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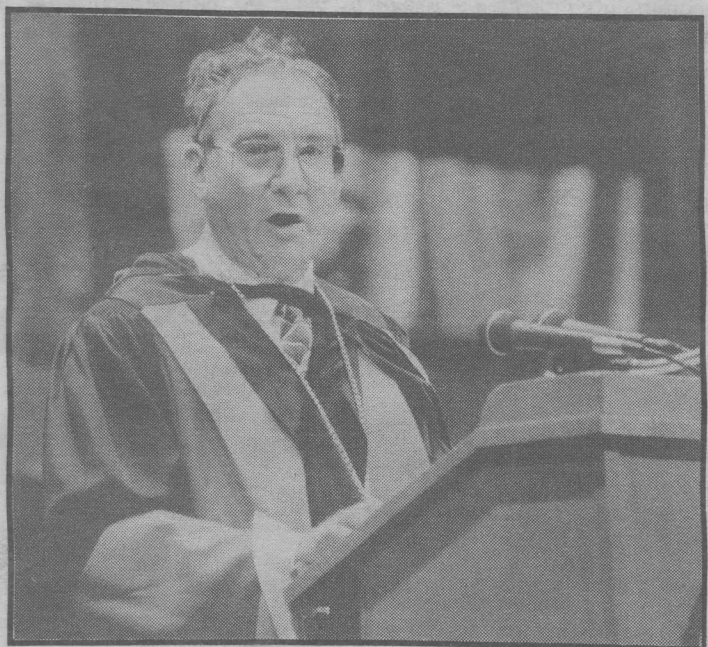
SUMMER ISSUE



"The people in Maine will still know exactly what I am doing and I am sure they will all be big Cleveland Rockers fans now." — Cindy Blodgett

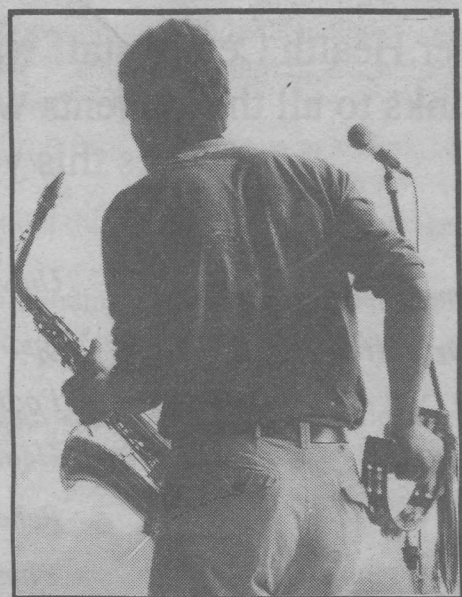


Remember ■ ■ ■ Year in Review 1997-98



"If I have anything to say about it, this will be the last inaugural convocation for a long, longtime." — President Peter Hoff

"We need everybody working to make the difference, I want to see input from various groups on campus to create a multicultural university." — Dade Faison



• Public policy

Cohen denounces isolationism amid protest

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Before a packed Maine Center for the Arts audience, March 20, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen centered his address around public policy and its effect on the United States and the world.

The world has made tremendous movement toward peace and democracy, Cohen said, but its success doesn't allow the United States to isolate itself from the rest of the world.

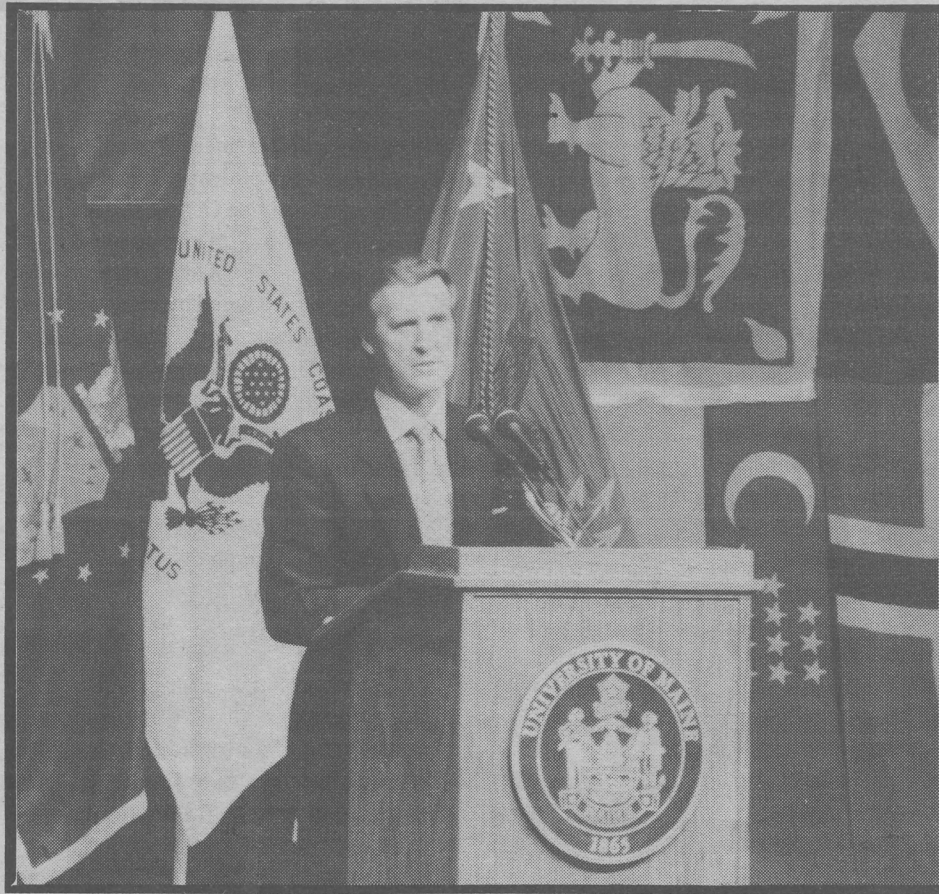
"Whatever everyone's views of how national developments are going to come forward, like it or not we now live in a global village," he said. "When America ignores the problems of the world, the world brings them right back to our doorstep."

Protesters displayed what Cohen called the American system in action during his lecture. Throughout the lecture, a few protesters shouted questions from the balcony and made outbursts during the question-and-answer session that followed the lecture.

"It was a wonderful exercise in democracy," Cohen said.

When Cohen was asked where he would be in the year 2000, one protester shouted, "In jail because he's a war criminal."

Cohen praised the value of free speech and the privileges of living in a democratic society. He pointed out that if the protesters



Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen. (Jason Canniff photo.)

had done what they did to Saddam Hussein, they would be shot.

Returning to the school at which he formerly taught, Cohen was the first in a number of lecturers who will speak at the Uni-

versity of Maine as part of the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce Lecture Series.

Public policy and commerce may not be at the top of everyone's agenda, Cohen said,

but they are important to keep in mind.

"It's not a subject that accelerates the heartbeat of the average citizen, but it's one that I believe deserves far more attention than it is currently receiving," he said.

Cohen said the United States would suffer if influenced by left- and right-wing groups, and must continue to be involved with situations in other countries.

"We indeed live in a new world of danger that is inhabited not only by traditional threats to our security, such as regional aggression and world regimes, but also by new threats limited only by the boundaries of science," he said.

The United States should not despair about these dangers, Cohen said, but should be challenged to stand up against them and strategize.

"Shape, respond and prepare. That is the essence of our new strategy for the future. It applies today, it will apply tomorrow, it will apply in the year 2010 and 2025," he said.

To shape its security and encourage more security in other nations and regions, Cohen said, the United States must engage itself in world issues.

"Influencing our friends and foes requires that we be foreign deployed, so we intend to have a very robust presence," he said. "We are shaping the environment in ways beneficial to our interest and you can

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We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

• Crime

Campus rapes kept quiet

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

An informed community is a safe community, according to Public Safety Police Lt. Alan Stormann, but recent actions suggest the campus police are only willing to go so far in keeping the community informed.

In 1996, seven "forcible rapes" were reported in the university's annual safety and security information report. The definition of forcible rape includes forcible "fondling, non-forcible incest and statutory rape." Of the seven reported "forcible rapes," according to Lt. Stormann, three were actual rapes, one was an attempted rape, two involved offensive touching, and the last one

involved a man masturbating on a woman. Of the seven cases, one was referred to judicial affairs, four are still active and two resulted in charges being brought against two men.

Stormann's statement was tested by *The Maine Campus* last month when the paper asked to view the police reports for the seven alleged forcible rapes, with the names of the victims blacked out. Stormann said it was the first time in 16 years anyone had asked him for a report.

Public Safety did release reports for the two cases in which charges were filed, with the names of one man who had been arrested

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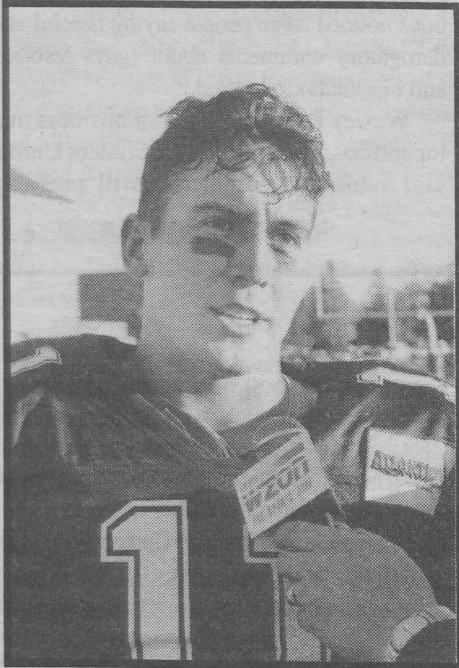
Fogler Library will undergo an asbestos abatement and safety project that will begin on May 11. The project requires that we relocate some services within the Library while the asbestos is removed and the fire alarm and sprinkler systems are installed. Information about the abatement will be posted in the Fogler Library folder on FirstClass and at the entrance to the Library. Most of the work will be done between May and August, but some work will continue through the 1998-1999 academic year. The Fogler Library staff will try their best to minimize disruption to core delivery services.

• Football

Fein faces OUI charge

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine football quarterback Mickey Fein was arrested on a charge of operating under the influence Saturday night, Oct. 18.



University of Maine quarterback Mickey Fein. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

The junior from Centerville, Mass., was picked up by Orono Police Officer George Spencer at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Pond Street near North Main Street in Orono. Spencer believed him to be intoxicated, but Fein,

21, refused to take a breathalyzer test.

Maine coach Jack Cosgrove said he spoke to Fein briefly, but was still unsure of the facts.

"Mickey came in and explained the situation," he said. "However, I don't know enough of the facts and there are always two sides of the story."

Cosgrove said that a violation of team rules could lead to further action by the football program.

"If team rules are violated, then there will be a response to the violation," he said. "Rules aren't made to be broken."

This is the first reported case this season involving a football athlete and drinking and driving.

"These aren't unexpected situations," Cosgrove said. "This is 1997, and there are a lot of issues out there in a college community that we have to be aware of. Sometimes we are aware of them and sometimes we aren't."

Fein started the final five games of the 1995 season and has never looked back. He threw for 1,955 yards last season and is on a pace to exceed those numbers this year.

The week of Oct. 11, Fein was the recipient of the Atlantic 10's Offensive Player of the Week award. The Maine quarterback threw for 522 yards in his team's 49-47 triple-overtime upset over the University of Connecticut.

Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 18, he threw four touchdowns and rushed for another in the Black Bears 62-29 defeat of Boston University.

This article originally appeared in the Mar. 20 Maine Campus.

• Inauguration

Hoff takes helm

By Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

Flags and fanfare greeted the crowd at the inauguration of the president of the University of Maine at the Maine Center for the Arts Friday morning, Nov. 21. Performing his duties as president since Aug. 1, Peter Sloat Hoff was officially declared by University of Maine System Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart to be the 17th president of UMaine.

Following a short march across the mall in front of Fogler Library, then back to the MCA, the large throng of ceremonial participants readied themselves to enter. Before they were able to, however, a video prepared for the occasion was shown. A photograph of every UMaine president, from Charles F. Allen in 1871 to Hoff in 1997, was displayed between historic clips of campus life and the changing scenery over the years, coupled with period music.

Robed in the colorful garb of academia, representatives of faculty, administration, board of trustees, student leaders and guests filed into the MCA under 73 international flags and flanked by the banners of the 50 states. An Army ROTC Honor Guard and the UMaine Symphonic Band formalized the occasion with the "Star Spangled Banner."

"We hope your years at UMaine will be wonderful and fruitful," UMS Board of Trustees Chair Sally Vamvakias said, beginning the welcoming statements.

"I have seen Hoff's commitment to not only the university but to the students as well," Student Government President Jenn Nelson said. "It is with great hope that I look forward to the future of UMaine."

Teamsters Local leader Chris McEvoy gave a greeting of his own on behalf of the classified employees, but managed to assert his organization's importance.

"We really make this place run," McEvoy said with a laugh.

University of Virginia School of Law Professor Robert O'Neil, a long-time friend of Hoff's, extolled the new president's abilities to bring UMaine into the next century.

"You could not have chosen more wisely, nor could he have chosen a better university," he said.

A French horn solo by UMaine Instructor of Horn Scott Burditt served as the prelude to president Hoff's address. From the start, Hoff strove to convey his commitment to the university and his belief in its potential.

"If I have anything to say about it, this will be the last inaugural convocation for a long, long while," Hoff said.

The foundation for his speech was the university land grant—its history, meaning and effect on UMaine's mission. To Hoff, the words "land grant" had become a meaningless moniker, often quoted but little understood. Its

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Re-Elect Kathleen Stevens



State Representative
Kathleen Stevens

The 118th Maine Legislature was a successful one for public education. All levels of public education realized increases in funding. Some of the highlights include:

- \$4 million added to the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program, a scholarship fund that offers need-based grants to Maine students.
- \$4 million in on-going funds from year-end surplus for investments in science faculty and graduate research assistants within the University of Maine System.
- A \$20 million bond issue will appear on the ballot this fall to further improve the University's R&D facilities.
- The 118th Legislature voted for higher general funding for the University of Maine System and approved a \$6.5 million bond to bring its facilities up to the Americans with Disabilities standards.
- Maine high school students may now take classes at any University of Maine System campus with tuition divided between the state and the University of Maine System.
- A college saving and prepaid tuition program was established to help parents plan and save for their children's college.
- The supplemental budget provided for a 6 percent increase to General Purpose Aid to education (K-12) for a total biennial increase of \$33 million.
- A \$20 million appropriation was granted to establish a revolving school facilities fund to help pay for school repairs and renovations associated with health, safety and compliance issues.
- \$4 million was passed for Child Development Services to serve preschool handicap children.
- LD 174 was passed to increase the state's payment for retired educators' health insurance by 5 percent from 25 percent to 30 percent at a cost of \$345,000. Retirees will see their benefits change January 1, 1999.

**All University of Maine students who live in Orono are entitled to vote in Orono.
To register to vote visit the Orono Town Office or call Rep. Stevens at 866-3697.**

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• Hate crime

Civil Rights accusations plague campus

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine grabbed headlines in the beginning of 1998 with two high-profile Civil Rights cases against four of its students, raising questions about tolerance and safety on campus.

In mid-January, Attorney General Andrew Ketterer added Shawn Mansoff and Matthew Oliver to the Civil Rights suit of Bryan Masotta.

community," he said. "To expect that 100 percent of your citizens act as model citizens may be expecting too much."

Stephen Wessler, assistant attorney general who handles Civil Rights cases involving hate crimes, said the number of hate crime cases around the state has been going up, but he believes it is only the result of more cases being reported, not committed.

Wessler said he was not surprised to see two cases come out of UMaine in a

general's office. Gardner said the other eight are still "considered officially under investigation," as unanswered cases never close.

According to Gardner, no long-term records have been kept for crimes motivated by hate or bias at the university. He said he has been keeping better records since he became the university's Civil Rights Officer a little more than a year ago.

"To deal with some of these victims and hear their stories, it's unbelievable," he said.

Even though the university has a number of programs to deal with discrimination and safety, they're not always enough to make every person feel safe all the time.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said she had felt safe on campus, even walking alone at night, until last year.

"At the beginning of last year I came out and I don't know if I just started to notice it more often, or if I became more sensitive to it, but I noticed more people saying hateful and derogatory comments about (gays lesbians and bisexuals)," she said.

Wesley Petteway, a junior business major and co-chair of the Black Student Union, said subtle acts of racism will probably

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"I think we have to remember this is a community." —
UMaine President Peter Hoff

All three men are accused of leaving a racially motivated death threat on Dwayne Wilmot's answering machine. The three men were all white hockey players at UMaine at the time of the alleged December 1997 incident. Wilmot is an African-American football player at UMaine.

Two months earlier, UMaine student Casey Belanger admitted to threatening another student via the FirstClass computer system because of his sexual orientation. To avoid a fine and trial, Belanger signed a lifetime restraining order, barring him from ever making threats to someone based on monitory status.

UMaine President Peter Hoff has insisted both cases were "isolated incidents" and not reflective of the student body.

"I think we have to remember this is a

matter of months.

"These things happen in fits and spurts," he said, adding that a number of cases have been referred to him by the university, but not all get prosecuted, for one reason or another. He said he gets complaints from colleges and universities all over the state, and doesn't see UMaine as having a problem any worse than the other institutions.

Ten cases were referred to Wessler's office during the fall semester by UMaine Civil Rights Officer Chris Gardner. Of the 10, eight were motivated by sexual orientations and two by race. Six involved graffiti, which are harder to solve because there are often no witnesses. Only two cases, the ones involving Belanger and the hockey players, were acted upon by the attorney

• Debt

Credit seduces students

By Jason Cunningham
Maine Campus staff

debts, according to Ted Curtis and Brian Molloy of the law firm Curtis and Griffin.

"Credit cards are a trap," Curtis said. "Properly used, they can be a boon, a benefit. They're

Most students at the University of Maine manage their credit cards well and avoid being trapped in credit card debt, according to the president of the University of Maine Credit Union.

"Surprisingly, I think the majority of students handle it very well," Howard Dunn said. "We have very few problems in that area. We certainly have some, but compared to what happens nationally, it's nothing."

According to Dunn, the credit union is very cautious in how it promotes credit cards to students.

"We've always taken the approach of never cramming a credit card down students' throats," Dunn said.

There are some credit card companies, however, who are more aggressive in their promotion of credit cards and in their collection of

easier to carry than cash, and they can be canceled if stolen. However, these credit cards are frequently issued to people who have little or close to no income."

Some credit card companies take advantage of people who are in desperate situations, Molloy said.

"There are people who are being inundated with lines of credit and they need the money,"

Molloy said. "If somebody living on the edge of poverty gets a credit card for \$10,000, of course they're going to spend it."

Some companies have been known to use dirty tactics when collecting credit card payments, Molloy said.

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Student Legal Services Lawyer Ted Curtis.
(Dave Gagne photo.)

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• Dining Services

Team Dahl makes it a family affair

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

Anyone attending an event at Wells Commons has a chance of observing the new team on campus.

Anthony Strong, manager of catering services, has dubbed the Dahl family "Team Dahl" because at times four members of the family can be found working at the same time.

"It's kind of funny because I never thought about it until someone said how it was cool that four of us in the family work on campus," said Kathi Dahl, who is the cafeteria supervisor at Stodder Commons and occasionally fills in at Wells Commons on the weekends.

Kathi and her husband Mark, who is the head baker at York Commons, only work special events or on the weekends. Two of their children, Russell and Kristin, work in catering at Wells Commons during the summer and one or two days during the school year.

"Wells is a great place for the kids to work," Kathi said. "It's good for them because they are working for the public and working in the background so they get variety."

Strong said the whole family contributes positively to the overall culture of the workplace.

"They have a great attitude," he said. "They truly represent what a family should be all about. They work hard and are true professionals."

Besides Russell and Kristin, the couple has adopted a third child, Jeanne.

"Kathi used to run a state-licensed daycare and Jeanne was one of the daycare kids," Mark said. "When the family she was staying with decided they couldn't keep her,

we adopted her."

Since the day they first met, working with food has always been a part of Kathi's and Mark's lives.

high school and baking came up and things fell into place," Mark said. "I always enjoyed baking. Taking raw ingredients and getting breads and cakes out of it is an art form."



The Dahl family (left to right) Russell, Kristen, Kathi and Mark all work for Dining Services. (Kyle Parker photo.)

"Mark and I went to different high schools, but we met in a culinary vocational class that met at Wells Commons," Kathi said. "That was 23 years ago and we've been married for 20 years."

Both Kathi and Mark feel working in the food industry came naturally.

"It is just something I've always done," Kathi said. "I took the culinary vocational class and I enjoyed it and it happened to be easy for me."

"I didn't have plans when I was a senior in

The couple has often worked at the same place.

"We both worked at Governor's for some time," Kathi said. "And we also worked together at a summer camp."

Now the couple is working together at the University of Maine. Kathi said she gained the position at Stodder after reluctantly applying for it.

"Mark noticed the posting for the job and encouraged me to apply," Kathi said. "I didn't think that I was qualified, but Mark

pushed me and I got the job."

Mark has been a baker at the university since 1976.

"I've been baking since before most of the students were born," Mark said. "And I've baked in every bakery on campus, with the exception of the Bear's Den, and when their baker was out I baked there too."

Kathi and Mark feel working with students and getting to know them is the highlight of both their jobs.

"I'm in charge of all the student workers and I enjoy that job because I get to see the same students on a regular basis," Kathi said.

Although catering special events affords Mark the opportunity of having the governor eat his cheesecake, he enjoys baking for the students the most.

"To be honest, I like baking for the students better," Mark said. "They are paying me to cook for them and I put out as good of a product for students as anyone else."

Mark said the only complaint he hears about his baking is about the fat content.

"I don't like it when they suggest low-fat desserts," Mark said. "If you want dessert, it's going to have fat and changing that would only be messing with the recipe, which you shouldn't do."

"The Dahls are a bunch of dolls," Strong said. "They have a great work ethic and they have promoted each other's employment with their good work. We need more of this kind of family environment in the workplace."

This article originally appeared in the Nov. 14 Maine Campus.

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Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

• Budget

CFO predicts cutbacks reaching \$1.5 million

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The university may have to tighten its belt to the tune of \$1.5 million during the next fiscal year, according to preliminary budget projections.

Cutbacks are foreseen by the interim chief financial officer, despite an expected rise in the cost of tuition and a 3-percent increase in state appropriations. The key variable in the budgetary process remains the number of new students who will enter the university next fall.

"My favorite line is we have no budget problems at this institution that 2,000 more students wouldn't solve," Interim CFO Mark Anderson said at the monthly meeting of the Professional Employee Advisory Council Feb. 12.

While 2,000 new students might save the day for the university, Anderson is only expecting 1,300 new students next fall, which would equal \$1 million in lost tuition. Last year's budget faltered when the university budgeted for a first-year class of 1,400 and only got 1,105.

The other half-million dollars in cuts are needed to cover new expenses, such as Bangor Hydro's electricity rate increase and the athletics department's gender equity program.

Almost half of the needed cuts were already targeted by last year's AFFIRM document, a plan former President Frederick Hutchinson developed to make cost-cutting measures.

While Anderson called some of the AFFIRM cuts "wacky," he said they will save \$700,000. Another \$300,000 in savings may come from

interest on a re-negotiated university loan.

In calculating next year's budget, Anderson said two things need to be figured out: exactly how many first-year students will be coming to UMaine, and how many other students are likely to return.

"It makes life uncertain at best and downright scary at worst," he said.

Statistically speaking, Anderson said 80 percent of this year's entering class will return as sophomores, which is average for most universities. However, the University of Maine hits a financial snag when only 55 percent of those people complete a degree within six years.

"We're far and away the lowest in New England with that number," Anderson said. "From a crass money standpoint, those are tuition-paying students walking out the door."

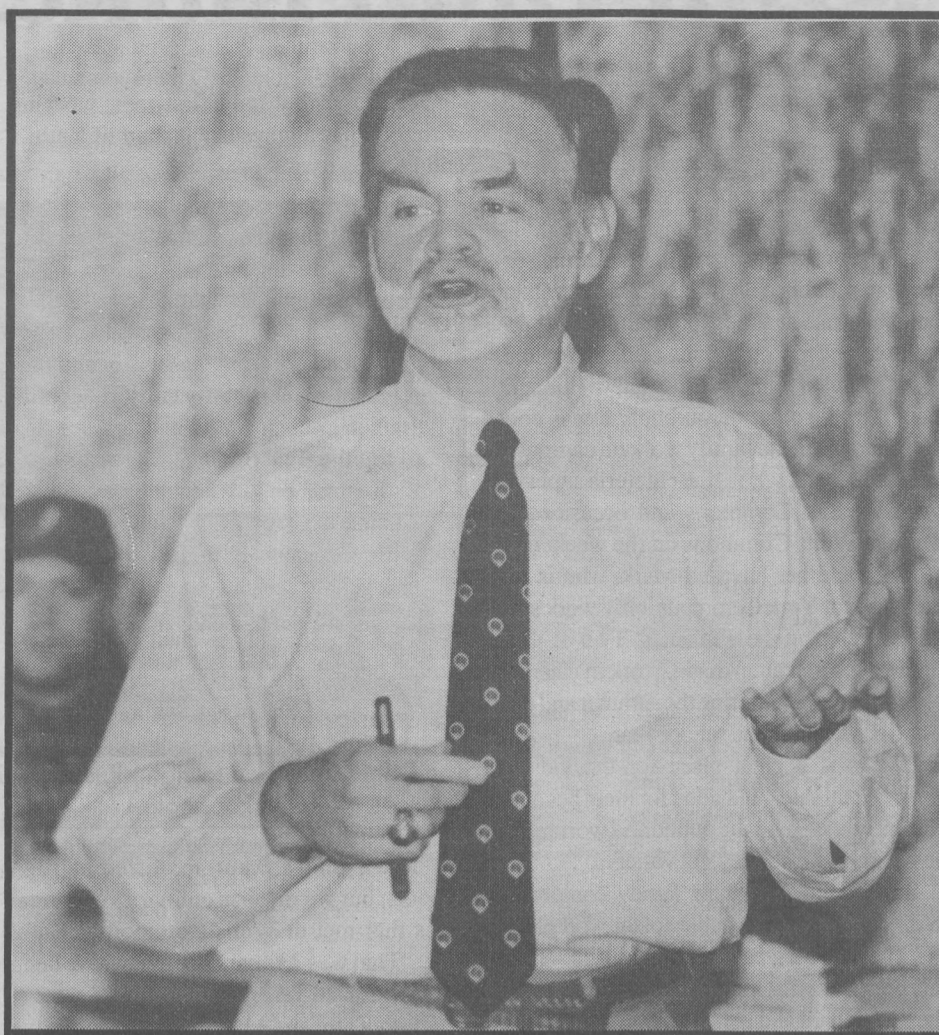
He said there are only theories, but no concrete evidence, as to why people are walking away from UMaine.

New money from the tuition increase the Board of Trustees approved in March (\$900,000) and state appropriations (another \$1.9 million) will not go toward the university budget because it has already been set aside for raises. According to Anderson, 1,671 employees are due to receive \$2.6 million in raises.

Although the Legislature has a bill before it to allocate more money to UMaine research, Anderson cautioned, "More research money doesn't solve these budget problems."

The university's current educational and general budget is \$112,041,768. Anderson

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Interim Chief Financial Officer Mark Anderson speaks to the General Student Senate about the University's 1998 fiscal year budget. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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• Public Safety

Campus Walking Companions promote security

By Jodi Sokolowski
Maine Campus staff

Last year, members of Campus Walking Companion were on a routine patrol when they came upon a woman who had passed out from drinking too much alcohol.

The night was cold and if they had not discovered her, she might not be alive today. The walkers called the ambulance and stayed with her until help arrived.

"They literally saved her life," said University of Maine Public Safety Officer Deb Mitchell, the service's adviser. "That incident justified one of the reasons why we need them on campus. They are an extra set of eyes out there."

CWC started just two years ago and only averages two calls a night. The free service is run and staffed by university students, who either volunteer or have work-study.

"I don't think enough people are aware of the service," said staff member Robyn Kamilewicz. "I wasn't even aware of Campus Walking Companion when I got this job. I just wanted to find out if there was a service that walked with people at darker hours."

CWC has a staff of 12 students, which is up from eight members last year, Mitchell said. One female and one male pair up each night to assist students' walking alone.

"No distance is safe at night when walking alone," Kamilewicz said. "There is safety in numbers and that's why we go out in pairs; and it would defeat the purpose if we didn't."

CWC is located in the basement of Cutler Health Center, which is a central location on campus, Mitchell said. The response time to assist students is about two minutes, she added.

"We're looking into possibly getting bikes in the spring, which will cut down

response time by half," Mitchell said. CWC would walk the bikes when walking students to their destination.

Thursdays are the busiest nights for students to call and request a walking companion, Kamilewicz said.

"A lot of people are working on Thursday nights in the math lab, computer clusters and Neville hall," Kamilewicz said.

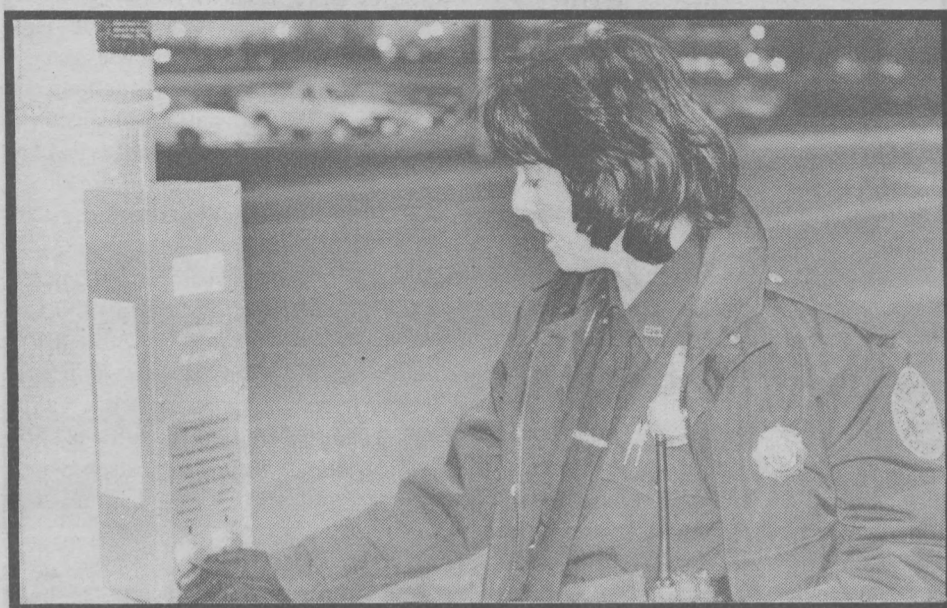
The most-requested areas for students to be walked are from the library and union to their dorms, especially Hilltop, according to staff members. CWC walkers are required to log the time of when they arrive to walk with students to when they arrive at their destination. They have identifiable jackets with glow-in-the-dark CWC letters, rechargeable Maglite flashlights and radios.

"The Maglites, which are the same kind police officers use, are bright and very durable," Mitchell said.

In the CWC office, a scanner is carefully monitored by staff members, who listen to incoming calls requesting for a walking escort. CWC works closely with Public Safety particularly with the radios.

"There are two stations on the radios," Mitchell explained. "One is a frequency for CWC and the other is the police frequency. They can hear everything on Public Safety radio. It helps to avoid taking a walker into a bad situation."

Currently there two call boxes with a blue button, which directly informs CWC of the need for a walking companion. The boxes are identified by the blue beacon topping them, and are located in the parking lots of Jenness and Belgrade, behind the Maine Center for the Arts. Every call box also has a red button for emergency assistance from Public Safety.



Officer Deb Mitchell demonstrates the proper use of the new callboxes on campus. (Kyle Parker photo.)

The Campus Walking Companion is available seven nights a week to any student, staff, or visitor for on-campus only. This free service runs from 6 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

"People shouldn't be afraid to call. We're

really friendly," staff member Keith Heselson said. "I believe in it and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Staff members agree: A person can never be too careful.

This article originally appeared in the Sept. 29 Maine Campus.

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said he should know soon how many students have opted to come to UMaine next year, as well as the exact extent of budget cuts.

"I think it was very clear in understanding the difficulties we're facing," Polly Moutevelis Harris, co-president of PEAC, said. "It was also encouraging."

Thirty university professionals gathered in the Bodwell Lounge of the Maine Center

for the Arts to hear Anderson. The group promotes networking and discussion of issues facing the campus among employees.

Sherry Treworgy, the other co-president, said hearing the university's financial struggles made her feel more emphatic toward it.

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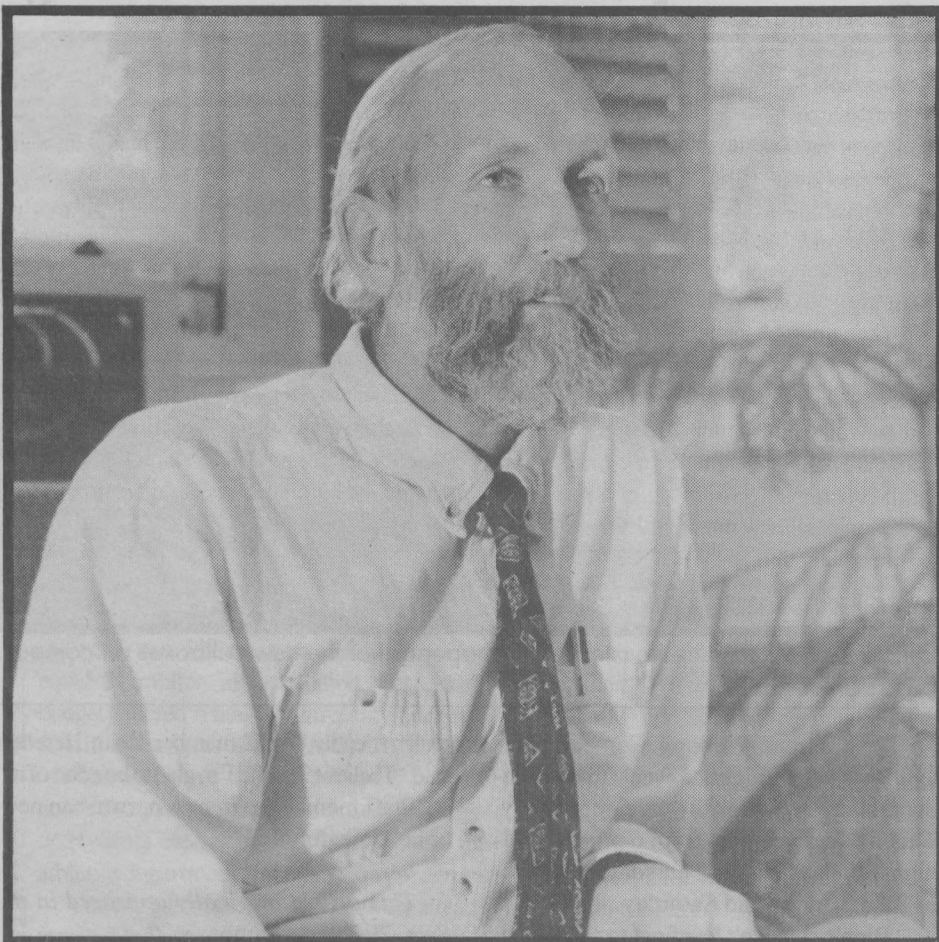
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Hoff invites online comment with BearWorks



Scott Anchors accepted the position of Executive Assistant to President Peter Hoff. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Early in the spring semester, many students noticed a new folder on their First Class accounts. BearWorks is a new action plan that lists the priorities, goals and objectives of the university and allows the university community to have their say in it.

"This plan is offered as a draft: One full of concrete suggestions that the University of Maine community can discuss immediately; one open to alternatives and new ideas as appropriate," President Peter Hoff said in a BearWorks introductory letter. "I invite everyone to comment, suggest, debate, and participate in moving to a shared understanding and commitment to action."

BearWorks' main objective is to have members of the university community communicate with each other, Scott Anchors, executive assistant to the president, said. The plan will allow those in the university community to voice their opinions to the president and to others in the community.

Hoff said the BearWorks action plan has four fundamental goals, which are to be a land grant university with a Maine focus and a human scale, a strong and dynamic university, and a collegial community of learners. Hoff said the fourth goal, to become Maine's college of choice, will be achieved once the

other three are.

Subject matter in the plan spans the interests of the entire university community and includes issues such as enrollment, academic quality, student life, diversity and equal opportunity, athletics, alumni, university leadership and fiscal health.

BearWorks consists of more than just its First Class folder, Anchors said.

Comment cards, which can be sent to the president, are available all over campus. Anchors said the president has received 12 to 14 responses ranging from questions such as "What is your dog's name?" to comments about parking and the intellectual atmosphere on campus.

There were two dialogue sessions held in late March, where students could talk with Hoff about issues on campus.

"It's an opportunity for people who are more interested in having face to face dialogue," Anchors said.

Hoff said there were many ways for the university to form a strategic plan to improve itself, but he didn't want to take the university back to square one.

"We thought it would try the patience of the university," he said.

Instead of starting all over, Hoff said ideas from the AFFIRM program and from

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origins should be sought by anyone seeking to understand the significance of this university.

"The phrase 'land grant' should immediately tell people what we are," said Hoff.

"Access" and "engagement" were two more key words Hoff sought to define and emphasize before the intent audience. A primary mission of his as president, he said, is to defuse the myth that Maine high school students don't have access to first-rate education.

"Whatever you are seeking, you can find it in Maine. Right now, 46 percent of our high school graduates go to college, but we can do better," he said.

Hoff cited a 32-year track record of meeting the expectations of both state government and industry in fields ranging from agriculture to federal agencies to industry. But he said he wanted to improve the numbers and slow the out-of-state exodus of Maine students.

"What will it take? It requires an access to excellence: Do we have the right programs? Do they meet the needs of the students? Are all programs student-oriented?" he said.

To realize this goal, he called on Provost Dwight Rideout and Vice Provost Daniel Dwyer to help make a pledge to students unable to graduate in a four-year bachelor's program in time because of scheduling restrictions. Those students finding the system working against them in this way would attend the university for the fifth year free of charge.

Hoff included endowed schools and colleges, avoidance of duplicate programs, and diversity programs on his list of improvements.

"I want to see a public and private partnership whose mission is to renovate our glorious buildings. We will seek endowments to keep them that way," he said.

Stressing UMaine's capacity for "engagement," Hoff said, "Nowhere on earth can (students) find such an array of top-quality programs at an affordable price."

The audience gave the new president a standing ovation following his address.

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"They will harass and bully," Molloy said. "They will push as much as they can, but they stay just within the legal limits. I encourage people to contact the attorney general's office or the Maine Trade Council if these situations are egregious enough."

According to Curtis, credit card companies are to blame for many debt problems.

"I put the burden on the credit card companies," Curtis said. "These people don't make assessments. They aren't under any legal obligation, but I think they're under some moral obligation to check and see if the people they are granting credit to are able to pay it back."

Curtis believes that some kind of legal action should be taken to help reduce the number of people in credit card debt, and to assist those people who find themselves in debt.

"Credit card companies should be obligated to provide warnings, similar to the alcohol, cigarette and gambling warnings, as to the addictive nature of the product that's being purveyed," Curtis said.

Part of the problem is that it is relatively easy to go through bankruptcy and start over with a clean slate. If it were harder to success-

fully go through bankruptcy, people might think more carefully before using their credit cards, according to Dunn and Curtis.

"The number of personal bankruptcies keeps increasing," Dunn said. "The stigma attached to bankruptcy has pretty much disappeared. It's pretty easy to go through that process."

"Ultimately, what would stop this is changing the use of the bankruptcy courts," Curtis said. "Right now they're very debtor-friendly. They should be more creditor-friendly."

Curtis is also in favor of passing legislation that would help people already in debt.

"We should allow some sort of financing for a counseling system for those who are in debt," Curtis said.

Until legislation is passed, if ever, people must simply pay close attention to their credit card habits in order to avoid the pitfalls of credit card debt, Dunn said.

"There's a lot of self-discipline required," Dunn said. "The only thing to do is to educate the consumer."

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always exist on campus. Seeing writings on walls, having people look at him (or not), and having people speed up to walk by are things he has to deal with on a daily basis.

"I don't like that it needs a big, major event for people to stand up and take notice," he said.

Peg Cruikshank, a lecturer in Women's Studies, said the university was sending a negative safety message to homosexuals by handing out different penalties in the two fall cases. Belanger lost his FirstClass privileges, while Masotta was given a one-year suspension. She said the university should send the message that anyone who makes a death threat against anyone else should receive a uniform treatment of expulsion.

Bill Kennedy, who heads Judicial Affairs and the Conduct Committee, said that while he could not make specific comments about the two

cases, he could say that the committee takes audience size into account when reprimanding someone. A telephone threat is more specific than a threat sent to several groups over e-mail. However, it should be noted that Belanger has since said that he only meant to send his message to one person. It was only by a technological slip that he sent the message to three public folders.

Gardner suggested a number of places for students to turn when they don't feel safe on campus: Campus Walking Companions, the Office of Equal Opportunity, the Center for Students and Community Life, and the Counseling Center, to name a few.

"We're always here and (people) can call us any time when any need arises," he said.

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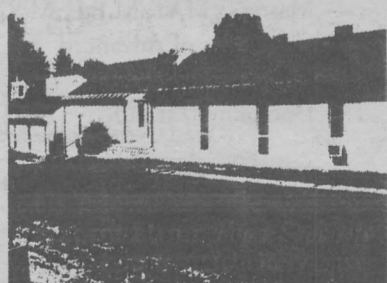
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only do that by being present."

The United States must have forces that are prepared for everything from small- to large-scale ventures and must not only meet the needs of the present, but be prepared for the needs of the future, Cohen said.

"If we do that well we are to see more synergy between our security efforts and our efforts to promote stability and prosperity," he said. "When our diplomats and our military forces combine to help create stability, that stability in turn attracts an investment, an investment that in turn attracts prosperity."

According to Cohen, prosperity feeds itself, giving rise to heightened security and stability.

Among other examples, he pointed out the Partnership for Peace Exercise, a pro-

gram initiated several years ago, under which 900 Warsaw Pact nations train together.

"It was a truly inspiring sight as nations who once trained to go to war against each other trained together in the cause of peace," he said.

Peace for Cohen, however, requires constant diligence.

"We don't have to become the world's policeman, but we can't let ourselves be taken prisoners," Cohen said.

UMaine President Peter Hoff said Cohen has one of the most consequential positions on earth.

"Throughout his public life, Secretary Cohen has focused the influence his Maine roots and values have had on his view of the world and the decisions he has made," Hoff said. "Given his current position, it's com-

forting to know his Maine roots and values are still firmly in place."

Cohen, a Bangor native, formerly taught business law in the College of Business Administration at UMaine. He is also a former city councilor and mayor of Bangor. He went on to serve three terms in the U.S. Senate and three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Maine's second district.

Upon retiring from the Senate, Cohen donated his papers to UMaine.

"With this rich collection of the foundation, the University of Maine established the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, affiliated with the College of Business," said Virginia Gibson, interim dean of the UMaine College of Business, Public Policy and Health.

According to Gibson, the center's broad mission is to leverage resources within the university to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. businesses, foster understanding of international policy issues and accelerate the economic development of Maine and the nation through education, research and outreach activities.

"I believe that the product of a public career should go to a public institution," Cohen said.

Following the speech, a group of about 15 protesters gathered outside the MCA holding signs bearing statements like "Don't shoot, Cohen, We're not Arabs." They were protesting U.S. foreign policy.

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BearWorks

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the recent presidential search were used.

"We did a lot of listening," he said.

From all of the listening and from the ideas of the administration, students and other groups, the BearWorks action plan was drafted. Hoff said the university community can now comment on the plan so it will suit the university best and people will be able to express how they feel about issues or whether they feel that something was left out.

"I hope we have a set of actions that are both achievable and desirable," he said.

Hoff said he wants the plan to be grassroots and to allow everybody to have access to it.

"We're trying to grow a strategic plan organically," he said. "Everyone's opinion is valued."

Hoff said he hopes for all, or a large percentage, of the BearWorks goals to be

achieved in the next two to three years.

"If we can achieve those things, we'll have a better university in doing so," he said.

Although there are many goals that could be taken care of first, Hoff said the most important one is for the university to grow and to a high-caliber group of students to go to the university.

Student involvement and impact is already evident at the university. Hoff said things such as UMaine's recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, first observed in 1998, make it apparent.

"It illustrates that when there's something people care about, and when they want to get their feelings known, they can get it heard," Hoff said.

Jaimie Moores, a computer science major, said she liked the new plan and the university is finally thinking about what students think.

"It will probably bring student input with

university matters because most of it has to do with students, such as enrollment, student life, financial aid, etc.," she said.

Debra Hatch, a journalism major, said she thought the plan was needed to let students know what the administration is doing with the money students pay, and that it had a lot of good points.

"For the students to know exactly what the president and the UMaine administration is doing is something that has been needed for a while. I think that a lot of people don't know most of the time what they are paying for and what is trying to be accomplished," she said.

Hatch said she hoped the plan would bring student input into university matters.

"Since we are paying a lot of money to the school, I think that we as students need to be able to express opinions about the things that we want and need, or that just need to be expressed," she said. "I recognize

that we have a student government, but often I don't think that the average student has a chance to express their point of view.

Although college athletics are an important part of school, Hatch said, music and the arts should be considered just as equally in the action plan.

"I know that President Hoff supports UMaine music and the arts, but I cannot understand why athletics were added to the list of things," she said. "Perhaps I didn't read it close enough. That would be my fault then, but I think as a music person that something should be added to cover, for example, tour expenses for the University Singers and the pep and marching bands, etc. to help alleviate some of their costs. Both should be as equal as can be."

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and another man who had been summoned blacked out. According to Stormann, the men were found innocent and their names were stricken from the record. In contrast, other law enforcement agencies, such as the Bangor Police Department, do release their reports upon request, without information blacked out.

"If somebody's charged, that becomes public information that goes statewide," Bangor Police Lt. Tim Reid said.

He said that, typically, those reports go on to the District Attorney's office, where they are then available to the public. The police will furnish reports, which contain the accused's name and address and the charges, to the media once charges have been filed in a case. However, Reid said, the police will not release evidentiary information.

Gordon Scott, a partner at Eaton, Peabody, Bradford and Veague, said after hearing that the names of the accused on the two obtained police reports had been blacked out, that such an act would not be permissible by a local police department or from state police. He said there are reasons why names can be withheld, but "to protect the name of someone who has been found innocent is not one of them."

"I'm not sure if the campus police are justified in withholding any record," said Scott, who worked on legislative representation for the Maine Press Association for nearly 20 years. "I don't think they're on particularly firm ground."

Scott saw three reasons crime records should be released on campus: to let students know how safe they are, to provide the campus community with a means to watch over the campus police, and to allow students and staff at UMaine to have an intelligent discussion about whether the police are responding adequately to crime.

"Unless we know what the dangers are out there, how on earth do you know how to protect yourself from those dangers?" said Mike Hiestand, an attorney at the Washington, DC-based Student Press Law Center, which provides legal advice for student newspapers across the country.

Stormann and Safety Prevention Officer Deb Mitchell visited a journalism class in September, prepared to discuss all seven reported "forcible rapes." Stormann very briefly allowed a student to view a summary of the reports. Stormann said he has since researched what he can and can't release and it has made him more cautious than before. He said he had to check with the Attorney General's office and Public Safety attorneys to see what to black out on the reports and what

could be released.

"I had information with me I just probably shouldn't have taken with me," Stormann said. "We've all had an experience from this."

In one released report of an incident that happened in April 1996, a woman walked home from a party with a classmate. They proceeded to go to her room, undress and have sex. But when she told her friend to stop, the man did not. He was arrested by Public Safety later that morning and taken to the Penobscot County jail.

In the other released report, of an incident that happened a month earlier, a man unzipped a woman's pants, pinned her against a wall and masturbated on her. The report indicates that Public Safety gave him a written harassment warning and a summons for unlawful sexual contact. The report also states that the victim requested the case be referred to the conduct office in Judicial Affairs.

Stormann said a victim can decide whether to pursue the case in-house in Judicial Affairs or in District Court. Often, a case is sent to both places. In court, a jury or judge has to rule "beyond a reasonable doubt," while Judicial Affairs has to find a "preponderance of evidence."

Stormann said it is not double jeopardy to try someone in front of both bodies, but it serves as a backup for the victim. If there is not enough evidence to bring the accused to a trial, there still may be enough evidence to take action through Judicial Affairs.

Bill Kennedy, director for Judicial Affairs, views the in-house process as an educational experience for people who come before him. Any ruling the committee makes, with the exception of suspension or expulsion, is erased from a student's record upon graduation.

After receiving the blacked-out reports, the *Campus* requested the names of both men from Public Safety Associate Director Charles Chandler. He responded five days later with a letter, citing the Criminal History Record Information Act, MRSA Title 16, sections 611 through 622, as amended, as reasons for not providing the names. Title 16, Section 611 states that non-conviction data, which includes a record of acquittal, cannot be released to the public. However, Section 612 states that "original records of entry, such as police blotters, that are maintained by criminal justice agencies that are compiled and organized chronologically" can be released.

"My own feeling is that the Legislature has reduced the scope of records that are available for public inspection," Scott said.

He said that in the last 10 years in Maine,

newspapers have been losing most of their battles in the Legislature. He pointed to the Bangor Daily News' victory in 1988, when it sued the Bangor Police Department for the right to review applications for the chief of police. A year after that victory, Scott said, the Legislature changed the rules so those records are no longer available. He said the most significant improvements for press freedom were made in the 1950s and 1960s and have not been repeated.

"Around the country, the press is finding the public is not especially happy with them and it's being reflected in some of the legislation and court rulings," said Hiestand.

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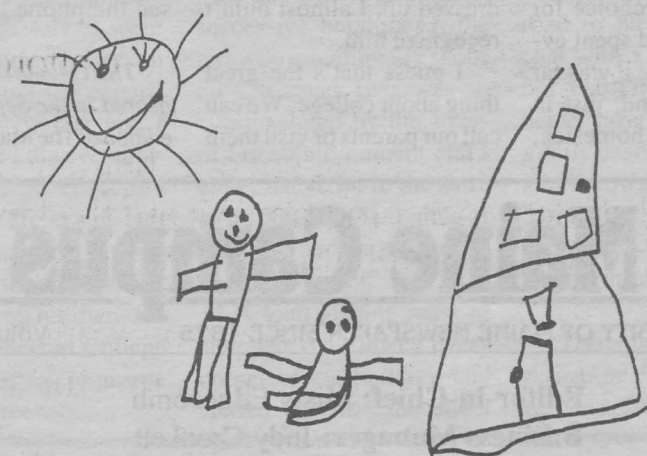
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EDITORIAL

Homesickness at college inevitable

Although most of us don't want to admit it, we were either really happy that our parents, friends and family came to see us for Family and Friends Weekend or we were at least a little bit homesick because they didn't.

Unfortunately, I was one of the people who felt homesick. Not only was it Family and Friends Weekend, but it was also my birthday. Mom and Dad haven't been able to come up for the last two years because of the seven-hour drive. Although they called to wish me a happy birthday and sent me a package in the mail, I was pretty bummed that we couldn't be together. I knew from the time I applied to the University of Maine that things like this would happen, but I was still sad knowing that my parents were so far away.

Many students who are choosing which colleges they want to attend say they want to get as far away from home as possible, they want to have their independence and they don't think they'll ever be homesick.

I was dying to get out of Connecticut and, although my parents and I have always had a good relationship, I was also eager to get away from them and live my own life. Maine sounded like the best choice for me because I had spent every summer here; it was far enough away, and, just in case I was a bit homesick,

my grandpa and quite a few family members would be up here.

Like many of us, though, homesickness slapped me in the face. All of a sudden I realized I missed the people I wanted to get away from.

By Kristen Dobler

when we miss them, but the rest of our time we can do what ever we want.

Last weekend was pretty good, though, even without my parents. I was lucky



I found that once I started living on my own, all the things that my parents told me to do, like "make your bed," "make sure you study" and "check your car's oil" were actually important. I realized that all they had been trying to tell me for so long were things that were going to help me out in life – it wasn't just to annoy me.

While most of my friends complained of how their parents were or were not coming to visit, I could tell that those whose parents were coming looked forward to seeing them.

It was funny to see dorm rooms looking immaculately clean, most of us up before noon and signs of hangovers slim to none. I'll never forget seeing a guy I knew last year, who had a tendency to be drunk at least every other night, with his parents – completely sober and dressed up. I almost didn't recognize him.

I guess that's the great thing about college: We can call our parents or visit them

enough to be "adopted" by my friend's parents and her little brother. We all went around and did the typical things that almost every family did last weekend.

I guess being asked the typical questions, like "Are you eating enough?" "How are classes going?" "Do you have enough money?" just sound good sometimes.

As much as we are ready to get back to school and get away from our parents once we've been home for a while, we also are eager to return home and see them once breaks come around. I think we all come to realize how important parents really are in most of our lives and that they really do deserve credit for what they've done. I don't know if we'd ever admit that to them, but at least we know it in our hearts and they know it when they see the phone bill.

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Off-season assumptions

"Stuck in Orono for the whole summer? Damn, that must've sucked."

Nearly succumbing to the temptation to agree, I swallowed my affirmation and took a little stand.

"Nah, actually, it was probably the best summer I've ever had."

"Really? You wouldn't catch me sticking around here; way too boring."

As an uplifting segment of an actual conversation forced me to realize, Orono is, contrary to popular belief, a superlative place to spend the warm months of summer. Whether you're here to make up for credits "lost" during the winter or just scrap-

down to the river and bodysurfing in the rapids? If your speed is going to keg parties, bars or watching cable television, perhaps a summer in New Jersey is for you. But if you like sending golf balls over the river, \$1 movies at Spotlight and the occasional game of baseball, Orono fits

the bill.

One of the most pleasing aspects of summer life in the Old Town-Orono area was the ability to travel nearly everywhere via bicycle. Whether to the store, class or work, the

need big bucks and you're not into computers or engineering, look elsewhere. But if one is thrifty and willing to forgo Borders cappuccino or a convertible, starving is not a problem.



By Paul Livingstone

Another don't is living alone. Unless you're willing to canvas Margarita's on a regular basis or live life on the Internet, people can be hard to come by. But with roommates, an occa-

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ing by at \$5.75-per-hour part-time jobs, if you can stand Orono during the winter, the summer is a breeze.

Hoping for an internship in Massachusetts, I rather dreaded the prospect of having to spend a summer working in Bangor. As it turned out, I was Bangor-bound, but I chose to live in Orono. After a couple of cookouts, hikes, road trips and one of the best courses I had all year, I realized I was not in a cultural purgatory.

UMaine summer classes are a wonderful invention. After the grind of a long semester, the opportunity to focus on one thing for a month and leave everything else at home is refreshing. Plus, the whole atmosphere of the classroom is relaxed, but still rigorous.

And where else can one end a day of class by walking

many bicycle trails ease traffic. There is nothing like the feeling of eliminating one foul-smelling auto from the glut of gas-guzzlers traversing Stillwater Avenue on a daily basis. Plus, it gave me the chance to eliminate some of the health complications a winter of coffee, ice cream, beer and insomnia imparts to one's body.

Besides what's available right in town, the Orono area is a superlative jumping-off place for dozens of fun summer road trips. Baxter is a possible day trip, the coast is 20 minutes away and Canada is two hours away. And for those who went, Orono beat almost everyone for driving time.

There are some do's and don'ts to the Orono summer experience, one of the foremost being financial. If you

sional get-together or even a bona fide party is workable. Even better, live in an apartment complex. The heat doesn't have to work during the summer, and the neighbors have grown to expect bass thump on the weekends.

Of the myriad of opportunities summer at UMaine had to offer me last year, without question my best memory will be traveling to Cadillac Mountain late one evening after a Dunkin' Donuts run and witnessing the most exquisite sunrise I have ever seen. It only affirmed what I suspected all along: Orono is not only a great place to attend classes, it's also not a bad place to live.

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Friends' secrets hard to keep

I've been wrestling with a few moral questions as of late. For instance: Is there a statute of limitations for keeping secrets? And, when the friendship dissolves, do the promises you made dissolve, too?

I was sitting at my desk the other day when I remembered this particularly juicy secret I've kept for quite a long time (five years, to be exact.) As I remembered that I was keeping the secret, a strong urge to tell someone came over me. Never mind that the secret was old, petty, null and void – I still had to tell someone. Secrets are just that way.

Sharing a secret is like releasing this internal pressure cooker inside of you that has been building pressure from the first minute you heard it. People share these intimate facts to develop a bond and show that they put their trust in a person. When we were younger, a secret was the true test of friendship. A friend was someone who could keep a secret longer than a week and a best friend was someone who could keep a secret longer than a month.

The idea of having secrets is really kind of phony, because someone always spills the beans. As my friends are all settling down

with permanent mates, I know my sphere of secrets naturally extends to them. For instance, whenever I tell a friend something and tell her not to do say a word, I know full well she'll tell her husband. I also know he won't care (my fiancé couldn't give two shakes about some of the information I pass on to him), but it's nice to release that pressure just the same.

The hilarious aspect of secrets is that we'll all never learn. The minute

Public relations people thrive on the aspect of human nature that loves to share secrets by "leaking" information to the press. We journalists are probably the most scurrilous secret keepers around. Our jobs are to go after secrets, uncover them and expose them to the world. (Hmm. And I wonder why we get such a bad rap sometimes...) It makes our jobs cool at the same time because we often learn the



By Kathryn Ritchie

we share an intimate detail, we may have just shouted it from a mountain top. And what's worse is when we pass on other people's secrets. We always say, "I heard this about Alex, but you can't tell anyone..."

How can you trust a person to keep in confidence the same thing you couldn't?

Another key question in keeping and telling secrets is the definition of secrecy. Do you lose a secret the minute you share it because you've shared it? Or can 10 or 100 people all keep a "secret"? If they can, then how secret is a secret, really?

All questions, but, alas, no answers.

big secrets first.

I don't think I'm a horrible friend or in a horrible profession because I share secrets. I think that as you grow older you grow out of telling secrets. You share personal information with friends not under the guise of secrecy but under the cloak of friendship. Friendship doesn't require you to swear an oath of secrecy, but a promise of discretion. And as you grow up, you also learn that the only true secret is the one you keep to yourself.

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Maine roots resist city lure

While the other neighborhood children were gleefully playing Barbie or Tonka trucks, my brother and I spent countless hours when we were little staging a musical production of "Peter Pan" in our basement or dramatically recreating an escape from communist East Germany in the potato fields flanking our home.

As we snaked barefoot through the witches' caps and cattails, imaginary police dogs in hot pursuit, we had a sense of the great big world beyond Aroostook County and knew that we desperately wanted to be a part of it.

As we've grown, he and I have forged a close friendship based on shared interests in art, history and literature which often kept us distant from our monster-truck-loving peers. He knows my hopes and dreams for life because they are also his. We've shared many of the same formative experiences: the first thrilling moments of thundering bass notes after the curtain rises to expose the Phantom of the Opera in his lair, the breathtaking view of Paris sprawling over the landscape to the horizon from atop the Arc de Triomphe on a clear winter morning and the ageless power of the written word.

The few tastes of the greater world that our parents and high school were able to provide created an insatiable thirst for experience, so my brother and I never doubted the eventuality of a college education and an adult life in a distant city. In typical fashion, my younger sibling was the first to strike out on his own, enrolling at Emerson College in Boston this fall to pursue an acting career.

I jealously listened to him recount his Boston adventures with each anxiously awaited phone call since September, and I longed to experience his urban life. The extended Columbus Day weekend provided a perfect opportunity, so I boarded a bus and headed south for a few days of culture and excitement. Plans had been set for weeks—theater, dining somewhere with real linens, a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts—we were determined to try out the cosmopolitan lifestyle that we so desired for our

above, clogging the sidewalk and wandering into traffic. There is an ironic loneliness to a congested city street and it was depressing for me to realize that among the thousands of souls sharing the sidewalk, no one knew or cared what any other individual was doing.

Since childhood, I had been seduced by the glamorous images of city life reflected in the glossy pages of Vogue and Mirabella. I believed that my adult life couldn't be complete without bustling streets and nights at

futures.

I tried to be sophisticated and worldly when we dressed up to shop on Newbury Street, and confidently walked by street vendors as my brother's friend hissed in my ear, "Whatever you do, don't make eye contact."

Despite my best efforts, though, the Armani salespeople still intimidated me, and I couldn't resist gazing up at the Hancock Tower in amazement from time to time.

Sunday, I dragged my brother from store to store in search of the perfect outfit, and grew increasingly irritated with the crowds at each successive boutique. I, the girl who intentionally shops on Christmas Eve, was so overwhelmed by the stress of Filene's Basement that I either had to leave the store or lie down in the middle of the floor and scream to release the tension.

A loud jostling mass of shoppers overflowed every corner of the building and spilled out into the street

the opera. I was wrong.

As we grow older, both my brother and I are realizing that our roots run deep in Maine's rocky soil and that we can't be completely happy separated from its gray sea and green firs. We had a wonderful three-day adventure in the city, a whirlwind of new experiences and exciting sights, but I arrived home Monday financially and emotionally drained.

For all its glitter and pretension, Newberry Street could never compare to a peaceful two-lane Maine route where you can stop your car in the middle of the road to have a nice long chat with a friendly neighbor. I still hope for "La Bohème" now and then, but on a daily basis, a serene life in small-town Maine miles from any subway station promises a wonderfully exciting future.

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If it's not crack, then butt out

In Waukesha, Wis., five boys have been suspended from school for three days and face criminal prosecution for giving another boy a wedgie. A wedgie, if you don't already know, involves yanking someone's underwear upward while it's still being worn, causing the underwear to be wedged in the recipient's butt. The "victim" in this case, as in most cases, was not seriously injured.

When they go to juvenile court Nov. 12, each boy could face disorderly conduct citations, which carry fines of \$141. The five were all either 12 or 13.

Did I miss something here?

As the former target of bullies, I can't condone the boys' actions, but I also don't see why law enforcement needed to be brought into the picture. A three-day suspension also may have been a little harsh. Doesn't the school have a detention program?

There are many more serious issues in today's schools than wedgies. In the inner cities, and increasingly in smaller towns, children are coming to school armed. Others are selling crack on the playground and getting their classmates hooked for their dealers, some of who are their parents.

Needless to say, the parents of the accused wedgie boys are less than pleased, both with their children and with the principal, who called sheriff's deputies to deal with the "attack," as she termed it.

Increasingly, police and school officials are finding it necessary to step in and do the jobs that traditionally fell

under the domain of parenting. True, schools have a responsibility to act "in loco parentis" as children's guardians in the absence of their parents. But this is taking it to the extreme. If the victim's parents had wanted to file a complaint and have the other boys arrested, fine. The principal, in a purely reactionary, spur-of-the-moment manner, usurped that power in calling authorities.

The case against the boys begs one question:

By Derek Rice

foot-7 and weighed 65 pounds. Don't think my small size kept the bullies away. It seems that smaller boys are great sport for older and bigger boys. I was tackled, chased, punched and called names, among other things. Fortunately, I was never the recipient of a wedgie, atomic or regular. I can sympathize with the "victim" in this case, but I still feel police intervention was



Will "Seinfeld" end up in court for a second time this year? Earlier, a fired Miller Brewing Co. employee introduced a tape of the "Mulva" episode he had been quoting to a female co-worker, who filed a sexual harassment complaint against him.

Earlier in "Seinfeld's" run there was an episode in which wedgies, particularly those of the "atomic" variety, were discussed. In a flashback, George was shown on the receiving end of such a wedgie.

If we start prosecuting school yard bullies for their actions, where will we draw the line? And what would be the statute of limitations? Could I go back and have those who taunted me in grade school prosecuted?

There will always be bullies, and they'll probably always give wedgies as part of their reign of terror over the playground. That doesn't make it right, I realize, but it does make it less surprising that something like this would happen.

When I was 12, I was 4-

unnecessary. I mean, these five boys weren't holding him down and shooting heroin into his veins, were they?

Unless these boys have paper routes, they won't be the ones paying the fines. Even if they do have paper routes, they may be working a long time to raise \$141. I know I didn't get rich doing my paper route when I was 12.

So the parents are going to have to shell out the fine money, assuming the boys receive fines. In turn, maybe they'll decide to punish their boys for their boys' behavior. What it amounts to is an arm of the government dictating how parents deal with their children, and that is just wrong. Let parents discipline their children as they want and butt out.

If these boys are found guilty, maybe I'll look into filing suits against some of the bullies from my past. I'm coming to get you, Paul Lindahl.

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Games you can play to impress the prof

Hoo boy. Not that I don't enjoy these exercises between us, faithful reader, but with graduation looming it is difficult to focus on anything but the future. Of course, I will miss the \$9.23 paycheck that leaves me gasping with anticipation each week, but hey! Sometimes you have to sacrifice material gain to pursue your dreams, you dig?

Rest assured, ye of good op-ed taste, that I won't leave without imparting some final words of... well, not wisdom, perhaps, but something that won't bore you, at least.

In this spirit, I think it proper to offer advice that might help improve your academic experience, or at least provide some cheap entertainment. (These days, it is sometimes hard to differ-

and sincere discussion.

The professors aren't fooled, of course. If there is one thing you develop rising through academia, it is a nose for bullshit. These students have learned well one truism of post-modern life: Substance is out of fashion; style means everything. Governments, presidents, provosts, deans, papers, tests... it's all just public-relations theory. Put on a proper show, and

By Scott Labby

get lucky with your gun-of-the-day. If your cheek-stroker is the first to suck-up three times during the course of the class, well, you get bingo! Of course, to win you must somehow raise your hand and, while discussing something nonsensical, squeeze the word "bingo" into your dis-



everything falls into place.

Ah, well, I was getting to something, wasn't I? Oh yes. How to cope, indeed? Ignore the sobering implications for life in the next millennia and have a little fun. How?

course. A sample:

Gunner: Yes, yes, oh-mi-god yes; I get it now! Brilliant!

Professor: A comment, Mr. Labby?

Mr. Labby: Well, at first I didn't grasp the seminal

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entiate between the two). I promise that this column will add another dimension to the classroom that you might have thought impossible.

All of us know that, even in the best classes, boredom is sometimes inevitable. Of course, boredom is often exacerbated by bores who always make up a small (though noticeable) percentage of our fellow students. You know the routine: been a long day; just want a beer; gee whiz, I'm hungry; ah jeez, have to go to class. To make matters worse, there is always that person who is always prepared. This is forgivable.

What is impossible to dismiss are those intellectual skid marks who, despite having nothing to say, say it anyway. You know who you are: the brown-nosers; the ass-smoochers; the gunners; the twitching, crawling, slug-like masses who substitute inane chatter for real thought

Gunner bingo: A wonderful little game that developed in law and medical schools many years ago. It goes like this: Have a partner or two join you in choosing the most annoying gunners in the class. Put the names in a hat (or beer mug) and select one each. Go to class. (Sorry.) Wait for the gunners to begin to, well, gun.

There are many ways to do this. The stupid comment is the most classic maneuver. Professional gunners often develop a far more intricate style, however. Many have perfected the art of nodding violently whenever the professor's gaze falls upon them. Some gasp randomly to show that the material is affecting them to the point of orgasm. Whatever the methods of your favorite gunner, it is possible to get enjoyment out of all the different forms.

Anyway, the trick is to

[isn't that a neat word?] epiphany reached by the protagonist within the Leninist-Marxist context of the Hegelian vernacular so often juxtaposed against the spiritual backdrop within the work, but then, it was, like, bingo!

Professor: Wonderful, Mr. Labby!

Mr. Labby: Thanks!

I win!
My personal variation is gunner tic-tac-toe. You can play alone or with a friend. Two gunners—one "X," one "O." You get the idea. I was playing alone in one of my classes last week and one guy became the gunning champ of my undergrad years. In only 30 minutes, he won four games; his fellow gunner managed only one "O." It was majestic.

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Putting pedestrians in their place

It annoys me when I'm about to cross the street at a crosswalk and cars stop for me. Why are you stopping for me? Keep going. I'll cross when the road is clear.

Likewise, when I'm driving and a pedestrian on the opposite side of the street steps off the curb, I think: Two points!

You don't have to spend much time driving around campus between classes to notice that pedestrians have little regard for traffic. Hey, look, there's a crosswalk, I think I'll just keep walking and part traffic like Moses parted the Red Sea.

I say motorists should run these ignorant zombies down.

In the last few years, Maine cities and towns, concerned with promoting pedestrian-friendly downtowns, have flexed their muscle against the big bad motorists who careen through the streets, knocking poor pedestrians back onto the curb. Towns have rolled construction barrels and cones into the middle of their streets, with signs telling motorists that state law requires them to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

There's a problem, though: That's not the law. The law says "an operator must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the same half of the way or approaching so closely as to be in danger."

In other words: Don't hit pedestrians.

The proliferation of the construction barrels and signs is due in large part to the spreading belief among concerned residents and municipal officers that motorists are somehow to blame for accidents involving pedestrians. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggest otherwise.

In 1994, the year for

which the most recent statistics are available, 33 percent of pedestrian fatalities were attributed by police to "improper crossing of the roadway or intersection." And in 46 percent of fatalities in which the driver or pedestrian was intoxicated, the pedestrian was drunk 30 percent of the time.

Police in Waterville, one of the most recent cities to jump on the pedestrian-safety bandwagon, got a surprise last summer when they counted 663 jaywalkers in an eight-hour span over two days. The city received a grant from the state for a little more than \$10,000 to promote pedestrian safety. The police used some of the money to place cones in the

shown that "children at play" signs do little to slow motorists and decrease accident rates. Children think they can play in the road and parents get a false sense of security.

What's missing in all this pedestrian-safety hoopla is common sense. Any semi-intelligent person should realize it's not safe to step off the curb just feet in front of an oncoming car. After spending a few minutes in front of the federal building in Bangor or you'll see plenty of people blindly cross the street, some with children in tow.

Of course, blind or not, pedestrians who ignore common sense must be pro-



By Ryan Robbins

middle of some streets — a practice the Maine Department of Transportation's Local Roads Center frowns on because the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (the traffic engineer's bible) doesn't allow barrels and cones to be used for anything but channeling traffic in utility and construction work zones.

After Waterville placed the cones, Police Chief John Norris told the Morning Sentinel: "I've seen a change in some vehicles' behavior, but not in the jaywalkers'."

That's probably because pedestrians, seeing the signs telling motorists to stop, think they have a license to walk into crosswalks with impunity.

"(Pedestrians) are taking the chance and they're entering the crosswalk and zipping right through with the attitude, 'Hey, all you cars, you'd better watch out and stop for me,'" Pete Coughlan, director of the Local Roads Center, said last year. "That increased sense of security by pedestrians may get them in trouble sometime."

Indeed, studies have

tected, as must motorists who are caught off guard. Are barrels and cones the answer? Nobody knows because no studies have been done. But authorities should discourage pedestrians from crossing the street at any old place. Eliminate non-intersection crosswalks and provide fewer on streets on which the distance between intersections is too much. Too many crosswalks increase the chances of motorists rear-ending each other as they stop and go while attempting to avoid wayward pedestrians. Do we really need two or three crosswalks intersecting at a point when one crosswalk would do?

In the end, the best way to solve the problem is for pedestrians to look both ways before crossing and for motorists to keep all eyes on the road. A little enforcement of current jay-walking laws wouldn't hurt, either.

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Religion stifles female voice

While perusing the discussion folders in my First-Class account recently, I happened upon the gender folder. For some odd reason, a number of files pertained to the subject of God and religion. Whatever the reason for using this folder to discuss such debated issues is no matter, rather the content of these messages really got me thinking.

Discussions and disagreements about God are nothing new, I know, but what amazes me is the widespread interest and participation of students in religious activities on campus. My experience with religion lasted about 13 years and involved going to church on Sundays with my family, which is memorable because we were always late, and participating in activities for children. From what I remember, few of these outings involved reading the Bible or praying. Rather, the extent of involving God in our fun was through singing or playing hide-and-seek in our church. Looking back, those were fun times that have given me lasting memories.

My interest in church and God dwindled during high school and is signified now only by celebrating Christmas and Easter, depending how one looks at things. I do not attach a spiritual or religious meaning to these holidays, they are merely a time to be with family, eat good food and spend money none of us should. I don't know when I determined that my belief or faith in God was null and void; it wasn't the product of a negative, life-changing experience. Perhaps through deep introspection and questioning I was able to arrive at this

conclusion, not unlike how religious people decide their involvement with God.

This widespread, active interest in religion is not unique to the University of Maine. The better known Christian groups, Campus Crusade for Christ and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, have 650 and 700 campus organizations nationwide, respectively. There are a number of other groups on college campuses that promote the beliefs of Islam, Judaism and Hinduism, among others, but Campus Crusade for Christ and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship seem to be rather prominent at UMaine. From what I have gathered through talking with students involved in these

of the Bible (I use mine as a door-stopper, by the way). I owe my parents some credit for teaching me God is an internal strength people can draw on for their own survival, not a fanatical or angry element within ourselves.

Admittedly, I don't know a whole lot about these groups, but what I do know disappoints me. These same people who interpret the Bible to say homosexuality is wrong would probably never admit that certain areas of it are breeding grounds for male supremacy. That's fine for Promise Keepers and their wives, but I'll pass, no thanks.

One of the best things I have learned since coming

groups, a sense of faith, belonging and security maintains a devout following.

I do not take issue with people who promote loving thy neighbor and all that (I'm a little behind on the terminology), but I have little tolerance for people who encourage stamping out "sinners" and "evil-doers," more specifically homosexuals. This insistence of wrongdoing is derived from the Bible and is reinforced in many ways, subtle or otherwise, by the followers of God. This judgment of "deviant" lifestyles by Christian groups seems to go against everything they believe — love, forgiveness, acceptance... Where's the logic, if any?

It is mind-boggling to think some people believe everyone should live their life according to the words

to college is the importance of giving women a voice and a choice. I have to wonder if these Christian groups are stifling the creativity and boundless strength of women. I would venture to say students involved in Christ-loving organizations are worse perpetrators of enforcing gender roles than are fraternities and sororities. We won't go there, though...

This trend on college campuses looks to be long-lasting. One has to wonder if there is any place nowadays safe from religious influence. For my sake, I hope so. I don't want to be told how to live my life, and I certainly wouldn't tell anyone else how to live theirs.

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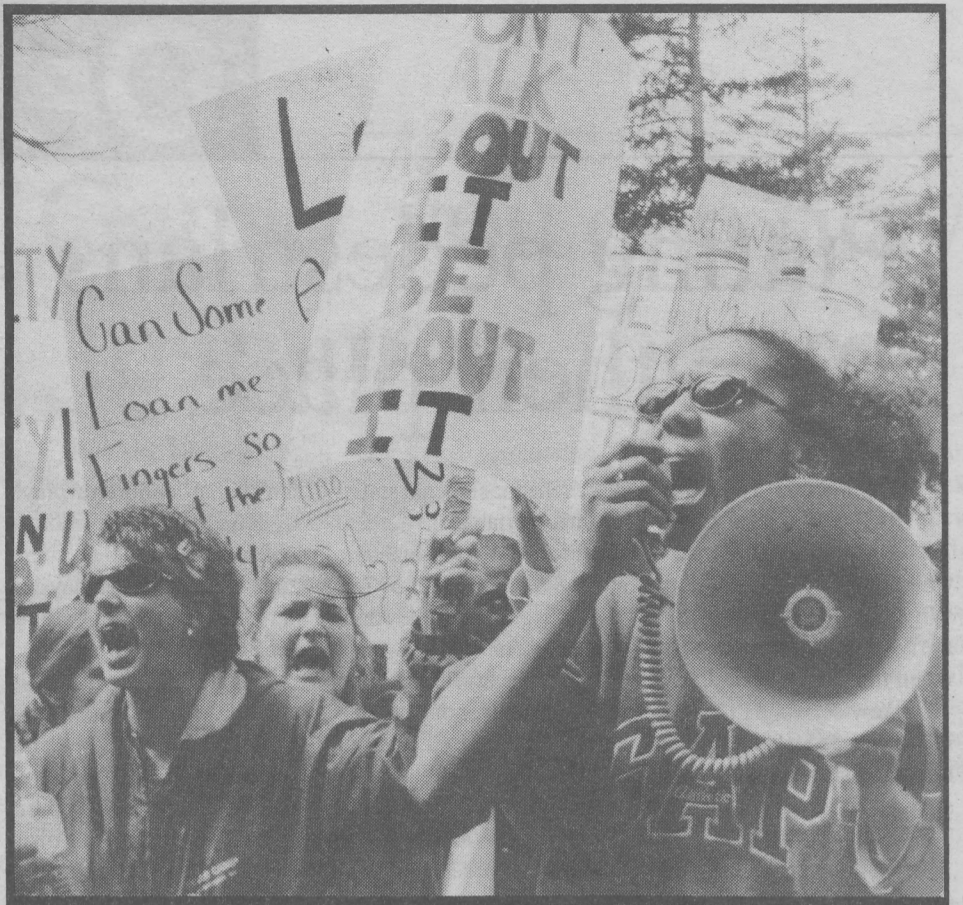


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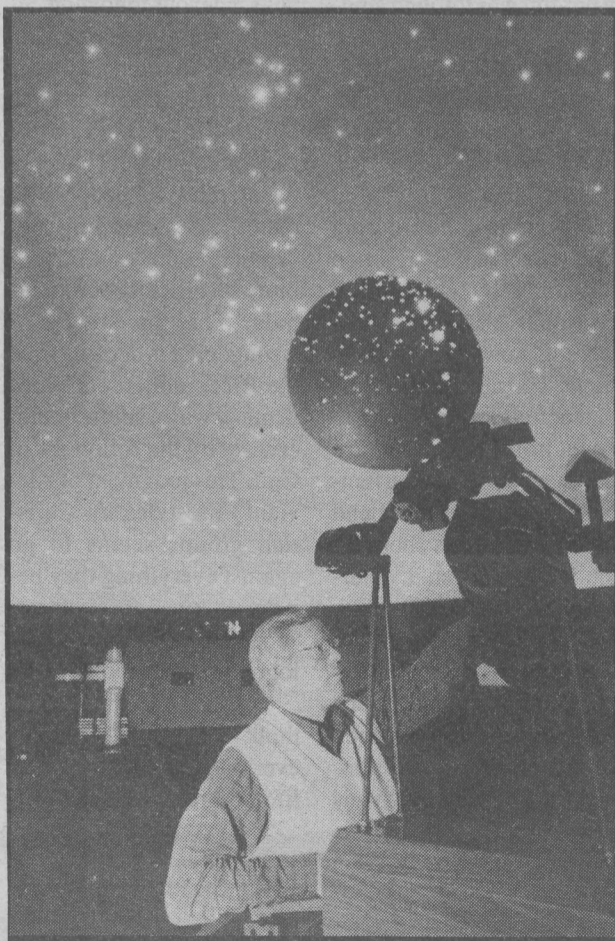
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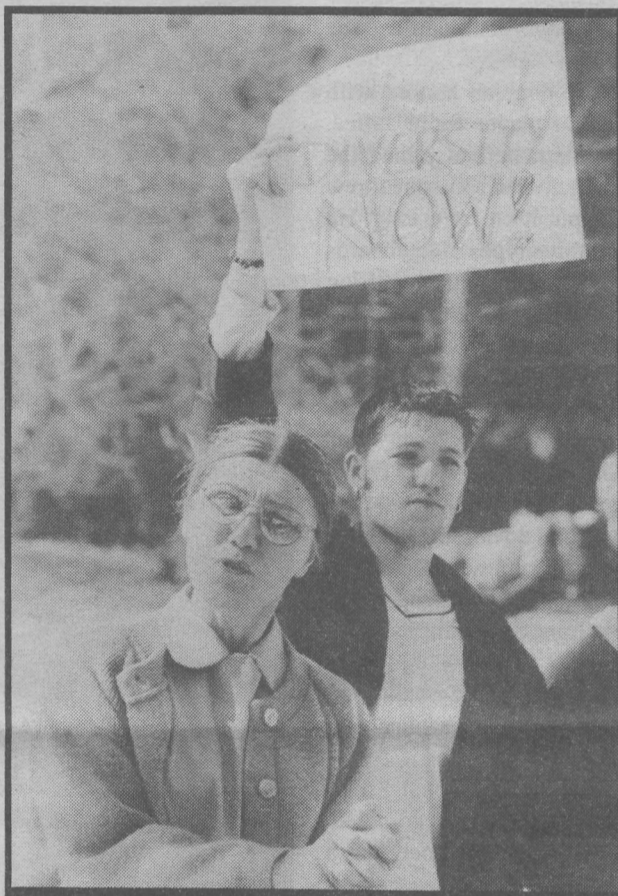
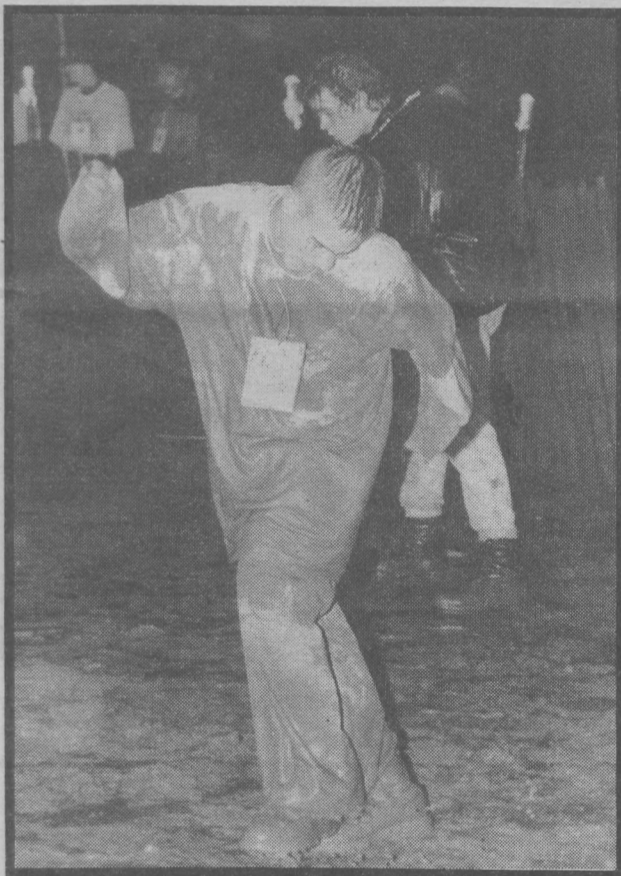
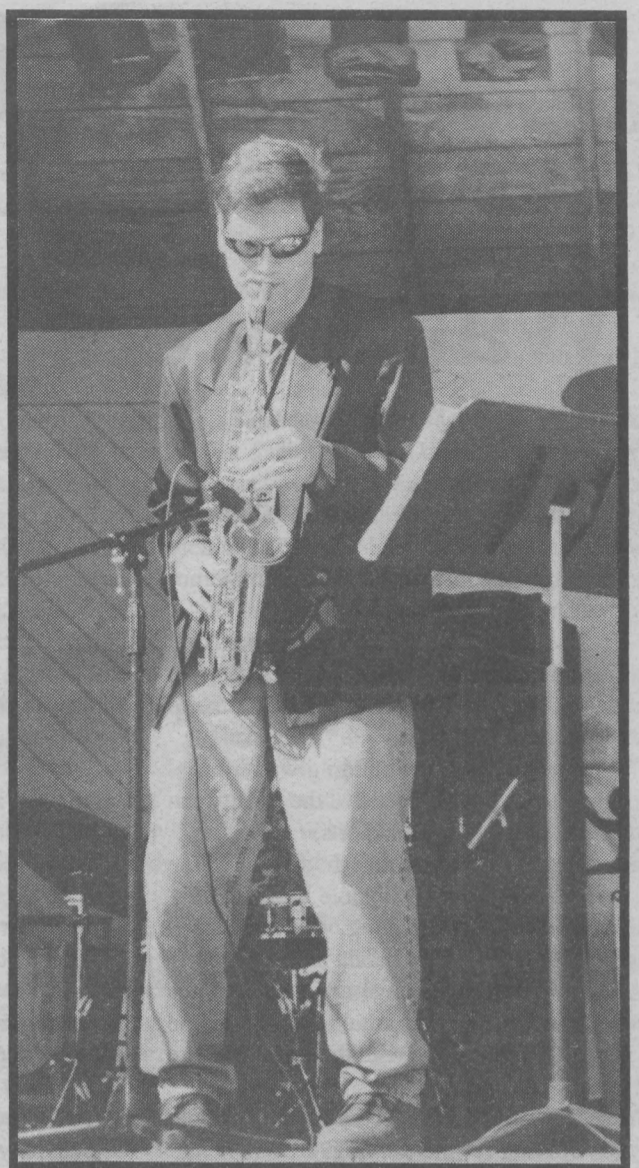
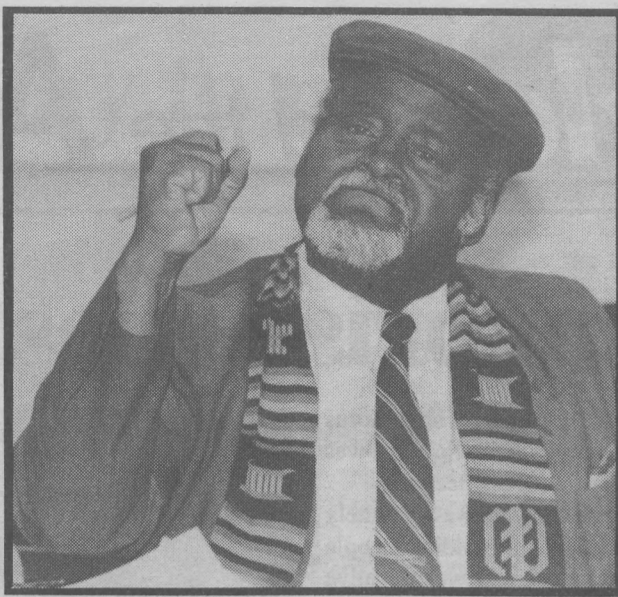
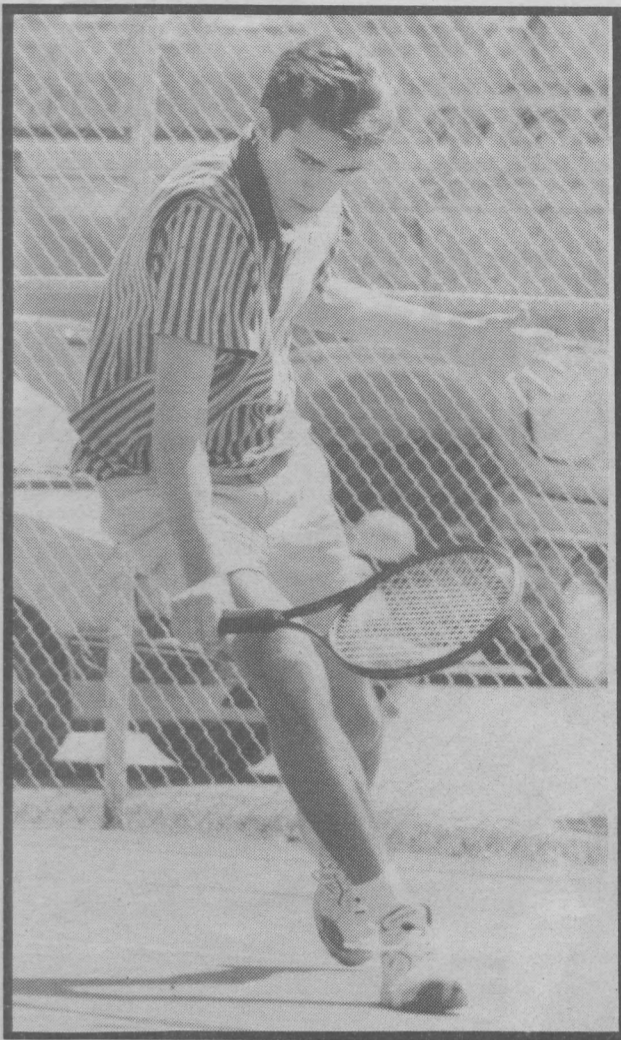
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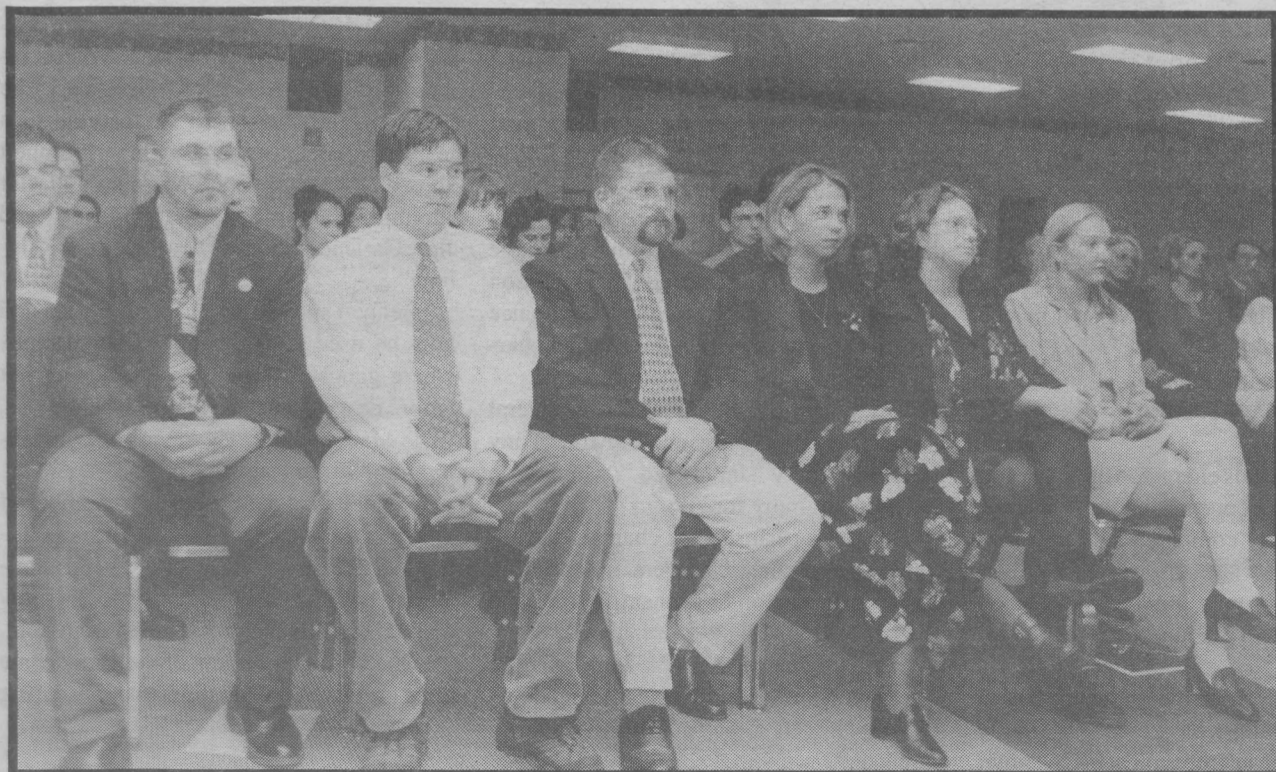
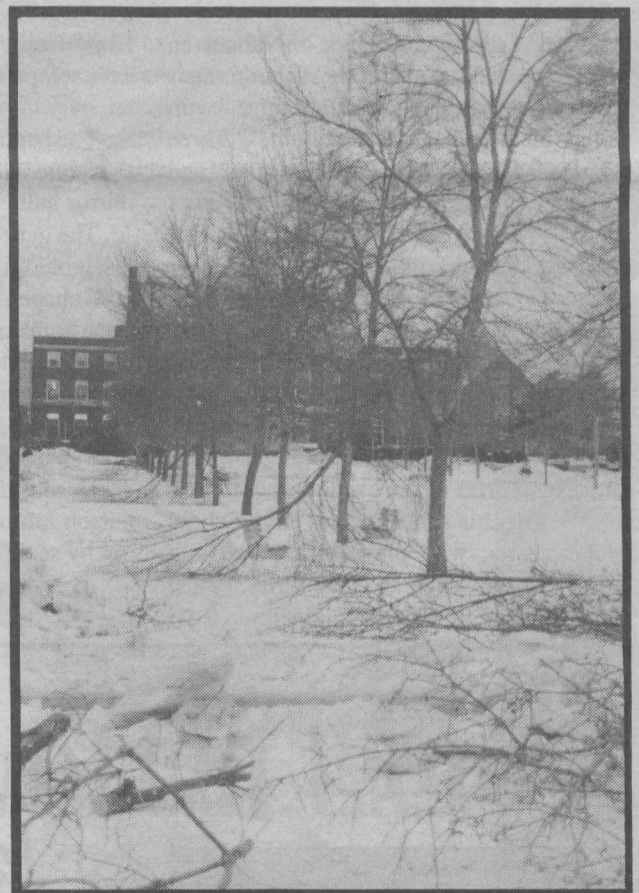
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Style and the Arts

• In concert

Wallflowers, surprise guest rock Alfond

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

In case you missed it, the Wallflowers were in town Friday night, Dec. 5, and more than 4,000 people were there to commemorate an occasion of sorts.

The show, sponsored by Residents on Campus, was only the second ever held in Alfond Arena. The first was the Grateful Dead.

The sound in the building was surprisingly good, and showed that the facility can be used for more than sports.

The first person to take the stage after the two opening acts, Maypole and the Jayhawks, was Stephen King, who introduced himself and then the band.

"We started playing one of their songs on K-Rock two and a half years ago," he said. "They were great then and they're great now."

This was not the last the audience would see of King for the evening.

The band then launched its show with a rendition of Rod Stewart's "Tonight's the Night."

The Wallflowers played for about an hour and a half, drawing mostly from their latest CD, "Bringing Down the Horse," with songs including "One Headlight," "Three Marlenas," "6th Avenue Heartache" and "The Difference." They also played "Ashes to Ashes" and "Sugarfoot" from their first album. For entertainment value, their cover of Smokey Robinson's "Tracks of my Tears" was priceless.

At the end of their set, before the encore, there was a seeming mass exodus from the floor. The band returned to play "Invisible City." Then the Wallflowers pulled out their biggest surprise of the evening.

Wearing his son's Bangor High School jacket, King, who plays in a band with fellow writers, such as Dave Barry, called Rock Bottom Reminders, joined the band

for its finale, a bluesy number with a chorus of "I ain't never coming back." He was offered a chance to solo, but declined.

Lead singer Jakob Dylan was definitely the most popular guy in the building. People magazine's sexiest rock star was talkative all evening, chatting with those at the front of the stage and urging the audience to exhibit more enthusiasm. He elicited shrieks from the female members of the audience by winking as he sang.

Vying for most popular honors with Dylan was keyboard player Rami Jaffee. Earlier in the evening, he had joined the Jayhawks for a song. When someone threw a bra on stage, he put it on for a song. He switched between three types of keyboards throughout the night occasionally puffing on a cigar.

Lead guitarist Michael Ward was impressive, stepping out of the shadows to solo during each song. His harmonizing with Dylan helped carry the music.

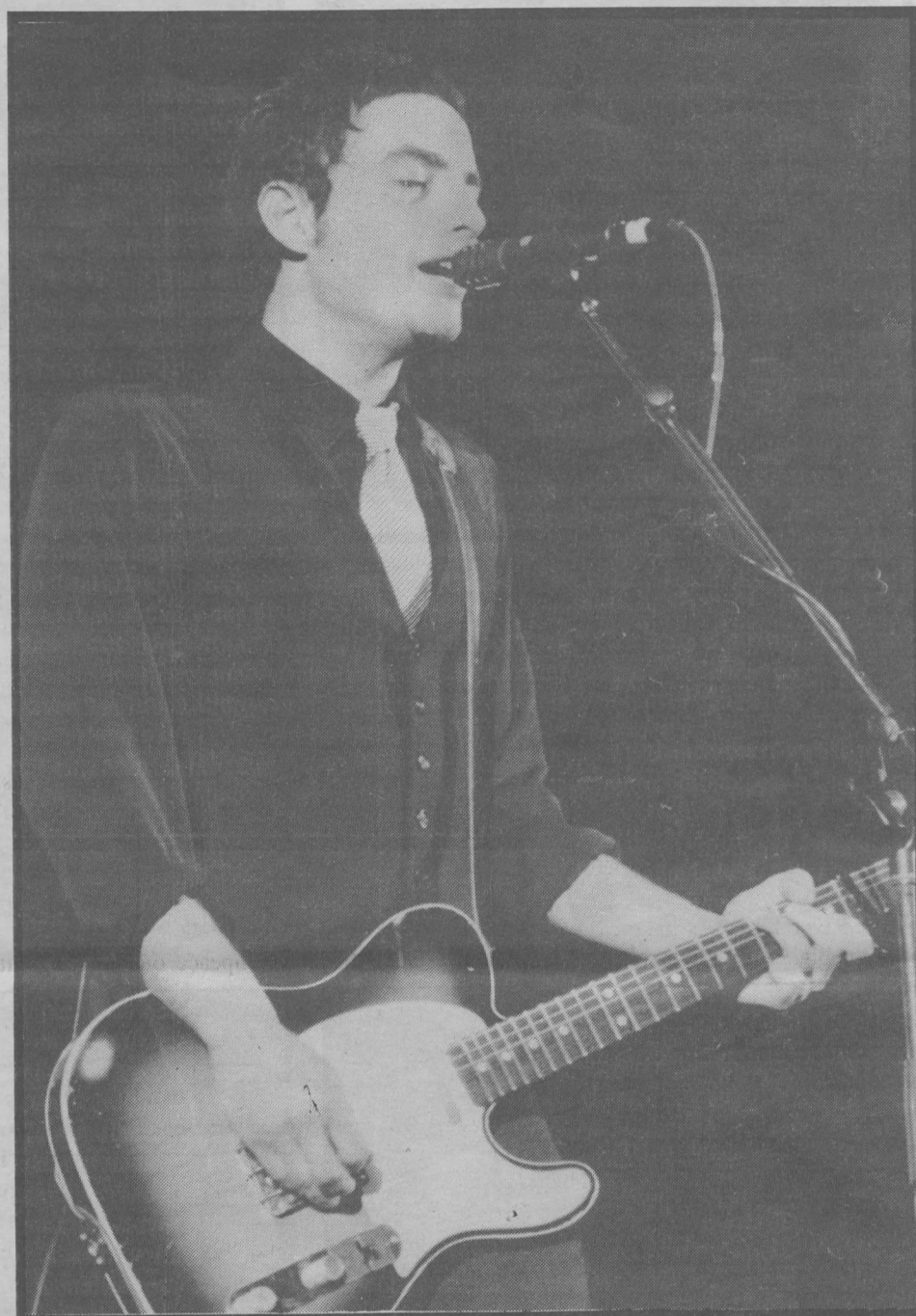
Bass player Greg Richling, whom Dylan called "The Silent Warrior," was content to stay in the darkness and do nothing but keep a solid groove going. Drummer Mario "Hot Legs" Calire did the same, pounding out an even tempo and helping hold things together.

The band's stage resembled a ballroom, complete with chandeliers, curtains and mirror balls.

The general admission area on the floor resembled a high school dance, complete with chaperones, more than a concert, as a large number of those in attendance weren't old enough to vote. The unlucky teenagers were accompanied by their parents. The general rule, however, was children on the floor, parents in seats.

During the course of the evening, one person ran on stage and was promptly led out by security and Public Safety, one per-

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The Wallflowers' Dec. 5 show at Alfond Arena was only the second concert held in the building's history. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• MCA gala

Bennet performance opens season in style

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff



Legendary performer Tony Bennett reaches down for a little extra Friday, Sept. 12 at the MCA. (Dave Gagne photo.)

Legendary vocalist Tony Bennett gave an excellent two-hour show at the Maine Center for the Arts season-opening gala Friday night, Sept. 12.

Bennett, who is in his mid-70s, performed with more energy than most artists half his age. The evening's performance started with Ralph Sharon playing piano alone on stage, with Bennett walking out on stage and breaking out into "The Best is Yet To Come."

Bennett's vocals energized the stage and it was apparent from early on that Sharon's piano style richly complemented the singer's melodies.

After a few songs, Bennett introduced the Ralph Sharon Trio, his longtime musical collaborators.

It was clear early on that Bennett's show, as part of the gala, would be a memorable experience. It wasn't the typical MCA show.

As Daniel Williams, gala chair, noted, "You will enjoy a star amongst stars this evening," prior to Bennett's performance. Williams also noted that it takes eight months to a year of planning for a production such as Friday night's gala.

Bennett's solid performance as an artist throughout the decades has cultivated a large audience, which has bridged the generation gap. However, Friday night's performance drew an older audience who relished hearing Bennett's classic standards.

Yet, since 1990, Bennett has won several Grammy awards, most notably for "Tony Bennett - MTV Unplugged," which won the 1995 Grammy for Album of the Year.

Bennett's performance charmed the audience. He commented several times during the performance on how beautiful the state of Maine is.

He played several songs from what he described as the "great American songbook," such as "Just in Time" and "A Stranger in Paradise."

Bennett also previewed a number of cover songs from women, which will be released as a project titled "Here's to The Ladies." The songs will be featured in a television Broadcast in December. Bennett shined as he sang Ethel Merman's "I Got Rhythm," Barbara Streisand's "People," and Judy Garland's "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."

Bennett spoke about his early years and how he used to play a lot of small clubs where gangsters were known to hang out before he was famous. He joked that he was, "The Madonna of my generation," launching into "From Rags to Riches."

Bennett also paid tribute to a number of artists and composers such as Billie Holiday and Fred Astaire. He sang several exhilarating numbers from both artists. His show maintained a lively atmosphere throughout.

One of the highlights of the show came after an extended standing ovation during

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• Honor the Earth

Indigo Girls play to raise Native awareness



The Indigo Girls perform for a private audience at the Penobscot Community Center. (Dave Gagne photo.)

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Amy Ray and Emily Saliers looked upbeat. It was Sunday night in September, after a weekend of concerts in Maine, and the two women, collectively known as the Indigo Girls, were backstage giving interviews at the Penobscot Community Center in Indian Island.

Ray told a reporter she cannot get the words "virtual elimination" out of her mind. She tells how she and Saliers will always think twice about the beauty of the Penobscot River, knowing that the river has some of the highest dioxin levels found in fish in

the state of Maine.

The night's interview capped a weekend of tour stops. Saturday the duo played to more than 2,000 people at Bates College in Lewiston. Sunday they played a private show for the Penobscot Nation. Both shows were part of their current "Honor the Earth" tour, which is a benefit for indigenous environmental concerns.

"We've always been environmentalists," Ray said. "We've been doing benefits for a number of issues for our entire career."

The Indigo Girls were successful in bringing the message to 2,000 fans the night before. While many bands have a representative from Greenpeace on the road with

them, or perform a few environmental benefits a year, The Indigo Girls have launched their third "Honor the Earth" tour. Their mission is to focus on specific issues that affect the Native American population. This year's tour focused on native issues in The St. Regis Community of Akwesasne, NY, the Eastern Cherokee Nation of North Carolina, The Independent Traditional Seminole Nation of Florida, as well as the Penobscot Nation in Old Town.

The Honor The Earth Campaign has targeted for a national issue the proposed Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997. The act attempts to create a permanent nuclear waste repository site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, which is currently part of the Western Shoshone Nation. The current law mandates a study of Yucca Mountain as a permanent site for storage, even though the study itself violates land treaties signed last century between the Shoshone Nation and United States government.

A far more alarming proposal, being named "Mobile Chernobyl" by its opponents, would call for the use of trucks and rail to transport nuclear waste across the Country—including parts of southern Maine. The Department of Energy has even predicted an average of 15 accidents with such trucks if the Act becomes law. It is estimated that 50 million people live within a half-mile of the proposed travel routes for nuclear waste.

These facts were brought home vividly to the crowd at Bates College. The concert was paused so a slide show presentation about the proposed law and other environmental issues could be shown after the opening act.

After the slide show, Winola LaDuke, a noted activist who ran as Ralph Nader's vice presidential candidate on the Green Party ticket, spoke.

"As a mother, not only do I worry about how much sugar is in my child's cereal, I worry about how many PCBs are also in his food," she said.

Saturday night's show was energetic, with Saliers and Ray being backed by Sara Lee, a bassist who most recently has toured with Ani DiFranco, but whose work stretches back to The B-52s and Gang of Four, and Jerry Marotta, a noted percussionist who has played with many artists, such as the 10,000 Maniacs.

Saturday's highlights included opening with "Shed Your Skin," a strong version of "Three Hits," and great versions of new hits "Shame on You" and "Get Out the Map."

The show continued with solid versions of "Love Will Come To You," "The Wood Song" and a cover of Bob Dylan's "Tangled up in Blue."

Before the show, postcards were distributed to fans and they were asked to sign them. Both cards addressed issues such as nuclear waste transport and dioxins released from Lincoln Pulp and Paper.

During the show, the band went into the crowd to collect the cards, making an already rambunctious crowd stream toward Saliers and Ray to give them the postcards.

While they were collecting postcards, Keith Secota and the Wild Band of Indians returned to the stage. Secota, who opened the show, is from Tempe, Ariz., and played a strong set this night.

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son passed out and another had a seizure.

Opening acts

Prior to the show, a concert-goer asked if the two opening acts were local bands. This was merely a precursor to how the audience would react to the two bands.

Audience reaction for Maypole and the Jayhawks was lukewarm at best. It was obvious the crowd was there to see the Wallflowers and no one else. This is usually the case with opening bands, who are offered up for sacrifice and have the unenviable task of trying to get a crowd moving, even though that crowd may want nothing more than for the band to get off the stage.

Los Angeles-based Maypole took the stage first and belted out a 30-minute set that ended on its highest point.

The final song the band played was a '90s rendition of the Beach Boys' "Sloop John B," complete with alternate lyrics in places. The finished product barely resembled the original, and it was clear that most in attendance didn't recognize the song.

The Jayhawks, a Minneapolis-based band that has been around for more than a decade and in debt for many of those years, played a 45-minute set that was less energetic than Maypole's, but nonetheless good. They ended their set with their biggest hit, "Waiting for the Sun." They were joined by the keyboard player from Maypole, as well as Jaffee.

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which the house lights came on. Bennett launched into his classic signature, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

Another highlight was a jam session of the Ralph Sharon Trio, which lasted several minutes, the highlight being an extended drum solo, which seemed to defy the laws of physics.

Bennett played three encores to an enthusiastic crowd, culminating in a spectacular last song. Bennett commented on how

wonderful the acoustics of the Maine Center of the Arts were. He validated this comment by asking his sound man to turn off his microphone, which he set down. He then sang the last song un-amplified, proving just how wonderful the acoustics and his voice were. He also provided a moment that will be long remembered.

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• Adam Sandler

Comedian brings bawdy lyrics to sold-out MCA

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Adam Sandler brought down the Maine Center for the Arts the night of Nov. 4 as he entertained a sold-out audience with his trademark humor, drawing laughs from both his standup routine made famous with his stint on "Saturday Night Live" and songs from his three CDs.

Security was tight for the concert, with thorough checks for cameras and recording devices. Before the show started, several members of Public Safety could be seen inside venue.

The crowd was loud from the beginning. Sandler is considered one of the most popular comedians touring. This popularity was evident as last night's concert sold out in two hours, making a ticket extremely valuable to resell. Fifty dollars was not an uncommon asking price.

The Bob Marley music faded and the house lights dimmed, signaling Sandler would be on momentarily.

Sandler wasted no time in causing an uproar and saying a few too many things that might easily offend many people.

One of the main goals of his trip to Maine was to see a moose's private parts.

Sandler also continued the laughter by commenting on his own sexual ineptitude and how much of a wuss he was.

"Bob Barker kicked my ass," Sandler said, in reference to his role in "Happy Gilmore."

As the show continued, his humorous stories ranged from how first-year students adjust to campus life to an accidental encounter in his grandparents' bedroom to taking his 4-year-old old niece out for ice cream.

His stand-up routine is only a small part of Sandler's talent. His career has included many comical moments in television, film and most recently music.

Sandler landed a spot as part of the "Saturday Night Live" cast, first appearing in the 1990-91 season. He was with "SNL" for five years, as both a writer and performer. Sandler gained critical and popular acclaim for creating a host of unique characters that included "Cajun Man" and "Opera Man."

Sandler has also appeared in a number of films, beginning with his appearance in "Coneheads," followed by co-starring roles in "Airheads" and "Mixed Nuts." Sandler began his starring role in "Billy Madison," a film he co-wrote. Next up in the film arena for Sandler was his second comedy, "Happy Gilmore." He also co-starred with Dayman Wayans in the action/comedy film, "Bulletproof."

Sandler's career expanded more with two releases of comical music. "They're all gonna laugh at you" was released in September 1993 and he went on to receive a Grammy nomination, even as it made its unprecedented run up the charts. "What The Hell Happened To Me?" is Sandler's latest release of music. He drew from both releases in the musical part of the show.

Accompanied by a bass player and drum-

mer, Sandler played "What The Hell Happened To Me?" and followed with a new song he said was written on a bus, which was the story about a guy who was 7 feet tall.

Sandler then played his most popular song, "The Chanukah Song," which had new references to O.J. Simpson and Tiger Woods.

Another highlight in the musical set was

hearing "The Goat Song," which was a highlight of his second CD.

Sandler, a native of Manchester, N.H., ended the night by saying that "New Englanders sure know how to have a good time."

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• Performing arts

Play confronts social issues, relationships

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love" was, to say the least, an incredible production. Its theme centered mainly the fragility of human relationships, but it tackled a broad range of issues too numerous to list.

The set itself was impressive. There were seven parts, one for each character, which combined to make use of the whole Pavilion Theatre. It rested on three levels, the highest of which reached almost to the theater's apex. Included were four apartments, a bar, a restaurant and the rooftop of a building.

The set was constructed entirely of steel scaffolding and girders and was time-consuming to complete.

"It took three weeks of six hours a day to put together," director Claude Giroux said. "This is the biggest show that's ever been done in here (the Pavilion)."

As a graduate student in the theatre de-

partment, Giroux, who is from British Columbia, directed the show as his thesis.

The play is set in Edmonton and revolves around the lives of seven characters: David (Andrew Lyons), an actor-turned-waiter; Candy (Kelly Sanders), a book reviewer; Bernie (Christopher Ashmore), a city employee who cheats on his wife; Kane (Timothy Simons), a naive 17-year-old bus boy whose father is rich; Robert (David Currier), a bartender who has his eye on Candy; Jerri (Wanda Perry), an elementary school teacher who also has her eye on Candy; and Benita (Victoria Herrick), a psychic prostitute who has a fascination with morbid tales.

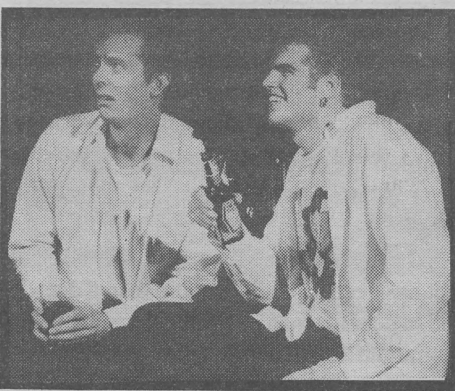
The play would act merely as a study of various kinds of relationships, with no concern for anyone's safety, if it weren't for the constant reminder that police are finding dead girls at varying intervals. Benita's campfire ghost stories and fascination with serial killers also don't help ease the feeling of a looming dread.

Each character has secrets. One of the seven, however, is keeping a darker, more dangerous secret.

The play moves at an average pace, developing the web of relationships between each of the seven characters. Candy searches for the perfect mate, looking to both sexes. David searches for a lover ("I don't need any more friends," he says). Kane searches for his sexual identity. Bernie can't stop searching for extramarital affairs. Jerri can't get Candy out of her mind. Robert can't decide if he wants to be married or single. Benita seems to be searching for danger.

There are some tense moments whenever any of the characters ascend to the rooftop. There is the feeling that one of them will

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David (Andrew Lyons) and Kane (Timothy Simons) enjoy a beer and entertainment on one of their "dates." (Dave Gagne photo.)

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• Books

Roy's perspective central in 'Eleven Seconds'

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Talking with Travis Roy is a weird experience; not that he is a strange guy or anything, but the reality that he's a college student, not a media monolith, sunk in as I conversed with him about a multitude of topics, from remembering when he used to play against my high school's team to accessibility problems in Boston. The conversation came late on a Sunday night after having played phone tag with him, and to some extent, various members of his family though Ice Storm '98 in mid-January.

Over the past two and a half years, the scope of interest in his injury has brought in the media, especially in Maine, has been overwhelming, and as a person with a disability, I've wanted to meet him, but not in the capacity of a journalist at a press conference, where I couldn't get very personal. Roy finally adds his personal view a perspective lost in the media circus, with the publication of his book "Eleven Seconds," released Jan. 14 by Warner Books.

Roy co-wrote the book with E.M. Swift, a senior sports writer for Sports Illustrated, who played hockey for Princeton.

"He came in twice a week for four hours a day," Roy says. "I would talk to him about my life, it was like I gave him the pieces of a puzzle and he put it together."

Roy said he met with Smith for two months. "I've heard real positive stuff about it,"

Roy said when asked about the feedback he is receiving about the book.

Roy's book is a great read. It's easy to relate to the life of a guy who grew up in Maine, who spent years of his life dedicated to the sport of hockey. Many readers probably didn't know he went to three different schools and spent five years in high school to attain his own goal of playing hockey for a division I hockey.

One theme that shines through in the writing of the book is the tremendous support his family has given him throughout his life. Besides the support he got from his family in his pursuits in hockey, when his father was a college hockey player and coach for the Maine Mariners, for whom Travis was a stick boy when he was a kid. When I was recently at a concert in Portland a banner hung in front of section B, with Roy's Boston University number 24, serving as a reminder of indeed how much support he received not only from his family but many strangers.

One of the most intriguing aspects of the book are his own feelings during many of the events surrounding the years since injury.

From very early on, a number of people rushed to help Travis with the expenses related to his injury.

In the book, Roy details much of the horror he felt in the moments immediately after the accident. When his father was walking out to the ice at the time, one of the comments Travis made was, "I made it." At the time, dad and him both started crying. Later that night when he needed his oxygen mask removed to kiss his girlfriend before entering

surgery. The terror running through his mind grips the reader through the pages of the book.

Much of the book deals with the long process of rehabilitation that people with spinal cord injuries undergo after their injury. Roy is very honest, sometimes painfully so, in the ways he describes his life, the pain of sitting in the hospital bed for months, the enjoyment he had going out into a parking lot during a snow storm in Boston.

"It was a little therapeutic," Roy said about writing the book. "It was not as hard to write about the actual accident because I have been asked so many times about it."

He also detailed his stay at the Shepard Center, a world-famous rehab center in Atlanta. His book details his intense rehab to regain more use of his body.

Yet while he was in rehab, he also had to deal with the media, like having to schedule press conferences to deal with the volume of interview requests. His accounts of being recognized by virtually every waiter and waitress on the East Coast seem bittersweet, yet as the book progresses, they become almost hysterical.

The book also gave Roy a chance to write things he couldn't express publicly, such as his feelings after he was asked to run the 1996 Olympic Torch, an experience that Roy described as awkward, because he had broken his neck, not because of his athletic achievements. He soon learned that with the media following his every move it was often impossible to express one's true feelings. On the torch run, he easily expresses it in the

book saying how it really "sucked" because it was for all the wrong reasons.

Roy does show some great moments in this book, such as his sister's wedding, his trips with his girlfriend, and how she would visit Atlanta and how they escaped to The White Mountains for a long weekend.

One relationship Roy seems to most cherish is with his coach, Jack Parker. Through the book, Roy uses vivid descriptions on how their relationship helped him through the various stages of his rehabilitation.

Roy did much of the work involved with the book between September and November 1996, while he was making the difficult transition of being a college student with a disability.

It was also when he made this transition that he realized how lucky he was to have the fund set up for him. Even with his excellent medical insurance, funding for personal attendant care, which he relies upon to continue school, is only covered for less than 200 days a year, due to the extent of care he needs. The Travis Roy Fund helps offset those expenses.

While BU was in a legal dispute over treatment of students with learning disabilities, Roy says he has had a good experience with the university, which is often criticized for its old buildings, which are barely accessible.

And since the publication of his book, he has stopped dating his longtime girlfriend.

"We still talk, she is still important in my life," Roy said.

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The Indigo Girls returned for an intense version of "Blood Quantum," a song found on the benefit CD, "Honor." The song's haunting call of "Genocide" made it seem appropriate as a battle cry for the tour.

The Indigo Girls ended the night with solid versions of "Closer to Fine," "Hammer and a Nail" and a cover of the Buffy St. Marie song "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee."

Sunday brought the band to Indian Island, where they talked to many of the tribal leaders. They canoed and feasted in a celebration that was held at the Penobscot Community Center.

Within five miles of the University of Maine lies a wealth of culture few outsiders get to experience. The community celebration began with tribal drumming from the Indian Island Drummers. They played for at least 20 minutes and their drumming was thunderous and beautiful.

Kelly Demmons followed, singing a number of cover songs. Her vocal range can only be described as remarkable and her performance was excellent.

Keith Secota and the Wild Indians performed a set that was much more well-received and longer than the previous night's. Saliers and Ray also played with the band for two songs and joined the community in a circle dance.

The Indigo Girls played a brief but strong set, with songs such as "Shame on You," "Get out the Map" and "Closer to Fine."

The song that brought down the house was the cover of "Bury My Heart at Wound-

ed Knee," during which Secota and his band joined in the song about the erosion of native rights in recent years.

Speaking after the show, Saliers' commented on the tour and the issues addressed.

"You can use that as a political forum, but I think that Amy and I respect the responsibility that goes along with trying to make political change," she said. "We don't take that forum for granted."

The Indigo Girls' newest album has many native influences; the title is from a native legend. The duo has experienced strong native influences in all of their work.

"Emily and I took a Native American history course in college. That probably worked into our lyrics," Ray said.

Saliers and Ray have played in Maine a number of times over the last ten years and have enjoyed their experiences here.

"Maine is a beautiful state. I find the different communities fascinating," Ray said.

Saliers said she went to Bar Harbor years ago, and thought it was beautiful.

The "Honor The Earth" tour continued through mid-October. Songs from each show were posted on the World Wide Web from each of the 20 shows, with the eventual archive of 20 songs available at the end of the tour. Press conferences and other information are also available for downloading at <http://www.honorearth.com/> and Keith Secota has a web site available at <http://www.secota.com/>.

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•On TV

UMaine student's show taped on campus

By Elisabeth Gold
Maine Campus staff

What does Z107.3-FM's Mike Dow call "one of the most organized television broadcasts since the Academy Awards?"

No, it's not "The Jerry Springer Show," although it is likely that production would be right up there. It's Bangor's very own "Nite Show."

"The Nite Show" is the only locally produced late night talk show in the state of Maine. It airs Saturday nights on WBGR-TV, which is channel 33 on Cablevision and channel 29 on campus.

Founded and hosted by University of Maine student Danny Cashman, with help from sidekick Rich Norton, "The Nite Show" is a David Letterman-inspired variety show that includes a stand-up monologue as an opening, fan mail and a plethora of knee-slapping, hard-to-resist-chuckling jokes.

Aside from all that, in just a half hour, the show also manages to include a well-known guest - in the past they have had local band Strange Pleasure, Cindy Blodgett, Don MacLean, Shawn Walsh and Congressman John Baldacci, to name a few - while also cutting to some embarrassingly funny skits that you can't help laughing at.

"The Nite Show" originated last spring and celebrated its first anniversary on April 12. Cashman and Norton intend to bring back some of the show's favorites, such as

ABC-7's Ric Tyler, Mike Dow and the infamous Strange Pleasure. The show has established a following and has about 15 to 30 people in its audience during an average taping, but Cashman and Norton are always looking for more participation.

When asked what could bring attendance up at shows, Norton answered with a smile, "I think if we were naked."

Aside from baring it all, Norton suggested switching the taping to Friday nights, but knows that's asking a little too much, considering people like to go out.

Every other Tuesday night, the crew tapes two shows, usually at the Old Town Knights of Columbus Hall, but occasionally on campus, either in the Bear's Den or the Damn Yankee.

One of the things that immediately draws one in at a taping is the music of the Lidral Trio, the show's regular house band.

Karel Lidral, a UMaine professor who plays Paul Shaffer to Cashman's Letterman, said he is happy that the band is becoming more integrated into the show. The constant joking between Dean the cameraman, Cashman, Norton and the band gives the impression the group is very close-knit has a great time entertaining.

As Norton said, "You know a joke is good if I start laughing before it's over."

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"Nite show" host Danny Cashman talks with professor Sandra Caron at an on-campus taping in the Bear's Den. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

Roy

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Travis Roy is settling into college life rather fine, his grade-point average last semester makes mine look horrible. His social life is "really great" and he's listed as an assistant coach in BU's Media Guide, although he says he mostly just hangs out with the team. Roy, who is a communications major, may do some public relations work when he graduates. His

book is being shopped around Hollywood, with the possibility of a film being optioned. Roy also gives speeches on an occasional basis. I'd say he has made it, and think "Eleven Seconds" is a timely work of writing.

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fall. The end of the first act is suspenseful, causing the 15-minute intermission to drag. When characters are not involved in a scene, they remain on stage and interject words or phrases into the scene. This acts as an almost subliminal reminder of the interrelationships in which these characters are engaged.

Lyons was funny and believable as David, who is a complex character. He is uncertain in his asides to the audience, but bold to his friends.

Ashmore was incredible as the moody Bernie. When he got angry, stand back. The set, though made of steel, seemed as though it could come crashing down at any time.

Simons was hilarious as the young hipster. He likes David because he used to be on a TV show, but he doesn't know what he wants from the friendship.

Sanders gave Candy an almost pathetic nature, as she looks for love in all the wrong places. Perry as Jerri was a desperate, love-struck woman who knows what she wants and comes oh so close to getting it.

Currier as Robert was a cocky, almost smarmy individual. Candy was such a likable character that one almost wanted to intervene in her budding relationship with Robert.

Herrick as the scantily-clad, wig-changing Benita put the audience on edge with her stories. She served as a transition between scenes. And she made the audience see "Lav-

ender Blue (Dilly Dilly)" in a whole new light.

The themes presented in the play should not have deterred anyone from seeing it. If anything, they should have served as an encouragement. Unfortunately, the show only ran one weekend, selling out every showing. If you missed it, you missed more than a play, but an event. Given the tensions on campus involving free speech and homophobia this year, the play should have been required viewing for everyone. There were two scenes with brief nudity and a lot of harsh language and violence, but they added too much to the play to be left out.

The crew behind this production had its work cut out for it, and performed marvelously. The answering machine was almost as important as any of the characters. Without it, the play would have suffered from gaping holes in the plot. The many lighting changes and pre-recorded sounds presented a challenge to which the crew members responded more than adequately. They are to be commended for their work.

Giroux did an excellent job in bringing Brad Fraser's script to life. In his director's notes, he wrote, "the human spirit prevails and that this will always keep us from the abyss." In the end, it is the human spirit that keeps the characters from the abyss of the truth.

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• Live radio

Talk show host makes amends in Bangor broadcast

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

National radio talk show host Don Imus broadcast his syndicated program from a convention center at the Bangor Civic Center Tuesday morning, Oct. 21. He took the occasion to apologize to two people he had ranted about on the radio this summer.

Last August, Martha Dudman, owner of WWMJ-FM, which broadcasts "Imus in the Morning," proposed to the Bangor City Council a plan to adorn the Paul Bunyan statue with a "Welcome Imus" T-shirt. Mayor Patricia Blanchette was vocal against the plan, saying Imus was "rude, crude and offensive."

The controversy caught Imus' attention and he and his sidekicks lashed out at the mayor. It wasn't her stance Imus disagreed with, however. It was her portrayal of him as someone who contributed nothing constructive to society. Imus noted that the mayor was ignorant of his work with the Tomorrow's Children Foundation for research on Sudden In-

fant Death Syndrome.

Imus also lashed out at Bangor Daily News reporter Roxanne Moore Saucier for not mentioning his charity work in a story she wrote for the paper.

Tuesday morning, Blanchette appeared as a guest on the program. The two settled their differences, and Imus apologized for his comments. To his surprise, Blanchette announced she had a gift from the people of Bangor.

"It's not a subpoena, is it?" Imus asked.

The mayor then presented Imus with a pair of moose-dropping earrings and the key to the city.

Saucier's son Anthony found himself on stage with the host after standing at the front of the room with a sign that read, "I want a piece of the I-Man." Once on-stage, he scolded Imus for calling his mother "incompetent."

When the two appeared to be nearing an apology, "Imus" producer Bernard McGurk asked, "What are you going to do, kid? Are you going to take him out or what?" Imus apologized and autographed the sign for Saucier.

After the apologies, Imus said, "People hear a lot about me and don't like me. Then

they meet me and it's confirmed."

The day before, Imus fans had been chagrined when the host failed to stop at The Taco Shack in Bangor as he had said he would do on his show. Someone riding in a white limousine that drove by apparently gave the crowd the finger. McGurk told the story after the show had ended.

"The I-man wasn't in the limo, but I said to [impressionist] Larry [Kinney], 'I dare you to flip them off,' so he did," he said.

As for the rest of the show, it was business as usual for the Imus cast. Rob Bartlett sang a blues song called "The Paul Bunyan Blues" and NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw appeared via telephone.

Imus fans began arriving at the auditorium at midnight, and by 4:30 a.m. the line stretched almost the width of the civic center. Doors opened at 5 a.m. The 1,200 people who attended the show contributed more than \$6,000 to Camp Capella, a camp for children with cerebral palsy and other disabilities, simply by purchasing a ticket to the event.

The H.P. Hood company donated and

served coffee, donuts and other refreshments to those in attendance all morning. Fans could buy a copy of Imus' novel "God's Other Son" or his book of photography, "Two Guys, Four Corners," which was a collaboration with his brother, Fred. Auto Body Express catalogues were available, and an "Imus Addict" sticker was on each seat.

After the show, Imus and company hung around for about an hour to sign autographs. When everyone had been taken care of, Imus made his way out of the room.

In typical Imus fashion, when reporters from TV stations WVII and WLBZ attempted to interview him, he simply said "No." When they pressed, he pulled on his coat and told them, "I have to get going."

WWMJ had said prior to the event that Imus would do no interviews. McGurk, who shook each person's hand, newsman Charles McCord and impressionist Bartlett were readily available, however.

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• What is it?

New building remains largely unexplained

By Andrea Nichols
Maine Campus staff

Many of you who are new to the campus may not know of our cultural oasis over in the Class of 1944 hall.

Where is 1944 Hall you ask? It is the building creatively scrunched between the Maine Center for the Arts and Memorial Union. You have probably walked by it when going to the Union. 1944 Hall actually

connects the MCA and Hauck auditorium (although I do not recommend it as a viable thoroughway).

The first floor of 1944 is MCA offices, a band rehearsal room, choral rehearsal room, a classroom and Minsky Music Recital Hall. On the second and third floors are the offices for the School of Performing Arts, practice rooms and faculty offices. The practice rooms are generally open to anyone, and some are equipped with pianos, although some are

reserved for piano majors only. If you play an instrument, using these facilities is a good way to find a little privacy for your practice time. Also, the TSWE center, on the third floor, is where you can find the multimedia computers. The hours are posted on the door if you are interested.

Also you might be interested to know that a great many fine performances are

One good way to find out what is going on is to just pop in the first-floor back entrance to 1944 near the outside Bookstore entrance. You will find a big bulletin board with posters of upcoming events. Another way will be reading this newspaper for notices and reviews of the scheduled performances.

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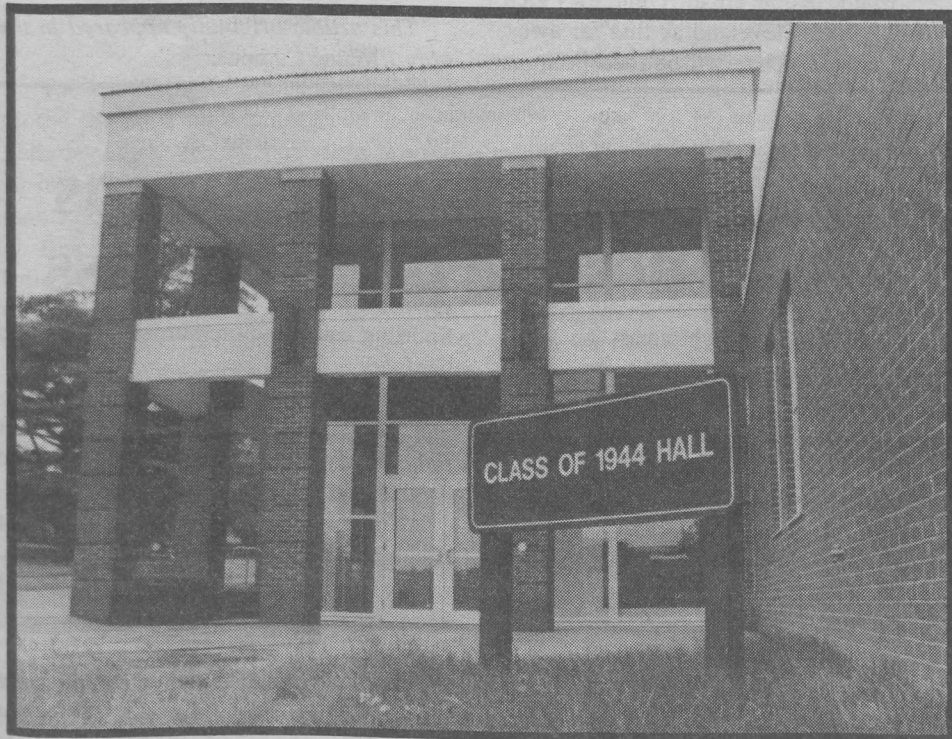
given regularly in Minsky Recital Hall. Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. there is a recital class held there. Not truly a class, this is a required weekly event for music majors. Once a semester they are required to perform a piece on their major instrument. This is open to the public. If you have friends who are music majors, ask them when their date is and come to lend an ear of support. Even if you don't know anyone, come and hear some finely rehearsed musical moments. Be sure to come a little early. It still is a recital and it is against recital etiquette to come in late, after the first performer has started.

You will not be disappointed.

In addition, there are regular faculty recitals, concerts, dance and student recitals held in Minsky. The theatre performances generally seem to be held in Hauck.

affiliated with the arts can feel a little intimidated by them. Because the arts were meant to be watched, the audience is an integral part of the whole experience. The only way to learn is to try, so come and enjoy.

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The Class of 1944 Hall, the new home of performing arts studies at the University of Maine. (Dave Gagne photo.)

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SPORTS

• WNBA draft

Cleveland lands Blodgett with sixth pick



Former Black Bears star Cindy Blodgett is a Cleveland Rocker after being drafted April 29. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Lawrence High School coach Bruce Cooper knew in high school Cindy Blodgett would go on to play professional basketball — the only question was where.

The WNBA answered, as Blodgett was taken by the Cleveland Rockers with the No. 6 overall pick in the draft.

"I knew they were one of the teams that expressed interest in guards, so I wasn't surprised they took a guard," Blodgett said via teleconference. "I'm happy, very happy."

After appearing for draft day in Secaucus, N.J., Blodgett has now returned to Orono. She is set to graduate May 9 and will report to camp just three days later to start her new job at an estimated \$30,000 a year.

The draft was held via conference call, with all 10 teams choosing in a normal draft order. Forty players were chosen all together, with 7-foot-2 inch, 223-pound Malgorzata Dydek selected as the No. 1 overall pick.

Blodgett said that seven players were put into a room to wait the first round out, and once the selections had been made, all the players were told who they had gone to and with what pick.

"I'm looking forward to going to the, what is it, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?" Blodgett said. "I've never been to Cleveland, so it will be interesting."

But will the distance deter Blodgett's throng of local fans? If you ask the star, she doesn't think it will.

"Maine people are different; they aren't going to see Cleveland as that far away," Blodgett said. "There will be a decent amount

of Maine people at the games, and at least will get to see a few."

Gund Arena averages 7,900 for its home games, more than Alford Arena's capacity, but less than the league average of just under 10,000 per game.

The media obsession that the Clinton, Maine, native experienced locally will likely subside for a while, as the Rockers share the spotlight with the Indians and soon-to-be-reestablished Browns. However, Blodgett says that Maine fans won't be kept out of the loop.

"The people in Maine will still know exactly what I am doing, and I am sure they will all be big Cleveland Rockers fans now," Blodgett quipped. "They'll definitely be very aware of what's going on, and they will keep close tabs."

One of the questions about Blodgett was the competition she faced from day to day at Maine. With Rebecca Lobo, Sheryl Swoopes, Lisa Leslie and many others who are at the top of their games, Blodgett can no longer be shackled with that claim.

"It should be very nice. It will be different than what you face night in and night out in college," Blodgett said. "You won't have to face the double teams, because teams won't be able to do that as much as in college."

The Rockers will face the Lobo-led New York Liberty to kick off the WNBA's second season on June 11, in a game that will be shown on the Lifetime network. Cleveland will appear in six other nationally televised games.

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• Men's Hockey

Eagles end Bears' season

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

BOSTON, Mass. — The University of Maine men's hockey team came one win shy of earning its ninth trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Black Bears even came as close as 40 minutes.

After trouncing the River Hawks of UMass-Lowell in the Hockey East Semifinals 6-2, the Black Bears ran into an explosive Boston College Eagle squad in the championship game and bowed to the Eagles 3-2.

The Bears finished the year with a 17-15-4 mark, while the Eagles jumped to 26-8-5.

Not since 1990 — Boston College's previous Hockey East Championship — have the two schools faced off for the Lamoriello Cup. The Black Bears and Eagles played for the league trophy three times from 1987-1990 in an era of Hockey East that spurred the now-rekindled rivalry.

Maine jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by captain Steve Kariya and Bobby Stewart, who came up with a shorthanded strike, and the Black Bear faithful who ventured to the Fleet-Center could smell an upset brewing.

However, the Eagles chipped away and scored once in every period, while their defensemen used their speed and wore down the Maine attack.

Hockey East Rookie of the Year Brian Gionta scored the game-winner inside the right face-off circle with a little more than six minutes remaining in the contest. The goal came just seconds after BC had a goal disallowed on a shot by Blake Bellefeuille in a controversial call. Hockey East Supervi-

sor of Officials Brendan Sheehy said the puck, which dropped to the ice after Maine goalie Alfie Michaud stopped, had gone "98 percent" over the line.

"The goal that was disallowed, I thought our team reacted pretty well to that," Eagle coach Jerry York said following the game. "When the ref said 'no goal' our bench was upset, but we didn't lose it, and right off the bat we came back with that goal."

It was Gionta's 28th goal of the year, one which he said was fairly basic.

"I just put it on net and it went in," Gionta said. "It was nothing special."

But it was enough. The Eagle defense shut down the Bears in the second and third periods, allowing only three shots on net in the final stanza.

Maine coach Shawn Walsh sang nothing but praise for BC, who beat his Bears in the championship game for the third time in the league's 14-year existence.

"I just want to give BC tons of credit," Walsh said. "They shut us down in the third period. The winning goal I had a perfect angle on; it went through six legs [and] just fluttered in the air, and it was like it just lasted and lasted."

Maine goalie Alfie Michaud, who was selected as the goalie on the All-Tournament team, made 41 saves during the weekend.

The Bears vaulted to a 1-0 lead when Kariya banked home a feed from Shawn Wansborough to the far post for his 25th goal and 50th point on the year.

Less than two minutes later, Stewart connected for his 10th goal of the season when he took a pass from Scott Parmentier,

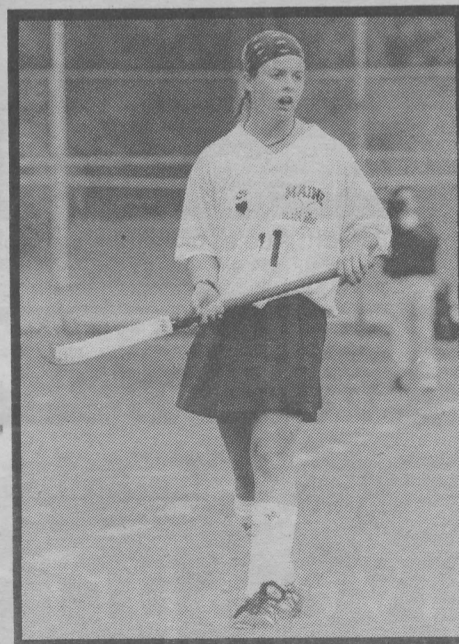
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• Profile

Field hockey player remains focused despite personal loss

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Playing a sport while balancing academics and a social life can be difficult. Last spring, women's field hockey player Heidi



Junior midfielder Heidi Spurling has found comfort in her teammates and family during hard times. (Dave Gagne photo.)

Spurling had one more burden added on to her load.

In late March of 1997, Spurling's mother, Cathy, died, leaving behind Heidi, her father Kerry, and two siblings, a 15-year-old brother and an 18-year-old sister.

"To be honest, I don't know how I got through last semester," Spurling said. "My family is really close, and I keep thinking I know what my mother would want me to do."

The senior midfielder said there were times when her stress level was so high that she wanted to leave school. But her friends and her mother's wishes have gotten her through the last eight months.

"She would have wanted me to finish school and field hockey," Spurling said. "I think I can stick it out. What she always told me was to stick it out — it will be all right."

Her play on the field has yet to be affected. This season, Spurling was fourth on the team in scoring with 13 points on three goals and seven assists. The numbers matched her career totals going into the season.

She was also named to the America East All-Conference second team.

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• Women's hockey

Team names coach, plays first varsity season

Filighera at helm for new era

Lorenz lifts Maine in win

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine announced on September 29 that Rick Filighera would assume the responsibilities of the first varsity head coach in the women's ice hockey program.

"I've been involved in hockey for 21 years and never in my wildest dreams did I think I would have a chance to coach at an institution that has a great tradition both academically and with their ice hockey program," Filighera said at the press conference.

A resident of Buffalo, New York, Filighera had spent the last two years serving as head coach of the women's program at Rochester Institute of Technology. His career record at RIT stands at 24-9-2.

He guided the Tigers to the 1995-96 ECAC runner-up crown. In 1996-97, RIT was a semifinalist in the ECAC tournament.

Filighera is a graduate of the State University of New York in Brockport, where he earned a degree in physical education.

Prior to accepting the job at RIT, Filighera coached Brockport High School, where he enjoyed several successful campaigns.

In 1994, he led his team to its Section Championship, and in 1995 was voted coach of the year for the Monroe County High School Hockey League.

Filighera said that he started coaching at

the youth level and worked his way up to a collegiate varsity position.

"I always wanted to be a coach at this upper level, so I worked very hard starting at
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By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine forward Alison Lorenz didn't count on netting a hat trick

when she woke up.

But score she did, as her trifecta accounted for all three Maine goals in the Black Bears' historic 3-2 women's hockey triumph over a gritty Sacred Heart team.

"I expected to have a couple of points, but I don't really set goals for myself," she said.

The game was the first ever for Maine as a varsity squad.

Maine (1-0) readily adjusted to some last-minute line changes made by Black Bear coach Rick Filighera after left wing Alicia Gilmore went down earlier in the week with what Filighera termed an undisclosed injury.

"One of our problems is that we don't have any depth," he said. "So what ended up happening is that we had to readjust our lines at the last minute. We didn't expect that, so we went into more of a defensive mode."

After several near misses early in the first period, Maine finally lit the lamp when Lorenz picked the puck out of a pile-up in front of the Sacred Heart net and shoved it to the right of Pioneer goaltender Anna Alveari 4:24 into the game.

"I just lucked out and I happened to be in the right place at the right time," Lorenz said. "The goalie was on the far side, and it was an easy shot."

Five minutes later, Lorenz darkened Sacred Heart's net once again when she took a Jamie Schofield pass on the right side of Alveari and one-timed it across the goal to

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Maine junior defenseman Christina Hedges breaks away from Sacred Heart's Sarah Hannah at the first-ever varsity game for the women's hockey team. (Dave Gagne photo.)

• Football

Black Bears tame Terriers

in Homecoming blowout

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine football team closed the book on Alumni Field in style Saturday, Oct. 18, by pounding winless Boston University 62-29 in front of more than 5,000 Homecoming fans.

Black Bear quarterback Mickey Fein followed up his record-breaking performance last weekend by throwing for four touchdowns and 321 yards in the rout.

Following the game, Maine coach Jack Cosgrove faced the notion of a possible attempt to run up the score on the hapless Terrier squad.

"I apologize for not knowing how to coach in these games because I have never been in that situation," he said. "It was never in our intention to run up the score."

Boston University head coach Tom Massella ushered his team off the field at the conclusion of the game and refused to shake hands with Cosgrove.

"Let's just say I got verbally berated," said a shaken-up Cosgrove. "It was very specific, very to the point, and very ugly, and didn't have much to respond to it."

"I was wondering if the guy he was talking about was the guy I know."

With Maine up 56-23 and a little more than seven minutes remaining in the game, its offense forged down the field. Back-up quarterback Brian Scott orchestrated an eight-play, 85-yard drive capped off by a 36-yard touchdown pass to Drew O'Connor.

The strike helped Maine eclipse the 60-point plateau for the first time in nearly 15

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• Softball

Fund raising underway for improved field

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

While University of Maine softball catcher Sara Jewett is satisfied with the field her team plays on, she also feels the team could have something better.

"The fences are pretty much falling apart," Jewett said. "Just compared to some of the latest fields on some of the other universities, it just can't compare, it's so behind the times."

"It's playable, but we would love to get a new one."

Lengyel Field has been the humble home to Maine since 1979. While it has done a serviceable job for the Black Bears, many people associated with the program feel it's time to move on.

"We've been looking for a new field for probably the last seven years," Maine assistant coach Deb Smith said.

While attempts have been made at fund-raising, donations have only stepped up in recent months.

"They're much more aggressive about it right now because our field is going downhill fast," Smith said.

Indeed.

The fences are sagging, the seats are dilapidated, and the dead grass outnumbers the live grass by a large margin.

"The field itself as far as the infield is [concerned is] in pretty good condition, but everything around it is pretty sad to look at at times," Smith said. "But our

grounds crew does a great job getting us out there and making it look as good as it can be."

Lengyel Field is isolated from the rest of Maine's athletic facilities as well.

While sports staples such as Alford Arena, Mahaney Diamond and Memorial Gym lie in prime splendor on the north end of campus, Lengyel Field rests all by its lonesome on the south end.

"The location's really bad. It's right outside the woods, so there's a lot of foul balls that you have to go digging for," Jewett said.

It doesn't do too much for the team publicity-wise either.

"A lot of students on campus have no idea where it is," Jewett added. "We were just fooling around one day after practice and we'd pretend that we had no idea where we were. We'd ask where the softball field was and other people would say, 'We have one?'"

The small section of rickety wooden bleacher seats doesn't always provide optimum comfort for fans either.

"There's not much room for fans, not that we get many anyway," Jewett said.

Fundraising from private parties is the key to any new softball field, according to Maine assistant athletic director Craig Turnbull.

"We're in contact with some individuals to get the ball rolling," Turnbull said. "We need some seat money to begin the design work of the field. We cannot begin

the process until we receive that funding."

Turnbull declined to comment about how much a new field would cost, citing subsurface and drainage requirements as factors into the cost.

"The initial design tells us a lot," he said.

If constructed, the new field would be placed adjacent to Mahaney Diamond, the home of the Maine baseball team.

Turnbull added that the earliest a new field could be constructed would be in time for the 1999 season.

"But every single possible thing needs to happen right in order for that to be the case," Turnbull said. "And nothing gets started without the funding of that design work."

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Bears

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who had dug the puck out of the corner and was able to center it out front.

However, that would close the door on Maine's scoring for the game – and season, as it turned out. The Bears had several more scoring opportunities in the period as the aggressive Eagles gave up plenty of odd-man rushes, but Maine couldn't find the back of the net.

"To me, the key of the game was not capitalizing on the three or four two-on-ones we had in the first period," Walsh said. "We didn't capitalize and it came back to haunt us."

The Eagles received goals from captain and Tourney MVP Marty Reasoner and Mike Lephart in the first and second periods, respectively, before Gionta iced it in the third.

Friday night

Maine skated to a 3-0 lead in the Hockey East semifinal game on goals by Corey Larose, Dan Kerluke and Kariya, and never looked back in a physical game with an abundance of solid hits and checks dispersed throughout the game.

Kariya netted the game-winner when he broke in uncontested on River Hawk goalie

Martin Fillion and tucked a shot between his pads. Fillion's momentum helped bring the puck to the back of the net.

"He really backed in on me; I tried to get his legs open and it went through his legs," Kariya said.

The Bears built leads of 3-0, 4-1 and 5-2 before Jason Vitorino punctuated the game with his fifth goal of the year with a little under five minutes remaining.

"We just wanted to keep coming," Kariya said. "It doesn't matter what the score is, we just wanted to keep going."

And they did. Maine's forwards outskated Lowell's and always had an answer just when the Hawks seemed poised to make a move.

"I thought we executed pretty well," Walsh said. "We concentrated on our defense and Alfie made some pretty big saves."

Michaud came up big for Maine, stifling some excellent Lowell scoring chances to propel his team to the championship game.

Robert Ek and Parmentier also found the back of the net in the game.

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Spurling

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Spurling said that team cohesion, and several other components, have helped contribute to her success.

"Being a primary stopper on corners is probably part of it, more confidence being my third year her, and just playing with everybody," Spurling said.

Karen Hebert said that Spurling helps start the offensive attack with superb field vision and overall solid play.

"There are times when she'd bring the ball down, and the defense would come off the forward and she'd dump the ball off," Hebert said. "Plays like that are hard to get off, and it takes talent to do that. Heidi is a great person to play that spot."

Along with being her teammate, Hebert is also one of Spurling's roommates, giving her a unique view on how the Pittston, Maine, native dealt with her personal conflicts.

"She is probably the strongest person I have ever met. She's amazing," Hebert said. "She's focused and going for her mother right now. You can't say enough about her."

Coach Terry Kix has had the opportunity to see Spurling grow in the University of

Maine program. As a coach, she also functions as a guardian. That role was understandably enhanced throughout the past year.

"Heidi [has been] remarkable during [those] six to eight months," Kix said. "Looking from a distance as a coach, I have the utmost respect for her and her ability to rise to the occasion and be a real strong leader our team."

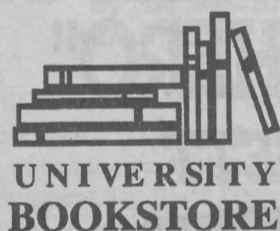
Spurling played award-winning basketball and softball in high school, but her skills in field hockey began to take over. After beginning to play her freshman year in goal, she would eventually captain her 1994 Gardiner High School team to a KVAC championship, also taking part in the National Futures Tournament that year.

Spurling chose Maine over Holy Cross and select Ivy League schools on the advice of her father and because of its proximity.

"I really liked the people. I talked to coach Kix quite a bit, and I wanted to be close to home. It was the best fit for me," Spurling said.

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Coach

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the youth level," Filighera said. "I went the high school route for a couple of years, and then I got the job at RIT and it has just taken off from there."

"I kind of had a goal, just like I want to have a goal here. Right now I am very excited about being here."

The university announced in June 1997 that it had elevated the women's ice hockey program from club status to varsity. The move was based, in part, on a two-year status report conducted by the university to increase gender equity in athletics.

According to the report, the percentage of women participating in varsity athletics was projected at 43.3 percent for 1997-98.

The initial operating budget for the program was \$186,000. In 1998-99, the program will receive \$56,000 for scholarships.

In 1999-2000, that number will jump to \$130,000. The following year, the program will receive close to \$200,000.

Chris Lerch, radio color commentator for RIT hockey, said the RIT women's hockey program does not offer scholarships, and that the position at Maine was an excellent opportunity for Filighera.

"They are building the program at RIT," Lerch said. "They don't offer any scholarships and the job was only on a part-time basis."

"He's been at RIT for a few years. The school was looking for someone with some experience when they brought him in."

During the 1996-97 season, the Black Bears competed in the ECAC Alliance, where they finished 11-5-2 overall, 8-4-2 in ECAC games. The team finished fourth in the ECAC Alliance tournament.

Maine competed in the alliance this season as well, which Filighera said would help the program's transition to varsity status.

"I don't think this year will be tough because I am familiar with the alliance league," Filighera said. "UMaine has had a club team that was in this league."

Although the women's program will not offer scholarships until the 1998-99 academic year, Filighera said the program's recruiting efforts will not be focused on a particular region.

"We'll be working in the New England prep school areas," Filighera said. "The advantage I bring to this program is being from the Rochester area. I have some ties back there as well."

"I have some familiar people in Ohio, Michigan and Southern Ontario. I don't expect just to be regional. We'll try to do the best we can for the school and the program."

The hockey program will compete in the ECAC Women's Hockey League for the 1998-99 season.

"I think where it will be difficult is next year when we have to jump into that other league," Filighera said. "That will be a big step for us, and we're going to take this year to prepare ourselves for that."

As for the virgin varsity season, which began Nov. 15, Filighera said he didn't have a set coaching style, and only had some

basic guidelines for his team to follow.

"I ask my players to pay attention because they'll learn a lot from me," Filighera said. "I expect them to try to have fun and to keep their grades up."

"I want them to work hard and [ask] that they are internally motivated. I want players that are here because they love this game like I do."

Filighera also said that the success of the men's program should aid the women's in gaining exposure.

"The reputation of the men's program will help us get our program out there," Filighera said. "When people are thinking about collegiate hockey, other than maybe Minnesota and some Boston colleges, the University of Maine is right up there. That is an advantage for us."

Men's hockey coach Shawn Walsh said, "I am excited for their program."

"Rick was an excellent candidate and he'll add a great deal of professionalism to where they are trying to go."

Maine junior defender Christina Hedges said the team is excited about the upcoming season, especially with the head coaching position no longer vacant.

"We have a very enthusiastic team to start with, and being varsity will give us the extra benefit and support that we need," said Hedges. "[Filighera] seems really positive and is excited about the season."

"I'm excited about this, and I can't wait to start," Filighera said.

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Varsity

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Alveari's left.

Despite being outshot 7-0 at one point, the Pioneers (0-1) weren't about to play dead for the Bears. Just a little more than four minutes into the second, Sacred Heart's Christy Palmer blasted a deadeye shot past Maine goaltender Amy Oliver.

"I saw [Palmer] coming, and I was yelling, 'Man in front, man in front,'" Oliver said. "But I turned and it was in the net before I could really react."

Sacred Heart coach Trina Bourget had nothing but praise for the Pioneers' effort.

"We came out in the first a little flat; in the second we picked it up and I was very happy with their play," Bourget said. "I think we outskated them, outthrustled them, and had more opportunities [to score]."

Sacred Heart continued to pour on the pressure in the second, outshooting Maine 14-4 in the period and 27-19 for the game. But Oliver continually came through in the clutch for the Bears.

With less than a minute to go in the second, the Pioneers nearly tied it after winning a face-off. Sacred Heart's Jenn Appleton snagged the puck and shot it dead-on, only to be stoned by Oliver.

"She made every big save that we needed," Filighera said. "Whenever there was a breakdown in our system she came up with a big save and we needed that."

Oliver had no time to relax in the third, as Sacred Heart once again mounted a relentless attack. But whenever the Pioneers threatened, Oliver was there to nail down the door for Maine, acting cool as a snow-cone in making several nice glove saves among her total of 27.

"I just kind of reacted," Oliver said. "My goalie coach told me to cover almost everything, which works well in this league because it's close play and we have a short bench, you need a lot of rest. So the more I slow the play, the more rest we get."

Oliver was given some breathing room, however, thanks to the tireless Lorenz. Just under six minutes into the third, Lorenz sneaked in a wraparound goal between Alveari's legs to boost Maine's lead to 3-1, sending the enthusiastic crowd of 250 into a state of frenzy.

"I was actually coming out looking to pass, and I didn't see anybody that was completely open, so I decided to try to stick it on [Alveari's] pads," Lorenz said.

Lorenz also proved to be a whiz on the defensive end as well, making several nifty breakups of Sacred Heart possessions in Maine territory.

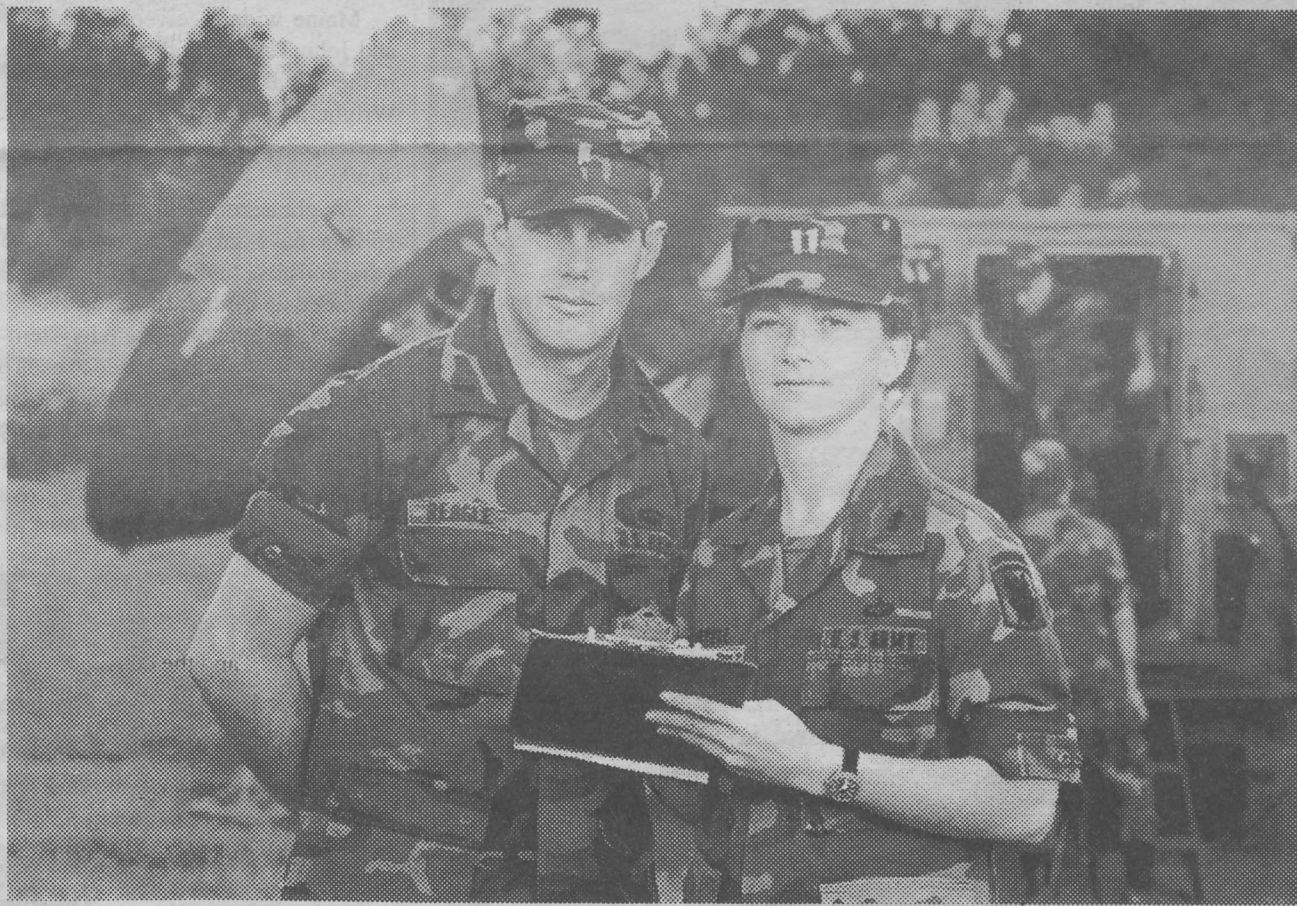
But the Pioneers continued to throw heat on the fire, as Sacred Heart's Lauren Wiggins notched a goal with just 11 ticks remaining.

"They didn't give up, they didn't quit, and they put the puck in the net with 11 seconds left," Bourget said.

But it was too little, too late for Sacred Heart, as Maine held on for the victory.

The game's scariest moment occurred late in the third period, when Maine defender Christina Hedges collapsed on the ice during a two-on-one drive. While she walked off the ice under her own power, she later had trouble breathing and was taken to a local hospital.

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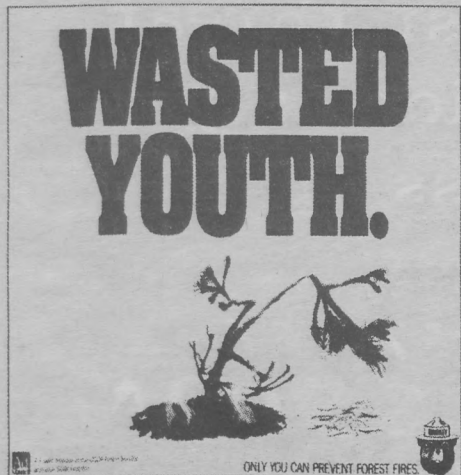
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• Women's basketball

Upset Victory

Blodgett's 32 paces Maine's offense

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

A few before their team's game against a nationally ranked team, Black Bear co-captains Cindy Blodgett and Sandi Carver talked about how their team needed to step up against the bigger competition.

They did just that against the No. 15 Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers.

Maine used a stifling defense to force 22 WKU turnovers and upset the Hilltoppers 76-64 in arguably the biggest win in Maine basketball history.

"Sandi and I talked about that a lot in the past few days that it was about time we pull the team together and win some of these,"

Blodgett said. "It feels good to finally get a big win like this, and hopefully it will just take off from here."

Blodgett netted a game-high 32 points on nine-of-13 shooting from the floor. Jamie Cassidy came off the bench and had 20 points to go with eight rebounds.

"I wouldn't call it a huge upset. They are a quality team and they are ranked nationally," Blodgett said. "But we are a quality team as well, and I don't think we felt we are big as underdogs as all of [the media] did."

Leslie Johnson scored a team-high 21 points for 16-6 Western Kentucky. Danielle McCulley fouled out with 12 points and 10

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Maine guard Cindy Blodgett storms past Western Kentucky's Kristi Hartley during the Black Bears' 76-64 victory. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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years. The Bears scored in nine of their 14 possessions. In their last two meetings, Maine has outscored the Terriers 107-37.

Regardless of the charges, Maine equaled its longest winning streak of the season at two, and sent BU farther in its tailspin. The win improved Maine to 4-3 overall.

"We came out and really had a great first quarter," Cosgrove said. "It certainly wasn't the same setting as last week where we had to play on edge the whole second half."

Boston University won the coin toss at the start of the game, but elected to kick off to the fourth-ranked scoring offense in the league, a decision the Terriers would later regret.

Maine marched 73 yards on eight plays and grabbed a 7-0 lead as freshman Ben Christopher rushed for a two-yard touchdown. That would be as close as BU would get all afternoon.

The Bears scored on their next two possessions, as Chris Fellows rushed for an 11-yard touchdown and tight end Billy Cole put the home team up by 21 late in the first quarter.

The junior from Benton, Maine, scored on an eight-yard passing play as he caught a Fein pass in the lower right corner of the end zone, and tucked it in right behind the goal marker.

Christopher and tailback Bert Rich combined for 153 yards on the ground, and both averaged more than six yards per carry.

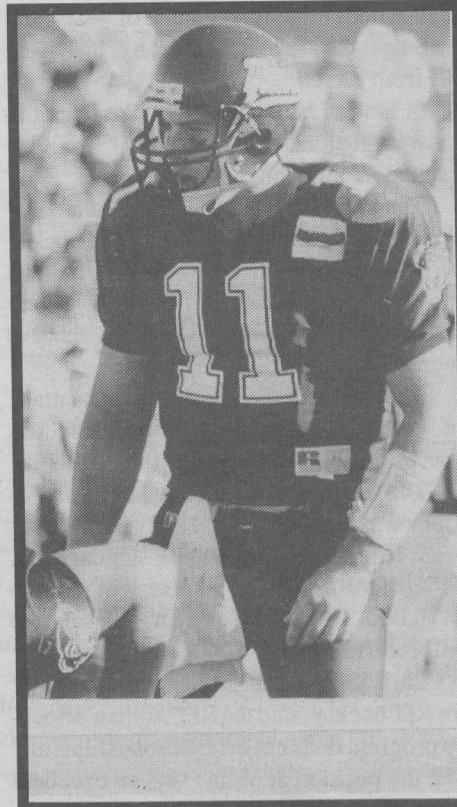
Although the game marked Maine's final home contest of the year, it also signaled the last time the seniors would play in front of the home crowd.

Maine wide receivers Rameek Wright and John Tennett both scored touchdowns in their final game played at Alumni Field. Wright, a senior from Scotch Plains, N.J., had ten receptions on the day, two for touchdowns.

Wright acknowledged that the wide receivers have grown accustomed to each other and have familiarized themselves with the make-up of their offense.

"We have a complicated system and it takes a little while to get used to each other," Wright said. "However, I think things will be clicking for us for the rest of the year."

"The seniors were the ones who kind of put the system in place," Cosgrove said. "They have showed the others how to do it."



Quarterback Mickey Fein threw for four TD's and 321 yards in the last game played at Alumni Field. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

Tennett also figured in on the scoring as he made a juggling touchdown reception that backed up the need for highlight films.

Late in the third quarter, with Maine up 42-16, Fein hit Tennett from four yards out on an acrobatic catch.

Fein lofted a pass to the far corner of the end zone, where Tennett juggled it and fell down, but found the ball in his lap for the score.

"Mickey threw a tight spiral so I thought it was coming a lot faster than it was, kind of like a change-up," Tennett said. "I stuck my hands out, the ball was just soft, and luckily it just fell on me as I fell on the ground."

For the Homecoming crowd, it was a game of high emotion and packed intensity, which is just what a farewell game calls for.

"For the senior class, I look at it as a great memory, for we haven't won our last seniors game since 1991," Cosgrove said. "They will go down in history of the program as the guys who really got this thing turned around for us."

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• Men's basketball

Last-minute heroics sink Bears' comeback

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

Despite coming back from a 19-point deficit in the first half, the University of Maine men's basketball team felt the pain of another last second loss at the hands of Boston University's Billy Beal.

"The only word to describe this loss is just extremely sad," Maine head coach John Giannini said. "The team fought so hard to come back against an outstanding BU team and had the lead to win the game."

Maine (6-17, 3-12 America East) built a 69-63 lead when Allen Ledbetter converted a layup with just 1:03 remaining in the game.

The Terriers then used two baskets by Walter Brown, including a short jumper to pull within two at 69-67.

Maine proceeded to turn the ball over on its next possession, giving BU an opportunity to at least tie the game with less than 20 seconds to go.

Beal ran the clock down inside 10 seconds and forced a double-clutch three-point shot over the outstretched arms of Maine guard Corey Thibodeau that hit nothing but net and gave the Terriers a 70-69 lead with 6.1 seconds remaining.

After both teams called time outs, the Black Bears inbounded the ball from the opposite end of the court and got the ball to Marcus Wills. Wills, who had struggled all evening, penetrated to the basket, but his baseline jumper clanked off the rim and time expired.

BU head coach Dennis Wolff was proud of his team for keeping its composure late in the game when it looked like Maine was going to pull away.

"All I kept telling the kids in the last minute was 'The game wasn't over and we didn't need to start jacking threes,'" Wolff said. "It was a good win for us, a tough loss for Maine."

In the first half, the Black Bears came out flat offensively, allowing the Terriers to build a 39-20 lead on a series of three-point bombs, the last being a trey by Mike Costello, who nailed three in the first half. BU was 71 percent (15-21) from the floor in the period.

The Black Bears used a 9-2 run to close within 43-33 at the half, thanks to three-pointers by Colin Haynes, Fred Meeks and Dade Faison, whose score rattled just before the buzzer sounded.

Maine came out firing in the second half, as Meeks hit a groove, draining 12 points in a two-minute span, including a three that tied the score at 50-50 with 11:02 left in regulation.

The teams then exchanged baskets and the lead heading into the final minutes.

Beal, who finished the contest with a team-high 22 points, said that his instincts got the best of him when it came down to taking the game-winning shot.

"Really I think the best thing that happened on that last shot was that I didn't think about it at all," Beal said.

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rebounds.

"We played very spurty basketball. For some reason, we didn't play much defense tonight. That is not a characteristic of a Western Kentucky basketball team," WKU head coach Steve Small explained.

Maine moved up to 13-3 with the win.

Maine head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie said that the club is a known entity and its outstanding players can't be overlooked.

"I think we surprised Alabama; I don't think we surprised Western Kentucky. It was a battle. Tonight we were fortunate to play well and do some things," Palombo said.

The first half ended with the Black Bears up 37-31. Maine jumped out to a 19-10 lead after Blodgett got on a hot streak with nine straight points on three three-pointers. WKU had three straight turnovers in that span as well.

Maine jumped out to a 51-37 lead five minutes into the second half, and looked to be on the verge of a blowout. After a WKU time out, the Hilltoppers began a 10-0 run, spurred by a tough full-court press that forced three straight Maine turnovers.

The Toppers got within two twice, but Maine turned them back both times. In most cases, the WKU players beat themselves, turning the ball over at one critical juncture that may have decided the game.

With 2:34 left, the Toppers turned over the ball off a missed free throw. Blodgett took the ball on the offensive end, and threw up a right-handed desperation hook that went in.

Blodgett was fouled, converted the free throw, and gave Maine a 64-59 lead it would not relinquish.

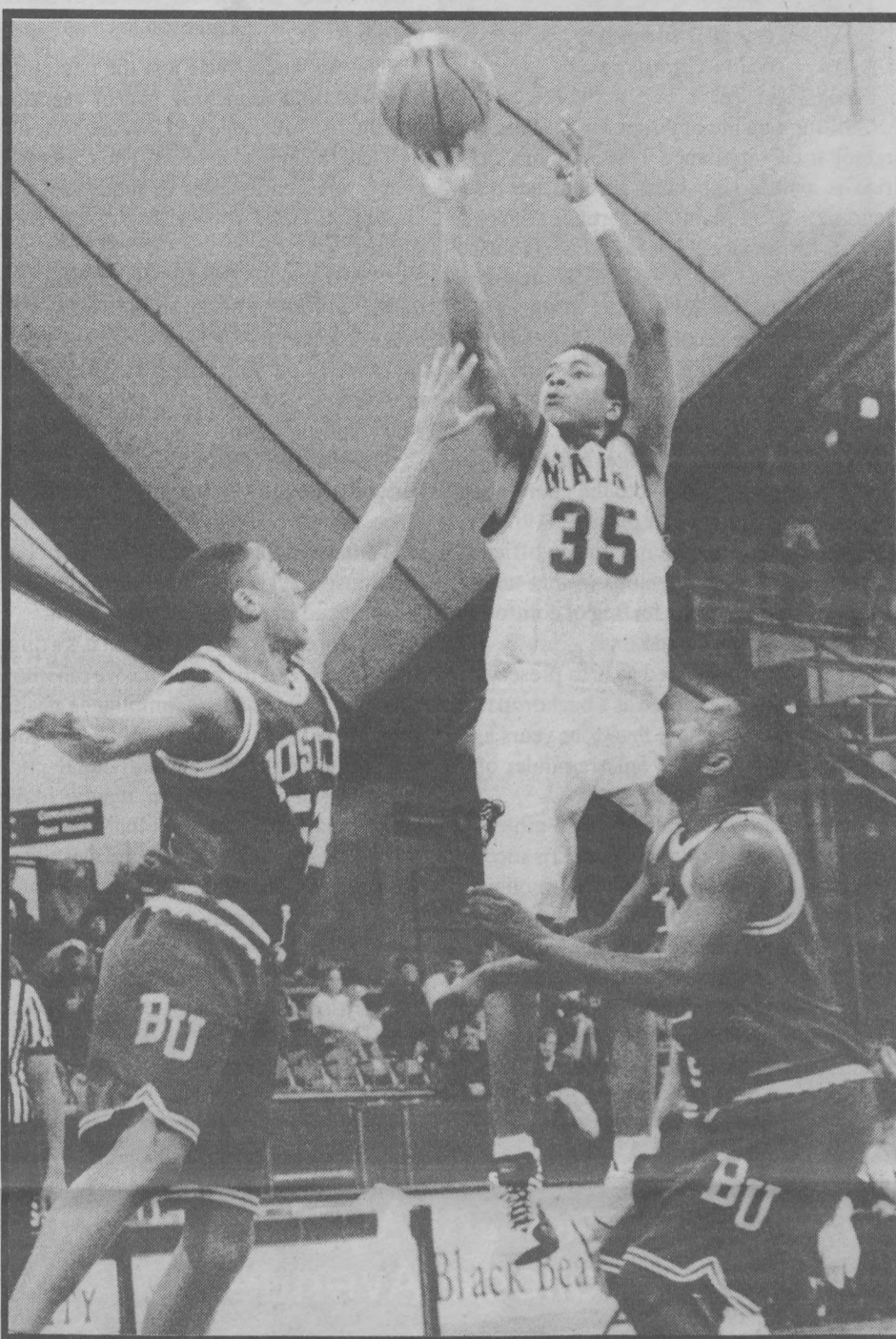
It is easy to compare the stature of the win to when then-No. 10 Alabama came to Orono and left with a 75-73 loss in 1994. But head Palombo said the differences come with how Maine was known then and how it is regarded now.

"When we beat Alabama, we were a no-name. We had never been to an NCAA tournament. Alabama didn't even respect us coming in here, and we sort of ambushed them," Palombo said. "You can't take all the bigger games and clump them all together. They have very different characteristics."

Both Cassidy and Palombo credited the prior week's hard practices for giving the team the determination and drive it needed to win.

"I think [the win] will make us realize that we have to work like we did in practice this week all the time. Now that we have that feeling, we know we can beat anybody," Cassidy said.

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Fred Meeks keyed Maine's comeback from a 19-point deficit but the Bears couldn't hold on. (Eric Weisz photo.)

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• Sanctions

UMaine's compliance system not flawless

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Sitting outside of Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Tracey Flynn's office is a little sign hung next to the door reading, "Complaint Department... press button for service." Nailed adjacent to the sign is a mouse trap. A couple of computers anchor the square lobby area of the office stationed on the second floor of the Memorial Gym, and the high-pitched humming of the fax machine provides ample background noise to an otherwise silent room.

The afternoon sun radiates over the campus and acts as a catalyst to the clamor that embraces the landscape outside. Although the atmosphere in the compliance office is not completely synonymous to that taking place outside, a certain feeling of comfort is apparent. Change can do that.

The blinds are pulled as if to preserve a darkness that once served as a backdrop to a system that failed more than four years ago — a darkness that is the only reminder of a troubled period of time.

Buried among some of the athletics teams' offices — men's and women's soccer, softball and field hockey — the compliance system once served as a tactical war room, where plans for the troops were designed and installed. A war that was eventually lost when the University of Maine announced in December of 1995 the results of a self-evaluation report riddled with countless violations among some of its athletics pro-

grams.

The self-report was just the beginning, however, to a launching pad of sanctions that the NCAA levied on UMaine, followed by a lengthy appeal process. The scenario of events sparked a series of renovations including the institutionalizing of the entire system.

"What you have to have is an institution that is willing to buy into the concept because it is so much easier for somebody to say, 'Well you do it; I don't need to know those rules,'" Athletics Director Suzanne Tyler said.

And the university did. Flynn, who inherited a healthy system that was put in place, in part, by former Compliance Director Tammy Light and former President Fred Hutchinson, acknowledged the role the sanctions played in rebuilding the system.

"It's an extensive system, but it's a direct result of some of the problems we ran into in the past," Flynn said. "Compliance needed to be put in place to ensure all NCAA rules were being followed. Each individual school has its own character that maybe makes some rules more important than others."

At UMaine, all of them were. Despite the complete makeover, though, could something like this happen again?

"Absolutely," UMaine President Peter Hoff said. "With a system as complex as this, it is easy to trip without meaning to. I wasn't here during the darkest days of the compli-

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Tracy Flynn, Assistant Athletic Director for compliance. (Jason Kirk photo.)

• Indoor track

Teams sweep weekend

By Eden Hindley
and Steve Hedlund
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine women's track and field team crushed Central Connecticut Saturday Feb. 7 and also received some record-breaking performances as well.

Leading the team was co-captain Mae-gan Limoges, who won the 200m (26.17 seconds), and Maggie Vandenberg, who won the 400m (59.22).

Also turning in stellar performances for the Bears were Karen Noyes, who won the 500m (1:20.61), and Vanessa McGowan, who took first in the 800m (2:19.55).

However, the list of first-place finishers does not end there.

Nichol Stevens won the mile (5:12.17) and Johanna Riley captured the long jump (17'11 1/2").

The 4x200m relay team (Limoges, McGowan, Noyes and Vandenberg) won in a time of 1:45.30. The 4x400m relay team, consisting of Vandenberg, McGow-

an, Riley and Noyes, also placed first in 4:06.49. The 4x800m relay team of Stevens, Jaclyn Maurer, Danielle Donovan and Nancy Towns won in 9:55.92.

Katie d'Entremont placed first in the 20-lb. weight throw with a meet, fieldhouse and university record 48'11 3/4" toss.

Riley won the 60m hurdles, earning her a meet and university record with a time of 8.52.

Men

By winning 12 of 17 events, the men's track and field team comfortably defeated Central Connecticut by 32 points in the final home dual meet of the indoor season.

Senior captain Neil Willey scored a meet-high 12 points by winning the pole vault (14'6"), placing second in the 60m hurdles (8.44) and finishing third in the high jump (6'2 1/2") and shot put (42'8").

Junior Josh Mishou also stole the show by sprinting a fieldhouse record in the 200m (22.3) after eking out a first in the 60m dash (6.59).

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• Women's soccer

Fotiu leads Black Bears in upset of Big Green

By Rick Bond
Special to the Campus

The University of Maine women's soccer team improved to 2-4 with a shocking upset win over the ninth-ranked team in the Northeast Region, the Big Green of Dartmouth College.

Maine took the lead when Carolyn Fotiu redirected a centering pass from Kelly Stubbs as the first half began to tick away. It was the only goal the Black Bears would need as freshman goalkeeper Karyn McMullin did the rest, recording her second-career shut-out.

"The last game (2-1 overtime loss) was

in the back of all of our heads," Fotiu said. "We were not going to lose this one. We all kind of dug deep and gave it all we had."

Ex-UMaine basketball player Stubbs summed up the team's effort.

"In basketball, you get excited when you score; in soccer, you get excited when someone else scores, so you try to feed off each other," she said.

The Maine defense fed off the Fotiu goal and played solidly the rest of the way, coach Dave Patterson said.

"With 15 minutes left, you either step up and pressure the ball or sit back and play defensive," he said.

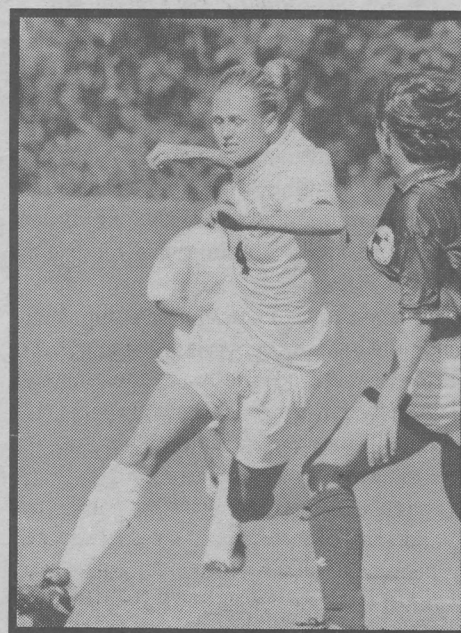
The Bears had to step up their defensive

pressure to thwart the intense Dartmouth rushes. The Big Green had 28 shots on goal, while the Black Bears had just seven.

In the first half, Dartmouth had several scoring opportunities. Its best chance came when Jen Murray rushed in almost untouched and got a shot off from 10 yards out. McMullin turned the shot away, however, with a sprawling save to keep the score deadlocked.

Dartmouth carried much of the play in the second half and put many quality shots on net, but none found the back of it. The Big Green did test McMullin with 15 minutes left. Eleanor Seigler blasted a shot from the 18-yard line toward the upper left corner. However, McMullin chalked up the attempt as one of her 13 saves on the day.

When asked about his team's lack of offense, Patterson said, "It's a major concern - if you don't score you can't win games."



Basketball player-turned-soccer player Kelly Stubbs. (Dave Gagne file photo.)

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• Baseball

Black Bears top UMass Minutemen

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

They were the beasts of the east this season, having been ranked among the best collegiate baseball squads in New England.

Historically known more for its basketball programs, the UMass-Amherst Minutemen were already ticked to baseball's Beanpot Tournament Championship game. Things were on a roll - until they ran into an underachieving Maine Black Bear team that scored three touchdowns on the Minutemen.

A 21-8 slaughter over the Atlantic 10 leaders at Portland's Hadlock field, not to mention its seventh straight win, has 18-19 Maine feeling pretty good about the game of baseball.

UMass held its only lead of the day at the end of the first inning, 2-1.

Maine countered with five runs in the second, highlighted by Kraig Jarvais, who cracked a two-run home run over the left field wall. Keith Croteau singled, but was forced out at second on Brian Poire's field-

er's choice.

T.J. Sheedy followed with a two-run shot to left center. Gabe Memmert capped the inning with his eighth homer of the season to give Maine a 6-2 advantage.

The Minutemen would retaliate with two runs in the next frame, however, and put the score at 6-4. But they got no closer, as the Black Bears blew up for 11 runs in the middle three innings and opened up a 17-4 gap.

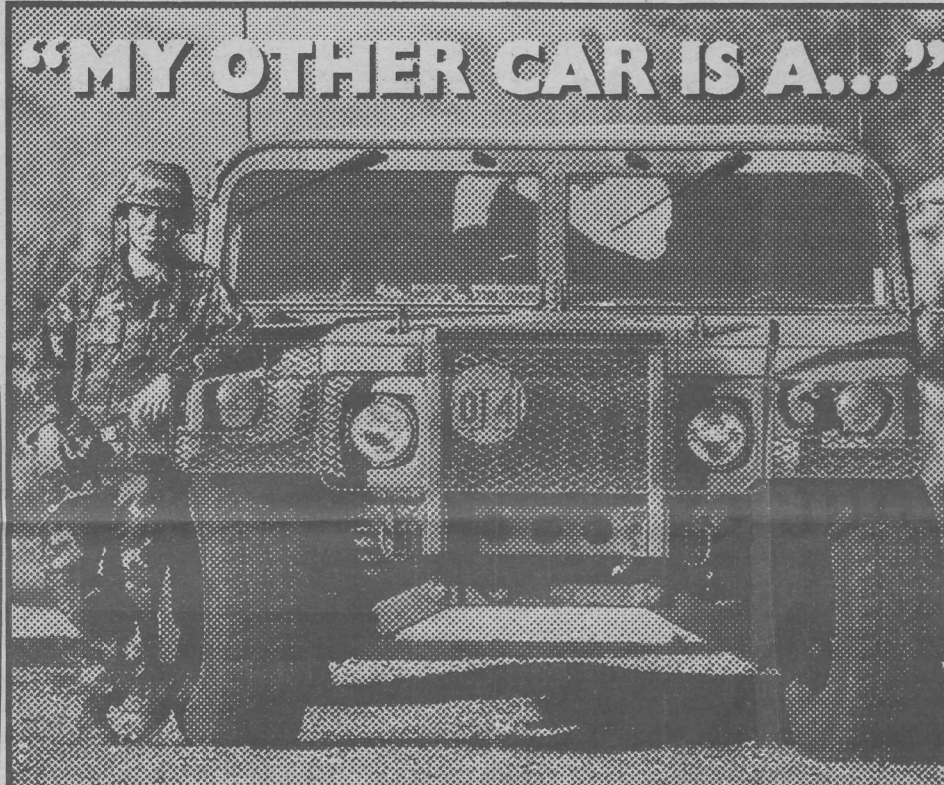
"We've done everything right to win," said Maine head coach Paul Kostacopoulos.

Jim Bailin (1-2) worked six innings for his first win as a Black Bear, allowing seven runs, all earned, on ten hits while walking three and fanning one.

Tom Morelli came on in the seventh for an inning-and-two-thirds of work and allowed one run, a homer by Shaun Skeffington, and two hits. Rick Hewey pitched a perfect ninth.

UMass used four pitchers in relief of Nick Skirkenich (1-1), who was rocked out

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"MY OTHER CAR IS A..."

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Sophomore Derek Davis leaped to another victory in the high jump (6'8 1/2"), and Peter Phelan snagged a win in the 60m hurdles (8.01), and a second in the triple jump (43'9").

In the field events, jumpers Brian Bonser, David Hall and Eric Hall brought in eight points, while throwers Chris Henninger and Rob Powell grabbed four. The middle-distance runners also made a strong showing.

Aaron Clark picked up a win in the 400m (54.08). Thinh Ly and Joe Moody cruised to comfortable victories in the

800m (1:56.6) and 1000m (2:30.8), respectively. Michael Collins reeled in his competitor to win the 3000m (8:55.9) after finishing second in the mile (4:20.3).

Steven Hedlund captured a victory in the mile (4:18.8) and a second in the 800m (2:00.8). The mile relay team (Clark, Kermit Brawner, Moody, Ly) and the two-mile relay team (Preston Ringo, Pat Larkin, Stephen Seebach, Hedlund) swept CCU as the meet came to an end.

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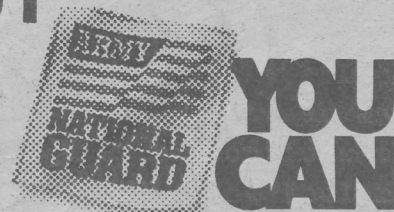
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ance issues, but I can certainly understand how people make mistakes and hardly knew what they were doing at the time.

"It's a very complicated system."

A complicated system that can't afford to fail again, and the components are there to ensure that it doesn't. The system is now an integrated one that incorporates not only the athletics department, which was the case previously, but the admissions department, financial aid, student records and student support services. The rationale for a cam-

checks and balances system. Associate Director of Student Records Peter Reid also plays a pivotal role in certification and eligibility issues with heavy emphasis on the continuing education level with returning student-athletes.

"I am the certifying officer for continuing academic eligibility," Reid said. "What basically happens is that your unofficial transcript of your course work would go the dean's office and the dean would go through to make sure that all of your courses are

"There wasn't a push for it, but they understood the need. They didn't beg to get involved." —

Suzanne Tyler

pus-wide system?

"We're a member institutionally of the NCAA," Tyler said.

"The institution is a member of the NCAA," Tyler said. "Not just the athletic department."

"I think that it is everybody's responsibility," Hoff added.

But that wasn't the case before, Assistant Director of Student Aid Helen Violette said.

"The institution hadn't put an emphasis on compliance," she said. "We had a compliance officer who wasn't full time. Coaches may have been given information, but I don't think there was pressure for them to keep up to date with what was happening."

Tyler acknowledged the condition of the compliance department, which was headed by former Director Woody Carville and former Athletics Director Ed Plozak, before it was remodeled.

"It was just a few people in the athletics department (and) it wasn't even the whole athletic department buying into the concept," she said. "They had the expectations that people were going to tell them they didn't have to know the rules and that somebody was going to tell them if they were doing something wrong."

"Otherwise, they were going to operate as they always have, and the rules change so much."

"What I think may have existed here at Maine to a large extent existed at other campuses," Flynn said. "One person trying to do it all."

Violette's primary responsibilities in compliance include monitoring the aid a student-athlete receives to ensure it doesn't exceed either state or federal limits.

Violette is not alone, however, in the

counting toward your major.

"I get the information back and make sure that it is following the rules and regulations provided by the NCAA."

With a structured system currently in place, does this leave room for any potential conflicts between coaches and university officials?

Assistant Director of Admissions Jeff Cole says that although everyone is working together, instances do crop up in relation to the acceptance process of students applying to the university who also plan to compete athletically.

"At times there's always going to be turbulence when your goals (of coaches and admissions counselors) aren't exactly the same, and unfortunately they are never going to be exactly the same," Cole said. "There have been instances, but for the most part there's a decent relationship and we're just trying to improve it."

Cole has migrated across the university spectrum as well having been an assistant coach in the Black Bear football program before accepting his position in admissions. As a result, the two often differing views are put in focus.

"I came from the football department so I can see both ends of the issue," Cole said. "There job (coaches) is, when it comes down to it, is to win games and represent the university. So, they're out looking for the best athletes they can possibly get. Our job here is to make sure that they can be successful as a university student."

"It's just a matter of communication."

Prior Awareness

The compliance system was put in place during the NCAA investigations, but there wasn't an aggressive movement within the university to push for a new system, but

A system without a chance?

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Although a model system was put in motion when the violations surfaced, there was talk about a plan for upgrading the old one prior to the announcing of the sanctions, according to Assistant Director of Student Aid Helen Violette.

The NCAA was providing software that could be installed in the computer system, but the athletics department rejected it after experiencing some problems with compatibility.

"We had looked at it at one time," Violette said. "When the software came out there was lots of problems with it and a lot of institutions didn't jump on it."

Violette acknowledged that they were looking at things from just a financial aid standpoint, and a system that could benefit all components of the university could not be operated.

rather what Hoff called "a serious professional commitment."

"There wasn't a push for it, but they understood the need," Tyler said. "They didn't beg to get involved."

So why a blanket feeling of obligation rather than a heavy push to install a new system?

"I guess that can happen very easily when something bad happens," Cole said. "You can get discouraged and not see the light at the end of the tunnel. Luckily, there

"We had heard about the software and we had approached athletics about the software," Violette said. "And there was some issues with compatibility with the computer equipment and lack of money to upgrade it so we could network."

Without the funds or a push for the funds, the system could not be upgraded.

"We had initially gone forward to discuss the compliance software but there was the issue of different equipment across campus because we didn't have the option to network," Violette said. "So it was, 'How are we going to implement a software that everybody could benefit from?'"

However, there is always a bottom line.

"There were some hesitations," Violette said, "there wasn't enough funds to buy the new equipment (and) there wasn't a true commitment."

"A lot of people thought that what we had in place was sufficient."

were some people who were motivated."

Like Hutchinson, whose hiring of Tyler was symbolic to the initial phase of restructuring.

"The president gave me that charge," Tyler said. "I told him I'd like to sit down and talk about my goals for this year and he said compliance and this investigation were No. 1 and all other things are secondary."

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of the game after three innings for giving up eight runs, six earned, and six hits while walking five.

Skirkenich's replacement, Rich Hartman, was ineffective in his one-inning stay, allowing five runs, three earned, on seven hits.

Maine outhit UMass 21-12 and was led by Sheedy, who went 4-for-7 with two homers, four runs scored and six RBI. Poire (4-for-5) tied the school record for runs scored by crossing the plate on six occasions.

Every starter for the Bears had at least one hit.

UMass fell to 22-8 and will prepare for Harvard, who it will take on in the Beanpot Tournament championship game at Fenway Park this Sunday.

Maine heads into a huge four-game set at Vermont with a head of steam. The Catamounts are in third place in the America East, just one game ahead of the Black Bears

at 8-8.

"I marked this weekend at the beginning of the season as a critical weekend," Kosty said. "We're 7-9 and we've got to take care of business."

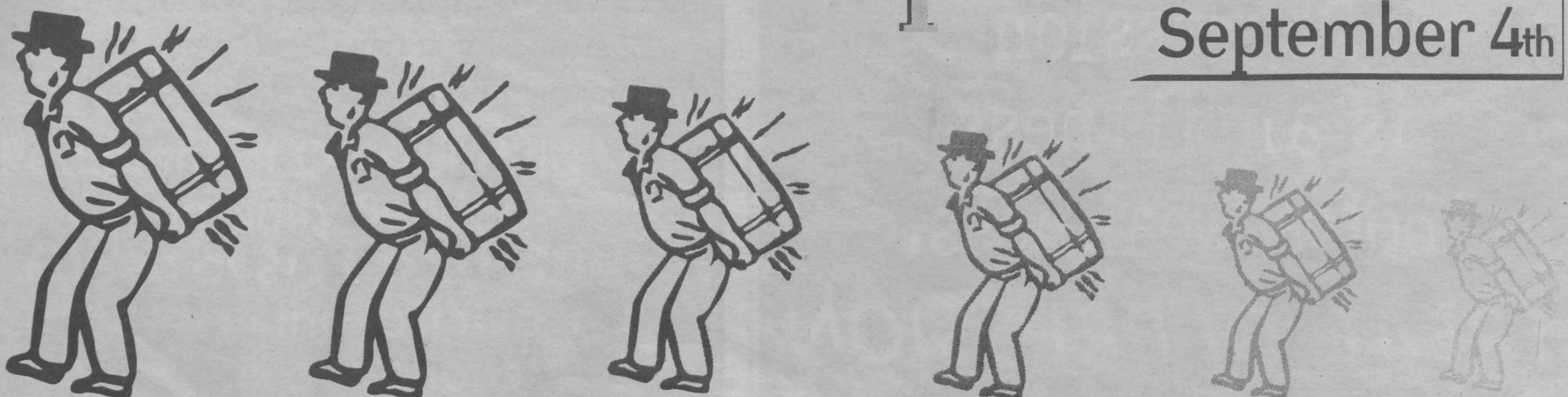
The Bears survived the toughest part of their conference schedule, with series at Delaware, Towson and Northeastern, with a 3-9 mark.

After sweeping Hartford at home and beating up on a regional power such as UMass, Kosty says the team is playing the type of baseball that will get them into the postseason.

"The biggest thing is that we're moving in the right direction," Kosty said. "However slowly it might be, we're getting ourselves in position for the playoffs."

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