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Fair Game



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Hundreds of students turned out Wed. at the Career Fair to browse and schmooze with potential future employers.

Career fair unites students, jobs

Student fitness center fills with employers and job-hungry students

By Sara Breau

Business representatives came to Orono on Jan. 30 for the University of Maine's Career Fair.

The annual fair was sponsored by the UMaine Career Center, a division of Student Affairs, and hosted 149 employers from various sectors of employment. That number is up from last year's fair, when only 118 employers participated.

Representatives were on hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation and Fitness Center to provide students with information about internships and employment opportunities. On Jan. 31, 15 employers will be available to provide students with more information and conduct interviews.

This year, several companies sent representatives to the fair for the first time, including California-based Valley-Crest Companies, C.H. Robinson of Minnesota and local businesses, L.L. Bean and Lowe's.

"We've gotten a lot of resumes today. It's been excellent," said Industrial Engineers Manager of UPS Tim Palling, who was looking to fill management positions.

A number of companies at the fair provided an array of employment opportunities for students of every major. Patty Counihan, Career Center Director for UMaine, said "Out of the 149 companies coming to the fair, 67 have

specifically indicated that they would like to talk with students in any major — not just business majors alone. It seems like those in a liberal arts program feel that the career fair is aimed more at business majors, which isn't really the case."

First-year chemistry major Bryan Mayo said that he decided to attend the fair after seeing it announced on FirstClass. "I think the fair will be beneficial because I could not only meet a summer employer, but also start networking for something that could potentially become a career," said Mayo.

Counihan said there is a lot of work involved in setting up the logistics of the fair: such as arranging companies to attend and publicizing the event. "The purpose is to bring employers to students. It's just a great way for them to be able to learn what's out there," she said.

The fair also draws attention to the shifting economy. "You hear that the economy is going south, and then you see this. Employers have lots and lots of jobs," Counihan said of Wednesday's increased employer turnout. Joe Carr, director of university relations, and George Manlove, a news writer for university relations, were also involved in coordinating the event. A large crew of student volunteers trained by the Career Center also helped with the fair.

Outsourcing Cutler could be the cure

UM accepts bids, may accept student's private insurance

By Derek Mitchell

Soon, the University of Maine's Cutler Health Center may be run by someone other than UMaine; the nearly \$1.4 million spent annually by the university on the center may find other uses, and students might be able to use their private health insurance there.

Cutler provides primary care for students and is operated by the university; this means that all operational costs are covered by fees incurred by students.

The center serves 20 to 25 percent of the student body, according to the 2007 Cutler Health Services Review Committee report. Likely contributing to the lack of use by students is that Cutler Health Center is unable to accept third-party insurance policies and cannot process claims from MaineCare, the state's Medicaid program. In addition, Cutler provides limited service over breaks, closes completely in July and has no full-time on-site physicians.

To expand services to include third-party insurance acceptance under current conditions, the report estimated costs would have to increase by 33 percent. To balance costs — even forecasting expanded usage — the price of office visits for those students without insurance would have to

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The charges against students

Maine credit cards, loan debts are seventh highest in nation

By Meghan Hayward

With credit card offers and so many student loan options, it can be easy for college students to fall into temptations. Free Frisbees, 2-liters of soda and other giveaways make it all too easy for students to sign themselves up for a potential lifetime of debt.

Maine has the seventh-highest student debt level nationally; with 72 percent of Maine students graduating with some form of student-loan debt. This percentage does not take credit card debt into account.

The average debt for a Maine student is \$22,877. To try to help, the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) has created a comprehensive default prevention and outreach program called Great Opportunity to Achieve Life Success (GOALS).

"FAME is aggressively taking steps to educate and assist Maine students and families as they navigate the complex world of student loans," said FAME acting CEO, Beth Bordowitz.

Director of Education Products and Relationships for

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Nice guys finish last? Ice in the crossfire

"Good Guys" learn how to talk to women, nicely

By Derek Dobachesky

One University of Maine student is hoping to turn the adage "nice guys finish last" on its head.

Tyler Raymond, a third-year social psychology major, founded the Good Guys Organization last semester with the goal of helping UMaine men who subscribe to notions of decency, but have problems communicating with women, to improve their social skills.

"There are some guys out there that still believe in holding doors open, pulling out chairs — just the little chivalrous things like that that go by the backside," Raymond said of the 'good guys'.

After initially advertising on FirstClass, the group attracted around six to eight members last semester, a number which gradually dwindled down to four, according to Raymond. He saw this as a good thing and a sign of the group's success.

"I don't want them to come to the meetings anymore. I'm only providing the tools; I'm not teaching the trade," Raymond said. While he does not take responsibility for the development, one member stopped attending due to time constraints after he met his current girlfriend.

In addition to the interested and more well-wishing students, Raymond said "there [were] six or seven people that tried to make my life a living hell in trying to produce this organization." The negative attention from non-members led Raymond to develop a process for screening members for the group, which he felt necessary because "These guys already feel bad enough that they're not being social. They feel like outcasts already, they don't feel like they belong."

The process involves students e-mailing Raymond and describing themselves and the problems they have communicating with women. This is important to Raymond in order to shield already sensitive members from criticism, particularly at a stage where they're trying to overcome issues of confidence.

One of the factors motivating Raymond is

what he sees as a decline in the level of decency toward women in society. Raymond attributes this decline, which he describes as an epidemic, to "our culture today — our society is more gearing toward objectifying women, it's more gearing toward, like the rap videos and everything today."

Erica Kaufman, a second-year forest ecosystems major, agreed that there has been a decline in chivalry amongst men.

"There are some guys out there that still believe in holding doors open..."

Tyler Raymond
Founder
Good Guys Organization

"I would say that I find myself more often holding doors open for the men than them holding them open for me," Kaufman said.

Kenneth Maher, a first-year mechanical engineering student, empathizes with the group's membership.

"The whole saying that 'good guys finish last, nice guys finish last' is definitely true," Maher said. He also sees a beneficiary to this phenomenon: "Girls like the bad boys," Maher said.

Raymond considered obtaining recognition from UMaine Student Government last semester. He ultimately decided against it because the organization would not need SG funding. Raymond was also informed by Vice President of Student Organizations Matthew Bennett that he would not be able to obtain recognition because "I cater to the heterosexual lifestyle, I don't cater to the homosexual lifestyle," Raymond said.

While Raymond does not cater to good gay guys, he is careful to note that it isn't because of an ideology. "I'm not homophobic ... I just teach what I know. I'm not a homosexual individual, so I have to teach the heterosexual lifestyle."

Raymond's new plans for the organization this semester include bringing female friends of his in to have other members ask them questions and they can, in turn, tell the members "what they want from a guy, or what makes a good date," Raymond said.

As for any other 'good guys' out there, Kaufman advises them to "talk to the girls and let them know that they're good guys because, believe it or not, there are girls who want good guys out there."

GSS heats up over winter carnival funding

By Jessica Fish

After half an hour of heated debate, the General Student Senate turned down a proposal to fund a 19-by-40 foot ice rink that would have been built in the atrium of the Union in front of the bookstore.

Gustavo Burkett, director of campus activities and events, described the proposed ice rink as similar to the one at the Rockefeller Center in New York City. The rink, which cost about \$1,700, would have been available for four hours on the Friday night of Winter Carnival week.

Senators who supported the allocation said a skating rink and game towers would draw students out of their rooms. Burkett added that he expected around 1,700 people to attend the event. If the senate had approved his request, cost from the senate's unallocated fund would be less than \$5 per person.

Many senators were hesitant to give more, stating that it was a large amount for such short notice. "It seems like a big allocation for something that is not completely necessary," Sen. Dillon Bates said.

Vice President of Student Entertainment, Derek Mitchell, who supervised the installation of the new rink on Lengyll Field, said it was unreasonable to build

another rink for four hours of skating time.

"Slit my wrists people, this is insane," Mitchell said. "Put on a hat and coat like a normal person and skate outside." The outdoor ice rink installed last week cost \$4,899.

Some senators said the outdoor ice rink is not well lit; and the indoor rink would be necessary for night skating. "There is an ice rink; if it is not well-lit enough I will rent a friggin' light tower," Mitchell rebutted.

Burkett also requested money for two video game towers and four screens so students could play Dance Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero. He also asked for a screen to broadcast the UMaine hockey game against UNH, a

proposed total allocation of \$5,275.

An amendment to the original motion passed allocating \$500 to Burkett. The money will be spent on a system to broadcast the UMaine hockey game.

Sen. Kevin Price, on behalf of the Panhellenic Council, made the proposal to fund Winter Carnival. Because the funding was denied, the Interfraternity Council plans to ask for funding from the programming fund from the Dean of Students office.

Sen. Alyssa Radmore felt the debate was stifled because the meeting had lasted until 8:30 p.m. Some senators voiced their displeasure having the session last so long and asked if they could vote and go home. "We couldn't finish something because we wanted to go home. [If you want to go home] don't join senate," Radmore said.

The guest speaker for Tuesday's meeting was Ali Carey, regional manager for University Directories. She outlined a plan that would go into effect at the beginning of the fall semester to provide 5,000 free daily planners to undergraduate students at UMaine.

Carey added that University Directories would also offer an internship in marketing over the summer. The job entails selling ad space in the new planner to local businesses.

Brian Bink, Kristen Kuhns and Walter Lazarz were sworn in as new senators.

Ross Wolland was appointed to Presidential Cabinet and Carl Anderson was sworn in as President of the Off-Campus Board.

The Roller Hockey Club was allocated \$2,950 to pay for tournaments and registration. This brings the total amount of money for the club to more than \$11,000 for the year.

Other allocations included \$1,114 to the Alpine Ski Club, \$1,395 to UMaine Forensics and \$1,700 to Women's Lacrosse. At the beginning of this senate session the total unallocated funds was \$27,491.84. After all the allocations had been approved, total unallocated funds stands at \$21,379.44.

"There is an ice rink; if it is not well-lit enough I will rent a friggin' light tower."

Derek Mitchell
vice president
Student Entertainment

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

60 Years After the Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi (Jan. 30, 1948): The Relevance of Gandhi's Philosophy for Today's World
12:30 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
By Doug Allen, part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series.

JAN 31

FRIDAY

Announcement of the Green Products Business Plan Competition Winners
12:00 p.m.
Student Innovation Center Classroom
Winning participants will receive prize money to launch a business with the support and guidance of the Student Innovation Center team.

FEB 1

SATURDAY

Men's and Women's Track: UMaine Open
11:00 a.m.
Beckett Family Track and Field Complex

Swimming and Diving: UMaine vs. Dartmouth
11:00 a.m.
Stanley M. Wallace Pool Memorial Gym Complex

FEB 2

To submit your event to The Maine Campus Community Calendar, please send time, day, date, location and fee information to news@mainecampus.com or drop it off in our offices, located in the basement of Memorial Union. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.



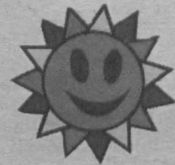
Tyler, from the comic strip "Boxer Romps," respectfully requests that you spay or neuter your pets.

WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

Thursday | Sunny

29 **15**
high low



Friday | Wintry mix

31 **30**
high low



Saturday | Snow showers

33 **17**
high low



Sunday | Partly cloudy

32 **20**
high low



Monday | Mostly cloudy

32 **19**
high low





Adrianne Hess ♦ The Maine Campus

MCA renovation a 'blast' as workers knock down the old familiar brick facade last Monday to make way for the future look.

Women discuss presidential experiences in Iranian film

Filmmaker exposes struggles in male-dominant politics

By Lynnsay Maynard

The Bangor Foreign Policy Forum presented "Women and Political Leadership in Iran: Film and Lecture Presentation" on Jan. 28 at the Bangor Public Library.

Nearly 60 people attended the film "Mrs. President: Women and Political Leadership in Iran," directed by Dr. Shahla Haeri, the director of the women's studies program and an associate professor of cultural anthropology at Boston University. A question and answer session with Haeri followed the film.

Haeri's 46-minute documentary follows six Iranian women who ran for president in Iran. When the film was made in 2001, there were 47 Iranian women running for president; six agreed to speak to Haeri.

In the documentary, the women discuss struggles they faced when running for president in a male-dominated political system. The women talked about the chance for women to foster gender equality in Iran.

Haeri said filmmaking is not her profession and described herself as an amateur. "There's no 'Lights, Camera, Action.' It's just me and them," she said before the film began.

"I wanted to see 'The New York Times' run an op-ed on Iranian women running for president — there was nothing. No one knows anything about it in this country," Haeri said.

"It was a family affair," Haeri laughed. Her cousin, Reza Haeri, was the assistant director. Her sister Niloofar Haeri was the film's consultant and helped with production and editing

the initial 17 hours of footage.

After editing, Haeri sent the documentary to the Films for Humanities and Sciences and was given a contract within two days.

Haeri received several postdoctoral fellowships, including the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University and the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women at Brown University. She is also the author of "No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women" and "Law of Desire: Temporary Marriage, Mut'a in Iran."

According to Haeri, Iranian youth are much more politically active than American youth. "It directly affects their style of life and experiences," she said. "During my generation, I could choose to have a boyfriend or to have a party. These rights have become restricted."

Mostafa Aghamoosa is a first-year graduate student at the University of Maine who attended the forum. "We have been given such a negative image of Iran. There's a lot we could learn as Americans. We can learn from Iranians and their struggles," he said. Aghamoosa, an Iranian-American, has visited Iran.

Marjorie M. Medd, a member of the UMaine System's Board of Trustees, introduced Haeri before the film. "I was thinking about the contrast and how that impacts my feelings about U.S. politics," Medd said.

The next Bangor Foreign Policy Forum is scheduled for March 2008. It will feature Congressman Tom Allen and his opinions on U.S. foreign policy. The day and time of the forum will be announced later this month.

Greek Grant projects see delays in first semester

Beautification program distributes funds, houses wait for seasonal thaw before breaking ground

By Jessica Fish

Last September, the General Student Senate approved an allocation of \$15,000 to Greek Life that was to be used to repair their houses and beautify the campus.

Former Student Government President Bill Pomerleau originally presented the idea to the senate. "Many campuses promoted their Greeks much more than we do. There is a huge disconnect with Greek Life and this campus. I was hoping to help to bridge that gap."

Students on campus have yet to see that money put to use. Of the 18 fraternities and sororities who received money, only three have used their entire allocation so far.

Each group could receive up to \$789.47. Fraternities with houses are permitted to spend the money on exterior renovations, such as new signs or shrubberies. Greek groups without houses can use their grants on campus

projects. Phi Mu and Delta Rho Epsilon, for example, are both participating in the Pink Tulip Project.

According to Student Government President Steven Moran, few Greek groups have begun their renovations is because most groups did not receive funding until winter, when it was too cold to begin any projects.

Sen. Abtin Mehdizadegan said he was one of the few senators who voted against the allocation from the beginning. Mehdizadegan argued that it was not the responsibility of the senate to provide money for off-campus projects. He also questioned how the senate would keep track of the money that had been spent.

Originally, Greek groups were required to present their plans to the senate, detailing how all the money would be spent. This has not yet happened. Sen. Justin Labonte described the allocation as being "lost in the shuffle" since the resignation of Pomerleau.

"I did vote in favor of allocating the money to the program, but seeing the failure to detail projects, I would not vote the same way again," said Labonte.

The allocation was the subject of heated debate among the senate, and the greatest controversy was over the amount of money. Many senators suggested that such a large sum for a specific percent of students seemed unfair.

"We've given tens of thousands of dollars to Roller Hockey and other sports clubs over the years and that only benefits a few students — this benefits 10 percent of the student body," Moran had said at the senate meeting in September.

He was supported by Sen. Peter Kelley, who argued that \$15,000 was not an unreasonable allocation.

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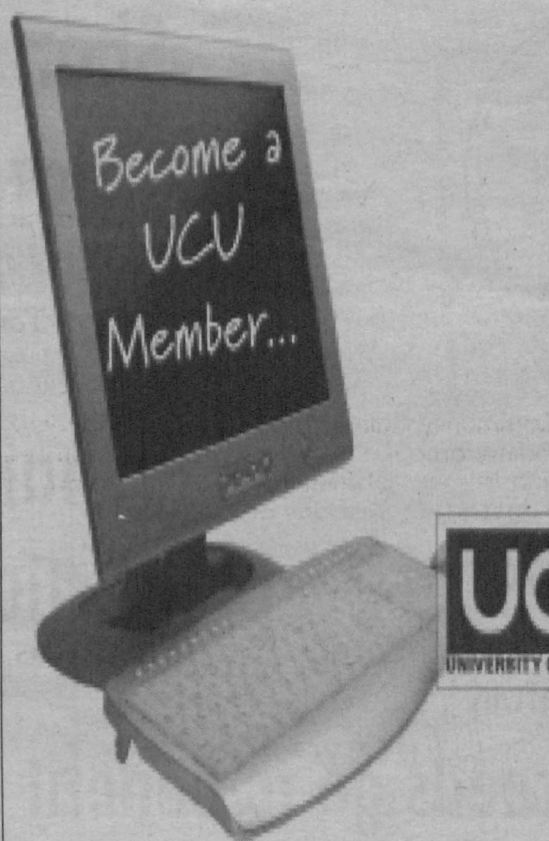
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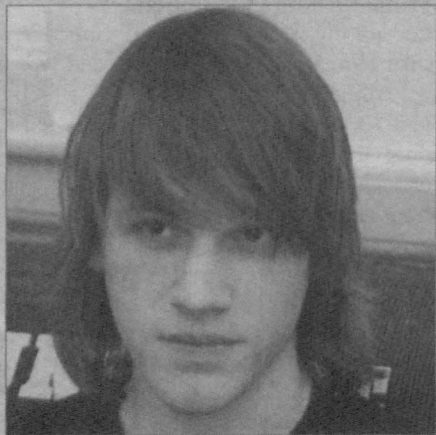
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What current issue has you thinking?

There's really nothing.

What improvements would you like to see at UMaine?

Parking. I wish Parking Services would be more lenient.

What's the best experience you have had at UMaine?

I'd pretty much say sitting here in the Union.

Cutler

from page 1

The Health Services Review Committee, established by Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Robert Dana and Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron, evaluated the Cutler operation with a focus on maximizing use.

The committee investigated how the "center may be able to utilize the resources of a larger currently operating entity, and ultimately reducing costs to the university community so that current investments in the health services could be reallocated to other needs," Dana said.

Waldron said the potential changes are about improving services and access. One aspect of this may be to try and offer third-party billing so more students can access services at the center.

Students also said Cutler should enhance services. "In my opinion, a change is in order," said Christina Soyden, the student representative on the Review Committee. "Whether that be a unified health fee for students to have free visits and pay for tests and prescriptions, requiring all students to have health insurance, or privatizing in order to take student [private] insurance."

A campus-wide health service fee was considered as a method to expand services offered to students, but the idea was met with opposition in the Review Committee's student survey. Students found the idea of using Cutler convenient, but wished to use their private insurance.

"They can't accept insurance because they receive state funding," Soyden said. "The fact that the Health Center receives state funding greatly limits its potential. It can't afford to lose the funding, but at the same time, it restricts them from growth."

Critics of the plan to change Cutler's campus health services fear a change to or reduction in services provided, or the access to those without health insurance might be made expensive or made unavailable completely. Dana said this will not happen. "Waldron and I charged the review panel with the express requirement that a move to a new model would only occur if services to students were maintained at their current level or improved and enhanced," he said. "The expectation is

increase from the current \$25 to a standard fee of \$132. The privatization plan is being considered to expand services while avoiding these cost increases.

that any privatization would result in an improved medical service."

Waldron agreed. "We also fully expect to maintain the individual quality care provided through the health center and the educational components offered to the campus regarding disease prevention and planning," she said.

Cutler's budget from the university is supplemented by \$1.06 million in patient fees, bringing Cutler's revenue to \$2.4 million. Cutler's annual salaries — covering 22 employees — cost the center \$972,444 in 2007; including benefits, that number climbs to \$1,381,082. Clinical costs bring the total operation to \$2.4 million.

The committee agreed that the university should issue a request for proposals (RFP) to contract with a vendor or multiple vendors to operate a full service health service through a completely outsourced arrangement, or a public-private partnership.

The RFP seeks bids for the services of college student health services, occupational health services and voluntary primary care for faculty, staff and insured dependents. According to the document, "it is the university's expectation that once the contract is fully actualized, the selected contractor shall generate revenue for the university."

The university hopes to provide occupational health services and primary care health services for faculty, staff and insured dependents on a voluntary basis.

Bidders are required to provide after-hours, on-call services to support student needs; they must provide a referral service to other healthcare providers when additional care is needed; they must have access to laboratory facilities and provide medication and pharmaceuticals appropriate to healthcare service for students.

If the university moves forward with the outsourcing of Cutler Health Center, the proposals from bidding organizations would be evaluated in February with presentations from selected bidders in March and final selection in May.

A chosen contractor would begin on or around July 1, 2008. The initial contract term is five years. Waldron said students will be involved in the process, should changes be pursued.

Earlier this month, the university held a pre-bid meeting required for potential contractors. Four interested bidders attended. The deadline for proposals to be submitted to the university purchasing department is today.

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Boisterous bash

An RA in York Hall expressed suspicion of underage drinking in a third-floor room at 12:46 a.m. on Jan. 25. The officers approached the room and heard what they believed to be a party. Upon knocking, they heard: "It's the police," followed by a lot of movement and whispering. Resident Robert Benn, 20, Orono, opened the door, admitted that everyone had been drinking and surrendered 32 full cans of Bud Ice and Budweiser beer. Benn was charged with furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol. Of the seven visitors, Lauren Duranleau, 19, Orono, and Patrick O'Connor, 20, Orono, admitted to consuming alcohol and were charged with possession of liquor by a minor.

Table theft

A red picnic table was stolen from outside Bryant Global Sciences Building on Jan. 17. The theft was reported on Jan. 25, and the table has an estimated value of \$200.

iTheft

Fingerprints were taken from a Dodge Neon in the MCA Parking Lot as officers investigated the theft of several items on Jan. 25 at 1:07 p.m. A student reported that between 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., someone had entered the unlocked vehicle and taken her dark brown Coach bag containing her wallet, Durabrand CD player, cell phone charger and an iPod tune stick, armband and charger.

Dodge damage

A resident of Aroostook Hall reported damage to his 1986 Dodge pickup at 11:39 a.m. on Jan. 26. He parked his vehicle on Jan. 19 and returned on Jan. 26 to find the passenger-side rear corner panel had been damaged. The damage is estimated at \$1,200.

Public Safety is asking anyone with

information to come forward. This can be done anonymously at www.umaine.edu/publicsafety/campus-eyes.htm.

Pot predicaments

An officer investigated after detecting the odor of marijuana from a second-floor room of Knox Hall at 6:36 p.m. on Jan. 26. Kevin Wacker, 18, Orono, opened the door and invited the officer in. When asked to turn over marijuana or drug paraphernalia, Wacker produced a bag of marijuana from his pocket and resident Mattie Dilella, 19, Orono, produced a glass marijuana pipe from her desk drawer. Wacker was charged with possession of marijuana and Dilella was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

The odor of marijuana on the fourth floor of Cumberland Hall was reported at 12:18 a.m. on Jan. 27. When officers knocked on the door, they were unable to detect the odor but observed the resident, Dana Weatherbee 18, Orono, appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Officers found empty bottles of vodka in the room. Weatherbee admitted to drinking vodka earlier that day and was charged with possession of liquor by a minor by consumption.

Speedy Saab

A vehicle speeding on Long Road was stopped and towed at 12:13 a.m. on Jan. 27. An ID check revealed that the driver's license and vehicle registration were both under suspension. Driver Whitney Morrow, 21, Orono, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. Her 2000 Saab was towed.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki

Credit

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FAME, Martha Johnston urges students to not borrow unless they must and if they do have to borrow, to choose federally guaranteed loans.

"We find that a lot of students don't fill out their FAFSA because they don't believe they qualify,"

Johnston said. "We encourage students to apply for financial aid every year and meet the deadline because in the end, it will be far more beneficial to them."

Heidi Choate, a third-year, is concerned with the loans she will have to pay off once she graduates.

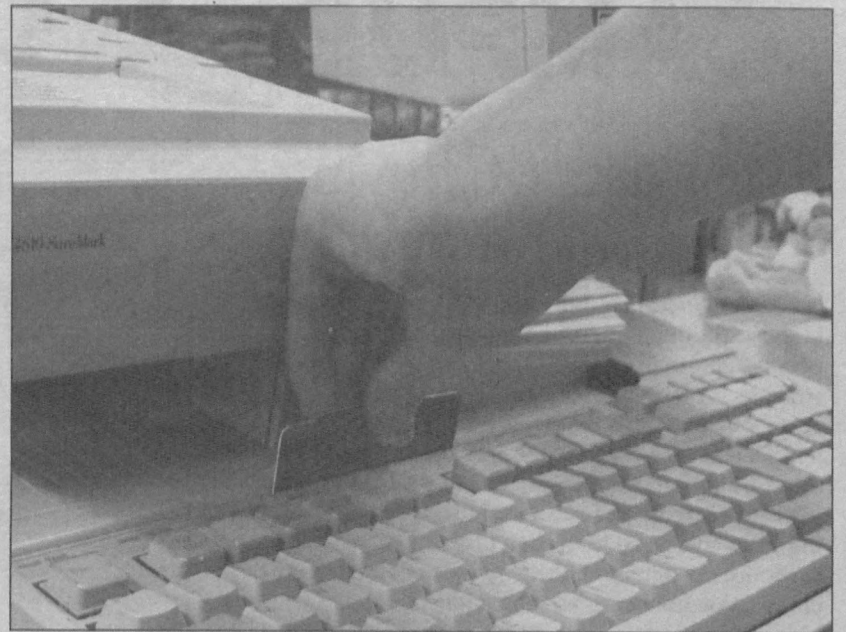
"I think it is important to do proper research on student loans before taking one out, but I also believe that loans give students the opportunity to do things that might not be possible without the financial help," Choate said.

For some students, federal loans don't cover all their expenses and they seek private loans from banks, usually at higher interest rates. The financial aid office at the University of Maine offers brochures on outside options.

"While we provide the information, we encourage students to minimize their alternative loan debt because federal loan programs typically offer borrower benefits that better suit students," said Emily Sevigny, assistant director for the Financial Aid office.

The office requires loan counseling for first-time alternative loan borrowers to inform them about responsible borrowing.

Credit cards can also help students bury themselves in debt. Used well, credit cards can



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Students can rack-up debt by using credit cards to pay off student loans.

help a student establish a credit history. They can also leave financial bruises that don't heal. Students often learn about the high costs of credit cards the difficult way, after they have run up their balance and are making minimum payments.

Despite the advice offered a student, in the end it comes down to making responsible choices. The best way for a student to avoid having to explain a high bill to their parents or worse — having to ask for help paying their bill — is to learn to get by with one or two low-limit credit cards and keep those balances down. A credit limit of \$1,000 is plenty for most students.

Another rule of thumb is to use the card in emergency situations only. If you don't have money to go out to eat or buy that shirt you wanted, don't fall back on a credit card. Falling behind on credit card payments hurts your credit, and a bad credit rating can affect your ability to rent an apartment and buy a car or house. The mark stays on a person's credit record even if the bill is later paid.

Johnston said that students are more in control of their finances than they think. "The way they have that control is by minimizing their expenses outside of the costs of school," she said.

Greek

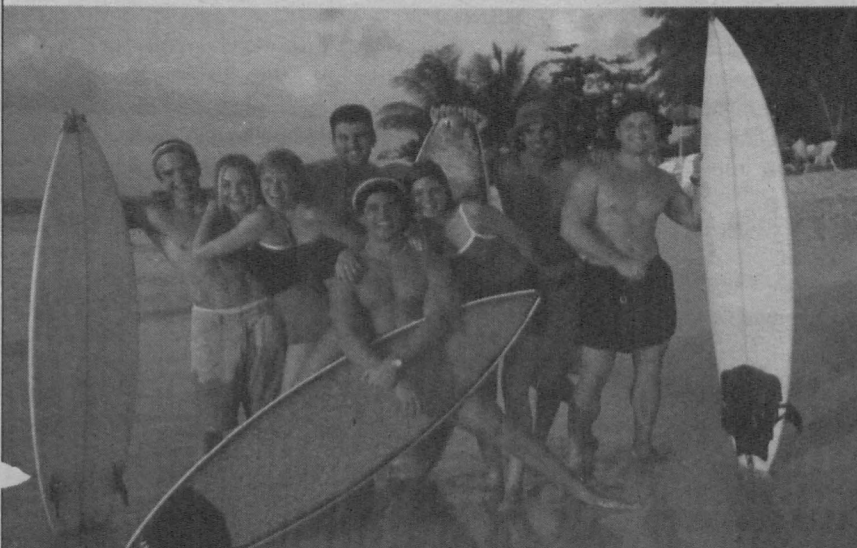
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"Seventy percent of the donations to UMaine come through Greek Life," Kelley said at the senate meeting. He suggested that this donation was a way of showing support for Alumni.

The allocation is currently at a standstill,

as most fraternities and sororities are waiting for warmer weather to begin their projects. However, Moran said that all the renovations must be complete before the end of the spring term. Any money not used must be returned to the senate, or Greek groups will face disciplinary action from the senate.

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In an article appearing in the Jan. 28 edition of The Maine Campus, titled "A Delegate Process," we incorrectly reported that absentee ballots were available from the town clerk. This is incorrect. In fact, absentee ballots must be requested from the Republican or Democratic parties.

In the same article, we incorrectly identified the Democratic Party's Regional Field Director as Anthony Libby. In fact, his name is Nathan Libby.

In the same issue, a photo on page 7 was incorrectly attributed to Rebekah Rhodes. Photo was taken by Lisa Roth.

In the same issue, the subheadline for "A less costly experience" read "University proposes to give interns one free credit." This was incorrect. The plan was proposed by Derek Mitchell, not the University.

The Maine Campus apologizes for these errors.

If you spot an error or would like to make a correction, contact eryk.salvaggio@umit.maine.edu

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The costs of buying books and debt

Student credit card debt in Maine is the seventh highest in the nation, with Mainers owing, on average, more than \$7,000 each. The stereotype of students racking up loans to pay for pizza and keg parties undermines the need for many students to make ends meet on a daily basis. With many students living off-campus in an area where full-time jobs are scarce, expenses like groceries, rent, heating bills and gas add up quickly. For many, credit cards are not a magic plastic party ticket, but a crucial part of financing an education.

The university has consistently been praised for the value of its in-state tuition costs, and programs like Opportunity Maine will help reduce the burden over time. It is hard not to compare the costs of books to the average debt load. At a conservative \$500 per semester, and assuming the typical student graduates in five years, \$5,000 of credit card debt is equal to the costs of books alone.

Students are ultimately responsible for their own debts. The university could investigate deferred payment plans for books that could be repaid in low-interest installments.

This is still debt, but freeing cash flow for students at a lower, educational interest rate could reduce the burden of debt for students. This could help Maine in the long run by creating a generation of graduates who are one step closer to taking the innovative risks Maine's economy needs most.

The above editorial is written by the editorial board, whose members are Eryk Salvaggio, Derek Dobachesky, David Dauphinee, Brett Sowerby, Lynnsay Maynard, Heather Steeves, Nick McCrea, Pattie Barry, Rebekah Rhodes, Adrienne Hess and Meghan Hayward.

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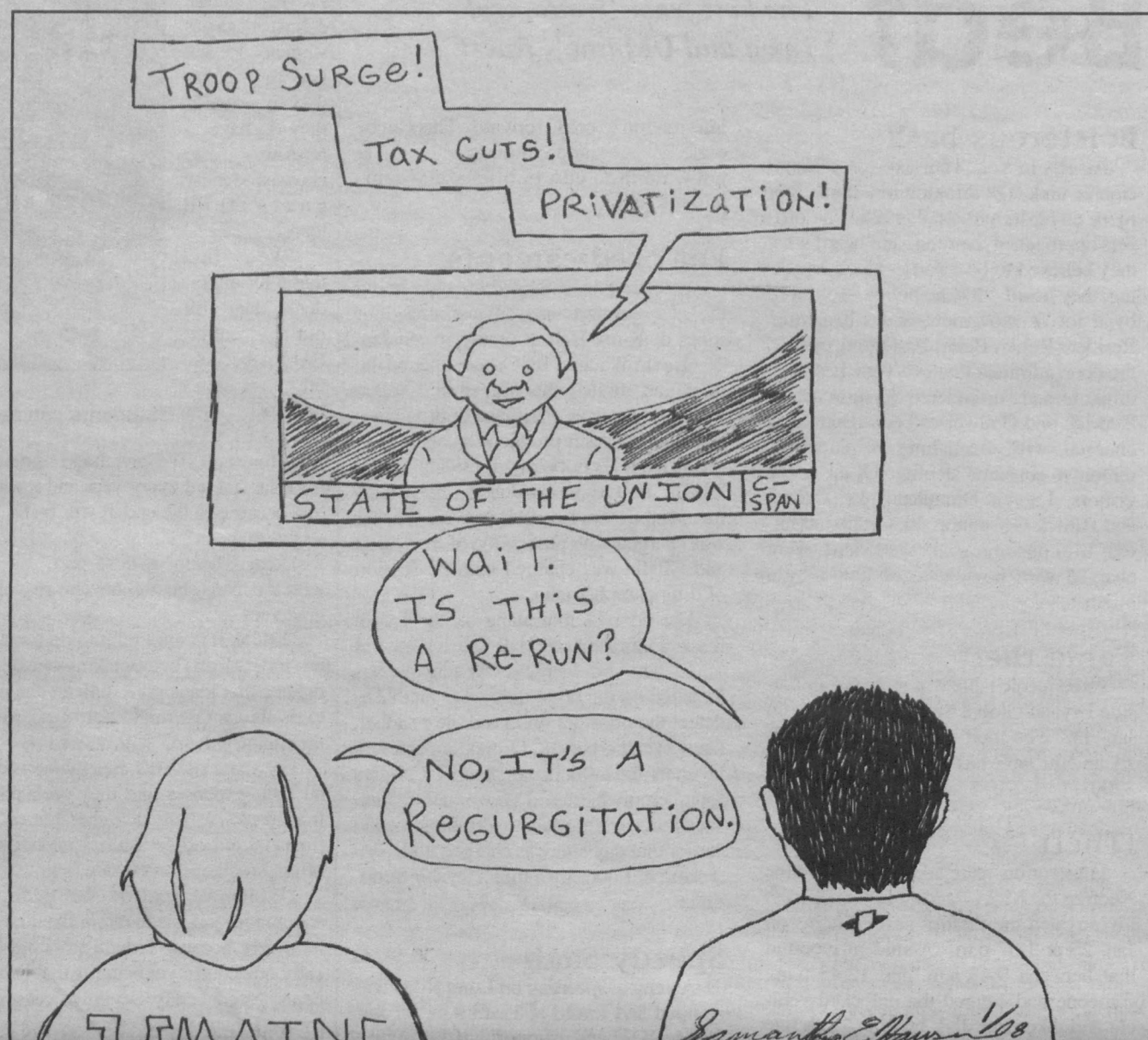
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Heather Steeves

Caucus process results in a forced choice of lesser evils

When it comes to voting for president of the United States, most people find that they are voting for the lesser of two — or more — evils. Instead of voting for the lesser-known candidate who could be the better president, many people vote for the candidates who get the most media attention. This way, they do not feel that their vote is being "wasted."

Political races are popularity contests. Whomever the media likes most gets the most attention. Whoever gets the most media coverage gains more money and even more media coverage. When someone is constantly in the papers and on the nightly newscasts people gain trust that said candidate could win. It is not a perfect system, far from it. Caucuses only support these imperfections.

The caucus system, which Maine and other states have in place, keeps us further from having a true democratic process. Caucuses do not allow individuals to vote for whom they want; they force people who would prefer a lesser-known candidate to

join the masses. By doing this, it not only stunts voters' voices but also diminishes these candidates' chances.

In primaries, votes for less-popular candidates are counted. This means the press can report on who gets how much support, which can lead to additional funding for these candidates. Additional funding can mean advertising opportunities and other advantages.

Caucuses also seem to take longer than primaries. In primaries, you take a ballot, fill in the box and hand it to the town clerk instead of sitting in a room arguing with people who have already made up their minds and then possibly having to choose a candidate whom you didn't want to support in the first place.

People who support the caucus system argue that this allows opportunities to be in contact with their community and share information and ideas. This seems beyond outdated. We are in a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We, the brothers of Beta Theta Pi, have a concern about the title of the article — not the article itself — which appeared in The Maine Campus' Police Beat, titled "Fight at Beta Theta Pi."

This incident was in fact not a fight at all, but an assault on one of our brothers. We feel that by labeling it as a fight, it makes it seem that our brothers took part in the conflict. Someone on the outside may take the heading of the article to portray Beta in a negative light. In fact, the two brothers involved followed the appropriate protocol by calling the police when an uninvited guest became a threat, instead of trying to fight back.

We, the brothers of Beta Theta Pi, do

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not condone underage or excessive drinking or any form of violence in our house. As it stands, the article reflects poorly upon our brothers and the overall Greek com-

munity. That is why the two brothers involved took the appropriate measures to call the police and file a report when the incident occurred.

Unfortunately, fraternities have been stereotyped as being rowdy, violent and bad behavioral institutions for decades. We have been working hard over the years to let the public know that fraternities are indeed foundations of great morals, ideals and beliefs. We strive to be men of principle, which entails being gentlemen, scholars and leaders of our communities.

This sort of representation seriously hinders our goal to change the public's view so that they may see past the stereo-

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Bush continues his habit of telling half-truths in State of the Union

Amanda MacCabe

Monday night, President Bush spoke about Iraq more than he had in any prior State of the Union address. It was, in fact, the dominant theme of his address. This was one last attempt to publicly clear the air of his intentions in the Middle East, which has not so subtly shifted from the threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to the diffusion of democracy. Out of the legacy of the war in Iraq, Bush hopes to highlight the beacon of hope that is the addition of troops, which was meant to stabilize the most violent regions and rout out insurgent forces.

Violence in Iraq has undeniably been decreasing. Bush's adamant attempt to solidify his legacy by claiming he was correct in calling for a troop increase, however, is dubious. He is, true to form, only telling part of the truth.

Bush announced a commitment of 20,000 additional troops to Iraq in January 2007. At that time, the number of violent and potentially violent situations being successfully disengaged each week was hovering around 1,400, according to government data. It took six full months after the troop surge to achieve a reduction of violence throughout the country. Since August, a wash of relative calm has spread across Iraq and continues today. Washington hailed this as a military success. Violence has been down to levels not seen since immediately after the invasion. It seems the surge is finally working.

The surge is not the only factor at work. In August, just around the time when conflict began to sharply decline, cleric Moqtada al-Sadr declared a ceasefire for six months. General Petraeus has

applauded al Sadr and his militia for honoring the agreement. Bush, on the other hand, has failed to give credit where credit is due. In Monday's State of the Union address he should have acknowledged not only the fact that American military personnel are working diligently to rebuild Iraq and stabilize a country that has seen nearly five years of conflict, but also the willingness for opposition groups in Iraq to lay down their arms for the good of the country.

The time has passed for debate over the justification of the war in Iraq. As the election year lurches ahead, nearly every major candidate has a plan to withdraw combat troops from the country. If President Bush truly wants to leave a positive legacy behind, he should now commit all of his time and energy to urging the Iraqi government forward and negotiating with those he has failed to negotiate with in the past. Al-Sadr has only declared a six-month cease-fire. Within the next few weeks it will become apparent whether or not he decides to extend it or to pick up arms against American troops once again.

President Bush should create a dialogue with the Iraqi government and let the American people know he is working diligently with them to reform Iraq. The seeds of democracy cannot be planted by force, but by careful deliberation, diplomacy and support. If Bush takes anything away from his time in office, it should be that dialogue with your enemies should never be underestimated.

Amanda MacCabe is a senior political science and journalism double-major and a member of Pennies for Peace.

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time period that allows free, independent research. It would be a different world if everyone was well informed and willing to seek their own information from multiple sources. The Internet, television and other mass-media platforms deliver information to whoever wants it. With this technology, voters can find candidates whom they want to support and get their own facts. We no longer need to bicker with our neighbors about who is the best candidate. This is not to say you shouldn't, but do so on your own time, please.

People may find if they look at less

popular candidates, they won't have to issue-vote — they can get everything they want in their candidate with no sacrifice.

When people vote for whom they think will win, who is the most popular, who has the most money, they give up their freedom to choose who leads the country we live in.

If everyone used their state's primary or caucus to vote for who they wanted to win — not who is the most popular — and if the systems in place would be open-minded enough to let them, maybe we could achieve change. Voting for the best candidate is not a waste.

Heather Steeves is a third-year journalism major who would like to block the caucus process.

LETTERS CONTINUED ...

types that the media and a few fraternities have given them.

Richard Michaud, secretary of Beta Theta Pi.

I would like to make an apology concerning my editorial from Monday's edition of The Maine Campus. The topic of smoking is something I am personally sensitive to, and I let my emotions get the better of me. My argument was based on my own individual prejudice, and I regret writing it. I have been told that it offended many people, smoker and non-smoker, and that was truly not my intention. To be frank, I wrote the article in a snarky and vindictive mood, and actually didn't intend for it to be taken seriously, especially since many of my statements were so hyperbolic. My attitude was certainly

not the proper one for a real debate of any social or political issue.

It has been pointed out to me, truthfully, that my views on the subject are against the usual liberal stance I take on many issues. I am aware of that, but again, this is due to a personal history with smoking. I hope I have never claimed to be a true-blooded liberal, because I am aware that, like most people, my political views are mixed.

If I could, I'd take back the entire piece, because it was written with poor foresight and in an emotional state. I sincerely apologize to those I have offended. I had no place using The Campus as an outlet for my emotions and, in the future, I intend to keep my contributions at a more intellectual par.

Samantha Hansen



Krista Ricupero

Reproductive choice is fundamental to democratic ideals

I write the following in response to various sentiments I have heard and read in recent years, particularly the letters and editorials I have seen disapproving of a school's decision to make birth control available to its students.

The letter of the law may bar the door to certain rights and privileges of adulthood, but the admittance to womanhood is marked by the unmistakable red of menstrual blood. Whether the woman, who we often call "a girl" in our society, is nine or 18 years old at the onset of menstruation, she now has a sexually mature body which ovulates and bleeds each month. Her next steps are pragmatic ones, born of this new situation.

First of all, she must deal with menstruation. She must ensure that she has an adequate supply of pads, tampons or alternative menstrual products. Regardless of whether she, her mother or another caregiver purchases these items, she personally changes a pad or inserts a tampon.

She must deal with the headaches, cramps and emotional sensitivity that can come before a period. Regardless of whether she chooses ibuprofen, tea, hot water bottles or any other method to alleviate her discomfort, it is she who identifies that discomfort and administers the remedy.

These last scenarios are of particular concern: She must deal with the shifting and sometimes powerful feelings of sexual desire that occur during ovulation for many women. She must make decisions about whether or not to have sex. She must deal with the reality that someone else may make the decision for her.

There are also some external factors that prevent her from making the choices that are rightfully hers. In this country, examples include institutionally enforced ignorance and a climate where sexual aggression towards young women is

ignored, or even tacitly condoned by many members of society. For this woman, regardless of her age, regardless of the adequacy of her sexual education and regardless of whether the sexual contact she may engage is consensual or not, it is she who can become a mother.

Here in the United States, we prize the right of self-determination. For a woman who must, in all other things, be fully and intimately active in whatever the experience of her womanhood may bring her, to be denied ownership of her own sexuality is to do no less than to tear down this country's identity as a democracy in which women take equal part. A woman, of voting age or not, who is prohibited from fully understanding her ability to reproduce by anything less than a comprehensive sexual education by both her parents and her school is being failed by our democracy.

A woman who is forced to have sex by someone who was not taught to respect her right to self-determination is being failed by our democracy. A woman who is prohibited from deciding how many children she will give her body, energy and devotion to for much of her life by being denied access to safe and effective birth control and — should that fail — the ability to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, is being failed by our democracy.

If women, as defined by the age of menstrual onset, are to be considered citizens of this country and not merely children, nor, unthinkable, as our collective reproductive property, we must allow them their rightful control over their sexuality and reproduction. Anything less is not in keeping with our understanding of women as individuals or our great pride in our nation's identity as a democracy.

Krista Ricupero is a civil engineering major.



Gabi Berube

Caucusing is key to forwarding causes in upcoming election

Once every four years political junkies like myself emerge from the woodwork and champion nine months of good ol' fashioned presidential campaigns and debates.

This season the campaign fervor kicked off way too early, exposing potential voters to a barrage of stump speeches, ads, debates and sound-bites. Beyond our general overexposure to this year's contenders, the novelty of having both a woman and a black man competing against one another for the Democratic nomination has piqued the interest of several hard-to-mobilize voter blocs. People want change so much they're actually getting involved in the big, bad political process. I love it! I couldn't feel any more warm and fuzzy and still write about it for the newspaper.

This is why I implore, encourage, challenge and dare you to be a full participant in our democratic process this year. Not just on election day in November, but in choosing the candidate that best reflects your idea of our nation's leader. Therefore, I would like to present to you my top five reasons for participating in this year's Maine caucuses:

No. 5: This whole "young people don't care about our country and our duties as Americans" shtick my parents' generation has been touting for the past few years is seriously getting old. I am confident that my generation is fairly well informed on the issues, and I'm pretty sure we've got a grasp on how all those issues relate to one another and us. I think one of the biggest reasons our parents see apathy in the Millennial Generation — those of us born between 1980 and 2000 — is

because they've taught us that the "system" is corrupt and not worth their time to fix. Well, it's about to be our turn working with this system, and we might as well make the best of it.

No. 4: I wholeheartedly subscribe to the belief that if you don't vote, you can't complain. If you neglect your rights and duties as a member of our democracy, you opt out of your right to complain when the candidate the people have chosen comes up short. Why would you want to deprive yourself of the right to whine about the shortcomings of your party's candidate compared the candidate you caucused for? That's just silly.

No. 3: When you caucus, you are an important part of the democratic process. So important, in fact, that people will try to persuade you personally to come on over to their side to support their candidate. You will be courted by multiple people simultaneously and who doesn't want that?

No. 2: A representative democracy is only representative if you participate in it. Our elected officials cannot reflect our thoughts, wishes and needs if they don't know we exist. If we participate, we become the voice our politicians listen to instead of corporations and lobbying groups. It's not that our democracy abandoned us in favor of these special interests, it's that the special interests have become the only interests taking an interest in our democracy.

And the No. 1 reason to participate in this year's Maine caucuses this February? Caucusers do it in groups! Oh yeah, I went there — and it was good.

Gabi Berube is a member of the Progressive Student Alliance and loves to "do it" in groups.

go.

Style & Culture

MUSIC

Lidral Duo
Chamber Jazz Afternoon
Concert Series
4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
The Bear's Den

ARTS

A Legacy of Collecting: the
Vincent A. Hartgen Years
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine Museum
of Art
Norumbega Hall (Bangor)
Free with MaineCard, \$3 w/out

ENTERTAINMENT

Super Bowl
4 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 3
Bear's Den The Union

Orono Arts Café
Open-Mic Night
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2
Keith Anderson Community
Center
Downtown Orono
\$3 for adults
\$1 for students &
children

MPAC Film Series
"Hearts and Minds"
7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
140 Little Hall

Comedian Sarah Tiana
9 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
Main Dining Room, Union

Kickin' Flicks
"Music Within"
7:30 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
Bangor Room, Union

LECTURES

Nietzsche, Music Truth Value
and Life:
From Wagner to Mozart
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140 Little Hall

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A Small-Town

Celebration of the

Arts

*Orono continues its eight-year
tradition of showcasing
local talent ~ and great pie*

By David Dauphinee



Bundled and shivering, people stroll through the front door with poems in their heads, songs in their hearts and tricks up their sleeves. Cloth-covered tables fill the dimly lit hall, each topped with fresh flowers that beg the mid-winter question, "when will spring come again?" The coffee and tea flow here like the conversation, accented by the mixed laughter of old men and children. Anyone

who says small town America is dead has never been to the Orono Arts Café (OAC).

On the first Saturday night of every month, members from surrounding communities come together at the OAC to laugh and share art in its many shapes and forms. Produced by the Orono Community Theatre on the first Saturday of the fall and winter months, the OAC is an open mic-night for performing artists of all kinds. From local artists to those from abroad, people come and share whatever talent, knack or ability they have with them.

Musicians and storytellers, actors and jugglers, some read original pieces of fiction or poetry while others may brave the stage with a few jokes or a song. At times, the limits of art are tested, as one performer demonstrated by standing on head, proving no matter what you may have to offer, everyone is welcome.

The performances are always varied, usually random and the outcome is consistently surprising.

What's not a surprise is that the one thing that has remained a constant at this town meeting of the arts: the

pie.

Seen as an art form in and of itself, the OAC features pies, cakes and cookies donated by locals.

Founded eight years ago by locals Janeen Teal, Sandy Cyrus and Connie Carts, the OAC's purpose was to be a venue for show-



casing the local talent that often goes unnoticed and more often than not slips through the cracks of the average person's day job. What sets it apart from other "open mic" venues is the use of artisans to help support and

fund other local art venues by allowing different school and community groups to sponsor the Arts Café. Each group earns all the proceeds from the sale of refreshments and half the take at the door. The admission is a humble \$3 for adults and \$1 for students and seniors, which can easily be made back several times over by the cost of pie and coffee.

The outcome of this experiment is always the same, nothing less than completely unpredictable. On many nights, the show as a whole is more enjoyable and of better quality than those produced at the University of Maine. On other nights — well let's just say that the only thing that could have improved the show would have been the presence of a gong and a trap door. Either way, it's always a good time.

The next Arts Café will be held this Saturday night, Feb. 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Keith Anderson Community House, 19 Bennoch Rd. — next to the Orono Post Office. This month's Arts Café sponsor is the Orono High School Sophomore Class.

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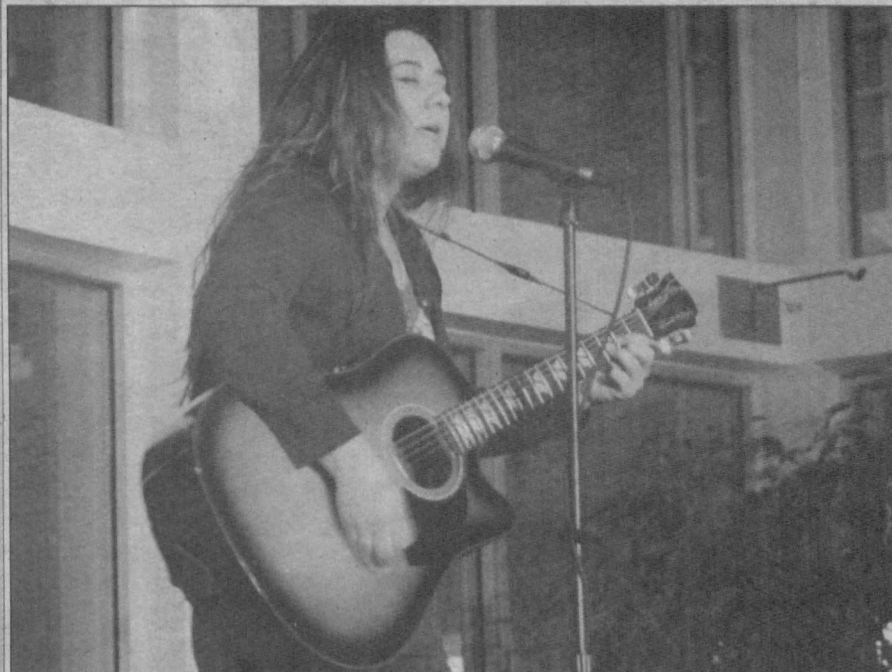
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- 2 Coheed and Cambria **Good Apollo**
- 3 Gorillaz **D-Sides**
- 4 Tokyo Police Club **The Smith**
- 5 Say Anything **In Defense Of The Genre**
- 6 Yeasayer **All Hour Cymbals**
- 7 Treasure Mammal **You Wish I Was Channelling Your Spirit**
- 8 British Sea Power **Do You Like Rock Music?**
- 9 Retard-O-Bot **I Dont Think You Really Mean It**
- 10 Saves the Day **Under The Boards**
- 11 Say Hi **The Wishes And The Glitch**
- 12 Alexis Gideon **Flight Of The Liophant**
- 13 Anti-Flag **A Benefit For Victims Of Violent Crime**
- 14 The Crips **Men's Needs**
- 15 David Byrne **The Knee Plays**
- 16 Grizzly Bear **The Friend**
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Tuesday talent showcase



Nicholas Chiuenti ♦ The Maine Campus

Rachel Joyce performed at UMaine's weekly Java Jive. She covered Sheryl Crow's "Strong Enough."

By Benjamin Costanzi

It was full to capacity in the North Dining Room of the Union on Tuesday night during the first qualifying round for this Spring's edition of Java Jive: The Project, UMaine's own acoustic music competition.

The contest has three qualifying rounds — which can still be signed up for — followed by a semi-final round on March 25 and a final round scheduled for April 22. The contest is based on the categories of musicality, stage presence and audience interaction and is judged by a panel of students with musical expertise. The sets were three songs each, with three of the five acts set to advance.

First up was Dan Lawson, who

started the evening off with a cover of the classic folk ballad, "The House of the Rising Sun." His acoustic guitar work was definitely up to his vocal range, and he followed it up with an original song directed at a past love interest. He wrapped his set with an extended jam on, "What Would You Say" by Dave Matthews Band.

Next up were Erik Schwab and his unidentified accomplice Eli, who wowed the crowd with their confidence, good humor and knowledge of the judging categories. Their first song, "Stage Presence," was actually an enthusiastic cover of Bob Dylan's "Love Minus Zero / No Limit" off of "Bringing It All Back"

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☐ No

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keeping up with the times.
You may not know this, but with
every page that you view of
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FASHION

forward

By Maeghan Naimie



Kick It Up, Ladies

This season, new interpretations of the "tailored" look are cropping up all over the fashion world. Designers from DKNY to Emporio Armani are sending their own versions of the classic suit down the runway. Black, grey or navy suit separates are a great addition to any wardrobe. Kick up an every day outfit with a sexy well-fit blazer, suit vest, or go for a pair of classic fit wide leg slacks, if you are feeling bold — and can pull it off. It's time we all started to look more like adults anyways. Make the leap. Heads will turn.

Bumming With Style

Just because you are having an off day doesn't mean you have to look like fecal material. Vibrant floral prints are being showcased this season by designers including Roberto Cavalli and Dolce & Gabbana. This trend is easily replicated with a colorful floral top. Camisoles and long-sleeved tees do the trick. There is such a wide variety of color on the runway, and I strongly encourage you all to find a bright, bold floral pattern that works for your personality. Worn under a cozy zip-up hoodie on a bad day, this boost of style and color will do you good.



Quick Tip For The Guys

Tweed is back this season, with old Irish-inspired fashion in tow. Jackets and hats in tweed are essentials for a stylish new you. If you have one already, add brown leather boots or an Irish-inspired sweater. When buying for this season, think Guinness.

Faith-based writing

By Brett Sowerby

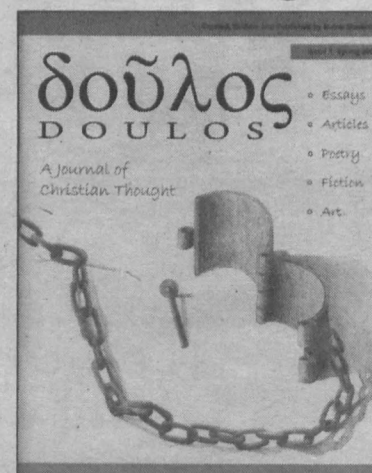
"Doulos," a Greek word literally translated to "slave," has been adopted by a larger-than-one-may-think group of students for the University of Maine's first Christian journal. The brainchild of Tyler Franke, "Doulos" released its first issue on Monday, Jan. 21.

"Created, written and published by Maine students" — and one alumnus — the journal aimed to "promote intelligent discussion among students and faculty," as stated in its mission statement.

Upon leafing through the contents of "Doulos," one finds the writing, although all geared toward Christian thought, ranging from first-hand accounts of war, to two students' discussion of the golden ratio to music and book reviews. The journal also contained many creative works by students.

These creative pieces also run the gamut in form, ranging from free-form prose and poetry to photos, mathematical figures and artwork.

Franke, a second-year journalism major, stated that the writers he recruited began as friends and snowballed into friends of friends. "I thought it was important for me to know all of the writers," Franke recalled. He stated there were about 15 writers in this edition



of "Doulos" and about 30 people involved, all UMaine students, in editing, budgeting, fundraising and "idea people."

As a first-year, Franke lived the typical fast life that many UMaine students came to know: one of late nights and parties.

At some point, "it became empty," and caused him to "wonder if there was more," Franke recollected. After one particularly debauchery-filled weekend — complete with kissing a friend's significant other and vomiting in a tub — Franke felt he needed a change.

Franke spoke to a friend from high school who had "found God" in the past year and seemed like a changed person. Franke gave significant thought to his life and started looking for deeper

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National Wear Red Day

Friday, February 1st



Friday, February 1st is Go Red for Women-everyone!

Men and women, are encouraged to wear red to increase awareness of heart disease and stroke. Whether for yourself, a wife, mother, daughter, sister or friend—get the word out—Heart Disease is the #1 killer of women in America.

Know The Warning Signs

Chest discomfort.

Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath with or without pain or discomfort, nausea, lightheadedness and breaking out in a cold sweat.

Know Your Risk

Know your family history.

Know your glucose numbers (diabetes greatly increases your chances of a heart attack and stroke).

Know your blood pressure and cholesterol numbers.

Know How to Respond

Very few heart attacks are as we see them in the movies. When in doubt, call 9-1-1 "minutes can save lives."

Know How to Care for Yourself

Don't smoke!

Find ways to minimize your stress.

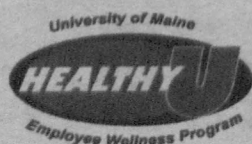
Exercise, and achieve or maintain a healthy weight.

Check out your risk at goredforwomen.org, visit americanheart.org, or contact HealthyU for more information at 581-4058 or e-mail Erin.Whitehouse@umit.maine.edu.

Wear Red on February 1st, and be eligible for a prize!

To qualify:

Send an email to Erin.Whitehouse@umit.maine.edu or leave a message at 581-4058. Winners will be posted on HealthyU's website.



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Java Jive

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Home, featuring dual guitars and Eli on the harmonica completing the Dylanization.

Their next two songs — “Musicality,” which again featured Eli on guitar and harmonica, and “Audience Interaction,” which Erik played solo — followed suit, and the duo cruised to a qualification, though they left before the results were announced.

Rachel Joyce, also a multi-instrumentalist, started off her set with a rendition of Vanessa Carlton’s “Afterglow,” on the piano. She switched to the guitar for Sheryl Crow’s “Strong Enough” and an untitled original song that closed the set. Her finger picking, gutsy vocals and interaction with the

audience earned her a spot in the semi-finals.

Up next was Jason Pote who began with a cover of Matchbox 20’s “Rest Stop,” followed by David Gray’s “Sail Away,” and Pote rounded out the set with an energetic rendition of Van Morrison’s “Brown Eyed Girl” — dedicated to all of the likewise-attributed ladies in the audience. This was his best move. He was able to get the audience singing and clapping along to the chorus, and the judges sailed him through to round two.

The final contestant was Ben Dobrowski. He began his set with a funky original called “What They Say” then went right for the gold with a cover of Led Zeppelin’s “That’s the Way.” The song called for an alternate tuning, which I thought should have counted for something. His last song

was another original, in yet a different tuning, called “Ballad of a Broken Heart” which was humorously prefaced with a disclaimer that he has not actually been heartbroken. It was a bluesy piece with a great churning rhythm, and his vocals and guitar were reminiscent of Jack White. The crowd’s cheers following this song were undoubtedly the loudest of the evening. Dobrowski’s exclusion from the next round was a bit of a surprise.

On the Java Jive horizon is an open-mic night on Feb. 12 for anyone who needs to get all the kinks out before the next qualifying round on Feb. 26. All Java Jive events are held on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. in the North Dining Room of Memorial Union. Contact Brian Monahan on FirstClass to sign up for performance.

Doulos

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meaning besides sex, drugs and rock ’n roll. He began his search, trying several different religions on for size. “I read the Quran,” Franke said, as well as several other texts, trying to find one that was right. Franke eventually coized up to Christianity, feeling it most embodied his views.

This experience is detailed in a piece written by Franke in this edition of “Doulos.”

“This is not about pushing religion on people,” Franke said, pointing out that religious fundamentalism left a bad taste in his mouth growing up. “We’re not all like that.”

Being a journalism major, Franke wanted to put his affini-

ty for the written word to his newfound religiosity. He aimed at “just letting people know what else was out there ... I wanted to put something in print.”

“Doulos,” which was conceived by Franke in the spring of 2007, follows in the footsteps of similar publications at other universities, including most Ivy Leagues.

Franke explained many of the authors — as well as artists — in the journal are active members in campus Christian organizations. “But only about three-quarters,” Franke added.

“Doulos” can be can be picked up at many locations across UMaine’s campus and Franke hopes to send a copy to all on-campus students in the coming weeks.

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Taurus

April 21 to May 20

This morning you might be on a state of inhibition and unable to express yourself very clearly. You are advised to avoid meeting with friends, for you may be misunderstood.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

In the morning you might be in bad mood due to a minor health problem. You will not be very sociable and would rather be left alone. Do not avoid communicating with your friends and loved one!

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You are not advised to travel or attempt to obtain financial benefits today. You may be less sociable than usual and are likely to lose in business.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

You may feel rather inhibited and irascible. Be cautious in order to avoid quarrels with friends and workmates! You can rely on intuition. You may want to get more involved in domestic matters at home.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

This morning you could be in no mood to talk to anybody and will tend to avoid dealing with your own problems. Be careful! You might find yourself isolated at work. You'd better try to be more sociable.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

At work you will be in a very good disposition and full of enthusiasm. However, you are advised to remain cautious with your colleagues. One of them is undermining you secretly.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

In the morning you will feel the need to talk to somebody about your sentimental difficulties. You are under the impression that you are being neglected.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You may lose a profitable business deal because of your over-caution. You could be less sociable today and will be running the risk of alienating friends and family.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

This morning you might be in a bad mood, and people in your circle will try to help you out of the blues. You may feel worn out, and financial difficulties may also bother you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You may find it difficult to focus today, because of the misunderstandings with your loved one. Difficulties at work may seem bigger than they really are.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

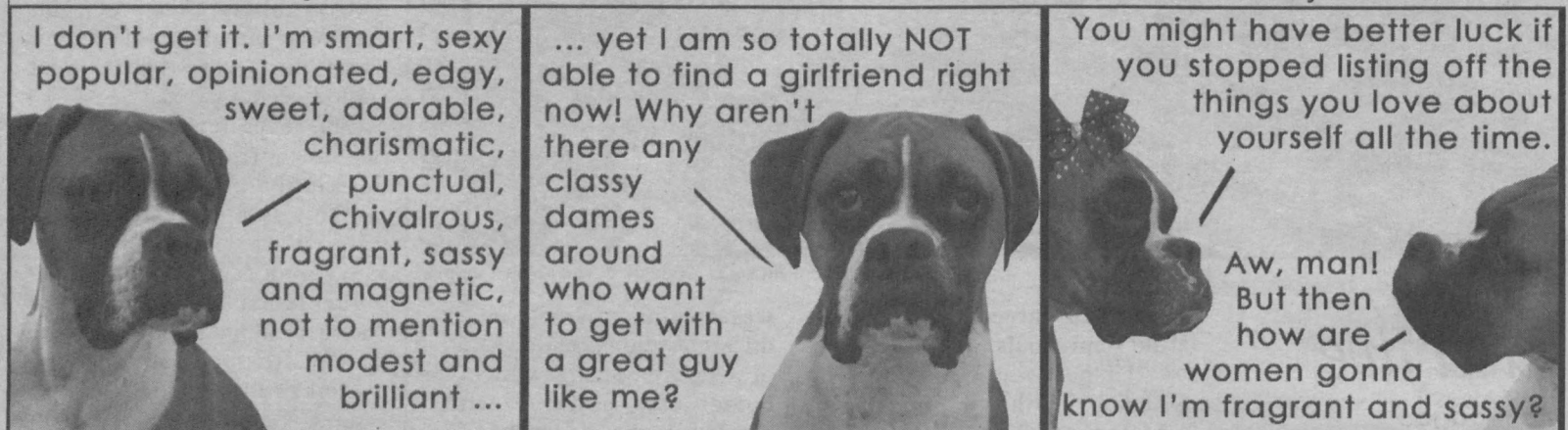
You have good chances to succeed in business. You might strike a profitable deal or find a second job. Be cautious and avoid controversies!

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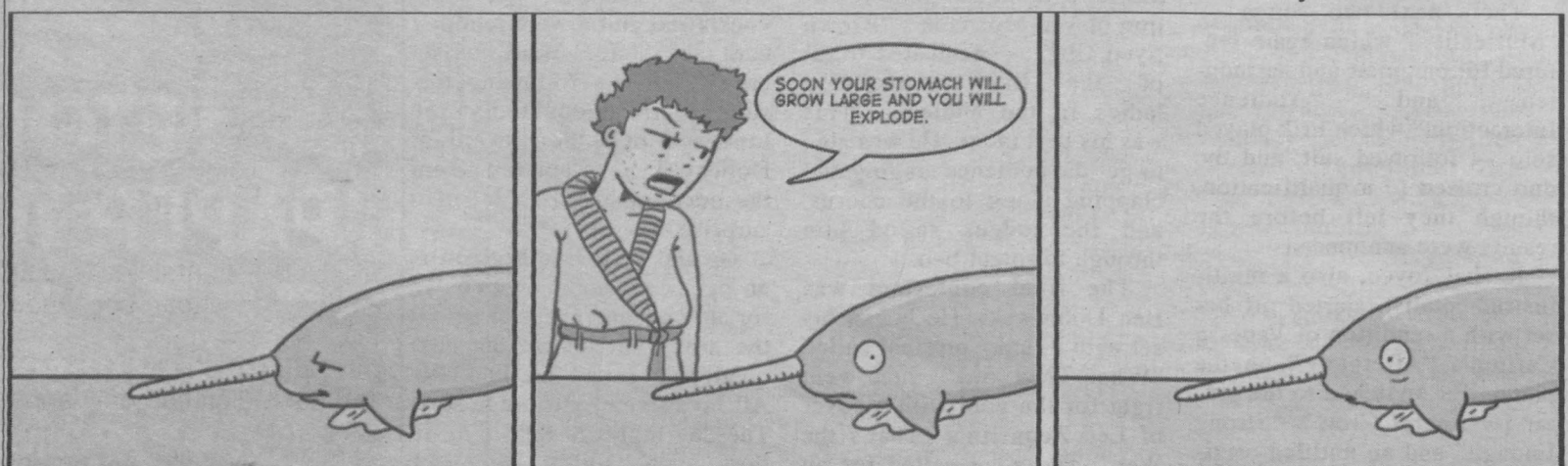
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SEX MATTERS

By Dr. Sandra Caron

You may want to spend some time talking with a counselor about these issues. It's important that we think through our dream about what makes a love relationship - then maybe it can become a reality.

If I try to have sex with someone who is sleeping, would it be considered rape?
Male, Junior

The short answer for most people: Yes. I think it would be dismaying to wake up and find this going on. Perhaps one would think it were fine if this was someone you had a long-term relationship with and therefore an appropriate level of trust exists between the two of you - assuming you had sex before and this was something you both enjoy participating in and have talked about. However, for many, this would be seen as a violation - a clear case of taking advantage of someone who is sleeping - especially if the relationship was fairly new. Where is the consent? You need that in order to proceed. Wake the person up and ask if they would be interested.

Is it true that a sneeze is equivalent to 1/10 of an orgasm?

Female, Sophomore

I am not sure. The research is remarkably spotty and there is no conclusive evidence. I'm not aware of any research. But have you looked into research on hiccups?

Sandra L. Caron is a Professor of Family Relations/Human Sexuality in the College of Education & Human Development. She teaches CHF 351: Human Sexuality and hosts her own national Web site, College Sex Talk. Questions for Dr. Caron can be sent directly to her on FirstClass (sandy.caron@umit.maine.edu). Copyright Sandra L. Caron 2008.

There is a girl in my hall who likes me as more than a friend who I would like to keep as just a friend. How can I tell her without hurting her?

Male, First-year

You may not be able to save her from hurt. She is responsible for her feelings. If you are able to talk with her directly, I might suggest starting by expressing how important her friendship is to you. Emphasize what you like about her and what makes her an important friend. If she can hear that, she may be able to hear you when you explain that you would like to keep the friendship platonic. If you don't talk to her about the situation, but instead choose to let the tension continue, at some point she may feel led on. Talking to her and being honest now will save her (and you) a bigger hurt down the road.

I have never really had a good love relationship. I have had some casual relationships or ones that seemed very one-sided. I wonder if I can ever find that special someone.

Female, Senior

The secret to finding someone to love is first finding someone to like. A true love relationship takes time - it's not something one jumps into lightly. Take a look inside yourself. Spend time thinking about what you really want in a relationship with another person. What things do you bring to the relationship? What do you hope to gain?

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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There is only one correct answer!



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ACROSS

- Bowel cleansing
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- Extremely cold
- Possess
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- Actor Clark _____
- Sword
- Teller of untruths
- Bewitched
- Ripped
- Sick
- Acquired deservedly
- Spurned
- Large serving spoon
- A Hebrew month
- Meal
- A type of parrot
- Revolutionary
- Half of two
- Part of a barrel
- Lariat
- Body powder
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Strength
- Bovine mammary glands
- Type of sausage
- Arrangement (abbrev.)
- Wading bird
- Thrill
- Perishes
- Told an untruth
- Helmet shaped
- The boundary of a surface
- 10 cent coin
- Baking appliances
- Sow
- Drink in small amounts
- Destitute

DOWN

- They come from chickens
- A low tide
- A river in central Europe
- Grind
- Breed of penguin
- The grave
- Maori clan
- Baking appliance
- Assigned title to
- Abused
- Labor organization
- A long fixed gaze
- Fatigued
- Building (abbrev.)
- Gifts to the poor
- A medieval Scandinavian chieftain
- Concept
- Scientific workplaces
- Intruded
- Pertaining to the moon
- Cain's brother
- Memorization by repetition
- Sometimes comes with candles
- Assert
- Marries
- Weaving machine
- Ringlet
- Handles effectively
- Fire-breathing monster
- Opposing groups
- Put up with
- Vassal
- Assistants
- Thirteen in Roman numerals
- Used to make rope
- Rant
- Downwind
- Care
- Not difficult

Assault

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he had been in an altercation with the man. They arrested him and took him to Penobscot County Jail. He has since been

released and is scheduled to appear in Penobscot County Superior Court on March 14. Payson faces a maximum of ten years in jail and a \$20,000 fine.

Payson is a Veazie native and red-shirt first-year on the hockey team.

Ramsey

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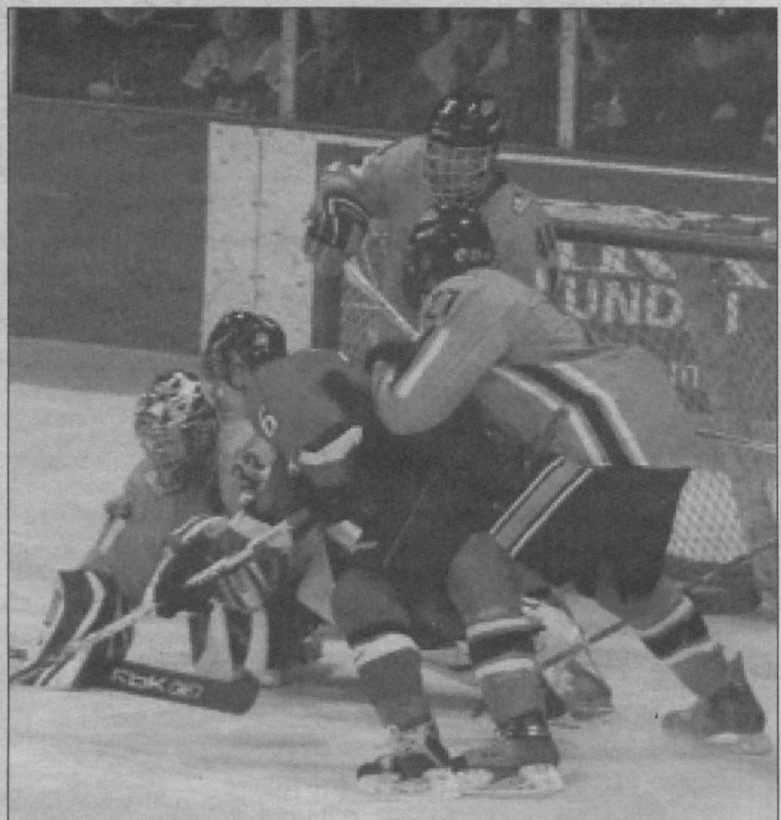
is a great defenseman for the team, one of our rocks on the point game in and game out. As a freshman, Ramsey shows me how to represent myself when I am on the ice or in the community; a great example for all the freshmen to follow."

Ramsey's advice to first-years: "You were recruited here for a reason. When you're down and not producing, remember you are a good player or you wouldn't have been selected to be here."

Assistant Coach Dan Kerluke said, "He is a person who is very level-headed. He leads by example on and off the ice and is very vocal in the locker room. He brings a different dynamic to the team, which helps with the chemistry. You would never know he's from California. He's so down to Earth. He doesn't show up in surfer clothes to practice."

As Ramsey prepares to end his college career at UMaine, he is anxious and excited.

"It's crazy. Four years went by so fast. It is scary not knowing what you'll do next year, but exciting to play with the rest of



Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

Travis Ramsey, captain and defenseman for the UMaine men's hockey team won the M Club Dean Smith award for UMaine's top male athlete.

your class who you've spent four years with," he said.

He is considering playing professional hockey. His dream team is the Los Angeles Kings, but he has spoken with some AHL teams also. According to Kerluke, he has shown interest in playing hockey in Europe.

Kerluke said the experience of learning about another culture Ramsey would enjoy.

Then, Kerluke and his Black Bear teammates enjoy Ramsey.

"He is always smiling," said Kerluke. "Just sitting next to him you can feel the glow come off him."

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Division

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be fair, it's a really nice garden.

The point here is, how are these two institutions equal? They're not. It's not fair. Ohio State is the team that should have to play behemoths, not UMaine. Take for example Southern Connecticut State University. It's a successful D-II program, and incidentally an institution very similar to UMaine, with just 70 more students. Southern Connecticut has won 10 team National Championships, including last year's women's basketball national crown, in addition to 67 individual National Championships. Southern Connecticut has a phenomenal women's basketball program, and many people expect them to have great success on the national level again this season. Were they in D-I, however, they wouldn't be given a second thought. Believe me, nobody would love to see the UMaine women's basketball team upset Tennessee more than me, but to be fair, it's not particularly likely. How about teams like men's soccer and men's basketball, who have lots of individual talent, but don't always stack up well against large D-I schools? Perhaps in D-II, these teams would have more success early on in the season and would be able to gain some momentum that would allow them to bond.

Now for you hockey fans: yes, you are correct, the Black Bears have won two NCAA National Championships. Congratulations! The reason that the university's men's ice hockey program has been so successful is because of continued monetary support both within and outside the athletic

department and because of ice hockey's status as a minor sport. Here's what I mean: there are 336 schools in men's D-I basketball, 262 schools in men's D-I track & field and 40 D-I schools in men's ice hockey. The Black Bears are a shark in a puddle. In order to compensate for the relatively tiny number of D-I institutions in men's ice hockey, the NCAA allows well-established programs from any size NCAA institution to compete in D-I ice hockey. The best example of this is UMaine's 1993 National Championship, where the Black Bears edged a national powerhouse. Who did they beat? Was it Arizona State? Georgia? Kentucky? UConn? Nope. The correct answer is

Article 20, Section 2, Part 1 of the NCAA's D-II bylaws, schools are allowed what is called

"Multidivision Classification," meaning that they can have different athletic teams compete in different divisions. This would be perfect for UMaine. All sports are considered on an individual basis. Say, for instance, that in addition to men's and women's ice hockey we wanted to keep football, track & field and swimming in D-I because they are some of our more successful programs and swing everybody else down to D-II. We could do that.

Not to mention, the NCAA openly promotes the expansion of D-II. To make D-II grow, they have introduced their "I chose D-II" campaign. Through this program, they are steadily making recruiting easier for D-II schools. As they relax the rules and allow more money to be used, D-II schools will only gain ground compared to D-I institutions. Unfortunately, recruiting has become the name of the game in the NCAA, but if the University of Maine swings to D-II we can use the division system to our advantage, as opposed to being disadvantaged by larger D-I institutions. D-II can still give scholarships, just like D-I, and a star high school athlete is more likely to accept a full ride from a D-II powerhouse than from a struggling D-I program.

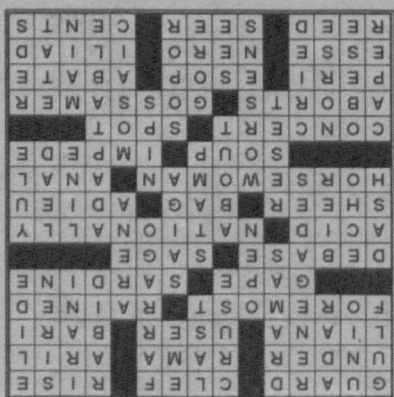
Overall, the advantages to D-II make it one of the best quick fixes for our athletic department. Between more regional competition, more success on a national basis, more recruiting clout for our coaches and perks from the NCAA, D-II only makes sense. Personally, I can't wait to see the University of Maine Black Bears celebrate as National Champions in a few years — of D-II.

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Lake Superior State. No offense to a fantastic ice hockey program, but you aren't going to find LSSU on any D-I Athletic Department power rankings. They aren't even normally a D-I school. For sports other than hockey, they compete in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a D-II venue, and guess what? They're pretty successful. Because of the small numbers in NCAA ice hockey, they don't even run a D-II league. So even if the University of Maine were to join D-II athletics, your beloved Black Bears would remain a household name in D-I.

It gets better. According to

Crossword Solution



Terriers tie, take one from UM

By Kevin Bailey

The Black Bear women's hockey team traveled to Boston University this past weekend for a two-game set against the prominent conference rival. On Saturday they battled to a 1-1 tie, and on Sunday UMaine fell just short in a 4-3 loss. UMaine fell to 1-7-3 in Hockey East, while the Terriers moved to 5-5-1.

Coming off a big win last weekend against Northeastern, UMaine was looking to keep the momentum rolling on Saturday afternoon and brought the intensity right from the start. A checking penalty on the Black Bears gave BU an opening, and they seized the opportunity. Twenty seconds into the power play, Julian Kirchner broke through and put a shot past UMaine's Genevieve Turgeon to give the Terriers an early lead. It was Kirchner's fifth goal of the season. Sarah Russell and Sarah Appleton each added an assist on the play. UMaine battled hard and the period ended without any additional scoring, but the Black Bears were out-shot 19-1.

UMaine came out inspired in the second period and played a completely different game. They matched the efforts of their opponent and were rewarded with just over two minutes remaining. First-year Jennie Gallo was able to slip a shot past the Terrier goalie off an assist from Amy Stech. It was Gallo's fifth goal on the year. Maine also took the shot advantage for the period, 10-9.

By the third period, each team had a good feel for the other. The Terriers were able to outshoot the Black Bears 12-8, but good defense on both sides kept the

scored tied 1-1. In overtime, the Black Bears kept the intensity up, but a costly penalty with just over a minute remaining forced them to back off the pressure. The defense held up, and the game ended in a tie, the first of such an occurrence between the teams. UMaine's Turgeon completed a spectacular game, stopping 45 of 46 shots on the day, while BU's Allyse Wilcox had 19 saves.

The following afternoon, the two teams squared off again in a grudge match. Neither squad gave an inch through the entire

Women's Hockey

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first period until the Terriers took advantage of a power play with 37 seconds remaining. Just before the penalty ran out, Laurel Koller snuck a shot past UMaine's Turgeon to move BU out in front. Melissa Anderson and Appleton each notched an assist on the goal. The teams were knotted at 10 shots apiece in the period.

BU doubled their lead 7:13 into the second period. Stringing a few passes together, the team pushed the puck to Gina Kearns, who found the back of the net. The Terriers struck again midway through the period when Lauren Cherewyk scored off of assists from Kearns and Kirchner.

Down 3-0, UMaine knew they had to respond quickly if they were to have a chance in this game. With 5:14 remaining, they did just that. After receiving a pass from Gallo, third-year Vanessa Vani fired a shot that found the back of the net. UMaine still trailed 3-1 by the end of the period but had out-shot BU 13-11 and stolen a bit of momentum.

The Black Bears continued their comeback six minutes into the third. Vani notched another point with an assist to second-year Taryn Peacock, who scored her fifth goal of the season.

Both teams kept the pressure up, but UMaine still trailed 3-2 with under a minute remaining. To gain an extra attacker the Black Bears pulled their goalie, but the maneuver proved to be unsuccessful. Caroline Bourdeau buried the empty-netter with 32 seconds remaining. UMaine wasn't ready to give up yet. The intensity provided by an extra attacker led to Abby Barton breaking through and scoring with 11 seconds left. The puck stopped there for the Black Bears, and the clock ran out with the Terriers in front 4-3.

Vani had a huge game for Maine, notching a goal and two assists, while Turgeon had another productive night with 23 saves. Her weekend efforts were recognized when she was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week, the fifth time she's received the honor this season.

The Black Bears have a huge weekend coming up, as they'll take on rival New Hampshire in a two-game set at the Alford Arena. Saturday's game will kick off at 7 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon match up.

Should the Bears move to Division II?

By Dillon Bates

Let's face it: following the university's varsity athletic teams so far this season has been a disappointment. You can call it a rebuilding year if you like, but the fact of the matter remains that the University of Maine has weak athletic teams, and faces the issues of teams being under-funded and underperforming every single year.

What I am proposing is simple and appears to be one possible solution to the floundering athletic department here. This might make a lot of people angry. Seriously, you probably won't even finish reading this article.

Before you flip to the next section and completely write me off: hear me out.

The University of Maine should swing down to N C A A Division II.

There, I said it. The Black Bears should be a D-II program. I know that there is a stigma that comes with being a Division I team, and we would lose that. Admittedly, there are negatives that come with swinging down a division, but with these come a huge list of benefits, especially in the University of Maine's case. The University would almost instantly find more athletic success, wouldn't lose the benefit of scholarships, and would find more solid competition regionally, reducing the school's travel budget and freeing that money to be used for other things. A D-II program here at the University of Maine, by creating a more successful athletic program, would also

give coaches more clout when approaching recruits, as well as attracting a larger fan base, which would result in more revenue for the athletic department.

The obvious argument for D-II is that there is greater potential for success for an athletic department the size of UMaine's. As great as our athletes and coaches are, let's face it – the University of Maine will probably never win a D-I national championship. There are too many Ohio States, U.C.L.A.s, Texas' and Floridas out there. Now you "Maine-iaks" are screaming foul right now, as well you should be. Stay tuned and I'll deal with you – and the sport of ice hockey – momentarily.

The whole idea of the division format is to promote a level playing field between teams of equal caliber from comparable

institutions. Nobody can make the argument that Ohio State and the University of Maine are equal. Ohio State's Athletic Department spends \$89,580,305 per year on their sports teams, without levying any fees on the student body. The University of Maine currently ranks a strong second out of all America East Conference schools with a hefty Athletic Department operating budget of \$13,327,987. Nobody in their right mind would even remotely consider these two institutions to be similar in any arena other than sports. A little comparison: Ohio State's campus has over 48,000 students and an airport. The University of Maine has about 8,500 students and a botanical garden. To

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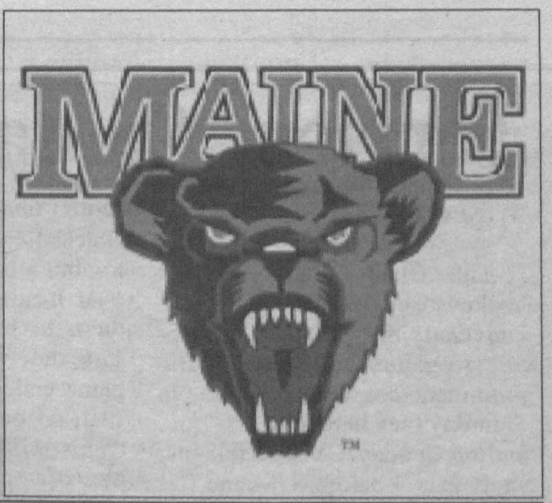
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

Hockey player facing charges

Nicholas Payson suspended indefinitely following assault arrest

By Meghan Hayward

Nicholas Payson, a member of the University of Maine men's hockey team, has been suspended indefinitely following a meeting Tuesday morning with Athletic Director Blake James and Head Coach Tim Whitehead.

Payson was arrested Monday in connection with an alleged assault the morning before, according to an article published in the Bangor Daily News on Wednesday.

"Any situation like this is disappointing and frustrating because it shines a negative light on the university's program," James said. "It's not only frustrating to me but also the coaches and other athletes."

James said Payson will not be a part of the athletic program until his case is passed through the legal system and UMaine Judicial Services. After this process is completed, university officials will meet again to decide what further consequences there will be.

The university will review police reports and determine whether or not the student conduct code was violated.

"If the student conduct code was violated, there are a wide range of sanctions that can be assessed," Carr said.

Orono police could not be contacted by press time to elaborate on the incident. The Bangor Daily News reported that Payson was charged with aggravated assault following a fight over the weekend.

A man reported Monday that he had been in a fight with Payson early Sunday morning while at a party at Washburn Place. According to a witness and

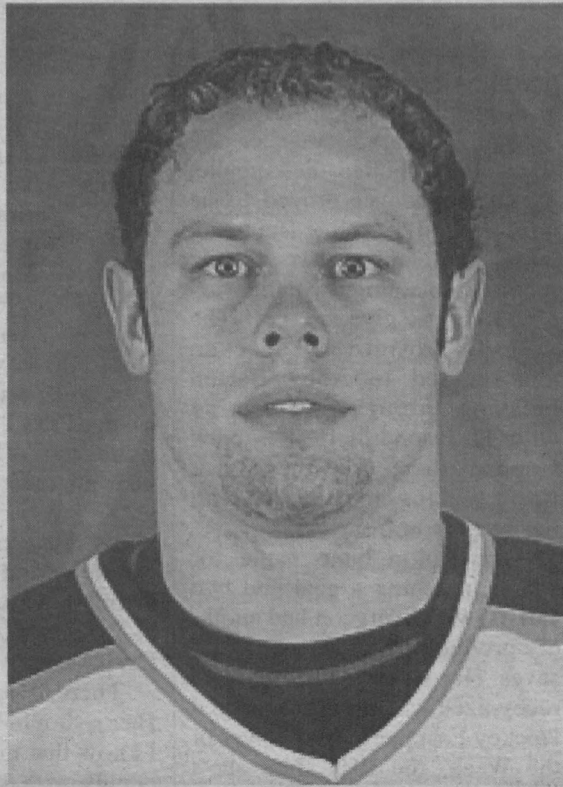


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the victim, Payson walked over to the victim and punched him in the face. The victim went to the hospital the next day because his face was numb and swollen and found out that he had a broken eye socket.

Police found Payson on campus where he verified

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Binghamton bests Black Bears

UMaine comeback falls short as Bearcats sink late free-throws

By Jeremy Levine

Coming off an impressive and well-deserved win at SUNY Albany, in which the Black Bears rallied in the second half to overcome the Great Danes 81-70, the University of Maine faltered against America East leading Binghamton in Sunday night's contest.

The Black Bears could not match up with Binghamton's offensive attack, losing by a score of 69-58. Kaimondre Owe, who was 3-5 from outside the arc, as well as 6-8 from the charity stripe, led UMaine with 15 points. Junior Bernal led the team with 13 rebounds, and freshman forward Sean McNally accounted for 10 points and seven rebounds. With the loss, the Black Bears dropped to 6-14 overall and are currently 3.5 games behind first place Binghamton in America East play, 2-5 conference record.

UMaine struck first in the game when Mark Socoby popped a trey in the team's first trip down the court. During the first half, the two teams swapped possession of the lead, never exceeding a scoring deficit more

than five points.

Binghamton played a tight defense against the Black Bears, causing the team to turn over the ball five times before halftime, and ultimately, 17 times by the game's end. The Bearcats also had the offensive edge over UMaine. Their first-half field goal percentage of 46 percent was more consistent during the game than UMaine's shooting percentage.

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In the second half, Binghamton wasted no time adding on to the two-point lead they had going into halftime, working a 9-0 run the first four minutes. Strong defensive play on the Bearcats' behalf, which produced several costly UMaine turnovers, and a great all-around effort from game-leading scorer Lazar Trifunovic, who had 26 points, kept the Black Bears from regaining the lead. However, down by 12 points

with nine minutes to go in the game, UMaine came together in a solid team effort on both ends of the court. The trifecta of Owe, Bernal and McNally pulled UMaine within three points and three minutes to go.

Despite their late turn-around in the second half, the Black Bears were unable to capitalize with a series of failed three-point attempts. The Bearcats went 6-for-7 from the foul line in the final four minutes, sealing the victory by an 11-point margin.

Although Maine was outscored in the game and shot a dismal 16-for-49 from field goal range, they had a significantly higher amount of rebounds with 40, against Binghamton's 27 boards. If UMaine can keep this aspect of their game alive down the stretch, handle the ball with better care and make wiser shot decisions, they still have a great chance of being contenders in the America East conference.

Hoping to make a late-season comeback, UMaine plays host to conference rival Boston University on Wednesday night with tip-off slated for 7 p.m. That game will conclude after this paper's print time.

The skating scholar

UM's Ramsey hits the ice — and the books

By Candace Daley

Athletes are not always recognized as scholars. Many are competing in college sports with an aim to go professional and maintain the grades that keep them playing. Travis Ramsey, captain of the University of Maine men's hockey team has gone above and beyond the 2.0 GPA required for athletes to maintain a 3.5, earning him a Dean Smith Award that was presented to him Sunday, Jan. 27, at the scholar-athlete banquet.

A communications major with a minor in business, Ramsey said he always wanted to play college hockey, but playing professionally never seemed to be an option. Throughout college he has prepared himself for a secure and stable job after graduation. He is interested in mass communications, but advertising and marketing are other possibilities.

"So if anyone reading this has any business cards," he said as he quietly laughed.

Not that he doesn't want to continue playing hockey.

Ramsey grew up on the West Coast in the faster, more diverse community of Lakewood, Calif., near Long Beach in Los Angeles

County. Unlike most UMaine hockey players, he did not start playing hockey until he was 13 years old. His youth coach, Vic Venasky, a former Los Angeles Kings player, gave Ramsey a shot when no one else would give him a chance. He played through high school and then went to Montana in 2002-2003 to play for the America West Hockey League's Helena Bighorns, serving as assistant captain, playing in 62 games with 11 goals and 23 assists for 34 points.

But he said he was not getting enough attention from colleges, so in 2003 he went to Canada to play for the Salmon Arm Silverbacks of the British Columbia Hockey League, where he played 57 games with five goals and 22 assists for 27 points. The Silverbacks were the BCHL regular season champions and Interior Division Champions.

Recruited in Canada, Ramsey chose to play at UMaine for a sentimental reason.

"I remember being at the game when Maine won in 1999 in Anaheim, California. Watching that win was a big

influence on my choice," Ramsey said.

In 2004, he arrived at UMaine as a 21-year-old freshman and his college career got off to a rough start. During the first shift of his first game, he took a hard hit that sprained his rotator cuff, knocking him out of the game for a while and feeling disappointed.

Having started hockey at an older age, he said he was, and still is, learning all the time.

"[My coaches at UMaine] have really left an impression on me," Ramsey said.

Ramsey has enjoyed his time at UMaine. He said the tradition is great, and the fan base makes the atmosphere what it is. His family has supported him throughout the years; his parents coming to Maine as often as they can. He grinned when he spoke of his two sisters, both of whom are married with kids, saying how growing up they seemed jealous of him because their parents' money went to him playing hockey.

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Nolan Boike
Fourth-year
UMaine Men's Hockey

"UMaine has been the best times of my life. You get a special feeling every time you put that jersey on because of who else has worn it," Ramsey said.

One of his fondest memo-

ries is playing at last year's Frozen Four in St. Louis. He said that watching the Frozen Four when he was growing up was one thing, but actually being there and playing a significant role was something else.

"Being on a stage like that is incredible," he said.

Being a senior and captain have put Ramsey in a new role. As a leader he is always watching what he says and does, leading by example and having the other seniors assistance in that.

"Ramsey is a great leader on and off the ice. He works hard every day at practice, which translates over to a solid and consistent defense game in and game out. Ramsey exemplifies the meaning of a good teammate and a good friend. He is our horse on the blue line," senior teammate Nolan Boike said. "When one of us slips up, one of the other seniors is there. The senior class is good at that. We're a unit."

Freshman teammate Glenn Belmore said, "Ramsey, along with the senior class, demonstrates how to act as a Maine Black Bear. He is a great guy. He

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