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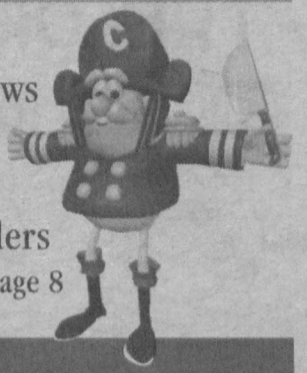
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RIAA may sue 14 UM students

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

The University of Maine was drawn into the Recording Industry Association of America's hunt for music downloaders yesterday, as 14 students on campus face litigation from the group.

The students are among 27 in the

university system implicated by the RIAA in a letter sent to the UMS yesterday.

According to the RIAA, they only have Internet Protocol addresses that link the offending downloaders to UMS campuses. They're asking the university system to identify the students and to send them RIAA-penned letters offering them settlements to

avoid costly litigation.

According to reports at other universities, the settlement payments can be as high as \$4,500, although if the cases go to civil court punitive damages have been known to reach \$150,000.

There will be a meeting today to decide how to respond to the situation.

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Sports radio deal criticized

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

University of Maine sports broadcasts will have a new home next fall and not everyone is thrilled about the move. In an agreement announced last week, broadcasts will move from WZON 620 AM to a network of Clear Channel owned stations highlighted by flagship WVOM 103.9 FM beginning with the 2007 football season.

Complicating matters is that WZON is owned by perhaps UMaine's most famous alum, Stephen King. WZON officials called the negotiation process unfair and the General Student Senate resolved to stand against the move.

"The negotiations provided both sides with opportunities to sign on as our partner," said UMaine athletic director Blake James. "Clear Channel ultimately agreed to the offer that was presented and we feel it's great for the program. I think it's important to note that both sides had a number of proposals put in front of them."

General Student Senate further resolved that it was

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Patch Job



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

IF IT AIN'T BROKE — Brian Melvin and other workers rally to fix the Dome from snow damage.

Weather tears open Mahaney dome

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

The Mahaney dome was being re-inflated at press time Wednesday after a large gash was discovered Saturday, March 17, causing the facility to deflate. Officials hope to have the dome fully re-inflated so the interior can be repaired by Thursday.

"We're in the process of repairing it right now," said Claude Junkins,

director of engineering support services for Facilities Management. Representatives from the manufacturer arrived Wednesday and under their supervision Facilities Management is patching the tears in the fabric using a heat weld system.

"They actually melt the patches together, kind of like a tire patch," Junkins said. He added that the newly patched fabric will be stronger than it was prior to patching.

The Mahaney Dome, an air-supported indoor practice facility for many of UMaine's sports teams, was deflated after a large gash formed in the outer fabric covering the facility. The gash was first noticed sometime in the afternoon on Saturday, March 17.

"Worst case, we'll be back in operation by the weekend after next," said associate athletic director for Internal

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Retired UMaine professor loses fight with cancer

By Emily Southwick
Copy Editor



Whitney

University of Maine professor Allison "Al" I. Whitney died Saturday, March 10, at the age of 66 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Whitney graduated from UMaine with a B.S. in electrical engineering, and a master's degree in 1964. He came back to teach in 1986, and before retiring in 2006

was awarded the College of Engineering's 2005 Ashley Campbell Award. The award is given to professors who display outstanding teaching skills, scholarship and service to the profession, according to a university press release.

Whitney's friends and colleagues said he fit the description perfectly.

Professor Mohamad Musavi, of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, worked closely

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Stolen Lissus safe recovered

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

A safe stolen from Lissus Pizza in downtown Orono was recovered last week in the open-access basement of a student-occupied apartment building.

When the safe was found on Tuesday, March 13, it had been pried open and an undisclosed amount of money had been stolen.

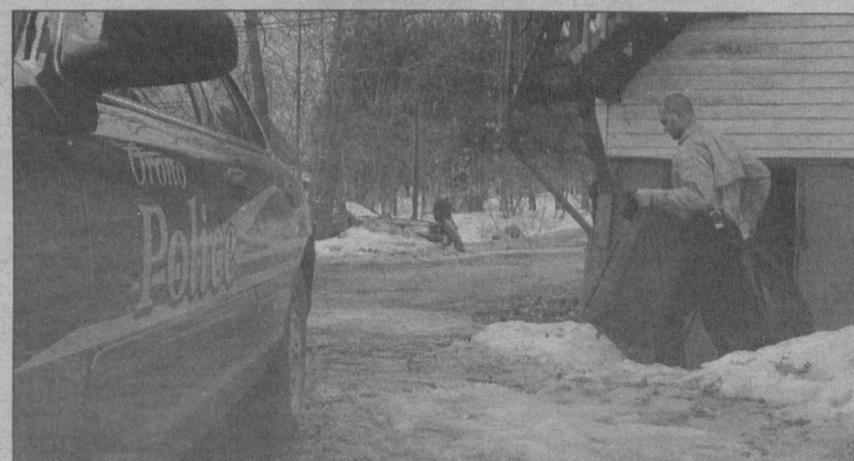
The safe was reported missing the day

before; Orono Police say someone climbed across the roof and broke a side window to enter the restaurant. Police found documents in the opened safe linking it to Lissus.

No one has been charged yet, according to Orono Sgt. Scott Scripture. "They're still in the process of doing interviews and confirming information."

Lauren Reich, a resident of the Pine Street apartment building where the safe



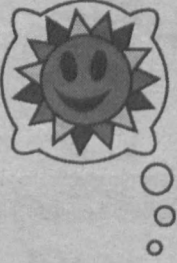

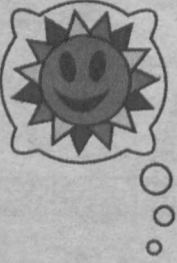
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IN THE BAG — Orono Sgt. Lajoie carries evidence from the Park Street basement where Lissus' stolen safe was found last week.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

THE ORONO 5-DAY FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with a chance of freezing rain	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny, becoming cloudy later in the day	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny
High 44 Low 31	High 46 Low 25	High 48 Low 31	High 48 Low 28	High 48 Low 31

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THE MAINE CAMPUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

Technology Transfer Workshop

An overview for student entrepreneurs and inventors, business and business law experts will provide an overview of commercial process from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Innovation Center.

Understanding Stepfamilies

Wendy Logg Pollock will present a talk on understanding step-families as part of the EAP Lunch and Learn series at noon in the Coe Room.

Environment Lecture

The Senator George J. Mitchell Center Distinguished Lecture by M. Gordon 'Reds' Wolman, professor at Johns Hopkins, will talk about "The Adaptable Frog" at noon in Room 107, Norman Smith Hall.

Writing Grant Proposal

A seminar on writing a successful Maine Technology Institute seed grant proposal will be held at the Target Technology Center in Orono at noon.

Iraq War Lecture

Professor Douglas Allen will present "The Iraq War: Lessons Four Years after the U.S. Invasion

and Occupation" as part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series, at 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

Friday

Traffic Exposure

Mary Davis will present "Traffic Exposure and Human Health Risks: What we know about it and what we are doing about it" as part of the Department of Resource Economics and Policy Seminar Series, at noon in Room 201 Winslow Hall.

Budget Forum

A forum with provost Edna Szymanski and Janet Waldron will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

Irish Coffee Hour

The International Students Association will have a celebration of St. Patrick's Day starting at 4 p.m. in the North Pod, Memorial Union.

Monday

Animal Communication

Marty Leonard, of Dalhousie University, will present "Can you hear me now? How animals com-

municate in a noisy world" as part of the Department of Wildlife Ecology Seminar series at noon in Room 204, Nutting Hall.

Preparing for Publication

Nathan Stormer will lead a workshop titled "Preparing a piece of academic writing for publication in the Humanities and Social Sciences" for graduate students starting at 3:30 p.m. in the Bumps Room, Memorial Union. Call 581-3472 to register.

Women and Latin American Military

Wiebke Ipsen will present on "Women and the Military in Latin America" as part of the Women's History Month observance, at 3:30 p.m. in Stevens Hall, Room 365.

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.

Orono re-elects Spitz and Haggerty

By Andrew DeFilipp
For The Maine Campus

ORONO - Two re-elected Orono Town Council members were sworn in Monday, keeping the current council line-up for at least another year.

Thomas Spitz and Mark Haggerty both served on the council prior to the election on March 13. At the polls, the incumbents were challenged by candidate Lenard Kaye. All three are employed by the University of Maine.

Of the 610 votes cast for the two seats, Haggerty won with 230 votes, Spitz had 222 and Kaye had 158.

In the next three years, Spitz said he hopes to help Orono preserve its small town feel, while keeping a respectable tax base that allows for growth.

One of the issues he hopes to address is the need for water treatment and sewer improvements.

"I am happy for the challenge that has been presented to me again," Spitz said.

Haggerty, a UMaine professor of economics, had not replied to requests for comment by press time.

The Town of Orono has come under criticism by some students over the past few years for holding its municipal elections during the spring break. This means that while elections

are taking place, more than half the population of Orono, for nine months out of 12, is out of town.

In order to change election times, the town's charter would have to be revised.

Last year, three UMaine students, as well as three other Orono residents, ran for three vacant seats. All three students lost their election bids. No students ran this year.

Each of the seven council members serves a term of three years, on a rotating schedule for re-election.

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Haggerty 230

Spitz 222

Kaye 158

GSS discusses granting presidential veto power

By Heather Steeves
Staff Reporter

In Tuesday's meeting of the General Student Senate, a resolution was discussed that would grant veto power to the Student Government president, Priyanth Chandrasekar. The new resolution would allow the president to "exercise the power of veto over all resolutions in which he/she feels are detrimental to the student body."

"At this point, there is only one check on a resolution, and that is the president's cabinet where he doesn't even have a vote," senator Abtin Mehdizadegan said. "Installing this veto system would put two checks on any resolution."

If the president did decide to veto a resolution, the senate could then vote on the resolution again and pass it with a two-thirds vote.

Senator Eben Strout, who supports the resolution, said, "The president is deserving of the highest power. He was elected to the position, and presents an opinion that will best support the student body."

According to the resolution, "A presidency put in office through a platform and advocacy of certain policies is utterly ineffective without a form of concrete and legitimate power. An executive without the power of veto is a rather powerless position."

This issue will be voted on at a future GSS meeting.

The senate unanimously passed a resolution expressing disapproval toward Athletic Director Blake James in reference to the transfer of a contract for University of Maine sports coverage, from WZON to Clear Channel Communications-owned WVOM. The resolution opposes the change in contract.

The resolution also states that it

recognizes and commends Stephen and Tabitha King, UMaine's second largest donors and the owners of WZON.

"This transfer of ownership is a slap in the face to [WZON's] loyalty, particularly to Stephen and Tabitha King, who have dedicated much time to this university," said vice president William Pomerleau.

"I demand an apology to the Kings," Pomerleau to the senate. He said he wants an apology for both the "dishonor of not even being privy to the contract negotiations," and an apology for "the lack of empathy and compassion from the athletic director toward the Kings."

According to information given at the meeting, UMaine's incentive to change stations was revenue driven; WZON currently pays UMaine \$10,000 a year versus the \$450,000 WVOM offers plus revenue shares. This does not account for the "six-figure" expenses that WZON has invested into the broadcasts, according to Pomerleau.

WVOM, largely a talk radio station, goes by the name, "The Voice of Maine." The station includes programming by commentators such as Rush Limbaugh, Howie Carr and Sean Hannity.

Outside of the resolutions, one new member of the senate was inducted, Ashley Wozneak, who will be representing the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Senator Mark Furrow was presented with February's "Senator of the Month" award for his courage and persistence in standing up for what he believes, even if that belief is unpopular. He said he was both happy and surprised to win the award.

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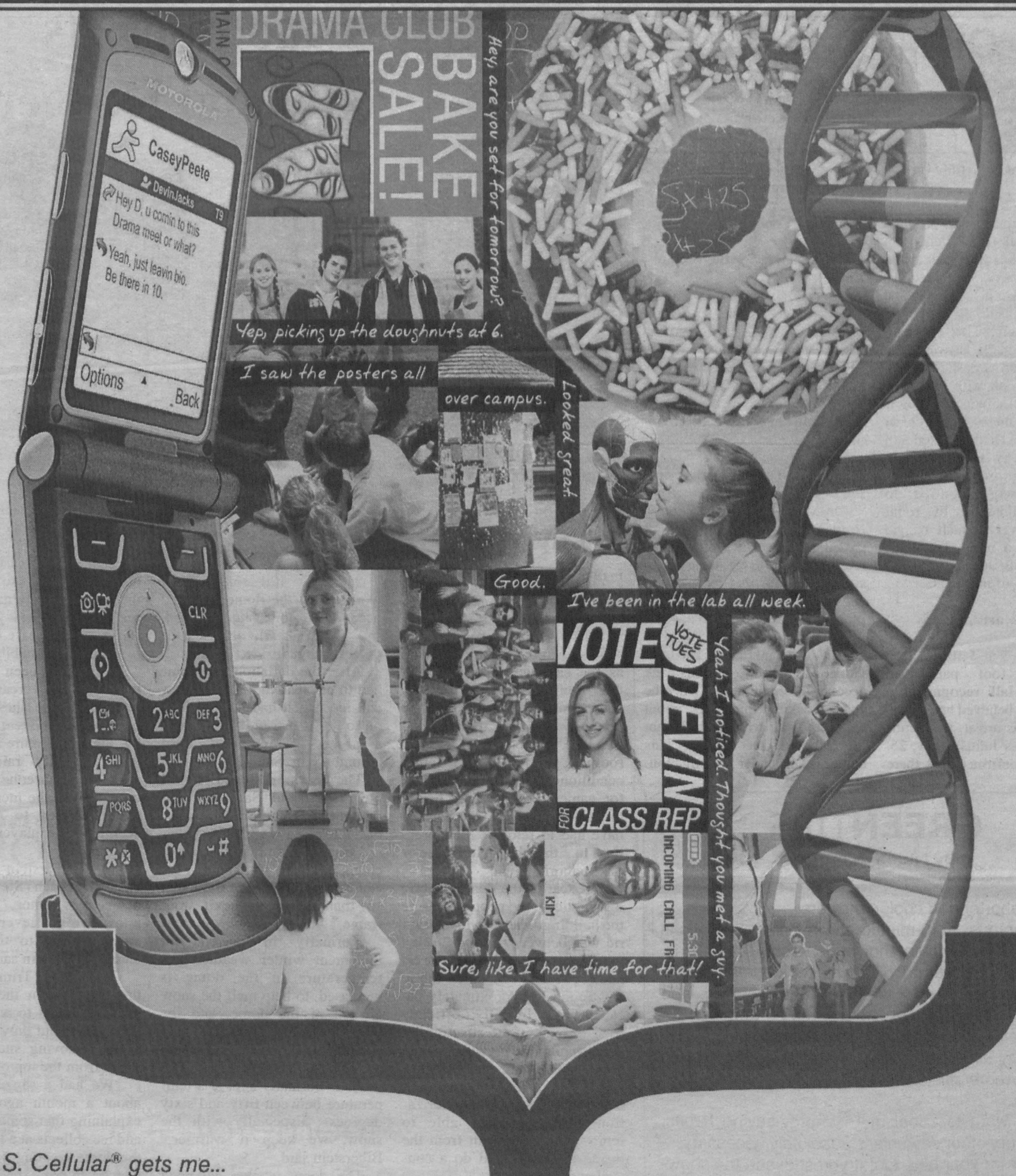
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POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins
Staff Reporter

Side effects may include forgetfulness

On March 20 at 9:37 p.m., the smell of marijuana was reported on the first floor of Penobscot Hall. An officer responded and knocked on the door but received no response. He heard music and talking from inside the room and knocked again. The resident, Hunter Ludwig, 20, answered the door and the officer asked to step inside and speak with him. The officer asked Ludwig if he knew why he was there, to which he replied, "Yes." He then asked him to explain why he was there. Ludwig's response was, "I don't know." Ludwig admitted to smoking marijuana in the room and turned over a small baggie containing two marijuana buds. Ludwig was issued a summons for possession of marijuana.

Outstanding warrant lands man in jail

On March 7 at 1:10 a.m., an officer on foot patrol in Estabrooke Hall recognized a man whom he believed had a warrant out for his arrest. He identified the man as Julius Teneve, 25. The officer confirmed that there

was an outstanding warrant for a failure to pay a fine. Teneve was arrested and transported to Penobscot County Jail.

Catalytic converter thefts continue

On March 13 at 3:25 p.m., Public Safety received a complaint from an individual who had parked his Toyota pickup in the MCA parking lot. He found that the catalytic converter had been cut and stolen from his vehicle. The complaint is still under investigation.

Phone fraud strikes University Park

On March 14 at 11:40 a.m., a resident from University Park issued a complaint that he had received a phone call from a person telling him that he had been chosen from a list of 10,000 people to receive money because he was on a list of people who had not filed for bankruptcy. The individual was asked to give his bank account information and when he started asking questions about where the call was coming from the call was disconnected. This matter is still under investigation.

GREENTIPS

By Nicole Mercier

Take shorter and cooler showers.

On campus, a 10-minute shower uses 23 gallons of water. A four-minute shower uses only 9.2 gallons.

As the temperature of a shower decreases, the energy necessary to produce that shower also decreases. Heating and transporting water can be energy-intensive, so being conscious of using less energy by using less and cooler water is a step toward a more efficient lifestyle and possibly a greener future.

If you want to adopt more energy-saving habits, bathe every other day unless absolutely necessary — it's better for your hair, too! If you shave in the shower, turn the water off if you can, and use quick dashes of water from the faucet to rinse the razor.

WHITNEY

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with Whitney during his career at UMaine. "He was a great teacher, [and] not only a teacher but also a mentor, a great friend, a great colleague," Musavi said. "He was one of those people that made daily life easier. If I had any question that I didn't know the answer to, I would go to him and he would have the answer. He was a walking dictionary of the UMaine rules and regulations."

Fellow colleague, Dana Humphrey, interim dean of the College of Engineering, remembers Whitney as always being there for the students he taught.

"My fondest memory of Al was when he was cooking hotdogs for new students on new student day. I remember him handing out free hotdogs to students on Hilltop," Humphrey said.

Friends said it was in Whitney's nature to be there for people and to help them out in any way he possibly could.

Musavi said Whitney would want to be remembered as being "a caring person who dedicated his life to the students." Whitney's kind and caring impression has apparently lasted, according to Humphrey. "When I went to his memorial service on Saturday, I was so impressed by how many students and former students of Al were at the ceremony," he said. "That speaks volumes of the high regard that his students held for him."

Musavi believes that Whitney's legacy includes his assistance in giving UMaine a reputation for having a superb engineering program. "I think his biggest contribution was to make our department, and eventually the University of Maine, recognized as having a great engineering program ... if not in the nation, in the New England area."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

CAN WE FIX IT? YES WE CAN! — Facilities Management workers help raise the Mahaney dome to its former glory.

DOME

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Operations William Biberstein.

The dome was put up only 14 months ago, and has since been "an asset to the athletics as well as the campus community and the outlying community," according to Biberstein. The dome is normally used by the baseball, softball, soccer and football teams for practicing, conditioning and, on occasion, for games. For the time being, the teams that use the facility have had to relocate their practices to either the Field House or the Memorial Gym.

The tear in the dome's fabric was noticed by people outside the building. The gash in the fabric was between 16 and 20 feet long, located near the southwest door. A second tear in the fabric was found in approximately the same area. Initially, officials tried to remedy the situation by sandwiching a plywood patch around the fabric, but the gash was too long and the building could not maintain pressurization. Officials were able to remove the equipment from the inside the dome and do a controlled deflation.

"We were able to get the equipment out of the dome and get all the light poles down, and

basically do a controlled deflation of the dome," Biberstein said. "Basically we just turned the blowers off."

There is still some repair work inside the dome that will need to be done, Junkins said. "We haven't really assessed the other damage inside," he said.

After the deflation, the dome had to be cleared of all the snow and ice which had accumulated on top of it before it froze over, a process which took until around 8 p.m. Saturday night.

The heavy snow and rainfall on Friday and Saturday was thought to be the primary cause of the tear.

"Our suspicion is that a large chunk of slushy wet snow or ice came down in just the right spot so that it hit the exit door frame," Junkins said.

Normally in periods of inclement winter weather, the temperature in the dome is increased, to help melt the snow on top of the dome, and the internal pressure is raised to help stabilize the dome against the added weight and wind. The dome is normally kept at a temperature between fifty and sixty degrees. "Especially with the snow, we keep it warmer," Biberstein said.

The dome is also equipped with a snow and wind sensor, which monitors the temperature of the building and the pressure

being maintained on the outside fabric of the dome. When the temperature inside the building is changed, the sensor will slow down the blowers to balance out the pressure. Alternatively, during periods of heavy winds, the sensor can increase the pressure in the dome to stabilize it.

There have been rumors that increases or decreases of temperature inside the dome may have caused the tear. In particular, the temperature in the dome was allegedly raised to 90 degrees Fahrenheit several times before the men's baseball team traveled to Arizona, to acclimate the players to southern weather.

Both Biberstein and men's baseball coach Steve Trimper denied this rumor. "As far as I know we've never done any stress testing to the baseball team," Biberstein said.

Coach Steve Trimper verified that the heat in the dome had been increased to around 85 or 90 degrees, but only for purposes of removing snow, ice and water from the top of the dome.

"We had a sagging problem about a month ago," he said, explaining that sometimes water and ice collects at a low point on the dome creating a depression, which can bring the entire structure down. By increasing the heat and pressure, the dome can "pop back up."

Outside of work, Whitney was an avid golfer who enjoyed spending time with his family. Humphrey said he particularly remembers Whitney's flashy ties. "[With] floral arrangements of some sort [and] multi-colored ties. He was just such a bright person, and a bright personality, and his ties reflected that too."

Whitney was a tough but fair professor and UMaine expresses its gratitude for the time he served.

His services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono. Donations can be made to the Allison I. Whitney Electrical Engineering Fund at <http://www.umainefoundation.org/news/news13.html>, which was set up in June 2006 by friends to honor Professor Whitney and his dedication to teaching.

"Al" is survived by his wife of 41 years, Judy; daughter, Jean of London; son, Ray; daughter-in-law, Hannah; grandson Levi, all of Orono; and several cousins, in-laws and nephews.

LISSUS

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was found, said she and her boyfriend had been allowing a friend to store his belongings in the basement.

Reich said on March 13 she received an e-mail from her landlord, Brad Goody, saying that he'd found a safe in the basement while fixing a broken pipe.

Along with the safe, Reich said

that there was a mattress and bedding, and that it was possible someone had been sleeping there without residents' knowledge. The friend who had been using the basement is not a University of Maine student, Reich said.

Police would not comment whether the man using the basement was a suspect in the case.

Scripture encouraged anyone with information about the safe theft to call Detective Scott Lajoie at the Orono Police Department. He can be reached at 866-4000.

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RADIO

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unprofessional for James to "speak of the Kings as just another number on a page," apparently referring to a quote in the Bangor Daily News. Student Government Vice President Bill Pomerleau suggested that a lack of communication between James and King was to blame for what he called, "the dishonor of not even being privy to the contract negotiations."

But the negotiations were handled by Black Bear Sports Properties, a division of Missouri-based Leerfield Sports which handles marketing for UMaine sports teams.

"I wasn't directly involved in the process and I'm fairly certain Stephen King wasn't involved in the process," James said. "Obviously, I recognize the important figure that [the Kings] are and we appreciate everything they've done for the university and the Greater Bangor-Orono area."

Pomerleau demanded that James apologize to the Kings for a "lack of empathy and compassion" and called UMaine shameful for "[allowing] staff to spew off disrespectful statements about our beloved alumni."

"I'm not sure what they're suggesting that I apologize for. I'd be interested to see what quote they're referring to. Obviously I understand all that the Kings have done," James said, noting that he first heard of the remarks from Kash Kiefer — a member of the football team in attendance Tuesday night — and would be happy to meet with GSS officials to clarify things.

At the heart of the matter is the new radio deal, which will place all Black Bears sports on WVOM and WGUY in Bangor. UMaine has already secured sister stations in Augusta and Rockland and is looking to have complete

statewide coverage in place, and WVOM carries twice as much the wattage (100,000) as WZON (50,000).

An initial concern was that at present, WVOM does not stream their broadcasts over the Internet. WZON does, and out-of-state UMaine fans would be in the dark if the games were not available on-line.

Mike McCollum, general manager of Black Bears sports properties, confirmed that the games will in fact be available over the Internet when the agreement takes effect in September.

"We will have streaming," James concurred. "We haven't worked out what site it will come out of yet, but we will have Internet streaming available."

Fans also expressed concern over the nature of the broadcasts, as WZON has provided extensive coverage of road games over the year. McCollum said that the new agreement stipulates the broadcast of all football, hockey, and men's and women's basketball games as well as a minimum of 25 baseball games, five softball games, and a show featuring men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead.

"The bottom line is we'll have more broadcasts and programming across the entire state of Maine than ever before," McCollum said.

Black Bear sports properties will handle hiring on-air talent such as play-by-play announcers, dispelling the notion that Clear Channel will choose its own out-of-state and out of touch staff.

"Hopefully many of the current announcers can get on board," James said. "I wouldn't be surprised if you hear some of the same voices next year."

In addition, Black Bear coaches and players won't be exclusively available to only WVON and its Clear Channel affiliates, meaning the coaches' normal appearances on WZON's morning show are not in jeopardy.

"WZON is the sports radio

leader in the area, and fans will continue to listen," James said. "I hope they will still have us be a part of their programming and I'd encourage our coaches to continue to be a part of it."

With many initial concerns over programming dispelled, a number of people remain upset over the way the negotiation with WZON was handled, citing a perceived lack of loyalty to the station and overemphasis on financial concerns.

The Kings released a statement saying, "We understand that monetary considerations were a prime consideration, but feel the Athletic Department in particular and the University in general may not understand that making money the prime consideration in any dealing is usually short-sighted. My wife and I feel that may prove to be the case here; we feel that what UM Athletics has gained for their programs may be offset by a loss in the area of community relations."

James acknowledged that the new deal puts UMaine in a better financial situation, but also emphasized the expanded coverage as a key facet of the package.

"WZON was a great partner of ours and if it was possible we'd have continued with them," he said. "I also recognize that if we can expand our coverage and at the same time it works better with our financial model, that's something we would really have to look at."

Negative feedback is to be expected with any turnover of this magnitude, but James stressed that the process was fair and that in the end, UMaine will benefit from its partnership with Clear Channel.

"[The amount of negative feedback] has been about what I expected," he said. "There are some people upset with the change but there also some who feel that it's the right thing to do for our program."

Spanish professor bestowed Fulbright Specialist honor

By Lalla Sholtz-Ames
For The Maine Campus

Professor Kathleen March teaches, corrects papers, and assigns homework, but she is about to experience a change of scenery. March has been named a Senior Fulbright Specialist. This prestigious honor allows March and other specialists to travel abroad for a certain period of time and receive financial assistance to work on special teaching projects.

Once she leaves, March may be afforded the opportunity to lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. March, who has been a Spanish professor at the University of Maine for more than 20 years, is excited to have the chance to go overseas to gain new information and insight, as well as continuing to share her knowledge with others.

"Being named a Senior Fulbright Specialist is a great honor and I am extremely happy about the award," March said.

In order to be considered for the award, one must complete a rigorous and difficult application, which includes a large amount of paperwork, as well as a selective interview process.

Once chosen, candidates who go into the Senior Fulbright Specialist Program often collaborate with professional counterparts at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities. The program also works to increase the participation of outstanding individuals from the United States by

enabling new activities. Traditional Fulbright activities include lecturing and research, as well as working to promote better connections and communication between U.S. and non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions.

"I may be asked to evaluate the foreign language program at a university in a Spanish-speaking country. In doing so, I would look at the program goals, materials and methods, and training programs for instructors," March said.

Professor March, a graduate of the State University in New York at Buffalo, has been teaching at the University of Maine since 1984. The award comes as no surprise to many, because March, as well as having received many degrees in Spanish, was a Fulbright Scholar in Spain in the late 1970s.

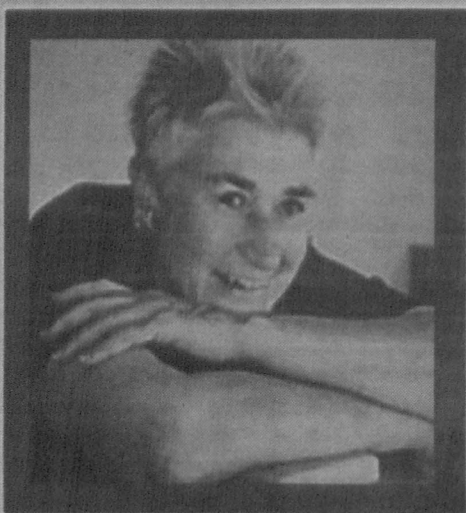
According to March, during that time she "spent a year in Madrid interviewing and working on the avant-garde poetry of Gerardo Diego, one of the remaining members of an important group of writers, the Generation of 1927."

March also enjoys sharing the experience of going to a Spanish-speaking country, by leading students to countries in Central and South America for volunteer and community service project and programs. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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"We are reviewing the content of the letters with UMS legal counsel to determine how to handle the letters," said John Gregory, executive director of Information Technologies at UMaine. He said IT is reviewing logs to verify the identities of the students implicated. No identities have been released yet.

Since the end of February, the RIAA has increased its campaign to fight music piracy on college campuses.

"That's where there's a disproportionate share of the problem and that's an important audience for us," Jonathan Lamy, communications director for the RIAA, said of college students. "[Students] no longer buy music like they used to. We're trying to

send the right message and encourage them to enjoy music legally."

The campaign has drawn resistance from other universities. Citing the RIAA's legal savings in the new settlement program, the University of Wisconsin has refused to forward letters with pre-litigation settlement offers to students on its campus. "We are not the legal agent for the recording agency, nor do we aspire to [be]," Brian Rust, communications manager for the UW Division of Information Technology, was quoted as saying in UW's student newspaper, the Badger Herald.

The UMS is expected to decide later in the week whether it will follow UW or send out the settlement letters.

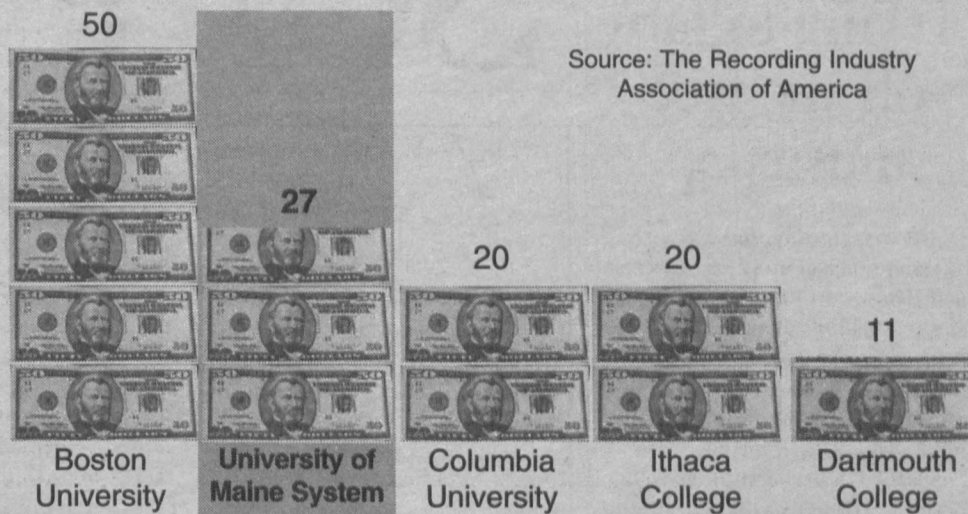
In addition to the university system, 378 more students from 22 other colleges and universities nationwide were also implicated

yesterday. The RIAA sent out another 400 letters at the end of February.

According to Lamy, none of the money collected in settlements or lawsuits goes to recording companies or artists represented by the RIAA. "This is not a money-making exercise at all. We lose money," Lamy said. "It's a costly program and any reimbursements do not come close to either recouping the loss to the industry or the expense of the program."

In the past, UMaine has received cease-and-desist letters

No. of letters sent to NE colleges by RIAA



from the RIAA and other outside agencies. Gregory said when this happens, IT tells students to clear their computers of illegal copyrighted works. "File sharing of copyrighted material is a violation of the UMaine Electronic

Communications Policy," Gregory said.

In addition to a monthly wave of letters to universities, the RIAA sends similar letters to commercial Internet service providers each week.

Business professors take a pie for the team in AKP fundraiser

By Emily Southwick
Copy Editor

This week, members of the University of Maine's professional business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, are raffling off tickets for a pie-throwing contest to raise money to buy a clock for the D.P. Corbett building on campus.

Since Monday, AKP has been in the DPC atrium, collecting money in five jars — one for each of the brave business professors who have put themselves in the position to have a pie thrown in their face, should their jar raise the most

money. Students who donate a dollar are entered in a raffle to throw the pie at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 23.

"The professors are getting into it and really having some fun," said Amber Gallant, a fourth-year marketing major. "[It's] neat, because you usually see professors in a serious setting."

Alpha Kappa Psi believes installing a clock in the DPC atrium will be beneficial to students.

AKP Chair of Fundraising Emin Okutan, a third-year business major and exchange student from Bilkent University in Turkey, is in charge of

the project. "I lost my watch once and realized its importance more than anyone," said Okutan, one of many students who are consistently running late for class, but never actually know how late without clocks in the classrooms and buildings.

The group also stresses the importance of building relationships throughout the school of business.

"Our main goal is to bring some of the faculty closer to the business students to enrich the business school community," Okutan explained.

The fundraiser is unique in more

than just the fact that students will be throwing pies in their professors' faces. It has a spy espionage theme, depicting faculty members as international agents. Okutan said that it is an attempt for AKP to "[have] events to surprise and catch the interest of [the] UMaine community."

Richard Grant, director of business graduate programs and one of AKP's advisers, is one of the volunteers to potentially be pied.

"I volunteered for this because I know that Alpha Kappa Psi is a worthwhile organization, which strives to do good things for its members and for its community,"

Grant said, while admitting he's not too worried, placing his bets that Dean Innis will win, but will be okay with whatever the outcome because "the worst-case scenario is free pie!"

Innis, however, will have competition with AKP's other adviser, David Barrett, who said he's "giving exams this week to about 90 undergrads, so I suspect there will be a lot of disgruntled students hoping to pie me."

According to Gallant, the group has raised about \$100 so far. Anyone interested in being a part of the fundraiser can visit AKP's table in the DPC building this week.

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Trying to turn off the free music tap

On Wednesday, the Recording Industry Association of America sent letters to the university of Maine, asking the university to hand over the names of students the RIAA suspects downloaded copyrighted materials onto their machines.

The RIAA is offering settlements to these students, should the university hand over their identities.

The university should not take on the responsibilities of law enforcement against its own students. Furthermore, the RIAA's attempts to place a wedge between the university and its students is nothing short of bullying. While offering settlements to students seems altruistic, it also saves the RIAA litigation costs and the process of issuing their own summons. If the RIAA were truly altruistic, it would extend these options to students regardless of the decisions of administrators.

Regardless of whether file sharing is right or wrong, the university should be in the business of protecting its students, not lining the pockets of the RIAA.

UMaine should follow the lead of the University of Wisconsin, which announced that it will refuse to serve as a proxy for the RIAA.

Farewell to UMaine on WZON

It was recently announced that the University of Maine athletic events will no longer be broadcast on WZON. Clear Channel made an offer that the University of Maine could not refuse.

It is important, above all, to recognize the work and dedication that WZON has put toward broadcasting the games over the past 13-plus years.

The station has provided a place for students who weren't so lucky to get tickets. While not as good as attending the games in person, it has been a pleasure listening.

Although students can no longer listen to UMaine games, they can look forward to hearing and cheering on the Celtics, the Red Sox and other New England teams. If all goes well for WZON they will continue to talk about UMaine sports and to UMaine coaches as guests on shows.

Students will miss listening to UMaine on WZON and will hopefully follow UMaine sports to the new Clear Channel stations.

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Not my 'American Idol'

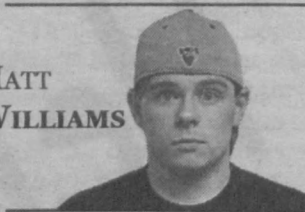
Bickering hosts, poor selection lead to show's downfall

I'm sick and tired of "American Idol." There, I said it. I'm a fan too; I've spent more time than I should have watching the show and defending it to others. More than once, I've thought about buying a Kelly Clarkson album before just secretly downloading a few songs on iTunes.

Paula Abdul is ruining the show. Not to channel the spirit of Simon Cowell, but "Idol" is a singing competition. But when Abdul is around, being critical of the way someone sings isn't allowed. Every single time either of the other judges mentions problems with a contestant's singing, she is quick to shake her head, deny it, or come up with some way to coddle the contestant and tell them they tried their best.

To be fair, the '80s pop star has always been this way. But she hasn't always been such a beast about it. This season more than any other, she's been interrupting the other judges. — Simon more often than not — and it makes for bad television. It's obvious that they don't get along and have no chemistry.

MATT WILLIAMS



SPORTS EDITOR

I don't see what she's arguing about, either. A note is a note, and it's either in tune or out of tune. There's no subjectivity there, no opinion. It's one thing when the judges argue about wardrobe or charisma or stage presence, but it's entirely different when it comes to the word "pitchy." Lately, "Idol" has been making pitchy a part of American lexicon and I'm here to tell you there is no wiggle room when it comes to pitch — you're on or you're off.

On top of that, how can someone who makes it to "Idol's" top 12 be singing out of tune so often? Never mind the bustling awkwardness between judges that's ruining the show, the bottom line is that the singers stink. There were people in my high school chorale that had perfect

pitch, and I'm sure there are a few Maine Steiners that do too. Why can't these so-called singers do it?

The ax falls on the judges for that too. After all, they picked this group of hacks that's widely been criticized as one of the worst top-10s since the show's first season. There'll be no secret iTunes buys when this season's winner is declared.

Maybe "Idol" is just too big for its britches these days. It was a lot more fun for me in the first season when it was a summer replacement instead of a ratings juggernaut. The contestants weren't scrutinized on every entertainment show on TV. Come to think of it, the talent on the first cast wasn't great either — there were three, maybe four, truly great singers.

So I guess it is the judges that have changed. Abdul is spending way too much time trying to be the sympathetic voice and the dissenter, and in the process she's circumventing honesty and seriously ticking me off.

Simply put, she has to go.
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UM budget problems

Frivolous spending should incite outcry

JOSHUA PARDA

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson wrote that "all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed." In other words, people will put up with crap because it is easier than changing, no matter how important that change may be. Before you start thinking I am promoting violent rebellion to overthrow our government, let's take a quick detour.

The "evils" I am talking about are much simpler. Students pay — in part — the university's utility bills. However, there seems to be little interest in how that money is spent or more specifically, to what extent that money is wasted on inefficient electrical and heating systems. The obvious target of my little rant is the extremely inefficient buildings in which we attend classes. I am sure everyone has witnessed open windows in the middle of winter because the heat is not only on, but feels like Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. If the university could straighten out that problem, it could kiss financial difficulties goodbye.

It is difficult to get too upset about that, as the initial cost to fix the problem is high. Still, it is one thing that should stir up some anger.

Next, look at athletics. At many — albeit, generally larger — universities, this department rakes in cash to the tune of tens of millions of dollars. Here, it is a money pit — and they do not even pay their own utility bills. Take the Mahaney Dome for example. You know, that monstrous white bubble behind Bennett Hall. It uses so much propane that we might as well burn 20-dollar bills to keep it

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IDOL

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Last year "Idol" had a guest judge every week, and this year music legends are working with the contestants one-on-one every

week. It's time to pick one and make them permanent because Paula's act is tiresome, dry and, if you ask me, it'll drive viewers away before long.

Matt Williams is THRILLED that he got through an entire piece about American Idol without mentioning Ryan Seacrest.

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heated, never mind inflated. Recently, the temperature was jacked up to 90 degrees so the baseball team could prepare for games in Florida. This is significant for two reasons: it was not turned down after they left and their record was a paltry four wins, seven losses in Florida. This was followed by four losses in Arizona, where the Black Bears were outscored 58 to 11. Good thing they increased the temperature in the Dome! If they ever schedule a game in Denver, we should probably suck out the air. Maybe that is what really happened last week when the dome collapsed under the weight of snow and ice. And guess what — we are going to fix it. This begs another question — why would alumni donate money for a structure that will do little more than cost an exorbitant amount of money to operate?

Sure, athletics participated in a fantastic lighting upgrade at the Alford Arena, but what about all those times the lights are left on at Alford Stadium for an entire weekend? Who pays for that? Oh, yeah. Moreover, this is hardly a condemnation of alumni. I, of course, didn't complain when the University of Maine Foundation agreed to the Green Loan Fund.

The list goes on and on. This does not even begin to scrape the surface of the non-monetary costs, such as the greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation or from burning No. 6 oil at the steam plant. If you are not

familiar with the different types of heating oil out there, do yourself a favor and look into it.

Also, do not be fooled by the name "Bangor Hydro." Bangor Hydro does not actually produce electricity, and only a small percentage of our electricity comes from truly renewable sources. Again, that should be a point of outrage.

A final point to consider is the disconnect that exists between the administration and the student body, which partially exists because students don't seem to care. An example — University President Robert Kennedy recently signed on to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. You may have heard about it when it was announced at the Alford, but it didn't make the evening news or the Bangor Daily News and is buried on the UMaine Web site. I have not seen it in this newspaper either. I am certain many students would like to know about similar achievements, but are not sure where to look for the information.

Back to Jefferson. The evil is not truly the wasted money; it is that we have become so accustomed to waste that we cannot even see it anymore. We apparently cannot understand that waste is an evil; it is a chain that binds us. Terrorists are not the only evil remaining in the world. There is no need to suffer any longer. You pay the bills, so you can demand that the money is better spent. It's kind of like taxes, but that's another story.

Joshua Parda is student coordinator for the Green Campus Initiative.

Mainers say 'safety first'

95 percent of state feels safe at home and may be wrong

It's official: residents of the state of Maine are totally unprepared to deal with violence. I am referring of course, to a recent study conducted by the University of Southern Maine which indicates that 95 percent of Maine residents feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods.

Some might try to tell you this is a good thing. But don't listen to them, dear reader. How can that be good? 95 percent of people in Maine feel safe. That means 95 percent of people here aren't on the watch for bad things that could plausibly happen to them. 95 percent of people here are complacently secure in a false belief in their own safety.

A single motivated serial killer could take out that Ninety-five percent of the state population in a matter of hours. We need to be prepared for any eventuality. This world is populated, as any fan of "CSI," "CSI New York," or even "CSI Miami" is aware, by vicious killers, rapists, thieves and cult leaders. You could be murdered while you are reading this. The person sitting next to you could very well be the next Ed Gein.

I will wait for a moment while some of you look up who Ed Gein is.

A cursory look at movie offerings from the last few years reveals an increasing awareness in Hollywood that we are all in an extraordinary amount of danger, and it is best to be prepared. We've seen the "Saw" trilogy, "Zodiac," remakes of the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "Hannibal

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Rising" and "The Hitcher" — all movies about serial killers. We've even seen a movie about a crocodile that purported to be about a serial killer. The makers of these films are trying to tell us something.

Think about it. Some guy might be reading about this study in this state right now, thinking to himself "Now here's a state ripe for the picking." Ninety-five percent of the population isn't expecting anything at all. He could be greasing up his weapon of choice, assuming said weapon requires grease. The people in "Saw" all die because they aren't prepared to rationally approach the problem of not being killed by a serial killer. This requires a calm head, and perhaps some forethought. Spend some time thinking about what to do if you get kidnapped and handcuffed to a sink. Consider whether you are capable of removing the head or destroying the brain of a zombie. Carry cyanide around, just in case you need to avoid being eaten by cannibalistic mutants. Basic preparations like this could save your life, or at least make the end of it less nightmarish.

But should we here on the University of Maine campus be worried? After all, the crime sta-

tistics for the campus seem to show that there has never been a history of violent crime here. There have been few if any assaults, armed robberies, or murderous rampages. It's almost as though the state of Maine were generally populated by peaceful, law-abiding people, and that television and film is introducing a sense of paranoia by excessively showcasing criminal behavior. A more naive person might interpret this study to mean that Maine is still a safe place with relatively low crime rates; is a good place to raise a family and work and is probably one of the nicer places to live in the continental United States.

But that's just silly.

Of course we should be worried. Look to your left and to your right, and then in several other directions. One of the people you see, assuming you see people during this exercise, could be a serial killer in the making. And as George W. Bush has taught us, it is in our best interest to strike at our enemies before they might possibly perhaps be capable of striking at us. Why take that risk? If you think someone might be showing signs of thinking about becoming a serial killer, take them down before they can become a threat.

It's time for a little healthy paranoia. Ninety-five percent of people feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods. Do you want to just be another statistic?

Brian Sylvester didn't get into Brown, and he's bitter about it.

Nationalists as portrayed in fiction

Classic and modern characters serve as noble examples

Dante Alighieri made a big mistake when he put Marcus Junius Brutus in the ninth circle of Hell. Brutus was unjustly punished by Dante — although he betrayed his friend, in his heart, Brutus was a nationalist. Many authors have tried to portray Brutus through characters in their works of fiction, but none have successfully done so because they focus on his villainy and betrayal, and not his extreme sense of loyalty to Rome.

Jack Bauer from "24," although not a reincarnation of Brutus, represents his nationalist ideology better. Throughout the seasons of "24," we have seen Jack Bauer torture and kill — sometimes people close to him — for the safety of America. In this sense Bauer is the new Brutus — and he goes much further than stabbing his best friend.

You might recall an episode where Bauer tortures his brother to find out the location of nuclear weapons. This is even more twisted than killing your best friend. What must be kept in mind is that Bauer goes above and beyond the call of duty — as long as it benefits the United States. Bauer's loyalty to his country runs deeper than even his friendships or relationships. This is the sort of deep

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sense of nationalism that Brutus portrays. He truly believed that by killing Caesar he was preventing tyranny.

History paints Brutus as a traitor, whereas Bauer is celebrated as a fictional American hero. I ask you, are these men so different? If Jack Bauer were asked to give his life for the betterment of the United States, there is no doubt that he would. Would Brutus have done the same for Rome? In a sense, he did.

At the end of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Brutus does kill himself; it could be said that he did this for the betterment of Rome. That, my friends, is an extreme form of nationalism.

If everyone was as nationalistic as Bauer, you can be damn sure that many people would foil any attacks reminiscent of Sept. 11. Bauer is a one-man Department of Homeland Security. We, as United States citizens, need to encourage more people to be like Jack Bauer.

He gets the job done; no questions asked, Bauer delivers, much like Brutus did for Rome.

What separates these two from other nationalists, like William Wallace, is that they are decisive and they act, rather than incite. This is an interesting way to show nationalism, as most who came before or in between Brutus and Bauer would rather get people to rally around them than actually act on their intentions.

Inciting a population can work, but it can also fail. If everyone took their national sentiment to the point of Brutus or Bauer, then circumstances would be different.

Overall, Americans need to harness nationalism as a way of uniting our republic and making more baby Jack Bauers. With such large populations and seeming disconnect from a vast majority of fellow United States citizens, people should be uniting under a nation — or even a region. This is one way to do that.

If Brutus is in the ninth circle of hell, then Jack Bauer belongs there as well. If it's good enough for these two gentlemen, then sign me up.

Luke DeNatale is proud to be from West Pittsfield. Joel Crabtree contributed to this article.

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Golden years



UMaine professor publishes book
asserting new views on old age —
and college students should listen

By Casey Hill
For The Maine Campus

Businessman Bernard Baruch once remarked, "Old age is always 15 years older than I am." For college students, this could not be more true.

In professor Margaret Cruikshank's newly revised book, "Fierce with Reality: an Anthology of Literature on Aging," the topic of growing older is addressed through essays, short stories, poems and parables from several authors.

First released in 1995, the book has been updated to fit the times, with some pieces removed and new ones added.

With a master's degree in gerontology from San Francisco State University and a Ph.D. in English from Loyola in Chicago, Cruikshank is a women's studies lecturer here on campus.

In the latest revision of "Fierce with Reality," most of the stories focus on women and aging, but Cruikshank thinks men would find her book just as interesting. She believes it would be beneficial for young people in college to browse through this anthology, as well.

The issue of aging may not be on many college students' minds, but according to Cruikshank, it isn't too early to start thinking ahead. No matter how far away seniority may seem to twenty-something's, old age is a fact of life.

"[College students] will be better off if they start to think about getting older now,"

Cruikshank said. Part of this is simply the economic aspect of life. She states,

"Pensions are disappearing. [In general], most college students today will have less economic security.

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Native Bangor musician comes home for Java Jive

Solo show starts off second half of series

Jennifer Bashford
For The Maine Campus

Java Jive on Tuesday brought Bangor-native musician Alex Rosenblatt back home for a captivating evening of music. The University of Maine marked the penultimate leg of his 2007 spring tour of college campuses across the Northeast. The North Pod was busy with old friends and new fans enjoying the indie-flavored acoustic atmosphere.

A student himself, it was clear that Rosenblatt completely understands the college audience. He performed a perfect balance of new and original tracks and popular music, entertaining his crowd while fully flaunting his versatility as an artist during his 50-minute set.

Most memorable was the brilliant "Alex-Rosenblatt Dance Mix Medley" which included Snoop Dogg and Pharrell's "Beautiful," Pussy Cat Dolls' "Don't Cha" and "Loosen Up My Buttons" and Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back," and it proved a real hit with the amused audience.

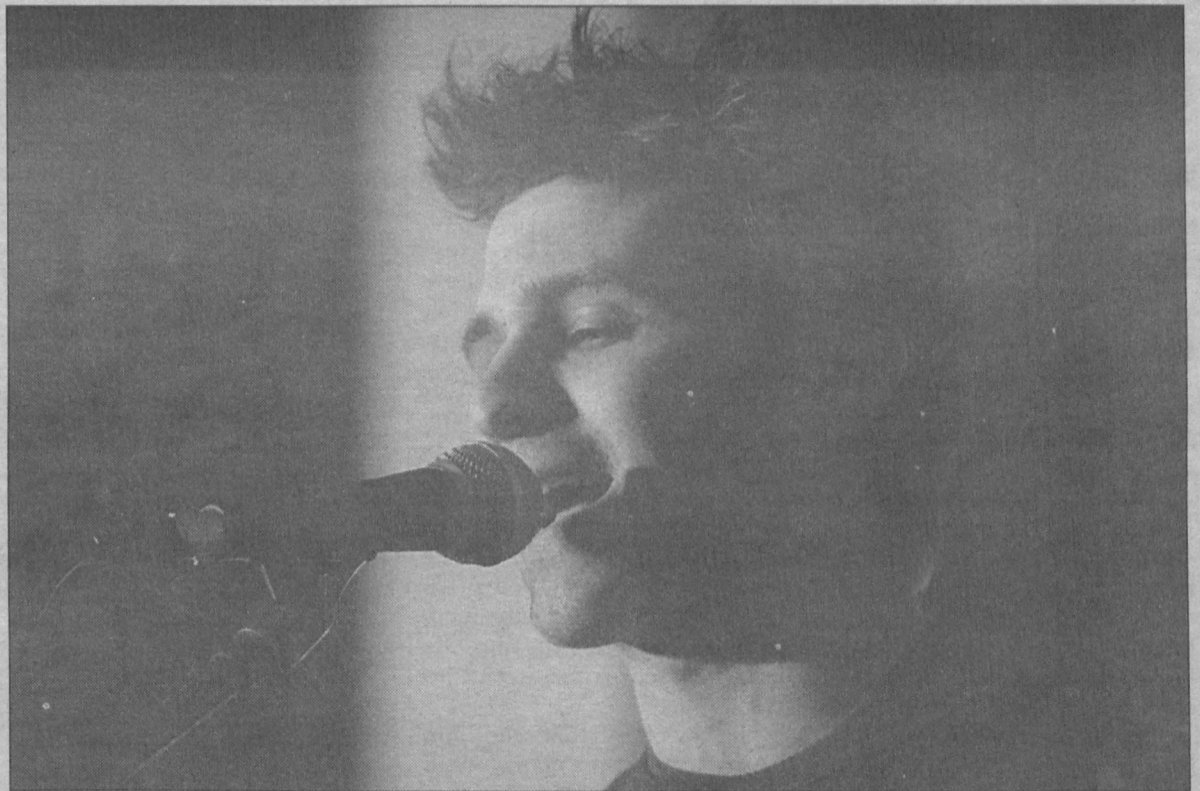
Other covers included Chris Cornell's "You Know My Name" from James Bond's latest adventure in "Casino Royale," and a great rendition of "Here We Go" by Dispatch, a band he includes under a long list of influences in his biography. Later in the set, Rosenblatt also created a fantastic "Coldplay Sandwich," with "Fix You" ingeniously slotted into The Fray's "How to Save a Life."

Rosenblatt has been involved in music for

much of his life and has singing and song writing under his belt, as well as a repertoire of instruments. Although Tuesday night featured only Rosenblatt and his acoustic guitar, his experience and talent shone. He effectively created his own harmonies onstage by layering looped recordings on his effects pedal, slipped effortlessly into choruses. His strong and distinctive voice had a great range but also showed he could employ more power for a huskier tone when he chose to. Of his 11 songs, the original tracks he performed included "For Spite" and "Hold On."

Alex Rosenblatt was happy to be visiting his home state of Maine again and enjoyed the UMaine show. "It's great to come back home and play, especially since there were so many people here I went to school with," he said. As a student at Northeastern, he is now firmly based in the Boston area. "I don't get to come back up here that often anymore," he said.

Currently signed to an indie record label,



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

PRODIGAL SON — Singer-songwriter Alex Rosenblatt performs original music at Tuesday night's Java Jive

Rosenblatt fit right in with the usual acoustic tone of Java Jive while still keeping an individual, alternative edge to his music. He was giving out free CDs and stickers to eager students after the show and encouraged people to spread the word about his music. Check out his official Web site, <http://www.alexrosenblatt.com>, where you can listen to 12 of his tracks online along with gig information. He is also on MySpace.

Next week brings the final qualifying round of The Project to Java Jive at 8 p.m. Tuesday at in the North Dining Pod of the Union.

MOVIEREVIEW

"300"

Warner Bros. Pictures
March 9, 2007

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The word "epic" is tossed around a lot, which is unfortunate, because the adjective can afford no dilution when used in the same sentence as "300."

Directed by Zack Snyder, the man behind the "Dawn of the Dead" remake, and based on a graphic novel written by Frank Miller, the man responsible for the "Sin City" books, "300" is an ambitious, unique depiction of the glorious Spartan battle of Thermopylae.

Based on previews, I had the film pegged as an over-the-top, superhero movie-style special effects romp. I was miles off base. "300" stays almost entirely within the realm of reality and is filmed and edited with a fantastically distinct look. All those who would whine about the film's historical inaccuracy will be righteously silenced and instead bathe in the spectacular two hours of movie magic. "300" is about the style, the heroic tale, and the action.

The visual aspect speaks multitudes alone. Utilizing blue screens and technology to the max, the movie faithfully transcribes the graphic-novel feel to the big screen, and every moment lingers in an unexplored realm somewhere between the grit of real life and the world of Miller's art.

The story is a simple one: in tradition with the proud Spartan lifestyle of respect, honor, and a refusal to surrender or grovel at the feet of any; King Leonidas, played excellently by lesser-known actor Gerard Butler, spits in the face of the tyrannical Persian empire. Sparking a conflict that neither the Spartan council nor the fabled oracle condone, Leonidas chooses 300 of his finest men, all with born sons to carry their names in the highly likely prospect of defeat, to accompany him into battle against the Persian king, Xerxes.

The 300 Spartans admirably defend

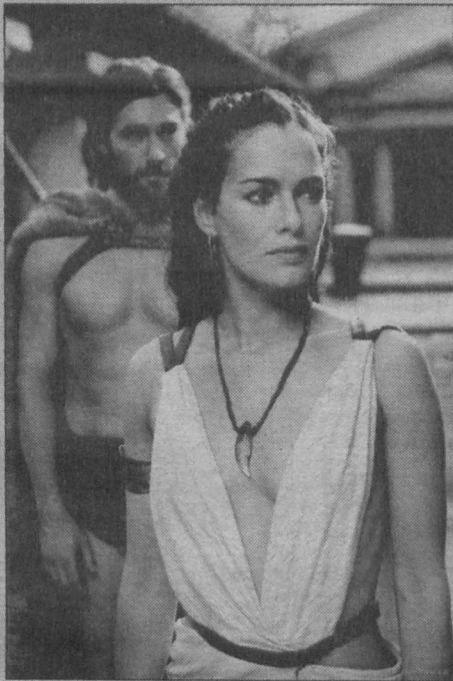


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THIS IS SPARTA — Vincent Regan and Lena Headey star in the film adaptation of Frank Miller's "300."

their freedom in some of the most superb ancient battle sequences in film history. Where many movies in the vein of "Braveheart" and "Lord of the Rings" go wrong — jumpy camera work often too fast for the eye, excessive violence and loss of personal identification with the warriors, going too heavy on the slow-motion — "300" nails every aspect of battle swiftly and with amazing visual style spilling from every shot.

The film already boasts the highest-ever weekend gross for a March opening, the third-highest opening weekend gross for an R-rated movie, and what seems like the most repeat-viewings since "Titanic." Couple that with great performances, awesomely choreographed and filmed battle scenes, and a compelling, inspiring story and it's understandable why "300" becomes nearly synonymous with the word "epic."

—Zach Dionne

Love, lust and Facebook

Let's start with the obvious: Facebook is not a dating site. This is what sets it apart from MySpace, which seems to be buoyed entirely by busty dames in singles networking advertisements. On MySpace, every four days are marked by a new friend

request originating from a former Soviet republic, offering to make sexy if you have a Social Security number they can use. Facebook is a classier joint and, while not set up for dating, it certainly has an impact on the way we date.

For one, Facebook has given legitimacy to a completely new component of dating: online pre-screening. Some guy slipped you his number? Look him up! Some girl caught your eye? Check out her mini-feed. Once or twice. After that, you're creepy. On MySpace, the pre-screen seemed dorky or neurotic. On Facebook, however, it just makes sense.

This online pre-screen is useful for both men and women, but for the ladies it has an additional feature built in: an instant "criminal" detector. It's right next to the "looking for" section, where all you need to know is summed up in two words: random play.

Generally speaking, trolling Facebook for hook-ups is not considered an admirable pursuit. It combines elements of stalking, privacy invasion, creepy long-distance lusting and strangers hiding in shadowy depths with wireless connections. That, my friends, is "random play."

It's not that the random play is a bad idea in and of itself. Or that random plays make for bad people. If both people are safe, educated and aware of what's going on, casual relationships can be a sexual life preserver for busy college students. The friends-with-benefits card is fine, so long as it is actually between friends who respect each other. On the other hand, when it is the result of an Internet search with unsafe, uneducated or unaware participation, "getting played" tends to result



Eryk Salvaggio

in STDs, drunken late-night phone calls and write-ups in the police beat.

To test this theory, I spent some time with the police beat and Facebook. This, simply put, is the best combination since peanut butter and chocolate. The

kid who (allegedly) stole textbooks? Looking for random play. That kid who (allegedly) molested two sleeping women? Looking for random play. The kid (allegedly) snorting Oxycontin and Vicodin? Well, he was looking for "whatever I can get," which is "random play" for the humble.

Women looking for "random play" aren't exactly (alleged) criminals, but they're also never actually looking for random play. Hence, the pervy Facebook user's time bomb: The ironic use of "random play." Female friends who have ironically enrolled in the "random play" designation have found the invitations to swingers' parties and endless bombardment of desperate male attention a bit much. Men will likely find it not enough. I tried it: after three days of "random play," my life was hardly an orgiastic sexual free-for-all. Instead, I just felt creepy. I didn't want anyone I actually liked to see it.

Some "random play" fun facts: 341 females on campus are looking for it. I'd tell you how many men, but the search results stop at 550. Let's just say it's more than 550. Random play tends to be most tied to those with "liberal" political views, with 196 liberals looking for random play. Ironically, only 84 "very liberal" folks are doing the same. Almost half of that number of conservatives are into it, but so are 134 moderates.

Of course, this online pre-screening can be used too aggressively. While advertising your constant availability for random, anonymous sex is a great way to warn women about your history of crimi-

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Maine alum wanted his MTV, and got it

Local musician wins channels competition

By Meghan Hayward
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine alum Les Francoeur has received news worth celebrating. His collaboration with the Jon Robert band has won the coveted "Artist of the Week" award on MTVU's "Best Music on Campus" Competition (BMOC). MTVU is an online music destination offering unsigned college acts unparalleled weekly, monthly and yearly opportunities to launch their careers.

The 24-hour college network broadcasts to 750 colleges across the country, making it the largest television network for college students. The network focuses on content including music videos from emerging artists, news, student life, features and events. The program is frequently seen on campuses, with more than 500 events per year, including exclusive concerts and giveaways.

"When familiarized with this competition there wasn't any question on whether to enter or not. It seemed like the chance of a lifetime," Francoeur said.

By winning this honor, the Jon Robert band will be featured on TVU and MTVU.com, prominently showcased on the BMOC Web site, and spotlighted on "The Freshman," MTVU's weekly rundown of new music videos from artists emerging in the college scene.

"Upon learning that we had been selected for artist of the week, we were overly excited. This is giving us an opportunity

that we never dreamed of having. With it being so difficult to break into the music industry these days this may just be our shot," said the Jon Robert band.

According to Ross Martin, Head of Programming for MTV News, the selection process of these particular winners relies on a series of metrics, such as how often the artist's profile is visited, how they are being rated by fellow peers, how often the music is being streamed, and how frequently the music is being passed from friend to friend.

"It is clear that the Jon Robert band is resonating with college students across the United States and has developed a large fan base," Martin said.

The band is competing in the "Artist of the Year" competition, which will offer the top college act in the country a promotion video, tour and record deal from MTVU and Epic Records worth up to \$1.5 million. A field of the top 50 college artists will compete for this opportunity throughout March. College student voting will play a key role in determining who wins the grand prize. The "Artist of the Year" winner will be announced and debut with a live performance on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" in May.

Those interested in finding more information about the band can check them out at <http://www.myspace.com/jon-roberttour>. The site highlights some of their music and provides tour dates.

AGE

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Today, people are getting a kind of pension that depends on the stock market. Companies invest retirement funds now, which means people are taking their retirement money and essentially gambling with it."

Along with economics, Cruikshank touches on the subject of education.

"We know more than we used to, and the next 10 or 15 years should bring very dramatic changes; I hope improvements. For instance, if a 20-year-old college student decides she wants to find the cure to macular degeneration [an eye condition that causes blindness mostly in older people], we have the knowledge and technology today for her to do that, so by the time she's 70, the problem will be eliminated."

Cruikshank emphasizes that younger adults should be open to and aware of the elderly. "[Students] should be aware that people who look older to them could actually be very interesting people who have a great number of insightful things to offer."

While trying to inform younger generations about aging, Cruikshank is also trying to dis-

miss the stereotypes and myths associated with getting old. Being stubborn, cranky, depressed and having poor health are all common stigmas connected to old people, which Cruikshank says are beginning to fade away.

A lot of that change is attributed to the baby boomers. Between the post-WWII and pre-Vietnam era, a huge increase in birth rate occurred in the United States, causing a "baby boom." Because of the large size of the baby boom generation, stereotypes will likely shift or change altogether. "Because the baby boom generation is so big, I think we are going to see huge differences in people over the age of 65. 70 or 80 years ago, people over 65 were struggling financially, a lot of them had poor health from hard physical labor and a lot of them didn't live much longer than 65. Now, people keep working after 65, many of them are healthy, many start new careers and some even remarry."

Still, no matter how much the general attitude towards older people has changed so far, it is going to take more time for people to leave the stereotypes behind and think more positively about senior citizens. Until that day comes, Cruikshank explains that the elderly shouldn't be treated any differently than anyone

else. The golden rule is in effect here: "Treat them the way you would treat other people, don't make them special. Also, don't see them as less competent."

Cruikshank's favorite piece is titled "Who Says an Older Woman Can't/Shouldn't Dance?" This story, written by Gloria Wade-Gayles, a professor at Spelman College in Atlanta, focuses on the research Wade-Gayles has done on African-American women and aging. "This is a great piece," said Cruikshank.

In addition to the two versions of this book, Cruikshank also published a book in 2003 titled "Learning to be Old: Gender, Culture and Aging," which she will be updating within the next year.

Not only does Cruikshank lecture on women's studies, but she is also a faculty associate at the Maine Center on Aging. She has been invited to spend six weeks at the Center on Aging at the University of Victoria in British Columbia as a Fulbright Senior Scholar.

On March 27, there will be a book signing in the University Book Store from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. April 25 she will be at the Bangor Public Library to give a reading of her latest book.

PLAY

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nal conduct and sex offenses, it's surprising how the more innocuous bits of details can turn off potential suitors.

In real life, it's possible that your favorite TV show will never be the subject of a conversation. On Facebook, however, the guilty pleasure of "Dr. Phil" becomes more meaningful. As a cultural password goes, I have had many dear

friends who admit to having loved "Joan of Arcadia," but on Facebook this information shakes me down to my cold, terrified bones: that beautiful, intelligent friend within my network will not be poked on this day.

Artists labor for decades to create expressions of who they are. Facebook gives us fifteen minutes to create a resume-style reduction of our tastes and passions and let it loose on the world. So we have the dilemma: Facebook gives us the fussy illusion of options, a

list of people we could potentially date, but never will.

That's the curse of the information era. A nearly infinite number of choices in what we watch, listen to and, it seems, who we date. In that sense, "random play" is the natural consequence of the iPod Shuffle — instead of listening carefully to one album or one person to find out what's really there, we go through an assortment of songs and singles and never run out of "nexts." In the end, we end up finding many one-hit wonders.



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.

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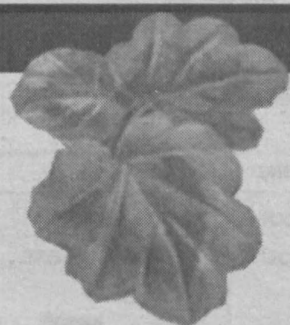
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

Brown is your unlucky color for today. Avoid it wherever possible. If some things start to appear impossible, it may be time to invent robots.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

"Hunky-dory" — a beautiful phrase that will sum up the day, week and month for you. You see, it's just going to be tip-top from here on in and the smile on your face is going to bug the living hell out of everyone.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

A picture frame will feature highly in your day today, and will probably make you feel like you've never gotten out of bed. Indeed, you'll probably end up going back to bed as soon as today's mishaps have happened to you.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Stimulation of the mind and body is achievable. Especially if you like masturbating to documentaries.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Terrible news is headed your way - the best way to save your sanity is by implicating as many people as possible in your demise.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Hat buying could serve you well today as a potential relationship sparks up in a hat shop. Specifically, you'll be looking at hats. Your potential partner may be looking at gloves. You may discuss why a hat shop sells gloves.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Tenderness ought to be tried whenever possible. Slapping the behind of your lover during love-making will not always be a turn on.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Biscuits can provide a pleasurable sensation when placed in the mouth. Something you learn today will put off a potential lover.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You might feel "world weary," but the truth is that you don't do anything worthwhile. This week may be a good opportunity for you to change that.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Your marital status may change this week, either due to some pre-planned marriage type thing, or possibly just a typing error on a car insurance quote form. Either way, love is in the cards for you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

The newspaper will become a source of great amusement this week as an article tickles your fancy in almost every way. Dance like a madman and win the respect of colleagues and foes.

Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

Money is literally no object for you this week as you lose all your money. Your desire for more money will never come true unless you get off your arse and do something.

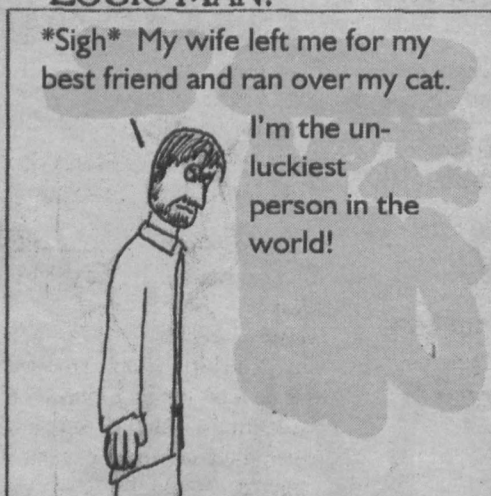
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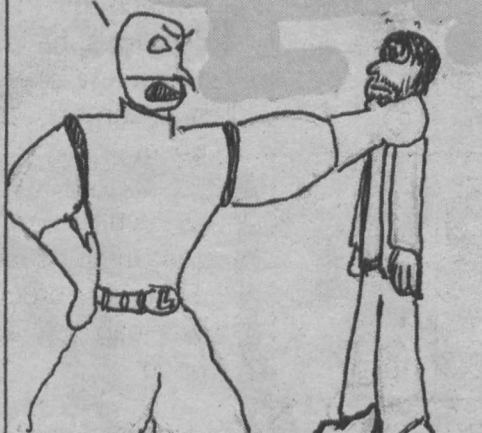
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Sigh My wife left me for my best friend and ran over my cat.

I'm the unluckiest person in the world!



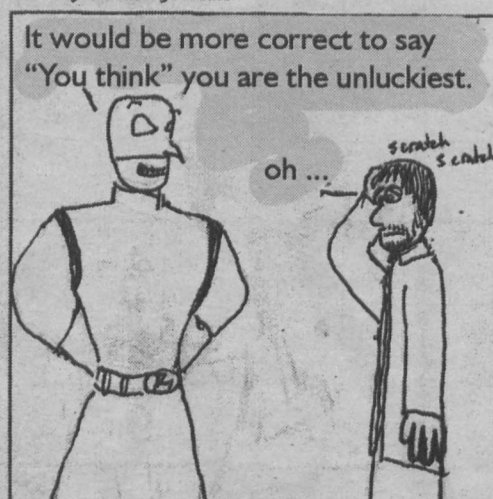
You can't over generalize like that!



By Brian Sylvester

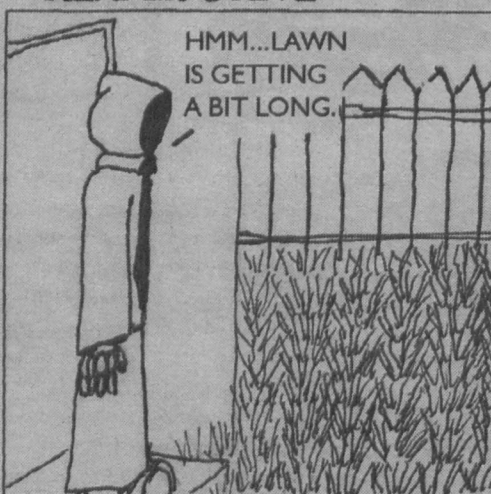
It would be more correct to say "You think" you are the unluckiest.

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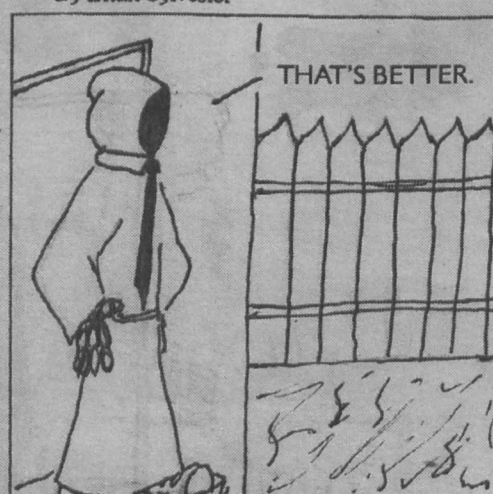
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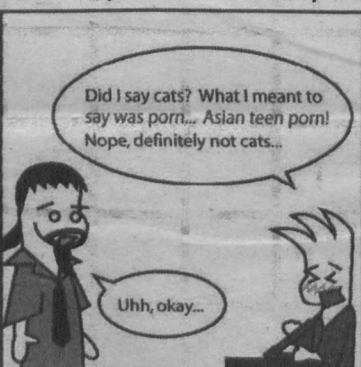
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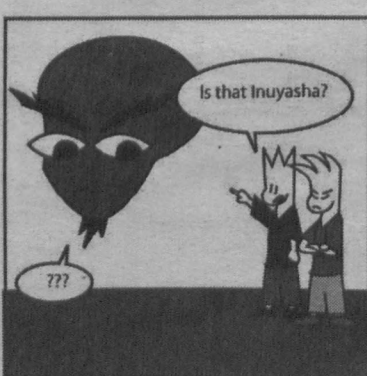
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HOW TO PLAY

- 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!

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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!

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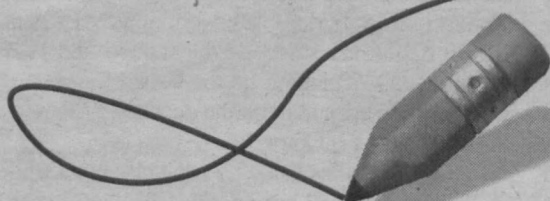
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Rambling Fool



By Benjamin Jarvela

It's been a few weeks, what with spring break and all, so I'll probably have to catch you up a bit before I launch off this week. In the March 1 edition of this paper, there appeared a short, if not poignant, article by one Amanda Sprowl, a young lady who I had to look up on Facebook to realize that I had possibly met her before in the past. Not a big deal and likely my fault — I'm horrible with names.

In her piece, Amanda begged the men of the world (meaning there's a roughly 50 percent chance she was talking directly to you) to be more considerate of women, more in-tune with relationships and, above all, more attentive to our woman's every want and need, like and dislike, and every small, petty little detail of everything she's ever done, you've ever done together, and anything you may consider thinking about maybe doing in the future.

Catch all that? Good. Neither did I.

In the interest of men everywhere, and more importantly to help Amanda get a firmer grasp on the "situation" as it stands, I've decided this week to break things down a bit and try to clarify the situation. We'll start with a quote:

"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 handy-man I thought you were?"

There are several things I'd like to break down about this ... whine ... right off the bat. For starters, and just to get this out of the way: My TV costs more than your car. Many of my male friends are in similar situations. I'm not going to spend a huge chunk of cash on something like that and not use it. Be prepared to deal.

Secondly, the vague innuendo about the sort of heat your man is packing? Well, that's just the sort of thing to make us start wondering if the cute chick that sits in front of us in our 2:30 class is seeing anyone. Also, insinuating that my manhood is not 57 inches across isn't that much of an insult.

Third, well, this one is tricky. Did you offer to make that meal? Was it really 5-star, or was it Ramen/Shake & Bake/ Hamburger Helper/pre-frozen? Perhaps your culinary skills need a bit of advancement. Maybe your man is steadfast on the couch because he's realized that, after the "5-star" meal, if he attempts to get up he's either going to hurl, mess his pants, or both, possibly

simultaneously. Maybe you didn't follow the directions on the frozen lasagna quite as well as you thought you did. You may want to check — is he roughly the same color as

the dishwashing soap that it's killing you to use?

Which brings us to another point — "slaving over a hot stove." There's no doubt about it that yes, cooking can be hard work under the right circumstances. Was it for you? Did he ask you to do it? Whose place are you at? Is it something he'd have to do anyways if you weren't there or would he have just gone out to eat instead, thereby spending money, fueling our economy, and providing valuable hosting, waiting, cooking, and dishwashing jobs for all your friends? If anything, costing all those people meaningful employment because you wanted to make some Velveeta last night means your boyfriend gets to call you un-American at best.

Amanda later goes on to beg — nay, plead — that we men get to know all her favorite things in the world as if somehow, somewhere, there's a woman who wouldn't be, at a minimum, chased off by a guy who seemed to take that much interest in her or, in a worst case scenario, scream "stalker!" and whip out the mace.

In closing, I have these simple suggestions for the all the ladies who have similar thoughts to Amanda's so that they may once again enjoy the company of their significant other:

—Learn to appreciate what's there. You're not going to change your boyfriend much, especially not in the short term. If something gets on you that bad, move on or learn to live and love it. Perhaps you could provide incentive for change, maybe by asking for such behavior in an extremely sexy manner. It's a possibility, but don't get your hopes up.

—Become a lesbian. Every year, thousands of attractive women realize that maybe pitching for the other team is a better deal, since that's where you're going to have a better chance of finding the soft-spoken, cares-about-your-every-tiny-interest-and-whim, wants-to-know-you-as-a-person, is-absolutely-the-kind-of-sissy-little-nancy-you're-describing kind of person.

"Because, to be blunt, I can easily change all the locks on the house by hiring a few real handy-men down at the hardware store for a much cheaper price than what I've spent on you."

Changing a lock takes 15 minutes and screwdriver. You need the help. Besides, strippers are cheap, bros before hos, and after a decade or so of practice, my right hand is almost as good as you.

Perhaps you could provide incentive for change, maybe by asking for such behavior in an extremely sexy manner.

UM made bad call on 'ZON

By Adam Clark
For The Maine Campus

Viacom, Disney, AOL-Time Warner, News Corporation and Sony. These five companies all have one thing in common: they are media conglomerates. The moguls. The giants. The list of names goes on, but the truth is these large companies, along with a few other conglomerates, dominate the mass media. They own many smaller companies, from television to radio to the internet. This past week, the University of Maine became a victim of media conglomeration.

Commentary

Bangor-based WZON is eastern Maine's only all-sports radio station and is owned by authors and Bangor natives Stephen and Tabitha King. In 1993, over the air and on the Internet, WZON began providing coverage of UMaine sports and has continued service to this day. They are — or were — the flagship station for UMaine sports.

On March 15, things changed. A new deal was struck that would move the broadcasts of UMaine sports to local Clear Channel stations. Replacing WZON is WVOM, a news/talk station based in Bangor which will be the flagship station for football and hockey. WGUY will air the basketball, baseball and softball games. In addition, Clear Channel stations in Augusta and Rockland will air those games, thus expanding the broadcast area.

According to its Web site, Clear Channel Communications, based in San Antonio, Texas, "owns and operates more than 1,200 radio stations in the United States, stages live shows at thou-

sands of venues in dozens of countries, and is one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the world."

Yes, it is possible that this partnership will work out perfectly. However, even though a wider audience may be reached, it appears it all came down to the money. I am disappointed in UMaine as they showed no loyalty toward WZON.

WZON is a radio station locally owned and operated. Owned by Bangor natives and UMaine benefactors, the move is a slap in the face to the Kings. Not only has their station provided extraordinary and extensive coverage of UMaine sports, but when they did so back in the early '90s, everyone believed that an all-sports station in eastern Maine could not survive. The station not only proved those people wrong, but I would be willing to bet that they surpassed their own expectations. WZON is a premier station in eastern Maine and they will continue to be a leader in sports for many years to come.

While UMaine will reap the benefits of extended coverage and monetary benefits, they have lost respect within the community and on campus. This decision may have a negative impact on WZON in the short term, but I have no doubt they have created a following that will continue to tune in and support a great team and a top-notch radio station. Don't expect this student to tune in to UMaine sports; I look forward to tuning into WZON and supporting a station that has demonstrated the best through their efforts. They deserve the support of the administration at UMaine.

Editor's note — For more information on UMaine's recent radio rights agreement, please see Page 1.

Black Bear hoopsters bid farewell to strong, classy group of seniors

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

BOSTON — With less than a minute left on the clock and Maryland Baltimore-County's foul shots effortlessly falling down, it started to sink in. The University of Maine men's basketball team's first-round exit from the America East tourney wasn't just another missed opportunity, but the end of an era.

When the Black Bears fell to the Retrievers 70-61 at Boston University's Agganis Arena on March 3, it marked the end of the line for Olli Ahvenniemi, Jon Sheets, Chris Bruff and Kevin Reed.

"I'm going to hate seeing those guys go," said UMaine coach Ted Woodward, moments after the final buzzer. "As good of players as they are, they're better people. We're going to miss them on a personal level as much as from a basketball standpoint. I count my blessings when I say I've been with them on a daily basis."

The loss marred what was a somewhat disappointing season for the Black Bears, who finished 12-18 despite being picked No. 2 in America East's preseason poll. With a strong senior class and one of the school's all-time leaders in Reed, UMaine seemed poised to make a run at its first-ever NCAA tournament bid. But it wasn't meant to be.

"It's hard," Woodward said. "It's a hard thing to do, to win a conference championship and go to the NCAA tournament. At this level, not a lot of guys get that opportunity. You look at our whole league and it's Albany and a handful of guys from Vermont."

"It's a tough way to end," Reed added. "Sometimes that's just how the ball bounces. I don't think it was any lack of intensity, I saw Bruff and Phil [Bofia] diving on the floor [after loose balls]."

UMaine wasn't without its chances in the tourney, as the game was tied 61-61 before Jay Greene's conventional three-point play won it. Reed missed an open look for the tying trey and the rest of the Retrievers' points came on foul shots as UMaine desperately tried to extend the game.

"You see nine guys in double figures between the two teams, and 17 lead changes, so you know a lot of guys came to play," said Woodward. "They made a couple of plays at the end to get over the hump."

It was a particularly vexing defeat because the Black Bears seemingly did everything they had to do to win. They held advantages in shots and rebounds, and stymied UMBC leader Brian Hodges, who didn't score until the late stages of the second half.

"These guys did everything I asked them to do. They have nothing to hang their heads about," said Woodward.

Freshman Junior Bernal shined, scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to keep UMaine within striking distance throughout the second half. Bernal played extended minutes with Mark Socoby suffering from the flu and showed signs that he may be the Black Bears' go-to-guy next year, including a banked home trey that tied the game of which UMBC coach Randy Monroe said, "I almost lost my tie on that shot."

Bruff, UMaine's most consistent

player all year, enjoyed a stellar season and finished with 10 points and eight boards. Monroe called him of the most underrated players in the league, and the Black Bears will certainly miss him one down low next year.

Though the team will be decidedly less experienced in 2007-08, Bernal, Socoby and Phil Bofia are all returning contributors. The hope is that the impressions of this year's seniors helped groom the rest of the squad for a break out year.

"I've been trying to tell our guys throughout the year that you have to recognize what's in front of you, and really pay attention to how great things are," said Woodward. "We've tried to make our freshmen aware that this is a great group of people."

Rather than dwelling on what might've been, Reed spoke encouragingly about the future prospects for Black Bear basketball.

"I want to say it's been a pleasure playing for coach Woodward; I've known him for quite some time now," the 6-2 sharpshooter said. "Hopefully, one day they'll make it over the hump. [Next year], you'll be seeing a good team. We have young guys in Junior and Mark who got some valuable experience. They'll be a force to be reckoned with."

Meanwhile, as the door closes on the careers of Reed, Bruff, Sheets and Ahvenniemi, Woodward knows that even as UMaine loses their services on the court, they won't lose their personalities or support.

"These guys feel such a part of Maine that when [a championship] does happen, they'll feel like a part of it," the third-year coach said. "They'll be Black Bears for life."

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to go through some ups and downs," said co-captain Joel Barrett. "Every team has that. It's the good teams that learn to bounce back and really get to where they want to be."

"We are going to bounce back on track and get to our goal."

Parker, a native of Worcester, Mass., leaves the team having seen action in 12 games this season, while Ricker appeared in four as a pitcher out of Hendersonville, N.C. Although Parker was batting a paltry .196 and had only nine hits, he leaves a considerable hole at the catcher.

However, Trimper is quick to point out that the Black Bears will recover fine with America East Rookie of the Week Myckie Lugauber behind the plate and former catcher and current outfielder Matt McGraw.

"Myckie has been doing a very good job and I think he'll do great for us the rest of the year," said Trimper. "We always have Matt McGraw who was a catcher up until this year too. We will use McGraw a little more behind the plate if we have to rest Myckie."

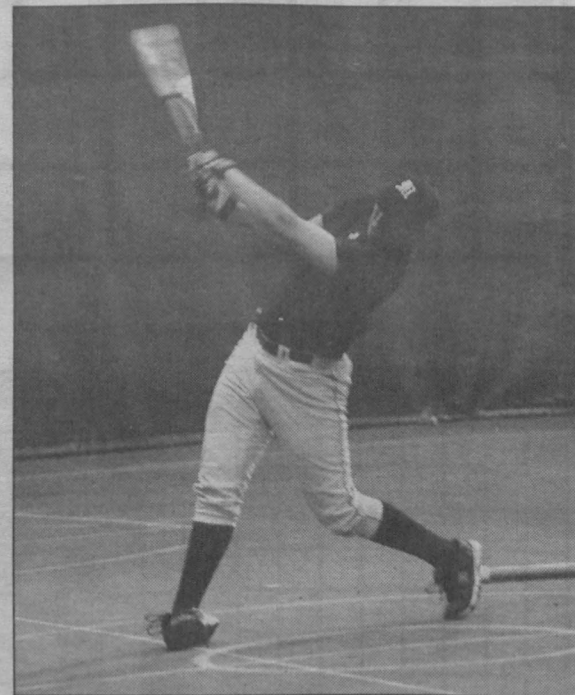
Ricker had a 27.00 ERA and had only thrown in five innings. During that time he had 15 earned runs cross the plate against him.

"I think we're coming together as a team pretty well," said Lugauber. "Everybody has each other's back and we have pretty high spirits right now."

Lugauber appears to be the perfect replacement for Parker. In only his third week of competition Lugauber has earned the league rookie of the week award. Along with his .400 on-base percentage, Lugauber has a stellar 1.000 fielding percentage.

"I think that it's great," said Lugauber. "Coach has really helped me out a lot to get to this point. As well, a lot of the guys on the team have helped me out so its really an award just not for me but for everyone else around me."

With the fallout from the Parker and Ricker dismissals all but over — Trimper announced to the media the play-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

SWING AWAY — A UMaine baseball player takes a few cuts in the field house.

ers were off the team yesterday — the team is eager to focus on baseball only, playing the New York Institute of Technology this weekend starting Saturday at noon for three games in Westbury, N.Y.

"When you're playing NYIT it's easy to push it off because you're playing in 30-degree weather, but you have to treat it like a conference series," said Barrett.

With senior hurler Greg Norton, 8.59 ERA and 1-2, finally hitting his stride on the mound and Barret and Kevin McAvoy picking up the slack offensively, those losing efforts are surely on the decline.

And as for the Dome?

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the less month. And they know how hard it was, not just for them or the program, but for the fans.

"I think we've put a lot of pressure on ourselves because of how disappointed we were about almost not getting in," said defenseman Travis Ramsey. "We feel like we've let a lot of people down including ourselves and the fans. Going into these games, we've placed a burden on ourselves knowing how important these games are for our sakes, the seniors' sake and the Maine tradition."

Around the UMaine locker room the feeling is loose and fun, a vibe that was noticeably missing over the past four weeks.

"It's obviously a big second chance for all of ourselves right now," said defenseman Simon Danis-Pepin. "It's awesome to have that chance. I feel like guys are even more jacked about getting in then if we had won the Hockey East Championship or something because we realized how much it would suck to be out right now. Just having that thin line between not making it or making it in really taught us something."

Take notice of the phrase "jacked." It's an expression as a fan you're bound to hear more. The players are using the phrase constantly and enthusiastically and for good reason.

"Everyone is really jacked up right now and looking forward to what is about to happen," said Ryan.

"Everyone counted us out this time," said Danis-Pepin. "I have buddies in the student body who didn't even know we're in the tournament. When I tell them, they are surprised."

Despite the absence of regular Keenan Hopson, who is out with an appendix problem, UMaine feels like they have established themselves perfectly for St. Cloud State.

"Having this second life or wake-up call has really gotten us pumped up for this coming week and whatever happens after that," said Ramsey.

The hopeful re-emergence of the team will begin and end with Big Ben, who hasn't seen time since

Maine played Merrimack on Feb. 24. The big man between the pipes, however, believes his time is now. Exuding a tremendous amount of confidence, Bishop has said he is just having a ball out on the ice.

"I feel great," said Bishop. "It's just fun to be out there again. After sitting for two weeks and now having a chance to practice is just fun. I can't wait to get out there for the game."

According to the team, Bishop in front of the mesh figures to give them an overwhelming boost of momentum.

"Anytime you change up a goalie, even in the middle of the game when you put in the backup goaltender, it brings life to the team," said Ramsey. "Having Bishop back is going to be a big boost for us confidence-wise."

"Ben is an elite goalie in the country, with him back there he can definitely steal a game or two and that's what you need," said Ryan.

Yet, the boost can only go so far if the Black Bears' defense decides to play like it did against the Minutemen and BC back in Feb.

"From a defensive standpoint, we are letting people down," said Ramsey. "Even though we may not give up many opportunities on the defensive end, the opportunities we are giving up are great opportunities where they're putting pucks in the net. Against a team that is so skilled offensively like St. Cloud State, we know we really have to shore up that end of our game. We've been working on that a lot in practice."

"Defensively, they have some very elite guys so we have to make sure we transition to defense quickly," said Whitehead.

The Huskies' offense is one that can't be taken lightly despite their recent struggles — St. Cloud State has lost four games in its last seven contests.

"We will be a very hungry team but I'm sure they will too," said Whitehead. "They haven't been in the tournament in a while. They will certainly be hungry. It's going to be a great challenge for us; they're a very strong team."

At the top of the heap offensively for the Huskies is the one-two punch of freshman Andreas Nodl and junior Andrew Gordon. The talk begins, however, with Nodl.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

TIMMY TIME — Umaine coach Tim Whitehead emphasizes a point to members of the UMaine hockey team during practice yesterday.

The freshman dynamo is easily one of the best in the country. Entering the duel, Nodl leads the team with 46 points on 18 goals and 28 assists. With Nodl, WCHA Rookie of Year, and Purcell, Hockey East Rookie of Year, going head-to-head, the game promises to provide some answers to who is the best freshman forward in the country.

"We've seen their last few games and that their confidence isn't as high as other teams right now, so we have to take advantage of that," said Purcell.

Gordon follows up Nodl with a team-high 22 goals and 23 assists. Rounding out the top three for the Huskies is another freshman named Ryan Lach with 16 goals and 23 assists.

"I got a chance to watch their games live against North Dakota, so I have a good feeling of what they are like," said Bishop. "They are very tenacious around the net; that really stood out."

While the Black Bears have Bishop back, the Huskies have the big ironhorse in the crease, Hobey Baker finalist Bobby Geopfert. The

All-American netminder is 17-9-7 and has a 2.24 goals against average.

"We're just going to have to do what we've done against all the great goaltenders we've already played against: get to the net, take his eyes away and put pucks on net," said Soares.

As far as the injury report is concerned besides Hopson, the only player even questionable is Wes Clark. On St. Cloud State, Nate Raduns' probability for the Regional is undecided. Overall though, both squads are healthy.

"We just really took care of our bodies on and off the ice this past week," said Ryan. "We made sure no one got out of shape and got the proper sleep and nutrition."

That bodes well for the Black Bears, who are trying to advance to their eighth Frozen Four out of the East Regional. They have an impressive mark of 12-2 in the East Regional since 1992.

"We're really excited to just have the opportunity to play again," said Whitehead. "To stay in the East is another big playoff."

This appearance is Whitehead's sixth straight in the NCAA's. He is currently one more appearance away from tying former head coach Shawn Walsh's run.

And as to who the Black Bears would play if they did steal a victory from No. 2 seed St. Cloud State, the team doesn't even want to discuss that yet.

"All we're talking about and focusing on right now is St. Cloud," said Ramsey. "That's it. All St. Cloud."

After more than 30 games, it appears the Black Bears are pointed back in the direction they've wanted all season.

"To us it's just a whole new season that starts Friday night and lasts four games," said Ryan.

UMaine plays St. Cloud State Friday at 6 p.m., while the No. 1 seed in the region Clarkson, faces off with No. 4 seed UMass-Amherst three-and-a-half hours earlier at 2:30.

"These games are important just for Maine tradition and what is expected of us each and every year we play," said Ramsey.

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March Madness Corner

By Danielle Young
For The Maine Campus

Don't judge me. Just because I had Duke going to the Elite Eight doesn't make me a bad person. Maybe confused. Biased. Foolish. March Madness does funny things to my head. Although this year's tourney hasn't been full of Cinderellas, it still has some good action and great stories.

The first round came and went without any major upsets: oh, aside from my Duke Blue Devils. Of course. Honestly, I have the worst luck in the world. Despite McRoberts and Paulus both recording career-high point totals, Duke fell to No. 11 seed Virginia Commonwealth. This year's Duke team wasn't up to par with past teams. And with the competition this year in the ACC at an all-time high [sending seven teams to the tourney], it wasn't too surprising that Duke made an unusually early exit. Obviously I was heartbroken, but the floodgates closed eventually.

In the second round, we said farewell to Kevin Durant, Wisconsin, and nearly all of the remaining ACC teams. The nation's most explosive player, Durant has probably played his last college game. He is expected to go first or second in the NBA Draft this year. Many wonder when we will see a player like Durant in college basketball again. Now, Durant has no reason to return to school next year. But why shouldn't Durant return to a good program and to a coach who has brought his team to the tourney nine straight years? Maybe because Texas has lost in the tourney seven of the last nine years to a lower seed; or could it be because the team won't be any better next year?

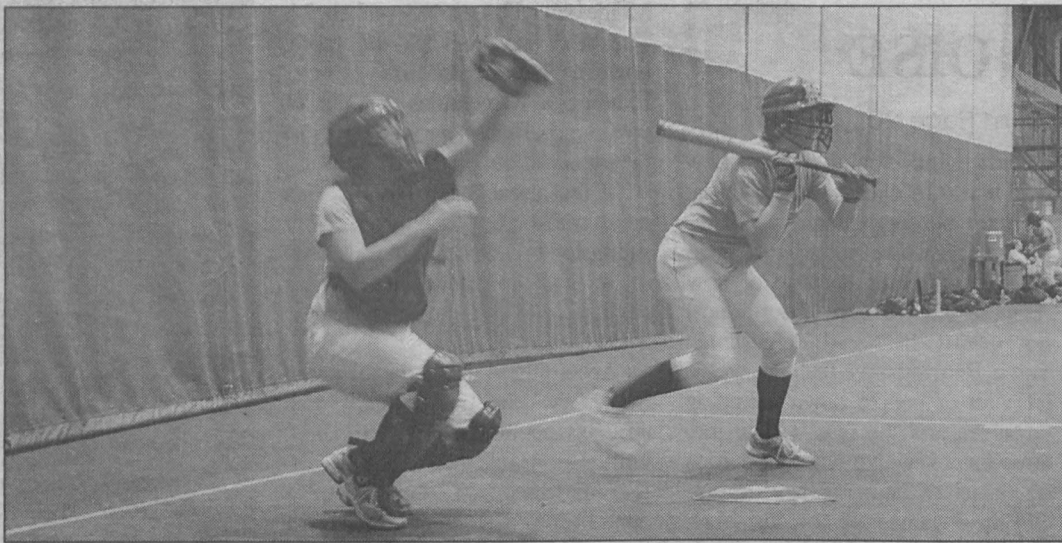
No. 2 Wisconsin made a surprisingly early exit after their second loss to

UNLV, which collected its biggest tourney victory since making it to the Final Four in 1991. Wisconsin was somewhat overlooked during the entire regular season, and maybe there was a good reason for that. Maybe they really weren't as good as their record indicated? In any case, UNLV has busted a lot of brackets. Mine included.

The ACC came into the tourney with the most teams, leading the way with seven, but, by the end of the second round, only one remained. The fact of the matter is, most ACC teams are good at beating each other up, but can't play well outside the conference. Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Virginia Tech, Maryland and Virginia all said adios to North Carolina. No. 1 seed North Carolina Tar Heels are still hanging around. The Sweet Sixteen against USC is their toughest challenge yet.

The Sweet Sixteen will take place this Thursday and Friday. Some of the best games will be Ohio State vs. Tennessee and Kansas vs. Southern Illinois. Bruce Pearl's Volunteers are making a run in the tourney and look to upset Oden and No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes. Kansas looks to be on its way to the finals. I hope so anyway, since I picked them to go all the way. Please Kansas.

So, let's all settle in for the next few days and enjoy the excitement that is March Madness. Keep your bracket handy. Check up on your status in your Facebook pool. Talk some smack. And if you see me around, don't be afraid to give me a hug, or maybe some tissues. At least I didn't pick them to win it all, right?



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

HIGH AND TIGHT — UMaine's catcher snags an errant pitch out of the air as the batter pulls back a bunt during softball practice on Wednesday.

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early to avoid the snowstorm that forced UMaine to cancel classes the Friday before break. The team drove down to Boston and from there flew to Orlando, spending the first week there in three rented houses. Senior outfielder Kate Joseph said that the houses in Orlando were the most comfortable accommodations during the trip, because the players had more room than when they stayed at hotels, and their own kitchens.

In Orlando, the Black Bears went 7-3, defeating IPFW twice, Detroit, La Salle, Holy Cross, Saint Peter's and Pennsylvania, losing to Western Carolina, Tennessee State, and Monmouth. There were a few highlights, including the opener against IPFW, the Black Bears crushed the Mastodons 16-1 in a game that was shortened to five innings due to the run rule. In this game, Ashley Waters hit the first grand slam of her career, going 3-4 with 5 RBIs on the day. Tara Vilardo also came up big for the Black Bears as she went 4-for-4 with three RBIs. Waters said that the IPFW was her favorite game of the trip.

The Black Bears were on fire during most of the games in Orlando, with the offense averaging 7.3 runs a game. They went cold against Monmouth, where they lost 12-0 in a shortened 5-inning affair. Both Joseph and Waters called this game the low point of the trip, but later that day the team came out and run-ruled Holy Cross with a score of 16-3.

After Orlando, the Black Bears traveled to Florida State in Tallahassee for the FSU Invitational. The Black Bears went 3-4 in Tallahassee and then finished off the trip on a sour note, with a string of five tough losses against North Florida [two games], Florida A&M, Wisconsin and Stetson.

Joseph thought the team just got worn out by the end of the two weeks with all the traveling, tournaments and double-headers.

"It's just stressful having to live out of a suitcase for so long," she said. "I think we just got burned out near the end."

Despite the tough losses, the players agreed that overall the trip was worthwhile.

"Florida is an amazing experience," said Waters. "I personally love going down south to play in warm weather. It gives everyone a chance to get to know one another and have some fun."

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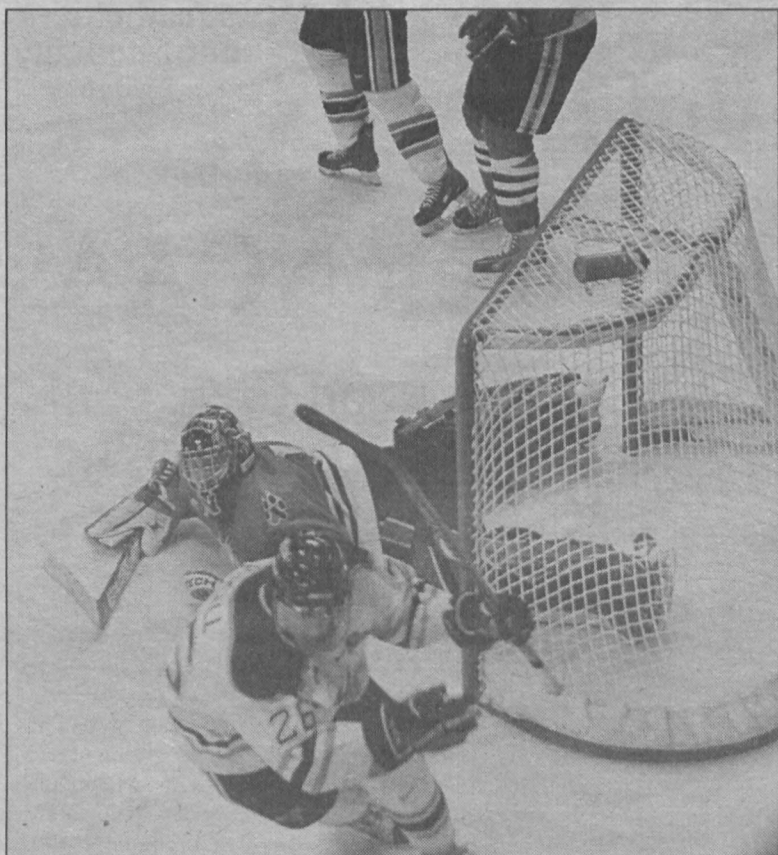
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MONEY — Teddy Purcell celebrates his game-winning overtime goal against Northeastern.

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However, there's a catch. The puck isn't rushing towards Thiessen but rather away from net. Tyler didn't shoot the puck. No, he made the easier choice. He made a pass to freshman Teddy Purcell. Quietly waiting to the left of Thiessen, Purcell, with the grace of a ballet dancer, receives the puck and slams it home. Before the UMaine faithful can blink, Purcell has swiftly and abruptly jammed the knife home on the win. The date is Jan. 27, and the win — well it's only the most important of the season for the Black Bears.

"I looked up and I saw Teddy Ballgame," said Tyler after the decision. "If you want the puck on anyone's stick at the end of the game it's going to be him. I saw him and my eyes lit up."

For the Black Bears, the game, which snapped a three-game home losing streak, marked not only the changing of tides but confirmed what so many had already known — Purcell is the real deal.

"I just went to the net and I know [Tyler] has great vision from the point," said Purcell. "He made a great play to drag everyone in and he just slides it over to me. You have to give all the credit to him. Anyone could've scored that goal but it's def-

initely a nice feeling in front of my family and friends in a game we needed."

Although Purcell claims anyone can't realize is that he has become that someone for UMaine. Purcell is officially one of the Black Bears' go-to guys, and in his freshman season no less. The Newfoundland native has already registered five game-winning goals this season amongst his team-leading 40 points. In a season filled with loads of promising and talent-rich newcomers, Purcell might just be the best. Having already recorded 16 goals and 24 assists, Purcell has established himself as one of the more dangerous forwards in Hockey East. Last week his hard work was rewarded with the Hockey East Rookie of Year award. According to Purcell, it's all in a day's work, but more importantly, part of his job for the Black Bears.

"My job is to help offensively and put up points," said Purcell. "I take pride in that."

While putting up those points, Purcell has helped to guide the Black Bears to another 20-plus win season and put them in solid position for the postseason, despite what has been an extremely up-and-down year. In fact, as far as UMaine is concerned, Purcell's play could be highlighted as one of the fulcrums of the season. When Purcell is on his game, so is the team. When he isn't, well they lose 6-1 to Northeastern at home.

For Purcell, the chance to shine on a team of UMaine's stature is something he has envisioned his whole life.

"Growing up was hockey, hockey, hockey," said Purcell. "I played some other sports, obviously, but every day in the winter we would be on the pond. We would get two to three months on the pond. My dad used to build a rink in the back yard and then the summer would come around and I would play street hockey. My mom would call me in for supper and then I would go back out until the street lights went."

Purcell's undeniable love for the game goes all the way back to the moment when he was first able to put on skates and destroy his parents' home.

"I broke lots of windows and beat up the whole house," said Purcell. "It was always my goal to play in the NHL. Everything I did in my life always revolved around hockey. I was the typical Canadian kid who was dreaming about winning the Stanley Cup every day."

In nearly a month and a half that dream may quickly become a reality. There is no doubt that Purcell will receive some attention from professional or minor league teams once the season ends. This desire to play at the next level was one of the biggest factors in why the 21-year-old freshman enrolled at UMaine.

"Growing up I didn't know much about college, but I knew about Maine and the tradition," said Purcell. "I knew about all the great players they had go through here. My father and I came up on a visit and they were playing UNH and the place was just rocking and I was like 'I've got to play here.' It's a big-time school, it's high profile; they have a great history. Seeing those guys come here from Canada and have those opportunities really makes you think that you could come here and have those same opportunities. They've put a lot of guys in pro hockey and that is one of their goals here."

Having talked mainly with just Colorado College and UMaine, Purcell said he appreciated the effort made by the UMaine coaching staff to get him to come to Orono. While playing in the USHL and at Notre Dame in the far reaches of Canada, Purcell felt UMaine was always interested in him no matter what. Within three days of his first visit, Purcell had committed to UMaine.

"It's very similar to Newfoundland," said Purcell. "Everyone is warm at heart. I actually feel a lot closer to home. That's a big reason why I committed here. It's easier for

my family to get down here."

Right from the start, it was clear that the young gun felt at home. In the first six games, Purcell managed to find the scoreboard each game, a feat not seen since Colin Shields wore the blue sweater four years ago. The achievement helped to quickly propel him into the spotlight.

"I was nervous coming in to college; I didn't know what to expect playing in those first games," said Purcell. "I think I did a fairly good job. I'm certainly getting more confident in my abilities and getting some more interest. It was a dream to play in the pros but it's starting to come true a little bit because of what of the work I'm doing here. You've got to work and keep a good attitude. I've just got to keep focused and hopefully it will come true."

Still, Purcell is quick to note that he has had the good fortune of getting a spot next to one of the best playmakers in the nation with senior Michel Leveille on the first line.

"It helps too, playing on Leveille's line and with seniors whether it is [Josh] Soares or [Brent] Shephard," said Purcell. "It's good that coach is giving me that opportunity. I just have to keep working hard because nothing is set in stone yet; I'm still a first-year and anyone can take my job on that line."

Is this kid for real?

Already having improved upon two of his own areas of worry entering the league — his shot and his over-reliance on perimeter play — Purcell is a cornerstone on the Black Bears' first unit.

Throughout the year, head coach Tim Whitehead has fooled around with the line, trying to figure out the best trio, but never once has he moved Leveille or Purcell. For fans

of the team and the coaching staff it's quite obvious the pair have some sparkling chemistry.

"He's just taken me under his wing and made me feel real comfortable," said Purcell. "He's treated me like one of his best friends and made me feel like I belong. On the ice we are similar players in our ability to see the ice well. We talk a lot and work a lot in practice, but we just seem to know where each other are on the ice."

Leveille hasn't been the only surrogate father for Purcell. He has also received plenty of interesting tutelage from sophomore netminder Ben Bishop on curbing his pass-first philosophy. While at UMaine, Purcell has been steadily working to improve his shot.

"I work with Bishop all the time and working with such a good goalie is really going to help you in games," said Purcell. "He's telling me all these little things like when to shoot and how to be getting more shots off and catch goalies off guard; when someone that smart and that good is helping you it's only going to make you better."

At the moment, Purcell's next task at hand won't be handling pressure or taking shooting tips from Bishop, but rather aiding UMaine in their record ninth-straight NCAA tournament appearance against St. Cloud State. As far as Purcell is concerned, he couldn't be more pleased with the opportunity.

"I'm living every second of this experience right now and loving life," said Purcell. "I'm just a kid from Canada getting a free education and playing on one of the best teams in the country. It's such a great experience and I realize that there aren't a lot of people that can say that. I'm just going to take this and love life."



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Who's headed to St. Louis? Predicting the Frozen Four

Campus staffers Matthew Conyers, Zach Dionne, Matt Williams & Andrew Young pick the field along with the BDN's Larry Mahoney and CollegeHockeyNews.com guru Adam Wodon. Each projection lists who will play in the regional final and the winner.

East Region

#1 Clarkson vs. #4 UMass
#2 St. Cloud vs. #3 UMaine

Conyers: UMaine over Clarkson
Dionne: UMaine over UMass
Williams: UMaine over UMass
Young: UMaine over Clarkson
Mahoney: UM/SCSU winner; first game too close to call.
Wodon: St. Cloud over Clarkson

Northeast Region

#1 UNH vs. #4 Miami
#2 BC vs. #3 St. Lawrence

Conyers: UNH over BC
Dionne: UNH over BC
Williams: UNH over BC
Young: BC over UNH
Mahoney: BC over UNH
Wodon: BC over UNH

Midwest Region

#1 Notre Dame vs. #4 UAH
#2 BU vs. #3 Michigan St.

Conyers: Notre Dame over BU
Dionne: MSU over Notre Dame
Williams: Notre Dame over MSU
Young: Notre Dame over MSU
Mahoney: Notre Dame over BU
Wodon: Notre Dame over BU

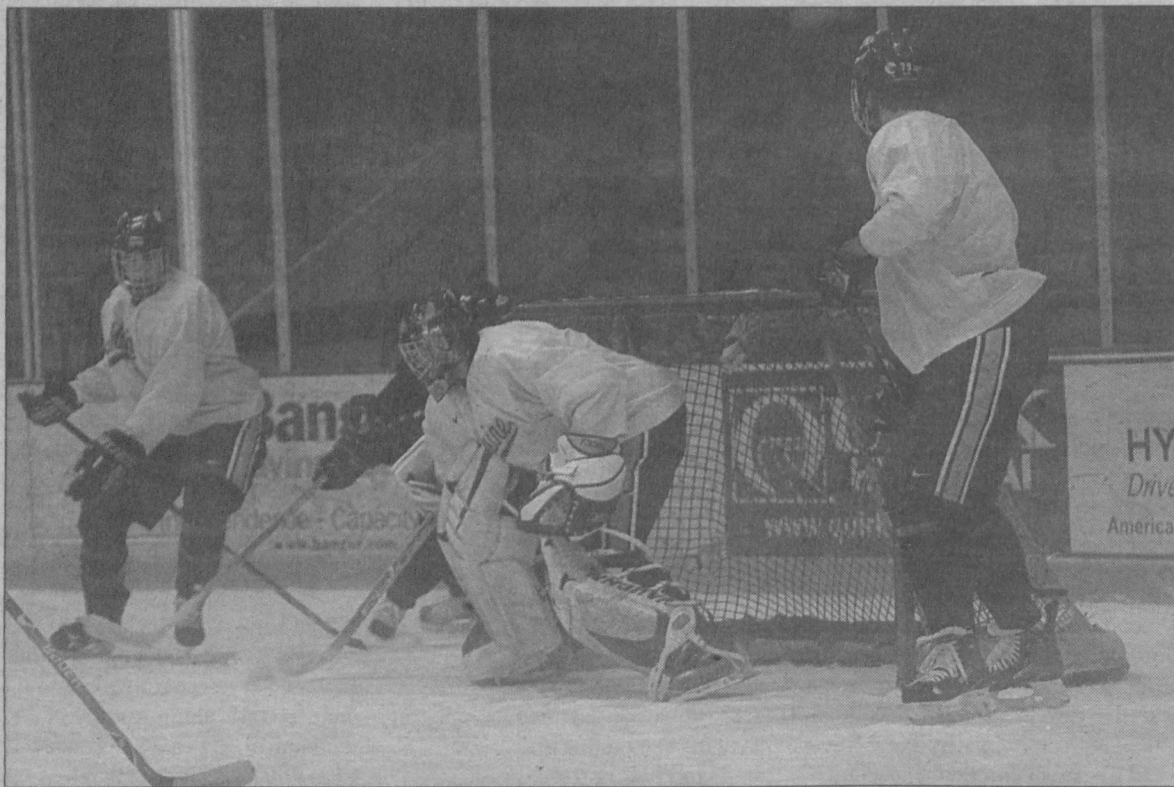
West Region

#1 Minnesota vs. #4 Air Force
#2 UND vs. #3 Michigan

Conyers: Minnesota over NoDak
Dionne: Michigan over Minnesota
Williams: NoDak over Minnesota
Young: Minnesota over NoDak
Mahoney: NoDak over Minnesota
Wodon: Michigan over Minnesota



Second Life: Black Bears focused on NCAAAs



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSÉ COLLINS

WELCOME BACK, BENNY — Ben Bishop will return to this place between the pipes for the Black Bears this weekend.

Bishop, UM hope to make noise in East region

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Say what you want but they're in. On Friday, after 13 days off and a week full of predictions and analysis the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad is finally going to be able to just play some hockey. NCAA tournament hockey, that is.

This past Sunday the Black Bears earned their ninth straight NCAA Tournament berth largely on the heels of some early season road victories against North Dakota. The squad's reward? A three seed at the East Regional in Rochester and a first round date with St. Cloud State.

The Black Bears enter Friday's battle royale with a 2-6-0 record since Feb. 15. Making matters worse, the Black Bears finished the season reeling after posting four con-

secutive losses against UMass-Amherst and record of 8-11-0 since Jan. 5th. Still, UMaine is hopeful.

In fact, they are downright giddy. While surprising, the attitude is extremely welcome. With starting goalie Ben Bishop nearly recovered from his second groin strain this sea-

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son, the team is eager to forget about their absence from the Hockey East Championship in Boston and more than ready to surprise some people in less than two days.

"Nobody is giving us a chance, so we're just going to go out there like we have nothing to lose and have some fun," said Bishop. "It's a com-

pletely different feeling out there and even in the locker room."

Well aware of what their fate could have been, the No. 3 Black Bears are delighted just to have an opportunity to get back to the promised land.

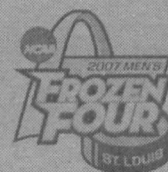
"We're coming in as the underdogs, but we feel like we can surprise some people in this tournament," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead.

Captain Michel Leveille puts it more bluntly.

"I don't call this a second chance, I call this a second life — a rebirth," said Leveille.

For most of the Black Bears, that sentiment can't be expressed more clearly. The squad knows they were on the NCAA tournament bubble for

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The Road to St. Louis

2007 East Regional
Rochester, N.Y.



Friday, March 23
6 P.M.



#3 UMaine
Record: 21-14-2
Key players: Josh
Soares, Michel Leveille,
Teddy Purcell, Mike
Ludin, Ben Bishop

#2 St. Cloud State
Record: 22-10-7
Key players: Bobby
Goepfert, Andreas Nodl,
Andrew Gordon, Ryan
Lasch, Justin Fletcher

Teddy Ballgame

Freshman sensation lands Rookie of the Year honors, ready for postseason

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

At Alford Arena, it's do-or-die time. The score is knotted at one and 55 seconds remain in overtime. After trailing Northeastern for much of the contest — on the scoreboard and in play — UMaine has finally awoken from its midseason slumber. Still, the sudden transformation may have arrived too late.

With precious time remaining, Northeastern has dropped three men back. At this point, they're clearly playing for the tie. Can you blame them? In just 55 seconds, the Huskies will have taken three of four from the Black Bears, a feat almost unfathomable two and a half months ago when UMaine held the No. 1 spot in the land.

But wait, something has happened; the puck is free. With no one in sight, UMaine's hairball of a defenseman

Bret Tyler makes a beeline to the puck; it's his. Now, he is moving. No, scratch that, he's flying. Cruising along the near the boards, Tyler quickly cuts inside and within nanoseconds he is just a few steps from the slot. The Black Bear fans rise; they know what is happening. Tyler extends back and there it is — the point where the puck shoots off his stick and towards Northeastern netminder Brad Thiessen.

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Purcell

Baseball squad dismisses pair

Parker, Ricker leave as team looks to get back on track

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Sometimes all you can do is laugh. Just ask University of Maine baseball manager Steve Trimper.

In the past two weeks, Trimper and his boys have strung together a nine-game losing streak, kicked two talented athletes off the team and seen their beloved Mahaney Dome pop like a month old balloon.

Still, the always-smiling Trimper is able to shrug it off. Better yet, he even manages to let out a little belly laugh. The point is: He's optimistic. Actually, extremely optimistic. With his eyes clearly on the bigger picture, Trimper believes his 4-11 Black Bears are doing dandy despite losing starting catcher Sean Parker and freshman reserve David Ricker.

"We're fine, we're just preserving," said Trimper. "Every time you play the game you deal with adverse situations."

Refusing to elaborate on the situation with

Parker and Ricker, Trimper said both players were dismissed from the team after a violation of team rules.

Beyond that neither Trimper or the University wished to fill in the details.

"They violated a team rule and we have to honor our team rules and we can't stand for anything against the rules," said Trimper.

While it's difficult to predict how the loss of Parker and Ricker will effect the team, it's obvious that Trimper and the players are not going to be denied their desired goal: a third-straight America East Championship.

"At the beginning of the season you're going

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Parker



Ricker

Fun in the sun: UM spends break playing ball in Florida

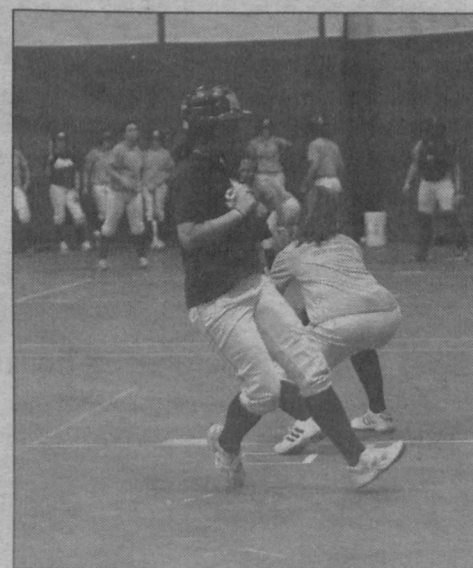
By Tyler Francke
Staff Reporter

While some of us spent our spring breaks suffering through the snow, rain, cold, slush and all the other wonderful weather that we get in Maine during the mud season, the UMaine softball team officially kicked off their season

Softball

by spending the past two weeks attending tournaments down in warm and sunny Florida. The team went 10-12 on the trip, playing some very high profile schools such as Florida State, Wisconsin, Southern Illinois, and Florida A&M. Their overall record now stands at 13-14.

The team left the university on Thursday, March 1, a day before scheduled. They left



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SAFE — A UMaine softball player completes a base running drill.

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