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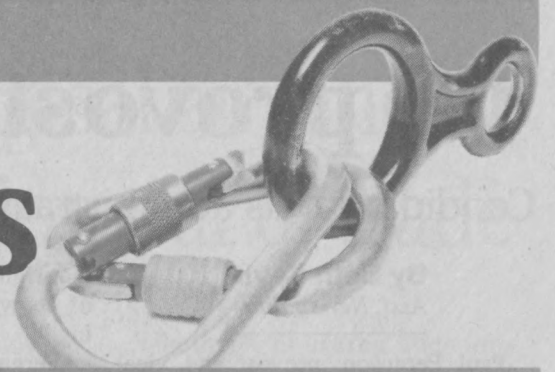
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Dime doors to shut following yearlong clash

Court-disputed building ownership conflict leads to announcement of Saturday shutdown at popular Old Town bar



File photo

The Dime, located on Main Street in Old Town, will be having a grand finale event from Friday into Saturday, hosting their last live event before they close indefinitely.

By Jamison Cocklin
Staff Reporter

The Dime, a prominent Old Town bar and a mainstay in local night life, will close for an undetermined period of time as the result of a long-standing dispute between the building's owner and its proprietor.

News of the closing went viral on Facebook after a wall post on the website on Jan. 22 announced that the bar would close on Jan. 29.

"4 nights left @ The Dime, get on out here before it's gone," read the post.

The closing was confirmed by The Maine Campus on Tuesday Night after the bar's owner, Tim Taylor, said he could no longer afford the financial stress incurred by the dispute.

The decision to close and the financial stress described by Taylor stem from a conflict over ownership of the building that began last winter between him and the property owner, Robert Modery.

In February 2010, according to Taylor, Modery backed out of a lease-to-purchase agreement when it came time to close on the building for a sale price of \$200,000. Taylor claims Modery wanted more money at the time of the sale in addition to the cost of one month's rent,

\$3,500. At the time, Taylor felt this defied the conditions of the lease-to-purchase agreement he had entered into in order to buy the building.

"The money we had paid at that point was supposed to go to the principal of the purchase price," Taylor told The Maine Campus in October. "This guy thought he was going to take advantage of a bunch of young kids and get more money than we actually owed."

Meanwhile, Modery maintains that the property was either to be purchased or relinquished on or before March 2, 2010, but he said that Taylor refused to pay the amount outlined in the lease-to-purchase agreement. Furthermore, Modery said, Taylor refused to pay anything at all.

According to both parties, this led to the issuance of an eviction notice on April 16, 2010. Subsequently, after Taylor failed to vacate, as he felt he had a legal right to stay, various legal challenges were filed with the district court in Bangor on behalf of both parties.

Now as a result of legal proceedings, Taylor has been forced to close his establishment.

The move comes after the

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Maine, 25 other states decry health care law

Concerns over growing federal power

By Jamison Cocklin
Staff Reporter

AUGUSTA — Maine has joined 25 other states in a lawsuit to strike down federal health care legislation passed in 2009 and signed by President Barack Obama.

On Jan. 20, a U.S. District Court judge in Florida, where the lawsuit was originally filed, granted a motion allowing Maine and five other states to join the petition. Maine's newly appointed Attorney General William Schneider said just days before that the move would be an imminent one, as Republican Gov. Paul LePage indicated during the campaign season his dissatisfaction with the law and intent to join his party's outcry over such legislation.

The Affordable Care Act was a major staple of the Obama Administration's platform in 2009. It was designed to provide millions of Americans affordable access to health care in addition to preventing private insurance companies from refusing coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

But with an estimated price tag in the billions over the course of a decade, and other controversial provisions like requiring American citizens to purchase coverage in order to help pay for the program, public discourse about the law has caused a heated battle between Republicans and Democrats.

The "lawsuit is not about whether citizens should or should not have health care," according to the Maine Attor-

ney General's office, but rather, as Schneider wrote in a statement released Jan. 20, that the grounds for bringing the action are about an "unprecedented expansion of federal power."

Schneider and LePage, along with many other Republican governors around the country, are seeking to overturn the law, deeming it to be an unconstitutional extension of federal power. The legal challenge takes

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Maine Attorney General

direct aim at the requirement to purchase health insurance.

However, Schneider and LePage have expressed in the past their shared belief that the health care system needs to be overhauled.

"I know the health care system is in a crisis, but I don't want to see that fix rest upon an unconstitutional foundation," Schneider said.

He added that the purchasing mandate was a key motivator behind Maine's decision to join in the legal challenge.

Meanwhile, the move has prompted many Democratic

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Career Fair fills Student Rec Center

Citing weak economy, representatives notice shift in student-to-employer ratio

By Chris Chase
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's annual Career Fair took place Jan. 26, bringing to campus a slew of employers seeking to fill out their ranks with some college talent.

The event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, boasted a total of 83 participant companies; three canceled due to weather concerns. Employers on display included everything from the Maine State Police to the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, an organization of nuns based in Quebec, Canada.

Judging from their reactions, it seemed the talent scouts were positive about the prospects present at the event.

"We love them," said Vickie Shtatuck, a human resources representative of Quebec, Canada-based manufacturing company GL&V USA. "They're good students. We've had a good success rate."

Robert Fisher, an engineer for the same company, was surprised at the level of interested students applying for specific positions within his company, especially considering the fair's breadth of participants.

"Being non-engineering focused, we've had a lot of engineering-focused students," he said.

Maine television channels WCSH 6 from Portland and WLWZ 2 from Bangor were also present and were pleased by the number of students.

"We've had about 50 people visit our booth so far," said Heather Seavey, a managing editor for WLWZ 2. "Probably 30



Jay Preston • Staff Photographer

The UMaine Career Center hosted its annual Career Fair in the Student Fitness and Recreation Center on Wednesday. A total of 83 companies and organizations were available to students.

of them brought applications."

She was enthusiastic about the career fair itself as well, saying it was a great way for students to "get to see what's out there."

The Pizzagalli Construction Company saw plenty of interest from students as well.

"We've been busy all day," said Bob Correll, a training and development manager with Pizzagalli. "It's great for employers. We could have filled the needs for this whole company at this fair."

Sister Elaine Lachance, vocation director for Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec convent of the Portland-based Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, also had positive things to say about her first time par-

ticipating in the career fair.

"I'm really happy because, no matter who comes, something good always comes from that," she said.

Many of the participants had experience with UMaine grads in the past.

"We've participated in this for seven years now," said Paul Elkin, a UMaine graduate representing engineering firm TRC Companies, Inc. "We've hired dozens of engineers that have graduated from the University of Maine. The university does a real good job preparing the students."

Tim Sommers, a senior project engineer with Pizzagalli and a UMaine grad himself, said he "found [his] first job at the career fair."

The faculty members who organized the fair echoed the positive sentiments expressed by the participant employers.

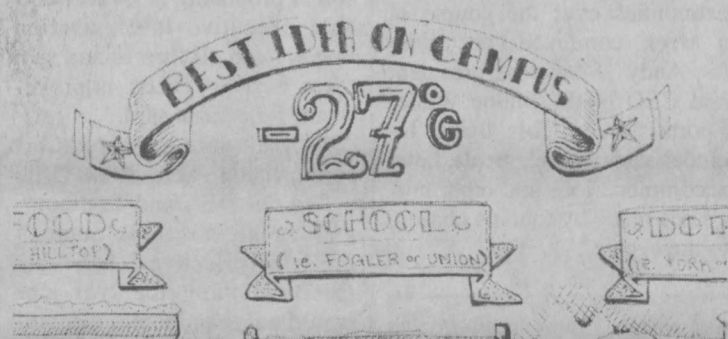
"I'm very pleased," said Patty Counihan, director of UMaine's Career Center. "Any employer I've spoken with has been pleased. They've been very impressed with our students. I think the students have come to this very well prepared. One even asked if we coached students on how to make a good impression."

This is the 15th consecutive year the career fair has taken place, and it seemed to the event's veteran participants that the current state of the economy had affected the turnout ratios.

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Ill. provost vying for UM leadership position

Candidate touts administrative experience, career in academia; current school's faculty gives mixed reviews of tenure

By Beth Kevit
Asst. News Editor

Paul Ferguson, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, has been named as a candidate for University of Maine President Robert Kennedy's replacement.



Ferguson

Ferguson has worked at SIUE, located about 25 miles from St. Louis with a fall 2009 undergraduate enrollment of approximately 11,100 students, for five years. Previously, he worked at the University of Louisiana-Monroe as an assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology and vice provost; he served at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas as the dean of the graduate college and senior vice provost.

Ferguson, who has spent over 17 years working in university administration, has ample experience but has not yet held a presidency. He described his ambition to become the president of UMaine in terms of moving up a corporate ladder.

"The president is going to be the CEO. Right now I'm kind of a chief operating officer, and going to the CEO position is a very dynamic move to help move the entire university forward in a much broader way," he said.

He said he has not applied at any other universities, unlike some of the other candidates for Kennedy's replacement.

"I'm excited about seeking a presidency, but not just any presidency," Ferguson said. "I'm really looking for that right fit and right chemistry and

that right particular mission that kind of fits with my background and training."

Ferguson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Whitier College in 1974 and his Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of California-Davis in 1981. He was instrumental in establishing a school of pharmacology and toxicology at ULM and served as a professor of toxicology at UNLV. While in Illinois, he supported the growth of the university's school of dentistry, established in 1972.

When asked if he would bring his interest in dentistry to UMaine, Ferguson said he would look to see if the program was needed. According to the Maine Dental Association, the University College of Bangor, which is a campus of the University of Maine at Augusta, and the University of New England are the only two institutions in Maine to offer an associate degree in dental hygiene.

"That's the innovative and creative challenge of the president, to figure out what programs we need to enhance our portfolio and meet the needs of Maine," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said he feels prepared to enter the University of Maine System due to his experience in university systems in Louisiana, Nevada and Illinois. Recognizing that UMaine is in a unique position as the system's flagship campus, Ferguson spoke about the need to balance the individual interests of the campus with the collective interests of the system.

"How do you balance the role of the flagship campus with the system as a whole, are the strategic directions of the flagship willing to be furthered or hindered by the directions of the system," he said.

Having followed Maine politics and picking up on Governor Paul LePage's promise to get Maine back

to work, Ferguson said he would be able to work with the governor on issues such as funding for the university. He described the political aspect of academia as equally important as curricula and research.

"I think that any academic administrator, and again having been in three states that are really struggling fiscally just as Maine is struggling, it really is important for the university system, and in particular for the flagship campus such as UMaine, to be willing to work with the governor," he said. "I think the system and the campus have really done a good job on starting to set the course for strategic planning."

Addressing some of the same questions posed to candidate Donald Farish, president of Rowan University in New Jersey, Ferguson said he commended UMaine on its recent Tobac-

co-Free Campus initiative and stated that, as a toxicologist, he recognized the significant health risks inherent in tobacco use.

"I really am a firm believer in smoke-free environments, but I will balance that to say that also we live in a community of people with different needs at different places in their wellness and I think we need to have those kinds of dialogues to figure out how best to implement that," he said, adding that any effort to decrease tobacco use on a college campus has to include an educational aspect.

Ferguson has served as a graduate dean multiple times, but he spec-

ified he would not focus so heavily on maintaining UMaine's graduate-level programs as to slight the undergraduate programs. Emphasizing the importance of both levels of instruction, Ferguson said the university would falter if either level were ignored.

"Graduate education is very close to my heart. Graduate education is the backbone of a solid land grant institution," he said. "The point is success of both [undergraduate and graduate] students."

Paul Sarvela, vice president for academic affairs in the University of Illinois system office who serves on some of the board of trustees' committees, supported Ferguson's claim that he has an excellent relationship with SIUE's board of trustees.

"Paul is a great guy. He is so approachable; it's very easy to have a

conversation with him. Students will have no problem interacting with him. He's a great listener," Sarvela said, adding that Ferguson's involvement in programs has helped develop the university. "Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has had nice steady increases in enrollment and you can only do that if you have good programs and good staff."

Faculty members from the university offered their views on Ferguson, both positive and negative, with the caveat that they were only personal opinions.

"I was in the faculty senate for a semester sitting in for a colleague who

was out and he came and presented a few times there," said creative writing professor Valerie Vogrin. "I think the overall perception is that he's very competent but he's definitely not warm and fuzzy."

"It's pretty clear when he speaks to faculty that he puts himself above them and the general impression is that if the provost office wants something, they're going to get it and they're going to appear to go through channels and to consult with faculty, again with the faculty senate, but ultimately, he's going to do what he wants to do," she added, describing Ferguson as headstrong in his dealings with faculty and as operating under a corporate mentality of efficiency in the administration.

Susan Breck, an associate professor in the college of education, had an opposite view of Ferguson, saying he was "the kind of person who didn't just make a decision and take off."

Breck based her opinion on interaction with Ferguson while she was president of the university's faculty senate. She described Ferguson as "very interested in shared government and faculty input into whatever he does."

Brad Cross, a professor of engineering, said he has only had "very minimal dealings with [Ferguson]."

"He's really, I think, in terms of developing our school of engineering, he's really been very helpful with us," Cross said, saying Ferguson has aided the engineering college in securing funding.

While opinions of Ferguson varied, the overall portrait being painted is one of a competent, intelligent candidate. UMaine students and employees will have the chance to meet Ferguson in the near future. An open interview session scheduled for 4:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Wells Conference Center has been postponed due to travel difficulties and has yet to be rescheduled.

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Valerie Vogrin
Professor of creative writing
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



Haley Johnston • Asst. Photo Editor

As snow continues to hit campus, parking becomes more difficult because of the piles of snow and lines buried under sand and slush.

Cost of combating winter weather climbs

Expenditures for snow removal accumulate to near last year's season totals

By Shannon Brenner
For The Maine Campus

Snow: It's everywhere this time of year. This winter in particular has hit the state hard with the white stuff, pounding out three heavy winter storms in recent weeks that have closed schools and businesses statewide.

As a result, armies of plows and road crews have spent countless hours clearing and maintaining roads and sidewalks, while thousands of locals and out-of-state tourists have hit the slopes to take advantage of the ample powder.

With all of this activity surrounding the removal or enjoyment of this wintry precipitation, it may come as no surprise that a substantial amount of money is spent on both necessary and pleasurable pursuits from late November through the spring thaw.

According to Rob Yerxa, director of Public Works for the Town of Orono, the average to-

tal operating budget for a winter season is roughly \$400,000. \$140,000 of this is spent on materials such as salt and sand for the roads and sidewalks, and \$225,000 goes to the workforce, with an additional \$35,000 factored in for fuel charges.

"It all averages out to about \$1,500 an inch," Yerxa said. "So, say we get 10 inches. That will cost about \$25,000."

That figure can seem startling, especially considering how much snow we have received just in the past few weeks, but Yerxa said this amount is about average for a Maine town the size of Orono. He termed last year's mild winter an "outlier," saying Public Works has spent almost as much on salt so far this year as they did for the entire last season.

"If you throw out last year — we're right on par, pretty average," he said.

Johnathan Rubin, an economics professor at the University of Maine, estimates the cost of winter snow removal state-

wide to be nearly \$100 million a year, based on a study of the costs of Maine winters he conducted a year ago.

A statement released by the university about the economics of snow-related industries said Rubin's study encompassed the costs of "rock salt, de-icing chemicals, corrosion of automobiles, steel highway structures and concrete, collisions in snowy, slippery conditions, and the environmental damages, including chloride-contamination of wells."

While some parties spend considerable amounts of money digging out after a big dump, snow is not always seen as such a nuisance that must be removed. Millions of dollars are generated every year by the Maine ski industry — around \$300 million, according to an estimate by Greg Sweetzer, executive director of Ski Maine.

Similarly, the Maine Snowmobile Association estimates that sled operators bring \$350 million to the state in an espe-

cially profitable season.

Although these estimates are not extremely recent, a total of half a billion dollars are generated by these two prominent winter sport industries each year.

Two upcoming winter events in early February are also bringing in money directly to the local Northern Maine economy. The seventh and eighth E.ON Ruhrgas IBU World Cup Biathlon will be held Feb. 4-6 at the Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle, and Feb. 10-13 at the 10th Mountain Center in Fort Kent.

As mentioned in the statement, these events have the potential to raise nearly \$10 million for local Northern Maine economies over the course of a week combined, according to Andy Shepard, president and CEO of the Maine Winter Sports Center. This figure includes sales of fuel, meals, hotel accommodations and other purchases made by tourists coming to the events.

GSS denies new post, allocates nearly \$25K

Senate tables motion to merge roles

By Christopher Crosby
Staff Reporter

At the Jan. 25 meeting of the University of Maine Student Government, senators tabled an amendment to the body's constitution that would have created a new Vice President of External Affairs, citing concerns the organization was unnecessarily moving ahead of itself.

Sponsored by student body President Nelson Carson, the legislation called for the creation of a new ex-officio member of the senate whose duties merged the jobs of the currently vacant technology manager with that of the director of External Affairs (DEA).

The new VPEA would have updated the Student Government website (www.umainesg.com), acted as a public relations representative with local businesses and organizations, and have created informational handouts to alert students about on-campus events. In addition, a new External Affairs Committee would have been created to assist the VPEA.

If passed, the amendment would have to be sent to a referendum vote by UMaine students. Carson explained that the creation of the position was expedient in order for Student Government to quickly move ahead and construct a website to reach out to students.

"The VPEA will need at least ten office hours a week just to contact local businesses, update the website, plus flyers — his job is going to be to make sure the students really know what UMSG is about," Carson said.

Sen. Mark Brunton agreed. "I think what President Carson is proposing is an accountable executive level position that we can all turn to and say, 'this website needs improvement,'" Brunton said.

Not all senators shared Carson's vision. Sen. Alex Ortiz called the DEA and Technology Manager positions "some of the least effective," believing that combining the two jobs would only compound difficulties by pushing the senate into uncharted territory.

"If you put the two together

and then expect that, by telling them a few new things to do, that all of a sudden they're going to utilize this new position and it's going to be so amazing and worthwhile is just too far of a stretch for my mind," Ortiz said.

With the "jump" of adding the new position, Ortiz feared that there would be no precedent for the VPEA to follow. Instead, he favored a "slow, gradual" addition of tasks to the DEA's duties. That way, he said, the senate could monitor the interaction between student organizations and the DEA and see if the new position was warranted.

Sen. Kristina McTigue echoed Ortiz's concerns.

"I disagree in going into it

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Nelson Carson
Student body president

easily — I think we need to try it and go slowly with it. Then, if it works, and this is what we want to do, make it an executive position — but only after we know that it's successful, not beforehand," McTigue said.

The amendment to the constitution then failed. After the senate's decision, Sen. Jose Roman said it would be difficult for the DEA to make an impact on the student body without the amendment's changes in place.

"In order for us to affect the people outside this room and make them believe that we're not just a bunch of political science kids who get all uppity once a week and hang out with each other, we have to prove to ourselves that we are more than just that," he said.

After the meeting, Carson said that he had received the senate's message.

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Study: Little learned in first 2 college years

Critical, analytical thinking skills left by the wayside nationwide; GPAs rise for average UMaine students as years go by

By Jennifer Vincent
Features Editor

College students nationwide show little improvement in their critical and analytical thinking in their first two years of college, according to a recent report based on the College Learning Assessment.

For students at the University of Maine and across the country, the findings raise questions about the value of an education.

More than 3,000 students on 29 campuses participated in the study, which showed little or no gain in learning among 45 percent of students after their first two years of college.

Ted Coladarci, director of the UMaine's Office of Institutional Studies, warns against drawing conclusions from these numbers. He explained the CLA is a voluntary assessment that requires constructed responses and takes time to complete. Students were not rewarded for participating and it cannot be assumed they put their best effort into the survey.

"When you give a test of achievement to students, and there are no consequences for doing poorly or doing well, it raises validity questions, especially when you want to make conclusions about how students are doing first-year versus second-year," Coladarci said. "One conclusion is that they didn't try that hard when they took the test and another one is that students don't learn much from the first year to the second year. Either conclusion could be right — it's probably a little bit of both."

The Office of Institutional Studies collects and analyzes data about this campus to inform decision-making by university administrators. Some of these statistics suggest

that academic success improves with each year spent in school at UMaine.

The average student's cumulative GPA climbs steadily with each year spent in full-time study. Traditional first-year students have an average GPA of 2.61, second-year students a 2.81, third-years a 2.92 and fourth-years a 3.10.

Coladarci said that it takes time for some new college students to settle in at UMaine, including choosing a major program of study.

"As you change your major you could find that you settle in to a major that agrees with

to class, so the professor is reinforcing things I've already learned. Changes like that make a difference."

The GPA data may not be based solely on improved learning among students. One must consider that many students who are less motivated or successful in their classes choose to leave school after their first or second year. Coladarci said there is a pattern to who drops out and who stays in school to complete a degree.

"It's not a random process," he said. "The people who leave probably aren't as motivated as the people who stay."

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Molly Schenck
Graduate assistant
Residence Life

At UMaine, 79 percent of first-year full-time students return as second-year or continuing first-year students. Following their second year, an additional 10 percent of the original group leaves school.

These numbers are comparable to the retention rates of other universities with similar features and demographics to UMaine, like

Montana State University, University of Idaho and North Dakota State University. These statistics were gathered using the Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS), the industry standard for this type of higher education benchmarking.

Coladarci said the difference in GPA between first-year students and those who have been in school longer is due to a number of factors, including the elimination of less successful students and academic gains among those who remain.

The average full-time college student surveyed spent only 7 percent of their time studying — between 11 and 12 hours per week.

Residence Life Graduate Assistant Molly Schenck "wasn't that surprised" by those results.

"Since first-year students live in the halls, there's so much time to socialize," she said.

Schenck said the Division of Student Affairs is especially active in educating incoming students on the academic resources at UMaine and teaching them study

skills. She said many first-year students have trouble adjusting to the demands of college-level education.

"You go from having teachers you see on a regular basis and parents to help you along to being on your own," Schenck said.

Extracurricular activities can be a significant part of the first-year experience, according to Schenck.

"I really think it comes down to sudden freedom," she said. "The lessons you learn — in your first semester even — outside of the classroom are just as important in terms of time management and studying."

First-year undecided student Kara Capossela said that though she went to a large high school, college has been a shock for her.

"I think having big lectures and being graded only on your test scores is very different," she said. "It's definitely a big adjustment and I play a sport, so doing both is hard."

For Capossela, being involved outside of the classroom in athletics has helped her to study more effectively.

"I think it has taught me time management," she said. "I have to work around it and I can't let myself procrastinate."

Sarah Gagnon, a second-year mar-

student, has learned to use all the resources available to her, including textbooks, notes, slides and online materials.

"I used to study the night before and now I know I need to study a week ahead, a little at a time," Gagnon said.

Coladarci hopes that the upcoming National Study of Student Engagement (NSSE), which involves several hundred universities, will shed some light on student experiences on campus. All first-year and fourth-year students will be encouraged to complete the survey. UMaine administered the survey before in 2007, but did not have enough return from students to draw conclusions from the data.

The survey will be conducted completely online, and the first e-mail invitation will be sent on Jan. 31, with additional prompts to follow. Unlike the CLA, this is an attitude or opinion survey that will take little effort to complete. Coladarci emphasized that student participation is key in making the NSSE a success.

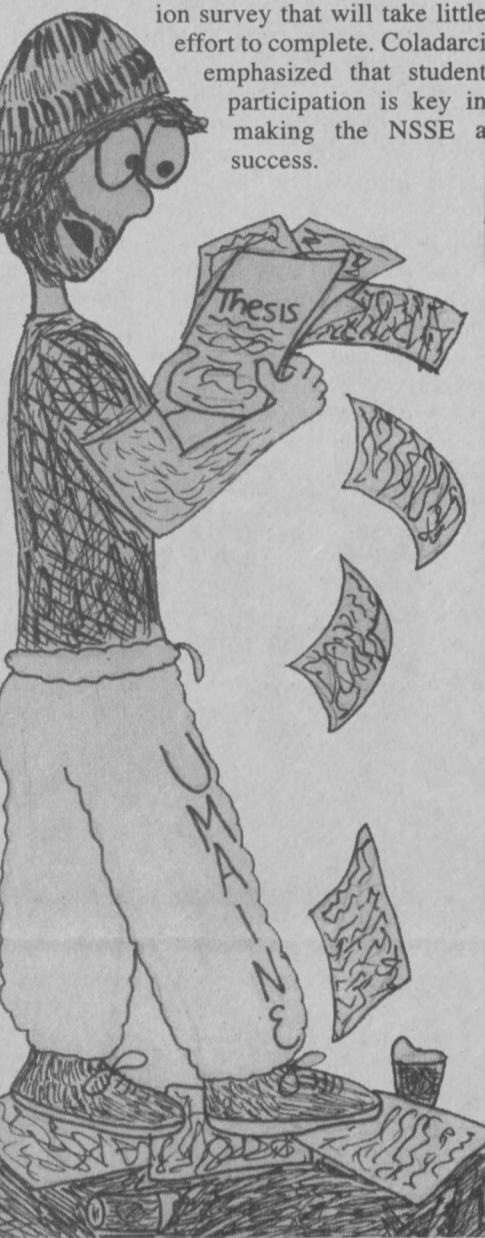
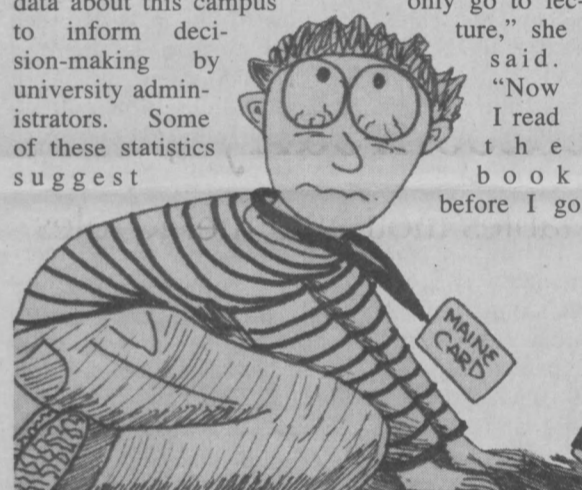


Illustration by Beth Kevit

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

Noisy night owls

University of Maine Police Department officers responded to a report of excessive noise and underage drinking at 1:13 a.m. Jan. 23 in Estabrooke Hall. An underage resident and her guest, a resident of another dorm, admitted to consuming alcohol and cooperated with the officers. Both students were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Volkswagen vultures

A male student reported the center caps from the hubcaps on his Volkswagen Jetta missing at 4:20 p.m. Jan. 23. The center caps, which bear the Volkswagen logo, are worth an estimated \$20 each.

Frigid fingers

A UMaine student was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor at 7:47 a.m. Jan. 23 to be treated for frostbite on his hands. He reported being outside in the extreme cold the night before.

Corralled Corolla

An abandoned tan Toyota Corolla was towed from the access road to the Knox Hall parking lot at 3:50 a.m. Jan. 23. The owner of the Corolla was contacted and told to move his car, which was obstructing traffic, but the owner failed to do so.

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University of Maine Briefs

Super survey

Freshman and senior students will receive an email on Jan. 31 containing a link to a to the National Survey of Student Engagement. The survey will contain questions regarding about students' college experience and will invite suggestions for improvements to the campus and the university curriculum.

Presidential candidate postponed

Paul Ferguson's visit to UMaine, originally scheduled for Jan. 27 and 28, have been postponed due to weather-imposed traveling. Ferguson, one of four presidential candidates, currently serves as provost and vice chancellor for student affairs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Pipe problems

The Bear's Dean and the Maine Marketplace closed at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in order to conduct emergency repairs on water pipes in the Memorial Union. All water service to the building, including bathrooms and water fountains, was cut in order to conduct the repairs.

Horsing around

Leonard's Mills on Route 178 in Bradley is offering horse-drawn sled rides Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and March 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rides last approximately 30 minutes and end with hot cocoa in the museum's blacksmith shop. Adult tickets are \$8, and tickets children 12 and younger are \$4. Call 974-6278 for more information.

Snow job

Snow removal from residential parking lots is planned for Feb. 1-3. The Steam Plant, Stodder and Sigma Nu parking lots will be plowed Feb. 1. The Hilltop parking lot will be plowed Feb. 2. The York and Aroostook parking lots will be plowed Feb. 3. Residents must move their cars by 5 p.m. the night of the snow removal and must be moved back to a residential parking lot by 7 a.m. the morning following removal. Cars may be parked in the lots surrounding the Alford Arena or in a residential parking lot not scheduled for snow removal that night.

Strut your stuff

Student organizations will be showcased at Accepted Student Day, Feb. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students interested in tabling for their organizations should contact Nicole Hemingway on First-Class with the name of the organization, the duration of tabling, contact information for a person involved from the organization, and any special requirements such as space or a power supply.

Tax help

Accounting students supervised by Steve Colburn, an associate professor of accounting from the Maine Business School, are offering free tax help to UMaine students and employees with annual incomes of \$58,000 or less. An appointment can be made for between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Fridays. The appointments will be held at Orono Public Library, located on Pine Street behind Pat's Pizza. Those looking for help

should bring last year's tax return and all tax records for 2010.

Sustainability films

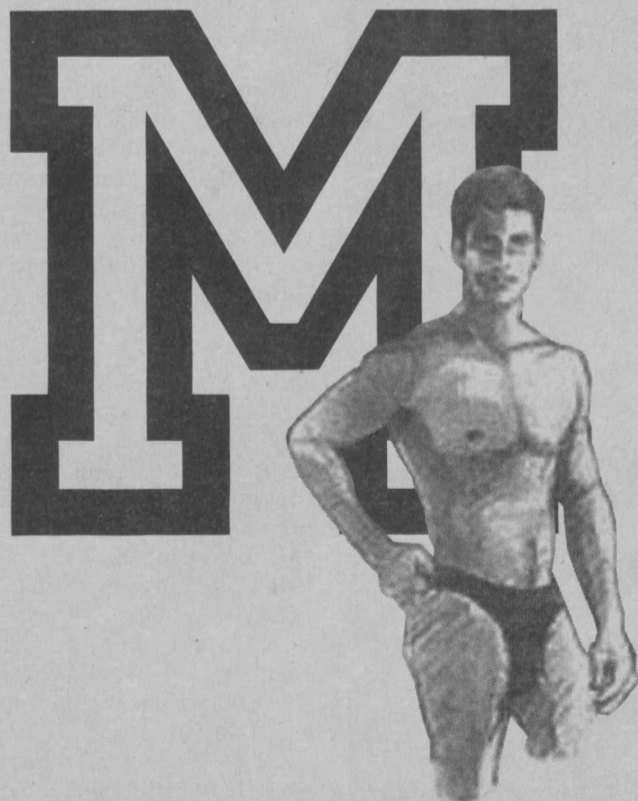
A series of free films will be showed on the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Orono Senior Center, located at 39 Birch Street. "Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America" will be shown Feb. 12; "The Next Industrial Revolution" will be shown March 12; "Transforming Energy" will be shown April 9; and "Efficiency Maine's Green Team Report" will be shown May 14.

Free tax help

A group of University of Maine accounting students, led by Associate Professor of Accounting Steve Colburn, will offer free assistance to the public for federal and state income tax return preparation.

From 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays through April 15, members of the UMaine Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will be at the Orono Public Library to help with preparation of tax return packet materials. The program is geared for low- to moderate-income taxpayers who make \$58,000 a year or less, especially for people with disabilities, the elderly or students. The program is sponsored in conjunction with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Colburn reviews all returns before they are electronically submitted to verify accuracy. Appointments can be made by calling Colburn at 581-1982 or sending an email to colburn@maine.edu.



The Dime from A1

court issued a ruling in Modery's favor following a forcible entry and detainer hearing Oct. 4 in Bangor District Court, which was filed by Modery in response to Taylor's refusal to vacate.

"He wouldn't leave and he wasn't paying what we had agreed upon — he wasn't paying anything at all and the court ruling demonstrates that," Modery said. "I'm from the old school, and when you agree to something, you follow through on it."

The court ordered Taylor to pay into an escrow fund, which is an account that the court will control until all rulings are final. Taylor has appealed the order with a higher court and is await-

ing a date for another lawsuit he filed against Modery over the lease-to-purchase agreement.

However, Taylor must make 11 payments each worth \$3,500, or the amount of rent on the property for every month since the dispute began, in order to have his appeal heard. Taylor

Jan. 29's closing, The Dime's doors are expected to remain shut tentatively according to Taylor. Ownership will essentially be in the hands of the court, as all other means of mediation have been exhausted.

"We have maintained and continue to maintain that Mod-

rent Modery claims we were expected to pay — in addition to our financing payments for money we borrowed to buy the building in the first place".

"I don't want to close, but I have to," he added.

Ultimately, The Dime's closure brings to an end a rancorous dispute that saw broken windows, cat-and-mouse games involving for sale signs being put up and taken down by both parties, and legal proceedings that produced no clear answers about whom was to blame.

Both Taylor and Modery are confident that they will eventually win in the end. Taylor says if his appeal is granted and The Dime regains financial stability, he will reopen the bar.

Modery says he wants "the mess" to be over and has likened the event to "a movie that won't end."

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Robert Modery
Proprietor of The Dime building

says he is complying with this order for the sake of his appeal.

Only after all litigation is settled will the money be distributed, if at all, to Modery.

In the meantime, following

ery has not upheld his end of the bargain — we followed the agreement as it was written," said Taylor. "We no longer have the money to pay into an escrow fund for the monthly

Health Care from A1

lawmakers in Augusta to suggest Schneider's decision was part of a coordinated national effort by Republicans to dismantle what has been hailed as President Obama's most significant legislative achievement to date.

"Clearly this is a nationally organized effort to undermine the implementation of the Affordable Care Act," said Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono. "I think we're better off sticking to the policy discussion rather than the politics of this."

Additionally, many Democrats have raised concerns over the cost of joining such a law-

suit. Former Maine Attorney General Janet Mills said such a challenge could cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars if it reached the Supreme Court.

Schneider and other Republicans, on the other hand, have claimed the cost of such a suit would be much lower and "in the thousands" at most.

"I really think we're going to find a way to do this with minimal costs," he said.

Last week, the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal the health care law, even though lawmakers in the Democratic-controlled Senate said they would not vote likewise. And two weeks ago, members of the Maine People's Alliance deliv-

ered more than 2,600 postcards to Gov. Paul LePage urging him and Schneider to scrap any plans they had to join the lawsuit.

At that event, Lewiston resident Shanna Rogers told Bangor's WLWZ 2 that "after three medical battles and four denials of treatment, I am well-versed in the way big insurance companies do business — they place profits above people, as usual."

Now that Maine has joined the lawsuit, U.S. District Court Judge Roger Vinson issued an order giving other states until May 14 to file amended complaints and join the challenge. Litigation is expected to proceed after that point, which some state officials believe

could eventually reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the meantime, states will continue to make preparations in order to implement the stipulations of the health care law, many of which are not expected to take effect until 2014 or beyond.

LePage spokesman Dan Demeritt added that the governor plans to make alternative health care proposals a priority.

"Maine is one of the most expensive places to buy insurance in the country," he said. "We have too many regulations and too many mandates. What we need to do is get back to a point where doctors and consumers can make their own decisions and get back to the point where there's competition."



Jay Preston • Staff Photographer

Margo Dyer of MMG Insurance and Bikram Shrestha share a laugh as she hands him one of many souvenirs available at the Career Fair on Wednesday.

Career Fair from A1

"I think I've seen more people looking for jobs in the last couple of years," said Laura Wade of WBRC Architects and Engineers.

Correll also felt the economy had cast a shadow over the fair.

"It's a complete 180 from when I was looking for a job," he said. "When I was looking for a job, it was the company's job to impress me and make me want to be an employee there. Now, it's the other way around."

Even under the shadow, some students remained optimistic. Justin Whitney, a mechanical engineering student at UMaine, remained positive about job

prospects coming from contacts made at the event.

"I'm pretty optimistic. It's a good place to network," he said.

Other students did not have quite as much luck. Zoology student Miranda Wiese said her major did not fit the needs of the participants at the fair, due in part to the evening's weather forecast.

"The aquarium that I wanted to talk to was one of the participants that cancelled," she said. "I did get a few flyers and what-not."

Maine State Police Cpl. Robert Burke, participating for the first time, seemed to echo the sentiments of everyone in the building.

"We're definitely coming back," he said.

GSS from A2

job of senate to keep myself in check," he said. "I thought the position should have been created, for necessity reasons, but rationality is telling me that we can work with what we already have instead of amending the constitution."

In other SG news the senate also approved nine allocations totaling \$24,630.88:

- One resolution passed allocated \$1,026.88 to Ryan Gavin for the creation of a new Student Government website. According to Carson, SG websites in the past have cost some \$20,000 to maintain and the process of contracting the work to build a new one out to an independent company would cost between \$3,000 and \$14,000.

- Nelson argued that hiring Gavin, who has designed websites for other organizations in the past, would be a convenient move saving senate time and money.

- Some senators questioned the bill's timeliness — McTigue pointed out that the senate had just rejected an amendment to create a position to oversee the current SG website. Carson, however, explained that the new website would be user-friendly and SG executives would have an easy task of updating its content with the installment of a technology manager. Carson noted that the website should be completed before the end of February 2011.

- UMaine Cheerleading received \$4,400 to cover airfare for the 2011 National College Association Collegiate National Cheerleading Championship where they will be competing against other cheerleading squads from around the nation.

- Rotaract, which stands for "Rotary in Action" and seeks to develop leaders through service projects, received \$2,450 to attend the group's spring break service trip in Oakland, Calif., from Feb. 26 to Mar. 5. The funds will cover airfare (\$1,200), lodging (\$750) and rental car insurance (\$500).

- The Ultimate Frisbee Team was allocated \$2,300 for a tournament in Brunswick, Ga., from Mar. 7-11. The money will cover the tournament fee (\$500) and lodging (\$1,800).

- The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers was funded \$1,100 for five of its members attend the National ASHREA Conference in Las Vegas from Jan. 28-Feb. 2. The money will go towards registration (\$100) and airfare (\$1,000).

- Maine Masque was allocated \$1,455 for their production of the play "Speech and Debate" to be held in Hauck Auditorium from April 6-10. The allocation will go used for lighting (\$1,000), play rights (\$410) and scripts (\$45). The event is free to UMaine students.

- The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship was allocated \$2,875 for 23 of its members to take part in the Katrina Relief Urban Plunge in New Orleans, Louisiana from Feb. 26-Mar. 6. \$2,300 will cover registration and \$575 for lodging.

- The Alpine Ski Team was allocated \$4,024 for 12 of its members to attend upcoming United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association races held in Maine and New Hampshire from Feb. 22-27. \$2,940 will cover entry fees, \$500 for regional compensation, and \$500 for lodging and \$84 for travel expenses.

- Men's Club Lacrosse was allocated \$5,000 for lodging and motorpool to fund five trips for away games in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

- Funding to the International Students Association for \$3,500 was postponed a week after a representative for the group failed to attend the meeting.

- Up 'til Dawn, an organization focused on educating university students on the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and UMaine Craft Club both received preliminary group recognition.

SG also swore in a new member: Rebekah Dunham became the newest UMSG senator. Vice President of Student Entertainment Patrick Nabozny announced that a bid of roughly \$5,000 had been forwarded for a fireworks show during winter carnival. The fireworks show is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 12 before the Men's Ice Hockey game between the Black Bears and the University of Vermont Catamounts, according to the UMaine website.

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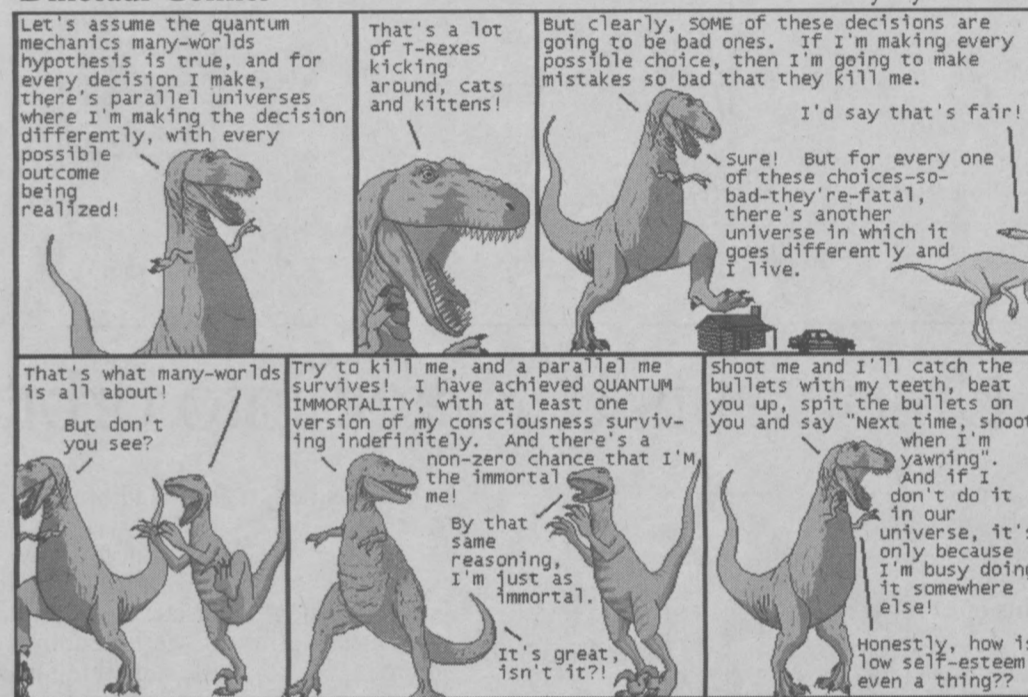
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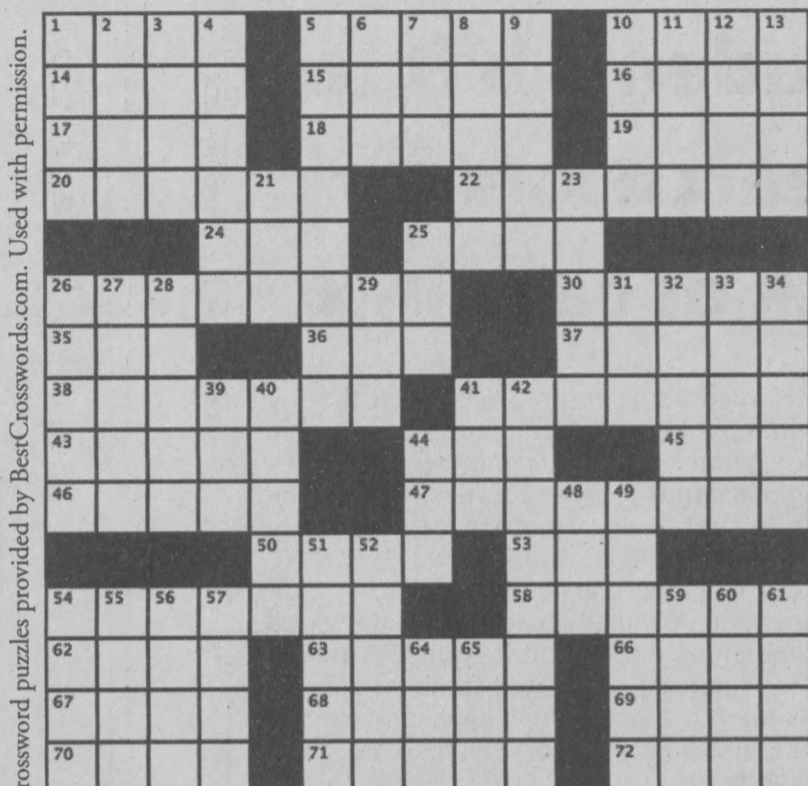


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

Across

- 1- Milk source
- 5- Tree of the birch family
- 10- Old Testament book
- 14- "Night" author Wiesel
- 15- Caterpillar rival
- 16- Wagon
- 17- Frolic
- 18- Like some symmetry
- 19- Corner
- 20- Accident
- 22- Nonmetallic element
- 24- Deserter
- 25- PC expert
- 26- Longtime resident of Hawaii
- 30- Protection
- 35- Broke bread
- 36- 6th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 37- Immerse
- 38- By the day

Down

- 41- Chopin or Liszt
- 43- Heaps
- 44- Cloudlike mass
- 45- Wreath of flowers
- 46- Concerning
- 47- German physicist
- 50- Hog fat
- 53- Black gold
- 54- Hawaiian guitar
- 58- Objects from everyday life
- 62- City near Phoenix
- 63- Concert venue
- 66- Delineate
- 67- Remain undecided
- 68- Expert
- 69- Algerian port
- 70- Kill
- 71- a time
- 72- Approached

- school year
- 2- "The Time Machine" race
- 3- Intentions
- 4- Volcanic material
- 5- Flexible
- 6- Superman foe
- 7- Agnus
- 8- Clear the board
- 9- Museum piece
- 10- Broadway opening
- 11- Painter Chagall
- 12- Black-and-white treat
- 13- Type of gun
- 21- Battery size
- 23- Capital of Tibet
- 25- The last letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 26- Tenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27- Dined at home
- 28- Blackbird
- 29- Where some vets served

- 31- Eternity
- 32- Duplicity
- 33- Japanese immigrant
- 34- Take hold
- 39- Bear lair
- 40- Cordage fiber
- 41- Hawaiian food
- 42- Unlearned
- 44- Gave grub
- 48- Sprechen
- 49- Aztec god of rain
- 51- 1836 siege site
- 52- Aired again
- 54- Strike callers
- 55- Ship stabilizer
- 56- Annapolis sch.
- 57- Gentlewoman
- 59- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy
- 60- Muslim elder and prayer-leader
- 61- Actress Heche
- 64- Holiday start
- 65- PBS benefactor

Sudoku Puzzle

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- Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

- Each column must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

- Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - Any home renovation or decoration should include the whole family. Organize your day to avoid any setbacks that might ignite temper flare-ups. Money can be made if using your ingenuity.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - You may have a problem with co-workers if you try to tell them what to do. In-laws or relatives may oppose your personal intentions. You may want to pull out some of those unfinished projects that are tucked away.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Your attitude is changing rapidly and your plate is overloaded. Remember, talk to them, not at them. You must try to include your mate in your activities today.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Don't give them the use of your credit card. Be firm when dealing with matters pertaining to your environment. Having your own business is a good idea.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Communication must be open, precise and honest. You can't help everyone. Uncertainty regarding your direction is likely.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - You should get out and enjoy social events where you are likely to meet new potential mates; however, don't overspend. You might not accomplish all that you want to at home today.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - It's time to let your true feelings out. You can help other people with their financial problems by setting up a budget for them.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You can make a huge difference to children if you are able to put yourself in their shoes. Avoid getting involved in idle chatter or gossip that might get you in trouble. Comfort is a necessity. Check your motives.

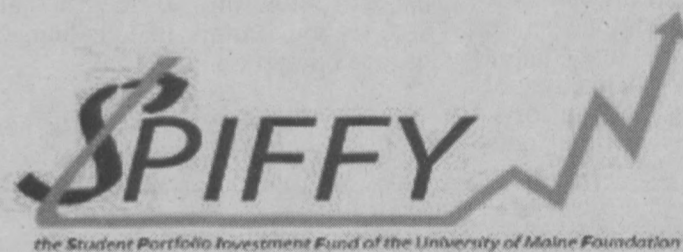
Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Family get-togethers will be interesting. It might be best to work on your own; if possible, do your job out of your home today.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - You can expect to have problems with your mate if you've been spending too much time away from home. Be careful what you say. Arguing won't help.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - You may not have the same ideas when it comes to what you and your mate enjoy. Don't let your mate stop you from attending an important event. It might be best to keep your ideas to yourself today.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Health issues may mess up your schedule. Communication will be your best bet. Help if you can, but more than likely it will be sufficient just to listen

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Apple Inc:
In light of Steve Jobs' announcement of indefinite medical leave on MLK Day (a non-trading day), the market showed signs of uncertainty when Apple's stock opened trading ~\$20 lower than their previous closing price. This was a whopping 5.6% decline. On that same trading day, Apple strategically reported their quarterly earnings, outperforming all expectations. How do you like them apples?

Chart Spotlight



Investment Tip of the Week

Information is everything for an investor. Fortunately for you there are many resources available. For Example: Free market news hot spots - Google and Yahoo Finance, Reuters, Bloomberg, and Marketwatch.com. There are also companies that will provide you with up to minute news for a fee. The University of Maine provides all of their students with full access to the Value Line Research Center, which usually has a fairly heavy subscription cost. Many private and institutional investors use this resource. My tip to you is to check it out @ www.Library.umaine.edu. Just search 'Value Line Research Center'

The Weekly Bulls & Bears

12/24/2010-1/21/2011

The Weekly 'Bulls' & 'Bears' describe how investors react to certain markets in a week's time. Bulls are when the Market is showing Confidence. One indicator of a Bull market is an increase in a company's stock price. Bear markets are the opposite. Bear Markets show a lack of confidence when a company's stock price is in a decline.

- ▲ RIG [Transocean Ltd] 78.43 (9.11, 11.6%)
- ◆ GE [General Electric Company] 19.74 (1.7, 9.6%)
- ▼ NLC [Nalco Holding Co] 28.84 (-3.04, -9.5%)
- ▼ SCCO [Southern Copper Corp] 44.19 (-4.47, -9.2%)

Portfolio Summary

Assets	(Stocks)	\$1,298,898	40.61%
Commodities	(Precious goods)	\$56,648	3.80%
Bonds	(Company Debt)	\$503,157	3.80%
Options	(Derivatives)	\$0	0.00%
Cash	(Uninvested Capital)	\$500,157	3.79%
Portfolio Value	(Total)	\$1,862,252	
Portfolio (12/24/2010)		\$1,800,000	
Change		\$62,252	

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EDITORIAL

Students left to search lots for lack of easy info

It's hard to read between the lines when the lines are nowhere to be seen. Commuters at the University of Maine know this fact all too well as they search the campus parking lots during the winter months only to find that any semblance of order has literally run amuck.

Pick-up trucks perch lopsided atop snow banks, Honda Civics somehow manage to take up three parking spaces and students sliver out from the minimal space between their car doors and the next car over. Those left without a space, which are many, stalk up and down the aisles of packed vehicles like sharks, hoping for a miracle.

It's a devastating scene, to say the least.

As the snow falls, so does the barrier between sanity and survivalist instinct. Who could have imagined strategically painted white lines and their visibility would mean the difference between normalcy and pure chaos? It seems safe to say that UMaine parking authorities should have considered the idea, yet the problem remains far from in the clear.

Although snow removal hasn't been easy this winter, it's still not an excuse to keep commuters in the dark about strategic measures they could be taking to acquire a parking space. Whereas snow days and other events that affect travel are posted to FirstClass in a prompt manner, lot availability and parking alternatives are often left to be discovered upon arrival, subsequently costing the driver precious time.

This situation isn't dire in any sense of the word, but there is something to be said of convenience when commuters pay a decent sum for parking services and are made to search tirelessly for a space every day. The word needs to be made readily available so before drivers arrive upon the UMaine scene, they know the extent of the damage. Daily FirstClass updates would suffice. Even a better promotion of the contact information for Parking Services would alleviate some of the frustration.

For now, we'll continue sizing up the problem on our own four wheels, holding out for a place we'll fit in. Let's just hope making our own lines and our own room won't push anybody out when all is said and done.

Don't hesitate to call Parking Services each morning for a briefing on the state of the lots (581-4047). Perhaps a little pestering will yield more mainstream access and some better communication.

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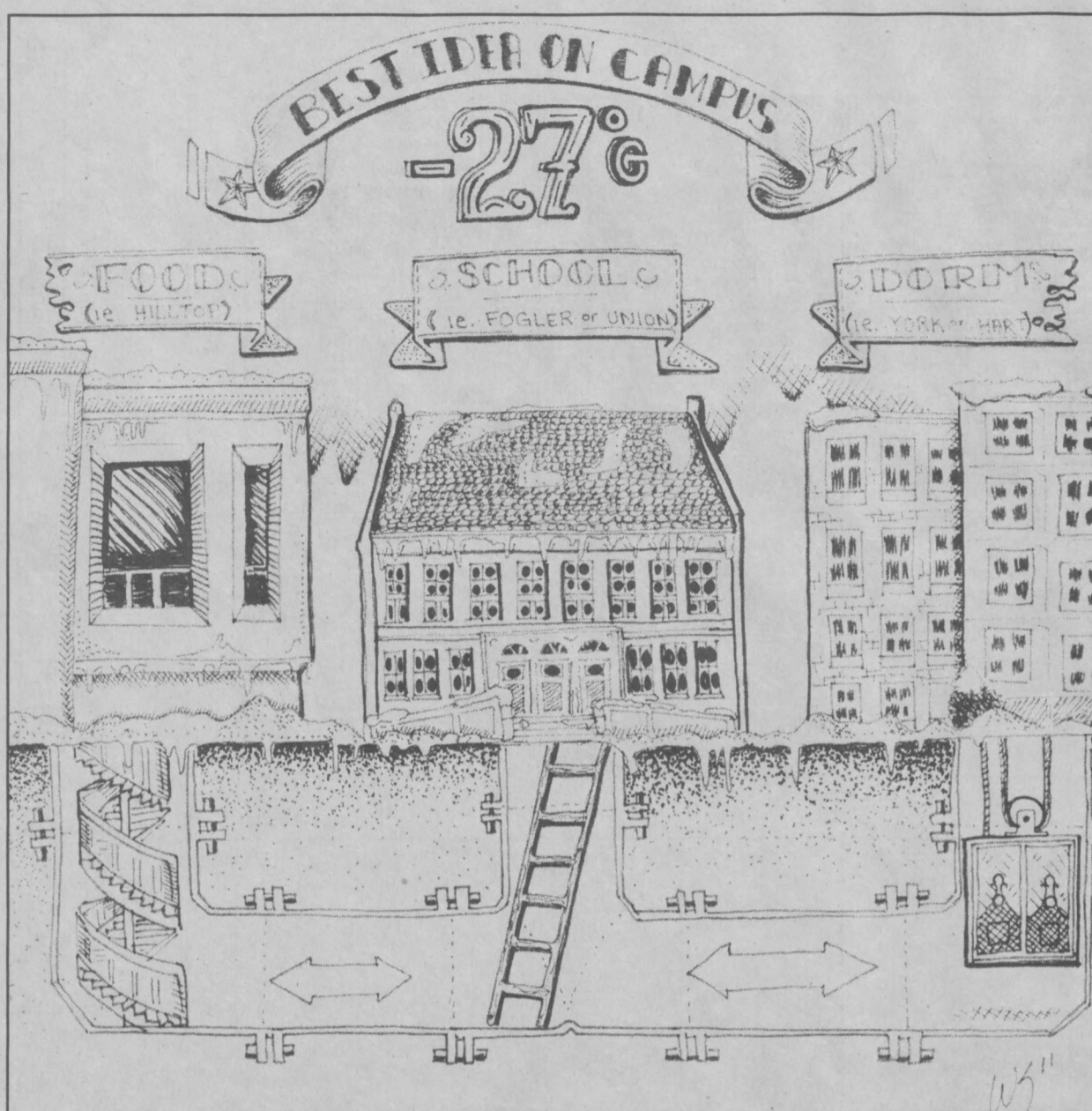
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State of the Union puts US back into orbit

The West Wing stood still as President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union speech Tuesday night. The work of many staffers over many months culminated into this one master oration.

In the State of the Union, President Obama attempted to motivate the American people. He called the times we live in a "Sputnik moment," referencing the Soviet satellite which prompted the Space Race and became the pinnacle of American innovation. On the surface, motivating the American people seems like a safe move. Many American presidents have used this tactic, and some attempts have been much more successful than others.

Obama attempted to motivate the American people in the same way former President John F. Kennedy did in his inaugural address in 1961. When JFK famously told the country to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," few recognized the impact that statement would have on the future of the United States. Many in Kennedy's inner circle will tell you they had no idea that the line would be as successful as it was.

During the Energy Crisis of 1979, former President Jimmy Carter also used this tactic, much less famously. He declared in a special address to the nation which would later be known as the Malaise Address, "We've got to stop crying and start walking, stop cursing and start praying. The strength we need will not come from the White House, but from every house in America."

Carter's speech flopped. What he called a "Crisis of Confidence," many Americans considered to be a crisis of leadership, mainly from the White



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House.

Any politician worth their weight would now be asking themselves what it was Kennedy did differently than Carter. It's one question the Obama Administration should be, and probably is, asking themselves right now. They should find that it wasn't the language they used in the speech, but

they needed to get ahead of the rest of the world.

Carter, unlike Kennedy, gave us nothing to work toward. Three days after giving the Malaise speech, he went on to fire his entire cabinet and hire a chief of staff, something he said he would not do on the campaign trail. These actions, in the midst of a crisis, did not give the American people confidence in his leadership, and they did not reward him with another term.

The perception among Americans was that Carter did not deal with the problems America faced, and he was putting the blame on the citizens.

Obama needs to keep in mind why Kennedy's call to service was so effective. What made Kennedy's phrase so famous was not the mere rhetoric that he spoke, but the way those words complimented the new generation Kennedy ushered in. Obama's

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the two presidents' differing ways of attacking the problems of their time that made their discourses different.

Within months of giving his inaugural address, President Kennedy would announce his support for the Apollo program and begin an unprecedented expansion of the space program. He would make investments in the famous innovation the space program honed, the same one Obama spoke of on Tuesday. Kennedy not only tapped Americans' best efforts, but he provided them with the tools

actions need to compliment the words he spoke on Tuesday.

If President Obama is to follow Kennedy's path, he needs to follow through with the initiatives he mentioned. Investments in the production of clean energy, high speed rail, our schools and our infrastructure are what will allow him to do just that. These are the Sputnik-like challenges that face our generation today.

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Columnist: Responsible driving knows no gender



With Danica Patrick racing her way past checkered flags, men need to get over their beef with female drivers and embrace the fact that women are just as competent as they are.

RYANNE NASON

Ever since the first woman earned a driver's license, we've never stopped hearing about the stereotype of the "typical" woman driver.

You know of her — this lady who obviously hits parked cars, shamelessly flirts her way out of speeding tickets and unknowingly drives for miles past the scheduled oil change.

As a woman, I am thoroughly irritated when men try to classify all women as poor drivers. While women may get into their fair share of fender-benders and silly mishaps, men notoriously pay more in car insurance due to their reckless driving. It's time that women get some credit for their skills behind the wheel.

With Danica Patrick racing her way past checkered flags, men need to get over their beef with female drivers and embrace the fact that women are just as competent and qualified when put behind the wheel. During snowstorms, women usually stay home for fear of venturing out in the blizzard-like conditions and men who take to the roads in their big, burly four-wheel drive trucks, putting themselves in more danger than necessary.

While driving in one of the recent snowstorms, I was appalled by a man I passed on the Orono roadways who was waving to me from his massive pick-up truck. He tipped his open beer can at me, tearing out onto the slick streets and causing me excessive worry for my fellow motorists.

Surrounded by drivers who were crawling at the slowest rate of speed possible, this guy looked anything but cool. To me, his actions were far worse than any sort of parking lot mishap women may find themselves getting into. With

the safety of others at risk, I feel that this man should be apprehended before any woman gets discredited from bumping into a few measly parked cars.

With the knowledge that twice as many men as women die in vehicular accidents according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, it makes little sense as to why women would be wrongfully accused of being poor drivers. It seems our primary concern should be the health and well-being of other motorists and their passengers — not the petty argument over minor scrapes and dents that caused little, if any, bodily injury.

Men should be concerned about this alarmingly high rate of death among their gender — knowing they are at high risk of death from driving should be enough to stop the snarky stabs at women.

I can only imagine that men wish to not be overly shunned for their driving mishaps, and it's only fair that they do the same for women, however lighthearted the remark may be. Instead of making women feel inferior about their driving skills and questioning every move they make on the road, it would be interesting to see if any significant difference would be observed if women were encouraged and accepted for their driving skills.

So men, before you make a snide remark about a woman's driving, think of the driving of your own gender. While it is unfair to judge a large group of people based on a few bad apples, the proof is in the pudding.

Rarely do you see women involved in the grandiose mortality statistics that riddle the male driving population, yet they take the brunt of so many unnecessary jokes about their lack of vehicular skills.

Admittedly, I am not the best driver around, but I am proud to say I have never caused serious bodily injury to any of my passengers or fellow motorists. While my driving record shows a fair amount of minor bumps and bruises, it's not anything that could live up to the legendary title men use to label female drivers. Let us all seek to be better drivers and make wise decisions before we head onto the highway, despite our gendered perspectives on driving.

The life you save could be your own.

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The currency war: American innovation only hope to survive corrupt Chinese yuan

SUSHIL KHADKA

It's always easier to blame others than to take responsibility for our own actions.

The same holds true with the ongoing currency war between the United States policymakers and the Chinese manipulation of its yuan. The rhetoric makes it seem like the yuan's appreciation is a panacea to all the job losses and the ailing economy at home, as if it will act as a magic bullet and the policymakers can just hold their hands up and do nothing.

Blaming the yuan could be a good political maneuver for the next election cycle, however it could hurt the next generation of Americans if not assessed thoughtfully. What is really unfortunate is nobody seems to be talking about the most important aspect of growing the economy — innovation.

The issue of currency manipulation should have been raised years ago. Now it's too late, where focusing exclusively on the yuan by U.S. policymakers today looks like a losing game. Yuan's appreciation, believe it or not, will work in the Chinese favor rather than help create U.S. jobs and make U.S. manufacturing competitive.

Studies have shown that cost of production in China is skyrocketing, meaning Chinese products will no longer remain cheap. But this doesn't guarantee that U.S. products will fill the gap in place of expensive Chinese products, simply because American manufacturing is also losing the war against innovation.

Let's say the yuan is appreciates by 50 to 100 percent. Wages and costs overrun for manufacturing products in China will increase, yet U.S. manufacturing will remain unlikely to gain its lost market share. Because China is not cheap anymore, won't barricade companies try to move into India, Brazil, South Africa or Vietnam to manufacture inexpensive products rather than turn back to America?

This is the stupidity of capitalism, not the currency. This is how capitalism works and how it survives — through exploiting resources, both human and natural, by paying a minimal price. India, which is gearing behind China in its race to economic growth, poses enormous potential for multinationals to produce goods and services.

And it's not only India and Brazil, but the whole of Africa has yet to be tapped for its natural and human capital, which will potentially replace China as a hub for cheap labor. On the other hand, the Chinese government

has realized already that an exports-based economy won't be sustainable. Hence, the policies have been put forth to boost the domestic consumption by its people, which means they will have no choice but to appreciate yuan to increase the purchasing power of its people.

Look at the past few months — the yuan has appreciated about 20 percent and the government further appreciates it because it will act in its favor. Even state-owned banks with branches in New York and two other cities recently presented to customers the option to open accounts on yuan's denomination. This shows that China is determined to make the yuan an international reserve currency similar to the dollar or euro. So when the big jump in yuan's appreciation happens, Americans shouldn't take it as their victory. China was going to do that anyway.

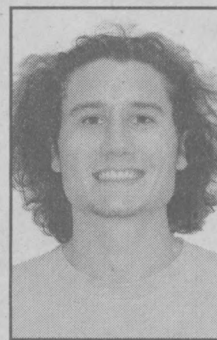
We have to ask ourselves: What is the winning way? I think it's the innovation in U.S. manufacturing that will make unique products and services to add true value. American manufacturing is ailing because it is not innovating anymore, so it is not competitive.

An example is the paper industry. Paper mills have moved overseas, while more and more are being closed here at home. The reason is not only because of cheap labor and forest resources in Brazil, Malaysia or Indonesia. Mills overseas are streamlining manufacturing, bringing in new technology and innovating new products, while many mills at home are still running with paper machines that are decades old, have no lean manufacturing in place and no innovation for new products and services.

My own experience as an innovation consultant at Eureka Ranch translates small business in the U.S. as peril because they are not innovating. And it's the small business that creates the most jobs, not the other way around. Big corporations will keep stockpiling profits by running operations overseas, while small business will be hard hit due to massive competition from foreign-made goods and services.

It's still not too late for policymakers to focus on innovation, invest more on research and development, clean energy and educate more engineers. Not taking bold action for innovation will not only make the U.S. lag far behind, but also diminish the prosperity it has garnered, eventually making American civilization a story of the past.

Technological advances take tradition out of trade



ROB STIGILE

NEWS EDITOR

job.

Whether I'm asking questions about the exact position or trying to score an off-the-cuff conversation with the individual in charge of hiring, I almost always find some value in those five minutes on the phone. But when it's HAL 2000 taking my call, all of the personality and charm in the world won't make any difference.

Proponents of the online system may claim that by cutting off the applicant from the Great Decider, the process becomes much more fair as it is based on credentials alone. But I view the time I put into tracking down and contacting the relevant individuals as extra credit, my way of letting a potential employer know that I am willing to put in more effort that the competition. After all, I'm not the only one who

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can call up John Q. Executive to ask about his open position, but I may be the only one who actually does, and I feel that taking the initiative in this way says far more about my capabilities as an employee than where I went to school or the relatively minor jobs I had during high school.

While I may not be able to find someone to call as a follow-up to my résumé, in my experience with the jobs I have electronically applied for, the corresponding companies certainly find the time to contact me. Every day when I open FirstClass, I find at least one e-mail from a number of companies I have applied for jobs with. I'm still waiting to hear about the job I actually applied for, but so it goes.

What I'm really getting at is the dehumanization of the human relations department. By filling out an electronic form letter with my information and waiting patiently for any sign of action from the other side, I feel more like a kid watching the mailbox for my comic book coupon X-ray specs than a potential employee.

And while these may just seem like petty, nitpicky criticisms that amount to very little in the long run, the number of recent graduates who are unable to find work has me convinced that we can use every bit of help we can get.

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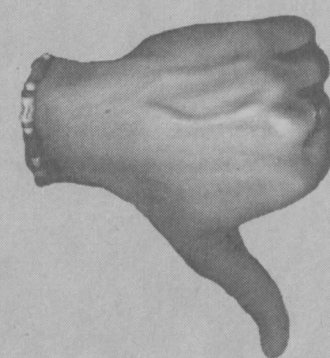
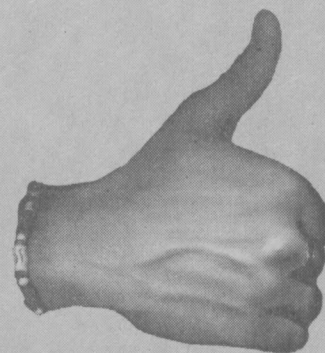
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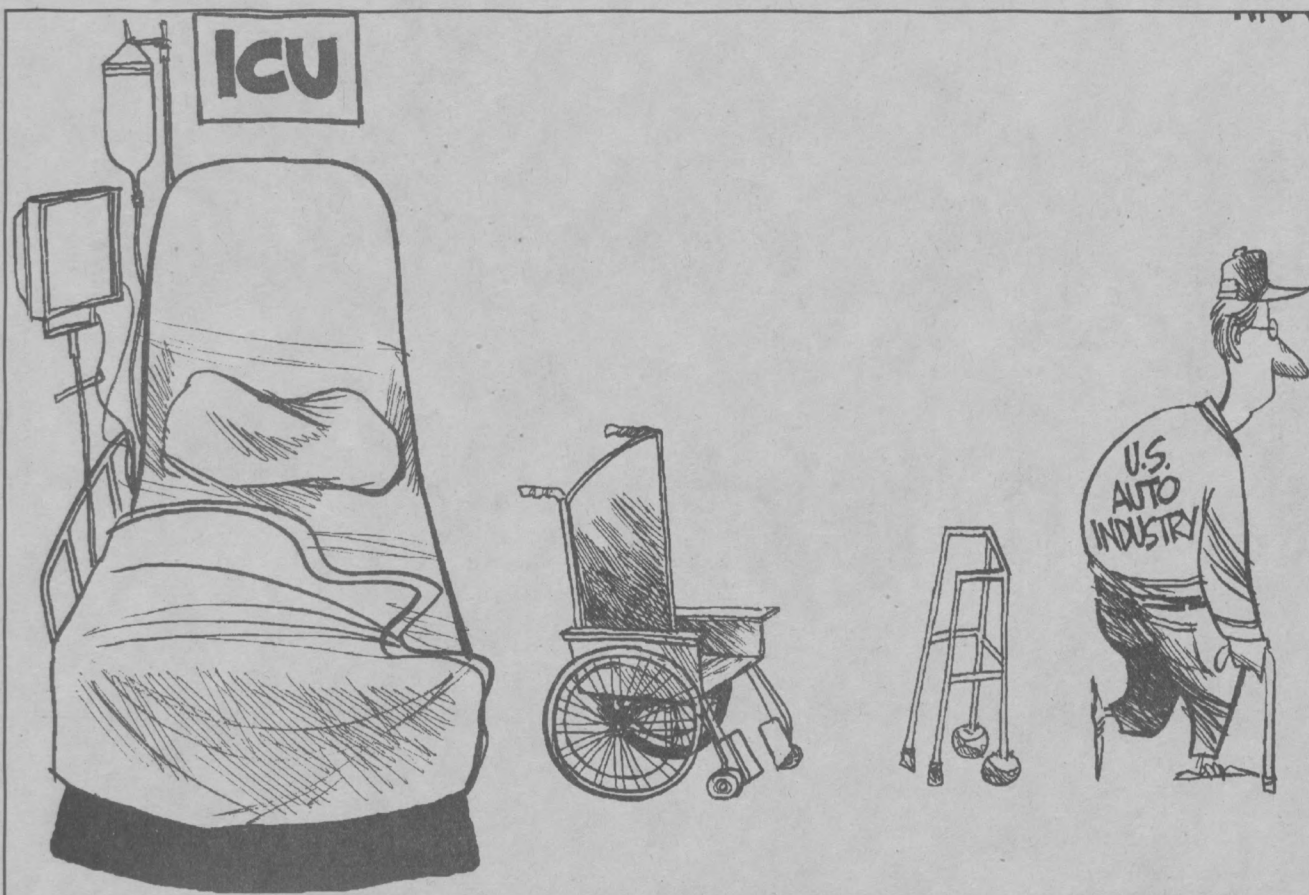
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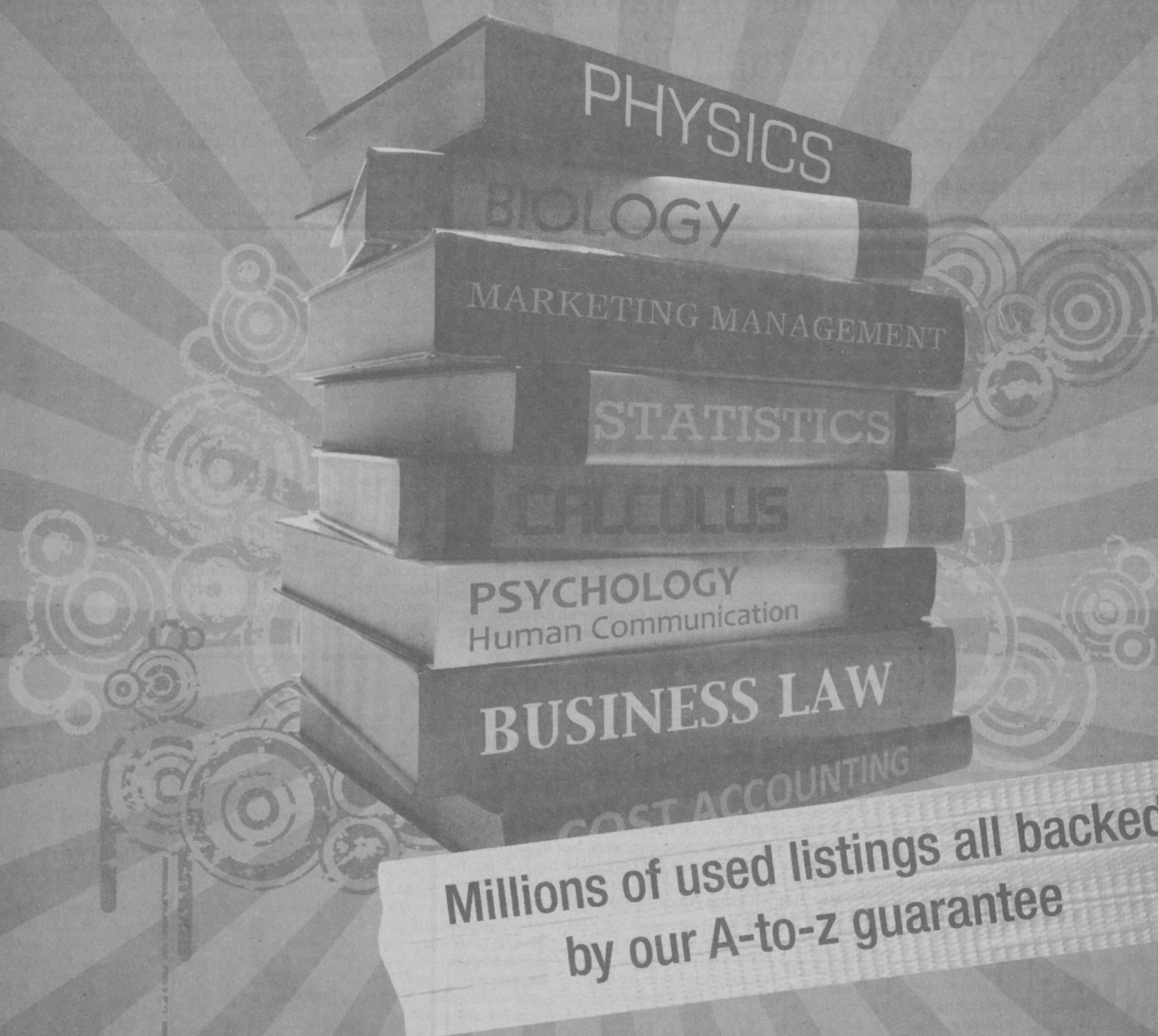
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CLIFF HANGER

UM student shares the 'nuts' and 'bolts' of rock climbing gathered from his travels across the continent

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

About a year ago, Ian Dorko was at the top of a giant rock. It had taken him and his two fellow rock climbers, along with a few hundred pounds of gear and supplies, four days — yes, they slept on the side of the mountain — to ascend the 3,000 foot sheer rock face. The sun was setting just as they reached the top.

Their plan was to hike back down that night by headlamp — but, with four feet of snow covering the ground, the unmarked trail had vanished.

The climbers spent the night on the top of El Capitan, Yosemite's most infamous climbing rock, with no food, water or proper snow attire. They hiked down the next day in a snowstorm, traveling 10 to 12 miles though the trail was supposed to be 8 miles.

"That was definitely one of the worst days of hiking I've ever had," Dorko said. "You're walking through drifts that are anywhere from knee-deep to up to your waist, with a backpack that weighs probably at least 50 or 60 pounds. We didn't bring snow gear because we thought we were going rock climbing."

Even with the sub-zero temperatures this week, the walk from your car to class doesn't seem so bad now, right?

Besides the Carhartt pants and hiking boots, there's no dead giveaway of Dorko's adventurous spirit just by looking at him. He has a relatively thin frame and his face is covered by a wispy, reddish-blond beard.

A senior computer science student, Dorko has been rock climbing since he was 11 years old. His parents took him and his sister to the rock gym at the YMCA in their hometown of Skow-

hegan. Dorko became friends with some of the staff members and before he knew it, he was out of the gym and on the rocks.

"I'd say by the time I got into high school, I was already self-sufficient," Dorko said.

He is now a certified climbing instructor through the American Mountain Guides Association — he gets paid to teach during the summer — and his endeavors have taken him to rock climbing destinations across the country and south of the border. He honed most of his skills in middle school under the tutelage of a few key college-aged climbers and one 40-something mentor. While he was more focused on team sports during high school — soccer, hockey, swimming and tennis — he has devoted a large majority of his collegiate life to climbing.

"Rock climbing presents a lot of challenges," Dorko said. "Our goal is to get to the top of this piece of rock. I guess I enjoy that challenge of, 'All right, let's figure out how to do it.'"

His journey to El Capitan took place last spring break, but Dorko has found himself at different locations throughout the last few years, including Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, California and all across New England, including Mt. Katahdin. His first big expedition was with MaineBound to Mexico during his first year. He returned to the same spot winter break of his second year because he wasn't allowed to do some of the longer routes, even though he and some fellow

climbers had the experience.

Normally, there are no rules stopping anyone from attempting any climb, however dangerous, according to Dorko.

"I think most people have enough of a self-preservation instinct to figure out that they need some sort of formal instruction or some sort of training before they go out and do this stuff," Dorko said.

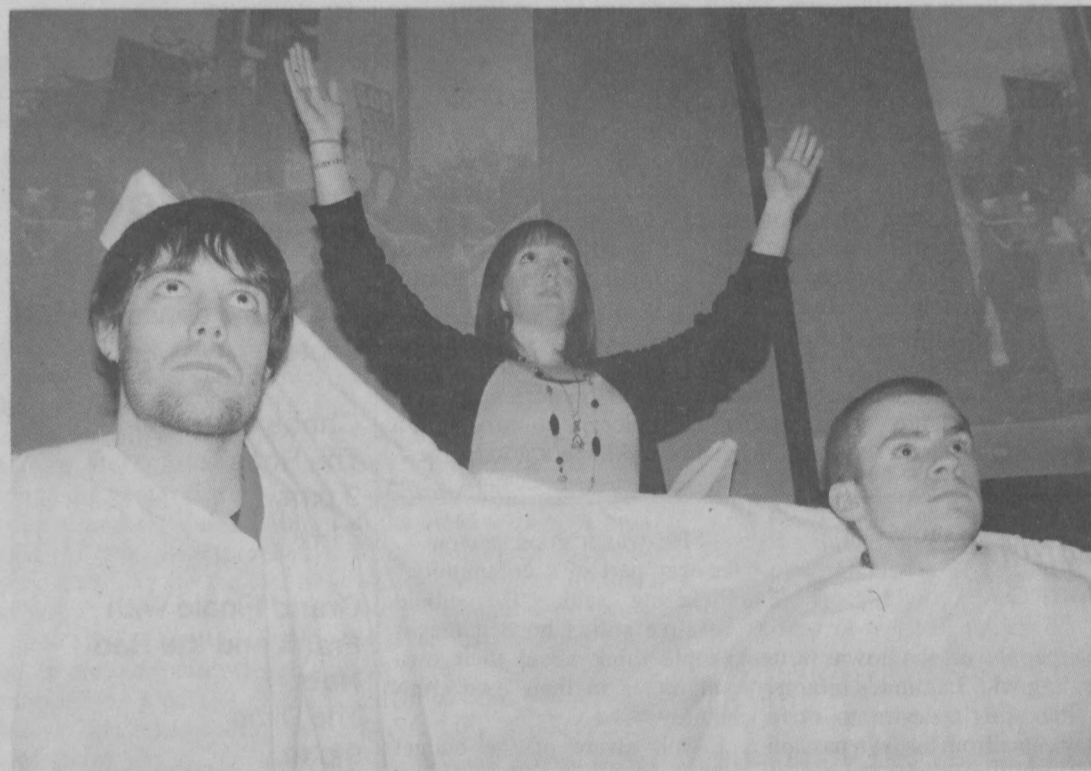
He never received formal training himself, but Dorko has built up his confidence and expertise through his different trips. Most often, each area has a different type of rock, which means a different type of technique and different kinds of equipment.

While Mexico had mainly longer sport climbs — 2,400 to 2,500 foot climbs that take all day and utilize man-made bolts in the rock — Dorko's journey to Devil's Tower in Wyoming after his sophomore year had

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All photos courtesy Ian Dorko
Background photo: El Capitan of Yosemite National Park

Play to raise awareness on homophobia and violence



Courtesy photo

GLBTQ Services and Wilde Stein present "The Laramie Project" this weekend in Room 100 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. The play tells the story of the murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard.

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

When a hate crime is committed, those affected often take solace in their desire for the incident to teach a lesson of tolerance. But as the years go by, it becomes harder for these messages of equality to stay alive.

The 1998 murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard sparked a national dialogue on homophobia and violence, but by now the story has begun to fade into the past. This has sparked GLBTQ Services and Wilde Stein to present their production of "The Laramie Project" this weekend in Donald P. Corbett Business Building. It marks the first time these groups have undertaken a play as a part of their outreach program.

"[The production] was to make sure that the people who were four years old at the time still realize that this happened," said Gavin Picker-

ing, GLBTQ services coordinator and director of the play. "Students around here, they don't really know about it — it's not as familiar as it is with the older people. It wasn't that long ago."

Written by Moisés Kaufman, the play tells the story of the murder, focusing on who Shepard was as a person and on the people of Laramie, Wyo. The characters in the play are real people who lived and worked in the town during this time.

Members of the Tectonic Theater Project, an experimental theater group, traveled to Laramie and conducted interviews with the people of the town a few months after the tragedy took place. The play is edited from those interviews — from a first responder who arrived on the scene, to students who knew Shepard, to those who did not. This production gives a 360-degree look of how

See Laramie on B2

Hidden talents abound in the world of YouTube

Column

You could say I'm a YouTube addict. It amazes me that there are videos out there for literally anything you could want to see — instructional videos, music

the_channel
By Jamie Dandrea

videos, movie trailers, TV series, free style rap beats and even Auto-Tuned cats.

Out of all the billions of videos in the world of YouTube, there are many that we know and love. "Chocolate Rain," the "Charlie bit me" kid and Antoine Dodson's "Bed Intruder" song are all ranked at the top of the list of YouTube classics.

However, what happens to the videos that are just as awesome but get lost in the abyss of muffins and make-up tutorials? It is my mission to find the buried treasures of YouTube and share them with all of you.

When browsing YouTube, I came upon some epic talent. Now of course we've seen videos from talent competitions — such as the video of YouTube

legend Susan Boyle — but what about the other rare talents that are incredible but aren't as marketable as Boyle's?

So, here are my top three choices for "Epically Awesome yet Underrated YouTube Talent"

"Just Imagine: Sand Art"

When I randomly stumbled upon this treasure, I had no idea what sand art was. However, after this four-minute video, I now have the utmost respect for it. The video is simply of a woman, Ilana Yahav, standing above a small table with a

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Weekend Guide

Your guide to this weekend's nightlife offerings in Orono and Old Town. Events are 21+ unless otherwise noted.

Thursday

The grand finale celebration for the closing of The Dime gets underway Thursday night with a Pong Tournament. It costs \$10 per team to enter, but the winner goes home with a pair of 19-inch TVs. There's also drink specials all weekend so they can clear all of the booze out of the place. Everyone's favorite mullet-haired band, Suit Mullet, will be rocking down at The Roost.

Friday

Restless Groove will perform in Orono for one of the last times at Woodman's Bar and Grill Friday night. Guitarist Peter Gerard said he and Ryan Kirkpatrick are heading down near Portland, but Restless Groove still have a couple of gigs left in them, so catch them before they're gone. Across the street, the Bear Brew Pub will have another Oronoka dance party, open to 18+ with a \$6 cover. Most Of Us Can Stand is down at The Roost once again — they're known to bust out a pretty badass Lady Gaga cover. There will also be live hip-hop at Curva Ultra Lounge — \$5 for 21+, \$10 for 18+ — featuring The Departed Krew. The going away party continues at The Dime with 3 Divide and more prizes.

Saturday

The Dime's proper goodbye takes place Saturday with Frank and the Red Hots and most likely insanely low drink prices to clean the place out. It'll be sad to see the place go; Old Town won't be the same. Back in Orono, Chaos Sauce is playing The Roost if you're in the mood for more covers and wings.

Compiled by Kegan Zema

Kids and adults were off to see ‘the wizard’

Collins Center for the Arts plays host to a slightly updated Broadway version of the classic story

By Dora McCarthy
For The Maine Campus

On Monday night, the Collins Center for the Arts looked a lot like Munchkinland. Children were running toward the colorfully lit entrance, parents in tow, smiling in anticipation of the performance about to begin. It wasn't just the young who were excited — the young at heart were just as animated as they waited for the curtain to open on “The Wizard of Oz.” Dispersed among the crowd were little girls in ruby slippers, blue dresses and braids in their hair. Among the most beloved songs and scenes were: “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” the house falling on the Wicked Witch of the East, the cheering of “the wicked old witch is dead,” the ruby slippers appearing on Dorothy’s feet — resulting in an “ooo” from the crowd — the confrontation with the Wizard of Oz and the melting of the Wicked Witch of the West, which looked like a magic act as she disappeared from the stage. There were also new lines and scenes keeping the audience capti-

vated. The Cowardly Lion spoke of his wish for courage, telling a story of how one day his father took him to the top of a big rock and told him, “One day you will be king over all of this.” The actor mimicked James Earl Jones’ voice as Mufasa in the “Lion King,” demonstrating that even an old classic can be modernized to speak to a younger generation. Another addition was the story of how the Tin Man became the Tin Man. The Tin Man was human, but the Wicked Witch of the West enchanted his ax so that when he swung at a tree, the ax cut off a body part instead. He would go to a tinsmith to create a replacement part each time. First the left leg, then the right leg, left arm, right arm and then finally his body and head — it’s understandable why this was left out of

the screen version. Glinda the Good Witch of the North announced a change to the program before the performance; Dorothy was going to be played by Ana Bartoletto Machado, the understudy. She didn’t disappoint. Machado was enchanting as Dorothy and her charming smile lit up the stage. Beau Hutchings as the Tin Man and Andrew Haserlat as the Scarecrow, with their slapstick humor and innocent search for a heart and brain, were endearing. The character that stole each scene was the Cowardly Lion, played by Jesse Coleman. Coleman’s reprisal of the lion, was hilarious. The supporting actors were a wonderful surprise. There were some fun-loving crows who sang along with the Scarecrow and laughed at his antics. Their laughter was con-

tagious and their imitation of crows was believable. Then the leggy — I mean long-limbed — apple trees in the forest with the Tinman made the audience laugh with their unexpected New York attitudes and accents as they scolded Dorothy for picking their apples. One small actor who stole the show every time he ran onstage was Toto. The audience looked to the side of the stage whenever Dorothy called for her beloved dog, letting out a collective “aw” as he pitter-pattered from behind the curtain into her waiting arms. Local students of the Penobscot Youth Theatre, which is part of the Penobscot Theatre Company in Bangor, played the munchkins. They were selected to perform in this show through the CCA’s community outreach continuing education program. You could see the excitement in their eyes and the joy in their smiles as they danced along with the cast. “The Wizard of Oz” is a classic, loved by young and old. The characters not in the film version, and seen only on stage kept the performance from being a ho-hum remake.

The remake of the movie classic featured inspirations from other films and updated the story enough to avoid being a boring re-hashing.

Math metal makes for musician’s merriment

Column

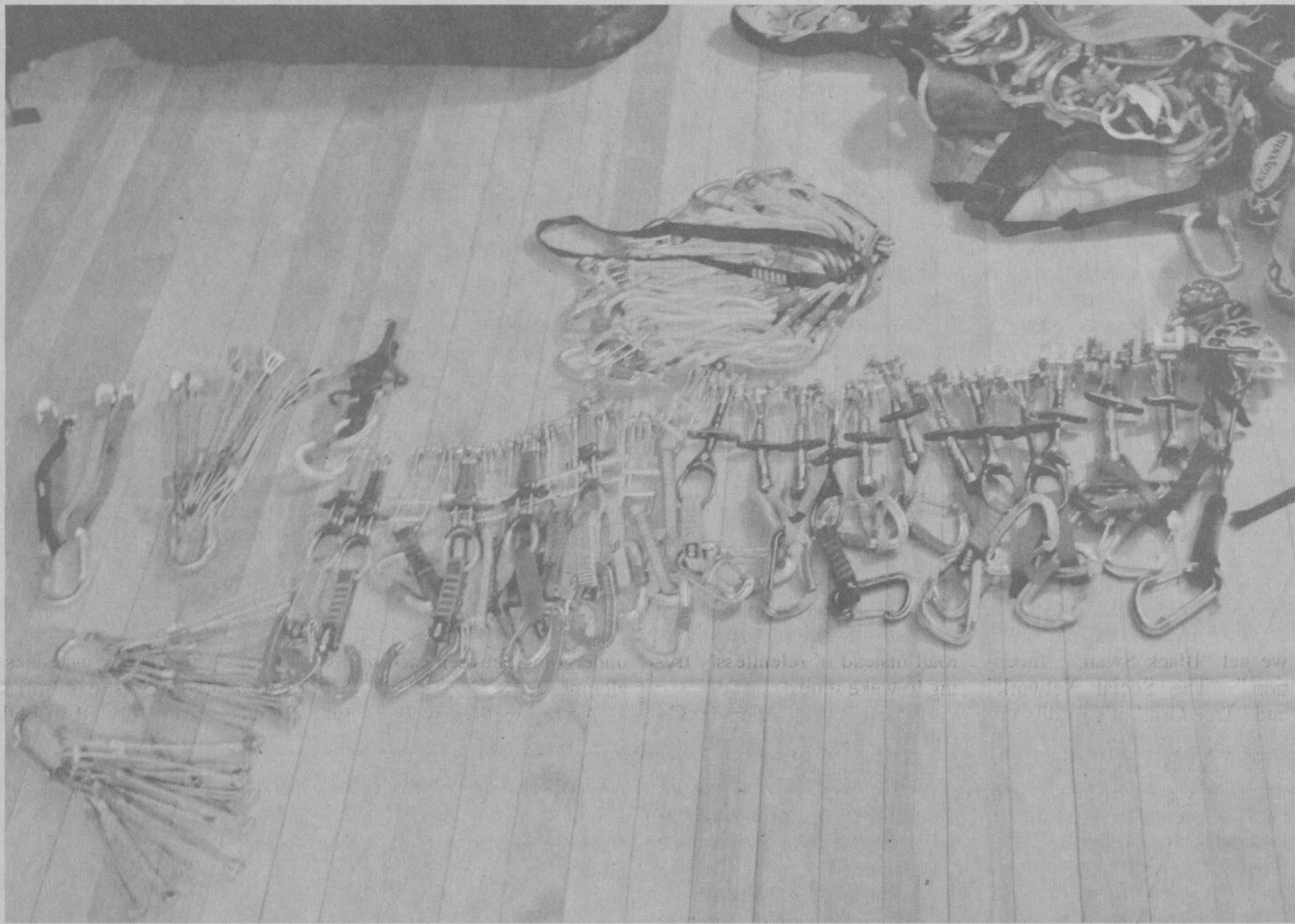
Math metal is a tricky thing in every sense of the term. It’s difficult to play, its abrasive sound can be taxing on the listener and the nonstop bombardment by razor-sharp guitars and guttural vocals can make your stereo speakers cry for mercy.

In my opinion, math metal should be renamed “musician’s metal” because nearly every fan of math metal I’ve ever met has a personal appreciation for musicianship. Although the spectrum of interested listeners may be limited, math metal is a growing genre with a few acts that stand out as extraordinary. Ke\$ha fans may feel free to continue reading, but be warned — math metal is a different kind of hot mess. Many people think of metal as having a pervasive low end accompanied by hyperactive double-bass and a standard, strategically-placed breakdown in every song. Math metal bands shatter all preconceived notions of what metal traditionally sounds like. There is no formulaic method to producing math metal because every song is completely different.

See Roar on B3



Hardcore Roar
By Colin Kolmar



Courtesy of Ian Dorko

A large array of equipment, as seen here, is needed to complete more technical and lengthy climbs. This was all of the gear UMaine student Ian Dorko and his friends used on a trip.

Climbing from B1

him doing some “traditional climbing.” Devil’s Tower looks pretty daunting — it’s an 800-foot-high natural structure, dominating the tree line. Dorko and his friends relied solely on their gear, fitting wedged, metal “nuts” into cracks in the rock. Dorko said as the cracks got bigger and rocks got looser, things got scarier. Climbers must trust their skills to succeed, according to Dorko. “It’s mostly a process of having experiences,” Dorko said. “You do something once and you either see why it was a good idea or a bad idea and you kind of learn from that — build on that framework.”

Accepting defeat is all part of the game. When a climb can’t be completed,

Dorko and his friends will often joke about how the mountain isn’t going anywhere. So far, Dorko’s most serious injury came two summers ago when he broke his ankle after a 25-foot fall. Even when discussing that incident, he has a very “s--- happens” attitude, though it’s obvious he has replayed the scenario over and over in his mind to prevent it from happening again. His travels have brought him back out west a few times, a couple by road trip, but for the amount of adventures Dorko has been on, he says his hobby is still relatively inexpensive. Apart from the price of gear, the cost of each trip is able to stay low because he is usually camping out or staying with friends across the country. Having a network of climbing friends can be a big advantage. A trip to Arizona

turned into a trip to Joshua Tree in California when Arizona was hit with snow and Dorko was able to meet up with a friend living there. For most places he has gone to, he has been able to meet up with familiar faces. “There’s definitely sort of a community of people that climb,” Dorko said. “I’ve met a lot of people in my travels that I’ve seen again at different places. I think most of my friends really are rock climbers, or at least have tried it out.” For Dorko, his biggest struggles with the sport come from finding the time to do it. Schoolwork and other priorities can keep him off the rocks and as graduation looms ahead, he is unsure how climbing will fit in. “[Climbing] is just what I do,” Dorko said. “It’s about the experiences that you get. You drive across country with a bunch of friends and have a good time.”

Laramie from B1

the people of the town were dealing with Laramie’s infamy. Pickering’s desire to do a play came from his own passion and experience with theater, as well as interest expressed by members of Wilde Stein. “I was really excited to include something I like in my job,” Pickering said. “I think that’s important to do.” Pickering also pointed to Laramie’s demographic resemblance to Orono as a reason for the production. Laramie is a college town with almost the same percentages of race, religion and age as Orono. The 11-member cast is split between students with moderate to extensive acting experience and those who have none. It has presented some challenges, according to Pickering, but he has enjoyed helping. According to Pickering, the strength of the play comes from telling Shepard’s life story, rather than painting him as a savior.

“He was a good person ... he was part of a community,” Pickering said. “He should be alive still. I hope it makes people think about their own judgments in their own community.” Well aware of the budget cuts in the university’s theater department, Pickering said he hoped GLBTQ services and other University of Maine offices and groups would continue to use theater and art as a means to emotionally connect with subject matter and educate. “I just hope that something like this continues — that our office continues to do things in art,” Pickering said. “I feel like art is one of the more powerful forms of communication.” “The Laramie Project” will have three performances this week on Jan. 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 1p.m. in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building in Room 100. All donations will go to The Trevor Project and Portland’s Center for Preventing Hate. Dora McCarthy contributed to this article.

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Grand Finale Pong Tournament
The Dime
9 p.m.
\$10 per team
21+

Suit Mullet
The Roost
9 p.m.
21+

Friday, Jan. 28

“The Laramie Project”
DPC 100
7 p.m.
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Most Of Us Can Stand
The Roost
9 p.m.
21+

Schoolin’ the New Year
Live hip-hop
Curva Ultra Lounge
9 p.m.
\$5 for 21+, \$10 for 18+

3 Divide
Grand finale raffles and giveaways
The Dime
9 p.m.
21+

Restless Groove
Woodman’s Bar & Grill
9:30 p.m.
21+

Oronoka
Bear Brew Pub
10 p.m.
18+
\$6

Saturday, Jan. 29

“The Laramie Project”
DPC 100
7 p.m.
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Chaos Sauce
The Roost
9 p.m.
21+

Grand Finale with Frank and the Red Hots
The Dime
9 p.m.
21+

Sunday, Jan. 30

“The Laramie Project”
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MOVIE REVIEW:

'The King's Speech'

Period piece plays it safe, fails to stand up to the competition



The Weinstein Company

By John Shannon
Film Critic

"The King's Speech" is a film specifically designed to win awards. It's a period drama set in Britain with acclaimed actors and an up-and-coming director telling a story that has the perfect balance of feel-good cheer and triumph over the odds.

It's the equivalent to a perfectly balanced breakfast, something to appeal to every taste bud and give the proper amount of nutrition. Unfortunately, this type of perfection results in a fairly boring meal.

Colin Firth stars as Prince Albert, a man destined to become the next King of England, who suffers from a rather embarrassing speech impediment. His wife, played by Helena Bonham Carter, enlists the aid of Lionel Logue, played by Geoffrey Rush, an Australian speech therapist who uses some rather peculiar techniques to help Albert overcome his mental and physical roadblocks.

The film is well scripted, acted and produced, but there's no snap to it. It's a perfectly

non-offensive piece of cinema, something that will be ideal to watch with your grandparents or other relatives, unlike the other awards favorites of 2010 such as "Black Swan" or "The Kids Are All Right." I feel as though if I were 30 years older, I'd love this film, but as a 20-something, "The King's Speech" fails to truly satisfy.

And it's a shame, because the movie really is good. Firth will surely win the Best Actor Oscar with his performance, and Carter takes a time-out from Tim Burton's films to remind us she can play a real person with an actual arc and sense of dignity. Rush is, as always, a delight. The only real problem with the film is its aesthetic choice. It all feels very cramped, as if it were shot on a micro-budget and set to air on PBS.

I just can't get past the fact that cinema, as an art form, is beyond this now. I'll speak more of this when it comes time to analyze the Oscar nominations, but suffice it to say in a year where we get "Black Swan," "Inception," "The Social Network" and "True Grit," it's readily ap-

parent that high brow cinema isn't only for the period dramas anymore. "The King's Speech" feels like a throwback to 1940s sentimentality, and I'm deeply uncomfortable with that.

"The King's Speech" doesn't traverse any new ground, but it does give a very good tour. It's a pleasure, certainly, but by the end of it, nothing new has been discovered. Even a few days after seeing the film, I have a hard time remembering specific details.

It is revealed that Albert's vocal troubles are psychological, due to upbringing and neglect. If "Good Will Hunting" hadn't already done the infamous "It's not your fault" scene, "Speech" would have tried for it. That's the level of originality on display here.

There's something to be said for playing to formula well — lord knows "The Fighter" did that recently and played it impeccably — but there's also something to be said for leaving the dead horse by the side of the road instead of relentlessly trying to wake it up.

Grade: C+

CD REVIEW:

Iron & Wine - 'Kiss Each Other Clean'

Bearded songwriter expands on the sleepy folk of yesteryear

By Derrick Rossignol
Staff Writer

A violin alone sounds nice, but when incorporated into a grand orchestra, it contributes to a much greater good. Iron & Wine, a pseudonym for South Carolina songwriter Sam Beam, caught on to this philosophy and added some lovely embellishments atop his whispery voice and acoustic guitar.

Upon close inspection, the album cover is indicative of the work it represents — it's a vibrant explosion of diverse colors from across the spectrum, but it still depicts a mountainous, bearded man in a natural environment.

"Kiss Each Other Clean" doesn't stray away from the soft folk rock that has been Beam's bread and butter for years, but instead adds a new dimension to it.

It is difficult to deem any one track as the album highlight, since this is a record that has plenty of meat on all of its bones. Things get started with the lead single, "Walking Far From Home," which certainly makes a push for this title.

Immediately, it becomes evident that this is a unique record as far as the Iron & Wine discography goes. More-than-whispered vocals and a beautiful arrangement make this slow burner sound more like a conclusion than an introduction, but it performs its duty as an opener commendably.

"Tree By the River" starts off with some "oh-ah-ohs" and sounds rarely heard on Iron & Wine albums, such as soft bells and an ambience that will suck anybody with a soul right into the song. At times sounding like David Gray — a lot like David Gray, actually — and the artist James Blunt wishes he was, Beam is continuing on in the constant maturation he has been undergoing between each of his albums.

A very mellow work is not



Warner Bros.

necessarily a boring work. The relaxed-yet-engaging "Monkeys Uptown" has a fantastic groove and even shows a small hint of electric guitar virtuosity between verses. Although similar to something tropical but in a dimmer way, funk takes over the last minute to break down the track wonderfully, leading into "Half Moon," which sounds like a folk cover of a country song.

Beam gets tribal with the percussion on "Rabbit Will Run," which could be the score of a jungle pursuit at dusk. Various noises and quirks give the song a unique identity, although it still seems like it could be playing in a background of a darker, modern day remake of the "Yoshi's Island" video game. This song is a fantastic summary and representation of the album — not because it is necessarily the best track — but because like the album, it is an eclectic mix of diversity that doesn't sound out of place for a second.

Fans who miss the nakedness that was characteristic of Iron & Wine's early work will be both

thrilled and lulled to a peaceful state upon hearing "Godless Brother In Love." With many things, simplicity is the best path to take, a trail that is strictly adhered to here. This is the most traditional and stripped down song on the album, but it is also the one most suited for slow dancing to while sipping on a glass of red wine.

This lovely example of all of the good that will come from 2011 is wrapped up in brilliant fashion with "Your Fake Name Is Good Enough For Me." This is the first time the guitar-work has gotten adventurous and really rock-like, despite having a jazzy sound from the onset.

The seven-minute closer will please anybody who likes a jam and anybody who wanted closure for this album. The song shuts the door after it leaves, doesn't look back and leaves the listener wanting a heck of a lot more. Perhaps this is not a release that should be bought on vinyl — the record may get worn out long before the songs lose their magic.

Grade: A-

Channel
from B1

cheesy 80s instrumental elevator tune playing quietly. On the table, Ilana creates tranquil and realistic images by throwing sand on the lit table.

In just seconds, Ilana transforms a beach into an eagle, a sun into Mother Nature and finishes with a dramatic dove and the words "Just Imagine ..." cleanly written in cursive. For all of us who have played in the sand before, we can imagine just how difficult it would be to create these lively images and how dirty our hands would get. Ilana forms these surprisingly vivid and symbolic pictures with ease and precision, making it impossible to look away — it's almost hypnotizing.

With only around 57,000 views — nothing compared to "Bed Intruders" 68 million — I thought this video showed some genuine and unique talent and deserved more credit, ranking it at number one. Ilana and her sand art are truly worth a view or two.

"Glasses Concerto"

Glass music is slightly less obscure than sand art, but this street performer really shows how it's done. Surrounded by

a busily chatting "audience," many pay only half their attention to this man and his story of how he learned to play the 50 or so glasses in front of him.

He constructed a fully chromatic, four-octave instrument out of the various sized and filled water glasses — the smallest of which he proudly states he purchased at Pottery Barn. He says he used complex chess strategy to arrange the glasses in a way he could perform classical music by learning the chords and notes just like a piano.

When he begins to play a Mozart concerto, the people around him go silent and listen, astonished by the man's extraordinary talent. The music he creates is perfectly in tune and truly beautiful. His passion and enthusiasm are clearly broadcasted in this three-minute video and have a way of making the viewer emotionally attached.

With only 22 views as of print time, this glass-concerto virtuoso is an undiscovered YouTube sensation and really deserves a listen — if not a record deal.

"Amazing Pizza Guy"

This pizza guy really knows how to make the best of a crappy job. Taken right in front of

a small pizza place in a mall, this video's star shows off, in uniform, his crazy moves with pizza dough.

He throws two pizza doughs in the air and spins them with so much speed it's hard to keep your eyes on them. He juggles the dough behind his back, under his legs and, at one point, while lying down. His non-stop pizza-juggling action is smooth and quick without a single mishap or break.

This pizza guy's special talent has scored 81 thousand views, but that isn't nearly enough to make him a YouTube celeb. However, he is still super-talented and shows what it means to have fun working at your summer job.

That said, these videos are just three out of the billions of epically awesome, yet hugely underrated, talent that can be found on YouTube. I urge you to watch these videos and share them with the world because they are real people with real lives and real talent.

Watch these videos online at mainecampus.com

Do you have a favorite YouTube video that you think deserves more credit? Share it with me at the_channel@mainecampus.com and it could be seen in the next installment of the_channel.

Roar
from B2

Though the indiscriminate listener may say, "All of this crap sounds the same," they couldn't be farther from the truth. An apparent disregard for conventional meters and key signatures takes careful planning in order to ensure that all of the musicians are in sync. The process of performing and composing a math metal song is a deeply cerebral commitment. Listening to a math metal song can be mentally fulfilling, and it's always invigorating.

Math metal acts have become notorious for their raucous onstage performances. One band who exemplifies math metal's wild antics is The

Dillinger Escape Plan. Members of Dillinger have been known to set instruments on fire, perform various acrobatic tricks with a guitar, run on the heads and shoulders of crowd members and even, in one infamous display, defecate onstage.

Most musicians who engage in such tomfoolery do so in order to compensate for a lack of musical ability. However, each member of Dillinger is a hyper-intelligent musician who allows the energy associated with intellectual stimulation to manifest itself in various erratic physical actions. As is true in most instances, with brilliance comes a measure of insanity.

If you happen to be unintelligent, you should go see The

Dillinger Escape Plan in order to see some guy with a beard windmill his guitar around like a crazy person — it will amuse you. For those who are interested in indulging in something that defies every pre-existing popular music rule, seeing Dillinger perform will change your life. Another suggestion would be to buy the Psyopus album "Our Puzzling Encounters Considered" and blare it in your car while your girlfriend is with you. I promise she will think you've lost your marbles.

Suggested Listening:
"43% Burnt" by The Dillinger Escape Plan
"Scissor F--- Paper Doll" by Psyopus
"Alcoholocaust" by Behold... The Arctopus

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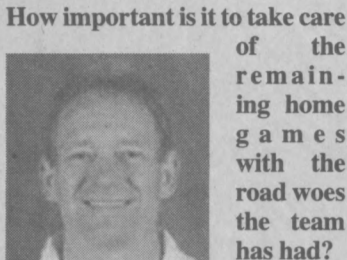
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Coach's Corner with Tim Whitehead



Whitehead

How important is it to take care of the remaining home games with the road woes the team has had?
It's certainly important to hold your serve at home, so these games are big. The other side of it is if you can steal a few games on the road, then you can climb up the standings. That's our objective down the stretch.

With 12 games left, when would you like to see the team start to peak going into conference tournament play?

You want to win every game, of course. The most important thing is to play well down the stretch and we don't have a lot of margin for error in the race for a league championship — or for home ice for that matter. Every game is crucial to us. What's most important is playing well in March and hopefully April.

Who has stepped up to play well while the team's faced the injury bug?

Various guys. We've had injuries all year — it's been one of those years — it's been great to see different players on different weekends elevate their game, but I think our best players over the last two weeks have been our juniors and seniors. They've really elevated their level of play and they've really brought it day in and day out since the loss to Merrimack.

NHL All-Star Game offers a new format for fan of fantasy

Column



By Matthew Soucy

Fantasy sports fans, pay attention this Friday to the NHL, as the idea of a fantasy draft will be brought from the realm of fantasy into reality. For the first time ever, the NHL All-Star Game is breaking away from the traditional East vs. West style of gameplay. Instead, the NHL will select two players to be captains of a team and the two captains will pick the rest of their team from a pool of players selected by fans and the NHL Operations Department.

Sound confusing? It seems to make no sense at first glance, but when it is simplified, it provides what should be a very entertaining and unique all-star weekend. Breaking it down step by step provides a better look at how this weekend will play out.

The first step in the process is the NHL players voting for the two captains who will select each team. The players have voted and the captains were released earlier this month. Eric Staal, captain of the All-Star Game host Carolina Hurricanes, will be in charge of one team, while veteran defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom of the Detroit Red Wings will select the other team.

With the first step out of the way, the NHL Operations Department selected alternate captains to assist the two captains in picking teams. Ryan Kessler of the Vancouver Canucks and Mike Green of the Washington Capitals will be Team Staal's

alternate captains, while Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks and Martin St. Louis of the Tampa Bay Lightning will be alternate captains for Team Lidstrom.

Surely there is a reader out there wondering why the fans aren't involved in this process anymore. Rest assured, they are still very much involved. The fans were allowed to vote for the top six all-stars in the entire NHL, and these players were the first six to be placed into the pool of 42 players. The rest of the players were selected by the NHL Operations Department. After selecting the captains and four more alternate captains,

rookies will participate in the SuperSkills Competition. The skills competition will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast on Versus. The events of the competition will include a speed skating competition, the break-away challenge, a shooting accuracy challenge, a skills relay, and, of course, the fan-favorite hardest shot contest.

The All-Star Game itself will be played Sunday at 8 p.m. and will be broadcast on Versus. It will provide a unique look at players from all across the NHL and may provide some interesting match-ups between players of the same

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the pool of players to be selected for the game is down to 36.

Now that the NHL has selected the captains and alternate captains of each team, the fun will begin Friday at 8 p.m. when each captain will pick his team from the pool of 36 remaining players. The mock draft will be broadcast on Versus and will provide an interesting look at a real life NHL fantasy draft conducted by the NHL players themselves. The only rule for the draft is that each team consists of three goalies, 12 forwards and six defensemen, which is a given considering those are the numbers needed to form a full team.

The team captains are also responsible for selecting which players from a pool of 12

teams and even two brothers, Eric and Marc Staal.

While the new format of the NHL All-Star Game may throw fans and viewers off initially, it seems to be an idea that will provide a great deal of entertainment. It offers fans an inside look into the minds of NHL players and how those players would pick their own fantasy teams, while still allowing the fans to pick some of their favorite players to participate.

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Transfer window offers few moves

Column



By Liam Nee

Nearly two weeks after Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain suffered a left foot injury in a 2-0 win over Mallorca and was ruled out for three weeks, the historically wealthy La Liga powerhouse did something they're well-known for — shopping.

The Spanish Club announced on Tuesday their signing of Manchester City forward Emmanuel Adebayor, which entails a loan until the conclusion of the season. Both teams should benefit from the move, not necessarily in terms of talent, but more so, as a way to fix current problems — along with Adebayor himself.

With the recent injury to Higuain and struggles with Frenchman striker Karim Benzema, who has all but two league goals this season, Real Madrid is in desperate need of a forward like Adebayor — someone who can provide support and speed for Portuguese star forward Cristiano Ronaldo and the rest of the starting 11.

Adebayor, in turn, is sure to find a more positive experience in Madrid after expressing he had felt shunted ever since young Italian phenom Mario Balotelli stole the spotlight upon his arrival in the fall of last year. Manchester City is losing

some talent along with this deal — something seemingly common for a club who lost super striker Robinho to Milan less than six months ago — but considering the team currently sits in third place on the Premier League table with a 13-6-5 record, there is surely talent elsewhere within the club.

Balotelli, captain forward Carlos Tevez and Spanish midfielder David Silva will remain the core to this team's ultimate success and finish. Also, the addition of Bosnian forward Edin Dzeko from Wolfsburg should provide a respectable replacement for Adebayor. Dzeko told BBC Sport that he's "pleased to be at such a good club with such big ambition."

Other transfers include the EPL's Aston Villa dishing out the big bucks for Sunderland striker Darren Bent, who scored a total of 36 goals in two seasons for The Black Cats. The Villa paid just under \$33 million for Bent, who stated last Thursday he "want[s] to help Villa get some points on the board. They are in false position."

There are rumors swirling around that Real Madrid's world-class defender Sergio Ramos could be leaving the club for the EPL, to join either Arsenal or Manchester United. In addition, the rumors state if Ramos commits to Old Trafford, Manchester United French left-back Patrice Evra could, in turn, join Real Madrid.

There hasn't been much moving, but the January transfer window certainly shakes things up heading to the second half of the European season.

Pit from B6

there. In 1960 [and] 1961 every game was sold out in advance and the public couldn't even get in. For the most part it was just students."

The fundraiser to renovate the Pit started four years ago. Chappelle got involved just two years ago. One day former Maine Gov. John Baldacci gave Chappelle a call to question

basketball status at UMaine. "You can't bring a recruit into the Alford — all you see is hockey," Chappelle told the governor.

A couple weeks later, Chappelle met with Baldacci and Maine Public Utilities Commission Chairman Jack Cashman, among others, to talk about the problems with the Pit.

"I emphasized it is not a healthy environment to play basketball. The governor said,



File photo

The Pit has long been a home court advantage staple for the University of Maine men's basketball team.

mercury in the track, problems with moss in the ceilings and rafters and there are currently no elevators.

Yet, the fundraising effort has made leaps and bounds. It started with \$12.5 million, and after the first donation that turned to \$14.5 million. Baldacci committed \$6.5 million in Pit renovation-related funds. With continued advances in

funding, the hope of a renovated Pit seems plausible in four years.

Since the Memorial Gym's opening in January 1933, University of Maine legends have spoken about its intensity, basketball enthusiasm and the "sixth man" it provided. During its day, it was one of the best.

Hopefully, that day will come again.

"You can't bring a [basketball] recruit into the Alford — all you see is hockey."

Skip Chappelle
Former UM men's basketball player and coach

about a transfer back to the Pit. Chappelle was a reliable source. After taking advantage of an opportunity to mention his hopes for a renovated Pit, he shared his thoughts on the

"maybe I can help," Chappelle said.

Besides basketball environment problems, there are many physical issues with the current state of the Pit. There is

Hockey from B6

that Alford wave all weekend in the contests with BU. The Terriers dropped a point at home to the Black Bears earlier this season, tying 2-2.

Nyquist and senior defender Jeff Dimmen tallied the two goals against the Terriers, which saw BU score the equalizer with less than two minutes remaining after junior goalie Kieran Milan was pulled in favor of an extra attacker.

The Black Bears hope a last-minute meltdown doesn't plague them again, as defense was a main concern this week.

"It's a team effort," Whitehead said. "The focus this weekend will be on team defense, protecting our goalies, staying out of the penalty box and preventing BU's talented forwards an opportunity to score from the slot."

The Terriers have a trio of forwards willing and able to score, led by senior Joe Pereira

with 10 goals, and junior Chris Connolly and sophomore Alex Chiasson with eight apiece.

The Black Bears counter with a high-five of scoring, with Flynn's 13 leading the way, followed by junior forward Spencer Abbott with 12, senior forward Robby Dee and sophomore forward Joey Diamond with nine and House with eight. Nyquist has played the role of setup man this year, compiling a team-high 22 assists, good for seventh in the country.

Flynn and Nyquist are expected to play in their 100th career game as a Black Bear, joining Dee, Dimmen, House and current leader senior defender Josh Van Dyk, who has appeared in 126 games as a Black Bear.

If the Black Bears get on the board first, there's a good chance for victory, as the squad has lost just once out of eight times when scoring first this season.

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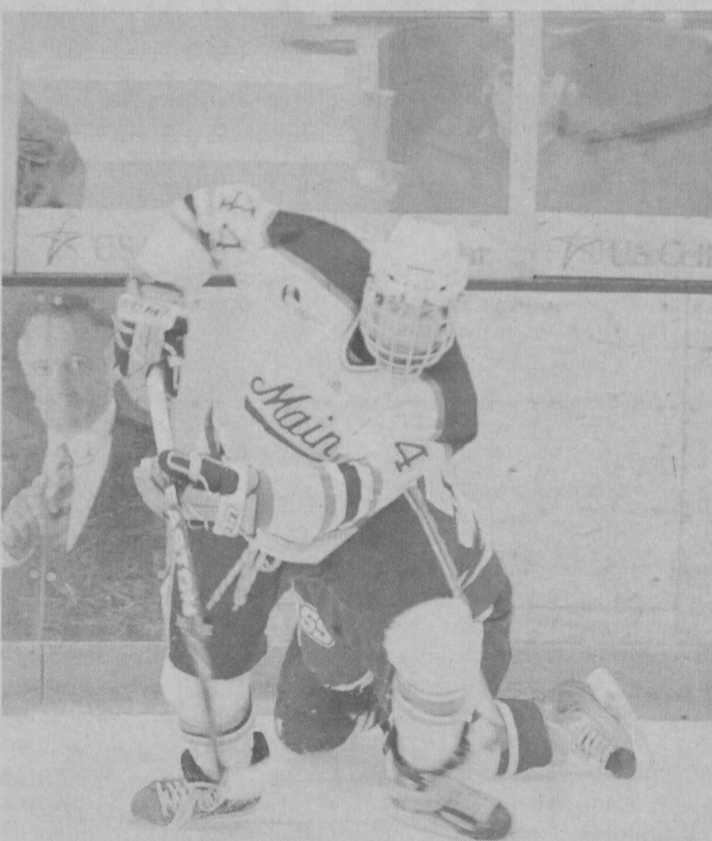
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Correction...

On page B6 of the Jan. 24 issue of The Maine Campus, the article "Women's basketball drops heartbreaker," due to an editorial error, misidentified the women's basketball team as the women's hockey team.

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Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Junior defender Ryan Hegarty and the Black Bears take on Boston University in an important two-game weekend.

Aussie Open: Where amusing happens

Column

Wait a minute — are you reading about the Australian Open? Yes, the farthest away and most unknown major tennis tournament has been going on for about a week now, yet goes mostly unnoticed due to the time of day — or night — it's on.

With a live showing from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., most college kids are finding more efficient ways of spending those precious early morning hours than watching tennis.

Not me. At least not this year. Even with No. 1 in the world Rafael Nadal getting ousted in his quest for his fourth-straight major in the calendar, the tournament is still must watch TV.

In fact, it has been the women's game that has overshadowed a lackluster male

performance at this year's Aussie Open — maybe the short skirts help with that.

Perhaps needing to account for a lack of draw without the popular Williams sisters — older sis Venus ducked out early with an injury, and younger sis Serena was too injured to compete at all — the women have resorted to a comedic attitude come post match.

To open the tournament, after No. 3 ranked woman in the world Kim Clijsters won her first round match she had an amusing conversation with Aussie Open correspondent

in shock.

"Oh, she did not!" Woodbridge said, as laughter erupted at Melbourne Park. Clijsters — getting a kick out of the entire situation — went on to recite exactly what the text read. "It said, 'She looks really grumpy and her boobs are bigger.'" Clijsters said to Woodbridge, as he almost fainted on the hard court.

Thankfully for Woodbridge and his television career, Clijsters laughed off the situation, and even continued humorous banter Wednesday morning when she advanced to the semi-finals. Wondering where Woodbridge had been, as Clijsters was waiting for him after her matches, he replied, "I've been hiding in my bunker."

The jokes didn't stay between those two, as No. 1 ranked Caroline Wozniacki decided to have some fun in her interviews. After being criticized for giving the same answers, Wozniacki gave an opening statement, then proceeded to open the floor to questions about anything at all. Some included, but

weren't limited to, baseball, soccer, global warming and what she looks for in a guy.

After her fourth-round win on Sunday, Wozniacki continued her new and improved interview process. After getting asked, "What is the most exciting thing you've ever done?" Wozniacki decided to spin-off a humorous story about getting into a fight with a baby kangaroo.

"The other day I went to the park and I saw this kangaroo lying there," Wozniacki said. "If you've seen, I'm playing with the thing on my shin here... As I went over to it, it just started to be aggressive and it actually cut me. So I think that's pretty exciting."

Even with a slew of follow-up questions, no reporter asked Wozniacki if she was serious. Some outlets reported the story as fact, which prompted Wozniacki to clarify that she had not been assaulted by a baby kangaroo.

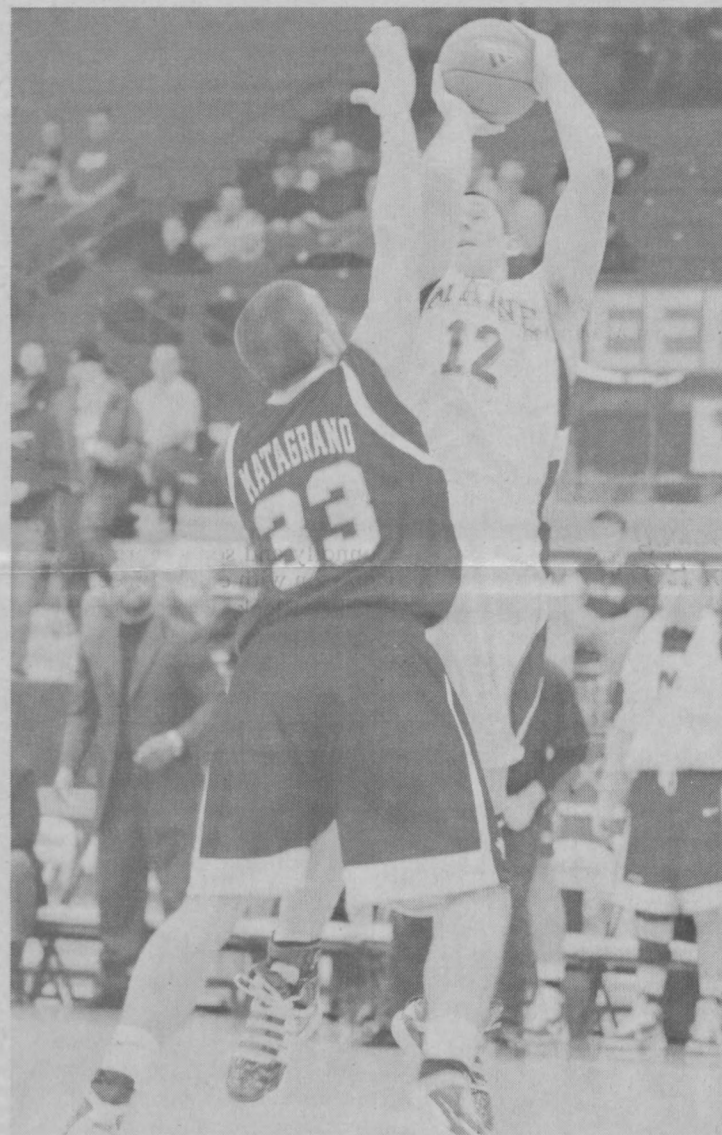
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They could always make the skirts shorter.

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Tom Woodbridge.

Apparently, Woodbridge sent a text to a mutual friend, analyst Renae Stubbs, about Clijsters, who then went on to show Clijsters what had been said. Woodbridge texted that he thought Clijsters was pregnant. Upon hearing this aired on live TV, Woodbridge stood



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Freshman center Alasdair Fraser provided a spark off the bench in the first half, scoring six points. The Black Bears sit comfortably in first place halfway through the America East campaign.

UNH from B6

The Black Bears got on the scoreboard first, as senior center Sean McNally got his own rebound for the put back. That was about all we saw early on from McNally, as Wildcat sophomore center Chris Matagrano scored six quick points on the Black Bears' center, who didn't play for the rest of the half.

Junior guards Gerald McLemore and Andrew Rogers connected on a pair of threes, while Wildcat top-scorer, senior guard Tyrone Conley, kept it close with a triple of his own. Freshman guard Jordan Bronner also connected on a three, going a perfect 3-3 from the field in the first half for seven points.

Most of the offense for the Black Bears came from the post, in the form of the hard-working senior forward Troy Barnies. Barnies repeatedly worked down low, entering the second half one rebound shy of a double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Wildcats held onto the ball well in the first half, giving up their first turnover with less than seven minutes to play. They finished the half

with three giveaways, while the Black Bears had eight turnovers.

The Wildcats shot poorly from the floor in the first half, going 10-28, including 2-12 from three and 2-6 from the line, yet sat just five points behind the first-place Black Bears at halftime, 29-24.

Barnies led the Black Bears at the break with his 10 points, while Matagrano countered with eight points in the first half — almost four times the total he has averaged this season.

The shooting woes continued for the Wildcats, as the

"We wanted to come out in the second half and pick up the tempo. We were lacking energy in the first half and we weren't very aggressive."

Gerald McLemore
Junior guard

University of Maine men's basketball

Black Bears came out firing from three-point range in the second. McLemore hit a three two minutes into the half, and senior guard Terrance Mitchell followed it with one of his own off a nice assist from Barnies.

Rogers joined in again on the three-point fun, following Mitchell's three with one of his own, forcing a UNH timeout. The Black Bears quickly pushed a five-point lead to double figures in a matter of

possessions.

Coming out of the timeout, the Black Bears remained hot, with Mitchell and McLemore hitting another three each, as the Black Bears scored 14 points in less than two minutes to jump to a 46-30 lead.

"We wanted to come out in the second half and pick up the tempo," McLemore said. "We were lacking energy in the first half and we weren't very aggressive. We wanted to pick up our energy and our tempo and have more confidence in our offense. That's basically what was predicated to our run."

The Black Bears hit a drought in the next five minutes, scoring just four points and allowing the Wildcats to claw back into the game.

However, it wasn't enough, as the Black Bears wore out the Wildcats to a 64-50 victory.

McNally, who was quiet in the first half, found multiple ways to contribute in the second by taking a charge, going to the glass and hedging out on help defense.

"I thought Sean McNally did a great job defensively, helping out Gerald [McLemore] and Terrance [Mitchell] when they were guarding Conley," Woodward said.

The Black Bears continued their stingy defensive ways, holding top scorer Conley to five points on 1-8 shooting. No Wildcat posted double figures.

"Tyrone Conley has been asked on our team to do more than a lot — like to do everything," UNH head coach Bill Herrion said. "A couple games he has — he's been carrying us. He's not only our leading scorer and our go-to guy on offense, he's usually guarding the other team's best perimeter guy."

Barnies led the Black Bears again in scoring, finishing with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while McLemore helped on the perimeter with 13 including 3-5 from three.

"Barnies — his improvement is as impressive an improvement over the course of his four-year career as I've seen," Herrion said. "The kid is a warrior, I would love to have a kid like him on my team. God, he's good, he is really good. Arguably if the season ended today, he could be player of the year. He's playing that well."

"There was no doubt we could be good as long as we took care of business on the court," Barnies said. "Like I said before, we have a long way to go, and we can get better with every game. We just look ahead to the next one. This time it's Binghamton."

The Black Bears travel to play the Bearcats Saturday, Jan. 29. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Robbie Dee from B6

the games I saw. They played UMass Lowell in the playoffs and it was such a good atmosphere."

While a Black Bear, Dee has seen his point total increase steadily over his four-year career, with his high of 25 points last year surely to be eclipsed by his play this season.

With this being his last year of eligibility, Dee believes this is the best UMaine team he has been on.

"When I first got here we struggled a lot," Dee said. "This year we've had a lot of the same players so we have so much experience and so much skill, and if we all play well like we should, we have a good chance to win."

The win he is referring to, is of course Frozen Four birth — something no one on this team has done.

"We need to improve each and every day," Dee said. "Sticking to our game plan and if we do that we have a good chance at making the Frozen Four."

Dee, as well as the rest of the Black Bears, are focused on this season, and it was evident when Dee was asked what he plans to do after this season.

"Hopefully play somewhere — right now I'm not too worried about it — just concentrating on this season. Edmonton [Oiliers] has my rights, I don't really know how that works but they drafted me a while back, he said."

Clearly, Dee has his sights set on getting that Frozen Four.

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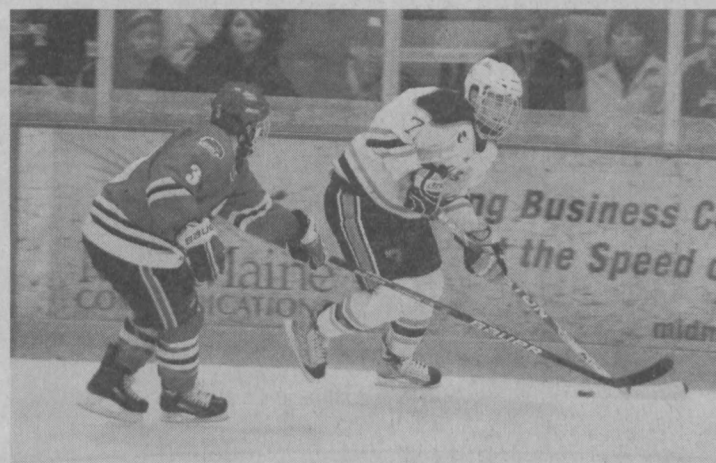
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Senior forward Robby Dee has been one of the Black Bears on a scoring tear this season, sitting third on the team with nine goals.

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Black Bears breeze through AEC play

Men's basketball continues winning streak over UNH; finish first half of conference play at 7-1

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Exactly halfway through America East Conference play, the University of Maine men's basketball team couldn't be in a better position. After going 5-1 in their first six AEC games, the Black Bears had the University of New Hampshire as the lone team they had yet to face in conference.

In a game that appeared closer in the final score than it actually was, the Black Bears defeated the Wildcats 64-50 at Alford Arena.

The Black Bears improve to 13-7 and 7-1, and their win streak increases to six games, while the Wildcats drop to 8-12 and 2-6 in AEC play.



UMaine vs. UNH
64-50
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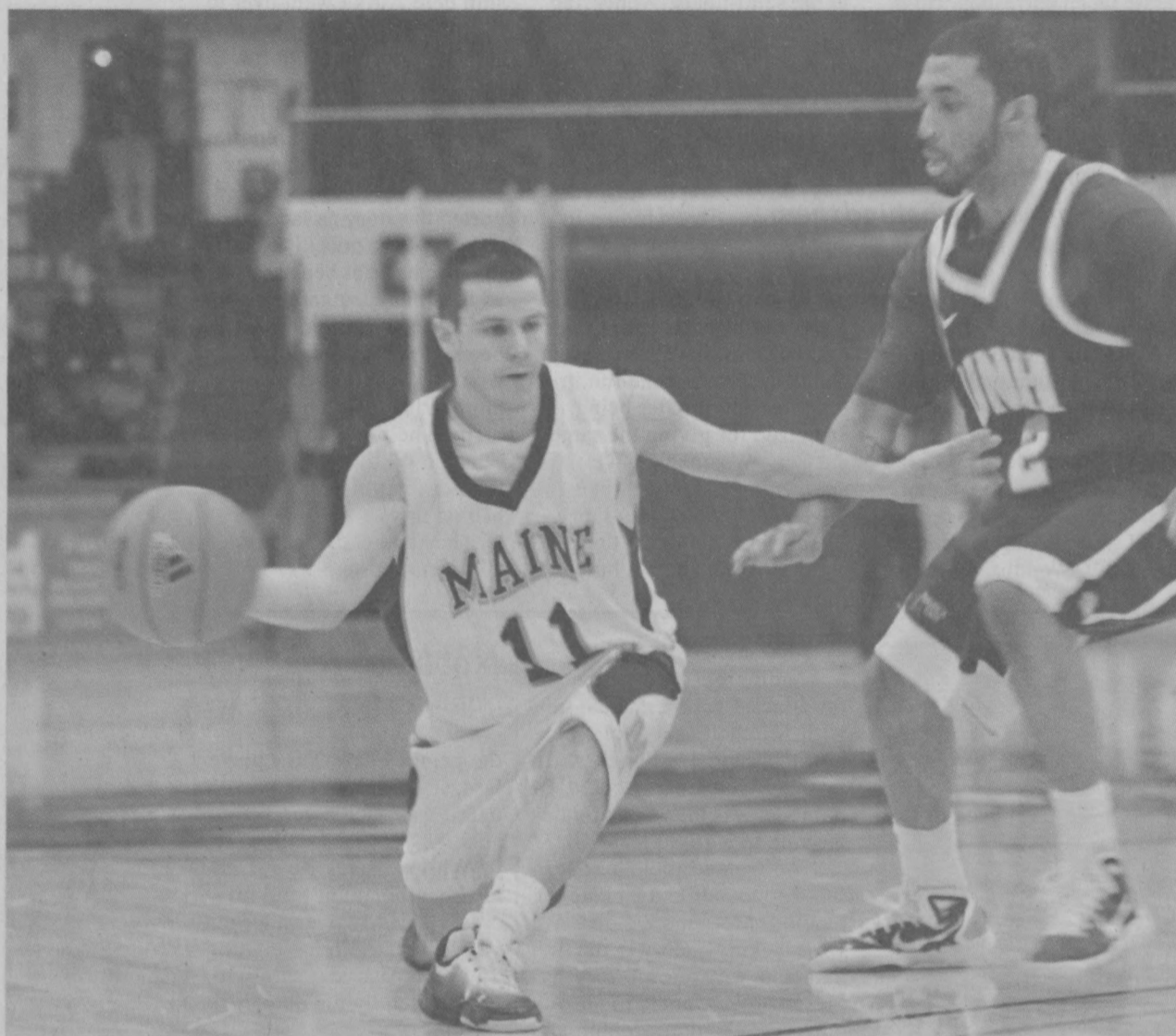


"I thought it was a good effort defensively," Black Bear head coach Ted Woodward said. "New Hampshire plays hard. We knew this was going to be a tough battle."

The Black Bears controlled the Wildcats in almost every aspect of the game, gaining a wide margin in rebounds, 45-31, and points in the paint, 29-19.

"We accomplished the first two things we focus on every day — I thought we did a great job holding them down defensively and we did a great job on the glass," Woodward said.

The Black Bears held the Wildcats to 34 percent shooting, making just 18-53 attempts, including 5-23 from beyond the arc and 9-18 from the charity stripe.



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Junior guard Andrew Rogers and the Black Bears shot well from three-point land, as Rogers finished 2-3 and the Black Bears 7-16 en route to a 64-50 victory over the University of New Hampshire.

See UNH on B5

'Pit' could help UM's b-ball rep

Column

When a basketball recruit comes to the University of Maine, they walk through the Alford Arena and see a great place for hockey. The walls of the Alford are decorated with the accomplishments of a prestigious program, but a different winter sport.



By Charlie Merritt

As the men's basketball team continues their hot play, placing them atop the America East Conference, the ring of a true home-court advantage sounds that much sweeter.

Skip Chappelle, among other UMaine alumni, hopes a multi-million dollar fundraiser can bring the basketball teams back into the Pit — back into an atmosphere that truly embraces basketball.

There is no one who knows the home-court advantage more than Maine basketball legend Chappelle. Chappelle played guard for Maine from 1958-1962. During his tenure as a sophomore and a junior, Chappelle, with a little help from co-captain Don Sturgeon, went 19-4 and 18-5, the highest two-year winning percentage of any previous UMaine men's basketball team.

Chappelle finished with 1,352 points in his career, good for 8th on UMaine's all-time list, and earned a try-out with the Celtics — he was the last rookie cut, losing out to John Havlicek.

Chappelle was also one of the most successful coaches the Black Bears have had, compiling a record of 217-226, good for most wins all-time at UMaine. Chappelle was enshrined in the UMaine Hall of Fame in 1988.

Chappelle played all of his home games in the Pit. In 1961 Sports Illustrated, did a story on the six toughest places to play in the country. Maine was mentioned among those six teams.

"It was like playing for Duke, it was just fantastic," Chappelle said. "There would be 3,000 people piled into

See Pit on B4

Men's hockey struggles for consistency

After a draw to sub-.500 Northeastern, the Black Bears face a tough weekend task with No. 16 BU

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

After dropping a point on the road to Northeastern University in a 3-3 tie, the 11th ranked Black Bears return to Alford Arena this weekend to take on 16th-ranked Boston University.

The Black Bears battled back against the Huskies Saturday, coming back from a two goal deficit to take a 3-2 lead, but perished the lead with less than three minutes remaining.

Junior forward Brian Flynn continued his scoring streak, tallying his team-leading 13th goal of the season in his third consecutive game with a goal. Senior center Tanner House added the other two goals — the second time this season the captain tallied more than one goal. Junior forward Gustav Nyquist

assisted on two of the goals, extending his point streak to nine games.

"We're pleased with how we played," Black Bears head coach Tim Whitehead said. "We out-chanced them two-to-one in their home rink and grabbed five out of six points from them this year."

With the way Hockey East teams have fared on the road, one point isn't too bad.

"Obviously we'd love to have two, but we do like the way we played the game," Whitehead said. "There's no doubt this is a home ice league — and we're a prime example of that."

The Black Bears are 8-1-1 at the Alford and just 3-5-4 when on away or neutral ice.

The Black Bears will need to ride



UMaine vs. BU
Fri. Jan. 28 7 p.m.
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Junior forward Brian Flynn looks to continue his scoring tear against Boston University in the two-game series at Alford Arena this weekend.

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In a season with a slew of goals, Dee gets lost in mix

Senior sits 3rd in goals, assists and points for Black Bears

Column

In a season where so much focus has been on the offense, it might be tough to realize where all the contributions are coming from. Case in point, senior forward Robby Dee has scored



By Jesse Scardina

the quietest 22 points possible.

Of course, Dee doesn't see the talent around him as detrimental to his personal numbers — not like that's a

worry on his mind to begin with.

"I think it works in my favor," Dee said of playing with his high-powered teammates. "You can all play together, and if you're playing with good players, you have a better chance of scoring and them setting you up. I think it definitely helps."

Thankfully for the rest of the offense, Dee has been doing most of the setting up, recording 13 assists so far, second only to junior forward Gustav Nyquist's 22. Dee's 22 points sit third behind Nyquist's 28 and junior forward Spencer Abbott's 26 points.

Dee got his hockey start in the ice rink-rich state of Minnesota, playing outside most of the time with his father and

his uncles when he was three years old.

Growing up a fan of the Minnesota North Stars and scoring dynamo, center Mike Modano. Unfortunately for Dee, the North Stars moved to Dallas. Still, his allegiance followed them and their deep college hockey heritage.

"[Dallas has] a lot of college hockey too. So I followed The Stars quite a bit when I was younger, he said."

Before long, Minnesota couldn't keep Dee in the state, as he found his way to the University of Maine.

"A couple schools back home showed interest," Dee said. "When I came out here I was really impressed with

See Robby Dee on B5