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UM plans for avian epidemic

Goal is preparedness, despite no U.S. cases

By Dana Bulba
For The Maine Campus

Two weeks ago, many students received an e-mail from the University of Maine's Pandemic Planning Committee (PPC). References to the avian flu — also known as the bird flu and pandemic flu — were made, causing students and teachers alike to question the severity of the threat and necessity of the PPC.

"The point is that we need to start talking about it. [The avian flu] is out there," said committee member and Interim Practice Manager for the Cutler Student Health Center Richard Young. "From a people's perspective it seems necessary ... we have to show diligence ... to protect [the university]."

According to the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control (CDC), the avian flu is a highly contagious virus that occurs mainly in birds and can be deadly. The virus usually does not infect people, but more than 200 cases have been reported — none in the United States. Experts are watching the virus in Asia and Europe and are preparing for a possible worldwide influenza pandemic.

The PPC was created and has been working with federal, state and local authorities to ensure the safest, most organized and most effective plan possible in case of any university emergency.

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'My weapons were words'

'Hotel Rwanda' hero encourages students to stand up against injustice

By Eryk Salvaggio
Style Editor

For most students, the 1994 Rwandan genocide is an obscure memory, something overheard on the radio while the more imposing matters of youth took precedence. Others may have encountered it in a textbook, or in a film — notably, "Hotel Rwanda." For visiting lecturer Paul Rusesabagina, who inspired the film, the genocide is far more real, having taken the lives of his family and his neighbors, plunging his country into chaos.

Rusesabagina was an assistant hotel manager who gave refuge to ethnic Tutsis, fearing for their lives as the ethnic Hutus waged a genocide that claimed 500,000 to 800,000 lives. Greeted with a standing ovation by the crowded Hauck Auditorium audience, Rusesabagina began

detailing the events of that Rwandan summer in his own words.

"People think that one day, I made a decision to take the people into my hotel, my home," Rusesabagina said. "I never made that decision." Rather, 26 neighbors fled to his kitchen to escape an invading militia that seemingly appeared overnight. "I saw many of my neighbors in military uniforms, with machine guns, with machetes."

Part of Rusesabagina's story is his reluctance to see his neighbors as ethnicities, focusing instead on his relationships with individuals. As a hotel manager, Rusesabagina had befriended many individuals in the military, police force and politics, within Rwanda and the West. Despite his mixed heritage, his connections earned him some safety from harm. However, his wife was a Tutsi. As these events began to unfold, Rusesabagina

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

"You can look to the left or to your right, but sometimes you must stand in the middle and look to the sky to tell the truth."

Paul Rusesabagina
Guest Lecturer
Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

Talmar tenants sound off

Residents file formal complaints of mold, insects

By Derek Dobachesky
Copy Editor

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Northern Regional Maine Association of Interdependent Neighborhoods (MAIN) held its monthly meeting at the Sharing Place Community Center in Talmar Wood from noon to 2 p.m. The meeting follows announcements on FirstClass to find student-residents of Talmar Wood who have had problems with the living conditions in the units and the maintenance work of the Housing Foundation.

The Housing Foundation is a "private, not-for-profit, whose mission is to develop and maintain affordable housing for low-income

residents," according to Housing Foundation executive director Duska Hayman.

Northern Regional MAIN was founded in 1999 to work "locally on issues that affect low-income families — our families," according to one of their pamphlets. At the meeting held on Saturday, about seven residents of Talmar and three representatives from Northern Regional MAIN — all former residents of Talmar — were in attendance.

During the meeting, which was chaired by Northern Regional MAIN president and former Talmar resident Laura Moore, the residents filled out tenant documentation forms and got a chance to air their

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UM professor who inspired consolidation rejects plan

By Emily Southwick
Copy Editor



Donaldson

University of Maine education professor Gordon Donaldson's research on education costs has sparked a statewide debate over the most fiscally responsible way to keep those costs low while maintaining locally run, quality education for Maine's children. Donaldson said he has been researching the history of Maine schools for nearly five years now.

"I was already sitting on top of information about how school districts have formed and how consolidation has happened in the past," he explained. "So

when [Governor Baldacci's] plan 'hit the sidewalks,' so to speak, I already had enough information to respond to it."

The difference between Donaldson's idea and Baldacci's proposal is how "consolidation" is defined. Baldacci originally announced an initiative in January called Local Schools Regional Support that would cut back the number of school districts from the current 296 to 26, which he estimated would save the state over \$240 million in three years.

Donaldson does not believe closing small schools and cutting back the number of districts is necessary. "When you centralize things like that, you really don't save money in the long run, because you have to build a bureaucracy," he argued. He suggested not consolidating schools, but instead consolidating

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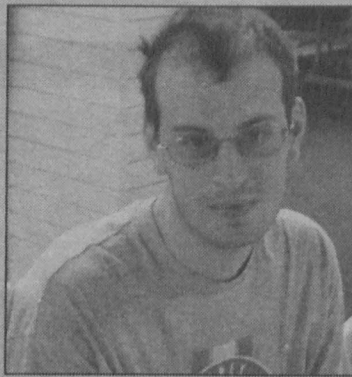
WORD OF MOUTH

How do you feel about the people who chose not to donate blood today?



"Personally, I think they should. Basically, I think they're probably wimps or wussies."

Shawn Dulac
Fourth-year
Secondary education



"I think more people should. I think if you can't, well, okay."

William Korth
Fifth-year
Forestry & wildlife management



"It's their choice. If they don't want to, they shouldn't have to."

Brian Monahan
Third-year
New media



"It's sad that they don't help out, but they're not bad people."

AnnaMarie Austin
First-year
Pharmacy



"I know if I needed blood, I'd want them to donate for me."

Meghan Russell
First-year
Nutrition



"It's their personal choice."

Caroline Slawiec
First-year
Mass communications



"I don't feel anything against them, I donated blood myself."

Abtin Mehdizadegan
first-year
Political science



"I have no problem with them; it's a personal choice."

Erin Suitter
First-year
Business and administration

Senate investigation shows Dining Services is not gouging

Study finds prices of Marketplace food fair in face of high costs

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

Last week, members of Student Government and the General Student Senate met with university administrators to discuss a variety of topics, including Residence Life and Dining Services. The results of those meetings were announced at Tuesday night's meeting of the GSS.

After a meeting with Dining Services executives, SG Vice President William Pomerleau and others reviewed Dining Services' financial information to get a better sense of how the prices of items in the Maine Marketplace are determined.

"We came to the conclusion that the high prices in the Union are not the result of price gouging," Pomerleau said. Pomerleau gave a breakdown of Dining Services' revenue for the 2006 fiscal year. Dining Services had a net income of \$420 million, to be placed in a reserve fund for projects like the renovation of Hilltop Commons.

"They're not doing a good job of communicating with students about high costs," Pomerleau said. He added that Dining Services is planning on starting a campaign to inform students about how prices are determined.

Pomerleau also announced that the plans for a new Residence Life policy prevent-

ing Resident Assistants from holding student leadership positions has been terminated by Dr. Robert Dana, dean of students.

"Basically Dr. Dana has thrown down the gauntlet," Pomerleau said. "He said it's not going to happen while he is dean of students."

The bulk of the second half of the meeting was spent on discussion of financial resolutions. The senate voted to allocate \$1,280 for American Marketing to attend a national conference in New Orleans and \$3,500 for the men's and women's rugby team to rent vans to attend a tournament in Georgia.

The senate also voted to allocate \$4,719 for airfare to Alternative Spring Break. ASB will be sending 50 undergraduate students to various locations for service projects during spring break. The group presented a short video and PowerPoint presentation to the senate to give them a sense of what ASB is about.

A bit of controversy ensued over a fourth allocation to the Nordic Ski Club. The ski club had intended to file their request through the executive budget committee (EBC), as is customary, but failed to meet the filing deadline for their request. As a result, they came to the meeting directly and asked the senate to consider a main motion to circumvent sending the request through the EBC. This was done because

the event, which the funds would be used for, will occur this weekend.

The group initially requested \$1,000 to pay for gas, registration fees and hotel fees. The amount was first reduced to \$800 in light of a standing policy in EBC not to grant funding for gas used in privately owned vehicles. There were attempts to amend the amount down to \$300 to account for \$500 that the group already had. This amendment was defeated.

Tempers were running high during this discussion, with Senator Mark Furrow expressing disgust at the refusal of the majority of the senate to grant the request. "I don't think it's fair that we should deny them just because they made a mistake," he said. When a second motion to amend the amount — this time to \$301 — was proposed, Furrow called the proceeding "ridiculous."

Senator Sean Rankin, who proposed the second amendment, responded with "I think what we do is very serious — by scrutinizing the numbers, we're doing our job." The amendment to \$301 passed and the group was awarded this amount.

The senate also voted to fund the Student Government Newsletter, the first issue of which will appear at the end of this month. It will be distributed directly to dormitories on campus.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

Embroidery War

Sociologist and needle worker Michele Goldman will present a talk titled "Subversive Stitches: the Embroidered War between Mary, Queen of Scots, and Elizabeth" at noon in the Page Farm and Home Museum.

Socialist and Marxist Series

Stefano Tijerina will present "U.S. imperialism in Latin America" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

Philosophy Colloquium

Assistant Professor of philosophy Kirsten Jacobson will present "The Experience of Home and the Space of Citizenship" at 4 p.m. in the Levinson Room of the Maples.

Peace and Justice Film Series

The Peace and Justice Film Series will show "I Know I'm

Not Alone" at 7 p.m. in Room 140, Little Hall. Discussion to follow film.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held on the second floor of Memorial Union from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday

Beta Theta Pi Sleep-Out

The sleep-out, a 12-hour fundraiser to benefit Rape Response Services of Bangor, will begin at 6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Beta Theta Pi house.

Marine Science Seminar

Andy Thomas will present "Time and Space Patterns of Shellfish Toxicity Along the Coast of Maine" at 11 a.m. in Room 354, Aubert Hall.

Monday

Intro to Photoshop

Training in the Adobe Suite application will be offered from

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fogler Library computer classroom. Registration is required for this event; call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

Wildlife Ecology Seminar

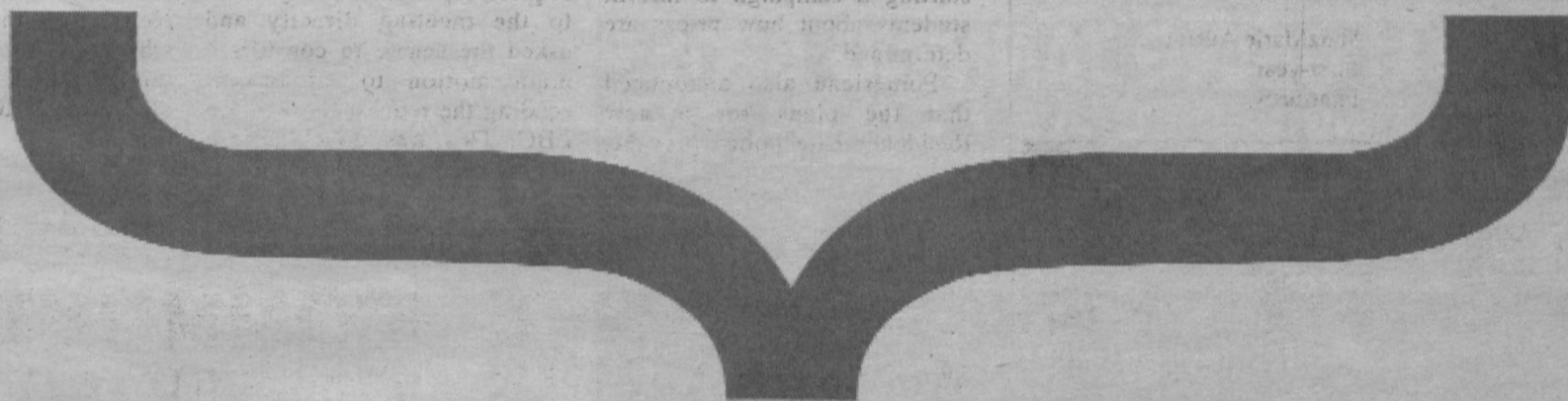
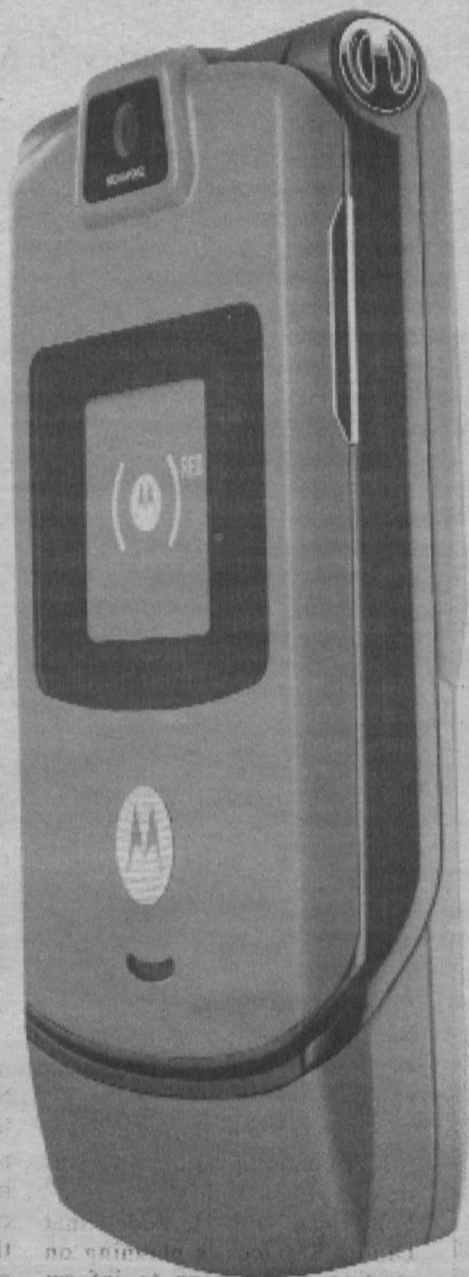
Mariko Yamasaki, of the USDA Forest Northern Research Station, will present "Investigating Habitat Relationships for Forest Managers Integrating Wildlife and Timber Practices in Northern Forest Ecosystems" at noon in Room 204, Nutting Hall.

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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ROC election is uncontested

Election to be canceled unless other candidates come forward

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

A planned March 1 election for the new president and vice president of Residents on Campus will be canceled unless someone announces their write-in candidacy today.

The only students on the ballot are Justin Labonte, a second-year student majoring in business administration and public management, and Erica Paradis, a second year business administration major. They are running for president and vice president, respectively.

Labonte spoke at Monday's ROC meeting to explain his plans if elected. Paradis was sick and was unable to attend. He said his top priority was opening lines of communication with university administration including Student Affairs, Facilities Management, Dining Services and Residence Life.

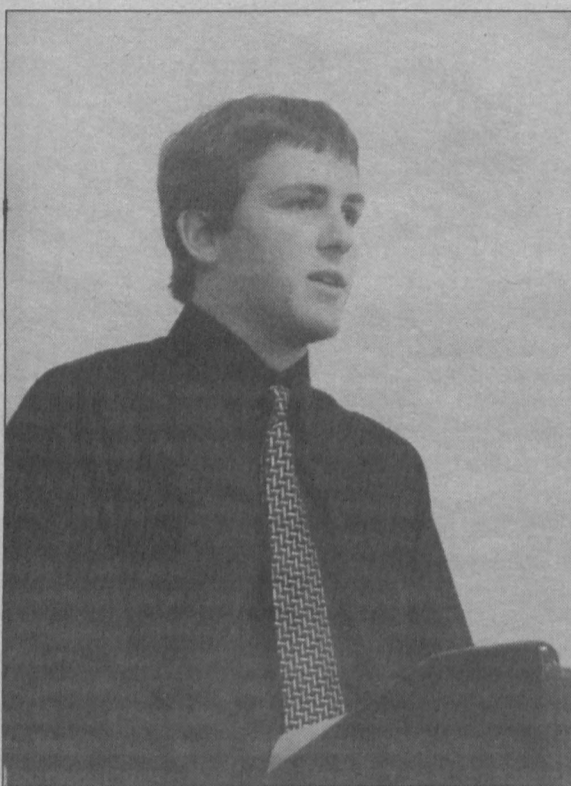
The administration is here to help the students, Labonte told ROC members. "How can they best serve us if we can't communicate with them?"

The need for communication with residents is also on Labonte's mind. "I'd like to start a ROC newsletter," Labonte said. "An issue that we've had in the past is that no one knows what's happening with ROC." The General Student Senate recently started a newsletter, with a first issue scheduled for distribution by the end of the month.

Beyond that, Labonte said he wants to help ensure that Quebec trips continue, which means making sure students know they need passports to get into Canada and, when necessary, helping them to obtain passports.

Labonte pointed to the University Bookstore's Passport Day planned for next Tuesday. He said he'd work with Sean O'Mara, ROC's vice president of programming, to sponsor similar events. O'Mara is also considering a survey of students to see if they would be willing to pay a passport charge as part of the Quebec trip's cost.

If he's elected ROC president, Labonte said, some major challenges will come from ResLife's new First Year Residential Experience plan, which will make the



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENNA LAVALLEE

SOAPBOX – Justin Labonte announces his plans if elected president of ROC.

Hilltop, Stewart and Honors dorms into freshman-only housing.

"I think it offers a lot of potential and opportunity for ROC," Labonte said of the plan.

Paradis agreed, calling the plan "maybe a step in the right direction towards retaining first-year students."

Labonte noted that there will be no Resident Director position in the freshman-only dorms, so RDs won't be available as advisers to hall governing boards in those halls.

ResLife is holding an informational forum on the FYRE plan tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 100, Donald P. Corbett Business Building.



POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins
Staff Reporter

Penobscot pot bust

On Feb. 14 at 7:51 p.m., there was a complaint about a marijuana smell on the fourth floor of Penobscot Hall. The officer knocked on the door and was answered by Randy Bishop, 18. The officer asked to step inside to speak with him. The officer asked him to turn over any marijuana. Bishop surrendered a small baggie of marijuana that was in his desk drawer and was issued a summons for possession of marijuana.

Marijuana stinks

On Feb. 15 at 10:41 p.m., officers responded to the smell of marijuana on the second floor of Kennebec Hall. They identified Shaun Verrier, 21, and Gardiner Jackson, 20. Once the door was opened, police could smell marijuana in the room. The officer asked them to turn over any material and Verrier gave up a glass container. Jackson had a marijuana grinder with residue. Both were summoned for possession of marijuana.

UM student found drunk

On Feb. 17 at 2 a.m., Public Safety responded to the fourth floor of Oxford Hall for a disorderly male. The officer found Kevin Douglas, 18, in the bathroom. He was extremely intoxicated and was issued a summons for possession by consumption.

Another ex swipes phone

On Feb. 19 at 12:45 a.m., Public Safety received a report from Androscoggin Hall that on the previous day, a male subject heard a knock on his door and found his ex-girlfriend Victoria Margo, 18, outside. He told her to leave and she forced her way into the room, refusing. He began to dial 911, at which point she grabbed the phone and put it in her pocket. The RA responded and told her to leave, at which time she did. Margo was allegedly intoxicated. She was summoned for assault, trespassing and obstructing the report of a crime.

GREENTIPS

By Nicole Mercier

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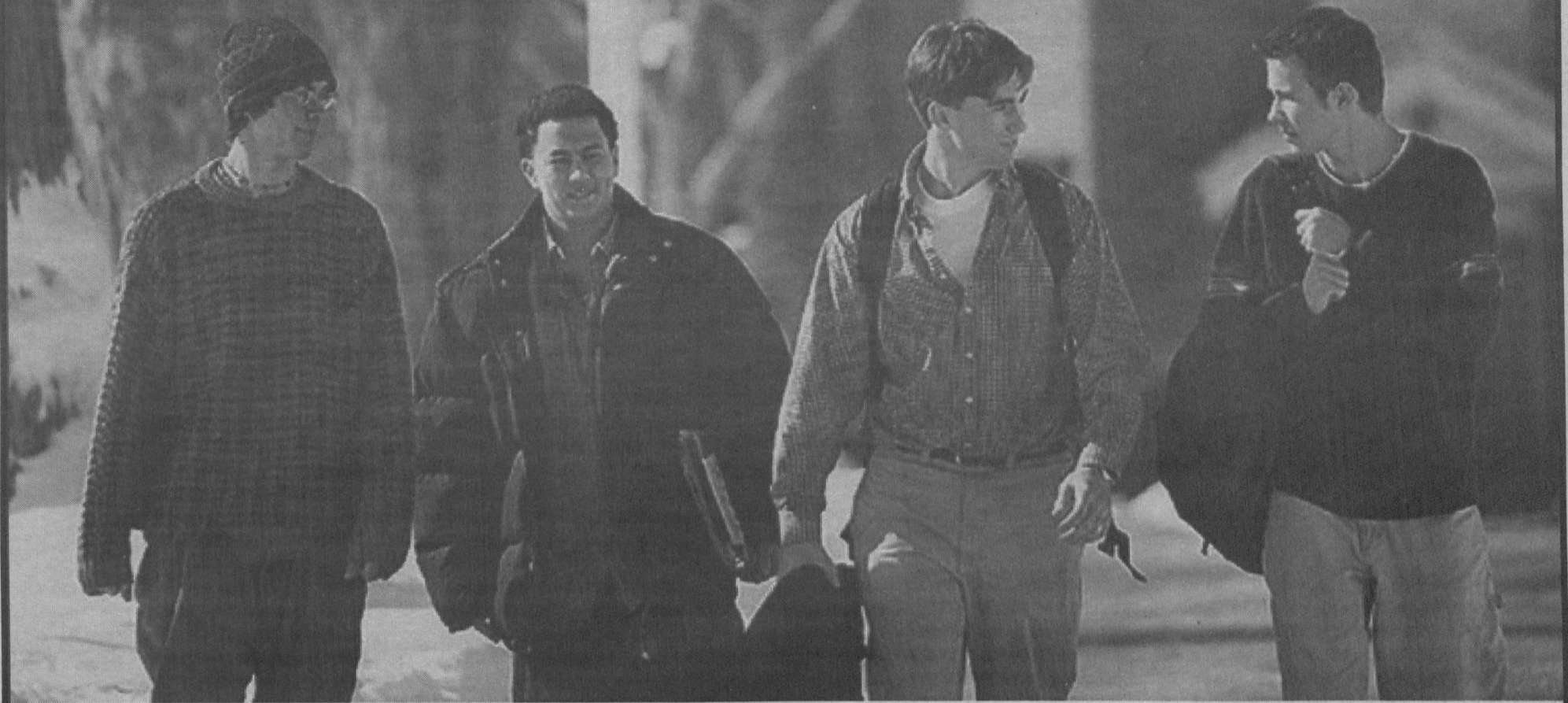
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administration. He said the current system is "inefficient" and "it will be easier to consolidate schools after you consolidate administration," if that next step is indeed necessary.

Baldacci does not expect this to be the final legislation. However, as the Bangor Daily News reported Monday, lawmakers seek to make adjustments in the plan. The BDN reported that at the heart of the issue "there is strong and bipartisan support to reduce the costs of school administration," which is now appearing to be the general focus of the plan, but that has not always been the case.

There are currently six other proposals on the table, all of which offer unique perspectives on the issue. The legislature may be able to draw from these to create an entirely new plan, satisfying many different requests.

Some plans are more aggressive, while others take a low-key approach. The governor's still falls into the former category, Donaldson believes. He said disenfranchising local school boards is not necessary, but instead, Maine should "look for ways to join together to pay for similar services."

Examples Donaldson suggested include combining a financial management service, purchasing paper and other supplies in bulk all at once, running one transportation fleet instead of multiple ones and providing technology support on a regional basis instead of individual schools hiring professionals. He also suggested that special needs and gifted student programs would benefit from a financial consolidation because it would provide extra funding.

Donaldson said he never imagined that his research would create upheaval on such a large scale, but now that it has and plans are being

set in motion, he is passionate about the outcome.

"Research on what makes a school good says that teachers and parents have to have a fair amount of autonomy and support, and [they have to] be creative," Donaldson said. "Those kinds of things are difficult to ensure when you have a massive centralized bureaucracy."

Donaldson also said that the past is the key to the present.

"The state went through a major consolidation of schools back in the '60s, and we should look at that and try to draw lessons from it," he said.

"My research on that consolidation indicates that we spent a whole lot more money on education after it happened than we were spending before." This shows that if the number of schools is consolidated, there will not necessarily be a reduction in costs.

He was pleased that the governor is exploring other options and recognizing the need for changes in his current plan. The problem boils down to the tension between the average citizen and pure politics.

"I think the general response is in opposition to [the governor's plan], if you're talking about the average Mainer. They want to save money, but they also believe in local control," he said.

Others see things differently. "In the business community, the view might be different. Business people and people in Augusta say, 'we have to save money somehow,' and this is one way to do it," he said.

Whatever the outcome, Maine has a long road ahead and many compromises to make to please everyone.

"We need to achieve our goal of staying focused on academic excellence, reducing administration and creating efficiency," said Education Commissioner Susan Gendron.

The Education Committee and the Legislature are off this week, but expect to make a recommendation to the Appropriations Committee within the next month.

6 ways to savings

Most agree that Maine's public school system is expensive, but there are plenty of ideas for streamlining it. Several lawmakers have put forth plans.

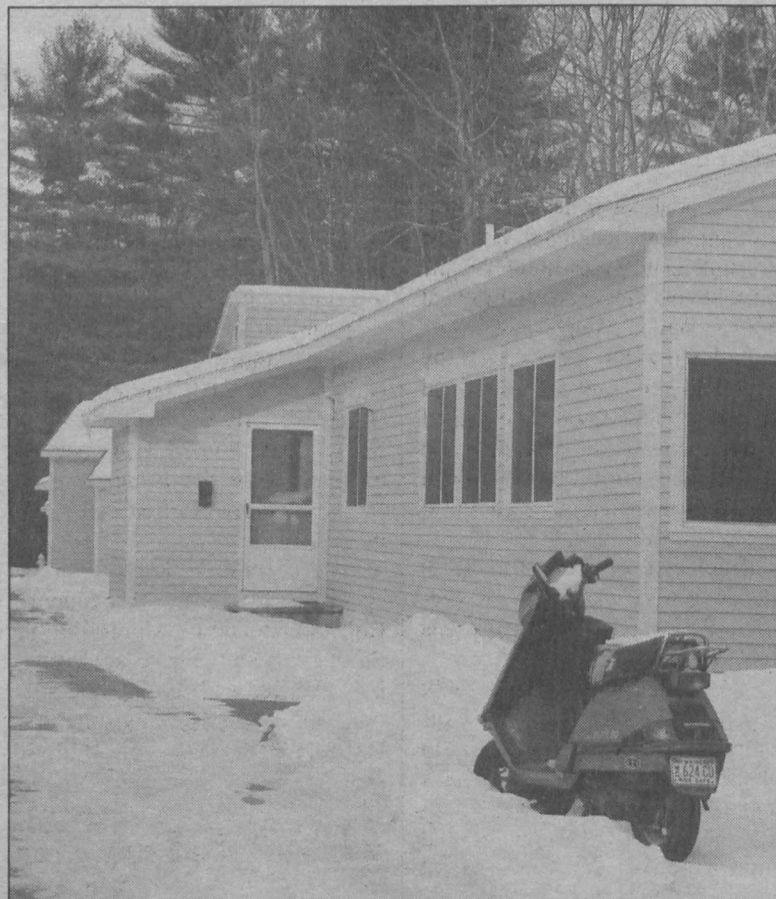
1 Sen. Peter Mills, R-Cornville proposed that Maine schools consolidate business functions into regional cooperatives, which will be governed by regional boards and have local unit representation. The State Board of Education and Sen. Peggy Rotundo, D-Lewiston, suggested the creation of a panel to draw up a plan that will redraw school district boundaries.

2 Sen. Karl Turner, R-Cumberland wanted to create a bill to establish a panel to come up with a plan to eliminate current education administrative units and governing boards and redraw those units' boundaries, similar to the Base Realignment and Closure commission.

3 Rep. Kim Silsby, D-Augusta has a plan to give local school administrative districts a chance to create regional alliances and cooperatives. A state commission would oversee these districts.

4 Sen. Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Kennebec County, offered "The Maine Children's Alliance Proposal," which would create 26 regional planning alliances that could propose reorganization of regional school districts.

5 Senate President Beth Edmonds, D-Cumberland County supported "The Maine Service Center's Proposal," which would also create 26 planning alliances that would allow local representatives to design a system that works best for their area.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENNA LAVALLEE

NOT SO GOOD IN THE WOOD - Residents of Talmar Wood registered complaints about living conditions in the units last Saturday.

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grievances with the maintenance of the Talmar Wood units. At the end of the meeting, paralegal and Maine Equal Justice Partners representative Chris Rusnov spoke to the residents and addressed their concerns. Maine Equal Justice Partners is a non-profit organization that works in a variety of ways to improve the conditions of low-income Maine residents.

Concerns expressed during the meeting included insects, mold and condensation in the units, cars illegally parked which do not get towed, charges made to the residents for maintenance that should be covered by the Housing Foundation and attempts by the Housing Foundation to wrongfully keep the security deposits of residents who move out.

Mold was the biggest issue, with four current residents and one former resident recounting their experiences with it.

Jamie Dorman, a current Talmar resident who is allergic to mold, said, "I'm concerned mostly for my kids. If it's my health it's one thing; when it's my kids' it's another." Dorman said that maintenance has taken care of the mold once, replacing Sheetrock in her closet, but the problem has been recurring.

In an interview, Hayman stressed the importance of residents alerting maintenance with their problems.

"If a person has an issue, what I

hope they would do is contact our maintenance department. If there is an issue, it is my hope that it would be handled properly," Hayman said.

When asked about the issues with mold, which current Talmar resident Jessica Leonard said has to be tested by the tenants to determine whether it is dangerous, Hayman said, "We [the Housing Foundation] would [test it] if we felt that there's a reason to test it. I think it's important to realize that mold comes in many different forms... The common household type of mold isn't dangerous, it's merely unsightly."

At the end of the meeting, Rusnov spoke to the residents, giving them advice on how to best address their issues with the Housing Foundation and an update on current legislation pending in the Maine legislature that could affect low-income residents.

Some residents at the meeting expressed concern that the Housing Foundation would not be receptive to their concerns. Rusnov addressed how many of the residents felt about meeting with MAIN when she said "The beauty of doing it as a group is, you don't get singled out."

After Rusnov spoke, Moore handed out extra copies of the tenant documentation forms, encouraging residents to distribute them to their neighbors and gather more attendees for next month's meeting, to be held on the third Saturday of March.

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"Our goals are to assess the campus community readiness and make recommendations to minimize the impact to the university in the event of a pandemic," Young said.

Following the steps taken by other land grant universities around the country and models the federal government's CDC has put into effect, the committee has been working toward creating a plan to protect the students and faculty.

A key component of the PPC is educating the university on preventing the spread of viruses as well.

"At 19-25 many students think they are invincible ... if you live off campus and have the normal flu what are you going to do, what's your plan?" said committee member and director for Safety and Environmental Management Wayne Maines.

Antiseptic hand sanitizers and posters displaying the proper way to sneeze and cough have been distributed in highly traveled areas around campus to help prevent the spread and contamination of a pandemic flu.

The American Red Cross suggests several measures to protect oneself from the spread of a pandemic flu: clean your hands often; cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue; and keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth to prevent germs from entering your body. Watching for signs of a fever, cough, runny nose and muscle pain are also important; tell your health care professional at the first sign of the flu.

The six-month-old committee includes about 20 members. Officials from almost every part of the university are on the committee, as well as outside experts when needed, such as the Town of Orono Emergency Planning Committee and the Regional Planning Coordinator.

The PPC has been meeting monthly to finalize a communication tree and create a plan to ensure the smooth operation in case a pandemic or other emergency does occur. Communicating with parents, managing the community, arranging food reserves and determining when it's necessary to cancel classes are all questions on which the PPC is hoping to come to an agreement.

"These are the types of questions that we have to answer," said Senior Associate Dean of Students Kenda Scheele. "How do we keep the place going?"

The UMaine Pandemic Response Team has already created a "Unified Command System" in case of an emergency.

"My goal is to develop a model that helps everyone quickly and communicate easily," Young said.

"One of the largest accomplishments to date is establishing a standard for communication under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines of incident command," Young said. "This was well tested and documented in the Katrina disaster in Louisiana."

In case of a statewide emergency, the command system will work directly with the state's CDC in implementing protocol for the university.

Beta sleep-out to raise funds for Rape Response

By Derek Dobachesky
Copy Editor

This Friday, the brothers of Beta Theta Pi will be carrying on a proud tradition.

From 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Saturday morning, the brothers of the Beta Eta chapter of the fraternity will be having a bonfire, a raffle and several speeches addressing the issue of rape on the University of Maine campus.

The night kicks off with speeches by Dean of Students Robert Dana and UMaine Public Safety officers. These activities, part of Beta's 14th annual sleep-out, aim to raise money for Rape Response Services of Bangor

and raise awareness of the issue on campus.

The event originally sought to highlight homelessness in a stark, first-hand manner and raise money for homeless shelters, "which is why we would sleep outside for a night in the cold winter with just a fire to keep us warm," Beta president and third-year business major Joshua Lagasse said of the event's origins.

Beta changed the focus of the event to addressing the issue of rape 14 years ago. According to Lagasse, one of the main motivations for addressing the issue of rape was that "we feel that our activism with this event can help diminish the stereotypes fraternities have on campuses and show

that Greek Life ... does not tolerate sexual violence."

The raffle, which began Monday, Feb. 19th, continues through the sleep-out and concludes at the event. It will include prizes donated by local businesses such as Pat's Pizza and the Bear Brew and signed Black Bear sports memorabilia, according to Josh Fortier, Beta social chair and fifth-year kinesiology and physical education major. The grand prize is a hockey jersey signed by the entire UMaine men's hockey team.

The proceeds from the tickets sold will be donated to Rape Response Services of Bangor, an organization that provides crisis intervention, support groups and community education to those

who have been threatened by, are victims of or simply want to learn more about prevention of sexual assault.

"We usually raise around \$2,000 a sleep-out and we hope to increase that significantly this year," Fortier said. Their goal for this year is to raise \$3,000.

Raffle tickets will be sold today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Memorial Union. UMaine students and members of surrounding communities are encouraged to attend the sleep-out, which takes place on the front lawn of the Beta house at 12 Munson Rd. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold at the event. For more information, contact Andrew DeFilipp on FirstClass.

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began using these contacts to spare his wife and neighbors.

"The most important thing in life is to break out into dialogue, with words," Rusesabagina explained. Soldiers stopped his van as he fled his home for the hotel. Recognizing him as a Hutu, the soldiers gave him a gun and told him to shoot the neighbors he was trying to transport to safety. In a scene portrayed in just two minutes of the film, Rusesabagina negotiated for their lives over the course of two hours, first by telling the soldiers he did not know how to use guns.

"With words, we can take or save lives," Rusesabagina said, describing a theme that ran through most of his talk. While the radio was using words to call out for the extermination of the Tutsis by comparing them to "cockroaches," Rusesabagina was able to save the lives of his neighbors by "stroking

the egos" of the soldiers, by appealing to their own sense of dignity. This event exemplified how he learned to "deal with evil by listening."

Rusesabagina spent 17 days in the hotel, harboring 1,268 refugees. His description of the brutality of the genocide included roadblocks made of human bodies, "and people sat down on them and drank beer," he said.

"Each and every day had problems," Rusesabagina said of life in the Hotel des Mille Collines while it served as a makeshift refugee camp. He described his phone and a black book of contacts as his weapon. "You can never go to a war without weapons. My weapons were words."

Rusesabagina talked of how the refugees feared he would leave when offered refugee status, speaking of throwing themselves off the roof to avoid deaths at the hands of the Hutus, known for their brutal tactics. When offered refuge, Rusesabagina put his family on the trucks but stayed behind.

"I would have been a prisoner of myself," if he had fled, he explained. "My adviser is my own conscience." After a radio broadcast identified the vehicles, militiamen intercepted them. His family barely escaped with their lives.

When the genocide ended, Rusesabagina remained in the country for two years. This fact was changed in the movie, which showed him fleeing. Instead, Rusesabagina opened hotels and tried to improve his country, but gave up the task after seeing government helicopters attack a refugee camp. "Everyone was killing," Rusesabagina said.

Rusesabagina drew criticism from 20 Rwandans in the audience, who questioned how he responded to the Tutsis who killed Hutus during the same period. Rusesabagina believed that everyone who committed murder during the time should be held accountable for his or her actions. The critics argued that putting the 150,000 Hutus into prison, where they could receive the death

penalty, was similar to a second wave of genocide.

"You can look to the left or to your right, but sometimes you must stand in the middle and look to the sky to tell the truth," Rusesabagina said.

He expressed disappointment in the lack of international response to the genocide, drawing comparisons between what he experienced in Rwanda and what is occurring today in Sudan. He described his reaction to world leaders commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, a German concentration camp that saw the deaths of more than 1 million Jews during World War II. He remarked that every leader expressed the sentiment of "never again," but that the community did nothing about the Sudanese genocide. He encouraged the audience to contact world leaders in order to stop the genocide in Sudan.

"Tomorrow belongs to you," Rusesabagina said. "It is you who can shape it to be what you want it to be."

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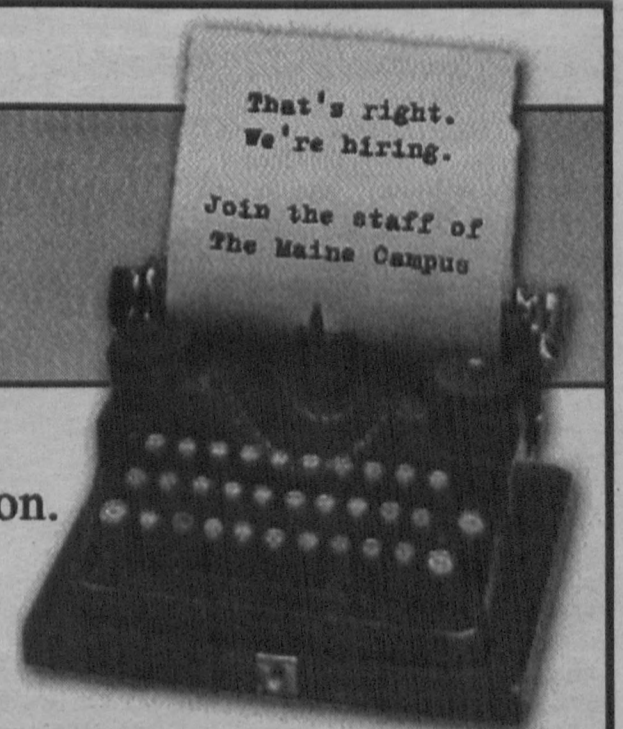
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Editorial

Lots of snow remains in the lots

It has been more than a week since the Valentine's Day blizzard all but shut down the University of Maine. That week involved propelling our cars over the huge mounds of snow remaining behind cars in the parking lots, as Parking Services has left the lots unplowed through the weekend and most of this week.

Now, with a home hockey game coming up this weekend, they've finally decided to plow the campus lots, starting with those closest to Alford. It's great that we are accommodating the alumni and other UM hockey fans, but what about the students who've been crashing into snow banks and other cars since last Wednesday? It's our money that's funding Parking Services.

The university had two days' notice before last weekend, when the parking lots were at their emptiest. Taking care of the problem early could have saved us a lot of trouble.

Black History programs successful

When next Wednesday rolls around, it will mark the end of Black History Month. Throughout the past month, the University of Maine — along with Greater Bangor Area NAACP president emeritus James Varner — has provided the campus with an assortment of events and activities that have been both impressive and commendable. The work done to display the contributions of the black community by Varner and the university deserve our praise.

Let's also congratulate student Christie Zawacki, who after a year of hard work managed to attract the hero of the film "Hotel Rwanda" to the school for a lecture. Paul Rusesabagina spoke yesterday in front of a well-populated MCA. The presentation was something the university could have used more of in recent years. How about scheduling someone similar to speak at a graduation ceremony? Either way, students should applaud the work of both parties by attending the Solidarity Jazz and R&B concert, to be held Wednesday in Hauck Auditorium — it would be a fitting send-off to a month well done.

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RA issue resolved

Meeting clears up misconceptions

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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

This article is purely for clarification of the RA-ResLife situation I wrote about last week. What I wish to do is take all of you through the same motions I went through to see a positive outcome.

For me, this all began when Dean Kenda Sheele came and spoke to Student Government about the First Year Residential Experience program and also about new ResLife policies. One of these policies was regarding the RA-student leader conflict, stating that RAs could not be student organization leaders.

When Dean Sheele kindly came to inform us all about the ResLife policies, I expressed my passion against the issue with little or no tact whatsoever. For that, I have already apologized to Dean Sheele directly. But behind the passion, there was reasoning. That reasoning was the fact that the proposal made no sense.

After my article was published last week at this time, an e-mail was also sent out by President William Pomerleau on the subject, expressing his dissatisfaction with the policy. With the combination of these two things, Dean Robert Dana organized a meeting to sit us down and discuss what was going on.

We came to the conclusion that there was a misconception about state of Maine laws regarding the number of hours a student can work. It turns out there was no law about this and this rule was instated by a previous director of ResLife, not Tara Loomis.

After meeting with Mrs. Loomis and Dean Dana, we cleared up this misconception and now RAs can serve dual rolls in both ResLife and various student organizations as leaders.

I think it is important to see the good and bad in everything. The good in this is that we cleared up a misconception that began up there in ResLife. ResLife is an organization that isn't trying to be the bad guy or step on students' toes — but that is something I had to realize for myself. The bad in this was me. Tact

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Coins are disappearing

Metal form of U.S. currency is here to stay — hopefully

When the dollar coin was first released, I remember a tiny uproar from a lot of distraught citizens, saying how there was no need for a \$1 coin. Well, it's been about seven years since then and it seems that coins are a really good way for currency to go.

I have had absolutely no interaction with the dollar coin since its inception in 2000 — until this week. Vending machines, when returning change, have to give coins back — often leading to the dollar coin being returned from a machine. Having the dollar coins in my pocket all day felt more natural than having a wallet

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full of bills. It was great hearing the jingling while walking around, the weightlessness of having a pocket full of coins. Coins have an old-fashioned feel and that's why there should be more coin use in America.

The lack of the \$1 coin's use shows that the United States is pret-

ty much against coin currency. The bill is the United States' darling child of currency.

These days pennies, nickels and dimes have been deemed nearly worthless because of inflation. The half-dollar never really took off, and, sadly, it may only be a short time before the quarter is tossed aside into oblivion.

Inflation is the terminator to the coin's John Connor. Inflation is single-handedly destroying the coin. The 1-cent piece, as already stated, is pretty much worthless. It is used solely as a good luck token for the

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Letters to the Editor

Forget French's

I was dismayed but not surprised to read the editorial in Thursday's paper regarding the awesomeness of mustard. There is nothing wrong with proclaiming the glory of mustard, as I do it on a daily basis. But, I was saddened that there was no mention of Raye's mustard in the whole thing! It is vastly superior in every

way to French's. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Raye's, it is a family owned mustard mill located in Eastport. It is the only stone ground mustard mill in North America — there is only one other in the world, and that's in Germany.

What does that mean? Well, it is 100 percent natural and it is ground with 150-year-old granite stones.

There is no cooking or heat involved in the process. This helps it retain the natural preservatives that help mustard keep, assuming it has not been tampered with, (cough) French's (cough).

Mustard, on its own, lasts forever — 2,000-year old mustard seeds found in an Egyptian tomb grew.

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COINS

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day when found on the ground — which is becoming more common as the penny is worthless.

It is said that on March 10, 1862, the first paper money was introduced to the United States. Now, dollar bills have their role in the world, and they are convenient as far as distinctness goes. For example, they display the value right there, printed on the bill. But they don't have that good feeling that comes with coins.

It would be ridiculous for the United States to switch all of its currency to coins — nobody expects that. And I'm definitely not suggesting that people invest in gold, the only true currency — because that too, is

ridiculous. It does seem reasonable, though, that the \$1 coin — and all other coins — does not continue to be tossed aside like they currently are.

It is debatable that the penny is not worthless, and it is certainly debatable that the nickel and dime are also not worthless. If someone were to save up all of these coins from the change they receive — in their pocket, car, coffee can or wherever — they may have a fortune after a few years.

Coins are a valuable asset in the world of currency, and maybe they should be treated with more care. The United States should not dismiss them because of inflation, however logical it may be. And the Sacagawea dollar should be treated as that — a dollar.

Joel Crabtree has the first dollar coin he ever earned — he got it last week from a vending machine.

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is an art I have yet to acquire.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to e-mail me on FirstClass. If

you have any questions pertaining to ResLife, I suggest you show up to the meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 in 100 DPC. Representatives will be there to answer questions regarding new changes to ResLife.

Abtin Mehdizadegan is a first-year political science major.

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when planted. Raye's is still operating with the same machinery as it has been since 1903 and produces 20 flavors of gourmet mustard. I never liked mustard myself until I tried Raye's brown ginger. There are sweet mustards, fruit mustards, beer mustards, wine mustards and the brand new jalapeno mustard.

It can be purchased locally at Hannaford or online at <http://www.rayesmustard.com>. If anybody doubts that Raye's is the best, I have about eight jars of a variety of flavors that I would be happy to give away.

Kathleen Esposito

Third-year biology major

February's all right

I am writing in response to Brian Sylvester's article titled "The 28 worst days of the year" which appeared in the Feb. 12 edition of The Maine Campus.

In the article, Sylvester continually bashes the month of February, calling it the worst month of the year. This may be true for the type that enjoy sitting at their computers and

fret at the thought of stepping outside for 10 minutes to go to class. It's important to realize that there are pros and cons to February weather.

Pros: Skiing — the most important — snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice-fishing, sledding — come on, everyone must like sledding! — other winter sports and activities, change of scenery, the potential for classes to be canceled. I'm actually writing this on Wednesday, Feb. 14, our first snow day of the year!

Cons: You might have to bundle up to walk to class, scraping off your windshield, messy driving, but don't they make four-wheel drive cars and trucks for a reason? I happen to wait all year for the month of February, as it dumps snow atop Sugarloaf and other ski mountains. I would like to remind everyone that snow and below-freezing temperatures do not have to inflict harm and pain. As part of your decision to attend University of Maine, you must have realized that snow and cold will be a part of your everyday life for three or four months, so why not make the most of it, get out there and enjoy! Winter only comes once a year.

Seth Bickford

Third-year civil engineering major

Humans cause climate change

Now, what can this generation do about it?

JOSHUA PARDA

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

ness. Now we are debating who is most at fault and who should take action first.

The United States will not cut emissions because developing nations — for lack of a better term — are not required to under Kyoto. Developing nations will not make cuts because it would hinder their development and they think developed nations are better equipped to make the cuts. Europe says the United States is the largest polluter — which, by the way, it is, though China is quickly catching up — and can make the most impact. And the United States says it is already doing more than the European Union.

But the polluting continues. The fact of the matter is that this issue transcends party politics, national governments and regional cultures. It is a matter of ethics, not politics. Ethics and politics, however, rarely mix, which may be the crux of the problem. Further, it is not a problem that only affects distant parts of the world. Maine too will see the effects of climate change. Rising sea levels will flood large portions of Portland,

Mount Desert Island, Bath and other coastal towns. If Greenland melts, which is likely, downtown Bangor will be under water. Consider as well that rising temperatures will hurt winter tourism, and rising sea levels could hurt summer tourism. Or that rising temperatures could bring in all sorts of invasive plants and insects that threaten human health and indigenous species, which are also huge parts of Maine's economy. Various trees and moose, as well as other plants and animals, could all migrate north along with the dollars they create.

This is not a matter of fear mongering — it is practical reality. Rising temperatures will continue no matter what we do, but the worst consequences of our wasteful habits can be staved off with some adjustments to our daily lives. I don't need to list them all off here; you already know what those changes are or can easily find them online — or in "Green Tips." If anything is to change, it starts with our generation. Our parents have made it abundantly clear that they do not intend to address the problem. They would rather play the blame game.

Joshua Parda is student coordinator for the Green Campus Initiative.

Interruptions during TV, sleep

Phone calls rank among the most annoying things ever

It happens to all of us. We set aside time to do things, leisurely things, so that we can somehow find enjoyment and pleasure in our lives. Then, something comes up. Nothing major, nothing life-or-death, but still something, and after that something you just cannot seem to enjoy that time you set aside to do that leisurely activity. Whether work-related or socially-related, it just bugs the hell out of you for the rest of your day.

Recently, I purchased season five of "24" on DVD, and I think it's a fantastic program. Unfortunately, though I have had this box set for over two months now, I have not been able to finish it because of constant interruptions. They happen to all of us, but why do they have to be at the most annoying times?

A half-hour into another action-packed episode with Jack Bauer, I get a phone call. Damn cell phones, I think to myself, as I reach for the phone and answer with my cheery, normal "Hello!" Cell phones make interrupting people so easy. You can do it from anywhere at any time. If it's 1 a.m. and you're at a bar just hanging out, you can give someone a call to simply say "Hey man, what's up?" Well, nothing is up, it's one in the morning and I'm trying to sleep. Or when someone calls during the last five minutes of "The Office" what seems like every

ANTHONY CRABTREE



STAFF REPORTER

Thursday, just to check in. I don't care why you're calling, you know I watch "The Office" every Thursday and you know that you interrupt it every Thursday. Why do these people do this?

If it's 1 a.m. and you're at a bar just hanging out, you can give someone a call to simply say, "Hey man, what's up?" Well, nothing is up, it's one in the morning and I'm trying to sleep.

Even if you're standing outside Oxford, in the freezing cold, and you pick up your cell phone to give me a call to let you in, you have to ask yourself, "Did this person want me over in the first place? And if they didn't invite me over, why would they let me in?" Well certainly, when somebody calls out side on their cell phone, no

doubt interrupting my television viewing, to say that they are outside waiting, I have a number of reasons to be upset and to not let them in.

So back to the question of why people do this. The answer is simply because they have a cell phone and need social interaction. Certain people in this world just want to call other people. I'm convinced of it. Someone could be sitting in a car, waiting for just five minutes, and thinking to themselves "Oh, I want to give my girlfriend a call and see what she's up to!" What does the conversation turn out like? "Hey, how are you? Good? Awesome. See you later!" Has that person really accomplished anything with that five minutes?

Me, if I get five minutes alone, I prefer to take time to reflect on my day. And if I get an hour, I want to watch an hour-long program like "24" and reflect on that after I finish it. This is leisure time we're talking about. If it's nothing urgent, put your cell phone down, because I sure as hell don't want you calling me when I'm trying to relax. Ask yourselves, "Do I really need to call this person?" Cell phones, to me, aren't a problem of ignoring the person next to you — a whole different story — but annoying the person who could be a distance away.

Do not call Anthony Crabtree at 8:55 p.m. on any Thursday.

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Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Rhode Island
- Gary Busey
- Non-chocolate drinks
- Gerald Green dunks
- Clyde Drexler on "Dancing with the Stars"

- Narnia in the winter
- Jake Busey
- Yoo-hoo
- Nate Robinson dunks
- Jerry Rice on "Dancing with the Stars"

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Jazz in the Union
Lidral Duo
Thursday, Feb. 22
4:15 p.m.
Bear's Den

Pist Fest
Punk Show
Friday, Feb. 23
6:30 p.m.
Keith Anderson Community
Building
\$5

Faculty Piano Recital
with Baycka Voronietzky
Friday, Feb. 23
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

Java Jive
Tuesday, Feb. 27
8 p.m.
Memorial Union

EVENTS

Oronoka Dance Party
Saturday, Feb. 24
10 p.m.
Soma 36

THEATER

"Bat Boy: The Musical"
Through Saturday, Feb. 24
7:30 p.m.
Hauck Auditorium

"On the Road to Glory"
The Princely Players
Sunday, Feb. 25
3 p.m.

ART

"Art by Engineers"
Through March 3
8 a.m.
Barrows Hall

"Photography as Witness"
8 a.m.
Lord Hall Gallery

"Witty, Sexy, Gimmicky"
British Pop Art, more
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine Museum of
Art
\$3, Free w/ Maine Card

Waponahki Student Art Show
8 a.m.
Hudson Museum
Free

MOVIES

MPAC Film Series
"I Know I'm Not Alone"
Thursday, Feb. 22
7 p.m.
Little Hall Room 140

Kickin' Flicks
"Casino Royale"
Friday, Feb. 23
7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
Bangor Room
Free

"Happy Feet"
One Showing Only
Wednesday, Feb. 28
7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
DPC 100
Free

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Grady Awards in Fiction and
Poetry
Thursday, Feb. 22
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Jeness Hall

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Maine Attraction
Daniel Kinno
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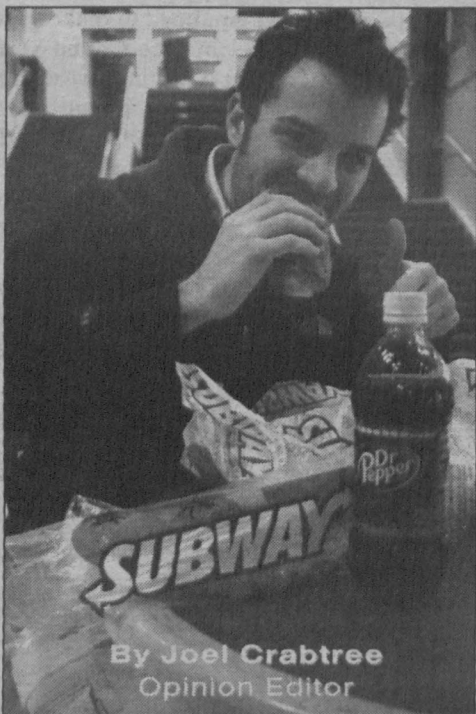
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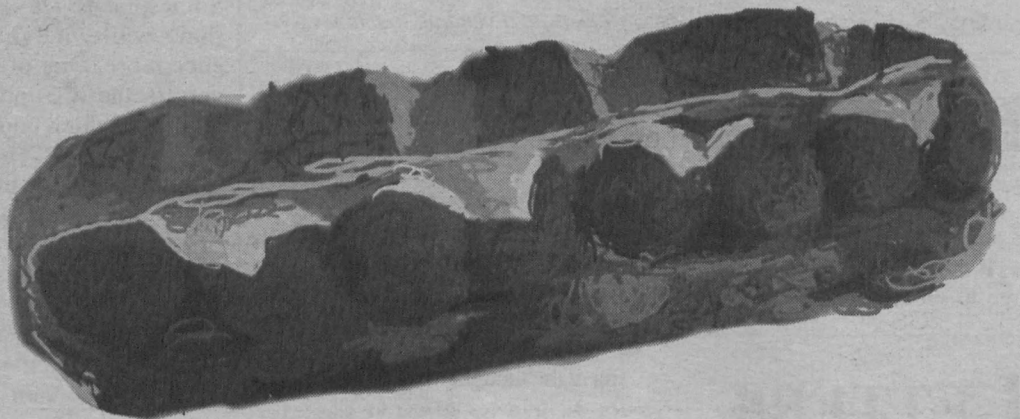
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Who is America's next top meatball?



By Joel Crabtree
Opinion Editor



Food critic Joel Crabtree surveys local restaurants to find the king of subs

Before his premature death in the film "Point Break," Gary Busey's character, Agent Angelo Pappas, asked Johnny Utah for two of the best meatball subs from a favorite sandwich shop.

The meatball sub is a curious sandwich. Much like the steak and cheese, it's only served in a sub roll — unless you get creative. The meatball sub is overshadowed by the steak and cheese, and rightfully so. The steak and cheese is an "everyone food," because most everyone — except for vegetarians and people who don't like melted cheese or steak — enjoy the sandwich.

Meatball subs are messy — though surprisingly not greasy — and it might not really matter where you get them. After all, meatball subs have so much in common, it is a Herculean task for any sandwich to overshadow another. After eating five different subs, it becomes clear that it is one of the most difficult sandwiches to make unique.

Here is a guided tour of our local meatball options. Ratings are based on a five-star scale:

Memorial Union

"Captain Crunch"

Salumaria's at Memorial Union serves meatball subs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the week. This makes the Union's sub the rarest of them all. After it's toasted, it is put under a heat lamp and sits. While sitting under the lamp, the sub's bread gets crunchy, making it difficult to eat. But — and that's a big but — if the eater gets the meatball sub directly from the toaster, the bread is much softer. This makes all the difference in the world.

The Union's meatball sub, which comes with the standard meatballs, marinara sauce, cheese and bread, serves its purpose. At the end of the day, it gets the job done — but doesn't go beyond that.

Rating: Crunchy: ★★
Not crunchy: ★★★

Orono House of Pizza

"The Average Joe Meatball"

Orono House of Pizza has good pizza, and they make a decent meatball sub as well. The main problem with its meatball sub is that it doesn't have any distinct qualities. It doesn't have crunchy bread, soft bread, undersized meat, oversized meat — it is the middle ground of sandwiches. As previously stated, though, the meatball sub is the most difficult sandwich to make unique, and Orono House of Pizza's version proves it. However, the bread is a little thicker than other meatball subs. It seems to be a more Italian or Greek version, comparable to Lissus'.

Rating: ★★★

Pat's Pizza

"Loaf Will Keep us Together"

Pat's Pizza's meatball sub has the best bread out of the five. It has soft bread that is toasted, but one could hardly tell. Above all else, the Pat's Pizza meatball sub does not fall apart. It is the cleanest meatball sub in the area. The problem with Pat's sub is that it has very indistinct meat. At times, the meatballs taste more like hamburger than meatball. Not only that, but the meat in the sandwich seems rather small, which does make for clean eating, but larger and more distinct meatballs would give Pat's Pizza the best meatball sub in the area.

Rating: ★★★

Lissus Pizza

"The Gripwich"

Lissus Pizza makes a solid meatball sub somewhat comparable to that of Orono House of Pizza. Considering the fact that both meatball subs seem to be going more for a Greek or Italian style, this makes sense. The bread used in both is similar, but the bread at Lissus Pizza is more distinctive and has more character. The texture is ideal, giving

you a great grip on the bread. Both places use a lot of cheese and in a similar way. Overall, Lissus' meatball subs edge out Orono House of Pizza's by a little bit — and it's all about the grip.

Rating: ★★★ 1/2

Quizno's Subs

"Subalanche"

Meatballs are not a dainty man's food. They're made for those who don't mind getting messy while eating. Quizno's redefines the idea of getting messy. The meatball sub at Quizno's has a lot of sauce on it — so much that oftentimes, it can be a bit overpowering. Fortunately for Quizno's, the sauce they use is a bold, dense sauce that serves the sandwich well.

Rating: ★★★★★

Subway

"The King Meatball"

When people think about commercial sandwich shops, they think of Subway — because that's what Subway is. When it comes to the meatball sub, Subway has a surprisingly good one. The marinara sauce has a solid supporting flavor, but it's clear that the meatball is the star of the sub. They seem to be larger than the competition's. This may be an illusion created by the cut of Subway's bread — or maybe they actually are bigger. Either way, the meat doesn't get lost in a sea of bread, cheese and marinara sauce. Subway does have a problem keeping the contents of the sandwich inside the bread. Again, this could be the unique Subway sandwich cut at work. Either way, Subway takes the crown for best meatball sub in the area. There is no doubt that other pizza places and sandwich shops should — and will — up their game to take down the mighty Subway.

Rating: ★★★★★

Pink Floyd Experience rides the gravy train

Cover band and light show takes Maine Center for the Arts to the 'Dark Side of the Moon'



PIGS MIGHT FLY — The Pink Floyd Experience brings the epic light show of Pink Floyd to the MCA.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY OLENA TRYMAYLO

By Derek Dobachesky
Copy Editor

The lights went down. The deep bass from the keyboard started throbbing. Then bright lights flashed on and the guitarists from The Pink Floyd Experience kicked off the show with the harmonized guitar riff "In the Flesh" from Pink Floyd's album, "The Wall."

The Pink Floyd Experience is a Pink Floyd cover band, which was conceived and created by the Canadian company Annerin Productions, the company responsible for the Beatles cover band Rain. According to Annerin's Web site, <http://www.thepinkfloydexperience.net>, the band was put together only after the company had "searched the continent for committed and talented musicians who could really do [Pink Floyd] justice," and was created in order to "bring fans the show they never thought they'd see."

According to second-year University of Maine student Eric Red, the Experience accomplished that goal on Thursday, Feb. 15 when they performed at the Maine Center for the Arts.

"It was awesome. I wasn't around to see Pink Floyd the first time, so I might as well see the tribute," Red said.

The show, which ran a total of two hours and 30 minutes with a 15 minute intermission, managed to keep at least three-quarters of the audience captivated, with approximately another one-quarter filtering during the performance. The lead singer, Graham Heath, of England, sported flowing brunette

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WMEB brings different kind of mix to Bear Brew

By Tony Crabtree
Staff Reporter

Thursday nights have always been a kind of throwaway night, unnecessary in the same way that all-day Wednesday is. Wednesdays have Kickin' Flicks. Fridays have Karaoke. What has Thursday ever had for a regular event? "The Office" airs on NBC on Thursdays, but does that half-hour slice really count? Running around with backpacks transporting alcohol from dorm to dorm is incredibly lame for "thirsty Thursday." Luckily for those of you around the Orono area, WMEB aims to change your Thursday night blues.

Every Thursday night, WMEB brings their portable DJ console and DJs to play

music on the first floor of the Bear Brew. This is the Bear Brew's College Night, and it is free to get in for all the music your heart desires. While this event has only been going on for the past two weeks, last year WMEB tried to put on a similar night at Soma 36 on Sundays. Unfortunately, the turnout for those nights was small and the DJ nights on Thursday at the Bear Brew have already gained more of an audience.

"We were doing the Sunday thing for a while, and it was going alright. Then we just decided to cut it after a couple of weeks," said Tom Gruzca, station manager of WMEB. "Then we were approached again to do Thursday nights. So we just hang out at the bottom floor and play music from 10 to 1."

The turnout has been pleasing up to this

point. "It's been two weeks so it's hard to tell. But it's been pretty good so far without us really telling anybody about it," Gruzca said. "We're hoping that more people stick around downstairs, because we realize that there are people who go to the Bear Brew that don't necessarily get into what they play at Soma."

As for music, it is an incredibly eclectic mix. "We have a random mix mash of DJs," said Patrick Anderson, promotions director at WMEB. As for what they play, Anderson said "progressive, sort of underground music and music that people can relate to and enjoy."

"Normally Patrick [Anderson] will start off, and play a lot of hip-hop. And then my brother will spin or somebody else, and they will usually do some more dance-like stuff. Then Ethan [Lavendier] will usually wrap the

night up around 12:15 or so and play some mellow reggae and stuff," Gruzca said.

The staff at WMEB hopes that Thursday nights at the Bear Brew will gain a larger listening audience for the actual WMEB station. "We'll get our name out there a little more, show people different types of music that we enjoy and it gives us more freedom to play music that we really like," said Anderson, with the last comment referring to FCC regulations that the station must abide by, which restrict what can and cannot be played on the radio.

WMEB DJs can be seen every Thursday night spinning a wide variety of music for the citizens of Orono from 10 p.m. until 1 p.m. Admission to this weekly event is, as mentioned earlier, free.

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'Vagina Monologues' transcends the 'interesting' label to truly entertain

By Jennifer Bashford
Copy Editor

As a 'Vagina Monologues' virgin, I was a little apprehensive when I took my seat in DPC 100 on Saturday evening. The most popular adjective to describe the show I had come across so far seemed to be an uncertain "interesting," which hadn't inspired that much confidence in my expectations. The University of Maine Student Women's Association soon corrected this.

The 'Vagina Monologues' took place as part of the V-Day College Campaign — a global movement aiming to stop violence against women and girls. Here, the 'V' in V-Day stands for victory, valentine and vagina. The campaign takes place in 81 countries and is designed to act as a catalyst to develop awareness of domestic violence and raise funds.

Essentially, the production is a collection of monologues about topics that are never — or at least rarely — discussed, let alone announced loudly onstage for everyone to hear. This is probably the root of most criticism about the performance, as taboo subjects often do not go down well with conservative critics.

It felt somewhat liberating to sit in a room of people laughing about some of the shared problems, experiences and anxieties facing women the world over. The show created a definite, if strange, sense of unity among women in the audience and this was reflected onstage in the line of performers who remained before the audience for the entire show.

The monologues presented a bold juxtaposition of humor and tragedy, which made their stories and mes-

sages even more powerful. Content ranged from light-hearted to incredibly moving female experiences. There were also some fantastic individual performances from the cast.

Some monologues were truly hilarious, such as 'The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy,' which received a great audience reaction. Dressed as a dominatrix complete with pink feather boa, black boots and handcuffs, Christine Guerette enacted an impressive range of sexual moans that her character had extracted from her customers.

'My Angry Vagina,' performed by Samantha Shandorf, also entertained the audience with exhaustive complaints of tampons and duck lips, angry at the lack of vagina-focused ergonomics in the world.

The other side of the performance involved powerful monologues depicting disturbing and shocking stories of wartime rape and abuse. 'Say It For The Comfort Women' presented the suffering of women in Japan forced to satisfy soldiers during World War II, while 'My Vagina Was A Village' illustrated the agony of rape experienced by one woman during the war in Bosnia in the 1990s.

The V-Day campaign is an annual event and the cast was pleased with the success of the show this year. "I think the audience responded in a really positive way. The turnout was great," said Melanie Rockefeller, co-chair of the Student Women's Association and joint organizer of the event. "The audience last night [Saturday] was the best audience I had ever experienced at the Vagina Monologues, so I was super psyched."

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locks and interacted with the crowd throughout the show, often striking inspirational poses reminiscent of Bono, raising both his arms in the air in a Christ-like stance or pointing majestically out into the crowd.

The band's instrumental performance was dead-on, with lead guitarist Tom Quinne putting forth an impeccable impression of Floyd guitarist David Gilmour's notoriously melodic solos. Heath, also the band's rhythm guitarist, did an impressive impersonation of the buxom female backup singers featured on several of Floyd's tracks and saxophonist Jesse Molloy provided slick solos for many of the tunes.

Bradley resident Mike Dow commented on the band's performance: "I've enjoyed it, it's been fun; they're pretty accurate as musicians."

The crowd consisted of a good mix of UMaine students and middle-aged couples, some with children.

Throughout the show, spotlights with patterns flashed out onto the walls and into the crowd, sometimes hitting a performer in the band and showing his shadow, sometimes shining on a member of the audience getting up to dance to the music.

The first half of the show featured four numbers from Floyd's monumental double album, "The Wall," one from "Meddle," and two from "Wish You Were Here." Floyd's tribute to their mentally incapacitated former lead singer, Syd Barrett. The second half started with the Experience's own tribute to Barrett, who passed away six months ago. After playing one of Floyd's earlier, Barrett-penned tracks, the Experience proceeded to perform "Dark Side of the Moon" in its entirety.

During the performance of "Money," images of various forms of currency were displayed on the round screen above the stage, which was flooded with bright green light. After "Money," things settled down as the band segued into the more subdued number, "Us and Them." Pale blue light flooded the stage. Striking inspirational

poses, the lead singer used his guitar as a prop, pretending it was a gun and the tune gradually escalated into several keyboard, sax and guitar solos at the end. This was followed by a version "Brain Damage" featuring images of Hitler and the Nazis, Mussolini, Stalin, Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden on the screen to conclude the full performance of "Dark Side of the Moon."

The Experience concluded with a trio of tunes from "The Wall." "Hey You" preceded "Comfortably Numb," which featured high-register harmonies performed by Heath during the verses. The harmonies, not found in Floyd's original version of the song, overpowered Quinne's lower lead vocals and were quite distracting. If the Experience had one Achilles heel, it was their vocals, with Hampden resident Mike Elliot pointing out, "Musicianship, I would say is dead-on. Vocals, not quite as strong." However, taking into account Pink Floyd bassist and singer Roger Waters' high-pitched, wavering, deranged vocals, it'd be a very tall order for anyone to put forth a satisfactory vocal performance of Floyd's songs.

Following "Comfortably Numb" was one of the highlights of the evening — the Experience's performance of "Run Like Hell" from The Wall, featuring a large inflated hot-pink pig that flew above the audience throughout the extended performance. Heath struck more majestic poses and successfully encouraged the audience to chant "Run!" along with the band. With the rest of the band playing in the background, Heath took a minute to point out and thank the musicians and the MCA audience, telling them "You guys rock profusely."

The Experience was generally well received by those who stayed for the duration. Generally, Pink Floyd's music is more entrancing than upbeat but occasionally, during the more funky numbers such as "Have a Cigar" and "Money," audience members would get up and dance. Though reactions were mixed, some audience members greatly enjoyed the show. Among them was first-year student Kirk Ginish, who said, "I thought the whole damn show was great, especially the flying pig at the end, that was a good touch."

"It was awesome. I wasn't around to see Pink Floyd the first time, so I might as well see the tribute."

Eric Red
"Pink Floyd Experience"
Concert Attendee

War and profit at the heart of MPAC movie

By Thomas St. Pierre
Staff Reporter

The fourth film in the Maine Peace Action Committee's annual spring film series, "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers," brings to the forefront a bureaucratic scandal involving corrupt usage of government funds during the Iraq War. The film, presented at 7 p.m. last Thursday in 140 Little Hall, was followed by a lively discussion facilitated by Doug Allen, professor of philosophy and adviser for MPAC.

Directed by Robert Greenwald ("Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices," "Outfoxed" and "Uncovered"), "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers" takes a critical stance against the influence of U.S. corporations on the government, particularly concerning the war in Iraq. The film focuses on a number of soldiers, truck drivers, widows and children forever affected by mistreatment and economic exploitation by corporations.

The documentary identifies the biggest problem with corporate involvement in Iraq as a lack of accountability. According to the film, the War in Iraq has been witness to the contracting of private companies for various construction and shipping programs on a larger scale than in the past. While soldiers are bound to duty, honor and their country, civilians are held almost entirely unaccountable for various misdemeanors. The corpo-

rations themselves, which have no competition in Iraq whatsoever, economically exploit the government and their workers to a disturbing degree.

One civilian reported that his corporation would arbitrarily destroy some of its vehicles in order to acquire more government funds. A worker from a shipping company claimed that his managers would send trucks out without any cargo in order to charge the government more money. Sadly, in doing so, the company needlessly put its workers in danger and a number of deaths occurred.

"I think most of this is hidden," Allen said following the presentation. Another viewer concurred, stating, "I knew there was a problem, but I didn't know it was that bad."

From here, the discussion branched out into various topics, including the detriments of privatization in general, political corruption and, most harrowingly, the possibility of war in Iran as potentially encouraged by corporations.

Allen was quite impressed with the discussion, noting the great diversity of its participants, composed of professors, students, mothers and international students, some of whom were Islamic. For him, the audiences offered "good input" and "good questions" over a topic that "we usually don't talk about... [but which] has a huge impact on our lives."

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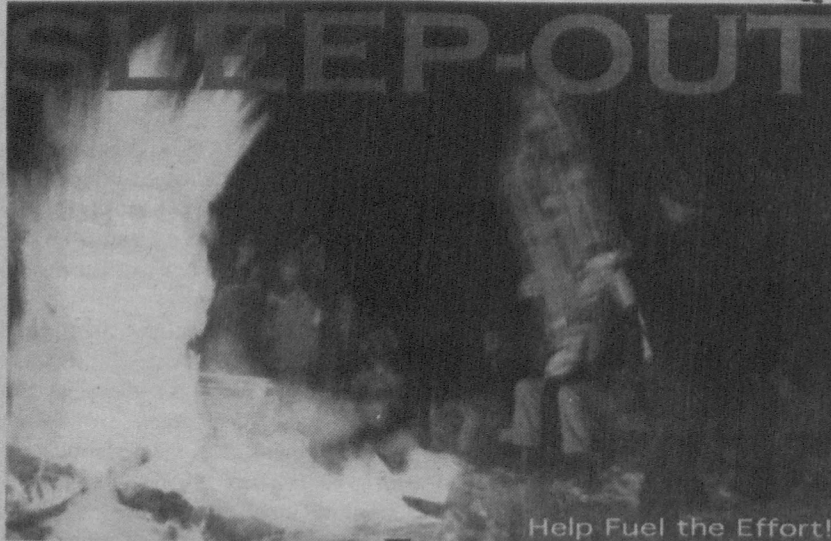
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March 21 to April 20

Sasquatch will not befriend you and live peacefully in your house. You have many more years ahead of you.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

All this week you are set for uncontrollable setbacks to all your plans. There's nothing you can do, so you might as well start being awful to people you suspect might cause your setbacks.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

If you never liked sprouts before, try them again. Your tastes may have changed.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Next year will see the start of something great for you. This year will not be so good. I know this is a fairly general reading for you but then life is always full of ups and downs, gutters and strikes and so on. Basically, the whole thing just cancels itself out. You'll see when the time comes.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Today is a series of blunders that follow each other. You're incredible.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

When opening the door for a stranger, take care to notice any loose change that they may drop so that you can slam the door in their face, grab the money, and then run for dear life. I sense a feeling of delight in you.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Be playful at heart and you'll reap the reward of having more friends under the age of 10.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Terrible consequences will occur when you have a falling out with someone today. Make sure you avoid that situation by giving in immediately and giving them whatever they want regardless of practicality or whether it's physically possible.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Something will happen today that will make you sit up and believe that you are here for a purpose.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

In the land that time forgot, everyone had a hard time. When you put your mind to it, you can be one hell of a person. Go get 'em!

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

You're single. So what are you doing reading this when you could be out there having fun? Go let your hair down.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

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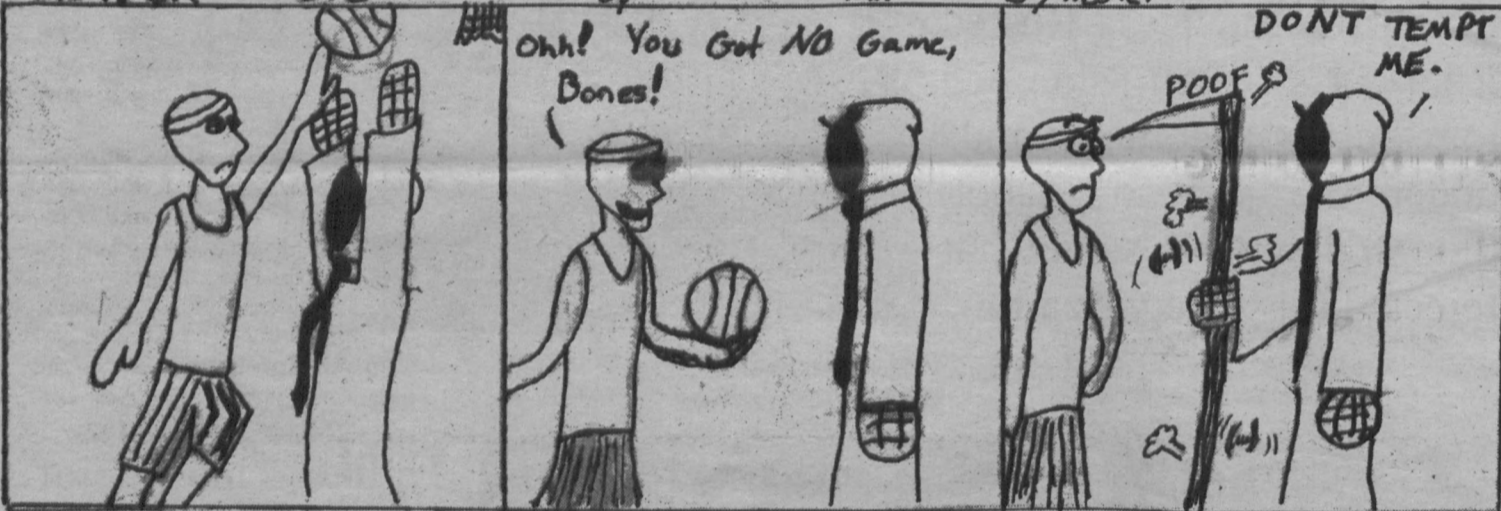
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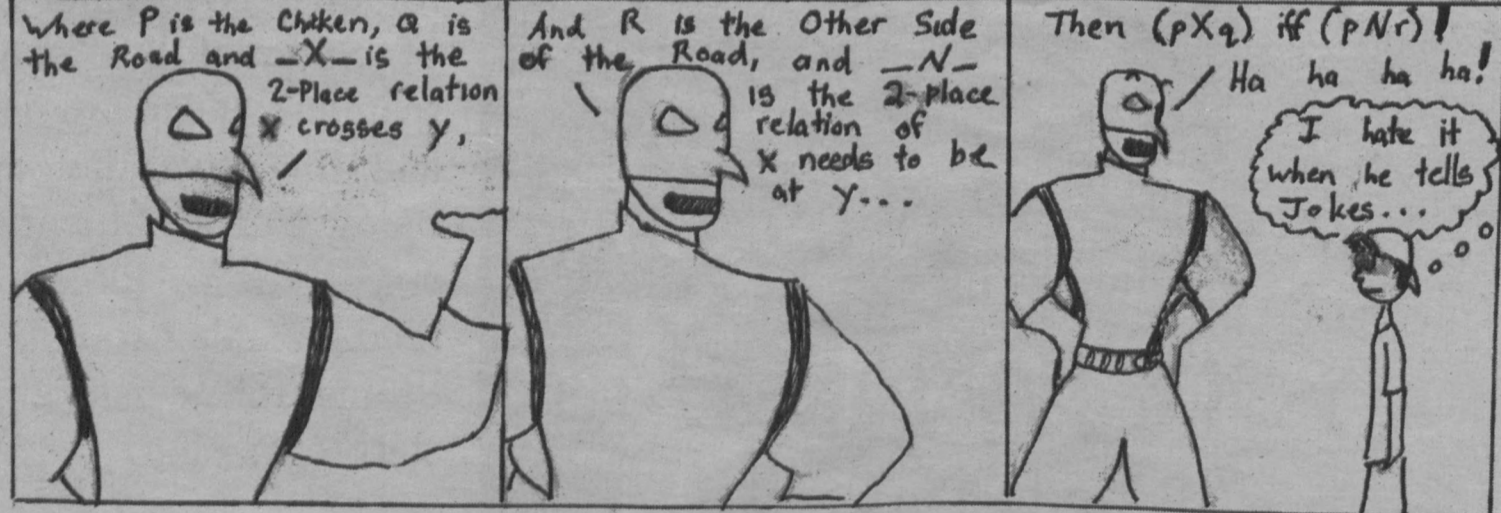
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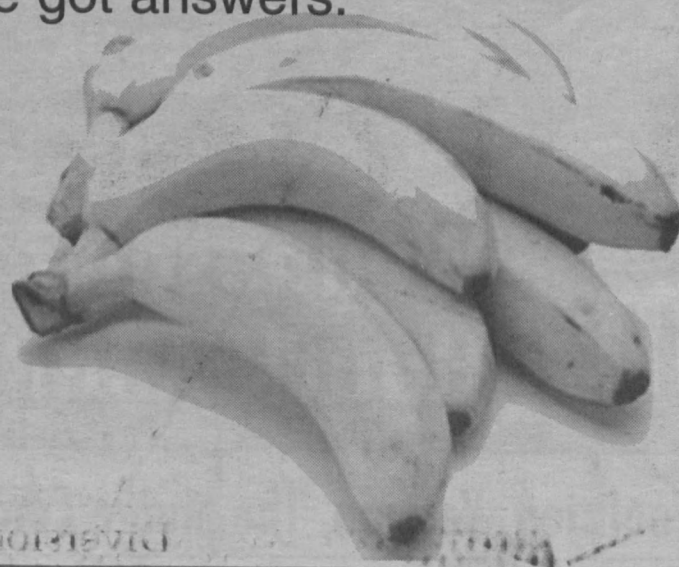
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President Bush reorganizes government; Democrats appalled at his proposal

The following is a parody of an actual news story.

Washington — Capitol Hill is buzzing this week as President George W. Bush continues to shake-up Congress and his cabinet based on a theme he describes as "more Star Warsian."

Beltway insiders were shocked to learn that the new shake-up is due entirely to Bush having viewed two of the original three Star Wars movies this past weekend on HBO.

On Monday, the president held an early morning press conference announcing that several federal agencies would be undergoing name revisions to accommodate what he characterized as a reorganization more in keeping with "Jedi tradition."

"For a thousand generations, the Jedi were the guardians of peace and justice throughout the galaxy," said Bush during Monday's press conference. "We must always remember this, and it is why I feel that agencies like the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Communications Commission will better serve the people by being known as 'The Tatooine Cantina' and 'The Holo-net Regulatory Commission.' If these things were a good idea for the Jedi, thousands of years ago in a galaxy far, far away, then they're good for America now."

The FDA and FCC are not the only organizations to feel the pinch of Bush's "New Jedi Order," a series of social programs he regularly likens to Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. The U.S. Postal Service has been completely disbanded based on the president's proclamation that all communication be done with "those nifty little hologram thingies," the newly named Imperial Senate has been closed for renovations so that the senators from each state may attend session from floating platforms (the House of Representatives, not featured in any Star Wars movie, has not been the target of any presidential reform), and several of the nation's top generals have resigned at the Pentagon this week, protesting the president's plan to arm America's soldiers with laser rifles and white plastic armor.

"This is criminal," said Major General John Atenshwelner, deputy commander of U.S. Army logistics and one of the recently resigned generals. "First off, the lasers don't work. They don't fire anything. He handed the entire Army a bunch of fake plastic guns and told them to continue their siege of 'the outer rim worlds,' whatever the hell that is. Secondly, that white plastic crap he calls 'armor' is nothing but a bunch of K-Mart quality Halloween costumes — they couldn't be any more worthless."

On Tuesday, the president extended his reorganization to his own cabinet and advisors, calling them together in an emergency meeting to "decide who is who."

"At first, I wanted to be Han," said the president at the meeting, "but then I decided I'd be better off as Luke. The way I see it, we can make [Secretary of Agriculture] Mike [Johanns] Han and [Secretary of Commerce] Carlos [Gutierrez] Chewbacca. I was gonna make [Vice

Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

President] Dick [Cheney] the Chewie to my Han, but he's pretty old. I figured he could be the emperor."

"Good, good, let the hate flow through you," Cheney was overheard saying during the meeting.

A minor disruption occurred during the meeting when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had to be forcibly removed by White House security personnel upon finding out that she would not be allowed to be Princess Leia and instead would be forced to assume the role of Lando Calrissian, despite Calrissian having been a male.

"Is it because I'm BLACK?" yelled Rice, moments before being subdued with mace by security personnel. "[Expletive deleted]-ing [Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Alphonso] Jackson is black! Have him be Lando!"

White House Press Secretary/Darth Vader Tony Snow said, during a meeting with gathered reporters, that Rice had been tapped to become Lando because of the similarity between Secretary of State and administrator of the Cloud City of Bespin. When asked about his own seemingly important nomination to the role of Darth Vader, Snow responded it was simply because he was the only individual in the White House willing to tolerate The Emperor/Cheney's constant referring to him as "young apprentice."

"Plus," said Snow, "I'm the only one here tall enough to wear this costume."

Bush announced Wednesday that Air Force One had officially been rechristened The Millennium Falcon and, despite the protest from top Air Force and Navy officials, the nation's entire stock of fighter and bomber aircraft would be re-designated along the lines of Star Wars canon.

Congressional Democrats have not taken these changes lightly.

"We will not stand idly by while the president embarks the country on this disastrous course," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California). "The senate must reign in these actions by the president, lest we be disbanded before the Rebel Alliance can fully defeat the Empire. We have drafted a strongly worded, non-binding resolution to voice our disapproval and have been told by Mr. Vader that Luke is sure to read it in the coming weeks, should he find time in between his Jedi training sessions."

Other critics across the nation have pointed to serious errors in Bush's reorganization, claiming, among other things, that Roombas, the disc-shaped self-propelled robotic vacuum cleaners, do not count as "the droids we're looking for." White House officials have promised that the remaining four Star Wars movies will be seen by the president as soon as possible to avoid any future errors.

CELLAR

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Four appearances, and the program's only Hockey East tournament championship in the past seven years. For the group, composed of five forwards and one defenseman, it is a resume that stacks up against the best in the program's history. Still, little of it matters if the team doesn't manage to secure itself a home ice-advantage in the quarterfinals.

"We can't look at this as our last home series," said Soares. "We can't get too far ahead of ourselves obviously. We have to take care of business this weekend."

"We don't want this to be our last home weekend."

Assuming the role of spoiler, Merrimack, playing for nothing more than pride, hopes to tarnish a spectacle usually devoted to celebrations and goodbyes.

"Forget home-ice advantage, if we don't perform in the next two weeks, our season could end shorter than anyone wants it to," said Brent Shephard. "If that is not enough motivation, then nothing is going to."

"I can't picture Saturday night being the last game the seniors will ever play here," said Johnson.

After receiving a ferocious blow in the polls, the 12th ranked Black Bears — seven spots worse than they were before being swept by Boston College last week — are in a position to become the first team in eight years to play a quarterfinal series on the road. For the seniors, it is a reality they don't even want to imagine.

"Coming from Maine you don't expect to play that first series on the road," said Lundin. "I don't want to experience that by any means."

"The reality is that these could be our last games here at the Alford," said Shephard.

Although the Black Bears are set to joist with a Merrimack squad who's leading scorer freshman Pat Kimball has a

measly ten points, the team is quick to point out that they can not become complacent.

"Coach Whitehead really stressed not overlooking these guys," said Johnson. "It's easy to look past this weekend and look at the big weekend against UMass but we can't do that. We know that we got to first take care of business and set ourselves up for that final weekend."

Leveille puts it even more bluntly.

"I hope no one has a blowout in mind," said Leveille. "It's definitely not going to be that."

Throughout the last 10 games, UMaine has been a mixed bag of tricks. Yes, they have defeated such contenders as Vermont and New Hampshire, but the team has also looked dreadful against Providence, Northeastern and BC.

"I don't think it's a lack of system, we need to play harder and get some emotions out there," said Leveille.

The seniors admit openly that its been one of the oddest years in their tenure. After holding the No. 1 spot in the rankings for four weeks in the fall, the team has bounced around like the eight ball in a pool game being played by middle schoolers.

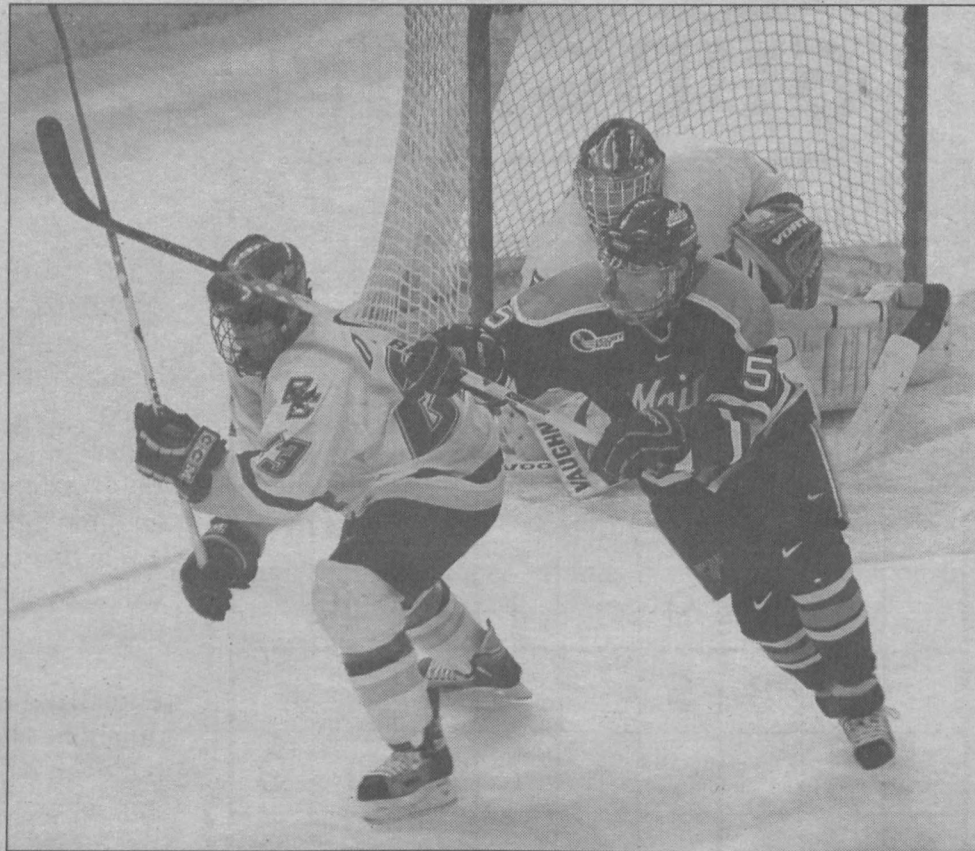
"It has been a strange year," said Shephard. "We have all the tools to put together another stretch run and make the Frozen Four and hopefully the National Championship. But it always comes down to who is playing the best at the end of the year. If we play like we can and have proven at different times this year, then we have as good a chance as anybody."

Leveille, who is 21st on the all-time scoring list with 137 points, agrees with Shephard.

"It's weird," said Leveille. "We've been through some ups and downs in the past, but as many as we've had this year it's definitely something different."

Despite all this, the Black Bears are only a four-game win streak away from shooting themselves back into third place in the standings and a comfy spot in the NCAA tournament.

"We're in a tough situation right now," said Soares. "The one good thing



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

HOT WHEELS — Vince Laise harrasses Andrew Orpik last weekend.

is that our destiny is in our own hands."

There is plenty to be positive about for the Black Bears. After just four games, it appears netminder Ben Bishop has almost shaken his strained groin and the offense is alive again, evident in Billy Ryan and Leveille's combined four goals against BC.

However, the talk in the locker room is that of defense and protecting the net front. On Saturday night Bishop and the defense let in six goals for the fourth time this season.

"We still have to do a better job of keeping guys from getting to the front of the net," said Johnson. "It's been a problem for us pretty much all year. It's still a work in progress. BC had a few goals where we just let guys go the net. That's something we have to really work

on — boxing out and clearing the net front."

"We can't be letting in six goals against and be hoping to win a game," said Hamilton.

Bishop is likely to get the nod both nights.

If this series ends up being the senior's final home run-around, they will have left quite the legacy. Soares and Leveille are among the top 50 scorers in program history, while Johnson, Lundin and Hamilton have all topped 50 points in their careers. Shephard has registered 46 points on 23 goals and 23 assists.

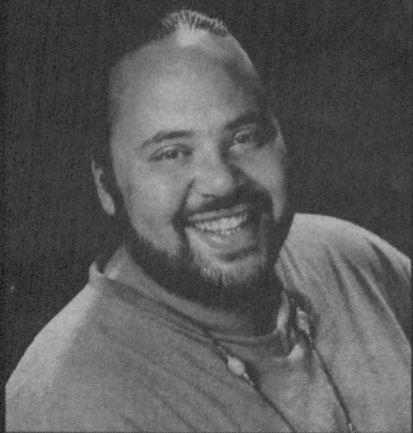
"We've done some good things in the past here and we're hoping to go even further this year," said Hamilton.

Both games are set to start at 7 p.m.

"We have to really bare down — playoffs start this weekend for us," said Lundin.

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record en route to the 55 meter dash title, claiming first place with a finals time of 6.25 seconds after setting a conference record at 6.19 seconds in the preliminary round.

"My goal at the beginning of the season was to be the America East champ, but I was never sure what the official record was in the 55, so to accomplish them both makes me extremely happy," said Gordon, who is running his first season of track after a stand-out football career. "I've had a great time both on the track and off with my new teammates and coaches."

For four years, the former All-American return man used blazing speed to run past opponents on the gridiron. But as a high schooler, Gordon was one of the fastest sprinters in the country and jumped at the chance to get back on the track after football ended last fall.

"I missed it a lot," he said. "Track is unlike any other sport, because you train with your team but you run races individually; not only do you run races to beat the man next to you, you run wearing the school name on your chest and you want to show the rest of the teams how hard you and your team work to become the best. The team bond is outstanding and I've had the opportunity to see and race people I haven't seen since the spring of 2003, so it has really been a blessing."

But there's a lot more to sprinting than just being fast. Technique and form, especially in the critical start out of the blocks, can make an incredible difference in a race where just hundredths of a second separate first and last place.

"My whole indoor track season

has been block work. The running part came naturally to me, but my blocks were poor in the beginning of the season," Gordon explained. "Every meet my coaches filmed my races. Each coach would spend an hour looking at all aspects of my starts and telling me what to fix in practice."

"It wasn't until a home meet against Holy Cross that I was finally coming out of the blocks efficiently, and I made it my number one priority to get better out of the blocks, because I knew as my competition gets better in the season, every thousandth of a second counts."

Gordon also had the top qualifying time in the 200 meter dash, but pulled out of the race after tweaking a leg muscle during the finals. The 6.19 second 55 meter time was a provisional qualifier for the NCAA championships next month in Arkansas, and Gordon hopes to be ready for the event.

"My goal is to be well enough to run next weekend [March 3-5] at the [ICAAAA] championships in Boston, then again at nationals in Arkansas. The only thing I can do is continue to follow the trainers' directions and never think negatively," Gordon said.

UMaine finished fifth overall in the men's team standings and garnered points from a number of high finishers. Libby won the 500 meter dash in 1:03.33, Drake claimed the 1,000 meter with a personal best time of 2:24.65 and cross country champion Kirby Davis finished second in the 5,000 meter in 14:28. The Black Bears also got a strong performance in the field events, with Skip Edwards taking fourth in the high jump as well as fifth in the long jump. Jeff Ramos and Chris Warren also placed in the high jump as UMaine claimed three of the top six places.

Drake makes right call, wins America East 1,000-meter title

Heading into last weekend's America East track and field championships, University of Maine senior Donny Drake had a decision to make. A versatile distance runner capable of competing in any event from 800 to 5,000 meters, Drake and UMaine coach Mark Lech set out to figure out which event the Portland native would run in Boston.

Last Monday, the pair met and Drake's individual prospects and team aspirations boiled down to either the 1,000 or the mile.

"The mile was the glory event in our conference this year — there were guys that had run 3:59, 4:03, 4:08 and 4:10," Drake explained. "Coach and I felt I could be competitive in the mile and maybe run my best time ever. But I felt I had the best chance of winning the 1,000 since I'd never run under 4:00 in the mile."

On race day, most of the marquee milers also lined up for the 1,000, which was run just over an hour after the mile race finished.

"That made me a little nervous, but I knew that they would already have a race under their belt and I'd be running fresh," said Drake.

With that in mind, Lech and Drake crafted a strategy that had him running all out from the beginning to test the runners tired from their recent mile run.

"Mark and I talked strategy on Thursday and we knew if all those guys had run the mile, my only

strategy could be to take it out hard and make them hurt to beat me," Drake said.

Fresh legs paid off, as Drake hit his 200-meter

intervals at a nearly perfect 29 seconds each, outpacing the field by nearly 30 meters over the final stretch to claim the America East crown in 2:24.65. The time beat Drake's previous personal best by three seconds and qualified him for New England's and ICAAAA's in the coming weeks.

"Moments like these are things you train for all the time," he said. "I feel like I put in a lot of hard work and to come out with the win makes me extremely happy and blessed. Being a senior definitely makes it more special, and I'm excited to get a win in my last chance at indoor conferences."

Drake has also qualified for New England in the mile, and though his 1,000 time is the top mark in the region this year, he has yet another decision to make heading into this weekend's competition.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to run," he said. "I'd like to run the mile and see what I can do in that, but if coach wants me to run the 1,000 I'll do that — either way I'll be happy."



Drake

— Matt Williams



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

SNAKE BITTEN — UMaine forward Rob Bellamy breaks away from Boston College's Benn Ferriero during last weekend's Eagles sweep.

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noticeably higher quality than UMaine's home surface.

And still, Boston College is living proof that high-tech doodads and a shiny, modern arena do not bring the magic. They don't instill that extra something in a team's loyal following. Even with a pair of stinging defeats from BC in the two-game series at Chestnut Hill, I quickly realized that everything Alfond Arena lacks facility-wise is made up tenfold in terms of spirit and atmosphere.

When Boston College's "pep" band plays A-Ha's "Take on Me," no one sings or waves their arms in careless foolishness. When UMaine's own band plays the same song at a distinctly faster and more exciting tempo — their own enthusiasm seeps into the crowd, initiating clapping, dancing, and an all-around fantastic atmosphere.

"You suck" is not a phrase instrumental in creating such a positive, stimulating vibe. That may explain the lack of ambiance in Conte Forum: Nearly every chant from the two BC student sections — one behind each goalie — begins with, ends with, or consists entirely of "you suck." While UMaine's cheerful, 62-year-old student super fan and section leader, Jeff Harris, thinks up dozens of clever chants to span entire games, BC students are content to cry "sieve, sieve, sieve, you suck" and demonstrate their collective ability to count by numbering the goals tallied against the opposing team.

Where this really starts to detract from the experience at Conte Forum is when goals are scored. In Thursday and Friday's games, the BC students were so engrossed with humiliating Wilson and Bishop that they failed to express any celebratory recognition even when their captain, Brian Boyle, and other key players crafted brilliant goals.

If I had to watch the game

through a safety net — yeah, it's supposed to protect the ends of the arena from errant pucks, but it's a nuisance on the eyes — and pay \$4 for a hot dog, I'd have pent-up anger, too.

Perhaps I'm too accustomed to the above-and-beyond style of being a fan at Alfond Arena. The pep band is great, the chants don't get stale or reek of a bitter lack of creativity and the fans show a profound appreciation for the UMaine men's team. For the most part, Conte Forum's attendees do the bare minimum of the fan role; they jump and celebrate for a moment when goals are scored and cry out when their goalie extraordinaire, Cory Schneider, makes a jaw-dropping save. By participating in such a minimal way, the fans at Chestnut Hill fail to create a bona fide college sports atmosphere that's something to write home about.

I'm thankful that I am a UMaine fan. Don't wait until you've taken part in a less-than-thrilling away match experience to appreciate the majesty of the Alfond. I couldn't ask for a better home arena.

Attention: All Student Government Board, Community Association, Committee & Club Members

Budget packets for the 07-08 fiscal year are available now in the Student Government Financial Affairs Office (FAO), Room 152, on the ground floor of the Memorial Union during regular office hours. These packets can be obtained on a daily basis through Thursday, March 22, 2007. Some organizations have been assigned mailboxes in the Wade Center for Student Leadership. For these organizations, the packets have been placed there already.

The only organizations that need an appointment scheduled with the VPPA are Student Entertainment, Legal Services, Boards and Community Association representatives. A list of appointment times will be available in the FAO for these organizations.

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DEADLINE: Completed forms must be submitted to the Financial Affairs Office by Friday, March 23rd, 2007 at 3pm.

For more information, contact Susan Poll at 1-1778.





Basketball's Sin City All-Star Extravaganza

West rolls as boring game fails to deliver

By Danielle Young
For The Maine Campus

All-Star games = moneymakers. Honestly, sporting leagues and associations just want to sell memorabilia, overpriced tickets and television rights. And half the time the best players don't even play, copping out at the last minute. I know, I know, it's a great honor to be named an "All-Star" and it looks good to Hall of Fame voters. But the funny thing is, the games are usually never exciting nor are they competitive. This year's NBA All-Star game in Las Vegas was no different. But, I guess we could pull a few good stories out of last weekend's Vegas showcase.

You know what, I don't even want to talk about the game. I'm writing this article, so I reserve the right to write about what I want. To make a long story short: the West clobbered the East, players exchanged dunks pretty much the entire game and Kobe Bryant was named MVP. What a surprise.

Personally, my favorite parts of All-Star weekend are the Slam Dunk Contest and the 3-Point Contest. This year's competitions were some of the best in recent years. Let me just first say this; way to go Gerald Green! If you watched the kid this weekend, you know that he won hands down. Nate Robinson of the Knicks, Dwight Howard of the Magic and Tim Thomas of the Bulls were hardly competition for 21-year-old Green. The best Howard had to offer was to slam-dunk while slapping a sticker of his face in the upper corner of the backboard. Thomas dunked over teammate Ben Gordon; it's been done before boys.

In the final round, Robinson and Green faced off. On Robinson's tenth try, he pulled off a 360 dunk, but it was nothing compared to Green's two show-stopping dunks. Green dunked over challenger Robinson and then proceeded to dunk off a platform. The Slam Dunk Contest will probably be the highlight of the Celtics' horrid season; go Gerald Green.

Anyone who knows me, knows I'm a big fan of the 3-point shot: I'm a big JJ Redick fan, what can I say? This weekend, the 3-Point Contest featured two of the most popular players in the league, Dirk Nowitzki and Agent Zero Gilbert Arenas. I couldn't help but laugh at Nowitzki's unusual release, but hey, that's just me. It was some surprise that neither player stole the show. UCLA alum and current Miami Heat guard Jason Kapon ran away with the title, while tying a final round record of 24 points. Kapon sank five straight money balls versus Arenas in the final round. With Kapon's victory, the East swept all of the skills competitions. Hey, it's something, right?

So, why do we care about All-Star games? Especially the NBA All-Star Game. At least in baseball the winner gets home field advantage. In the NFL, they get to bask in the sunny rays of Hawaii. Honestly, why do we even bother watching these games? Do we hope to see our favorite players do amazing things? Do we look for a good, close game or watch in hope the most hated players get injured? Do we have nothing else to do with our time? Who knows, but we keep coming back for more.

Dunk contest no longer lives up to hype

By Matt McGraw
Staff Reporter

Sometime around 10:30 on Saturday night, I realized how much I missed the "good ole days" of NBA All-Star Weekends. The last three All-Star events have left me tired, unimpressed and disappointed. The two biggest problems, in my opinion, are the general organization of the event and the lackluster dunk competitions of late.

I'm not sure if anyone has told NBA officials yet, but the only reason people watch All-Star Saturday Night is for the dunk competition, three-point competition and skills competition, in order of popularity. Everything else can be cut. Everything. No one wants to watch the D League game, or the old timers game, or the city games or Justin Timberlake shoot around. And if there is really a market for those events, I'd like to see the proof, because no one I've ever met has said to me, "Man, I can't wait to see the Shooting Stars contest! It's so much more exciting than the real three-point contest."

The other problem, or disappointment I should say, is what the dunk contest seems to be turning into. Last year's contest and this year's contest were generally bland and certainly not entertaining. The past two contests are even worse for those who can remember all the way back to Josh Smith, Jason Richardson, or Vince Carter, all of whom were a breath of fresh, creative air for the dunk contest.

For those who got tricked into staying up for Saturday night's contest, you will remember a couple things. First of all, Nate Robinson earned a birth in the finals with one of the least impressive dunks I've ever seen. When he grabbed the ball on his way to doing a basic 360 I wondered how many

high school players across America were saying, "I can do that." The second tragedy of this year's contest was that the MOST creative dunk, performed by Dwight Howard involving a sticker and the backboard, wasn't even the highest score. Personally, I feel if you're going to give the "windmill over a table" a 50, you need to give the best dunk in the contest a 50 as well. Maybe I'm jaded, though, because I remember J-Rich throwing the ball off the backboard, and then taking it between his legs before throwing it down. That's a 50. A windmill over a table is certainly not a 50. The value of a 50 has certainly fallen over the last few dunk contests.

What may have shocked me the most was the judging. Thank goodness that Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins weren't throwing out 10's for every dunk they saw, otherwise this year's competition may have gotten completely out of control. I remember the commentators at one point were giving Jordan a hard time for being a tough judge. A tough judge? Give me a break; Jordan was being honest, if anything too easy. I couldn't believe Vince Carter, one of the greatest dunk contest winners of all time, throwing 10's out like they were going out of style. Did Vince really feel that the 10's he threw up were as good as his 360 Reverse Windmill or his elbow-in-the-rim? I sure hope not because those were classic dunks.

Most of this ranting will be to no avail, since next year's All-Star Saturday night will go back to being slow, boring, and drawn out. Pretty soon however, someone at the top will hopefully realize that the quality of their events is slipping by the wayside, and as fans become less and less interested, the NBA will be forced to get back to its roots of quality Saturday night events.

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UMaine coach Lauren Steblen said. "We were shooting harder too."

Freshman Jenna Ouellette tied the game at 2-2 with an unassisted goal at 12:32 in the third. The puck, and play, went back and forth from there, until Sonia Corriveau scored on a breakaway with just 4:54 left in the game to secure the win for UMaine. Fellow seniors Sunstrum and Laflamme assisted on the goal.

In the net was senior Rachel Gettings, who got the start and played well, with 20 saves and two goals allowed.

"It was a very exciting game," said Steblen afterwards. "The seniors will definitely be missed next season. They're such a tight group, you know? When one of them has a bad game someone else always seems to pick up the slack. They complement each other really well."

Earlier in the game, the Black Bears were able to score first, with an unassisted goal by Pam Patterson at 10:21, while the Terriers were on a power play. It was UMaine's first shorthanded goal of the season. Unfortunately, BU was able to tie the game during that same power play with a goal by Erin Seman that was assisted by Melissa Anderson. In the second period, UMaine had the first four shots on goal, but it was Boston University that was finally able to find the back of the net and take the lead, 3:30 into the period. Neither team could stay out of the penalty box during the second period, with the two teams getting called for three penalties apiece, but neither team was able to capitalize on these opportunities.

Steblen added that the Senior Day experience may be positive for the younger players, because they have learned so much from the example of the seniors and now they will be able to step into those roles.

"[The seniors] certainly do leave a big hole, though," she said.

On Saturday, the scoring started off quickly. The Terriers struck first, as Nicki Wiart snuck the puck past the right side of goalie Genevieve Turgeon just 1:11 into the game. Boston University took a 2-0 lead at 13:56 when Gina Kearns scored with assists from Nicki Wiart and Sarah Appleton.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENNA LAVALLEE

I FOUGHT THE LAW AND THE LAW WON — UMaine captain Kelly Law sizes up a Vermont forward during women's hockey action last month at Alford Arena.

Finishing up the scoring in the first period — and the game — was a power play goal that was put in off the rebound by Brigitte Laflamme, making the score 2-1. Boston University seemed to have the edge in the third period, as they were aided by four power plays. But as in the rest of the game, the Black Bears were able to kill the advantage. With five seconds to go, UMaine pulled goalie Turgeon from net.

The Black Bears won the face-off in the Terrier's zone, but weren't able to get a shot in before the horn sounded.

Steblen said the team played really well on Saturday, but they "just weren't able to get the puck in the net."

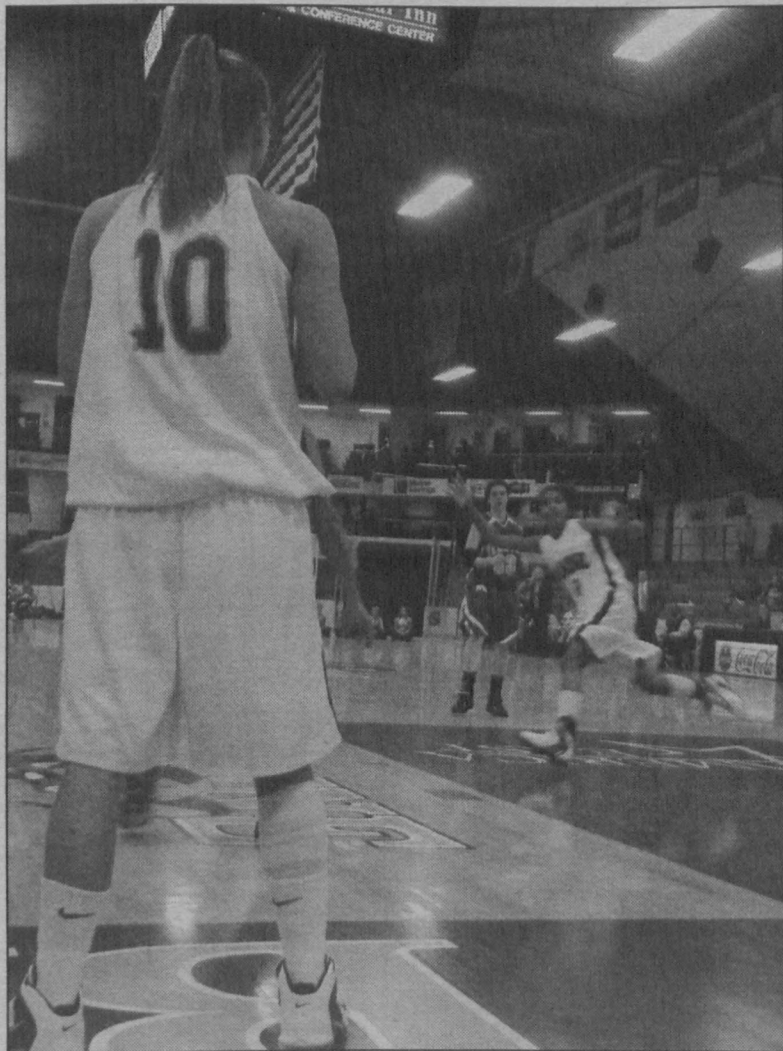
"The forecheck did well against them," said Steblen. "We were mostly able to keep them in their zone. We just were too offensive-minded sometimes

and didn't focus enough on defense [on Saturday]."

With the split, UMaine came out of the series with a record of 10-18-2 overall and 5-13-2 in Hockey East play, while Boston University is now 18-11-3 overall and 9-8-2 in conference games.

The Black Bears' final game of the season will be on Saturday at 7:30 pm at Boston College.

Swan Song on Tap



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JENNA LAVALLEE

IN BOUNDS PASS — Ashley Underwood and her fellow seniors will play their last game at Alford Arena Saturday.

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some rebounding problems and lost some of our balance offensively."

Despite the latest string of setbacks, the Black Bears sit in a relatively strong position for the upcoming America East tournament. UMaine is 6-8 in conference action [11-6 overall] and is tied for fourth place with Hartford and UMBC. A pair of wins in the next four days will guarantee Woodward's squad no worse than the No. 4 seed.

"We're still right there in fourth place after getting off to a rough start," the third-year coach said. "We've played some good basketball in stretches and we want to get back to that. That means being committed on defense and getting our rebounding situation straight."

Rebounding wasn't as big an issue as it's been in UMaine's loss to Northeastern in their non-conference finale Saturday. But poor first half shooting and a lack of balance on offense led to a 71-61 setback and sent the Black Bears back to the drawing board again.

"Strong and together are words we've been using quite a bit because when we are, we're able to peak. We're crisp without execution and get our balance down," Woodward said.

Freshman Junior Bernal played only 11 minutes with a minor injury

Saturday, but he isn't expected to miss any additional time.

The Black Bears need to finish strong in what's been a streaky conference season. UMaine kicked off the 2007 America East campaign with four straight losses, then bounced back by winning five in a row before dropping four of the next five. The see-saw nature and extreme momentum swings haven't seemed to phase the Bears emotionally.

"This has been a very [emotionally] consistent team all the way through," said Woodward. "Whether we're winning some or losing some we've been a group that's focused on what we need to do to get to the next level."

The first step to that next level comes tonight against a Retriever squad that UMaine handled last month in Orono, 70-56. The Black Bears did an outstanding job defending UMBC's top two guards as Jay Green was 0-for-4 from the field and Chris Pugh only managed two shots.

Sixth man Brian Hodges poses the biggest threat, and he scored 26 against UMaine last time out. The 6-3 junior is one of the leading bench scorers in the country and torched BU for 19 second half points as the Retrievers upset the Terriers Sunday.

"Obviously Hodges is an explosive player," said Woodward. "He's just more comfortable [coming off the bench]. He's virtually a starter and I'm sure he'll be in by the 18:00 mark."

Despite the off-game at Alford

Arena, Greene is one of the leading point guards in America East and his ball distribution skills make UMBC a dangerous club.

"They have a nice, balanced team," Woodward explained. "You have to cover all five guys. They shoot high percentages and get the ball into good areas and you have to be ready for all of those."

UMaine also needs their three-point shots to start falling. Though seniors Jon Sheets and Kevin Reed still lead the conference in treys made, UMaine is shooting just 25 percent from behind the arc over the four game skid, including an uncharacteristic 22 percent from Sheets.

"We've been getting good looks, and as long as we get good looks I feel confident," said Woodward. "Threes can be a streaky thing. Sometimes you're on fire and sometimes they just won't go. The X-factor is how good the looks are, and we're getting the shot we ask for."

Following tonight's match-up with the Retrievers, UMaine returns home for a Senior Day tilt against last place Stony Brook on Sunday at 1 p.m. With two wins, the Black Bears can finish at .500 in league play for the first time in Woodward's tenure.

"There's nobody in the league struggling right now. Everyone's decent," Woodward said. "Stony Brook beat Penn State and had no problem with BU. There's a lot of parity in the league that can shift either way."

Black Bears host cellar-dwelling Warriors

Seniors approach last weekend with business attitude

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

When Friday night rolls around in Orono, the last thought on the minds of the University of Maine men's ice hockey team will be that of speeches.

MERRIMACK VS. UM
FRIDAY, FEB. 23
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With just four games remaining in the regular season and the squad fighting desperately for the fourth and final home ice spot in the Hockey East quarterfinals, this weekend's series is anything but a joyous occasion. Ignoring the whole senior day storyline, the Black Bears are eager to focus on the larger picture; in this case, the Hockey East Tournament. Currently tied for fifth place with UMass-Amherst, the team will have a much-needed chance at gaining some traction in the Hockey East standings against lowly Merrimack, which has only won three games this year.

As forward Mike Hamilton, a member of UMaine's six man senior class, puts it: This weekend is simple. It's all business.

Despite the fact that Saturday could potentially mark the final home decision of their careers, none of the seniors are willing to look at it as a time of celebration.

"Business is definitely on our minds," said Hamilton. "We're just thinking about getting four points this weekend. The senior stuff is in the back of our minds right now. It's more



SPREAD EAGLE — Boston College goalie Cory Schneider sprawls across the crease as UMaine's Teddy Purcell and Mike Lundin crash the net during last weekend's series at Conte Forum.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

important that we get the wins."

Together, the seniors — Keith Johnson, Michel Leveille, Josh Soares, Mike Lundin, Mike Hamilton and Brent Shephard—have experienced just about every possible swing in emotion throughout their time in Orono. Along the way they have registered 100 victories, three NCAA tournament berths, two Frozen

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Eagles experience a snoozer compared to Alford

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Conte Forum, home of the Boston College Eagles. Before each game, the crowd is treated — thanks to the Forum's state-of-the-art facilities — to an epic team introduction on Jumbotrons at both ends of the ice.

The intro outlines many of BC's illustrious accomplishments, complementing them with dazzling high-light-reel videos. For the finale, they run a clip from "Lord of the Rings," with an excited hobbit exclaiming, "The Eagles are coming!" The Boston College men's hockey squad takes the ice and they are met with lackluster enthusiasm.

Hockey fans, welcome to the antithesis of Alford Arena.

Yes, the facilities are impressive. There are roughly a dozen vendors throughout the nice concourse that surrounds the arena. The Jumbotrons are a very cool effect, the sound system is crystal clear and the ice is

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Key stretch awaits UM

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

Figuratively speaking, their backs are against the wall. After dropping four straight and five of their last six games, the University of Maine men's basketball team has a chance to snap that skid tonight at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and gather some momentum with only two regular season games remaining.

Men's Basketball

"This is the time of year where you want to play well going into the conference tournament," said UMaine coach Ted Woodward. "[The last four] were tough games. We certainly wanted to come out with a few wins — all wins if we could — but unfortunately we had

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Corriveau, Gettings key victory

Women's hockey wins on Senior Day

By Tyler Francke
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team clashed with the Terriers from Boston University last weekend in a two-game series. UMaine got even in the series finale with an exciting come-from-behind victory on Sunday after BU was able to get the win on Saturday with a score of 2-1. Sunday's win marked the first time in four years the Black Bears were able to win on Senior Day.

Sunday, the Black Bears came back to the Alford seeking revenge for their tough loss the day before. The contest also marked the last home game of the season for UMaine, and the last home game in the careers of six

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READY TO RUMBLE — Jenna Ouellette prepares to take a draw during last weekend's women's hockey action.

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outstanding senior athletes: Brigitte Laflamme, Karine Senecal, Rachel Gettings, Kelly Law, Kate Sunstrum and Sonia Corriveau.

The game was a classic. It came down to the third period with

Maine in danger of getting swept in the series with another 2-1 loss. But the Black Bears didn't give up. "We took the puck to the net a lot harder in the third period,"

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Track trio claim gold

Drake, Gordon, Libby snag conference crowns

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Sports Editor

Their backgrounds, events and paths to glory are as different as can be. But a trio of University of Maine

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track and field seniors has at least one thing in common — America East gold medals. Arel Gordon, Donny Drake and Eric Libby each claimed a conference championship last weekend.

Gordon broke his own school

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