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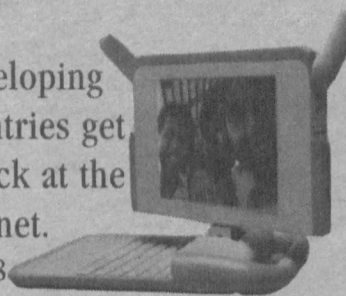


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## Four students charged with trafficking pot

UMaine Police seize 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana valued at \$2,000 or more from car, dorms

By Tony Reaves  
News Editor

Police arrested four University of Maine students last Saturday on marijuana trafficking charges.

Brennan Farley, 19, William McHugh, 18, Ryan Morrison, 18, and Justin Zinck, 18, face charges of trafficking a scheduled drug, a Class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison. The arrest came after an ongoing investigation involving UMaine police and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

According to Detective Chris Gardner, police pulled over Farley and



Farley



Zinck



Morrison



McHugh

McHugh in Orchard Lot, where they found about a pound of marijuana in the car. Later Saturday afternoon, police arrested Morrison and Zinck in connection with the earlier arrest.

Later, Gardner said, they seized another half pound of marijuana in Farley's room.

Gardner said the investigation is ongoing and that UMaine police plan to charge more people, although he declined to give details.

"It's a significant amount of marijuana," Gardner said. He said a pound bought all at once could cost between

\$1,900 and \$3,000, depending on its quality and origin. If the suspects intended to sell the marijuana, as police intend to prove they were, it could have been split up and sold for much more, as much as \$7,000.

All four subjects were brought to Penobscot County Jail Saturday and have all since been released on bail.

Gardner said it was important to remember "the fact that we have 11,000 students here, and that four people out of 11,000 here is very small compared to the students that are law-abiding and are here to get an education."

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## UM lauded for energy-saving work

Efficiency Maine awards \$50,000 as incentive

By Emily Southwick  
Copy Editor

Last Friday, Efficiency Maine awarded the university \$50,000 as an incentive for its recent energy-saving measures, and another check for more than \$8,000 is on the way.

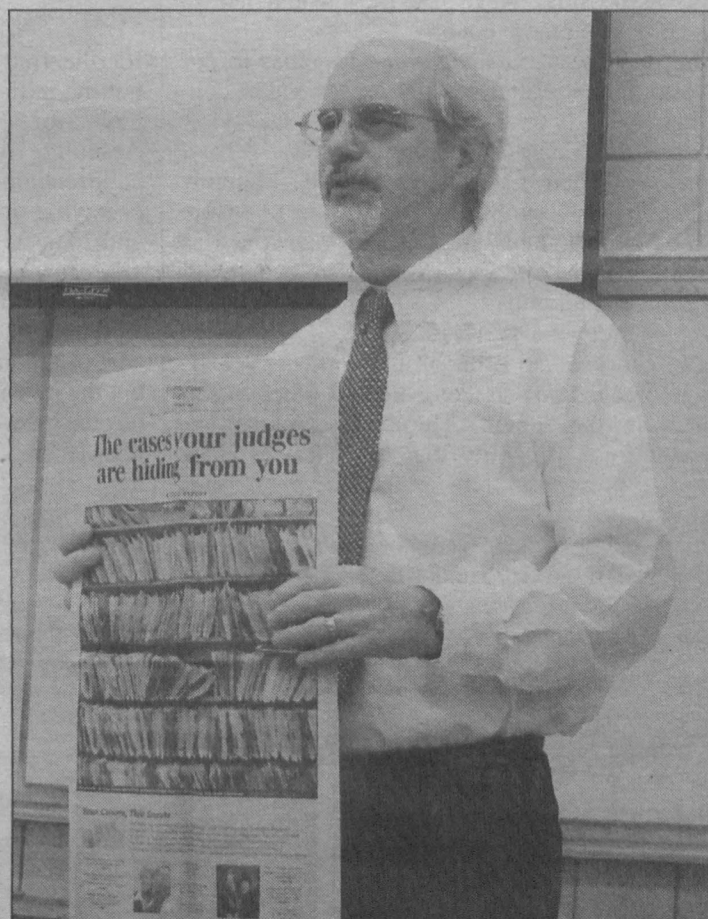
Everywhere across the University of Maine campus, efforts are being made to reduce energy use and cut costs. Combined, the programs and upgrades are projected to save the school \$71,000 annually. Lighting renovations, currently one of the biggest projects, have been completed in 14 buildings across campus, including Alumni Hall, the Alford Arena and some residence halls.

Efficiency Maine, part of Maine's Public Utilities Commission, awards money to businesses in the state who implement energy-saving measures in order to offset the costs.

Janet Waldron, vice president for Administration and Financing, is in charge of the residence halls and dining commons facilities and has worked with Efficiency Maine to replace 1,578 light bulbs with new compact fluorescent light bulbs so far. While CFLs are more expensive than regular incandescent light bulbs, they last at least four times longer and use much less power. A CFL using about 12 watts can produce as much light as a 60 watt incandescent bulb. CFLs are also better for the environment because they emit fewer greenhouse gases than other energy sources.

"I see it as a real win-win [situation]," Waldron said about the projects. "We have a responsibility to the environment, and the university can be a model [to

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## TEACHER'S COURT

A JUSTICE BY DAY, ANDREW MEAD  
MOONLIGHTS AS A UMAINE PROFESSOR

By Nick McCrea  
Copy Editor

In early February, Maine Superior Court Justice Andrew Mead presided over an emotionally charged double-manslaughter trial.

Throughout the four-day trial, Mead sat in his large leather chair, listening intently and ruling on the occasional attorney's objection. He was stern and focused on the case — his authoritative, stone-faced expression changed little during the proceedings.

After the attorneys gave their closing arguments, Mead turned to address the jury before they retired to decide a verdict, and his demeanor suddenly changed. His eyes lit up as he

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Mead, while teaching class, holds a report entitled "The cases your judges are hiding from you." Campus photo by Pattie Barry.

## Opportunity Maine going to the voters

By Michael Dabrio  
For The Maine Campus

AUGUSTA — The student-led campaign "Opportunity Maine" steamrolled through autumn gathering support, and announced at the State House in Augusta on Monday that it was successful in collecting enough signatures to present their initiative to the Maine legislature. It will either be passed outright or left to the voters in November.

Volunteers for the initiative, which, if passed, will create a tax credit for resident Maine students who stay to work in the state, collected 63,000 viable signatures in support of its cause — 8,000 more than the minimum requirement.

"We did it," said Andrew Bossie, president of Opportunity Maine PAC and a student at the University of Southern Maine.

If the bipartisan initiative becomes law, students who graduate from a Maine college or university and stay to work and live in the state afterward will be eligible for a tax credit to assist in repaying student loans. It will not be retroactive, meaning it will only apply to students who graduate from college after it is approved.

The credit could be claimed on personal tax claims or through potential employers, who would pay back the debt to the state.

"We know that a lot of people need to leave Maine after they graduate because they can't afford to pay their student loans," Bossie said, standing at the podium in the Hall of Flags with a group of volunteers standing behind him holding Opportunity Maine signs. "The new graduates that OM creates will continue living in Maine, earning higher incomes and producing higher tax revenues."

According to a press release, the state will have to provide funds for the measure

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

SUITED UP — The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon received numerous awards for their accomplishments last weekend.

## Sig Ep receives regional awards

Youth AIDS fundraiser and highest 2006 GPA attract accolades

By Meghan Hayward  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter has a cause to celebrate. More than 20 members of the fraternity were in Massachusetts last week, where they received four regional awards.

The brothers who attended the event included eight members of the executive board, along with others who wanted to represent the fraternity.

The UMaine chapter received the fraternity's Youth AIDS Outstanding Achievement award for its role in helping curb HIV and AIDS among young people. The biggest fundraiser was their annual camp-out. The brothers slept outside Fogler Library and collected single dollar donations toward Youth AIDS. The event raised \$1,200.

The group also received the Excelsior Award for having the highest GPA improvement from spring semester 2006 to fall semester 2006. The scholarship excellence award was presented to the fraternity for having the highest GPA of all fraternities on campus.

The group's GPA from last semester was 3.18. For the fifth consecutive year, they were also granted the Chapter Home of the Year Award.

"These awards bring a sense of pride and recognition. It's nice to know we are being recognized for our efforts to commit ourselves to excellence," said Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter vice president Cameron Wise.

The regional awards include all chapters throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island and New York. The trip wouldn't have been possible without the funding given by the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation.

The fraternity hopes to continue winning as many awards as possible. Next year they would like to bring home even more honors.

"We don't want to settle when it comes to our success. I think it's often easy to sit back and be content, but we really try to stay motivated," said Wise.

Part of the fraternity's motivation may be from the help of their Chapter Counselor, Matthew Small. Small advises SigEp's leadership to ensure that the high standards are met and maintained as they build balanced leaders. Small also meets with each brother individually to address personal and professional development issues.

"These awards assist the brotherhood in evaluating our organization as compared to other SigEp chapters in the region. These benchmarks are important for a fraternity that continues to challenge the prevalent frat-boy stereotypes," said Small.

Small feels that the award for service in Youth AIDS is well deserved. He hopes the men continue to strive toward improving themselves as leaders on campus and beyond.

## GREENTIPS

By Nicole Mercier

Before you leave for break, unplug all appliances and make sure your windows are shut tight. Refrigerators, microwaves, lamps, TVs, computers and all other electrical appliances should be unplugged for safety and energy conservation.

You aren't using anything in your room during break. Why should your things use energy — which they do when they are plugged in — even when they are "off"?

Making sure your windows are tightly closed and properly locked will ensure that pipes don't freeze and that less energy is used to keep the dormitory buildings at a safe temperature.

Don't pay to heat the outside; take an extra minute to ensure that windows are closed and locked properly. Don't pay for your appliances to sit on standby when you aren't there either; unplug all appliances. Have a fun, safe and green spring break.

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for the first four to five years, but the initiative should begin to pay for itself by 2014. Assuming that 13.4 percent of additional income from the higher-paying jobs is paid in state and local taxes, the net benefit will grow to more than \$20 million by 2018.

After the first ten years, the cost of the tax credit will plateau but the revenue boost will continue to grow, according to the release. In 2018, the first graduating class that would be affected will stop claiming credit. From then on, each new class claiming the credit will be offset by an earlier class ending loan repayments.

"Sixty one percent of students pursuing associate's and bachelor's degrees in Maine have student loans," he said.

According to Bossie, the average debt for a student pursuing a bachelor's degree with loans is estimated to be more than \$18,000. "That debt that I have and so many other people have greatly impact[s] this state."

According to Opportunity Maine, of the 39 percent of high school diploma earners who go on to earn college degrees in the state, 53.6 percent leave. Maine also has 30 percent fewer degree holders than the rest of New

England, and average incomes are also 30 percent less.

"This initiative addressed a need, it didn't create one," said Diane Russell, Student Committee Member for Opportunity Maine.

The campaign was operated through a network of more than 500 student and resident volunteers throughout the state.

"The student involvement was critical," said Russell, who worked closely with students at UMaine throughout the campaign.

"This has been a blending of community and students in a way that has never been done before," she said.

*"There was no generational divide. We had a woman in her eighties that was one of our best volunteers."*

Rob Brown  
Campaign Director  
Opportunity Maine

"UMaine rocked the house, we got 3,000 signatures just on election day." Campaign Director Rob Brown agreed. "There was no generational divide. We had a woman in her eighties that was one of our best volunteers. She bundled up in the cold and the rain to stand in front of the supermarket and the post office. Then we had college kids driving all over the state to collect signatures, and most of them won't directly benefit from it."

The initiative is getting support from both sides of the political aisle.

"It is a great thing for the state of Maine," said Rep. Gary Moore, R-Standish, who stood holding a sign as Bossie spoke.

Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, agreed, saying that this was a step in the right direction for Maine education.

## THE MAINE CAMPUS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

### Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series

"Human Rights Abuses, Indigenous Communities, Women and Economic Justice" will be presented by the Mexico Solidarity Network, featuring speakers from Red de Defensores Comunitarios por los Derechos Humanos (Community Human Rights Defenders Network) at 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

### Entrepreneurship Speaker Series

A speech by Roy Warren, Class of '81, CEO of Bravo! Foods International, will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Innovation Center.

### Meet UMaine Entrepreneurs

A panel of UMaine faculty and alumni entrepreneurs will share their experiences with students. Companies will include a music instruction DVD publishing company and one of the fastest growing fran-

chises in the country. The event will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Innovation Center. Lunch will be provided.

### Entrepreneurship Week Imagination Celebration

Celebrate the spirit of imagination with games, toys, food and contests and enter to win an iPod Shuffle. The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. in the Innovation Center.

Friday

### Go Blue Friday

Wear blue and white to show your school spirit.

### Spring Recess Begins

Spring Recess officially begins at 5 p.m. Classes will resume on March 19.

### Acadian Film Showing: "The Story of the Acadians"

Part of a week marking the 200th birthday of anniversary of Henry

Wadsworth Longfellow's birth, the film will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Layne Longfellow, a relative of Maine's well-loved poet and narrator of "The Story of the Acadians." The film will begin in the Franco-American Center at 6 p.m.

### Free Public Observatory Viewing

The Maynard F. Jordan Observatory is open and free to both students and the public if sky is visible and temperature is above 10 degrees 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### 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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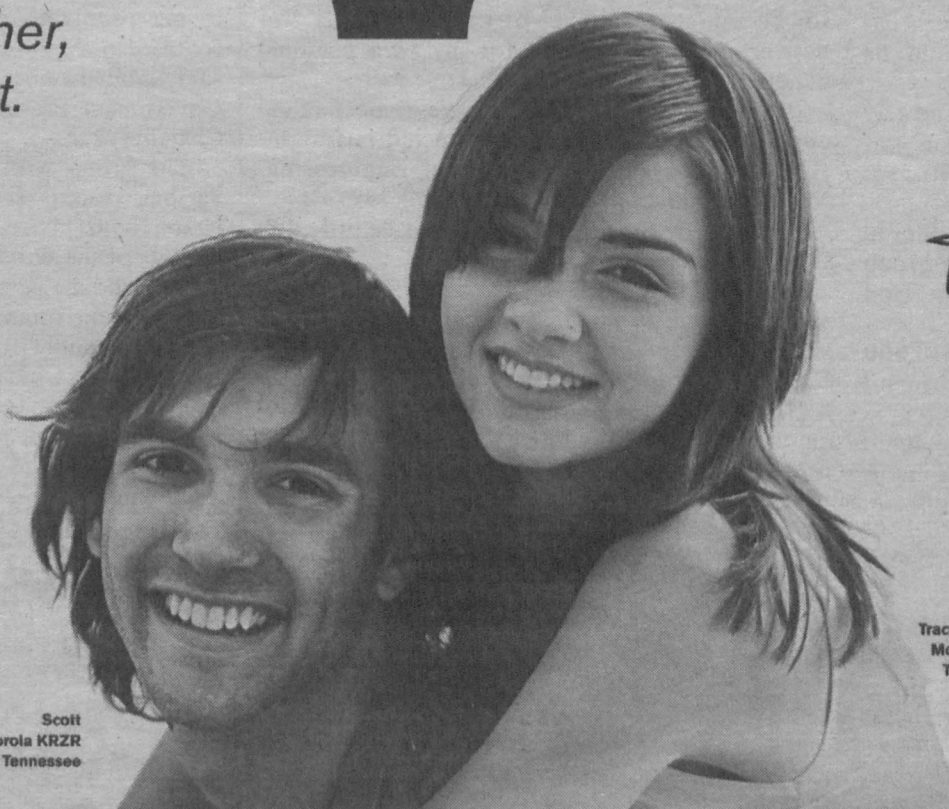


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## POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins  
Staff Reporter



### Pickup picked up for damage and DUI

On Feb. 23 at 12:38 a.m., an officer responded to a complaint of a hit-and-run outside of Androscoggin Hall by a red pickup. A nearby officer quickly located the vehicle and pulled it over. The driver, Eric Meader, 21, of Rumford, turned over the proper documents to the officer. The officer then inspected the vehicle for any possible recent damage, which the officer found on the rear bumper. The witness of the accident identified the truck as the one involved. The officer smelled intoxicants on Meader, who admitted to having five or six beers. Meader failed a field sobriety test and was placed under arrest for operating under the influence. He admitted to striking the vehicle and blew a 0.14 on a Breathalyzer. Meader was charged with operating under the influence and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

### Angry boyfriend off the wall

On Feb. 25 at 1:34 a.m., Public Safety received a report

of criminal mischief from Oxford Hall. When the officer responded, he noticed a beer can sitting in the hallway outside of a dorm room. Two spots on the walls had blood stains, and there was also a crack from what appeared to be a punch. The former boyfriend of a female resident, identified as Nicholas Vamvas, 24, became upset with her and started yelling. People soon intervened and forced Vamvas to leave the building. A witness stated that Vamvas came back into the building later that night and rode the elevator up to the floor of the female resident, pulled out some beer cans and threw them at the door. He then started punching the wall. This action is believed to have caused the damage and the blood stains, as his hands appeared to have been cut. Vamvas was issued a summons for criminal mischief.

### Come for the marijuana, stay for the rum

On Feb. 24 at 11:05 p.m., an officer responded to a complaint the smell of marijuana.

When he knocked on the door of the room in question, a female allowed the officer to enter. As the door was opened, the officer noticed a bottle with a dark liquid in it. The resident of the room, Ashley Adams, 18, admitted that the alcohol was hers and that it was Captain Morgan's. Adams was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor.

### Man attempts to author authorization

On Feb. 23 at 10:27 a.m., Parking Services noticed a vehicle in the Boardman parking lot displaying a handicapped placard. The expiration date appeared to say 2008, but closer examination determined the date was actually 2006. The driver, Frederick Kenniston, 45, was located and admitted that the placard was not his, but belonged to a family member. He admitted no legitimate need for it, stating he used it to park in the handicapped spot. Kenniston was issued a summons for parking in a handicapped space without authorization.

## GSS debates Stein fund increase

\$2,291 eventually approved for Boston Gay Men's Chorus MCA fees

By Heather Steeves  
Staff Reporter

There was a stir during Tuesday night's meeting of the General Student Senate over whether or not to increase funds for Wilde Stein for the campus group to cover MCA fees to host the Boston Gay Men's Chorus.

The original resolution stated that Wilde Stein was asking for \$1,290. When this was brought to the senate floor, Senator Abtin Mehdizadegan asked to amend this amount to \$2,290. The senate voted down the increase.

Some senators claimed that it may have failed because the group, as of Tuesday night, was still waiting on some possible funding. Some senators thought the money from GSS would be unnecessary.

Steven Moran led the meeting on Tuesday because Vice President William Pomerleau was attending the Conference of the Student Government Associations in Texas.

"I know we are in a budget crisis," Moran said, but he pushed the senate to fund the group because "this is a great group ... This is the kind of thing we need to be funding."

GSS currently has a little more than \$10,000 according to Benjamin Benwell, vice president for Financial Affairs.

He then asked that the resolution once again be amended to give Wilde Stein \$2,291. Senator Melanie Rockefeller asked the group of senators

who had not allowed the resolution to be passed the first time to support an increase.

After extensive debate, GSS passed the resolution and awarded the group the full amount of \$2,291. Senator Ashleigh Deschenes, who originally voted against funding Wilde Stein, said she was comfortable changing her vote to support the group because she was sure that the GSS would get some of the money back, due to pending funding from other groups.

Outside of the funding debates, three new senators were inducted at the meeting. Jessica Long, a second-year political science major, will represent the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She said, "I wanted to get involved." Her reason for becoming a member of the senate was "for networking purposes and for my own personal benefit."

Joseph Micucci, a second-year mechanical engineering major, was also inducted last night. He will represent the College of Engineering. Micucci said that becoming a senator "wasn't too hard," but that the meeting itself was "a little difficult to follow."

The last inductee was James Lyons, a first-year biochemistry and political science major who will represent the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry & Agriculture.

"It's going pretty well, things are going pretty smoothly," he said, adding that he was eager to represent his college. "They are part of the community and really need some representation."



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRIYANTH CHANDRESEKAR

CROSSBONES — The Skulls gather for a group shot.

## Senior Skulls out to recruit new blood

December '06 marks society's centennial

By Brian Sylvester  
Assistant News Editor

The Senior Skulls at the University of Maine celebrated their centennial year in 2006. The all-inclusive honor society was founded on Dec. 14, 1906 by 11 men with the purpose of promoting campus spirit, disciplining freshmen and "keeping an eye on the fraternities."

Since then, the group has developed into UMaine's highest all-inclusive honor society for men and has dedicated itself primarily to service and maintaining a sense of tradition at the university. In that spirit, this year's Skull class recently embarked on what they are calling the "Traditions Project."

"The basic idea behind that is to get people to recognize the rooms [in Memorial Union]," said Skull member and Student Government President Priyanth Chandrasekar.

The group will decorate the various rooms in Memorial Union with historical information about the building, the university, and the person or groups for whom the rooms are named.

Each room will be outfitted with a glass case containing historical items of interest and two or more framed panels which will contain posters, images and other data.

"We want to educate students," Chandrasekar said. "It creates a kind of community."

The faculty adviser to the senate and creative services and marketing manager at the Alumni Association Robert Potts, echoed this sentiment.

"As nice as our Union is, there's not a lot there in terms of history."

"One of the many things [the Skulls] are charged with now is upholding UMaine traditions," he added.

The project will likely get underway after spring recess, and was only recently authorized by the administration.

Each year the Skull class embarks on a large-scale project that is largely an outgrowth of the members' particular interests. The group is also currently accepting applications for next year's Senior Skull class.

"It's a very honorable thing to be a part of," Chandrasekar said. "We want people who have done stuff to get recommended."

Recommendations for applicants can be submitted anonymously, and forms are available from the Alumni Association Web site at <http://www.mainealumni.org>.

Those interested in the Skulls or their counterpart, the All Maine Women, are encouraged to contact Bob Potts via FirstClass.

*The group will decorate rooms in Memorial*

*Union with historical information about the building, the university, and the people for whom the rooms are named.*

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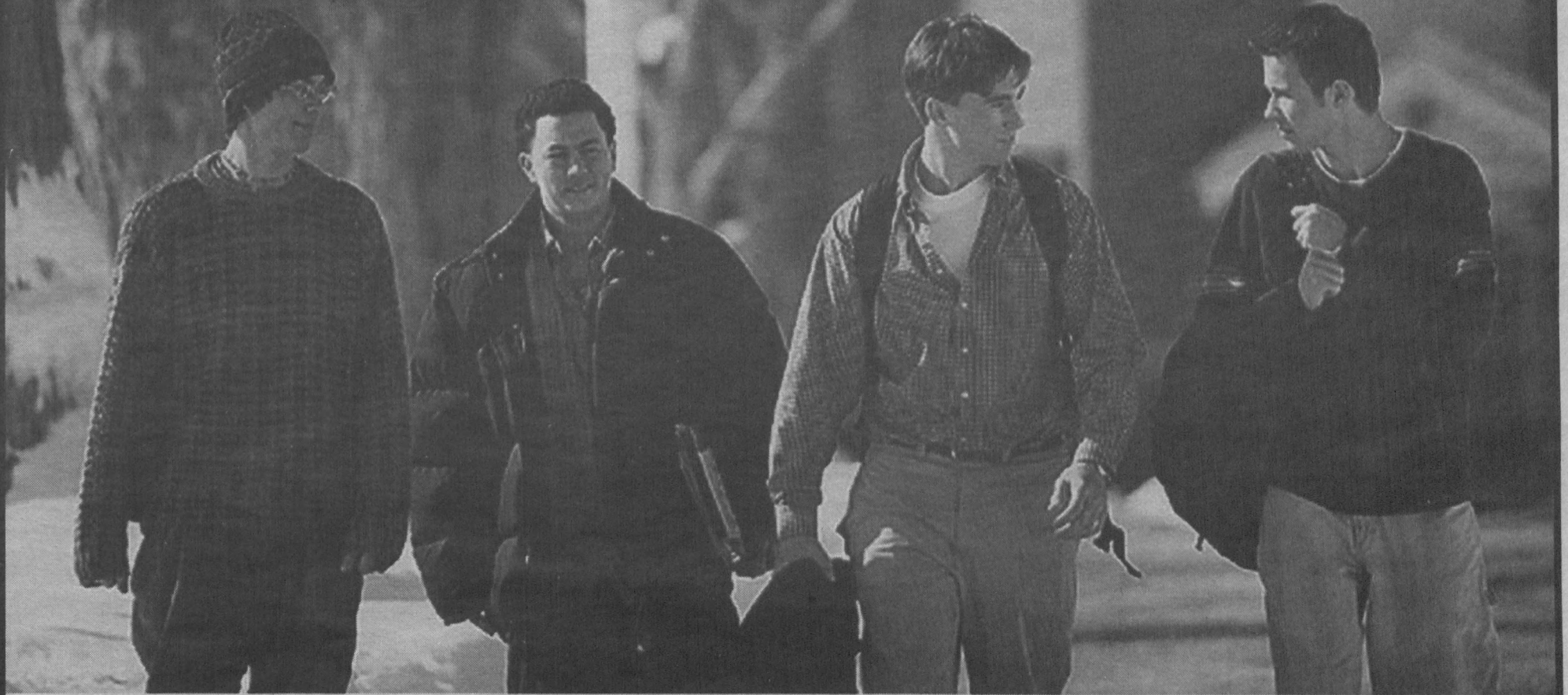
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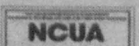
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defined the crime the defendant was charged with and how to regard the facts and evidence of the case.

"As the Superior Court justice in jury trial, what I do really is teaching," Mead said a week later in an interview at his Penobscot County Superior Courthouse office in Bangor. "I have to explain concepts to the jury in a way that folks who aren't lawyers can understand.

"Justices are good teachers," he said.

This semester, Mead has an opportunity to prove that statement while teaching Mass Media Law and Regulation at the University of Maine.

Mead's students said they weren't looking forward to the two and a half hour class that began at 6 p.m. Tuesday. But when they opened the door to the classroom in the Donald P. Corbett Building, their concern turned to curiosity.

As they entered, they heard easy listening, soft rock and jazz music playing on the speakers in the room. Soon after, Mead strolled in and set two large boxes of granola bars and Rice Krispies Treats on a table at the front of the room to help get the students through the night. As the class session progressed, Mead moved from wall to wall, stopping occasionally to lean up against them as he talked. He seemed to be chatting during his lecture time rather than lecturing.

"Most professors are extremely smart and very experienced with their concentration of teach-

ing ... but they aren't good teachers. Professor Mead is different," said Sarah Thiboutot, a second-year journalism student in the class.

Mead, a 55-year-old New Jersey native, came to the UMaine as a psychology major in 1969. He remembers his time at UMaine vividly and recalls the volatile times during the Vietnam era. He especially remembers the president of the university at the time, Winthrop C. Libby, and how he alone seemed to diffuse several potentially dangerous situations on campus.

Soon after the Kent State shootings, in which four protesting students were killed and another nine injured by national guardsmen, UMaine students planned a huge rally on the Mall. The protesters marched to the front lawn of the

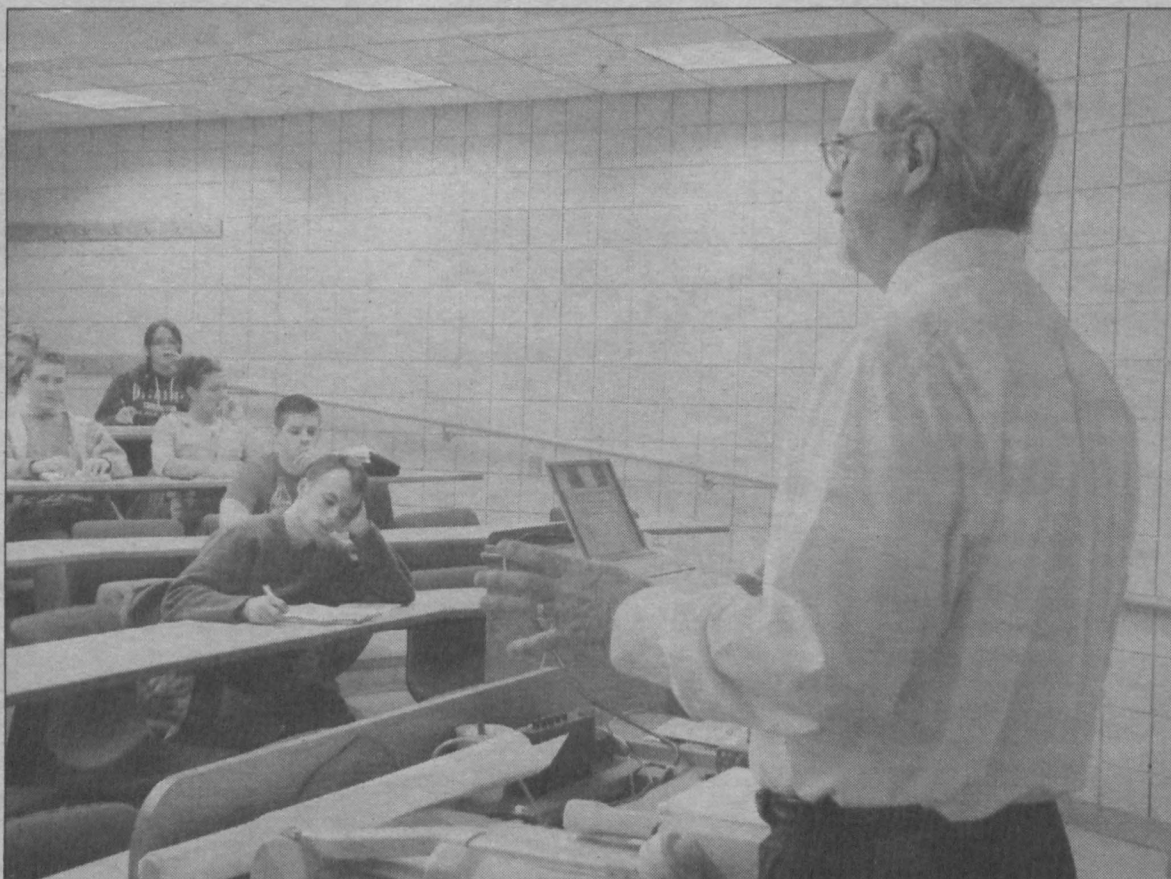
president's house.

Libby went onto his porch and ended the tension by inviting every last protester into his home for tea and discussion.

"That whole situation really inspired me, really showed me the power of listening was a powerful thing indeed," Mead said. "It was just a very inspirational kind of turning point for me in how to deal with adversity."

The power of listening has served Mead well both in the courtroom and the classroom.

Mead described the one thing he wanted students to take away from his class: "There's a really close and sometimes difficult relationship between media and law. It's a complicated relationship and I want them to fully understand that and understand their role as protectors of the first amendment, especially.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY PATTIE BARRY

IN SESSION — Judge Mead speaks to his Media Law and Ethics class on Tuesday evening about the right of access to court and legal documents.

"I'm a big First Amendment fan," he chuckled.

Teaching is something he said he wouldn't mind sticking with if the university asks him to come back.

While a student at the university, Mead was inspired to become a lawyer. A debate course helped him realize he loved researching and presenting arguments, things he tied closely to law.

"It really kind of surprised me how much I enjoyed it," Mead said. "I stopped looking into graduate school in [psychology] and started looking at law school."

He graduated from New York Law School and spent 14 years as a lawyer before being appointed to the courts in Maine.

"When I started in law, the people who inspired me were the Superior Court justices," Mead

said. "I always thought that was what someone should aspire to be. They were the most imposing and impressive people I'd dealt with."

When Justice Mead isn't in court or teaching his communications course, he said, "I do a lot of things — not many of them well — but I do a lot."

He has been with a band, the RetroRockerz, for about three years. Mead plays lead guitar and is joined by a fifth-grade teacher as a lead singer, a therapist on drums, an orthodontist on keyboard, an orthopedic surgeon and the chief executive officer of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

The RetroRockerz play 1960s, '70s and '80s era rock 'n' roll for charity and municipal events, as well as for an escape.

"We have a lot of fun. It's a very pleasant diversion from very

stressful day jobs," Mead said.

He is also an avid hockey player in the Penobscot Valley Senior Hockey League and traveled overseas to play a Russian team in 1987.

Mead even tried his hand at fiction. He had five articles published in various law journals, but said fiction writing was much tougher to break into. After finishing his book, a spy-military thriller titled "The Line of Fire" a few years ago, he sought a publisher.

"When you get into that Tom Clancy genre, it's a very closed shop," Mead said. He received nice letters from publishers who said they didn't need any new writers.

When asked if he planned on taking another shot at a writing career, Mead said, "Nope, I'm retiring early."



## 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 VPFA are Student Entertainment, Legal Services, Boards and Community Association representatives. A list of appointment times will be available in the FAO for these organizations.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Your club must be considered active, attained final approval status and the president and treasurer must be undergraduate students. To check your club status, please come to the FAO as soon as possible.

**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.



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"In cases where drug trafficking is proved, we have zero tolerance," said Dean of Students Robert Dana. He wouldn't speak specifically about the suspects, but said that in a case of aggravated drug trafficking, expulsion was not out of the question.

"When you get into larger amounts of drugs, you begin to understand that the effect might be broader and more pernicious," Dana explained. "It's not a victimless crime. Drug dealers typically have very egoistic interests, and they're incompatible with the college community."

The four students are scheduled to appear in Superior Court on April 13.

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other universities] in those areas."

She hopes that model will set a precedent for other schools, and that it will integrate not only professionals, but also undergraduate and graduate students. "I think it can provide an excellent learning experience," Waldron said.

Leigh Stearns is one of those graduate students, and is studying glaciers in the Climate Change Institute. Stearns said she was "frustrated at the lack of national policy aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions," and in response, formed the University of Maine Sustainability Alliance with fellow graduate student Susan Kaspari. They have tracked the university's environmental "footprint" for the past 16 years and found that campus emissions and electricity use have skyrocketed over that time period.

Stearns believes that the university, as the largest in the University of Maine System, must lead the way in changing these trends. But she also wants to emphasize that individuals can make a difference too. "Global climate change is a huge issue, and it's easy to feel that there's nothing that one individual can do to improve it. In reality, we can all cut down on our energy consumption by a little bit, and we can all make smarter choices as consumers. Add all



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**LIGHT THE LAMP** – New energy efficient lighting at Alfond Arena is part of a series of upgrades projected to save UMaine \$71,000 per year.

*"Global climate change is a huge issue, and it's easy to feel that there's nothing that one individual can do to improve it. In reality, we can all cut down on our energy consumption by a little bit, and we can all make smarter choices as consumers. Add all these individual efforts together and it has an impact."*

Leigh Stearns  
Graduate Student  
Climate Change Institute

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Stewart Harvey is a mechanical engineer in Facilities Management and is responsible for running the energy-related

projects on campus. "Energy costs are a large part of our campus expense," Harvey said. "Reducing energy costs will help, and also reduce CO2 emissions to the environment."

Another step the university is taking is to make as many buildings as possible become "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," or LEED, certified. These buildings

include "green" features such as carefully placed windows to maximize natural sunlight, reduced water consumption, solar heating, reused building materials and locally purchased supplies. Buildings that are currently LEED certified are the Advanced Engineering Wood Composites Center (AEWC) and the Student Innovation Center.

Once they open for the next academic year, Wells Commons and the new Student Recreation and Fitness Center will also qualify as "green" buildings.

One of the many other projects some students will be familiar with is the partnership with Efficiency Maine that installed new heating controls and electrical timers for the lights with motion sensors in the dorms.

"It's a good idea, if you can save energy," said first-year civil engineering major Devan Eaton, who lives in Somerset Hall.

Unlike the upperclassmen before him, Eaton does not remember Somerset in its pre-motion sensor days, before the lights went off if a student sat still in his or her room for more than a few minutes. "They're handy," he said, "but they're a nuisance."

Troubles aside, Eaton agrees with what the university is doing to curb energy consumption and costs.

"I try to turn off lights when I leave the room," he said about his personal energy saving habits. "I turn off my computer, or at least put it on hibernate [and] turn off the TV to conserve energy."



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## Editorial

### Petition shows lots of hope for Maine

The Opportunity Maine campaign had a major victory this week when they presented a petition to the Secretary of State with roughly 63,000 signatures, a full 8,000 more than needed to put it on the ballot.

These weren't just college students, either. There is widespread support for this legislation — which would grant tax refunds to University of Maine System graduates for each year they remain in the state after graduation — across the board, from youngsters to the elderly. People all over the state showed support for college students.

UMaine should be proud of the role this campus played in helping to put this legislation on the ballot. Although the legislation won't effect current students, future Maine students will benefit greatly. Opportunity Maine will help students be able to afford to stay in the state after graduation without the high costs of student loans dragging them down.

In as few as seven years the legislation could pay for itself by driving up tax revenues simply through keeping students in the state.

Now all we have to do is remember to get out there and vote for it in November.

### Making the most of Spring Break

As in previous years, many university students are spending their spring break helping out others who are less fortunate. This has been a nice alternative to the stereotypical spring break in Cancun or the Virgin Islands, where college students participate in wet T-shirt contests rather than try to make a difference.

Programs like the service-learning trip to Honduras offer an outlet for students to participate in charities. These trips and programs make college kids look good. It reflects well on not only the University of Maine, but on the entire student population.

However, helping communities during spring break goes beyond these programs. College students do not necessarily have to journey to exotic locales to contribute to a good cause. Students can participate in events or charity in their own communities and help give college students everywhere a good image.

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## Computers for everyone

Information superhighway has more on-ramps than ever

The other day, Jeff Wheeler, technology director for the Hermon school system, explained to my class a technology that, by all rights, should be changing the world any time now.

It's a free Internet service called HermonNet that connects any Hermon resident to a central server that does all the computing work, while the user's computer acts simply as a means to input data and view the interface. This way, the user's computer is never obsolete so long as it can connect to the Internet. People can use old computers that corporations have discarded and would otherwise have to pay to dispose of. Instead of the town's school having to replace its computers each year, they only need to upgrade the server to deal with more students and higher bandwidth requirements. The investment is exponentially smaller.

As for the server's stability, Wheeler told me they've gone months without restarting it.

On the server, the town gives everyone access to free, open-source software that requires no

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license. If their own computers fail or lose power, the server keeps all their information intact for when they sign back on. In addition, water towers and high-placed houses across the town have become makeshift towers to give everyone wireless access to HermonNet.

This sounds too good to be true, but it has caught the attention of the Maine Legislature, many of whom want to implement a program like it in schools statewide.

A French diplomat has also taken notice. According to the Bangor Daily News, Jean-Jacques Pierrat said he'd like to start an identical program back in France.

HermonNet is one of a number of revolutionary changes coming to personal computing lately that are bringing computer use to

everyone, not just people who traditionally had access to the technology. The Internet has become the best, widest and most democratic source of information in the world and visionaries like Wheeler have become dedicated to bringing access to everyone, essentially putting the world on equal footing.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab has developed a \$100 laptop for children in developing countries. This rugged little green machine has a crank on the side to power it up, but it still connects to the Web. Countries like Libya and Uganda have signed up to buy millions of them for school-aged children.

The mission statement for the MIT Media Lab says they intend to "invent and creatively exploit new media for human well-being and individual satisfaction without regard for present-day constraints." These are bold words, and bold ideas attract nay-sayers like ants to a pile of sugar.

After years of hearing from See RAMPS on page 9

## Still room in GSS

Bring problems to SG and get something done

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POMERLEAU

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

In the past few months, I've seen the General Student Senate grow at a constant rate. At the last meeting, we swore in three new senators. And while I am pleased with that, there is still room for more. Now I know the predispositions and stereotypes that we all get labeled with in Student Government. Here are a few: We're just a bunch of elitist slob; we're a bunch of resume-padders; we're a bunch of talking heads. Now, while we do our share of talking, and suffice to say, it does go on our resume, the implication that we are in SG because of those things is harshly inaccurate.

Over the last few weeks President Priyanth Chandrasekar and I have tackled many obstacles in a short time. The last few dining crises were immediately resolved, even the little issues like steak and cheese being removed from the menu. Within a couple days, we met with dining executives and had it put back on the menu. Now that's minor. It's nothing that a good influx of angry e-mails can't do.

We're also trying to revamp the meal system in Memorial Union, attempting to give every piece of food a dollar value, so you buy food within a certain amount of dollars for each meal of the day. That would mean more choices. We've instituted a newsletter, the first edition of which will be coming out soon, and only for the purposes of keeping you all in tune to what we're doing. We helped to clear up the issue about RAs holding student leadership positions — thankfully, a policy that is no more.

Most recently, we've helped to provide financial information regarding Dining Services. After

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### Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 300 words in length and should include the author's name, address, academic major or job title and phone number or e-mail address. The Maine Campus reserves the right to edit submissions for length and clarity.

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companies like Microsoft that such a device would never work, 875 test machines have been manufactured.

Add to this the spread of open-source software like OpenOffice and GIMP, both powerful, free applications that let users make PowerPoint-type presentations or digitally edit photos without shelling out a fortune to Microsoft or Adobe. New media student Eryk Salvaggio swears GIMP can do anything Photoshop does, too.

Open source is nothing new. In

fact, head to the IT Help Center in Shibbes Hall and they'll hand you a burned CD filled with free software for editing music, word processing and plenty of other applications. For students who pirate software, open source is free, functional and won't get you fined for copyright violations.

The \$100 laptop and even HermonNet aren't for everyone. A \$2,500 Macbook will get you better performance than running from a remote server.

To steal a metaphor from Wheeler, the people who can afford a big, roomy car usually don't ride the bus. With technology like HermonNet, we can all get to the same destinations.

*Tony Reeves loves HermonNet.*

## GSS

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a meeting full of large numbers and microeconomics, we were able to ascertain the high costs that Dining Services incurs and the minimal profit they make that gets redirected to improving the campus.

For the next month or so, I have a big plan, one that involves three buses and the Maine State Legislature. Our students are politically conscious. There isn't one of us who is not affected by decisions of the state — especially considering we are at a state university. I plan to put forth a Student Lobby Day. Under the plan, Student Government would pay for three busloads of students to assault the State House on the day of consideration of a major bill. Legislators love to hear from students more than anything. UMaine can send down as many lobbyists and university executives as they want, but sending down students is what the state wants. Youth engagement is good politics, in their minds. Please keep an eye out for this and sign up if you're interested.

I guess my point in all of this is: I'm going to be a teacher. No

matter which way I look at it, I'm going to make garbage for pay. In Maine, the average teacher starts off at \$24,000. I must confess, being in Student Government is not going to increase my pay when a random school board decides whether or not to hire me. I couldn't care less about resume building. The only thing I care about in my position, and the only thing I've cared about since I've been in SG, is making life at least a little better for all of us. We can't change the world, solve every problem and address every issue, but we can still do a lot.

And to the skeptics — which there are plenty of — if you are concerned with student life, this campus and changing problems, put your skepticism to the test. Join up. Twenty-five signatures, a quick meeting with me and you're a senator. You're at the top of the Student Government food chain. If you don't like something, you have the power to see that something gets done, or at least try. Once you've joined, and you see what we do and how we do it, judge then what our intentions are.

Let's bring our problems out of the Student Forum, where little gets achieved, and bring them to SG, where problems can actually be solved.

*William Pomerleau is vice president of Student Government.*

## A few issues with the male gender

### Men need to be more in-tune to what women want

M-e-n. Three letters. One word. One meaning. Countless emotions. You're probably thinking, "I've read enough" and want to flip the page. Please don't. If you are a woman, stay tuned, I'm sure you can relate. If you are a man and reading this, do yourself and us ladies a favor — grab a piece of paper and a pen and take a few notes. *Please*, I'm begging you.

How do you men find all the wrong words to mumble during a conversation? How do you tune us out when your favorite sports team is playing on your wide-screen-flat-screen-big screen — bigger than some things, I must add — whatever-screen TV? How do you find the decency to sit back and watch me slave over a hot stove and cook you a five-star meal, or relax while I wash the dishes, by hand no less, because you are *not* the handyman I thought you were?

OK, sorry. Every now and then I forget to breathe. Yes, I do have some built-up anger against the male species, but come on, give me a reason not to be angry. Other than

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the occasional roses sent to my office, the sexy lingerie laid out on my bed or the warm bath you draw for me every Tuesday night, after my favorite TV show — yes, "Sex in the City" — you can become pretty much useless if you don't pay attention.

You should be in-tune with us. Get to know our favorite foods, drinks, books, movies, secluded spots. Are you paying attention to the fact that all these words are pluralized? Either way, get to know us, not just for the sake of my sanity, but for the sake of your relationship. Isn't that a good enough reason? Take mental notes, not physical notes. I would rather not find a scribbled-on napkin lying in your sock drawer on what I like and dislike. It is not that hard to remember.

Given, there are the few good men out there — my number is

555-0123 — who know what to say and what not to, but they are pretty limited in number. We women tend to think our man is on the lesser scale, dun-dun-dun... the not-so-perfect scale. Help!

Nowadays it's not uncommon to read in the tabloids about men cheating on their girlfriend-fiancee-wife, which is a prime example of a naughty no-no. Mr. Jude Law, Mr. Charlie Sheen, Mr. Nick Lachey and Mr. Dave Navarro were all believed to be good men. No, they just have great smiles. Given, Navarro's situation is a little different. If I had a choice between Carmen Electra and Jenna Jameson, it'd be hard on me too!

Be into sports, be into money, be into your secretary — well, not literally of course — but most of all be into us. Because, to be blunt, I can easily change all the locks on the house by hiring a few *real* handymen down at the hardware store for a much cheaper price than what I've spent on you.

*Amanda Sprowl is a fourth-year journalism major.*

## Love the warrior, hate the war

### Article misrepresents war opponents' positions

While reading Scott Caton's piece "Support the Troops" last week, I was rather upset to discover that I, as well as the approximate 75 percent of the American people who oppose the war in Iraq, apparently harbor some sort of secret animosity toward our troops, even though we may say we support them.

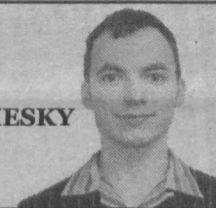
I would like to say, first of all, that I do not mask my anti-war agenda by supporting the troops, but, in fact, my support for the troops actually deepens my resolve against what I believe to be an unjust conflict. I — and surely many other war opponents — fully comprehend the fact that many of the troops hold deep convictions in support of this war. I fully respect those convictions and also feel honored that many of my fellow citizens volunteer to risk their lives to protect myself as well as the rest of the American people. But it does not logically follow that, since I respect our troops and their convictions, I necessarily have to agree with them or else be against the troops altogether.

I honestly believe that individuals who, in good faith, hold strong but differing views as to the best course of action can respect one another and behave civilly without compromising their own beliefs.

I also understand that the role of the troops is not to question their orders but to follow them. This has been impressed upon me countless times through discussions with staunch military supporters. However, if the troops are supposed to simply follow orders and be part of a well-oiled machine, then I believe that as American citizens and as human beings, we have a moral imperative to examine who exactly is operating this machine and toward what ends they are employing it. Upon doing so, all arrows point towards the "decider," our commander in chief, George W. Bush.

Notwithstanding his false claims that Iraq possessed WMDs, the

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Project for a New American Century, no-bid contracts with Haliburton and various theories based on the military-industrial complex, when examining Bush's motivations for going to war, it is clear that he has insisted for quite a while that his goal in Iraq is to develop a stable democracy to act as an ally in the War on Terror and as a beacon of hope for the region. This expectation, however, is quite wrong-headed. Democracy, at its most basic level, is about the citizens of a country engaging in self-determination. But how exactly can democracy be classified as self-determination when it is forced upon a country that has no grassroots democratic movement and no desire to implement such a system?

Furthermore, Bush completely ignores the cultural context of Iraq. In the United States, everyone considers themselves American — for better or worse — and most share at least some basic common goals and values. In Iraq, however, the people do not consider themselves "Iraqis" but rather Sunnis, Shi'a and Kurds. Also, these competing sects have deep tensions that have violent roots. The Shi'a majority and the Kurds were oppressed by the Sunnis when Saddam Hussein was in power. How exactly can these conflicting sects coexist in a stable democracy when each has its own specific party and sees the government as a tool with which to seize power? How can al-Maliki's Shi'ite government effectively lead the country when it has in the past only quenched Sunni militias, refusing to do the same to Shi'a militias, and appears to most Iraqis to be a Shi'a arm used to

oppress the Sunni minority?

The troops' mission, as envisioned by the decider, was flawed from the start and no amount of support for it will change that. Contrary to Caton's view that war opponents are idealistic in underestimating the threat posed to the United States by Islamic extremists, I feel that he and Bush unrealistically inflated the threats of Islamic terrorism, and unrealistically believed that the goal of exporting democracy throughout the Middle East can be achieved. Like Caton, I believe that democracy is probably the best system of government yet devised. It is, however, unrealistic, undesirable in terms of human lives and resources lost in the process, and thoroughly undemocratic to forcibly spread democracy. This will result in nothing but backlash and setbacks in regions where attempted. If we can learn anything from Iraq, it is that forcibly spreading democracy, rather than creating stability, ruins any prospects thereof.

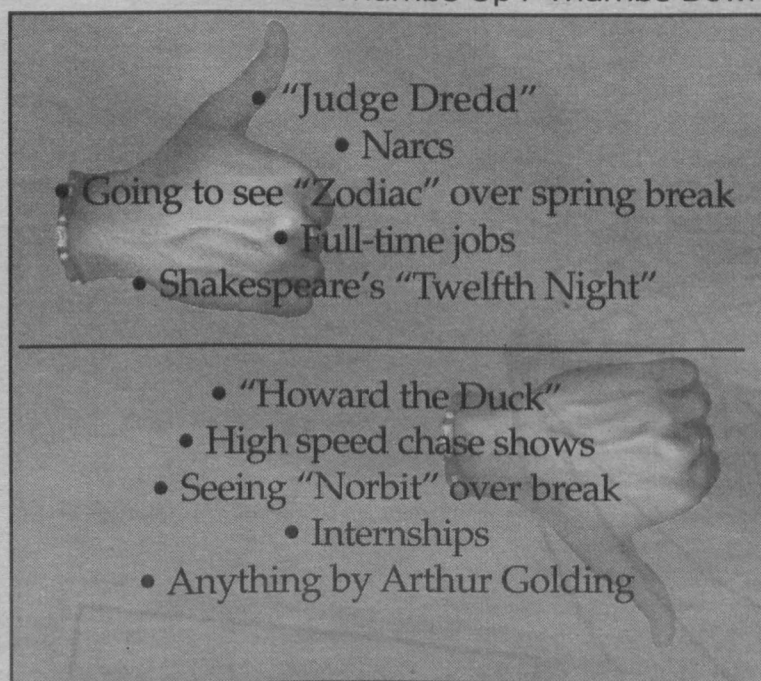
At the end of Caton's article, I noticed that, quite conspicuously, he is in the Marine Corps. Although I can understand Caton feeling quite emotional about this issue due to his close personal ties to it, I would urge him to take a step back and re-examine the motivations of those opposed to the war in Iraq. I would also ask him to consider viewing criticism of the war as criticism of President Bush's foreign policy, rather than wrapping Bush's policy in the troops and claiming that any attack on it is also an attack against them.

Reasonable people with common goals often disagree on how best to get there. Rather than show disrespect towards the millions of Americans who oppose this war and also want what's best for this country and the world, Caton should decide to respectfully agree to disagree with those people.

*Derek Dobachesky is a third-year political science major.*

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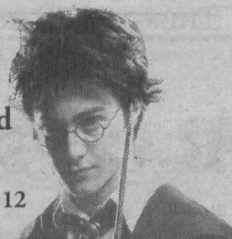


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# BREAK FROM THE NORM

By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

While the term "spring break" may conjure images of sun-drenched sand, sultry swimwear and buckets of booze, many at the University of Maine are ditching the traditional notions along with the frosty weather. For the next two weeks, many UMaine students and organizations will spend their time on endeavors both inspiring and unique.

Fitting the bill as truly inspiring are the students admirably dedicating their breaks to serving others. The service-learning trip to Honduras is one prime example. The trip includes nearly a dozen members of SPA496: Service Learning in Spanish; MLC496: Field Work in Modern Languages, as well as other volunteers, including a University of Southern Maine student.

The expedition to Honduras will stop in Santa Rosa de Copan, where students will spend time in two orphanages, a home for the elderly and a school. With a roster of six to eight nursing students, the trip will also take the opportunity to "look very closely at health care in a country where 80 percent of the people live in poverty," said Dr. Kathleen March, associate provost in the division of lifelong learning. March, a Spanish professor at UMaine, is an adviser on the trip.

In the smaller town and second destination of Dulce Nombre, students will help build a library in a community where 50 percent of the residents are illiterate. Students will also assist the over-worked staff of medical and healthcare facilities.

"These towns love the University of Maine," March said. The trip is embarking on its fourth year. "Students do tend to return. It really changes and broadens their perspective." Three students are returning on the trip for a second-consecutive year.

"They're giving up their spring break to do this," March said of the students. "It's not a lux-

urious setting at all. But there is so much need, anybody can go down and they would have something to do."

March stated that the program originally grew out of the course from the students' own interest. "I give all the credit to them. They're very generous students who have a concern for others." The Central American Service Association (CASA) is also involved with the trip.

In its 10th year at UMaine Alternative Spring Break (ASB) is another perennial way of favoring service over a pleasure-oriented vacation. This year, ASB will venture with 60 students to North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, New York and Virginia to provide hurricane relief, AIDS and HIV treatment and various environmental services.

"We will be working with the homeless and staying in tents outside," said Jamie Snow, a journalism major and co-coordinator for ASB, who will work in Zellwood, Fla. "I think everybody can make a difference." Snow has devoted multiple spring breaks to ASB and feels it is a worthy, challenging experience in which every college student should participate.

Some trips steer from the service aspect for a higher emphasis on learning. The INT475: Field Studies in Ecology class will journey to Panama to study tropical ecosystems such as rainforests, coral reefs and other exotic locations on both the Caribbean and Pacific coasts of the Central American country. There are 24 students and three advisers going on the trip.

"I could not be more excited about leaving for Panama in just a few days," said Lindsay Keener-Eck, a second-year wildlife ecology major. "I'm looking forward to hiking in a cloud forest, hopefully seeing a sloth, and snorkeling, because I've never done it." The trip also boasts visits to the historic Panama Canal and a Kuna Indian village, according to a FirstClass itinerary by professor and trip adviser William Glanz.

MaineBound, the university's outdoor

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BY PATTIE BARRY



# Competition sizzles at last Project round

By Jennifer Bashford  
Copy Editor

Tuesday night saw the busiest qualifying round of The Project so far this semester. The North Pod was packed with students, both fans and friends, to watch UMaine's own acoustic talent contest.

Johanna Irland opened the evening on the piano and played three sensitive cover songs, the first being "Time After Time," by Cyndi Lauper. Her somewhat melancholy yet mellow tone was reflected in her choice of songs, but her delicate voice gave way to power when needed. Irland sang "Jackie's Strength" by Tori Amos, and a great version of Radiohead's classic, "Karma Police."

Next up was the mysterious Funk Nugget. Wearing a black balaclava with eye and mouth holes, Funk Nugget brought some true originality to the evening. Encouraging the audience to get up

and dance, he sang two funky pieces with imaginative under-layered bass riffs, created on his effects pedal. His weak, quick lyrics, edging on rap at times, were surpassed by his slick guitar work. He ended with an impressive rendition of "Throw Away Your Television" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Katie Bradley and friends followed with their polished ensemble and only needed two songs to impress the judges. Bradley's deep, strong voice was highlighted by Elizabeth Secord's higher vocals and they were accompanied by Michael Jandreau on bass guitar and Prya Hikel on percussion. The group began with "Beautiful October," aided by Nathan Richards on flute, and created a great harmony of country-infused-rock. This was followed by "Roses" which had more of a folk-like Celtic feel, Stacy Trosper's violin replacing the flute.

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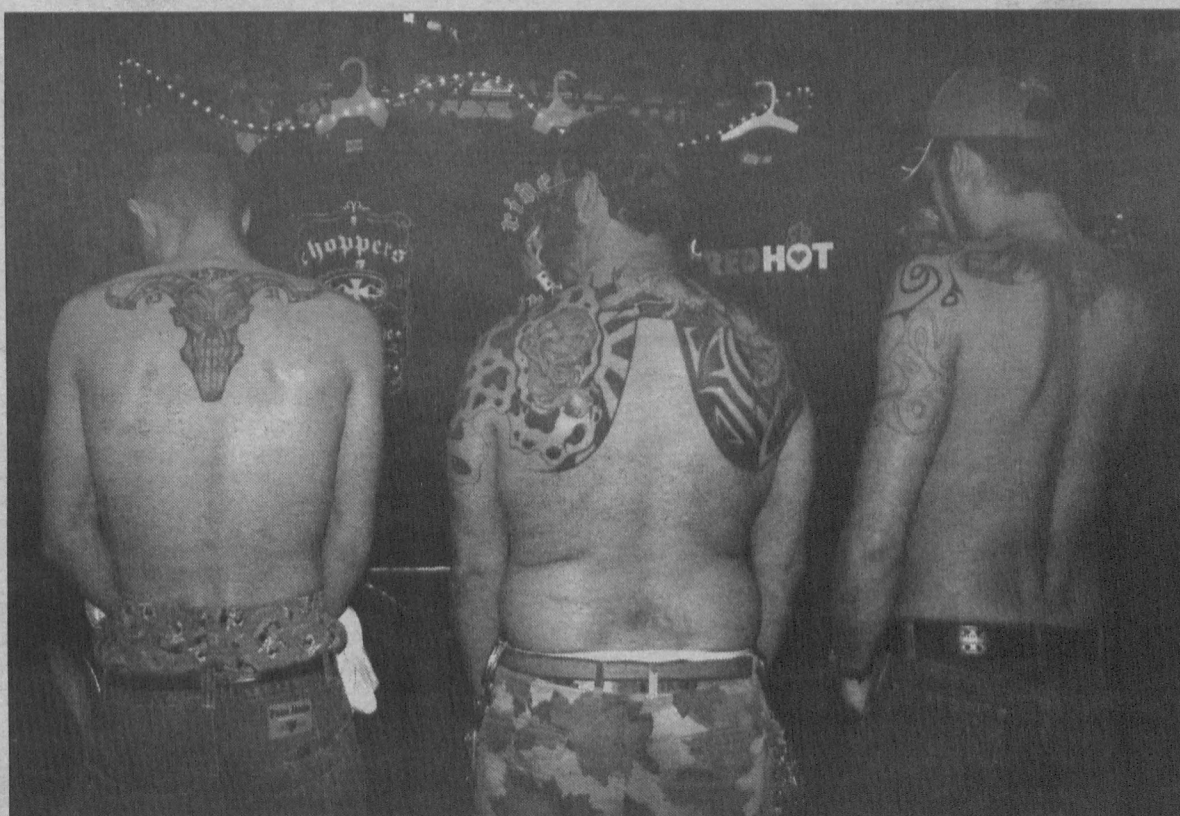
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FIVE FOR FIGHTING — Mike Jandreau, Elizabeth Secord, Katie Bradley, Stacy Trosper and Prya Hikel perform.

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WATCH YOUR BACK - Contestants in the Number 10 tattoo contest show off their goods.

## Tattoo contest brings out the ink

New to Maine, competition rewards body modification of all kinds

By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

Old Town tattoo parlor Crazy Ink pioneered a tattoo contest with a concept entirely new to the state of Maine yesterday. With five tattoo categories, including male and female black and white, best male and female tattoos and best tribal, alongside three piercing categories, the contest focused solely on the works of art on the contestants' bodies, relinquishing the actual artists from the limelight.

"Most tattoo shows or contests are to award the artists. This one's to award the people," said Shane Lessard, owner of Crazy Ink. A resident of Old Town, Lessard has owned the shop for six months and worked as a tattoo artist for nearly 15 years.

"No contests in the state — and I go to all the contests and shows — have piercings as a category," Lessard added. The piercing categories included most unique, best surface piercing and most piercings. Lessard hopes

to continue the competition in the future, leading Maine's front for piercing showcases.

Lessard estimated 40 to 50 people entered the contest throughout the day, with the night "just beginning." The individuals were judged late last night. Winning contestants — as well as door prize winners — received rewards ranging from \$100 gift certificates for tattoos, \$70 after-care kits, pieces from a shining spread of swords and knives, T-shirts and other items. Lessard estimated that at least \$800 of merchandise would be given away by the night's end.

"We'll judge on cleanness, the vibrancy; just overall good tattoos. The one that looks the best out of that category is the one we're aiming for," Lessard said. Randomly selected members of the crowd judged the entrants.

Lessard and his staff put a tremendous amount of work into the competition. Trophies were purchased, with first, second and third for most categories. Referring

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## CDREVIEW

Apples in Stereo  
"New Magnetic Wonder"  
Yep Rock / Simlan  
Feb. 6

Apples in Stereo frontman Rob Schneider seems dedicated to making music for the background of mid-70s children's shows. That's not a bad thing. Schneider's responsibility for a memorable track on the "Powerpuff Girls" soundtrack is the clue you need to describe the Apple's sugar-high indie rock. Add to that his status as co-founder of the legendary psych-rock revivalists the Elephant Six Recording Collective (home to bands such as Of Montreal, Neutral Milk Hotel and Olivia Tremor Control) and you can already hear every song on his newest release, "New Magnetic Wonder."

The album is all handclaps, stereophonic synthesizers and guitar riffs piled on top of more guitar riffs. A song like "Energy" could easily have been the music playing at a sock-hop on "Scooby Doo," had Hanna-Barbera ever bothered to acknowledge the existence of rock 'n' roll. The overall feel of the album is not merely cartoon music, but also Saturday morning music. You are clearly encouraged to hop around your room in pajamas while eating Apple Jacks.

That Schneider sings about flying through outer space helps, as does his penchant for explaining scientific concepts in as simple a matter as possible. Again, "Energy" comes to mind. Its lyrics are a children's introduction to physics coupled with a feel-good chorus about how "It's gonna be alright / We're gonna see the sunlight."

Compared to other Apples in Stereo records, this album is scattershot. While the bulk of the songs are firm-

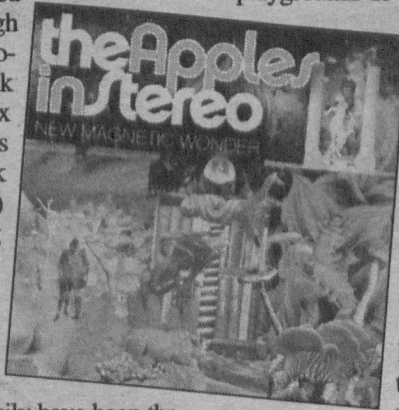
ly planted in Schneider's post-Elephant Six headspace, a few of them are callbacks to his mid-90s repertoire, such as the patchouli-soaked sound of "Sun is Out" or the album's micro-songs, experimental doodling that bridge the gaps between the fleshed-out pop songs on the record.

One hallmark of pop music that is clearly driving Schneider musically is the Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds" album. Schneider strives for the same dense, experimental pop of the Beach Boys, only updated to the digital playgrounds of the new millennium. Some songs get so dense at points that you feel as if you could cut each layer in half and make two separate tracks. The band claims that they crashed their computer disks several times while mixing 96 layers worth of instruments for the song "Same Old Drag," a disappointingly over-produced '70s rock anthem that should have been let go.

With a few standouts, this record falls short of the best work Apples in Stereo have released. That said, the album is certainly capable of winning over new fans and pleasing those with somewhat low expectations. The album puts completely refined Apples in Stereo on display, showing every bit as much playfulness and complexity as the recent work of fellow neo-psych brethren, The Flaming Lips.

One very cool feature is a multimedia experiment on the disk, which allows listeners to explore Schneider's newly invented musical scale, the "Non-Pythagorean Music Scale," which apparently makes use of mathematics to create a non-standard scale that strays from western music's 12-tone scale. You can decide how gimmicky that gimmick actually is, but much like "New Magnetic Wonder" as a whole, it's useless and fun in equal measure.

- Eryk Salvaggio

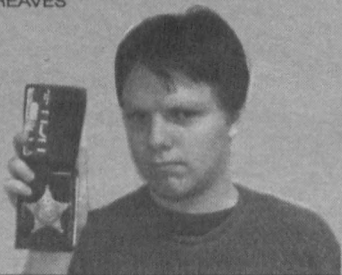




## BeerPolice

BY TONY REAVES

*Docking your  
sip at friendly  
porters*



My roommate doesn't care for porters.

"Why drink a porter when I can get a better, thicker stout?"

He's not alone on that. Porters, once London's most popular beer, have become a niche beer since Arthur Guinness began making a thicker, creamier take on porters that was eventually called a stout.

However, during the porter's heyday in the 18th century, it enjoyed huge popularity as a darker, more aged ale. Porter brewers in London were behind innovations like the use of the hydrometer to measure alcohol content and the patent malt. Rather than brewing by tradition, porters were the first modern beer to involve craft and experimentation.

With the resurgence of American microbrews in recent decades, these complex dark ales are back in production. I grabbed a few of the more popular porters from an Orono store for some testing.

First up was Samuel Adams' Honey Porter, which they stopped brewing for a time but brought back due to popular demand. I'm not crazy about the use of honey in beer, but Sam Adams makes it work. One gets the impression that this would be bitter as hell without the honey added in, but the honey almost balances it out. Almost.

I still think the honey addition is a bit overpowering and as such, this would be fine to buy in a Sam Adams variety pack but drinking six in a row would be too sweet. **B.**

Atlantic Brewing's Coal Porter shares its name with a famous composer-songwriter, but the name is so fitting it could be a coincidence.

This beer is dry. The first time I ever tried it, I realized that this was what people meant by "dry" beer. The carbonation pulled the moisture right off my tongue but left me with a smoky malt taste and a hint of oak. There was also some coffee taste in there, which

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# 'Potter' fans take pride in wizards, robes and literature

Book announcement inspires round of debate on literary value

By Thomas St. Pierre  
Staff Reporter

If Dec. 7 was a day that will live in infamy, then I think it would be appropriate, if I may coin a word, to say that July 21 will be a day that lives in fame. Already, months before its publication, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows has become a record-breaking, worldwide bestseller. The British Royal Mail has secured more than a hundred extra delivery trucks. With a book so overwhelmingly popular with both adults and children, why does it seem so silenced and ostracized on the university level?

When professors ask what my favorite novels are, I typically reply with an academically acceptable list of such authors as Steinbeck, Kafka, Kerouac, Dickens and Camus. Deep down, however, there's always the burning desire to include Rowling in this list, but, ultimately, this thought is brutally repressed. Because scholars believe Harry Potter has no literary depth, Harry Potter followers, who are deemed more juvenile and less apt to be taken seriously, are academically excommunicated, unjustly. We're

forced to practice our praise in relative secrecy, away from the ears of the literary canon.

And even among people I know or don't know outside of scholarship, I'm sometimes reluctant to "step out of the Harry Potter closet" and be browbeaten by insults including, "Harry Potter sucks," "Harry Potter is such a tool," or, most notably, "Harry Potter is gay." Little do they know, Harry Potter is quite the womanizer and has had his fair share of snogging with the ladies, in particular an attractive Asian and a pretty redhead.

You know who you are. My advice — don't be discouraged; the winds of change are blowing. In 2005, James Madison University in Virginia incorporated its first course in Harry Potter taught by Dr. Elisabeth Gumnior, an assistant professor in the university's writing and rhetoric program. The course examines the novels through various critical lenses, through which students are expected to demonstrate in various writing exercises. Also, in the spring of 2006, the University of Minnesota began offering a class titled "Harry Potter and the French Connection," exploring not only the French influences on the novels, but the historical con-

text of the novels in general. Finally, the University of Lancaster just initiated its first Harry Potter course that began on Feb. 6.

One particular class, "The Science of Harry Potter," taught in Frostburg State University in western Maryland since 2003, investigates the scientific possibilities of Rowling's novels. Most notably, the somewhat eccentric professor in his early 60s actually goes to every lecture dressed as none other than Albus Dumbledore.

A specter is haunting universities — the specter of Harry Potter. Don't be dominated by tradition. Dismantle the monopolistic walls of the literary canon. Stay the course, be true to the Harry Potter insurgency. Tell your professors Harry Potter has literary quality. Speak boldly and with unswerving resolution about your passion for Harry Potter. Tell your "cool" friends that Hagrid can pound more fire whiskey than they could ever dream of. Most importantly, on July 21, that day that will live in fame, you must stalk proudly into Borders in your majestic wizarding robes, undaunted by the swarms of rabid-looking elementary school kids waiting for their next copy of Harry Potter.

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## PROJECT

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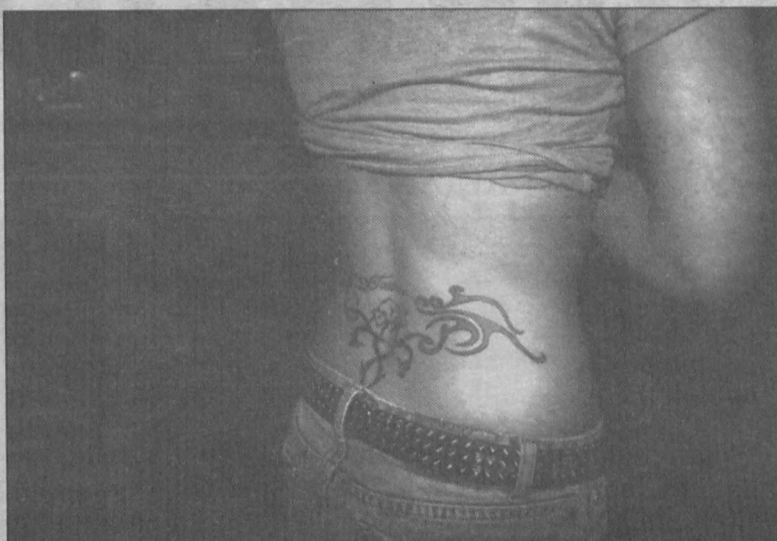
Bradley received a fantastic response from the audience, and even managed avid participation with clapping all round.

Miles Hanson bravely followed Bradley's popular performance, remaining unphased. Low-key in comparison, Hanson's striking voice was equally able to command attention from the full room. Opening on guitar with a self-composed song, he was joined for the remaining two numbers by Scott Batsen on guitar, in order for Hanson to take up a bongo drum. They performed "Every Double Life" by New Amsterdam and finished with a great cover of "Give Me One Reason" by Tracy Chapman, showing off the impressive range of Hanson's vocals.

The round ended with duo Robert Miles and Andre Mercier singing and playing guitar and piano. Despite resorting to eating honey between songs to combat a sore throat, Mercier's voice held strong and they performed a great cover of "Take a Picture" by Filter and an original track, "To Me." The duo closed the night with a rendition of Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here," which blended into "Comfortably Numb."

Judged on their originality, sound, stage presence and audience reaction out of a possible 40 points, only two of the five acts could go through to the semi-finals. Quick on their decision this evening, the three judges chose Katie Bradley and Miles Hanson as winners for this round.

Bradley was oozing enthusiasm after the show. "It was great with all my friends being there and stuff," she said. "We were really well prepared for this evening, I was in my zone and we just hit everything perfectly. It couldn't have been better." She shook her fists in the air. "I'm just so pumped!"



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

PRETTY IN INK — Megan Watson was in attendance at the tattoo contest on Wednesday night at Number 10.

## TATTOO

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to the contest as "non-profit for the most part," Lessard offered incoming contestants free slices of the 20 pizzas donated by Dominic's Pizza.

The Number 10 bar, across Crazy Ink's Main Street location, lent their establishment for the contest. Local rock group Down Soul played two sets for the evening's entertainment. Guitarist Mike Grant, drummer Josh Doucette and vocalist Pops Nickerson were swayed by the contest's allure and all entered.

Lessard's goal, in addition to spreading the word about Crazy Ink, was to create a contest that shifted the traditional focus from the artists to the actual art.

"It is a contest for the people," Lessard said. The judges were chosen from members of the audience.

The contest included the added benefits of a one-day-only offer for \$20 off all tattoos, \$5 off all piercings and a 20 percent reduction on all items in the shop. "Our shop was packed today," Lessard said, adding that while some usual customers entered the contest, many new faces showed up. "I've got a pretty good college following."

## BEER

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can be expected from dark-roasted malts. This was satisfying. As always, Atlantic is a reliable brewery. **B+**

Finally, I twisted open my first bottle of Sierra Nevada Porter. There's a lot going on here, from a light smokiness to a full hop character that really made this porter stand out. The coffee taste

and a great body make this beer one of the best and most drinkable porters out there. **A-**

I didn't try some other good porters this time around. Geary's London Porter isn't bad, though certainly not their best beer. In addition, the Bear Brew Pub's Tuff End Porter is great when they're serving it, but I haven't seen it lately.

A good porter is the best of both worlds: the delicious, dark character of a stout and the color and tang of well-hopped ale.

## BREAK

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adventure club, will take nine students and two instructors on a 10-day kayaking escapade in the Florida Everglades.

"I think it is an excellent opportunity for students to get out and do something amazing over break in an incredible environment," said Kaitlyn Fowle, an adviser on the trip.

"It's a really positive trip; people really enjoy it," said Guy DeBrun, the assistant director of MaineBound. He emphasized that rather than simply focusing on fun, the trip has a strong educational element. Participants will learn how to kayak and cook in the outdoors, along with other valuable skills. "It's more of an education-based trip, but we certainly have a lot of fun while doing it."

Many UMaine students from abroad have their sights set on education in a unique sense by exploring the U.S. Helen McKinnon and Jen Bashford, both UMaine exchange students from the United Kingdom, have booked a trip that will take them to Vermont, Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The final destination will be Boston for the popular celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

"I love seeing new places, and most of them are places I've dreamed of going," said McKinnon, a second-year American Studies student.

Kemal Alp Taylan, a third-year international affairs student from Istanbul, Turkey, is one of numerous international students setting out on a trip to Florida. Exchange students from Turkey, France, Germany, Denmark, Chile, Ireland and Australia will join the recreational vacation to Miami and Orlando.

"I am excited about seeing a different part of the USA and experiencing different aspects of American culture and life," Taylan said. "I also

think me and all my friends in this trip need a good vacation because we all studied real hard in a foreign university." While interested in the new aspects and scenery of the U.S., Taylan is also eager for the "50 Fahrenheit degrees difference in temperature."

Students Chelsea Hebert and Kyle Myska have poured nearly all their money earned in recent months into a trip to Florida. It is the first vacation the two of them have taken together in their two-and-a-half year relationship.

Hebert, a bookstore employee, has worked 10 to 20 hours per week since September, placing all her earnings in a savings account. "The past six months, all the money I've gotten from anyone has been going toward this trip," Hebert said. "We're trying to save everything we can."

"The more money I saved, the more things I realized we could do in Florida," Hebert said. The couple has been planning the trip since last spring, and purchased plane tickets over Thanksgiving break. They will stay in Orlando, visiting the Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure theme parks.

One of UMaine's longest-running spring break staples is the University Singers spring tour, which has been a tradition for what Singers president Lee Hunter guesses to be roughly 25 years. "For at least the past 10 years, maybe longer, we have done a week-long tour consisting of 13 to 14 concerts in five days," Hunter said. The tour concludes in a major city each year, this time in Philadelphia. The 72 elite singers will visit over half a dozen states on the tour.

As such a tremendously involved campus, it comes as little surprise that the University of Maine features a diverse, positive assortment of spring break plans among its students. Look out next year, spring break couch potatoes, because whether it's learning, service or plain old fun in the sun, there is bound to be something unique to do and some place nice for you to visit.

**The Maine Campus wishes our readers a happy and healthy break. Look for the next issue on Thursday, March 22.**

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 to April 20

Your friends will suddenly start really loving you this week when they find out about your recent lottery luck. Many of your problems can be solved by sitting down with a pen and paper and doodling pictures of houses and perhaps tornadoes.

### Taurus

April 21 to May 20

A master plan is forming inside your head and you'll be ready to put it into action any day now.

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Nobody can stop you as you make that important breakthrough this week. Telephone salesmen may come through for you this week and finally offer you something useful and at a decent price.

### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Even in the darkest places, you can find yourself — although you may break your nose on a door.

### Leo

July 23 to August 22

Your heroic attempts to liven up various meetings and get-togethers are all for naught this week as you are finally brought down to the ground by a professional clown. If you can't tell your arse from your elbow, it might be time to lose some weight.

### Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Daytime television can motivate you to rethink the monotony of your life. You may decide to pep up your life by taking a short cooking course. Fire is your symbol for today.

### Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Remember, his/her sweetness is your weakness. His/her? Yes, we don't know your sex.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Unwashed and lonely - don't let your future become this. Only you hold the key to getting yourself out of your personal gutter.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You may find people laughing at your jokes are actually laughing at the way in which you pronounce the words "schlong muckney." You may also want to rethink making up your own jokes and including made up words.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

The mental problem you are having may subside later this week once you relax about things. Repetition may annoy you today as someone close-by tells you the same damned story over and over again.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Complete the sentence: "My day will be really lame today because my boss will find out that I surf the internet for \_\_\_\_\_ hours daily."

### Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

All your wishes can come true if you're willing to briefly take on a life of crime. God may try to speak to you today through a kitchen appliance.

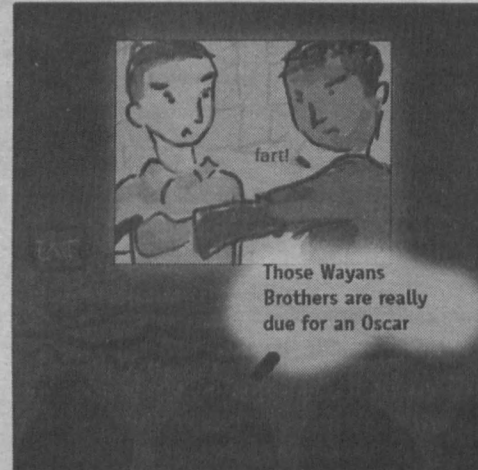
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# DIVERSIONS

Ow, My Crotch!

Written by Tony Reeves  
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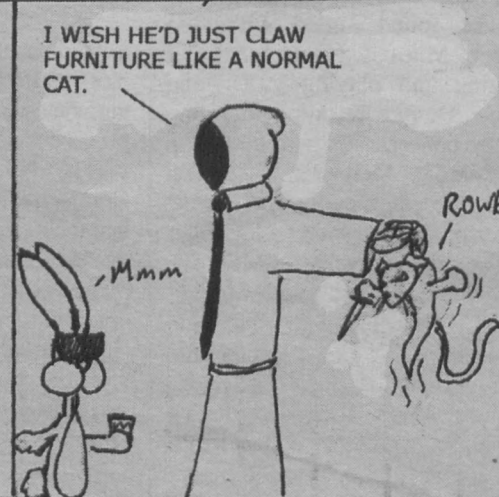
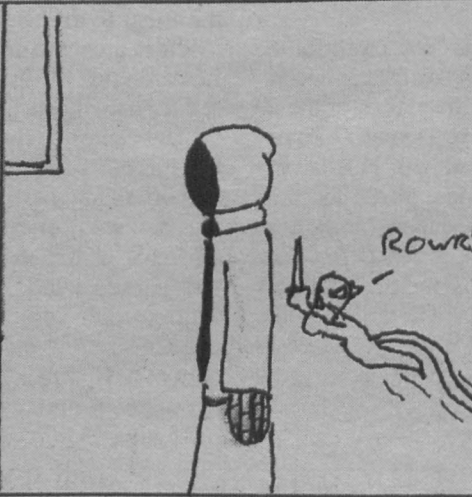
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Those Wayans  
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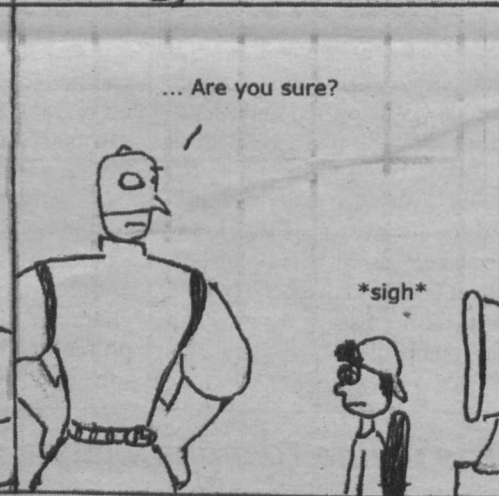
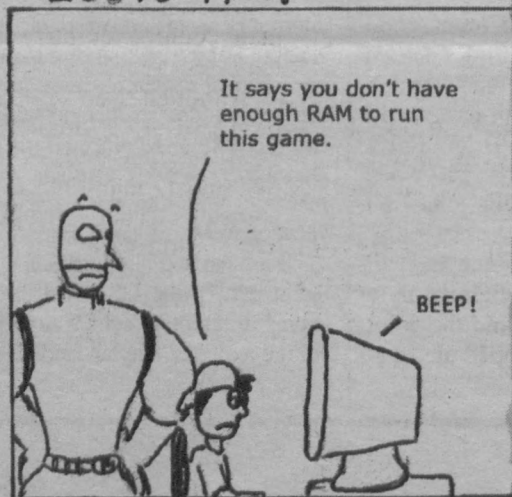
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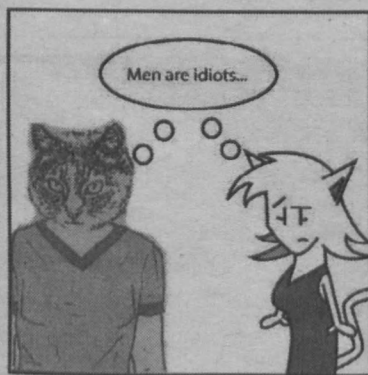
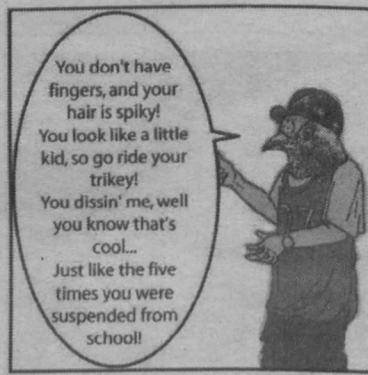
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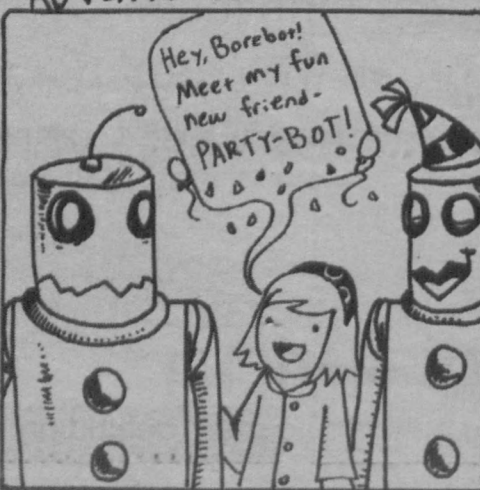
Momentary Dementia - Battle Rappin' Yo!

By - Steven Lindquist



THE STARTLING  
ADVENTURES of BOREBOT!

By Alana and Zak





# SUDOKU PUZZLE

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## HOW TO PLAY

- Each row (horizontal line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each column (vertical line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer!

## Make your mugshot sexy — if it comes to it, that is

The one day that every man dreads — whether or not that day ever even comes — is getting his mugshot taken. Since the stockades and public hangings have been abolished in America, the only two ways to publicly humiliate someone who has committed a "crime" are through the press or the public release of his or her mugshot — oftentimes both.

I think that everyone in the world wonders at one point or another, "what would I do if I had to have my mugshot taken?" Anyone who has as little to do with their time as I do can name most of the famous mugshots because they've browsed through them on more than one occasion. Some of us may even have had Nick Nolte's as an AOL Instant Messenger buddy icon at one point.

Either way, most people are familiar with them.

Only a handful stick out in people's minds, though, as legendary. Not only are they funny mugshots, they have become quirky pieces of art.

Nick Nolte's mugshot, for instance, is the type of thing that legends are made of. Dressed in his Hawaiian shirt, hair a mess, with the blankest expression on his face that any man could ever have — now that's a mugshot.

Although I'm sure he's not proud of it, at least he went down in style, and for that, has the most memorable of all mugshots. That's worth something in life, right? I mean, after



Rambling Cutie

By Joel Crabtree

all, this is "The Good Thief," we're talking about. The modern-day "Bob Le Flambeur."

But there are other legends who have had their mugshots taken. Vince Vaughn, Steve McQueen, Robert Downey, Jr. and Brad Renfro have all been arrested and have the photos to prove it — and yes, Brad Renfro is a legend. That lineup is good company folks, there's nothing to be ashamed of there.

One of my favorite actors working today, Hugh Grant, who deserved an Academy Award nomination for his role in "About a Boy," has one of the best mugshots of all time.

In his mugshot, Grant fights through the embarrassment of his alleged crime and gives a great face that makes one think, "hey, he may be guilty — but come on now, he's Hugh Grant. He can't be guilty." People love Hugh Grant, there isn't a jury in the world that would convict him.

If you ever get arrested and have the pleasure of joining this elite group, ask your friends, "Hey, what do I have in common with Vince Vaughn?" When they look at you asking if you've recently been named GQ's Man of the Year, you can say, "Wrong, I got arrested."

# NURIKABE PUZZLE

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## HOW TO PLAY

Like Sudoku, each puzzle has only one solution, and that solution can be reached without resorting to trial and error.

Each square must be black or white. Use dots to mark the squares you know are white. Nurikabe has four additional rules:

- Each group of white cells ("islands") must contain only one number.
- The number of white squares in a group must equal that number.
- All black squares must be linked together to form a continuous block (the "wall" or "stream").
- 2x2 blocks of black squares are disallowed.
- Remember: If a square cannot be white, it must be black!

### EXAMPLE

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## WILSON

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predicted to make the start for Bishop, who re-injured his groin over the weekend.

"Right now it's still day-to-day, we have to see how Ben is doing," said Wilson. "I'm just trying to focus as if I am playing and take it from there."

Bishop is currently rehabing and his injury status has yet to be disclosed by the team.

"Obviously it's always disappointing to lose a guy like Bishop, but I'm 100 percent confident in Willy — he's shown he can play," said captain Michel Leveille.

With UMaine and UMass deadlocked for the fourth and final home playoff spot, the series will decide who stays at home and who travels next weekend for the Hockey East Quarterfinals. Nerve-racking? Well, at least Wilson's got his new helmet to comfort him.

"This is a huge weekend for not just home ice but for everything — for momentum, the NCAA tournament," said Wilson.

The Black Bears enter the epic road trip days after sweeping lowly Merrimack by a combined score of 8-1. Despite the Warriors' abysmal record, the No. 11 Black Bears finally have their mojo working.

"It's a good situation for us to be in — we have our destiny in our own hands," said freshman Teddy Purcell. "We control whether we are going to stay on home ice or not. If we come away with four big points we are going to be back here at Alford and that's what we're looking forward to."

As far as game play, the Black Bears took their biggest strides defensively after giving up 11 goals the previous weekend against Boston College.

"Anytime you let in only one goal in six periods of hockey against any Hockey East team you played real well defensively as a team," said Tyler.

They will need that same defense Saturday when Wilson

and the Black Bears take on a Minuteman crew that is also fighting for its NCAA tournament life. While UMaine is locked in right now for the tourney, UMass, 16th in the PairWise, is in need of some resume-boosting wins.

"This is playoff hockey, we have to realize that," said Tyler. "It's win or else."

"There has never been one UMass game that was easy," said Leveille.

The fifth-place Minutemen figure on testing the Black Bears early and often with their crash-the-net, think-later style.

"They drive the net real hard and they have some skilled players," said Wilson. "It's going to be tough. We are going to have to look through some screens."

Anchoring the charge on Wilson's net front will be Senior Chris Capraro and sophomore Cory Quick. At the moment, Capraro leads the way with 29 points, while Quick follows closely behind with 25.

"They play on an Olympic rink, so we're going to have to be prepared for that because they can generate some more offense," said Tyler.

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Michel Leveille  
Senior captain  
UMaine men's hockey

Not be forgotten are the speedy and clever wingers Mark Matheson with team-high 12 goals, and Matt Anderson. UMaine hopes to counter these challengers with a team approach that has seen dramatic improvements as of late.

"At this point of the year you need everyone to step up," said Leveille. "It doesn't matter if you're a senior or a freshman; there is no more status. Everyone



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

**DOWN AND OUT** — UMaine goaltending stalwart Ben Bishop, seen here laying down after a save against Merrimack, is not expected to play this weekend after re-injuring his groin.

needs to pick it up, it's crunch time. You have to elevate your game if you want to win in the end."

"We'll be alright, we're just going to try and play strong defense and match their intensity from the first game," said Tyler.

In past two series, UMaine has seen a new level of play, specifically from talented junior Billy Ryan. According to the Mass. native, who has nine goals and 18 assists, the resurgence is something that hasn't gone unnoticed in his eyes either.

"I just feel that in the second half I started working out my legs a lot because of my surgery over the summer," said Ryan. "I'm starting to feel really comfortable and a lot stronger. The stronger I am the better I play."

Along with the Hockey East picture, UMaine would like to shore up its NCAA tournament image this week. If the squad sweeps UMass on the road, they will likely solidify themselves as a two-seed in the NCAA tournament, barring a disaster in the quarterfinals.

"If we take care of business in Hockey East, the NCAA tournament will take care of itself," said Tyler.

Still, the team is not quite ready to get ahead of themselves.

"We don't want to do anything but get into the hockey finals and win it right now," said Tyler. "Getting to the finals is a big thing. I think that would really help us in getting to the NCAA tournament."

Right now, UMass goalie John Quick is listed as probable. Over the weekend, the sophomore fell to the injury bug missing Sunday's contest against Northeastern — and now is hoping to get back on track against UMaine.

"You know what, they have two steady goalies," said Wilson. "I was watching them down here the last time they came for practice and everything and they were both steady goaltenders. Whoever we face and whoever they face, I feel it will be a good battle."

As far as the Black Bears are concerned though, Sean Burke could be in net. They need wins and they need them now.

Who knows, maybe that long-awaited helmet is just the good luck charm they need.

"It's time to get on a roll, we need to win some games for the playoffs," said Leveille.

## THE MAINE CAMPUS Three Stars Leaders

	Points (No. 1s)
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2. Bret Tyler	9 (1)
3. Michel Leveille	8 (1)
4. Josh Soares	7 (2)
5t. Mike Hamilton	6 (1)
5t. Keith Johnson	6 (1)
7t. Wes Clark	4 (1)
7t. Mike Lundin	4 (1)
7t. Dave Wilson	4 (1)
10. B. Shepheard	3 (1)
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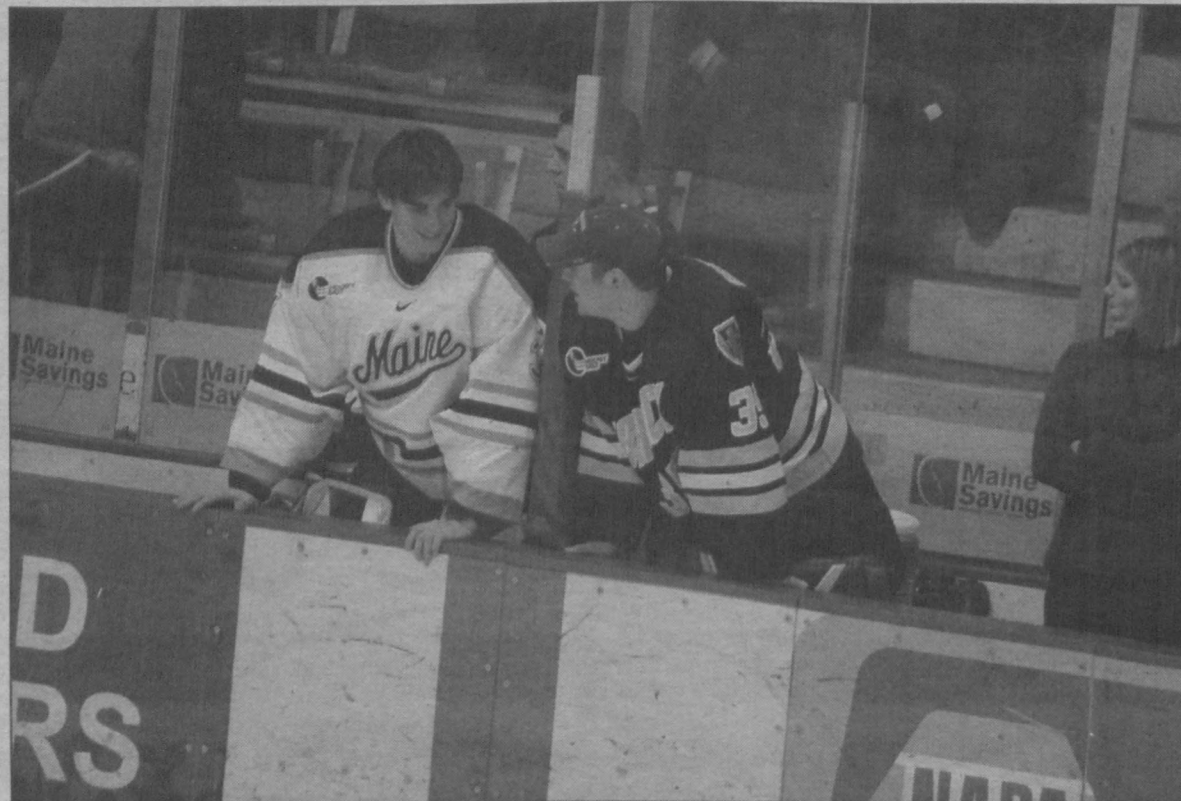
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**DOOR MEN** — UMaine goalie Shane Foley and Merrimack's third stringer share a light moment on the bench during Saturday's action at Alford Arena.



## START

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Luckily, the weather in Chatanooga was, according to head coach Stacey Sullivan, "gorgeous." She said they came into the tournament with the mindset that they "knew we could do really well."

Some opening day jitters got the best of them and led to their early losses in the tournament. The team lost a whopping eight seniors last year and has 11 freshmen on the squad this year, so some mistakes due to nerves can definitely be expected early in the season. Sullivan started five first-years in the first game and said she'll be "starting five or six freshmen throughout the season."

"We played very strong in the last three games and finished the tournament like we knew we could," added Sullivan, last year's America East coach of the year.

The team's first two games were on Friday, as they faced off against Bowling Green and Miami, Ohio. The Black Bears gave up a tough loss to Bowling Green with a score of 2-0. Reigning America East Rookie of the Year Jenna Balent took the mound as the starter for the Black Bears and pitched all seven innings in the loss. Despite starting the season off with a loss, she threw a solid game, allowing just two runs on five hits, with five strikeouts. UMaine managed only four hits in the game, and scored no runs.

In the second game of the doubleheader, two freshmen hurlers made their debuts and nerves may have gotten the better of them as the Black Bears fell by a score of 8-2. Christine McGivney got the start and yielded four runs on six hits in four innings. Jessica Ghazali came in for relief and allowed four runs on three hits and had two strikeouts. The lone RBI of the day for UMaine was knocked in by Whitney Spangler. Tara Vilardo scored once and Erin Iandoli scored Maine's second run. The Black Bears were pleased with the way the newcomers were able to step in and perform effectively so quickly.

"The freshman had a great weekend," said Sullivan. "Some of the upperclassmen have also really developed their game." Sullivan was particularly

impressed by freshmen McGivney and batters Whitney Spangler and Alexis Souhlaris.

The Black Bears rebounded with wins against Eastern Kentucky, UT-Chatanooga and Saint Francis. The scores were 5-3, 5-2 and 12-3. The pitchers in the two games on Saturday were Balent and McGivney again, who both went the distance and improved their records to 1-1. McGivney's win was the first of her collegiate career. Balent struck out six with only one walk, and McGivney had five strikeouts and allowed only two runs on four hits.

Balent also got the win on Sunday to improve her record to 2-1. She had a season-high seven strikeouts in five innings.

For the Black Bears offense, Whitney Spangler and Alexis Souhlaris both batted over .400 in the tournament, and the freshman left fielder Souhlaris paced the team with seven hits and four runs scored. Ashley Waters batted .312 and led the team with three RBIs, while Jennifer Puccini also knocked in three and had the team's only homer.

The team's 3-2 record in the tournament this year is identical to their record last year, but Sullivan said the field was larger this season and the competition was tougher. "We beat [the host team] Chattanooga, which was one of the strongest teams there," Sullivan said, adding that things are looking good for the team so far, and that there are high expectations for the season among the coaching staff and the players.

The team is headed down to Florida on Friday for two weeks to participate in the nine-game Florida State Tournament. Sullivan boldly predicted her girls should and would "dominate in the tournament." She also said she thinks the tournament will be a good measuring stick to show where they are and where they stand when they come back to the conference schedule.

Sullivan said that the biggest challenge in the upcoming season will be remaining consistent, adding that it's "hard for them to get anywhere" if they can't, as a team, learn from their mistakes.

"We [the coaching staff] have just been telling the girls to not set standards and to continually try to raise the bar for themselves and each other," said Sullivan. "We think we're capable of being a very successful team this year."

## STACKED

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age a few wins. The next three weeks will play out with road games in Arizona and Florida, not to mention a stretch that has the Black Bears playing for 15 days straight.

"In the northeast we're playing one of the best out-of-conference schedules you can play," said Trimper. "There are a lot of teams that aren't playing the same level of competition."

Putting themselves on the field with such traditional powerhouses is a move that UMaine hopes will pay off.

"Right now we have to go in and prove ourselves in our own minds against the good teams, the Florida Atlantics, the Miamis, the Northern Illinois, the Arizona States," said senior captain Matt McGraw. "We have to prove ourselves and play like a great team."

"It's definitely going to be the toughest stretch we've had during my five years," said Barrett.

The Black Bears take to their annual road trip to Florida after being unanimously selected to win a third-straight America East Championship. After receiving all seven first-place votes and 49 points overall, the team has been dealt a little bit of pressure. But it's pressure they want.

"With being a front-runner there are a lot of expectations, but with this team, I think we like it," said Norton. "We feel like we can compete at that level."

At this point, there is no reason to disagree with Norton. Along with the former No. 1 starter, who red-shirted last year because of an arm injury, McGraw, Smith Barrett and McAvoy are among the best seniors in the conference at the plate. Those four offensive stars highlight a lineup that returns all but two of its parts.

"It's a pretty tough line-up when you have to face a leadoff of either Billy Cather or Danny Mendez, then go against Matt McGraw, who I con-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

NO BUCKNER HERE — UMaine's Sean Parker fields ground balls yesterday at Mahaney Dome.

sider one of the best two hitters I've ever coached and then Smith, Barrett, and Kevin McAvoy," said UMaine manager Steve Trimper. "As a pitcher after that you take a deep breath and you still got Mark Ostrander and Sean Parker."

Barrett proudly touches on the offense as being one of the team's cornerstones.

"That's just one of those things we stand by," said Barrett. "It's college baseball, you're going to have to score eight runs. That's just how it happens. As good as your pitching can be or will be, hitting has to be your backbone."

Smith headlines the offensive side with a league-leading average of .390 from last year. He also had 87 hits and 55 RBIs.

"First off, he's a wonderful person, you can't get a better role model for our program," said Trimper about Smith. "The nice thing about him is that I've never seen anyone play the game so hard. No one realizes it, but he played nearly every game last year at nearly 80 percent. He was banged up every single day."

Smith was recently named a National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Preseason All-America Third Team selection and placed on

the 2007 Wallace Watch list.

"He's a feared hitter — if you throw a strike to that kid he's going to pound it," said Trimper. "He doesn't miss pitches. The key to him is laying off pitches."

Behind Smith — well not really — are McAvoy, who is back for his sophomore campaign after batting .369 and garnering 64 RBI, and McGraw and Barrett. McGraw, one of the team's best eyes at the plate, scored 55 runs last season, while Barrett had 50 RBI off a .368 average.

"It's nice to be ranked No. 1 in pre-season and all that but again we haven't played a single ballgame yet and nothing is going to come easy," said Trimper. "We have a bulls-eye on our back and that's where we expect to be every year."

Still, the biggest question mark surrounds the pitching staff which at-times last year cost the Black Bears several games and were a large reason for the 13-9 mark in conference. Taking those struggles in stride, the pitching staff has returned better than ever and put the team in a great spot to repeat as America East Champs.

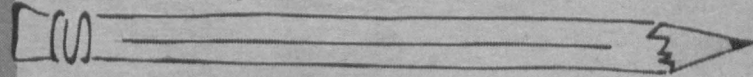
"The pitching staff is definitely going to be three or four notches better than it was last year," said McGraw.

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## March Madness Corner

By Danielle Young  
For The Maine Campus

"Multiple personalities — a rare condition indicated by the absence of a clear and comprehensive identity. In most cases, two or more independent and distinct personality systems develop in the same individual. Treatment is aimed at integrating the disparate personalities back into a single and unified personality." The subject: college basketball. The patients: the Florida Gators, North Carolina Tar Heels and Air Force Falcons.

Defending national champion Florida has shown all the signs of having multiple personalities. With less than two weeks before Selection Sunday, a No. 1 seed is quickly slipping away from Noah, Brewer and the Gators. With two straight losses to LSU and Tennessee on the road, it makes you wonder whether the champs are running low on fuel. A "Big Baby Davis"-less LSU squad beat up on struggling Florida last Saturday. Standout forward Corey Brewer managed only 11 points, while Joakim Noah finished with a measly four points. Brewer and Noah remind me of another semi-tandem: Brad Pitt and Ed Norton in "Fight Club," and no, that's not a compliment. Earlier in February, Vanderbilt manhandled Florida, and just a few nights ago was upset by the Volunteers on the road. Billy Donovan's team may have captured the SEC championship, but they are heading into the NCAA tournament showing clear signs of dissociation. Watching a Florida Gators game is like watching scenes from "Me, Myself, and Irene."

Answer me this, Carolina fans — How can you play so well against Duke, then blow it against Maryland and NC State? A former No. 1 team, the Tar Heels

have had their share of Sybil-like episodes this season. Tyler Hansborough and Brandon Wright have remained consistent throughout the season, but senior Reyshawn Terry has been more like Sally Field. The top of the ACC is experiencing a traffic jam with Carolina, Virginia Tech, Boston College and Virginia all fighting for the top spot. Carolina can run the table for the remaining few games, but Duke comes to town for the last game of the regular season. Expect an exciting show.

Air Force has been receiving major recognition this season but, despite a 13-game winning streak, they could miss the big dance completely. After beginning the season 17-1, the Falcons have gone 6-6, showing signs of split personality. A share of the regular season Mountain West Conference seemed in their grasp just a few weeks ago, but Air Force most likely will be ending their regular season in fourth place. Losing their last three games to UNLV, TCU and BYU, the Falcons finally have a chance to rest and gather themselves before the March 8 MWC tournament. The No. 25-ranked team in the nation has an uphill battle ahead of them.

College basketball is in serious need of psychotherapy — hypnosis even. Multiple personality disorder has been prevalent in the game for too long. It's essentially a part of the game. March has finally arrived and the tournament will be underway before we know it. Which teams will show up with a clean bill of health? Which squad will prevail as Numero Uno? And which teams will go home with a doctor's note?

## WREN

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a rejuvenating performance. That performance came at the Harold Anderson Invitational, with the women placing first and the men finishing second. After putting it all together at the halfway point of the season, Coach Wren felt the invitational was "a positive way to head into the semester break." In Wren's mind, this performance was certainly the turning point of the year.

From here the Black Bears headed into winter training programs that were largely productive and successful. However, once school started back up, the Black Bears were without "a good opportunity to measure themselves," said Wren.

Despite having three chances to swim competitively following winter training, Coach Wren felt that the meets did not prove as valuable as he initially hoped, leaving the team without ideal preparation prior to the America East Championships.

All the worry, however, turned out to be for naught, as the men's and women's teams turned in outstanding performances. Although Wren was hesitant to name names, fearing he would unintentionally exclude some special performances, the meet was certainly highlighted by a few such performances:

• Jessie Ellis-Alcaide broke her sister's record in the 50 freestyle with a time of 23.84 and also set a new 100 freestyle record. The following weekend, Ellis-Alcaide became the first UMaine swimmer to win an ECAC championship, taking home first place in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

• Chris Card set a 200 breaststroke record in his prelim swim, only to watch Nate Richard break his moments later with a time of 2:06:46.

• Richard also broke his previous 100 breaststroke mark and set a school record in the 200 IM, with a time of 1:55:02.

• Colleen Miller also broke two individual records, setting school-best times in the mile and 1000 freestyle.

The record setters, however, weren't the only performances that will be remembered from this year's championship meet.

• Tyler Isherwood turned some heads with his



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MAKING A SPLASH — A UMaine swimmer enjoys the backstroke.

tenth place finish in the 200 backstroke and Jamie Young was also a positive surprise for the Black Bears in the 200 backstroke.

• Shannon Scott came up huge with an eighth place finish in the women's one-meter diving finals.

• Brock Libby ended his career on a strong note, placing eleventh in the mile.

While this year saw some outstanding times and scores, the best moment, in Wren's opinion, didn't happen on the pool deck. When asked what scene from the 2006-2007 season would be the picture in his hypothetical photo album, Wren's response was a little surprising.

"On the bus ride home after Champs, John Quinn and Mike Goede came to the front of the bus and gave several definitions of team chemistry in UMaine Swimming. That felt good to hear."

After hearing that, I'm sure Coach Wren will get his wish. In a season with so many positive memories, I'm fairly certain the 2006-2007 swimming and diving members feel good about their experiences.

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## REED

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Then play Sunday, get another week off, and have a chance to play for that conference championship."

A stellar senior season was that much more special for 25-year-old Reed because at each home game there was someone close to his heart nearby — his son, 10-month-old Jalen.

Reed and wife Hannah — who'll celebrate their third anniversary this summer — welcomed the little tyke last April. While any newborn brings its share of stress and work, Reed has been able to juggle childcare, hoops and school with the help of family and friends.

"I have a lot of support. I'm lucky to have in-laws a mile and a half down the street who jump at the chance to watch him. They love spending time with him. I'm really fortunate because that's made it a lot easier," he said.

The consummate team player, Reed even mentions efforts to see that fatherhood doesn't disrupt the everyday rhythm of his team.

"My family definitely comes first, but I didn't want to be the big distraction on the team," Reed explained. "The guys all understand my situation, but I never wanted it to be, 'Kev couldn't make practice because he couldn't find someone to watch his son.'"

But with the help of his in-laws, whose son Mark Socoby also plays for the Black Bears, it was never an issue, with Reed, Jalen and the Socobys sharing a special moment on the court prior to Senior Day at Alford last week.

### Record Breaker

To his teammates, Reed is more than just a great player. The two-year captain is also a great leader and a good friend.

"You put a mic in front of him, and he gets a little quiet, but he has a good personality. He's a great guy," said senior Chris Bruff, who called Reed the best player he's seen in his four years at UMaine.

It's hard to argue with Bruff's assessment. Reed ranks third all-time in points scored at UMaine and is the most prolific three-point shooter in school history, leading in both career makes and attempts. With over 300 treys, he's more than doubled the previous record, and with a strong tournament could break another record — treys in a single season.

"He's more than just a three-point shooter. It's everything he does," said Woodward.

Statistics back up that claim as well. Reed is one of a handful of players to top 1,000 points and grab 500 rebounds in a career. The 6-3, 215-pound guard is a force down low when a ball is up for grabs — he was the leading rebounder in the nation among players his height and under in 2003. Reed will also end up

third all-time in steals.

"There's nothing he can't do," said Bruff.

The mark that stands out above the rest for Reed is his most recent — games played. When he stepped onto the floor last Sunday, Reed cemented his place playing more contests in a Black Bear uniform than any other player.

"I've thought about some of the records. You look at most games played — I just suited up every night, and I wound up playing more games than anyone else," Reed said.

In explaining just how he manages to be such a complete, effective player, the Yarmouth, Mass. native again has a simple, yet profound response.

"I think if you play as hard as you can every time you go out there you can be successful. That's all I did," he said.

### Bump in the road

The path wasn't always easy, though. On the eve of his would-be senior season in Nov. 2005, Reed broke a bone in his foot that refused to heal. Originally slated to miss just five weeks, Reed was sidelined for the entire season.

"It was tough," he admitted. "Especially since Freddy [Petkus] was one of the only guys left that I came in with, I wanted to finish up with him. But the injury took longer and it was really hard sitting around and doing nothing."

Eventually, Reed was forced to concede the season and take a medical redshirt, making him eligible to return to the lineup in 2006-07.

"I didn't start practicing until March. I couldn't run, couldn't cut. If the doctor saw me jogging he'd shut me down," Reed said. "[Redshirting] was really my only choice."

### Leaving a legacy

Reed returned to the floor with a vengeance this season. Surrounded by a new supporting cast, he didn't miss a beat and is once again among the top scorers, rebounders and defenders in America East. He was named a preseason first-team All-



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AIR KEVIN — ABOVE — Kevin Reed floats to the hole.

DRIVING FORCE — BELOW — Reed makes a move on a Stony Brook defender last weekend on Senior Day.

Conference selection for the second straight year and UMaine was picked to finish second, a vote Woodward attributed to the respect Reed commands around the league.

A child development and family relations major, Reed also commands the respect of everyone on campus in Orono. It's those folks he credits with making his experience at UMaine worthwhile.

*"Maybe someday, my son will grow up, come here and break all my records."*

Kevin Reed  
UMaine men's basketball

"Obviously my family has been huge," Reed said. "But it's everyone I've met here in five years. From all the different coaches to the media and the laundry people, everyone I've come in contact with

has given me great memories."

As for future plans, Reed mentions the possibility of playing professional basketball and if it's an option, he'll definitely pursue it. But right now, he isn't living for tomorrow. He is living for today.

"I think about the future, but I never know what I'll be doing," he said. "I take it one day at a time. What can I do now about two months from now?"

Now, on the eve of his final conference tournament as a Black Bear, Reed's very presence makes UMaine a threat to any team they face in the postseason. Looking to "make the most" of the end of his career, he'll soak in all the moments and be sure to pack a few away to share with Jalen as he gets older.

"That's what the game tapes are for, I guess," said Reed. "There's definitely a lot of things I'll keep. Maybe, someday, [Jalen] will grow up, come here and break all my records."

One thing is for sure — if he does, he'll do it quietly and with respect and class. Just like Dad.



## Do or Die: Black Bears face Retrievers in quarterfinals

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Judgment day has arrived for the University of Maine men's basketball team. After an up-and-down season that saw a five-game winning streak and a pair of five-contest losing skids, the Black Bears' streaky campaign comes to a head in the America East championship tournament this weekend in Boston.

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UMaine has the talent to advance to its first AEast title game under coach Ted Woodward, but will need to play the way it did during the winning streak to make it happen. The fourth-seeded Black Bears face No. 5 University of Maryland-Baltimore County in a quarterfinal match Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

"Both teams are playing very well. The four-five matchup is always a tremendous game," said UMaine coach Ted Woodward.

The Retrievers pose a familiar challenge, since the squads faced off just seven days ago in Baltimore, with UMBC coming away victorious 80-77.

"At this point, I think everyone in the conference feels like they know each other pretty well; everyone's played everyone twice," said Woodward.

The game features two of the most explosive players in America East in UMaine's Kevin Reed and UMBC's Brian Hodges. Both guards are first-team All-Conference contenders and have been among the league's scoring leaders all season.

"Kevin is certainly a guy who can take a game over, but Hodges is one of them too. There are a few of those in this league," said Woodward, citing Albany's Jamar Wilson and Vermont's Mike Trimboli as other examples.

UMaine finished the regular season 12-17 and 7-9 in conference play. The AEast record is identical to last year, but parity in the league helped the Bears move from the No. 7 seed to a much more comfortable No. 4.

"There's not a bad team in this league," Woodward said. "You look at Stony Brook in last place and they have some talent. That tells me it's a deep league."

Still, the Black Bears were disappointed in the inconsistency that plagued them during losing skids that book ended their conference season. UMaine began 0-4 before winning five straight, then went 2-5 down the stretch. A strong finish in the conference tournament would erase any lingering sting from a tough end to the regular season.

"We need to keep up the intensity," senior Chris Bruff said of the difference between the winning and losing streaks. "[We need] to remember where that intensity comes from and keep it up throughout the game."

Last week's game was a shooter's duel that saw both clubs convert nearly 50 percent of their shots. The Retrievers were led by big guns Brian Hodges and Jay Greene, but benefited Chris Pugh's monster 20-point game. UMBC's depth will once again be a concern for the Black Bears.

"They have a 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."

Earlier this season, UMaine beat the Retrievers at Alford Arena thanks to a strong effort on the glass. The Bears know they need a better effort on defense and need to continue to control the post if they're going to advance past the Retrievers this weekend.

"That was a game where they just didn't play very well, and that happens to every team over the course of a year. That game was one of theirs," said Woodward.

The X-factor may be sophomore forward Philippe Tchekane Bofia, who has returned to the form that earned him an AEast All-Rookie nod last year. Bofia struggled with consistency and explosiveness in December and January, but scored 10 points Sunday to help UMaine put down Stony Brook. When he's on his game, it opens space for Bruff to operate down low and adds a second dimension to UMaine's offense.

Another key will be senior point guard Jon Sheets, who's continued to distribute the ball with ease and seems to have rediscovered his three-point shot.

Led by Hodges, UMBC has also been a hot-shooting club lately. That tendency may set up an offensive slugfest between the squads Saturday.

"When you shoot the three, it's hot and cold," Woodward said. "They've been hot, and a lot of that is Hodges. Greene is a tremendous player too; he leads the league with a 3:1 turnover ratio."

The Black Bears have a slight edge in tournament experience, as Reed has played in a pair of AEast title games and Bruff and Olli Ahvenniemi played in the championship at Vermont as freshman. Woodward is 1-2 in the tournament, having upset Boston University in 2005 thanks to current assistant coach Chris Markwood's buzzer-beating three as time expired.

Should UMaine advance, the Black Bears would face the winner of No. 1 Vermont and either No. 8 Hartford or Stony Brook on Sunday.





## Simply The Best

Kevin Reed's  
superb career  
speaks volumesBy Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Speak softly and carry a big stick. If ever there were a University of Maine athlete that exemplified Roosevelt's famous words, it is Kevin Reed.

One of the top basketball players in Black Bear history, Reed hasn't made a name for himself with his tongue. Though he may be quiet in front of the microphone, the Black Bears' heart and soul is anything but subtle where it counts most — on the court.

## Men's Basketball

Whether it's burying his trademark three-pointer from the top of the key, out-muscling a guy thrice his size for a key rebound, or making a timely steal, Reed does it all. And he does it with a cool confidence and classy aura that few can duplicate.

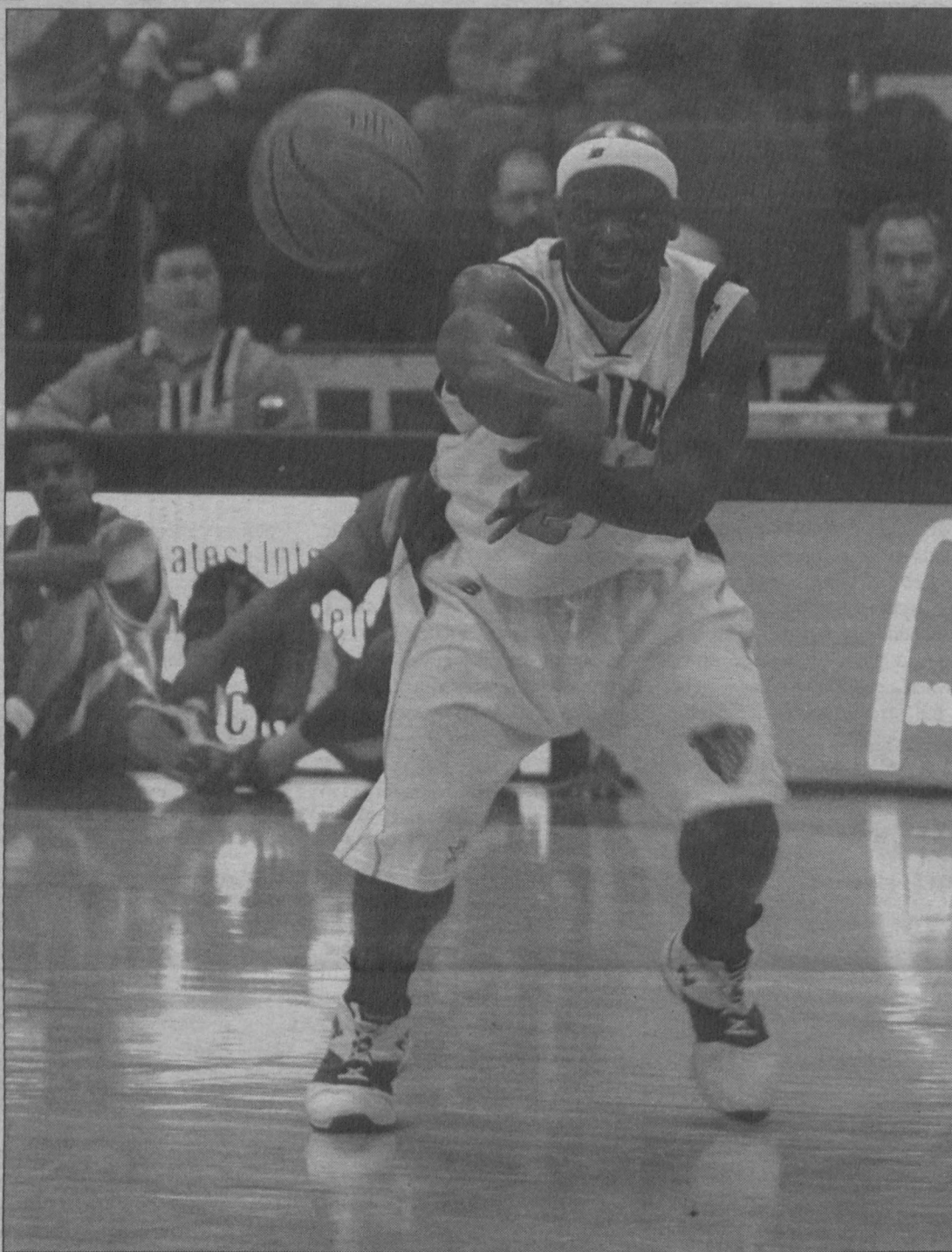
"Kevin is a winner. He's an absolute winner in everything he does," said UMaine coach Ted Woodward.

Expected to earn his fourth All-Conference nod this weekend, Reed is UMaine's top scorer, 14.1 points per game, and rebounder, 6.0 rpg, and is looking to lead his squad to the promised land in the America East Championship tournament this weekend.

The Black Bears face Maryland-Baltimore County Saturday, and would advance to Sunday's quarterfinals with a win.

"I take it one game at a time," said Reed, who's played in two America East title games. "First, play Saturday and win;

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CATCH THIS — UMaine senior captain Kevin Reed fires a pass during Sunday's Senior Day win. Reed has played the most games in Black Bears history.

Wilson  
called on  
to save dayFreshman steps in as  
injury sidelines BishopBy Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

At the start of November, with nothing to look forward to but the Toronto Argonauts' upcoming season, freshman netminder Dave Wilson sent away for a new helmet.

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For the earnest Wilson, ordering the helmet, featuring Wilson the volleyball from "Castaway" and a Canadian flag across the mouth piece, was one of the biggest highlights in a year that was set to see him log more bench time than Lou Merloni. Serving primarily as the backup netminder for the University of Maine during starter Ben Bishop's record 41-game start streak, Wilson didn't count on the helmet getting a lot of game-time experience. Still, it was a nice gift — a perk of the job — so Wilson waited eagerly for its grand arrival.

On Monday, after nearly three and half months, the helmet arrived.

Talk about timing.

This Friday, with Wilson set to get the start against the University of Massachusetts, the helmet will also make its debut in the Black Bears biggest series of the year. Wilson is

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## Wren reflects on season

By Matt McGraw  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine's swimming and diving teams have always measured success a little differently than your average college sports teams. In a sport where your team's success can hinge on your performance on one weekend in February, you need something to fall back on other than wins and losses. For that, look no further than Coach Jeff Wren, who would rather "measure success based on how my swimmers

feel about their experience."

Any year that witnesses records broken, new winners crowned, and young talent grow is always a success in its own right. With the completion of the 2006-2007 season, I had the chance to sit down and talk with Coach Wren about the twists and turns of the past six months.

The fall semester was a rough one for the Black Bears, who were hampered with injuries, dealing with clearinghouse issues, and looking for

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## UMaine off to strong start

By Tyler Francke  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team kicked off its season this weekend with the five-game

## Softball

Panera Bread Challenge tournament at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. They got

off to a somewhat bumpy start, losing their first two games, but bounced back and won their last three to take fourth place in the tourney. Two weeks ago, UMaine's season was slated to start with a three-game series against the University of Kentucky, but all three games were cancelled due to inclement weather.

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## Stacked lineup has Bears excited

Baseball squad ready  
to kick off '07 yearBy Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

The University of Maine baseball team is not just good. They're scary good; like "call up a ringer we're in trouble" good.

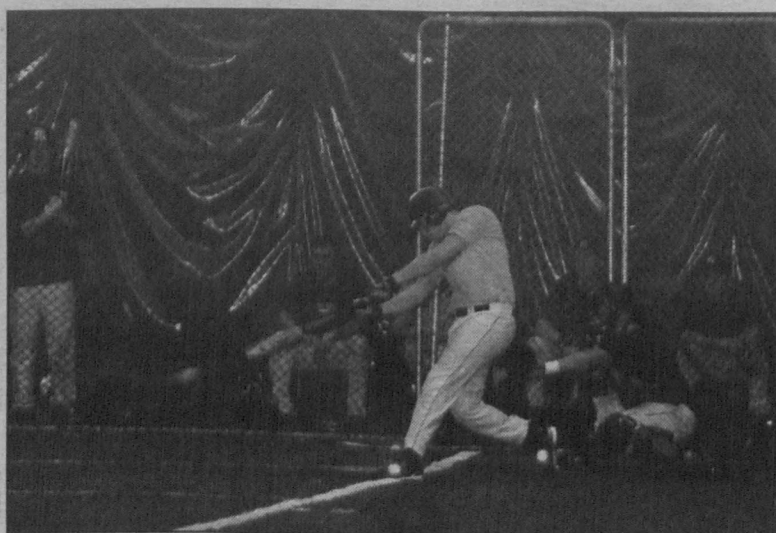
With a lineup that's quite possibly the program's best in the past 20 years and a vastly improved pitching staff, the Black Bears are just about everything you want to see in your favorite baseball team: deep, fast, talented, and most importantly, driven.

Get the picture?

This team is good. Real good.

In fact, they are so good that the for first time in the last three years, the Black Bears will take to the road for the next three weeks in hopes of not only gaining experience but pursuing some explosive upsets.

"Our expectations are definitely higher this year," said senior captain and newly crowned cleanup hitter Joel Barrett. "We're really going into



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TAKING B.P. — Brian Hackett takes a cut as Sean Parker sets up behind the plate earlier this week.

the season with the goal of winning a regional."

While the season has yet to begin, it's hard not to get caught up in the hype of the 2007 UMaine baseball season. With No. 1 starter Greg Norton, All-Americans Curt Smith and Kevin McAvoy and a lineup that has no holes, UMaine is easily one of

the top-five teams in New England. Boasting a schedule that features top-25 teams Miami and Arizona State and talent-rich squads like Florida Atlantic, and Northern Illinois, UMaine is poised to set themselves up nicely in the RPI if they can man-

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