Opportunity Maine hits D.C.

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Gun laws evoke discussion at USM

A Maine woman documents her struggle for a change

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Cathy Crowley’s son, Larry, killed himself in 2004 with a rifle he purchased that day from the Auburn Wal-Mart. Feeling despondent, Larry shot himself. While her staff explained to Crowley that what they were within the law, and if she was going to continue to vote and support her efforts.

Since that day, she has been on a mission to revive Maine’s lenient gun laws that allow anyone over 18 to purchase rifles and shotguns. Crowley believes that if her 18-year-old son Larry was required to wait 10 days before purchasing the gun, his impulse to commit suicide would have subsided.

The film There Ought To Be A Law was shown at a bedroom in Luther Bouney’s Gerald E. Talbot Lecture Hall last Monday night. The film documents Crowley’s struggle to pass new legislation in Maine requiring a 10-day waiting period for the purchase of firearms. The event was free to the public and sponsored by the USM departments of Communication and Media Studies, Social Work, Women’s Studies, Sociology and the Center for the Study of Lives. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youths ages 15 to 24. Officials say guns are used in six out of 10 suicides, with Maine gun ownership near the highest in the U.S. per capita. Maine also has some of the weakest gun laws in the nation; not requiring licensing, registration, background checks or waiting periods. Supporters of the new legislation assert that the legal age to purchase rifles and shotguns is 18. Crowley’s bill, LD-310, sponsored by Rep. Margaret Craven, D-Lewiston, failed to pass on the floor of the state house, after conflicting on an enormous amount of opposition from the National Rifle Association and Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine. Opponents of the bill say that the waiting period restriction would rob them of their unalienable right to bear arms, as specified in the Second Amendment to the Constitution. While many may agree that a waiting period for gun ownership would not affect responsible gun consumers, the lobbying power of the NRA and SAM prevent any new laws changing the current regulations.

Following the film, a discussion was moderated by Michael Brennan of the Muskie Institute, and included Crowley and Sen. Ethan Strimling of Portland. Members of the audience voiced their support for her effort and many voiced feeling compelled to join her in her mission. Crowley said she was very optimistic about achieving her goal and that she would continue fighting until new laws are established.

There Ought To Be A Law provides a direct view of the process necessary to create change in state government. Although the main point of the film is to encourage people to support new gun legislation, it also serves as a lesson on how to become involved in government. Crowley has not given up hope and is currently lobbying for a revised bill, LD-361. For more information, check out the film’s website: www.thereought2bealaw.com.
CAPE ELIZABETH—A 52-foot boat from Newburyport, MA called Lady Luck had the Coast Guard conducting a frantic search. The vessel issued a distress signal at 2 a.m. last Thursday. Coast Guard officers broadcasted the alert to other boats close by and searched the area by jet and helicopter. The distress signal originated 12 miles off the coast of Cape Elizabeth. Oil and debris were discovered at the site by air crews in a life boat, but the source of the oil and debris is not yet known. Coast Guard officials called off the search around 11:00 p.m. last Friday.

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Nation—Cartoons create havoc, art student arrested

BOSTON, MA—Boston Police arrested Peter Berdovsky in connection with “hox devices” that had emergency bomb units working all day last Wednesday. The devices were actually part of a marketing campaign to promote a new movie that will be coming out next month based on the popular TV show, “Aqua Teen Hunger Force,” which airs as part of Cartoon Network’s Adult Swim. The pseudo-bombs were in fact lights in the shape of one of the show’s characters, “moontini.”

Berdovsky is an exchange student from Belarus who is studying at the Massachusetts College of Art and agreed to help with the artwork involved in the marketing of the movie.

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Science from around the world met in Paris last week to create an international report on climate change. Compiled by Anne Hobby and Joel C. Theriault

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Maine, a citizen’s initiative spearheaded by Bossie, Students for MainePIRG, and the League of Young Voters. This initiative would introduce a bill that gives tax breaks on student loan repayments if a student graduates a Maine institution and works in the state for five years afterward. In order for Opportunity Maine to be considered for legislation, a total of 55,082 voter signatures needed to be collected before mid-January. Last Thursday, the Opportunity Maine group drove to Augusta with over 71,000 signatures collected by more than 400 volunteers from all corners of the state.

Alec Maybardek, field director for the League of Young Voters, said during an interview, “This is the largest task we’ve ever taken on before.” Many volunteers, including Maybardek and Bossie, worked into the night and often around the clock to campaign Opportunity Maine. Maybardek is transferring from UMS to Bates in the near future to finish his degree in social and political theory.

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Some of the signatures were deemed invalid shortly after they were submitted. The Secretary of State’s office has recorded that 65,235 signatures were submitted. The Secretary of State has 30 days to report the number of valid signatures and whether or not the initiative will be considered a bill for this coming November elections.

Opportunity Maine’s exact wording reads, “Do you want to allow a tax credit for college loan repayments to any taxpay- er who earns a future college degree in Maine and continues to live and work in Maine?”

Senator Susan Collins, R-Maine, has also thrown her hat into the student debt relief ring. According to her press secretary, Kevin Kelley, Collins will introduce her own bill to increase the Pell grant award. “Senator Collins believes an increase in the maximum Pell Grant award is long overdue.” Kelley said in an e-mail, “That is why she is working on legislation that will propose a significant increase in the maximum award.” Her bill will also intro- duce tax credits on student loan interest repayments.

Collins had previously attempted a similar bill, co-sponsored by Kennedy. A tie-vote by Congress defeated the bill. Collins is ex- pected to introduce the bill later this week. No further details were available from Kelley.

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What about us?  

Dear Editor,

I am a junior here at UXM, and an avid reader of your newspaper. I particularly enjoy your sports section, namely, the entire back page of your paper. But today I picked up a copy which boasted to hold “My Winter Sports Review” in it. I happily read about the basketball and hockey teams, and even the wrestlers. But suddenly the section was over and the completed crop of freshman and a strong up.

Dear Editor,

Annie Wadleigh ’86  

Political Science and History Major  

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A disease called fear

Dear Editor,

In the better part of three years I have been attending the University of Southern Maine, I have never had an oc-
cassion to be embarrassed of my northern Massachusetts roots. I was born in a town not too far from Boston, what I consider one of the best cities in the United States. Well, looks like I have found a reason to be embarrassed.

Like a kid who finds out there is no Santa or that his or her dad can’t beat everyone else’s dad, my faith in Boston has been shaken. I am of course talking about the extreme over-reaction on the part of the state and local law enforcement to the possibility of major winter sports de-
dicating the characters Ignominiou and Eer from the late night cult hit cartoon “Aquaman – Hunger Force.”

First heard that Boston was in the grips of a major bomb scare, with re-
ports of “suspicious devices with wires coming out” being reported all over the area, it seemed a real cause for concern. After bomb scopes removed and indeed the number of devices, someone who recognized the characters on the devices finally put an end to the matter. Later, Turner Broadcasting, the parent company of the Cartoon Network which airs ATHF, issued an apology and explained to state officials what it was they were chasing after: a bunch of light-
draws displaying with cartoons on them.  

So what does this event tell us? America is a country that is the disease called fear.

Elected officials seeking to keep their offices have pushed fear of terrorist at-
tacks so far into the public psyche that a bunch of harmless cartoon characters (yet if you’re a fan of the show, like I am, you know how the world-ended and advanced technology would suggest otherwise) were able to bring a major city to its knees for a day. What happened to the fearless resolve of America?  

Has everyone forgotten the words of Franklin Roosevelt, “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself”? In total, 10 cities across the country were “targeted” for the same advertising campaign, and only one reacted in such a heavy handed manner. Perhaps this can be attributed to a serious generation gap, as was reported by staff writers of the Boston Globe (see article on front page of Feb 1 issue). Government officials and the media are coming down hard on the would-be terrorists who perpetrated the hoax (I’m using their language not mine), when every person whom the ads were meant for understood exactly what they were. The ads have been up for two to three weeks, and people have spotted them and even posted on their online blogs about them. But once someone who didn’t get the joke saw them, they were over. I blame that, because the images had an “angry face.”

Boston mayor Thomas Menino and Governor Deval Patrick were quick to vil-
ify those who placed the devices, when really they should just be embarrassed that they initiated a completely over-
the top, overblown and completely ing to an imagined threat.  

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The sound of Native American drumming by the members of the One Nation, the Native American Student Association greeted the audience as they found their seats under the picture of a thoughtful Dr. King projected on the screen.

The Hannaford Hall at the Abromson Community Center in Portland was the site for a community celebration to honor civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. last Thursday.

The gathering organized by the University of Southern Maine Multicultural Student Affairs was attended by close to 160 people. The theme of the evening event was Dr. King’s famous speech “Beyond Vietnam,” in which the civil rights leader spoke of the triple evils; poverty, racism and militarism (war) faced by the nation.

To many in the audience the similarities between the time when the speech was made, in 1967, and now were striking. With an unpopular war in Iraq, now in its third year and the presence of racism and poverty across the nation, most panelists agreed the speech could have been written about the present time as well.

“In preparing this presentation and reading Dr. King’s speech, I find myself substituting the world Iraq for Vietnam,” said Jack Bussell, a panelist and member of the Maine Veterans for Peace. “What was happening in Vietnam then is happening in Iraq today.”

Others on the panel shared his views. They included Dawud Ummah, USM Muslim Chaplain and NAACP Religious Affairs Coordinator, and George Caffentzis, the interim director of the Honors Program and professor of philosophy.

Hailey Dyer, a student at USM said the ten-minute video of Dr. King’s speech touched her deeply.

“Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and nonviolence when it helps us to see the enemy’s point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition.”

June D. McKenzie, a local community activist and a long-time NAACP member spoke of the need for the members of the community to think of themselves as members of the same family. She said that the United States government should stop telling other nations how to live their lives. Her remarks were received well by the audience, a mixture of young students and community members.

During the evening, excerpts from the speech were read by Rebecca Hershey, president of the Black Law Student Association at the University of Maine Law School.
The lighter side of opera

LESLIE TOMPSET
STAFF WRITER

If opera is not really your scene, this month’s production, Die Fledermaus, might be more your speed. Johann Strauss’ comedic operetta will be performed beginning February 10 when the University of Southern Maine School of Music teams up with the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra for three unique performances.

An operetta differs from an opera in several ways. Associate Professor for Orchestra for three unique performances.

The plot is relatively straightforward but characters become entangled in a complex way. Gabriel Eisenstein enjoys keeping the ladies of a Viennese ballet troupe company, much to the chagrin of his wife, Rosalinda, who has a suitor of her own, Alfred. One night during a costume ball, Eisenstein becomes fascinated with an intriguing Hungarian Countess while Rosalinda plots her own revenge.

Performances will be held this month in Corbell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham campus. Times are Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m and Saturday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $15 for the general public; $10 for seniors and staff; and $5 for students. Call the Box Office for reservations at 780-5555.

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The lighter side of opera

CLEANEDUPLYRICOFTHEWEEK:FERGALICIOUS

Have you ever taken the time to actually read some of the song lyrics that actually comprise the Billboard Top 20 list every week? Some of them are beyond bad; they’re just absurd. Here is our pick for the most fucked up Billboard song of the week.

“Fergalicious” definition make them boys go loco
They want my treasure so they get their pleasures from my photo
you could see me, you can’t squeeze me
god I don’t what’s going on’ factor,
And for those whose German is a tad shaky, the production is sung and spoken in English. “So, you don’t get that ‘Oh my god I don’t what’s going on’ factor,” said Mawn with a laugh.

Sarah Mawn, 22, a first-year graduate student with a degree from USM, plays a lead role as Rosalinda for two of the three performances (the female leads are double-cast).

“An operetta is often comedic,” said Mawn. “It’s considered light opera, and it has a lighter storyline. The best thing about Die Fledermaus is it’s a comedy and it is really funny. It’s a very easy opera for people who don’t consider themselves opera lovers, because you don’t have to be.”

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A little blues and all that jazz

Local artist worth checking out

ANGELIQUE CARSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I walked into the Dogfish Bar and Grill, which used to be the Free Street Tavern, for dinner and drinks last Thursday night and was seated right across from the bar. Normally, I would have asked to change our table so we couldn’t avoid shouting to each other over martinis, but some-thing under control up there on cause you can relax. She’s got blues roots.” It’s perfect music of like Carol King with jazz and blues. Sort rehearsed; her performance is played a lot of those, but I had one tooth asking me out. I’ve have people spilling beer on me.” I used to play at Angie’s. I’d some paradise compared with some of these days sounds like paradise. “I think works with the timbre of my voice has, a bluesy-raspy one,” said Finkelstein. “I’m playing stuff that continues to showcase that element of my vocal styling.” She rapped me in with, “Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans,” by Harry Connick Jr. She does covers but they sound original because of the deep spin her voice adds to the track. Her style is slow and sensual and most of her set is infused with jazz and blues sounds. “I try to do as many originals as possible,” said Finkelstein, “but I like to play covers to set a sort of mood. Occasionally I’ll throw a Van Morrison cover in there, it kind of snaps you back. But I do about 75-85 percent originals.” Finkelstein is in the process of creating her first album, and will start recording in the studio in March. It’s truly a grassroots production—her husband is an audio engineer and will produce it for her. She says the prices of studio time at $100 an hour are way too expensive. Finkelstein is optimistic about the near future, with reason. She offers a nice sound and an overall enjoyable performance. You should go check her out. She opens for Giraffe Attack at Brian Boru’s on February 24, and plays at Dogfish Bar and Grill on Free Street every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. It’s worth a listen. As for Finkelstein’s future? “Ideally, the plan has always been to take it as far as I can go and make a career out of it. Being a songwriter and being a performer and having that be my livelihood.” You can find her at: Leahlainkstein.com and myspace.com/leahlainkstein.

Portland native Leah Finkelstein performing at the Dogfish Bar and Grill

Hunger force forces a city to shut down

ALEX STEED
COLUMNIST

Last week, two men installed 38 “devices” resembling the Mooninite characters from Aqua Teen Hunger Force all over the Greater Boston area. Two men have been released on bond. They’re being charged with staging a hoax, which is a felony. Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley was quoted as saying that the devices (Lite-Brite screens with cartoon characters on them) “had a very sinister appearance.” Turner Broadcasting apologized. Though they didn’t say they were sorry, they are charging with staging a hoax, which is a felony.

The hoax was part of a market- ing campaign for the television show. The “devices” resembled very closely Lite-Brite screens (scary). The campaign, which had been successfully run in Chicago and San Francisco be- cause of local news pub- licizing the cities did not crumble under the weight of paranoia— shut down the city of Boston. Two men have been released on bond. They’re being charged with staging a hoax, which is a felony.

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She’s no stranger to the

Portland music scene, though she

isn’t sure how to circuit the

after a break before her mother died of cancer in 2005. Playing gigs like

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compared with some of her

stories of old.

“I’ve paid my dues, I’ve seen

some fights,” said Finkelstein.

“I used to play at Angie’s. I’d

have people spilling beer on me and

the keyboard, or a guy with

one tooth asking me out. I’ve

played a lot of those, but I had

a great time.” It’s clear that Finkelstein has rehearsed; her performance is

comfortable. Her voice is deep, rich and raspy and she has con- trol over it. She describes her genre as “adult contemporary fused with jazz and blues. Sort of like Carol King with jazz and blues roots.” It’s perfect music to listen to in a social setting because you can relax. She’s got things under control up there on stage. Listening, you’re never nervous that she’s going to miss a note or try and hit one that’s

out of reach. That’s not to say that she doesn’t have a wide vocal range, she does.

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Senior women’s basketball forward Ashley Marble (Topfield) recorded her 11th consecutive double-double scoring 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds to lead the Huskies to a 70-57 win over the Husson College Eagles last Wednesday. Marble became the first women's basketball player at USM to reach the 1,000 points, 1,000-rebound milestone. The win was the 15th straight and 62nd consecutive on their home court. With the win, the Huskies improved to 18-1 overall. Marble is third in all-time points scored with 1703, and second in rebounds with 1005 at USM. Sue Joseph (1976-1980) holds first place for most rebounds with 1108. Maureen Burchill (1981-1985) holds the record for most career points with 2357, and Joanna Brown (1994-1998) follows in second with 1845. Marble already holds the record for most career free throws made, with 391. She joins former USM men’s basketball players Tom Wheeler (1962-66), John Jordan (1977-81) and Fay Morrill (1970-74) who have also reached the 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds mark.

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Wheeler breaks 3,000 meters record

Ashley St. Michel

Sports Editor

The men’s indoor track and field team specializes in breaking records. The New England Alliance Champions for five years, the Huskies had many athletes who broke numerous records last season.

The Huskies’ top Honor was the 400 meters. Other indoor track and field athletes who broke records last season were: Mike Bunker in the 5,000 meters, Mercedes Gannon, Forrest Tobie and Jimmy Sawyer for the 4 x 400 meter relays, and Curtis Wheeler, Tobie, Sawyer and Chris Hopkins for the Distance Medley Relay.

Hopkins also holds the record at 800 and 1500 meters. He took the Division 3 All-New England and All-ECAC honors last season, both for the mile. Hopkins also took second in the mile at the state championships last season. In addition, he posted season-best times in the 800 meters and the mile at the New England Division 3 Championships.

Sawyer took provisional qualifying honors for the NCAA indoor championships in the 400 meters and set the school record in the event on three occasions.

Husky Hero

Melissa Bellemore
Senior
Psychology
Indoor track & field
High jump
55-meter hurdles

What brought you to USM?
Track. George [Fowle, Head Coach] contacted me, said he really wanted me to be a part of his program.

What’s your favorite part of USM athletics?
Definitely the people—the faculty, students, everyone is so helpful and supportive.

Do you have any other hobbies?
I keep to myself mostly, listen to music. I’m the one in the corner with her headphones.

Do you have a personal athletic hero?
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Upcoming Games

TUE. 6
Women’s basketball @ Plymouth State
Men’s basketball @ Plymouth State

5:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

FRI. 9
Men’s ice hockey @ Connecticut College
Women’s ice hockey @ Holy Cross

4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SAT. 10
Women’s basketball vs. RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE
Women’s basketball @ Little East Conference Tournament TBA

1:00 p.m.

N.E. Alliance Championships @ Tufts University
Men’s basketball @ DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS TBA

3:00 p.m.

Men’s ice hockey @ Tufts TBA

4:00 p.m.

SUN. 11
Women’s ice hockey vs. COLBY

3:00 p.m.

TUE. 13
Women’s basketball @ UMass Boston
Men’s basketball @ UMass Boston

5:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

THU. 15
Men’s basketball vs. HUSCUN

7:00 p.m.

FRI. 16
Men’s indoor track & field @ New England Division II Championships @ Bates

TBA

Women’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates TBA

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

Women’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates TBA

11:00 a.m.

Women’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates TBA

7:00 p.m.

Men’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates TBA

3:00 p.m.

Women’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates TBA

3:00 p.m.

TUE. 20
Women’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament

TBA

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FRI. 23
Women’s indoor track & field - NE10AAA

New England Championships @ Bentley University

5:00 p.m.

Women’s basketball

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Little East Conference Tournament

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Women’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates TBA

6:00 p.m.

Women’s indoor track & field - NE10AAA

TBA

New England Championships @ BU

TBA

TBA

SAT. 24
Women’s indoor track & field – NE10AAA

New England Championships @ BU

10:00 a.m.

Women’s basketball

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Little East Conference Tournament

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Women’s indoor track & field - NE10AAA

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Huskies jump into action
Women’s indoor track & field starting season strong

Ashley St. Michel

Sports Editor

Women’s indoor track and field head coach George Towele says his team is a “hidden gem at USM.”

The Huskies have been the New England Alliance Champions for the last six consecutive years. Six of the athletes have already qualified for the 2007 New England Division III Championships.

Melissa Bellemore has proven her worth in the pole vault and hurdles. She was decorated with her first Indoor All-LEC honor last season in the 3,000 hurdles. She won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.53 seconds. This season, Bellemore was All-ECAC in the 600 meters and the 200 meters, and All-LEC in the 55-meter hurdles.

Senior Melissa Bellemore and sophomore Jennifer Oliver have also had a successful season. Hutchinson was All-ECAC in the 55-meter hurdles to help the Huskies claim victory in the USM Coed Invitational meet.

Hattie Landry, who joins Bellemore and Oliver, tied for first place in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 28.06 seconds and the 400-meter race with a time of 1:03.46. Caitlin Handcock (Cumberland) also won for the Huskies in the high jump while sophomore Emily Artesani (Topsfield, ME) took the triple jump with a measurement of 33-10 ¼. Christa Hutchinson also helped out the Huskies when she took first place in the 600-meter race with a time of 1:43.04.

11/14 – The Huskies finished 13 points behind the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 176-163, to claim second place among the 16 teams competing in the USM Women’s Invitational at the USM Field House.

11/20 – The Huskies placed third among the 16 teams competing in the Tufts University Invitational held at the Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center in Medford, Mass.

11/27 – Melissa Bellemore won three events to lead the Huskies to a first place finish among eight competing schools at the USM Coed Invitational.

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HUSKIES TAKE HOME THE GOLD

12/27 - Senior Melissa Bellemore won three events to lead the Huskies to a first place finish among the eight schools competing at the USM Coed Invitational. The Huskies lead the pack with 217.50 points, while Bates College finished in second with 148 points and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth finished third with 87 points. Bellemore won the pole vault with an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying mark of 11-3, the long jump with a mark of 16-8 and the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.07 seconds. Caitlin Handcock took the event of high jump with a mark of 5-2 1/4 and Emily Artesani finished second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.62 seconds.

12/9 - Bowdoin defeated Southern Maine, 76-46, winning eight of the 14 events hosted at the Farley Field House in Brunswick, Maine. It was the first indoor meet of the season for the Huskies.

HUSKIES DESTROY COLBY, 7-2

12/27 - Freshman Pat Noonan (Burlington, MA) had two goals and two assists for the Huskies as the men’s ice hockey team pulled away in the third period for a 7-2 victory over the Colby College Mules in an ECAC East NESCAC inter-league game last Saturday. Senior Chris Sparkes (St. John’s, Newfoundland), sophomore Kyle Smith (Auburn, ME) and senior captain Mark Carragher (Charlestown, PEI) scored the goals to start the third period for the Huskies. Carragher’s goal was the 59th of his career, tying him with Richard McSorley (1990-93) as the Huskies all-time goal-scoring leader. Senior David Beckles (Stamford, CT) stopped 28 shots for the Huskies.}

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