setting off a nuclear bomb. Anyone who believes these events will become commonplace because of a television show is either irrational themselves or under the impression that they have special rights. Once again, it just comes down to common sense.

I was actually going to start a boycott of the movie "Pearl Harbor." Not for the obvious reasons, such as Ben Affleck's terrible acting or the fact that it was eight hours too long. The reason was quite subtle, so many of you may have missed it, but that racist director chose to use only Japanese people as

the enemy! My boycott idea quickly failed when I did a Google search and realized that the Japanese were the ones who actually attacked us at Pearl Harbor. Whoops.

Although it didn't need to, Fox went ahead and ran a disclaimer before the episode aired. They also pointed out that past villains have included "shadowy Anglo businessmen, Baltic Europeans, Germans, Russians, Islamic fundamentalists and even the Anglo-American President of the United States." Are disclaimers going to be run before any show with a bad guy? Better yet, maybe "Sex and the City" should warn its viewers that it doesn't mean to offend any single, sexy, promiscuous women that happen to be watching. If you have half a brain, you can see how ridiculous this is.

I actually e-mailed the Fox network and suggested they solve the problem by blurring out the faces and skin color of all the characters. I received a quick reply asking if I was ever dropped as a child. The facts are that "24" is a television drama, the characters are fictitious and it's just an all-around great show. There have been many different villains in its six seasons and none of these groups deserve special consideration.

Travis Griffin is more than willing to be the next villain on season seven of "24."

The modern day name game

Parents explore new territory, permanently scar children

Growing up is much harder than it used to be. Children are forced into being adults at younger ages, so it's not hard to imagine why they may be worse off than the kids of yesterday. Some people blame violence in the media, while others blame religion or lack thereof. Still others blame the parents. One major aspect that's overlooked and corrupts these kids before they learn violence or slanted ideology is, simply put, their names.

Psychology professor Cleveland Evans discovered a trend in naming children in America after surveying U.S. Social Security records for 2000. His findings included 22 girls who are registered under the name Infiniti, 55 boys answer to Chevy, five girls are named Celica, seven boys are named Del Monte — after the food company — and at least 49 boys are called Canon, after the camera. At least two children are currently named ESPN, after the popular sports station. While parents are searching for individuality for their children — copying the eccentric Hollywood fad of giving your child a ridiculous name like Apple, there comes a point when individuality is lost and stupidity must be taken into consideration.

Parents exploring new and exciting names are not the only ones who should be cautious. Even traditional names like Peter, Ralph, Butch and Cherry have different connotations in today's world. If

JUSTIN
CHASE



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

you are going to have a child just to hate it, then, by all means, give it a name like Reginald or Eugene. Even give it both names if you

Parents exploring new and exciting names are not the only ones who should be cautious. Even traditional names like Peter, Ralph, Butch and Cherry have different connotations in today's world.

want to guarantee the child will be hassled by his peers and beat up daily. While it is nice to have a sense of pride in one's family history, we have to keep in mind a name can be both creative and commonly accepted in today's world. Even names that are spelled in various ways are a huge hassle

when someone needs to verify who he or she is.

While it is up to parents to name a child, I think it should be a form of abuse to give a child a name that is too outrageous and will obviously hurt them for years to come.

A name could even hold a child back. A Colombian woman named Darling Velez was recently denied Spanish citizenship due to a law that prohibits names that could expose a person to ridicule or do not clearly indicate gender. Parents need to understand that this is a living human being, not a multi-billion dollar company or a television channel. Just remember, this child will one day get older and be in charge of what retirement home you're put into, so come up with a good name.

A name is important to any individual and while some parents keep a name alive for tradition, it can cause irreversible damage to a kid. Oddly enough, many people I've talked with who have legitimate interest in having a kid someday already have names picked out for their child. I find this odd considering any person who is not completely sure who they will marry would pick names in advance. What if the last name is conflicting? Take it from me, Justin Chase, that a name that is almost a pun is as bad as a name that is a pun.

Justin Chase is a second-year psychology major just in case you were wondering.

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Trumpet and Piano
Wednesday, Jan. 31
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall,
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Screening Room
Fogler Library

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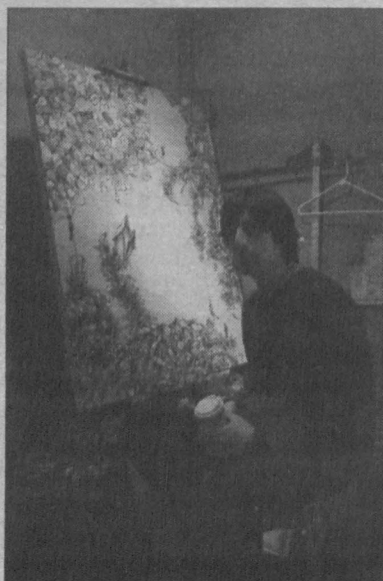


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yeshe parks

turning junkyards into playgrounds

Rob Morlarty
For The Maine Campus

"I decided that I didn't believe in art because of contemporary art theory and history. Then I came back and decided I didn't need to be affected by other people's B.S."

That statement might not be what you'd expect to hear from an artist who lets Dr. Seuss play a role in his work.

Yeshe Parks, a senior fine arts major, decided to give college another go after he dropped out before his third year in the fall of 2002. Now, only one semester away from graduation, he plans to continue with his work and attend graduate school at either NYU or Columbia.

Parks' art background began when he was born. Raised in Colorado, both of his parents were involved with the arts, writing poetry and drawing. His mother was a singer and his brother is a talented violinist who began playing when he was seven years old. Parks began to draw at the age of five, drawing rabbits and writing out even numbers as high as he could count. Drawing was one of the hobbies he took with him when his family moved to Winthrop, ME when he was six. He continued to draw and his artwork became a passion. He worked on developing his talent by creating more detailed work.

"Even as a young child, I remember being obsessed with the minutest details of everyday life," Parks said. "[When it comes to detail,] I'm obsessive compulsive and scale plays a big role. In order to get the result that I want, I really need to push intricacy and detail."

The attention to detail is what sets Parks' works apart from that of other artists. Every line that he draws is there for a reason. Each one represents something physical, and is not just there to take up space. This is true of his two pieces on display at the FUSE Art Senior Capstone Exhibit, "An Outpost" and "A Sculpture Bin." The simple, solid-color backgrounds of both pieces are complemented by the minute details making up the subjects in the foreground. Parks' works, along with others,

will be on display until Friday in Lord Hall gallery.

As for the influence of Dr. Seuss, Parks said it bridges the gap between adult concepts and children's minds.

"I like children's illustrators, stuff like that," Parks said. "I really try to go back to using imagery and a child-like aesthetic, to understand more what I consider adult ideas. I'm able to sort of communicate to different perspectives simultaneously."

Parks said that while he tends to draw from his own experiences, everyone should be able to understand the emotions behind his work.

"I use myself as a template but I see that the human condition is usually something that is common grounds to be had," Parks said. "So I think the two can relate."

One thing Parks does not relate to is the modern art world, which he compares to the stock market.

"It's not as much about who's good and who's not," Parks said. "It's about who's important and thinks you're good and wants to actually spend money on something — using it as a stock trading option and not in any way [caring] about its intrinsic value ... or the idea or thought or anything like that."

He went on to explain how the buying and selling of art is based on the opinions of famous collectors. If collectors buy from a certain artist when it

is cheap, people will see that they bought it, then go out and want one for themselves. This increases the value of the original piece.

Although Parks disagrees with this practice, his work is still very much a part of the art world and he is realistic about what he should expect.

"This doesn't mean my paintings aren't for sale, I've got to make money," Parks explained. "I just want to be conscious of how I am participating and acting within that world if I'm ever a part of it like that."



"AN OUTPOST", 2006

Open mic opens up Java Jive season

Singers and Songwriters strut their stuff

By Jennifer Bashford
For The Maine Campus

Open Mic Night was the flavor of Java Jive's first evening of the spring semester at 8 p.m. last Tuesday. Six live and acoustic student performers filled out the stage until 10 p.m. with free hot chocolate and Java Jive travel mugs quenching their thirst during intermissions.

David Sprague opened the evening with his electric acoustic guitar and a powerful voice. He sang a selection of four heartfelt self-composed tracks and firmly re-established the relaxed Java Jive atmosphere found in the Union every Tuesday night.

Carl Hansen and Zac Macintyre followed on the piano and guitar,

respectively, and sufficiently melo-
lowed the tone with their four songs.
It was an impressive fusion of the
two instruments. They successfully
spanned a range of tempos, offering
frequent emphasis on piano work to
highlight softer vocals.

Next, Tyler Irish decided to forgo
the wooden stool in favor of standing
and brought a different sound to the
night. Making full use of his effects
pedal, Irish presented his deliberately
untitled mix of music in three songs,
which featured longer instrumental
sections and introductions. He initi-
ated a more alternative air with his
electric guitar, and received a definite
"two thumbs up" from Philip Turner,
a junior exchange student in the audi-
ence.

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OPEN MIC — David Sprague plays harmonic melodies at Java Jive's first event of 2007 on Tuesday night.

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Dressing up for the red carpet

SHAC brings its international style to annual winter ballroom gala

By Jennifer Bashford
For The Maine Campus

Have your glad rags at the ready, because this Saturday night the Student Heritage Alliance Center Winter Ball arrives on campus for the first time in its three-year history. With the extra planning and improvements this year, 2007 should bring the biggest and brightest SHAC Ball this far.

"Committed to uniting people of different cultures and backgrounds in an environment where everyone is welcomed," the Student Heritage Alliance Center hosts and organizes a number of multicultural events throughout the semester. Although open to all students, SHAC events hope to encourage a celebration and appreciation of the diverse mix of cultures and nationalities present at the University of Maine.

The Winter Ball is one of SHAC's major events, a for-

mal dance with a black-tie dress code. Students usually make a huge effort and look fantastic in their tuxedos and gowns. Yet, this year promises to be an even glitzier occasion with a red carpet, velvet rope and limo provided for guests on entrance, creating the perfect photo opportunity. The Buchanan Alumni House is already a stunning location, but this year SHAC really is going all out to make their guests feel like true celebrities.

SHAC president Minh Nguyen has been involved with the Winter Ball since it began in 2004. "[In the past] we didn't have a big budget so we had to rent a place off campus, and all the food we could afford was chips and soda," she recalled. "This year, we decided to raise the Winter Ball to the next step with the hope that it will become a UMaine tradition in the future."

Considerable upgrades have elevated the event from bowls of chips for 2007, largely due to the increased

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9 p.m.
Saturday
Buchanan Alumni House

Renaissance takes top international honors

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

While the Varsity Vocals International Championship of Collegiate A Capella may sound like a rugged twist on choral competition, it was the University of Maine's ladies' a capella group, Renaissance, that gracefully claimed victory on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Northeast quarterfinal at the Maine Center for the Arts.

Renaissance beat out three other groups, including UMaine's own Bear Vocals as well as The Rusty Pipes and Partial Credit, both from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The Maine Steiners hosted the competition. Renaissance has only participated in the ICCA once, several years ago, according to Krista Sirois, a junior member of the group.

Renaissance was the only all-female group at the event, emerging at the day's end as the Northeast Region Quarterfinal Champions. Member Molly Webster earned an award for outstanding arrangement with her piece, "Fiddle and Drum."

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Kickin' Flicks is co-sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Student Government. Show times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., except in cases of films that exceed two-and-a-half hours such as "Casino Royale" and "The Departed," where the second showing will start approximately five minutes after the scheduled time. Wednesday night showings are in DPC 100, Friday night showings in the Bangor Lounge.

Definite films are slated through early March, with tentative releases after. Keep your fingers crossed that the planned films are solidified, as they include great releases like Oscar nominees "The Pursuit of Happyness," "Dreamgirls" and "The Good Shepherd." For the full list online, including the tentative films, visit <http://www.umaine.edu/campusevents/ca/b/kickinflicks.htm>.

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Singing of medieval girls lit up the dark ages

By J. Astra Brinkmann
Staff Reporter

No matter how far we may think we have evolved in terms of music, we're still struggling with a topic that those who lived hundreds of years ago dealt with: Certain styles of musical expression contain inappropriate elements. While today's protective mothers try to shield their children from racy rock lyrics containing strings of expletives, people during the Dark Ages feared the usage of instruments in secular music.

Graduate student Lisa Nielson at the University of Maine broke that topic down to the differences and similarities of women's roles in medieval times in both Western culture and Eastern Islamic civilization. Nielson presented her lecture, "Singing Girls, Mystics, and Aristocrats: A Survey of

Women's Roles and Their Influence on Western Art Music" in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union Wednesday.

The Dark Ages is roughly defined as the period between the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D. and the start of the Renaissance in the 14th and 15th centuries. This historical phenomenon of minimal technological and artistic growth as well as the masses' restricted access to knowledge is solely a European concept. Eastern Islamic culture considers the span of those years as the Golden Age, peaking around the ninth century. During this time, artistic culture soared, and Nielson noted, "Islam actually revolutionized the way that women were treated — they could own property and divorce husbands."

In Western culture, women were not given these rights until centuries later. Nielson said that, as a whole, the individual mindset was not highly valued, which accounts for

The untold history of women mystics, wealthy men and how they changed western culture

the lack of known authorship of many songs created during the Middle Ages. She mentioned Hildegard of Bingen, a woman who suffered from intense migraines and experienced powerful visions, as one of the standalone female composers. Hildegard is responsible for the liturgical drama "Order of the Virtues," which is still performed today.

Women were allowed to sing in the church in the West, but many churches still frowned upon the practice. In the East, where singing was blasphemous in a sacred context and only secular music prevailed, women were revered as musicians. Nielson calls these beautiful women 'the singing girls,' or those women owned by khalifs — aristocratic men who were both political and moral leaders — who could eventually buy their freedom. One emancipated woman, Jamila, formed her own school to teach future

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Women in Black



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SONGBIRDS — Renaissance, Umaine's female a capella group, are competing at Yale University on March 31.

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"It felt so surreal," Katie Lauze, a second-year member of the group, said of the win. "We've come so far together, and winning ICCA's was a really proud moment for us."

The group will move on to the Northeast semifinals at Yale University on March 31. Five groups will join them in competition: the winners of the three remaining Northeast quarterfinals, as well as a wild card choice from a competition between the runners up, to be held on the morning of the semifinals. The Rusty Pipes, runners up at the MCA on Saturday, will take part in the wild card decision.

If Renaissance's polished, unique variety of pop, indie, and folk style performance earns them a victory at Yale, they will advance to the ICCA finals in New York City on April 21. The event will take place at the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, home of The Metropolitan Opera and The New York City Ballet, among other renowned acts.

"This is huge for Renaissance. We've worked really hard to get to where we are, and we couldn't be more grateful for the love and support we've been receiving," said Sara Richardson, another third-year student and two-year perennial member of the group.

Renaissance will be "rehearsing and getting back to the old stuff" as well as performing at "tons of gigs," according to Callie Brown, a third-year elementary education major and member of the ensemble. Brown added that the group will be learning new songs as well as fine-tuning their ICCA set to improve it for semifinals. They will also participate in the annual University Singers spring tour for the second week of spring break in March. In the meantime, keep rooting for hockey, but don't forget to show some support for UMaine's female singing sensation — and potential national champions of collegiate a capella — when March 31 rolls around.

To visit Renaissance on the Web, go to <http://www.umaine.edu/renaissance>. More information about the competition can be found at <http://www.varsityvocals.com>.

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Together on both guitar and vocals, Jonah Bruce and Geoffrey DeBree then executed their fine-tuned set of soft rock. They also opted to stand for their three-song performance. DeBree wrote all the songs, which echo a more mainstream sound. Their strong harmonies were right on key, despite facing guitar strap difficulties during their final track.

The penultimate performer was smooth-voiced Mark Stanley, who sang a more upbeat selection of songs. Most of these were covers, including numbers by Dave Matthews' Band and the Smashing Pumpkins, and he stood as a welcome interval of familiarity within a night of new music.

The evening ended with three songs on guitar by the ever-popular Sara Richardson. With a high-hat, snare drum, bongo and maracas, she was joined by an assortment of percussion, played by friend Scott

Horey during her own "Visions of Fantasies" and a Joni Mitchell cover. For Richardson's final piece, "Apple Trees," she was also joined onstage by friend Jocelyn Emery, who provided a complementary deep harmony and helped finish the night on a high note.

Exchange student Helen McKinnon commented after the show, "It was my first Java Jive, and I really enjoyed it," she said. "It's a shame more people don't go, it's a great evening's entertainment." The relatively small audience drifted through the Union for most of the evening, and while most acts brought a small table of cheering fans along with them, there was unfortunately a considerable lack of connected people enjoying the evening.

It was the first, and perhaps last, Open Mic Night of this semester as the opening qualifying round of "The Project" begins at Java Jive in the North Pod next Tuesday at 8 p.m. Application forms are available and there is still a chance to sign up for the competition. Contact the Campus Activities Board for more information.

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singing girls, a profession that Nielson likened to being a geisha.

Men who chose to be musicians in Islamic culture during this period were called 'mukhanathun,' which translates to 'effeminate ones.' Whereas women of the West were not encouraged to participate in music, men in the East had to work for their acceptance as musicians in the culture, which considered music a womanly virtue.

While women like Jamila were more abundant in the East — something Al Isbahani's yet-to-be fully translated 24-volume book "The Great Book of Songs" attests to — the West was not totally devoid of prominent women. Nielson described Eleanor of Aquitaine, the granddaughter of the first troubadour William IX, as "important because she's visible on so many levels — politically and socially. She was the one who created the

atmosphere for [women writing music] ... and she was a mover and a shaker in a time where women weren't." Eleanor may be best remembered for her establishment of courtly love, where men having issues with the code of love of the time could bring their problems before a court of ladies.

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Modern historians do not have much information about the music created during this time. Nielson cites the lack of musical notation as the reason for this. Songs from both the East and West were passed down orally, but eventually the Guidonian method developed, which later led to the five-line staff.

Nielson concluded her presenta-

tion with a small repertoire of songs that she performed herself. For one piece, she strummed her Oud — the instrument that spawned the guitar family. "The great thing about being an ethnomusicologist is that it indulges you to collect and play all of these weird instruments," Nielson joked.

Although Nielson humbly apologized for her pleasant but self-described "poor singing," she communicated two pieces that had a stark and unsettling delicacy, despite the meaning behind one of the song's words. She called one of the pieces a "he done me wrong" song and explained that a man had spurned the woman composer, and that now she was stronger and better off without him. If this sounds a lot like a song you might hear today, you're right. Regardless of those who fear its emotional content — like those in the Dark Ages who were suspicious of instruments — music has and always will have the power to tell stories. History shows that no law can prohibit the impact of music on a culture.

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BALL

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funding SHAC received for the event from Student Government and the programming fund. SHAC coordinates the event with support from Wilde Stein, the Senior Council and the Alumni Association.

For the dance this year, Black Bear Catering will provide a full finger buffet and a cash bar will be open with ID throughout the evening. Oronoka DJ Senthil Sockalingam, also a York Hall RA and vice president of the International Student Association,

will take the stage for the evening, playing a variety of music to keep the dance floor busy.

Nguyen's enthusiasm for Saturday's dance is abundant. "With all the e-mail I've received about it lately, I'm sure that the Winter Ball this year is going to rock," she said. "I'm very excited — this is my biggest project so far since I joined SHAC." Nguyen hopes that this excitement will spill over to guests and bring a great turnout for the evening. So you'd better brush the dust off your formals, dig out your dancing shoes and head over for a fun Saturday night of VIP treatment.

Admission to the SHAC Winter Ball is free and the dance will run from 9 p.m. — 1 a.m., Saturday Jan. 27, at the Buchanan Alumni House on campus. For more information contact Minh Nguyen on FirstClass.



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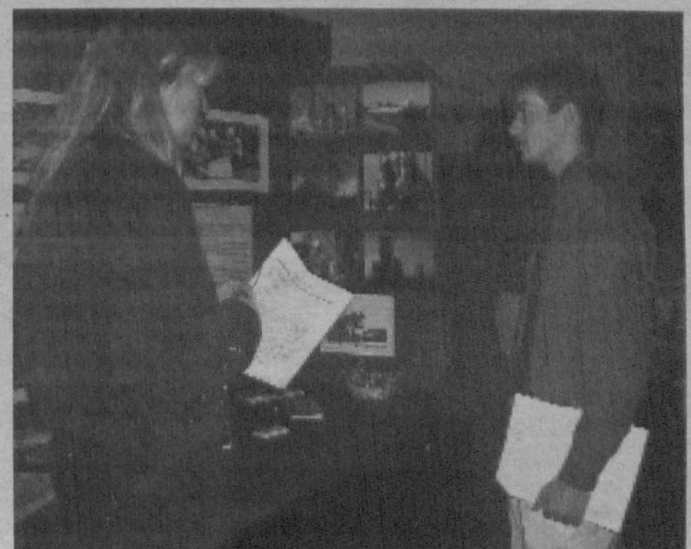
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March 21 to April 20

Fire, brimstone and the devil's genitals - none of these will get in your way as you run through Beelzebub's lair in order to land yourself the prize catch you aim for. One of the problems with getting your own way with love is that sometimes you have to be a bit evil.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

Any joke you have to seriously think about today is not worth 'getting'. Also, 'God' may try to speak to you today through a kitchen appliance.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

This week may turn out to be a complete waste of your time and effort. Contemplate changing your current situation at once. But just contemplate, don't change.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Take your time getting to where you're going today. You're only going to have crappy things happen when you get there.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Heaven knows what kinds of things are going to happen to you today. All I'm able to tell you is that it's going to be hectic and possibly traumatic. It's a hard life being an astrologer and trying to see exactly what's going to happen to YOU. Specifically you. Sorry.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Oil in your lamp may keep you burning till the break of day. Or it could spill over and set fire to your new shoes. Be careful.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Avoid wooden sleds in the next few days. If you cannot, you will find a new appreciation for a loved one's ability to almost painlessly remove splinters from your backside.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Your ability to think up lies on the spot may be challenged this week. Don't be afraid to run really fast - problems will catch up, but at least you've given yourself a few minutes to think up some B.S. explanation.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Halitosis can be very painful, especially if the person with bad breath is trying to spell the word "halitosis" in a confined space. So keep some mints on hand this week.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You think "pink", but you buy "blue". This is why you're confused a lot of the time. Go with the flow and let people take advantage of you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Drinking alcohol may well turn today into the worst tomorrow possible. Try to ensure that you go out tonight wearing the underwear with the really strong elastic.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

A self-prescribed course of celibacy may help you regain the confidence that is lacking in your love life. After all, being a complete dope and being rejected every other day can't help your morale much.

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Reader Steve

by Brian Sylvester



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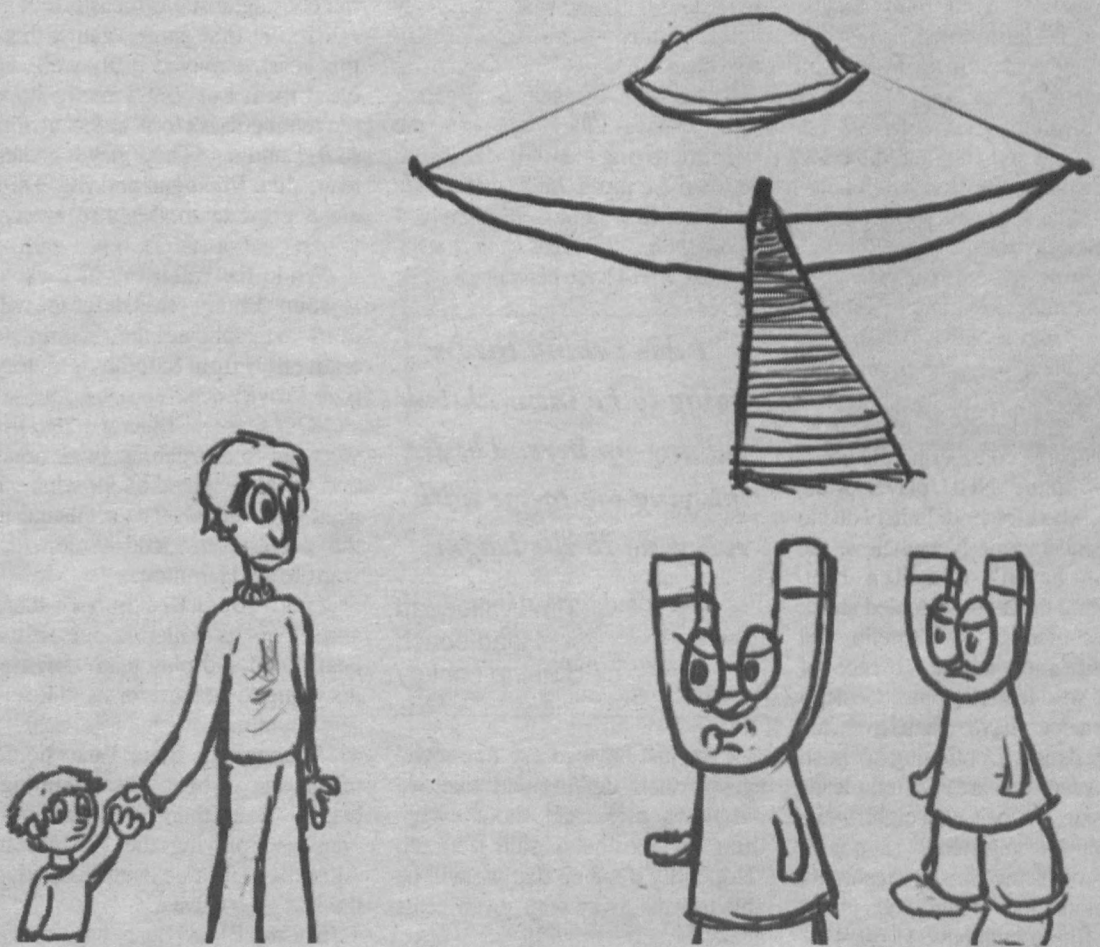
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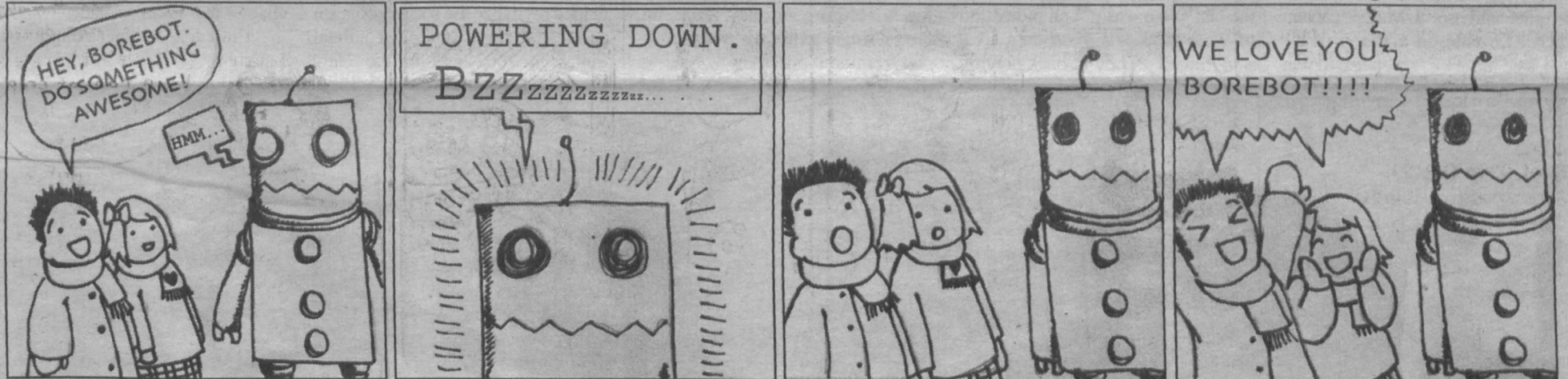
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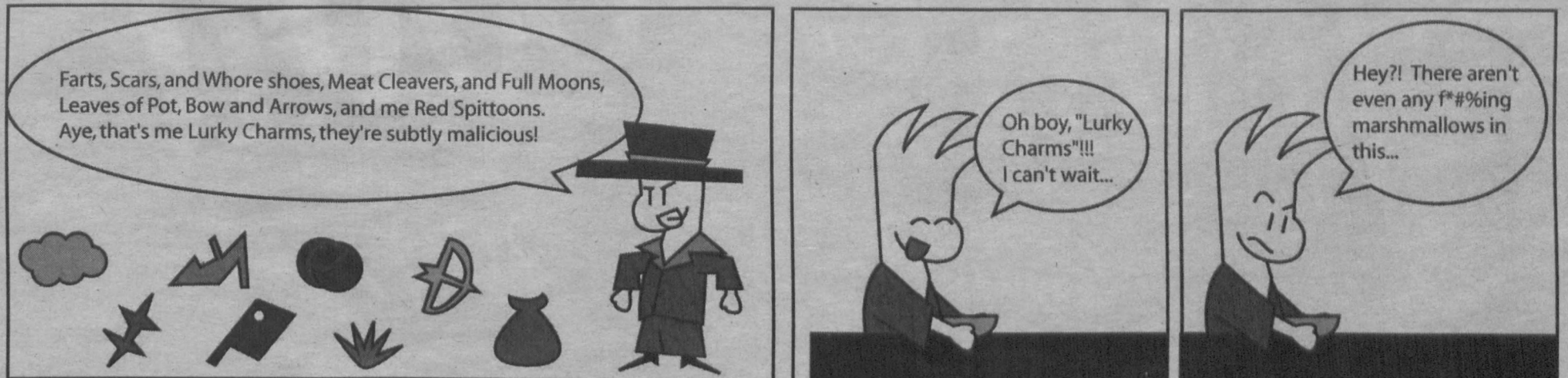
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UPSTART

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this series," said head coach Tim Whitehead. "I don't think they're going to be intimidated coming up here. They're playing toe-to-toe with everyone in the league."

Northeastern is currently 5-9-4 in Hockey East and clinging to the last playoff spot in the standings. However, in their last six decisions, the Huskies are 3-1-2.

"I see no reason as to why they can't continue to improve on that position," said Whitehead. "They've been building a lot of momentum each week."

Their emergence is even more commendable considering the omission of future NHL player Mike Morris, who is out indefinitely due to an appendectomy. Nonetheless, the Huskies haven't missed a beat. Anchoring the newly retooled attack are freshmen Chad Costello and Kyle Kraemer. In the absence of Morris, who had 17 points, Costello and Kraemer have taken over the scoring duties. Continuing to push Northeastern onward, Costello leads the Huskies in goals with eight, while Kraemer has registered 12 points. Along with the feisty freshmen, sophomore Joe Vitale and junior Jimmy Russo each have 11 points.

"They're a fast, in-your-face team that is well coached," said UMaine's co-leading scorer, freshman Teddy Purcell. "We know we're going to have to be prepared."

Part of that preparation will focus on reviving the Black Bears' suddenly quiet offense. UMaine captain Michel Leveille, in a slump of his own, said the team is prepared to win

games any way they can.

"Lately our production offensively hasn't been too great but I'm fine with winning games 1-0, 2-0, if we don't allow any goals," Leveille said. "That's all we want. Our emphasis right now is to play well defensively and hopefully generate some offensive chances."

If the offense manages to garner some chances, they will face the ever-improving Brad Theissen between the pipes. In 20 games, the freshman has amassed a 6-10-4 record with a 2.65 goals against average and a .914 save percentage.

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Tim Whitehead
Head coach
UMaine hockey

"We just have to use our speed against their defenseman like we did down there and shoot everything at the net," said Purcell. "Hopefully if we do that we will be able to walk away with seven goals again."

One advantage weighing heavily in the Black Bears' corner will be their last duel with the Huskies, which ended in a 7-1 outcome. However, the squad is quick to shrug that result away.

"They're a good team; the score the last game was not an indication of what kind of a team they are," said Purcell. "They're back playing

well now and getting some big points in the league. We know we have to come out firing."

Lundin agrees with Purcell and believes looking at the last decision could hamper their weekend matches against Northeastern.

"In the first game against them this year we played really well and blew them out, but I really hope our team doesn't look at that at all," said Lundin. "They have beaten teams like Michigan and BC. They are a good team. They're always with a goal or two."

While the offense will look to regroup Friday, the defense will need to duplicate their complete team effort from Saturday's victory over Providence.

"Our team still has work to do, we want to sharpen up in all areas and we have talked about what we need to do to give us a chance in the postseason," said senior forward Mike Hamilton.

"With [Ben] Bishop back there and a team as skilled as ours, if we bear down and play team defense, it's going to be hard for us to lose," said Lundin.

Although the Black Bears home results have been disappointing, history is in their favor when it comes to playing the Huskies in Alford — UMaine is undefeated in the last 10 contests.

But the Black Bears aren't concerned with history. They just want to give the fans the home cooking they expect and bump up their 8-6-1 Hockey East mark.

"Right now we're in the heart of the Hockey East season," said Lundin. "We're at the bottom, trying to climb our way back up. Every single game we play is crucial from now on."

LAUGHLIN

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understanding of the opportunity he has been given.

"Not many people have the opportunity to serve as head coach of their former team and it is one I greatly appreciate," said Laughlin.

Aiding Laughlin in the Black Bears restoration project will be Dan Balaguero who stood in as the team's interim coach for the past two months. In regards to whether Balaguero will be returning as an assistant coach there is only one request from Laughlin, and it's an empathic one.

"I can't answer for Dan on whether he will be back or moving on but I know I would love to have him back," said Laughlin. "We both share the same love and passion for the game and that is something very important to Maine soccer."

The Dallas, Texas native has known Balaguero for more than eight years. As well, Laughlin was close with Evans. Throughout this past season, while he was helping guide URI to a Atlantic 10 Championship and second round appearance in the NCAA tournament, Laughlin admits to following the Black Bears action closely.

"Wherever I was, I had an interest in what the team was doing," said Laughlin.

At URI, Laughlin served as recruiting coordinator. However, before his season in South Kingston Laughlin was the head coach at Dean College for six years where he helped revitalize the soccer program and lead them to NJCAA National Finals in 2002 and to the New

England Region Championships in 2002 and 2003. In 2002 he was a finalist for the National Coach of the Year.

Prior to Dean, Laughlin earned his stripes at Champlain College where he recorded a 28-21-3 record.

With a resume as impressive as Laughlin's it's hard not to believe he won't bring UMaine back to the America East playoffs and beyond. Yet, Laughlin is reluctant to place any goals on the upcoming season.

"We don't want to get into setting any extreme goals right now, we just want to succeed, that's the biggest issue at hand," said Laughlin.

When asked how to classify himself as a coach, Laughlin extracts a long pause. It's clear he doesn't want to label himself as one precise style of coach. Instead, he discusses the game with a flair and passion that hopefully his players will soon embody.

"I'm just a coach who loves the game of soccer — whether it be watching it, talking about it or be around it, I have a passion for it," said Laughlin.

In the end, Laughlin is aware of the fact that things won't change overnight. But he does stress the importance of attitude in paving a path back to glory.

"We have to continue to stay positive as we move forward," he said. "All doors are open right now and we have to keep pushing forward. We want to be the team that does everything it can possibly do."

With official practices for the team starting on Monday, Laughlin ready to start a new chapter in a familiar place.

"I'm excited to get going," said Laughlin.

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PATRIOTS CORNER

By Adam Clark
For The Maine Campus

Linebackers, receivers need upgrade for '07

Bill Belichick and Tom Brady. When you hear those names, a couple things come to mind: winning and Super Bowls. Going into Sunday night's game at Indianapolis, Belichick and Brady, together, were 12-1 in the playoffs, and the Patriots as a franchise were 5-0 in AFC Championship games. Peyton Manning and the Colts, however, have had no such luck against the Patriots in the playoffs. In 2003 and 2004, the Patriots knocked them off on their way to Super Bowl titles, something that has been eluding Peyton and haunting him his whole career. So, no problem, right? Wrong.

The New England Patriots, since the salary cap became prevalent in the NFL, have been the most successful franchise in football and, many argue, in all of sports. They kept on winning, despite losing marquee players to free agency or trade and the departures of assistant coach after assistant coach to other teams. Most of all, they dealt with injury after injury. These achievements are a testament to how good an organization the Patriots really have. To be able to overcome those obstacles, the Patriots had to rely on superior scouting, brilliant coaching and hard working, well disciplined players. Having a franchise quarterback helped as well.

In Sunday night's AFC Championship against the Colts, the Patriots came out and played their brand of football. They had a game plan and exploited Indianapolis offensively and defensively, taking advantage of mistakes and capitalizing on them, something the Patriots are known for. However, after the Patriots jumped out to a big lead, instead of putting the Colts away for good, they allowed them back in the game by making their own mistakes, from the penalties to blown coverage to dropped passes. In the end, there was just not enough time for Tom Brady and Co. to march back down the field.

While the Patriots lost on Sunday night and will not win the Super Bowl for the second straight year, there are many positives they will take out of this season. Without a number one wideout, the Patriots still picked apart defenses and Brady had another tremendous season. Also, the Patriots were without their defensive stalwart, Rodney Harrison, who could have made a huge difference in the game. Fighting through injuries and with

offensive talent that came nowhere near what the Colts put out on the field — and still having a successful season says a lot about the Patriots' organization.

There are few question marks for next season in my mind. Brady is back, and most of the defense will be as well. In the game versus the Colts, there was only one area where the Patriots were lacking and that is the linebacking corps. With the emergence of two young cornerbacks, Ellis Hobbs and Asante Samuel, who played extraordinarily against the dual-wide receiver threat of Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne, the Patriots are set for the future if they re-sign Samuel, who is a free agent after this season. As for the secondary, it's not clear whether Harrison will come back. He has been injured the past two seasons, but I would expect him to take one last-ditch effort at a championship, and his help would solidify the secondary.

With possibly the top D-line in the league set for years, the linebacking corps will be a point of emphasis this offseason. They lack speed and youth and expect the Patriots to use their two first round picks in the draft to rejuvenate the position with youngsters, or go after one of two premier linebackers — Lance Briggs or Adalius Thomas, who are both free agents. If Teddy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel don't retire, and the Patriots add a couple youngsters through the draft or players through free agency, the defense will once again be a force to be reckoned with.

As for the offense, there is only one area of concern, and that is wide receiver. Is it finally time for the Patriots to get that go-to guy at receiver or are they going to do it with a makeshift set of players and let Brady spread the wealth around? With the quarterback, running back and offensive line all set for the future, expect the Patriots to be at the top of the league once again as they will make the necessary moves this offseason.

They will look back at this Colts game as a learning experience. After all, the future has to be bright with Brady and Belichick still at the helm. In the meantime, we should move on and cheer on the Celtics. Actually, let's cheer them on to lose so we can get Greg Oden or Kevin Durant in the draft. Or bring on those Yankees, as it is time to look forward to the Red Sox.

PRESSURE

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a high-intensity defense.

"They're going to try to pressure us out of the building," Woodward said. "They're a tough, long, athletic team that you have to be ready for because they're going to play hard and be in the passing lanes. You have to execute your offense in the face of that pressure for all 40 minutes."

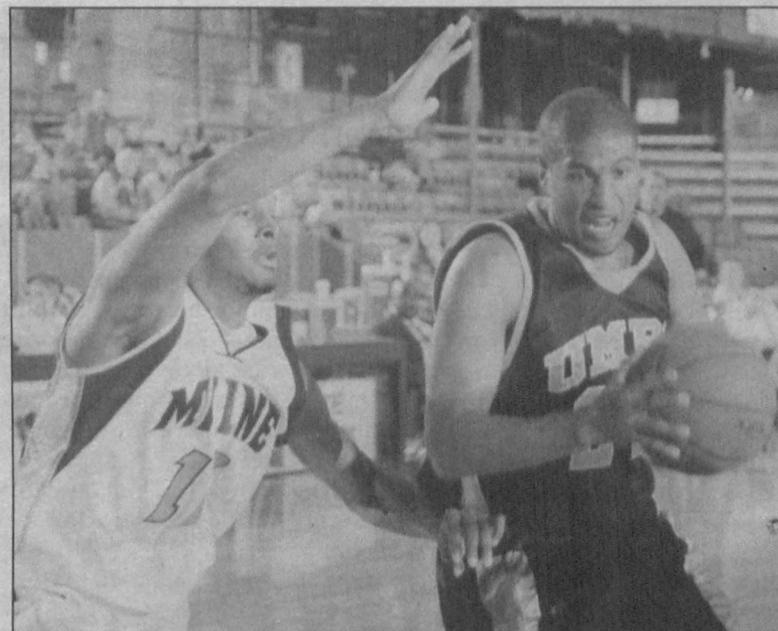
Ricky Lucas and Mitch Beauford lead a Seawolf squad that is just 2-5 in league play. Both wins, however, have come at home, where Stony Brook defeated third-place Boston University and showed it is not a team to be taken lightly. Beauford was a pre-season All-America East selection while Lucas is a George Washington transfer who leads the team in scoring at 14.6 points per game.

Woodward is keenly aware that while UMaine's turnover ratio has vastly improved, few teams bring as much heat as coach Steve Pikiell's Seawolves as the squad looks to extend its three-game winning streak.

"We've been better, but there aren't many games where we've faced pressure like this either," the third-year boss said. "We just have to keep doing a good job of passing to open people and playing together."

Steady play from point guards Jon Sheets and Junior Bernal are the main reasons the Black Bears find themselves with fewer and fewer giveaways every game. Sheets has his assist-to-turnover ratio up to 2-to-1, and Bernal isn't far behind. In addition, freshman Mark Socoby has only turned it over twice in conference action, a rare feat for a first-year player.

"All three of those guys do a great job taking care of the ball. Junior and Job are very good in pressure situations," said Woodward. "Mark Socoby really



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

TIGHT DEFENSE — UMaine's Junior Bernal applies the sort of pressure the Black Bears can expect tonight at USB.

understands the game and hasn't put himself in difficult situations."

Senior captain Kevin Reed is another force the Seawolves will have to contend with. The reigning America East player of the week has picked it up a notch in conference action, averaging 17.6 points and 6.9 rebounds in league action.

"We'll be ready for two very different styles of basketball within 48 hours."

Ted Woodward
Head coach
UMaine men's basketball

Following tonight's action, the Black Bears will bus to Hartford, Conn., looking to avenge an AEast opening night loss to the Hawks.

"We haven't focused that much on Hartford, but they're a very good team," said Woodward.

The Hawks are right in the mix in the jumbled conference standings with a 3-4 mark. They are one

of the most versatile teams in the league, switching between zone defenses at will and employing a four-guard set to try to wear an opponent down.


"They play very differently from everyone else in the league. They're going to make you adjust to their various defenses and they have an unusual lineup," Woodward said.

Of greater concern is the poise Hartford has shown under first-year coach Dan Leibovitz.

"They've won a lot of close contests. I feel like we did some good things against them, we had the lead most of the game and I give them a lot of credit because they were able to take it," said Woodward.

The contest between the Hawks and Black Bears takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday and will be televised on NESN. That leaves UMaine a very short window to leave the Seawolves behind and adapt a new strategy for Hartford, a task Woodward says the club is up for.

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Swimmers refocused for new year

Tune up against Boston College foreshadows championships

By Matt McGraw
For The Maine Campus

Whether or not it was "A Long December" is irrelevant at this point. But for the

Swimming & Diving

University of Maine swimming and diving team, there is certainly reason to believe that, "maybe this year will be better than the last." Counting Crows' lyrics aside, the Black Bears look to be in great shape as calendars turned over and 2007 got underway.

The last time we checked in with the team, they were preparing for their winter training program. The swimmers went to Florida while the divers stayed in Orono, but all had their sights on America East Championships. Almost a month has passed and some of the results are already visible.

Before spring semester classes had even started, both the men's and women's teams had defeated Providence College in a dual meet at Wallace Pool. A week later the women's team headed to New Hampshire for a battle with their conference rival and the defending America East Champion Wildcats, ultimately losing a well swum meet 173-127. Following the weekend victory over Providence College, senior Chris Card was named America East Swimmer of the Week while junior Keith Burgie was named America East Diver of the Week.

This weekend will see the Black Bears travel back down

I-95 to clash with the Eagles of Boston College in a final tune-up meet before the 2007 America East Championships. In swimming however, a sport where the success of an entire season can largely be defined as the success of one weekend in February, there is still much to be done.

Following the meet with Boston College, the UMaine team will enter a two-week taper period. "[We will] start to rest our bodies by not doing as much yardage. Instead, we will be swimming shorter practices...but the intensity of each set is much harder. The best way to describe it is that we are practicing to swimming fast," said senior captain Eric Palmer.

"[We're] waiting for that perfect time to take the cake out of the oven, and I am pretty sure that perfect time will be Feb. 8-11."

Eric Palmer
UMaine swim team

By definition, competing at Boston College will be the last racing opportunity for the team to "work out a couple of small kinks," said Colleen Miller, coming off victories in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle events versus New Hampshire.

So with a season's worth of work beginning to build on their shoulders, the pressure is surely starting to creep into the minds of the UMaine swimmers and divers. However, focusing on the process rather than worrying about the results is a much more practical way to go about athletics, and that is precisely the approach taken by Jeff Wren and his squad.

For Miller, the times will take care of themselves, "...[If] I stay positive, trust the work I've put in, and trust the taper, I'll see great results."

Card reinforced the idea of positivism, adding, "Mentally I think we're all prepared and excited to swim very fast this year."

When Palmer was asked about his thoughts on the final few weeks of the season, he offered a very interesting analogy.

"I once had a coach tell me swimming is like baking a cake. You mix all the ingredients together, put it in the oven, and wait. If you can take it out of the oven at the perfect time, the cake will be amazing. But, take it out too soon — it won't be fully cooked; leave it in too long — it will be burnt. The team is at that point where we are waiting for that perfect time to take the cake out of the oven, and I am pretty sure that perfect time will be February 8-11."

Put in simpler terms, this weekend against Boston College hopes to be a nice taste test, but the America East Championships are still the main course.



CELTICS CORNER

By Joseph Burnham
For The Maine Campus

For me, this is the most disappointing time of year to be a New England Sports fan. The Patriots were just beaten by Peyton Manning and the Colts, the Red Sox just paid 70 million dollars for an outfielder who played an average of 91 games the past four years, and I couldn't spell one Bruins' player's name. Then there are my beloved Celtics. The greatest franchise in the NBA history — 16 championships, 22 Hall of Famers, 23 retired numbers.

Then there was 2007. The Celtics are 12-28 and owners of an eight-game losing streak. They are third to last in the entire league, ahead of only Memphis and Philadelphia. This season is like walking in on your parents; you try to forget, but it's burned into the back of your memory forever.

But, there are a few things that can come out of the fiasco that is happening this season. The first positive is that right now, many of the Celtics older, more matured players are hurt with injuries. Paul Pierce is nursing a stress reaction in his left foot, Wally Szczerbiak is out with recurring ankle problems and Tony Allen is done for the year. These are three of the top five players on the Celtics. What this does is it opens up playing time for some of Boston's younger prospects, and allows them to develop faster. The Celtics are loaded with young, unproven talent. Al Jefferson, Gerald Green, Allan Ray, Rajon Rondo, Sebastian Telfair and Delonte West have all been first round picks, but none have had a chance to showcase their talent shots behind alpha dog Paul Pierce and chucker Wally Szczerbiak.

The second thing is, the Celtics are in a position now that they know they are playing for next year. This means, that they are in prime position for the Greg Oden and Kevin Durant sweepstakes. Since the Celtics are so terrible that every time I watch them I punch my self in the face just as a reminder of how bad it could be, I have started watching a

lot of college basketball. If you haven't watched these two play yet, then I suggest you try to catch a game. Durant, a 6-9 freshman at Texas, has ungodly stats, averaging 23.8 points, 10.8 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game, pretty much single handedly launching Texas to the No. 23 spot in the nation. Oden, a 7-0 freshman at Ohio State, is averaging 15.3 points per game, 9.5 rebounds and is shooting a staggering 65 percent from the field.

The only question that remains with Oden is how much better will he be when he starts playing with both hands. Since the NBA implemented its age restrictions, top-notch recruitments must now attend a year of college before being eligible for the NBA draft. Oden, who would have been the first pick in last years draft as well, was then forced to go to Ohio State. Before he arrived, he had to have surgery on a ligament on his right wrist. He returned early, without fully healing his right wrist, which has caused him to shoot left-handed, which is not his dominant hand.

Oden is often compared to David Robinson, because of his quiet demeanor and his supreme body control, which are rare for seven-footers. Durant, on the other hand, is being compared to every big man in the league, but with his athleticism and shooting ability, he would best be described as a mix between Kevin Garnett and Dirk Nowitzki. Either way, both would bring immediate and much needed help to a Celtics team over run with guards.

Now, I would never recommend rooting against the Celtics, but I do recommend rooting for Greg Oden or Kevin Durant. If that means we need to take a few more losses and put up with the ineptitude of Doc Rivers for the entire year, these two prodigies make this season at least a bit more bearable. You have to remember; if you sit on a piece of coal long enough, it might turn into a diamond.

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Breakout Performance

No longer under the radar, Josh Soares has emerged as one the country's most potent scoring threats

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

All of a sudden, Josh Soares sits on the top of the scoring chart for the University of Maine men's hockey team. One of the more dynamic and underappreciated forwards in Hockey East, Soares is 14th in the nation in goals scored and just four points shy of taking his place in the elite 100-point club.

While scoring goals in big games is nothing new for Soares, spending time in the spotlight might be a different story. Over the last two seasons, the senior alternate captain flew a bit under the radar, forming one of the most potent scoring duos in all of college hockey with the face of UMaine hockey — Michel Leveille. Still, the historic numbers the dynamic duo put up were staggering: last year, a dangerous line with former All American and captain Greg Moore saw all three notch over 40 points — something that hadn't been done at UMaine since 2002.

Early in 2006, it looked to be more of the same as Soares and Leveille teamed with freshman Teddy Purcell to lead the Black

Bears to a 9-0-1 start and the No. 1 ranking in the nation. But a three-game losing streak marred by a stymied offense led UMaine coach Tim Whitehead to juggle his lines in an attempt to get things going, breaking up the senior scoring tandem.

"I wasn't really surprised," said Soares. "We obviously have some good chemistry, but Levs and Teddy do also. It's fine to change up the lines."

Buoyed by new linemates Keith Johnson and Keenan Hopson, Soares exploded for a hat trick in a win over Northeastern and another several weeks ago against Boston University to become the first UMaine player with two hat tricks in a season this decade. For Soares, the scoring binge came after going more than a month without a goal.

"I changed my approach a little bit. I talked to some coaches back home, and my coaches here, and we just talked about getting to the net to get open for some quality shots," Soares explained. "I really focused on that last weekend, just trying to do the little things and get some puck luck."

The hat tricks add to an impres-

sive resume for Soares, who is on pace to join Leveille as the first Black Bear to reach the 40-point plateau in consecutive season since Martin Kariya. At 5-11, 195 pounds, Soares has the size to drive to the front of the net as well as the skill to make plays in open space.

Though he was UMaine's top assist man last year, Soares also has elite goal-scoring ability, lighting the lamp 15 times in 2005 and 14 times already this year. That sort of talent makes him invaluable as the focal point of a Black Bear second unit that doesn't play like they're second to anyone.

"Having the opportunity to play on another line allows me to be more of a key guy and carry the play myself."

Josh Soares
UMaine hockey

"Having the opportunity to play on another line allows me to be more of a key guy and carry some of the play myself," said Soares. "Teddy and Michel are really talented and they carry the puck a lot. It's difficult to get the puck sometimes when you have three guys who want it, so this gives me an opportunity to get back on my game a little bit."

"It was a good switch for everybody, not just for the first line but for all the lines," added Johnson, who's assisted on a number of Soares' goals including a beautiful, Joe Thornton-esque feed from behind the net on last weekend's game-



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winner against Providence.

While Soares hasn't had the longevity of experience playing with Johnson and Hopson, the trio has shown good chemistry and seems happy with the way things have gone.

"Over the years we haven't played together much. We did some at the beginning of last year, but not too much," said Johnson. "Josh is a great player; he had a nice pass to me [last weekend] where I scored."

"I like the way our line is playing and hopefully we can put some more points up."

Spreading out the offense gives UMaine a potent scorer on each of its lines, preventing opponents from focusing all their attention on a top unit. Rolling four lines has been a Black Bears strength over the years, something this year's squad hopes to continue.

"I think that's been one of our keys," said Soares. "Depth is huge in this league and right now we have three really solid lines that can put the puck in the net."

Another change for Soares, a native of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, has been his leadership role. Prior to the season, he earned the honor of serving as one of UMaine's alternate captains for his senior campaign, a responsibility he doesn't take lightly.

"Last year, I wanted to elevate myself as a scorer and I accomplished that. This year, I'm focused

on applying more of a leadership role," Soares said. "Last year, we had Greg Moore, who was really gifted in that area. I think I learned a little bit from him. I've let my emotions get the better of me at times this year, but I'm learning from that."

While Soares, defenseman Mike Lundin and Leveille hold the official captain roles, UMaine has a tight knit group of seniors that each contribute to setting an example for the team.

"Our class is really close, we all get along and we're all pretty laid back," Soares said. "The sophomores and freshman see that; they see how calm and relaxed we are and that goes through the team. We take everybody in, everybody feels comfortable here and I think that's been a key to our success this year."

The historic, solid numbers Soares has put up this year and over his career will likely bring Hockey East and national honors at the end of this season. But like most great, under-the-radar players, Soares is more concerned with his team's honors, holding the ultimate goal of returning to the Frozen Four and winning a national title.

"It's been one of our best starts, I think the only better start in my four years was my freshman year," Soares said. "We still have lots of room for improvement, and I think that's the exciting part. We're not playing our best hockey yet."

The Soares File



Hometown: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Height: 5-11
Weight: 195 pounds
Major: Business
Milestones: Two career hat tricks, on pace to reach 100 pts.

Yr	Career Statistics		
	G	A	Pts.
2003-04	2	1	3
2004-05	12	11	23
2005-06	15	25*	40
2006-07	14*	15	29*
Total	43	52	95

*Team leading

UMaine women buckle down for pivotal Beantown trip

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

While there is precious little wiggle in the University of Maine women's hockey team's bid for a Hockey East playoff spot, the Black Bears are unshaken. Riding momentum from a shutout win over Vermont and a narrow, overtime loss to second-place Providence, UMaine heads to Beantown this weekend looking to pick up points in dates with Boston University and No. 9 Boston College.

"Even with the loss against Providence, I was happy because we played a full, complete game," said UMaine coach Lauren Steblen. "We played twice as well as we did on Saturday [in the win over UVM], and I told the girls that's the hardest

I've seen them work all season."

UMaine is 2-8-2 in Hockey East action and 7-13-2 overall, but early season struggles skew the record, in part because the Black Bears played nine games against top-10 teams.

Led by captains Kelly Law and Brigitte Laflamme, the squad refused to adopt a losing mentality and may be primed for a second-half run.

"We have six seniors and they're all kids who are used to winning," said Steblen. "It doesn't matter what the score is, they've gone hard throughout every game. They think they can win them all, whether it's UNH or Vermont. That trickles down and gets the freshman up. They take every game seriously and that sets the tone for everyone else."

This weekend, the Black Bears face an upstart Boston University

team that has risen to 6-6-2 in league play in recent weeks. The Black Bears will look to sophomore goaltender Genevieve Turgeon to hold the potent Terriers off the board Saturday afternoon at Walter Brown Arena.

"Turg" came back [from winter break] and really took over, which is great because I was hoping one of them would do that. It's really nice, especially against the Hockey East teams because goaltending is such a big part of the game. The goaltenders are always getting better in the women's game, it's become so much more of a focus, and now when your goalie is hot you can steal a game," Steblen said of her stalwart netminder who has made 163 saves over four games in 2007.

Despite quality play, asking

Turgeon to stop an average of over 40 pucks per game can be taxing.

"We're doing a better job keeping the shot outside and out of the slot," Steblen explained. "I don't mind the number of shots as long they're not high quality chances."

Shots, goals and chances will be at a premium when UMaine travels down Chestnut Avenue to face No. 9 BC Sunday. Freshman goalie Molly Shaus is among the nation's leaders in goals against, and the Black Bears will look to a diverse offense that features eight players with more than 10 points to break the dam.

Though it may have hurt in terms of depth, UMaine's scoring and chemistry are bolstered by a small roster that includes only 16 skaters, meaning every player logs considerable ice time and no one is scratched.

"There's no fourth line that's just sitting around, everyone is logging a lot of ice time," said Steblen, who's squad had six freshman and sophomores in the top-10 in scoring, led by former Ontario gold medal teammates Vanessa Vani and Robyn Law. "They're all out there, into the game, and that's part of the development of those underclassmen."

The Black Bears are nine points out of the playoffs entering this weekend, but have games in hand as well as games against the teams ahead of them. Steblen believes that with the same grit and tenacity the club showed against the Friars, the post-season is not out of reach.

"Absolutely [we can move up]. If we play like that, there's no reason we won't pick up some points down the stretch."



UMaine tabs '92 alum for men's soccer post

Former team captain, Rhode Island assistant Pat Laughlin to take reins of struggling program

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Even after Pat Laughlin left the University of Maine men's soccer program in the early '90s, he felt connected to the school. Despite his departure from the university and the team, he still believed he had something to finish at UMaine. In the bottom of his heart, he knew he would be back.

On Tuesday, Laughlin officially

made his return to Orono.

After more than a decade away from the Black Bears, Laughlin was named the ninth head coach in the program's history. Laughlin, who spent the past season as an assistant coach at the University of Rhode Island, takes over for Travers Evans, who resigned in late November after his seventh year at the helm which saw the Black Bears go a disastrous 0-17-0.

For Laughlin, a graduate of the



Laughlin

University, the opportunity was one he couldn't resist and had long envisioned. "I always knew someday I would want to come back to Maine if I had the chance," said Laughlin. "It was something that was always in the back of my mind.

The idea of coming back to coach was something I did think about. It's a nice feeling to have this opportunity to come back after playing here."

In his first season at the wheel, Laughlin will be faced with arguably one of the biggest challenges in program history. With the Black Bears having completed their worst season of all time three months ago, Laughlin will be dealt the interesting task of restoring a program that desperately needs to get back on

track. It's a challenge Laughlin knows is not easy, but one he is prepared to tackle.

"What lies ahead is a big task but, this is a team with plenty of good players and ones who are eager to win," said Laughlin. "These players want to turn the corner, just as much as myself and Dan Balaguero."

Laughlin's desire to coach his former team is only matched by the

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Stony pressure cooker awaits UM

Seawolves test men's hoops' ball handling

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

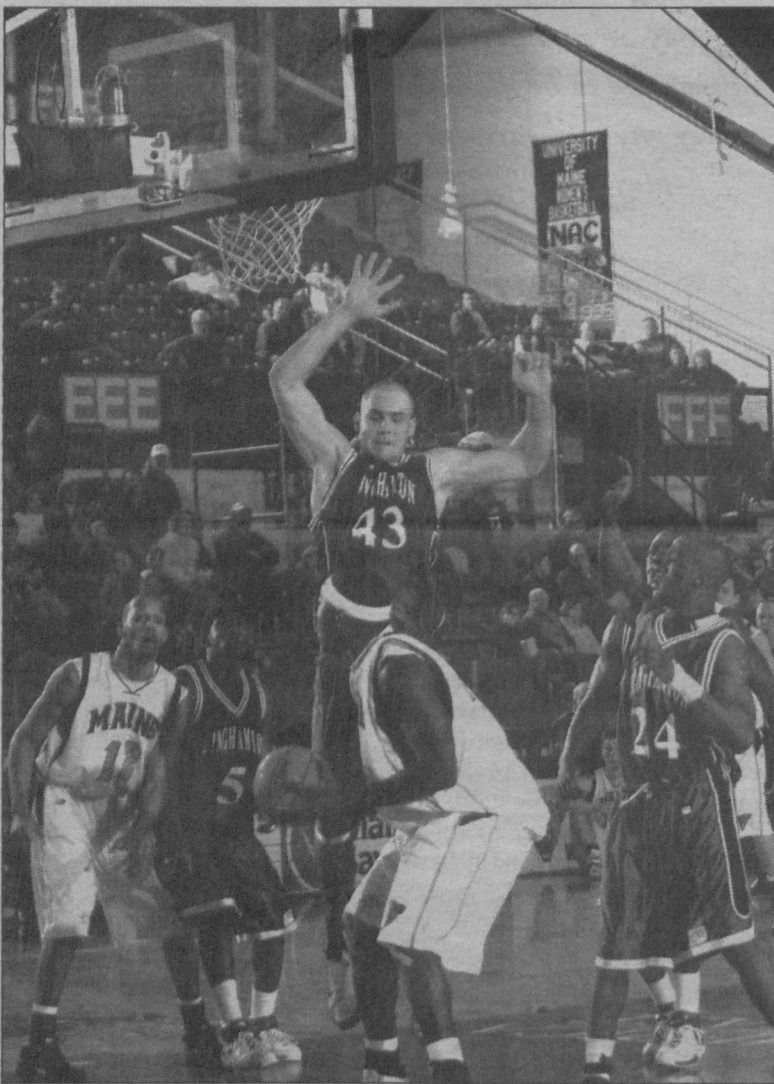
There was a time when press defenses were the bane of the University of Maine men's basketball team. Thankfully, those days have been left by the wayside as an emphasis on ball control and decision making propelled the Black Bears from the outhouse to the penthouse on the America East turnover ratio chart.

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"All offseason that's what our focus was. Last year we had a turnover problem and frankly, the year before that we had a turnover problem as well. That's something we've been working on since day one," said UMaine coach Ted Woodward.

The Black Bears' newfound resistance to giving the ball away will need to be shown in full force tonight, as UMaine faces a Stony Brook team with a strong reputation for flustering opponents with

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

EARLY COMMITMENT — UMaine's Philippe Tchekane Bofia fakes out a Binghamton defender down low.

Duo shares 1,000-point milestone

Senior stars reach landmark in win

Rare, unique and special are words that might be used to describe University of Maine women's basketball players Bracey Barker and Ashley Underwood. It

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Barker



Underwood

was only fitting, then, that those words would also describe a milestone for the senior teammates, who each reached the elusive 1,000-point plateau in a 74-66 Black Bears win at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County yesterday.

Women's Basketball

It was the first time in UMaine history that two players passed the mark one the same day, and may be one of the only such feats in all of college basketball lore. Barker scored 15 points and Underwood added 14 a decision that saw the Black Bears improve to 10-8 on the year and 4-3 in America East action. The pair became the 15th and 16th players to reach the

milestone for the blue and white.

Barker, a force in the post from Bar Harbor, and Underwood, a spunky guard from Augusta, have been the faces of UMaine women's hoops for the last two seasons. As Maine natives and former AAU teammates, the pair brought a hometown feel and popularity to the program while their considerable talents helped it remain at a high level.

Senior Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa chipped in 13 points and freshman Abby Greene added 12 for UMaine, which returns to Alfond Arena to face defending AEast champion Hartford on Saturday at noon.

— Staff reports

Black Bears entertain upstart Huskies in Alfond series

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Alfond Arena — the toughest road trip in college hockey.

Like the late Boston Garden and the Montreal Forum, the building is all about mystique and aura. Forget cookie-cutter scoreboards, first class amenities and quality seating. With its subpar lighting and shoddy ice surface, Alfond is the arena time forgot. But recently, that hasn't mattered. Fans, players and coaches could overlook the accommodations because up in the house Shawn Walsh built, the Black Bears were kings. Yes, Alfond Arena, the rink where good road records go to die.

Or so the world thought.

This season at Alfond, life has been a little different. In fact, it's been

downright shocking. Rather than serving as a haven for the University of Maine men's ice hockey team, the arena has played host to some of the squad's worst losses in recent memory against UNH and Boston University. With only six games left

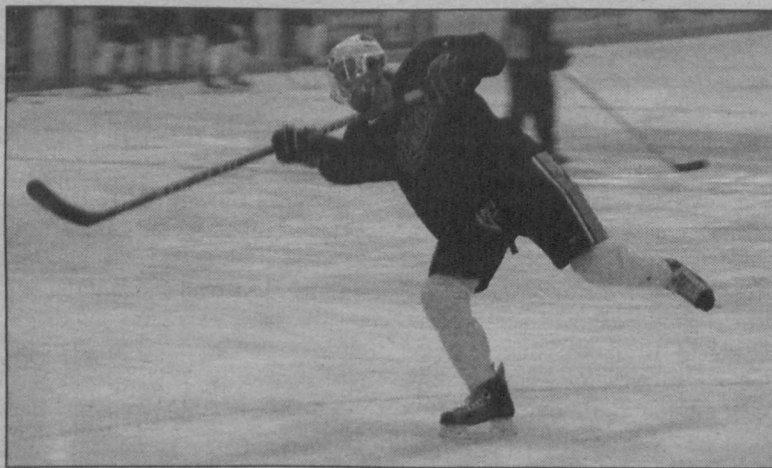
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to play at home, the Black Bears are a mere one game over .500 at Alfond. In contrast with their impressive road record, 7-2-1, the Black Bears are 5-4-0 at home. For UMaine, the record in the legendary facility is one they aren't proud of — and one they are ready to do away with.

Over the weekend, they will get their chance when the suddenly resurgent Northeastern Huskies come to town.

"We have to pick it up here," said assistant captain Mike Lundin on Tuesday. "It hasn't been the home advantage that it has been in the past. We need to give our fans something more to cheer about. We have to kind of win one for them."

The Black Bears, the sixth-ranked team in the country, enter the two-game slate having recently shaken off a three-game losing streak. After watching netminder Ben Bishop right the ship with a commanding 40-save shutout, the squad is hungry for another lengthy win streak like they captured in the early months of the season. Still, it won't come easy against an 8-11-4 Northeastern team



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

PIROUETTE — A UMaine hockey player shows off his balance during practice yesterday.

eager to get back in the Hockey East point chase.

"They're playing their very best

right now and they're certainly going to present a lot of problems for us in

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