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Mr. Bossie goes to Washington

Opportunity Maine hits D.C.

Joel C. Theriault
Senior Staff Writer

At a press conference held at the Abromson Community Education Center on January 16, Student Body President Andrew Bossie said, “When I walk across the stage at graduation (this spring), I’ll be receiving more than just my diploma. On the other side of the stage, I’ll be faced with more than $27,000 in student debt.” Bossie, a political science major and a Caribou native, is the first in his family to graduate college with a bachelor’s degree.

The conference was an announcement of The College Student Relief Act, introduced by the Democrats and passed through the House of Representatives on Jan. 17. Congress will review the bill later this spring.

Rep. Tom Allen, D-Maine, opened the press conference with an explanation of the bill. “The bill slashes the interest rates on federally subsidized Stafford loans in half over five years,” said Allen. “It is a bittersweet moment because I love USM. If selected as chancellor, Pattenaude would no longer hold the position of USM’s president. The chosen candidate will begin the chancellor’s position on July 1.

Margaret Weston, chair of the UMS Board of Trustees (BOT), and Jennifer Pae, the president of the United States Student Association (USSA), the largest student-run advocacy organization in the country, were invited to the closed sessions. The public sessions were held public and private interview sessions over the last two weeks. The public sessions were made available online through Polycom.

From left, UMS candidates for chancellor, James Applegate, Richard Pattenaude and Warren Fox

Maine begins search for new chancellor

USM’s Pattenaude considered for the top position

Lesia Tormosh
Staff Writer

The University of Maine System (UMS) is looking for a new chancellor, a rigorous process involving a search for the most qualified candidate to run the entire system. One of the three candidates is USM’s President Richard Pattenaude.

“I’m very honored to be a candidate,” said Pattenaude. “It is a bittersweet moment because I love USM. If selected as chancellor, Pattenaude would no longer hold the position of USM’s president. The chosen candidate will begin the chancellor’s position on July 1.

Margaret Weston, chair of the UMS Board of Trustees (BOT) and the search committee, is pleased with the three candidates. She said, “All three have the right combination of higher education experience, administrative leadership skills and organizational vision.”

After Chancellor James Westfall left the position last spring, former Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart temporarily took it for one year.

That year is up, and the UMaine system is looking for their next leader. Pattenaude has been president of USM and a professor of political science since 1991.

Warren Fox, one of the other candidates, is the executive director of United Arab Emirates’ (UAE) Office of Higher Education, Policy and Planning for the Ministry of Higher Education and the Scientific Research Department. He and his family have been living in the UAE and said he looks forward to returning to the United States.

Fox said, “I think Maine has a very good system of higher education, about to get better, and I want to help get it better.”

Vice President of Academic Affairs James Applegate, from the University of Kentucky, is also a candidate. He is a Senior Fellow at the Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfurt. He said he is concerned with making higher education available to all in the state of Maine. “Access has always been huge for me,” he said.

Westfall said, “When you’re lucky enough to have three very qualified candidates, that’s a good position to be in. Not easy but good.”

Brian Clark, graduate student representative to the BOT and a member of the search committee, agreed that all three candidates are qualified. “It’s an incredible experience to participate and to get to meet all the candidates,” he said.

A panel consisting of BOT members and student representatives held public and private interview sessions over the last two weeks. The public sessions were made available online through Polycom.

Weston said the search committee is pleased to have Pattenaude as one of the final candidates. She said, “I think we’re very fortunate that we have somebody internally as qualified as we do, somebody who can be running against some of the best people in the country.”

USM faculty and students seem supportive of Pattenaude while realizing that each candidate brings a unique experience to the table.

Student Senate Chair James McKeon said, “When Warren Fox seemed to have more experience with the Chancellor position... James Applegate...has a real good concept of economic value in higher education.”

McKeon has worked with Pattenaude in the past and feels he is an excellent candidate as well. “He already really has a grasp for it. I feel he can hit the ground running.”

McKeon felt fortunate to be the only student invited to the closed sessions.

Marie Follay, an art major and the undergraduate representative to the Board of Trustees, echoed McKeon’s comments and added...
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COURTESY OF THE USM POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 26

All boozed up again—12:44 a.m. An intoxicated person was reported in the lobby of Upton Hastings Hall. RA’s handled the situation and the student was referred to Community Standards.

Cheech and chong—3:16 a.m. Someone smelled marijuana in Dickey Wood Hall. The observable was a complaint of marijuana odor was unoccupied.

Lay off the booze, people—6:19 p.m. Someone reported smoke coming from a vehicle at Portland Hall but the cause was found to be steam from the laundry room.

Black listed—6:31 p.m. The RA at Upton Hastings Hall reported an individual who is on the criminal trespass list trying to get into the building. The subject was gone when the officer arrived and the case was referred to Community Standards.

Crime of the Week

Get the police involved, now—3:06 a.m. The front desk staff at Dickey Wood Hall called USM Police when two males signed in at the desk but the person who they were giving a room in Dickey Wood Hall. The suspects were waiting in front of the building. When officers checked, they were very cooperative and said they were waiting for a ride downtown.

January 28

Shaw’s would have paid you—10:48 a.m. Custodians reported a large amount of bottles smashed on the sidewalk outside of Phillips Hall.

Keep on knocking but you can’t come in—7:20 p.m. There was a complaint of marijuana odor in Dickey Wood Hall. The officer responded and was unable to detect odor and the room of the complaint was unoccupied.

January 29

Shut it—5:26 p.m. Someone opened an alarm door, sounding the alarm. The officer secured the door and reviewed the alarm.

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SPECIAL STAFF WRITER

Bob Hansen, the associate pro-

vost of University Outreach, is on the case when it comes to the stu-

dent retention problem at USM. The University Outreach program over-

sees off-campus, weekend and dis-

dance education programs. Hansen said a major online course initiative has been started to improve USM’s program, adding that students may find it simpler to finish their degree by enrolling in online classes.

In a follow-up interview, Hansen said, “If people come to us to com-

plete their degree in a part-time format that fits with their nine-to-five schedule, they’re going to be disappointed.” Hansen said most degree pro-

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public and sponsored by the USM Center for Technology-Enhanced Learning (C-TEL) is an advisory council “for current dis-

tance ed instructors or those who wish to develop online courses.” Hansen said, adding that USM’s online education program is behind

most other universities, fifth out of seven in the UMaine System, but growing.

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“Much like the USM campus, our Springfield campus at the University of Illinois has experi-

enced a decrease in enrollments among our traditional base of stu-

dents commuting to the campus,” he said. “It’s a progressive change toward the degree and it’s not surprising.”

Hastings Hall. RA’s handled the reported in the lobby of Upton

Hastings Hall. Four subjects were identified and will be referred to Community Standards.

This seat’s taken—10:05 a.m. Someone smelled marijuana in the laundry room of Portland Hall.

In Dickey Wood Hall. The observa-

able was a complaint of marijuana odor was unoccupied.

A threatening note was placed on

someone’s car at Portland Hall. The

suspect’s vehicle was parked in the

victim’s parking spot. The case is

suspected and will be referred to

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Gun laws evoke discussion at USM

A Maime woman described her struggle for a change

WASHINGTON—Rep. Margaret Craven, D-South Portland, said she was very optimistic about achieving her goal and that she would continue fighting until new laws are established.

There Ought To Be A Law pro-

vides a direct view of the process necessary to create change in state government. Although the main point of the film is to encourage people to support new gun legis-

lation, it also serves as a lesson on how to become involved in gov-

ernment. Crowley has not given up hope and is currently lobbying a revised bill, LD-361.

For more information, check out

Opportunity Maine,

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

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

Some of the signatures were deemed invalid shortly after they were submitted. The Secretary of State’s office has recorded that 63,235 signatures were submitted. The Secretary of State has 30 days to report the number of valid signatures and whether or not the initiative will be considered a bill for this coming November elections.

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

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The popular college student site “Facebook.com” hosts a group members can join called the National Campaign To Make College Affordable. This group was created two days before Democrats introduced The College Student Relief Act to the House of Representatives, in an effort to obtain as many members as possible and present students’ support for lower-cost education results to the Democrats. The group collected over 35,000 members in two days.
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I’m pulling up to the red light on Forest Avenue and State Street I encounter every day on the way to class. Just two more, and I’ll be at USM. But this one lasts forever. I know not to get into the right lane. Usually, someone’s standing on the curb by the right of the light. It’s not the same person every day, but there’s generally someone using this site as a vantage point to look left. The time and temperature building shows 8 degrees. His face is red and wind-chapped. His fingers are black around the nails. He holds a cardboard sign. On it scribbled in dark ink: “homeless, please help, God Bless.”

The car in front of me is inching forward until its bumper is kissing the next. They don’t want any part of this. Already, someone impulsively hits the automatic locks. I always hate to be the car that gets cut off by the person in the next lane. It’s awkward. I’d rather pull up to the guy holding the sign. It’s the spot in line parallel to this side. I choose it. I sit, thinking, debating my ethics. Do I help out a man in need? Will a dollar get him what he needs? I’m conflicted about what to do. The compassionate side of me says, give the man a dollar. He’s standing in the frigid air in a humiliating situation, begging for money from the river of cars spilling down State Street in waves.

Some are desperate. He’s still inside my rearview mirror. Standing there, holding his sign. Hoping someone in the next round of cars will stop. I’m happy to read about the basketball and hockey teams, and even the wrestlers. But suddenly, the sports section was over. It’s really just a bunch of harmless cartoon characters. This is where the ad is. Someone who recognized the characters blew up a number of these devices, which airs ATHF, issued an apology and finally put an end to the madness. Later, Turner Broadcasting, the parent company of ATHF, issued an apology and explained that the advertisements promoted a show that was entirely ignored. Indoor Track.

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A disease called fear

Dear Editor,

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

Like a kid who finds out there is no Santa or that his or her dad can’t beat everyone else’s dad, my faith in Boston has been shaken. I am of course talking about the extreme over-reaction on the part of state and local law enforcement to the recent so-called major winter storm device de-
piecting the characters Igmignook and Eir from the late night hit cartoon “Aqua Teen Hunger Force.”

First heard that Boston was in the grips of a major bomb scare, with re-
ports of “suspicious devices with wires that could create an explosion” being reported all over the area, it seemed a real cause for concern. After bomb squads removed and indeed exploded a number of these devices, someone who recognized the characters on the devices finally put an end to the madness. Later, Turner Broadcasting, the parent company of the Cartoon Network which airs ATHF, issued an apology and explained that the advertisements promoted a show that was entirely ignored. Indoor Track.

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Forrest Tobin

Junior

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What about us?

Dear Editor,

I am a junior here at USM, and an avid reader of your newspaper. I particu-
larly enjoy your sports section, namely, the entire back page of your paper. But today I picked up a copy which boasted to hold “My Winter Sports Review” in it. I happily read about the basketball and hockey teams, and even the wrestlers. But suddenly, the sports section was over. It’s really just a bunch of harmless cartoon characters. This is where the ad is. Someone who recognized the characters blew up a number of these devices, which airs ATHF, issued an apology and finally put an end to the madness. Later, Turner Broadcasting, the parent company of ATHF, issued an apology and explained that the advertisements promoted a show that was entirely ignored. Indoor Track.

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arts & entertainment

CULTURE BEAT

New comparisons to an old speech

GERMAINE KAPENA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEISA TOMASH
STAFF WRITER

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

An operetta differs from an opera in several ways. Associate Professor for Orchestra for three unique performances. Make Mawn. “It’s considered light opera, and it has a lighter storyline. The best thing about Die Fledermaus is it’s a comedy and it has a very minimal. USM’s Professor Robert Lehmann conducts The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra. He seems excited about the collaboration. “They sound great,” said Lehmann. Mawn agreed. “It makes it more real and exciting when…you get that full sound,” she said.

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

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

Those needing special accommodations to participate fully in this program, contactEmmanuelleChauvetat 780-5146. Hearing impaired: call USM’s telex / 780-5900.

“Comparing Childcare and Parental Leave Policies in Scandinavia and the United States,” Lecture by Professor Anita Nyberg / 7 – 8:30 p.m. / 7th floor University Events Room / Glickman Family Library, Portland / free and open to the public / 780-4289.

“Purple Breasts,” A fictional account of a real woman’s experiences with breast cancer / 7 p.m. / Abrahamson Community Education Center, Portland / $15 general public, $10 USM students, employees, and OLLI members / http://www.usm.maine.edu/ccce or 780-5000.

Fri. February 9

Gallery Talk: John Brewster, Jr. – The Maine Connection / Portland Museum of Art / ASL interpreted / 6 p.m. / Free. A real woman’s experiences with breast cancer / 7 p.m. / Abrahamson Community Education Center, Portland / $15 general public, $10 USM students, employees, and OLLI members / http://www.usm.maine.edu/ccce or 780-5000.

Sat. February 10

“80s dance party with DJ Verbatim / Liquid Blue / 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. / $3 / 21+.”

F*cked up lyric of the week: Fergalicious

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

Thanks Fergie, for making “Fergalicious.”

You’re ridiculous.
nervous that she’s going to miss stage. Listening, you’re never things under control up there on cause you can relax. She’s got blues roots.” It’s perfect music of like Carol King with jazz and fused with jazz and blues. Sort genre as “adult contemporary trol over it. She describes her comfortable. Her voice is deep, rehearsed; her performance is played a lot of those, but I had earlier.

She’s no stranger to the Portland music scene, though she fled a lot of those, but I had a great time.” It’s clear that Finkelstein has rehearsed; her performance is comfortable. Her voice has a rich, raspy one,” said Finkelstein. “I’m playing stuff that continues to showcase that element of my vocal styling.” She ropped me in with, “Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans,” by Harry Connick Jr. She does covers but they sound original because of the deep spin her voice adds to the track. Her style is slow and sensual and most of her set is infused with jazz and blues sounds. “I try to do as many originals as possible,” said Finkelstein, “but I like to play covers to set a sort of mood. Occasionally I’ll throw a Van Morrison cover in there, it kind of snaps you back. But I do about 75-85 percent originals.” Finkelstein is in the process of creating her first album, and will start recording in the studio in March. It’s truly a grassroots production—her husband is an audio engineer and will produce it for her. She says the prices of studio time at $100 an hour are way too expensive.

Finkelstein is optimistic about the near future, with reason. She offers a nice sound and an overall enjoyable performance. You should go check her out. She opens for Giraffe Attack at Brian Bora’s on February 24, and plays at Dogfish Bar and Grille on Free Street every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. It’s worth a listen.

As for Finkelstein’s future? “Ideally, the plan has always been to take it as far as I can go and make a career out of it. Being a songwriter and being a performer and having that be my livelihood.” You can find her at: LeahFinkelstein.com and myspace.com/leahfinkelstein.

Leah Finkelstein is a Portland native with a music degree from Wheaton College. She’s just now developing her career as a singer, though she’s always been involved with music. Her mother was a jazz musician, and Finkelstein grew up watching mom play gigs and sometimes playing with her. These early experiences with jazz and blues would later propel Finkelstein into a career, singing songs she remembers watching her mother perform years earlier.

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

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Wheeler breaks 3,000 meters record

Athley St. Michel

Sports Editor

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

Wheeler holds the 200 meters record at the NE1CAA’s at Boston University. At that same meet, Jimmy Sawyer took the 400 meters. Other indoor track and field athletes who broke records last season were: Mike Bunker in the 5,000 meters, Merchie, Greg Cannon, Forrest Toby and Jimmy Sawyer for the 4 x 400 meter relays, and Curtis Wheeler, Toby, Sawyer and Chris Hopkins for the Distance Medley Relay.

Toby also holds the record at 800 and 1500 meters. He took the Division 3 All-New England and All-East honors last season, both for the mile. Toby also took second in the mile at the state championships last season. In addition, he posted season-best times in the 400 meters and 4 x 400 relays, the New England Division 3 Championships.

Wheeler took provisionally qualifying honors for the NCAA indoor championship in the 400 meters and set the school record in the event on three occasions. He was honored with All-LEC in the 200 and 400 meters, All-New England Alliance in the 200 and 400 and 4 x 400 relays, Division 3 All-New England in the 400 and 400 meters and All-ECAC in the 400 meters and the Distance Medley Relay.

Toby won two races last winter in the 800 meters. He was honored with All-Little East in the 800 meters, All-New England Alliance in the 800 meters and the 4 x 400 relay and All-ECAC in the Distance Medley Relay.

HUSKIES FINISH FOURTH, WHEELER SETS RECORD

1/14 – The Huskies placed fourth and set a school record at the Bowdoin College Invitational.

USM finished the meet with 59 points, 15 points behind third place Colby College with 74 points. Brandeis University won the meet with 106 points, while Bowdoin finished in second place with 85 points. Junior Curtis Wheeler (Derby, VT) set a new school record in the 3,000 meters with his second place finish in a time of 8:34.67. Wheeler’s time broke the old record of 8:36.14 set by Mike Bunker at the NE1CAA Championships in February 2005. Sophomore Jimmy Sawyer (Gorham) also had a first place finish in the 400 meters with his time of 51.29 seconds. Also taking first place finishes were freshman Jeremy Curran (Lamoine) in the pole vault with a height of 12.6 and sophomore James Spaulding (Lewiston) who took the shot put with a throw of 12.75 meters.

HUSKIES TAKE THIRD AT USM INVITATIONAL

1/27 – Sophomore Jimmy Sawyer scored a pair of wins to help the Huskies finish third among the seven schools competing at the USM Coed Invitational at the USM Field House in Gorham. Bates College won the competition with 223.50 points, while the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth barely edged USM by one-half point, 119 – 118.50. Rhode Island College finished out the top four with 96 points. Sawyer won the 400 meters with a time of 51.12 seconds and the 200 meters in 23.61 seconds. Adam Haggerty was the only other USM winner, taking the pole vault with a season-best 4.94.

HUSKIES GRAB FIFTH AS THREE CLAIM VICTORIES

1/20 – The Huskies placed fifth among nine schools competing in the Reggie Poyau Invitational meet. The Huskies earned 68 points during the meet. Rounding out the top four were Bowdoin College with 124 points, New York University and Brandeis with 92 points and Worcester Polytechnic Institute with 73 points. Junior Curtis Wheeler won the mile with a time of 4:20.23, junior Adam Haggerty (Hermon) won the pole vault by clearing 13-9 and sophomore Jimmy Sawyer claimed the 400-meter race with a time of 51.03. Senior Chris Hopkins (Worcester, MA) took second place in the 800 meters with his time of 2:00.01.

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Upcoming Games

HUSKY HERO

What brought you to USM?

Track. George [Towle, Head Coach] contacted me, said he really wanted me to be a part of his program.

What’s your favorite part of USM athletics?

Definitely the people—the faculty, students, everyone is so helpful and supportive.

Do you have any other hobbies?

Not really, just track! Friends, school, track, that’s about it.

Any pre-jump rituals?

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Women’s indoor track and field athletes this season.

Melissa Bellemore has vaulted into one of the most decorated women's indoor track and field athletes this season.

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

1/14—The Huskies finished 13 points behind the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 176-163, to claim second place among the four schools competing at the USM Women’s Invitational at the USM Field House.

1/20—The Huskies placed third among the 16 teams competing in the Tufts University Invitational held at the Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center in Medford, Mass.

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HUSKIES TAKE HOME THE GOLD

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

Check out the women’s indoor track and field team this Saturday, February 10 as they compete in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championships at Tufts University in Medford, MA.

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SPORTS

HUSKIES SLIDE PAST EASTERN CONNECTICUT

1/27—Senior women’s basketball forward Ashley Marble (Topsham, ME) scored the game-winning basket with eight seconds remaining and senior guard Lindsey Welch (Newport, ME) came up with the steal that ended the game, leading UMaine to a 73-72 win over Little East Conference rival Eastern Connecticut State Warriors last Saturday. Marble notched her 10th consecutive double-double, with a game-high 28 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Angela Santa Fe (Derry, NH) added a career-high 17 points, and sophomore guard Stacie Kent (Northwood, NH) added nine points, four rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Welch finished the game with five points, two assists, two rebounds and one steal.

Men’s basketball

SOUTHERN MAINE FALLS TO EASTERN CONNECTICUT

1/27—Senior Eastern Connecticut guard Mike Parker scored 16 of his 25 game points in the second half to help push the Warriors to a 73-72 win over the Huskies in a Little East Conference game last Saturday. Parker put down a pair of free throws to help push the lead to a 73-69 advantage for the Warriors. Huskies junior guard Jo Dolis (Everett, WA) hit a three-pointer at the buzzer giving the Warriors a one-point win, 73-72.

Freshman forward John Sen (Huskies) added 12 points and four assists, while junior forward Nick Gooding (Concord, CA) led the game with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Women’s ice hockey

MANHATTANVILLE SNEAKS PAST SOUTHERN MAINE, 4-1

1/28—Jena Danzig, a sophomore from Manhattanville College had one goal and two assists for the Huskies as the men’s ice hockey team pulled away in the third period for a 7-2 victory over the Huskies. Freshman forward Jessica Knight (Altrid, ME) put the Huskies on the board with 15:32 remaining in the second period. The goal was Knight’s fifth of the season. Senior defenseman Jennifer Cordone (Fulton, NY) tallied the only assist for the Huskies. The loss was the Huskies second on the season, who fall to 6-11-1 overall and 4-9-0 in the league.

Senior goalie Jen Arto (Westfield, MA) ended the game with 15 saves.

Men’s ice hockey

HUSKIES DESTROY COLBY, 7-2

1/27—Freshman Pat Noonan (Burlington, MA) had two goals and two assists for the Huskies as they defeated Colby College in an ECAC East NESCAC inter-league game last Saturday. Senior Chris Sparks (St. John’s Newfoundland), sophomore Kyle Smith (Auburn, ME) and senior captain Mark Carragher (Charlestown, PEI) scored the goals to start the third period for the Huskies. Carragher’s goal was the 59th of his career, tying him with Richard McSorley (1990-93) as the Huskies all-time goal-scoring leader. Senior David Beckles (Stamford, CT) stopped 28 shots for the Huskies.

HUSKIES TAKE THIRD AT TUFTS

1/20—the Huskies took third place among the 16 teams competing in the Tufts University Invitational. The Huskies had 75.5 points to finish third behind Tufts with 142 points and Bates with 94 points. Senior Melissa Bellemore was the only winner for the Huskies when she took the pole vault by clearing 10-10. Bellemore also took fifth place in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.53 seconds. Freshman Sarah Hale (Naples) finished second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.62 seconds.

HUSKIES FINISH SECOND AT INVITATIONAL

1/14—Senior Melissa Bellemore and freshman Emily Artesani (Oro) were double winners as the Huskies finished second among the four schools competing in the USM Women’s Invitational. The Huskies had 87 points to hold the co-podium’s 13 points behind the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 176-163, to claim second place among the four schools competing at the USM Women’s Invitational. The Huskies took the event with high jump while sophomore Emily Poluin (Lisbon Falls) took the triple jump with a measurement of 33-10 3/4. Junior Christa Hutchinson also helped the Huskies claim victory at the USM Coed Invitational.

Junior captain Christa Hutchinson and senior Jennifer Oliver have also had their share of wins for the Huskies this season. Hutchinson was All-ECAC in the 600 meters and the 55-meter hurdles and Oliver was decorated with her pole vault by clearing 10-6. Both Hutchinson and Oliver have already qualified for the 2007 New England Division III Championships.

Melissa Bellemore has proven her worth in the pole vault and hurdles. She won the triple jump during her debut season with the Huskies. Hutchinson was All-ECAC in their share of wins for the Huskies this season. Bellemore won three events at the USM Coed Invitational last week to help the Huskies win the meet. Bellemore made her NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the pole vault, the long jump and the 55-meter hurdles. Other NCAA New England Division 3 qualifiers from USM are: Sarah Hale in the 55-meter dash, Amy Buczewski in the 55-meter hurdles, Emily Artesani in the 200 meters, Caitlin Handcock in the high jump, and Emily Poluin in the long jump and the triple jump.

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