Faculty Discuss Academic Bill of Rights

The panel was created mostly on a volunteer basis, although Voyer was specifically asked to participate to represent a more conservative viewpoint. But, even though Eagan, Raimon and Cameron are all seen as liberal, Eagan said, “I resent being clustered with my colleagues as if we agree on everything,” which added some humor to the fairly serious evening.

The Academic Bill of Rights is a document written and promoted by David Horowitz’s group Students for Academic Freedom (SAF), a conservative group of students who are concerned with what they perceive as a liberal bias on campus which intimidates and squelches conservative viewpoints. The proposed legislation in Maine based on this document received an “ought not to pass” by both the Senate and the House, so, according to Voyer, the bill will not be voted on this year, and would need a legislator to reintroduce it before it could be voted on again.

The Student Senate at USM also voted down the proposition to adopt the Academic Bill of Rights on campus. But Jason Lavoie, Chairman of the USM College Republicans, wants a referenda put on this Spring’s ballot to reverse this decision. He said, “many conservatives feel like they are in a box and feel that they see RIGHTS, page 3

A summary of the panel and legislation is also on page 3.

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Letters to the editor

Bossie throws hat into the ring
Over the past three and a half years I have seen that USM can become an institution of ideas. I am the current chair of your Student Senate and an active member within the larger community. I have been afforded the opportunity and privilege to see the strengths and weaknesses of our university and to recognize change that is needed to allow the university and its students to prosper. The possibility of creating a better public university has prompted me to run for the office of Student Body President.

As students, we need to develop the skills and the expectations of our education. Our classes need to become more student-friendly. We need to develop ways to allow for more academic improvements. Some examples of bettering our academics might include providing syllabi and clear plans to register, access to more class information electronically, information exchanges between students about classes and professors, and a means to establish affordable textbook exchange between students.

Alarmingly, State and Federal funding for education is under attack, and correspondingly, tuition has been dramatically increased to make up for shortfalls in the past years. Education is the cornerstone of Maine's future and its affordability for many is becoming more of a dream and less of a reality. We can develop and implement a student-driven referendum to increase funding to public education to ensure that a college degree remains affordable. As students, we can address this issue and protect the right to an affordable quality education in Maine.

Finally, we need to promote certain physical improvements which will enhance our campus and the environment of learning at USM. Both Portland and Gorham need sensible updates that allow the development of community and learning-conducive environments. The Brooks Student Center and Bailey Hall are focal points of the Gorham campus, are long overdue for improvement and are insufficient to USM’s growing demands; and at another Hall also needs some face lift work done in Portland. We need to put these improvements up to a priority in order for not only the USM, but the University of Maine System. It is my intention to help address these identified issues in the next year. Please consider supporting me as your next Student Body President.

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A student on Academic Bill Of Rights
Dean Jon Voyer was correct in one thing that he said during his remarks, that the very existence of the proposed Academic Bill of Rights is indicative of a problem. Clearly a portion of the student body feels under represented and isolated because of their political beliefs. If this is the case, they need to speak out.

But, as was also pointed out during the panel, especially in regards to a professor’s methods (academic advisors, Academic Peer advisors and the Student Senate, to name a few). We have left non-leftist professors without a platform. If this is true, it is sadly the case, but mostly because it was a classic example of the problem we face: one non-leftist professor took on the responsibility of the Institution to discriminate, making this bill, in its current form, useless.

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David Brown
College Republicans on balance of panel discussion
The recent faculty panel discussion on the issue of pluralism, intellectual diversity, fairness and the Academic Bill of Rights was helpful. Not so much because of what was said (although one non-leftist professor did give a devastating ‘insider’s glimpse’ behind the curtain of the faculty Left who cling to their power in the ivory tower), but mostly because it was a classic example of the problem we face: one non-leftist professor took on the responsibility of the Institution to discriminate, making this bill, in its current form, useless. We’ve heard it all before, over and over again: the so-called “reasons” why fairness, plurality and diversity can’t possibly be welcomed at USM with open arms. “Seems it would simply cause too much trouble.” Silly people! Well, I have the pleasure of working with at USM and I can tell you that they shall not discriminate, making this bill, in effect, redundant.

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In full, the Academic Bill of Rights is a 1,122 word piece that can be found on the SAF website. But, if you’re on the go and want to be informed, here are the main points

- No faculty shall be hired or fired or denied promotion or tenure on the basis of his or her political or religious beliefs.
- Students will be graded solely on the basis of their reasoned answers and appropriate knowledge of the subjects and disciplines they study, not on the basis of their political or religious beliefs.
- Faculty will not use their courses for the purpose of political, ideological, religious or anti-religious indoctrination.
- Curricula and reading lists in the humanities and social sciences should reflect the uncertainty and unsettled character of all human knowledge in these areas by providing students with dissenting sources and viewpoints where appropriate. While teachers are and should be free to pursue their own findings and perspectives in presenting their views, they should consider and make their students aware of other viewpoints. Academic disciplines should welcome a diversity of approaches to unsettled questions.
- Selection of speakers, allocation of funds for speakers programs and other student activities will observe the principles of academic freedom and promote intellectual pluralism.
- Academic institutions and professional societies formed to advance knowledge within an area of research, maintain the integrity of the research process, and organize the professional lives of related researchers serve as indespensable venues within which scholars circulate research findings and debate their interpretation. To perform these functions adequately, academic institutions and professional societies should maintain a posture of organizational neutrality with respect to the substantive disagreements that divide researchers on questions within, or outside, their fields of inquiry.

Source: www.studentsforacademicfreedom.org
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Sheila Wyckowski, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development at Amity High School, explains, “Basically we look to hire Quinnipiac students. They have a clear understanding of lesson planning and classroom management and the balance between them.” She also characterizes Quinnipiac students as articulate, creative, able to encourage higher-level thinking in students, and able to incorporate technology into their teaching.
passion abroad because Americans believe in the God-given dignity and worth of a villager with HIV/AIDS, or an infant with malaria, or a refugee fleeing genocide, or a young girl sold into slavery. We also show compassion abroad because regions overwhelmed by poverty, corruption, and despair are sources of terrorism, and organized crime, and human trafficking, and the drug trade...

Look again at this excerpt. Those are some pretty powerful images. Listening to this, one would believe that our world is a desolate hellhole. Hmm, let’s take a closer look at this. Do we have rising HIV/AIDS deaths? Do we have higher death rates from corruption, despair, poverty, and an ever worsening drug problem? Check, check, check and check. Are young women and men kidnaped and brutalized in this country? Check.

And did we do anything to stop the genocide in Darfur? Well, not really. Not really. This country is at least like this country – I love America and everything that comes with it: mom, apple pie, etc. This country was founded on some beautiful ideals. But, as I said, America’s centralism was dead (or at least dying) and the way we were discussing the topic was too static for something with such a dynamic nature. Although I have been wrong before, I have never so greatly underestimated the vast quantities of racism and nationalism that have become rallying points for the current administration.

Let me put my comments in context. The following is an excerpt from Tuesday night’s address:……To overcome dangers in our world, we must also take the offensive by encouraging democratic progress, and fighting disease, and spreading hope in hopeless lands. Isolationism would not only tie our hands in fighting enemies, it would keep us from helping our friends in desperate need. We show...
How do you feel about living in Portland?

I love Portland. I love being within walking distance of a multitude of things. There are also a lot of colorful characters around here, especially on Congress Street. I’m a huge fan of this building [Portland Hall]. I appreciate anyone who likes living here.

What makes Portland Hall so great?

You’ve got people from three schools, the law school, family housing, non-traditional students and international students. You get to meet someone from every walk of life.

What do you think about the recent Hamas victory in the Palestinian elections?

To be honest, I don’t know too much about it. I generally find that the news is too biased.

Anything in the news these days that particularly interests you?

The ongoing rivalry between Republicans and Democrats.

What do you think of the Bush administration?

They’re doing a lot of good things, but they’ve made some mistakes.

Was going into Iraq a mistake?

They don’t know what they’re doing at this point.

If you could have sex with any celebrity who would it be?

I don’t think I can answer that question.

Okay. How often do you think President Bush and the First Lady have sex?

I don’t know. He takes a lot of vacations so that’s got to say something.

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Binga’s opens for lunch and brunch

JEN FELDMAN
ART DIRECTOR

Binga’s is a crazy special cool. Just look at its name – not only does it rhyme, but it does so while al-luding to bong rips. If that’s not special then what is it? And come this Monday, Binga’s will be open for lunch.

Walking into Binga’s feels like you’re stepping into that bar on the Dream Guy Show. It’s weird, but in a cool way. It’s like you’re suddenly in Ohio, less the Midwest dialect. Then you hear Led Zeppelin and a couple dropped ‘v’s and you remember that you’re not in Wisconsin after all.

To the important stuff. Happy hour is a rockin’ good time. Every Monday through Saturday (4 – 7 pm) the special is, for the most part, young. All you-can-eat wings and ribs – cheap enough to bury your face in a bot-tomless bucket of ribs. If you’re not into ribs, heehaw’s a little secret: Binga’s falafel kicks ass and it’s due, in part, to its use of club soda instead of water.

But, shhhhh, don’t tell anyone.

After downing a few Guinesses and taking a few photos of strangers, it was time to talk to Binga’s owner. His name is Alec Altman. He’s funny, laid-back and very likeable. He also sports a wedding band, so don’t get any ideas, ladies. He worked in the restaurant in-dustry while an undergrad and did sea-sonal stints at the posh Diamond’s Edge restaurant and Bull Feeney’s. Then he went back to school and graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 2002. After that he opened Binga’s. The restaurant tried out a couple of locations before landing on Congress Street last December, which Altman said it is its most successful location.

What makes Binga’s so damn special? "We keep the latest kitchen in town," Altman said. "For the bar and kitchen is 12:45. We’ll cook you a steak at 12:45. If you’re not into ribs – the menu has plenty of alter-na-tives.

Altman described Binga’s as a family bar. "We’re a restaurant and we do catering. Half of our sales are food." Binga’s does lunch and dinner and in about a month, they’ll be doing Sunday brunch too.

Alec Altman, talks shop.

The crowd at Binga’s is, in Altman’s words, “totally mixed. We get everyone from college students to hippies to lawyers.” Looking around, I saw he was right. And then I saw my neighbor. We shot the shit, drank more beer, and then I stumbled home to study.

Speaking earlier of drunk bums and punks, by 11:15 p.m. I found myself staggering all the way up Congress Street to go and check out The Dents at Geno’s. First, I must characterize the show by sharing an exchange that occurred on MySpace the next morning, between a Geno’s regular, Kimie and myself.

Kimie: Dear Alex, The Dents show was great. Thanks for the bruises all over my arms and body. You really know how to dance with a lady.

Me: Was it really my picking you up off the ground that gave you the bruises or your friends who threw you into a wall/amp? Thanks for the hauls off your beer.

Kimie: Dear Alex, I think I bruised myself. I don’t re-member much of that evening, but thank you for picking me up.

The Dents are a punk rock power shop from Boston. There aren’t nearly enough female singers in punk rock today and the Dents are among the most accomplished of that sort of dish. Unapologetic about their speed and intensity, they played song after song without leaving room for applause. In a pre-Greens Day era, I hear that applause was guffawed at in the genre of punk, and this band usurps that mentality.

In a genre, defined as much by its attitude as it is by the music, The Dents deliver. Fun beats and riffs are never undermined by trivial musical delivery of fury or aggression. Guitarist Craig Adams and drummer Kevin Pickering assembled traditional punk rock fair while singers Michelle Paulhus and Jennifer D’Angora belt lyrics out fast and hard.

And the crowd responds: While most of the audi-ence stood sucking on beers, New York-style and emotionless, a small contingent became belligerent in front of the stage. Drinking and drinking more, the rattle-rousers slammed into each other, threw audience members into each other and had a sadistically good time. Boys fell on boys, girls slammed into girls (and crashed into amps, as mentioned above) and just about everyone was guilty of slipping and falling in at their own drunken stuper at least once or twice.

While Binga’s served up good drinks, a clean bar and an all-around good atmosphere, the second part of the evening was much more preferable to me. I give me grime and give me drinks, give me girls who can scream melodically and a good throw to the floor. You never can quite quell the piss and vinegar in a punk with some dandified martini.
Stumbling in Memphis

Josh Schlesinger
Senior Staff Writer

Part three of Drive Fast, Take Chances: The chronicle of three college guys traveling across America. In Part two, the guys made it through the mountains of West Virginia and the bluegrass Kentucky.

Saturday, December 31, 2005. The three of us had made it to Memphis, Tennessee during a beautiful sunset. We thought that getting a hotel would be a little tough since we knew how seriously Memphis takes their New Year’s Eve celebrations, but we had no trouble at all. Even though it wasn’t the nicest of digs, it was still a place to throw our bodies down at the end of the night. Set right alongside the Mississippi River, we stayed at a fairly rundown Days Inn. It had a dried out, ghostly looking garden on one side of it, a little parking lot for employees to play basketball and, to take a dip in, a pool filled with old mattresses.

Since we had gotten in at night, we knew that we were already behind in terms of celebrating, so we hopped in the car to find a local gas station or some place that would be a proprietor of beer. Fascinating enough, 10 minutes later, we found ourselves in Arkansas. Trust me, it’s a little weird to get lost somewhere, and when you finally get your bearings back, you find out that you’re in Arkansas! Either way, here we were on the other side of the Mississippi, at a little gas station/trucker shower station buying beer and other liquid二者 to mix in to our alcoholic beverages.

By then it was around 9:00 p.m., and the celebrations had begun. Josh was drinking Miller Light and doing an excessive amount of Jager bombs. Shultz was drinking Miller light and black cherry vodka, and I was drinking a new drink that I concocted that night—Jager, citrus vodka, orange juice and Red Bull. By now things were already behind in terms of celebrating, so we hopped in the car to find a local gas station or some place that would be a proprietor of beer. Fascinating enough, 10 minutes later, we found ourselves in Arkansas. Trust me, it’s a little weird to get lost somewhere, and when you finally get your bearings back, you find out that you’re in Arkansas! Either way, here we were on the other side of the Mississippi, at a little gas station/trucker shower station buying beer and other liquid二者 to mix in to our alcoholic beverages.

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Three students preview the Monologues

Angeline Carson
A&E Editor

“The Vagina Monologues” by Eve Ensler opens Friday at Corwell Concert Hall and plays two shows on Saturday in Portland (see listings pg 7). The Free Press pres sat down with two of the shows 18 stars, Michaela Boland and Krista Larlee, both seniors, as well as the show director/producer Morgan Demers (also a senior).

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Why do you ladies participate in the show?

Morgan: Who wouldn’t want to get up on stage and talk about their crotch? It’s an important show to do. All of the proceeds go to Family Crises Services and Sexual Assault Services of Southern Maine. They are highly important services that get minimal funding.

Why should people go and see the show?

Michaela: Because it’s a fun show.

Krista: Because it’s a fun show.

Michaela: Because the money goes to help women, and you learn a lot if you haven’t seen it before. Some of the monologues bring up things that you might think about but
The President delivered his State of the Union Address last Tuesday evening, didn’t catch it? Don’t sweat it. You didn’t miss much. It played out like an anti-climactic Billy Bob Thornton movie. For those of you apollitical types who missed it, I shall attempt to review the program as I would a film, only giving you the most entertaining aspects as I saw them. For the actual speech in its entirety, CNN.com is one site among many carrying the speech verbatim. Being a pillow, you’ll want to snooze.

Opening Scene:
The curtain went up with our star, the old Texan cowboy George Bush. Cue Toby Keith’s greatest hits. After hoots and hollers and a few whistles and things settled down, Bush dove right in, stating early on that “even tough debates can be conducted in a civil tone, and our differences cannot be allowed to harden into anger”. Perhaps he hoped this would silence his dissenters as he tried to get through his live television appearance. Cue the Democratic Party.

Comedic performance:
Tips to Bush for trying to break the ice, but his one joke was minimally funny. The comedy was Hillary Clinton’s reaction. The joke: Bush mentioned the fact that two of his dad’s favorite people turn sixty this year: himself and President Clinton. He added that it’s not just a personal crisis (ha ha) but a national one as we struggle to provide social security to our aging baby boomers.

“Lame joke” you say, and you’re right. The hilarity came as the cameramen cut to a fuming Clinton.

Our antagonist: Clinton didn’t even fake a smile. The woman was a stone-fox. She sat with the democrats, in a spicy red suit and matching lips. Her reactions to Bush were blatant. Her eyes glared, lips pursed together in a half-smirk shaking her head like “you lie”. Clinton was pissed.

Heartbreak: Things took a serious tone as Bush discussed Iraq and our fallen heroes. However, he focused on the death of one man, Marine Staff Sergeant Dan Clay and Iraq and our fallen heros. However, he focused on the death of one man, Marine Staff Sergeant Dan Clay and Iraq and our fallen hero. However, he focused on the death of one man, Marine Staff Sergeant Dan Clay and Iraq and our fallen heros. However, he focused on the death of one man, Marine Staff Sergeant Dan Clay and Iraq and our fallen heros.

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You’re more than just entertaining people, you’re affecting them. Krista: I feel like I’m making a difference. You don’t realize that it’s work because it’s so fun, but it is!
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✓ Student Body President
✓ 21 Seats on the Student Senate
   9 commuter seats
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   6 at-large seats

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✓ Undergrad student taking 3 or more credits in
   Portland/Gorham in Fall 2006
✓ Minimum GPA of 2.0

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Wednesday, 2/1   Nomination Forms Available
Friday, 3/3      Nomination Forms Due at 4:30pm
Monday, 3/6     Campaign Weeks Begin
Friday, 3/17     Campaign Weeks End
Monday, 3/20     Elections Begin at 12:01am
Thursday, 3/23   Elections End at 11:59pm
Week of 3/27    Votes verified & results announced

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Why do you think your way is the only true way? 

Are you a typical Leo? I wish I worked with you, Leo, because I probably want to try some new artistic endeavors and athletic sex. 

LEO: It’s a wall, my Libra friend, that is too thick for me to penetrate. Things are going well Average week **

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Aries: Ace of Pentacles: All that good luck you had last week will be helping you coast along this week. Do you remember that risky proposition that you wondered if you should have invested time and money in? I hope you did, Aries — it’s about to pay off.

TAURUS: The Empress: Congratulations, Taurus! You’re pregnant — metaphorically, that is. What ever extremes the Loans card brought together in you last week have germinated into something new and wonderful. Just be careful, since it’s at a fragile time of its development.

GEMINI: (The Moon): Oh, trickery and mischief abound around you this week, Gemini. When was the last time you got in touch with your dark side? If you start feeling pranaksh, Puck-like or peevish, go with it! Find out who that other half of you is. You may just end up befriending your inner demons.

CANCER: (4 of Swords): Tough times, Cancer, are within your power to change. That was your lesson last week but it seems you keep looking back. This week, look around your life. See how you swing between the extremes of always second guessing yourself at one end and hesitating to change course when you’re wrong? Try to find a balance there. If you do, add three stars.

LION: The Sun: I wish I worked with you, Leo, because you could conquer the world this week. Expect to feel rises in your energy levels — you’ve been looking a bit drained. You’ll probably want to try some new artistic endeavors and athletic sex. Perhaps, with finger paints and tarps, you could do both.

VIRGO: (2 of Rods): Go to bed an hour earlier this week. Your energy levels will be up.

LIBRA: The Hanged Man: The energy is still high this week. The time is right for a bit of revision, maybe a bit of pruning.

SCORPIO: (6 of Swords): Visit someone you haven’t seen in a while this week. You’ve learned some important information to share this week with those around you.

SAGITTARIUS: (7 of Cups): Nothing but good news this week. All your plans are coming together for you.

CAPRICORN: (Queen of Pentacles): Yes! Everything is good this week for you. You’ve learned the art of restraint and know when to say “no”.

AQUARIUS: (3 of Pentacles): This is called the fledgling stage, Aquarius. For so long that person has been your teacher. But now, you’ve learned everything you can from him and he is ready to go from teacher to friend.

PISCES: (The Hermit): This week is going to be a bit of a mess, Piscex. But that’s no reason to hide from the world this week. We need you. As the most “mature” of the signs, you have some important information to share this week with those around you. There’s no need to wait until they ask.
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INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF SPORTS:
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• Anything outdoors
• Being with my friends

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Is this the year?

Top ranked lady Huskies look ahead to post-season with an 18-1 record

In case you haven’t noticed, the USM women’s basketball team has been unstoppable on the courts this season. There are only a handful of games left in the regular season, and the Huskies are looking to continue their dominance throughout the LEC and NCAA Tournament.

With their experience, depth, chemistry and superior skill, USM is the top ranked team in national Division III polls. To put that in perspective: there are over 400 Division III schools in the nation and our lady Huskies are number one!

Coming into last Saturday’s game against Western Connecticut, the lady Huskies record stood at 18-1, including a perfect 9-0 mark in the Little East Conference. Early on, USM set the tone for the season by beating Bowdoin College for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

At the beginning of each season, Head Coach Gary Fifield’s goal is to win the national championship, something that has eluded him in his 18 previous seasons at USM. To reach this goal, Fifield says, “We need to win the Little East Conference regular season championship which allows us to host the LEC Tournament. The winner of the tournament gets the automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.”

Coach Fifield and the Huskies, who have won 54 consecutive conference games, will be going into the LEC tournament very confident, but they know they won’t be able to breeze right through.

“The LEC is a tough league, anyone can lose on any given night,” said junior guard Katie Sibley (Boothbay). “The regular season means nothing when tourney time comes.”

Last season, after winning the LEC tournament, USM made it all the way to the NCAA semifinals where they lost to the eventual national champions Millikin. The Huskies domination this year is no surprise to anyone. “I knew we had everyone back from last years team, which finished third in the nation, so expectations were high from the beginning,” said Fifield. Another year of experience and playing together can only help the Huskies chances when the NCAA tournament begins.

“Since we took a run at the title last year, a lot of us know what it’s like to be there,” said junior forward Shannon Kynoch (South Burlington, Vt.). “That will give us a big boost when the time comes.”

The Huskies are led by high scoring forwards Ashley Marble (Topfield) and Megan Myles (Auburn), as well as guards Donna Cowing (Weeks Mills), Katie Frost (Calais) and Sibley.

Apart from their starting five, Southern Maine has a bench full of players like Lindsey Welch (Newport), Trish Sylvain (Weare, N.H.), and Kynoch that could easily be starters on any other team. When the Huskies win a game, they don’t just squeak by. Of their 18 wins thus far, 16 have been by a margin of 15 points or more, 9 have been by a margin of 30 or more, and 2 have been 50-point blowouts.

“Games where we gain a large lead gives me an opportunity to give playing time and game experience to the underclassmen,” said coach Fifield. “This will be a big help for the next few seasons.”

Clearly, the Huskies are head-and-shoulders above the rest of the conference. Staying focused on the ultimate goal can be a challenge, being so far ahead of the competition. “It’s hard [to stay focused] when you win as much as we do. Anyone could get wrapped up in the idea that we can’t be stopped,” said Sibley. “We work hard to maintain the same focus and same desire we start the season with.”

The only loss the Huskies suffered this season came at the hands of Salem State in mid December. “After losing we had a gut check and had to learn from that experience in order to get ourselves back in to a rhythm,” explained Kynoch. Since the loss, the Huskies have won their last 10 games by an average of almost 36 points per game.

Southern Maine will close out the regular season in February with conference games against Plymouth State, Rhode Island College, UMass Boston and Keene State, as well as a non-conference game against St. Joseph’s. The Little East Conference Tournament, hosted by USM, will get under way February 21.

After the LEC tournament comes the NCAA tournament, the ultimate goal, the national championship. Is this the year for the lady Huskies?

“That is our goal,” said Fifield. “But there are over 400 schools in Division III and I expect most of them have the same goal as we do.”

Lindsey Welch was bolder in her reply: “As long as we play our game, we should come out on top. I believe in my team, and coaches, so yes, I am confident we will win a national championship. The hard work will pay off.”

Husky Highlights

Men’s basketball team stops 5-game skid

The Huskies bested the St. Joseph’s College Monks 60-54 in the 17th annual Costello Cup Challenge last Wednesday at the Alfond Center in Standish. The win snapped a 5-game losing streak for the Huskies and improved their record to 10-10, their highest win total since the 2001-02 season.

DuO helps Hockey team heat up

Junior center Mark Carragher (Charlottetown, PEI) and junior goalie David Beckles (Stamford, Conn.) of the men’s ice hockey team were named ECAC East Player of the Week and Goalie of the Week, respectively, for January 23-29. The duo led the Huskies to three wins last week, including a weekend sweep of nationally ranked Bowdoin and Colby.

Field star honored... again

For the third time this season, junior Melissa Bellemore (Manchester, N.H.) of the USM women’s indoor track & field team has been named LEC Field Athlete of the Week. Bellemore helped the Huskies to a first place finish at the USM Coed Invitation by placing first (and setting a new school record) in the pole vault and placing first in the 5.5-meter hurdles.

Manhattanville skates circles around Southern Maine

The women’s hockey team suffered an 10-0 loss to the Manhattanville Valiants in an ECAC Women’s East game January 29. The loss was the team’s fifth straight, dropping their record to 4-15-0 overall and 4-9-0 in the conference.

Runner breaks his own record

Senior Mike Bunker (Bucksport) of the USM men’s indoor track and field team set a new school record in the 5,000 meters. Bunker smashed the old 5,000 meter mark of 15:10.04 that he set in December with his time of 14:40.58.

Lady Huskies too much for Warriors

Junior forward Ashley Marble (Topfield) scored a career high 29 points as the Huskies overpowered LEC rivals Eastern Connecticut on January 28. The win was Southern Maine’s 54th straight over LEC opponents and 10th in a row over the Warriors. Katie Sibley (Boothbay), Megan Myles (Auburn) and Lindsey Welch (Newport) also scored in double digits for the Huskies.

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