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A professor challenges Orono authority figures.  
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## Song Of Victory



PUMP UP THE JAM — (Clockwise from top left) Kelly Law, Kate Sunstrum, Cheryl White, and Karine Senecal sing in the locker room of Alford Arena preceding Saturday's hockey game.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

## ROC hopefuls pitch platforms

Elections to be held Wednesday for president, vice president

By Brian Brown  
News Editor

Candidates for the upcoming Residents on Campus elections had a chance to present their campaign platforms during a special meeting of the ROC General Assembly Friday afternoon.

Erin Tripp, a junior English major and current ROC vice president, and Will Emery, a junior new media major, are running for ROC president. Tripp served as ROC secretary before being elected vice president last year. Emery served as ROC representative for DTAV and as the organization's national communications coordinator.

Dean Wilber, a management

information systems major, and Justin Labonte, a freshman journalism and business administration

*"We are an entity that has proven positive results, which I hope will be given a chance to repeat."*

Dean Wilber  
Candidate  
ROC Vice President

major, are running for vice president. Wilber served a one-year term as ROC president and also as a ROC

representative from Somerset Hall. Labonte is currently the ROC representative from Stodder Hall and is a senator in the General Student Senate.

Elections will be held on Wednesday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on FirstClass. All on-campus residents are eligible to vote.

Although there are no official running mates, Tripp and Labonte have endorsed each other, as have Emery and Wilber.

Tripp said her priority if elected is to continue to foster a positive relationship between ROC and Student Government.

"Student Government can do and

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## Lecture caps Black History Month

Varner discusses quest for rights and calls for extension of awareness

By Khela Kupiec  
Assistant News Editor

The University of Maine fed the intellectual appetites of attendees when it hosted its annual Black History Month dinner last Friday.

Keynote speaker James Varner, president of the Greater Bangor NAACP, spoke about the legacy of Black History Month in the United States, pulling on Black History Month's 2006 theme, "Celebrating Community: A

Tribute to Black, Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions."

Varner is an UMaine alumnus and many know him as a professor of "Introduction to Black Studies." He is also a resource to the UMaine Black Student Union and an adviser to the UMaine Human Rights Coalition.

"I talked about Afro-centricity, a notion we have in the black community, that we feel it's paramount that blacks write their own history. That [history] be looked at from their perspec-

tive in order that it have the right amount of enrichment," said Varner.

The speech addressed the need to break the cycle of racism that exists in American society. The events that surrounded Hurricane Katrina were an act of racism because of the lack of governmental support, according to Varner.

Varner also spoke about the struggle for everyone — not just blacks — and the need to

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## Candidates battle for council seats

By Brian Brown  
News Editor

Orono Town Council elections are two weeks away and the campaign period has hit the home stretch.

Incumbent councilors Lianne Harris and Terri Hutchinson and challengers Douglas Introne, Adam Kirkland, Morgan Malinowitz, Derek Mitchell, Thomas Perry and Lucas Peterson are vying for three seats on the seven-member governing board. Councilor Jo Carol Alford declined to seek another term.

Elections will be held on March 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the council chambers on the second floor of the municipal building.

All residents of Orono are eligible to vote, including

University of Maine students who live on campus, and absentee ballots are available at the town clerk's office. People can register to vote at the town clerk's office up until and including election day.

Harris, who is seeking her fourth term, has lived in Orono for 30 years. She and her husband, a former professor and assistant dean at UMaine, have two children who both attended the university.

She said that while the Town Council faces a number of important issues, she thinks the biggest one is the distribution of the tax burden.

"Everything is important. Every decision we make will affect the future," said Harris.

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## Peer Ed advocates safe spring break

By Khela Kupiec  
Assistant News Editor

Five more days and then for many students, Panama City Beach, South Padre Island, Cancun, and Jamaica — spring break is here. It's time to toss the text books in a corner, shed pounds of winter gear, and head south. But despite leaving all your cares and worries behind, there is one thing you should not toss in the corner and forget to pack: safety.

Starting Monday, Feb. 27, University of Maine Peer Education is sponsoring Safe Spring Break Week to raise awareness that having fun over break

does not include putting yourself in a dangerous situation. A Safe Spring Break Party will be hosted on Wednesday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Totman Lounge of Memorial Union.

"We want to send the message that yes, spring break is supposed to be a relaxed, exciting and fun time for students," said Angela Fiandaca, Peer Education program graduate assistant. "However, we want the message to also include that having fun in a safer way has its benefits."

Since before the end of World War II, work and study exhausted students have flocked to destinations

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## Open Water



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

COLD RIVER — The Stillwater River rushes past College Avenue on one of the coldest days of the year.

## WORD OF MOUTH

What are your Spring Break Plans?



"I'm going to Ithaca, New York to visit a friend that's going to college there."

Kristin Landry  
Micro Biology  
Junior



"I'm going on a road trip to Montreal with my friends, which will hopefully be full of decadence and debauchery."

Derek Dobachesky  
Philosophy  
Sophomore



"I'm going on tour with the University Singers through Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York City."

Josh Belka  
Music Education  
Sophomore



"Going to Hawaii to visit my brother and have a good time."

Adam Casey  
Marine Biology  
Sophomore



"I'm going to Fort Myers, Florida to get a tan."

Mirriam Sanchez  
Marine Biology  
Senior



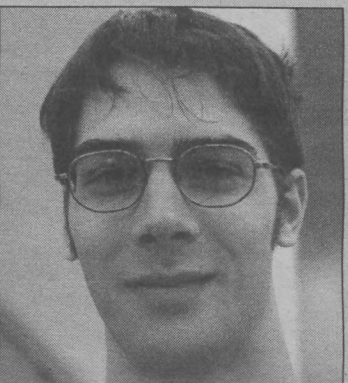
"I'm going to South Carolina to visit my boyfriend."

Kelly Bourgoin  
Business  
Freshman



"I'm going skiing in Vermont."

Michaela Luke  
New Media  
Sophomore



"I'm getting a vasectomy."

Dylan Montgomery  
Chemistry  
Senior

## THE MAINE CAMPUS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Monday

#### GIS for Everybody

Computer mapping workshop. 8-10 a.m. in the Computer Classroom of Fogler Library. Admission fee. For more information, contact Gretchen Gfeller on FirstClass.

#### Home Business Workshop

The first of a two-part Extension workshop to help business owners learn the basics of single-entry record keeping and how to apply these principles to the day-to-day operations. Off-campus at 307 Maine Avenue, Bangor. Admission fee. For more information, contact Louise O. Kirkland on FirstClass.

#### Students for Social Equality

Meeting will be held to discuss current national and international events from a socialist perspective. 6-8 p.m. in North Pod. For more information, contact Eric DesMarais on FirstClass.

### Tuesday

#### Dreamweaver Course

Web authoring application training. 9:30-12:30 p.m. in the Computer Classroom of Fogler Library. Admission fee. For more information, contact Gretchen Gfeller on FirstClass.

#### Safe Spring Break Pool Party

Events include gladiator competition, canoe fun, diving competition, rope swing and free swim. Prizes. 9:30-11 p.m. at the pool in the Fieldhouse. Sponsored by Campus Rec, Resident Life and ADAPT.

### Wednesday

#### Study Abroad Info Day

11 a.m.-2p.m. in the lobby of Little Hall. For more information, contact Silverio Barrera on FirstClass.

#### Awards Ceremony for Art by Engineers II

An exhibition featuring artwork by members of the UMaine engineering community. 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Engineering and Science Research Building.

### Thursday

### Art of Nursing

Oral history: Students appreciating the art of nursing part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program Lunch Series. 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Angela Olson on FirstClass.

#### GIS for Business people

Computer mapping workshop. 3-6 p.m. in the Computer Classroom of the Fogler Library. Admission fee. For more information, contact Gretchen Gfeller.

#### Successful Beekeeping in Maine

A multi-session beekeeping course. Five class sessions and a field day in June. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Off-campus at Pineland Campus, New Gloucester. \$75 fee includes textbook publication and reference notebook. For more information, contact Richard Brzozowski at janderson@umext.maine.edu.

### Intermediate Dreamweaver

Web authoring application training. 9:30-12:30 p.m. in the Computer Classroom of Fogler Library. Admission fee. For more information, contact Gretchen Gfeller on FirstClass.

#### Dam Lecture

The effects of dam removal on biological communities, the biological condition gradient and other related topics. 12-1 p.m. in 105 Norman Smith Hall. For more information, contact Ruth Hallsworth at 581-3196.

#### Policy Studies Faculty Forum

For all faculty members. 2-4 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

### Friday

#### Go Blue Friday

8 a.m. Campus wide.

#### Policy Studies Faculty Forum

For all faculty members. 10 a.m.-noon. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

#### Conservation Law Foundation

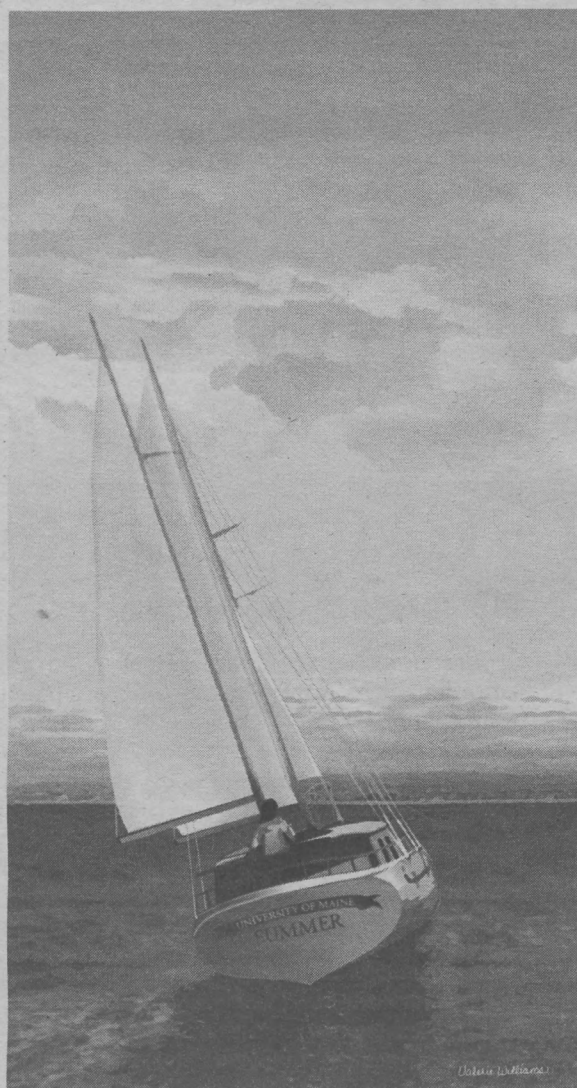
Part of the School of Marine Sciences Seminar Series. 11 a.m. in 354 of Aubert Hall. For more information, contact Susanne Thibodeau on FirstClass.

#### Spring Recess Begins

5 p.m. campus wide.

#### Xtra Terrestrial Files

A planetarium show. 7 p.m. in the Jordan Planetarium of Wingate hall. Students free, public fee. For more information, contact Alan Davenport at 581-1341.



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# Students win vacation in SuperFan's contest

By Nick McCrea  
For The Maine Campus

With the days until spring break dwindling away, many students find themselves daydreaming of beaches, sun, palm trees, and tropical drinks close at hand. These dreams are about to become reality for nine University of Maine students who won all-expenses-paid vacations to two exotic locations through the SuperFan's Challenge.

In order to enter the contest, students got their SuperFan's Cards punched before any UMaine sporting events. After eight holes were punched in the card, they were entered in the drawing for the trips.

The winners were announced Dec. 10 during the UMaine hockey game against Northeastern.

Jonathan Shiffer, a sophomore communications major, won a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. He talked about his complete shock at having won.

"I was at the hockey game when I found out that I had won," said Shiffer. "My name was called first and I didn't really think that I really won. I really had no idea that I would win but it was insane that I had."

The other winners were Sarah Gardner, Brandon Berce, Kendra Richards, Brittany Cheney, Jacob Olsen, Randy Perkins, Cormac O'Callanlian, and Krystyna Gilpin.

Sarah Gardner, a freshman elementary education major, said she didn't know what to think or how to react when she heard her name called. She was actually stunned later on by her lack of celebration at the time. Gardner won a trip to Cancun, Mexico.

"I'm bringing a friend from high school who's going to college in California, and I hardly ever get to see her," she said.

The winners drew from a hat to see which trips they would go on.

All the trips include plane tickets, transportation from the airport, four night hotel accommodations for two, meals, drinks, tips, and taxes.

The only expenditures for the students will be on souvenirs and activities outside the hotel.

The SuperFan's Challenge has been in the works since last summer. Angela Bohovich, athletics marketing assistant for the University of Maine, said that the original plan was to have prizes like UMaine clothing and gift certificates to local restaurants, however, Russell Bodwell, a member of the class of 1944, brought up the idea of using the trips.

Bodwell and Bohovich worked together from that point on, and after making arrangements with Bangor Travel, the competition was ready to go.

Bodwell didn't just bring up the idea for the trips. He and his wife actually paid for eight of the nine trips on behalf of the class of 1944 and Bangor Travel picked up the tab on the final trip.

"I was in the mood for making a contribution to the university and my class needed to do something new," said Bodwell. "We hadn't contributed much since we funded the pub. I hope that the kids are just able to have a great time and will continue attending UMaine sports."

Bohovich said that their main goal in doing this promotion was to increase attendance at UMaine sporting events.

"Students were more apt to participate in the promotion with a larger prize, such as an all-inclusive spring break trip for two, as opposed to a UMaine sweatshirt or a \$25 gift certificate to the Ground Round," said Bohovich.

"We wanted to go big and Mr. Bodwell, on behalf of the class of 1944, helped us with that."

Gardner was impressed by the generosity shown by Bodwell and Bangor Travel.

"It's good to know that alumni, no matter how young or old, are still involved in the university," said Gardner. "It really sets an example to current students that they can always be involved with their university."

# Roc

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does a lot for us," Tripp said. "I plan to do what I can to continue this relationship."

She also advocated making ROC more effective.

"Effectiveness is a challenge," she said. "Last semester a lot of people said ROC wasn't effective. I don't agree with that, but ROC could be more effective."

Emery said he favored a separation between ROC and Student Government.

"I have very strong feelings about ROC. I want to give more power to the students," he said. "ROC shouldn't have cliques of other government organizations."

Emery said his and Wilber's top priority was to bring ROC "back to life."

"We find that ROC was more fun when we were in it," said Emery. "The e-board is being sucked dry. We just want to make it fun again."

Labonte said his goal is to improve the relationship between ROC and the residents.

"I will steadily work to increase communication between the residents, the HGBs and ROC itself," said Labonte, who noted he



Tripp



Emery



Labonte

would attend at least one meeting of each HGB.

Labonte said he wanted to develop more awareness of ROC and create "a stronger student-centered organization."

Wilber, who was unable to attend the meeting, stressed the importance of having a positive relationship between ROC and each hall in his campaign platform.

"I am really looking forward to meeting with each hall's governing board and finding out what ROC can do for them," Wilber said.

All four candidates touted their experience within ROC and Student Government as an asset.

Labonte is a member of the Student Government Vice-Presidential Cabinet and is the ROC vice-president pro temp. Tripp cited her two years of experience working with three different ROC presidents.

"One thing I've learned is no matter how I feel on an issue, it's your opinion that matters," Tripp said. "My goal is to represent how you feel on an issue."

Emery and Wilber touted their experience working together on the ROC Executive Board.

"We are an entity that has proven positive results," said Wilber, "which I hope will be given a chance to repeat."

# BREAK

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like Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to have fun and forget about responsibilities. Today, it is estimated that over 1 million students spend their spring break at one of the top 10 popular vacation locations.

Peer Ed is teaming up with ADAPT to provide information about using designated drivers and watching what, how much and who is serving their drinks. Beer Goggles will be available to try on during the party as well.

The Safe Campus Project is providing information on being safe with respect to date rape drugs and the importance of sexual consent from both parties in order for the activity to be acceptable and legal. Peer Ed will provide free condoms, and will address the importance of using dental dams, lube and male and female condoms with any sexu-

al act to prevent the spread of STD and HIV.

"Most [students] have seen the MTV Spring Break video clips from Cancun and other tropical locations where college students party until dawn, drink beyond what they can handle and have unprotected sex or even sex that they regret in the end," said Fiandaca.

Peer Ed wants to remind students that these activities have consequences and that their vacation does not have to be like it is sometimes shown on MTV, according to Fiandaca.

"Basically we just want people to have a safe and fun spring break, one that they will remember forever and that they will remember for the right reasons," said Rebecca Woods, Peer Ed assistant leader. "We don't want people to remember spring break 2006 because that's the year that they got an STD or that's the year they got date-rape drugged."

A Mary Kay specialist will also be available to provide information


about the use of sunscreen to prevent skin cancer, and students are also reminded to stay hydrated in the sun, especially if drinking alcohol.

Woods also encourages students to think of other precautions, like making sure everything is okay with your car before you go on a road trip.

There will be balloons, music and other give aways at the party. It's something students can stop in at for a few minutes and leave, according to Fiandaca.

While some of the information is geared towards students after the wild "MTV Spring Break," all students are reminded to be conscientious about their activities, whether they are going on an Alternative Spring Break trip or plan on relaxing at home.

"Regardless of where students themselves may be vacationing this spring break, everyone has a responsibility to encourage their friends to be safe," said Fiandaca.



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## HISTORY

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recognize the suffering of all people who lead a different lifestyle.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a civil rights organization whose mission is to "ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination."

NAACP officially began in Feb. 9, 1909 and is today the oldest and largest civil rights organization with more than 2,200 branches in the United States and abroad.

Poetry readings about influential African American leaders and contributors to the greater society were presented by the African Student Association and Black Student Union Members.

*"It's important that we extend black history week to 365 days out of the year."*

James Varner  
President  
Bangor Area NAACP

This year's dinner menu included some "tried and true" southern staples: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn biscuits and apple pie. Fried chicken and mashed potatoes may seem like ordinary southern staples to many Americans today, but the "soul food" was not rooted in African American culture until the turn of the century. Slaves were forced to eat scraps, according to Jose Cordero, interim director of multicultural programs at UMaine and the ALANA Center in a recent press release.

The dinner brought a close to the official celebration of Black History Month at UMaine, which was observed with free films and lectures available to students and faculty to promote awareness and discussion.

A remembrance ceremony was also held for Coretta Scott King on Feb. 2.

"Struggle is a never-ending process. Freedom is never really won you earn it and win it in every generation," said King.

The University's celebration of Black History Month is intended to provide students

and the public with better insight into the African American culture and history. It also addresses the issue of racism by exposing students to a broad spectrum of diverse cultural histories, which promote understanding of racial differences and increased appreciation for cultural traditions.

In 1926, Dr. Cates G. Woodman created Negro History Week, the predecessor to today's Black History Month. Woodman chose February because it is the month that Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, two men who made some of the greatest contributions to black people in America, were born. Additionally, the cofounder of NAACP, W.E.B. Dubois was born Feb. 23.

Woodman was the son of slaves and did not start high school until the age of 20. He became one of the first black men to graduate from Harvard University.

He wanted black people to be able to feel good about themselves and he wanted white people to get rid of the notion that blacks were not intelligent simply because of the color of their skin. He believed that they were and are all part of the same human family.

There were many influential black figures in history that put us where we are today, and Black History Month serves to recognize and celebrate them. In addition to famous black men and women like Booker T. Washington, Malcolm X and Rosa Parks, Varner pointed out that a black engineer designed the layout of Washington D.C., and a black man was on the team with Alexander Bell when the telephone was invented.

Many programs and groups on campus promote diversity awareness including the ALANA Center which "acts as the focal point" of multicultural enrichment for international students of color as well as those who are American citizens.

The University of Maine is currently home to students from approximately 76 countries and enrolled 128 new international students last fall, according to its Web site.

Varner mentioned that civil rights awareness is a nonstop process.

"It's important that we extend black history week to 365 days out of the year. We have a month, but what's up with that? It's the shortest month of the year," joked Varner.

## UMaine strives for potato perfection

By Emma Potvin  
For The Maine Campus

For the past three decades, the University of Maine has participated in a multi-state project designed to create new and better breeds of potatoes.

Potato breeder Zenaida Ganga said new varieties can lead to a better yield and better disease and pest resistance, which in turn reduces chemical use and yields "overall higher profit for the growers and more sustainable potato production in Maine."

The process of releasing a new breed on the market can take 10 to 12 years.

In the first step, new breeds are created in a greenhouse through the traditional crossing of two parent plants.

Ganga and researcher Greg Porter then choose resulting varieties that have the qualities they are looking for.

"One of the big traits that we would like to dramatically improve is the resistance to late blight," said

Porter. "It costs a lot to fight disease."

Late blight is a disease caused by a fungus-like organism. It can be devastating to a potato crop.

The research team also looks for potato plants that will grow in diverse conditions.

"Potatoes are notorious for performing differently in different growing conditions," said Porter.

Varieties that grow well in Maine may not grow well in a state as close as New York.

Scientists at the Consumer Testing Center in Hatcher Hall test the baked color, texture and flavor of the potatoes as compared to the current market variety.

"We also evaluate the boiling characteristics of these new cultivars," said Alfred Bushway, professor of food science. "Here we are examining the degree to which the potatoes turn gray after cooking and the degree to which they remain whole. We also assist with evaluation of the fry color for new promising cultivars."

Once the plants have passed ini-

tial tests, enough seed is created so that they can be grown on university-owned research farms.

As a final test, the plants are released to selected Maine potato farmers.

"We believe it's important to make that connection with the growers in the industry," said Porter.

Ganga said the biggest challenge with the research is limited funding. The project only exists as long as there is money to pay for it.

Recently Porter received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help fund the program.

Porter said about \$150,000 of the money will stay at UMaine, and the rest will go to universities in seven other states that are also participating in the program including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida.

For more information about the program visit <http://www.umaine.edu/mafes/potatovarieties.htm>.

## COUNCIL

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"The constant every year is how we decide the tax burden. That affects everything in the town. We want to try to maintain a community that meets the needs of everyone."

Doug Introne works at the UMaine climate change institute. He has lived in Orono for 15 years, and he and his wife have two children who attend Orono Middle School.

Introne said the biggest challenge facing the town is the relationship with UMaine students.

"Maybe in the past people on the Orono Town Council haven't considered what the students' feelings are," said Introne, who described himself as a person who can understand the feelings of the students since he has lived in a college town his entire life.

"I think I can bridge the gap between students and the townspeople," he said. "I think a lot of [townspeople] don't understand the university and the students don't understand the town."

Kirkland is a senior at UMaine majoring in international affairs with a concentration in political science and has been a resident of Orono since 2000. He did not respond to e-mails seeking an interview but listed in his campaign platform the preservation of Orono's natural resources as his top priority if elected.

"I would like to maintain the very unique community that is the

town of Orono," he said. "We do not have any McDonalds or Walmart, and I don't think this is by chance or accident."

Malinowitz is a junior nursing major from Windham. She said the biggest problem facing in town is the exodus of UMaine graduates.

"I believe that in order to build and maintain a flourishing economy, it is essential to retain new graduates," she said. "I hope to help in making decisions to bolster Orono's economy and develop plans to retain graduates from the university."

Mitchell is a sophomore double majoring in journalism and political science. He is a Skowhegan native and has been a resident of Orono since 2004. Mitchell said the biggest problem facing the town is underrepresentation of UMaine students.

"UMaine students make up 50 percent of Orono's voting population and share the same connections with Orono that other residents do," said Mitchell. "Of Orono's voters, UMaine off-campus

residents make up 20 percent of them and face the same issues as other Orono residents, and deserve representation on the council."

Perry, who earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from UMaine, worked for 33 years in the Orono School Department. He and his wife raised two children in the community. He shared Harris' concerns about the budget issues facing the community.

"The biggest issue is continu-

ing to provide quality, existing services with a limited financial budget," said Perry.

Lucas Peterson, an employee at UMaine, and Terri Hutchinson did not respond to e-mails seeking comment.

Kirkland, Malinowitz and Mitchell are trying to make history by becoming the first UMaine student elected to the council.

Introne said he hopes the students understand the commitment they are making.

"It's great, but I want to make sure they understand they have to commit for several years," he said. "Students have to consider other issues the town is facing, like schools. It's not a one-issue competition."

Harris said that if elected, the students are going to have to learn the importance of issues to everyone in the community.

"The first couple of years is a learning process," she said. "They're going to have to understand the person who writes a check from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a year and what the issues mean to them."

"Sometimes people run for the council because something is important to them," she continued. "It may be one issue, but when you get on the council you realize it's so much more."

Perry said it was important that the students' voices were heard.

"Obviously we're interested in the university and what happens there," said Perry. "Students are legitimate voters and have a right to have a say just like all voters."

Despite being a student, Malinowitz believes she can effectively serve the residents of the town if elected to the council.

"I don't think the two groups [residents and students] are very different, and I think one would be hard-pressed to find an issue effecting one and not the other," said Malinowitz.

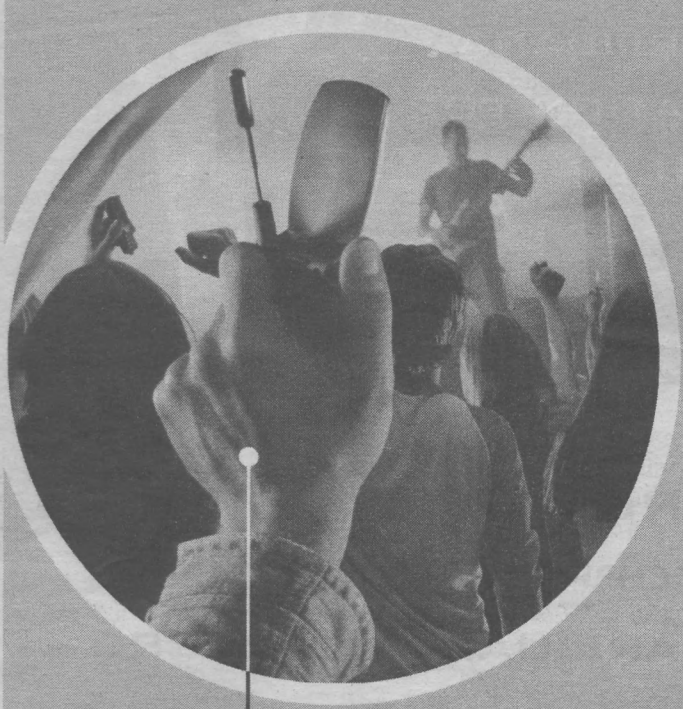
Mitchell said he is looking forward to a chance to serve the people of Orono.

"I can bring new solutions to today's problems," he said. "With a new set of eyes looking at issues facing the town, it is possible that new options or ideas could come to the table."

The Maine Campus will be observing spring break along with the rest of the UMaine Community. We will not be publishing on Thursday.

The paper will resume its publication schedule Thursday March 23rd.

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# Research study looks at sea scallop population

By Brian Sylvester  
For The Maine Campus

Professor of Marine Science Paul Rawson and fourth-year doctoral candidate Erin Nolan are performing a long-term study of sea scallop populations in the waters off the coast of Maine.

The study, which is scheduled to continue into 2007, is an attempt to determine what relationships exist between the scallop populations of different areas.

Nolan and Rawson have taken scallop samples from various areas along the coast and have been examining their genetic structure and the chemical composition of their shells. The pair hopes to find out if the same stock of scallops migrate from one area to another.

The goal of the study is to provide the scallop industry with useful information about the populations, which will be used to develop management strategies for keeping the industry afloat.

The scallop research is a bit of a departure for Rawson, who works mostly with bivalves.

"We work primarily in shellfish genetics," he said, but added that the lab is well suited for their current research.

"Scallop fishing is very important to the state of Maine," he said.

Population control is and has been a slight problem for the scallop fishery because it is not as easily regulated as other types of fishing.

"Much of the scallop fishery is in federal waters," Rawson pointed out. This means that depending on where they are, the guidelines are different for the fishermen.

Understanding how the populations are related over geographic areas is very important in developing intelligent management structures for the region.

"We aren't the managers, and we're not the fishermen," Rawson said, "but we're trying to help them both."

Scallop harvests have been getting smaller and smaller over the

past few decades, dropping from more than \$15 million in revenue in 1981 to less than \$1 million in 2004.

It is sometimes thought that these kinds of figures are indicative of over-fishing, leading to management decisions to restrict the rules for the fishery.

"Too often, fishermen are distrustful of scientists," Rawson said. The fishermen often resent these sorts of measures, which are economically stressful.

"We want them to know we're trying to make the fishery stronger," he said.

One of the many goals of the research is to prevent the necessity of putting a freeze on scallop fishing, which would deal a huge economic blow to the state.

The research that Rawson and Nolan are doing is the result of a \$110,000 grant from the Maine Sea Grant Project.

The idea for the research, Rawson said, was primarily Nolan's.

"She's the driving force behind this project," Rawson said.

Nolan began working with scallops and scallop research in 2001, when she was involved with the Stonington Fisheries Alliance.

She said that many of the fishermen she met there were interested in knowing where the scallops they were catching came from.

She is working to develop geochemical methods for determining which waters scallops have traveled through.

The scallops take in minerals from the water, many of which are used to build the shell.

They hope their research will determine if the genetics of the scallop and the chemistry of the shell can indicate the waters of origin.

"We're hoping to have a result by 2007," said Nolan.

The Maine Sea Grant project is a federally funded organization. It works along similar lines as the Maine Land Grant project, which also has offices at the University of Maine.

# UM graduate proudly serving country

Lewiston native promoted to second lieutenant in U.S. Marine Corps

By Danielle K. Smith  
For The Maine Campus

If you ever ran into Samuel Martin on the street, you might not realize that this seemingly quiet person is a ladies' man. With his patented "elbow touch" move, Martin is a killer dancer — at least when it comes to replicating the moves of Napoleon Dynamite. On top of that, he is a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

You also may not be aware of this man's recent promotion to second lieutenant.

Martin grew up in Lewiston. His father, Andrew, was born and raised in the area and met his wife, Suu Le, during the Vietnam War when he was stationed there with the Air Force. The two married and returned to Lewiston, where they raised their three children.

After graduating from Lewiston High in 1996, Martin wanted an "exciting occupation with travel and adventure" and opted to join the Marine Corps in December of that year.

"Of course I wanted to be with the 'best military service,'" said Martin, "and everyone was saying how Marine Corps boot camp was the toughest."

After completing his three-month boot camp training at Paris Island, N.C. and spending four months at Infantry School at Camp Geiger, N.C., Martin was stationed in California for three and a half years with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines as an infantry mortar man.

"I went overseas twice, for six months each, to Asia. I was able to see several different countries such as Japan, Thailand, Malaysia,

Singapore and Brunei," said Martin.

After returning from his deployment, Martin knew that he wanted to stay in the Marine Corps for the long haul — the full 20 years until retirement — but he figured if he was going to do this, he'd better do so as an officer.

He was accepted at the University of Maine and started college in the spring semester of 2001. Though he was unaware at first of what degree he wanted to pursue, Martin decided to major in philosophy after taking a few courses in the subject to satisfy the general education requirement.

During college he remained part of the military in the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, a reserve unit out of Topsham.

Under the command of Major Kinsella, the unit was deployed for the entire year of 2003, delaying Martin's college career by a year.

"I longed to return to school," said Martin, "but it gave me a chance to see Okinawa, Japan for the third time, as well as South Korea and the Philippines for the first time."

Stationed with Martin was the recently commissioned 2nd Lt. Matthew Allen, and Cpl. Randall H. Perry.

"He is a good Marine who I had the pleasure of serving with during portions of the last four years," said Perry. "He was a good non-commissioned officer, and I am confident that he will use that enlisted experience to become a good commissioned officer of the Marines as well."

The promotion could seem overwhelming for Martin, a 27-year-old recent graduate of UMaine, but his former military cohorts have the utmost faith in his promotion.

"I think he will do well to transition from enlisted to officer and make his life composed of taking care of those same men he was shoulder-to-shoulder with," commented Allen.

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Martin's family, however, had concerns when a Marine recruiter came to their house when he was 17 to recruit him for the delayed entry program.

"My folks were upset by this; it was the first time I saw my dad cry," said Martin.

Ten years later, they are a little more settled with the idea of the military being their son's career choice.

"My mom never stops telling me to be careful. Like any concerned mother, I don't think she'll ever stop worrying about me," he said.

Currently, Martin is working for the officer selection office as a recruiter's aid until he goes to Virginia on April 6. Once there, he will attend The Basic School in Quantico for 6 months.

After TBS, it will be off to flight school in Pensacola, Fla. for about 18 months as a student naval aviator. He will specialize in an aircraft, though which exact type remains a mystery to Martin.

"I won't know until I go through the school. They will assign me by demand. It could anything from an F-18 fighter jet to a CH-46 helicopter."

Once he completes flight school, Martin will be stationed in one of three places — the East or West Coast, or possibly overseas — with a contract that could range from six to eight years, depending on the type of aircraft he's issued.

Martin was given his "Oath of Office," by 1st Lt. Sean Bennett during his commissioning ceremony on Dec. 22 at the Orono Community Church.

"I knew I wanted to be in the military since I was 12-years-old," said Martin. "I plan on retiring from the military; I already have five years of the 20 done, so I might as well finish out another 15."



Martin



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## The ethics of publishing free speech

Last week two editors from the University of Illinois' student-run Daily Illini were suspended and could lose their jobs for printing the infamous Danish Muslim cartoons.

The majority of the media aren't publishing the cartoon because of the unthinkable responses it has sparked across the world this year.

It's sad to think that the fear of violent protest is what's holding back different media sources from reprinting this cartoon. However, a student newspaper has the same responsibility that any other media has over what it publishes.

While we at The Maine Campus do support freedom of speech, we also believe in weighing the pros and cons of publishing certain speech. In this particular situation, the risk of harm to innocent people does not warrant showing a picture that most people have already seen and that is widely available on the Internet.

## Spring break 2006 or bust

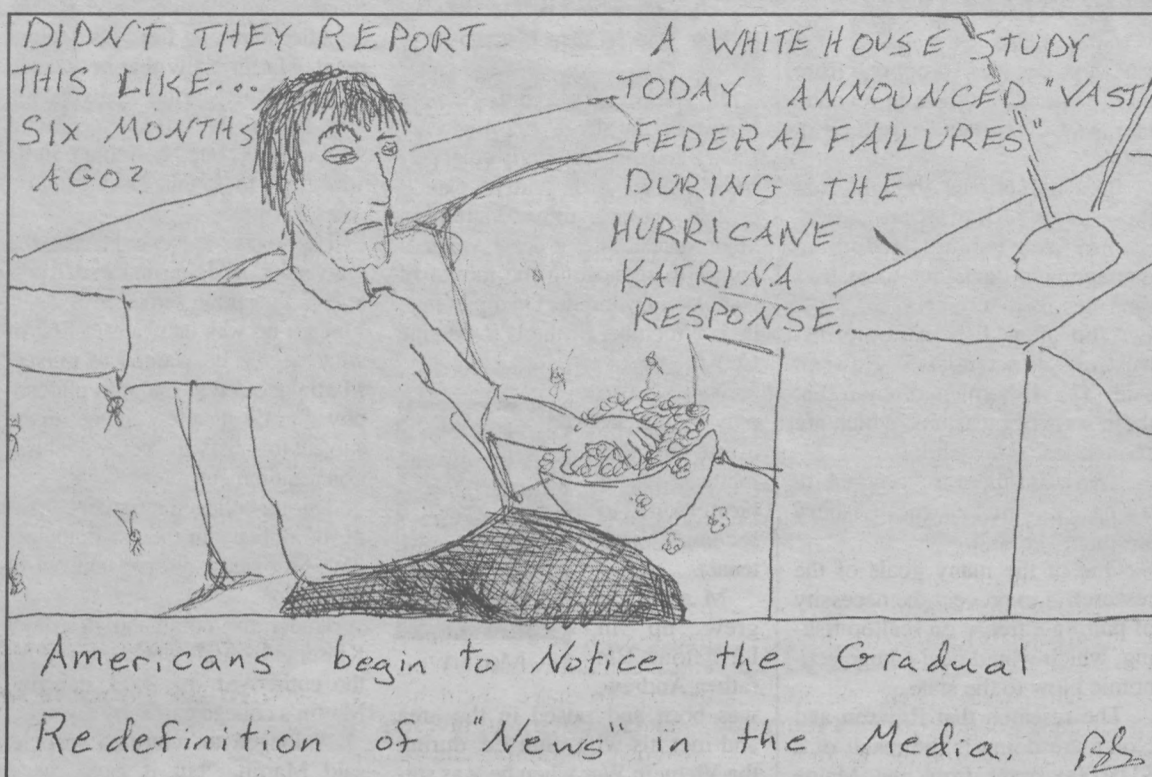
At the end of this week, thousands of students from all over the country will descend on Florida, Mexico and the Caribbean in search of fun in the sun.

This break is well deserved for many students. It is a reward for a year's worth of hard work and is a chance to put the books aside and escape the frigid tundra of Orono.

But spring break is not an excuse for students to party recklessly. Students should party responsibly and make spring break a joyful event, not one they will regret down the road.

Students need to be on the lookout for their safety. While most of the other spring breakers are just college students looking for a good time, there are others looking to take advantage of the college-aged crowd. Watch out for smiling strangers with beads or you may end up in the next Guys Gone Wild video.

So head south, have the time of your life, but come back safely to Orono.



## Legalizing safe drugs

### Tied up resources could be used against violence

JAMES  
SULINSKI

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Last year, \$12.6 billion was spent in America to arrest and prosecute millions of otherwise lawful citizens who choose to ingest illegal substances, many of which are less harmful than alcohol and tobacco. This figure does not begin to account for the cost of jailing these "criminals," nor for the damage done to families and communities. In 2004, there were more than 1.7 million arrests for drug law violations logged by the FBI, in comparison to 590,000 violent crimes. Of these drug law violations, 82 percent were for drug possession. The number of marijuana possession arrests alone was nearly a 100,000 more than all violent crime arrests. And this is an effort to make our streets safer? I have a suggestion: Devote these resources to stopping crime that violates other people's rights and harms people other than the user.

In 2000, the mean sentence for federal violent felonies was 63 months. Federal drug felony sentences were 75.6 months. Does this disparity bother anyone else? Violent criminals, rapists, murderers, aggravated and domestic assaulters are consistently being released from prison early due to "congestion." They are allowed back on the streets to further violate the rights of our citizens. This congestion is caused by jailing nonviolent drug criminals.

From the DEA's own ex-drug judge Francis Young to the American Bar Association of New York to numerous commissions by our state and federal governments to countless studies and commissions by other governments, the overwhelming sentiment is that criminalization of marijuana, especially that which is medicinally used, is both ineffective and morally reprehensible. Numerous federal judges refuse to hear cases and a number

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## The man behind the superstar

### Theater production shows the humanity behind the beard

The famed musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" ran here at the University of Maine over the last two weekends. I waited until this past Saturday night to attend, figuring it would be a little less busy than opening night last weekend. How wrong I was.

I ended up sitting next to a very nice, middle-aged woman with whom I had an interesting conversation at intermission. She was there that night because she likes the play, likes the message and enjoys the different light it sheds on the last eight days of Christ's life. As I sat back down and waited for the second half to begin, I couldn't help but wonder how many other people there that night cared about any of that.

I'll be the first to admit I only went to see the play because I have friends in it. I'm not really big on going out and sitting in a room jam-

ERIN  
MCNAMARA



COPY EDITOR

packed full of people who will get very, very noisy at certain points, i.e. applause. This was not my first time viewing this show, however, and as always I was struck by the nontraditional perspective it presents.

How often do you see Judas Iscariot, "the betrayer," depicted as the only logical Apostle? It's a weird way to think about it, but it really puts that part of the Gospel into perspective for you, because chances are, it's pretty darned accurate. This play emphasizes the humanity of Christ and all his friends and family members. Many traditional Christians find this to be offensive, saying "But Christ

was the Son of God!" Damn straight he was, but he was the son of Man, too, something this musical points out that we all too often forget.

So back to the point — who else notices these things? The scene where Christ is beaten by the Roman soldiers is, no matter how abstractly depicted, a disturbing confrontation of humanity's bloody, selfish, self-destructive nature. And the audience cheered at the end of the number. I know they were applauding the actors' performances, and that it's polite to do so. But as I raised my hands to clap, I felt unnerved by the portrayal of violence onstage, which we all know happened and that was much worse in real life.

There's a big difference between seeing it done and seeing it depicted. But we only depict these things because we

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## Letters to the Editor

### Defending privilege

Michael Hartwell's Feb. 21 article, while entertaining, was nothing more than role reversal. He refers to "privilege" as "a liberal notion based on the idea that we can never

know what it is like to be in someone else's shoes." Then he continues on and refers to not seeing members of one's own race on television as trivial, proving his own inability to know what it is like to

walk in someone else's shoes.

Being a journalism major, one would think that Mr. Hartwell had researched this topic before writing

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# JESUS

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have done them — shouldn't that make us all feel a little bit sick when we see it?

When the audience packed up and left that night, everyone was smiling, laughing, cheerful and excited by the excellent performance we'd all just seen. The whole walk home, though, I was still pressed by the question, "I wonder if anyone else cares?"

People don't go to musicals to think. They go to see friends, to see family, to have a good time, to see some good acting and hear some good music. Too often that shouldn't be the case, but is anyway. The philosophical message of "Jesus Christ Superstar" was lost in translation Saturday night, changed from a modern

look at a desperate situation to a cheery night of friends and music. The show was wonderful, the performances polished, and the acting full of intensity — and I feel that is the biggest shame of all. The actors on stage really put themselves out to portray the emotions and motives in this play, yet often they hit a brick wall with the audience, who just wanted to clap and congratulate them on a job well done without really thinking about why they did a good job.

The next time you go to a play, for God's sake, think about what it means. The world isn't all about flash and glamour, even if the stage is. Most of the time, the stage is trying to show us something about our own lives if we'll just pay attention and think.

*Erin McNamara is a third-year English major.*

# LEGALIZE

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have publicly spoken against the effect on our justice system. In the words of the ex-mayor of New York Fiorenzo LaGuardia, "Prohibition cannot be enforced for the simple reason that the majority of American people do not want it enforced and are resisting its enforcement. That being so, the orderly thing to do, under our form of governance, is to abolish a law which cannot be enforced, a law which the people of the country do not want enforced."

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Keith Stroup, founder of National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is coming to the University of Maine to speak about why it's time to stop arresting responsible marijuana smokers. The lecture will be held in Neville 101 at 7 p.m. Whether you agree or disagree with my conclusion, I strongly urge you to attend. Mr. Stroup is a brilliant man and is well worth the listen. There will be a reception afterwards in case you would like to bring something to Mr. Stroup's attention.

*James Sulinski is a senior business administration major and a student senator.*

# LETTERS

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about it. Maybe he did. Maybe he is too young to remember when minorities were given very few roles, if any, on television and often were given trivial roles or were given the part of a criminal or drug addict. Maybe he is too young to recall a time when minorities were not part of a nightly news team or any news team for that matter. Maybe he did do the research and chose to keep his blinders on in an attempt to mimic the conservative parrots of talk radio, or worse, maybe he actually believes the talk radio parrots when they continue to repeat the phrase "liberal media." One of the oldest tricks is to repeat something often enough and people will believe it. A drive from Portland to Fort Kent will find one liberal talk show on the radio while finding more conservative parrots than one could count or would care to count. This is a fact.

Some of the things he stated as "liberal privilege" were:

"Never having to endure off-topic political and ideological speeches, tangents or jabs that insult your views." I guess he missed the President's State of the Union address when the President used the words Saddam Hussein and Sept. 11 together and Iraq and Sept. 11 together repeatedly in an ideological attempt to mislead us and tie Iraq to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Being able to turn on the news and have the nation's events bent in a direction you prefer." Are we to assume that Michael Hartwell does not watch Fox news? Maybe he is referring to real news and not to the

propaganda that Fox spews daily.

"Having the option to weasel your way out of any discussion by declaring, 'I'm offended.'" Somehow he missed the "You're either with us or against us!" statement made by the Bush administration in an attempt, albeit a successful one, to opt out of any discussion for the real reasons for attacking Iraq.

"Not having to restrain eyeroll every time a professor kowtows to a 'small' minority pioneer while ignoring the work of a more prominent and influential white male pioneer." I must ask: What makes the minority pioneer small? What makes the white male pioneer more prominent and influential than say, a woman or minority pioneer? Does the answer lie in the fact that most white males are still paid more than their counterparts who have equal qualifications? Do money and privilege make one more prominent and influential? For that answer, just ask David Sanborn of Virginia, a former senior Dubai Ports World executive whom the White House appointed last month to be the new administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Transportation Department. As quickly as one could say "Shazaam," Dubai Ports, a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates, was approved by the Bush administration to purchase the shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports, proving that with money comes privilege and influence, especially with conservatives.

*Dan Brown  
Hudson, Maine*

# The Orono Town Council's wrath Ushuaia shutdown shows a series of bias from OTC

MICHAEL  
MONTGOMERY

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I was quite surprised to read in your article the Orono town manager's assurances that the Town Council isn't seeking to shut down Ushuaia. They were certainly, to all appearances, trying hard enough to do so at the appeal Friday afternoon. The town manager testified in detail about the many serious flaws that the town sees in

*"Every time Ushuaia called the Police to say they had some confiscated fake IDs to turn over, the police recorded another 'incident.'"*

Ushuaia, a position also developed at some length by the deputy police chief and the attorney for the town. All made quite clear their skepticism that Ushuaia's problems could be fixed. The town was impressively creative in their ability to manufacture "incidents" with which to assail Ushuaia. For example: Every time Ushuaia

called the police to say they had some confiscated fake IDs to turn over, the police recorded another "incident." When someone left her car running outside the club and went inside, and another patron drove off with the car, yet another "incident" allegedly caused by Ushuaia was dutifully recorded.

There have been some actual incidents at the club, but not excessive in either number or quality compared with similar clubs operating elsewhere. When the town declares the fairly small number of "incidents" at Ushuaia to be intolerable, what they are really declaring is that any large club in Orono is that intolerable. This is the road back to the times when this town was routinely derided as "Borono."

The conciliatory talk presently coming out of Town Hall seems encouraging, but it is also coming conveniently close to the next Town Council election, to be held, as usual, in the very middle of the UMaine spring break. Students should not be put off their guard. Those eligible to register to vote should do so, picking up absentee ballots and casting them for the candidates of their choice. Three students are running for the Town Council this spring: Adam Kirkland, Morgan Malinowitz and Derek Mitchell.

*Michael Montgomery is an associate professor of economics.*

# Hollywood movies have failed us Lackluster moving pictures litter the silver screen

JUSTIN  
CHASE



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

can just tell these movies will probably be horrible.

Advertisers can be very tricky and lure the unsuspecting American into a crappy movie, so we need to be more careful. If you are in that big of a hurry to get rid of your money, just give it to me and I'll spend it on a worthier cause, such as figuring out if Jewish vampires avoid crosses or Stars of David. Movie awareness should be taught in middle school to promote avoidance of bad movies. These lessons would warn students about movies that rely on a big-name director for advertisement. For instance, Wes Craven movies will be terrible because he's an overrated disappointment who deserves to be shot into the sun.

Another lesson: Don't go to sequels. I suggest we make a law preventing more than five sequels from being made per year. Many possibly bad sequels are being released this year, such as "Scary Movie 4," "Ice Age 2," "Basic Instinct 2," "Final Destination 3"

The world's going downhill lately. Usually I can turn events around and find some good in them. People say global warming is coming, and I can take pleasure in knowing the wealthy drug lords who live near the equator will burn to a crisp before me. The war in Iraq continues, but at least our inflated military budget is being used. But one travesty that has continued for too long is the production of bad movies. When will the Bush administration stop buckling under the bad movie lobbies with their fast women and easy money? When will the directors and producers learn to be creative and accept that we've had enough of their garbage?

Some say a problem in America is violence in movies. That isn't true; Americans love violence. The true problem is bad movies. Because these movies generally lack a plot, American violence-lovers get bored. When these people get bored they figure they may as well start some violence of their own. But isn't bad subjective? Some bad movies are even funny to watch, yet Hollywood is hitting an all-time low. There are some movies, such as "Alexander" or "From Justin to Kelly," which you can tell will be extremely bad without even watching them. Unless you are suffering from bouts of severe mental deterioration, you

and "The Grudge 2." I know sometimes the original movie can seemingly warrant a sequel, as in the case of "Basic Instinct." Yet "Basic Instinct" was based on many sex scenes and now, 14 years later, Sharon Stone has to be pushing 50. Most of the time, sequels ruin the movie's name.

Finally, the last lesson would be that movie critics don't know what they're doing. Critics get hung up on techniques that aren't important to average Americans. Instead of telling people if it's good or bad based on the overall opinion, they say if it's good or bad based on how they think, and it's important to know these critics are demented, sick individuals who go to school so that professors can tell them how to think. The critic's opinion is usually as bad as the movie itself. The bottom line: We need to take action because just refusing to go to a bad movie doesn't work anymore. Between media trickery and poor money management on the part of the public, it's hard to stop even the worst movie from creating revenue. Perhaps we can pass a law preventing drivel from going up on the big screen? Or at the very least force directors and producers to watch all the garbage they make.

*If Justin Chase had seen the trailer for "Stay Alive," he would have written a paragraph about it.*

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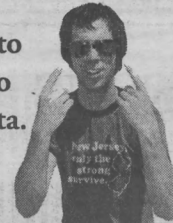
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9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Wednesdays  
Soma 36

If you would like an event posted  
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Pattie Barry on FirstClass.

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# THE MAINE CAMPUS style

This man wants to  
show you how to  
ROCK. Well, sorta.  
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## Quebec City

Population: 682,757  
Province: Quebec  
Official Language: French  
Distance from Orono: 246  
miles  
Driving time: 6 hours  
Drinking age: 18  
Don't miss: the clubs on  
Grande Allee, Promenade des  
Gouverneurs, Musee de la  
Civilization and Musee National  
des Beaux-Arts du Quebec

haven't you been there 500 gazillion times already?  
Don't worry. I see an international road trip in your future.

### I'm sick of New England

Despite the fact that we Mainers are painfully close to the Canadian border, I find that many students only consider going south when it's time for a vacation. While Boston might be the largest metropolis within a six-hour radius, it certainly isn't the only place to go. There are many Canadian cities which are not only closer but offer way more in both culture and price.

Maybe you've lived in New England all your life; maybe you've only been here since you started at UMaine. Even though we Mainers pride ourselves in our unique attitude, you have to admit it can be pretty homogeneous up here. We all root for the same Boston sports teams, we all drink at Irish pubs and we all shop at Wal-Mart.

## Montreal

Population: 3,426,350 (metro)  
Province: Quebec  
Official Language: French  
(English spoken widely)  
Distance from Orono: 365  
miles  
Driving time: 8.5 hours  
Drinking age: 18  
Don't miss: Montreal Botanical  
Gardens, hundreds of clubs,  
Vieux-Montreal, Theatre  
Maison-Neuve, Casino-de-  
Montreal, mad underground  
shopping

sure that you exchange your cash at the bank, because you get a better deal there than you do through a credit card or an exchange service. Also, it's best to exchange in the largest amount you think you will use, because most exchange services charge a flat rate as opposed to a percentage.

There are some services, though, that cost a bit more in Canada. The taxes on gasoline,

## TRAVELSPOT Special

It's one week before spring break, and you know you don't want to spend our two weeks academia-free on mom and dad's couch. At the same time, you're operating on a work-study budget and can't dish out for the cruise to Cancun. In the meantime, you're eyeing Boston or Portland as a potential day-trip destination, but

tobacco and alcohol can seem staggering to the U.S. citizen. A pack of cigarettes is about \$10 CAD, and a fifth moderate-range liquor costs about \$15 CAD. Don't try to save any money by buying these products before you enter the country, however - they'll make you pay taxes at customs, on top of the taxes you already paid in the States.

Canadians pay roughly 150 percent of the price that Americans pay for gasoline. It's in liters, so even though they might pay about \$1 CAD per unit, it is actually much more expensive than our \$2.50 per gallon.

Make sure you fill your gas tank several miles before you cross the border - the closer you get the U.S. side of the border, the more expensive the gasoline is. If you have a gasoline-efficient car and fuel up before you cross, you can probably get away with never filling up in Canada when traveling to Quebec or St. John.

But don't let the taxes get you down - the taxes you pay on lodging can be completely refunded to you on your return trip home, assuming that you fill out the proper paperwork and spend at least \$200 CAD staying in the hotel. And, even if you don't spend that much on this trip, you can file for a return at the end of the calendar year with the total costs of other stays.

### Crossing the border

So are you sold? The hardest part of your journey will be crossing the border - and for the rest of this year, you don't need a passport to do it.

Make sure you bring with you your drivers' license, or another state or government-issued photo identification card. The Canadian Embassy recommends that you also bring proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

If you have a criminal record, including some misdemeanors like operating under the influence, there are restrictions as to whether or not you can enter the country. Also, if you aren't an American citizen, there may be other requirements to cross at the border. In either case, make sure to call that specific border crossing and check first.

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## St. John

Population: 122,678  
Province: New Brunswick  
Official Languages: English  
(primarily) and French  
Distance from Orono: 174  
miles  
Driving time: 4 hours  
Drinking age: 19  
Don't miss: The open city  
market for great seafood, the  
reversing falls, the under-  
ground climate-controlled  
walkways and shopping centers,  
Museum of New  
Brunswick

## Halifax

Population: 359,183  
Province: Nova Scotia  
Official Language: English  
Distance from Orono: 454  
miles (driving)  
Driving time: 7 hours; can be  
reduced if taking the ferry  
Drinking age: 19  
Don't miss: Spring Garden  
club scene, the waterfront  
walkway, restaurants and clubs  
around Dalhousie University

**Bon Voyage**

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international adventure in  
your future

By Pattie Barry  
Style Editor

## ROC asks: How dope is your crib?

By Zach Dionne  
Staff Reporter

This coming month will see one of the Residents on Campus' most original and exciting events to date: The Campus Cribs Competition. The competition will be a collaboration between ROC and Hall Governing Board staff.

Starting tomorrow and running through March 24, students can submit applications to their HGB. Applications should include up to five pictures of the room and a one or two paragraph essay highlighting the room's best features and why it is a potential winner. Applications can be submitted to an HGB member via email or at one of the weekly HGB meetings.

Rooms will be judged on creativity, organization, visual appearance and use of space.

In regards to items like big-screen TVs or stereos, ROC member Matthew Bennett said,

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# Webber and Rice come alive at Hauck

## A record number of students bring to life rock opera 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

The crowd sits hushed and anxious; it's a sold-out show and the last performance. A distorted guitar solo crashes in, followed by the support of the rest of the orchestra. And then the screaming starts: actors rush in from either side waving signs of protest, and the lights swarm like police searchlights.

### MUSICAL REVIEW

University of Maine's own rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar," directed by Dr. Sandra Hardy, begins with a bang.

For the few of you who do not know the story of Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus Christ Superstar tells it with an updated twist. Jesus Christ claims that he is the son of God, but the political and religious leaders of the land are none too pleased with his popularity. Judas Iscariot, who is later so woebegone that he kills himself, betrays Jesus and thus Jesus is crucified.

Joshua Schmursal's portrayal of Jesus was humanizing and humble. Perhaps one of his best moments was



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

THE PASSION — Dominick Varney, right, is Judas and Josh Schmursal, left, is Jesus in The School of Performing Arts' latest production, 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' which played this weekend and last.

his solo during "Gethsemane," in which he painfully arrives to the decision that he must die. Rebecca Bailey, who played Mary Magdalene, had a standout, poignant moment when she sang in "I Don't Know How To Love Him."

Dominick Varney really could not have been better suited for the role of Judas, if not just for his attire, shaved head and goatee.

Schmursal, Bailey and Varney were not the only noteworthy actors; Derek Francis's brief but worthy por-

trayal of King Herod was a hilarious distraction from the otherwise intense play. I have to give props to his showgirls as well, who underwent more costume changes than

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## WMEBSpot

### Everybody loves Raymond in the afternoon

By Anthony Crabtree  
Staff Writer

WMEB DJ Aerin Raymond enjoys bringing variety to the University of Maine campus with her cleverly titled show, "Aerin in the Afternoon." Raymond described the show as "indie, pop, rock, alternative, electronica, anything I feel like playing."

On her show, Raymond enjoys showcasing artists that many students on campus may not have heard of. "I usually make it a point to play every once in a while, a musician I'm really passionate about." She goes about this by having what she calls a featured artist, whose songs she plays excessively throughout the show. However, when it comes to picking her favorite artist, Raymond has a difficult time. "Picking a favorite artist for me is like, 'What's your favorite food?' They're all good."

While some DJs prefer to know what they will play ahead of time, Raymond picks her playlist on the fly. She generally makes it up right before she goes on air. "I go in about 10 minutes beforehand and pull a bunch of CDs from the bin." Raymond said. This kind of spontaneity is one of the many factors that contributes to "Aerin in the Afternoon's" eclectic sound.

Obviously, being on in the afternoon, Raymond's show does not get as many listeners as other shows, but the time slot works well for her.

"I don't get as many listeners as I'd like in the afternoon just because everyone's in class, but it's a good time for me to do it," she said. She also jests that the time slot is great because of the title of her show. "And it works for my show name, Aerin in the Afternoon."

Raymond has been a DJ for almost two



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

SPEAK UP — Raymond broadcasts her show from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons.

years now, and got her start working on a show called "Staring at Sound." The show was named after a song by the band The Flaming Lips, and because of that the show would end each week with a song by the band. After that show, the title was changed to its current name.

Raymond has also been the Webmaster at the WMEB Web site for a year. "I basically update the schedule. They'll send me the charts for different sections like the top 30 and the jazz and metal charts." She also had to rebuild the site from scratch and is currently working on improving it and making it even better. This would include getting the streaming of the station more available to students, as it is currently only available on RealPlayer. "We're trying to get that up on Quicktime and Windows Media Player so everybody can have access to it," said Raymond.

Raymond's show, Aerin in the Afternoon, is on the air every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. on WMEB, 91.9 FM.

## Actors for radio take to stage

L.A. Theatre works to bring comedy to MCA over spring break

By Eryk Salvaggio  
Staff Reporter

L.A. Theatre Works has been creating theater for public audiences and radio broadcasts across America, and they'll be in Orono to perform The Prisoner of Second Avenue. Neil Simon's bitter-sweet play about a married New York couple trying to make ends meet in the face of the husband's unemployment will be performed as a stage reading by actors Sharon Gless and Richard Masur.

Adele Adkins, Associate Director of the Maine Center for the Arts, said she is excited about the event and expects the audience to enjoy the wit of Simon's play as well as the talent. "I hope there will be lots of laughter! L.A. Theatre Works provides a great opportunity to bring top-level performers here at a reasonable fee. Because the production portion is less than usual, the money goes to the talent. We rarely get actors of this quality."

7 p.m.  
Sunday  
March 8  
MCA

Though the play will be recorded for radio, Adkins promises a "top-notch event" that will provide a level of audience engagement rare for this kind of performance. While there will be limited stage and props, the L.A. Theatre Works has a reputation for being a more unique, spontaneous kind of theater compared to traditional plays.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue is a play that explores the psychological costs of unemployment in a modern world where self-worth is linked to productivity. The play deals with heavy ideas in a light way that has earned Neil Simon a reputation as one of Broadway's funniest writers of tragedy. Simon himself says

he has always asked of his own writing, "What is a sad situation and how can I tell it humorously?"

The performance will take place Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Maine Center for the Arts. Students can get tickets for \$5. Call 1-800-622-8499 for additional information on pricing.

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Nothing feels worse than getting psyched up to go on a trip, driving 2 hours, and then getting rejected at the border.

Try to avoid bringing alcohol, tobacco or firearms, because there are special requirements and taxes bringing certain items into the country. And — obviously — don't bring anything illegal.

### French vs. fish

So you know you want to go. You've got everything ready. Now, the ultimate question: Where?

You can head west, to the province of Quebec — pronounced KAY-BEC by the natives — or you can drive east to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. West, you get

the trendy French-European bars and clubs; go east and you'll feel the salty spray of great shopping and seafood restaurants. Quebec City and St. John are both relatively close, but offer dramatically different venues for both shopping and entertainment.

Of course, if you don't speak French you'll have a much easier time in the Maritime Provinces. However, as most people who have visited our north-westerly neighbors will tell you, a large of the Quebecois speak English, especially in the food service and tourism industries. Montreal in particular has two English-speaking universities, McGill and Concordia. If you're patient, you should have no problem with your ninth-grade French.

So grab that road map and get off mom and dad's couch. And, don't forget the best reason to go to Canada: tasty, tasty poutine.

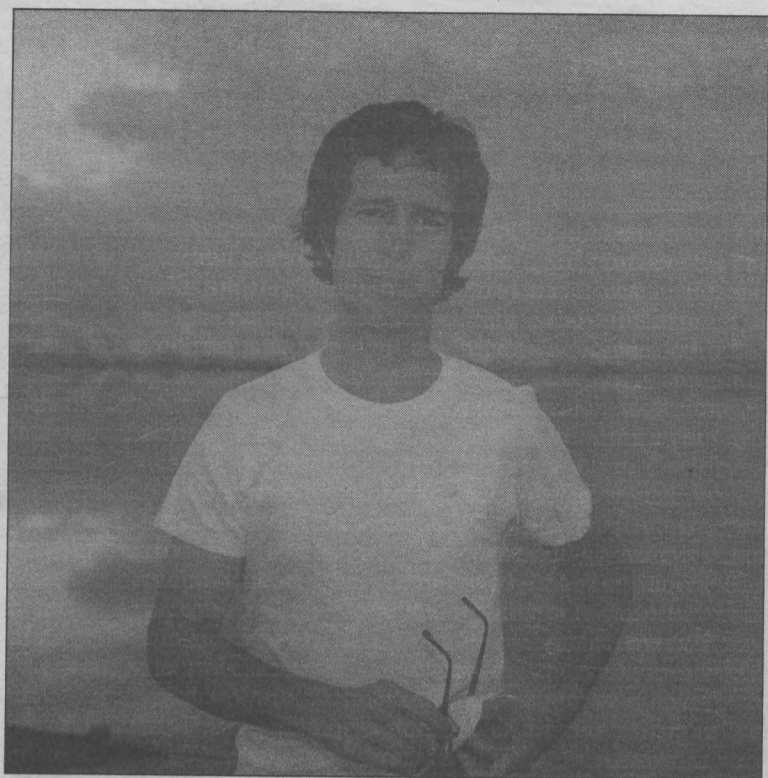


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## Student Entertainment taps Ben Folds to play at MCA

By Michael Hartwell  
Opinion Editor

Fans of pianist Ben Folds are probably already aware of his upcoming performance at the University of Maine. Those of you unfamiliar with the name will probably recognize his 1995 hit "Brick" back when he was in the misnomerically-named trio Ben Folds Five.

After splitting from his bandmates in late 2000, Folds continued to produce music on his own that was never a far cry from his earlier work. In the last few years, Folds has developed a professional relationship with B-list superstar William Shatner and contributed heavily to the former starship captain's latest album, "Has Been."

Besides helping make a Shatner album listenable,

Folds has produced two solo albums, three if you count his 1998 techno release "Fear of Pop," and a handful of EPs.

His most recent album, "Songs for Silverman," is a little slower than what his fans are used to. The first single, "Landed," has had a good amount of airtime on WMEB.

Folds recorded his previous album entirely by himself. That's drums, bass, vocals and, of course, piano. For this album, Folds decided to pick up a couple of musicians to do the dirty work for him. "I was tired of playing solo by myself; I'd worn that out," Folds said in his press release.

Ben Folds will be performing on-campus Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Maine Center for the Arts. Tickets are on sale now at \$12 for students and \$24 for everyone else. Call (207) 581-1755 for more information.

7 p.m.  
Monday  
April 3  
MCA

## Pianist and singer demonstrate art song

By Tony Reaves  
Copy Editor

When the students are away, the arts at the University of Maine won't miss a beat. Next Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m., Elizabeth Erskine Patches and Cheryl Tschanz will present an "Encounter Concert" in Minsky Recital Hall featuring "The Book of Hanging Gardens," a song cycle composed by Arnold Schonberg in 1908.

Patches is an acclaimed mezzo-soprano who has been singing for 40 years. Tschanz is a pianist who debuted with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra at age 11. Both are music department faculty at Colby College in Waterville.

Art song, unlike folk music, "demands some understanding of the composer's intentions in order to appreciate it," according to Patches. That's where she and longtime colleague Tschanz come in.

An Encounter Concert helps the audience gain a deeper understanding of the work presented. According to Patches, she and Tschanz "will step into the composer's world to explore some of the ideas that characterize his music." Patches wrote in a newsletter that in addition to Schonberg's song cycle, she and Tschanz will perform music by composers who influenced Schonberg, including Brahms, Mozart, Schubert and Wagner.

"Schonberg is right up there with Mozart, Schubert," said Patches, "and is probably the most significant composer of the 20th century." Schonberg was one of the first composers to embrace tonality, and Patches calls "The Book of Hanging Gardens" his "first atonal masterpiece." Patches has written word-for-word English translations of the songs for the audience. Those interested in attending the concert and learning about Schonberg's work should expect to put in some effort: Patches recommends that audience members bring a pencil and take notes.

Tschanz said she and Patches first met 20 years ago on Long Island before either of them moved to Maine. The two will also perform the concert at Colby. Tickets for the show at Minsky Recital Hall are \$26 and are available at the Maine Center for the Arts box office.

3 p.m.  
Sunday  
Minsky Recital Hall

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"It wouldn't be fair to let the person with the nicest material objects win. In short, creativity and use of space will be much more important than expensive merchandise."

A \$100 Target gift card will be awarded to the members of the first place room. \$75 and \$50 cards will be given to the second and third place winners. In addition, all residents of winning rooms will receive individual gift certificates of \$25 to the UMaine Bookstore.

This is the first year of the competition. "Now that [the Quebec trip] is over with, we have a lot more time to focus on on-campus programming. This

was a great idea that we thought a lot of people would get involved in, and it would also be a good way for residents to get to know their HGB officers during the process of submitting their applications. It is really exciting to have fun programming like this that is also a way for residents to share pride in the spaces in which they live," said Bennett.

For more information, students can contact an HGB member in their residence hall or contact Matthew Bennett on FirstClass. One helpful hint before entering your room, though: Make sure it's up to safety codes. You don't want to lose your chance at \$100 to Target just because of the sweet posters covering your fire alarm or the awesome lights weaving in and out of your ceiling tiles.

## CAB takes students to theme park

Six Flags New England the next destination in the group's trip series

By Anthony Crabtree  
Staff Reporter

Six Flags is a well-known theme park that has 29 locations in North America alone. They have a large array of entertainment to choose from, most notably roller coasters or water rides, and people dressed up as Looney Tunes characters walk around bringing joy to the masses. It is entertainment for both children and adults, and the Campus Activities Board hopes that University of Maine students will be interested as well.

On April 29, CAB will bring two buses filled with UMaine students down to Springfield, Mass to enjoy the world of Six Flags New England. Of course, a great deal of interest has been

shown. The trip has already sold out an entire bus to students eager to bump elbows with Bugs Bunny and the Tasmanian Devil, or to take a ride on the aptly named Superman - Ride of Steel.

"We try to come up with different places we can go," said Elizabeth Hansen, the graduate assistant for Campus Activities and Events. "They've done Boston a lot in the past, so we switched it up last year when we went to Salem, Mass."

While the Salem trip was a successful deviation from the CAMB norm, this trip will be a first, as they have never taken a group of students to a theme park before. Going into these uncharted waters, Hansen encourages all to hop aboard the Six Flags bus and enjoy unwind-

ing as the end of the semester nears. "You just have to make it to the end, so here's something you can do just for the day and it's not going to take up a lot of your time. You can just relax and have a good time."

Similar to the Salem trip, students will have a lot of freedom. On the Salem trip, people were able to roam freely and walk around. "It's not like a high school field trip or anything like that. Once we get there, you can go and do anything you want," Hansen said. "I hope students appreciate that."

The reaction on campus has been positive. "From what I've heard people are pretty excited about it because it is something

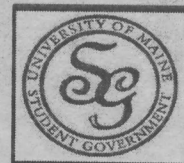
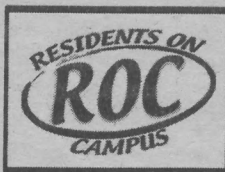
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## Residents on Campus (ROC) Elections

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE  
Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Vote for  
President & Vice President

Voting will take place  
on First Class from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Students may also vote  
in the Student Government Office  
in the Wade Leadership Center



## Five Golden Rings



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

CANADIAN PRIDE — Canadian Brass, an ensemble of musicians from north of the border, play at the MCA on Sunday afternoon.

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anyone should ever have to endure. The details, however, really were what helped create such a convincing atmosphere. One of the most amusing additions was the fake broadcast with a news anchor and "live" footage of the ongoing events. The set for the stage was also impressive, albeit basic at first glance. A set of rising black stairs, adorned with neon graffiti served as an appropriate urban backdrop for the scenes. Hardy's choice to use a fence as one of the barriers was a wise one, as was the decision not to

blatantly crucify Jesus on a cross. At the end, you did see a subtle lighting of a cross illuminate the stage. The only criticisms to offer for the production come from those who were well familiar with the music. Why were some of the lead notes modified? Schmersal and Varney clearly had strong voices; perhaps it would have been too difficult to practice with such continual high notes. Also, sometimes the band drowned-out portions of the singing, and the levels of the instrumentation were slightly unbalanced. However, you could clearly hear the audience clapping and shrieking its unanimous approval at the end of the performance.

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different that we're trying to do," said Hansen. With one of the buses already sold out, students appear enthusiastic to go to Six Flags. Those looking for a relaxing day watching Wile. E. Coyote chase the Road Runner or ride Batman - The Dark Knight can buy a ticket at the information

booth in Memorial Union. This ticket is non-refundable. Students will have to show a MaineCard to participate in this event. Tickets are \$35 each, and that ticket includes the bus trip to Six Flags and back as well as the park pass. Many students have been surprised by this low price. "Everyone goes 'oh, really, it's only \$35?' thinking that's only for the bus," Hansen said. Buses leave at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 29.

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## CDREVIEW

**Prefuse 73**  
**"Security Screenings"**  
**Warp Records - Feb. 7, 2006**

Scott Herren of Prefuse 73 relishes the unexpected. Not only are you unsure of what name he will record under (Piano Overlord? Savath & Savalas?), but his production speed is rather unusual. "Surrounded by Silence" was released only 11 months ago, and now Herren is at it again with "Security Screenings," pumping out 40 minutes of new material for you to awkwardly groove to. Some people call him an experimental hip-hop DJ and people insist that Herren's technique is more electronic than rhyme and poetry. Whatever it is, Herren doesn't really want the label. "Security Screenings" is somewhat of a repeat of "Extinguished: Outtakes" in that it's destined to be ill-received by fans. The lack of

collaborations and vocals tend to be the biggest criticism of the tracks, "Illiterate Interlude" acknowledges this "lack" on the album when Herren samples a critic complaining, "I've gotta be honest, this I'm not liking. Could you have any more guest spots?" before spitting you right back into the musical cold. That being said, "Security Screenings" is pretty solid. Herren's style is obviously active; his sporadic bursts of synth drum loops, vaguely unfinished melodies, and jarring sound clips all collide in his typical hip-hop mash-up style. The album has its definite mellow moments, but beat-ific gems like "Creating Cyclical Headaches" with Four Tet and "One Star And Three Stripes" keep it flowing at a crazy, choppy pace.

—Astra Brinkmann



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## Horoscopes

By Julianne Siegfried

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

It's going to be an up-and-down kind of day for you, Aries—very emotional. Make sure you take the time that you need to get away from everything because you may just need some time to yourself.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You will be challenged today, Taurus. Try to look at the bright side and you will see that things may not be as difficult as they first seemed.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You have the potential to accomplish a lot today, Gemini. You have a great energy, so any projects or presentations you have will show off your shining ability. People will be in awe.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

New things are happening, Cancer. Be on the lookout for change. A voyage is on the horizon. Also, if you're keeping emotions bottled up, it is time to let some of that out now.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Keep your friends close today, Leo. You will find strength in your relationships. There may be a small issue at school or work today, but the asset of these friendships will help you through it.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Looking good today, Virgo! You will catch someone's attention. Don't look too much into the occurrence but instead use this as an opportunity because you deserve to have some fun.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Things will get in your way today, Libra. It's okay to attribute these negative happenings to outside sources. And it's also okay to get a little frazzled. You can still have a good day; just look for the little but important things.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are an important person to the people around you, Scorpio. Today that valuable part of you will prove to be beneficial to loved ones. It's time to get things out in the open.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Listen to your instincts, Sagittarius. Your gut will prove to be a viable source today. This should overrule doing something because it feels comfortable. Pay attention to finances.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You will have great self-monitoring today, Capricorn. That control will help you through some potentially tough situations. But at the end of the day, it's okay to let go a little.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

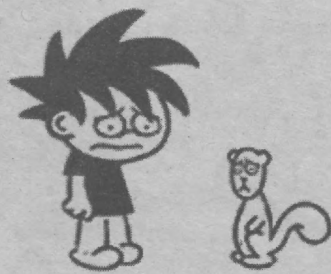
You have come into some financial freedom, Aquarius. It is okay to do a little splurging and to treat yourself. If you do purchase something, make sure it reflects who you are and your originality.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You are unique, Pisces, and today is the day to show that off. Don't be afraid to demonstrate your kookiness and have fun doing it! Keep that smile and be an inspiration to others.

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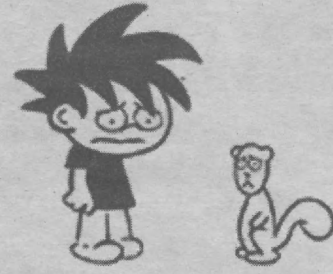
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by Travis Dandro



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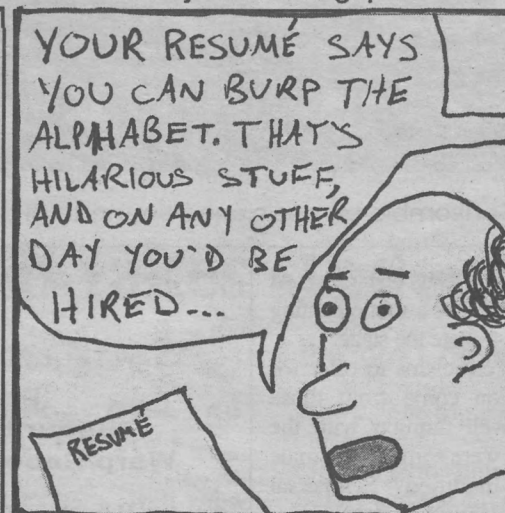
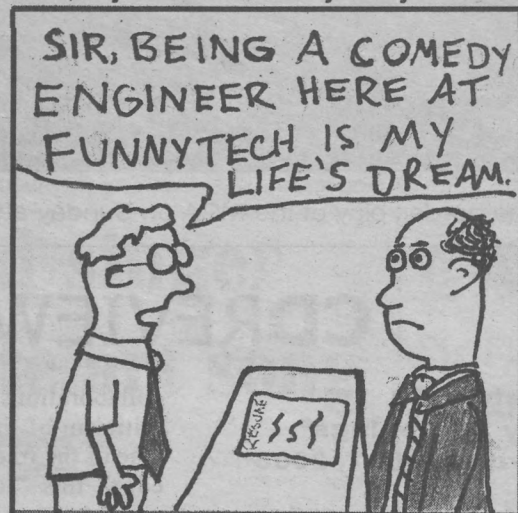


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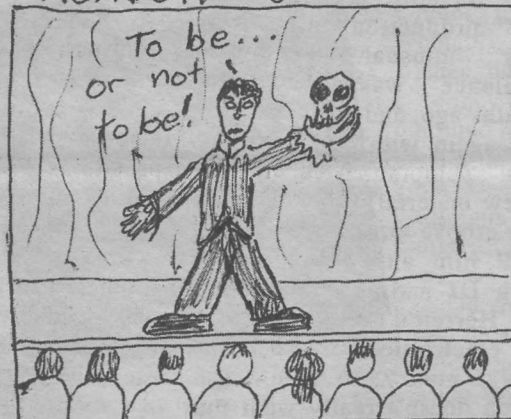
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Reader Steve

by Brian Sylvester



## Word Lasso

Good Morning

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F L A W S F E

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S H I F M O R E E

S T O T A

Rearrange the letters to form real words.

1. OMELET 2. WAFFLES 3. PANCAKES 4. HOME FRIES 5. TOAST

BY JULIANNE SIEGFRIEDT



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### SEX MATTERS by Dr. Sandy Caron

## Love without attraction: Can it work in the long run

A student from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign wants to know....

I'm in a relationship that has lasted almost a year. I am in love with my girlfriend but I am not sexually attracted to her. We even talked about getting engaged this past Christmas, and I'm wondering if our relationship can last without the physical part being there.

Male, Senior

Dr. Caron's Response: It sounds like you have a nice friendship going with this woman. However, I don't believe you can have a long-lasting romantic relationship with someone you aren't attracted to. What is interesting is that your question is almost the reverse of what many people worry about who say, "All we have is sex, sex, sex. Is that enough of a basis for a long-term relationship?" I guess I'm wondering what you would like in a relationship. Do you wish it were different? Have you ever experienced sexual attraction to another person you were involved with? I am also concerned about why there is no attraction. How does your partner feel about this? Is she okay with the relationship as it stands? Or does she feel rejected? What are her expectations for the future? Again, I am referring to sexual attraction, not sexual activity; you can have one without the other. I think sometimes people avoid the sexual part to avoid intimacy or connection. In other words, they protect themselves by physical and emotional distance. I also wonder if part of your lack of sexual attraction to

your partner concerns a fear of sex itself. Have you experienced some type of trauma or hurt feelings surrounding sex? I think you are right to ask yourself now if this lack of sexual attraction is going to be a concern for the future. Ignoring it will not make it go away. These are just some of the issues you may want to look at with a professional. Talking with someone you can trust will give you the perspective you need to make important decisions. Including your partner in these conversations will be essential. Good luck!

A student from the University of Maine wants to know...

I'm going to Fort Lauderdale with my friends for spring break, but I'm really not comfortable with the way I look. My friends say I look fine, but I know I'll never find a cute guy. Help!

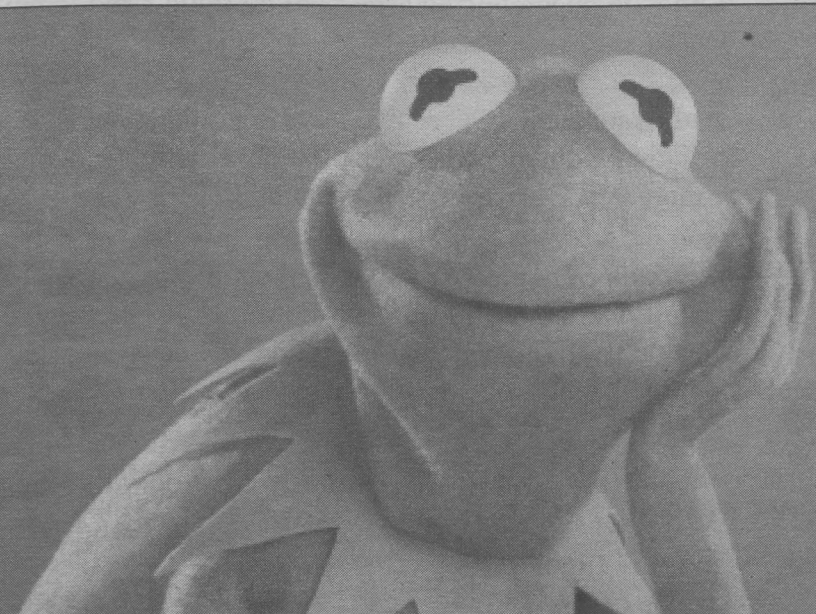
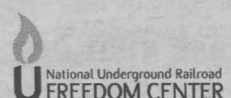
Female, Senior

Dr. Caron's Response: If your friends are truly your friends they wouldn't suggest that you go to Fort Lauderdale to have a "bum" time. They obviously expect you're going to have a good time. I suggest you let go of focusing on your imperfections and go and enjoy yourself with your friends. Perhaps a guy will find you while you are having a good time.

Dr. Sandra Caron is Professor of Family Relations and Human Sexuality at the University of Maine. To submit a question to Dr. Caron or chat with your peers visit her Web site at <http://www.CollegeSexTalk.com>.

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## Rugby returns to action in UNH indoor tourney

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

They were used to playing indoors from practicing inside Mahaney Dome, but not like this.

Last weekend, the University of Maine men's and women's rugby teams competed in a barn when they played in the Shameless Rip-Off tournament at the University of New Hampshire's campus.

"It was a ton of fun because whenever you play down there it's always a good time," men's team captain William Dow said. "It's smashmouth rugby: a lot of hitting and there were a few fights."

Because of the limited space available in the barn, the teams were forced to play 7-on-7 instead of the normal 15-on-15.

The tournament started on Saturday for the men and on Sunday for the women. During the first day of the competition, the men's teams were split in two. The 'A' side was comprised of veteran players, and the 'B' side full of new players.

Although the 'B's' were eliminated after losing their first two matches, the 'A' side came back after an opening round loss to advance to the playoffs on Sunday. In their playoff game, they came from behind as Dow and Stefan Scarks scored two tries to tie the game. The match-

winner was scored by Tony Desjardins.

Even with the edge of narrowly winning their last game, the team's luck ran out as they were defeated in the next round.

"We played them very tough but they came out on top in the end," Dow said. "I am very pleased with how we played. We played very tough and gave it all our effort."

As for the women's team, they garnered a win and a tie in their first two games but were forced out of competition by the University of Maine-Farmington.

Even though the team did not get the outcome they wanted, according to co-captain Kylie Newman, this game proved vital as it helped ready the Black Bears for the Maine Cup.

"We knew they were a tough team and we scrimmage with them as well," Newman said. "They had a couple key players we could not stop. I think going in for the Maine Cup, we know their strong players and know the people who they have that really stand out."

The Maine Cup is an annual tournament open to both the men's and women's teams where schools such as Bates College, Bowdoin College, Maine Maritime Academy, UMF and UMaine compete to see who has the best team in the state.

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7 run sparked by nine three-pointers, putting UMaine ahead 32-15. On the run, Rashard Turner and Freddy Petkus each had three treys, while Jon Sheets added two and Ernest Turner had one.

Ernest Turner then scored eight straight points, sending the Black Bears into the locker room up 45-28. He had 19 on the afternoon.

The Black Bears would lead by as many as 21 early in the second half before a Stony Brook run cut the deficit in half. UMaine made 13 free throws in the final minutes to keep the cushion intact and preserve the win.

Now, the Black Bears turn their attention to Binghamton, who handled UMaine in their matchups this season by scores of 71-53 and 84-56 and have won four in a



CAMPUS PHOTO BY CORMAC O'CALLANAIN

BRUFF UNDER FIRE — Junior Chris Bruff fights through a UMBC screen during the action on Thursday night.

row over the Black Bears overall.

Further complicating matters, Binghamton is hosting the

championship tourney and went 6-2 against conference opponents at home this season.

## SWEPT

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MacDonald combined to shut out the Rebels over the final four innings.

UMaine actually led the game 2-0 after sophomore Bobby Brown hit a two-run homer that drove in sophomore Curt Smith. But the Rebels came back to score six runs in the bottom of the inning and added two in the third, and five in the fourth for 13 unanswered runs that accounted for the 13-2 final score.

The Black Bears mustered seven hits to the Rebels' 14. In addition, UMaine made four errors that led to

five unearned Ole Miss runs.

UMaine's best chance for a win came in game two on Saturday, where they led 4-1 before falling 7-5. The Black Bears got a strong pitching performance from Nolan Boike, who allowed just one hit over the game's first four innings and four runs on three hits in five total innings of work.

Ryan Quintal's first-inning two-run homer gave UMaine the early lead, while the Rebels answered with a run in the home half of the frame. The Black Bears extended their advantage in the fifth when Joel Barrett's two-out single plated Kevin McAvoy and Joe Hough for the 4-1 lead.

The Rebels wouldn't be held down though, scoring three runs in the home half of the fifth and tacking on another three after UMaine went out in the sixth to take a 7-4 lead.

Friday, the Rebels jumped on UMaine starter Troy Martin early and never looked back. The fourth Ole Miss batter, Mark Wright, blasted a two-run homer to draw first blood lead and Martin would surrender a total of seven earned runs over just three innings as the Rebels amassed a commanding 7-0 lead.

The Black Bears return to action with a spring training of sorts in the sunshine state, playing 13 games between March 5 and 18.

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# HEAVE

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team win," Turner added. "To make the biggest shot like that in my last game, senior game, like coach said, I'll remember that for the rest of my life."

Turner, the Black Bears' leading scorer the last two seasons, had 23 on the night to go with six rebounds and an assist. That came despite missing much of the first half with three fouls and playing the entire second half without drawing a whistle.

With the Black Bears trailing 40-20 early in the second half, junior Jon Sheets sank a trey that ignited a 15-2 run which cut the lead in half. All the points came on three-pointers, with two from Sheets and three from Turner. Senior Freddy Petkus assisted on four of the five treys in the run.

"We picked up the defensive pride, strung together some stops," said junior Chris Bruff. "Next thing you know, we're making shots, the other team is down and we just ran with it."

The Retrievers pushed the lead to eight at 51-43 before junior Rashard Turner took over, scoring eight points on a 14-2 UMaine run that gave the Black Bears their first lead on the game, 54-51 with 8:22 to play.

"I didn't realize we'd cut the lead," Rashard said. "We were just out there playing, looking for each other. We came out with intensity because it's a 40-

minute game and you can't quit."

UMaine pushed its lead to seven before UMBC made a comeback of its own, culminated by a Joe Pugh trey with 2.6 seconds remaining that knotted the game at 66-66 and set up Ernest Turner's heroics.

"Ernest Turner deserved that being his senior year. He deserved to go out a winner because he is a winner," said

*"I thought I got enough air under it to give it a chance, but I'm still shocked it actually went in. It's crazy."*

Ernest Turner  
Men's basketball

UMBC head coach Randy Monroe. "Credit Maine for exploding for 49 points in the second half."

Ernest Turner and Petkus have exemplified leadership in what has been an up-and-down season for UMaine. The pair expected to be playing with standout Kevin Reed, whose absence forced inexperienced players into action. Turner and Petkus never complained about the wins and losses, showing the

younger players the ropes and setting a positive example all along.

If any two seniors deserved to go out in such exhilarating fashion, it was them.

"The guys wanted to send Ernest and Freddy out on a positive note," said UMaine head coach Ted Woodward. "They've given us everything they possibly could."

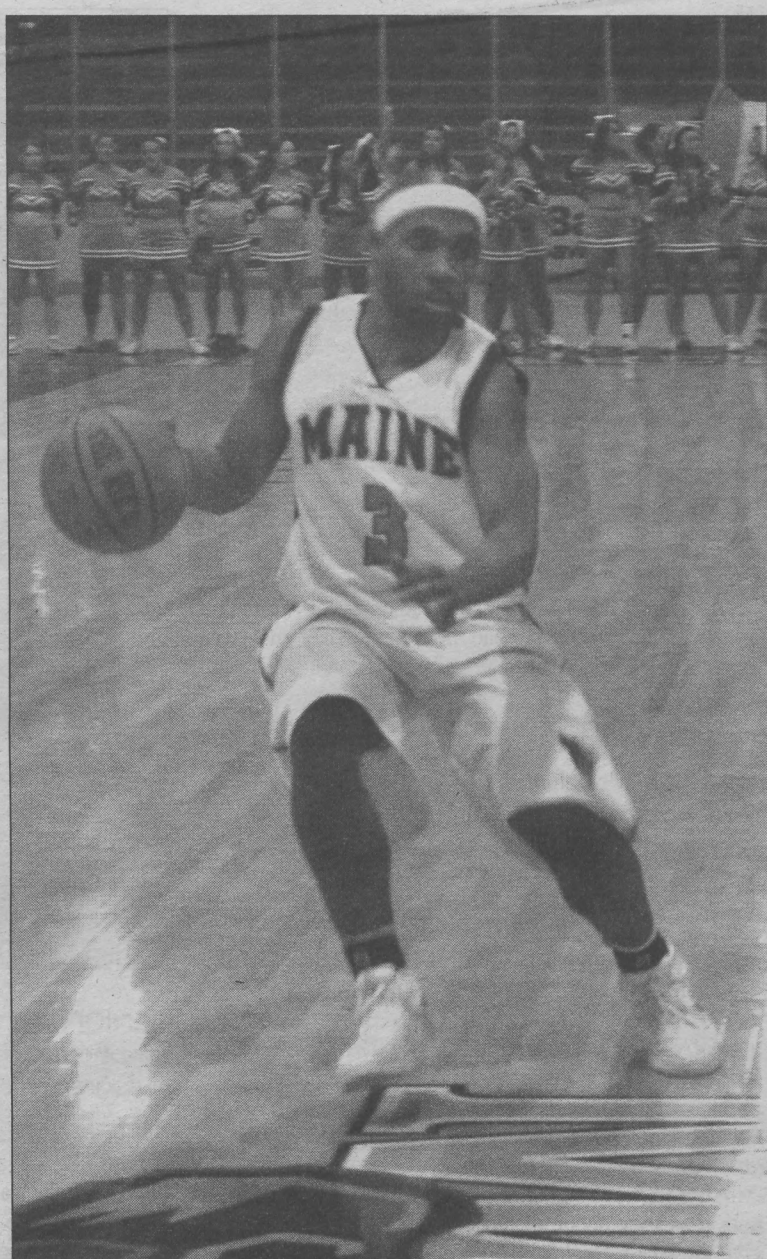
The Black Bears dug themselves the hole by shooting just 36 percent and 1-of-11 from behind the arc in the first half, trailing 36-20 at the break. UMaine committed 12 of their 18 turnovers in the first half to help the Retriever cause.

"We couldn't have played much worse in the first half," said Woodward. "We talked about playing in short segments, defending like crazy, and we got ourselves in transition and got some easy kick-outs."

In addition to their hot outside shooting, the Black Bears were able to hold the Retrievers to 37 percent from the floor in the second half, down from their 50 percent in the first.

"I told my team they're going to make a run at you and you have to be able to sustain that," Monroe said. "You have to play to your strengths and what gave you the lead in the first place. That was intensity and the break, and in the second half we didn't have those."

The Retrievers were led by Jerrell Dinkins and John Zito, who had 19 and 18 points respectively.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY CORMAC O'CALLANAIN

HEAD FAKE — Senior Ernest Turner dribbles around a screen during Thursday night's game against UMBC.

# Pelletier crowned NE champ

University of Maine junior Hana Pelletier won the 800 meter run at the New England Indoor Championships in Boston over the weekend.

## Indoor Track & Field

She finished the race in 2:10.00, breaking a 13-year-old UMaine school record by well over a second.

In addition, the Black Bears' ladies 4x800 relay took home a silver medal while Amanda Virgats was fifth in the 500, Erin Hatch was fifth in the high jump, Heather Zavaduk was eighth in the pole vault and Stephanie McCusker garnered sixth place in the triple jump.

UMaine's ladies totaled 30 championship points, good for fifth place.

On the men's side, junior Kirby Davis continued his outstanding season by placing second in the 5,000 meter run.

Other notable finishers for the Black Bears included Eric Libby at fifth in the 500, Donnie Drake at eighth in the mile and Maxwell Ludwig at eighth in the 55 meter hurdles.

The men's 4x800 relay team was third overall, while the men totaled 20 points to finish twelfth among New England teams.

Both the men's and women's teams will be competing in the ECAC and IC4A Championships at Boston University next week.

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# ROLLS

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ranked Black Bears move to 23-10-1 and 16-8-1 in Hockey East.

"It was a good weekend, we really knew what we had to do," said UMaine forward Derek Damon. "We couldn't get complacent, especially after a big high of last weekend after sweeping BC. To get four points is huge. You can't lose to teams that you're not suppose to lose to and we didn't."

Combined with a Boston College loss and Boston University stalemate, the Black Bears continued to make headway in a crowded conference race. With the sweep UMaine, slid into a two-way tie for second place with the Terriers. The Eagles hover a mere two points ahead in first place.

"Guys are real excited about the playoffs because this team is really starting to play unbelievable right now," said Damon. "We're really starting to understand our systems and buy into our coach's philosophy."

Over the weekend, however, the Black Bears had more than their hands full. Sparked by a tenacious penalty kill, the Warriors limited UMaine's offensive opportunities and managed to get under the team's skin.

"I think they realized that they had two games left in their regular season until they're done," said Hopson.

The Black Bears saw forwards Rob Bellamy and Jon Jankus suspended for Saturday's game, while Merrimack's Hank Carision rode the pine for a bench brawl.

Despite a spirited effort from the Warriors, UMaine was able to

avoid what has been a trap series for many Hockey East foes, like UNH and Vermont.

On Saturday, the eventual game-winner came at 9:21 of the third period after the Black Bears were able to beat Warrior goalie Jim Healy on a 2-on-1. The goal, which was the Black Bears' fourth shorthanded mark of the year, started thanks to a great outlet pass from Travis Ramsey. With sophomore Mike Hamilton waiting at center ice, Ramsey rocketed the puck up ice. Hamilton proceeded to carry it all the way to the left face-off circle where he fed Hopson a gem of a pass.

"We just caught them on the change," said Hopson. "I looked up the ice and I was thinking if Mike, or Ramsey can get me the puck I am going on a breakaway. As it turned out, we had a two-on-one and Mike was able to feed it through a defenseman's leg. I just had to chip it home."

The two-goal cushion for UMaine didn't last long. Only 24 seconds later, Rob Ricci broke free on Bishop and pilfered the net.

"The guy got in the slot so I came out and I thought he was going to shoot, so I went down," said Bishop. "He just carried it around me and made a good play."

The tally arrived four minutes after Bishop had denied the Warriors their best chance of the night. With UMaine on the power play, sophomore Jordan Fox was able to break free of Leveille and in on Bishop for a one-on-one. Looking to sneak one low on Bishop, Fox eyed the glove side.

"I saw that he was a right-handed shot so I just tried to take away down low; I knew he was going to go to the far side," said Bishop.

After Fox cut in towards the crease, Bishop went down and

smacked the puck off the lower part of his glove.

Both squads matched each others play for play until the final 3:12 when Bret Tyler headed to the sin bin. Once again the Black Bears penalty kill was forced to touch the ice with the game on the line. UMaine was up to the challenge, shutting down the Warriors' power play en route to icing the decision.

Whitehead was delighted with the last-minute defensive stand.

*"It was definitely one of the most difficult games I've played all year."*

Ben Bishop  
Goaltender  
UMaine hockey

"I like the fact that we are able to continue aggressive play on the penalty kill despite the time in the game," said Whitehead. "Instead of tightening up, we seem to enjoy the moment. That's a great quality for a team."

Bishop finished the difficult contest with just 12 saves, while Merrimack netminder Jim Healey had 31.

"It was definitely one of the most difficult games I've played all year," said Bishop.

UMaine opened the scoring at 15:23 of the first when Bret Tyler intercepted a pass at the squad's blue line and carried it into the high slot to Josh Soares. With Leveille trailing Soares dropped

the puck off. Leveille then proceeded to rip a wrist shot off the glove side post of Healy which ricocheted across the goal line and in.

Friday's contest saw the game-winner come a period earlier when Tyler took a wrist shot at the hash mark which bounced off Billy Ryan and into the net. The power-play goal crossed the line at 15:43. Hamilton also hauled in an assist.

At 9:41 of the third period, the Black Bears increased their lead to 3-1 when Leveille beat Healy off a Greg Moore and Damon setup. The tally was UMaine's third power-play goal of the night. Leveille continued to dominate the game at 15:38 when he collected another Moore pass. Combined with John Hopson's first period score the Black Bears had a three-goal win.

At the conclusion of the weekend, Whitehead was simply pleased that his guys didn't get upset by the Merrimack defensive system.

"I am very happy with how we stuck together through what could've been two very frustrating games," said Whitehead.

Whitehead also said both Damon and Mike Lundin, who went down with injuries during the game should be okay for next week. Lundin had the tip of his finger reattached after getting it sliced in the second period. Damon on the other hand had shoulder problems.

The Black Bears return to Alford for their last home series on Friday against UMass, with Senior Night on Saturday.

"It's hard to think that these are my last two regular-season games at home," said Damon. "I want to go out on top and take care of business."

# SPLITS

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redirected by Patricia Gagnon as she scored to cut the Eagle lead to 3-2.

"We just have to wait for Connecticut and Providence and this might be the first time I might be saying 'Go Providence,'" Gagnon said after the game. "I want to be in the playoffs and in hockey with something like that, you never know. It's the beauty of the game."

For the rest of the period, UMaine frantically placed shots on net and attempted to orchestrate opportunities. With 2:35 left in the period, Perron pulled goalie Genevieve Turgeon to give UMaine the 6-on-5 advantage.

UMaine's chances of tying the game increased when they were awarded a power play. While on the power play, the Black Bears were able to work the puck around but their best chance came when Gagnon got the puck on an open net. Once she had possession, her shot was stopped by Eagle netminder Allison Quandt with 1:45 left.

The Eagles held on in the final minute to claim the 3-2 victory.

Saturday's game witnessed a different outcome as the Black Bears won 4-1. UMaine received two-goal performances from Sonia Corriveau and Pam Patterson in front of a season-high crowd of 558 people.

"We worked hard all year and it seems as if things are coming together for us," Patterson said. "We are still going to come out hard tomorrow because there is still a chance for us to get third place."

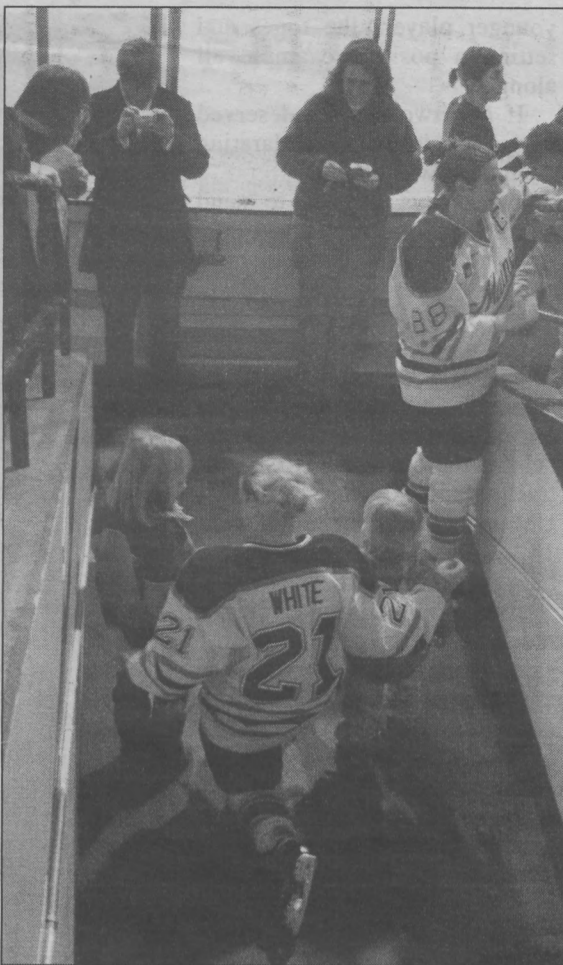
The opening period saw the Black Bears take advantage of special team opportunities as they claimed their first goal on a 4-on-4 situation. During the remaining four minutes of the period, Karine Senecal took a shot on net that rebounded to Patterson, who knocked the puck to give UMaine a 1-0 lead.

After UMaine's goal, the Eagles showed a bit of frustration as they accumulated enough penalty minutes to give the Black Bears a 5-on-3 chance for the rest of the frame. One of those penalties was a five-minute major on Lindsay Wright, who was ejected from the game for cross-checking Danielle Tangredi from behind.

During the first 5-on-3 chance, UMaine's Patricia Gagnon fed a centering pass to Brigitte LaFlamme who then fed the puck to Sonia Corriveau and scored to give UMaine a 2-0 lead.

The Black Bears increased their lead less than a minute later when Corriveau scored her team's third goal of the game.

The Black Bears almost added another goal to close out the period. Defenseman Jenna Cowan streaked down the wing and fired a shot on net that beat Quandt. The goal was disallowed since the officials ruled that Quandt froze the puck before it went in on net.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

**SENIOR MOMENT** — Cheryl White poses for photos while Morgan Janusc signs autographs after Sunday's game.

"In games like this, you hope you can capitalize on situations like that and we did," Perron said. "If you look at the rest of the game, it was pretty even since it was 1-1 over the last two periods."

Late in the second period, Patterson added to her point total by scoring her second goal of the season. The former Ohio State Buckeye converted on a wrap-around goal to give UMaine a 4-0 lead.

In the third period, the Eagles cut into the lead as Becky Zavisla ended the shutout bid by Genevieve Turgeon with 13 minutes left.

Before Sunday's regular season finale game, three UMaine seniors along with BC's four seniors were honored. The three seniors that were honored were Morgan Janusc, Amy Quirion and White.

"We did not get the result we wanted and it's hard having your fate in someone else's hands, but you have to hope for the best," said White, one of UMaine's three seniors. "If things take care of themselves, hopefully we get what we deserve."

# TRIP

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Cheney went 3-for-4 with four runs batted in, two runs scored and a home run.

Senior co-captain Sarah Bennis struck out seven over seven innings, earning her first win of the year as she pitched a complete game. The Black Bears clung to a 10-9 lead heading into the bottom half of the sixth, but gained the two insurance runs necessary to seal the win.

The day rolled on as Cheney added to her performance from the first game by going 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Molly McKinney knocked a pair of hits and drove in two runs, and came across home to score once.

Co-captain Amy Kuhl went 3-for-4 with two RBI, and pitcher Jenna Balent struck out eight, walked just one batter and yielded just two earned runs in seven innings to earn her the win.

The University of Miami (Ohio) scored the first run of Saturday's game, taking advantage of a wild pitch and throwing error in the first inning, but were shut down in the remaining six innings as UMaine regained its composure.

Quiet for two innings, UMaine struck back in the fourth when outfielder Erin Provost doubled to start the inning and advanced to third on a sac-bunt by Cheney. Cheney moved to second as Provost was caught stealing home.

All was not lost as senior outfielder McKinney singled to drive Cheney home, bringing the score to an even 1-1. Kuhl doubled and reached third though McKinney was out at the plate from the relay throw from the Red Hawk's center-fielder, Breanna Robinson.

Junior catcher Marguerite Soul's single brought in Kuhl, and the inning ended with a fly ball from freshman infielder Courtney Gingrich, bringing UMaine's lead to 2-1.

The next two innings brought lit-

tle action, with the biggest play occurring in the bottom of the sixth when Miami's first baseman, Halle Popson, was hit by a pitch by Maine pitcher Bennis.

Bennis' slip-up proved fruitless when Miami's Popson was thrown out at third from a 6-2-5 play off Robinson's single to end the inning.

Kristie Hawkins, a junior utility player, came up big for Maine in the seventh when she came in to pinch-hit for junior third baseman Tara Vilardo. Hawkins homered to left field, off Miami's Kelly Cabana.

UMaine held on for their third-straight win of the weekend.

The day was split though, as UMaine took its first loss to the Bowling Green Falcons 1-0.

Falcons sophomore Emily Gouge threw six innings of shutout ball vs. the Black Bears to earn the win, and freshman Hayley Wiemer came in to deliver a one-two-three seventh inning to pick up her first collegiate save. Wiemer was also responsible for the Falcon's only run as she scored off a triple hit by sophomore Dawnjene DeLong.

Sunday opened up with UMaine going up against Virginia, only to suffer its second loss.

The Black Bears matched the Cavaliers pitch-for-pitch, for the first five innings, keeping the game at a scoreless tie.

All that was not enough as senior pitcher Erin Horn tossed a no-hitter to shut down UMaine's offense, giving up only three walks, and striking out 16. Horn struck out nine consecutive UMaine batters in innings three through five.

Jenna Balent came up with seven strikeouts in seven innings, but walked two, and gave up three hits.

The team concluded the trip with a 1-0 win over Chatanooga Sunday afternoon. Detailed results of the game were not available at press time.

The Black Bears will head to Florida over spring break to play 19 games.

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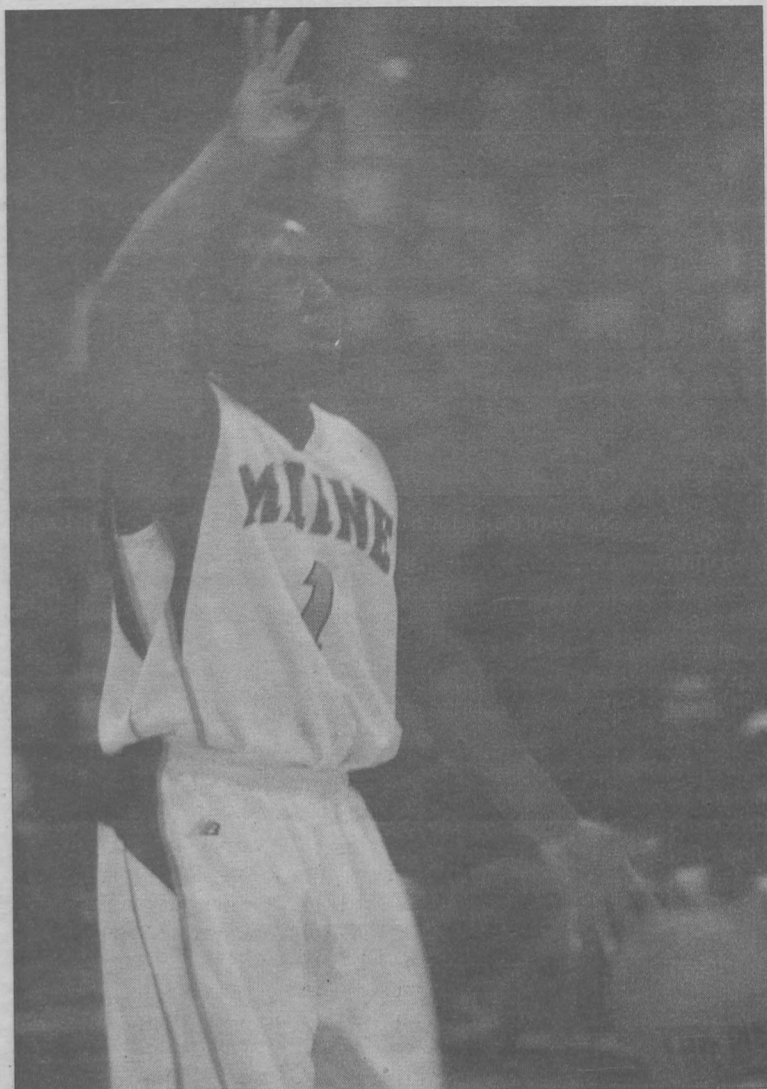


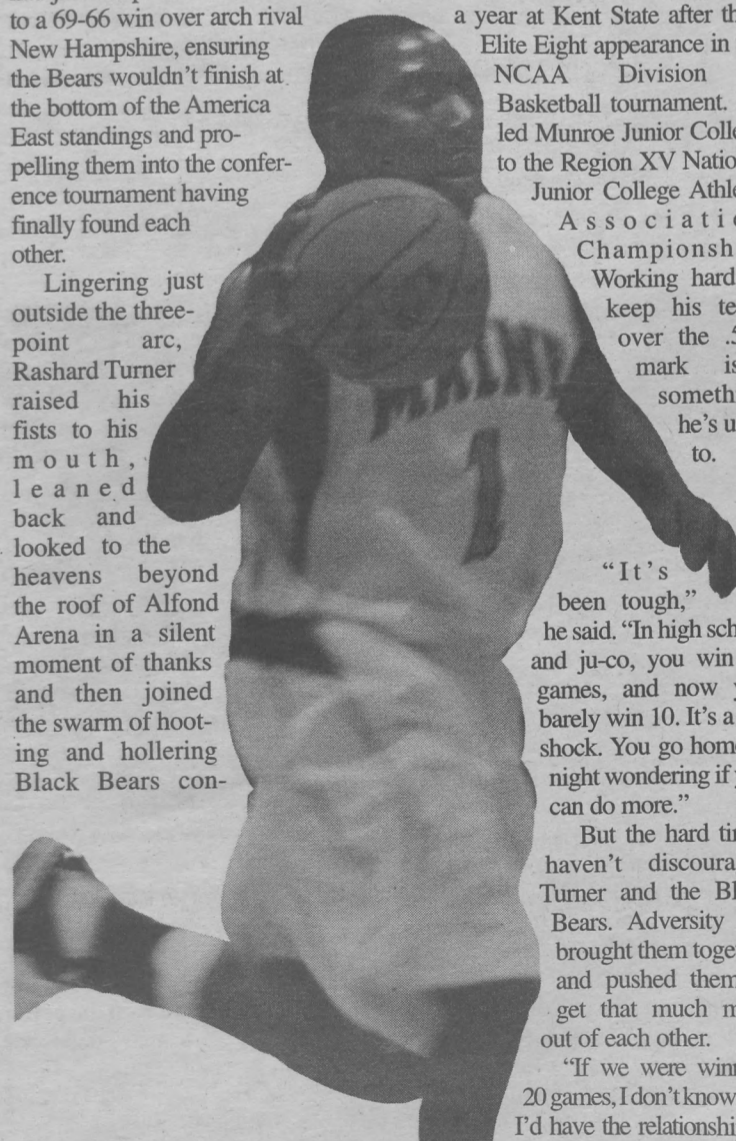
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## Rashard Turner helping to bring UMaine together

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

In a sea of celebration, Rashard Turner clutched his home white basketball jersey and stretched out the navy MAINE stitched across the front to anyone who would look at it. Teammate Ernest Turner's last-second half-court shot had just catapulted the Black Bears to a 69-66 win over arch rival New Hampshire, ensuring the Bears wouldn't finish at the bottom of the America East standings and propelling them into the conference tournament having finally found each other.

Lingering just outside the three-point arc, Rashard Turner raised his fists to his mouth, leaned back and looked to the heavens beyond the roof of Alford Arena in a silent moment of thanks and then joined the swarm of hooting and hollering Black Bears con-



gratulating each other.

"When the going gets tough, we stick together," Turner said. "We don't really pay attention to our record because that doesn't define a person's heart or who's going to fight the longest."

Turner's first season in Orono has been one of the most trying of his basketball career. His Peekskill High School teams went 79-18. He played a year at Kent State after their Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA Division I Basketball tournament. He led Munroe Junior College to the Region XV National Junior College Athletic Association Championship.

Working hard to keep his team over the .500 mark isn't something he's used to.

"It's been tough," he said. "In high school and ju-co, you win 20 games, and now you barely win 10. It's a big shock. You go home at night wondering if you can do more."

But the hard times haven't discouraged Turner and the Black Bears. Adversity has brought them together and pushed them to get that much more out of each other.

"If we were winning 20 games, I don't know that I'd have the relationships I

have with my teammates," Turner said. "We've bonded. That's where we're starting to get it. We know we can fight with these teams, and we're trusting each other."

Team chemistry, team trust and Turner's outstanding play have led the Black Bears to three straight wins and a 7-9 conference record despite a 0-4 start. The 5'10" New York native scored a career-best 25 points in the season finale Sunday and has been in double figures the last three games.

"Rashard works so hard," UMaine head coach Ted Woodward said. "In the fall he was in here all the time working on his game. He's been a leader for us on and off the court."

As recruiting coordinator for former UMaine head coach Dr. John Giannini, Woodward himself worked hard to get Turner to attend UMaine in 2002, but Rashard opted to attend the higher profile Kent State in Ohio.

"Really, I was chasing the hype instead of going where the support would be," Turner said. "I had friends telling me, 'You've got to go to Maine. Coach is showing you the most love. You've got to go where the love is.' But you want to go to the big school."

After practicing with the Golden Flashes as a red shirt at the end of the 2003 season, Turner began to grow weary of Kent. Though he saw action in 11 games as a freshman, he also saw the strength in the team and the continued recruitment of guards. He decided it was time to move on.

"The year at Kent changed my life," Turner said. "It gave me a competitive edge and showed me what it takes to survive at a division one program."

Instead of transferring to another division one program and sitting out a year because of NCAA rules, Turner opted to spend a year back home in New York at Monroe Junior College in the Bronx.

"A friend of mine is an assistant coach there and we got talking, and I got to be home around my family,"

Turner said. "I wanted to go to school and play, and I knew if I did well in school, I'd be able to go to a division one program. It was like coming out of high school all over again."

Woodward, whose own fortunes had changed as he became head coach in Orono, saw a second opportunity to land the prized point guard.

"He was one of our top recruits. We always liked his game," Woodward said. "We had a good relationship with the Peekskill family. They let us know what was going

Woodward said. "It's harder in college. It's more mental."

"The style of basketball is different," Turner said. "It's a big adjustment. Before, you know any given night you'll score 20. At college, you come off an eight-point game and you might get six. It's not that the defenses are any better or worse. It's just reading."

With nearly a full season under his belt, Turner is making nearly 40 percent of his shots, he's the team's second leading scorer and on the floor, he's an emotional leader.

Turner's performance off the court warrants as much praise as his performance on the court. He was recently named an academic Rising Star for attaining a grade point average better than 3.0 in his first semester. Majoring in child development, he feels his outgoing personality will be great for working with children. And he's mindful of and grateful for the way his grandmother raised him.

"I look at my grandmother and the things she sacrificed for me. Just money for sports when it was needed in other places, she would put it aside for me," Turner said. "She just taught me for life never give up, just keep trying hard."

But Turner's success in his first season at UMaine hasn't satisfied him.

"I'm not in my best shape," he said. "To me, being in shape is playing 40 minutes baseline to baseline. I'll condition myself this summer to never come off the floor."

Woodward knows Turner will continue to grow. He knows he hopes to be a part of a championship team in the conference tournament this season, and to have a better regular season next year.

"He's a kid I think a whole lot of," Woodward said. "He looked at this as a real opportunity to have a good career and an impact on the campus community."

"He's the type of person everyone ultimately wants to see become a success, and he's put his heart and mind into making that happen."

*"We don't really pay attention to our record because that doesn't define a person's heart or who's going to fight the longest."*

Rashard Turner  
Men's basketball

on, and we knew he was going to be someone we would follow and continue to recruit."

Turner signed a Letter of Intent to play at UMaine last July, beginning his first season with the Black Bears in October. But the transition back to the college game wasn't as smooth as Turner had hoped.

"I struggled early with reading the defense," Turner said. "I would try to score when it called for me to pass. Now I'm learning to take what they give me. If they give me a shot, I shoot. If they let me drive or pass, I pass."

Despite the growing pains, Turner adjusted. He took higher percentage shots. He dished out more assists to get his teammates involved. He made smarter reads.

"At high school you can dominate with your physical aspects,"



# It's Turner Time

Victory garners UMaine No. 7 seed in tourney

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Riding a career high 25 points from junior Rashard Turner and 15 team three-pointers, the University of Maine men's basketball team beat Stony Brook 87-75 at the Events Center in Stony Brook, N.Y.

UM	87
SB	75

The Black Bears' 15 from behind the arc were a season high and fell one short of the school record, set in 1998. The win marked the team's first three-game winning streak of the year as UMaine concludes the regular season campaign 7-9 in America East play and 12-15 overall.

That mark places coach Ted Woodward's troops as the No. 7 seed in next weekend's America East Championship Tournament. As a result, the Black Bears will face No. 2 and host Binghamton at noon on March 4.

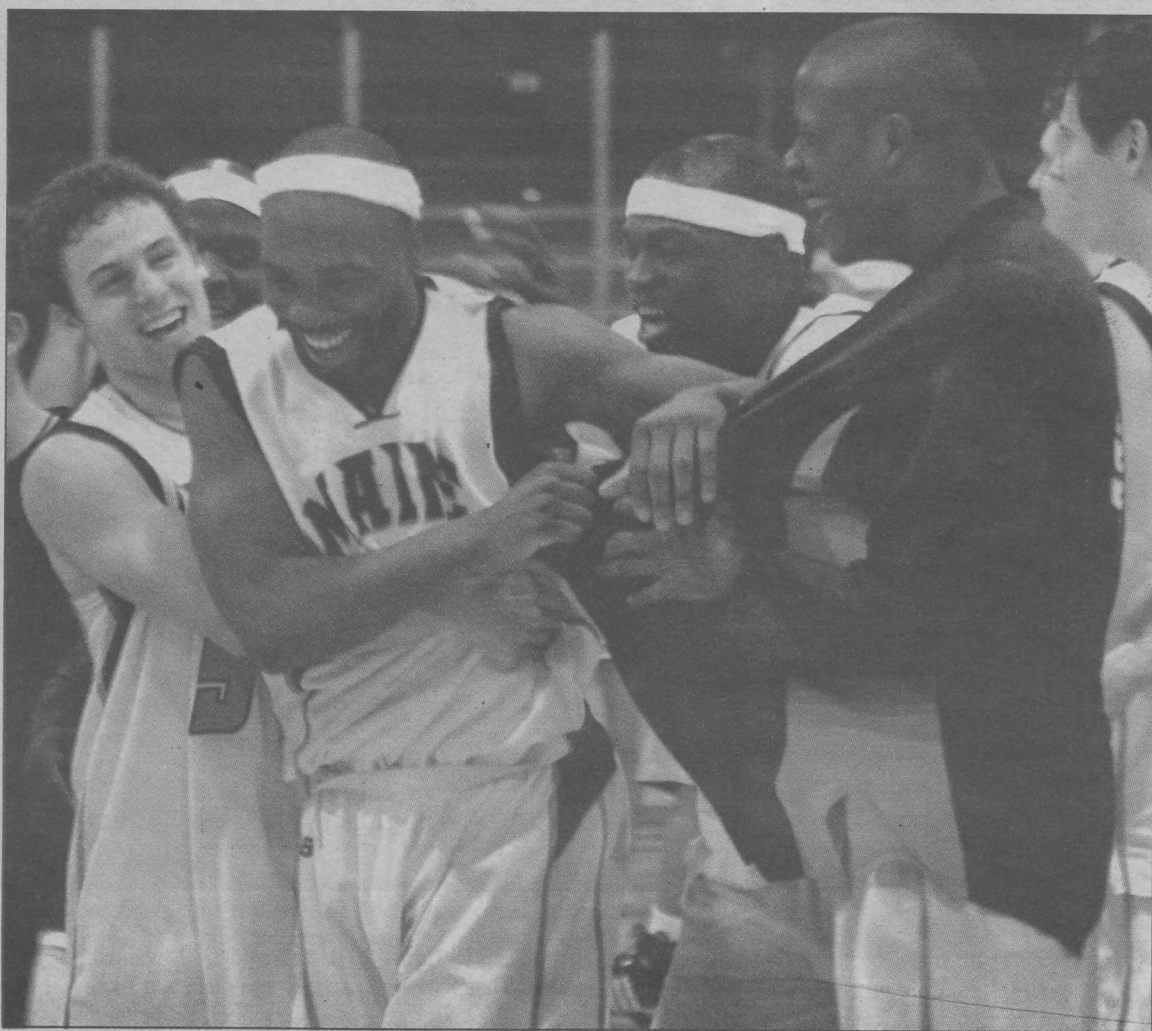
"The whole thing about the tournament is who comes in the hottest," said junior Chris Bruff. "We're going to go in there with our heads held high and a whole lot of confidence."

Seniors Ernest Turner had 19 points and classmate Freddy Petkus added 13 as the duo shined in their final regular season contests at UMaine.

The Black Bears got out to another slow start, falling behind 8-3 before Rashard hit two straight treys to put UMaine on top 9-8.

With the Seawolves struggling to score, the Black Bears went on a 23-

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY CORMAC O'CALLANAIN

MIRACLE MAN — Senior Ernest Turner (middle) is mobbed by teammates after sinking a half-court shot at the buzzer to give UMaine a 69-66 win over UMBC Thursday night.

## Half court heave makes for special Senior Night

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

ORONO - Special things are supposed to happen on Senior Night. But something extra-special was in the cards for Ernest Turner in his last game at Alford Arena Thursday night.

UMBC	66
UM	69

The sharp-shooting guard capped his home career in story-book style, banking a half-court heave off the backboard and in as time expired to lift the University of Maine men's basketball team to a 69-66 win over Maryland-Baltimore County.

"I don't know what to say. I just threw it up," said an elated Turner after the game. "I thought I got enough air on it to

give it a chance, but I'm still shocked it actually went in. It's crazy."

Turner's last-second miracle was the climax of an improbable UMaine comeback, as the Black Bears drained 11 second half three-pointers to erase a 20 point deficit.

"It feels great to help my

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## UM rolls by gritty Warriors

By Matthew Conyers  
Editor in Chief

North Andover, Mass. — Michel Leveille's face said it all.

Barely 12 minutes after the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad had completed a

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weekend sweep, their second straight, against Merrimack, the junior assistant captain stood drained to the bone. And fittingly so.

The Black Bears had just survived a two-night dog fight.

Inspired by Leveille's gritty play, as he extended a 14-game scoring streak with three goals on the weekend, UMaine registered back-to-

UM	2
MC	1

UM	4
MC	1

back wins over the Warriors. Saturday's 2-1 victory, along with Friday's 4-1 mark, helped push the Black Bears' current unbeaten streak to six games and improved them to 9-1-1 in their past 11 games.

For Leveille and company, the series sweep of Merrimack was pivotal after a season-changing homestand against Boston College last weekend.

"We just swept BC. If we came to Merrimack and lost a game, it would haven't been worth sweeping BC," said Leveille.

With the victories the eighth-

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## Strong trip begins year

By Danielle K. Smith  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball kicked off their season with four wins and two losses in their opening trip to Tennessee.

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The trip was also the debut of new head coach Stacey Sullivan. Sullivan, a senior captain on the

1999 Black Bear squad, spent last season leading the Merrimack program.

On Friday, the Black Bears started their season right with a 12-9 win over Belmont and carried the momentum over to a 6-4 victory over East Tennessee State to conclude the day 2-0.

In the first game against the Bruins, senior shortstop Brittany

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## Baseball gets swept away

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Looking to avenge their season's end a year ago, the University of Maine baseball team instead found three losses as they were swept at the hands of the No. 19 Mississippi in a three-game set to open their campaign this weekend. The Black Bears stand at 0-3 while

the Rebels improved to 6-0.

Sunday, the Rebels completed the sweep with a dominating 13-2 win. Ole Miss smacked 14 hits and UMaine manager Steve Trimper tabbed seven different pitchers. None of them lasted more than two innings, but A.J. Balsinde, Jason Weymouth, Justin Bishop and Brian

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## Black Bears split, make playoffs

By Ryan Clark  
Staff Reporter

ORONO - In two hours their playoff fate went out of their hands and into Providence's.

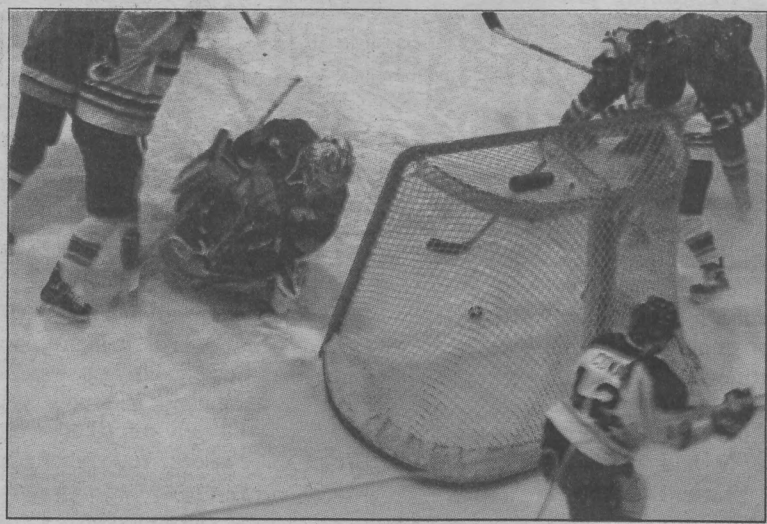
Despite scoring two late goals, the University of Maine women's ice hockey team was defeated by the Boston College Eagles 3-2 on Sunday afternoon at Alford Arena in the final weekend of regular season Hockey East action.

BC	3
UM	2

BC	1
UM	4

"There is enough pressure on those players without telling to them they have win — they know that," said UMaine coach Guy Perron. "We talked about it during the second and third period and said that we should go out there and try to win it."

With the loss, the Black Bears dropped to 17-8-6, 9-8-4 in HEA and were forced to wait two hours as



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

SO CLOSE — The puck teeters on the red line as BC goalie Alison Quandt peeks behind her Saturday afternoon.

Providence defeated Connecticut 5-2. The Friars' win officially puts UMaine into the playoffs where they will face top-seeded New Hampshire.

Heading into the third period, the

Eagles held a 3-1 lead. The Black Bears' rally started with 12:20 left in the frame as they were on the power play. A blast from Julie Poulin was

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