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"We did it!"

Opportunity Maine makes it to the ballot for 2007

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NEWS EDITOR

Opportunity Maine scored a victory last Monday when the Secretary of State's office informed USM's Student Body President Andrew Bossie that enough signatures had been gathered for the bill proposal to be considered for legislation. A press conference was held in

the State House's Hall of Flags by supporters of the citizen's initiative.

This initiative would introduce a bill that gives tax breaks on student loan repayments if a student graduates from a Maine institution and works in the state for five years afterward. The bill'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?"

In order for Opportunity Maine to be considered for legislation, a total of 55,087 voter signatures needed to be collected on petitions. Last month,

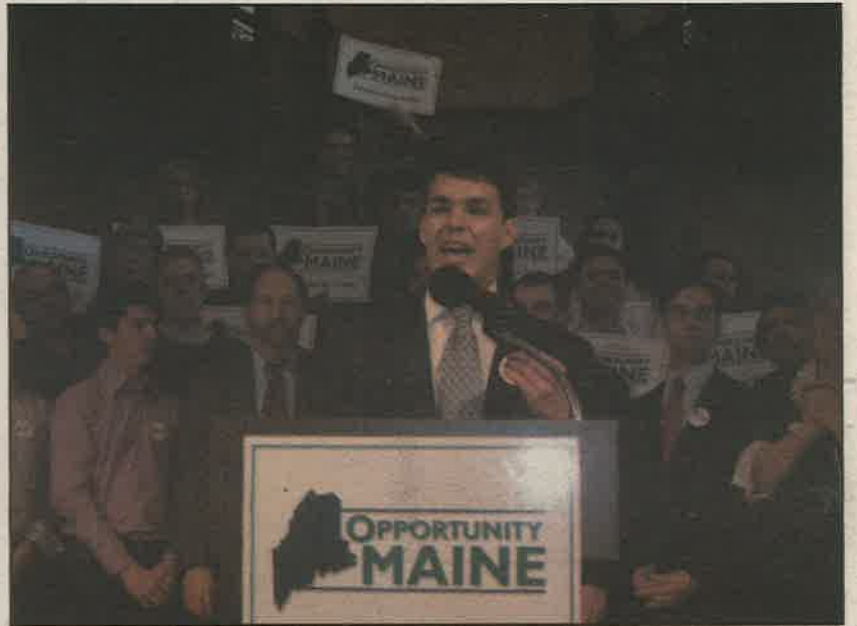
Bossie and other members of Students for MainePIRG and the League of Young Voters delivered 73,391 signatures gathered from every corner of the state. Of these, the Secretary of State's office deemed 63,285 signatures to be valid, exceeding their requirement by 8,198.

Rob Brown, campaign director for Opportunity Maine, said that the signatures were gathered in record time between Oct. 8, 2006, and Jan. 25, 2007.

Bossie began the press conference by thanking Opportunity

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USM Student Body President Andrew Bossie announced last Monday that the Opportunity Maine initiative will be considered for legislation in Augusta.

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USM punished for student's work-study scam

NCAA releases fraud report

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The NCAA released a report Feb. 22 detailing work-study violations by students in USM's athletic department during the 2003-2004 academic year. The report also reflected the collegiate sports organization's decision to follow recommendations set by the university to resolve the violations and safeguard from further fraud.

The majority of the violations were a result of work-study fraud facilitated by an athletic department's assistant coordinator, who was given the responsibility of supervising the work-study students.

The assistant coordinator and an administrative assistant in the department were in violation of athletic department's work-study policy and NCAA

regulations when they offered students double pay for working during events held in the Costello Sports Complex and to document clocked hours not actually worked by students. One student was allowed to be paid by working under another student's name after depleting her own work-study funds.

"This came to Al's (Bean, athletic director) and the universities' attention late April of that school year, '03-'04, when a student was overheard talking about it with a group of other students," said Bob Caswell, executive director of public affairs. "The financial aid office and Al followed up on that immediately. As a matter of fact, a university investigation was initiated within 24 hours of that conversation being overheard."

That overheard conversation led to an internal investigation by the university that extended into the fall 2004 semester. The athletic department determined that 42 students had fraudulently been paid for hours they did not work. Of these students, 37 were athletes.

**"The failure of
the institution to
adequately administer
its work-study program
constituted a failure
to monitor and lack of
institutional control."**

**— NCAA's University of
Southern Maine Public
Infractions Report.**

USM's athletic department filed its "self-report" of their investigation with the NCAA on Jan. 7, 2005.

"When it was determined that student-athletes, as well as non-athletes, were involved," the NCAA report reads, "the director of athletics declared the student-athletes ineligible pending further investigation and NCAA review."

Five non-athlete students were also involved. All 42 stu-

dents involved were ordered to make full restitution and participate in community service projects. Athletes also needed to re-apply for NCAA eligibility. The investigation also pointed to eight athletic department staff that were involved or knew of the fraud.

"There were a handful of people that we were not able to get to make restitution," said Bean, "and the (athletic) department made that restitution, so that financial aid books were made clear again." Bean added that some students involved in the fraud were no longer in

the university because they had graduated or moved on in some other way.

The NCAA commenced its review of the case and sent enforcement officers after the university filed their investigative findings. Because of continued efforts to cover up the fraud by the assistant coordinator and the administrative assistant, a decision was not reached for almost two years. The NCAA's report reads that their "actions constituted unethical conduct" because they were dishonest

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The penalties given to the university and all involved staff and students are:

- Public reprimand and censure
- Two years probation with NCAA starting Feb. 21, 2007
- Compliance audit to take place during the 2006-2007 academic year
- Full restitution of improperly paid money
- Oral and written reprimands for the athletic department's assistant coordinator, the head men's basketball coach, the head wrestling coach, the ice arena manager, the ice arena's crew leader, and the athletics facilities supervisor
- One-week suspension without pay for the assistant coordinator and the administrative assistant.



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It's not over

Bomb threats continue, new coping method successful

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NEWS EDITOR

An e-mailed bomb threat was received at USM's School of Law in Portland on Monday, Feb. 19, giving the Critical Incident Response Team (CRIT) a chance to prove that new measures for handling these incidents adopted last year can work to better reduce the chaos caused by bomb threats.

The threat was first discovered by Kerry Wyler, program coordinator for admissions and

career services at the School of Law. Wyler was checking e-mail at about 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, for the previous day. Monday was President's Day and the offices had been closed for the holiday. The e-mail was received around noon on Feb. 19.

USM police was called and members of the CRIT responded, including USM Police Chief Lisa Beecher, Vice President of Student and University Life Craig Hutchinson and two USM police officers.

The threat was not deemed credible and no evacuation was ordered.

"It was a good thing (the threat was not credible)," said Jenna Adley, assistant to the dean. "It's so hard to reschedule law classes because they're so intensive."

"I was pleased with their promptness and smoothness," said the School of Law's Dean

Peter Pitegoff of the CRIT's actions. Wyler added that the situation had normalized a short time after 11:00 a.m.

Although the threatening e-mail was received during USM's February break, Wyler said that the law school's course schedule runs differently than the rest of the university and classes were held there throughout the week.

Beecher declined to comment on any connection between this threat and USM police's current investigation into the previous threats. She also declined to reveal the content of the message.

Beecher would not comment on any connection between this latest threat and last November's e-mail threat, and would only say that the message was also sent through an anonymous server, although not necessarily the same one.



PHOTO BY JOEL C. THERIAULT

USM's School of Law was the site of the latest bomb threat on Feb. 19.

"What I found strange was that it was apparently re-routed through a Canadian (e-mail) address," said Wyler, who was present when authorities arrived at the School of Law to investigate.

All three of the universities' campuses, Portland, Gorham and LAC experienced disruption during the 2006 fall se-

mester from bomb threats that required evacuations and class cancellations. USM received seven bomb threats in October, November and December, including one sent by e-mail and at least one telephoned by an un-

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Gone but not forgotten

Class to study dementia cancelled

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A class designed for sufferers of dementia titled "LIFE 101: Coping with Mild Memory Loss," was cancelled by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) due to a shortage of participants. The class, scheduled to begin mid-March, had a successful session during the Fall 2006 semester.

Nancy Richeson, an associate professor at the College of Nursing and Health Professions and a gerontologist, and E. Michael Brady, a professor in the College of Education and Human Resource Development and senior research associate at OLLI, offered the memory loss course to 12 participants with a diagnosis of mild cognitive disorder or early-stage dementia who ranged in age from their late 60s to early 80s.

The OLLI class offered last fall was part of a broader project called "Health Promotion for the Mind, Body and Spirit: Teaching People with Memory Loss." The course was created by Suzanne Fitzsimmons and Linda Buettnier, co-directors of the Southwest Florida Center for Positive Aging. Richeson and Brady will present their findings from the fall class to the Gerontological Society of America in November of this year to a group of people who have been teaching the same class around the country and overseas.

Each session of the 13-week program addressed issues such as healthy behaviors, depression

coping skills, recreation and leisure and cognitive activities.

"(Dementia is) a chronic disease. People can live from anywhere between three to 20 years," Richeson said. "That's a long time to just sit and wait. There's a need to maintain a quality of life."

The March class was cancelled because only about half of the course's 12 enrollment slots had been filled. Richeson said some of the people from the last class had been interested in the March class. She said possibly some had moved, did not have transportation, or maybe were deterred by the title of the course.

"I don't understand why it didn't go this time," said Brady. "It may be the title itself didn't turn people on."

Christopher Thacher, 74, has Alzheimer's. He took the class last fall. "It was a very good experience and I learned a great deal," he said.

Thacher plays the viola and his partner plays the cello. The two performed for the class during week nine focusing on life experiences and lifelong learning and the group loved them. "It was great fun playing Telemann and Bach," he said. "They would like us to hit the road."

Although the overall outcome of the class was positive, they faced challenges as well.

Richeson remembers a man who dropped the class two weeks shy of completing the 13 week course. "He felt it was depressing to watch people who were further along in the disease," she said. "He struggled with that...to know where he might end up."

Brady said keeping students on track was sometimes a difficulty. "Because of the change in their mental situation," he said, "they

would start talking about something and end up somewhere else."

However, the few challenges were minor compared to the individual connections made in the class.

"They were really willing to share some pretty deeply intrapersonal things like their fear about losing their memory," Brady said.

Thacher felt this goal was achieved in the class. "It was a wonderful bonding situation."

Kali Lightfoot, director of OLLI at USM, described the goal of the nearly 100 Osher Institutes nationwide as a way "to let people really have fun learning something with some intellectual meat to it."

Both professors agreed the shortage was not because the previous

class was unpleasant for the participants.

"It was planned to be just a one-time thing," said Brady. "It was the feedback we received in the process of the course last fall that emboldened us (to do) a part two."

Richeson and Brady plan to offer the course again at a date to be announced later.

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Maine's 500 plus volunteers, over 350 of which hit the streets during the fall and winter of 2006 to gather signatures on petitions.

"We collected enough signatures to put a ballot question on next year's ballot," said Bossie, "or, if the legislature sees fit, to pass the legislature, that will allow us to extend educational opportunity in the state of Maine and also help promote

job creation and grow the economy."

A third option for legislatures is to write the proposal as a competing measure. "The legislature decides that they like to fix the legislation and send it out," said Diane Russell, a member of Opportunity Maine's steering committee and a 2005 USM graduate. "It competes on the ballot" with other like bills.

Getting the proposal on the ballot and considered by state legislation is only the first step,

said Bossie. Representatives of Opportunity Maine plan to campaign for the bill throughout the year.

The fact that most student supporters of Opportunity Maine will not directly be affected by the proposed bill does not seem to deter them from pushing forward.

"You should always leave the world better than you found it," said Russell.



Student Body President Andrew Bossie is interviewed by WGME Channel 13 at the State House in Augusta last Monday.

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during the university's investigation.

In early Jan. 2007, the university was informed that the NCAA had accepted the findings of USM's internal investigation through a summary disposition process, in which the enforcement officers cooperated with USM's recommendations based on an agreement of the facts. The case was then passed to the NCAA's Infractions Committee, who determined what the penalties or sanctions may be.

"In this case," said Bean, "(they) are all sanctions that, in our own self-report and throughout this process, is

what we recommended to take place."

The infractions report also reads that USM failed to provide education and training of the work-study program to its staff which would have ensured the program worked within NCAA regulations and "The failures by the institution to educate staff and institute proper work-study policies created an environment that allowed the violations to occur throughout the academic year."

The Infractions Committee outlined in its report what the university is required to do during its probation. "The institution shall establish and implement a comprehensive rules compliance education

program," reads the report. "Because this case involved two athletics staff members willfully committing rules violations and providing false and misleading information, the education program shall include ethics training."

Bean had already made changes in policy after first learning of the fraud. "We have completely revised policy and procedure guidelines for both student employees and for staff supervisors," he said. "There are multiple layers of checks now to try to prevent this from happening again."

USM is required to submit a preliminary report to the NCAA by May 1.

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MONDAY - FRIDAY

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These partial schedules highlight USM bus stops only.

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NO SUNDAY SERVICE

A win and a loss

Pattenaude named
UMaine's new
chancellor

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STAFF WRITER

The University of Maine System (UMS) has gained a new chancellor and USM has lost a president. On Feb. 5, the UMS Board of Trustees (BOT) unanimously chose President Richard Pattenaude as the next chancellor. Pattenaude accepted the position. Margaret Weston, chair of the BOT, said, "In the end, the Board concluded that Dr. Pattenaude has the best combination of leadership and academic experience to meet our needs."

The job of chancellor consists of overseeing the seven universities, the law school and several academic outreach centers with a total of more than 34,200 students and 5,000 faculty and staff members.

"I feel excited about the opportunity," said Pattenaude. "It gives me another way to work for the people of Maine, but I feel sad that I have to leave because I love USM."

Executive Director of Public Affairs Bob Caswell said that Pattenaude has been the university's president for 16 years, far exceeding the average tenure of six and a half to seven years.

Pattenaude will finish the current academic year as president and assume the



President Richard Pattenaude moves on after a 16 year tenure at USM.

SOURCE: WWW.USM.MAINE.EDU

chancellor position July 1. At that time USM will have an interim president appointed while presidential candidates are considered. The process for selecting both interim and permanent presidential positions is currently underway. Caswell said any information about potential candidates is not yet known, but "often the Provost is appointed the interim (president)."

"It's common," agreed USM Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Joe Wood. "But no one has offered me the interim presidency."

Pattenaude said the interim chancellor Terry MacTaggart, has started considering the next president of USM. "As we speak, (he) is visiting with people on this campus to get their opinions—student leaders and faculty leaders—and he will make that decision," said Pattenaude. "I will have some impact, but there's no decision yet."

Student Senate Chair James McKeon was present for the chancellor selection process. He has heard of no

specific candidates to replace Pattenaude. "There've been meetings on it but they've all been very closed meetings," McKeon said. "There're obviously rumors (but) there's no front-runner or anything like that."

Caswell said the search for a full-time president "would start sometime late this coming summer and go through the next academic year."

The process involves using professional associations like The Chronicle of Higher Education and "other vehicles for getting the word out about the opening of the position," said Caswell. "Certainly we'll open a nationwide search. Anybody internal (to USM) or otherwise (can) apply," he said. "I'm not going to be surprised if there are internal candidates."

Pattenaude's Tenure

The next president will have the benefit of working with Pattenaude's 16 years of groundwork. Enrollment was on the decline when Pattenaude arrived in 1991,

dropping from 10,423 in 1991 to 9,966 in 1996. Enrollment is now at 10,478. Pattenaude has overseen the addition of 12 undergraduate programs including linguistics, media studies and mechanical engineering. Seven graduate programs, including social work, music and leadership studies, have also been added to USM's curriculum, as well as a Ph.D. in public policy, the university's first doctoral program.

Pattenaude has also built on USM's appearance and functionality by authorizing a number of new building projects. The Portland campus has nearly doubled in size since 1991, with buildings like Glickman Family Library, the Bioscience Research Wing and the Abromson Center. Portland's campus will continue to expand with the USM Commons project already under construction. The Gorham campus also added the Costello Sports Complex, a child care center and several dorms.

Jean Hult, chair of the USM Board of Visitors, has worked with Pattenaude for the last seven years. "He's built a lot of bridges and brought visibility and energy to USM and created some momentum I'm sure is going to continue even with his departure," she said.

Theater professor and chair of the USM chapter faculty union William Steele has been at USM for nearly 40 years and said he has seen many presidents come and go "I hope that we have a new president who can carry on and lead as well as (Pattenaude) did," Steele said.



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FEBRUARY 27:

Dude, where's my bag? (6:57 p.m.)

— A small bag of marijuana was found in a hallway near an elevator in Portland Hall.

Crossing the line (10:18 a.m.)

— Police stopped a vehicle and gave the operator a verbal warning for passing a police road block.

crime of the week

Return my bottles, so I can return them (2:20 p.m.) — Theft of returnable cans from the Law Building on the Portland campus.

FEBRUARY 22

Find a wall to vandalize (12:04 p.m.)

— Graffiti was found written on a leather chair in the Glickman Library in Portland.

FEBRUARY 21

Slow burning (10:59 a.m.)

— The Gorham Fire Department responded to a report of fire in the woods behind Mitchell Center on the Gorham campus.

FEBRUARY 16

Dangerous times (11:54 a.m.)

— An audible alarm was heard near the planetarium on the Portland campus. It was found that an employee of the planetarium opened an alarmed fire door.

Blinkers pay off (2:45 a.m.)

— Campus police stopped a red Acura on University Way in Gorham for failing to use a directional signal. Police arrested Tony Duong, 20, of Lebanon, Maine, for operating after license suspension.

"Keep on knocking but you can't come in" (1:01 a.m.)

— An RA reported the odor of marijuana in Portland Hall. When the RA knocked, the occupants of the room refused to answer the door. The residents were referred to the Office of Community Standards.

Scholarship deadline extended

Last chance to
apply for general
scholarships
approaches

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NEWS EDITOR

Director of Career Services and Professional Life Development Larry Bliss announced during February break that the deadline for USM's General Awards and Scholarships program has been extended.

Students now have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March

9, to submit an application for the program. The former deadline was Feb. 27.

Bliss outlined the reasons for the extension, including marketing strategies that did not coordinate as projected. He also said the number of applications received so far is about half the amount usually received this time of year.

The General Scholarship program offers USM students a chance to earn scholar-

**"There are a
large number
of scholarships
available."**

— Director of Career
Services Larry Bliss

ships that are not academic-based or awarded through faculty recommendation. "They tend not to be based in academic specializations," said Bliss. "(General scholarships) come from money from benefactors or donors who are interested in giving a scholarship to someone who in some way represents something that the donor wants to award."

Applications are available online at USM's Financial Aid Office web site, at most deans' offices and the Career Centers. Applications are also available in Gorham at the athletics department, the library in Bailey Hall, and Glickman Family Library in Portland. Students must submit five copies of the completed document to the Career Center in 100 Payson Smith in Portland by the March 9 deadline to be considered for an award.

"There are a large number of scholarships available," said Bliss in a written release, "with awards between \$250 and \$2,500."

CORRECTIONS

from the January 29, 2007 issue:
Photo caption on page 1 should read
"from left, Tammy and Laura Vogel"

from the February 5, 2007 issue:
Former UMS Chancellor Joseph Westphal was referred to as James Westfall.
A page 7 quote attributed to Prof. Robert Lehmann was actually said by grad. student Sarah Mawn

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How free is free music?

USM's policy may change your downloading habits

DANIELLE PORCELLO
STAFF WRITER

We are all guilty of numerous little impasses against the law. Maybe it's driving to class five minutes late 10 mph over the speed limit. Many of us take advantage of Web sites such as LimeWire and Bear Share that enable the free downloading of music. Sounds harmless enough but it's actually a crime; to record companies and artists, it's the equivalent of walking into a store and pocketing a CD. At other universities across the U.S. students have faced steep fines, law suits or even prison sentences resulting from the illegal downloading of their favorite tunes. But what are the sanctions facing students caught stealing songs right here at USM?

First, it's a loss of Internet privileges for two weeks. Then it's a short video and a one page write-up. And don't forget the \$35 administrative fee. But if you're thinking that sounds like overkill, don't look at USM. Those sanctions are actually imposed by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. According to Stephen Nelson, the director of the Office of Community Standards, this act makes USM liable in the event that a student is caught stealing music.

"If we're notified that one of our subscribers has been illegally downloading music and don't take action, we can be sued," said Nelson. It is, after all, a federal felony.

"But what are the odds of actually getting caught?" Amanda Wallis, a USM senior, wondered. "Everyone I know downloads music and I only know a couple of people who have gotten fined."

The odds, as it turns out, are actually a lot higher than you might think. The Recording Industry Association of America is responsible for monitoring the use of Web sites like LimeWire. Because the university system has an open network, or one that

anyone can sign on to, it is much easier for the RIAA to track students here than it would be if they were accessing the Internet via Time Warner or another private provider. This year alone the Office of Community Standards has dealt with more than 83 offenders. And if you think you can hide your downloading habit by not utilizing the "share" feature offered by many of these Web sites, think again.

"The RIAA is also starting to go after people who are only downloading illegal music and not also file sharing," according to a flier provided by the Office of Community Standards, and "they only have to ID one song to make [these sanctions] valid."

Jessie Hobgood, a fifth year student living on the Gorham campus recently lost her Internet for two weeks as a result of illegal downloading.

"I got a letter in the mail and it listed two songs that were on my computer that had been flagged," said Hobgood. "I don't share music or anything. It was a nightmare not having the Internet for that long."

But has she taken the ultimate step of removing Lime Wire from her computer? "I don't have LimeWire anymore. You have to delete it in order to get your Net back. I haven't decided if this is a permanent change or not, though."

There are alternatives. Some students have moved to sites like Apple's iTunes that allow the downloading of popular music, for a price generally set at \$.99 per song. But why would you want to pay money for a song you can download for free in a matter of seconds?

Stephen Nelson points out, "If you wouldn't take it from Bull Moose records without paying, why would you take it from the Internet?" If you do get busted, you could end up paying a lot more than the \$35 fee imposed by USM. The RIAA is continually in search of new ways to deter music piracy. Several students across the nation have been sued by the RIAA, some for damages amounting to \$150,000 dollars per song. Take a look at your LimeWire. That's a lot of money. Now take another look. Are any of those songs worth \$150,000?

In addition, a new initiative was launched last month specifically targeting university students. This program may allow the RIAA to pursue more offenders, as it will enable them to settle law suits more quickly. Students will be notified, via letter, that they are going to be sued by the RIAA, and given 20 days to settle for a reduced amount before the matter is brought to court. In an online discussion last Thursday regarding this new program, Steven Marks, the general counsel and executive vice president of the RIAA, made it clear that his organization does not profit from these law suits; they are intended only to promote the message that "anyone can be caught." The company will be sending around 400 pre-litigation letters each month nationwide. The first track went out on Feb. 28.

Taking all of these things into account, it might be years before you get caught or you might never get caught at all.

"I'm not going to stop downloading music," said one student, who wished to remain anonymous for obvious reasons.

It looks like the RIAA is going to need more than a few scattered law suits and a vague threat of jail time to stop strapped-for-cash students from helping themselves.

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MONDAY, MARCH 5

"Domestica Americana," print exhibit by USM art student Cassie Farrington/ 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. viewing hours/ free/ 7th floor, USM Law building, Portland/ USM Art Department at 780-5460

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

"Zizek!" a film exploring the philosophies of Slavoj Zizek, discussion with USM Associate Professor of Sociology Dusan Bjelic to follow/ 7:30 p.m./ SPACE Gallery/ 538 Congress St., Portland/ 228-8266.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

"Not Exactly a Day at the Beach: Geoarchaeology, the Little Ice Age, and Sand Catastrophes in 17th Century Scotland," lecture by Gerald Bigelow of Bates College/ free and open to the public/ 12:30 - 1:30 p.m./ 104 Bailey Hall, Gorham /780-5321.

Portland's Funniest Professional Contest/ 8 p.m./ \$6/ Comedy Connection, Wharf St., Portland.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8

The Colors of Courage: Gettysburg's Forgotten History - Immigrants, Women, and African Americans in the Civil War's Defining Battle," ANES lecture by Margaret S. Creighton, professor of history at Bates College/ 7 p.m./ free and open to the public/ 7th Floor University Events Room, Glickman Family Library, Portland/ 780-4920.

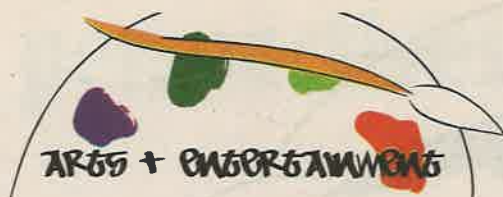
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Spotlight Concert Series for the School of Music's 50th Anniversary presents **"An Evening of Sonenberg,"** featuring scenes from USM faculty composer Daniel Sonenberg's opera, "The Summer King," / \$15 public, \$10 USM staff and seniors, \$5 students / 8 p.m., / Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham/ 780-5555.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Graduate Student Showcase Recital / 8 p.m./ free and open to the public/ Corthell Concert Hall/ Gorham/ 780-5555.

Celebrate Women's History Month with a guided tour of the Women's History Trail City Hall Loop, led by Pat Finn, Polly Kaufman, and Eileen Eagan/ free and open to the public/ departs at 10 a.m. from Portland's Monument Square/ 780-4284.



DVD REVIEW

Stranger than Fiction



SOURCE: IMDB.COM

Will Ferrell in *Stranger Than Fiction*

ANNE HOBBY

STAFF WRITER

Will Ferrell proves his worth as a real actor in *Stranger than Fiction* (on DVD since Feb. 27) in which he plays Harold Crick, a boring IRS agent whose life becomes meaningful when he realizes that he is the main character in somebody's book.

Crick hears a narrator in his head who is narrating his own actions and thoughts, and at first thinks he's crazy. He then consults Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman), a literature professor who analyzes Crick's narrator in her style and word choice. Hoffman and Ferrell are brilliant together, with Hoffman being sardonically humorous and Ferrell using his talent in

physical comedy through perfect facial expressions for his befuddled character.

Meanwhile the narrator and author, Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson) is unaware that her character is human flesh and blood and is trying to figure out the best way for him to die at the end of the book. With her assistant (Queen Latifa), she goes out to "research" different deaths as a way of combating her writer's block. The dark humor works and Thompson and Latifa play off each other well with intelligent dialogue written by Zach Helm.

Balancing things out is a cute but predictable romance. Crick falls for the woman he is auditing, Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal). The movie gets away with its predictability because it can blame it on the fiction writer, Eiffel. It's clever, and it works as long as you don't think too hard about what the movie is all about. Go along for the ride. It attempts at depth with questions of mortality and the "meaning of life." But this is no Ingmar Bergman (let alone Woody Allen), so don't think this a substitute for your philosophy reading. It's a smart, funny comedy with a stellar cast and a lot of laughs.

YOU SHOULD CHECK THEM OUT

The Slip slides through Portland

JEFF BEAM

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

★★★★½ out of ★★★★★ stars

Rarely do I ever go see a band without listening to them first. But the buzz around The Slip was so positive that I decided to take the chance. The Bonnaroo-bound Boston trio barged into Portland riding the success of their most recent album, *Eisenhower*. The band also gained fame when their song "Even Rats," was included on the popular video game "Guitar Hero." That was enough to pack The SPACE on Congress Street to full capacity on Feb. 24.

Phonograph, a five-piece folk rock group from Brooklyn, opened the show. The intricate use of a pedal-steel guitar immediately demanded attention. Despite the lead singer's Kermit-esque quality, the band gave off a very Wilco-like vibe and put on a good show. Next up was Wintersleep, a quintet of proud Canadians. The lead singer was a direct cross between Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder and the Counting Crows' Adam Duritz.

The Slip took the stage to a smorgasbord of instruments and musical toys, which would account for their epic space-rock sound. It was hard to believe only three people would be using so much equipment. Beginning the set with two

non-album tracks, The Slip plowed into "Even Rats," and the "Guitar Hero" fans came out of the woodwork. It was hard to tell if the intense applause was because the song was on "Guitar Hero's" soundtrack or because it's a damn good song. But either way, it got results.

The Slip rarely spoke to the crowd, but they didn't have to. Their music said everything it needed. Though their lineup consisted mainly of the drums, bass and guitar combination, they often ventured into other territories, with exceptional use of a harmonica, a synthesizer, a steel drum, a xylophone and countless random noise machines. The Slip even had a way to play the bass through a series of pedals, leaving bassist Marc Friedman free to jump on a second guitar. Never have so few people made so much noise.

The band then debuted a pair of impressive new songs, which sold me to avidly look for their next album release. The song "Airplane/Primitive" was next, and it proved to be a highlight of the evening. The crowd again roared with approval as The Slip launched into "Children of December," the title track of their most recent album. The audience was on cue when lead singer Brad Barr sang the line "make a little noise."

The band closed their set with the last two songs on *Eisenhower*, "The Original Blue Air" and "Paper Birds." The dramatic conclusion sparked a lengthy ovation, resulting in a brief encore. The Slip sent the crowd home with a brilliant cover of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Have You Ever Seen The Rain?"

The Slip is one of the most original bands around. Combining the likes of Built To Spill and The Flaming Lips while still appreciating the classics like The Beatles and Led Zeppelin, the trio created a sound like no other — powerful, vintage, futuristic and solid.



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A survivor from Sudan tells USM his story

Deng's biography tells survival story though years of violence

CHARLIE NICKELL

STAFF WRITER

"Humor is essential to life," said Valentino Achak Deng before a sold-out audience Sunday night during his discussion with author Dave Eggers last Sunday. Finding humor has not come easily for Deng; his biography, *What is The What*, written by Eggers, tells a turbulent life tale of the Sudanese man. He shared his motivational story at the Hannaford Lecture Hall on the USM Portland campus.

Born in the southern Sudan city of Marial Bai, Deng spent his earliest years amidst violence and turmoil. Separated from his family at age six, he began his life as a refugee, living in Ethiopian and Kenyan refugee camps for 13 years before finally arriving in the U.S.

Despite endless struggles and adversity, Deng has never stopped asking, "How can I help?" From an early age, Deng volunteered in refugee camps he lived in, organizing groups and activities intended to keep youths active and out of trouble.

"A community that supports itself is the happiest community I know," Deng said. "I do what I can to bring happiness."

Throughout his residences in multiple refugee camps, Deng was responsible for thousands of youths, creating arts and athletic programs to keep them busy.

"Where do you find hope?" Deng was asked by a member of the audience.

"I don't have any extraordinary human characteristics or traits," he responded. "We have to take care of each other."

Over the course of the book's three-year development, Eggers and Deng became good friends, traveling to Sudan in 2003 to reunite Deng with his family, who he had not seen in 16 years.

What Is The What is available in your local bookstore and all proceeds go to the Sudanese in need of help. Deng is currently helping rebuild his native town; community centers, youth resources, a library, and sports programs are being developed now.

To find out how you can help, check out Deng website, www.valentinoachakdeng.com.

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to those of you who cast your votes in the town where you live. A senator on the hearing committee asked her if she had any way of knowing how students voted. She admitted she didn't but was sure "over 80% voted Democrat." To me, her answer "highlighted" the intention of this bill.

At one point during the hearing a student stepped toward the podium to testify and a woman in opposition to the bill stepped in front of her saying she was going to "pull the mother card." Apparently, because she was a mother, she felt she had the authority to speak before any student could.

The most eye-opening part of the day was that, even though the bill was about students, we were the very last to be heard.

Our elected officials say they want us involved but, as this day demonstrates, the execution of this does not always support that claim. The way we were treated, from being labeled and disciplined in the hallway to literally being placed last on the agenda, sends the message that our voices are not valued. So does the legislation itself. There must be space for fresh voices to weigh in on issues affecting us all.

Tina Smith
Student

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CULTURE BEAT

USM's Black Portland exhibit offers glimpse into dark past

GERMAINE KAPENA

COLUMNIST

**"I looked at my hands,
they were free,
I looked at my feet,
they were too."**

This poem sits at the feet of the Freedom! Statue on display this month as part of the Black Portland Exhibition on the sixth floor of the Glickman Library, now open to the public. Jerald E. Talbot, a local civil rights leader and the first African-American to get elected to Maine legislature, inspired the African-American

Collection of Maine. The statue is of a young African-American slave, his bare chest the color of chocolate with beads of sweat running down the sides of his face. He wears a stunned expression. According to the artist's imagination he is "being told by a breathless relative or friend that he was now a free man...no longer a slave, no longer his master's property."

Unconsciously, I look down at my hands holding a pen and a notebook. The slave's face reminds me of a family tale told to me by my grandmother in Africa.

As a child growing up in Kasai in Congo, I heard the story of a member of my extended family being captured by the White men—"Mitumbula"—in my language, to be taken to America as

a slave. He was called Nfuni Talatala Tshipela and as the first male child, according to our tradition, he was responsible for the well-being of our extended family. He was captured as he tried to free his sister from captivity. The secret beat of a drum signaled to his sister that he was coming. The sister returned with her freedom to her family but had to bear the devastating news of her brother's capture. The Mitumbula had stolen her brother's freedom and my family had to live without their warrior and provider.

Through the years, in order to keep Nfuni Talatala Tshipela's memory alive, many male children in my family, including my own brother, have been named after him. While I stand in the quiet space of the library, looking

up at the statue, I wonder what came of my childhood hero. Did he make it, if at all, along with the other slaves from Africa, to a shore somewhere in America? He must have longed for his family and his Africa.

I recall the songs, mostly about his bravery sung in "Thiluba", a Kasaien language. My grandmother, Mary Jeanne Kamuanya, would retell the story with bitterness in her voice as we sat around the fire, watching her mouth form the words of the story we heard many times. We all felt the empty spot, the hole that his capture had left behind so many years ago.

While visiting this exhibition will not remind everyone of the disappearance of a family hero, it is still an opportunity to come to

terms with a dark part of American history. The exhibit offers a rare opportunity to get a snapshot of the lives of members of the local African-American community living in Maine.

Passing the statue on my way out, I wonder if my grandmother's hero, as well as mine, ever imagined that he would be remembered many years later in Maine, USA, by a young relative, a new immigrant from Africa now calling Maine home.

Editorial

There's no laughing in the Statehouse

Instead of a box of chocolates on Valentine's Day, I got my love from the universe by starting my new, sweet-ass job as Portland Community Organizer for The League of Young Voters. But before I was hired I was asked to join the League at the statehouse for a joint committee hearing on a bill called LD 203.

The League organized the day so that college students from all over the state could testify in opposition to the bill. LD 203 directly affects those of us living in USM dorms as well as anyone living in dorms throughout the state by taking away our Maine voting rights. Supporters claim the bill doesn't change anything, it simply highlights an existing law. What do you think? Highlight or contradiction?

The original law:

This subsection may not be construed to prevent a student at any institution of learning from qualifying as a voter in the municipality where the student resides while attending that institution.

And it's "highlighted" by:

A student is not a resident of a municipality where the student resides if the student lives in housing owned by an institution of learning while attending the institution unless the student lived in that municipality prior to attending the institution.

To me, that's a complete contradiction.

Supporters accused unnamed students of voting twice and committing other measures of voter fraud but failed to provide any evidence of these federal offenses. Secretary of State

Matthew Dunlap, who opposes the bill, said, "We have not witnessed the type of problems this bill looks to solve."

The bill disenfranchises the student vote by way of discrimination. It is unjust and illegal.

On the day of the hearing students from all across the state arrived in the capital before the commencement. LD 203 was scheduled to be heard last and the college students anxiously waited in the hallway. We were shaking the hands of legislators when I overheard a Republican representative from the joint committee tell a Bates student, "You, sir, look like a democrat." The student asked, "What does a democrat look like, sir?"

Like in any waiting area with a crowd of people whose job it is to talk, the volume obviously rose. Soon after, a woman wearing a nametag lightly wrapped her fingers around my arm and said, "No laughing."

My eyes must have begged, "Are you kidding?" because she continued, "No...seriously...no laughing!"

I wanted to tell her, "It's the people's house and I'd laugh in it if I wished," but instead peacefully refrained and apologized. Thing is, there were

plenty of people in the hallway but I watched her exclusively ask students to quiet down.

It was after 3 p.m. when we were permitted to enter the small, stuffy room. Representative Gary Knight from Livermore Falls introduced the bill, saying, "If students want to vote here, that is great but they should register their cars here and pay taxes here." Knight insisted students from "away" do not have a "vested interest" in our communities. But, you, the out-of-state student, are helping to fuel our local economy by spending your limited funds at our independent shops. You are invested in our cities and towns because you volunteer at local non-profits, high-schools, nursing homes and rescue teams.

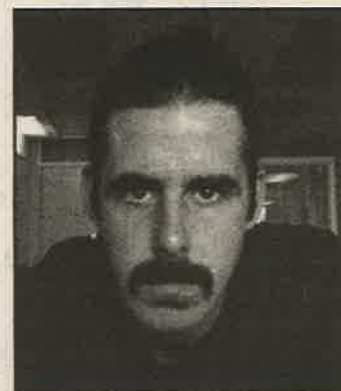
So why are elected officials in Maine trying to keep you from casting your votes where you live? Is it because nationwide in 2006, 18-29 year olds voted Democratic by almost a 2 to 1 ratio, according to Music for America? A former senator who represented Gorham seems to think so. She claimed to have lost over 800 votes due

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These days Times are shifting, and so must we

ALEX STEED

COLUMNIST



growing hostilities and unease regarding recent militant handling of foreign policy will lead to here at home.

In the NPR interview, President Bush explained that the "situation in Iraq is unacceptable to the American people — and it is unacceptable to me."

Asked whether there is a "conflicting message" between Bush and Cheney, Bush said that Vice President Cheney is "reflecting a half-glass-full mentality." A week later, Cheney told *Newsweek*, "I think we have made significant progress," and Bush calls this optimism.

Of course, it looks a lot like delusion, but ever since Bush forgot about his Massachusetts prep-school/Yale education in exchange for appealing to the common voter, his words don't quite match up to the English language we know and embrace.

Unfortunately for Cheney's optimism, according to a recent Brookings Institute paper entitled, "Things Fall Apart: Containing the Spillover from an Iraqi Civil War," the U.S. has put itself into a position where it needs to develop plans to deal with catastrophic civil war in the region. The conflict will "kill hundreds of thousands, [and] create millions of refu-

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known female. This latest e-mail threat was the first of this year.

Changes in the university's policies concerning the handling of the bomb threats in a more efficient manner were implemented last December. No evacuation was ordered during the last two threats, avoiding the disruption that accompanies such a move. One policy change made was to not respond immediately by evacuating and to assess each threat as they came in as to whether or not they were deemed a "credible" threat. A campus-wide e-mail alerting students to the threat was also sent as part of an increased

effort to communicate CRIT's actions.

Despite this most recent incident, Beecher said USM's police department was "fine-tuning" their case to be presented to the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office.

"We're not going to do half of a job in the interest of getting things done quickly," she said. "We'll do the full job and do it well no matter how long it takes."

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gees" not to mention "disrupting oil supplies and setting up a direct confrontation between Washington and Iran." Herein, I would say that this is one of the first times that I am in near agreement with the president. However, I would word "the situation in Iraq is unacceptable," more strongly.

The study, called "unremittably bleak" by the *Independent*, goes on to suggest that ending an all-out civil war would require a force of 450,000 troops, which is three times the number of troops that are already there, and slightly over a third of the U.S. military. When asked on *Meet the Press* two weeks ago, before the release of the aforementioned report, if he believed adding 20,000 troops would increase U.S. capabilities, but not stabilize the country, Sen. John McCain said that he was "concerned with it."

What I am concerned with, and what hasn't been much talked about by Washington, is the breaking point of American popular opinion.

Over the winter semester, I took a geology class. There, I learned that in plate tectonic theory a fault will stick, but as pressure builds up over the course of years, so much pressure builds up and it unsticks. The fault edges scrape together while correcting themselves at several meters per second and an earthquake ensues. If enough pressure builds up, the

earthquake is catastrophic, and it destroys the area built upon it. Like the fault, American criticism, cynicism, and outrage have been stuck for quite some time.

We allowed Washington to take us to war and we re-elected a war-hungry president and Congress. Iraq is quickly going to hell, slipping between the cracks of government corruption and complacency among the citizenry. It is only a matter of time before, faced with strategically handling the growing doomsday scenario in Iraq, the draft gets discussed a little more seriously and American complacency begins to unravel.

Will it be too late for America's military aged youth to escape cleaning up the problems created when they were too young to vote?

It is only a matter of time before, like the fault, we become unstuck, and there's an earthquake of revolt.

The can of worms this reckless foreign policy has opened is much bigger than the chaos it has created abroad. We need to prepare for the potential unrest that we face here at home when American youth will be forced to deal with the mistakes of an older, stagnant generation.



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HUSKY Highlights

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Daniels named to All-Little East team

3/1 - Junior men's basketball guard Josh Daniels (Everett, WA) was named to the All-Little East Conference second team for the second straight year. Daniels averaged a team-high 13.6 points and 4.1 rebounds per game for the 2006-07 season. He led the Huskies in assists with 63 and steals with 26. Daniels shot 41.9 percent from the field, including 37.2 percent from beyond the three-point line and 75.6 percent from the foul line. He scored in double-figures 14 times during the season, including a season and career-high 32 points in the Huskies 87-82 loss against Western Connecticut State University. The men's basketball team finished its 2006-07 season at 6-20 overall and 2-12 in the Little East Conference.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Haggerty, Sawyer sweep LEC awards

2/26 - Junior Adam Haggerty (Heron) and sophomore Jimmy Sawyer (Gorham) of the men's indoor track and field team swept the Little East Conference (LEC) Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week awards for their performances at the New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association (NEIAAA) Indoor Championships at Boston University. Haggerty was named the LEC Field Athlete of the Week for the second straight week, and the third time in his career. He cleared a personal-best in the pole vault with a height of 15-3. Sawyer was picked as the LEC Track Athlete of the week for the second time this season. He ran a season-best time of 49.26 seconds in the 400-meter trials, missing his school record by just 0.09 seconds.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Artesani, Riitano take track, field awards

2/26 - Freshman sprinter Emily Artesani (Orono) and senior thrower Caterina Riitano (Sangerville) of the women's track and field team were named the Little East Conference Women's Track and Field Athletes of the Week for their performances at the NYU Fastrack Invitational. Artesani was named the Track Athlete of the Week for the fourth time this indoor season. She set a new school record competing in the 200 meters, with a time of 26.48 to break the previous record of 26.84. Riitano was selected as the Field Athlete for the first time in her career. She achieved a personal best in the 20-pound weight throw for the third straight week. She put up a mark of 14.50 meters to finish fifth in the event.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Castleton skates past, in OT

2/24 - Castleton State ice hockey freshman Kirk Bolduc (Lewiston) scored just 14 seconds into overtime to give the fifth-seeded Castleton State College Spartans a 3-2 victory over the fourth-seeded Huskies in the quarterfinal round game of the ECAC East tournament. Southern Maine tied the game in the third period to push the overtime. Senior defenseman Chris Helms (Sandwich, MA) scored the first goal, one second after a Spartan penalty at 7:57. Sophomore defenseman Ben Loss (Wilmette, IL) got the equalizer at 10:47 on another power play. The 2006-07 men's ice hockey team ends its season at 15-9-2.

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The stars behind the success of women's basketball

Name: Lindsey Welch
Year: Senior
Position: Guard
Stats: 4.0 points per game
2.3 assists per game

Averaging 19.7 minutes play time, putting up four rebounds per game and taking 29 steals so far this season, Lindsey Welch has excelled both defensively and offensively. Welch has also excelled at the charity line, hitting 16 out of her 30 free throws. Offensively, Welch has grabbed five rebounds, and taken down 18 defensively. She is ranked fifth on the team for three-point percentages with .297 and third for assists with 2.3 per game. Last month she was the leading scorer on the team with 13 points in the Huskies 50-52 loss to Keene State. Welch has also led the team in assists in three games and steals in two games this season.

Name: Nicole Paradis
Year: Freshman
Position: Guard
Stats: 6.6 points per game
2.6 assists per game

Starting freshman guard Nicole Paradis has been a force on the floor this season. Posting 26.5 minutes a game and starting 19 of the Huskies 26 games, Paradis is averaging 6.6 points, 2.6 assists and 1.8 rebounds per game. She has shot a .492, hitting 29 of her 66 attempts. She has proven herself inside the paint as well, taking 42 defensive rebounds and 6 offensive rebounds on the season. Paradis is second on the team for three-pointers made with 29 on the season and a three-point percentage of .439. She also earned the 2007 Little East Conference All-Rookie team honoree.

Name: Stacey Kent
Year: Sophomore
Position: Forward
Stats: 10.4 points per game
5.6 rebounds per game

Only in her sophomore year, forward Stacey Kent drained a school-record eight three-pointers and recorded a career high

27 points to lead the Huskies to a 97-59 win over UMass Dartmouth Feb. 20. She also holds first place on the team for three-pointers made with 43 on the season. She is second on the team for most rebounds, steals and assists, averaging 5.5 rebounds, 2.37 assists and 1.96 steals per game. She is also tied for first in blocks, with 13 on the season. Kent made All-State Second team, joining teammate Ashley Marble for the All-State awards.

Name: Angela Santa Fe
Year: Junior
Position: Forward
Stats: 8.6 points per game
4.3 rebounds per game

Angela Santa Fe put up a career-best 22 points and took down seven rebounds in the Huskies 67-57 victory over Rhode Island College last month. She also led all scorers with 16 points, on a 7-for-9 effort, in the Huskies 70-57 victory over Husson. She is first on the team in field goal percentage, hitting 89 out of 177 attempts and posting a solid .503 percent. She follows in second for field goals made, with 3.3 a game. Santa Fe has been solid at the foul line as well, shooting a .781 during the season.

Name: Ashley Marble
Year: Senior
Position: Forward
Stats: 23.0 points per game
11.7 rebounds per game

Senior forward Ashley Marble set USM's career record for rebounds with 1,115 in her career during the Huskies 68-57 Little East Conference Championship victory over Keene State last week. In the first round of LEC Championship play, Marble hit a career-high 37 points and 22 rebounds in the Huskies' 77-61 victory over Eastern Connecticut. She is the team's leader for field goals made, with 7.5 per game, and free throws made with 7.1 per game. Marble leads all Husky scorers by almost 400 points, with 621 on the season. She has earned numerous awards including the LEC Player of the Year Award for the third consecutive season, MWBCA First-Team All-State and MWBCA Player of the Year for the second consecutive year. Marble has posted 20 double-doubles this season and has 47 in her career.



Trisha MacDonald (30) gets the next strategy from Head Coach Gary Fifield.

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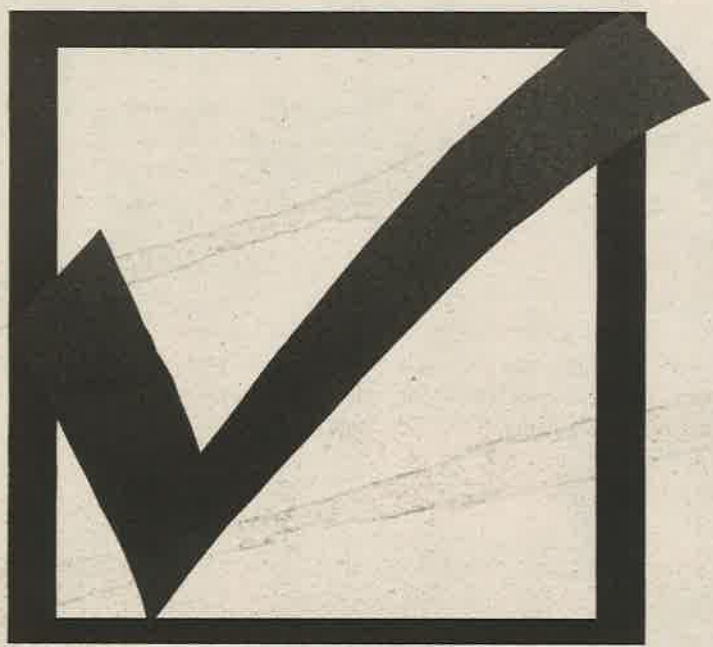
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Dawn Ross (15) drives while Lindsey Welch (10) looks on at the Huskies' championship win over Keene State.

Huskies gain automatic bid for 13th straight year

USM cruises past Keene in championship game

ASHLEY ST. MICHEL

SPORTS EDITOR

One week after the number two seeded Keene State Owls gave the Huskies, ranked first in their league, their second loss of the season, the two teams met again in the final game of the Little East Conference championship at the Warren G. Hill Gymnasium in Gorham last Saturday. Senior forward Ashley Marble (Topsfield) recorded her 20th double-double of the season with 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Huskies to their 11th consecutive Little East Conference championship with a 68-57 win over the Owls.

Plagued by turnovers and missed shots, both teams struggled during the first half exchanging the lead back and forth. After Lindsey Welch (Newport) missed a three-pointer with 19:47 to play, the Owls outscored the Huskies over the next four minutes and took the lead, 2-9.

The Huskies called a 30 second time-out, and with 15:58 to play Welch dished the ball out to freshman guard Nicole Paradis (Skowhegan), who made the shot from three-point territory and cut the lead to 5-9. A three-pointer from sophomore forward Stacey Kent (Northwood, NH) with less than ten minutes to play and another three-

pointer from Welch launched the Huskies into the lead, 19-15 with 8:33 left in the half. Owls guard Michele Boudreau took the lead back for Keene State, 29-32, sinking a three-pointer with 3:16 left in the half.

The Huskies shot a solid 41.7 percent from the field but committed eight turnovers. They trailed the Owls in rebounds as well, grabbing 17 while Keene took 19 in the first half. Marble went into the half with 11 of her 26 points and five of her 10 rebounds. Welch chipped in with eight points and junior forward Angela Santa Fe (Derry, NH) netted four.

The Huskies cut the Owl's lead in the opening minutes of the second half. After Marble connected and drew the foul on a lay up, she helped her team tie up the game, 32-32 with 18:38 left to play. The Huskies outscored Keene State on a 16-4 run in the first six minutes of the second half. In less than five minutes Marble and Santa Fe each scored four points and Paradis and Welch each drained a three-pointer to help push the Huskies into a 46-36 lead.

A lay up from Owls forward Jenn Kinney would cut the lead to six with 12:06 remaining, but the Huskies answered with back-to-back three-pointers from Paradis and junior guard Dawn Ross (Gray), pushing the lead back to 52-40 with 10:26 left in the game.

The Huskies went on to outscore the Owls again 11-6 over the next four minutes. Marble was fouled on the boards and went to the line to drain both foul shots, putting the Huskies lead at a comfortable 63-46.



After 19 years with USM, Head Coach Gary Fifield, left, is number one in NCAA Division 3 women's basketball with a 516-80 career record.

The Huskies kept this lead, taking the 68-57 victory.

Despite playing on a shin injury, Marble helped the Huskies to achieve 100 percent from the charity line in the second half, while the Owls held on at 50 percent. The Huskies, who shot 41.7 percent, recorded 14-for-27 in the second half, putting them at 51.9 percent.

Marble was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player for the second consecutive year. With her 10 from this game, Marble set USM's career record for rebounds with 1,115 in her career. She surpassed Sue Joseph's (1980) record of 1,108. Marble's 26 points puts her at 1,911, enough to secure her second place all-time at USM.

With the win, the Huskies earned an automatic bid into the 2007 NCAA Division 3 Women's Basketball Tournament. This is

the 13th consecutive year that the Huskies have received an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. The Huskies improved their record to 25-2 coming into the NCAA Sectional games last Saturday and Sunday. They played Williams College, who came into the tournament at 20-6.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Huskies beat Fitchburg State Sunday 65-54 to advance to the Sweet Sixteen. USM plays Calvin College at Emmanuel College in Massachusetts on Friday.