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## Student groups take budget cuts

### Free newspaper program eliminated

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USM's 35th student senate reached an agreement for 2007-2008's student organization budget proposal after nearly five hours of deliberation in Bailey Hall April 6. The topic of heated debate was the addition of Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), slated to receive \$39,000 or about 10 percent of the total budget. The senate voted 8-3 in favor of PIRG's budget, with four abstaining.

The introduction of PIRG would make USM the first university in the state of Maine to feature the nationwide organization on campus.

"PIRG offers the opportunity to actualize and actuate your leadership and advocacy skills through training," said Marie Follayttar, public relations chair for the senate.

PIRG has chapters on nearly 100 campuses across the U.S. and offers students opportunities to become informed and involved in the issues that affect their lives while also pro-

viding training for potential future leaders. Student debt, affordable textbooks, voter registration, homelessness and global warming are some of the issues that PIRG focuses on.

As a result of adding PIRG to the budget, other entities received less money for next year. Among the organizations that would suffer from the new budget allocation is the Newspaper group, which delivers *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe* and the *Portland Press Herald* to students at no cost. The Newspaper group was allotted \$5,000, half of its usual budget, and would be able to provide free newspapers for only one semester next school year. The senate hopes to use any "rollover money" not used by student groups to at least partially fund the newspaper program for the rest of the year.

"PIRG is a great organization," said senate secretary Laura Saia, "but at this time I find it fiscally irresponsible during a budget crisis to allocate \$39,000 to the creation of a new position."

Portland and Gorham's Events Boards, the Leadership Development Board and Words and Images, USM's art and literary journal, would also feel the impact from the proposed cuts.

"PIRG is an expensive asset, but a valuable one," said Melissa St. Germain, publishing director of Words and Images. "If we can use the next year to find other schools to help us support the cost, I'm glad to take a temporary cut in my budget."

The \$39,000 allocated to PIRG is \$1,000 less than the national minimum required to start the organization. Most universities allocate around double that amount to support their PIRG chapters.

"The addition of PIRG to the budget is the result of a process that started in November," Senate Treasurer Angel Kimball said. "The Finance Committee carefully weighed our options and determined that the benefits of PIRG far outweighed any negative effects. We understand that some entities may be concerned about their budgets, but we feel confident in their excellent leadership that they will be highly successful at the proposed levels."

The 36th student senate, led by newly-elected student body president A.J. Chalifour, will meet May 4 to change and make final approval of the proposed budget.



Laura Vogel, right, was killed in a car accident while studying abroad last January.

## Dominican trip canceled

### USM reviews international travel safety protocols

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Four months after an overturned bus injured several undergraduate students and killed a Standish native in the Dominican Republic, USM is re-evaluating its safety guidelines for international programs.

The university canceled the Dominican Republic trip scheduled for this summer to allow students involved in the planning process to recover from January's lethal accident.

Laura Vogel, 27, of Standish, was killed in a truck accident while on her way to a village on Jan. 4. The accident also injured several USM students, two of whom needed to be treated in the Dominican Republic at Centro Medico Bournigal in Puerto Plata.

The group was en route to a remote village healthcare site from Fufimaña Lajadyaroa when the vehicle stalled out and lost power on a steep hill in Yásica township. Marianne Rodgers, the dean of USM's College of Nursing and Health Professions, said the truck also lost its power brakes when it stalled and it began to "roll slowly

backward." The driver could not put the truck back in gear.

The truck slid off the road and overturned down an embankment. Vogel was killed. Two USM nursing undergraduates were injured as well, one in the shoulder, the other suffered internal injuries. Several other students reported aches and pains, including cracked ribs, when they returned to Maine.

Laura's father Monty Vogel, while concerned with travel safety said that accidents like these happen unnoticed all over the country and "nobody is really responsible."

Bob Smith, director of administrative services risk management, said since the accident he has been working to hire a professional contractor either with an independent consultant or a larger insurance company for assistance with addressing problems with USM's documentation and procedures. These procedures, said Smith, are to ensure student safety with travel programs like the Health Outreach Program to the Dominican Republic.

From there any revising that may need to be done will be worked out. Smith said, "Our responsibility is to provide as safe as an environment as we can. We have curtailed our trip going down in the summer until we can make sure we are completely safe."

Before traveling students start their journeys they are required to attend a set of meetings designed

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# PIRG establishes USM chapter

## Budget proposal approved

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USM's student senate voted 8-3, with four abstaining, at their meeting April 6 to approve a \$39,000 budget request from the fledgling Maine PIRG organization. PIRG stands for Public Interest Research Group.

Marie Stoltzenburg, president of PIRG's USM chapter, said her quest to procure \$15,000 to re-instate the first PIRG chapter on USM's campus since it was shut down in 1982 seemed insurmountable a year and a half ago. Even more troubling for Stoltzenburg was that \$15,000 was only one-third the amount needed to start up a PIRG chapter.

Through hard lobbying and will power, the student senate passed Stoltzenburg's budget request and the national PIRG organization funded the remaining amount in the form of grants.

With Stoltzenburg at the helm, MainePIRG worked on a wide range of issues affecting USM students including student debt, the cost of textbooks, access to locally grown food on campus and problems faced by the Portland community such as global warming and hunger.

Grant funding does not occur annually and frequently requires a chapter to work on projects that the grants pay for as opposed to those that reflect the concerns of the chapter's school. Because of this, MainePIRG requested \$39,000 from the student senate, substantially more than in 2006 but still \$1,000 less than the minimum required for a chapter to run for a year.

"If the money comes from student fees," Stoltzenburg said, "then

the students control the activities we work on."

MainePIRG's strategy of appealing straight to the student senate for funding has also made the budget request more high profile. The group applied to become an entity of the Student Government Association instead of the traditional route through the Board of Student Organizations. The BSO has generally given PIRG around \$300 annually.

In a letter to the editor (March 19 issue), former student senator Daniel Lawrence questioned whether PIRG activity on campus in the last year warranted the requested amount.

"I think a truly random poll around Portland and Gorham campuses," Lawrence wrote, "would reveal that not a lot of students know what PIRG is or what it does."

In response to Lawrence's comments, two PIRG members, vice-president Anna Korsen and Sara Gallagher, wrote letters to the editor

in last week's Free Press, discussing PIRG's notable success on campus this past year and argued that PIRG "is working tirelessly on very serious student issues, has a bigger membership than any other entity and has proven to be vital to student involvement on this campus."

Korsen, in a telephone interview, discussed some of the potential work PIRG will do in the coming school year now that the senate has approved funding. "We just started a homelessness and hunger campaign," she said, "getting people to go help in soup kitchens, do work at the Preble Street Resource Center (in Portland). We want to see that this continues and strengthens."

In addition to hunger, PIRG has also pledged to keep working with Environment Maine, a group that works to keep students aware of environmental legislation being debated in the state house. PIRG members will also continue their work with Opportunity Maine, a student-led citizen's initiative aimed at lowering student debt

through a tax break on loan interest payments, linking government officials with students to keep the issue of student debt and tuition prices "hot," said Korsen.

"However," she added, "in order to continue at USM, we will need to be funded at that same level and every year. But we will have to prove we work hard for the students and we deserve this money."

Stoltzenburg said she believes that any suspicion with regard to PIRG is a result of not knowing what exactly PIRG is working towards.

The group meets on Wednesdays. Prior to the senate's budget meeting last week, PIRG held a series of three meetings addressing where exactly the potential money would be allocated.

"We work on things that affect every single student," said Stoltzenburg, "student debt, making textbooks affordable, universal student concerns—isn't this a smart way to spend student fee money?"

# USM changes hands

## Provost Wood appointed interim president

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University of Maine Chancellor Terry MacTaggart appointed Joseph Wood, USM's provost and vice president of academic affairs, as interim president following current President Richard Pattenau's promotion to chancellor of the UMaine System in February. A year-long search process will be conducted while Wood maintains USM's operations.

"It's not an easy job, but (it's) a really important job," said Meg Weston, chair of Board of Trustees (BOT) for the UMaine System, of the USM interim president position.

Pattenau's presidency will end and his chancellorship will begin on July 1, leaving a vacancy for president. The university next will search for a replacement for Wood.

Susan Campbell, assistant vice president for academic affairs, said, "I have not been approached nor do I anticipate being approached" about the interim provost position. Although Campbell is an adjunct professor, she does not hold faculty rank or have a faculty appointment. "The usual protocol is that provosts are academic leaders," Campbell said.

Wood's interim president position will run from July 1 this year through June 30, 2008, at which

point a hired full-time president will take over.

Weston said the process for selecting a new president is an extensive undertaking conducted by the BOT search committee and enlists the help of various national search and consultant firms.

"The background will be done over the summer," said Weston. "But it will really swing into full gear this fall."

In the meantime, said Wood, the year ahead is a critical time for USM.

"The real goal is to make certain that we prepare USM as well as possible for whoever becomes the new president," Wood said. "Preparing it means supporting effectively the quality we've already developed at the university."

"Joe will do a very good job," said Pattenau. "USM is lucky to have senior leadership in place."

Although Wood accepted the interim presidency, he will most likely not be eligible for the permanent position.

"It's one of the conditions that we usually ask the interim (president) not to be a candidate. It's cleaner when we can do that," Weston said. "You want an interim to be able to do what they need to do as an interim without also trying to position themselves as being a candidate."

Pattenau said it is "the normal expectation" that the interim presi-



USM interim President Joseph Wood.

dent does not also run for the permanent position.

"The expectation is that I would return to being provost," said Wood.

Wood's impending absence from the provost position will leave an empty position. Though there is some unofficial protocol as to who is appointed interim president (the provost), "there is not as clear a tradition" for who fills the vacated provost spot, said Wood.

Pattenau said, "I am in the process of gathering recommendations" for interim provost. "I am open to all names."

Pattenau said he expects to make an announcement later this week.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Spring, 1971,  
4:20 p.m.—  
"High" school  
students, comic  
hero establish  
trend

In 1976, comic artist and animator Verne Andreu created Captain Cannabis, an underground hero fighting for, and sometimes with, weed. The Canadian Copyright Office issued a registration certificate for the character on April 20, 1977. This was the first documented correlation of the time "4:20 p.m." and the date "4/20" as cultural icons for the "pot"-luck gatherings.

Since then, not only has the term been recognized all over the globe as the "official" time for "rocking the ganj," but also has pushed its way into our everyday culture.

Hemp festivals are still held on April 20 every year.

There's a California record label named 4:20 and a band called 4:20.

The Sweetwater Brewing Co. in Atlanta, Georgia, sells its 420 Pale Ale in supermarkets and opens its doors to the public at 4:20 p.m. four days a week.

New York's 420 Tours sells low-cost vacations to the Netherlands and Jamaica, both countries known for their legal pot practices.

In 2001, the forReal.org web site of the US Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Prevention released the public service document "It's 4:20—Do You Know Where Your Teen Is?"

Compiled by Joel C. Theriault



# Anxious for a solution

## USM Counselors trained in social anxiety therapy for students

DANIELLE PORCELLO

STAFF WRITER

For most students, going to classes, talking with professors and meeting peers for dinner feels like second nature. After the "freshman-year" jitters caused by roommates and saying goodbye to mom and dad, most students finally grow comfortable with the zero-privacy dorm room lifestyle, and the social interactions inevitable in that environment.

But the thought of going to class or possibly being called on to answer a question is enough

to send some into a panic attack. At times, students unable to cope with their fears have left college behind altogether.

Social anxiety disorder is like a phobia, and is the third most prevalent psychiatric disorder in the country, preceded only by depression and alcoholism, said Dr. Gordon Street, a practicing psychologist in the Sebago Lake area. It affects as many as 13 percent of adults. He estimates that between 165 and 500 students at USM have been diagnosed with an anxiety disorder.

Street and his wife, Dr. Lee Fitzgibbons, facilitate a free group

therapy session at their Raymond offices twice a month.

"When somebody has social phobia, there are situations that provoke fear," said Street. "You can have people that are afraid to go sit in the cafeteria, or they go but it's really distressing."

Street said social phobias typically develop in youth and carry over into adulthood. A person suffering from Social Anxiety Disorder might experience extreme levels of fear or apprehension when confronted with certain social situations or the possibility of being evaluated by others. However, shyness is not a criterion for social phobias; many suf-

ferers feel completely at ease in certain settings, but become anxious in others.

Janis Mallon, training degrees of USM's counseling services, said that she sees several students a year suffering from social anxiety disorder.

"We see students who drop classes or don't get their degrees because they're not willing to take a public speaking class," said Mallon. "The difficulty is that is that people who have this condition often have a hard time coming in to get help."

Street said that group therapy can be particularly effective.

"You can do things with a group that you can't do any other way," he said. "With group therapy (the patients) are practicing their skills with seven or eight people. This really challenges their doubt that they are able to do this."

Street and Fitzgibbons' company, Anxiety Solutions of Northern New England, held two training sessions earlier this year with counselors from USM about "their general information and treatment approach," said Mallon.

For those who will seek help, treatments are available. Street said that as many as 75 percent of affected adults improve with therapy.

## Trip canceled, international travel safety questioned

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to instruct them of any "do's and don'ts" and dangers that occur, especially in third world countries, where Smith said, "there are risk factors you have to be aware of and mitigate before they become an issue." He said that there are many differences between safety requirements here in the United States versus more lenient requirements that tend to exist in other countries such as the Dominican Republic.

"We require mandatory information sessions and pre-departure orientations for students in each of the programs," said Monique Larocque, associate dean of academic outreach and director of summer and winter sessions. "Among the topics covered during the pre-departure meetings are travel tips, student safety, conduct

and medical concerns. We provide consular information sheets, which we obtain from the U.S. Department of State, which provides comprehensive and detailed information about safety and security, crime, traffic safety and road conditions, visas and medical facilities, among other things. We also rely on faculty members to contribute their personal knowledge from their experiences in the country where they are traveling."

The university works to provide safe accommodations for the group's stay. Larocque said that the "accommodations are secured in very different ways depending on the location and the nature of the travel course. The Summer Session department works closely with the faculty members leading and/or teaching the courses to

determine what accommodations will work best for the students.

"In some cases, we reserve rooms at guest houses or in the residence halls at a local university. In some cases, we reserve hotel rooms. In the case of the Dominican Republic, students stay at a monastery where they've been staying for many years," said Larocque. Students are required to eat the food supplied by the people giving the accommodations, to drink bottled water, and to stay with someone from the group at all times and use proper vehicle transportation safety.

Unsafe students, those who don't follow these precautionary measures, are required to leave the program. Though Larocque is unaware of any incidents where a student was forced to return home, she stated that conduct require-

ments, including those that prevent safety hazards, are made very clear to groups, and that if they don't abide by those requirements they will be sent home at the student's expense.

"We are responsible for the mental health of the students, (and) the population of the college campus," said Robert Small, director of university counseling services. "All across everything we do, we see results. The Dominican Republic situation was a critical incident," and added that "critical incident" can mean any traumatizing event.

Small and the department's staff maintained confidentiality of all students involved with the Dominican Republic incident and would not comment on if students involved were still in counseling.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## The enemy is us

ANGELIQUE CARSON

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Let's stop kidding ourselves. Racism is everywhere.

Last week, Don Imus touched off a nationwide explosion of fury, shock and outrage when he described members of the Rutgers women's basketball team with a vile phrase.

Racism is everywhere.

I'm writing this column while waiting at a dreary bus station in Hartford, CT, after a weekend writer's conference. Across from me is the ticket counter. I'm distracted by an escalating dispute between a customer, a black woman and the bus station's manager, a white man.

"Racist ass mother fucker," the woman says. "If I was white, you'd sell me this ticket."

The customer wants to purchase a bus ticket using another

person's credit card. The ticket agent, also a black woman, has called her manager from his office to handle the customer's request. He is unrelenting. He stands behind his ticket agent, whose eyes expose her discomfort at literally being between the two, and tells the customer that she can't use another person's credit card to purchase a ticket, no matter whose it is.

"You're a racist-ass mother fucker," the woman repeats, this time shouting the words. The lingering passengers in the bus station have noticed, paused like grazing deer alarmed by a gunshot nearby.

She said it. Racist. Whether accurate or not, whenever that word surfaces, the verdict frequently is guilty until proven innocent. By American standards, that seems unjust--until I think about how many people I know who seem to fit that label.

Over Christmas break I sat with friends from high school

casually exchanging gossip. In conversation, a good friend of mine used the "n" word. When I said that it made her sound ignorant and hateful, she was shocked..

"But I thought, it's just Maine, so it's fine," she replied.

She doesn't know any black people. She's never lived, worked or socialized with a black person. All she knows are the stereotypes she's seen on TV and the jokes she's heard at parties while growing up. She's never read black literature, marveled at black athletes or studied the foundation of jazz music in America.

She only knows what she grew up hearing: black people aren't slaves anymore, no, but they sure aren't white, either. The number of racist people in this country, though we'd like to believe differently, is immeasurable. The reason that it's immeasurable is because its not something that can be regulated by law. It dwells in the hearts and minds of the ignorant who haven't been educated enough to understand, rather than fear, difference. The FCC can regulate what it deems appropriate to be spoken on the air, sure.

Imus was wrong, and was fired as he should have been. But removing Imus is only a short-term way to quiet the symptoms of a wide-spread disease.

Racism is everywhere.

Here, in the nation's whitest state, we've learned the political correctness that is expected of citizens. The problem is that the PC movement has only fostered the Polite Concealment of tension that is pervasive among

racial lines in the United States.

That tension has come to a boiling point.

It heated up when our country failed to save black lives and restore adequate living conditions for thousands of other blacks in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and again when Kanye West said, on a nationally publicized fundraiser,

"George Bush doesn't care about black people." It bubbled when New York City police riddled an unarmed black man with more than 50 bullets last November, killing him on his wedding day.

And those were just the headlines. Just because it isn't reported doesn't mean it doesn't happen every day.

In Maine, we have the "luxury" of believing that racism is yesterday's problem. We're simply deceiving ourselves.

Mary Ann Weathers, an activist in the 1960s Civil Rights movement, wrote about race relations between white and blacks. Her text is prolific, though it was written almost 40 years ago. She says, "We can no longer allow ourselves to be duped by the guise of racism....

We are all being exploited, even the white middle class, by the few people in control of this entire world. And to keep the real issue clouded, he keeps us at one another's throats with this racism jive. Although Whites are most certainly racist, we must understand that they have been programmed to think in these patterns to divert their attention. If they are busy fight-



ing us, then they have no time to question the policies of the war being run by this government."

She meant Vietnam, but who could tell?

We'd love to say that as a civil society, we've overcome racism. At USM, it's easy to believe we're not racist. Our ancestors committed some unforgivable sins, but we're not them, we tell ourselves. We're of a new generation. We have landmark laws to guarantee equal rights.

But we haven't progressed that much. We've only become sly about it.

When Imus "joked" about Rutgers women, part of America's white culture awakened from a long slumber to a black culture exasperated that we took so long to open our eyes.

Racism and America have a long and intimate relationship together. In fact, there's never been one without the other. Dr. Martin Luther King promised "We shall overcome."

But when?

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Most of the time I am cautious about sharing my faith but after reading your letter concerning your struggle (March 5 issue, "A Struggle of Faith") I wanted to share how my faith has changed while at USM. Unlike many others, I was not raised in a church but when I was in high school found one that made God real for me and provided me with what I had been looking for. I was not however immediately convinced. But over the last four years, I have seen God work mightily in my life as well as

others. Close friends and family have been healed of big things like cancer and fibromyalgia to little things like allergies and headaches. When my gas gauge was on empty and I didn't have the money to fill it, my car never ran out of gas, no matter how much I had to drive. When I haven't been able to work and my bills were due, the money has always been there.

One time I was driving and lost control of my car. It was headed for the woods and I knew my friends and I were not going to be ok so I quickly asked God to help me. The car went off the road into the only place without

trees. The car wasn't damaged and we were fine.

From these and other things I have learned that no matter how stressful or turbulent my life may seem I have hope because I know God takes care of me.

While I may not agree with the hate and hypocrisy of many religious people, I cannot abandon the security and peace I have found in God and hope that others may find a security blanket like the one I have.

Meggin Chase  
Student



## FEATURED FACULTY

Photo and interview by Danielle Porcello

### Travis Wagner

Professor of Environmental Science and Policy  
Years at USM: 5

**I read that you have lived in some really different places, like Germany. Do you have a favorite?**

I would say probably Washington, D.C., and Germany. Both are just amazing from a cultural perspective. Both are beautiful places. You gain a perspective on America living outside the country.

**What are some of your hobbies besides traveling?**

Kayaking and hiking.

**Are there good places to hike around here?**

There are a fair number of places here, but from Portland you can also get to New Hampshire where there is a lot of great hiking. Evans Notch, which is here in Maine, is beautiful, or just walking around Peaks Island is great.

**Have you ever had any bad or exciting experiences outdoors?**

The craziest was I talked my then girlfriend into a six-day walking trip in Scotland. She didn't want to go. It ended up raining the whole time. She wasn't talking to me at the time, but we ended up getting married so it worked out.

**Why should students care about environmental science?**

Global climate change. Unless students become knowledgeable and actively engaged, the future doesn't look so bright, environmentally speaking. The major is about half science, half policy. You have to be willing to put in the effort it takes. The other thing is that it benefits society. Here's something students can give back. It's great for personal fulfillment.

**Your focus is on pollution control and waste management. Does USM do a good job in those areas?**

I think they do a good job. They do amazing things compared to what universities do that have more money. One thing I've noticed is that the students at USM are the most passive of any university I've been at. There is increasing community development, though, with the new dorms. Eventually the tide will turn.

**What is your favorite class to teach?**

Environmental Communication. Students tend to be the most engaged. Everyone gets to participate, it's not just me lecturing. That's what learning is all about.



PHOTO BY DANIELLE PORCELLO

"Future doesn't look so bright, environmentally speaking."

## Introducing...

Interview by Alex Steed

### Danny Moldovan

Senior

**Did you just wake up?**

Well, I was up until 4 a.m.

**What do you make of this whole Imus-getting-fired fiasco?**

I'm torn. It was a witch-hunt that brought someone down who didn't need to be. This sort of mess never would have destroyed the likes of [Ann]

Coulter or [Rush] Limbaugh. Those are the jerks that need to be taken down.

**Do you listen to a lot of Limbaugh?**

No.

**Anyone?**

I don't actually listen to anyone – not on the radio, or on television either. I used to really like that late-night guy on CNN, Aaron Brown.

**Why is he worth a damn?**

I just like how he presented the news. It wasn't sensational. I used to really like listening to Brokaw. All I do now is read blogs.

**Who do you think the next witch-hunt should try to take down? It's sort of hard to hunt witches within the blogosphere, huh?**

Part of me agrees that the next witch-hunt should reveal the hypocrisy of the Imus critics

- maybe try to take down rap artists who demean women to a degree that would make Imus sound like MLK. That being said, I'd really love to see Coulter get gagged. She peddles hate purely for profit and relevance and it's annoying. She knows it's just a show but the people that she rallies don't and they think it's acceptable for American discourse to dive that deeply into hate mongering.





## CULTURE BEAT

# "We are the people we have been waiting for"

GERMAINE KAPENA

COLUMNIST

As a woman from Africa, I personally look at the "Red Campaign" and Oprah's Leadership school for girls, as two beacons of light at the end of a dark voyage. Whenever I receive a phone call from a relative or friend in Africa, I tremble with fear that the caller is going to tell me someone else I love has died of AIDS. It's a fear I live with everyday. I have lost many people in my life to that dreadful disease.

African women and young girls are abused and raped on a daily basis. AIDS has spread considerably on the continent of Africa because some HIV infected men believe that having unprotected sex with healthy women and virgin girls would heal their diseased bodies. Poor women and innocent girls are victims and a targeted popula-

tion by sex offenders who are not held accountable in Africa. Infected men destroy their victim's lives and get away with it. Young children watch their mothers, sisters and friends die slow painful deaths. My hope and dream is for all African women and girls to have a chance to empower and free themselves from social oppression, sickness and diseases.

There is hope. Humanitarians all over the world are focusing on the AIDS epidemic in Africa. Oprah Winfrey uses her star power to help fight against AIDS in Africa and educate women. Building the Leadership Academy School for girls in Africa, Oprah declares, "This is a school for powerful girls who will use their power in service to their nation and to our world". One girl accepted into the school said she wants to study to become a doctor so she can help people living with HIV. Never have African girls

been given this kind of opportunity.

Well-known African author and social organizer, Georges Kabongo-Mubalamate, works through a nonprofit organization spreading the message to men, women and teens about protecting themselves against AIDS/HIV and sexually transmissible diseases. His message is heard on TV, in lecture halls and schools. Kabongo-Mubalamate invites both wealthy and infected men to conferences. His educational and philosophical strategies include changing men's beliefs systems. He wants to see a stop in offering money and social benefits to the poor for sex, and start respecting and protecting women, not raping and killing them. Hopefully, the power of one African man's voice will be heard loud and clear.

Bono of iconic band U2 and Bobby Shriver are the co-founders of (RED). Bono is leading

an anti-poverty campaign in Africa and also helps supply people with antiretroviral medicines. His goal is to eliminate poverty in Africa declaring, "the future of Africa lies in the hands of women". Often it is women who lead the way for a struggling culture to survive.

The Red Campaign, sells red products such as cell phones, iPods, T-shirts and watches, with proceeds going to African health issues. These products are displayed and sold on the [www.joinred.com](http://www.joinred.com) web site. For every red item sold, half of the profit will be donated to the Global Fund to buy anti-retroviral medicines. Last year, the Global Fund awarded \$7 billion dollars to 460 health programs in 136 countries to rehabilitate African nations whose death toll reaches into the hundred of thousands every year.

Instead of sending my contribution to buy a coffin, buying (RED) products uses my money

more effectively providing anti-retroviral medicines to help fight AIDS/HIV.

Tamsin Smith, the (RED)'s President, said in a speech for the celebration of philanthropic work, invites every one of us to take action and a stand against AIDS.

"A lot of people wait for someone else to change the world, their world- a politician, a partner, a mentor a belief system. These role models and support structures can be crucially important, but sometimes it takes individual to turn the tide. Individuals, coming on like the tide is a force to be reckoned with. When it comes to AIDS in Africa, we individuals don't have time to wait for someone else to act. WE ARE THE PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR."



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# Students voice concern: Little is happening on campus

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A&amp;E EDITOR

Last week, USM students celebrated Spring Fling. The event, organized by the Office of the Dean of Student Life, and sponsored by a series of student groups and the Gorham and Portland Events Board, offers students a week's worth of something to do on a campus that many students report is otherwise a boring one.

Chris Sampson, a senior, claims to have done "jack shit," when he lived on campus and was under 21. Answering how engaged he believes students are in what's happening on campus, he responded, "Not very."

"I went to some of the stuff the Gorham Events Board had going on. I'd go to crappy shows and open mic competitions, but I mostly just hung around the dorms with my friends," he said.

Sampson now spends his time living in Portland, off campus, where he goes to shows at SPACE Gallery and DJ nights at the White Heart. There, he feels as though he sees a lot of people from USM. "I see a lot of people from classes I've had," he said.

Tracie Crommett, a junior, also spends time downtown, and when she lived on campus, and went to Thirsty Thursday events. Of the events, she says that most of them were repeated, "So if you've been here for longer than a year, you've already been to one similar." While she feels as though there are things to do on campus, she notes that she is in a sorority, so she has, as a result, had stuff to do on campus.

"There is so much to do," emphatically says Assistant Dean of Student Life Chris O'Connor. "There are recreational programs, music, theater, Greek life, and student organizations planning trips. There is a radio station and a newspaper and the programming of lectures."

In the 70s, the Portland campus hosted shows to then-popular acts like the J. Giles Band, and the still-popular Tom Waits. Several years ago, the Portland and Gorham Events Boards worked towards hosting a show featuring Ani DiFranco, which O'Connor says had to be canceled because of poor ticket sales.

"For six years, the Portland Events Board has been trying a variety of



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Senior Chris Sampson says, "I went to some of the stuff the Gorham Events Board had going on. I'd go to crappy shows and open mic competitions, but I mostly just hung around the dorms with my friends."

solutions and students don't seem to connect. We need to figure out how to meet with them half way on what they want."

Of students who are in Gorham, O'Connor says that a task force has been assembled to figure out how to provide entertainment for their easiest targets: first year students in Gorham.

**"People in college drink excessively in spite of not being involved in something that they enjoy, at least as far as college is concerned." - Christian Dietzel**

"They're our most traditional base to tap into, and we need to figure out how to engage them. Everyone needs to be a part of the solution," said O'Connor. "If we start where we have our highest impact, over the course of working on the issue for four years, we can see a shift in the culture."

Back in Portland, students are still complaining of there being "jack shit" to do on campus, and they're finding alternatives elsewhere.

Christian Dietzel, who runs a bike cart business in town and is sometimes a student, says that there is a lot to do in the Portland area.

"You have to be self-motivated."

People in college drink excessively in spite of not being involved in something that they enjoy, at least as far as college is concerned. Outgoing Student Senator Laura Saia agrees, adding "It's a lot easier to complain than it is to get motivated to actually do something."

Dietzel offers a suggestion for students who feel like they're without

# DON'T STAY HOME

MONDAY, APRIL 16



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SATURDAY, APRIL 21

**Kid Koala**, See preview this section (pg 9) / 9 p.m./ Space Gallery/ 538 Congress St./ Portland/ \$7/ 228-8266

COMPILED BY ALEX STEED





## What are students



## listening to right now?



**Elizabeth Trask**

**Listening to:**  
Nickelback, "If Everyone Cared"

**Why?**  
I love this song. It's sweet, it's moving and there's a huge point there. If everyone just cared about everyone else instead of thinking only of themselves all the time, the world would be a better place. I hope this message gets around the world.

**Listening to:**  
Albert Hammond Jr.

**Why?**  
I heard one of their songs on someone's MySpace page and instantly fell in love with it, so I immediately bought the CD.



**Bobbi Brewer**

**Listening to:**  
Jimi Hendrix and the Band of Gypsys, Live at the Fillmore on New Years 1970.

**Why?**  
They play a 13-minute version of Jimi's anti-war epic "Machine Gun." He tears every sound, feeling, and image that is possible out of the electric guitar. It's like being on a battlefield.



**Jake Christie**

Interviews by Alex Steed

# Good old fashioned blood and guts

## A review of *Grindhouse*

ALEX STEED

A&E EDITOR

If you like the idea of gore, car chases, Fergie eaten by zombies, and tough broads all around, go no further. *Grindhouse* is here.

*Grindhouse* is an experience that evoked in me nostalgia for a former time that I never initially knew. Here, Robert Rodriguez (*Sin City*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*) and Quentin Tarantino (*Pulp Fiction*, *Kill Bill*) have shot two films and presented them back to back as an old-school double feature. The project functions as a set of love letters written to a far-gone era in which a person could go to a scummy theater with sticky floors and watch trashy fare with perverts and degenerates. Each of the two segments of the film (Rodriguez directs *Planet Terror* and Tarantino directs *Death Proof*) is edited to look like they have the scratches and pops as well as missing reels. Herein, all the experience really lacks is the pervert sitting in the audience unnecessarily close.

The two segments are loaded with fun odds and end. In *Terror*, Rose McGowan and Freddy Rodriguez star, while *Goonies*-hunk (a now bloated) Josh Brolin, *Terminator*'s Michael Biehn, and film gore special effects legend Tom Savini make guest appearances. *Terror*, at its core, thrives on featuring many of the gore effects that Savini produced in the 70s for splatter fests like the "...

*Of the Dead*" sequels. People get torn in half and zombies are liquefied upon getting hit by trucks. At one point, an amputee's peg leg is broken off in someone's eye socket. *Terror* goes straight for the jugular and the funny bone. You'll find no convoluted pretensions of good intentioned violence here—just good, old-fashioned blood and guts for fun. Overall, Rodriguez does the genre justice by making—in many ways—the sort of film he's used to making as he's previously shown in films like *Desperado* and *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*—a film with a lackluster plot that makes up for this weakness with great action and tongue-in-cheek humor.

It should be no surprise that Quentin Tarantino has made the better segment of the two. In 1995, when the two came together to make *From Dusk 'til Dawn*, Tarantino writing and Rodriguez directing, Tarantino's clear influences on the movie—the dialogue, the hippness, and the low-life, yet charismatic scumbag gangsters—were much more fun and interesting than Rodriguez's over the top violence (though that was entertaining, too). In Tarantino's *Death Proof*, he has scrapped most of the stylized scratchiness and has made a film that depends on its execution more than its style. The dialogue here harks back to *Pulp Fiction* and *Jackie Brown*, and the bad-assed women bring us back to the *Kill Bill* films. Here, we are fortunate to spend an hour and a half with Sydney Portier's daughter, Rosario Dawson, Zoe Miller (a world-famous stuntwoman with incredible charisma) playing herself, and Kurt Russell who sometimes charms, sometimes

horrifies, but thoroughly entertains.

This film simultaneously objectifies the female characters (long shots of their legs and asses as they walk through a room or make a selection on the juke box) and at the same time it puts them in a position of great power when they are put into a corner by a sexual predator who uses his car to get off. The film is a tribute to tough broads (which has been a running theme of Tarantino's ever since he bought the rights to and released films like the *Switchblade Sisters* in the mid 90s) and fast cars.

Tarantino's *Death Proof* is also the more suspenseful and terrifying of the two features. You find that you feel for the victims and actually jeer for the boogeyman. It also features the best and most suspenseful car chase that I have ever seen, which truly left my knuckles white as I held onto the seat in front of me.

While I've compared the two films as if they're in competition, they come together as a glorious package—one that primes you up by making you laugh and grossing you out (did I mention that Fergie gets devoured by zombies at one point?) and another to tantalize and terrify. As an added bonus, the film is buffered in the beginning and the middle by fake, grind house-style trailers for fake films like *Werewolf Women of the SS* and *Thanksgiving* (whose tagline is "White meat, dark meat, they all get carved.") In all, the experience is a gratifying one. If you have a penchant for humor, blood, gore, and bad-ass women as well as 3 hours and ten minutes to kill, I highly suggest taking this ride.



Rose McGowan leads the way to post-apocalyptic Zombie infestation in *Planet Terror*.





Kid Koala inserts a *Gremlins* clip here and a jazz clip there, slapping together some off the hook hip hop.

## Kid Koala spins at SPACE

ALEX STEED

A&E EDITOR

Kid Koala's new album, *Your Mom's Favorite DJ*, is the most fun I've had listening to music since hearing Justin Timberlake's hit "Sexy Back." The samples are incredible, integrating into the music everything from the sound clips of movies like *Gremlins* to *Anchorman* to Blue Note Jazz. It is not necessary, however, to be able to identify every music or movie sample for this intensely playful album to resonate. Lucky for you, Koala rolls through Portland next Friday at Congress Street's SPACE Gallery.

Contacted by phone, 33-year-old Kid Koala recently spoke to the Free Press from a hotel room somewhere in Florida. Koala, also known as Eric San, said of the album that he just wants people to

have fun with it, and especially to have fun at his shows. Listeners unfamiliar with San might actually be more familiar with his work than they're aware, as in the past he has performed with Prince Paul, Mike Patton, Del the Funkee Homosapien, and the Gorillaz.

San's performance at SPACE Gallery will be his second appearance in Portland of his career. Married last November, he and his wife are moseying across the country, date by date, on something of a honeymooning road trip. Be sure to pick up his new album, check out the show, and drop a note of congratulations when you see him next week.

*Your Mom's Favorite DJ* is available now on Ninja Tunes Records.

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## Can't miss YouTube

"YouTube" was named 2006's "Invention of the year" by Time magazine. The site was created in

2005 and has since exploded, allowing users to upload videos and share them with other users. Here

are some highlights from last week we recommend you check out for yourself.



### BILL O'REILLY LOSES IT ON GERALDO

**Synopsis:** Geraldo Rivera and Bill O'Reilly get into a shouting match about illegal immigration. O'Reilly brings Geraldo's children into the argument and later indicates that because Rivera doesn't want someone deported, he is an irresponsible reporter. Amusingly, O'Reilly points, screams, and comes very close to lunging at Geraldo. It's a real show-down.

**Highlight:** O'Reilly to Geraldo [finger wagging]: "You want anarchy! You want open-border anarchy!"



### IMUS CALLS RUTGERS WOMEN'S TEAM "NAPPY-HEADED HOES"

**Synopsis:** Basically, an old, seemingly irrelevant "shock jock" cracker demeans a ladies basketball team win by calling the ladies racist epithets. The worst part of this whole controversy is that the other guy on the show, whoever he is, characterizes Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* as "the Jiggaboos versus the wannabes."

**Highlight:** None. Well, no. Perhaps anticipating next week's "YouTube" video featuring the Rutgers team tearing this curmudgeon in two is a highlight.



### SHOW BUNNIES JUMPING

**Synopsis:** Some people train their bunnies to jump, the same way neo-Nazis and other inhumans train their pit bulls to kill. Only, instead of training them by kicking them and putting cigarettes out on the animals, the show bunny people train their animals with discipline and voice commands.

**Highlight:** Asking self repeatedly, "Does this really happen?"



### OTTERS HOLDING HANDS

**Synopsis:** Nothing cleanses the mental palette of the mind like cute water mammals floating around and holding hands—These are said water mammals of this month. You better mute this to enjoy it, because if you don't, you'll get a big fat earful of stupid spectators with their stupid ooo-ing and ah-ing.

**Highlight:** When the Otters stop holding hands at 0:58 keep watching! At 1:18, they voluntarily come back together for another 22 seconds of adorableness!

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- 1 Barber's concern  
 6 Type of radio  
 10 Very long time  
 14 Just not done  
 15 Airline-seat attachment  
 16 Seaside formation  
 17 Sinclair Lewis novel  
 19 "What's \_\_\_ for me?"  
 20 Niftily  
 21 Not much time  
 23 Shade tree  
 24 Virgo preceder  
 26 Optimistic  
 27 Where a frat might meet  
 30 Sunblock letters  
 33 Not very good  
 36 Warm up, for short  
 37 Stamp-saving service  
 39 Demote  
 41 Ending for project  
 42 Designer Nina  
 43 Form of oxygen  
 44 German's "one"  
 46 Three-person card game  
 47 \_\_\_ capita  
 48 One of Arthur's knights  
 51 WWII turning point  
 53 \_\_\_ Tin Tin  
 54 Fawn's mother  
 57 Attaches firmly  
 60 Three-legged stands  
 62 Pork cut  
 63 Leads, as a project  
 66 Blotter's home

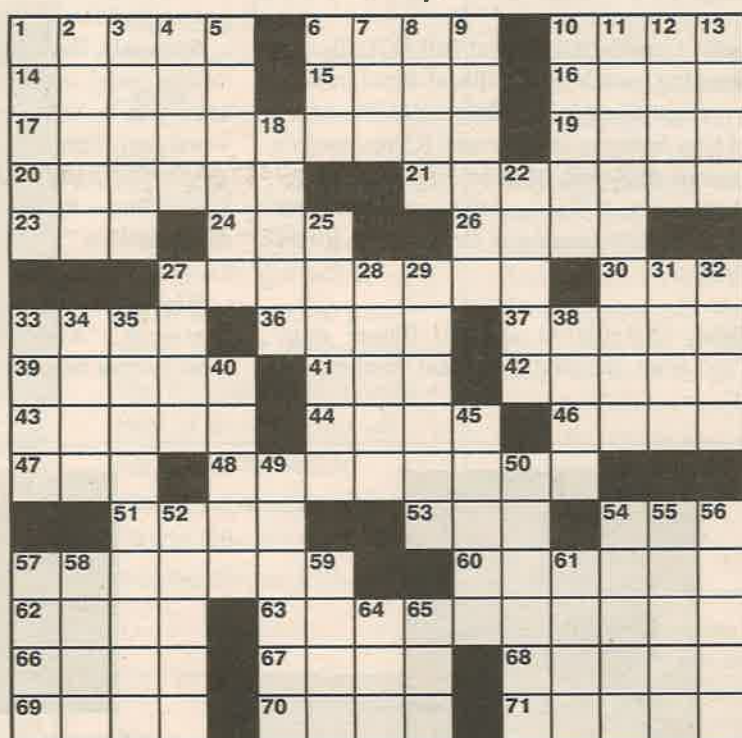
- 67 Vexes  
 68 Dragon puppet of '50s TV  
 69 Very pale  
 70 Sandwich breads  
 71 Tops of heads

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- 1 Cabinet department  
 2 December song  
 3 James \_\_\_ Garfield  
 4 Ill-gotten gains  
 5 '90s Joint Chiefs chairman  
 6 S&L device  
 7 High-tech med. test  
 8 Thomas Waller's nickname

- 9 Movie damsel's grateful cry  
 10 Lone Ranger's farewell  
 11 Big bag for grain  
 12 Oklahoma city  
 13 Detonates, with "off"  
 18 Escort inside, perhaps  
 22 One with potential  
 25 Leno follower  
 27 Cinematic brothers' surname  
 28 Ancient souvenir  
 29 Kitchen device  
 31 Printer's width  
 32 Skim along  
 33 Hog food  
 34 Flow slowly

- 35 Oceanic predator  
 38 Fine rain  
 40 Chill out  
 45 Comparatively cagy  
 49 Sailor's affirmative  
 50 How a ground ball may be caught  
 52 Penny-ante  
 54 Traded  
 55 Any Errol Flynn film  
 56 Slalom curves  
 57 *The West Wing* actor  
 58 Opposite sides of a fight  
 59 Energetic  
 61 Actress Ward  
 64 \_\_\_ out a living  
 65 Beast of burden



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# HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The new moon in Aries this week is the fantastic starting time you've craved. The stuck get unstuck. Launch your website, shoot your movie, write your memoir, start your exercise program, redecorate your house, pick out your pound puppy, enroll in your community college, propose to your girlfriend, plan your trip to Paris. At the very, very least, clean out your refrigerator. Ambitious projects are invigorating.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It's a no-brainer: You go in the direction you are headed. That's why it's crucial that you only focus on what you really want -- let those "don't wants" die of neglect. Long-term luck can spring from casual requests and conversations that begin innocently enough with phrases like "wouldn't it be nice if..."

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your understated style is the kind of "cool" that only cool people know is cool. You handle unsatisfactory situations brilliantly with little talk and swift action. It's what gets you hired or promoted. Thursday, partnerships set sail on a success course. The weekend brings three substantial lifestyle improvements.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're a social creature with no ulterior motive to starting up new friendships other than the fact that it's fun! So when your business interests are furthered, especially on Friday, this comes as a pleasant surprise. Put the romance back into a predictable relationship with a short trip this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). What you offer the world has been in demand. Still, you must do what you need to do to be creatively fulfilled. Like a television series that ends while still at the height of its popularity, you too may decide to bow gracefully out of a fantastic situation. Have faith in your own sense of timing, and leave 'em wanting more.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your energy runs on the hot side. Debates are featured Wednesday and Thursday, but at least you're communicating. Midweek, a loved one is making necessary life changes. You are still included in this person's future plans. Partners ask for forgiveness Saturday, and it's in your best interest to grant it.

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:** Your path has never been a straight one. The unpredictable turns you take this year promise to keep you on the edge of your seat. Yet, you still know your destination, and that's why you see the surprises as delightful gifts to stave away the boredom of always getting what you want when you want it. Over the next 10 weeks, you bond with people who sweeten your journey. Invest in June, especially in things you are passionate about. August brings new additions to your family.

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## MORE HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This week is about striking a happy balance. Your personal life thrives when you are happy with your career, and your career thrives when you are spiritually aware -- all areas of your life are connected. Saturday, quiet time is important; you're making a decision that affects years to come.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your astral gift is charisma. People respond to your enthusiasm and want to be convinced of your point of view. Your influence, however, is stronger when you make them come to you. Answer only the questions that are asked of you. Share responsibilities on Wednesday. New tasks keep you creative and bright.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A plucky friend is your constant companion this week, and you'll be learning about partnership -- what you're willing to do and what you're not. Be easygoing, and you'll be given lots of freedom. The last thing you want is to be fenced in. People at work sense your independent spirit and accommodate you, too.

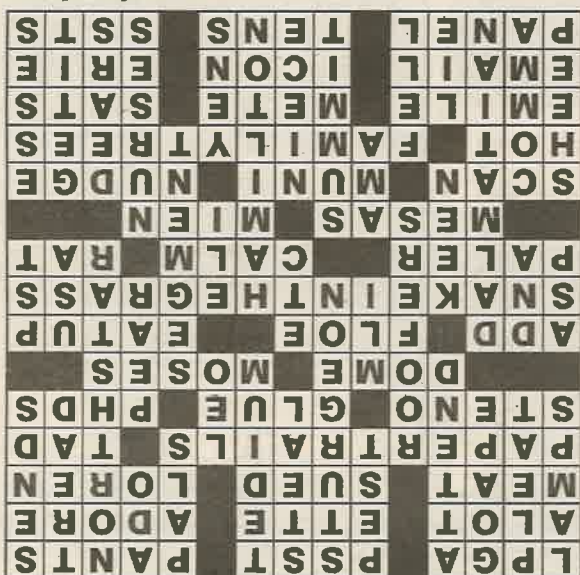
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You never regret the things you do, only the things you don't do. The timing is perfect to pull out your list of "spectacular someday activities" and do one so you can cross it off the list by this time next week -- a debt paid in full from yourself to yourself. Aries or Gemini is an ideal partner in daring adventure.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Mental health professionals have described being in love as a type of addiction. You'll have withdrawal symptoms if you're away from your dear one for too much of the week. Your safest bet is to get away together! Wednesday opens a window for financial luck to come in like a fresh breeze and invigorate you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're dealing in delicate and complicated human dynamics. But you can accurately sum up a situation in a face-to-face encounter. Do business in person instead of over the phone for that reason. The weekend continues like an intensely psychological game of poker. Know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work requires serious skills. Masqueraders abound, but everyone knows there's no substitute for the real thing -- and you're the real thing. When you've completed the job, raise your rates! This weekend, you're relying on someone and that's a blessing. Let down your guard and let yourself be cared for.

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## HEAD TO HEAD

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**School:** University of Southern Maine  
(7-11, LEC 0-2)

**Coach:** Bonny Brown-Denico

**Mascot:** Huskies

**Conference:** Little East Conference (LEC)

**Location:** Gorham and Portland, Maine

**Enrollment:** 10,974

The Huskies women's softball team looks good in their new uniforms.

The team was picked to finish fifth in the preseason coaches' polls after finishing 23-21 overall and an 8-6 mark in the conference last season. The team advanced to the championship game of the LEC tournament and earned a bid in the ECAC Division 3 New England Championship. But getting into the tournament could be harder for the team, since only eight of 15 players return—and only two regular starters—from last season's squad.

One of the team's two regular starters, senior infielder Christen Lachapelle (Farmingdale), was named the softball team captain for the 2007 season. Last season Lachapelle earned first team All-LEC honors and was named to the NFCA Division 3 Northeast All-Region Third Team. She hit a solid .356 with a career-best 52 hits in 146 at bats with a team-high 11 doubles.

The Huskies dropped their first two games of the season to Wisconsin Superior and then to Chicago.

Last week, the Huskies took three games in a row, two to St. Joseph's college in a doubleheader and one to Salem State College. In the first of the two St. Joseph's games junior pitcher Kristina Grondin (Sanford) posted an 8-0 shutout in the first game and combined for five RBI on five hits over the two games. In the second game, Lachapelle and junior Dawn Ross (Gray) each had a pair of singles while sophomore Katie Martell (Wilmington, MA) added a double and a single with two runs batted in. In the game against Salem State, sophomore Anita Dixon (Limington) put up three hits and a pair of runs to lead the Huskies to split the doubleheader. Martell and Dixon each also had run-scoring singles in the fourth inning.

**School:** Bowdoin College  
(14-6, LEC 0-3-0)

**Coach:** Ryan Sullivan

**Mascot:** Polar Bears

**Conference:** New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC)

**Location:** Brunswick, Maine

**Enrollment:** 1,666

The Bowdoin women's softball team knows a lot about decorated status.

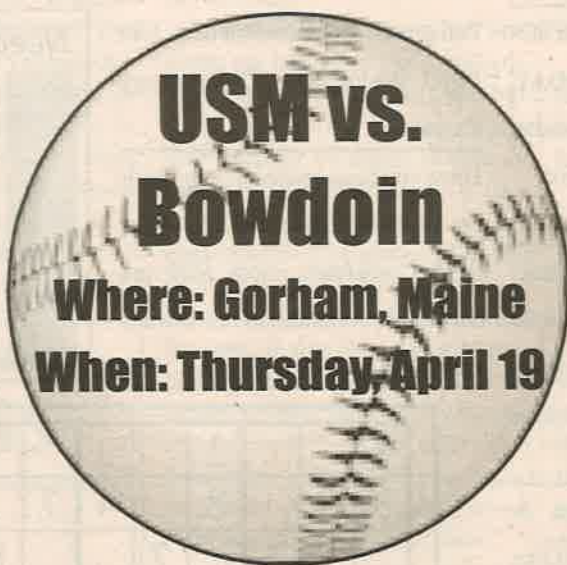
From 1999-2002, the team posted at least 19 wins each season, including a record 25 in 2002. In 2001 the team reached the NESCAC Tournament Championship game. In 2004, the Polar Bears won 22 games and took the East Division crown. They qualified for the NESCAC Tournament for the fourth time in five years and went 19-10 in 2005. The team also won the NESCAC Championship in 1992. Kristie Miller was named All-NESCAC every year from 1999-2002, and the team is also home to three other NESCAC Rookie of the Year honors picks.

In 2006, Bowdoin finished its season with an 18-22 record without making an appearance in the playoffs. Senior Danielle Chagnon earned first team All-NESCAC honors for the second year in a row while leading the team in batting average, total bases, slugging percentage, RBIs and stolen bases. She also set single-season records with 58 hits and 27 runs. Chagnon finished her career first all-time in runs (83), tied for first in triples (10), second on the all-time list in hits (154), home runs (12), total bases (233), stolen bases (26) and RBIs (87) and third all-time in doubles (23).

This season, the Polar Bears enjoyed a stellar start on their spring trip, which they came back from with a 14-3 record. They are hitting .363 as a team and post a 1.74 earned run average. Bowdoin outscored their opponents 64-20 in their first seven games before losing one to Plymouth State, 2-0.

Sophomore pitcher Karen Reni struck out 60 batters over 62.0 innings and allowed 40 hits. On the season Reni has posted a 1.16 ERA.

Catcher Alison Coleman has dominated at bat, hitting a team-high .397 with two home-runs and 13 RBIs. Other contributors on the plate have been Shavonne Lord (.381), Lexa Crowley-Gottlieb (.370) and Clare Ronan (.327, team-high 14 RBIs).



# Huskies sink Vikings

## Armandi, Bourque rally in early innings

ASHLEY ST. MICHEL

SPORTS EDITOR

Even without a single outdoor practice this season, the men's baseball team took a 6-0 lead in their first inning against Salem State and never looked back.

"Not being outdoors," coach Ed Flaherty said, "can really take away the progress of your team." The team could have canceled the practices but Flaherty said having a practice indoor is better than not practicing at all.

The Huskies posted a 10-5 victory over the Vikings in the non-conference game, which was called after 7 1/2 innings due to darkness, at the USM Baseball Stadium. With the win the

Huskies improved their overall record to 11-6.

The Huskies' six runs in the first inning was led by senior starting pitcher, Josh Armandi (Jay), who went 3.0 innings allowing only two hits and five walks while striking out six.

"Armandi was injured last season," Flaherty said. "He has had shoulder problems." Flaherty also said that Armandi has not been seeing as much playing time this year because of the injury. "We have to keep taking him out."

Freshman infielder Josh Mackey (Danvers, MA) followed Armandi's call, tallying four hits and three runs in the game.

In the first inning, senior Ryan Bourque (Sanford) posted the first run and Mackey answered back with a two-run single. Senior Jordan Yanni (Gray) put up the fourth run with a single.

"We returned almost our whole lineup offensively," Flaherty said. "I think we still have a good team. We have an influx of new

players who have added life to our team."

Bourque is also in his second season as one of four captains. Last season, Bourque was awarded with the second team All-American and All-Little East Conference first team. He led the team in hits with .395 (73-for-185), posting 18 doubles, seven home runs and 53 RBIs.

In the second, Bourque picked up his second RBI with a sacrifice fly, and sophomore Chris Burleson (Portland) scored on a wild pitch. Salem State answered back with a pair of runs in the third after junior Ken Luongo slid into home on an infield hit and junior Ryan Laffin forced the second run when he was walked with the bases loaded.

The Huskies came back at Salem State with a pair of runs in the fourth after Burleson put up an RBI triple.

Flaherty said the weather can effect how well the team plays.

"In Arizona we played very well," he said. "In warm weather we play very well. Once we got



PHOTO BY ASHLEY ST. MICHEL

The Huskies returned 19 players from last season, including three All-Conference first-team selections. In the preseason polls, the Huskies received six first place votes to earn the top spot.

back up north we struggled a little bit with the bat."

The Huskies hit two more runs in the bottom of the sixth off an infield error and an RBI single by Mackey. In the seventh the Vikings made their final dash for victory with two runs off Laffin's third hit, an RBI single and a bases loaded walk to sophomore pinch hitter Keven Portnoy.

"I think we have a team that has a chance to go far," Flaherty said. He added that the team "needs to improve." Part of that improvement will come as the season progresses, Maine's winter weather

takes a break and the team can finally practice on their field.

"We've only lost one game due to the weather," Flaherty said. "We don't have to play all 40 every season. We usually only get in around 37."

Flaherty also said he "doesn't pay much attention" to the preseason polls. The current season's poll put the men's baseball team at the top of the Little East Conference.

"The history of our program sometimes gives us an edge," Flaherty said. "You're just trying to play as best you can."



# HUSKY HERO

Photo and interview by Sarah Trent



## JOSH WARREN

YEAR: FRESHMAN  
MAJOR: SPORTS  
MANAGEMENT  
HOMETOWN: HERMON, ME

### How did you decide on USM?

They had the Sports Management major, which is new here, in the business program. Plus the private schools are so expensive!

### What are your hobbies?

I'm nationally ranked in table tennis, which most people don't know. And I love Indian food.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals?**  
Calisthenics. Or ply metrics? Whatever they're called, and stretching afterward. Plus [Coach Craig Hutchinson] always says "Take and make a move."

**Who is your personal athletic hero?**  
Roger Federer, who's the number one tennis player in the world right now.

**What's it like playing with your doubles partner, Craig Spann?**  
We have our weird little ways of communicating. If opponents hear us, or see our hand signals, they don't know what we're saying. We really understand each other. And when I give the signal for an up-the-middle serve, I know it's going to happen, guaranteed. We just know what works well.

# UPCOMING GAMES

## Monday, April 16

Men's Lacrosse @ Thomas

4:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 17

Baseball @ UMass Boston

3:00 p.m.

Softball @ UMass Boston

3:30 p.m.

Women's Outdoor Track @ Bowdoin Invitational

4:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 18

Men's Outdoor Track @ Holy Cross Decathlon

12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. COLBY

3:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. BRIDGEWATER STATE

3:30 p.m.

## Thursday, April 19

Men's Outdoor Track @ Holy Cross Decathlon

12:00 p.m.

Softball vs. BOWDOIN

3:30 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse @ Univ. of New England

4:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse @ Lasell

4:00 p.m.

## Friday, April 20

Baseball vs. ST. JOSEPH'S

3:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ Mitchell

4:00 p.m.

Women's Outdoor Track @ Bowdoin College

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## Saturday, April 21

Women's Lacrosse vs. RAMAPO

11:00 a.m.

Women's Outdoor Track @ Bowdoin College

11:30 a.m.

Baseball vs. PLYMOUTH STATE

12:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ Western Connecticut

12:00 p.m.

Softball @ Eastern Connecticut

1:00 p.m.

Men's Outdoor Track @ Bates College

1:00 p.m.

## Sunday April 22

Softball vs. WESTERN CONNECTICUT

12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. WHEATON

1:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse @ Plymouth State

1:00 p.m.

# Husky Scoreboard

## Softball

(7-11, LEC 0-2):

4/10 - USM 8, St. Joseph's 0

4/10 - USM 13, St. Joseph's 0

4/11 - USM 5, Salem State College 3

4/11 - Salem State College 6, USM 0

## Baseball

(11-6, LEC 2-2):

4/7 - Eastern Connecticut 6, USM 2

4/7 - Eastern Connecticut 5, USM 1

4/10 - USM 7, Endicott College 3

4/11 - USM 10, Salem State College 5

## Men's Tennis

(3-2, LEC 2-0):

4/7 - USM 9, UMass Boston 0

4/10 - USM 9, Salem State College 0

## Men's Lacrosse

(2-4-0, LEC 0-2-0):

4/7 - Western Connecticut 21, USM 4

4/10 - USM 14, Maine Maritime 5

## Women's Lacrosse

(3-3-0, LEC 1-1-0):

4/7 - USM 16, Western Connecticut 11



## Women's Outdoor Track and Field

4/6 - Freshman Emily Artesani (Orono) won the 200 and 400 meters to lead the Huskies to a third place finish at the National Training Center Collegiate Series Meet in Clermont, Florida.

4/7 - Artesani and freshman Sarah Hale (Naples) each recorded two New England Division 3 Championships qualifying times at Bates College in Lewiston.



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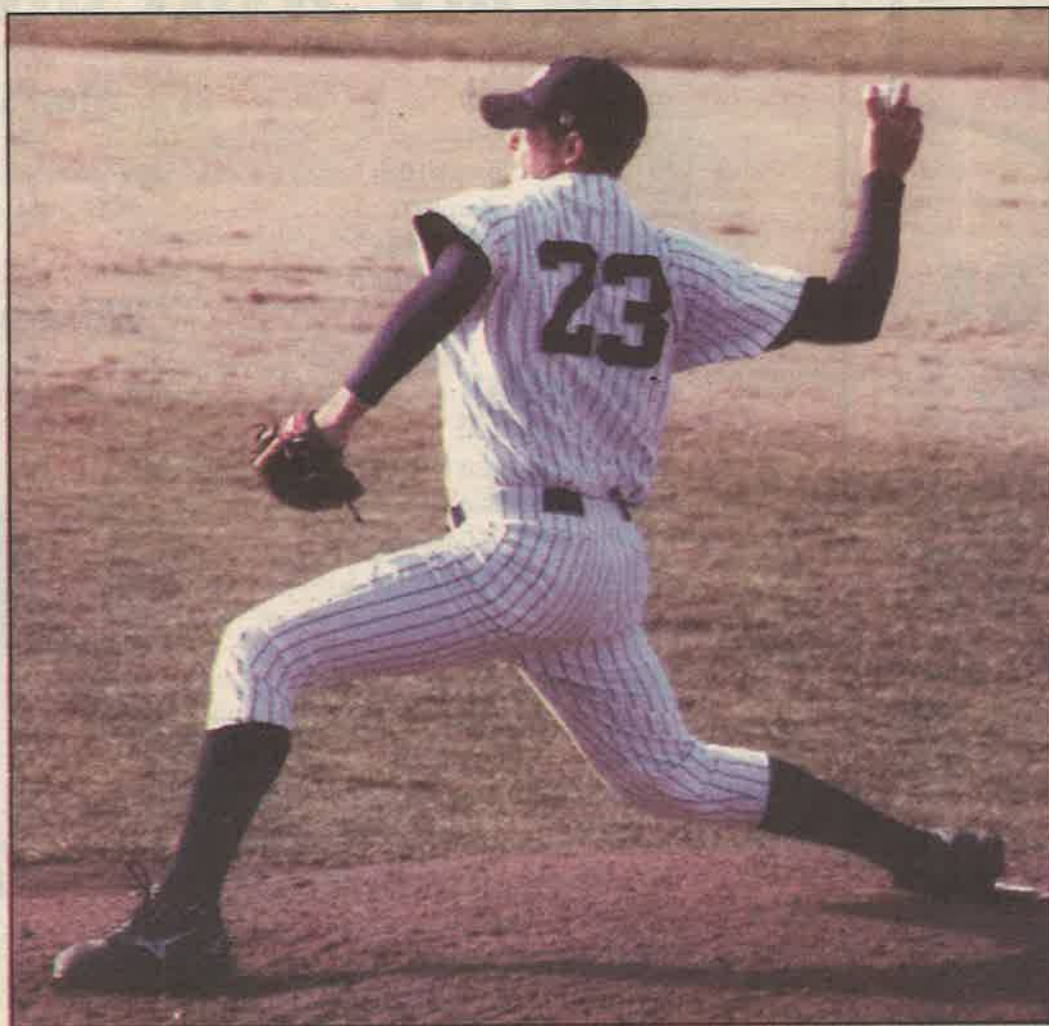
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# Huskies whip Salem State



The Huskies had a stellar 32-17 season in 2006. Since head coach Ed Flaherty took over, his teams have posted 21 consecutive seasons with at least 20 victories in each. The Huskies finished eight of those seasons with at least 30 wins in each. Senior pitcher Josh Armandi (23) led the Huskies' rally into victory against the Salem State Vikings, 10-5.



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## SOFTBALL

**Dixon drives in victory**

4/11 - Sophomore Anita Dixon (Limington) had three hits and two runs to help the Huskies to a doubleheader split with the Salem State College Vikings last Wednesday. USM defeated Salem State 6-3 in the first game, then lost 6-0 in the second game. The Huskies evened out the score after they were behind 3-1 at the end of the third. Sophomore Katie Martell (Wilmington, MA) and Dixon each had run-scoring singles in the fourth. USM took the lead 4-3 in the top of the fifth after earning a run on two hits, including an RBI single from freshman India Lowe (Gloucester, MA). Dixon put up another run with a triple, while junior Kristina Grondin (Sanford) added a run-scoring double. In the second game Salem State sophomore Katelyn Doherty earned a five-hit shutout to help the Vikings take the 6-0 win. USM freshman Danielle Potvin (Sabattus) was hit with the loss after giving up two runs over four innings on five hits.

## WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

**Artesani and Hale earn qualifying times**

4/7 - Freshman Emily Artesani (Orono) and Sarah Hale (Naples) each recorded two New England Division 3 Championships qualifying times at Bates College in Lewiston. Artesani took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.79 seconds, while Hale won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.76 seconds. Both times helped the women qualify for the New England Division 3 Championships scheduled for May 3-5 at Springfield College in Springfield, MA. Artesani also qualified in the 100-meter dash with a second place time of 12.96 seconds and Hale qualified in the 200-meter dash with a third place time of 27.61. Senior Melissa Bellemore (Manchester, NH) qualified for both the New England Division 3 Championships and the ECAC Division 3 Championships (May 17-18) in the pole vault. Bellemore earned a first place pole vault finish with a height of 11-0.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

**Mayberry hits nine**

4/10 - Sophomore attack Tyler Mayberry (North Yarmouth) scored a single-game record nine points to help the Huskies defeat the Maine Maritime Academy Mariners 14-5 in a non-conference men's lacrosse game last Tuesday. Mayberry scored five goals and had four assists for his nine points, surpassing the former single-game record of eight points held by three players. He had three goals and an assist in the first half and two goals and three assists in the second half. Freshman Danny Jackson (Orlando, FL) had five goals, senior Jack Fermanis (Gorham) had two goals and sophomore Lee Gauthier (Berwick) had a goal and three assists to round out the Huskies. Sophomore goalie James Suriyodorn (Deer Park, NY) made 12 saves for USM.