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Under the Rainbow

Brett Sowerby ♦ The Maine Campus

Wilde Stein flew a rainbow flag on the Mall last week as part of Pride Week on campus.

Tobacco poll
gives SG input29% of survey takers say
UM should be tobacco free

By Heather Steeves

On its first day, more than 830 University of Maine community members completed a tobacco survey conducted by Student Government (SG). After almost five days, when the survey closed, that number jumped to 1,031.

"That is huge. To get 1,000 people on this campus to do anything is huge," said Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell. The survey's participation is higher than any recent SG election.

"I think the sheer number of students who took the time to have their voices heard show that this is an issue of great importance. An issue that requires full student participation in the process," said SG President Steven Moran.

SG created the survey to gauge student input on the potential tobacco ban. The Tobacco-Free Campus Committee (TFCC) has yet to gather input by a survey, according to Mitchell.

"Leaving this to the Tobacco-Free Campus Committee is irresponsible," Mitchell said. "The committee is overwhelmingly in support of the

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UMaine to get
greener Village

Students call for 'eco-charrette'

By Sam Cohen

What started as a class project to create an energy-efficient residence hall in York Village could soon become a reality.

An environmental design workshop took place on April 22 — Earth Day — to formalize a plan to create a sustainable residence hall on campus by the fall of 2010.

The plan began last semester when a peace studies class, Building Sustainable Communities (PAX 370), proposed the idea to create an eco-village at the University of Maine.

The proposed ecovillage will have self-sufficient solar and geothermal energy resources, four-season greenhouses for students to grow vegetables, an edible forest corridor with fruit trees running between York Village and Chapel Street, gardens and composting toilets.

"It will be from cradle to cradle rather than cradle to grave. No waste will be allowed. We want the whole place off the grid," said Emily Markides, adjunct faculty member and president of the International Eco-Peace Community — EcoPeace, Sustainability, Training, International Affiliations (ESTIA), who taught the PAX 370 class last semester.

At Tuesday's first "eco-charrette" planning session, more than 100 registered students and at least 15 faculty

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Provost leaving for president seat

UM's Edna Szymanski will move to Minnesota, leaving position open

By Margaret Garrety



This year the University of Maine will lose its provost, Edna Szymanski, to the Midwest. She has been offered the position as president of Minnesota State University, Moorhead and will take her new post in July.

Szymanski is also the senior vice president of academic affairs, a title more familiar than 'provost.' A provost is a high-ranking administrator at a university.

Szymanski oversees everything from undergraduate to graduate programs and research, to implementing academic policy.

Szymanski came to UMaine two years ago from the University of Maryland where she was the dean of the College of Education. She left the institution with increased rankings in *U.S. News & World Report* and a raise in external grant expenditures. She has also worked at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Enrollment at Minnesota State University at Moorhead is about 3,000 less than at UMaine. She will be the 10th president of the university — and the first female to hold the office.

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Minimum wage increase approved

Baldacci signs law to increase hourly pay to \$7.50 over a two-year period

By Dylan Riley

A bill which increases the state's \$7 minimum wage by 50 cents in a two-year period was signed into law by Gov. John Baldacci on April 17. This means an extra \$500 per year for Mainers earning the least, according to Sen. Ethan Strimling, D-Portland, the bill's sponsor.

The Student Employee Advisory Committee will change the University of Maine's wage system in time for fall semester 2008, according to Connie Smith,

manager of Student Employment.

The law's specific effects on university employers are unclear, Smith said.

The university employs 2,742 undergraduate students. The average wage of a student employee is \$7.68 per hour.

Sen. Douglas Smith, R-Dover-Foxcroft, said he felt Maine could be doing more to help its workers. The new law will help unskilled and young people enter the workforce, but won't benefit small Maine busi-

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Tobacco

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committee could not have. According to Mitchell, who acts as the student representative on the TFCC, the committee's name is proof of its bias.

The results show more than 60 percent of the participants have never smoked, but 67 percent said tobacco use should be allowed on campus. Of the participants 768 were students and 258 were faculty or staff.

"It is not a formal study. However, as an opinion survey, it does provide us with very valuable information as to what students, faculty and staff think about tobacco use on campus. I hope

ban." He said SG was able to work in an unbiased way, which the

that it will really change the perspective that the student voice doesn't really matter," Moran said.

The survey was thought up during Relay for Life. Two days later, SG sought approval from its lawyer and posted it on FirstClass 8 a.m. Monday.

"I believe the survey is invalid due to the way it was distributed, the type of questions, the lack of planning and forethought of a survey that was conceived of on a Friday night and sent out on a Sunday night by a person with no survey background who also serves on the Tobacco Free Campus Committee and knew the committee was planning to send out a survey the following week," said Director of Alcohol and Drug Education Programs Lauri Sidelko.

"As far as reliability we consulted

with our lawyer, Brett Baber, in an effort to make sure we showed as little bias as possible in the formation of the questions," Moran said.

According to Mitchell, SG modeled its survey after one done by the University of Oregon Smoke-Free Task Force. "Her suggestion that this survey was distributed without planning and forethought is absurd," he said. "The administration should take these results seriously. Students are the reason this university exists; their opinions should not be brushed off."

According to Sidelko, TFCC was planning its own survey.

"The [TFCC] survey that was to go out to faculty and staff and students took into account sampling, off-campus addresses and was to be sent out on a secure server. I do not know if any of that is true of the student government survey,"

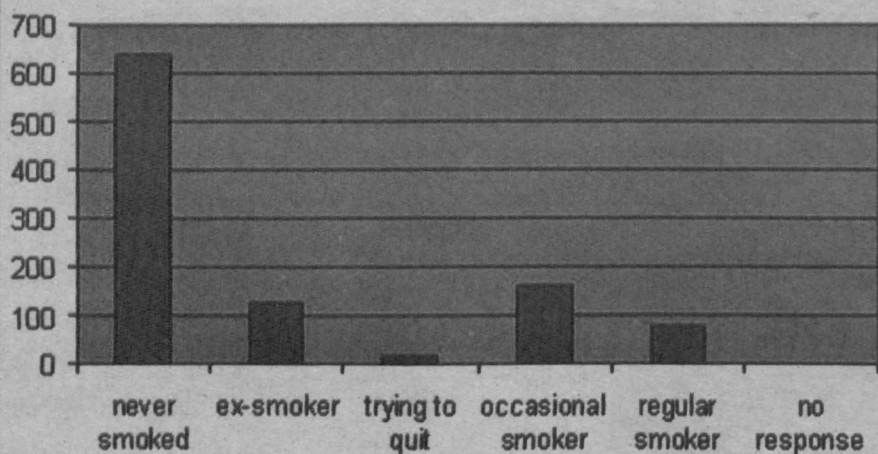
Sidelko said. "I am very disappointed that Student Government would trump a statistically sound survey with their last minute, not very well thought out survey that was tested for reliability and bias by the attorney who they hire and pay. That is my initial two cents."

"Lauri should not shoot down the results of our survey when she, and the Tobacco Free Campus Committee, have had nearly a year to assemble their own. Excuses aside, they have for so long left behind the most important piece of policy development — gauging public opinion," Mitchell said.

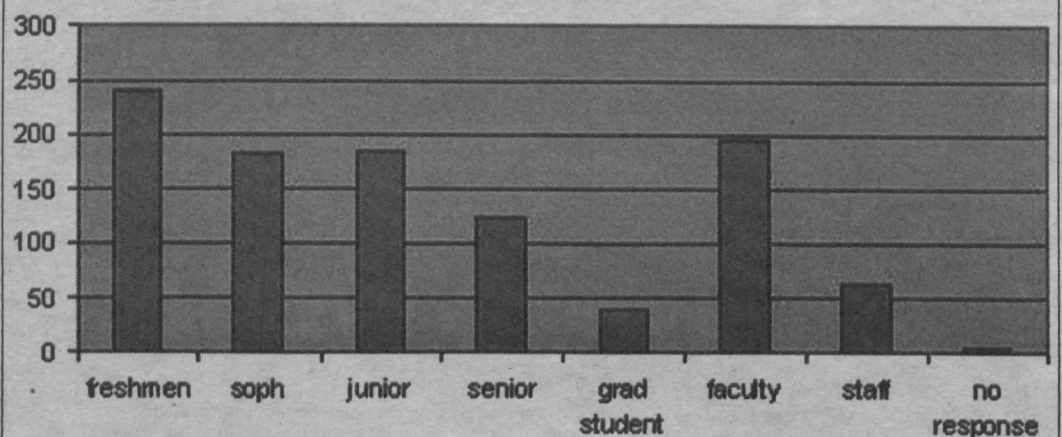
So far, the TFCC has presented preliminary plans to the General Student Senate to ask for input and to answer questions. The TFCC has not implemented any policy, and ultimately it will be the administrators' choice to make the campus go tobacco-free or not.

All numbers in the following graphs refer to the number of student responses.

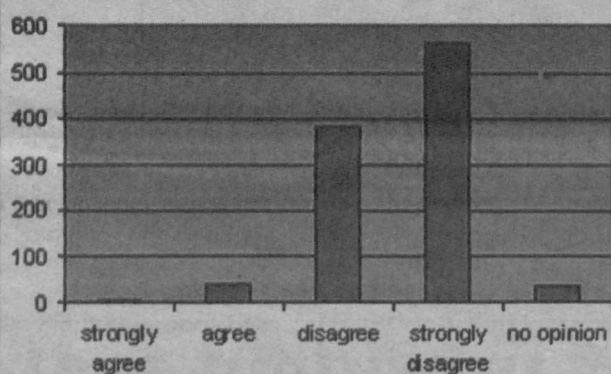
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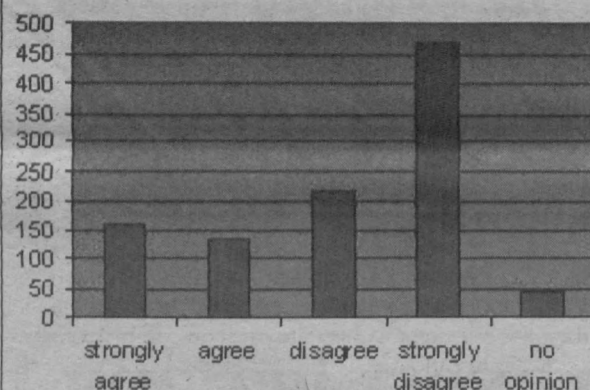
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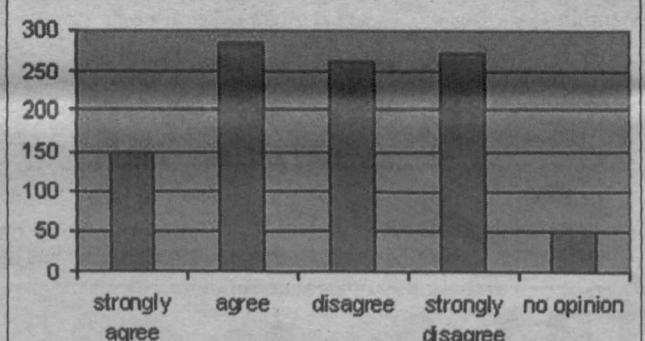
Current policy is too restrictive



Tobacco should not be allowed at UMaine



Tobacco should be only allowed at designated sites



Community Calendar

THURSDAY

'Pathways to the Park: The Effects of a Mass Media Campaign & the Importance of Trail Use in Acadia National Park
11:15 a.m.
Room 204, Nutting Hall
By Michael Shugrue, candidate for master's degree in forest resources.

Jewish Games Night
5 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
Come play Jewish versions of Taboo, Apples to Apples and other classic games.

FRIDAY

(RE)Inventing the Novel: Examining the Use of Text and Image in the Twenty-First Century Novel
12:30 p.m.
Room 304, Neville Hall
By Matthew Kingston, candidate for master's degree in literature.

'Keepin' it Kosher' Shabbat Services
5 p.m.
Drummond Chapel, Memorial Union
Join Hillel's monthly Shabbat service.

SATURDAY

Orchestra Concert
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall
Part of the School of Performing Arts' season.

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 office, located in the basement of The Memorial Union. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.



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Survey says...

Comments Student Government received from its tobacco survey:

I think people have demonized smoking enough. There are so many pollutants in the air, to say if you ban smoking everyone will live happy healthy long lives is a farce. I believe the 20 foot from buildings is fine - try enforcing that for a while. I also believe EDUCATE DON'T LEGISLATE.

If you can't keep people from smoking within 20 ft of a building, what makes people think they can enforce this?

Segregated smoking areas should be set up and smoking areas should be restricted and enforced.

I am a very polite smoker. I never throw my butt on the ground, if there is no ashtray I flick off the lit part and put the rest in my pocket. I move away from other people, if I see kids coming my way I move away. Maybe if we were all a little more considerate, this would not even be a topic. I am an adult, I know it's bad for me, but I won't quit.

Although I have never used tobacco, I realize how popular it is in major public settings, such as college campuses. Therefore I KNOW that there would be no way to completely exterminate its use. The fraternities would never stand for it, and many students would start smoking indoors to risk being caught. In addition, it would raise our tuition.

Although your survey seems to be appropriate because of the current policy trying to be made, last time I checked it wasn't the responsibility of Student Government to be doing this. Let the committee designed (which includes students) do their job.

I have never used tobacco nor do I ever plan to, but I believe that it is everyone's right to do whatever that want to their own bodies. If this were a private university I could understand the tobacco ban. However, since tobacco is legal in the state of Maine, I don't see where anyone has the right to ban tobacco from a state funded school.

I think that implementing any further restrictions is infringing the rights of those people who do choose to smoke. Anyone read the constitution lately?

Also, restricting tobacco on campus would do nothing but force students into their locked dorms to light up. I personally don't want to stay in a dorm room that someone smoked in.

I think that we should try to eliminate smoking in a positive way on campus by reducing the number of students that smoke, entirely prohibiting smoking on campus seems like it is just going to make people mad.

Banning smoking on this campus would do more to insult and alienate smokers and their rights than it could ever do to "stop second-hand smoking" or whatever. More offensive than helpful, I mean to say. And trying to enforce a policy like this will just make us look silly. Us non-smokers can quit whining and walk around the cloud.

I support a Tobacco free campus, including a prohibition on all types of tobacco on all university property. I would like to see this prohibition in place as soon as possible.

Infringement of personal rights.

I don't feel that people's health should come before liberty. I know that may sound a bit harsh, but it's true. I'm not sure I even really see the point of this ban - besides "health causes." I just feel there are countless other ways for the student gov to spend their time and energy. What ever happened to FREE WILL!?

There are a lot of students (and faculty) on this campus that smoke. Prohibiting their smoking will create an "underground" where people will smoke and perhaps not in a safe place. You cannot prohibit it completely any more than you can prohibit the consumption of alcohol and/or illegal drugs. You can prohibit but not enforce it.

I don't think the University has any right to tell people they can't smoke on campus. I also don't want to pay more

money in tuition next semester so that the campus can be smoke free. It would be a waste of money on something that is not a pressing issue.

1. Smokers have rights.
2. Non-smokers also have rights.
3. The 20 ft ban is hard to enforce.
4. For ease in enforcement and to protect the rights of both parties, I think designated smoking areas set away from the usual walking paths would be the best solution.

What will the state of Maine do if everyone actually stopped smoking? Think of all those tax dollars gone.

It is not right for the campus we pay such high tuition to attend to take away more rights from students and residents. It sickens me that students are going into tremendous debt so that their money can be spent on issues such as this that have little or nothing to do with improving education.

The right to smoke is a civil liberty protected by both state and federal laws, assuming one is of age to do so. The University of Maine, which is a public university, has no right to forbid students from partaking in a legal activity. Unless or until legislation is passed making it illegal to smoke in the State of Maine, then UMO shouldn't ban it.

Allow more student input! We live here so we shouldn't be shut out of the process!

While I have zero sympathy for what smokers go through because they smoke (to an almost prejudicial degree), the endeavor to ban smoking on campus leaves a sour taste in my mouth. Is it really legal? I really like the idea in statement 7, especially if they were out of pedestrian way.

Smoking is terrible and affects more than just one person, we all have to breathe it when they are smoking, walking down the path. Chew is disgusting, they spit everywhere.

I think its pretty stupid that people are even considering prohibiting smoking around campus. Last time I checked this was the United States of America. If people are really

that concerned about inhaling a tiny amount of smoke when walking by someone then maybe they should just stay inside because there are far worse things....Seriously...

sure, there could be areas set aside for smokers, but when it gets nice out, everyone wants to be outside, for homework or lunch or anything, so I must say I would hate to have to sit down in a gazebo or at a picnic table to eat lunch and only breathe in smoke from someones cigarette

As a 38 year old, I do not pay nearly \$10,000 per year to be in an environment which I am made to feel uncomfortable in. If tobacco is to be banned, then alcohol should be as well. There is much greater damage being done by under age drinking, as well as overage drinking.

I am severely allergic to smoke so trying to get into a building when people are huddled around the door smoking, makes me feel dizzy and ill.

I think smokers should have designated places on campus, away from buildings, where they can smoke and it should be ENFORCED.

As a non-smoker who lost his grandfather to lung cancer, I still believe that people should be allowed to smoke on campus, as long as it's done in a place that non-smokers

can choose to avoid. Passing a non-smoking ban on campus will not stop smoking on campus.

The next time you walk down to the Union look at the ground as you go. Count all the cig. butts on the ground. Then as you do that take a deep breath and smell the cigarette smoke from the person in front of you as he or she throws the butt onto the ground.

Tobacco is a user's choice, not the school's.

You're kidding, right? I'll go ahead and smoke on campus if campus bans it or not, nevermind if or why it should or shouldn't be.

Making a rule restricting smoking will not do anything without enforcement except waste time and money (like the time and money spent on this survey)

There's not an overwhelming population of students who use tobacco on campus and maybe our efforts should be focused on something a little more dangerous like drinking. Tobacco is legal, and for most of our campus who are under the age of 21, alcohol is not. Focus on them not being able to drink in their dorms and have stricter policies there.

Smoke of any kind makes it hard for me to breathe with my asthma... having to walk through smoke clouds to get to my buildings in the morning sucks!

Although I do not smoke on campus, I do not feel as though a PUBLIC university should ban smoking, the current policy about buildings and dorm rooms are fine, if students are not following that policy, send them to judicial affairs, do not ban smoking for the rest of the students. I hardly ever see people walking around campus smoking.

I hate it when I'm walking to class and I get a puff of that acrid stuff in my face. I think to myself... 'I didn't ask for that!' And then there are those who walk with a lit one in their hand not thinking of those walking around them. I've almost gotten burned before!

Having lost my father to lung cancer, which he had twice due to smoking in his early adult years, I am strongly averse to being around active smokers. However, I recognize the addiction is powerful. I'd like to see an incentive-based program to discourage smoking.

I would like a tobacco free campus!

Enforcement is a problem, the current policy isn't enforced, it needs to be and so does any future policies. I think the university could certainly do more to promote and be a leader in good health, and tobacco is just part of that.

If the current rules are enforced this should not be an issue, the problem is current rules are not enforced.

I believe that prohibiting smokers on campus is not respecting the people who are addicts to nicotine. I think that smokers should have the right to at least smoke in designated areas on campus and feel anything less would be far too restrictive and would have an impact on the mood of students and faculty alike. The smokers will get irritable.

As an ex smoker I can see that there should be designated sites on campus for smokers. I never believed in smoking on sidewalks and other frequented places that others may have been susceptible to the smoke and I believe by enacting a rule such as question 7 would be the best for the campus.

The current rule of being 20 feet away from the buildings needs to be enforced. Putting a covered bench 20 feet away from doors would help that. As for people walking while they smoke, other people can step two feet to one side and not be in the smoke's path. Banning smoking campus-wide will just cause people to smoke in their room.

comments not edited for content or grammar.

UMaine's unluckiest vehicle can't catch a break

Zipcar program's third accident comes while sitting in its parking space

By Heather Steeves

A full-size, red Ford pickup truck parked in the MCA parking lot slipped out of gear and rolled into the 2007 Toyota Prius ZipCar Tuesday at 8 p.m.

There were no people involved in the accident, both cars were parked.

"It will be out of service for about a week," said Derek Mitchell, vice president of student entertainment.

This is the third accident the UMaine ZipCars have been involved in.

"It is frustrating but it won't set us too far back," said Student Government (SG) President Steven Moran. "It's just bad luck."

The ZipCar was left with a dent and a paint scrape.

SG, which runs the program, will not pay for any of the damages.

Mitchell said the car will not be repaired until the first week of summer vacation, to make sure it stays in use.

"It is obviously disappointing, accidents do happen. This is incredibly random," Mitchell said. "Nobody was involved — it was the weirdest thing ever."

"I'm taking deep breaths," said Vice President of SG James Lyons.



Photo courtesy of Derek Mitchell ♦ The Maine Campus

A truck slipped out of gear and crashed into UMaine's Zipcar on Wednesday.

Earth Day celebration

University of Maine students go green for a day

By Sam Cohen

The University of Maine celebrated Earth Day in the Recreation and Fitness Center on Tuesday with guest speakers, giveaways and a workshop to plan for the creation of a sustainable eco-village residence hall.

"Earth Day is a reminder to the people who aren't thinking about environmental issues on a daily basis," said Tavi Merrill, a member of the Sustainable Agriculture Enthusiasts Club. "Sometimes it ends up preaching to the choir, but hopefully we can teach some kids about sustainability."

Keynote speaker Jim Merkel, author of "Radical Simplicity: Small Footprints on a Finite Earth" and former coordinator of sustainability at Dartmouth College, spoke about making the planet more green and how individuals should focus on their consumption levels.

"His speech was the right tone for the day. Earlier there were more scientific-based talks, but Merkel's speech was much more conversa-

tional," said Andrea Gammon, a junior biology major.

While speeches and workshops went on inside, students received free bike tune-ups and test drove electric cars.

Green Campus Initiative volunteer Andrew Ziolkovski fixed approximately 25 bikes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ziolkovski thinks more students should ride bikes around campus.

"It's much faster to ride around on your bike to get to class than to drive around looking for parking," he said.

Attendees got the chance to drive an electric car. Kal Rogers, marketing director of Maine Electric Vehicles, thinks electric vehicles are perfect for UMaine because it is a large campus with speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less.

Rogers wants the University to consider replacing its traditional vehicles with electric ones.

"This is an opportunity to take carbon off the floor-plan," Rogers said. "You can make green electricity; you can't make green gasoline."

101 years of facebook: time to embarrass the UM alumni

Fogler Library puts the UMaine yearbook archive online

By Jessica Fish

More than a century of University of Maine yearbooks are now available online, thanks to the efforts of Fogler Library Technical Services. After nearly two years of work, 30,000 pages of senior snapshots, events and UMaine history can be accessed by anyone with a computer and an Internet connection.

"There are some parents of UMaine students out there who are probably regretting some of their college moments that were captured in those yearbooks. If there are students here now that had parents who had graduated from here, I highly advise they

"If there are students here now that had parents who had graduated from here, I highly advise they check out the yearbooks."

jointly purchased by Fogler Library and the Maine State Library.

Books are placed in a V-shaped holder inside the machine and a camera mounted on top takes individual pictures of each page. The Kirtas has to be monitored to ensure the quality of each image, but it turns the pages on its own and requires no human assistance.

According to Fitzgerald, about 15 people have volunteered their time for the project. Besides scanning, volunteers crop and edit each page and burn each volume onto a CD for record keeping. Each person works about four hours per week, and most are members of Technical Services.

"We initially asked other departments, but the demands of their jobs make it hard for them to participate," Fitzgerald said.

The project is the first in a series of three for Fogler Library staff. The next group of records to be

Jessica Anderson
Desktop Support Technician

In a press release on April 6, Joyce Rumery,

dean of libraries explained the decision to move the documents online. "The digitization of our own collections is the next step in providing the resources that the university community and the citizens of the state of Maine need for their research," Rumery said.

"The Prism" was published from 1895 until 1996. Before the decision was made to put the yearbooks online, the set of 107 volumes was only available in Special Collections and could not be taken from the library.

"One of the things to come out of this is renewed public interest," said Sharon Fitzgerald, head of Technical Services.

The project was made possible with a newly purchased Kirtas scanner. Fitzgerald said that the machine cost \$150,000 and was

moved online are the records of all Maine towns dating back to the mid-18th century. With more than 500 Maine towns, Fitzgerald expects the task to take much longer than the yearbook project. The third project is still in the planning stages and concerns Native American materials.

"This a good opportunity to get collections and various print materials out there to the public. Some of these things people might not otherwise know existed or be able to access easily. It helps distribute them to a wider audience," Anderson said.

A presentation was held on April 17 to highlight some of the site's features and familiarize people with the project.

The online yearbooks can be accessed at library.umaine.edu/yearbooks.

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Police Beat

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Double trouble

Police received a call from the Witter Teaching and Research Farm on April 16 at 6:40 p.m. An employee requested police remove two males who were making inappropriate comments to the staff and refused to leave. Officers arrived at the scene to see two males enter a vehicle and leave the parking lot. Police stopped the car and questioned them. Both men said they were joking around. Driver Vincent Liu, 24, Orono, was served a written notice on March 19 that he was not allowed on school property. Liu was arrested for criminal trespassing. Liu was on bail conditions from a prior arrest, which included not committing any new criminal acts. Liu was also arrested for violation of conditional release, and was taken to Penobscot County Jail. The second subject was issued a criminal trespass warning and was escorted off the premises.

Taxi slumber

Public Safety received a call from Old Town Taxi concerning an unconscious passenger at 1:19 a.m. on April 19. A male had passed out in the back of a taxi. The driver was instructed to come to the station, where the male was identified as Kyle Gahm, 21, Orono. Gahm was currently on bail conditions, one of which was not to possess or consume alcohol. Police placed Gahm under arrest and transported him to Penobscot County Jail.

Stolen wood

A member of the University Woodsmen's Association reported theft and vandalism to their storage building located near Orchard Parking Lot at 10:21 a.m. on April 18. Overnight, someone damaged the building's sign and stole half a cord of wood that had been stacked next to the road. The estimated cost of the theft and damage is \$250.

Com-mitt-ing a fire hazard

A fire alarm was set off at 10:24 p.m. in Patch Hall on April 15. The fire department responded and the entire building was evacuated. The alarm went off when a student left an oven mitt on top of a hot stove. Authorities reset the alarm and allowed residents back inside.

Nigerian cyber bullies

A professor reported receiving a threatening e-mail on April 16. He called the police at 8:45 a.m. after reading an e-mail with threats of bodily injury unless paid a large sum of money. The e-mail is part of a larger Internet scam; the matter is still under investigation. There are no ties to the area; the e-mail is part of a 419 "Nigerian" scam. Typically, these scams involve a mass e-mail bullying strangers for money.

More time for studying?

Police were contacted by a third-floor resident of Androscoggin Hall at 2:21 p.m. on April 15 when he found that someone entered his room and stole his gaming equipment. Sometime between 8 p.m. on April 14 and 10 p.m. on April 15, somebody went into his room and took his PS2 console and four games, valued at \$340. The case is still under investigation.

Rude awakening

A community coordinator for Oxford Hall awoke to a smashing sound and entered their living room to find the window had been shattered at 12:52 a.m. on April 20. The coordinator could hear people running from the scene, according to the report. The damage to the window is \$250. The case is under investigation.

A six-shirt swipe

Six T-shirts went missing from the glass display case mounted in the first-floor North Wing of Androscoggin Hall on April 21. The theft, with a total value of \$60, was reported by a Resident Life community coordinator at 3:32 p.m. on the same day. The locked display case appears to have been forced open. The shirts read FYRE on the front: First Year Resident Experience.

Spray-painted storage

Two storage buildings and an emergency call box located behind the Student Recreation and Fitness Center were defaced with spray paint sometime between April 17 and 18, according to employees. The estimated damage of the graffiti is \$100.

Marker miscreant

A community coordinator at Oxford Hall reported graffiti written in several places throughout the building on April 18. The writing, done with permanent marker, appeared in the building between April 11 and April 13. Officers investigated and identified a non-student suspect. They are currently looking for the individual in order to issue a summons. The cost of the damage is not yet determined.

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and Melinda Hart

Student Entertainment, Financial Affairs leaders announced

Student Government unanimously confirms Andrew Gerke, Justin LaBonte for vice-presidential positions

By Jessica Fish

The General Student Senate unanimously confirmed Sen. Justin Labonte and former Sen. Andrew Gerke into office at Tuesday's meeting. Labonte was selected for vice president of financial affairs and Gerke will fill the vice president of Student Entertainment position.

President Steve Moran cited the experience of both candidates as the main reason for his selection.

Labonte was president of Residents on Campus and has run Executive Budgetary Committee meetings in the absence of the current VPFA, Anh Do. He has been involved with senate for three years.

"Justin has definitely shown his passion for Student Government," VPSE Derek Mitchell said. "He's involved in many facets."

Gerke brings expertise from his study

abroad work in Munich and his connections with the Cumberland Civic Center. He helped organize shows for artists like Ozzy Osbourne, Shakira, Elton John and the Jonas Brothers.

According to his mission statement, Gerke hopes to "connect directly with the GSS and student body in an effort to provide diverse entertainment opportunities for the University of Maine community." He stressed the importance of providing entertainment for all students, particularly first-years.

"[Entertainment] should be less elite — more open to everyone," Gerke said. He plans on gathering statistics on what type of students attend events and offering a "wide spectrum" of entertainment options.

Labonte has four goals for his term as VPFA: fiscal responsibility and fair allocations, transparency in financial matters, flexibility and protecting the unallocated portion of the senate budget.

Funding for student requests comes from this portion of the budget.

"I really wanted to apply for VPFA because I feel as though Student Government's money is its most important resource, and I want to make sure that it is used in the most financially responsible and effective ways possible," Labonte said.

Labonte also said he wanted to provide the senate with a breakdown every week of what percentage of allocations go to which groups to insure that one particular team, club, or committee does not receive the majority of funds.

"He had a really focused plan on how he wanted to advance the Financial Affairs office," Moran said. "He has strong business experience and knowledge of SG."

Gerke and Labonte were chosen by the current executives, but the senate had the final say. There were four applicants for the Student Entertainment position and

three for Financial Affairs. The two new executives' terms will begin after the end of this semester, when the current VPFA and VPSE graduate.

Due to graduations this year, the senate will choose senators to fill the numerous vacancies for next semester. These include a senate representative for the Board of Trustees, an EBC position and representatives for various other committees.

Sen. Michaela Fisher Luke was elected President Pro-Tempore, since the post was vacated when Labonte was elected VPFA.

In other business, \$1410.44 was returned unused from previous allocations. \$89 was allocated to the Non-Traditional Students Association and \$2,510 from next year's budget went to Club Baseball for new uniforms. At the beginning of the night, \$6,150.60 was in Unallocated. After all allocations had been made, \$7,472.04 remained.

Job roulette takes a UMaine student to Las Vegas

What happens in Vegas might get you a career: a first-hand account of finding work in the 'city of sin'

By Meghan Hayward

Las Vegas: Where people go to win big. As I fastened my seat belt and prepared for the plane to take off, I wondered if I would be one of those lucky people.

My luck wouldn't be measured by gambling chips or tokens, but rather the prospect of a job.

As a senior at the University of Maine, there are less than three weeks before I graduate and step into the real world. It's going to be a bumpy start if I do not have a job.

I am a journalism major with a concentration in broadcasting. The process of getting a job at a news station involves effort,

perseverance and a thick skin.

While most job seekers are only required to have a resume and cover letter which outline their relevant experience and abilities, I am required to have a resume tape as well.

The resume tape is what most broadcast majors stress over. It involves a collection of their work as a reporter or anchor. The tape has to showcase the person's best work and needs to stand out from the rest. After the reporter has all the pieces they want to include on the tape, it isn't uncommon to spend up to 10 hours perfecting it.

As the plane lifted off the runway, I breathed a sigh of relief knowing my tapes, resumes and cover letters were all neatly

placed in a folder beneath me. I did not want to take any chances of placing them in the bags I checked.

At an internship I had last summer, an event called the National Association of Broadcasters Show had been mentioned as a great place to network and get a tape out. I hadn't given it much thought until March rolled around and I realized the show was taking place in Las Vegas in April. As I researched the show, I found more benefits if I were to attend. I discovered it offered tape critiques from different news directors, and on the last day they hosted a career fair with several media outlets.

Somehow I was able to get the trip together and was on my way to show my

talent as a reporter. My suits were pressed, my tapes were done and labeled and my resumes and cover letters were printed. Now it was a matter of networking and impressing the right people.

As soon as I arrived at the convention I went to sign up for a time to get my tape critiqued. I signed up for a slot on the last day. If I was going to be told it was horrible, I didn't want it ruining my entire trip.

The days flew by; and before I knew it, the time arrived. I gathered my tapes and headed to the room where I would either walk out with a smile or holding back tears. The nerves kicked in; I was unable to eat

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according to Morgan Cooper, a sophomore international affairs and political science major, who will help facilitate the discussion.

Markides and other volunteers have met every week since March to plan the workshop. They created 10 teams to address issues like fundraising, energy management, water management, alternative energy, retrofitting and business, among others. Depending on their interest or previous background, students at the morning session can choose to help these teams by providing ideas and design plans.

"We're breaking up this seemingly unaccomplishable task into smaller groups so it can actually happen," Cooper said.

"The idea has to be systematic," Markides said. "An engineer will not be able to give a garden beauty and a gardener will not be able to build a garden. We need everyone's gifts for such a project."

The idea for the eco-charrette came from architect Richard Graves of WBRC Architects-Engineers, Inc., and a board member of the U.S. Green Building Council. He will be coordinating the event with Markides.

The office of UMaine's vice-president for Administration and Finance, Division of Student Affairs, Auxiliary Services and the Peace Studies Program are covering the event's expenses.

Ideally, the building will house up to 20 students. The building will have six identical units, each with three bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom, living room, and will be retrofitted with inexpensive local materials, according to Markides.

In charge of the financial aspect of this plan is John Kastelein, senior sociology major and leader of the project's business team. According to Kastelein, he is exploring different funding opportunities like outside grants, sustainable design contests and UMaine alumni grants, but the funding is still in development.

"We're not calling this a dorm. We're calling it a living and learning residential community building. The whole idea here is to promote community," Markides said. "It becomes a

members met at York Village at 9 a.m. to take part in a "massive group brainstorm."

whole different thing when students grow and cook their own food together."

Markides would like to see the building join the Recreation Center and Wells Commons, among others, in meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. LEED buildings ensure environmentally healthy sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Markides wants a geothermal system installed under the York Village Parking Lot to provide energy for the building. According to Markides, a UMaine faculty member created the same geothermal energy system that would be used for this project, and it has paid itself off after two years.

"A green housing option will complement existing programs perfectly. Engineering here is so good. It's ironic we're not more sustainable," Cooper said.

York Village was built in the 1970s to serve as upper-level student housing. The buildings used electric heating, had poor insulation and were inefficient, according to Jeff Hake, who will be a student facilitator at the eco-charrette.

"It's the most inefficient building the school could possibly have and we're trying to make it the most efficient building on campus. This isn't something that could happen all over campus but it's a great model for what can be done," Hake said.

Community members are assisting the project as well, according to Markides. As a part of the Hope Festival on Saturday, the president of the Maine Solar Energy Association Richard Komp, gave a presentation on solar energy from inside one of the York Village units. Komp shared pictures and ideas from his own solar powered house and suggested they could be applied to the project.

"Projects like this attract innovative minds," Markides said. "Students will be raising the money and implementing ideas with the guidance of these minds."

"This project is very empowering for students because it will give them lifelong skills. Students are not just sitting in class taking notes, they will be implementing ideas," she said.

Runners' Highs



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Students, professors and community members run a 5K on April 20 at 4:20 p.m. to get a healthy high.

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nesses, according to Smith.

Half of the 26,000 Mainers earning minimum wage are women, and three-quarters of them are adults, according to Strimling.

"[People in Maine] always tend to keep ahead of the federal minimum," Smith said.

The wage increase will put Maine on par with the rest of New England, according to Sen. Lynn Bromley, D-South Portland, who feels the state needs to do more to support its economy. Bromley said she believes small businesses will be able to handle the wage increase.

"It's really too bad when work isn't enough to make ends meet," Bromley said.

The federal minimum wage rose to \$5.85 last July, and will increase 25 cents on Oct. 1 and another 25 cents in October of 2009.

The law seeks to close the gap between the wealthiest and the working classes, which is at its widest point since 1929, Strimling said.

The average earning of a Mainer is

approximately \$32,000 dollars, according to Sen. Dana Dow, R-Waldoboro, who calls it "pitiful," and said people won't be buoyed without larger efforts that focus on the cause of low income.

"I'm not going to support a policy that doesn't include a grand vision," Dow said.

The Maine economic growth council hopes to make Maine's personal income rank 25th among all 50 states by 2010. Maine's rank was 39th in 2006, up from 32nd two years earlier, according to the council. Maine's small business growth became a positive rate in 2005, after several years of decline.

The bill originally intended to raise the minimum to \$7.70 per hour in 2008, and \$8.40 in 2009, but those numbers were scaled back.

The Maine Senate voted 18-17 on April 11 to approve the bill.

The U.S. Census Bureau placed Maine's median household income at \$41,287 in 2004, compared to the national rate of \$44,334.

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UM student awarded the Harry S. Truman scholarship

After a decade in the military, single mom earns prestigious award in recognition of her academic career

By Erika Bubar

In high school, Erin McKenzie described herself as 'artsy' after slacking off in her academics.

"I've overcome a lot of obstacles that I had put in my own path. I was my own worst enemy," McKenzie said.

Despite McKenzie's academic struggles in high school, she has been honored as a 2008 Truman Scholar, awarded by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. She is the second student from the University of Maine to earn this achievement.

Not knowing where to turn to after high school, McKenzie entered the U.S. Air Force for financial reasons and because of her family's history with the military. She served 10 years with the U.S. Air Force, where she developed her skills as an accountant.

"I probably would have been voted least likely to go into the military," McKenzie said.

During her experience in the Air Force she was able to visit different cultures and she stayed in Korea for two years. McKenzie said during her time with the Air Force she was able to focus more on what she wanted to do with her life.

McKenzie is not only a full-time student at UMaine; She serves in the Air National Guard and is a single mom to a child with autism. She chose to write her scholarship essay about autism. McKenzie only had 500 words to state her resolution and make a concise case on the issue.

McKenzie said that knowing there are other single parents going to school helps her.

"I would not be able to pass if I did not have them," McKenzie said of her mother and step-father, whom she lives with in Hampden.

Most nights McKenzie stays up until 2 a.m. to finish her school work. She starts studying at 9 p.m. after her son falls asleep. She gets roughly five hours of sleep after studying, and then her day starts off at 6:30 a.m. McKenzie said she functions on a lot of coffee to get through her long days of class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She said when the weekend comes, she is happy to sleep in if she gets the chance.

When she went to regionals for the application process, she was questioned for 20 minutes, and when asked a question only had roughly 30 seconds to answer, or 60 seconds if it was a big topic, she said. McKenzie said she couldn't prepare for her questioning but was lucky to be relaxed about the whole situation.

"There was a very high caliber of individuals, I wasn't really sure how I belonged there," McKenzie recalled of the other candidates.

McKenzie was one of the 65 scholars who were selected out of 595 students from across the U.S. The scholarship is based on intellectual ability, leadership and the likelihood of "making a difference" in some form. It awards each student up to \$30,000 toward their graduate education. This has McKenzie excited, as she would like to attend Syracuse University and enroll in its family law program.

"I want to work on policy, but not as a politician. I want to be the woman behind everything," McKenzie said.

Next summer will be big for McKenzie. She will attend a leadership workshop in Washington, D.C., and learn more about internships available to her through the scholarship. As part of the scholarship, she's also required to complete three years of public service within a seven-year period.

"I would actually like to contribute to something positive and have a positive effect on people's lives ... even if it is on a small and local scale," McKenzie said. "I have all these high expectations and I don't want to let anyone down."

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Szymanski studied at the University of Texas, Austin, where she received her doctorate in special education. She has a masters in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Scranton and studied biology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Susan Hunter is a candidate for Szymanski's position. Hunter is an academic advisor and deals with undergraduate education. She has been working under Szymanski for three years and considers her to be "an outstanding leader and mentor."

UMaine President Robert Kennedy recommended Hunter for the position on April 16. While Hunter's current job deals with the largest group on campus – undergraduates – by taking this new role of provost and vice president, she will deal with more of the day-to-day running of the university. She will oversee undergraduate education, graduate student programs and research, as well as outreach programs. She will work with department heads and the development of university programs and academic policy and sit in on different committees within the University System, representing the campus.

In an annual report, Szymanski wrote, "I have been privileged to meet and work with a great many of the faculty members, staff members, students and administrators who make UMaine such a wonderful community and an outstanding educational institution."

The feeling is mutual, according to Sue Hunter who said Szymanski is a strong leader who has empowered those around her to make decisions and take action. Hunter said she created the structures and processes which will allow smooth transitions in all facets of the academic affairs operation.

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breakfast and was pretty sure my heart was going to beat out of my body.

I walked to the booth and positioned myself in the chair, handed over my tape and held my breath through the first 15 seconds of it. The tape came to the end and the pause button was pushed. "Here it comes," I thought.

To my surprise, there was only one piece of the tape which the judge recommended not using because of the my head movements. One aspect of my tape, which I thought was weakest, ended up being the judge's favorite.

By this time I had relaxed a bit and was ready for him to tackle the news segments I had selected for the

tape. We went through the first segment without a comment or pause. I wondered if this was a good thing. The second was paused after the third track. He suggested I change the track and tell more of the story.

When I started as a first-year at UMaine I had no clue how fast four years would fly by. As graduation approaches and brings the "real world" with it, my nerves tense as they did that day in the booth. If there is one thing college taught me, you cannot be perfect and for every rejection there will be an acceptance somewhere down the road. With that, I am holding on to my thick skin and keeping my fingers crossed that out of the 20 tapes I send out, one will be worthy of a call-back.

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Green living could help sustain UM

With the recent release of the preliminary 25-year master plan, it's apparent that the University of Maine is interested in changing the future appearance and functionality of our campus. Among the many innovations which have recently been proposed, an unrelated, yet thoughtful, student-oriented project should raise much applause — the York Village Sustainable Living Project.

The York Village residential buildings have rotted in disrepair and reduced function for years, and the possibility of renovating those seemingly useless buildings to a positive environmental impact is an exciting one. The new community is intended to be a progressive, student-run exercise in green living, with greenhouses, gardens, geothermal and solar energy and zero trash.

The project provides a potential model for a green campus, which addresses a changing world. The resources that keep our campus running are growing more costly and fleeting with every year. At the same time, budding national and international interest in environmentally friendly design has created a growing industry in the sphere of greener innovations. The university should be generous with funding this project since the investment will pay itself off in energy and waste savings.

It's encouraging that as UMaine students and faculty look to the future and design and shape our world, we do it with the intention of finding ways to help preserve the earth. Projects such as this could empower our students to imagine and create a reality in which they would want to live.

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Derek Dobachesky

Free speech does not include freedom from harsh criticism

America's Founding Fathers were so concerned with the concept of liberty that they debated vigorously about whether our Constitution should even include a Bill of Rights.

That's right: Many of the Founders against the Bill of Rights from the start. Thomas Jefferson, though, was dead-set on including a Bill of Rights, and, though he was not present for the Philadelphia Convention, insisted on ratifying one upon his return from France, where he served as a foreign minister.

The reason many were opposed to this concept was that they believed that if certain rights were enumerated, that would lead to the presumption that no other rights existed. However, the Bill of Rights has since become a staple of both our government and American society as a whole. The apparent conundrum was avoided through the Ninth Amendment, which specifically states that the enumeration of certain rights shall not deny or disparage other rights, which are retained by the people.

One of the fundamental rights which the drafters of the Bill of

Rights saw fit to enumerate was freedom of speech. However, this right is so cherished in our society that many throw it around in absolutely inappropriate circumstances — often with no other goal but disparaging the free speech of others.

How often is the old trope thrown out there that we shouldn't criticize those who burn flags because we must respect their First Amendment right to free speech? Similarly, how often do we hear rants about how everyone but straight, white, Christian males have free speech because an individual is reproached for expressing either a racially insensitive view or a borderline-misogynist view?

The fact is, everyone has free speech and part of that free speech is the ability to tell others how stupid, racist, hateful, reverse-racist, elitist, anti-religious and whatever else you think their views are, in however harsh terms you should choose to phrase your statements. In fact, part of that free speech is the ability to advocate against the right to free speech entirely. None of these things violate the First Amendment. Amazing!

The only time arguments based on the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of speech are appropriate is when the government — not private citizens — attempts to in some way silence free speech.

Any other arguments which make reference to the First Amendment freedom of speech are cop-outs meant to stifle debate. Those who make such arguments to defend the practice of flag-burning are using a cowardly cloak to try to mask the fact that they're simply not as sensitive toward the burning of the American flag as others. Those who use them to defend statements others might consider racist, misogynist, homophobic or otherwise intolerant are likewise using a cowardly cloak to hide the fact that they're not quite as sensitive to these issues as others.

I'll admit it: I wasn't born to wave that red, white and blue, despite the fact that I consider myself a patriotic American. Thus, I'm not too offended by flag burning — at least not enough to waste my time and energy getting too upset when people burn it. I think this sort of honesty is important, rather than urging everyone to temper their opinions and qualify everything with "Well,

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President of UMF should not have allowed uproarious art exhibit

Kenneth Cianchette

In case you have been living in a cave — or enjoyed 4:20 too much — Susan Crane, a student artist, caused an uproar by taping American flag look-alikes to the floor at the University of Maine at Farmington Student Center. The floor was not in a private room. It was right in the middle of the hall so students may walk on them.

I believe that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. I believe that the Constitution entitles everyone to freedom of speech. These flags are not "words," nor are flags pieces of "cloth," as stated by the UMF president. I believe people have the right to protest. The courts believe that too, according to time, place, and manner. People are entitled to wear what they want in public places. They are entitled to personal opinion.

The problem with this is that the president gave special permission to a particular student to place an "exhibit" in a crowded part of campus: a highly used hallway. Joe Bystander cannot walk through this hall without weaving in and out trying to dodge the flags. She may have received permission from the president, but that permission is not the president's to dispense. If someone asked to put swastikas on the rafters, they would not be allowed. I am not vouching for this reaction to it, but show me the difference. A swastika never killed anyone. Nazis did not live and die for Swastikas. Why would it be inappropriate and ille-

gal for a government to allow such action?

It is something that is regarded as offensive and could provoke violence. This is exactly the same thing; do not try to deter that belief. If swastikas in schools are illegal, if crosses in school are illegal, if confederate flags in schools are illegal, then so should be anti-American demonstrations. There is a difference between parades and decorating. People do not have to watch parades. They do, however, have to travel this hall.

If swastikas in schools are illegal, if crosses in school are illegal, if confederate flags in schools are illegal, then so should be anti-American demonstrations.

No one is arguing that Susan Crane is not entitled to her speech and beliefs. That is a God-given and government backed philosophy, but our government was set up to express just that: words. Those words can neither be taken away from nor endorsed by the government. The government owns this school. The taxpayers own the government. The citizens of Maine pay the taxes. The government is allowing Mainers' property to be defaced by having American flags on the floor. This is definitely defacement because it is a law that the flag shall not rest on the ground.

The government cannot strip someone of his or her right to free speech. Nor can the government endorse someone's free speech. You cannot have a KKK rally at the statehouse, so why should this be allowed?

Kenneth Cianchette is a second-year student.

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they have the right to free speech! It's in the First Amendment!" The reality is, people are well within their rights to be wrong and make horrible, specious arguments supposedly based on Constitutional law. It's better to focus on the meaningful principles underlying

an argument than to impose rigid rules on it. For that reason, I encourage everyone to see past the myriad misguided arguments based on the First Amendment that do nothing but stifle debate.

Derek Dobachesky is a fortunate son because he has and celebrates freedom of speech.

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- Excessive sweating
- Bank holidays
- Snooty literary attitudes



Adrianne Hess

Reflections on our unique experiences here at UMaine

As this semester's close draws near, and I face the impending reality of graduation and relocation, I have been reflecting a lot on my college experience. It has certainly been a long haul for me — five years, if you don't count those two semesters that I took off. During the last two years, I barely left Orono at all. I preferred to stick around, working and taking classes during the summers. I wonder about the opportunities that I missed while I was here, things I might have liked doing if I could have just gotten over my perceivable lack of school spirit.

I never attended a men's hockey game, for instance. No one will ever find pictures of me playing Oozeball at Maine Day because I never really did much with Maine Day. I have spent glorious Bumstock afternoons watching cartoons. I never made time to act in a student play, which I very much would have liked to have done. Karaoke: rarely. Bingo: never. Whenever I did find myself at such "bread and butter of student life" events, I was usually there in the capacity of photographer — a role that is not necessarily inclusive or participatory.

Then again, I loved being a photographer so much. Being a photographer with the Maine Campus allowed me to engage in a multitude of activities in which I might never have found myself. I learned to leave my cynicism at home and just record and appreciate an event for what it is. I got to meet so many amazing people and it's been awesome.

I have also been thinking about the things that I did throughout college that were unique to myself. I think about my friends and I in a flooded baseball field on a rainy summer afternoon, when the lightning struck and we all felt the charge. I think about the weekly Bear's Den meetings of the unofficial Esperanto club that I tried to start. I think about five minute dance parties, scanner cameras, playing 'Pirates of the Stillwater' in a rickety old canoe, the Orono school playground in the middle of the night and vegetarian potlucks. I think about a romantic spring break, in icy Montreal of all places. I think about Ampersand's coffee and Ofelia's poetry slams. I think about board games, coffee and people who really made a difference in my life.

Ultimately, there is no one right way to experience college. It is just a time of constant flux, accomplishment and change. And since I've already gone hyper nostalgic on you all, I must say that the University of Maine did nurture me through a unique five years of my life, and provided me with an amazing community of peers. I don't entirely know what's next for me, but I can only hope it's just as interesting and exciting. Whether you are graduating this year or not, do keep on truckin' and be sure to continue to enjoy your life in the way that is best for you.

Adrianne Hess is a graduating new media major.



Mike Brusko

Getting tee'd off by those who mislabel the game of golf

About a week ago, my roommates and I sat watching "SportsCenter" when highlights of the Masters, the biggest tournament in the game of golf, came on. We casually chatted for a few minutes about it until one of them made the remark that "Tiger Woods is the most dominant athlete of all time." Inevitably a debate ensued.

Before I go on, let me say that I am a huge fan of golf and that I enjoy playing it when I have time.

My argument was simple: In order for someone to be considered the most dominant athlete of all time, he or she must play a sport. Call me crazy, but for something to be considered a sport, it must require the people who play it to demonstrate athleticism. Let me clarify that this has nothing to do with Tiger Woods. I believe he is the most dominant golfer of all time.

My issue is with golf being labeled a sport. Now, I am the first person to acknowledge that it is extremely difficult to be a successful golfer at the highest level. I am also the first to acknowledge how difficult it is to format a computer program, but that does not make it a sport. The most athletic thing that a golfer does is walk 18 holes — and that's only required if it's a PGA Tour event.

Reader: "But Mike, do you know how difficult it is to walk 18 holes in 90-degree heat?" Actually, yes I do. It's not that difficult, especially considering that Arnold Palmer can still do it now, and he is like 100 years old. If walking a lot constitutes something being a sport, then I guess these peo-

ple are all athletes as well: the milkman, the golfer's caddy — who has the added task of carrying the clubs, just about every single college student ever and, finally, my mother.

Reader: "OK, fine, but it still takes a ton of athleticism to be able to hit a golf ball far and straight." You know who hits the ball as far and as straight as anyone in recent memory? John Daly, the same 300-pound man whose agent ditched him recently because he was more interested in drinking and doing other things than playing golf. If that's not convincing enough for you, consider this: If my grandfather, who's drunk off scotch and smoking a cigar, can beat me at it, I have a lot of trouble considering it a sport.

Just to prove this point, I've been kind enough to provide you with a list of other things that he is better than me at when he's drunk off scotch: drinking scotch, telling stories about Vietnam and playing rummy — until he falls asleep in his chair.

I'm sorry, but in my opinion, golf just is not a sport; it's a game. Oh, and to all you KPE majors who were taught that it's a sport because it is organized; the score is kept; there are rules and regulations; and it has a playing field, I have one question: Doesn't that also make Scrabble a sport?

My apologies to anyone I may have offended with this article. It's all in good fun.

Mike Brusko is a third-year journalism major and can't wait to grow up to be just like his grandfather.

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Style & Culture

ARTS

"Art Matters"
2008 Juried Student Art Show
Daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lord Hall Gallery

MUSIC

Lidral Duo
Chamber Jazz Afternoon
Concert Series
4:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 24
The Bear's Den

Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 24
Minsky Recital Hall
Free w/MaineCard

FILM

2nd Annual Maine Channel
Film Festival
Student films compete for
greatness
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Thursday, April 24
Room 101, Neville Hall

"P.S. I love you"
Kicking Flix
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Bangor Room, Union

ENTERTAINMENT

CAB: Karaoke
9 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Bear's Den
Bar is serving (with I.D.)

BENEFITS

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Proceeds go towards service
dogs for local child with Muscular
Dystrophy
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, April 25
In front of Hart Hall

Camp Capella Benefit Race
Proceeds go towards sending
disabled children to summer
camp
9 a.m.
Saturday, April 26
Field House, Memorial Gym
\$5 registration fee

SENIOR WEEK

Begins
Wine and Cheese Party
6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27
Buchanan Alumni House

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Noon
Saturday, May 3
University Mall

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NEW UN DIA

Perhaps you know a new media capstone student. The telltale signs are hours locked away in a room, eyes bleary with code, emerging once or twice to mumble something about robots, fish, economics or blogging.

For a major that refuses to define itself, new media students have a unique position among college students: Their final year is spent struggling to define an entire field of study, as opposed to reflecting on what they've learned.

For students enrolled in their senior year in the department, the New Media Capstone Night is an opportunity to provide that answer.

students

interactive

communities

games

by Eryk Salvaggio

ROV LABS

ROV Labs is a project with a wide scope: an underwater robot that students can build and deploy at the Maine State Aquarium in West Boothbay Harbor. With kits costing less than \$100 per team, it's an exercise in engineering. The project's deployment underwater, with streaming video, is a close-up look at the undersea world. Since robots are also controllable over the Web, it's an interactive tool for people who can't make it to the aquarium.

"If you're going to be working for the rest of your life, you might as well be happy with what you are doing, and that's the same mentality we took from the beginning with ROV Labs," said Greg Jones, who designed the project alongside Alex Lessard.

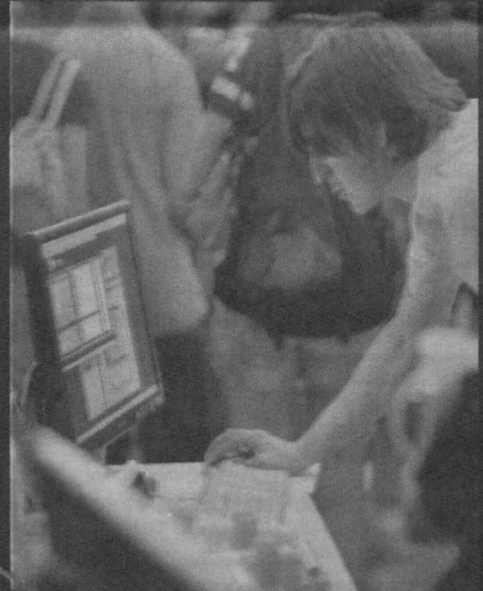
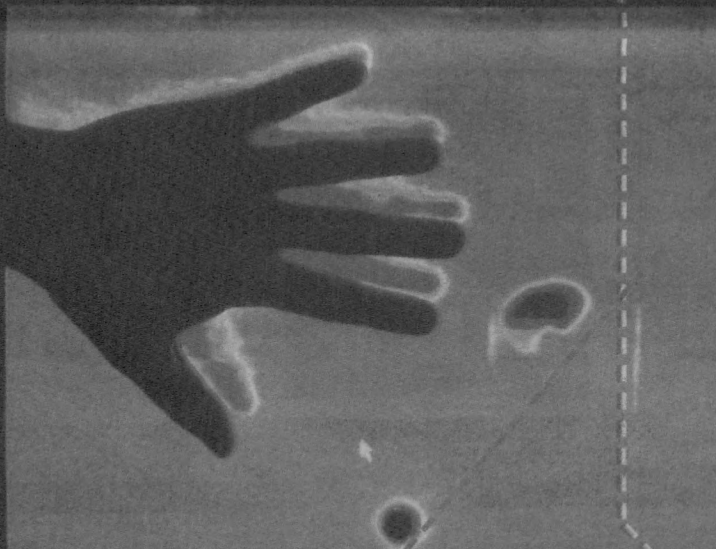
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ME-CAMPUS

Pattie Barry and Adrienne Hess are, in the interest of full disclosure, not only co-workers, but also my roommates. In traditional journalism, that would make this paragraph suspect. But with the new, community-driven model the two have developed for their project, ME-CAMPUS, students writing about friends, activities, or clubs firsthand isn't a problem, it's a bonus: a way of getting communities beyond just reporting, but also talking. Part newspaper, part LiveJournal, the site is looking to create an online destination for everyone at the University of Maine.

Partnered with The Maine Campus, it also provides an opportunity for individuals to access the paper's traditional news reporting, while encouraging comments and feedback.

www.me-campus.com



ADDFaITH

Joseph Raymond's project is a meeting space for people of different faiths.

Message boards and Wiki's, or editable text entries, are shared between many religious communities, allowing individuals to ask questions about other religions.

Conversations with hundreds of visitors are already underway, ranging in scope from music to questions about meditation.

Eventually, Raymond said he hopes to incorporate streaming video or podcasts of local sermons.

addfaith.net

INTERPHASE PROJECT

Jasper Turcotte and Elizabeth Walker acknowledge their project was ambitious: "We may have bitten off more than we could swallow," Turcotte said in his presentation. The project was intended to be an immersive video game that used the structure of the Internet to create massive variety in the game's world. Every Web site became its own planet, with the site's content deciding the planets environments.

The project has accomplished that task, minus the playability factor. In the meantime, it serves as a unique metaphor for understanding the structure of the Web and the relationships between sites.

"The Internet has a structure that you don't usually see by looking page to page," Walker said.

The two said they didn't intend to continue development on the project, but would be interested in handing it over to parties that might want to expand the game.

"THE DIG"

New media doesn't have to involve high-end supercomputers or dizzying amounts of theory. For Ryan Schaller and Jason Walker, their project involved a camera on night mode, some masking tape and MAX MSP software.

The result is an interactive animation, "The Dig." The animation, created by Schaller, follows an explorer in an underground tomb. As he explores the cavern, touch-screen interactions allow a viewer to "dig" out the artifacts in each tomb — including some archaic media, like floppy disks.

The result is a unique twist on traditional film-making techniques.

NEW MEDIA MACHINIMA

Paul Goodman's project is about using video game editing tools as a low-cost special effects studio for amateur film makers. "Machinima" refers to the Internet phenomenon of game players using scenes from games to tell stories beyond their original intent — telling a love story using footage from Grand Theft Auto, for example.

"I wanted to take Machinima to a deeper level," Goodman said.

Goodman's twist is to combine the tools used for modifying game engines with live-action scenes. Melding the two, the game editors end up building "sets" for amateur science fiction backgrounds on the cheap.

Photos: Bill Kuykendall
Left: A hand interacts with "The Dig."
Right: Yeshe Parks explores "ROV Labs."

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Dressed in drag, UMaine students strut their stuff

Wilde Stein let students showcase their vocal and performing talents at the annual Drag Show in the Memorial Union



Rachel Hirsch ♦ The Maine Campus

Topaz, performing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" at UMaine's annual Drag Show, part of Pride Week.

By Lisa Haberzettl

Where else but the University of Maine could you see Diana Ross, Cher, John Travolta, Olivia Newton John, Michael Jackson and Tim McGraw in one night?

Friday night's drag show, sponsored by Wilde Stein as part of Pride Week, featured six drag queens, two drag kings and a handful of audience participants. Joey Daniels, a "female impersonator" with more attitude and feathers than imaginable, hosted the night.

Walking onto the stage in the main dining room of the Memorial Union, Daniels wasted no time jumping into dirty jokes. Calling for an applause for the performers, she explained, "These guys are back there pulling their d—s so far back, they're having orgasms."

The first impersonator up was Amanda Fondle, performing "My Strongest Suit," by the Spice Girls. Fondle came out in two white towels — one around her body, covering the necessities, and one around her head. After a mid-song transition, she returned to the stage in a cream-colored cocktail dress and gold accessories.

The second act was the duet of Danny and Trixie, performing "You're the One That I Want," from Grease. The couple had lots of energy that fed the audience as they flirtily danced up and down the stage.

When Daniels came back on, she went right to picking on audience members in the front row. Pulling Class of 2010 President Gimbala Sankare on stage, she said that she could turn him into Diana Ross in a matter of minutes. Sitting him down on a chair, she draped her feather boa around him and pulled a black curly wig onto him. "Oh, doll," she said, surveying Sankare, "You look like D'Artagnan from The Three Musketeers."

The second male impersonator, Jay, performed "The Way You Make Me Feel," by Michael Jackson. Jay carried all of the charisma of Jackson, decked out in a black and white suit with one white glove. His dance moves gave the audience something to cheer about.

Making a dramatic entrance in a pink feather wig was larger-than-life

Lady Valerie, who performed "Song for the Lonely," by Cher. Several planted audience members came forward, tucking dollar bills into various parts of her costume.

Following Valerie was Stacie with "New Attitude," by Patti LaBelle. Stacie was in all silver glitz and sported a short, feathered brunette wig. She danced up and down the stage, feeding off the energy from the audience.

Daniels returned to the stage dressed as Liza Minnelli, joking about being able to dress as someone close to her age. Sliding back to the dirtier humor, she said, "They say you are what you eat. I don't date over 25."

The Duchess of Northern Maine Pride, Katrina took the stage in a shorter-than-short mini dress. She performed Macy Gray's cover of "Sexual Revolution," owning every bit of the song.

Fondle was back out with "Trying to Find Atlantis," by Jamie O'Neal. Following Fondle was Topaz and "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," a la Moulin Rouge. Topaz looked as though she stepped straight out of the movie with a top hat, waistcoat and sparkling fishnets.

Daniels stepped onto the stage, as Cher, distorting her face slightly to look and talk more like the celebrity. "Entertaining is the best thing in the world," Daniels said. She asked if the audience wanted to see Sankare in one of her dresses. After a deafening cheer, she led Sankare back stage.

Jay reclaimed the stage as a member of *NSYNC, performing a convincing rendition of "Bye, Bye, Bye."

Danny and Trixie were back with a country music medley, including "Red Neck Woman," by Gretchen Wilson and "Real Good Man," by Tim McGraw. The couple was electric and got the crowd excited — maybe even a little hot and bothered.

Danny later said he had never been on stage alone before, let alone perform in a drag show. "It was fun," he said. "I'll probably be back."

Daniels' last costume was Bette Midler. She seemed thrilled with Sankare's transformation. "Powder and paint make a girl when she ain't,"

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Review: Forgetting Sarah Marshall

Comedy, from minds of "Knocked Up," proves watchable

By Kyle Kernan

Humiliation comes down to its bare essentials as Peter Bretter (Jason Segel) is confronted by girlfriend Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell) and told that she wants to call it quits, all while he is stark naked. Nudity was never this hilarious as Bretter is sent into a crying fit, which greatly outlines the worst kind of male awkwardness and vulnerability since Jason Biggs in "American Pie."

Bretter's girlfriend is a hot, sexy television actress on a CSI-like spoof — which has more amusing scenes than the film itself as Billy Baldwin acts in a David Caruso impression. Bretter is the stay-at-home musician who couches up in front of the TV with giant bowls of cereal and watches Access Hollywood.

One would think Bretter would realize his lazy days of sweatpants and giant cereal feasts were driving away his girlfriend of five years, but the thought doesn't cross his mind until late in the movie. We begin to see the contrast between British rocker Aldous Snow, played by Russell Brand, and Bretter as Snow is much less thankful for Hawaiian shirts. Bretter loves any ghastly gift that his girlfriend bestows on him. The truth is, Bretter appreciates his girlfriend, but stretches too far to stand in the background on red carpets as the press calls for him to get out of shots. Comedies call for the regular guy's comeback in relationships, but in the Judd Apatow fair: it's the slob for which we cheer.

Bretter begins to alleviate his relationship woes by fornicating with women he meets at classy bars, who seem to fall on his lap and into his bedroom. I begin to ask myself, should I really feel sorry for this guy? More power to the yuppie. When he sees his coveted girlfriend on Access Hollywood with Aldous Snow, he decides to go to Hawaii.

There he finds Sarah Marshall vacationing too, with the self-indulgent but kind British rocker. The amusing Snow bestows some sex tips to a virgin honeymooner as he demonstrates techniques on a giant chess piece. Snow

is seen humping random people on a street in a ridiculous music video.

For everyone that has had a break up, you'll feel for Bretter, but it's funny to watch his exploits as he follows the couple around. Bretter's sulking and self-deprecation is painful to watch, but is, at the same time, humorous.

Soon he meets Rachael Jensen, played by the gorgeous "That 70s Show's" Mila Kunis. As the pair strut it out on Hawaii's lavish beaches, we ask ourselves, does she like him or pity him? Segel's honest and charming touch to Bretter seems to win her over; the fact that he just underwent a traumatic break up seems to be an added bonus.

The relationship turns the head of Marshall as she begins to long for Bretter. We also see the contrast of Jensen and Marshall. Jensen doesn't call on Bretter to hold her purse or to get her drinks as we see Marshall was much more bossy. We learn that Jensen is also more accepting of Bretter. In turn, Bretter realizes the mistakes he made with Marshall and tries to not make them again with Jensen, which makes the film's relationships authentic and entertaining.

The regular Apatow crowd is here and hilariously placed as Bill Hader is the concerned stepbrother to Bretter, Paul Rudd plays a smoked-out surfing instructor and Jonah Hill plays an obsessed fan with a man-crush on the British rocker. Hill gives the Brit mega star his demo tape and later asks him, "Hey did you listen to my demo tape?" The rocker responds, "I was going to but I decided to get on with my life."

Do not do the same and pass up "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," this is a film you'll want to remember.

Grade: B

Pride

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Daniels said, and out came Sankare in a black curly wig with make-up and a purple sequin-and-feather cloak. The DJ played "Ain't No Other Man," by Christina Aguilera, and Sankare offered the audience a little dance, strutting just as well as the other performers.

Reflecting on the experience, Sankare said, "I truly enjoyed it. There are truly no words to describe the feeling of being in a dress and getting on that stage."

Katrina returned for her final number, "Can't Hide Love," by Bush Stan. A little more than halfway through her number she ripped off her wig, revealing buzzcut hair.

The effect was stunning.

Lady Valerie followed suit with a wig removal in her number "Freak of Nature," by Anastacia. Even without this crucial part of their costumes, the ladies didn't fail to deliver.

Topaz's final act was "Xanadu," by Olivia Newton John. Dancing for a girl in the front isle seat, she joked with the audience over the music, "I'm torturing this poor girl."

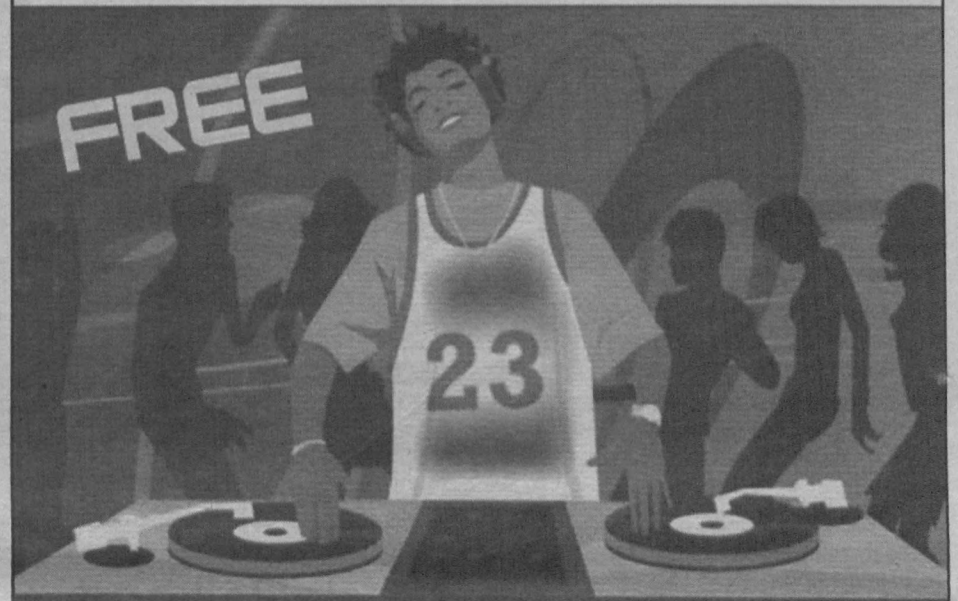
Returning to the stage for the last time in jeans and black shirt, Daniels bid her farewells, saying of her outfit: "This is the real me." She promised to return for next year's show with several of her fellow performers.

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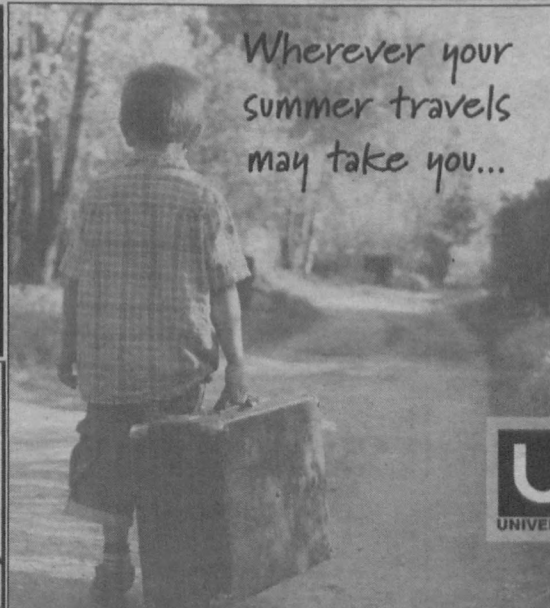
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Horoscopes

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March 21 to April 20

Control your temper or you may spoil relationships with workmates and your loved one! A business failure might make you angry.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

Your loved one might misunderstand your sudden drive for more personal freedom. You are advised to choose your words carefully and pay more attention to your sentimental relationship.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

A friend will ask you to return a loan due today, and you might not be able to keep your promise. An older relative will help you solve the problem in the afternoon.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

In the afternoon you might be tempted to remonstrate your loved one for having spent too much. You are advised to remain calm and not worry over money.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Friendships might be upset today due to your tendency to impose your own views on others. Your loved one may not agree with the way you intend to solve a family issue.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

In the morning, some delays are likely to upset you. Keep your temper or you may put yourself in delicate situations both at work and at home!

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Your sentimental relationship may be affected. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by the minor misunderstandings with your loved one! You will clear them all in the afternoon.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You are advised to deal with the most important problems before noon, when you will have more energy. Your behavior toward your loved one might lead to fights and even to a split.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You might be angry because you feel you have been neglected. Try to be objective and ask yourself whether you may be blaming others for your own faults!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You will have a very busy time today, and everything may seem to be more difficult than usual. Communication difficulties seem to be the cause.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You will tend to be discontent and to criticize everybody around. In the morning, you may also tend to be partial.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

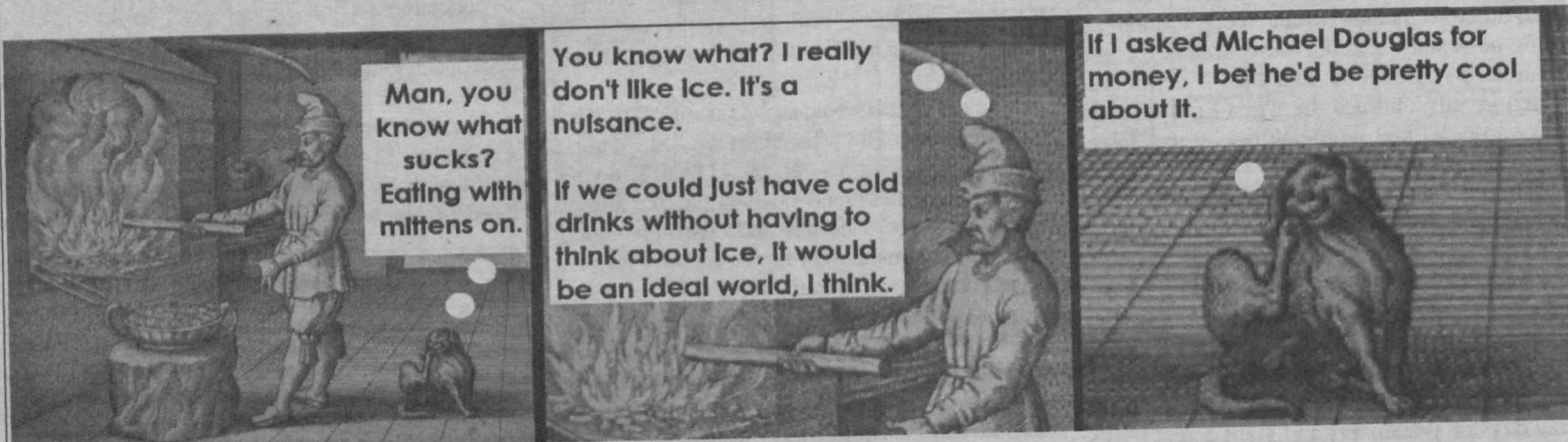
In the morning you will be full of energy and ideas. You are determined to finish something you started a while ago. You are advised to avoid a fight with your loved one.

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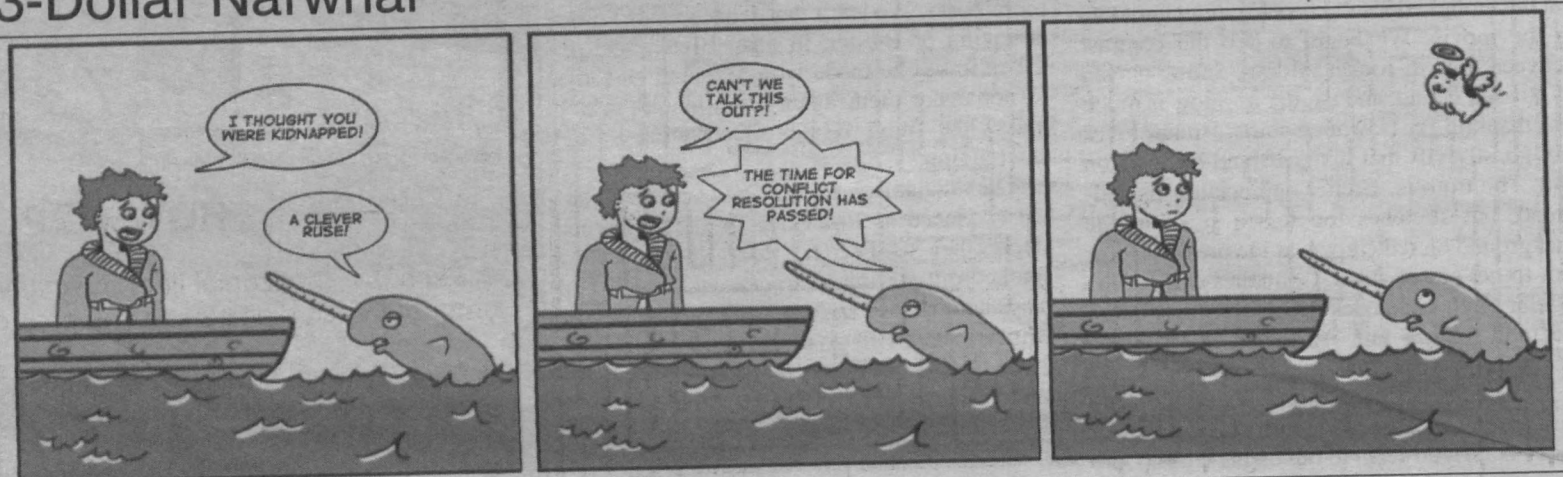
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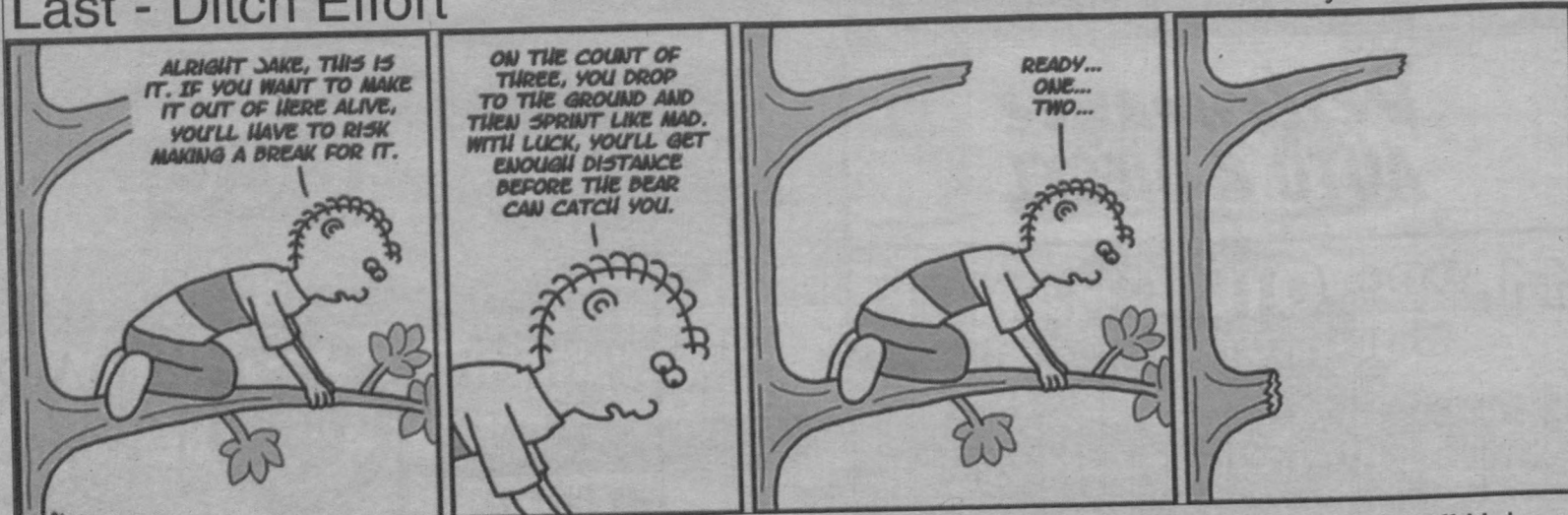
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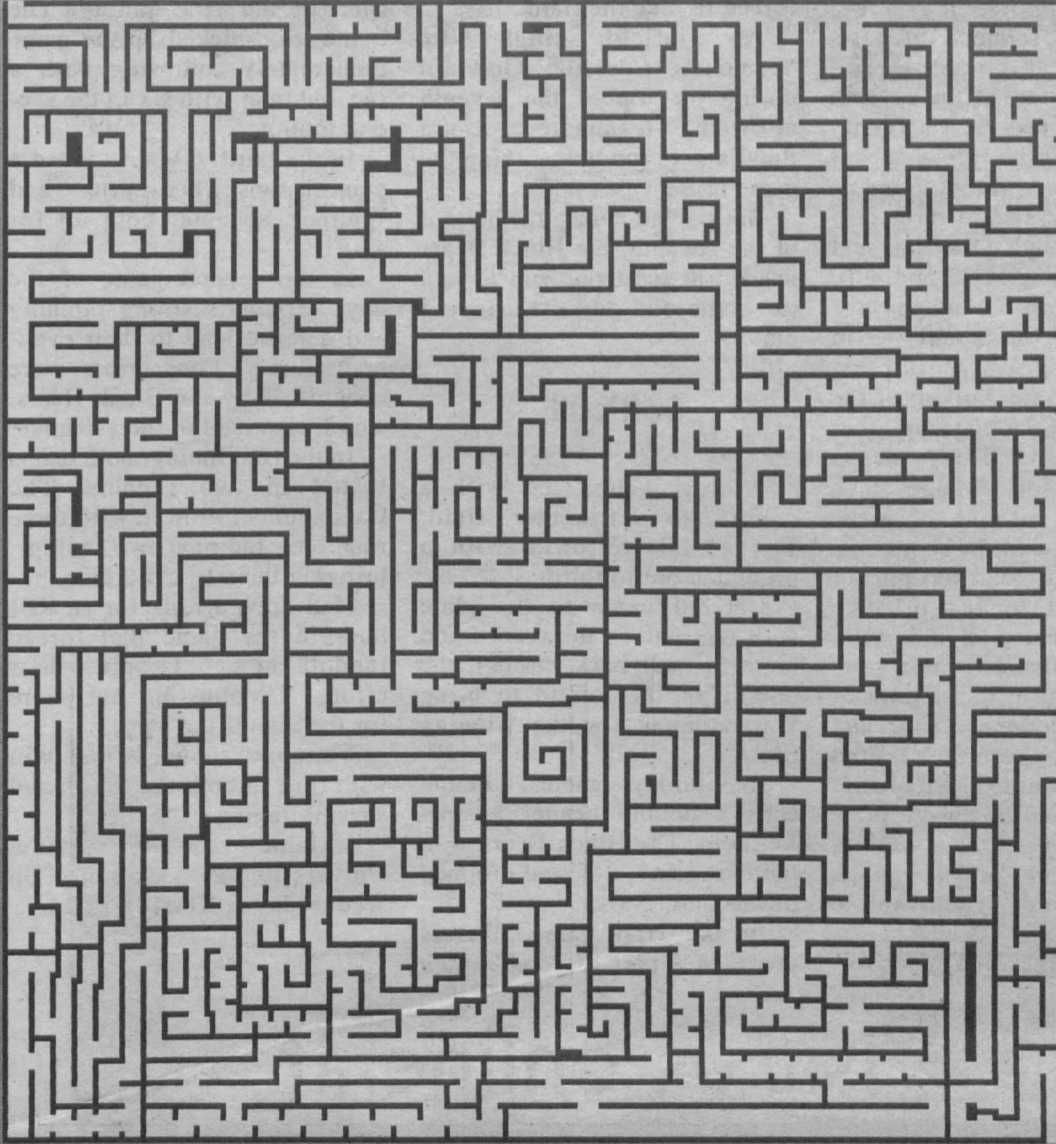


Boxer Romps

By Alicia Mullins, Eryk Salvaggio and Jeff Hake



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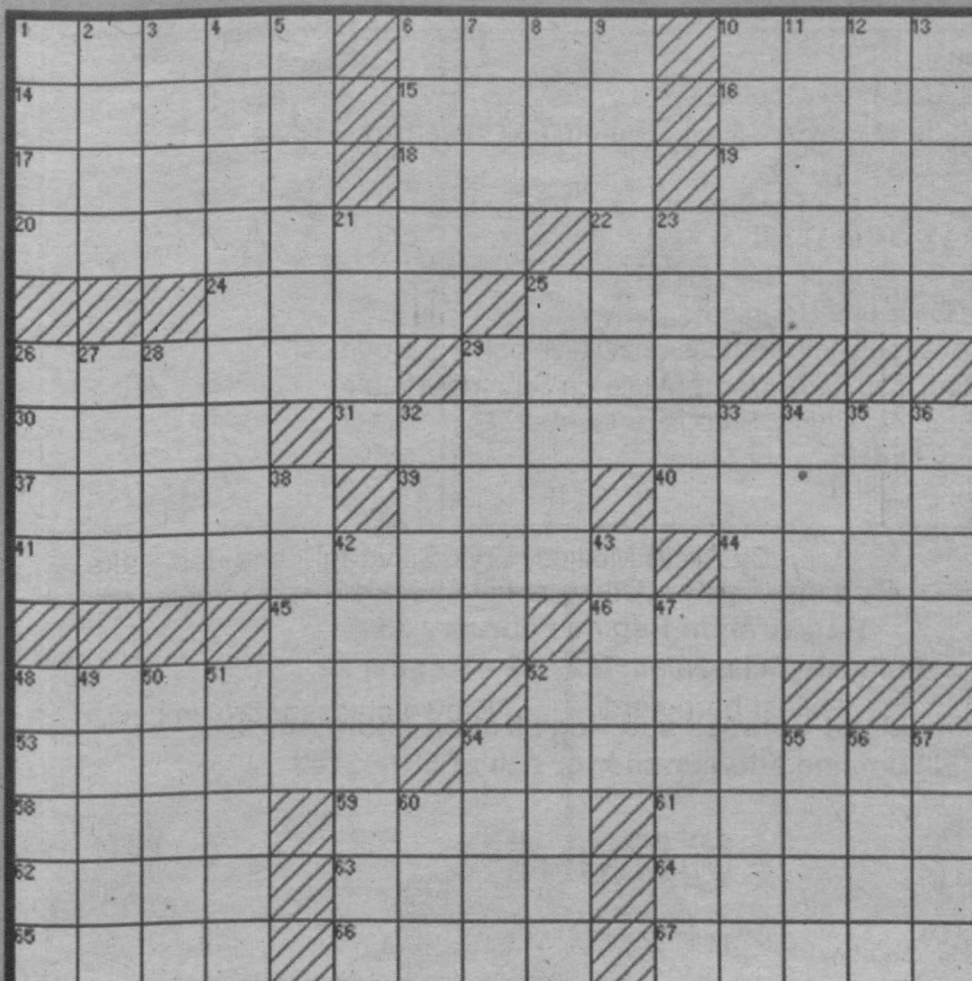


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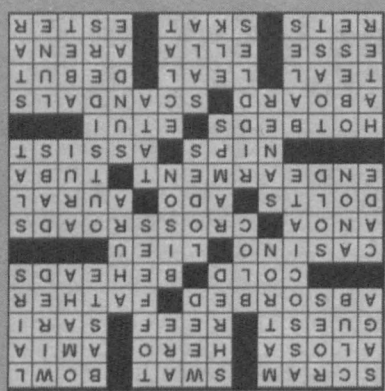
ACROSS

1. Leave in a hurry
6. Strike
10. A type of dish
14. Alewife fish
15. Protagonist
16. Genus of the dogfish
17. Visitor
18. Coral island
19. Indian dress
20. Soaked up
22. Male parent
24. Frigid
25. Decapitates
26. A place to bet
29. Place
30. Dwarf buffalo
31. Intersections
37. Dunderheads
39. Bustle
40. Pertaining to hearing
41. The act of showing affection
44. A large brass instrument
45. Small sharp bites
46. Help
48. Ideal situations for rapid development
52. Pocketbook
53. On a ship or train
54. Disgraceful events
58. Blue-green
59. Faithful (archaic)
61. Beginning
62. Nature of being
63. Singer Fitzgerald
64. Sporting venue
65. Drenches
66. A three-handed card game
67. An organic compound

DOWN

1. A narrative
2. Bludgeon
3. Anagram of "Rose"
4. Companion
5. In Britain, the head nurse
6. Rip
7. Noxious plant
8. Metric unit of area
9. Caramelized sugar candies
10. Loose temporary stitches
11. City in Nebraska
12. In a way, connected
13. Dens
21. An alliance of countries
23. A Hindu deity
25. Buffalo
26. A young abandoned animal
27. In a little while (archaic)
28. Vended
29. Deposits of ore
32. Inclines
33. Foreigners
34. Wild African sheep
35. Pats
36. A thin strip of wood
38. More rational
42. Brain-teasers
43. Bye-bye
47. An ice cream treat
48. Despiser
49. Overweight
50. Browned slices of bread
51. Bundles
52. Acclaim
54. Alas in reverse
55. Aid
56. French for "Moon"
57. Sun
60. Member of the moose family

Crossword Solution



UMaine softball tops Vermont

2-1 win in Weekend games improve UM America East record, 7-7

By Dana Bulba

With two runners on base, Kristen Calvetti hit an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure the University of Maine softball team's 4-3 victory over Vermont Sunday. The team won two of three during the weekend series and sent the Catamounts 12-22 and 4-10 in America East; UMaine is currently 8-35 overall and 7-7 in the league.

Going into the bottom of the fifth inning yesterday, Vermont held a 2-1 lead. Things began warming up for UMaine when Erin Iandoli hit one over the fence and leveled the score.

Black Bear starting pitcher Jenna Balent fended off two batters in the top of the sixth, both with strikeouts.

Back at bat at the bottom of the sixth, with the bases full and nobody out, Vermont traded pitchers. UMaine's Stephanie George stepped up to the plate and was hit by a pitch – sending her to first and Calvetti's pinch runner Melinda Corssino to home plate for a 3-2 lead.

Three-straight strike outs fol-

lowed and the Black Bears were forced to take the field.

An infield single by Vermont's Caroline Goddard during the top of the seventh allowed teammate Laura Stagliano to run home, tying the game at 3-3.

Back at bat during the bottom of the seventh, the Black Bears needed at least one run to end the game and any extra inning play.

Softball

Ashley Waters led with a double to left-center field; Terren Hall followed with a grounded out to third.

Calvetti came to the plate with one out on the record and hit a fastball back through the middle of the infield to bring Waters home for the winning run.

In Saturday's games, UMaine split a double header against Vermont. The Black Bears won the first game, 9-4, and dropped the second, 7-3.

In the first game, Waters drove in a pair of runs, which

Vermont followed with three runs in the first inning. The home team picked up the game immediately following with a run and later with six in the second inning.

In the third, UMaine added a pair of runs when Waters and Whitney Spangler both hit for an RBI.

In the second game of the day, Vermont's strong pitching and defense lead to their eventual victory. Four errors were committed by the Black Bears, which also lead to their demise.

In the first inning, both teams batted in two runners. The Catamounts followed with three runs over the next two innings, bringing them to a 5-2 lead.

Hall drew a walk for an RBI later in the game that forced Iandoli home. Despite their efforts, UMaine did not score for the rest of the game.

Vermont secured the win with runs in both the fourth and seventh innings.

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who usually sees time as the designated hitter, an outfielder and as a first baseman, went 1 2/3 innings giving up just two hits and no runs.

"This was a learning experience today," Assistant Coach Mark Michaud said.

In Saturday's game, UMaine scored four runs in the top of the ninth inning to break a 7-7 tie.

Smith led off the ninth with a walk, Lugbauer followed with a singled before both advanced on a balk. After an out, UMBC intentionally walked Patane to load the bases.

Lukas' fielder's choice scored two runs – the second coming on an error by the second baseman. RBI singles by Joey Martin and Jackson finished off the scoring for the Black Bears.

Jimmy Cox (1-0) picked up his first collegiate win as a Black Bear. He pitched 2 2/3 innings of shutout relief giving up only one hit and striking out two.

First-year right-hander Matt Jebb went the first 6 1/3 innings of the game, before giving way to Cox in the seventh inning. Jebb scattered 13 hits and seven runs in his start. He also struck out seven and walked four.

Lugbauer, Patane and Jackson led the way for the Black Bear offense – who all recorded two hits each.

In Sunday's game, third-year right-hander Alejandro Balsinde made his first start since March 1 due to Miller's absence, and pitched six strong innings.

Despite limiting the UMBC offense to just seven hits and three runs in the first six innings, Balsinde (1-4) got only two runs from the UMaine offense. They went 2-for-12 with runners in scoring position and stranded 11 baserunners during the game.

The game was tied at two in the sixth inning before a rain delay. The Retrievers then scored a run in the sixth and another in the eighth inning.

Curt Smith led the Black Bears with three hits.

UMaine, now 15-18-1 overall and 3-5 in conference play, sits fifth in the conference, while UMBC is now 12-22, 4-8 in America East. With four conference victories, the Retrievers matched their conference win total from a year ago just three weekends into America East play.

UMaine defeated Division III Thomas College of Waterville on Tuesday afternoon by a 13-4 decision.

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and this is the way to get it out."

The worst injuries have taken place during their practice.

"We've had some freak injuries," said Passmore, who was taken in an ambulance to the hospital once when she dislocated her shoulder. "I was lying in the field with a neck brace trying not to laugh."

Most of the 30 members of the team had never played rugby before joining, and they have had no problem recruiting so far. The hardest part has been getting those interested to stick around.

"Some girls who come to our practices will ask us, 'What's rugby, what do you do?' And some find it frustrating to learn the first time," said Ridge, who describes rugby as a "mush" of football and soccer.

"It all connects once you see it in a game," Passmore said. They both



Photo courtesy of Laila Scholtz-Ames

Women's Rugby Team just won the Maine Cup.

suggest others who are new to the game should at least give it a try.

"The most you're going to get is a team full of friends," Ridge said.

The "Beast of the East," where the girls will be competing among 50 other teams from New England, will mark the end of their season, but the girls are not under pressure. "It's more fun than it is important. It's a learning tournament," Ridge said. "We want to get girls some experience and have a time to train replace-

ments because we will lose some seniors this year."

The team aims to make it to the playoffs for next fall and will be voting for captains next year. Even though they haven't had enough time to recruit a coach or money to afford one, nothing will stop them from playing.

"We have a good group of girls," Ridge said. "Rugby is not like any other sport. It's the biggest team sport. It's the ultimate team sport."

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meter steeplechase an event in which he has seen nothing but victory for the past few weeks. The winning time was 10:13.31 by Holy Cross' Vin Fata. At last weekend's Wildcat Invitational II, Bartlett finished in 9:10.24, a full minute faster.

Bartlett, along with captain Donny Drake, also ran the 1500. The two finished second and third, respectively, in times of 3:54.01 and 3:57.10.

Third-year hurdler Matt Holman earned another victory in the 400-meter hurdles in 55.93, but did not improve on his time like he expected to after last weekend.

In the field, the men were also successful, with Jeff Ramos winning the high jump after a 6-04 leap, Tom Williams winning the long jump with a 22-05 bound, along with wins in discus and javelin from Ryan Herbert and Dan Poirier.

The UMaine women were successful as well. Also coming off a weekend in the Louisiana swamp, second-year sprinter Allyson Howatt found her way to the top of the podium in the 100 with a time of 12.04, her second fastest time this season.

The sprint duo of Vicki Tolton and Lindsay Burlock took first and second place yet again in the closest race of the outdoor season. Tolton's winning time was 56.31, while Burlock finished just .55 seconds behind in 56.86.

Second-year runner Vanessa Letourneau also continued to dominate, winning the 800-meter run in 2:16.55 seconds. In other distance races, fourth-year distance runner Lauren LaRoche and third-year Stephanie Jette took second and third in the 1500, and second-year Laura Brustolon came in second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 12:13.53.

After dropping a race to the relay team from Holy Cross a few weeks ago, the women's 4x400 team avenged their loss definitively, beating the women of Holy Cross by eight

seconds on their way to a 3:48.65 victory.

UMaine ruled the field as well, winning several throwing and jumping events. Second-year jumper Tanya Simard won the triple jump after hopping, skipping and jumping 37-05.25 feet. Simard also earned second in the long jump, going 16-07.25 feet.

The throwers also worked overtime on their way to several outstanding performances. Fourth-year Maegan Burke won the shotput with a heave of 42-04 feet and first-year Rebecca Even, winner of the javelin last weekend at UNH, showed off versatility and was triumphant in the hammer throw with a toss of 154-01 feet. In addition, fourth-year Micalyn Wiechman earned second place in the discus, throwing it 119-11 feet.

UMaine's next meet will be at UNH for the final Wildcat Invitational on Saturday, but some athletes will be competing at the prestigious Penn Relays starting Thursday, April 24.

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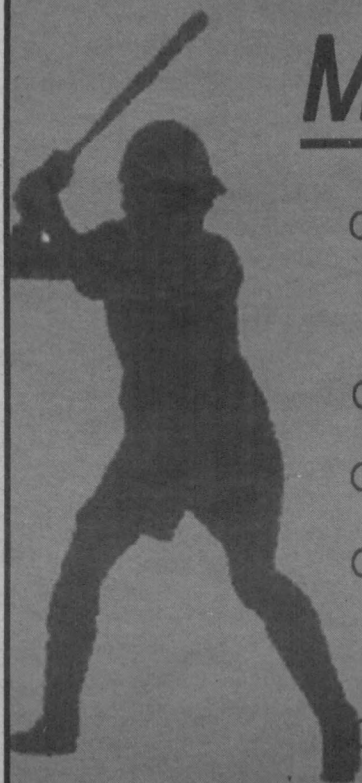
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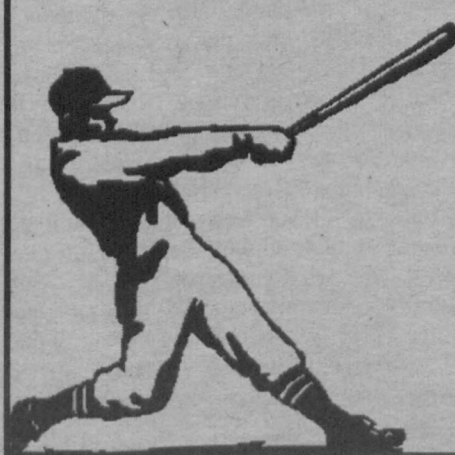
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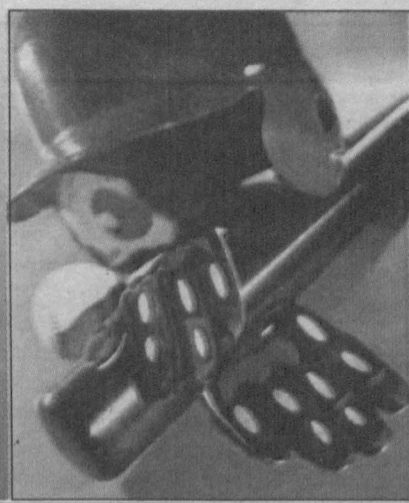
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Holy Cross' trying steeples

Track competes in multi-team meet, takes silver and bronze

By Derek McKinley

The University of Maine track team traveled to Worcester this weekend for a multi-team meet at Holy Cross. The men's team nabbed third place, while the women's team took home silver for their efforts.

Running in his first meet this season, second-year sprinter Andrew King gave two silver-worthy performances in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. King ran 10.92 in the 100m and 22.13 in the 200m, falling short

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of Central Connecticut State's Sean Smith.

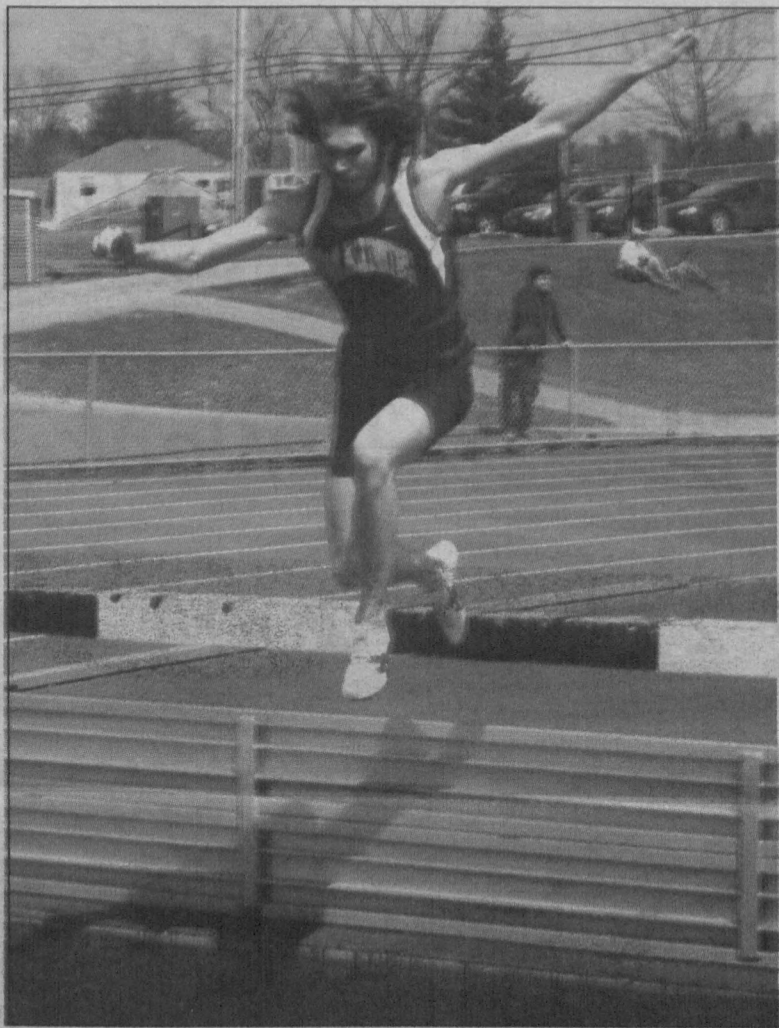
The UMaine men took home several silvers in every event from 100 to 1500 meters.

Second-year sprinter Skip Edwards, after spending last weekend racing in the Louisiana bayou, took second in the 400-meter dash with a 48.65 second performance.

Dan Voner took second in 1:54.86 in a race that saw three UMaine runners finish in the top six. Donny Drake finished fifth, and Miles Bartlett finished sixth.

In a questionable coaching decision, Bartlett did not run the 3,000-

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Andrew Loring ♦ The Maine Campus

Brendan Carr competed in the steeple chase during a track meet held this month at UNH.

Sport for 'ruffians,' care of UM women

Coachless rugby team wins the Cup

By Carol Hughes-Hallett

The hooker calls out as two females grab another one from her buttocks and attempt to lift her, with no success. The hooker calls again.

"Maine rugby, Maine rugby! One, two, three," and throws the ball.

This time, the two props lift the jumper who makes the catch. On the side, two other females struggle to rip the ball away from each other and practice their throws.

"I don't do the fancy thing when I throw the ball, I just go bang!" said one player.

Meanwhile, five other girls run up the field and pass the ball backward from one to the next.

"Ball," they call, as they catch it, pass it and loop back toward the end of the line.

It is 9 p.m. on a chilly Thursday night, and the University of Maine's women's rugby team is practicing the lineout and other drills for this weekend's "Beast of the East" tournament in Rhode Island.

Two weeks ago, they brought the Maine Cup to Orono after beating three other teams in the collegiate rugby championship.

Laila Sholtz-Ames leaves practice amidst the rugby drill commotion, which can leave a viewer with eyes rolling left, right, up and down in confusion.

The hooker, Sholtz-Ames explains, is a forward position in rugby. Hookers throw the ball during lineouts and "hook" the ball with their feet during scrummage. Two props, two locks, two wing forwards and number eight make up the rest of the forwards.

"Forwards are usually bigger and are in charge of rucking," Sholtz-Ames said. "I'm one of the backs who do most of the running and passing and usually score the most."

Yet with all the rucking, tackling, scrumming and ripping, the girls wear no pads. All they have are their sweatshirts, shorts, Spandex and some wear tall socks to avoid scrapes.

"We wear mouth guards, but other than that, there is no padding. We're also not allowed to sub in if anyone gets hurt," said Sholtz-Ames, and she runs back into the field to line up for another drill.

All of a sudden, a player is on the ground, but quickly gets up and keeps running as another one yells,

"We got you, go down." Sholtz-Ames is now down, and the others fall on top to protect her.

It's one tough group of women, but they don't fit the stereotype.

"We're not the big butch girls who people think play rugby. We're a little team," said Victoria Passmore, a second-year business major who has been one of the team captains since last fall.

Catherine Ridge, the other captain, agrees.

"We have the same rules as men, and we play as rough as they do," Ridge said.

"It is not as manly as people think it is," Passmore adds.

Historically, women have been discouraged from playing rugby due to the manliness of the game. It is now a fast-growing sport for

women in Europe, New Zealand and Australia and has become popular across college campuses in the U.S.

"The only real difference," Passmore said, "is that women's rugby is a lot messier and less put together than men's. Men's rugby is cleaner to watch."

The two captains, who have played together since high school, took charge of the team last fall when their coach decided to quit.

"There was panic at first, but we knew we had to step it up and be the leaders," Passmore said.

According to the captains, being self-coached has been the hardest part of playing in the rugby club, but it has also made them a tight-knit team.

"We were the only team without a coach during the Maine Cup, but we still won and had like six or seven of our members named All-Stars," Passmore said.

As the old English saying goes, "Football is a gentlemen's sport, played by ruffians and rugby is a ruffian sport, played by gentlemen." This group of women show that it can be played by ladies as well. Still, some may find it unappealing because of rugby's popularity as a high intensity, brutal sport.

"If you're an athlete, you'll get injuries all the time. It doesn't matter what game you play. It's scary until you get the first hard hit. Once you get past that, it gets a lot better," Ridge said. "There's just an angry little person in every rugger

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UM, UMBC in weekend split

Black Bears look to get back on track against rival Stony Brook

By Adam Clark

After dropping three out of four games during open conference play, the University of Maine baseball team looked to get back on track as they headed south to visit perennial America East punching bag, the University of Maryland Baltimore-County (UMBC).

Despite never winning more than six games in conference play since joining America East in 2004, the Retrievers took advantage of a shaky UMaine pitching staff and pounded out 35 runs on 51 hits to split the four-game series.

The Black Bears and Retrievers exchanged wins over the weekend, as UMaine took Friday's first game 6-3 before dropping the second game of the twinbill 21-8. The Black Bears bounced back to take Saturday's game with an 11-7 decision but dropped the series finale 4-2 on Sunday.

"We got some positive things out of this weekend, but the road doesn't get any easier," UMaine Head Coach Steve Trimmer said to the Bangor Daily News. "This is conference baseball and it's a very equal conference."

In Friday's opener, first-year left-hander Kevin Scanlan (2-2) relied heavily on his cutter and changeup as he earned his second straight victory.

Stepping in for ace Joe Miller, who did not make the trip after he contracted mononucleosis, Scanlan kept UMBC's bats at bay, despite giving up 11 hits and three runs — two

face fly scored McAvoy to make it 4-0.

The Retrievers got on the board in the bottom half of the sixth inning, but UMaine once again answered with two more in the seventh.

In Friday's nightcap, UMBC logged 18 hits and 21 runs, including 14 in the fifth inning, to split the doubleheader. The Retrievers sent 19 batters to the plate in the inning to break open a 7-7 game.

First-year right-hander Kyle Benoit struggled for the second straight weekend, giving up six hits and six runs (three earned) in just 1 2/3 innings. Jon Balentina (0-2), Latta and Ryan Forrest also struggled and were responsible for the 14 runs in the fifth inning of which 13 were earned.

While the Black Bears suffered one of their worst defeats of the season, there were some bright spots.

Solo homers by Lugbauer and Lukas as well as three hits by Cather paced an offense, which posted 10 hits.

Another bright spot was second-year Kevin Jackson who made his collegiate pitching debut. The lefty,

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Baseball

earned — through 6 2/3 innings. He also struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Justin Latta came out of the bullpen and recorded the final out for the Black Bears.

After being held in check through the first five innings, scoring only one run, UMaine finally broke through in the sixth with three runs.

Curt Smith led off the inning with a triple, and then scored on Myckie Lugbauer's RBI infield single. After Kevin McAvoy's infield single, Tony Patane followed with a bunt single. An errant throw by the pitcher allowed Lugbauer to score and Patane and McAvoy to advance to second and third. Jarrett Lukas' sacri-