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Student senate candidates deliver speeches to a wildly enthusiastic row of chairs.

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Student election lacks students

Two campus election forums fail to draw crowd

DANIELLE PORCELLO

STAFF WRITER

Elections for the USM student senate and student body president will take place next week, not that one would know it by looking around the Brooks Student Center last Thursday night at a candidate forum held there. Candidates gave brief speeches and answered questions to an audience of six students who sat watching them. Last Tuesday's forum held on the Portland campus was poorly attended as well.

"It's really sad to see that we have to tell our friends and significant others to come listen to us speak," said Amanda Slattery,

candidate for student body president, adding that it can be difficult to bring students together on campus because many are commuter students with jobs and families that take up most of their free time.

A.J. Chalifour, also running for student body president, said the lack of interest is because of a poor connection between the students and the government that represents them.

"The student body and the student body president are so far apart from each other," said Chalifour. "If we let people know what the student senate is doing, they might want to speak up."

The candidates seats behind the podium were mostly empty.

"Not only is there a low turn-out out there, there's a low turn-out up here, too," said senate hopeful Jennifer Code.

There are currently 26 candidates running for senate positions; eight for at-large seats, 12 for commuters, four for residents and two for student body president. Of those, only four showed up at the forum on Thursday.

While interest in student government seems to remain lukewarm, the candidates this year said they will focus on hard-hitting issues, including the construction of a new student center in Portland, the high cost of education and helping students understand what exactly the student senate does.

Student Body President Andrew Bossie believes that the high cost of tuition will be at the forefront of the upcoming elections. "I really think an affordable education is one of the most pressing issues for our generation," he said.

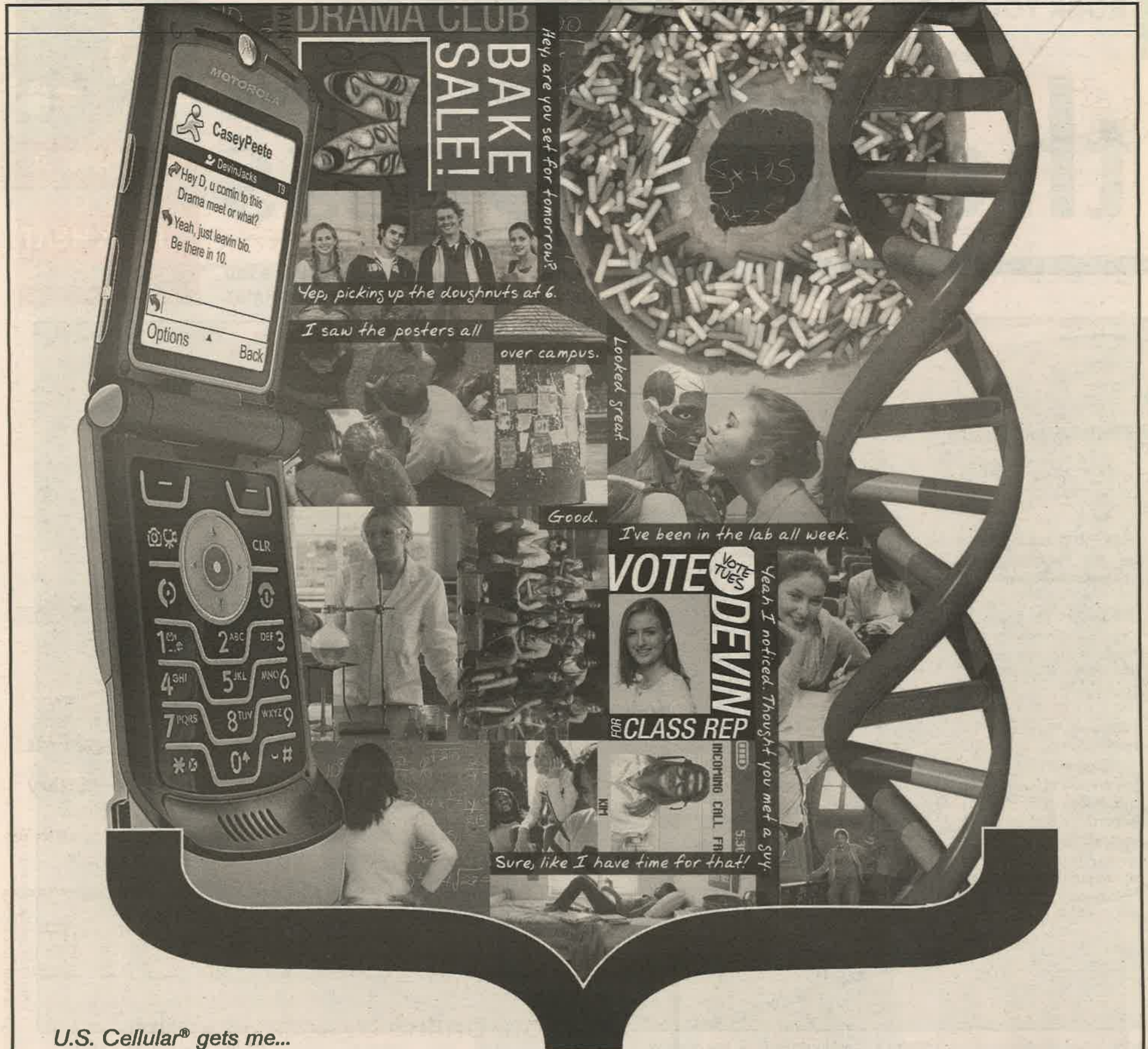
Jerry Marsan, a sophomore biology major, said he feels tuition at USM is "way too much. We should get it down." Marsan said that he does plan on voting this week.

At last Thursday's forum, as candidates spoke to a room full of empty chairs, the topic discussed at length was bridging the gap between the student body and the student government. Jelena Serenac, a senate candidate said,

"We all need to work together so we can get the job done."

Overseeing the elections process is the Leadership Development Board, a senate committee in charge of the election process, created to ensure that elections are conducted in "an open and honest manner," reads the USM student elections website. All Portland and Gorham undergraduate students are eligible to vote.

This is the third straight year students can vote online by accessing the voter page at usm.maine.edu/studentlife/choose07 from 12:01 a.m. Monday through 11:59 p.m. Thursday. The votes will be verified and the results announced the week of March 26.



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USM STUDENT ELECTIONS



STUDENT SENATE RESIDENT CANDIDATES

(6 positions available)



Katherine Letourneau
Sophomore
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: The increasing costs of textbooks and tuition, the quality of campus life and student involvement and parking.

Plan to address issues: I plan to use the valuable information obtained while at COSGA. For the cost of textbooks by discussing with professors the importance of choosing lower cost text books and promote campus book swap. The quality of campus life and student involvement will increase by organizing more events.



Samuel Walton
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: Student debt, tuition and books, lack of student involvement in activities offered by USM and USM students. Lack of voice from students not in the student government.

Plan to address issues: By taking a practice and engaging stance both inside and outside Senate meetings, I will be able to get students and their opinions engaged in our student government and also in the issues that matter to them the most.



Sarah Trent
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: I'm mostly concerned with getting a new campus center in Portland! Students need a good, comfortable central place to go study, eat, meet, etc.

Plan to address issues: I plan to get involved with the already established effort.



Sara Gallagher
Junior
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Textbook prices, student debt, sustainability efforts

Plan to address issues: By working with and strengthening student groups and committees aimed at these issues, and also spreading awareness on these issues and their solutions to the greater student body.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

Top 3 Issues: 1. Access to space in University that is modern, clean and free. 2. A new campus center with adequate space for students. 3. Paying for college tuition, books, and other expenses.

Plan to address issues: Retaining my spot on the USM Space Committee, I will keep student space concern on their minds and plans, working towards a plan to begin funding, and planning of a new campus center and continuing work on lowering book costs, and scholarship access.



Alvah Chalifour Jr.
Junior
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: The top three issues facing USM students are the needs for a new student center on the Portland Campus, student debt and the creation of USM's image as an institution of higher education.

Plan to address issues: For a new campus center I will establish a grass roots campaign to gain student involvement. For student debt and the image of USM I will work with administration to keep tuition and fee increases to a minimum and will collaborate with students and administration.



Amanda Slattery
Junior
Incumbent Senator: Yes

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USM STUDENT ELECTIONS



STUDENT SENATE AT-LARGE CANDIDATES (6 positions available)

MARCH 11

Find your own hose (11:26 a.m.) A fire extinguisher was reported missing from Glickman Library. The extinguisher was later found empty outside of the library. Occupational Safety and Health of office notified.

MARCH 9

You shot me, you a-hole (11:38 p.m.) USM and Portland police responded to a report of what sounded like gun shots coming from the rear of B-Wing in Portland Hall. Officers were unable to locate the source of the noise.

MARCH 8

Have you seen my knobs? (11:23 a.m.) Staff at Glickman Library reported damage to water fountains. The knobs were found missing.

MARCH 7

There's a meter-maid seeing red (2:26 p.m.) Damage reported to a parking meter and money was taken.

MARCH 6

Dude, where's my car? (11:15 a.m.) Someone reported his car was blocking construction crews in G-19 and is now missing. It was found that the vehicle was moved by construction crew.

Unwelcome guest (10:28 a.m.) Person at a Chamberlain Ave. house in Portland reported a cat running through the building. Multiple calls received. Portland Animal Control to pick up the cat.



Lauren Allen
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Maintaining and improving student, faculty and employee's habits and personal choices regarding environmental sustainability; sustaining relations between the student body and the greater Portland community; tuition and textbook costs

Plan to address issues: The largest influential factor on addressing these issues is increasing student body involvement. Without the support of fellow classmates, the ability to address these issues weakens. It begins here.



Rachel Bragan
Senior
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: Increasing cost of education. Secondly, communication with and within the university, and lastly, the lack of involvement within the student body as a whole.

Plan to address issues: Increase awareness of students as to what grants are available both locally and nationally to help fund their education. Also to increase awareness of all the involvement opportunities that exist that can help them in their sojourn at USM and later in life.



Alex Bresler
Senior
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: Textbook costs, quality of food and distribution of the Student Activity Fee. Having spent some time on the Student Senate I realized there are many issues facing USM. Some of the more feasible to address are textbook costs and quality of food. I also think there are serious issues with distribution of Student Activity Fee money.

Plan to address issues: Two words: Student Union. Also, with the intention to enrich the extra and co-curricular life of the University previous Student Senates created different entities. It's wrong to assume that those entities are the best way to utilize student activity fees just because previous senates created them. We need standards.



Alvah Chalifour Jr.
Junior
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: 1. Access to space in university that is modern, clean and free. 2. A new campus center with adequate space for students. 3. Paying for college tuition, books and other expenses.

Plan to address issues: Retaining my spot on the USM Space Committee, I will keep student space concern on their minds and plans, working towards a plan to begin funding, and planning of a new campus center, and continuing work on lowering book costs, and scholarship access.



Jennifer Cote
Senior
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Being green (earth friendly), lowering student debt and textbook price, increasing student involvement

Plan to address issues: I'm in PIRG and great all by myself. I want to have an IRA day so students can have some retirement plan; I want a garden/grass on top of Luther Bonnie.

Emmy Raviv
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Energy-efficiency, awareness and involvement in political and social issues, personal empowerment and creative solutions/decision making.

Plan to address issues: I'd like to work with the sustainability office creating more efficient energy at USM and also educating students about energy and simple solutions, hold various workshops on diverse issues.



Jelena Sarenac
Freshman
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: 1. As a commuter I find that it is very difficult at times to find parking space. 2. I believe that the overall student involvement within the University is very low, and that most students are disconnected from the university community, especially the international students. 3. Adequate space where, students could network and study in a pleasant environment, is much needed here.

Plan to address issues: Although I think additional parking space would be really convenient for students, I want to focus more on student involvement, along with additional space for students. I believe that it would give the university more unity, diversity, culture and productivity which is not just great for the students, but for the university as a whole.



Catherine Joyce
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Updating and renovating dorm facilities, paying for college (i.e. tuition, books, etc.), new campus center.

Plan to address issues: Appointment to committees to voice student concerns, come up with new initiatives to reduce college expenses, sponsoring and getting involved in the effort to build a new campus center.

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Old money never dies

USM community hopes for change in Maine system's fund distribution

LESKA TOMASH

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Despite student and faculty's complaints, the re-allocation of state funds to Maine's public universities is an old problem that will not see any new attention when chancellor-elect Richard Pattenau takes office July 1.

The University of Maine System's formula designates approximately 50 percent of its budget to the Orono campus and 25 percent to USM, leaving 25 percent divided among the remaining five universities.

Meg Weston, chair of UMaine's Board of Trustees, said the funds distribution method has remained the same since its inception nearly three decades ago.

"It's hard for USM to grow," James McKeon, student senate chair, said, "because UMaine, Orono gets more than double the amount that USM gets. It's kind of upsetting."

Dahlia Lynne, chair of the USM faculty senate, said, "The funding formula has always engendered a great deal of conversation."

Although she said she would like to see more funding for USM, Lynne said, "The system has to respond to the needs of seven very different universities with their own unique priorities and concerns."

Jeanne Hulit, chair of the Board of Visitors, said the redesigning of the allocations formula is unlikely. "It hasn't been a subject that the Trustees, quite frankly, have been willing to grapple with," Hulit said. She said additional funding for USM is more likely to come from a different source rather than a revamping of the legislative budget.

"I think what we need to minimally do is look at any new funding and any new bonding to be reflective of today's reality," she

said, "not harking back to a formula that is outdated."

Bob Caswell, executive director of public affairs, said the university needs look to new funds rather than redesigning the existing allocation formula. When asked if the new money would be enough for the university's needs he said, "It's probably going to have to be, at least in the short term."

Lorraine Carroll, a professor of English, said, "The ways in which Orono gets privileged are for deep historical reasons that have changed...people have to recognize the changes."

Weston said that the Board of Trustees "determines the overall formula by which funds are distributed. Everybody feels like they're short-changed in



Chancellor-elect Richard L. Pattenau in his office.

PHOTO BY LESKA TOMASH

some way or another in the system," she added. "I don't think that we would change the funding in a way that would put a huge hole in Orono's budget in order to benefit USM."

Education pays off at USM

ERIK EISELE

STAFF WRITER

In the pages of the June 2, 2006, issue of Science Magazine, a USM professor and two USM students, in conjunction with researchers from the University of Washington and Hirosaki University in Japan, published a report on the relationship between nutrition and hormones in insects. Associate professor David Champlin and his student researchers Paul Allee and Steven MacWhinnie studied tobacco hornworm moth larvae, and discovered a new hormone, one that directly links nutrition to growth.

The research itself is fascinating, but what made it all possible was the Maine Economic Improvement Fund (MEIF). Champlin said, "It was the trigger that got things started."

In the academic world, grants are not responsible for setting up laboratories, Champlin continued. Universities set up laboratories, then the faculty need to secure funding for research in the form of grants. "The MEIF didn't provide all the dollars," he said, "It provided a little part. But it was an important part." His two student researchers additionally received fellowships from the MEIF.

Jake Ward, assistant vice president for research and economic development at the University of Maine, Orono, said that it takes money to get money.

"There is a clear connection between research and design and leveraging more federal funding

for research," he said, adding that foundations see there is money being spent and they are willing to put their own money in.

"A lot of times it's matching funds," he said. What develops are partnerships between private companies and the university, leading to what Ward calls "spin-off activity," where federal grants and private funds are spent on research for patents and licensing.

According to the 2006 MEIF annual report, an average of \$4 is attracted for every \$1 of MEIF support.

Professor Champlin said this is funding is critical. "I wouldn't have come here without the MEIF support," he said. In the past eight years USM has hired five bioscience professors, and all received MEIF support in their research. "When I came here, the MEIF provided dollars to support student researchers," he said.

This is exactly what the MEIF is supposed to be doing, according to Ward.

"The benefit to the students is they are trained in research and design and they are more employable," he said. The MEIF was created by the state legislature 10 years ago to boost the research and design sector of Maine's economy. State funds are given to Maine's two research universities to secure more funding from federal and private sources. When the MEIF was created Maine was not known for its research and design capabilities, according to Ward.

"We were 50th out of 50," he said, "and we still are." He said the MEIF has made improvements for the state, but "all the other states

are doing the same thing," he said. Maine has to compete, continued Ward, but at least the state is in the game. Before the MEIF was created there was little to no spin-off activity. Today the Corporation for Enterprise Development, a non-profit organization working to expand economic opportunity, rates Maine number one for business created through university research and design.

The MEIF is not an endowment. Funding comes before the legislature every year with the overall budget for the University of Maine System. Up until now, Ward said, the fund has been supported and he thinks it will continue to be supported in the future, but he said the fund has not been growing at the expected pace.

This past year the MEIF distributed \$14.5 million, with 80 percent going to UMaine's Orono campus and 20 percent going to USM. Orono receives a higher percentage of MEIF funds be-

cause it has traditionally been the research university in the system. The initial \$14.5 million attracted an additional \$42.7 million, for a total of \$57.2 million.

At USM, the money has gone towards the purchase of a transmission electron microscope, to fund the Thinking Matters symposium and a host of other research and design initiatives. Ward said the goal is to build USM's reputation and capability as a research institution.

Champlin said the fund helped him get started, but he has seen the lack of growing support. "When I came here the MEIF provided money to support student researchers," he said. That is no longer the case. He said the university needs to be mindful of how it allocates the money so it does the most good. But overall the fund has helped to improve the research component of university. "It got me here," said Champlin, "and I'm not going anywhere."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was brave of you, Angelique, to share your personal struggle of faith with readers of the Free Press. I commend your candor as I care for the place in which you find yourself with that struggle and its implications for a relationship that matters to you. Perhaps it will comfort you to know that you are not alone.

Virtually all of us who have a religious upbringing must at some point wrestle with and reject, embrace or revise our convictions; it's an essential element in the development of selfhood and authenticity.

You (and your readers) and others may also appreciate knowing that there are programs and services offered in support of precisely this part of student life through USM's Interfaith

Chaplaincy. Our Chaplains, sponsored by their respective faith communities, work with students of their own, but also of any or no religious tradition and as an interfaith team to provide opportunities to explore diverse facets of spirituality.

The Spirit of USM program this year has been exploring spirituality and expressive arts, and on March 19th (7:30 PM, Woodward Hall, Gorham) will focus on chant in various religious expressions, complete with the opportunity to try it out. I hope that you and others in our USM community who struggle with issues of faith, religious identity, spiritual life and the like will seek us out and find companions for the journey!

Andrea Thompson McCall,
Director
USM Interfaith Chaplaincy

Dear Editor,

I have heard that PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) is attempting to become an entity of the SGA (Student Government Association), however to do this it needs funding. If I have been informed correctly, currently this funding is proposed to come out of next year's SGA budget (which is essentially all students' student activity fee money pooled together). How much of next year's SGA budget? From what I've heard, 12.5%. Running some extremely rough numbers to come up with an estimation of how much that is I come with \$40,000-\$50,000 of our student activity fee money.

For what? To fund an organization that has done nothing that I'm aware of in the last 18 months. In fact, searching for PIRG in the usmfreepress.org

archives turned up nothing. I think that PIRG needs to do a heck of a lot more stuff for the students of USM before we support them this heavily. It seems to me that PIRG is awfully gung-ho for not doing much.

Furthermore, I think that the student senate should not be so arrogant as to assume this is the will of their constituents. Creating new SGA entities and funding organizations/new entities on this level should be something that is brought to the students to vote on. For the record, I am not against PIRG, I just want the process by which they become an entity to be a responsible one. Also if I am mistaken in any way I would be glad to be informed correctly.

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MEET JOE STUDENT

Photo and interview by Alex Steed

What are you doing right now?

I am just hanging out, doing non-school-related work.

What do you believe is the most exciting thing going on at USM right now?

The upcoming student government elections, I would say. This time around, there are actually viable candidates running and the election is contested.

What do you do for work?

I am working on the Congressman's (Allen) campaign.

Why are you working in politics?

It is interesting—it's very interesting. It's always changing on a daily basis, and this makes things fun. I am also interested in changing the direction of the world we live in.

Is that what you want to do when you grow up?

I'll probably continue with the campaign gig. Maybe I'll work on the 2010 governors race if something else doesn't come up along the way.



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David Colson

Gorham Lewiston Auburn Portland

Major:
Political Science

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Sophomore

Activities:
Student Senate
(since '04)



USM CARD

What have you learned from serving on student government that you didn't know when you went in?

I've found out that student government relations with the administration, and with the administration's agenda, are more political than meets the eye.

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FEATURED FACULTY

Photo and interview by Danielle Porcello

Nathan Hamilton

Associate Professor of Anthropology
20 Years at USM

Have you taught at other schools besides USM?

I taught at Colby, the University of Pittsburg—where I got my PhD—and the University of New England.

Are you from Maine originally?

Yes, I grew up in the Northern Maine area.

Is this state good place to practice archaeology?

Yes, we've done a lot of good work here. The coast is really complex and has great archaeology.

Where are some of the exotic places your work has taken you?

Japan, Cree Country, the Andes Mountains. Cuzco [the Inca capital in modern Peru] was the most different.

What was the most exciting thing you ever found?

The Spiller Farm Paleo-Indian Site. It's such a big site and in such an unusual location [Wells, Maine]. Also, about 200 students had the opportunity to volunteer or work there.

What is something you enjoy doing outside of work?

I'm a bit of an antique collector. My father is an antique dealer and so is my sister. I've also taken 70,000 plus pictures. When I leave this job I will be a photographer.

What are some qualities that archaeology majors should have?

They need to be able to deal with different people and physical environments. They need good tolerance and coping skills. You need a lot of curiosity.

What could a student do to get on your bad side?

I don't allow people to get on my bad side. There are so many different kinds of people here. I am very tolerant.

What is one thing people should know about your department?

I think the faculty and the department are really approachable. It's a really strong community.



PHOTO BY DANIELLE PORCELLO

"You need a lot of curiosity" -Prof. Nathan Hamilton

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Photos and interviews by Danielle Porcello

What are you listening to?

Listening to: Dave Matthews Band, the Killers and "Boston" by Augustana.

Megan Garland
Sociology
Senior



I like comedy people, like Stephen Lynch, Opie and Anthony. I also have Evanescence, 30 Seconds to Mars, Bob Marley and Billy Joel."

Kelly Fitzgerald
English
Senior



Listening to: Probably one of the last songs I heard is the "Gym Class Heroes." Also, the song "This is why I'm hot," and Snow Patrol.

Ryan Dyer
Art
Freshman



Listening to: Right now? Maroon 5.

Erica Brennan
Criminology
Senior



Listening to: The first three songs on my CD are by Eve-6, Fall Out Boy, and Greenday.

Jill Fernandes
Sports Medicine
Senior



Listening to: Eve-6, "Heart in a Blender" "right now, old school stuff. Also the John Butler Trio."

Ross McPherson
History
Fourth Year



Listening to: The Fray, Taylor Swift and Beyonce.

Jill Reed
Psychology
Sophomore



Listening to: The Maritimes. The album is *We, the Vehicles*.

Dan Tutor
Fine Arts
Junior



Listening to: Disturbed.

Kyle Peterman
Undeclared
Freshman



Sex is like skating

A preview of USM's evening with Dr. Erica Rand

FAITH ROSE

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"People who are interested in sports, sex...and skating," Dr. Erica Rand said with a quiet laugh as she listed some people who may want to come hear her speak this Wednesday.

Rand, a professor of Arts and Visual Studies and chair of the Women and Gender Studies Department at Bates College, will discuss the book she is currently writing, in a talk entitled, "Red Nails, Black Skates, Gay Games: Gender at the Ice Rink and the Politics of Pleasure." The lecture will address the complications surrounding gender in figure skating, a particularly gendered sport, as well as the implications of studying pleasure as a past time in our day-to-day lives.

Rand started figure skating when she moved from Lewiston to Portland five years ago.

"I like movement to music," she said, "it's a little scary and crazy, especially because the older you get, the harder you fall."

Last July, Rand competed in the Gay Games in Chicago. She spent some time looking at the change in figure skating's gender roles within a gay context. Expecting to find that the Gay Games challenged "traditional" roles, Rand was instead surprised to discover that the women competitors remained typically feminine and the male competitors were typically gay. The gendered roles appeared remarkably intact.

Rand spoke of her own experience taking up figure skating as an adult and the great pleasure that she has derived from the experience.

As we get older, she said "We don't get to say 'I really love sex' a lot because no one wants to hear it."

For Rand, skating provides something similar to sex that, she notes, is fantastic too.



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"It's rhythmic," she said, "you can improve with practice. It feels like flying sometimes, and when it works it feels intensely in and out of your body at the same time." Suddenly, figure skating doesn't resemble the cramped toes, freezing feet, bruised bum experience of childhood.

She also notes the wide variety of people she has met, most of whom she would never have otherwise run into—a Pentecostal Christian minister, a conservative pilot, a Republican nurse—and how open they have been.

"I have found everyone has been welcoming," said Rand. "I can be some leftist dyke and everyone says, 'That's great. Come on in.'"

As an academic who has studied and written extensively on forms of oppression, Rand realizes it sounds funny to say she is writing a book about figure skating. A book about oppression,

she said "sounds good and is important, but it is hard to write something about pleasure and enjoying yourself. Yet in a world of social justice everyone should get pleasure. So how do we put that onto the agenda?"

In her book and talk, Rand hopes to address just that: how can we value and validate pleasure and its pursuits in life and research? How do matters such as race, economics, sexuality and gender affect access to pleasure? For Rand, this includes enjoying the girly parts of figure skating.

This Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. on the 7th floor of the Glickman Library, come hear Rand speak. She might just change how you view sports, sex...and skating.

Rand is also the author of *Barbie's Queer Accessories* (Duke University Press 1995) and *The Ellis Island Snow Globe* (Duke University Press 2005).

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A LIST OF THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE FOOTBALL CAPTAIN TO CALL, HE'S NOT GOING TO. AND WE DON'T HAVE FOOTBALL HERE.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Maine Jewish Film Festival, the festival continues, featuring Paper Dolls. The film is followed by a discussion with Erica Rand/ 7:30 p.m./ The Movies on Exchange/ 10 Exchange St./ Portland/ \$5 for students/ 772-9600

Seanachie Nights/ spoken word and music performances/ 7-9 p.m./ Bull Feeney's/ 375 Fore St./ Portland/ by donation/ FMI 846-1321

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Modnight, DJs spinning like mod (puns are awesome!) / 9 p.m./ The White Heart/ 551 Congress St./ Portland/ 828-1900

Portland Symphony Orchestra/ 7:30 p.m./ Merrill Auditorium/ 20 Myrtle St./ Portland/ \$15-54/ FMI 842-0800

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

"Red Nails, Black Skates, Gay Games: Gender at the Ice Rink and the Politics of Pleasure", (See preview in this section)/ 7 p.m./ University Events Room, Glickman Family Library/ Portland/ Free/ 780-4862

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Organically corporate

The new presence of a natural food chain stirs up controversy

LESKA TOMASH

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The 46,000-square-foot organic and natural foods powerhouse, Whole Foods Market, opened the doors of its 190th store on the corner of Somerset Street and Franklin Arterial in Portland Feb. 14, and so far is stirring up a horde of reactions.

Golden pyramids of plump grapefruit, towers of organic canned soup and rolling displays of vibrantly colored prepared foods are no longer solely about throwing tasty treats into your cart. Beneath the aesthetically attractive veneer and the positive customer feedback are underlying feelings of ambiguity, friction and hostility from customers, community members and employees.

The agitation reflects an ongoing international debate about the industrialization of organic products between the "purists and pragmatists." The pragmatists wish to make organic foods widely available while the purists are skeptical of organic products being corrupted by big agriculture businesses.

In the Portland area many people seem to be casting a critical eye and asking the corporation, "What are your intentions with my city?"

The History

Whole Foods Market began as an independently run natural food

store, called SaferWay—a spoof on the conventional West Coast grocery chain, SafeWay. In 1978 John Mackey of Austin, Texas, gathered \$45,000 from friends and family to open SaferWay. Two years later, SaferWay merged with another natural grocery store and the Whole Foods Market was born. Mackey is now CEO of the corporation.

Nearly 27 years later, with annual revenue of \$5.6 billion, The Fortune 500 business is the largest purveyor of natural and organic foods in the United States. Whole Foods Market is the 55th largest retailer in the U.S. and is recognized for its sustainable practices, such as using wind power and working with local vendors in each of its 191 locations.

In 2007, *Fortune* magazine put Whole Foods Market at number five on the "100 Best Companies to Work For" list.

The Local Problem

"Jessica", an employee at Whole Foods Market in Portland, said she does not enjoy her job but stays for the competitive pay and benefits. "Being treated like you're a garden-variety corporate where that's completely expendable, I don't like that," she said.

"I miss the small companies that are all being driven out," Jessica said. "They (Whole Foods Market) flew into town and pushed out the little guys."

Last year Whole Foods Market bought out The Whole Grocer, a smaller store that had been in

business for 10 years. Whole Foods Market also recently announced the \$565 million acquisition of the Wild Oats Marketplace Corporation.

Some shoppers said the store felt like a crowded theme park. Rachel Griffins, a third-year music and philosophy major at USM, described her trip to the Whole Foods Market. "I felt overstimulated, and freaked out, and ran out," Griffins said. "I'm more of a fan of the locally-owned business."

Several USM students said they could not afford to shop there. Ashley Fitzpatrick, a senior majoring in international studies, said, "I think it's unrealistically priced for students."

A USM student and Hannaford employee, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed. "The general consensus is they (Whole Foods Market) are a great store, they've got everything you could ever want," he said. "They're just more expensive than we are."

International Debate

On Feb. 27, 2000, Mackey and Michael Pollan, a University of California, Berkeley professor of journalism, debated the future of organic food at a conference. In Pollan's book "The Omnivore's Dilemma," the organic "purist" had expressed disapproval of Mackey's "pragmatic" practices. Mackey said he felt his company "has the integrity to lead the food movement into the future," and

bring organic food to the masses through agribusiness.

Pollan remained skeptical. In his book, he had written, "Surely there comes a point when the process of industrialization will cost organic its soul."

More locally, Adam Tomash, a member of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, raised a similar point. "How long is organic going to live up to the promise of what it is now?" he said.

Although Whole Foods Market sells nationally known products the company uses local vendors at each location as much as possible, said Barbara Gulino, marketing team leader for the Portland location.

"We have a really good representation right now of Maine vendors," said Gulino. Whole Foods Market recently held a growers seminar at USM to educate potential vendors on how to do business with Whole Foods Market. Currently, the Portland store uses about 300 vendors including Mad Gab's, Smiling Hill Farm and Caldwell Farm.

Community Responses

The local tensions and mixed reactions of the greater Portland community reflect broader international anxieties about the future of the food we eat.

Some folks are excited about Whole Foods Market, some are conflicted and some are angry at the new presence of the big corporation in their small city.



Whole Foods Market's newest location in Portland.

PHOTO BY LESKA TOMASH

Kori Handwerker, a Maine College of Art student, said, "Since I visited here (Whole Foods) the first time, I haven't shopped anywhere else."

Deborah Rice of Portland said, "I'm glad it's here. We needed this."

"It's just a grocery store," said Justin Roig, a Portland resident. "It seems to be evoking more of a passionate response than is warranted in both directions."

With The Whole Grocer gone, Wild Oats in the balance and a limited organic supply at Hannaford, the Whole Foods Market now has the largest offering of organic goods.

"My solution is to grow it yourself," said Tomash. "I know full well that's not practical for most people."

Week of begging promises funds

STEPHANIE SAMPLÉ

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Twice a year, WMPG launches a week of volunteer inspired begging in hopes of raising \$25,000 by reaching out to their listener base.

In the past, DJ's have gone to any lengths to raise funds to keep the station in operation. In the past, Jim Rand, station manager at WMPG, remembers the notorious Begathon strip tease, where DJ's removed one article of clothing per donation.

Last fall's begathon, held in September generated about \$20,000 in pledges, which Rand says is about average. This year

Rand hopes to raise more than expected with special promotions adding excitement to the fundraiser including entering donors into raffles. Wednesday's donors will be put into a raffle for a six-day cruise, and Friday's donors will be eligible to win one night at Hilton's Garden Inn on Commercial Street.

During the Begathon one year incarcerated youth from Long Creek Youth Development Center helped fundraise with local teens from Blunt Youth Radio Project.

Claire Holman, director of Blunt said, "We often think of being in the position of asking for money as being humbling, but for those young people it was em-

powering. Instead of asking for something for themselves, they were asking people to contribute to something bigger than the individual." Blunt continues to involve teens at Long Creek in their regular programming.

WMPG has a diversity of needs and many begging tactics to try and meet those needs. The entire operation is squeezed into an estimated 2,000 square foot floor space; the first floor of a house shared with the Free Press. According to employees at WMPG, ideal operating space for a station this size would be 7,380 sq. ft.

The Blues Doctor, a DJ since 1989, sidled up to me with his

favorite Begathon Story. "Back in the 90s Boozoo Chavis was playing in town and came on air with me after his show. It was his 70th birthday that night and man, he stayed on air with me all night long." When I sheepishly asked who Boozoo Chavis was, I was gently scolded and then schooled.

"See, baby," the Blues Doctor holds up a glossy album cover, a wide smiling man with grey temples gripping an accordion stares up at me. "Chavis is one of the fathers of Zydeco. Once he cut off his fingers working on his farm in Louisiana and he still played at his gig that night. That's how tough he was."

Rand says that WMPG's begathon is different from traditional public radio begathons in that listeners tend to enjoy this begathon more.

"They're fun. Most public radio pledge drives are dry and high pressure," said Rand. "Ours aren't so high pressured."

The Begathon will take place the week of March 19 and continue through the 25. People are welcome to stop by 92 Bedford St. in Portland and check it out, or sign up to give a hand. There, one will find music obsessed community members and community-obsessed volunteers. There will also be free coffee and food all week long.

A USM dramatists' Caribbean escape

ALEX STEED

A&E EDITOR

Though presently on sabbatical in the U.S. Virgin Islands, USM theater professor Thomas Power is hard at work. While he admits that he is enjoying swimming and enjoying the sun, Power has spent the past several months working on and completing one of the first drafts of a screenplay. He will spend the next few weeks finishing a play he has written. He recently talked with us by phone about his time directing the Children's Theater of Maine, writing like a Mainer, and working laboriously under the Caribbean sun.

"I think you can write a play anywhere you're sitting as long as you have a pen and a pencil, or a keyboard and a computer. You don't have to be any particular place," he said of his time on the islands. "But the water temperatures down here are nice. In the winter, I just feed the wood stove and become insular."

Reflecting on the Caribbean atmosphere, Power said, "There is something very fundamental (to getting work done) in the Caribbean. In the States, we have so much going on. We keep busy, and we distract ourselves from the core values or issues. Here, everything is gone. All of the busyness is gone. I can focus more. I exercise and swim. It's good for the soul."

The screenplay Power recently finished is tentatively titled *Overlook*, which he wrote in collaboration with Jerry Dewaters, a professor of photography at the University of Maine Augusta. He recently sent it to his friend Tony

Shaloub, who plays the title character in USA Network's "Monk" to take a look at it.

Power taught as a theatre student at the university in the late 70s. The two also worked together when Power was the managing director of the Children's Theater of Maine, an organization that aims to provide theater for children all over the state. The two have remained good friends since.

Overlook takes place in Maine. Power writes about a subject he says he knows and with which he feels comfortable. "Somebody said to me that you must write about what you know about, not something you wish you knew about. I know about Maine, lived here most of all of my life. Not all of it because I am not dead yet."

Power grew up in Ellsworth, and was born to a mother heavily involved in theater.

"I observed Maine. I listened to it with an ear," he said. "I listened to the dialogue and the dialect and the things left unsaid as opposed to the things that are said."

Mainers, he said, "are a different people with different standards of behavior. We frequently say in Maine that if you buy something, your handshake is your contract." He notes that people in rural Maine still leave their keys in their ignition. "If they want it that bad, hell, you can take it. It's not common to all states."

Power says that our English-Irish heritage in the East Coast has provided us with clipped dialect, and some of the mental and cultural impulses to speak in silences.

"Someone will ask, 'Do you think the rain will hurt the garden?'" He said in a heavy Maine accent.

India Palace is phenomenal

How its menu saved me from the snow

ALEX STEED

A&E EDITOR

In the middle of the snowstorm we were faced with a few weeks back, my girlfriend and I decided to trek into the wintery wild in order to find something to eat. Norms? Not again. Ezo African? Not open. Billy's Barbeque? Also closed.

After swift gusts of wind and pebbles of ice blasted me in the face, we finally decided on India Palace on Congress Street, in hopes that it would be worth the weather-driven inconvenience. We were pleasantly satisfied by our overall experience, marked by great food and excellent service.

The restaurant isn't anything especially great to look at from the outside, though its façade is misleading. Once we got past the shady exterior, we were greeted by a helpful waiter who, throughout, was in good spirits. Our waters never ran low, and we never went without drinks before being asked for a refresher.

To start, we ordered the keema naan, which is a lamb-stuffed bread, seasoned with cilantro. Believing for some reason that bread stuffed with lamb wouldn't be enough, we also ordered an order of regular naan, which turned out to be more than necessary. The keema naan, however, was a fantastic precursor to what would be an excellent meal. The lamb wasn't especially overpowering, and it complimented the bread nicely. We were exceedingly satisfied with this decision.



India Palace on Congress Street.

PHOTO BY JOEL C. THERIAULT

I followed the naan by ordering saag paneer; my girlfriend ordered the chicken korma. The saag paneer, my favorite Indian dish, is a savory vegetarian mix of spinach, light cream, cottage cheese and spices. A friend of mine—a US citizen of Indian descent, once brought some to a potluck. Another friend of mine awkwardly asked him, "What do you call this?" to which he deadpanned, "Spinach." While his joke was funny, saag paneer is much more than just spinach. It is a dish that melts in your mouth. India Palace did a fine job in its concoction. This saag paneer was beyond excellent. My girlfriend's chicken Korma, which is chicken served "in a special sauce" with cashews, almonds and light cream. This meal is heavy, but extremely tasty, and is best enjoyed

over a long period of time with rice and a light beer.

Our time at the restaurant was enjoyable, and our food fantastic, but we were unable to save room for dessert. The restaurant serves, among other dishes: kheer, mango ice cream and gulab jumun. The kheer is rice cooked in milk with raisins, cardamom and nuts. The gulab jumun are described as "golden cheese balls soaked in honey syrup." Cheese, fried and honey sounds like a phenomenal combination, and I hope to soon encounter it after eating another couple of pounds of lamb and bread and spinach in the future.

If ever I'm faced with shitty weather and a gut-teasing hunger for Indian again, I'll know its worth taking violent gusts of wind and ice and snow in the face for a belly full of whatever India Palace has to offer.

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Intellectual madman Slavoj Žižek unleashes his psychoanalytic fury.

Zizek Fails

Manic intellectual still impressive

FAITH ROSE AND ALEX STEED

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Zizek!, the third film of the USM Philosophy Symposium's film series is a well-intentioned documentary that chronicles the days in the life of Slovenian philosopher and cultural critic, Slavoj Žižek. A man who is heralded as an "academic rock star," Žižek has written and commented on a wide range of topics, spanning from the attacks of September 11 to the Marx Brothers. He is famously and simultaneously genius and spastic — an ideal candidate for the growing trend of documentaries inspired by academics and intellectuals.

Which is why the film itself is so conspicuous in its failure.

At 72 minutes long, while entertaining, it is for the most part incoherent and unoriginal. Žižek himself is the only thing that saves the day. Made up of loose ends and incomplete ideas, the subject of the film, the almost manic philosopher, is endlessly engaging. The desire to continue watching him is not stumped by the poor filmmaking.

The documentary spans an unidentifiable amount of time, bouncing between Žižek's home in Slovenia and various speaking engagements in Argentina, New York and Boston. It is loosely broken down by the broad subjects of Žižek's interest (philosophy, psycho-analysis, etc.). However, due to Žižek's habitual rambling, the lack of structure in the film gives the viewer a sense that Žižek is espousing inarticulate snippets of his theories. Without a thesis, the film follows nothing. Unable to properly engage their subject, or the at the very least anticipate that he would be unable to guide them in any sort of linear path, the filmmakers fail to both make a statement and tell a comprehensive or compelling story.

It is Žižek alone who inadvertently provides the most telling and human moment. A self-proclaimed "monster" among humans, the Žižek persona is shattered by a scene with his son, the only person from Žižek's life who we meet. He takes the audience on a tour of his child's playroom, explaining how, while it appears to be chaotic, the child

has assigned a story to each of the toys. He enthusiastically retells some of the stories, starting with a Lego set modeled after the United States Military, and ending with two lesbian queens who rule over the messy kingdom. For a brief moment, an unexpected explanation is offered of how this man, who goes unexplained for the entirety of the film, functions on a day-to-day basis.

The real problem with the film is the blatant idol worship, causing any attempts at telling a story or analyzing the subject to be tossed aside. We learn that Žižek ran for the presidency of the Republic of Slovenia in 1990, though hear little more than an anecdote about the debates. We hear nothing from any of his friends or family, let alone his contemporaries or critics.

While we do accompany Žižek and the film crew that follows him to New York City lecture halls, the streets of Buenos Aires and home to Slovenia these locations, a more accurate description of the film might be, "Oh my God! We're the first film crew to be given access to *Zizek!* Oh my God! We're his biggest fans."

Often, the member of the audience must think, "What's the point?"

None of this is to say, however, that this is not what Žižek wants. There is a part in the film where, explaining how he has become an intellectual phenomenon of sorts, he is afraid that if he were to stop talking, he would disappear. He

implies that by talking, he is able to run from being discovered to be a fraud. He tells us this long after he explains, "I'm not human. I'm a monster."

I don't know that Žižek would object to this film, or how badly the story about him is told. It gives him an opportunity to talk, and to hide from being discovered.

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Shandriale Boyer
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: tuition, parking, and the lack of support for nontraditional students

Plan to address issues: I would start by addressing the needs of the nontraditional student by opening up forums for them to discuss their issues. I would then help to push through Maine PIRG.



Jeremy Knee
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Student loans (eligibility, interest rates), post grad job development, veterans' services.

Plan to address issues: promote reform in student loan policies, work to improve job placement and internship services, work to expand and improve veteran's services on campus including counseling and job placement.



Kellie Parks
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: high cost of books and tuition, lack of student involvement (sense of community and unity)

Plan to address issues: I believe that more students need to become involved with a raised awareness, concern and participation comes a greater opportunity to make change. I would like to find a way to make student involvement appealing.



Michael Adam Royer
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: Finances, rising costs of attending college, safety and security bomb threats and the campus safe, unity and sense of community.

Plan to address issues: Working with administration to keep costs for students down, education of student body regarding safety, create community spirit by increasing student events.



Eric Favreau
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: High costs for education. Finding a place to fit in and belong. Being excited about classes and becoming civically active.

Plan to address issues: Continue work on making text books cheaper, grants higher, and tuition low. Help advertise activity on campus and give students outlets to get involved.



Anna Korsen
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: The rising cost of college, global warming, and lack of student involvement.

Plan to address issues: I would hope that the student senate would be involved with opportunity Maine, energy policy at the University, and encouraging students to become involved.



Justin Quint
Sophomore
Incumbent Senator: No.

Top 3 Issues: Student involvement within the University is very low; I believe increased involvement would increase student retention rates. I also feel that the Woodbury Campus center is inadequate at representing and accommodating USM. The price of textbooks also should be lowered for students.

Plan to address issues: I plan on listening to the USM student body. Increasing publicity of student run entities would increase involvement. I would like to work with the committee that is working towards a new student center. I would also like to look at alternative ways to lower textbook prices.



Amanda Slattery
Junior
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: The top three issues facing USM Students are the needs for a new student center on the Portland Campus, student debt, and the image creation of USM as an institution of higher education.

Plan to address issues: For a new campus center I will establish a grass toys campaign to gain student involvement. For student debt and the image of USM I will work with administration to keep tuition and fee increases to a minimal and will collaborate with students and administration.



Emily Fitch
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: Price/Quality of textbooks, cost of education, and advising (lack thereof)

Plan to address issues: I'll make sure we keep working on campus bookswap. I'll be a loud voice to the president and Board of Trustees about financial problems of USM & its students. I'll continue to put pressure on departments about advising. I'll work with the SAF to find out which departments have the most advising issues and work to help the faculty understand the benefits and necessity of being a good advisor.



Marie Follayttar
Incumbent Senator: Yes

Top 3 Issues: We are communities without communion. Students moving fast through USM without truly stopping, sitting and engaging in the USM community. We balance too much and are in need of support; monetary, accessibility, emotionally. Students need advocates.

Plan to address issues: Working with student senators, administrators on addressing direct concerns. Creating task focus on student concerns. Holding open forums on campus: in dorms, etc.

Bruce Richardson
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: high tuition costs, maintaining buildings, lack of information and/or activities for commuter students

Plan to address issues: taking a direct approach, seeking bond issues and working with various departments on campus and in government

Benjamin Taylor
Incumbent Senator: No

Top 3 Issues: The top three issues facing USM students today are increasing student debt, cost of textbooks, and availability and organization of parking.

Plan to address issues: The best way to act on these issues is to organize and inform students. Create awareness of student debt initiatives campus book swap programs, etc.

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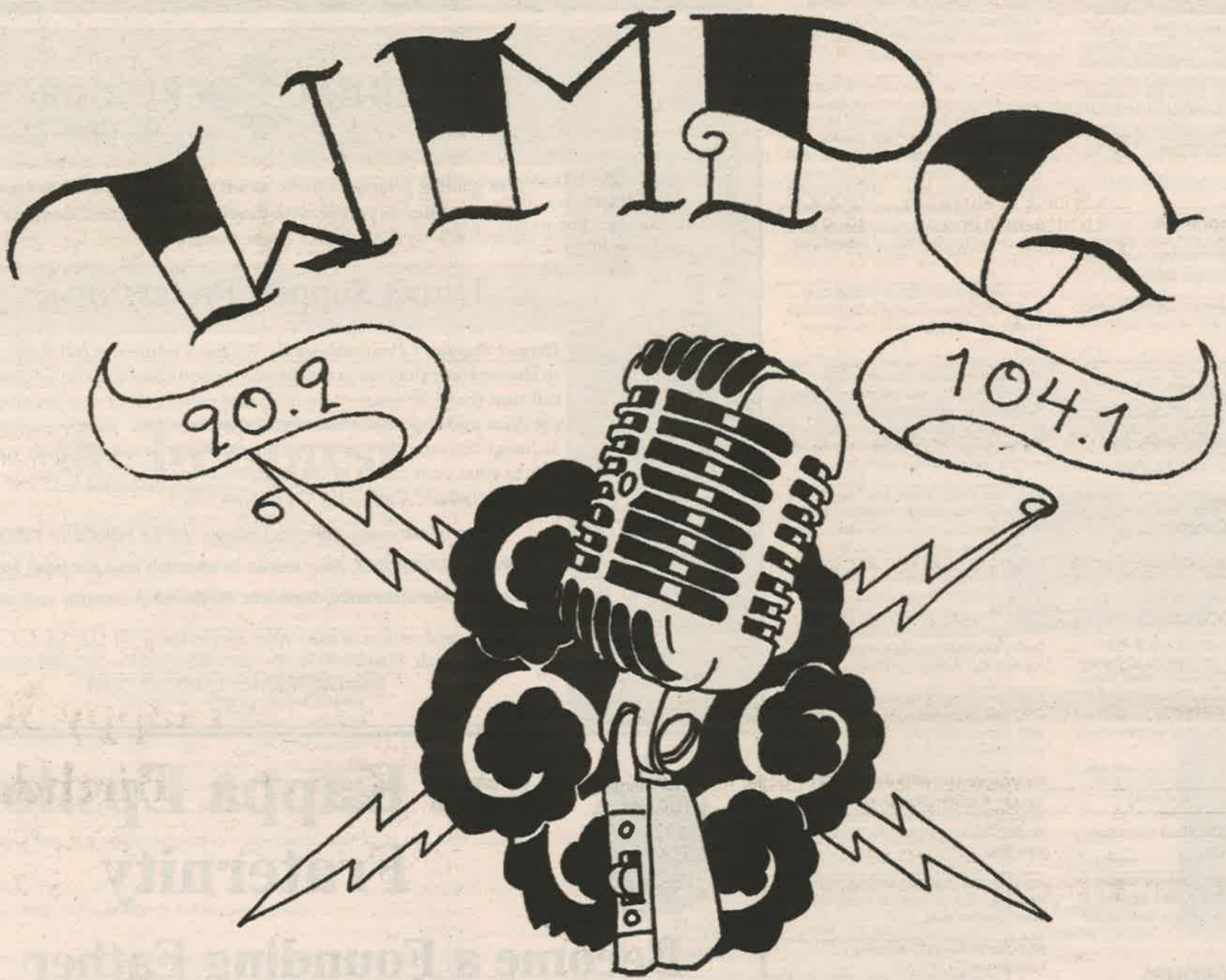
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Wed. 21
Men's Lacrosse @ Mitchell 4:00 p.m.

Thu. 22
Baseball vs. Albright (DH) @ Chandler, AZ 12:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Wisconsin-Superior @ Ft. Myers, FL 3:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Curry 4:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Chicago @ Ft. Myers, FL 5:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Bates 5:00 p.m.

Fri. 23
Baseball vs. Gustavus Adolphus @ Chandler, AZ 12:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Thomas @ Ft. Myers, FL 1:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Hamline @ Ft. Myers, FL 3:00 p.m.

Sat. 24
Softball vs. Bethel @ Ft. Myers, FL 9:00 a.m.
Men's Outdoor Track @ Northeastern Univ. 10:00 a.m.
Softball vs. Middlebury @ Ft. Myers, FL 1:00 p.m.
Baseball vs. Williams @ Chandler, AZ 4:30 p.m.

Mon. 26
Softball vs. SUNY Potsdam @ Ft. Myers, FL 11:00 a.m.
Baseball vs. Middlebury @ Chandler, AZ 12:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Oberlin @ Ft. Myers, FL 1:00 p.m.

Mon. 26
Men's Lacrosse @ Bates 4:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse @ St. Mary's (Md.) 4:00 p.m.

Tues. 27
Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater @ Chandler, AZ 11:00 a.m.
Softball vs. Colby @ Ft. Myers, FL 11:00 a.m.
Softball vs. DePauw @ Ft. Myers, FL 1:00 p.m.

Wed. 28
Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater @ Chandler, AZ 10:00 a.m.
Baseball vs. M.I.T. @ Chandler, AZ 1:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse @ Hollins 4:30 p.m.
Women's Track @ USAT Collegiate Series @ Clermont, FL TBA

Sat. 31
Baseball @ Western Connecticut (DH) 12:00 p.m.
Men's Track @ Tufts Invitational 12:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. EASTERN CONNECTICUT 1:00 p.m.
Softball @ Rhode Island College (DM) 1:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis @ UMass Dartmouth 1:00 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse @ Eastern Connecticut 2:00 p.m.
Women's Track @ Tallahassee, FL TBA

Sun. April 1
Baseball @ Wheaton 1:00 p.m.
Softball vs. BABSON (DH) 12:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. CASTLETON STATE 1:00 p.m.

Mon. 2
Men's Tennis vs. ENDICOTT 3:30 p.m.

Tues. 3
Baseball vs. BOWDOIN 3:30 p.m.

Wed. 4
Women's Lacrosse vs. PLYMOUTH STATE 4:00 p.m.

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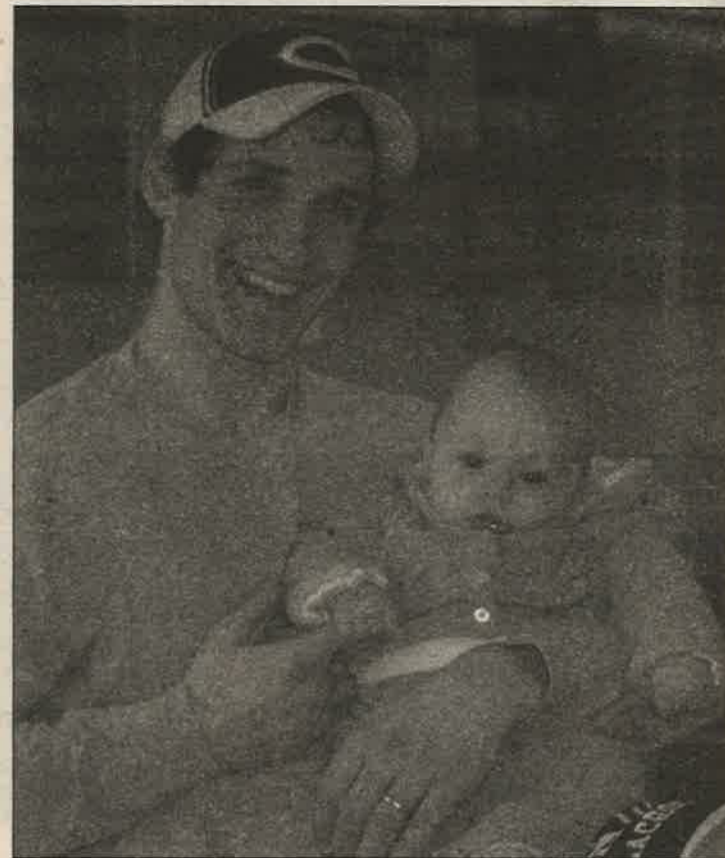
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ROB DORR
YEAR: JUNIOR
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY
SPORT: LACROSSE
POSITION: DEFENSE, MIDFIELD,
BACKUP GOALIE

Balancing his 3-month-old daughter on one knee, Rob Dorr seems the epitome of Husky Heroism. Like many other USM students, he has learned how to balance student life with family life, but add his commitment to the men's lacrosse team of which he is a captain, and he seems anything but ordinary.

What brought you to USM?
It was convenient, my girlfriend Justene was here, plus it was a lot cheaper than other schools. But since Justene and I got married in July, convenience was the real reason.

How do you balance school and family and lacrosse?
It's really hard. I work overnights, plus Justene works. I go to school full-time, but she's not taking classes right now. I thought it would be harder, but every time I get home its fun. Stressful, obviously, but it's a lot easier and a lot more fun than I ever thought it would be.



Do you have time for other hobbies?
Mostly my daughter Isabella. I watch TV, I listen to music, and I like eating...but I really enjoy time with my family.

Who do you give thanks to?
Everyone—coaches, family, my parents have always been my favorite supporters. They come from Chicago just to see

me play! Although now they have even more reasons to come.

What would you tell other students about yourself?
I like long walks on the beach... just kidding. No, I'm pretty plain and simple. I love my team, and I love my family. Can you make that sound really manly?

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Spring sports preseason polls and statistics

Compiled by Ashley St. Michel

Women's Lacrosse

The Plymouth State University women's lacrosse team slid by Eastern Connecticut in the standings by one point. The Panthers received four first place votes and 32 total points, and the Warriors recorded 31 total points. Plymouth State has not lost in a Little East Conference contest since the start of women's lacrosse in 2002. The Warriors have recorded an overall record of 29-0 and have grabbed all five conference championships.

The fifth seeded Huskies lost in the first round of Little East Conference Tournament play last season to UMass Dartmouth, 7-15. Junior Ashley Dyer earned the Second Team All-Conference last year, while junior Virginia Flood earned the weekly award of Offensive Player of the Week. The Huskies earned 14 points to bump into fifth place on this years' coaches' poll, only one point ahead of sixth seeded Western Connecticut.

Men's Lacrosse

In July, USM named Malcolm Chase, a former assistant men's lacrosse coach at Connecticut College, to the head coach for men's lacrosse. Chase was the defensive coordinator/assistant coach at Connecticut College for two seasons (2004-2005). He also served as an assistant coach at Roanoke College for one year. Chase has worked at a number of camps and was also a featured speaker at the 2005 US Lacrosse National Convention.

Last season, the men's lacrosse team went 2-10-0 overall and 0-5-0 in the conference. The team got their two wins in the second half of their season, their first to Maine Maritime, 13-8, and their second to Thomas College, 11-3.

**2007 Preseason Men's Lacrosse Coaches' Poll not yet released*

SEASON OPENERS

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Southern Maine at Univ. of New England
Tuesday, March 20 (4:00 p.m.)

WOMEN'S TRACK
USAT National Center Collegiate Series Meet
Wednesday, March 28 (T.B.A.)
At National Training Center
Clemon, Fla.

SOFTBALL
Southern Maine vs. Wisconsin-Superior
Thursday, March 22
(3:00 p.m.)
At Lee Cantry #2
Ft, Myers, Fla.

BASEBALL
Southern Maine vs. Albright (DH)
Thursday, March 22
(2:00 EDT)
At Snedigar Complex
Chandler, Ariz.

MEN'S LACROSSE
Southern Maine at Army
Saturday, March 17
(4:00 p.m.)
At Milton, Mass.

MEN'S TRACK
Bridgewater (Va.) Invitational
Saturday, March 24
(12:00 p.m.)
At Bridgewater College
Bridgewater, Va.

MEN'S TENNIS
Southern Maine at Bates
Thursday, March 22
(5:00 p.m.)
At Lewiston, Maine

2007 Little East Conference Preseason Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Poll

1. Plymouth State University
2. Eastern Connecticut State University
3. Keene State College
4. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
5. University of Southern Maine
6. Western Connecticut State University
7. Rhode Island College

2006 Little East Conference Final LEC Men's Lacrosse Report*

1. Eastern Connecticut State University
2. Keene State College
3. University of Massachusetts Boston
4. Plymouth State University
5. Western Connecticut State University
6. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
7. University of Southern Maine

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team captured the Little East Championship in 2003 and 2005 and last season grabbed the title of LEC co-champions with Bridgewater State. They also earned the title of Little East Regular Season Champions in 2003 and 2005.

Last season, the Huskies went 5-1 in the conference and 6-4 overall on the season. Southern Maine had four Little East Conference Champions in the singles brackets: Justin Chaffee, Chris Chaffee, Jason Ouellette and Derek Stevenson. Chris Chaffee also

earned the honor of Player of the Week for April 3 2006, and Matt Filteau captured the same award for the week of April 17. Stevenson earned the Rookie of the Week award for the week of April 17 that same season.

Players to watch*:

1. Chris Chaffee 11-2
2. Derek Stevenson 10-2
3. Justin Chaffee 9-3

**Win/loss results are from the 2006 Spring season.*

Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field

2007 Little East Conference Preseason Men's Outdoor Track & Field

The men's outdoor track and field team had six athletes grab records last season. Jimmy Sawyer took the 400 meters record with a time of 48.98 at Bates College. Chris Hopkins took two events, the 800 meters and 1500 meters with times of 1:57.76 and 3:56.10 respectively. Derek Murchie, Nick Macklin, Forrest Tobie and Jimmy Sawyer snagged the 4 x 400-meter Relay record with a time of 3:24.73. Wheeler also took the Track Athlete of the Week award for the week of April 24, and Hopkins took the same award during the week of April 10. The Huskies took the LEC Outdoor Track and Field Championship in 2001, but Eastern Connecticut has taken the LEC Championship for the last five consecutive years.

Athletes to watch:

1. Curtis Wheeler
Distance
2. Nick Wheeler
Distance
3. Forest Tobie
Middle Distance
4. Adam Haggerty
Pole Vault
5. Jimmy Sawyer
Sprints

2007 Little East Conference Preseason Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Last season the women's outdoor track and field team took the Little East Conference Championship Tournament and the New England Alliance Champions award, both for the sixth year in a row. Two of the team's athletes were honored with the Field Athlete of the Week award. Senior Abbey Ahearn earned the honor twice for the weeks of April 3 and April 10. Junior Melissa Bellemore also captured the award April 17-24. The Huskies have taken the top position at a minimum of 90 points over their opponents for the past five years. Some of the team's top athletes are Hattie Landry in the 100-meter, 200-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles and Melissa Bellemore in the pole vault.

Athletes to watch:

1. Melissa Bellemore
Pole Vault/Jumps
2. Hattie Landry
Hurdles/Sprints
3. Mindy Mondooux
Jumps
4. Emily Poliquin
Jumps
5. Caitlin Handcock
Jumps/Sprints

2007 LEC Preseason Coaches' Polls

Compiled by Ashley St. Michel

Softball



The softball team will open its 2007 campaign in Fort Myers, Florida, on March 22. Last season the Huskies finished 23-21 overall and 8-6 in the LEC.

2007 Little East Conference Preseason Softball Coaches' Poll

1. Rhode Island College
2. Keene State College
3. Western Connecticut State University
4. Eastern Connecticut State University
5. University of Southern Maine
6. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
7. Plymouth State University
8. University of Massachusetts Boston

Rhode Island College has ranked first in the Little East Conference regular season standings the past two seasons. They took the 2006 Little East Conference Tournament last season, earning an overall record of 35-8-1 and 11-2-1 in the conference. The Anchorwomen won their first two games of the 2006 NCAA Regional before torrential rains cancelled the rest of the tournament. Last season the Huskies finished fifth after going to the final round of the 2006

Little East Conference Softball Tournament. The Huskies downed Eastern Connecticut, 2-0, in the first round and Keene State, 1-0, in the second round. They slipped by UMass Dartmouth, 4-3, and fell to Rhode Island College, 2-1, in the final round. Two players earned awards for the Huskies during the 2006 season. Senior pitcher Katie Mainville earned Pitcher of the Week, while freshman pitcher Bree Loon earned Rookie of the Week.

Baseball

2007 Little East Conference Preseason Baseball Poll

1. University of Southern Maine
2. Eastern Connecticut State University
3. Keene State College
4. Rhode Island College
5. University of Massachusetts Boston
6. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
6. Western Connecticut State University
8. Plymouth State University

The men's baseball team was ranked first in the annual Little East Conference Coaches' Preseason Poll receiving 48 total points, and second place opponent Eastern Connecticut grabbed 43 points. While under the ranks of Head Coach Ed Flaherty, the Huskies have put up 21 consecutive seasons with at least 20 victories. They have also reached 30 wins in a season eight times. Last season, the Huskies advanced three rounds into the Little East Conference Tournament. They dominated

UMass Dartmouth 10-1 in the first round and cruised by Rhode Island College, 7-6. After the Huskies lost one game, 4-14, to the Keene State College Owls and another to the Eastern Connecticut Warriors, 4-5, they were eliminated from the tournament. The Warriors would go on to win the tournament, defeating Keene State College twice. They also took the NCAA Division 3 Auburn Regional Championship and advanced to the World Series in Grand Chute, WI.



PHOTOS BY JASON JOHNS

The baseball team has kicked off their 2007 season after a stellar 2006 performance that ended with a 32-17 record and their first NCAA tournament appearance in five years.

For more preseason polls, check out page 19

Did You Know?

The Little East Conference (LEC) began on April 28, 1986 as a conference for men's and women's basketball. The original six New England institutions competing at that time were Eastern Connecticut State University, Plymouth State University, Rhode Island College, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts Boston and the University of Southern Maine. The conference was immediately recognized by the NCAA. The number of institutions rose to seven in 1993-94 when Western Connecticut State University joined, then again to eight in 1997-98 when Keene State College joined. Each pre-season, all eight of the LEC coaches cast a ballot for which institution they believe is number one. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own team. The coaches consider a number of different statistics when voting, including the teams current record, individual records and coaches past records.

HUSKY Highlights

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Marble named Region Player of the Year

2/14 - Senior women's basketball forward Ashley Marble (Topsfield) was named the Northeast Region Player of the Year by D3hoops.com as voted by the region's Division 3 sports information directors. This is the second consecutive year that Marble has earned the honor. Marble was also selected to the D3hoops.com All-Northeast Region First Team. She led the Huskies in scoring, rebounding and steals, averaging 23.1 points, 12.2 rebounds and 2.13 steals per game, and hit 22 double-doubles during her 2006-07 season. Marble shot 49.6 percent from the floor and sank 72.3 percent of her attempts at the free throw line.

BASEBALL

Sitting on top of the polls

2/14 - The men's baseball team received six first-place votes and 48 total points to begin the 2007 season at number one in the annual Little East Conference Baseball Preseason Poll. Under head coach Ed Flaherty, the Huskies have posted 21 consecutive seasons with at least 20 victories. They have also recorded at least 30 wins eight times since Flaherty began. Last season, the Huskies ended the season with an overall record of 32-17, including an 11-3 record in the conference.

Bourque, Foley, Kinslow and Vardaro named captains

2/15 - Seniors Ryan Bourque (Sanford), Pat Foley (Norwood, MA), Pat Kinslow (Westbrook) and Nick Vardaro (Norwood, MA) were named the 2007 men's baseball captains by head coach Ed Flaherty. This is the second straight season that Bourque, Foley and Vardaro have shared the captain's role. The Huskies are ranked fourth in Baseball America's poll, fifth according to Collegiate Baseball and 11th in the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) poll. Bourque earned a spot on the second team All-American and All-Little East Conference first team last season. He led the Huskies in hitting with a percentage of .395. Bourque compiled 18 doubles, seven home runs and 53 RBI. Foley had a strong second half of the 2006 season, with a 3.78 ERA in 22 appearances. He also recorded 28 strike-outs and allowed only 26 hits. Kinslow batted .217 with 12 RBI and made only two errors in 96 chances. Vardaro was an All-LEC first pick at shortstop. He batted .340 with 49 runs scored, 11 doubles, four triples, two home runs and 23 RBI last season.

Source:

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