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You down with GOP?



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Meghan McCain talks politics in the Tap Room of Pat's Pizza.

Meghan McCain visits Orono

By Dylan Riley
Assistant News Editor

After sending Palin to speak to Mainers, John McCain's campaign turned its focus to the state's younger generation. Meghan McCain, the 23-year-old daughter of presidential candidate John McCain, stopped at Orono's Pat's Pizza Friday to mingle with college students.

"It's really fun, I really like these events where I get to

meet young people, and I like what I'm doing. It's a little bit on my own score right now and probably more personal. I get to meet in really tight quarters with supporters and hear what they have to say, and it's different than being with my dad at a big rally," Meghan McCain said.

Meghan McCain arrived in Pat's Pizza's Tap Room around noon, amidst flashing cameras and the sound of barroom banter. Four televisions broadcast Red Sox

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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin visits Bangor. See story on page 2...

Part-time job loss affects UM students

By Aislinn Samacki
Staff Reporter

Students looking to make extra cash will have trouble finding part time work, said marketing professor Paul Myer at a public symposium Oct. 16.

The symposium, "The Current Financial Crisis: What Does It Mean For Us?" was held in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building and drew a crowd of students, faculty and the local community.

Myer addressed changes in retail in his PowerPoint presentation titled "Weathering the Perfect Storm," where the elements of fear, uncertainty and doubt fuel the tempest.

"This is a classic black swan. How did we all not really know that this was going to happen?" Myer said.

Retail stores are chief providers of part-time employment, jobs students depend on to earn money during the semester.

"Retailers need to react, so they're going to contract," Myer said. For example, L.L. Bean recently cut employment approximately 23 percent.

Employment opportunities may look grim, but it is a good time to shop, Myer said. Businesses are responding to altered consumer habits by offering deals. For example, Wal-Mart is now advertising \$10 toys.

Other panelists included finance professor Richard Borgman, finance professor Robert Strong and marketing professor Harold Daniel.

Strong provided a crash course on stock prices and why they have changed. The keystone of his presentation was the concept of a stock price ratio: future earnings in the numerator and psychology in the denominator.

"In the short run, it's psychology that causes stock to change," Strong said.

When the "risk dial" is turned up, the denominator of psychology

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Democrat groups rally in Bangor area

By Rhiannon Sawtelle
Staff Reporter

Students democrats students from around the state met Oct. 18 to spread the word for their candidates. Less than three weeks before Election Day, students were pushing hard for democratic nominees all the way down the ticket.

In an effort to get young voters involved in the political process, the Democratic Party held Next Generation: Student Day of Action.

Students filtered in and out of the democratic headquarters in Bangor on Saturday morning, training to canvass the area. The headquarters house the Barack Obama Campaign for Change and the Victory 2008 Campaign. The Obama campaign supports all democratic nominees. Victory 2008 — headed by the Maine Democratic Party — campaigns for all democratic nominees.

As students arrived they were trained to encourage residents in the area to register to vote, to vote early and to be informed about the issues on the ticket this November. Small training groups congregated throughout the room as more students arrived.

"We want people to know the real fundamental differences between these candidates," said one representative from the Maine Democratic Party, as he addressed one group of student volunteers. "Just be truthful the whole time."

Fundamental differences included a reference sheet comparing Allen's policies with Collins' — Maine's two contenders for U.S. Senate this election. It highlighted their stances on the Iraq war, economic policy, energy and environment, health care and oversight of war profiteers.

Pairs of students were then provided brochures and information on the candidates and issues and were sent into the surrounding neighborhood. They campaigned for their cause door-to-door.

On the same day the Bangor Daily News endorsed Obama as its candidate, college and high school students did some endorsing of their own. Students from Bowdoin, Colby, College of the Atlantic, St. Joseph's College, Husson University, Bates and surrounding

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McCain campaign sends Palin to Maine

Republican vice presidential candidate gives a speech about party's stance on the economy, energy and wars

By Heather Steeves
News Editor

As one of two states that can split its electoral votes, some are beginning to recognize Maine as a battleground state for the first time in a long while. For this reason, the McCain campaign sent Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to speak at the Bangor International Airport Thursday morning.

The event occurred within a week of Alaska's state investigator finding that Palin abused her power and violated state ethics law by trying to get her ex-brother-in-law fired from his job with the state police — an incident she did not mention on Thursday.

Palin, the Republican vice presidential candidate, spoke to Mainers the morning after the final debate between the two main presidential candidates. She focused on the economy, energy and war in the 25-minute speech she gave to thousands of people crowding airport hangar 11.

She mentioned helping students with college tuition. "He [John McCain] has a plan too, to help our students pay their college tuition and a plan for all of us to afford healthcare and to get this economy back on the right track," she said. "Together John and I will complete the work of education reform to give every child in America a chance and to give every parent in America good choices for their child's education."

As the supporters cheered inside, protestors outside waved signs. University of Maine graduate Sarah Bigney, organizer of the Maine Fair Trade Campaign, held signs with a group of protestors that read "Don't ship our jobs overseas" and "McCain and Palin love NAFTA, Maine doesn't" to raise awareness of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"It [NAFTA] has resulted in a job loss in our state of 24,000 jobs. At a time of economic hardship, we really criticize why McCain and Palin are still supporting this failed model when it has clearly cost Maine so many jobs," Bigney said, referring to manufacturing jobs lost around the state which were sent overseas. Bigney said this affects Maine students.

"It will be harder to find jobs after you graduate if we're shipping them overseas." She said the white-collar jobs requiring four-year degrees will be hardest hit.

One UMaine graduate found another way to get the GOP's attention.

"I dressed like a zombie, and they

kicked me out," he said, with fake blood dripping from his forehead. The registered democrat already sent in his ballot, but thought it would be interesting to see Palin. "With either candidate, it's history being made."

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, introduced the Alaskan governor by highlighting the similarities between her home state and Maine such as hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

"I feel at home because I see the Carhartts and the steel-toed boots, and I see, mixed in there with the suits and the ties, the NRA hats and all those

good things that remind me of home," Palin said.

University of Maine College Republican member Joshua O'Donald thought these comments made Palin relatable. "I think she can offer a perspective from a local American point of view. She also makes me think of my own mother: working-

mother, avid hunter, compassionate and caring. I think these things are important for America, and to me, it feels like it's someone I've known my whole life," he said.

O'Donald was one of approximately 30 volunteers from UMaine. "It is very hard being conservative in a very liberal state such as Maine. Her coming here reinforced the Republican beliefs of many, including myself."

Kayla Riley, a sophomore journalism student, said she would have liked to see more student involvement. "I actually support Obama, but I had a professor who taught me to support freedom for the thought that we hate," Riley said.

"I think we're the future of this country, so we need to be getting involved. We need to be informed about the issues. We need to take action," Megan Woodruff, a senior biochemistry student, said.

Maine House Republican Leader Joshua Tardy agreed that Maine must be involved. "This race is a close one. We're in a battleground state," he said to the crowd. "Mainers have a proud tradition of sending reform-minded women to Washington."

Palin also mentioned that Maine elected Sens. Margaret Chase Smith, Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins.

"Maine, you all know something about those cracks in that glass ceiling, but the women of America aren't finished yet. Maine, with your help this November we're going to shatter once and for all that final glass ceiling," Palin said.

The governor said she and her running mate, Sen. John McCain, believe in freedom and decreasing government involvement. "We believe in the forward movement of freedom, not in the constant expansion of governments. And although our opponent doesn't agree, that freedom includes the full rights and liberties under the Second Amendment," Palin said.

One major issue Palin spoke about was her and McCain's plan to help fix the economy.

"We will balance the federal budget by the end of our term. A \$10 trillion debt that we are expected to pass onto our kids and our grandkids, and that's not fair, that's not right. We will not do that. We will get spending under control."

"As president and vice president, John and I will bring tax relief to every American and every business too that business owners, you business owners out there, you can create jobs for people. Job creation is how we get the economy back on track," Palin said.

After Palin's speech, Snowe said she was glad the governor brought up the topic of small businesses because she said it is an important topic to Mainers.

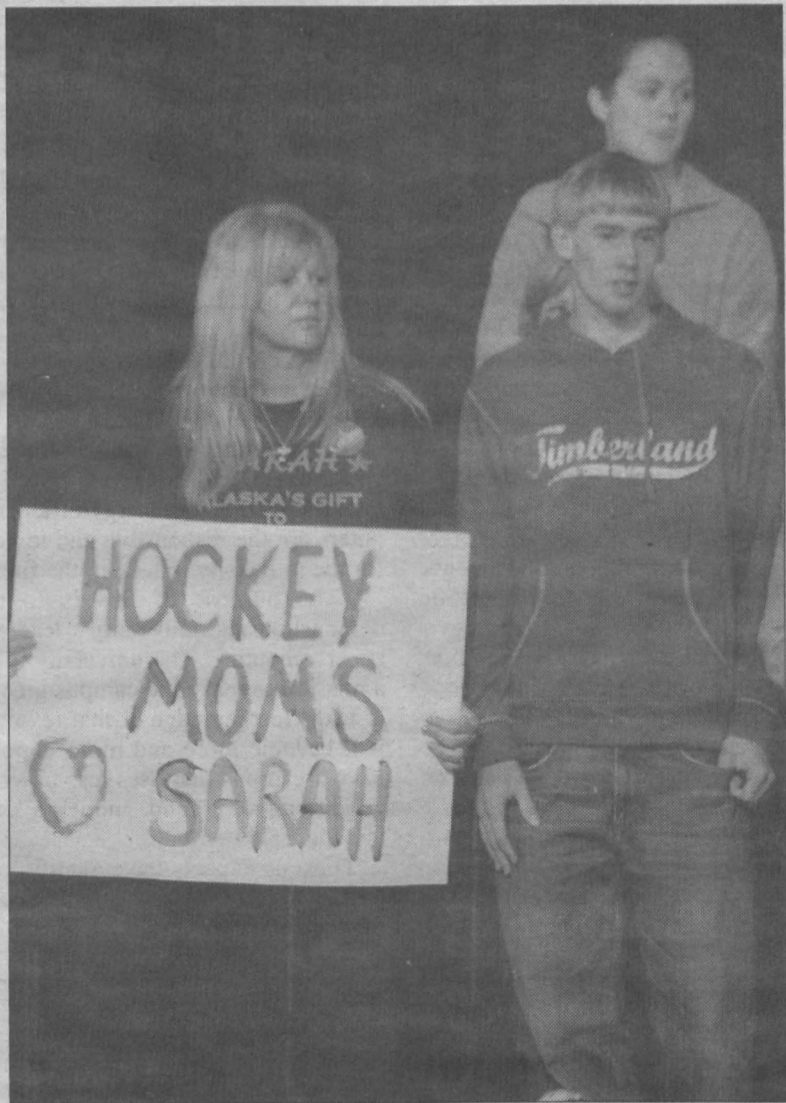
"I truly think that she addressed a range of issues that are so important to this state and to the country, frankly,

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Eryk Salvaggio ♦ The Maine Campus

Sarah Palin speaks at Bangor International Airport on Thursday, Oct. 16.



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Local supporters line the wall behind Palin.



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A Republican Party representative hands out signs to the crowd Thursday.



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Andrew Vicnaire of Dedham sports headwear in support of the campaign.



Eryk Salvaggio ♦ The Maine Campus
Olympia Snowe (far lower left) and a crowd of locals, including Miss Maine Kaetlin Parent, cheer on Sarah Palin after Grammy-award winning country music artist Lee Greenwood performed "God Bless the USA."

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as a whole, given where we are today economically and as far as energy policies," Snowe said. The vice-presidential candidate described the past 30 years of energy policy as a failure. "John and I will adopt an 'all of the above' approach. In our administration, that will mean developing new energy sources. It means harnessing alternative sources

like wind and solar and biomass and geothermal," she said. Palin said her platform would support the development of clean coal technology and nuclear energy. According to Palin, developing these alternative energy sources will create American jobs. "Our plan for nuclear will create nearly 700,000 new jobs."

Palin mentioned her plans to help families with special needs children and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "John

McCain has always, always put his country first. He is the only man in this race who talks about the wars America is fighting, and he isn't afraid to use the word victory."

Along with summarizing the McCain campaign's plans for energy, war and the economy, Palin made a few jabs at the democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama. "They [Obama and Sen. Joe Biden] look to the past because they would rather run

against the current administration, it sounds like, and that strategy, though thankfully, is starting to wear very, very thin."

Palin closed, saying "We are not a perfect nation, but we learn from our mistakes. What we collectively represent though are some perfect ideals about freedom, about tolerance, about equal rights, about hard work being rewarded and about the need to fight for those virtues of freedom."

Green supercomputer runs with pedal power

By Sam Cohen
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Department of Computer Science unveiled the first cyclist-powered "green" supercomputer in Maine on Oct. 15, only to find it unable to keep up with the biker.

Powered by 10 cyclists, the supercomputer successfully ran a program demonstrating glacial melting, in front of a crowd of 140 people.

The cyclists turned out to be too powerful for the computer.

"The bikers were a lot stronger than we thought. They blew out the battery," said Philip Dickens, assistant professor of computer science. "MIT has run a demonstration like this and they struggled to charge their computer. To see a computer run by bikes highlights all of the ways that the university is becoming greener."

"We were pedaling pretty hard," said Devin Higgins, a second-year electrical engineering technology student and member of the UMaine Cycling Club. "We all started cranking, and the battery got fully

charged so it got overcharged. We had to wait for it to run down some."

Each bike was connected to a generator to power the 1,600-kilowatt supercomputer. The bikers powered the computer for 20 minutes.

"The generator gave a lot of resistance on the wheel. I was in my lowest gear the whole time. I had a lot of fun because I got to bike really hard and then got free lunch afterward," Higgins said.

Dickens was the lead writer of the funding proposal for the National Science Foundation. The funding rate for general research proposals from the NSF is 10 percent.

"Grants from the NSF are hard to get. The competition is phenomenal. Everyone wants money," he said.

While most supercomputers require their own building for power and cooling, the newly acquired supercomputer can be

plugged into any standard wall outlet. This means the computer, built by SiCortex Inc. of Maynard, Mass., can be kept in Dickens' lab on campus for student access.

Other UMaine supercomputers are housed in the Target Technology Center in Orono. The cooling is taken care of by a 20-year-old fan and a 10-year-old portable air conditioning unit, both owned by Dickens.

"This is a wonderful project because it involves lots and lots of students. There are things to do from the undergrad level all the way up to the Ph.D. level. It gives a lot of good

experience and training for high level computing jobs, and it's useful to the state trying to attract computer companies," Dickens said.

The computer has 648 processors, compared to one or two on personal desktop computers.

Since getting the computer in July,

Dickens has worked with eight to 10 undergraduate and graduate students to develop a scientific grid portal at UMaine. This will create a system to put research models made at the university online to be accessed by the public with standard Web browsers.

"[The portal] is focused entirely on scientific research from the University of Maine. There is world-class research going on here, and we want to spread the wealth," Dickens said.

Dickens thinks energy-efficient computers are the responsible and logical path for the university to take in the future.

"The purpose of this is to try and demonstrate the university's leadership in supercomputing. The university is also on a mission to make the campus greener and is at the leading edge of that revolution. It will become more and more important to have a campus that uses less power. It's a good thing all around, and it's a lot of fun too," he said.

Dickens expects the scientific research portal to be up and running by next September.

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"We had a lot of complaints ... We're trying to balance fiscal responsibility with customer service."

Kathy Kittridge
Director of Dining Operations

York opens to let students eat close to home

Complaints, high attendance stem UM Dining to open an extra commons on the weekends

By Kathleen Dame
For The Maine Campus

York Commons now offers brunch and dinner and will be open Sundays, a decision reached last weekend by Dining services officials after reviewing student input.

"We had a lot of complaints," Director of Dining Operations Kathy Kittridge said. "We're trying to balance fiscal responsibility with customer service."

York will now serve brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be open for dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Kittridge said she and other dining employees evaluated customer numbers during break and noticed higher ones on Sunday than the other weekend day.

She also attributed the change to the Resident Assistant Advisory Board, which met with Dining to discuss both York and Wells Commons being closed on weekends.

Many students on the south side of campus felt slighted by the year's initial hours,

which left only the Union Marketplace and Hilltop open on weekends.

At the meeting, resident assistants spoke on behalf of their halls.

"They said they love Sunday brunch," Kittridge said. "They said that it's a time to relax, even if they don't eat there during the week."

She said customers, especially at York, enjoy the all-you-can-eat setup. This Sunday, Dining offered breakfast items, a pasta dish and a grill for brunch; a Sunday dinner, a pasta bar and grilled items were planned for the evening.

Kittridge said because the decision was made so quickly, staff shortages the first Sunday did not allow Dining to offer the

same variety as last year's brunch, but she said they will add to it as they can.

She anticipated Dining would keep the commons open throughout the semester, if not through the school year.

Many students were pleased to find the announcement when they returned to campus from fall break.

"I think it's a good thing," fourth-year Kennebec resident assistant Land Cook said. "I don't have a problem getting food from the Union, I just don't want to walk."

Fourth-year business student Kristen Brooks is working at York for her second year. She said staff members were given the choice of whether or not to work Sundays.

From a customer perspective, Brooks

said, "It's going to be a lot better over here. We won't have to walk anywhere, especially once the snow falls."

In addition to being spared the walk to the union, students living near York won't have to be part of the dining surge there on Sunday nights.

They will also be able to shop at York's new mini-mart, which Dining hopes to open Oct. 27.

They had initially planned to open the market this week, but ordering issues pushed the date back. The mini-mart will carry groceries, snacks and meal exchange items.

When deciding what to stock, Dining looked at the biggest sellers at the other campus markets, and e-mailed students the link to a survey about what they would like to see ordered.

Kittridge said once the mini-mart is open, dining will talk with students about what items they want, and they might adjust their inventory.

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UMS schools participated. Benjamin Goodman, communication coordinator for the Obama Campus Coalition for Change, was on hand to represent the University of Maine. He was joined by 22 other campus volunteers.

"People are just so excited to see young people involved," he said. "We really can make a difference this time around. This campus has a pivotal role to play."

Goodman explained that his group is a combined effort of the UMaine College Democrats and Students for Obama. They have approximately 150 volunteers on campus.

The group's goal is to get both Barack Obama and Tom Allen elected. Goodman explained that it is crucial to get both in office so that Democrats will have the majority in Congress and can make change together.

"There's a lot to be done," Goodman said. "It's going to be crucial to have volunteers. It's not just

enough to put a sticker on."

In a room full of campaign signs advertising promises such as "Strong Middle Class," "Renewing America's Promise" and "Securing America's Future," the voices of dedicated campaigners could also be heard placing calls to voters in the area.

Signs endorsing Ben Pratt for state representative, Tom Allen for U.S. Senate and Michael Michaud for U.S. House of Representatives were hung on all other free spaces that were not already filled with Obama support.

Similar events have been held at headquarters in Lewiston and Portland this year.

The UMaine College Democrats made a day of the event, attending the state convention of College Democrats at the university after canvassing the state. Maine democrats addressed the students at the conference. After the conference, the student democrats had dinner and a viewing of "W," the newest George W. Bush movie. The celebrations ran into Sunday with more training and lunch in Memorial Union.

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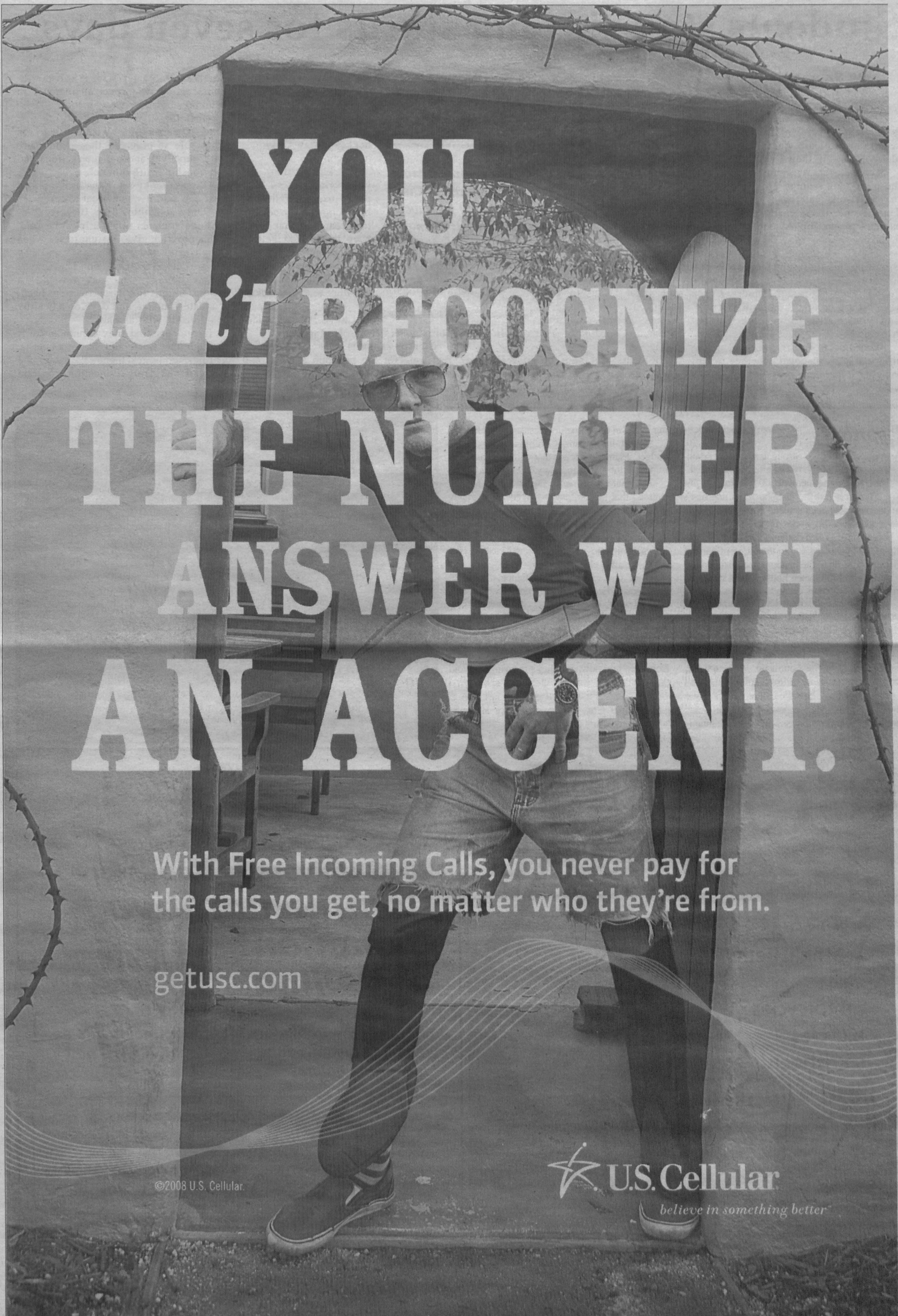
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Students stop sipping spirits for seven days

By Samantha Danis
For The Maine Campus

The Greek Peer Educators program is challenging students to stay dry for seven days to learn what kind of a role alcohol plays in their lives.

Students, faculty, administrators and the public are signing up to participate in The Drink Out from Oct. 19 to 25. This is one of the many programs on campus promoting Alcohol Awareness Week.

"The Greek Peer Educators program is putting this on to engage people personally," Greek Peer Education Founder and Director Sandra Caron said. "It's a competition with yourself. Can you really go a week without drinking?"

According to Caron, the goal of the program is to discover whether or not each participant can make it through the week without a sip of alcohol.

"If you can't make it, then that's the most important piece of information," she said. "This is offering you an opportunity to figure out what kind of role alcohol plays in your life."

The Drink Out has taken place at UMaine since Caron arrived 20 years ago. The Drink Out has had anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 participants each year, and this year its goal is 2,008 people.

"We have a little over 100 people right now, so the push is on to get everyone to sign-up," Greek Peer Education Student Coordinator Patrick Gleason said.

Students can sign up in residence halls, the Recreation and Fitness Center and the Greek Life Office. On Monday,

there will be a table in the Union to sign up at from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Second-year student Eric Beaver thinks that some people may be hesitant to sign up for The Drink Out because

next week is UMaine's homecoming.

"I know that the Drink Out just so happened to have fallen on homecoming weekend this year, but that could keep them from getting the high number of participants they want," Beaver said. "It's a time for alum to come back to the University, tailgate and have fun, and alcohol is generally involved too."

Gleason said this weekend is the perfect time for the program and Alcohol Awareness Week.

"It works out better for those

involved in the program because with homecoming we expect an increase in drinking, but now we can look at why we feel the need to drink during that time," Gleason said. "We are able to see what role it plays in the relationship with ourselves and our interactions and relationships with others."

Gleason took part in the program last year and said it was a great experience.

"Only something like 10 percent of UMaine students don't drink," he said. "This program gives insight to see when people drink and reasons for it; and why do we always drink on Thursdays? Before college, Thursday was just a school night. It's cool to step back, evaluate yourself, and develop a healthy relationship with alcohol."

If students find they cannot make it through the week and have concerns, Caron encourages them to contact the Alcohol and Drug Education program on campus.

"It's a competition with yourself. Can you really go a week without drinking?"

Sandra Caron
Greek Peer Education
Founder and Director

Economy rises and stock prices drop. According to Strong, fear and uncertainty can affect the risk dial.

"We are seeing elements of risk that we just haven't seen before ... just not something that's on our historical radar screen," Strong said. "I've never seen volatility in the market like this."

Borgman supplied the audience with a timeline of the events leading to the current financial crisis. According to the handout, the crisis started at the end of 2006, when house values started to drop and foreclosures began to increase.

Borgman also distributed an "investigation of suspects," a sheet listing and examining those who have been blamed for the economic downturn.

Daniel focused on tourism in Maine. Overall, his point of view was optimistic. Although it is predicted next summer's tourism revenue will decrease 3 percent, he called the present a "time of opportunity." He suggests Maine residents should develop new tourism products, maintain-

ing the level of competitiveness and advertise.

"Invest in tourism. Contribute to the state budget. Plant these seeds that will grow and germinate in the state's recovery," Daniel said.

Associate Business Dean Ivan Manev stressed that the professors would not formally provide financial advice. However, during the question-and-answer portion Strong said, "If you've got money in a tin can in the backyard, now's the time to buy. If you've got cash and the time ... stuff is cheap right now."

From her seat in the audience, Associate Professor of Economics Adrienne Kearney contributed to the discussion by comparing the current crisis to the Great Depression. During the Depression, unemployment was at 19 percent, compared to today's 6 percent unemployment.

"It's not a depression. There's a huge contrast from then and now, and they are trying to avoid the mistakes made during that time," she said.

The discussion was scheduled to last from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., but an inquisitive audience kept the professors until after 7 p.m.

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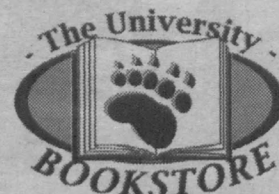
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Do not return to the scene of the crime

Public Safety received a call at 9:19 p.m. Oct. 16 from an Orono resident who reported that behind Roger Taylor Hall, there was a clearing on the trail system with a small campfire and empty beer cans. Officers inspected the area and will continue to watch it for further activity.

Duct tape not strong enough

Maintenance in Androscoggin Hall called Public Safety Oct. 15 at 7:50 a.m. when they found a resident's room door duct-taped shut. An officer responded to find the entire door, doorjamb and doorframe covered in duct tape. The door was opened with minimal force, and the residents easily exited the room. Both residents were unaware of the situation.

Hit, hide and go seek

Officers were in the patrol room completing reports Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. when they heard squealing tires outside. A green Oldsmobile struck a deer on Rangley Road outside the Public Safety building. Despite a considerable search, officers were unable to locate the deer. There were no injuries or charges filed.

Was the sign worth it?

While patrolling Rangley Road Oct. 11 at 1:26 a.m., an officer witnessed a male knocking over a white university sign in front of the Public Safety building. The subject was alone and had difficulty walking. When the officer approached and asked him what he was doing, Edward Cronin, 18, Orono, had no explanation. Cronin was on conditional release for a prior arrest. One condition was not to use or possess alcohol. Cronin was arrested and brought to Penobscot County Jail for violation of conditional release.

Biker's sorrow

On Oct. 2 between 1 and 2 p.m., a student left his bike on the bike rack outside Boardman Hall. The Schwinn Frontier gold and silver 21-speed bike was unlocked. It was missing when he returned. He reported the theft of his \$600 bike to Public Safety Oct. 10 at 2:37 p.m. The case is under investigation.

Your car could be next

A 1995 Ford Escort was parked in the Hilltop Parking Lot between 11 a.m. Oct. 8 and 9 a.m. Oct. 10. Someone removed a JVC stereo and a Sirius radio from the vehicle, valued at \$350.

Between 10 p.m. Oct. 9 and 2 p.m. Oct. 10, the owner of a 2002 Pontiac Grand Am returned to find damage to his gas cap and radio antenna. The total damage is valued at \$300.

Sometime between Sept. 25 and Oct. 9, a Jeep Wrangler was broken into. The owner reported Oct. 14 that someone had gone through the cloth top and removed his resident parking permit, valued at \$50.

A staff member reported at 8:54 a.m. Oct. 16 that someone had entered his or her Chevy Blazer between Oct. 2 and Oct. 16. Only the staff parking permit was removed, valued at \$50.

When a student returned to his car on Oct. 16 at 5 p.m., he found his driver-side door dented and scraped. The 1999 Ford Contour was parked in the MCA Parking Lot between 4 and 5 p.m. A witness left a note with information on the vehicle that struck the black 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse. The owner of the car was located and claimed to have not been there at that time. He said he wasn't aware of any incident involving his vehicle. No charges were filed, but there was \$800 worth of damage to the Contour and \$100 to the Eclipse.

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ROC sponsors inter-complex competition

Group starts House Cup-like games

By Jessica Fish
Assistant News Editor

Students at the University of Maine have a new arena in which to test their athletic prowess.

Residents on Campus kicked off the yearlong ROC Cup on Saturday Oct. 18 with a game of capture the flag. The event drew 20 students from the DTAV/Patch and Hart, Hancock and Oak complexes.

"The hope behind ROC Cup is to inspire friendly competition between halls. It's a great way to get people to participate," said Ross Wolland, vice president of ROC.

ROC debated the idea since spring and had it put forth by ROC President Brighton Luke. He said the games are loosely based on the inter-house competitions from J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

Each of the 19 residence halls on campus, including the apartments in DTAV and Patch, are grouped into seven communities based on their locations on campus. Teams from these communities can score points based on their participation level and victories.

Luke said students who live off campus are welcome to join a team but cannot have their own group. Students can also play for a community they do not live in and earn participation points for their halls. Any points won are reserved strictly for the victorious community and cannot be split.

"We'll have a board in the office [to record points] and we're trying for a place in the union so everyone can see," Luke said. He added that points might also be posted on the ROC Web site.

Capture the flag was the first event of the ROC Cup, and Wolland said ROC is planning at least two more

activities before the end of the semester. ROC's goal is to host a competition every month, although more might be added next spring to make up for lack of competitions in September.

Future events will include the intramural sports such as floor hockey and less formal games like dodgeball.

"In case you weren't aware, it gets kind of cold up here, so when winter comes we need to be able to move everything inside," Wolland said. "We were pretty lucky with the clear forecast for the capture the flag."

Once the competition is past the initial stages, points may be awarded for good recycling practices and minimal dorm damage.

Luke and Wolland were vague about prizes for the winning community.

"We're playing it by ear and waiting to see how much participation we get," Wolland said.

Possibilities include a trophy that can be passed around yearly or a pizza party. According to Joe Moran, vice president of financial affairs, the money for prizes will come from the Awards and Spirit portion of the ROC budget, which is funded by students' housing fees.

"We are going to be working with Campus Recreation to award points to community complexes for intramural games, and ROC will be sponsoring [the other events]," Luke said.

Capture the flag was refereed by ROC executives. Referees for future events will probably be from Campus Recreation, according to Luke.

To submit a team, students can send an e-mail to the ROC Cup folder on FirstClass or show up to an event. For information on the next event, ROC will post flyers in residence halls and on FirstClass.

"The hope behind ROC Cup is to inspire friendly competition between halls. It's a great way to get people to participate."

Ross Wolland
Vice President of ROC

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recaps as Meghan McCain made her way around the room talking to students as pizza and drinks were served. McCain-Palin signs covered every wall.

"I think he [McCain] will win one of our four electoral votes," said Josh O'Donald, a second-year business administration student and member of the University of Maine College Republicans. O'Donald volunteered at the rally for Sarah Palin the day before. He said he didn't expect McCain to win Maine outright, but he does hope appearances such as Meghan McCain's will help swing votes.

Edward Bernard, a third-year business student, said he was excited to see Meghan McCain and had come at his friends' request. He plans to vote for John McCain. Bernard thinks Mainers are worried about being overtaxed, and Meghan McCain's presence will show her father cares about the state.

Chris Anderson, a third-year landscape horticulture student, is a registered independent and is unsure of whom he will vote for. He wasn't sure if talking to Meghan McCain would sway his vote.

Accompanied by Miss Maine 2008 Kaetlin Parent, Meghan McCain arrived in Orono after traveling to California, Tennessee, Colorado, Ohio, New York, Virginia and several other states, according to her manager.

"It [Maine] is gorgeous," Meghan McCain said.

"I think that they're going to move the country in the right direction. It's really a serious time for a lot of people, and I think we all need to come together, and I think that my father can make that work better than Sen. Obama could," Meghan McCain said.

When asked about negative press directed at her father, Meghan McCain said it doesn't bother her as much as it used to.

"It used to bother me a lot, but since they've been on the road so long, it rolls off a little easier, but there are still sometimes, some things that still affect me in a negative way," Meghan McCain said.

Meghan McCain said Maine college students strike her as "very involved and very attractive."

"I think most republicans are attractive, though," she laughed.

When asked what her father had to do to win the election, Meghan McCain referred to the final presidential debate on Oct. 15.

"I think, you know, sort of what we saw in the last debate is really the direction I like this is going; I mean, you know, Obama has some things he really needs to answer, and I don't think even I completely understand this ACORN connection and the Bill Ayers connection. I think if there's a reasonable answer, then fantastic, there's a reasonable answer, but you know, there could also be other

answers," Meghan McCain said.

Meghan McCain said she was very excited when her father chose Sarah Palin as his running mate.

"I'm a total feminist, so I was really excited about it. I really love what she represents in a lot of ways, and I think that women are told that you can do everything, but you have to do it at a different time. I think that she has five children, and she's running for vice president. She has a husband that loves her, and I think it's just such a good example of being able to have it all and do it all," she said.

Meghan McCain said she believes her father can relate well to Mainers.

"These are all American people that are obviously really interested in the important issues, and I think that anyone that is going to come out and give up their time; you know, you obviously have to relate and these people are obviously really involved, so I respect that," she said.

For information about the 2008 elections and ballot issues, see our Oct. 27th all-politics edition

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Automated calls are a disservice to voters

Last Friday, the day after the final presidential debate, thousands of Mainers received automated phone calls paid for by the Republican National Committee and the McCain/Palin campaign claiming that Sen. Barack Obama "worked closely with domestic terrorist Bill Ayers, whose organization bombed the U.S. Capitol, the Pentagon, a judge's home and killed Americans."

Sen. Susan Collins publicly denounced these negative "robo calls," and rightly so. It is surprising that McCain — who told debate moderator Bob Schieffer that he regretted "negative aspects of both campaigns," and who was a victim of robo-call campaigning in 2000 — would resort to such dirty tactics in Maine and other important swing states.

Anyone who watched the debates on CNN and saw the meter measuring undecided voters' response to the candidates would have noticed that when either candidate started speaking negatively, the response was negative. As Obama said last week, "politics as usual, as been practiced over the last several years, is not solving the big problems here in America." That includes the negative ad campaigns and political mud-slinging that have come to define electoral politics in our country.

These sorts of tactics detract from the issues and facts that are important in informing voters' choices. That is why The Maine Campus is publishing an all-politics issue on Monday, Oct. 27. The edition will include candidate side-by-sides and information on ballot initiatives. We urge our readers to not be swayed by negative campaigning and to keep abreast of the issues.

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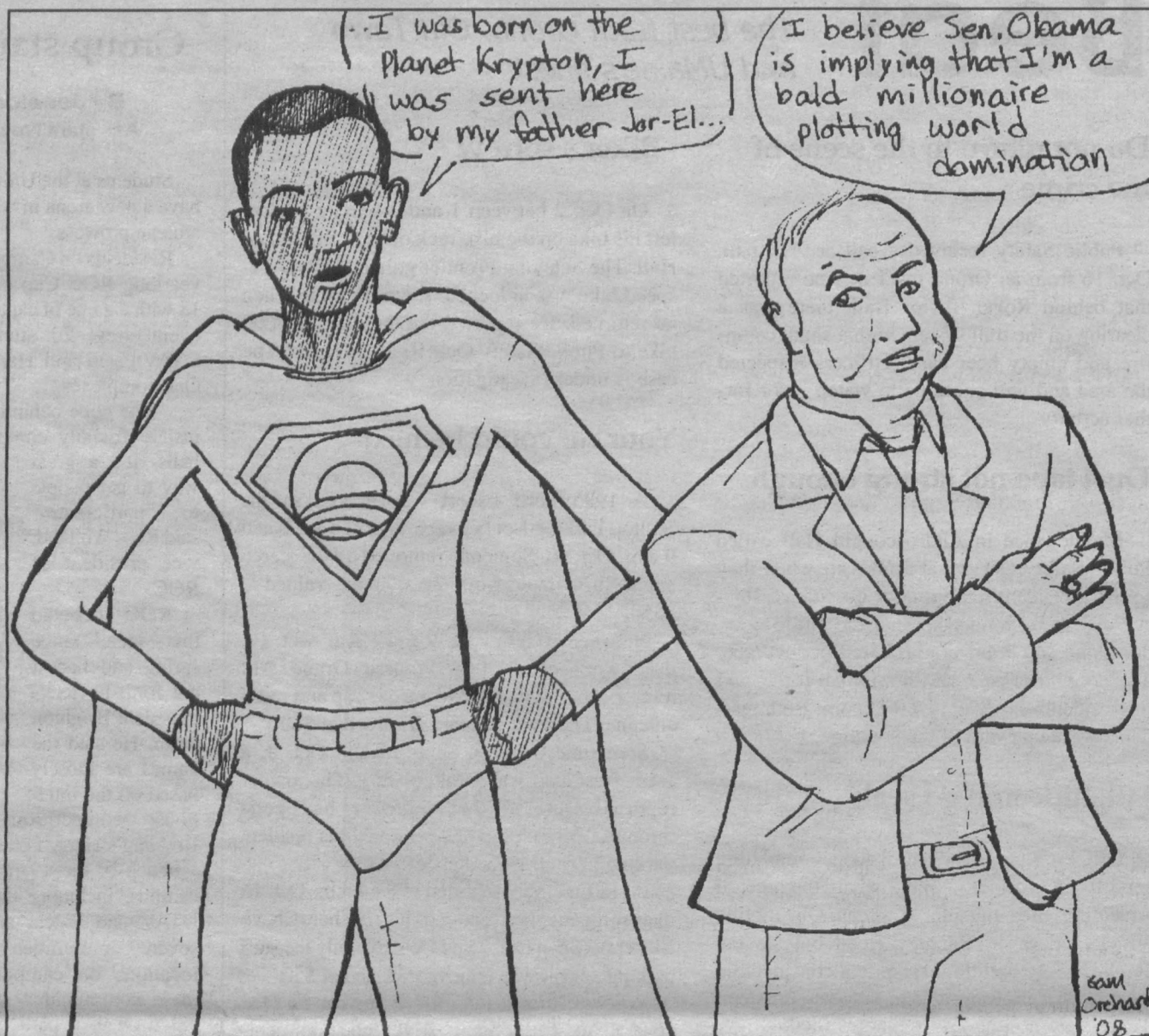
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Perspectives

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Heather Omand

'Profoundly flawed' casino question is a slap in the face to Maine's Native Americans

I am not opposed to Question 2 — whether to allow a casino in Oxford County — on moral grounds. In fact I like the idea of new jobs for Mainers. As a Maine resident with a mortgage, I have known what being jobless in this state is like, and I know how incredibly hard it can be to obtain employment. That being said, I am against Question 2 because it is profoundly flawed and prompts the question of whether the ends should justify the means. Short-term job gain would be justified by legislation that would be detrimental to the state of Maine.

One main flaw in the bill is that if passed, it would prohibit any other casinos from being built in Maine for 10 years. The Native Americans in Maine have sought multiple times to have various gambling facilities built on their reservations or local land that would have meant a lot economically to their communities. These attempts were defeated in similar votes on November ballots every time. If Question 2 is passed this year, it would not only seem like a "slap in the face" to the Native Americans of Maine, but would perhaps seem antagonistic if it could be the only such gambling facility in the state for 10 years.

This restriction is not only unfair to Native Americans. I have been told that Washington County is the poorest county in Maine. If the casino passed and did prove an economic jumpstart for Oxford County, how could we justify not allowing Washington County, or any other county, to benefit from casinos as well? It seems that the 10 year moratorium would only be profitable for the Olympia Group — the company backing the casino — and certainly not for Maine.

On Oct. 14, Maine Public Radio broadcast a call-in concerning Question 2 with guests from both sides. Host A. J. Higgins asked Pat LaMarche, spokesperson for The Olympia Group, if Native Americans in Maine would receive any money from Question 2. She said something about being in constant consultation with Native Americans in Maine and caring about their needs. I called

in and asked LaMarche if it wasn't true that Question 2 was unfair to Native Americans. She said that it was "up to you" to approach legislators and change the bill, should the question pass. I said that I believed it was best to pass the most perfect form of legislation we can come up with, not to pass faulty legislation and deal with it later. The Portland Press Herald reports that Harrold Dean, a Las Vegas developer backing the campaign, "has said the proposed legislation is flawed and that he disagrees with several of the provisions." Yet the plan is to pass the legislation and fix it later.

Harrold Dean would also become a very powerful person in Maine. Down East magazine reported that, "One of the conditions, however, is that the president of Evergreen Mountain Enterprises must be made a voting member of the board of every organization that receives a share of the casino's income ... that provision would put Nevada resident Harrold on the governing bodies of agencies and organizations all over Maine, from the Maine Community College System board of trustees to Dirigo Health to environmental organizations involved in cleaning up the Androscoggin River." There are other provisions as well, like the fact that individuals under 21 years of age could work and gamble at the casino. It seems that no matter how we look at this bill, the ends do not justify the means.

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Prohibition didn't work: why drugs should be legalized in the U.S.

James Morin

First off, I am a libertarian. A libertarian is not an anarchist; a libertarian is a proponent of freedom. These are different things. We are not opposed to government; we are opposed to big, overbearing and corrupt governments.

As a libertarian, I believe drugs should be legalized. More importantly, as a tax-payer I believe they should be. I am being careful to write this in a first person. As a libertarian I believe everyone has a right to their opinion so I do not want anyone to confuse my opinion with all libertarian opinions.

Here are some simple reasons as to why I think that drugs, especially marijuana, should be legalized. We pay the government billions of dollars a year to fight a "War

on Drugs." Everyone can see that we aren't winning the war on terror, but nobody seems to realize that we are losing the war on drugs just as atrociously. People are still selling poorly made drugs to kids on the street and as a taxpayer, I want my money back.

Two million people in the U.S. are arrested for drug offenses every year. These include using or selling marijuana, heroin, cocaine or methamphetamine. About one-third of prisoners in this country are held on some sort of drug charge. This is partly due to the inevitability of illegal activity. Yes, it is inevitable. Drugs will not go away. So it enables gangs and drug lords to kill and murder each other and if they survive we

put them in jail. This all costs money, lots of money. We are a capitalist society — at least in theory — and the U.S. would be able to grow, sell and tax legal drugs cheaper and safer than anybody on the street. Those drug lords would be out of a job.

Wait a minute, the government could grow, sell and tax the stuff? Yep, instead of wasting billions of dollars a year fighting a battle we can't win, we could create an industry that could turn out a profit for the U.S.

Don't use the argument that more people would die, become addicted,

or go to jail. Look at any country that has legalized drugs and you'll see that their crime rates are lower than ours. I'm not saying that I want people driving around high. I think

the penalties for driving under the influence should be greater, and if caught selling drugs to kids under the approved age then they should go to jail. Again, I'm not an anarchist. However, I do not think that the U.S. should be able to tell me what I can and can not do in the comfort of my own home.

Prohibition didn't work, and neither does our current system. Thousands of people die every year from alcoholism, so I ask you: What's the difference?

In closing, this idea comes down to the basic libertarian philosophy: "My right to swing my fist ends at your nose."

James Morin is a junior biology student.

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Heather Steeves

Bowling on the job? Quit stealing time and get back to work

For the most part, I don't mind waiting for dining employees to finish gossiping conversations about "what a jerk he is for cheating on her, but then again, he is pretty hot." I don't mind because it entertains me, and although I have no idea whom they are talking about, it doesn't matter. I love some good office-time gossip on my — the customer's — time. Furthermore, as a journalist, I consider eavesdropping a big part of my job.

Recently though, as I waited less than patiently in line at Financial Aid, I couldn't help but overhear — OK maybe I could help, but why would I? — a conversation among a few employees of a neighboring office. It started with enthusiastic yelling, followed by "I got two in a row!" Intrigued, I listened on and learned that "two in a row" was not impressive in this office — Sally got a turkey a few minutes ago. It didn't take much sleuthing to learn they were all playing computer bowling.

I know it was a Friday at 4 p.m., but the situation made me wonder if these state-funded employees realized that they were — in a certain respect — stealing taxpayer money.

It seems small to bring up, but when it comes down to it, these are probably year-round employees. That's a lot of Fridays at 4 p.m., and by the sound of it, they had a lot of experience bowling. I do mean a lot. "Last month, I got 17 strikes in a row." "No you

didn't!" "Want me to send you my scores?" *sigh*

Let's do the math, I love math. Let's low-ball. Fifty Fridays a year, one hour per Friday at \$7 for these three employees. That works out to just more than \$1,000 a year assuming these people only spend this one hour per week of online ball play.

OK, I'm nitpicking. But what are the odds that these three people are the only ones on campus — or in the University of Maine System — wasting our money?

Employers usually pay hourly. This means the company purchases time, and by playing online-bowling employees are stealing company time and therefore money.

Some could argue that bowling, and having inter-office competition is a good way to boost morale and create office bonding. I think this is a fluffy load of crap. Workplaces are not for hand holding, they're for working.

Perhaps I'm jealous. My job does not allow for online bowling time. I have to bond with my coworkers over grammar and syntax — you know, things that are work-related. Also, I had to stand in the Financial Aid line for what seemed like three hours as they bowled away waiting for the hour hand to budge — watching me without pity.

Heather Steeves is a senior journalism student and news editor for The Maine Campus.



Michael Craft

ACORN, Ayers and Obama's frightening radical philosophy

Where is the line between telling the truth and smear?

In my opinion, defining the difference between alliances and mere coincidental associations is that line. To that end, I will have to disagree with Mario Moretto and his piece published on Oct. 9. It is surprising that Mr. Moretto would have such a laissez-faire attitude toward such obvious American antagonists like William Ayers and Reverend Jeremiah Wright.

Moretto attempts to vindicate Ayers by saying that since he served his sentence, he somehow cleared himself of hatred for America, becoming a loveable little progressive activist. This could not be further from the truth. In 2001, Ayers stated in the New York Times that he thought that he and his organization did not do enough. Early in Obama's senate campaign, Ayers hosted a "meet the candidate" event in his home. Obama worked with Ayers in a project called the Chicago Annenberg Challenge. This project emphasized social activism as the catalyst for real learning. It also taught teachers should indoctrinate their students so that they would rise up against the establishment. The Challenge was funded with private and public dollars, but provided no positive results. The organization was connected to ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). ACORN has been defended by Obama and has been implicated in many cases of voter fraud.

Bill Ayers and Barack Obama are linked not only in alliances but also in political theory. This is where Saul Alinsky comes in. His book "Rules for Radicals" was, and still is, the bible

for "community organizers." This is a statement that he makes in his book: "From all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins — or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom — Lucifer."

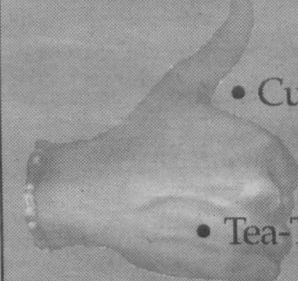
Moretto stated the candidates are not an extension of their radical supporters, and I agree in part. The candidate is not an extension of the coincidental supporter; the candidate is an extension of radical supporters when there is a clear alliance.

While Moretto did not mention Reverend Jeremiah Wright by name, we can assume the premise of his piece extends to the anti-semitic radical racist. The problem with this is that Obama's relationship with Reverend Wright goes back 20 years. Considering the Obamas' financial support of the church, and the moral and spiritual advice of the Reverend, this is truly an alliance and not a coincidental association.

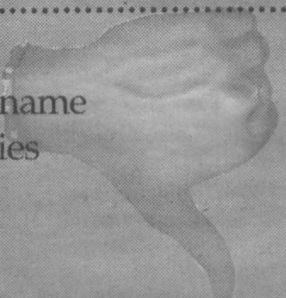
While we agree Obama is not a Manchurian candidate, and the Weather Underground bombings cannot be attributed to Obama since he was a child; I differ with Moretto on the point of adult alliances and the influences these highly defined relationships have on a candidate's view of the world. Obama is an adult, and he is responsible for his actions and his circle that he keeps. If he cannot be truthful about his alliances in his past, what can we trust him on?

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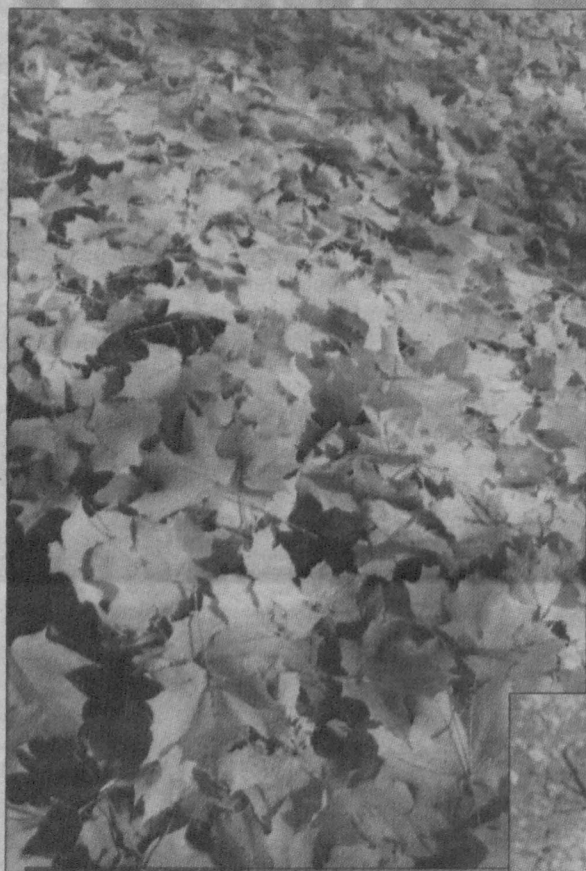
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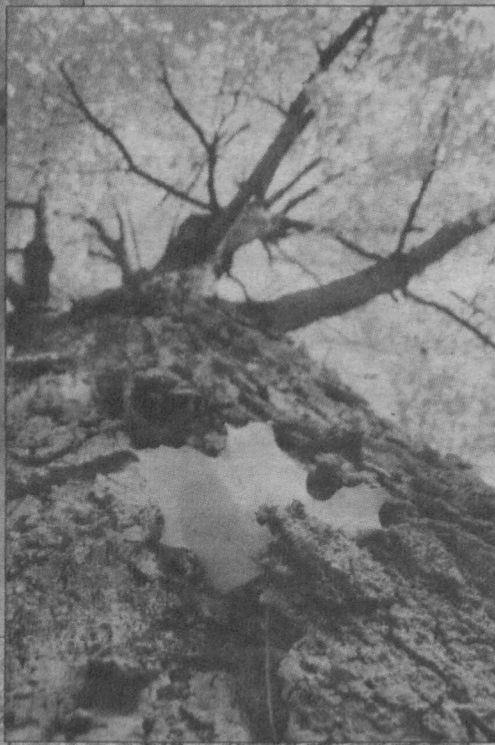
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*As trees erupt into a kaleidoscope of color,
Maine emerges as a top destination for leaf peepers*



"The climate changed quickly to cold and the trees burst into color, the reds and yellows you can't believe. It isn't only color but a glowing, as though the leaves gobbled the light of the autumn sun and released it slowly. There's a quality of fire in these colors."

John Steinbeck
on his visit to New England
1962



It's fall in Maine, that time of year when it's perfectly acceptable to peep — at the autumn leaves, of course.

During the short weeks from late September to mid-October, leaf peepers enjoy the foliage, taking advantage of the beautiful scenery every way they can.

"Autumn creeps up on you like an apple just starting to turn," said David Merrill, a third-year sustainable agriculture student. "Before you know it, the edges of everything are glowing. It's like a payoff for the rest of the year. It's not too cold or muddy or buggy."

"We're lucky to live in an environment where, for three weeks out of the year, the color and balance of the landscape shifts."

Krista Ricupero, a first-year graduate student, has made it a point to celebrate autumn by collecting leaves and using them to decorate her home.

"Last fall, I moved to Talmar Woods and I wanted something cheap and easy to decorate with," Ricupero said. This year, Ricupero decided to display the cycle of colors a sugar maple leaf goes through — green, yellow, orange and finally, red. "Sugar maples especially have a beautiful set of colors. Oaks just don't compare," she said. Ricupero and her daughter, Anna, collect leaves from a specific sugar maple near Fernald Hall. They appreciate the leaves for being "pretty, inexpensive and biodegradable."

"Additionally, since fall is my favorite time of year, I have a constant reminder of the season at home," Ricupero said.

Ricupero isn't UMaine's only leaf-lover with an autumnal tradition.

On a clear Sunday morning about two weeks ago, Edward Fontaine, a fourth-year new media student, decided to take a scenic drive on his motorcycle to enjoy the foliage. He started his journey at 8:30 a.m. from his hometown of Mexico, Maine. From there, he drove to Rumford Point and on to Grafton Notch State Park, part of the Appalachian Trail located between Newry and Upton, Maine.

"It's a giant route only someone from there would know," Fontaine said. "I think it's the most beautiful part of Maine. Bangor is really flat compared to there, so it was nice

to get out and see the fall colors."

By taking a weekend road trip, hiking a mountain or just stepping out into the backyard, people experience this season and take time to appreciate the leaves in their own way.

"I'm a big leaf peeper," said Angela Cyr, a fourth-year secondary English education student. "I climbed Acadia National Park two weekends ago. I was so picture-happy that day. I took pictures of everything," she said. "I've seen that view a billion different times, but it looks like an entirely different place this time of year. My fiancée and I have made this hike a new yearly tradition."

Talking about her newfound tradition with her fiancée made Cyr recall the fall traditions she had with her family when she was a child. Her parents would take her and her older brother for a long drive in the area near their Auburn home for the sole purpose of glimpsing some foliage.

"My older brother and I would also play games," she said. "There were these two huge oak trees in our backyard and we would try to catch falling leaves in hats. Different colored leaves would be worth different points."

With the lazy summer days long gone and winter fast approaching, autumn and all its colors is a tremendous contrast from the summer's greens and winter's drab whites and grays. Fall in New England is when trees radiate before going naked for the coming months.

The foliage and cooling air also provide inspiration to songwriters and poets. "Folk music and poetry of New England has a really rich bounty of songs and poems about autumn," Merrill said. "Take, for instance, one song called 'Autumn,' by David Mallett, or another song titled 'Autumn,' by Erica Wheeler. These are modern homages to the season," he said.

According to mainefoliage.com, the state is broken up into seven different zones. Orono is located between zones three and four. As of right now, the Orono area is just past its peak foliage time. The northern and western parts of the state have already experienced the ideal foliage period.

Even with the colors past their peak, there are still delights to be had from the remaining weeks of fall. "There's a subtle pleasure in the last bit [of autumn]. As it goes on, there aren't many leaves left. You see a skeleton over the landscape, but every so often, there will be a bright yellow splash of color. I think that part is almost my favorite," Merrill explained.

Although fall will soon come to a close, rest assured that leaf peepers aren't going anywhere. As long as the leaves keep changing, the peepers will keep peeping.

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Getting vocal about voting

College Democrats and Republicans team up for Rock the Vote



Lisa Roth ♦ The Maine Campus

Rock the tables - Students explore the various tables set up at Rock the Vote Thursday night.

By Spencer Morton
Staff Reporter

With elections 16 days away, the University of Maine student political groups have set partisan differences aside and are focused on one thing: getting fellow students to vote.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, in coordination with UMaine UVote, the College Democrats and College Republicans hosted Rock the Vote.

"This event is about getting as many students to vote as possible," said Ben Goodman, communications coordinator for the Campus Coalition of Change. "Young people can make the difference, so it's a huge deal."

Memorial Union was buzzing with students, and the excitement over the current political season was palpable. Booths for the respec-

tive political parties handed out stickers, posters and T-shirts and gave everyone an opportunity to register to vote.

In addition to the political atmosphere, student a capella groups entertained the crowd. The Maine Steiners, Bear Vocals and Renaissance impressed with their variety, covering songs from Bon Jovi to John Legend.

"Even though we have different political beliefs, it's about coming together to get students to vote," said Emily Cain, Orono's Maine State Representative. "Every student has the power and the right to vote, and we want people to get excited."

Cain, a UMaine graduate, was one of the original organizers of Rock the Vote in 2004. "Voting is not just for old people. Young voters are going to be the secret ingredient to this election," Cain said.

Zach Jackman, president of the UM College Republicans, said, "We've seen amazing involvement so far this season. There are a record number of voters, and this event is crucial because we want even more people to come out on Nov. 4."

Among the political booths was an interesting table advertising PowerVote. "PowerVote is a non-partisan pledge supporting long-term energy solutions," said Amy Becker, a PowerVote representative. "People can pledge to support renewable energy. If we get enough pledges, we can force Congress to re-evaluate our current energy situation." More info can be found at powervote.org.

Maine state law allows voters to register on election day. UMaine students can

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WMEB Spot: The Decadent Herald

By Kegan Zema
For The Maine Campus

Clinton Spaulding, a student in the English department's MA program at the University of Maine, hosts the weekly radio show, "The Decadent Herald," Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m.

MC: How long have you been with WMEB, and how did you first become involved?

Spaulding: This is my third year.

MC: What makes your show different? What sets it apart?

Spaulding: What sets it apart from other shows is that I play all new music. When I first started, I had a punk show, just a straight punk show. And then I started delving more and more into the bins to check out some new music that was coming out.

MC: Can you think of any favorite artists you have discovered in the last couple of years?

Spaulding: This band called The Trucks, these four girls from Bellingham, Washington. They're by far one of my favorites. Vampire Weekend I came across through the station.

MC: Have you ever discovered a whole new genre you never knew about?

Spaulding: Oh yeah. On my show, I've really been focusing on putting together a show that I would enjoy if I was listening to the radio. When I listen to the radio, I'm usually in my car or I'm at home doing something. So I've been playing a lot of British electronic music — if I see anything that says 'electro-pop,' anything that involves synthesizers or hand claps. That was just not a drama that I was familiar with, or really even particularly interested in.

MC: Could you pick out a few of your favorite artists that you really want to incorporate on your show?

Spaulding: Well, CSS [Cansei de Ser Sexy, Brazilian Portuguese for "got tired of being sexy"] is a band that ... I was playing some of their tracks last year. I wasn't even aware that they released until I got [into the studio]. I've been playing

them quite a bit. Vampire Weekend, again — I have been playing the track they recorded for "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist."

MC: As a fan of this type of music, how do you feel about bands blowing up and invading the mainstream, such as CSS being used in an iPod commercial or M.I.A.'s popularity after the "Pineapple Express" trailer?

Spaulding: One of my favorite bands, if not my all-time favorite band, is Modest Mouse. And I listened to them for years — this is one of those bands that I considered my own. My friends didn't know them, I just stumbled into them. Then all of the sudden they had a single come out on alternative stations, then they started pumpin' up, much like CSS. Modest Mouse was on Nissan commercials. And I read an interview with Isaac Brock [singer/lyricist/guitarist for Modest Mouse] ... and his take on it was, "This is what I do to feed myself, so if someone comes up to me and they wanna use ten seconds of my song and they're gonna give me a bunch of money for it, I'm fine with it."

MC: It's certainly a fine line though.

Spaulding: It certainly is. Modest Mouse, CSS and M.I.A., as well, I haven't been able to pick up on any negative influence on their music, on their art, from them becoming more successful. Where, with other bands, it's pretty apparent if they start to blow up. If you're familiar with their work before, you can see how it kinda morphs into something else someone wants it to be.

MC: Would you say that working at WMEB has had an overall positive effect on your musical experience?

Spaulding: Absolutely. You know, there's so much good music out there that is kind of hard to find. If I didn't have access to 30 or 40 new CDs coming in every week, I'd be hard pressed to scrape up that exposure. So yeah, it's been really beneficial.

"The Decadent Herald," part of the complete WMEB lineup, can be heard on 91.9 FM, online at wmeb.fm and on channel 20 of campus television.

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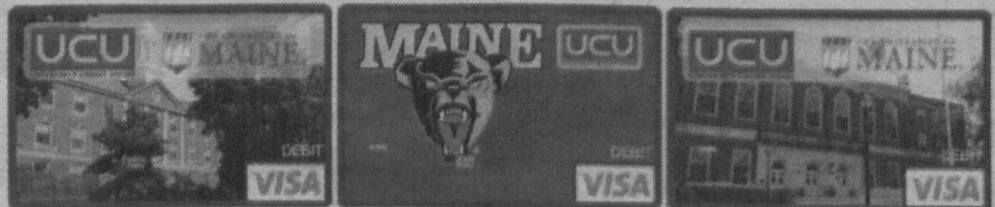
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"Body of Lies"

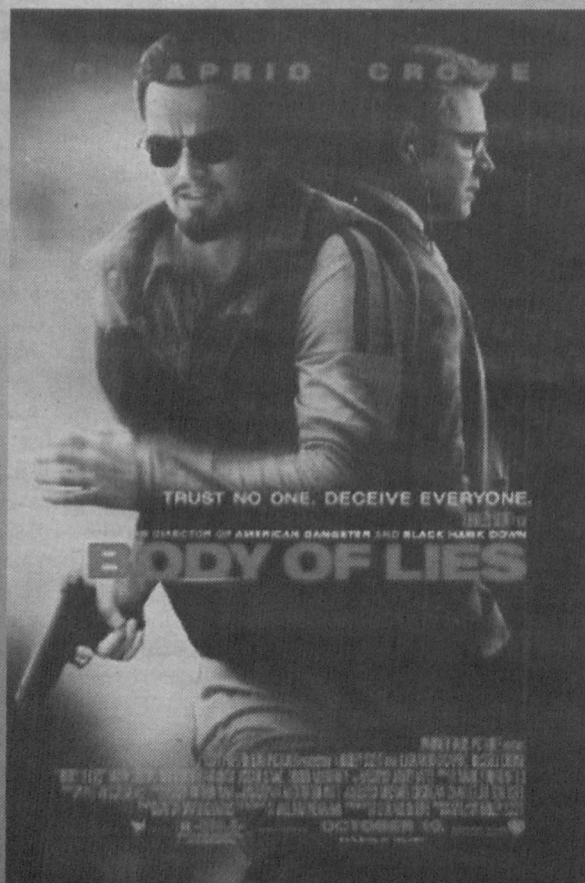


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By Kyle Kernan

For The Maine Campus

"Body of Lies" begins with a stirring quote by poet W.H. Auden: "What all school children learn / Those to whom evil is done / Do evil in return."

As the war on terror ensues, it grows more difficult for America to fight actual terrorists. They live in worlds on the verge of utter disorder. The landscape of war is muddled with new technologies and materialistic comforts.

This stark difference in realities tarnishes understanding of Middle Eastern nations, creating a serious problem in the way the U.S. deals with them. This is

what "Body of Lies" explores.

The film centers around two CIA agents, Ed Hoffman (played smugly by Russell Crowe) and Roger Ferris (a whiskered Leonardo DiCaprio). Hoffman calmly gives orders to Ferris via cell phone as he sits idly by his computer or at his daughter's soccer game, while Ferris conducts missions across the globe. Ferris is willing to work with other nations in thwarting terrorism as Hoffman gives little to no consideration for adhering to the moral code of foreign diplomacy.

Hoffman is always eating or inactive. He's seen in one moment loading his minivan, the back door conveniently shutting automatically. Through Hoffman, the film paints a message that Americans' lazy lifestyles have seeped into the nation's foreign diplomacy. Ferris empathizes and reasons with foreign officials; Hoffman is merely apathetic toward them.

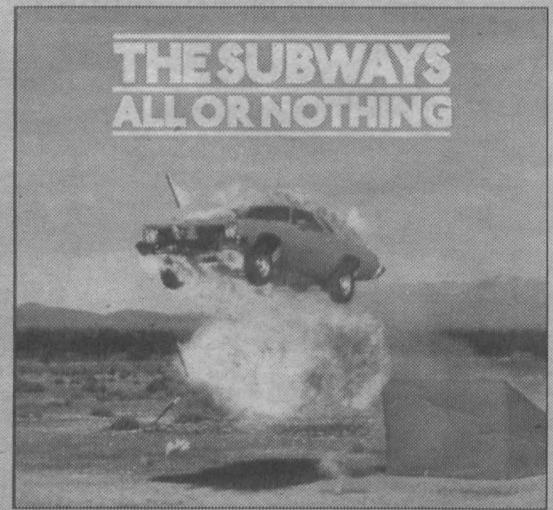
Ferris becomes conflicted with his own ways of dealing with suspected terrorists and advisors and the indifferent idealism of Hoffman. Ferris constantly aims to protect his informants while staying focused on his objective to find terrorists. Through his orders from Hoffman, Ferris sometimes treats both one and the same. This separation of ideals makes the film enthralling to watch.

A cloud of murkiness and shadow hovers over every frame. The sounds of searing violins rise up in moments of tension and eloquently highlight an ominous threat on Ferris. Hoffman seems to constantly go behind Ferris' back in carrying out missions which hurts his stabil-

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CD REVIEW

The Subways – "All or Nothing"

By Kaley Roberts
Copy Editor

It appears Billy Lunn's vocal cords have healed. Following a risky surgery to remove nodules from his vocal cords, the lead singer of The Subways comes back yelling and screaming for the band's sophomore album, "All or Nothing."

"Girls and Boys" kicks off the album with an intense guitar mini-solo and lets listeners know the fun is about to start. With a newfound intensity, care of Smashing Pumpkin's producer Butch Vig, Lunn and company sound all grown up. Bassist and singer Charlotte Cooper gives listeners a fantastic contrast to Lunn's shrieks. Cooper's coos and harmonies behind Lunn's harsh, guttural vocals add complexity to the tracks and create auditory interest.

The Subways pull off a multitude of genres through the course of the CD with distinct songs woven together to form a pretty decent finished product.

"Shake! Shake!" has the pounding bass, throaty vocals and insolent lyrics expected of an alternative rock piece. The song that follows is shockingly different. Sporting soft acoustic chords and a tambourine to boot, "Move To Newlyn" could be mistaken for a Belle and Sebastian single.

In the middle of the album, "Turnaround" brings listeners back to The Subways' roots. All screams, riffs and drums, "Turnaround" is a post-punk revival at its most unexpected. The track feels out of place and struggles to hold its weight with the rest of the album. It becomes lost in a sea of more successful songs and is better left there.

"All or Nothing" is the quintessential example of mature sophomore album. The lyrical content is much more poignant than the group's debut, along with an increasingly focused, grounded sound. A must-listen for fans and newcomers alike.

Grade: B+



The Tea-totaler

By
Jeff
Hake

being anywhere close to perfect.

I say all of this because for many, preparing a cup of tea is literally an art, with a long and varied history. Lichihlai, a Sung Dynasty poet, wrote there were three "most

deplorable" things in the world, the final being "the utter waste of fine tea through incompetent manipulation." There is no part of the preparation that escapes scrutiny, from the water chosen — Lu Yu in "The Holy Scripture of Tea" rates mountain spring water as the best, followed by river water and then other spring water — to the cup color and material, to the ingredients added and food served with it. In Tibet, tea is often churned with goat's milk or yak butter and salt and served with flat barley or corn cake.

I try not to be overwhelmed with aesthetics and keep things as simple as possible, so let's review the standards for brewing teas that are the most attainable and generally accepted. Water choice is something I try not to stress about too much, but whenever possible, I try to use filtered water, to leave the taste of the tea as unadulterated as possible. That said, my budget and common sense tell me that buying bottled water is generally a stupid idea, and as I do not have an accessible mountain spring, I settle for tap water without qualms.

The boiling of the water is particular. For black teas, a full boil is best. Green teas and white tea are best brewed with water that is cooler, between 180 and 200 degrees F, and oolong teas, which have characteristics that middle between green and black teas, serve best with water that is almost boiled but not at a full rolling boil.

A good teahouse will cater to

this and serve tea steeped at the right temperature. Many will also provide a timer so that you do not oversteep the tea that has been served to you — a device that I myself should make greater use of, as I am prone to forgetting that I have recently poured a cup in the other room.

I find that teabags generally can be brewed for as little as 30 seconds to as long as it takes for one to drink the cup — although lower-quality teabags should be removed from the water after two to three minutes. For loose teas, black teas should be brewed for three to five minutes, oolongs for five to seven, greens for two to three, and the rare white teas for just one to two minutes. Herbal teas, which are free of the tannins that can make improperly brewed true teas so bitter, can be brewed essentially indefinitely, and I find the recommendations of "five to seven minutes" unnecessary. As one develops a palate for teas, the timing on the brewing becomes

increasingly important as an oversteeped tea can be enormously disappointing. It is important to note here also that brewing longer does not produce a stronger cup, but a more bitter cup. If you want a stronger cup — something of which I always approve — there is no shame in putting an extra scoop of leaves in your infuser or teapot, but keep the brew time the same.

As for a vessel for your tea, plastic completely changes and degrades the quality of tea whether it is brewed in it or simply placed in it. Ceramic, which most mugs are made from, can also make a cup of tea taste duller. I had not noticed this phenomenon until my Chilean host mother showed me the difference between a cup of tea in a ceramic versus a porcelain mug. The taste is generally clearer in porcelain and even surpasses the taste of tea in glass, which is also superior to ceramic. I enjoy brewing in white cups and even more so in clear glass, just for the effect of watching the color and chemicals slowly leach out of the tea leaves into the water. As far as I am concerned, there are few things more beautiful than the light pouring through the deep red-brown color of a cup of tea.

Movie

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ity with his mission and foreign officials in Middle Eastern nations. The film centers on his relationship with a foreign advisor from Jordon, played mysteriously by Mark Strong.

The film has jarring action scenes, and the plot moves quickly. DiCaprio shines with authentic intensity and vigor in a role similar to his turn in "The Departed."

He's batted around a lot in this film, and it is a testament to DiCaprio's immersion in his roles. Crowe has never played such an indifferent, obnoxious role, which makes the

viewer forget it's even him.

"Lies" is an intriguing viewpoint into American diplomacy to combat terrorism, often seen as aggressive and selfish. To Hoffman, agents are as expendable as the Islamic martyrs who give their lives for their ideals.

Can there be a just way to combat terrorism without becoming something evil ourselves? "Body of Lies" begs you to ask the question. How different are we from the terrorists we're trying to pursue?

Grade: A-

Vote

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wait until Nov. 4 to vote, but now they have a unique opportunity: On Oct. 23, the university will hold an early voting day. Students need only bring a valid Maine driver's license to the Union from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and they can vote two weeks before the election.

"Early voting day is ... a great way to avoid the

long lines at the polls on election day," Goodman said.

The evening of entertainment and political discourse continued the annual tradition of hoping to pique student interest in voting.

"Maine will be a pivotal factor in this presidential race, and the University of Maine is the largest university in the state. Students need to be involved," Goodman said.

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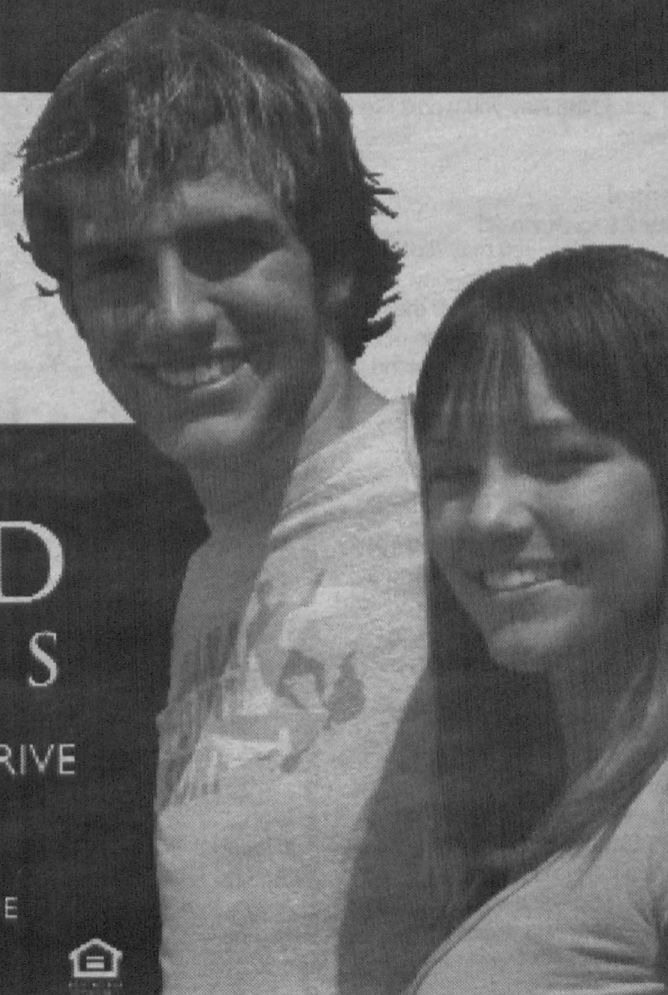
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

You are satisfied with your financial situation and feel enthusiastic. You are in good shape. You may travel or get involved in a new business activity. This is a good time for romantic meetings as well.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

This morning, you will be successful on a short business trip. You are advised to remain calm if things do not unfold the way you would like them to.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

In the morning, you may receive a significant amount of money. It may either be an inheritance or the payment for a side job. You can make plans for the future. If you intend to invest in business, you should have no hesitations.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

An older person will give you information you can use for starting a profitable business. You are advised to consider your loved one's opinions. This is not the time for speculations of any kind.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

A close relative will offer you a gift that will make you happy. Your communication skills will be great and will help you solve a financial issue. In the afternoon a friend will invite you to a party.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

In the morning, you will be compelled to make a decision which will require changing your whole schedule. You could start making preparations for a party with your friends.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Your excellent communication skills will have a positive influence on your relationships. You are likely to make a trip in a family interest shortly.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

A business trip will prove to be successful. You are advised to remain patient and avoid getting involved in controversies with your partners.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You intend to stay with your family and relax, but you may be unable to do so. Urgent issues may demand your attention in the morning.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You may rely on intuition and cancel a trip you have planned for today, for you may only lose. You have good chances to win a significant prize in a contest.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You are advised to consider the needs of the other members of your family, no matter how much time and money this may cost you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

In the afternoon, you might have a quarrel with an older person in the family, but you will manage to calm down upon realizing you are wrong.

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DISTRACTIONS

The Cynic

By Jeff Swenson



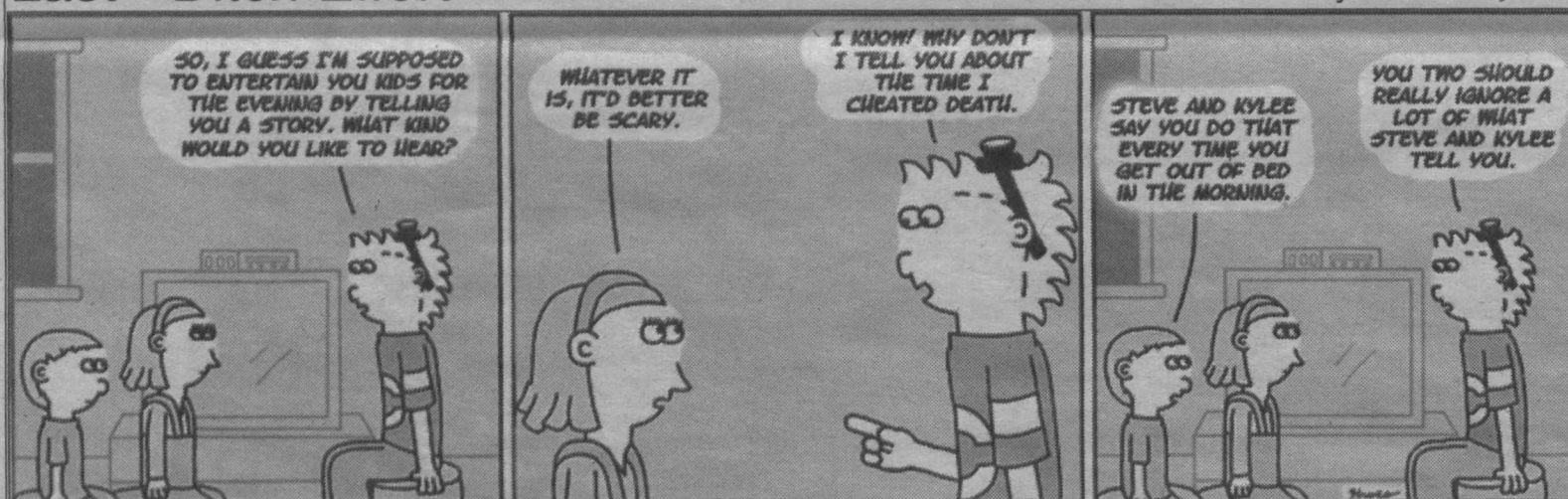
Soap on a Rope

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Last - Ditch Effort

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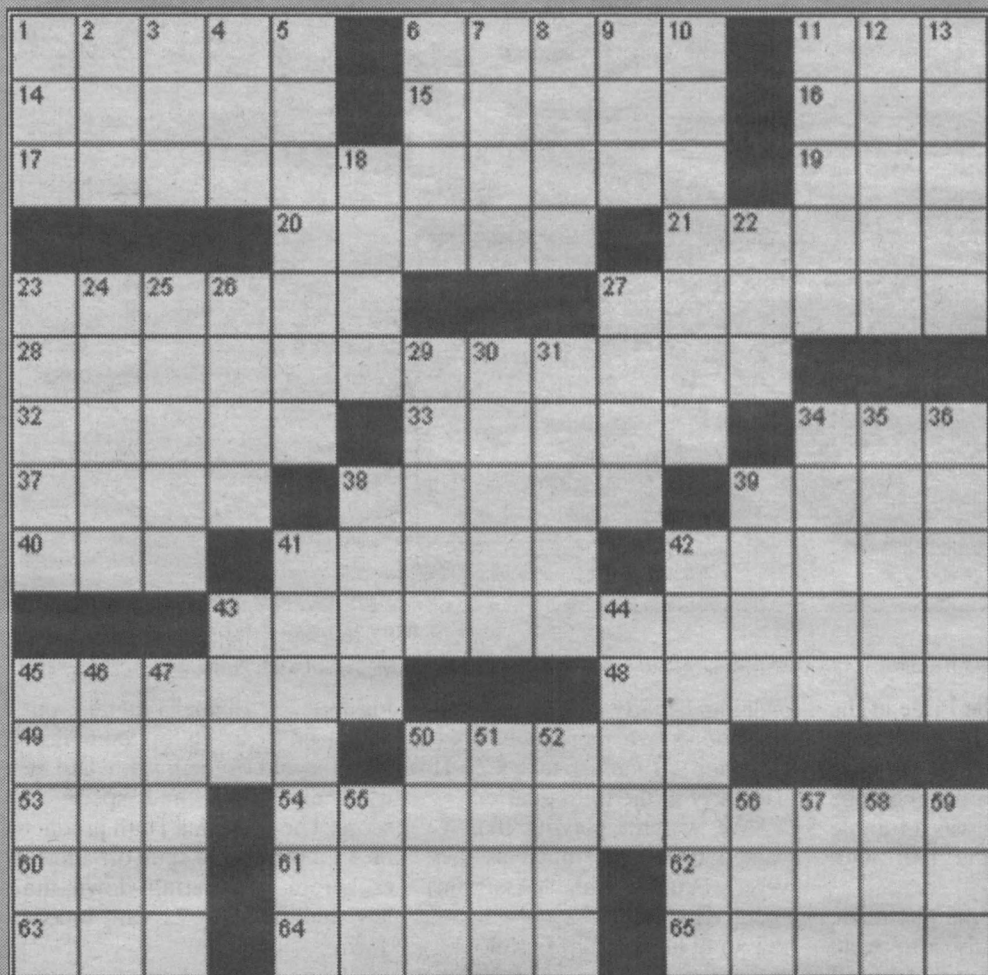
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CROSSWORD



DOWN

1. Gorilla
2. Fifty-nine in Roman numerals
3. Cereal grain
4. Half of two
5. Hopeless
6. Trim
7. Sound
8. Elliptical
9. Welcome
10. Noblewoman
11. Something to talk about
12. Sporting venue
13. Aquamarine
18. Shopping place
22. Donkey
23. Make into law
24. Interior decoration
25. Tusk
26. Cousin of a gull
27. No more than
29. 24 in a day
30. Ancient Roman magistrate
31. Not a winner
34. A seal
35. Annoy
36. Heretofore (2 words)
38. Heredity carrier
39. Maori club
41. Just after dawn
42. Kodaks and Nikons
43. Prompt
44. Gigantic
45. Cheer up
46. Gunpowder ingredient
47. Contemptuous look
50. On the safe side, at sea
51. Go against
52. Purposes
55. Deception
56. Clever
57. Foot digit
58. Lyric poem
59. Crimson

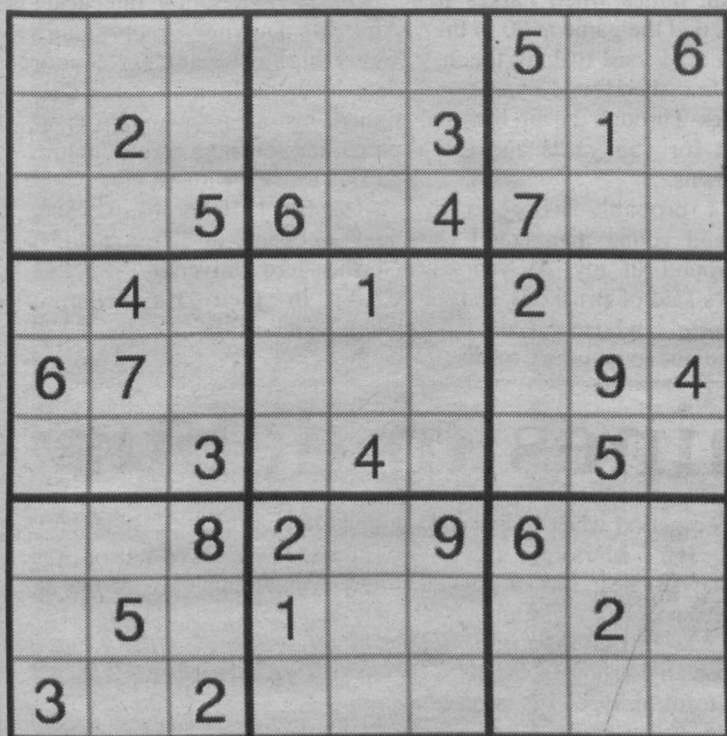
ACROSS

1. Detached
6. Put one's foot down
11. Bar bill
14. Keyboard instrument
15. Exploded stars
16. Refinable rock
17. Wipe out
19. Apiece
20. Continuation of a collar
21. Showery
23. One who modifies written material
27. Peyote
28. However
32. Fruit of the oak tree
33. Smells
34. Resort
37. Maize
38. False front
39. American ones are apple
40. Attempt
41. Blackbird
42. Clever
43. Not liberal

45. Guarantee
48. Charm
49. Cloth from flax
50. Bad treatment
53. Consumed food
54. A person who draws
60. Golf ball support
61. Daughter of a sibling
62. Having no limbs
63. "To ____ is human ..."
64. Nerds
65. Horse

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Football

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Hofstra responded, converting two third downs, the latter culminating in a Steve Probst nine-yard touchdown pass to Ottis Lewis. Probst, a true freshman, was thrust into action after starting quarterback Cory Christopher was injured in the second quarter. Roger Williams' extra point attempt tied the score.

The Pride received the ball first in the second overtime and scored once again when Probst hooked up with Everette Benjamin for a 2-yard score on a play-action pass. Williams' extra point missed wide left, making the score only 40-34.

UMaine capitalized, scoring on the first play when junior quarterback Michael Brusko hit red-shirt freshman halfback Jared Turcotte for a 25-yard touchdown.

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Michael Brusko
Junior quarterback
UMaine Football

Bourgoin made a great call with play-action, and Turcotte scared me for a second but held on," said Brusko, who played in the absence of injured starting quarterback Adam Farkes.

"I have to acknowledge [wide receiver] Tyrell Jones' block that got him to the end zone," Brusko said. "That might have been the biggest part of that play."

Harvey, a freshman walk-on, sealed the game with his extra-point attempt. Earlier in the game, after UMaine's second touchdown, he missed the point after attempt.

The Black Bears had an opportunity to win the game in regulation. With

3:04 left in the fourth quarter, UMaine started their drive at their own 36. For seven out of the eight plays in the drive, the Black Bears ran the ball and Brusko rushed for 18 yards to get inside the Hofstra 6-yard line. After hitting the ground, the ball sprung loose and



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Derek Session scored the first touchdown in UMaine's double overtime win against Hofstra.

was recovered by the Pride at the 2-yard line. While the official on the right sideline called the play down, the official in the end zone determined the play was a fumble and Hofstra got the ball with under a minute left.

"I felt like when the guy made contact with me, my arm went down a little bit, but at that point I still had the ball," Brusko said, describing the play. "When I hit the ground, that's when the ball came out. I was more frustrated with myself for letting the ball come out. If I didn't lose the ball, they wouldn't have had the opportunity to make that call."

Brusko and UMaine came out of the gates strong following their first conference win last weekend.

The Black Bears received the ball first and after just four plays, Brusko hit a wide-open Session for a 38-yard touchdown on a play-action pass.

Hofstra's first play from scrimmage was then intercepted by senior linebacker Sean Wasson, who returned it for 49 yards down to the Pride 2. It was Wasson's second interception in as many weeks as he picked off a pass at the goal-line against Delaware.

Session scored on the next play on a 2-yard run to make it 13-0.

Hofstra turned the momentum though, scoring on its next two drives to take a 14-13 lead.

The Pride, who defeated

UMaine handily 38-13 last season, added two more field goals by Roger Williams to take a 20-13 lead early in the third quarter.

"We weren't playing like we wanted to win as much as they were," Brusko said. "[Assistant] Coach Bourgoin always stresses how to bounce back [and] how to respond to adversity, and I think we did a great job with it."

"He's [Michael Brusko] as good a leader and young man that I've been around in my 16 years."

Jack Cosgrove
Head Coach
UMaine Football

Brusko, who also plays wide receiver and handles various special team duties when Farkes is playing, tied the game at 20 in the third on a 14-yard rushing touchdown. He rushed for 113 yards on 19 carries. Through the air, he was 8-for-14 for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's probably as good a leader and young man that I've been around in my 16 years," Cosgrove said of Brusko.

Turcotte, whose role has increased due to an injury to start-

ing tailback Jhamal Fluellen, put the Black Bears on top temporarily at the end of the third, when he used his power and speed to score. The Lewiston High product broke a tackle and spun off another before scampering down the left sideline for a 71-yard touchdown.

"I just use my body ... lower my shoulders and run hard," Turcotte said about his punishing running style.

"Jared Turcotte's a guy with special, special ability," Cosgrove said. "He's one of those guys when you say you have three more years out of him, it makes you sleep a little better at night."

Turcotte paved the way for the Black Bear offense, which accounted for 441 total yards — 286 rushing. He led the ground attack with 122 yards on 13 carries and hauled in five passes for 69 yards to lead the team in receiving.

On defense, senior linebacker Andrew Downey recorded a career-high 19 tackles. Senior defensive end Jovan Belcher continued his award-winning campaign, registering a career-high in tackles as well with 16.

The Black Bears resume play next weekend at home against Northeastern University (2-5, 1-2 CAA) in their Homecoming game. Kickoff is scheduled for noon.



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Conor Keating was given the honor of carrying out "The Hammer" before Saturday's game.

Hockey

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it was going to be hard to fill the shoes of Turgeon next season, but the opportunity to play will only give her more confidence as she begins her collegiate career.

After jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first period, highlighted by two power-play goals from freshman Melissa Gagnon (3:43) and junior Amy Stech (14:28), before UMaine sophomore Jennie Gallo decided to put on a clinic of her own. Gallo completed a hat trick late in the third period and added two assists in a five-point effort. They never looked back in the 11-1 victory.

The Black Bears were aided by a four-point effort from freshman Myriam Croussette who compiled a goal and three assists in the game.

Also having a strong weekend

was senior Vanessa Vani, who added two assists in the game and three over the weekend. Vani now has 48 career assists moving her to second on the all-time list, just six away from the leader.

UMaine comes out of the weekend with a 2-4-0 record and begins conference play next weekend when the Black Bears travel to Boston University.

"I believe that the team is finally coming together," Hoffmeyer said. "Going into conference play as a young, new team, I believe we will play confidently and definitely be in contention for an America East playoff spot at the end of the season."

The University of Maine's next home game will be on Nov. 14, when the Black Bears take the ice against Hockey East rival UNH at 7 p.m.

Darling shines in debut

From Press Releases

Men's Ice Hockey

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—Freshman goalie Scott Darling (Lemont, Ill.) notched his first career shutout in his collegiate debut to lead the University of Maine men's ice hockey team to a 2-0 win over the University of Alaska Saturday night.

It was the last game of the Brice Alaska Goal Rush Tournament.

UMaine picked up its first win of the season and is now 1-1-0. The Nanooks dropped their first contest, falling to 2-1-1.

The Black Bears struck first 12:24 into the first period when sophomore Lem Randall (Snow Lake, Manitoba) scored a power play goal.

UMaine scored again to begin

the second period when senior co-captain Jeff Marshall (Kyle, Saskatchewan) beat Alaska goalie Chad Johnson.

That was all Darling needed as he stopped all 24 shots he faced.

The team dropped its season opener on Friday night 2-1 to the University of Alaska Anchorage.

It was the first game of the tournament.

Freshman Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) notched UMaine's only goal just 3:35 into the first period. It gave the Black Bears an early lead.

Alaska Anchorage answered at 7:16 of the first when Kevin Clark tallied a power play goal. They took the lead in the second on another power play score by Craig Parkinson.

UMaine outshot Alaska Anchorage 30-28, but was unable

to put in the equalizer.

Junior goalie Dave Wilson was impressive, stopping 26 of the 28 shots he faced.

Women's Soccer

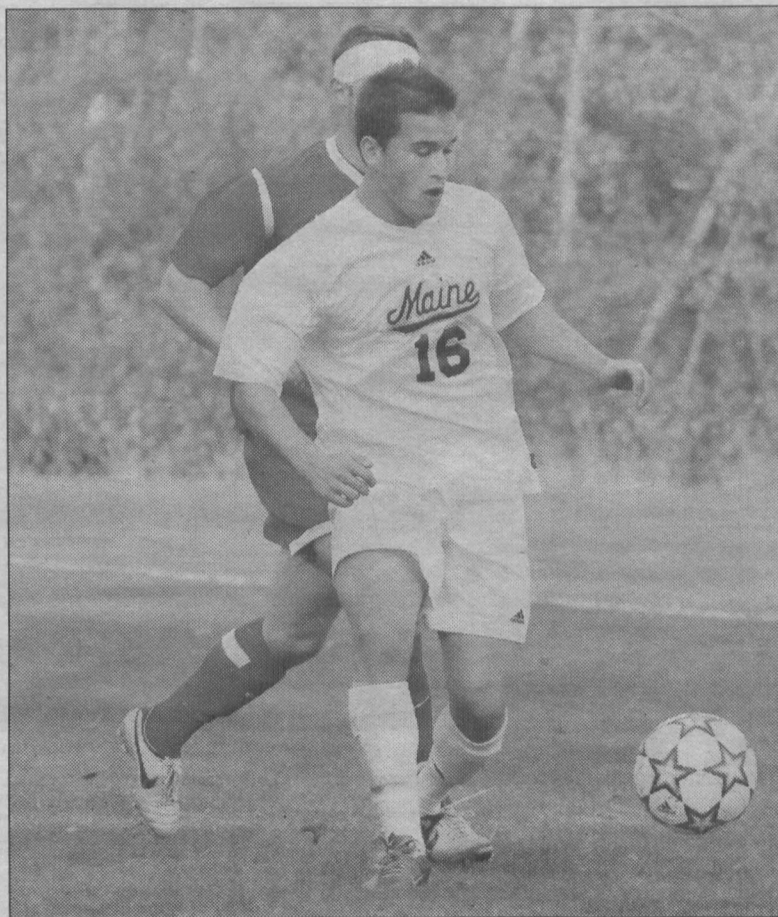
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The University of Maine women's soccer team dropped a decision to Harvard last Wednesday, 4-1.

The Black Bears fell to 5-4-5 on the year, while the Crimson improved to 6-3-3.

Sophomore Kelsey Wilson (Gorham, Maine) netted UMaine's only goal at the start of the second half. Senior Christine LaBelle (Nepean, Ontario) assisted on the goal.

UMaine was outshot in the contest 15 to 12. Senior goalie Jasmine Phillips (Nepean, Ontario) made five saves on the day.

On the ball



Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus
Jake Ostrov dribbles upfield in the game against Boston University.

Derby

from page 19 With regard to the experience, Stone went on to say, "I am really just grateful that I got to do something like that in my life at such a young age."

"It was weird to see him right up close and shake his hand. He acted like a normal person and not as if he was better than this group of small town Mainers," Stone said.

There is no doubt that

Ripken's appearance, though brief, will be anything but that in the memories and recollections of participants such as Stone and Wolfington.

In 1995, the now 48-year-old Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's major league record of 2,130 consecutive games played. He would go on to continue the streak, which ended in 1998, at an unprecedented number of 2,632 consecutive games played. Redefining the short-stop position, Ripken received

the highest number of Hall of Fame votes by a position player in the history of baseball. In 2007, Ripken gained the approval of over 98 percent of voters on the first ballot, earning him his induction into Cooperstown. Ripken played the entirety of his 20-year career for the Baltimore Orioles and earned the American League Most Valuable Player award in 1983 and 1991.

Flag

from page 18 money at the same time."

ROC hopes to have a tournament each month. Their goal for November is a dodgeball tournament in the Recreation and Fitness Center. The rest of their tournaments are yet to be determined.

"We hope to have a bulletin board in the student union so each team can see who is winning and how many points they have," Luke said. "We also will have a grand prize for the overall winner of the tournament,

but that is yet to be released. We are hoping to keep that as a surprise."

The event was a small one, and ROC hopes to change that.

"We know this a new thing, but we really hope to get a larger outcome," ROC Vice President Ross Wolland said. "We thought we were going to have a lot more people show up, but we only had two teams playing. I hope news of this event will spark more interest in the community and have more teams join."

ROC hopes to keep this event as a cheap and fun one,

and they are working hard to recruit more students to this event. It is a great way to get more involved in recreational sports.

The ROC board is planning on posting news, scores and points from the ROC Cup on their Web site. They will also be posting pictures from each tournament. For more information about the ROC Cup, contact Brighton Luke, Ross Wolland or Lauren Ouellette, ROC vice president of programming. They can all be reached on FirstClass.



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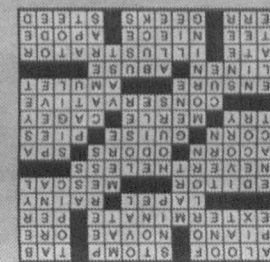
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Three-Point Play

By Michael Pare
For The Maine Campus

Magic has not left 2008 Red Sox

Before 2004, Red Sox fans were almost resigned to the idea that with every new baseball season came new hope and a broken heart. Outsiders thought that when the World Series we so yearned for finally came, we would be paradoxically freed from our fandom and become complacent. Wrong. If the fervor with which Red Sox fans now clamor for victory with is complacency, then before we must have been practicing false idolatry. One thing has changed, though. Victory brought with it expectations. Sure, we are prone to forget that we have won two World Series in the past four years, and revert to the sulking, "there's always next year" mentality that presided from 1918 to 2004. We need not fear getting our hopes up anymore, because the Red Sox have eliminated the possibility of impossibility.

In the 2004 ALCS, the Sox proved they had mettle, making history becoming the only team ever to come back from 3-0 down to advance to the World Series.

In the 2007 ALCS, the Sox proved they had tenacity, pulling it together from down 3-1 to advance to the World Series again.

In game five of the 2008 ALCS, historically coming back from down 7-0 in the 7th inning to win 8-7, the Sox proved that it doesn't matter if your slugger — David Ortiz — has a bum wrist, it doesn't matter if your old ace — Josh Beckett — isn't the same, or if your new ace — Jon Lester — has been vulnerable. Hell, it doesn't even matter if your bullpen is so shallow you are calling in your relievers from a nursing home — Mike Timlin. All that matters is that along as we are still alive, there is always this year.

Editor's Note: The series was tied at 3-3. Game 7 took place after press time.

Tony Romo, Trevor Wikre no respect for the littlest fingers

As Tony Romo was fell on his hand awkwardly in the waning minutes of the Dallas Cowboys' loss to the Arizona Cardinals, Mesa State College lineman Trevor Wikre was at practice where he found his hand, in a similarly awkward fashion, caught in a teammate's jersey. When both plays ended, they each had a broken pinkie and would be sidelined for four to six weeks to let the finger heal up. For Romo, that meant leaving a struggling Cowboys team in the hands of a backup, and for Wikre, it meant missing his final games as a senior in college.

But surprise! These two have better ideas. Tony Romo is going to go and play quarterback in the NFL seven days after breaking his pinky. Hmmm. Complications become apparent quickly. Good luck taking a hundred snaps right into your broken finger. Oh, and enjoy the aftermath when you sail a pass over the head of T.O. Does he know his team plays the Rams next week? Rest up and see if you are ready for the Giants a week later. Trevor Wikre has the right idea, though. He isn't going to play with a broken finger. That would be crazy. So just cut it off. Who needs a pinky anyway? All it's good for is making gang signs and picking your nose anyway.

Both of these gentlemen, while respectable for their nerve, are deplorable for their myopic martyrdom. There is nothing wrong with protecting your future. There is life after a game, and there is life after football. Neither man should jeopardize his future — however trivially — for a game.

Troy Polamalu: Fines make the NFL a pansy game

If football is a pansy game, then hockey must be at least a daffodil game, and baseball must be like making cupcakes. How can a sport in which the biggest and best athletes in the world repeatedly assault one another at a pace that would make a lesser man wet himself ever be considered a pansy game?

Polamalu argues that the fines are all about money, "and they really aren't concerned about safety [of players]." This is simply flawed logic. First of all, the NFL is the most profitable sports organization in America and does not need petty fines to supplement its income. Second, even if the NFL is more concerned with money than it is with the safety of its players, in protecting its assets, it is in turn protecting the players. The NFL loses money if star players are injured. Star players are injured when they take big hits like the ones players are fined for. So no matter whose interests are being served, players are still being protected.

Troy Polamalu also argues that "guys like Dick Butkus, the Ronnie Lotts, the Jack Tatum, these guys really went after people. Now, they couldn't survive in this type of game. They wouldn't have enough money." Flawed logic again. He talks earlier about how he doesn't like how the game is evolving, but the way in which it has evolved dictates the need for the fining system. Players are bigger, stronger, use much more steroids than they used to, and with those types of bodies colliding you are asking for serious — career-ending, life-altering — injuries to happen. And while it may upset players like Polamalu, the evolution of the game has dictated that we need these fines to protect players and keep the Super Bowl from turning into the Roman Coliseum.

Close contest



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Jared Turcotte congratulates Derek Session after his touchdown during Saturday's game.

Polar Bears maul UM

By Laila Sholtz-Ames
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's rugby club finished its regular season with a strong performance against powerhouse Bowdoin College, but fell 22-5 to the undefeated Polar Bears.

The Black Bears, who finished off the year with a record of 3-2, considered Bowdoin's Polar Bears to be their biggest challenge of the season. The Polar Bears, led by Marybeth Mathews, are one of only a half-dozen teams to achieve varsity status. They have long been a dominant force in New England Club and finished the season with a perfect 5-0 record, giving them the league's top seed for the postseason tournament.

While UMaine never had the lead in the game, the team did have teamwork and dedication, despite going through the season without a coach.

"Without a coach, we are doing a great job at organizing ourselves and being a part of the community. This joint effort is permeating through our pores on the field

and we are working as a team," senior Alexandria Small said.

The teamwork began early on as strong momentum for the Black Bears when they made a drive deep into Polar Bear territory, but were unable to come away with points. Bowdoin then

"Without a coach, we are doing a great job of organizing and being part of the community."

Alexandria Small
Senior
UMaine Women's Rugby

jumped out 12-0 and would never relinquish the lead.

Bowdoin sophomore Loryn Fridie tallied the first try of the game before senior Maria Koenigs chased down her own chip-kick in the end-zone for the game's second try. Then, the kick conversions gave Bowdoin a 12-point cushion at the half.

After the half, UMaine come out with speed and

intensity, but a series of passes by Bowdoin led to another try and increased the lead 17-0. UMaine was able to bounce back and score midway through the second period, thanks to a breakaway by Sarah Zazzaro but later on the Polar Bears scored again and sealed the victory.

The Black Bears, considered the underdogs in the game, played hard on the road. The Black Bears knew that Bowdoin would be a challenge, but they were willing to fight hard.

"They [Bowdoin] are ranked first, but we won against them this spring at Maine Cup. But we knew in order to win we're going to have to work our hardest this week, and bring our game from the start, which we've had a problem with in the past," senior Tricia Lyons said.

UMaine will prepare for the postseason, a goal they have been set on accomplishing the whole season. Currently, the Black Bears rank third in the playoff spot and will play Wellesley College at Lengyl field next Saturday.

ROC Cup underway

By Dayna Margarita
For The Maine Campus

While the University of Maine football team was preparing for their home game Saturday afternoon, there was quite a different sporting event going on nearby.

The Residents on Campus board hosted a capture the flag tournament on the campus mall, the first of what ROC hopes to be a successful ROC Cup tournament. This is a brand new event on campus where each housing complex can create a team and compete against each other in a series of different sports to try and win the

ROC Cup.

"We thought it would be a fun thing to do on the mall before the weather gets bad," ROC President Brighton Luke said. "It's a great way to get more events for students and students more involved in the community."

The teams that competed in the tournament were H20 — the Hart, Oak, and Hancock complex — and DTAV — the Doris Twitchell Allen Village and Patch Hall complex. The Knox team, comprised of the Knox and Androscoggin Hall complex, was not able to compete due to the small turnout, but they were given participation points. The teams with the

most players receive more participation points, and they also receive points for coming. These points contribute to the overall winner of the ROC Cup at the end of the year.

The H20 team defeated the DTAV team 5-3 in a two-hour long game. The champions were rewarded points and were thrilled when they won, posing after for a team picture.

"It was a cheap event and a fun one," Luke said. "All we had to do was put up paper flyers, and our beverages were donated from Coca-Cola. It's a good way to have fun while saving See FLAG on page 17

Early goal nips Black Bears

By Kevin Bailey
For The Maine Campus

On Wednesday afternoon, the University of Maine men's soccer team hosted Boston University in an America East conference battle. Thanks to an early goal, BU was able to slip by the Black Bears with a score of 1-0.

With the loss, UMaine fell to 3-7-2 overall and 0-3-1 in conference play. BU moved to 6-5-2 and 3-1-0 in America East competition.

The Terriers came out explosively from the start with several early opportunities.

Senior back Kyle LeDuc said the tenacity was expected from a team coming off consecutive shutout victories.

"We knew we had a challenge ahead of us," LeDuc said. "BU is a strong team that can play well, and we knew that in order to be successful, we had to expose them at their weak spots."

UMaine junior goalkeeper Nemanja Kostic had a big save on a breakaway five minutes into the game. Two minutes later, BU drew first blood. Freshman Stephen Knox sent a long cross to classmate Ben Berube. Berube quickly sent the ball back into the box and junior Shaun Taylor deflected it in for the 1-0 lead.

The rest of the first half passed with a balanced effort from both sides. UMaine remained confident heading into the second half.

"We gave up a soft goal and unfortu-

nately, didn't turn our game on until they scored," LeDuc said.

The Black Bears did turn up the heat, with more scoring opportunities dispersed throughout the second half, but they were unable to find the net and the game ended 1-0.

BU ended with the advantage in shots, 20-8. Kostic had a solid day with 11 big saves for the Black Bears and he was named Man of the Match along with BU's Michael Bustamante.

"We know that we're a good team, and it's just a matter of time until things are going our way," LeDuc said. "We're in a competitive conference, and hopefully Stony Brook will be a different story."

UMaine will take on Stony Brook on Sunday in New York.



Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus
Philip Reed collides with a Boston University player as he heads the ball in Wednesday's game.

"Iron Man" delivers

By Ben Hamblen
For The Maine Campus

A September afternoon in Oakland was graced with the presence of a legend at Harold Alfred Fenway Park.

The "Iron Man," Cal Ripken Jr., arrived at a Corporate Home Run Derby to take the mound — a rarity for the lifetime third baseman and shortstop. In unfamiliar territory, Ripken delivered hundreds of pitches to the participants — two of them were students at the University of Maine.

Nick Stone of Waterville and Harrison Wolfington of Hallowell realized the dream of facing a major league ballplayer. Given an opportunity that few receive, Stone and Wolfington beamed at the prospect of facing the 19-time all-star.

"Getting to meet Cal was amazing," Stone said.

Making the hour-long commute from campus to the Fenway-Park-modeled venue near his hometown of Waterville, Stone anticipated facing a legend.

"I have played baseball my entire life, and I have never been more scared of going to the plate to face a pitcher who throws like 50 mph. I was so nervous, and I am pretty sure my knees were shaking," he said.

The nerves soon subsided for Stone after digging into the box and connecting on his first swing.

"On the first pitch, I took it over the replica Green Monster, and after that I felt calm and just excited that I could say I hit a home run off of the legend, Cal Ripken Jr."

Harrison Wolfington joined Stone as a finalist in the event. The home run exhibition consisted of 12 participants and was trimmed down to the four finalists, with Stone and Wolfington still standing.

"I'll remember the day of the home run derby for my whole life."

Harrison Wolfington
UMaine student

"I'll remember the day of the home run derby for my whole life," Wolfington said.

Taking nothing for granted, Wolfington absorbed the realization that he was in the presence of greatness.

The Hallowell native went on to described the opportunity to participate in the derby as "one of the coolest things I think I'll ever get to do."

Ripken conversed with the hitters during the competition. Both Stone and Wolfington recognized how personable Ripken was to the participants and to the community in general.

Stone noted that Ripken posed for individual pictures with each hitter and described him as "one of the nicest people I have ever met."

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"The first set was a combination of errors on our part," Allman said. "After the set, we knew what we needed to fix, and we made it our focal points for the next set and it was successful. We all knew what we needed to do."

The Black Bears rebounded in the second set and stayed alive in the match, winning by a score of 25-18. The Black Bears then dropped the third set, but were feisty and took it to the final set of the match. UMaine pulled away with the victory in the fifth and final set by a score of 16-14. This is the first win in conference play for UMaine this year — Allman hopes it won't be their last.

"[The win] is a turning point for us and the conference, and now we just have to move forward and keep winning," Allman said.

The Black Bears return to action next weekend where they will participate in the Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally. They will battle New Hampshire in the match. The game starts at 5 p.m. Friday.

Fans can support this cause by visiting sideoutvolleyball.org/maineevent/minievent/universityofmai/ to donate, or by purchasing a Dig Pink volleyball cutout at the game. The cutouts will be displayed on the wall of the Pit during the game.

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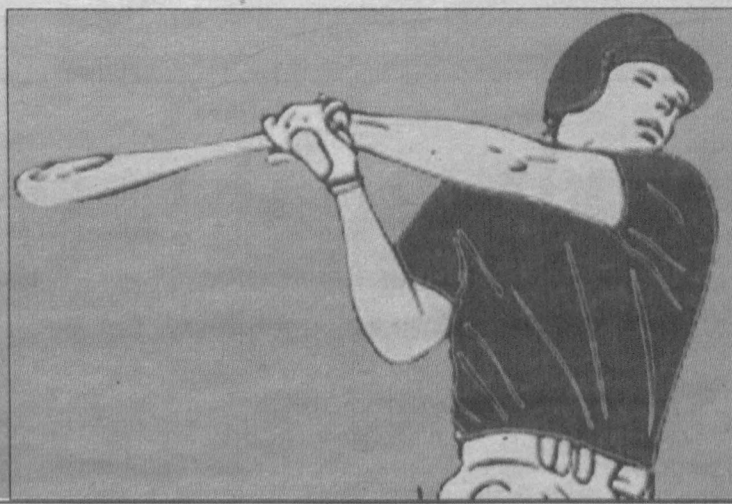


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UMaine downs Hofstra in double OT

Turcotte, Session lead rushing attack, Harvey kicks game-winning extra point

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Following a 27-10 win at Delaware last weekend, the momentum carried over for the University of Maine football team in the first two minutes against Hofstra.

After jumping out to a 13-0 lead less than three minutes into the game, the Pride responded, scoring 20 unanswered points.

A back-and-forth battle ensued for 60 minutes, and the game headed to overtime.

That's when UMaine booted Hofstra out of town.

Brian Harvey kicked a game-winning extra point in double overtime after Hofstra missed its attempt on the previous drive as the Black Bears beat the Pride 41-40 Saturday afternoon at Alford

Stadium.

UMaine improved to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association while Hofstra dropped to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

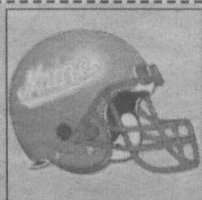
"It was a very, very important win for us," UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove said. "It was important because we learned a lot about

ourselves going through six periods."

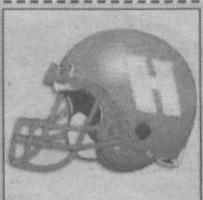
With the score tied at 27 heading into overtime, Hofstra won the initial coin toss and opted for sec-

ond possession. Collegiate overtime is not sudden death and each team gets the ball at the opponent's 25-yard line in a non-timed situation.

UMaine scored on its first play from scrimmage when Derek Session ran one in from 25 yards out. A holding penalty negated the redshirt freshman tailback's score



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Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Jerron McMillian prevents Hofstra from gaining much yardage with a tackle on the sideline.

though and it backed the drive up to the 31. Six running plays and an incomplete pass later, Session

would not be denied as he found the endzone again on a 4-yard run. Harvey's extra

point made it 34-27.

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Black Bears rally for win

Allman leads women's volleyball past Stony Brook

By Seth Poplaski
For The Maine Campus

The UMaine women's volleyball team won Friday night's game in dramatic fashion, downing Stony Brook in five sets (18-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-21, 16-14). With the win, the Black Bears improved their record to 8-10, and 1-3 in America East Conference play, while Stony Brook dropped to 9-13 on the year and 0-4 in conference.

Lindsay Allman helped lead UMaine to the win on Friday with a team-high 18 kills and 18 digs.

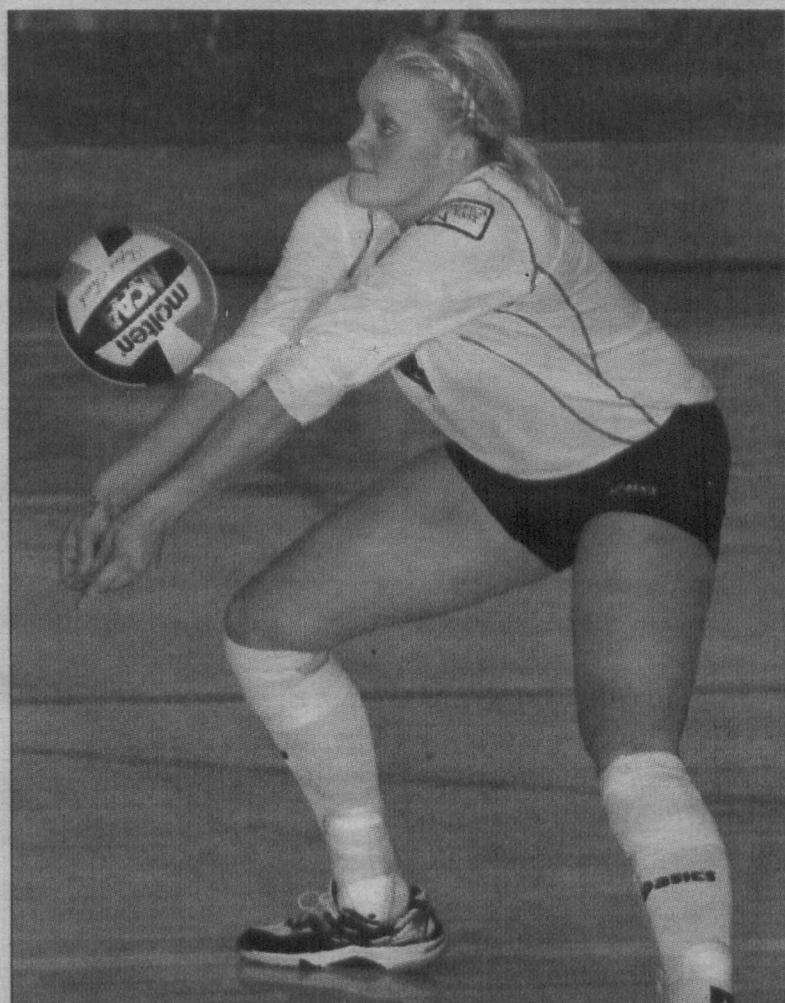
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She served three aces in the match. Laura Goettsch, senior hitter from Woodstock, Ontario, pitched in with 12 kills, while Jessica Wolfenden racked up 46 assists and 11 digs.

The Black Bears faltered in the first game of the match, losing 18-25, but came back in the second set and tied up the match 1-1 with a matching score of 25-18.

Allman, senior hitter from St. Louis, Mo., said the team dropped the first set because of some miscommunication.

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Peter Buehner ♦ The Maine Campus

Lindsay Allman had 18 kills and 18 digs in UMaine's 3-2 win against Stony Brook in the Pit Friday night.

UM splits series

Gallo notches hat trick in Game 2

By Ben Violette
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey team entered the weekend looking for two easy wins against the Sacred Heart

Pioneers, a team that lost 13-0 at the University of Connecticut and struggled to beat a club team from Robert Morris College. UMaine added only one win, thanks to a breakout second game from Jennie Gallo.

The Black Bears struggled offensively in game one, combined with a rare poor outing by star UMaine goalie, senior Genevieve Turgeon. It resulted in a 3-2 loss to the Pioneers, who celebrated the win as if they had won a National Championship.

Turgeon, who was averaging nearly 42 saves per game, was able to save 19 of 22 from the Pioneers.

"As a team, we need to learn

how to play all 60 minutes of every game," said junior Lexie Hoffmeyer, one of the team's leading scorers. "Give a lot of credit to Sacred Heart for coming out here and simply outplaying us."

Most of the outplaying came from between the posts for the Pioneers. Freshman goalie Amanda Nagel was spectacular, playing Turgeon-like in turning away 42 of the 44 shots she faced.

A late goal from Sacred Heart freshman Nicole Palazzo at the 13:45 mark of the third period sealed the win for the Pioneers as their defense shut down the Black Bears the rest of the way.

Game two saw a Black Bear team motivated to avenge the previous day's defeat.

UMaine surprised everyone by deciding to start freshman goalie, Candice Currier, who said

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