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THE MAINE CAMPUS

Thrifty never
looked so
good.
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE NEWSPAPER SINCE 1875

Hockey Night In Orono



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

GO BLUE — Two members of the Naked Five cheer before the men's ice hockey game on Friday as anticipation mounted for the first of two UNH games at Alford Arena. For more photos, see page 6. For hockey articles, see sports.

Suspicious bag prompts police to evacuate library

By Brian Brown
News Editor

because it was in an unusual location, it qualified as suspicious.

An unattended briefcase prompted an evacuation of Fogler Library Sunday night, and the Maine State Police Bomb Squad was called in to investigate the suspicious case.

Public Safety immediately called in assistance from the Orono Fire Department and Maine State Police.

According to Chief Noel March of the University of Maine Department of Public Safety, his office received a call at about 7:30 p.m. from a library employee notifying them of an unattended briefcase in the east lobby of the building. March said that the case had been unattended for about two hours and

Sgt. Jeff Mills from the Maine State Police Bombs/Explosives Unit and Trooper Trevor Snow responded to the scene. Using a real-time X-ray machine, they determined at approximately 10:30 p.m. that the briefcase did not contain explosives. They first tried using an X-ray camera but had

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Police have no leads in student disappearance

By Khela Kupiec
Assistant News Editor

300 students in the class of '05 at Portland High School.

More than a month later, the Christmas Eve disappearance of University of Maine student Sipt Chau is still under investigation by the Portland Police Department.

Chau was interested in rugby, working out and having fun. Last summer he worked as a Hibachi chef at Fugi's Japanese Restaurant in Portland.

No new leads have surfaced since the 19-year old disappeared from his East Deering home in Portland, leaving his wallet, car and cell phone.

"[In high school] he was the coolest guy, trustworthy and fun; a good guy to hang around with," said Jamie Teng, Chau's roommate at UMaine and his best friend since sixth grade.

Chau was a freshman international business major who lived in Knox Hall last semester. He graduated 27th out of

Chau's older sister, Phoung, was the last person to

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University relations launches RSS

Initiative aimed to allow more people access to UM news and events

By Brian Sylvester
For The Maine Campus

will allow more people to access current events and news articles regarding the UMaine system by linking the news articles to their computer desktop.

RSS readers, or aggregate readers, can track many different Web sites or commonly-used ones, such as news sites or weblogs. They are continuously updated and keep the viewer up to date on any recent changes.

The University of Maine Department of University Relations launched an online Really Simple Syndication news feed earlier this week.

Joe Carr, director of the Department of University Relations, applauded the initiative, saying RSS feeds are "the wave of the future."

RSS feeds are not a new development in the computer world and are often compared to live streaming audio links, also called podcasts.

The RSS feed, which is run directly from the department,

The premise of the program is to link many different Web sites to a single location and identify recent updates, using a technology called XML.

In particular, the programs are often used to list new headlines from such popular news sources as CNN, the NPC, Reuters and the BBC. Since the turn of the millennia, use of

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Chancellor holds open forum on UMS funding

By Tony Reaves
Copy Editor

Funding for the University of Maine system has become less sufficient in recent years, according to Joseph Westphal, chancellor of the UMaine system.

ties.

Targets for deferred maintenance include Fogler Library, which Westphal called "a library of the state."

In an open forum Friday, Westphal discussed plans to request more funding to catch up with the university system's growth.

In recent years, the library has been forced to store an increasing portion of its collection in a storage annex on the south side of campus.

Westphal described the plan for a "deferred maintenance project," which would require a \$300 million bond that would fund Maine's public universi-

Westphal described the impact of the state Legislature's failure to prioritize higher education.

In 1989, the state's support of the public university system was equal to \$8,000 per student.

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Hit-and-Run Aftermath

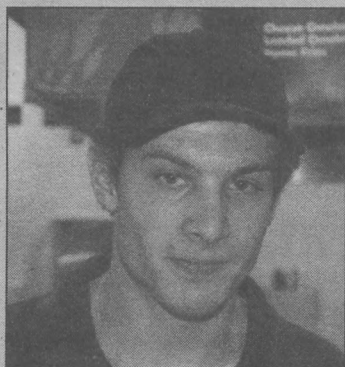


CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

POST GAME FRACAS — Members of the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps attend to a member of the pep band who was injured in a hit-and-run accident after the hockey game Friday.

WORD OF MOUTH

What is your favorite
Super Bowl commercial?



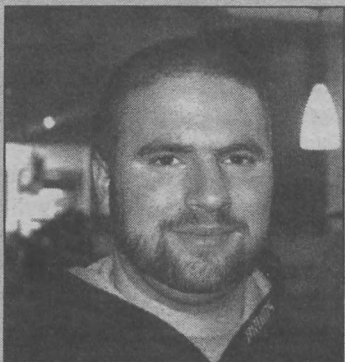
"There's none that really come to mind."

Spencer Powers
Biology
Junior



"I like the Budweiser frog ads."

Sara Bretton
Modern Languages
Junior



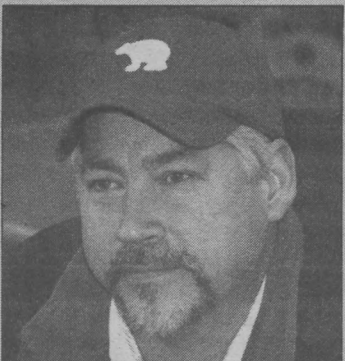
"I didn't even know the Super Bowl was today until today."

Dirk Morgan
visitor
Harpwell



"I don't even know that I've seen the Super Bowl in my life."

John Enkosky
Mathematics
Senior



"I'd have to say it was the GEICO last year."

Jay Paulus
visitor
Bath



"I liked the E*TRADE one from last year, but that's about all I can remember."

Don Faureau
visitor
Falmouth



"I know there are always so many good ones, but I can't really remember one, except I used to love the Budweiser frog ones."

Erin White
Sociology
Junior



"Usually any of the Budweiser commercials are pretty good."

Katy Weber
Child Development
Junior

THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday

Cooking for a Crowd

The first of a two-part workshop covering food planning and purchasing, storing, preparing and cooking, serving and handling leftovers as part of fund raising projects. Admission fee. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Off campus at 307 Maine Avenue, Bangor. For more information, contact Louise Kirkland at kirkland@umext.maine.edu or at 942-7396.

Tuesday

Lake Trout Seminar

UMaine Fisheries Club is hosting a seminar entitled "Investigating Different Forms of Lake Trout in an Arctic Lake" presented by Dylan Weese, graduate student in biological sciences. 5:30 p.m. in 204 Nutting Hall. For more information, contact Christopher Holbrook on FirstClass.

Yoga

A class to help participants focus on breath work, postures, flexibility, endurance, balance and opening the heart center. Registration required. 6 - 7 p.m. at Lengyel Gym. For more information, call 581-1081.

Telemark Skiing

A class to introduce skiers to one of the oldest and fastest-growing forms of downhill skiing. Equipment and transportation to Hermon Mountain provided. No previous experience necessary.

Fee includes lift ticket and registration is required. 6 - 9 p.m. at the MaineBound Outdoor Education Center. For more information, call 581-1794.

Java Jive-The Project

New music talent from around campus competing for an end-of-semester prize. 8-10 p.m. in the Main Dining Room of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Carole LeClair on FirstClass or at 581-1793.

Wednesday

Diversity Dialogue

"Operation Breaking Stereotypes: An Exhausting and Exhilarating Journey to the Edge of Understanding," given by Connie Carter. 8:30 p.m. in the Coe Room of Memorial Union.

Penobscot Restoration Talk

The UMaine Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology will be hosting a lecture on how students can become involved with the Penobscot River Restoration Project given by Cheryl Daigle of the PRR Trust. 4 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Ben Wasserman on FirstClass or at 581-6502.

Women's Lecture Series

A lecture on "The Traffic of Bodies: Systems of Slavery in 19th-Century Women's Writing." 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Angela Olson on

FirstClass or at 581-1228.

X-Country Skiing

Level 2 ski clinic to fine-tune fundamentals and work towards more advanced techniques. Equipment can be rented through MaineBound and registration is required. 2 - 4 p.m. at the MaineBound Outdoor Education Center. For more information call 581-1794.

Yoga

Kripalu Yoga blending the physical postures of Hatha yoga with the contemplative meditation of Raja yoga. 4 - 5 p.m. in the MaineBound Outdoor Education Center. Registration required. For more information, call 581-1794.

Belay Seminar

Free seminar for beginner and experienced climbers. Registration is required. 6-8 p.m. in the MaineBound Outdoor Education Center. For more information, contact Peter Buehner at peter.buehner@umaine.edu or at 581-1794.

Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free and can be sent on FirstClass to Khela Kupiec or dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.



Attention:

All Student Government Board, Community Association, Committee & Club Members

Budget packets for the 06-07 fiscal year are available now in the Student Government Financial Affairs Office (FAO), Room 152, on the ground floor of the Memorial Union during regular office hours. These packets can be obtained on a daily basis through the deadline date of Friday, March 24, 2006. Some organizations have been assigned mailboxes in the Wade Center for Student Leadership. For these organizations, the packets have been placed there already.

The only organizations that need an appointment scheduled with the VPFA are Student Entertainment, Legal Services, Boards and Community Association representatives. A list of appointment times will be available in the FAO for these organizations.

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

DEADLINE: Completed forms must be submitted to the FAO by Friday, March 24, 2006 at 3 pm.

For more information, contact Susan Poll at 1-1778.





CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

BOMB SQUAD — Trooper Trevor Snow and Sgt. Jeff Mills prepare to examine a suspicious briefcase at Fogler Library last night.

LIBRARY

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problems with the film used.

The case contained an electric toothbrush and its charging unit according to Public Safety Sgt. Scott Curtis. Curtis said they do not know whose briefcase it is, and it is too early to determine if charges will be filed in connection with the incident.

"The question is was there any intent," said Curtis.

Mills, who was dispatched from Augusta, dressed in a protective suit before entering the facility. He said he was unfazed about the possibility of handling an explosive device.

"It's just one of those things. You just show up and work to do the job you're trained to do," said Mills.

The order to evacuate the building came around 7:40 p.m. according to Brad Finch, library circulation manager.

"Officer Deb Mitchell came in and gave the order," said Finch. "She told me to get everyone out."

Many of the students in the

facility were not given a reason why they were being ordered out of the building.

"I was on the second floor in the magazine stack, and [the library staff] came and said we were being evacuated," said junior political science major Luke DeNatale.

"We were working in the CML and a cop told us to get out," said junior new media major Matt Beach.

The incident also forced the closure of the main dining room, the North Pod and the Bear's Den, which was hosting its Super Bowl Party. Curtis said the facilities were closed at about 8 p.m.

Freshman music education major Kate Pinsonneault was working in the restaurant when it was closed.

"Officer Curtis came in and told us all to leave. He wouldn't even let us get our stuff," she said.

March described the incident as an inconvenience but said he was not concerned about the possibility of the package containing an explosive device.

"It's a college campus; it happens on occasion. We're just making sure we take all the precautions."

FUNDING

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For the current school year, it was about \$5,150 per student.

In that time, the state has gone from funding 72 percent of the UM system's budget to funding only 45 percent.

As state funding has failed to catch up, the burden has been shifted to students in the form of increased tuition.

In 2007, Westphal said, "For the first time in [the UMaine system's history] tuition will pay more of our funding than the state."

But Maine taxpayers won't be the only people asked to help UMaine catch up.

"This campus is working hard right now to bring in a lot more private funding," Westphal said.

He praised the fund raising efforts of UMaine President Robert Kennedy.

Westphal expressed a need to "be much stronger in advocating for our university."

The ultimate goal is to get more students attending University of Maine schools and to retain more students.

This will include a marketing campaign to increase awareness of the UMaine system and what all of its campuses offer.

The open forum was also an opportunity for faculty, students and staff to ask Chancellor Westphal and Vice Chancellor Elsa Nunez about the strategic plan, which the UM system has been working on since early 2005.



Westphal

Nunez called the formation of the strategic plan "an inclusive process" that has received heavy input from people involved at all levels of the UM system.

According to Nunez, the next phase for the plan is a Feb. 10 retreat where 300 students, faculty and staff representing every UM campus will meet to discuss appropriations of funding in order to gather a comprehensive set of recommendations by May 2006.

Westphal was asked how he planned to deal with huge financial aid budget cuts

recently announced at the federal level.

"We're fighting against those cuts," said Westphal, who mentioned working with Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins in trying to stop the financial aid cuts.

He said there aren't enough funds in the UM system budget to cover the cuts.

There was discussion about UMaine's role as the flagship campus and its relation to the other public universities in Maine.

The chancellor said UMaine has "a very broad mission to serve the state," citing Fogler Library's role as Maine's research library and the many research programs based on the Orono campus.

Nunez acknowledged that the word "flagship" could be insulting to the smaller campuses in the system and said she doesn't want UMaine seen as "a special institution that drains all the other institutions."

Westphal was less apologetic, calling the other campuses "more locally bound."

Finally, he joked of the 141-year-old university, "You're old; you've got to respect the elderly."

LEADS

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see Chau around midnight the evening he disappeared. Teng,

Teng said his friends checked an online poker log they knew Chau used and found that he logged off at 3:50 a.m. Christmas morning.

It was not strange for Chau to leave home for a couple days at a time, but he always stayed in touch with his family via cell phone, said Phuonge.

According to Teng, he got a call from Phuonge on Dec. 26 asking if he had heard from Chau.

A missing persons report was filed when it was discovered that no one had had contact with Chau for 48 hours.

Later that evening, Teng and Tariq Majeed, a friend of Chau's since high school, pulled together a search party, which combed areas in Portland where they thought Chau may have gone.

"He was a chill and pretty laid back guy," said Teng. "But he wasn't a guy who always thinks before he does something."

Police have been conducting searches in and around area bridges, woods and water.

"He's special in a lot of

ways," said Phuonge. "He's the one who always gets along with everyone and is very caring."

Chau was born in Vietnam and moved to the United States in 1993 with his parents and two siblings for a family reunion, according to Phuonge.

Chau is an Asian male, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and 143 pounds with a visible scar on his chin according to Majeed.

Police say he may have been wearing a red sweatshirt, a black suede jacket, blue jeans, Timberland boots and a beanie-style hat.

Anyone with information should call the Portland Police Department at 874-8575.

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Sex educator reaches out to students

Concern for awareness drives Caron to advocate education in her teachings

By Ryan Clark
Staff Writer

Her goal was to reach at least one student. Instead, she has reached out to thousands of college students across the country.

Ever since she was in high school, all Sandra Caron wanted to do was become a sex educator.

In 1988, the Brewer-area native came home to the University of Maine, and she has since taught numerous students with her classes dealing with family dynamics and human sexuality.

"I feel that Dr. Caron puts issues into good perspective," said Stephanie Fletcher, a teaching assistant for Caron. "I would say that she relishes the role as a friend and a professor, and she always sets a good example."

Before she was providing an example for the students, Caron was in their shoes, as she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees at Maine in 1979 and 1982.

Although she always wanted to be a sex educator, the idea of becoming a math teacher did intrigue her due to her love of statistics.

After graduating from UMaine, she earned her doctorate in 1986 from Syracuse University.

Once she completed her

work at Syracuse, she took the position as a health educator at Cornell University; however, a call from an old professor showed Caron that she could come home again.

"My old advisor was Dr. Lloyd Brighthead, and he told me that once I got my doctorate and worked for a while that I should come back here," Caron said.

"I left Cornell, and I have been here since 1988. I really feel the best of both worlds by teaching large and small classes."

In addition to her faculty position, Caron partnered with Dr. John Hale to create the Human Sexuality Clinic in Orono.

Although her private practice is a success, she is driven by her concern about her students.

In addition to making her classes enjoyable, Caron found another way to get the concept of sex education across when she created the peer educator program while at Cornell.

When she came back to Maine, she started Greek Peer Educators and Athletes for Sexual Responsibility, which have been well-received by the

National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Last year, Marcus Walton, a teaching assistant for one of her classes, came up with the idea for the Male Athletes Against Violence organization in which athletes talk about masculinity and the role that athletics can play in society.

"It has been really good to work with her because she is a generous person," said Jermaine Walker, a member of male athletes against violence. "She genuinely cares about people and to me that is what makes her a good role model, not only for me but other students as well."

She has also helped is by making herself available to students after class.

During this time, students discuss issues concerning different aspects of family and sexual dynamics.

Caron has admitted that she has heard some stories during her career that make her wish she had chosen to enter the world of mathematics, but, she does not regret her decision at all.

"I do what I do because it is very important," Caron said. "Some students are kept in the dark while growing up, and for me it is my goal to educate them."

"I never approach it as a job but as a mission, because sexuality is a part of who we are."



Caron

RSS

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RSS feeds in news-oriented Web sites has begun to increase exponentially.

"For news junkies it's a great thing," said Carr. "It's a real convenience."

The program's primary asset is the condensation of many sources into one convenient place, allowing the user to keep track of many different Web sites quickly and efficiently.

The RSS feed will continuously update viewers on events and news releases pertaining to the university. A link to the RSS feed can be found on the University Relation's homepage, www.UMaine.edu/news.

The greatest assets of this new feature are the increased visibility it will afford and the ease with which users will be able to find particular news articles. One of the primary duties of university relations is to effectively spread information to as wide an audience as possible. "We think we're at the front of the line," said Carr. He went on to say that he had researched the use of the technology, and found that it was underutilized in college and university Web sites. "We try to do everything we can to stay current on technological updates," he said. "Anything we can do to effectively spread the word." He also mentioned that several other departments with the university, including the Fogler library, make use of RSS feeds.

RSS was developed in the

early-to mid-nineties. There was an initial dispute over the rights of the program between software developers David Winer of Userland and Dan Libby of Netscape, both of whom claimed to have designed the software. Microsoft recently launched a similar program to the RSS feeds created by Wine and Libby, called Simple Sharing Extensions.

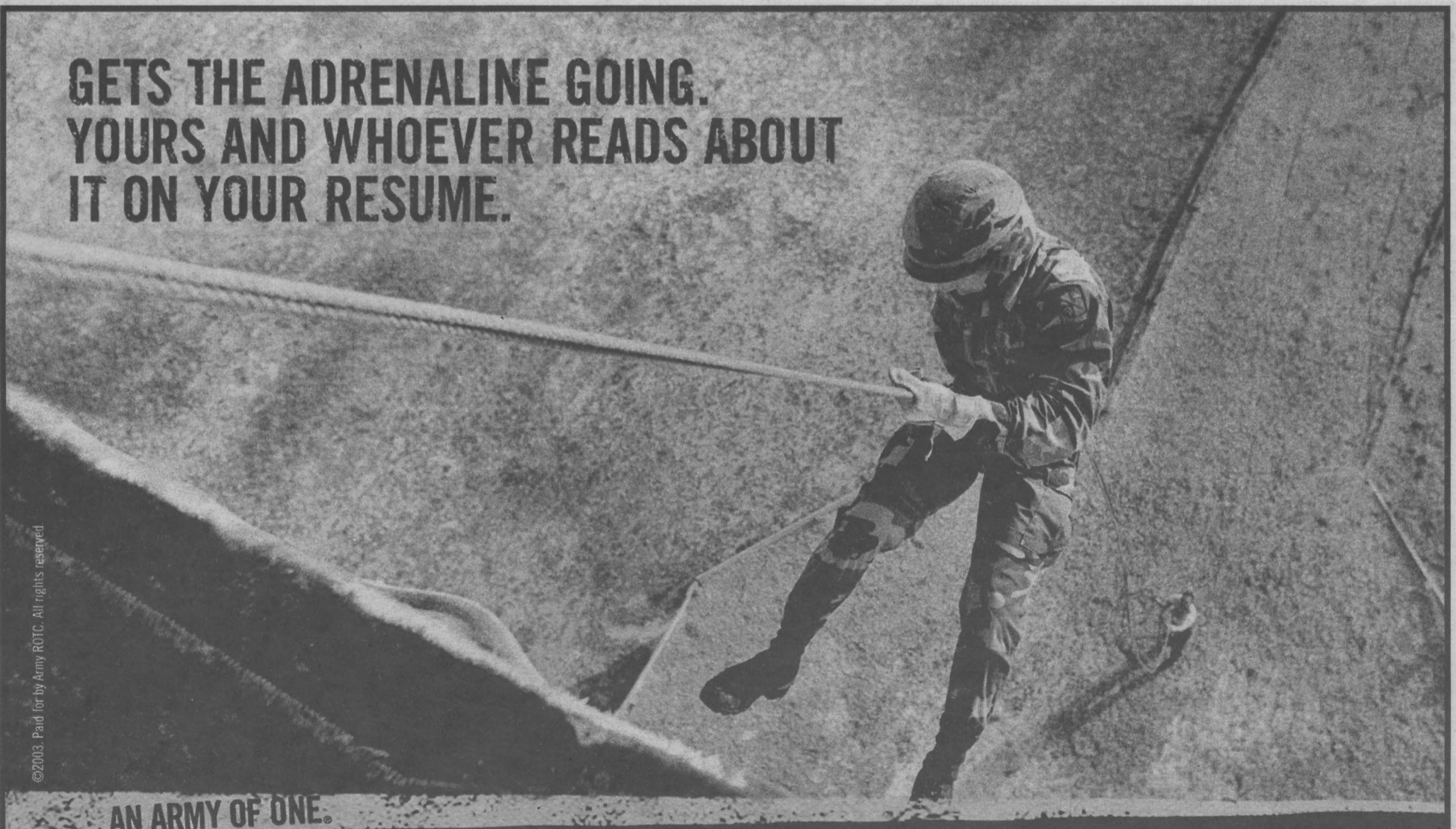
There are three primary platforms of RSS readers, ranging from Libby's 0.91 to Winer's

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Joe Carr
Director
University Relations

more recent version 2.0. Many versions of the aggregate reader program can be found online free of charge. Once downloaded, users can copy and paste URL information from any Web site with an RSS feed and begin monitoring that Web site's updates. The variety of different RSS feeds on the internet is staggering; "There are RSS feeds for virtually every news site," Carr said. The feeds are also popular on continuously updated web logs, discussion groups and of course, sports news. Carr himself monitors several RSS feeds devoted somewhat exclusively to the Boston Red Sox.

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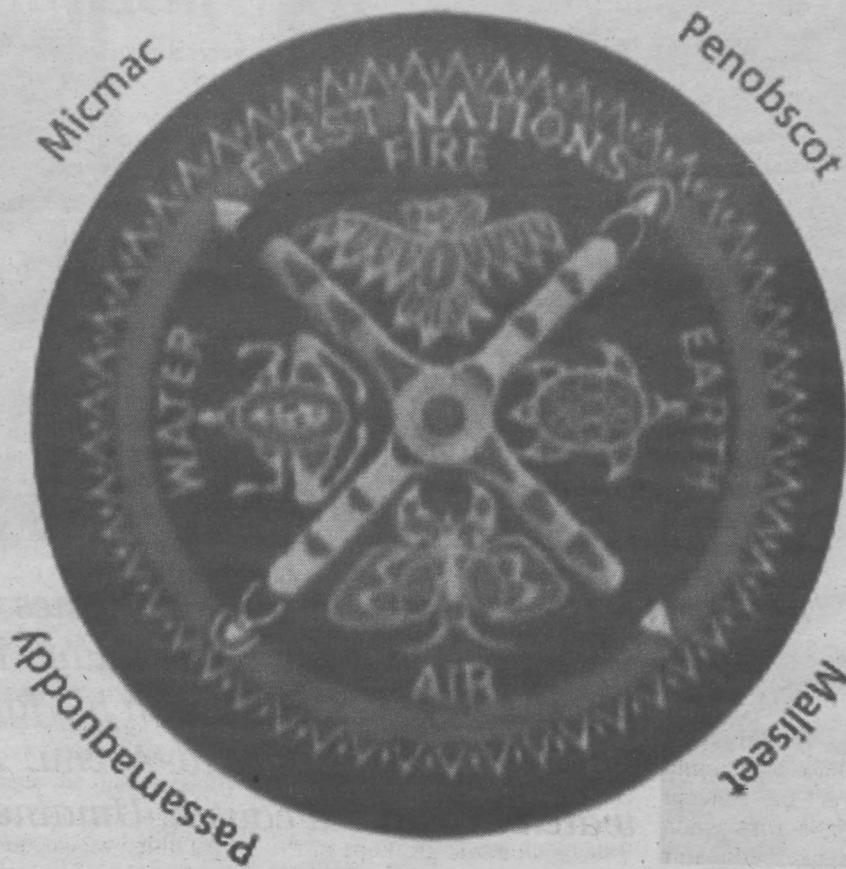
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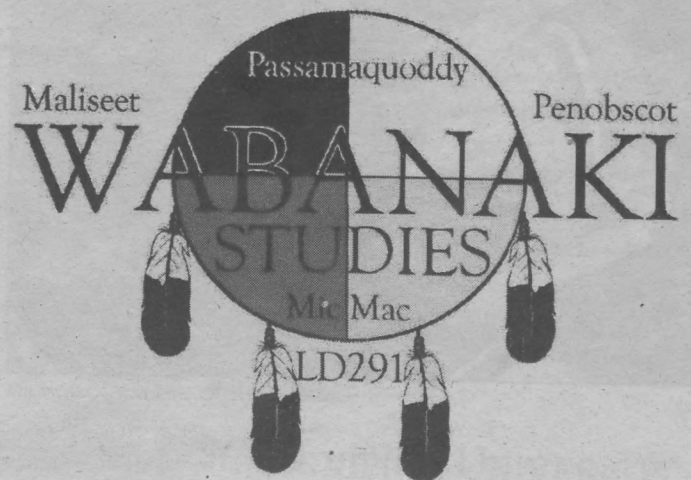
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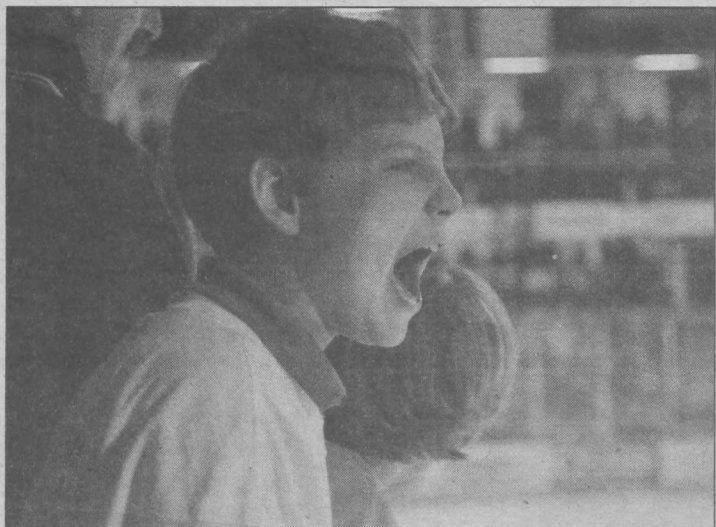
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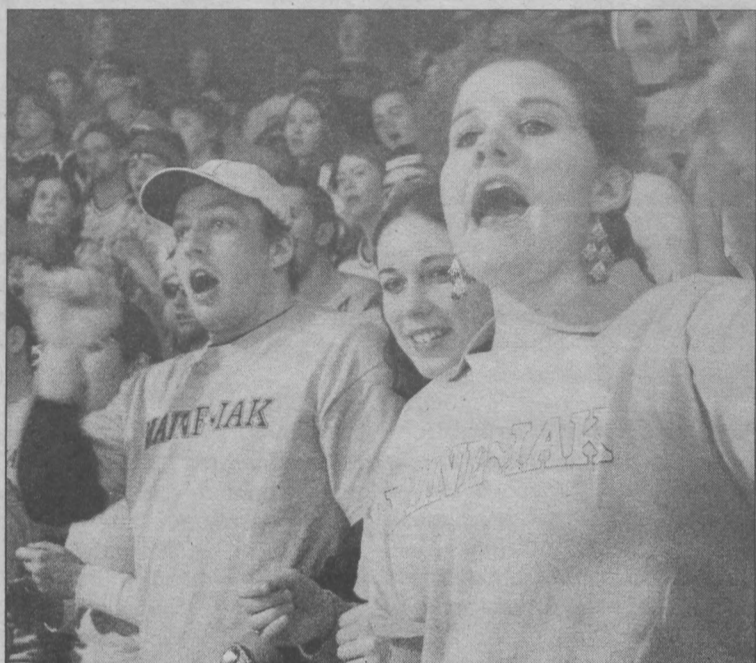
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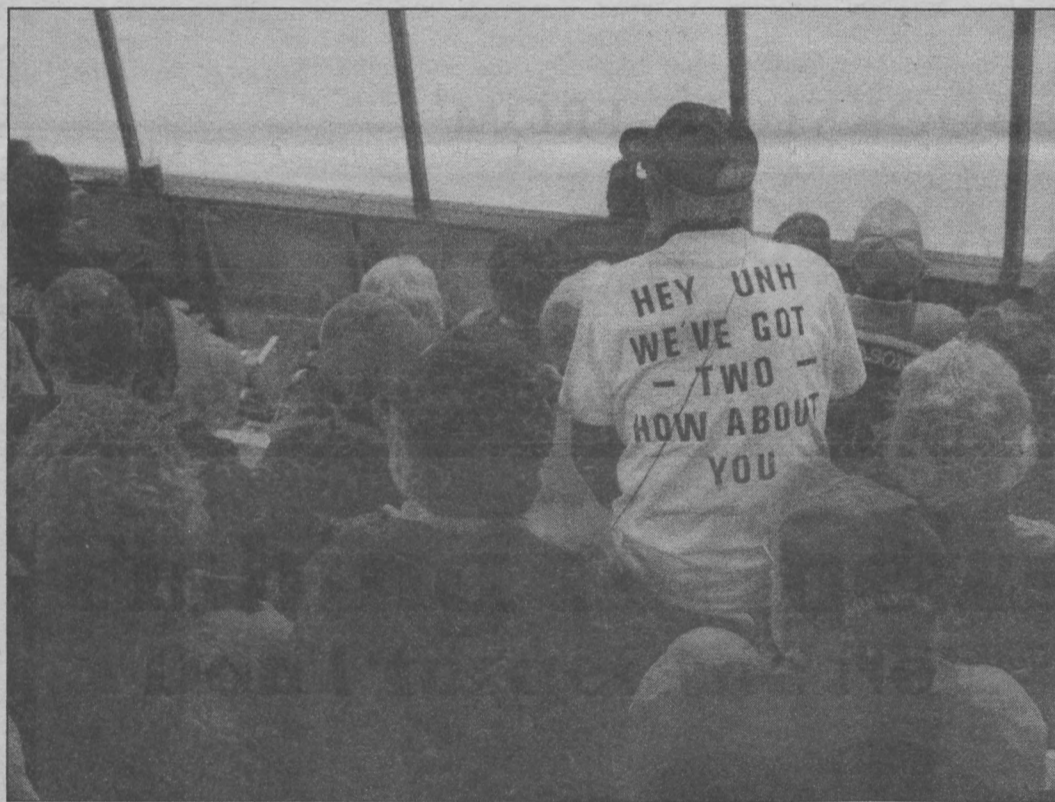


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CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

EAGER FAN — Nicholas Barnes waits by the player's exit for autographs after Saturday's loss to UNH. He traveled to Orono from Calais with his family for the game, which was his first at Alfond Arena. Barnes made the trip to watch his second cousin, Umaine senior Derek Damon.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON



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GAME OVER — Mark Koscuizka looks out to an empty Alfond, well after Saturday's losing game against UNH ended. Koscuizka said the choice of many fans to bombard the ice with bottles and other objects was the biggest disappointment of all.



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POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell
For The Maine Campus

Old Town man charged with sexual assault after incident

At 2:20 a.m. Jan. 28, Public Safety received a report of a sexual assault at University Park. Upon arriving at the scene, officers spoke with the alleged victim. The woman reported that the acquaintance who had allegedly assaulted her had arrived at her apartment earlier in the night. She let him in, and they talked for a short period of time. The man, identified as Joel Ngué-Mba, 27, of Old Town, allegedly touched the owner of the apartment inappropriately and against her will. While officers were speaking with Ngué-Mba, it became apparent that he was intoxicated. Ngué-Mba was arrested for unlawful sexual contact. These are the only details available at this time as the incident is still under investigation.

Police cite Orono man after leaving the scene of accident

At 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 20, an officer on duty at a UMaine hockey game was approached and given information about a hit-and-run accident that had taken place outside of the Mahaney Diamond baseball clubhouse. The witnesses allegedly observed a red Ford F150 pick-up strike a Toyota Solara and watched as the two occupants got out of the Solara to inspect the damage. The two occupants of the F150 had allegedly high-fived one another and then driven away. The witnesses had taken down both vehicles' license plate numbers, and police attempted to locate the pick-up. Later that night, officers located the F150. Damage was observed on the side of the vehicle that corresponded with the alleged hit-and-run. As a result, the owner of the vehicle, identified as Robert Brown, 19, of

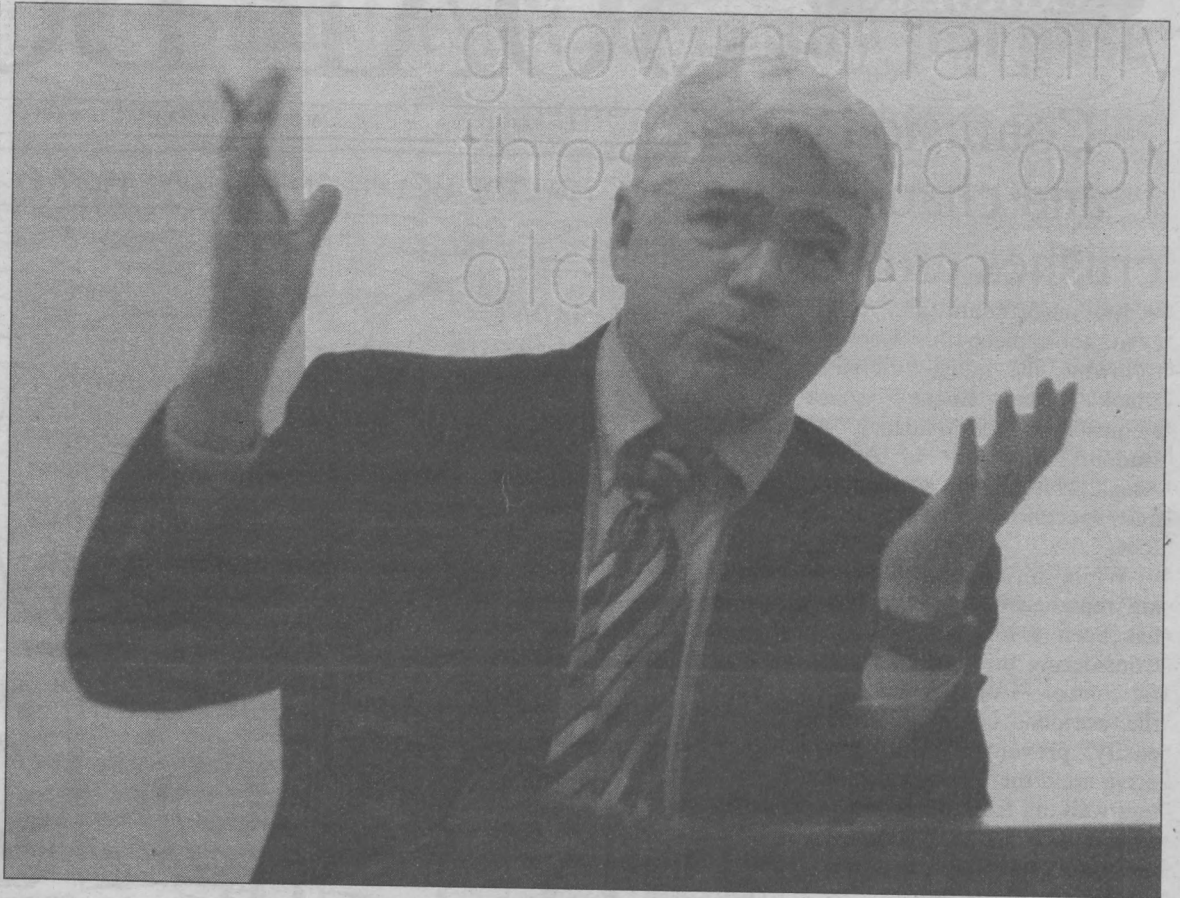
Orono, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

Man fails to outrun police, charged with alcohol possession

At 2:10 a.m. Jan. 21, officers on patrol outside Aroostook and Kennebec halls noticed two males crouched under a tree. When an officer approached, the individuals ran in the direction of Stodder Hall. Officers pursued them and found one of the individuals under another tree. When the man saw the officers, he started to run. The officers ordered him to stop. The man, identified as Stephen Thompson, 19, of Orono, was carrying a backpack. Though Thompson gave consent to officers to search his backpack, during which two cans of Natural Light beer were found, he refused to give any information regarding the other male he had initially been hiding with. As a result, Thompson was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

Gannett Hall fight nets student disorderly conduct summons

At 1:00 a.m. Jan. 21, officers responded to a report of a fight in progress outside Gannett Hall. When they arrived at the scene, the fight was over but there were still people outside the building. Upon speaking with some witnesses, including a female resident assistant who was struck in the eye by an elbow as she tried to break up the fight, officers were able to identify Ross Bragg, 19, of Orono, as being one of the combatants. On Jan. 25 after the investigation into the incident was conducted, Bragg was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.



PRAISE FOR KING — Dean Dana speaks to a small crowd about the legacy of Coretta Scott King. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

Memorial honors civil rights pioneer

By Elyse Kahl
For The Maine Campus

Students from the Office of Multicultural Programs contributed to Human Rights Awareness week with a memorial for Coretta Scott King, who dies last Thursday.

The memorial was held on Friday in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

Professors, deans and students gathered to celebrate the life and accomplishments of the civil rights activist and widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Mrs. King's passing should bring reflection upon civil rights issues and the history of the movement in this country," said Jose Cordero III, interim director of multicultural programs at the ALANA

Center and host of the memorial.

"We should remember her for setting the pace for the rest of us," he said. "We all have the responsibility for advocating and bringing awareness to civil rights and social change."

Guest speakers included: Dean of Students Robert Dana; Associate Dean of Students Angel Loredo; Suzanne Estler, professor of higher education leadership; Phyllis Brazee, professor of peace studies; Ann Schonberger, professor of women's studies; and Derek Mitchell, vice president of student entertainment.

Each guest spoke briefly on the admirable personality traits, monumental accomplishments and personal impacts of King.

All speakers remarked on her

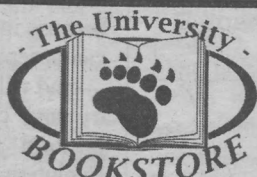
determination, courage and ambition.

They all agreed that even though Mrs. King helped lead the way for civil rights, the struggle for equality still exist in today's society.

Referred to as the "first lady of civil rights," King was able to use her strengths to lead the country in mourning after her husband was assassinated and continue his civil-rights work after his death.

King wrote three books, a national column and helped found many organizations including the Black Leadership Forum, the National Black Coalition for Voter Participation and the Black Leadership Round-table.

She also helped build the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.



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Confusion and chaos crushes crowd

An unfortunate and tragic event took place this weekend following the much-anticipated Black Bears hockey game against the UNH Wildcats. As students filed out of Alford Arena, a hit-and-run accident left one spectator with a crushed foot.

While hit-and-run accidents are reprehensible, this collision has been a long time coming. Considering the post-game traffic control — or lack thereof — the accident could have been easily prevented. Cars must drive amid the throws of spectators walking from the game, and pedestrians are put in danger navigating through the parking lot in the dark.

Can't we do better?

Let's see more directed traffic control during our most popular and frequented events on campus. One hit-and-run accident is enough.

Missing student misses out on any attention

It's been nearly six weeks since first-year UMaine student Siphath Chau went missing from his home. During that time period his disappearance has received little to no interest from the press.

On Dec. 26, a missing persons report for Chau was filed. A week later, Chau's hometown newspaper, the Portland Press Herald, ran the first story on the disappearance. Think that's bad? In Orono, where Chau is a student, the news has yet to generate any attention. The university hasn't even held a vigil in honor of Chau. Why is this?

The lack of concern or awareness surrounding the events of Chau's disappearance is unsettling. As a community, we should all be well aware of this case, and we aren't.

After all, isn't it our job to work together in uncovering clues to why Chau is absent from UMaine this semester? And what about the family? Shouldn't we be doing something for them?

These are questions that must be answered, not only by the university, but also by its student body.



Denmark defends free-press

Muslim cartoon takes crosshairs off America for once

While in my heart of hearts I would not wish the wrath of the Middle East on anyone; thank goodness it's focused the Danes this time.

Last Friday, the angry protesters of Palestine expanded their repertoire of "Death to America" slogans by adding a fresh and invigorating "Down, Down, Denmark." One of the top Danish newspapers, Jyllands Posten, published 12 caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad and succeeded in making a political faux pas far surpassing all that Bush has achieved during his two terms.

The usually chill Danish government is in a tight squeeze, scrambling to make amends with Turkey and Indonesia. The blame really lies at the feet of the free-press for printing the caricatures, linking the Prophet

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to terrorism by making his turban look like a bomb, in addition to completely violating an Islamic law that forbids interpretive drawings of Muhammad.

The Danish government says they cannot make an apology for the actions of the free-press; that takes courage to say while Muslim religious leaders urge boycotts of Danish products, protesters burn the Danish flag, and Danes are urged to avoid Saudi Arabia, where extremists promise a shoot-first, ask-questions-later welcoming committee.

I give the Danes kudos for sticking to their guns and supporting their media. I agree that it may be a bit immature to blatantly slander one of the world's most practiced religions, but then I don't see them worrying about my morals every time someone has a hankering to perform jihad. Personally, my morals are offended when I see the bloodied and mangled victims of unnecessary violence flash across my TV. I am offended by the knowledge that, by my own moral standards, they treat their women like dirt, but I'm not going to run out to my backyard and set fire to their flag. What they really need to do is simmer down, chill out and realize they are being hypocritical. Not likely, I know.

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Christian science

Science and religion need not be at odds as Sykes' and Bryant's letters in January made them out to be. I consider myself to be a Christian and a scientist. Science

attempts to explain the natural world through the scientific method developed by Francis Bacon. If we, as scientists, cannot explain something through this method, then we repositulate a new

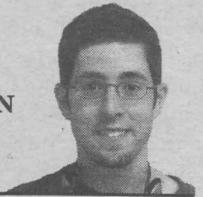
hypothesis that is capable of being tested. I believe in God but I also believe that my faith in Him cannot be tested or analyzed through any

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Religion and science

And why the two should never mix

PAUL
GOODMAN



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Religion can be an extremely touchy subject these days, especially when there is a problem with varying degrees of religious extremism running amok in the world. Many people do not have faith in God or a higher power because they choose to put their faith in other things. And as human beings, they are fully within their rights to do so. I am sure I don't qualify as an expert in theology, and I am far from the most religious person on campus. But I respect that other people will have different faiths and scientific beliefs. I hardly have the right to tell them that they are wrong in their religious or non-religious beliefs.

The haphazard claims and 'science conspiracy theory' presented in the completely random and unprovoked letter of Noah Bryant, and the follow-up by Charles Sykes this past week, are frankly out of place and have done nothing but promote a senseless argument that has no value or merit. In fact, all it has really been is one side rambling the same sort of ignorance, disrespect and narrow-mindedness that, however mild it may have been on the pages of The Maine Campus, have most likely led to many of the issues our country has with religion today. This sort of meaningless talk inevitably does more harm than good both to matters of science and faith.

The debate between science and religion can be heated at times because in some ways, neither side can accept what the other believes — and will go beyond all reason to try and change their opponent's position any way they can. Evolution is just one contested area among many; some of the extremists on the creationist side — and some on the evolutionists' — can't believe that people don't see things exactly their way and go to bizarre

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One of my favorite things to find was Washington D.C.'s response to this fiasco. The U.S. State Department issued a statement criticizing the drawings as "offensive to the beliefs of Muslims," and admonished the European press to remember that though they have free speech they also have to be responsible. Who set Washington up on such a high horse that they can lecture Europe for being irresponsible? I may have a mild case of amnesia, but I don't remember when our government last took etiquette lessons on how to respect religious beliefs in the Middle East. Somehow, it doesn't

strike me that in the past five to 20 years the U.S. has been that responsible when it comes to respecting other nations and cultures.

It's too bad people get violent and worked up over other people's opinions which, in this case, just happened to be illustrated in caricature fashion rather than with an army tank. One thing's for sure, the world would be a better place if we all had more faith, like President Bush, and believed:

"Whether they be Christian, Jew, or Muslim, or Hindu, people have heard the universal call to love a neighbor just like they'd like to be called themselves." President George W. Bush, Washington, Oct. 8, 2003.

Khela Kupiec loves Danish chocolates.

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lengths to convince people otherwise.

How exactly to respond to that sort of extremism varies from person to person; whenever I get into a debate over religion and evolution, I just say that "God's time is God's time," and change the subject. My logic behind that answer is to ask; who is to say that God - or any religious deity for that matter - can be defined or limited to our current scientific standards, or that everything in the world must be explained through religion or through God? Who's to say how long those seven days in Genesis

were - exactly 168 hours or several million years? It all comes down to personal interpretation. We all have our own way of viewing things, and blatantly listing a series of unfounded 'facts' isn't going to make anyone think highly of a point of view, let alone get people to accept it.

However, Mr. Bryant is right in one respect; that there is no scientific reason to reject the Bible because the Bible deals with matters of faith, philosophy and human nature, not with geology, biology or astronomy. The Bible, like many other religious documents, cannot be compared to a chemistry textbook. I would hope that would be kept in mind by other people attempting to incite another pointless theological debate.

Paul Goodman is a sophomore new media major.

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scientific mean. To say that a scientist's failure to explain the origin of the species is proof of God, is a weak argument. My faith is not based on science. Faith itself is belief in something that cannot be proven.

You're also in error with your definition of an atheist. An atheist does not believe in a higher power, God, Nirvana, etc. I am not an atheist as I believe in a higher power, but I do believe that any particular endorsement of religion needs to remain absent from our educational system, especially fundamentalists' views which tend to undermine the rights of women, the GLBT community and other academic disciplines. I think the founding fathers were correct when they adamantly required a separation of church and state.

Seth Robertson
Fourth-year microbiology major

Sykes'd out

Charles Sykes' letter in the Jan. 30 issue of The Maine Campus seemed to support a recent hypothesis of mine. My hypothesis is that those who do not accept the theory of evolution prefer blind faith over evidence. For instance, Noah Bryant's letter on Jan. 23 was not concerned about actual evidence critiqued through peer review in scientific journals. He was more interested in ranting like a lunatic. In Sykes' letter, he cited a

super-massive global conspiracy theory that would take unprecedented unilateral cooperation between most all nations of the world and the combined effort of scientific human capacity. I admit I have no evidence to support that, but at least my no-proof statement makes more sense than Sykes'.

His assertion is not falsifiable, which is important in any scientific proof. Any evidence anyone presents to him would be dismissed as further conspiracy. This is the basic platform of the ID and creation science movements - willful ignorance or conspiracy paranoia, which operates under blind faith.

My hypothesis regarding anti-evolutionists predicts that someone will respond to me with more inane ranting, without real evidence to support his or her claims. Jasper's hypothesis also includes the observation that such people don't understand that screaming 'conspiracy' and raving in a campus newspaper doesn't change anyone's opinion. If no one responds to this letter, I'm afraid my hypothesis may be falsified. Although, I have blind faith that one day my hypothesis will be supported enough to become a theory on the observed phenomenon of religious newspaper ranters. I can only cross my fingers for now.

Listen Bryant and Sykes: If you get off your butts and gruelingly conduct scientific research that's repeatable, verifiable and not falsified, resulting in evolution being disproved, you'll be very, very famous. It won't be settled here.

Jasper Turcotte
Third-year new media major

Peer Ed doesn't serve any purpose

Popular university department fails to educate anyone

Surrounded with the temptation to procrastinate in college, I was confronted one day with a flyer posted on a bulletin board. To quote it exactly, it read, "How to avoid procrastination: Avoid waiting till the last minute to do your homework." Really, all I have to do to avoid procrastination is not procrastinate? What genius!

This flyer, like many others of equal eloquence, was supplied by this university's very own Peer Educators. You may have seen their emblem gracing many posters, a predictably cheesy image of a bunch of stick figures holding hands. Chances are you read something about their many meetings but never went.

The fact is that "Peer Education" is a university project that was probably born of good intentions, but succeeds in nothing. It looks great on paper, a group of dedicated students trying to better the community by reaching out to fellow students, molding their minds and hearts into positive betterment. In fact, if I didn't have to pay for it, I really wouldn't care about what the Peer Educators do.

However, it isn't free. Peer "Education" takes the form of countless workshops and other information campaigns that cost money. Some Peer Educators are even paid for their work, courtesy of everyone who pays tuition.

Peer Education claims to affect the student body, but if you have ever attended a "work-

CHRIS J. ALLEN



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shop" - and chances are you haven't - then you would notice the scarce attendance. In a statement made by Peer Educator head Angela Fiandaca concerning a new project about sex, Fiandaca said, "All we see

Peer Education implies on their Web site that drinking underage isn't worth it. However, it only takes a short Facebook search to find that many of the student Peer Educators themselves think it just might be.

in media images is sex, but very few people actually know much about the subject." Who are these people who know little about sex? I have yet to meet one college student that doesn't know how sex works, the dangers of STDs, or that if you repeatedly stick an unprotected penis into a vagina, then a baby will eventually find its way into your life.

The messages Peer Education delivers are cliché and pointless. Despite highly disputed surveys, it's a fair estimate that the majority of college students drink, and do it underage. Peer Education implies on their Web site that drinking underage isn't worth it. However, it only takes a short Facebook search to find that many of the student Peer Educators themselves think it just might be. This is no fault of the students, it just illustrates the many inadequacies of the message Peer Education thinks it is conveying.

The role played by Peer Education is one that is already filled on campus. There are actually qualified individuals located at Cutler Health Center with whom one can discuss complicated issues such as eating disorders - issues that certainly cannot be solved via bulletin board flyers. RAs always have an abundance of free condoms, are trained to help students and are easier to reach than Peer Education. No one needs the mall to be filled with cardboard gravestones in order to be scared into concern about AIDS - it's a pandemic, after all. The Internet is an unlimited source of all information you could ever need about anything.

Personally, I would like to see the university stop handing money out to such a meaningless organization, and instead use our tuition dollars to buy something more valuable, like NESN.

Chris J. Allen don't need no education.

UMaine sells itself out to advertisers

'Donated' television shows how greedy our school is

If you've been walking on the first floor of the Union going towards the Wade Center, where all the student organizations try to have you buy things, then you have noticed a plasma-screen television fastened to the wall. I'm not sure exactly how long the TV has been there, but I think it's been a while. A couple of Saturdays back, while I was doing some homework near the Wade Center, this plasma-screen television became very apparent thanks to an annoying tune that happened to repeat itself every two and a quarter minutes. The reason was, of course, that the nice plasma-screen television is provided at no charge to the University of Maine by The University Network Leader in Campus Communications. Fortunately, this organization felt charitable enough to donate an expensive plasma-screen television, without the ability to change the channel, for the benefit of UMaine's student body, so that they may be able to experience the same bit of information, commercials, logos and lovely tunes every 2.25 minutes. This repetition, of course, increases the chances that every student who walks by will see the same information and ads.

According to data compiled by TV Free America, the average

BEN BRIGGS

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American watches 3 hours and 46 minutes of television each day, which works out to nine years of viewing by the time they are 65. According to Answers.com, a modern 30-minute block of air time is composed of 22 minutes of programming and 8 minutes of commercials. Therefore, the average American spends about three years of his or her life watching commercials. I'm sure, though, that the subconscious viewing of free plasma-screen TV's on college campuses was not considered in this data. Also absent from this tabulation are newspaper and magazine advertisements, roadside billboards, which are very popular in other states, and of course our favorite, Internet pop-ups. If all these were compiled, I would venture the average American spends five years of their life by the age of 65 with some form of advertisement entering their brain. The unfortunate dilemma of such commercials is they frequently target our easily conditioned animal instincts: food, survival, power and, our favorite, sex. This creates a strong association between

the product and feelings of well-being.

Granted, we are only dealing with an annoying television, but I think the message is clear: Marketers try to maneuver their way into every minute of our lives. The exact reason and implications of this could easily be the topic of a sociology dissertation; therefore, I will only mention its occurrence, and note the relationship between the classical conditioning associated with commercials and the feeling of inadequacy that can result. Thus, I ask everyone to please do their best to view as few commercials as possible - Super Bowl commercials disbarred, of course.

Since taking particular notice of this television, I have also noticed that when student organizations are tabling information or product, the machine is turned off. This means someone can control it. Thus, I implore the mysterious deity with the remote to spare us and put the TV on another channel, besides the monotonous pounding of commercials and information. I'm sure this is not impossible considering likely stipulations surrounding its donation. This leads me to ask: Was it really donated?

Ben Briggs longs to be a television star to a captive audience.

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The Project
8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 7
North Pod, Memorial Union
Free

DJ Richard Humpty Vision
9 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10
Ushuaia
\$15

ENTERTAINMENT

Die Fledermaus
Opera
8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10
Maine Center for the Arts
Part of the regular season

The Maine Attraction
9 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10
Memorial Union
Free

"Life: A Guide for the
Perplexed"
Flying Karamazov Brothers
5 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 12
Maine Center for the Arts
Part of the regular season

ART

"Recent Paintings"
Michael Lewis
Through
Opening Reception
5 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10
Carnegie Hall

The works of photographer
Michael Alpert, sculptor Laura
Fernstock and five landscape
paintings
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
through April 8
University of Maine Museum
of Art
Norumbega Hall, Bangor
\$5; Free with MaineCard

MOVIES

"Rent"
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8
100 DPC
Friday, Feb. 10
Bangor Room, Memorial
Union
Free

MPAC Film "Sir No Sir"
7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 2
140 Little Hall

BARS

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Mondays
Finger Rock at Ushuaia

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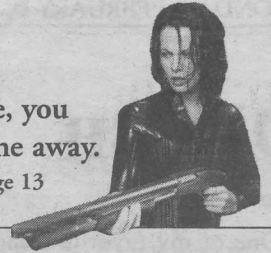
Karaoke
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Thursdays
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blow me away.
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There comes a time in everyone's college career where you realize that, not only are you broke, but you need a new wardrobe. Those favorite pants you wore in high school are either threadbare or painfully outdated, so you decide it's time to head to the mall to score some new apparel.

Oh wait, that's right, you're broke.

This is where you become an instant expert in thrift stores. Not only are they cheap, but they tend to carry items that you've only seen in your worst nightmares — or sometimes only in your sweetest dreams. But thrift stores aren't just about saving money; chances are, they play a big role in helping out the local community.

The Bangor and Orono area is home to a thriving selection of secondhand stores. Everyone is well aware of Goodwill and the Salvation Army, but did you know that places like Ofelia's and Orono Thrift tend to be just as active in their community and offer cheaper prices?

I visited four thrift stores in the local area to get the scoop on who has the best selection and the cheapest prices. In the process of emptying out my wallet, I discovered that all of the stores featured friendly workers, which is something you may not always encounter at Retail Store X.

Cheapest Overall goes to Marion Sullivan Thrift Shop & Boutique, or what is colloquially referred to as Orono Thrift. Larger clothing items, like sweaters or dresses, run around \$1, but smaller items can be as low as 25 cents. Located in downtown Orono, the second right off of Pine St., the upstairs is home to mostly women's and children's clothing and accessories, some men's clothing, household items, toys and books. Only open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., get there early so you can browse.

One of the volunteers, May Lewis, estimates that approximately seven regular volunteers help keep it running, but it's really the generous contributions from those in the community that supply the shop with

donations. Proceeds go to various affiliates of the Orono Health Associations, like the Dental Clinic and Treats Falls, so don't feel bad if you buy a pair of frivolous hand-knitted booties.

Best Selection for College Student Females is awarded to Timeless Fashion on 10 Harlow St. in Bangor. There are some good finds as far as men's pants go, but most of the clothing lies more along the lines of feminine interest. Items available truly are "timeless" in the sense that they are funky and eclectic but not terribly dated. The jewelry showcased is great, as many of the pieces are intricate, unusual and hand-made.

Owner Jennifer Perkins conducts business by 90-day consignment; that is, if you present X amount of clean and undamaged items, you will receive 50 percent off the sale before added sales tax. After the allotted amount of time, unsold items will be the property of the store. When asked

what happened to these older items, Perkins said, "They mostly get donated to Salvation Army."

Most Trendy and Unusual goes to American Retro, as I didn't find any other places whose stock included a black pleather jumpsuit. Located off

of 40 Main St. in Bangor, owner Barbara Monroe stated that the operation had been running for almost 14 years. "[American Retro] is one of the longest running resale shops in the Northeast," she said. Monroe also confessed that most of her wardrobe comes from items in her store.

Unlike Timeless Fashion, American Retro is not a consignment shop; instead, it buys and sells almost exclusively articles of clothing and shoes. Like most of the other stores, items are usually from members of the community, but American Retro seems to carry more popular name brand items. I encountered countless Gap and Express items, but I also stumbled upon some intriguing vintage gems, hence the name. Again, men's clothing was less prevalent but still present.

Best Overall is awarded to Ofelia's on 1372 Union St. in Bangor. Named after the overseer Sergio Ramos' mother, Ofelia's

*Oh wait, that's right.
You're broke.*

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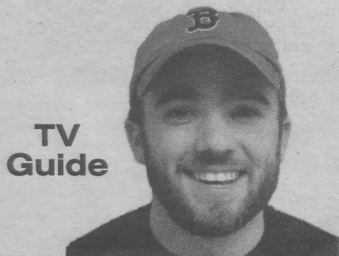
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It's not hard to
save money
and achieve
sensational style

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Here come the midyear replacements



TV Guide

By Matthew Conyers

During the NFL playoffs, television viewers were hit with the usual arsenal of beer commercials and John Basdow propaganda. However, among the mix of Fitness Made Simple videos was one undeniable glimmer of hope: TV's midseason replacements.

Yeah, I know midseason replacements. Who am I kidding right? Aren't these the programs that make people hate television?

But for some reason, there I was, watching those promos with some tiny ounce of anticipation. I mean, could you blame me. With Tom Brady looking more like one of those infected citizens in "Invasion," I had to have some reason to look to the future. And at this point, "Love Monkey" was the best option. Now of course I realize that any TV promo that uses Aqualung to sell its product is not always the best solution, but at this point, I needed something, anything, and Mr. Tom Cavanagh was my outlet. No longer was I willing to sit around and watch Jerome Bettis, football's version of an unhappy Carl Winslow, bulldoze his way to the Super Bowl. I wanted substance. And I was looking to Heather Graham, Fred Savage, and Kyle MacLachlan for it.

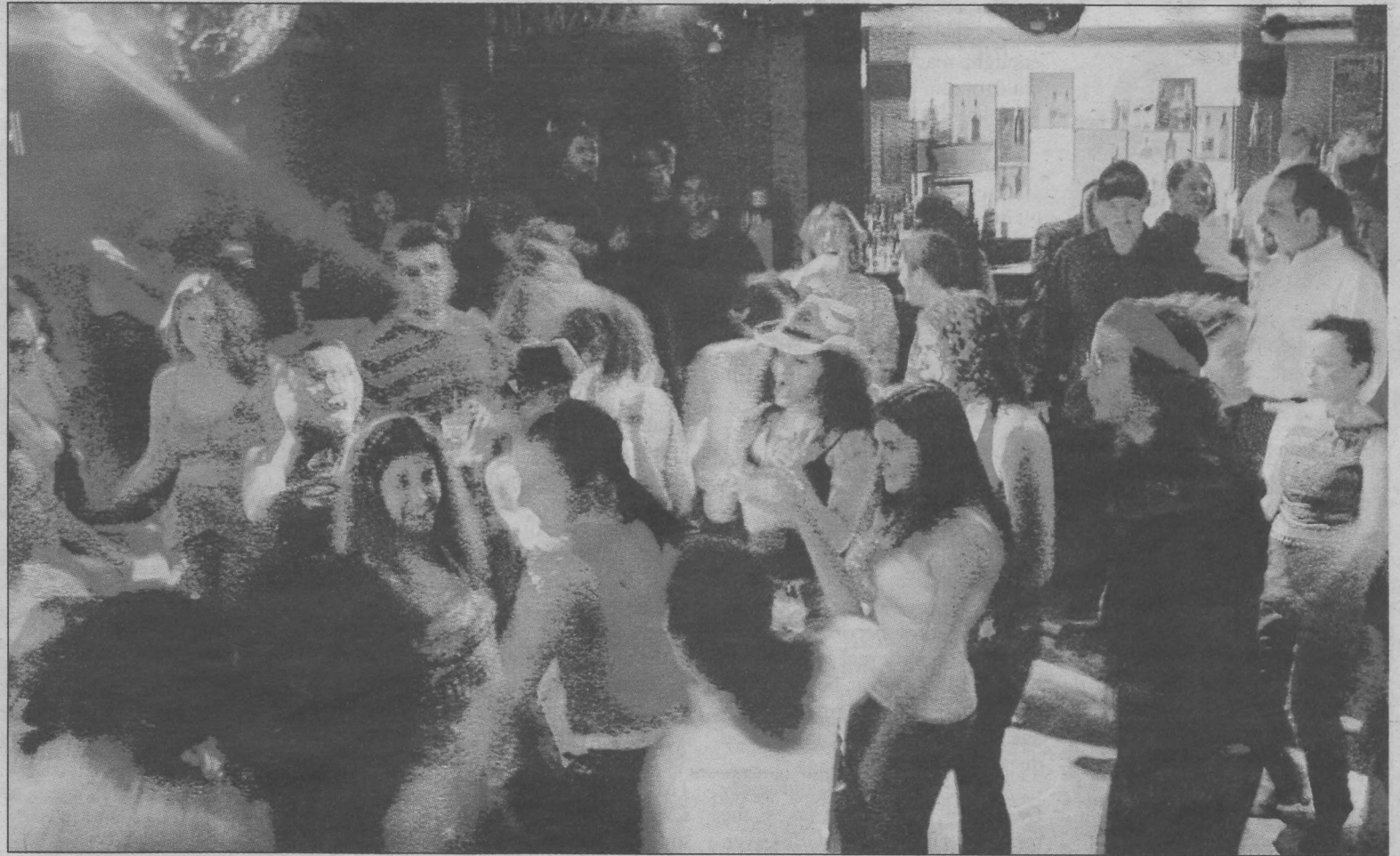
Among the midseason shows to the hit the scene, along with "Love Monkey" this winter, were such notable programs as "Injustice," "Crumbs," "Emily's Reasons Why not," and "Four Kings." Minus "Love Monkey," none of those shows merit any attention from your corner. Why you ask? Simple: they are recycled. The cardinal sin of every major, over hyped new show that pops out right around Valentine's Day is that they take too much from shows that were already done. Better yet, they try to steal ideas and stories from shows already succeeding on the boob tube.

Need some evidence of this crime? Look no further than the premise of those four shows I listed above. In the case of "Injustice," you have a show attempting to be profound and buzz-worthy when in fact it's just another carbon copy of a poor man's Cold Case. ABC should have just kept "Blind Justice," last year's melodramatic midseason replacement, if they are going to offer up this sledge. Plus, it never is a good sign when your show is a comeback vehicle for the star of "Showgirls."

Even worse are "Four Kings" and "Emily Reasons Why Not," which serve as blatant rip-offs of "Entourage" and "Sex and the

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International flavor



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PURPLE HAZE — Students move to the music in Soma 36 on Saturday night for the International Student Associations' Oronoka dance party.

Killah Priest drops a saucy beat Friday night

By Tony Reaves
Copy Editor

Killah Priest may sound good on album, but Friday night he couldn't hold a candle to Sonny Black and Alias of Boston-area group OVM. Killah's performance for just 100 people was a disappointment after a long lead-up that included five openers.

Killah Priest is a talented rapper well-known for his Wu-Tang affiliations and his biblical references. He has guest starred on a handful of Wu-Tang solo albums, and he mentioned every one of them Friday night. Unfortunately, Killah was completely wasted by the time he came onstage at 12:30 a.m. He praised Orono for its ability to party and described his night — "I got so drunk" — before a painstaking series of call-and-responses, and a detailed recounting of each time he's collaborated with Wu-Tang members.

There were at least two "moments of noise" for fallen Wu-Tang co-founder Ol' Dirty Bastard. Killah even rapped a few parts of ODB tracks like the classic single "Shimmy Shimmy Ya." Killah didn't have to hang so closely to other Wu-Tang members' achievements and the constant Wu-Tang hyping suggested a lack of confidence in his solo work.

Even completely wasted, Killah had the best stage presence of the night. After almost taking the stage a few times, he finally left the 21-plus section for good to walk to the mic, dressed completely in black. After all the banter and call-and-response, he finally rapped his own songs and stayed onstage long past last call. The whole performance was messy, and the DJs loud scratches often

interrupted Killah's banter. When this happened, he seemed to lose his train of thought and would start over.

There was not more than 20 or 30 people for most of the night, so in Killah's defense, he probably got as wasted as he did thinking that was the crowd size he'd be performing for.

While Killah got the best crowd response, Alias and Sonny Black of OVM deserve credit for energizing the audience in the first place. Alias dropped a decent freestyle about driving up to Orono, but the show really picked up when the stage had three or more OVM members. They rapped some parts in unison, displaying near-perfect flow and timing.

Alias, by the way, is not the same Alias from the Anticon crew. The Hip Hopper's Union ought to have a rule against rappers sharing a name to prevent confusion.

Near the end of their set, OVM offered some words of advice: "When you get hated, it's because you're doing something right. When you're not doing sh**, no one's thinking about you."

Maybe that explains the hate, or at least the indifference, toward the night's openers, locals Cojazz, Brzowski and Boss. The sound from the onstage DJ was terrible throughout the first two rapper's sets, so the beat was buried beneath a bass rumble. Cojazz looked like a metalhead with his beard and Metallica t-shirt. While his flow changed up and his delivery got pretty fast, he lacked a commanding voice. He dedicated his first track to his "babies' mamas," he said, pausing for effect, "across the United States."

The next rapper was a small improvement, but both rappers would be worth hearing again with

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Battle for Bumstock

Sophomore Owls' Battle of the Bands set to determine festival opener for UMaine concert

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Instead of choosing the top one percent of freshman, they are looking to choose the best band on campus.

With five bands already committed to play, the Sophomore Owls Honor Society is looking to put together their annual Battle of The Bands competition to be held on Feb. 17 at Memorial Gym Fieldhouse. The winner of the event will be awarded by playing at Bumstock in April.

"As for the time of the event, it always fluctuates from year to year because of scheduling," said Owls Vice President Steven Moran. "Our key goals are to give these bands a place for their sound to be heard."

The Owls, who have hosted the event for years, started working on the event in October. Although they did not start looking at bands until a few months later, the group was concerned about booking a venue.

One task the group faced was trying to find a timely date that did not conflict with a hockey game. After they talked with Campus Activities Board advisor Joe Mollo, they were able to use the fieldhouse and be the final installation of the Winter Carnival week that CAB holds every year.

As for the bands who were interested in playing, they sent

the Owls demos of their work via CD or Web site. From there, the group sat down and decided who would be playing at the event.

"In planning an event like this, it was definitely a learning experience," Moran said. "You have to stay focused and always be on top of things because of how important this event is."

The five bands that have already committed to the event are Duck and Cover, Highway Jackson, The Murder Weapon, Seal Man and The High End. Moran said that the groups provide sounds that span the musical spectrum, ranging from emo-funk to hard rock.

By the end of the week, the Owls look to reach their goal of seven bands for the event. As of Sunday afternoon, two of the bands had agreed to perform but had not signed the contracts. Although seven bands are competing, eight bands will perform, as one band will keep the crowd entertained as the final tallies are done to determine who plays at Bumstock.

Even though the doors for the event will open at 8 p.m., the same time as the hockey game, Moran suspects people will start to show up around 9 or 10. Since the event was partially funded by Student Government, admission is free, but the group has said that if anyone chooses to donate, the proceeds will go to charity.

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Beware of the Shopzilla monster

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By Bridget Madden

The elephantine signs go up and our shoulders tense, our jaws become rigid and our fists tighten to bare white knuckles of fear. It is time for another Big Sale, which means we, the Brother and Sisterhood of Retail Workers, will once again be inundated with that frightening species known as Shopzilla.

A number of us know this experience. We work retail jobs in order to pay for the cell phone bills, martinis at Woodman's and gas, but we sometimes wonder if this supplement to our income is really worth the torture endured under the guise of excellent customer service. Thank God we have fellow workers and sympathetic managers to commiserate with us. After we finally get the last shopper out of the building, we all vent and marvel over the lack of humanity displayed in the land of retail.

Many species of Shopzilla exist. In the late summer and early fall, she — for it is almost always a “she” — is normally a soccer mom, hoping to get some clothes for the kids for the new school

year. She comes in benignly enough, ready to browse with a child or three in tow. Then she loses herself when she realizes she has found a place where she isn't responsible for picking up. The children begin to fight and complain. Suddenly, the scales cover her body. She picks up the tempo, letting unwanted clothes drop to the floor, while pawing through a perfectly folded table of shirts in order to find little Timmy's favored shade of soccer t-shirt in

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the correct size. Another mother looks interested in the same item, and it has now become a race, a battle. The only real loser in this battle will, of course, be me. For I am in charge of changing that savage pile of cloth back into a neat display of shirts.

In late November and early December, Shopzilla takes the form of The Perfect Gift-Giver. She must have exactly what she found online, for it will be perfect for her brother's co-worker's mother-in-law. While picky, she is fairly neat and civil. Her counterpart comes later in December, The Frustrated Procrastinator. We don't have the size, color or style she is looking for. We bite our tongues and don't say that, had she come on a day that wasn't say,

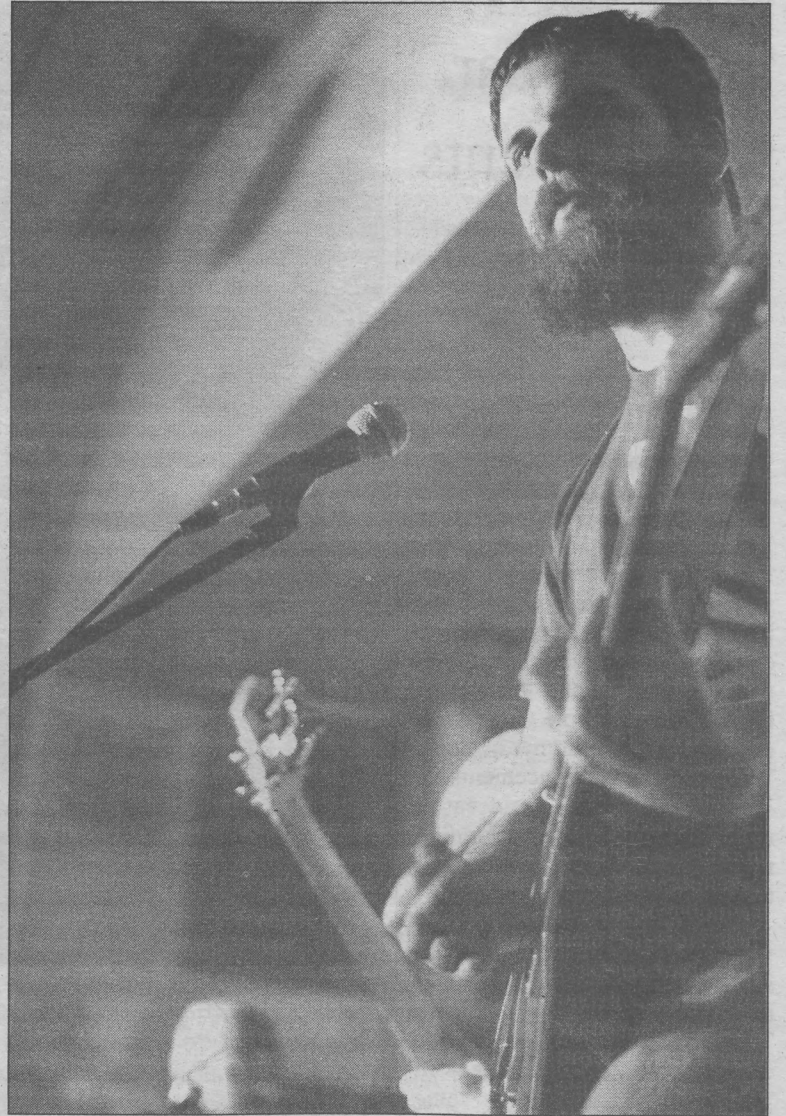
Christmas Eve, she probably would've found what she wanted. Of course, this busy Shopzilla is rather in a hurry, so she's sloppy. But she is not the messiest.

The messiest comes after Christmas, when we must clear out the old merchandise and make room for the new, spring merchandise. I am speaking, of course, of the most brutish and ruthless of all Shopzillas: The Bargain Hunter. Oh the horror. This merciless creature will stop at nothing to get her \$7.99 jeans. She'll trample small children, knock over grandmothers and literally fling unwanted denim across the store while grunting, “Me want size 6! Must find size 6!” Upon closing, we are left with a store that resembles TV images of Baghdad.

The ultimately most reprehensible species of Shopzilla comes in the store at any given time, sale or no sale. They look fairly normal until their true colors are revealed. The most loathsome of the Shopzilla is rare but lethal: the TMI Shopzilla. What is the TMI, you ask? Let me give you some examples: A middle-aged woman in a velour warm-up suit glances at me as I put away some shirts. She tilts her head to the side and looks me up and down several times. Then she slowly approaches me. “Do you work here?” she asks. I nod. She leans in, standing close as she intones conspiratorially, “You're a big

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Northern Nashville Stars



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SING ALONG — Portland's 26 North perform for a steadily growing audience at in Memorial Union's North Pod Thursday night

Band 26 North takes on UMaine crowd

By Tony Reaves
Copy Editor

If you've ever seen a jam band play, you know they can't just perform a song. They start out like they're playing a song, with maybe a couple of verses and choruses, then they stop singing and go into a long, long instrumental section.

Portland's 26 North is a jam band that doesn't get too out of control. In the North Pod of Memorial Union Thursday, they played to an enthusiastic audience that grew throughout their 90-minute set, a testament to how 26 North beats the “just fiddling with guitars” jam band stereotype, although the members did all have beards.

The rhythm section was the star of the show, as drummer Josh Francis and bassist Chris Chasse locked together brilliantly. Chasse's bass style is funky and calls attention to itself, while the driving rock drums kept even unengaged audience members' feet tapping. Even after the two-minute mark, when the songs started wandering, the directness of Francis' drumming always made it feel like the song was going somewhere.

Singing was divided between keyboard player Kevin Roper and guitar player Bryan Gould. Roper played a Roland keyboard and two Korgs, including a Korg MS2000B that burped out analog synth and made for robotic, g-funk reminiscent solos. In other songs, he banged the Roland like a saner

Jerry Lee Lewis, even raking his hands across the keys for a fiery effect.

Gould is a skilled guitar player but his solos grew tiresome. He's the kind of guitar player who winces and grits his teeth when he solos, presumably because it hurts to play so well. Love or hate the band, you had to admit their playing was damn tight.

The banter was dull, however. “Sign our mailing list,” Roper would call out, adding, “Our name is 26 North!” Later a band member vowed to “rock it Bangor style — or wherever the hell we are.” Because audiences love it when you don't know the name of their town.

The band members are all from New England, although they formed in Nashville. After some time, 26 North moved back up to Portland, where “people are more responsive to live music,” Roper said. Once up North, they found Chasse and have lived and practiced in a farmhouse ever since. They have recently begun playing heavily in the Portland area.

Mike Lovett, a second-year mechanical engineering major, had never heard of 26 North but said that would definitely see them again. His only complaint was that they didn't jam long enough. “I was hoping they'd groove a little at the end. They were pretty structured.”

After a 90-minute set, the crowd called them back for an encore, which the band clearly hadn't anticipated. Those who missed 26 North but are still curious can listen to a few tracks on their MySpace page (<http://www.myspace.com/26north>).

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better sound. At one point, both Cojazz and Brzowski climbed down from the stage with their microphones mid-track. When no one in the crowd reacted, they went back up; It was awkward. The crowd leaned against the back wall and watched until Boss came onstage.

Boss had a DJ in Ushuaia's booth providing his beats, and the sound quality was a huge improvement. He started with a track about Maine with a refrain of “Say ayuh, ayuh, ayuh.” Another was based on his theory that the current war in Iraq isn't like a chess game, but like “I Win” from the Adam Sandler comedy “Big Daddy.” After the self-serious openers, Boss was a breath of fresh air.

Wu-Tang Clan co-founder U-God was originally slated to headline the show, but Ushuaia owner Alex Gray said he was told U-God had a



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family emergency. Rather than leave Orono high and dry as rappers have done in the past, U-God contacted

Killah Priest and had him cover. “It's nice to see hip-hop covering their tracks,” said Gray.

that great. I mean if you want to hear captain “Wonder Years” scream and argue with his dysfunctional TV-family, have it at. But comedy is more than that. It takes wit, and class and a touch of vision. “Crumbs” is lacking in all those departments. Instead of tight-roping that line of weird and funny, it is just weird. If I want to see goofy I can always pop in my Arrested Development season one DVD.

With all that being said, there are a few replacement shows that look like they may have some promise. Yet, they don't come out till March. Those shows are “The Unit” and “Windfall.” And why do I highlight them? Well, heck,

their original. “Windfall” is the story of 21 people who win the lottery, while “The Unit” follows a covert special forces operative group from and to an assortment of locations across the globe.

As for now though, what do I suggest you watch? That's easy. Give the fresh and likable “Love Monkey,” a try, even if it's just to watch the excellent Cavanagh in his first headlining role since the brilliant “Ed.” If you're unwilling to jump on “Love Monkey,” then you can always rely on some overlooked gems like “The Office,” “Everwood,” and the new and improved “Survivor,” to hold you over until the others arrive on “Lost.”

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City.” Come on television producers. Can't we get a creative idea here? You've proved that you're not as dumb as everyone claims you are with the likes of “Lost,” “My Name is Earl,” “Boomtown,” and “Arrested Development.” So why are we stretching for ideas?

Speaking of “Arrested Development,” its carbon copy appears in the form of “Crumbs,” a show that has received reasonable good reviews. However, it is my job to tell you that those critics are wrong. “Crumbs,” is well, not

O'Connor heats up the MCA Thursday



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FIDDLE FADDLE — Marc O'Connor and his band performs 'Hot Swing' at the MCA Thursday night.

By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

Mark O'Connor, one of the most widely known and respected fiddlers playing today, performed at the Maine Center for the Arts on Thursday, Feb. 2. At his Hot Swing performance, he played jazz fiddle and standards, not traditional fiddling by any means. It was surprisingly upbeat, especially for those unfamiliar with O'Connor or his recent work.

It is hard for most college students who don't follow the jazz, standards or fiddle scene to gauge O'Connor's popularity. However, he is not without his diehard fans.

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One man had seen O'Connor three times prior to the MCA show and got his tickets for Thursday's performance immediately after it was announced. O'Connor's MCA show drew a crowd somewhere in the neighborhood of 500.

O'Connor was joined by bassist John Burr and guitarist Frank Vignola, and for a good portion of the show, singer Jane Monheit was brought onstage to perform with the guys. All the musicians were great and added to the event's entertainment value, but the most talented of the group by far was O'Connor himself.

Monheit added a little something to the show though, coming out for about eight songs in the set. The music, other than her vocals, was entirely instrumental and her singing provided a welcome break from that.

The songs, for spectators who were unfamiliar with O'Connor,

blended together too easily. I found myself struggling to identify the songs' titles and individuality because they all seemed so similar. That's not to say that they were poorly performed or written, because O'Connor and the Hot Swing Trio did one hell of a job. The only problem was that many who don't know the songs had a tendency to get lost.

One of the last songs performed that night, "Fiddler Going Home" was written and dedicated for a recently deceased colleague, and was the highlight of the show. The song was probably the most distinct and carried the most emotion. It was clear that the late fiddler had left an impression on all of the performers' lives.

To end the show, they played a song from their "Hot Swing" album called "Pickles on the Elbow" and although the title's a little on the dull-witted side, the song was incredibly fast paced and enjoyable. The group's final two songs were probably the best of the night.

O'Connor mentioned his fiddle camps a few times during the night. These are places where he and other fiddlers, like the late Stephane Grappelli, help children hone their musical abilities. O'Connor has a gift for the fiddle, and he seems to share it with the rest of the world whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Overall, the show was worth seeing. It was the type of performance that a lot of younger people, like college students, would not be interested in. But it was entertaining and classy. O'Connor and the Hot Swing Trio are undeniably talented, whether or not they appeal to the college crowd.

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offers a smorgasboard of wares ranging from, but not limited to, clothing, furniture, household accessories, electronics and even a car or two. Although lately it appears to be a bit dissheveled, the store is experiencing an intense structural makeover, as it will be embarking upon the world wide web through eBay. In the store the prices are cheap — around \$2 for items of clothing, but other goods are just as reasonably priced. If you decide to bid on an item through eBay, you can come and pick it up from the store itself and save

yourself the hassle of shipping.

Besides its eclectic array of vintage and western clothing, Ofelia's charm lies in its employees. All workers are volunteers and eager to help out with customers or community aid projects. Ramos said, "Ofelia's works with so many agencies. We sent three truckloads of food and medicine down to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina."

The next time you decide to go shopping, whether it's clothing or for a table, check out your secondhand options first. Just think: Not only will you be helping out your bank accounts, but you'll be contributing to the community around you, and maybe even a community hundreds of miles away.

'Underworld 2' is underrated

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter



Not only did the battle between Lycans and Vampires evolve but so did an impressive plot.

Attempting to match the commercial success of the first "Underworld" movie, its sequel, "Underworld: Evolution" looks like what could be the final chapter in the series, but because of an interesting ending, there could be a third.

As for those wondering whether or not they need to see the first one, they do not. It's not that bad of a film, and it's worth watching after the sequel. However, because of the way the storyline is constructed, the film reverts to previous events frequently.

Before getting to the present, the movie takes a trip to the past to give an idea of what is going to happen. In the beginning there were two groups: Lycans and Vampires. The Lycans are pretty much the low-class werewolves. The Vampires serve as the aristocratic death dealers. Despite their differences, both groups stemmed from two brothers, which is where the movie begins.

In the early stages of the battle between the two, one of the brothers, Marcus, the head of the vampires, looked for his brother, William, the head of the Lycans. Although he found his brother via a bloody raid on a village, William, who was seen as the most powerful force on the planet, had to be locked into a prison for all eternity.

From this point on, the movie goes more in-depth on how each clan was formed. More importantly, it goes into



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detail on how each clan becomes intertwined.

One of the characters from the first movie, Michael, is actually a mix between the two and in the end actually becomes more powerful than William. Throughout the film, Selena, who is played by Kate Beckinsale, teams up with Michael in a race against time to find William's cell before Marcus.

Although there are a good number of blood-laden scenes, the plot actually outshines the gore in many ways. Besides seeing the different groups evolve, the relationship between Selena and William evolves, which proves to play a vital role in whether or not there is a third movie.

It may not be the caliber of movies like "Brokeback Mountain" and "Munich", but unlike other films that come out around this time of year, it stands out. Since it has a plot that is easy to follow and because so many turns take place, it's a good way to spend two hours on a Wednesday night.

SHOPZILLA

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busted girl, do these camisoles fit us?"

I should have told her they were falsies. I should have at least been taken for a dinner and movie before she asked me such a personal question. But instead, I just answered her question and told her the built-in bra didn't really work for us, so she should wear a bra with it and use it as layering piece only. Then I walked away and told all my co-workers through fits of giggles what just happened to me.

While this story is bizarre, it is by no means the worst example of the TMIS. The worst example was a few weeks ago, while I was working at the cash register and a frowning mother came to my register with her adorable but bashful toddler. "Tell the lady what I told you to say," she demanded of her daughter. I looked at them blankly. "Tell her," she continued, "tell the lady that you're sorry for peeing in her store!" I gathered all that is Zen within me and did not burst out in nervous laughter, nor cry on behalf of the chastised child but remained professional and calm. Quietly, the little girl whispered her apologies. I told her it was OK and

made a mental note to notify the manager to look for puddles on the sales floor once crazy's purchase was finished. The mother then scolded, again, "You do not PEE in STORES! It is RUDE!" So is publicly humiliating a potty-training toddler, mommy dearest.

If you haven't guessed what the TMIS is, I will tell you: It is the Too Much Information Shopzilla. I don't know where these people come from or what they're thinking. Honestly, some things really ought to be left private. Otherwise, a frustrated retail worker may get her revenge by publicly humiliating you in a newspaper article.

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Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

Watch out for that electric toothbrush, it could mean danger this week. Also keeps those skeletons in the closet for one more week. You'll soon realize why.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)

You'll have a very lazy week, but that's okay; you'll get all your friends to do your work for you.

Aries (3/21-4/19)

This week might bring some car troubles, or perhaps a sick pet. By planning ahead, you can avoid the unfortunate.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)

Laughter! You'll laugh at absolutely everything this week. Even at the wrong moments! Play your cards right and that little slip up will bring the person back with a confession of their own.

Gemini (5/21-6/21)

You're oversensitive, and take things too seriously. Try to lighten up! The people around will notice, and the difference might just surprise you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22)

You are attractive, but manipulative and a little unreliable.

Leo (7/23-8/22)

Try listening to new forms of music, and taste some ethnic cuisine. You just might like it.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

Be careful with money, because even if it seems like you're rich, you're actually mega-poor.

Libra (9/23-10/22)

You've got mail. Unfortunately, it's spam. Stop hanging onto the past, ditch your old baggage, and email accounts that come with it.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

You're going to have that huge creative breakthrough any day now. With a little luck you might just convince someone it's been worth the wait.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

You may have won a lot of money gambling on the Bowl. Be sure to spend it wisely.

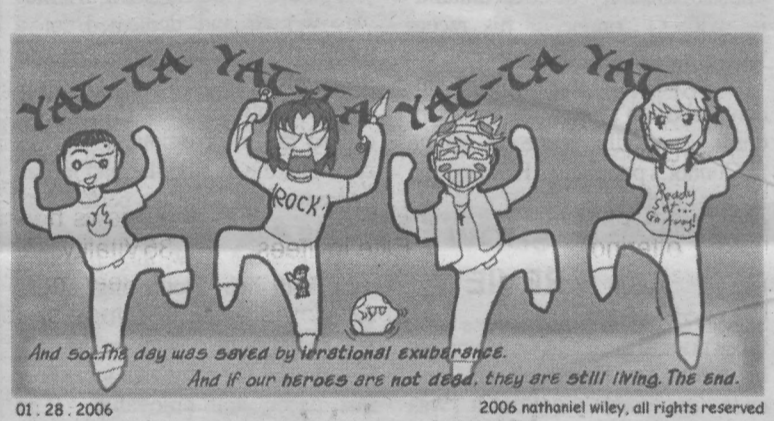
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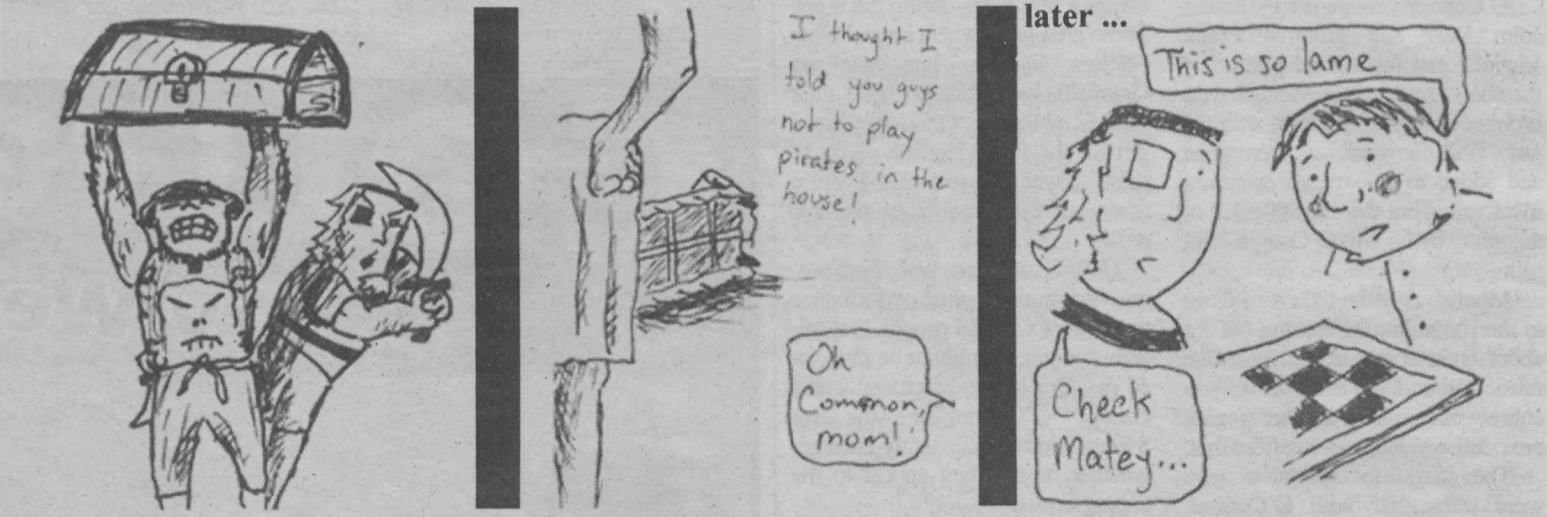
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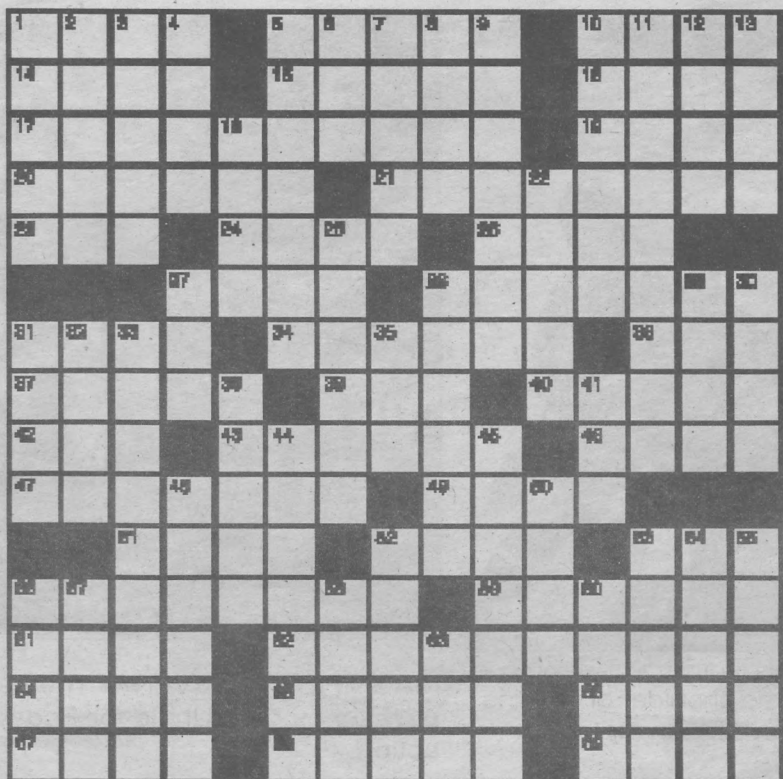
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FIRST BLOOD — Wildcat Trevor Smith's first period goal sails over the shoulder of UMaine goalie Matt Lundin as defensemen Simon Danis-Pepin (79) and Steve Mullin (4) look on.

UNH

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after relinquishing it 24 hours earlier to UMaine.

"A lot of crazy things happen here," said UNH head coach Dick Umile. "I am thinking after the first period that we played great and now we got a delay with the zamboni. I was like, 'You got to be kidding me. What else can go wrong when we come up here?' I said, 'We might not even be able to finish this game.' I was a wreck."

Despite the return of seven forwards, who were suspended for Friday's game, and holding a four goal advantage with 18 minutes to go, the Wildcats didn't feel comfortable until the final two minutes when they slammed home two empty net goals.

"That's Maine; they don't quit," said Umile. "They stayed with it, and obviously it got a little nerve-racking there. But the fact of the matter is that the guys played a real solid game. We are real pleased with our effort."

Ciocco, who registered the eventual game winner, felt Friday night's 4-1 loss to UMaine played a pivotal role in the victory.

"Ultimately, the seven of us felt responsible for that loss," said Ciocco, also one of the lucky seven. "After the game, you could tell by the way the coaches were acting toward us that they knew we were responsible for that loss. We had to win [Saturday]. There was no way about it. That was a championship game for us. We absolutely had to win that game."

And they did. Thanks in large part because to those seven guys, who contributed five of the Wildcats' goals.

As for the Black Bears, this was not the ending they had envisioned. UNH's seven goals marked the highest goal total for a visiting team at Alford since 2001.

"We just didn't come out ready," said Moore. "Yeah, they had some guys that were fresh, but I don't think that is an excuse for us to not come and play hard as we can on a weekend like this when it's on the line against our biggest rival."

The game-winner came at 2:22 of the third when Ciocco broke free of the UMaine defense for a break-away on freshman Ben Bishop. With no one but Bishop to beat, Ciocco sent a laser to the top right corner. The goal, which was assisted by Mike Radja, another forward

making his return to the lineup, gave UNH an almost insurmountable 5-1 advantage.

UMaine, however, was not about to go quietly. This was the border war.

With 4:54 to go in the third, UMaine center Jon Jankus jammed home a tally after UNH netminder Jeff Pietrasiak failed to clear the puck.

"This whole game, you were on the edge of your seat," said Ciocco. "We were up 5-1 and every guy on our bench knew that game wasn't over. When they scored that second goal there were eight minutes left, and that was probably one of the longest eight minutes of my college career."

Eight minutes later, the Black Bears managed to pull within two when Greg Moore, scoring his 20th of the season, rifled a difficult shot from the goal line past Pietrasiak.

"That frigging kid Greg Moore; it seems like every time he was on the ice and touched the puck he was throwing it on net and stuff was happening," said Ciocco.

Now down two, UMaine looked to senior Derek Damon for help. And they got it.

At 18:34 of the third, Damon raced in from the far blue line and rocketed a shot off the pads of Pietrasiak. With the puck bouncing free, Billy Ryan proceeded to slam it into the back of the net. The Black Bears had pulled to within one.

With 2:50 to go and his squad only down one, UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead believed they were going to complete the miraculous rally.

"I honestly think we would've tied it up," said Whitehead. "We had so much momentum, so much jump at that point. That is one of the reasons it's such an exciting game. Momentum can swing so dramatically at a moments notice."

But UNH wasn't worried. Remember, they had Jacob Micflikier.

At 18:54, with Bishop pulled and the Black Bears pressing, Micflikier stole the puck from defenseman Bret Tyler. With nothing but the net in front of him, Micflikier ripped the mesh from just above the hash marks.

A minute later he wrapped up the game with another empty netter, this time from Hemingway and Chris Murray.

The Wildcats got goals from Trevor Smith, Greg Collins and Hemingway to build their early lead. The biggest, which came

from Hemingway with three seconds to go in the period, arrived only a minute after the Black Bears had swung momentum back on their side with a Greg Moore goal.

The tally, which was argued against vigorously by UMaine, also brought a game misconduct for Michel Leveille.

In net for the Wildcats, Pietrasiak finished with 25 saves, while Matt Lundin and Ben Bishop combined for 35 saves. Bishop, who had five of those saves, replaced Lundin at the start of the third.

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Josh Ciocco
UNH hockey

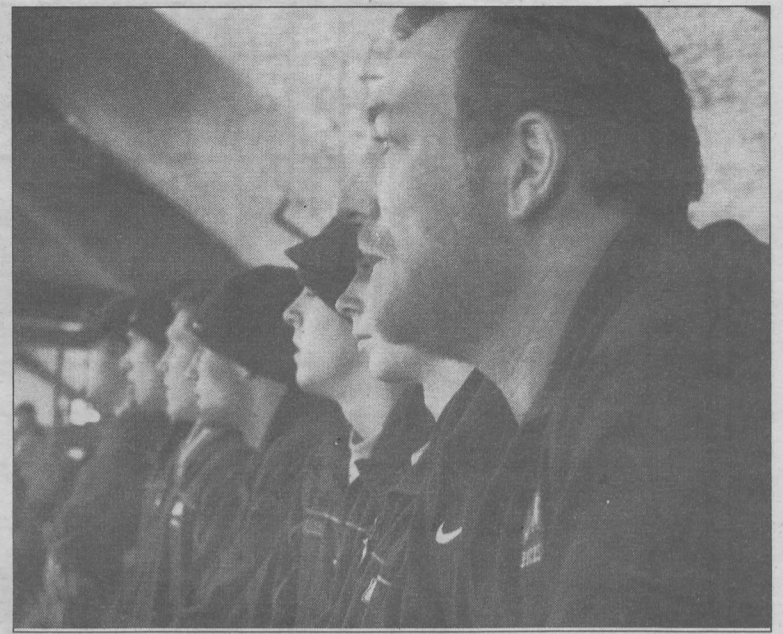
"Quite frankly, I should've trusted my instincts," said Whitehead. "Despite how well Matt played after the first period, that was my first thought: to make the switch after the first. Looking back, I don't know if that would've made a difference or not. Matt played so well, but at the same time, because they were forechecking so aggressively, my gut feeling was to make that switch after the first."

"It was because of [Bishop's] abilities to get out and move the puck up the ice," said Whitehead.

UNH outshot UMaine 34-16 in the first two periods to haul in their first series win against the Black Bears since 2000.

On Friday, in another classic installment of the border war, UMaine used the resurgent play of Josh Soares and Mike Hamilton to capture a vital 4-1 win over UNH. En route to their fourth consecutive victory, the Black Bears faced a much different squad than what they saw the last time the two archrivals faced off.

On Tuesday, UNH head coach Dick Umile suspended seven forwards for Friday's game. Among



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIROGIO

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN — The seven Wildcats suspended by Dick Umile for Friday's game watch the action.

them were stars Hemingway, Ciocco and Dave Winnik. However, that didn't change UMaine's attitude.

"Coach didn't want to put the lineup up because he didn't want guys on our team worrying about who was in or who was out," said Hamilton.

"We didn't even look at their roster," said UMaine forward Billy Ryan. "We knew if you played for UNH, you had to be a good hockey player."

The strategy paid off for the Black Bears. Sparked by the steady play of freshman netminder Ben Bishop, who recorded 21 saves, UMaine collected their 11th conference win.

Whitehead was pleased with his squad for not letting a scoreless first period affect how they approached the final 40 minutes.

"I think it was important that we didn't get frustrated," said Whitehead. "We thought we had a decent first period and we had some chances. But I don't think we got to the net very well for the second shot. I thought in the second and third period we did a better job of getting to the net for the second and third shot."

The second and ultimately game-winning goal came at 11:41 of the second period when Josh Soares capitalized on a heads up play by defenseman Mike Lundin.

"It was just a great play," said Soares. "Mike Lundin put the puck up nicely to Greg. He jumped over the blue line and I came over for support. He put it into space. I just was trying to get off quick. The glove was open so I just tried to put it there."

And get it there he did. Ripping a laser past the glove of Regan, Soares had tallied his 10th goal of the season.

The score hit the back of the net

only three minutes after a wrist shot by Andrew Leach had sailed over Bishop's glove leg. The Leach goal, which came from Brad Flaishans and Brian Yandle, was the only blemish of the night, for Bishop.

UMaine assistant captain, Michel Leveille, who made his return to the lineup this weekend after a sprained knee, felt Bishop's awareness in net was pivotal.

"When you get a goalie that plays the puck like that, it's like a third defenseman out there," said Leveille. "It's huge. It's like a Martin Bordeur. He prevented a lot of chances for them to attack offensively."

Despite the loss, Regan garnered an impressive 37 saves.

At the start of the third, UMaine increased its lead to two when Mike Hamilton slammed home a rebound off a Michel Leveille shot. The score marked Hamilton's first goal in 32 games.

"It was definitely a big monkey off my back," said Hamilton.

Soares continued his fiery play late in the game tallying an open netter with 2:04 left in the game.

The first of the night's goals came at 4:01 of the second period. On the ensuing powerplay, Billy Ryan sent a laser over the shoulder of Boston native Kevin Regan.

UMaine is now headed to Vermont for two must-win games against the Catamounts.

Whitehead feels that Saturday's near comeback could be used as motivation.

"Most importantly we didn't quit. We played hard and fought back," said Whitehead. "Unfortunately it didn't have the storybook ending that we had hoped, but at the same time we proved something to ourselves that we can come back and that the game is never over. Those are valuable lessons."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

BIRD'S EYE VIEW — Defenseman Travis Ramsey (27) chases Brad Fornataro along the boards Friday night.

HEART

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locker room with a game misconduct drawn arguing the last, stomach-punching goal. Ben Bishop's replacing of Matt Lundin, inarguably the best player on the ice despite four goals against, seemed to be the white flag.

Bishop allowed a shorthanded goal early in the third, and this game's obituary went to print, 5-1.

Somebody forgot to tell Whitehead's troops that though. All of a sudden, they were crashing the net, hitting their passes, and spending more and more time in the offensive end.

Senior Jon Jankus' goal made it 5-2, Moore's 20th of the year made it 5-3, and Billy Ryan stuffed home a Damon rebound with 1:26 left to make it 5-4. The funeral had become a bachelor party; Alford was rocking and what had looked impossible was now expected.

It wasn't meant to be, though, as Jacob Micflikier's two empty net goals slammed the door.

Forget for a minute that the team's 18-10 record doesn't seem to be good enough for the PairWise Rankings, which mimic how the NCAA selects its tournament field. Forget that they fell back to fifth in the conference instead of moving up to third.

Most of all, forget that they were beaten badly twice by their archrivals, and only managed a win against the Wildcat JV team Friday night.

It wasn't a win, but UMaine treated their fans to a hell of a game; one of the best college hockey games of the year. It had all the trappings of a heavyweight fight and it



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

TRIUMPHANT RETURN — Junior Michel Leveille returned to the UMaine lineup this weekend after suffering a knee injury against BU earlier this year. He tallied an assist Friday night.

lived up to the billing, with punches and counter punches until Micflikier's knock-out blow.

What went wrong Saturday night? For starters, UNH had three goals when UMaine had more skaters than them on the ice, and that was the final margin of victory. Besides that, the Black Bears were out of sync and couldn't transition out of their own zone.

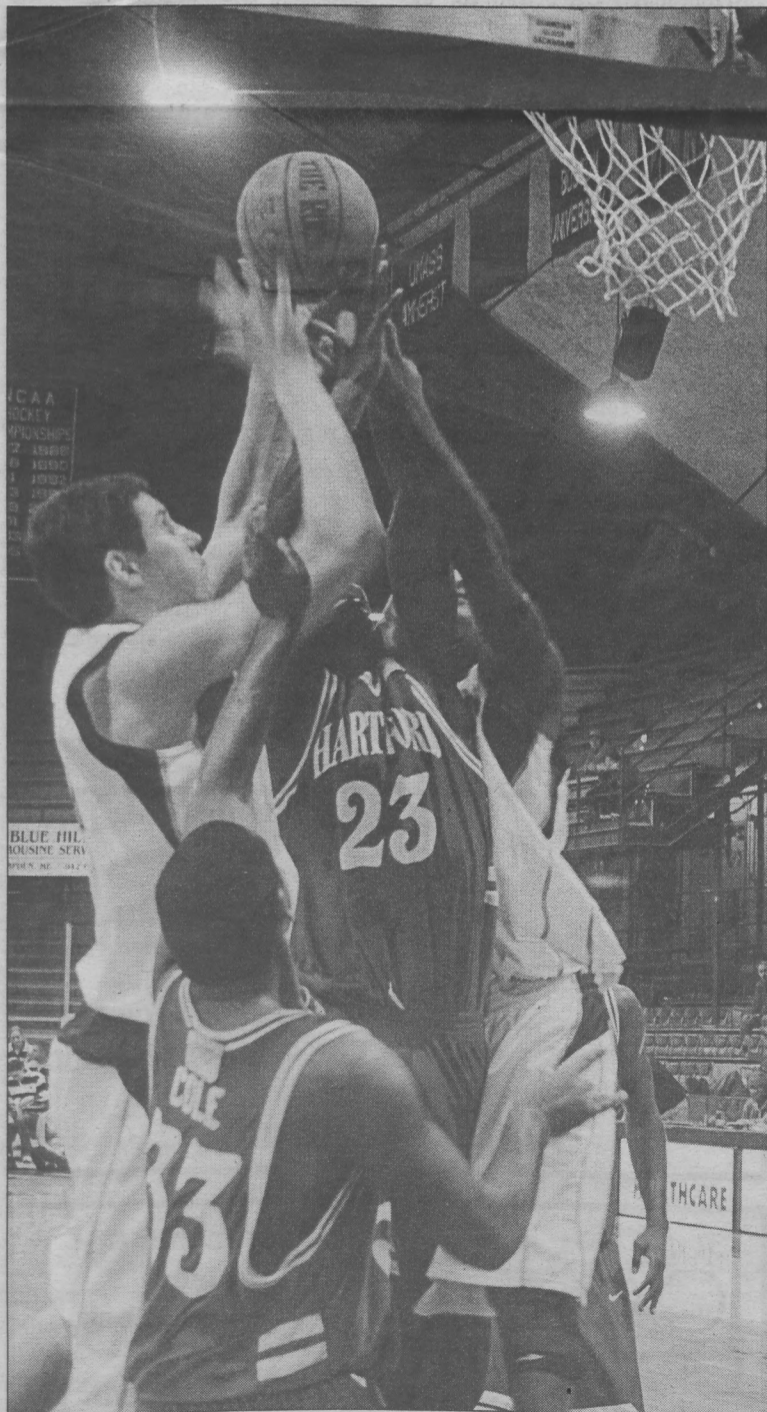
That's execution, not desire. Anyone who questions this team's fire, determination, pride or heart wasn't watching Saturday night. They left it all on the ice and played with emotion all night long. They kept plugging, even when down four goals, and it almost paid off.

Which is why, ultimately, I'm not that worried about these guys. In a lot of circles, the end of the streak against UNH could mean the

end of the NCAA streak but not here.

No matter how grim the rankings look, there'll be no quit in this team.

They have two huge series coming up with Vermont and conference king Boston College. As long as they continue to play with the heart they showed Saturday night, those things will take care of themselves, and they'll be where they want to be in March.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

GOING UP — UMaine's Olli Ahvenniemi (left) battles Hartford's Kenny Adeleke (23) for a loose ball.

HOOPS

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where they came from. This is not a team that's going to go blow people out."

Sunday's dismantling in Binghamton came largely because the Black Bears failed to play consistent defense for one of the few times this season. The Bearcats, who are statistically one of the worst shooting teams in America East, shredded UMaine for the second time this year with 53 percent shooting. The Black Bears couldn't keep pace, shooting just 25 percent in the first half to dig a hole they'd never emerge from.

Binghamton raced out to a 6-0 lead against man-to-man defense, and when Woodward switched his team to a 2-3 zone, the Bearcats exploded for a 34-14 scoring run, including one 15-2 stretch that sent the Black Bears into halftime trailing 44-20.

UMaine would trail by as many as 33 points in the mostly academic second half but had a late run that nearly cut the deficit in half. However, Binghamton made another push to extend the lead back to 28 and close out the game.

"Their athleticism got to us. They took us out of everything we do offensively; we weren't able to get into any kind of a flow right from the tip," Woodward said on WZON's postgame show Sunday.

Andre Herd led the way for Binghamton with 21 points, while Sebastian Hermenier added 18 and Mike Gordon chipped in 12. The Bearcats held a 17-5 advantage in points off turnovers and a commanding 38-29 edge on the boards.

With the win, Binghamton snapped a two-game losing skid and, for the time being, secured second place in the conference by improving to 7-3 in America East play. The Bearcats are 10-11 on the year.

The lone bright spot for the Black Bears was freshman forward Philippe Tchekane Bofia, who had 16 points but just three rebounds. UMaine's high rebounder was guard Ernest

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Ted Woodward
UMaine men's basketball
Head coach

Turner who had seven boards and nine points on just 3-11 shooting.

"They played great perimeter defense," said Woodward. "They were physical across the board, and they jammed the perimeter. The one weakness was in the post, and we saw Phil get 16."

The Black Bears' two-game losing streak started Thursday night at Alford Arena against Hartford. Aaron Cook poured in 40 points, the highest total by an America East player this season, to erase a Black Bears' lead and lift the Hawks to a 69-62 win.

UMaine led by 13 early thanks to the hot shooting of junior Rashard Turner, who had three-straight field goals during a 21-7

first half run. Turner hit six treys in the game and netted a career high 24 points.

"We had to play forty minutes," Turner said. "It's frustrating because we'd been playing well, but when you come out and only play 30 minutes you've got to expect this."

Conference Player of the Year candidate Kenny Adeleke, America East's leading scorer and rebounder, was held scoreless until late in the second half.

"I tried to play physical with him and keep him off the ball," said UMaine junior center Olli Ahvenniemi, who continues to make his own case for Defensive Player of the Year.

But Cook picked up the slack, keeping the Black Bears from running away with the game and ultimately keyed the Hawks comeback, which included an 8-0 run and six late free throws.

As hot as UMaine's shooting was in the first half, they were ice cold in the second, making just nine field goals on 33 tries. From the Hawks' point of view, it was improved defense on their part that helped spell the Black Bears' scoring binge.

"We were a lot more active on defense," said Hartford head coach Larry Harrison. "When we play defense, we're a good team. We were focused on ourselves, not because Maine didn't worry us, but because we knew we had to improve that much on defense."

The Black Bears have a week off to regroup before hosting conference leader Albany at Alford Arena Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

"We were playing very good basketball four or five days ago, even in the first half of the Hartford game," Woodward said. "We just have to get back to doing the things we do."

MIXED

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Connecticut's lead would only last until the middle of the second period when junior forward Brigitte LaFlamme scored her team-leading 14th goal of the season to tie the game at 1-1. LaFlamme scored her 13th of the season in Saturday's loss.

Throughout most of the third period, the game proved to be an offensive stalemate as both teams had a difficult time trying to generate offensive opportunities. With a little more than five minutes left, the Black Bears broke the deadlock as a power play goal by Patricia Gagnon gave UMaine the 2-1 lead.

Gagnon's goal came with two seconds remaining on the power play. Since she has been in a Black Bear uniform, Gagnon has scored nine points in six games.

Beside Gagnon and LaFlamme's play, the Black Bears received a 15-save effort from netminder Rachel Gettings, who replaced Genevieve Turgeon for the second game of the series, as she had given up five goals in the first game. For Turgeon,

the loss was her first game since UMaine's Jan. 22 tie against Providence.

Saturday did not see a nice return for the freshman netminder as UConn got on the board first when junior Natalie Vibert beat Turgeon 5:51 into the first period on a power play goal.

Despite the early goal, UMaine was able to make a quick comeback as passes from Gagnon and Hampden native Kim Meagher found LaFlamme, who tied the game at 1-1.

The goal was the last offensive output UMaine had as the Huskies scored four unanswered goals, en route to victory.

UConn's eventual game-winning goal came early in the second period, as junior Katherine Van Deveire scored just 5:26 into the frame. Later in the period Van Deveire, added a short-handed insurance goal for her second of the game.

Besides LaFlamme's goal, the only offensive bright spot UMaine had was outshooting UConn, 20-19.

The Black Bears are in action at Alford Arena next weekend against Vermont, hosting a two-game set Saturday and Sunday.

Scoring Summaries

UM	1	0	0	1
UConn	1	2	2	5

First period — 1, UC, Natalie Verbert (Jaclyn Hawkins, Alicia Ramolla), 5:51 (pp). 2, UM, Brigitte Laflamme (Kim Meagher, Patricia Gagnon), 16:42.

Second period — 3, UC, K. Van Deveire (Hawkins, Kristen Russell), 5:26. 4, UC, Van Deveire (Hawkins), 15:22 (sh).

Third period — 5, UC, Hawkins (unassisted), 0:28 (sh). 6, UC, Elizabeth Gallinaro (Bridget King, Janelle Armitage) 11:03 (pp).

UM	0	1	1	2
UConn	1	0	0	1

First period — 1, UC, Armitage (King, Ramolla), 6:23/

Second period — 2, UM, Laflamme (Sonia Corriveau, Gagnon), 10:32.

Third period — 3, UM, Gagnon (Corriveau, Gagnon), 16:46 (pp).

Prince's 113 points was unsportsmanlike conduct

By Meghann Burnett
Staff Reporter

Kobe Bryant scores 81 and the Seattle Supersonics score 152, the most points in a game in over a decade, in the same night. This was just over a month after Kobe racked up 62 points before being benched for the entire fourth quarter.

Commentary

All of this scoring was a bit overwhelming, but recently it has become downright out of control.

Epiphanny Prince of Queens, New York scored 113 points in a high school girl's basketball game Wednesday night.

How about them apples?

She claimed she was bored with the competition. At the end of the first half she had 58 points and decided to go for the record.

Did I mention she shot 54-60 from the field?

Now, I love healthy competition. I love the unwritten rules in sports, too many to mention, but use your imagination. I love watching basketball players have career games, whether it's someone tossing three-bombs like they are throwing rocks in the ocean or a 5-7 guard playing like a 6-6 center.

Honestly, I can't wait for the day that LeBron drops the first quadruple-double.

I applauded Phil Jackson for pulling No. 8 at the end of the third quarter.

Kobe made it look easy when he racked up 81 points 15 days ago. And while initially I scoffed and put up angry away messages, the Lakers were down by double-digits in the first half and Bryant took it upon himself to take over.

But 113 points? That's just sick. And by sick I mean I nearly decorated my living room with my midnight snack of Rice Crispies when I heard it on SportsCenter.

There is absolutely no reason for a coach to allow a player to score 113 points in a basketball game. Period.

Forgive my nostalgia, but I remember being a junior in high school, playing alongside my friend, Danielle Clark (yes, the one

who plays at UNH), a sophomore at the time, and watching her score 40 points. I couldn't believe it! She worked for all 40 too. We had other players in double figures. We won. It was a great night.

Prince's Bergtraum High School Lady Blazers won their game 137-32 and are the second best team in the nation behind Christ the King High School of Manhattan.

Just a side note, when Christ the King played Bergtraum earlier this season, they didn't play in a dusty old high school gym where you weren't allowed to bring your nachos and pop into the stands.

They tipped off at Madison Square Garden.

Christ the King High School also features the future of UConn women's basketball, and arguably the number one high school player in the nation: 6-4 Tina Charles. She scored the game-winning basket as time expired, and Vince Carter awarded her Player of the Game honors.

Sick.

I grew up hearing about Lisa Leslie's 101 points scored by half-time for Morningside High School in California in 1990. I didn't think it could count as a real game. Neither did the other team, who literally walked onto the bus at halftime, refusing to finish the final half. I can't say I blame them, really. She's ended up a two-time WNBA MVP.

Then there's the great Cheryl Miller and her previous high school record of 105 points back in 1982 for Riverside Poly in California. She went on to be an All-American for USC and the first woman to play in the NBA. Her little brother, Reggie, is OK too.

Epiphanny Prince is headed to Rutgers. Good for her. But there is no room in high school basketball for a coach and player to throw away the book and demoralize an opposing, and far less skilled, team. This is not how basketball should be played. Sorry if you are bored, princess, And coach, unfortunately, what goes around comes around.

I can't wait to watch this state championship game on ESPN.

Track squads victorious over Holy Cross

The University of Maine men's and women's track teams each picked up a win over Holy Cross at the UM fieldhouse Saturday. The men's team won 97-82 while the Lady Black Bears came out with a 115-65 triumph.

The men's team's victory came as a result of the strength of its distance team, with wins in each of the long distance events. Donnie Drake claimed the mile in 4:15.23, Eric Libby won the 800 in 1:58.75, Kirby Davis took the 3000, and UMaine got the top two places in the 1000 with Scott O'Connor and David Manz.

The Black Bears also excelled

in the field events. Keith Corey and Dzigbodi Ababio got first and second in the shot put, Carson Hartman won the triple jump, and UMaine took the top three places in the long jump, and the top two in the high jump.

UMaine also won both relays and got the first four places in the 60 yard hurdles.

On the women's side, the field events carried the day. The Black Bears got wins in the high jump from Erin Hatch, who also took the hurdles, the pole vault from Heather Zavaduk, Rachel McCaslin in the long jump, Stephanie McCusker in the triple jump, Katie Souviney won the


shot put, and Clarissa Michalak took the weight throw.

UMaine's other winners were Vicki Tolton in the 200, Lindsay Burlock in the 400, Amanda Virgets in the 500, Kirsten Vidlak in the 800, and Heather Jovanelli in the 1000.


Both teams have a busy weekend ahead, competing in the Valentine Invitational in Boston on Friday, followed up by a dual meet against New Hampshire Saturday. The winter season culminates with the America East championships on Feb. 17.

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Mr. Maine~iac

Boguen shows love for UMaine hockey in unique way

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If you've ever been to a University of Maine men's hockey game, chances are you've seen him. In fact, he's pretty hard to miss.

For season-ticket holders sitting in lower-level seats, it's tough not to notice the six-foot-two, 275 lb. goliath who dwells in the Maine~iacs' section of the upper balcony, whose game-time garb consists of oversized fluorescent orange snow pants that would stick out like a sore thumb in a circus.

Those cheering from the student section find it hard to miss the guy whose booming voice launches the rest of your section into a series of synchronized and deafening chants, all the while sporting a spiked blue wig that makes him look like a deranged character out of *The Muppets Show*.

And if you're the opposing team's goalie, it's hard to miss the guy coolly sporting a pair of bright yellow sunglasses, whose relentless taunts will make you wish you were on the opposite end of the ice.

In a sense, 22-year-old UMaine senior Aaron Boguen is a fixture at Alfond Arena on hockey nights. Serving his third year as President of UMaine's loyal throng of student hockey fans, the Maine~iacs, Boguen has established quite a reputation for himself through his vocal leadership and unique style of dress. You only need to spend five minutes in the company of Boguen's outgoing demeanor and charismatic personality, before you realize why he is the ideal leader for the Maine~iacs' longtime tradition.

"I'm not one to be just another person in the crowd," said Boguen. "Along with my experience in this section, my voice is deep, loud, and it can project. I love leading the cheers for these guys, especially in this amazing atmosphere."

Growing up in Belfast, Boguen developed a lifelong love for the state

of Maine and the prestigious Black Bears' hockey program he so deeply adores. He was exposed to Alfond Arena at an early age, when his intense regional loyalty began to take shape. He fondly recalled some of his earliest Alfond memories of teams featuring UMaine greats like Garth Snow and Paul Kariya, and the deep impression they made on him as a wide-eyed youngster.

"The aura of Alfond Arena when you come as a kid is indescribable," said Boguen. "When I was eight-years-old, I can remember looking down on the ice and thinking these players were gods. The atmosphere is amazing."

Watching Boguen enter the confines of Alfond Arena 14 years and over 100 games later, it's evident that his passion for UMaine hockey hasn't changed a bit. After performing his pre-game ritual of a lap around the arena in order to say 'hello' to the dozens of students, ushers, and security guards who have come to know him, Boguen ascends to his upper balcony perch and gets down to business.

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Aaron Boguen
Maine~iac

On Friday night, with cross-state rival UNH in town and a sold-out crowd, Boguen can smell something special in the air. After the players take the ice and AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" blares over the loudspeaker, Boguen turns to a fel-

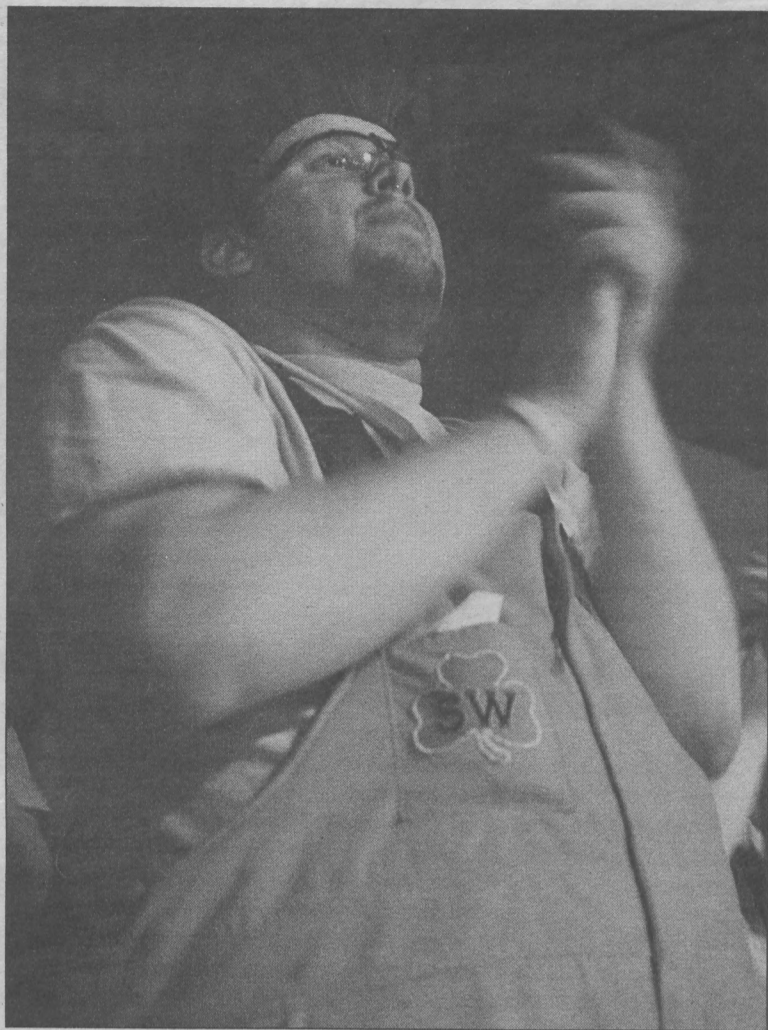
low Maine~iac standing beside him and whispers in a revelatory tone, "This place is about to erupt," as he slowly lifts his left arm to reveal a fresh formation of goose bumps. Perhaps it's this feeling Boguen gets that would legitimize a grueling six-hour ticket wait outside Alfond Arena during monsoon rains and bitter cold, which he experienced just hours before.

Before the puck is even dropped, Boguen begins unleashing an arsenal of chants and cheers, which include rehearsed clapping motions, orchestrated dancing maneuvers and one-sided conversations with UNH goalie Kevin Regan.

Boguen's popular jeering of goalies may seem fairly undemanding for someone who enjoys the limelight as much as he does, but there is a hidden art to his exuberant behavior. In fact, it requires considerable preparation time prior to each game. Boguen's groundwork includes researching all three of the opposing team's goalies, and if he's lucky enough, obtaining some of their personal information. And with a little extra investigation, he will even get the goods on the entire opposing team. Boguen beamed as he told the story of the Providence men's hockey team and their visit to the Alfond two weeks ago, when Providence right-winger Johnnie Rheault received an informal introduction to the Maine~iac president.

"I did some scouting, and I found out that one of my friends knew the sister of a Providence player," said Boguen. "After really letting him have it for a while, Rheault turned back and smiled at me after the period was over. It's fun to know that these guys can hear you and that a fan can get in their head."

When utilizing his thunderous voice, however, Boguen always makes sure his theatrics and heckling are good-natured. His colleagues in the Maine~iac section, along with current and former players, have grown to highly appreciate



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

FILL THE STEINS — Aaron Boguen, President of the Maine~iac, claps along to the Stein Song.

the optimism and energy he creates each game.

"He really brings a presence to the Maine~iac section," said 2005 UMaine graduate and fellow Maine~iac Greg Schaub. "Whenever there's a lull in the crowd noise, he's always there to fire everyone up and stay positive, whether they are winning or losing."

Graduating in May with a degree in political science, Boguen replied without hesitation that he plans on purchasing season tickets for next year's season and years to come. However, before forecasting the distant future, Boguen still feels optimistic about this season, as he sees no better way of finishing off his career in the Maine~iac's section than with a national championship.

"If the opportunity arises, I'd def-

initely make the trip to Wisconsin," said Boguen, referring to the site of the 2006 Frozen Four. "I would just pack my bags and go. Win or lose, it's always worth it with this team."

Around 10:30 p.m., as the buzzer sounded and the Black Bears concluded a convincing 4-1 victory, as it was finally time for Boguen to close up shop and head home. After spending nearly nine hours in and around Alfond Arena, patiently lingering through westerly winds and torrential rains in order to cheer for his favorite team, Boguen seemed surprised when asked what his plans were for the following day, when UMaine played game two of the Border War weekend set.

"What do you think I'm doing?" Boguen said facetiously. "I'm waitin' in line."

UM drops fourth straight

By Meghann Burnett
Staff Reporter

Different story, same ending.

Four players scored in double figures, but the rest of the University of Maine women's basketball team failed to significantly contribute,

UM	64
UNH	69

scoring only seven points, as the Black Bears dropped their ninth-

Women's Basketball

straight road game, 69-64 at Binghamton Saturday.

UMaine's big three — Bracey Barker, Ashley Underwood and Abby Schrader — led the Black Bears in scoring, with sophomore Margaret Elderton notching 10 points and three steals off the bench.

Barker scored 21 points, including 2-for-3 from behind the three-point arc, and pulled down a team high nine rebounds to lead UMaine, who dropped to 6-14 overall and 2-7 in America East play.

Underwood tossed in 14 points

and dished out nine assists, while Schrader scored 12 points.

Sophomore Laine Kurpniece led the Bearcats with 20 points and Laura Sario added 13 points and four assists. Freshman Laura Franceski tallied nine points and eight rebounds. With the win, the Bearcats improve to 13-7 and 6-3 in America East.

The Bearcats opened up with an early 17-2 run in the first half to give themselves a comfortable 19-7 lead with 9:53 remaining in the first half. The Black Bears fought their way back and cut the lead to 31-24 at the half.

UMaine took a 47-45 lead with 8:59 remaining in the game on a lay-up by Underwood, capping off a 20-5 run. The Bearcats countered with an 11-2 run of their own with 5:57 remaining, to take a 56-49 lead for good.

The Bearcats hit 10-of-12 free-throws in the game's final 1:12 to seal the win.

UMaine has a week to heal up before returning to action next Sunday, traveling to Albany for a noon tip-off with the Great Danes.

Swim teams roll past New Hampshire

By Dana Bulba
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's and women's swim teams competed in the final dual meet of the season against New Hampshire on Friday night. The women's team was defeated 164-136, while the men dominated the meet with a 196-88 win.

Tal Shpaizer, Jessie Ellis-Alcaide and Colleen Miller each won two events for the women's team.

The meet began with a second place win by UMaine in the 200 medley relay. The first win of the evening went to Miller in the 200 yard free with a time of 1:56.10.

"It's great to get wins against [UNH]...As a team, we are really coming together," said Miller.

Freshman Adi Levy took third in 2:00.14. Miller also took first in the 500 free in 5:09.20.

Shpaizer's first win was in the 100 yard back with a time of 59.88. Later in the meet she also took first with a time of :59.38 in the 100 yard fly.

"Many swimmers had good times and it's nice to see that we are on the right path in preparing for the championship," said Shpaizer.

In two events, back to back, Alcaide took first; the 50 free and 100 free she won with times of :26.96 and :55.36. Junior Lauren Viles followed closely behind, taking second in both, with times of :25.51 and :55.43.

UMaine took first and third in the last individual event of the night with senior Shelbi Settlege producing a time of 2:15.10 and O'Donnell getting a time of 2:15.78.

The team ended on a high note when Alcaide, Shpaizer, Miller and Viles took the 200 free relay in 1:40.98.

The men's team started out strong in the 200 medley relay when Michael Goede, Chris Card, Nate Richard and Jason Stevens took first in 1:39.78.

The meet continued to go well when UMaine took first, second and third in the 1000 free, Eric Palmer in 10:40.75, Brock Libby

10:59.97 and Barrett Nichols 11:04.05.

UMaine then took first, second and third in the 200 free, Martin Fitch in 1:52.73, John Quinn in 1:54.27 and Card in 1:54.45.

Richard placed first in the 100 breast in :58.27 and was followed for second by Zach Weinman in 1:03.41.

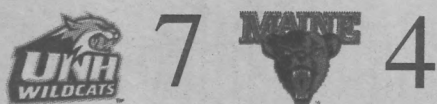
The men also dominated the 100 breast when Goede and Quinn took the top two spots with times of :50.65 and :51.21. The 200 breast was similar when Card took first in 2:13.33 and Arthur Moy took second in 2:23.80.

Richard took first in the 100 fly with a time of :54.64.

Shortly after Palmer finished first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:05.31 and Fitch second with a time of 2:06.80.

The men finished strong with a first, second and third place finish in the 200 free relay.

The Black Bears will compete in the America East Championships Feb. 16-19 at Boston University.



Role Reversal



UM rally denied by Micflikier, UNH

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

ORONO — It's official. The streak is over. On Saturday, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad witnessed something that hasn't occurred at Alfond Arena in six years — the University of New Hampshire celebrating.

Behind the tenacious play of Brett Hemingway and Josh Ciocco, Black Bear archrival UNH garnered a dramatic 7-4 victory over UMaine and bid farewell to an eight game winless streak at Alfond.

"All good streaks come to an end," said UMaine forward Keith Johnson. "They are a good hockey club. We got to give credit to them; they really took it to us the first two periods. We gave it a little run in the third but it wasn't enough."

The defeat not only ended an era of supremacy in Orono but also severely hampered the Black Bears' postseason hopes. With the loss, UMaine drops to 18-10-0 and 11-8-0 in Hockey East.

"There are about six teams in the hunt for home ice and first place in the division," said Johnson. "We have to keep going at it. It's going to be tough."

Combined with Friday's 4-1 victory, the Black Bears made little headway in the Pair Wise Rankings, which helps to decide the 16 teams that will make the NCAA tournament.

For the Wildcats, the win marked their first over UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead at Alfond.

In a game that saw it all from zamboni problems to a three-goal rally, UNH was able to regain sole possession of fourth place in the Hockey East standings



SPLIT CITY — UNH's Kevin Regan denies UMaine's Josh Soares in the Black Bears' 4-1 win Friday night. The Wildcats responded with a 7-4 win Saturday to split the Border War series at Alfond Arena.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

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Black Bears' leaders show class before game, heart during it

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

ORONO — Everyone on campus knows the lore behind the Border War. If you plan to get a free ticket in the student section, you'd better be outside Alfond Arena at least four hours before the doors open and another hour before the puck drops. It doesn't matter if it's below freezing, monsoon rains or a blizzard. The Black Bears' faithful are there, anxiously waiting to taunt the New Hampshire bus as it delivers their archenemies.

Saturday, those fans got a special treat when a few UMaine players stopped by the line to

greet them before pre-game warm-ups. Senior captain Greg Moore and classmates Derek Damon and assistant captain Steve Mullin, along with junior assistant captain Michel Leveille, took time to show the team's appreciation for college hockey's most rabid fan base.

The classy act shows just how much heart the guys have. Starting with those four, and



GRATEFUL SENIOR — Derek Damon was one of the UMaine players who greeted student fans before Saturday's game.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

trickling down to the entire team, these Black Bears have as much pride in the blue and white as

well as the history and aura of Alfond Arena as any team I've ever seen.

That made it even more shocking to see the Wildcats pilfer the UMaine net for seven goals, the most in five years, and marked the first time they'd

ever beaten Tim Whitehead in the sacred barn.

See, the Black Bears' fans

aren't just loud and faithful, they're educated too. Everyone in the building knew the implications in the Hockey East standings and the NCAA tourney picture. For the first time in a while, Alfond held a funerals' air as UNH outworked UMaine and skated to a 3-0 lead. Superhuman Moore brought the team back with an impressive solo-effort goal, but the 'Cats seemingly broke the home team's back with a controversial power play tally with just :03 left in the period.

UNH had an insurmountable three-goal lead, and UMaine had stellar playmaker Leveille in the

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UMaine draws mixed results

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Sometimes the only thing worse than a sweep is going back to square one.

Women's Hockey

After Saturday's 5-1 loss against the University of Connecticut, the University of Maine women's hockey team defeated the Huskies 2-1 on Sunday at the Mark Edward Freitas Arena in Storrs, Conn.

The mixed result still sees the Black Bears, who improved their record to 13-6-6 overall and 5-6-4 in Hockey East, four points out of the final conference playoff spot. The last spot is held by UConn.

Sunday's matinee saw the Black Bears make a comeback after the Huskies got on the board in the first period with a goal from Janelle Armitage. Before the Black Bears rally, the Huskies had won the previous 11 games where they scored first.

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Men's hoops falter at Binghamton

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

A week ago, they'd won four-of-five and were making a push for third place in the jumbled America East men's basketball standings. But just seven days and two demoralizing losses later, the University of Maine is fighting just to stay above seventh place and avoid the conference tournament play-in game.

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The Black Bears were dominated in every facet of the game Sunday afternoon, falling 84-56 at Binghamton. Coupled with Thursday night's frustrating home loss at the hands of Hartford, UMaine stands at 4-7 in conference play and 9-13 on the year.

"We don't have a huge margin for error," UMaine head coach Ted Woodward said Thursday night. "We'd been doing good things because we were progressing, but I'd been telling them all week not to forget

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