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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1999

• Culture

U.N. observes last Human Rights Day

By Dilnora Azimova
For the *Maine Campus*

On the threshold of global society's transition into the 21st century, Colby College is joining the United Nations Organization to observe the last Human Rights Day of the century.

Dec. 10 is Human Rights Day, which has been celebrated since the U.N. General Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

Last year the United Nations marked the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, a document translated into 250 languages.

Consisting of a preamble and 30 articles, the declaration states people's freedom and equality in dignity and rights, which should be protected, respected and educated by all U.N. countries and other nations of the world.

The University of Maine Peace and Action Committee is distributing leaflets today. Colby Amnesty International, a local branch of Amnesty International, is holding its annual holiday letter writing session.

Colby Amnesty International, President, Meghan Foley, said the organization's holiday letters differ from normal letters the Amnesty sends out.

"Usually, we write to government leaders asking for the release of prisoners of conscience," Foley said.

"However, for the holidays, we send letters of encouragement and good cheer directly to the prisoners. Sometimes, people have even gotten replies full of thanks for making life a little easier."

The holiday letter writing session will be held with the Waterville chapter of the Amnesty International on Monday, Dec. 13, at St. Mark's Church.

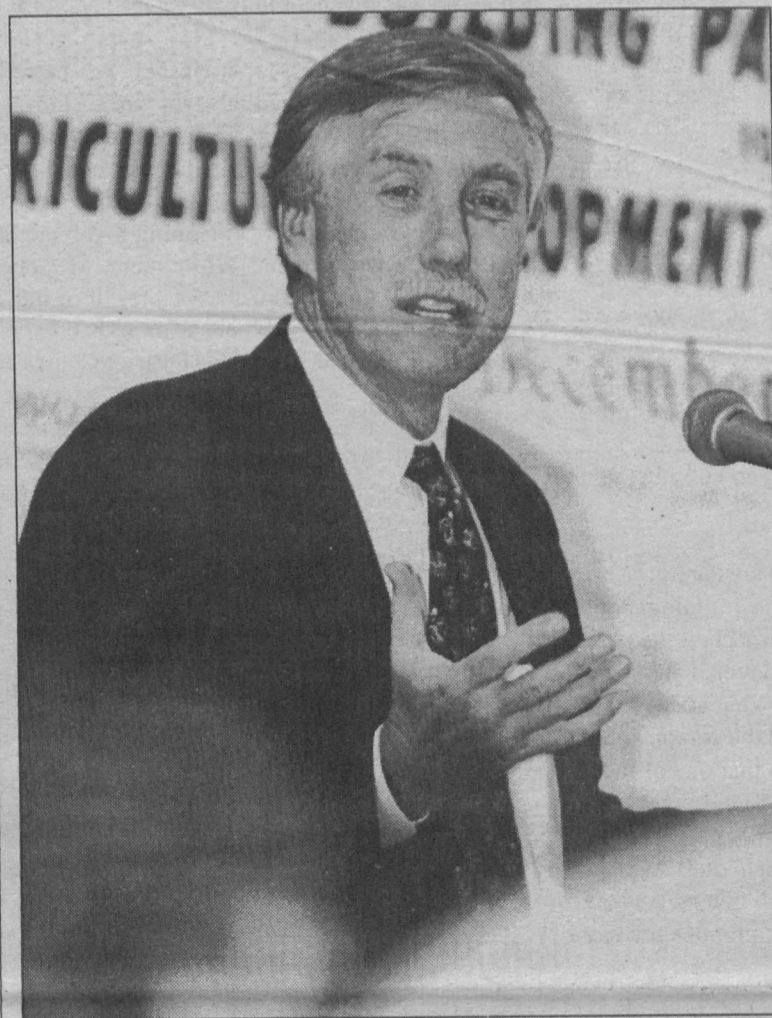
Foley said the letter writing session will be accompanied by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7:45 p.m.

Meanwhile, the United Nations had a student pre-con-

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• Agriculture

King outlines farming plans



Maine Gov. Angus King speaks to the University of Maine about agriculture in Maine at Wells Commons on Thursday. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Kevin Brooks
For the *Maine Campus*

Gov. Angus King presented the keynote address at the ninth-annual Maine Rural Developer's council forum on Thursday at the Wells conference center. Its focus was "Agricultural Development and the Building of Vibrant Maine Communities."

In his speech, King stressed how important agriculture was to the state and presented his visions for Maine's agricultural future through 2010.

"One of our comparative advantages is agriculture," King said. "We're probably the largest agricultural land base east of the Mississippi."

"I think we miss the boat if we don't understand the important role agriculture plays in Maine," King said.

King noted that one of the most significant issues is how we can raise the levels of prospect without changing the state.

"We are a rural state," King said. "That's part of what holds the state together."

King moved on to state his

visions of Maine's future.

"I think agriculture has a bigger part to play in the future of Maine than it has in the past," King said.

One hundred to 150 years ago, the three principle occupations were forestry, fishing and farming.

"Agriculture is a thread that holds the state together," King said. "It is part of what can make one state [rather than a divided state]."

In King's outlook for the year 2010, he outlined many ideals that would take work at both the governmental level as well as individual responsibilities.

His visions included increasing the potato average in Aroostook County from 68,000 to more than 100,000 per acre, while maintaining the quality of the product.

He also stressed the use of irrigation to steady the quality and volume of the product.

An idea that drew much applause from the audience was a Maine brand. Whenever any item in Maine is sold, it has a brand that identifies it as made in Maine.

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• Academia

Race begins for vice provost position

By Debra Hatch
Maine Campus staff

Candidates for the position of vice president for academic affairs and provost will be visiting the University of Maine campus from Dec. 9 until Dec. 17.

The position is currently held on an interim basis by Donald Zillman, who has been serving the position since August this year.

The provost serves as the chief academic officer and is responsible for all aspects of teaching on campus and the teaching mission of the university.

Currently there are three candidates who will visit the campus to talk to students about ideas and views for how they would fill the job. Each candidate will be available to talk to students, faculty and staff in two major venues — an open forum

meeting and a session with student groups, including undergraduate students, graduate students, international students, members of ALANA and employee groups.

The candidates for vice president and provost are Mary Lou Higgerson, Joseph A. Wood and Robert A. Kennedy.

Higgerson is currently serving as the executive director for the undergraduate experience, the office of the chancellor and as a professor in the department of speech communication at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

She has a doctorate degree from the University of Kansas in organizational communication. She received her bachelor's degree from Clarion University and her master's from Central Michigan University.

Higgerson met with the cam-

pus community yesterday, and will talk with the faculty and staff in an open session today from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sorderberg Center in Jenness Hall.

Wood is the interim vice provost at George Mason University and a faculty member of the Geography department there. He earned his doctorate degree in geography from Pennsylvania State University, he earned his bachelor's degree in geography at Middlebury College and his masters degree at the University of Vermont. From 1977 until 1988, Wood was also a faculty member of the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the geography department.

Wood will meet with the campus community on Monday, Dec. 13 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Bodwell Lounge of the Maine Center for the Arts. He will meet with faculty and staff on Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 1:30 to 3

p.m. in the Sorderberg Center at Jenness Hall.

Kennedy is the vice president for research as well as the associate provost for graduate studies at Texas A&M University. Kennedy also teaches biology at Texas A&M.

Before teaching and working at Texas A&M, Kennedy was also the vice president of research at Maryland Institute for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Maryland, associate dean and director of the colleges of agriculture and life sciences at the University of Maryland. He was also a faculty member and chair of the horticulture department at Washington State University and he served in the National Science Foundation.

Kennedy will meet with the

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Today:

• Weather

Another cold, cloudy weekend, scattered snow showers on Saturday.



• Local

Engineering the super potato!

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WTO riots being forgotten.

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Phish is back!

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Police

Beat-down

On Dec. 1 between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., the owner of a 1995 Audi reported the theft of a driver-side signal light assembly kit while the car was parked in the Belgrade lot. Theft was estimated at \$150.

On Dec. 2 around 12:30 a.m., two residents of Knox Hall reported that a man had entered their room while they were sleeping and discharged a fire extinguisher, covering them and some of the contents of the room. A follow-up investigation found that the extinguisher had been stolen from the fourth floor of York Hall and been brought back to Knox by two residents. The extinguisher was then taken from the two individuals and used to spray the room. After questioning the individuals Brad Shelley, 19, was issued a summons for criminal mischief. The two other men involved were sent to the judicial affairs. Shelly is scheduled to appear in Bangor District Court Dec. 17.

Around midnight on Dec. 3, Officer Scott Curtis was investigating an incident at Kennebec Hall when he saw a man with a bottle of beer. He found the man to be intoxicated and uncooperative. After a brief discussion, the individual let Curtis into his room. While a summons was being issued for possession of alcohol by a minor, the man became disorderly, yelling at the officer. As a result, Justin Harkings, 19, was then arrested for disorderly conduct. Harkings resisted being put into the cruiser, which resulted in two additional summonses: refusing to submit to an arrest and failing to sign a summons. In all, Harkings was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor, disorderly conduct, refusing to submit to an arrest and failure to sign a summons.

Around 11:30 p.m., Dec. 3, Sgt. Leroy Patterson and Officer Paul Paradis were notified of a rowdy group in Hancock Hall. While patrolling the building, they observed two men on the second floor leaving a room. As they approached the individuals they saw that one of them had beer. The men were asked if they had any identification, and they said that they did not. However, officers noticed what appeared to be a wallet in a back pocket of one of the men. When they questioned the person about what it was, he answered that it was his wallet. Officers then noticed that one of them had a large bulge in his front pocket. Upon investigation, officers found eight baggies of mushrooms as well as a small set of scales in the individual's pocket. As a result, Charles D. Johnson, 19, was arrested for possession of a Schedule X drug. Johnson was then taken to Penobscot County Jail, where it was found that he was out on bail for a previous drug charge. As a result, Johnson was given a summons for violation of condition of release.

Sometime between noon and 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 1, a woman reported her Northface backpack, along with several textbooks, had been stolen from the University Bookstore. The theft is valued at \$165.

On Dec. 4 around 11:40 p.m., Officer Scott Curtis was called to a first-floor dorm room (address unavailable), after receiving a report concerning the smell of burning marijuana. Upon investigation, William Robichaud, 18, was summonsed for possession of marijuana.

On Dec. 4 at 2:20 a.m., Officer Chris Hashey was patrolling on Sebago Road when he noticed a gray Volvo speeding on Grove Street extension. The car was stopped, and after approaching the vehicle, Hashey observed the individual to be under the influence. After conducting field sobriety tests, Jesse A. McAvoy, 18, was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence. He was then taken to the Orono Police Department where he was given an intoxilyzer test. McAvoy had a blood alcohol level of 0.14.

At 12:45 a.m. on Dec. 5, Hashey was patrolling on Grove Street extension when a white Jeep with a headlight out passed him. Hashey stopped the Jeep and investigated. Upon investigation, Hashey found that the driver appeared to have been drinking. After running a routine license check, it was found that the driver, Jeffrey McCooey, 19, was operating with a suspended license. As a result, he was arrested and given a summons for operating a vehicle after suspension and taken to the Old Town Police Department. While there, McCooey was given an intoxilyzer test. His blood alcohol level was 0.14. As a result of this he was given an additional summons for operating a motor vehicle with an excessive blood alcohol content. McCooey is scheduled to appear in Bangor District Court Dec. 17.

On Dec. 5 at 1:40 a.m. Officer Paul Paradis was making rounds on the fourth floor of York Hall when he smelled the odor of burning marijuana. He was able to trace the smell to a room, and upon investigating, Paradis discovered a small quantity of marijuana. As a result Ryan J. Bernard, 19, and Joseph Socoby, 21, were summonsed for illegal possession of marijuana.

On Dec. 7 at 11:50 a.m., a second-floor resident of Hancock Hall reported that while she was taking a shower she saw a man look at her through the crack in the shower dividers. Another dorm resident saw the man leaving the bathroom and described him as being 6 feet tall, with a medium build, short brown hair and round glasses. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Public Safety at 581-4040.

By Nicole Brann
For the Maine Campus



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Next conversation will be on
December 15, 2 - 3 p.m.
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• Growing a clone, all for your own

MaineTime discussion tackles genetic cloning

By Joe Gunn
For the Maine Campus

Comparing the current controversial issue of human cloning and genetic engineering to the moral dilemma faced at the onset of the nuclear age, Redda Hotto led off the scaled-down version of this week's MaineTime Conversation on Wednesday afternoon in the Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union.

In total, only two members of the student body, along with the two facilitators and Hotto, the coordinator of MaineTime, attended the open forum. The topic for this week was the ethical questions concerning the possible reality of human cloning.

The facilitators were Alan Parks, currently a member of the Maine Center for Community Inclusion, and Ryan Carnegie, a graduate assistant and doctorate student in the Maine school of biology. It is usually the purpose of the facilitators at MaineTime to present information about the topic as a method

of generating conversation among the students.

However, given the lack of participants this week they eagerly engaged in an impromptu discussion with the two stu-

dy major, and Erik Johnson, a graduate student in biology.

On the issue of human cloning, Parks said: "All the ethical questions are with us now — it's now [just a matter of] how we

still as a result of it.

Johnston, stated that the idea of human cloning (which has been outlawed by the federal government within the last year) is more or less a reality. He cited that the concept of fetal manipulation is already a scientific reality and is far more meaningful in what implications go along with it.

As an illustration he used an example of someone with cystic fibrosis being more-or-less "cured" through genetic tinkering. As a result it might be possible for them to further spread the disease unknowingly through their children, resulting in a disease of epic proportions.

Another point, posed by Baker, was the current opposition of genetically enhancing food products such as fruits and vegetables.

"Once a person gets the idea that [genetically engineered products] are in some way bad for you, then all of a sudden everyone panics," Baker said.

Also brought up by the group was the idea that, in genetically enhancing food we are meeting the needs of the ever-growing world population. At the same time, this may be further sustained by the positive effects of genetic improvement in ourselves, to the point to where the world will no longer be able to support its population or the environment.

Johnson summed it up as the "tragedy of the commons."

The MaineTime Conversation series will continue through next week and every Wednesday afternoon during the spring semester in the Bangor Lounge of the Union. Any and all members of the university community are invited and encouraged to attend this open forum of ideas and opinions.

"Once a person gets the idea that [genetically-engineered products] are in some way bad for you, then all of a sudden everyone panics." — Danielle Baker, fourth-year microbiology major

dents. The end result was nearly an hour of open and free expression of ideas concerning human cloning and related topics.

The students in attendance were Danielle Baker, a fourth-year microbiology

deal with the implications."

Baker said she could "understand the practicality of it," while at the same time expressed doubts over the idea of bringing our evolution to a practical stand

• Money for Maine?

Legislators talk about upcoming issues

By Sean Prendergast
For the Maine Campus

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, speaking to a standing room only audience, Interim Provost Donald Zillman introduced three local politicians for a brown bag luncheon dealing with upcoming legislation pertaining to the University of Maine System.

Those present were State Senator Mary Cathcart and State Reps Matt Dunlap and Danny Williams. Absent was Rep. Kassie Stevens.

Cathcart was the first to speak and reported that there is an excess of one-time money. The question that arose pertained to what to do with the newfound surplus.

Cathcart opened the session by introducing a bill to cover raising health costs for University of Maine employees. According to Cathcart, state employee health insurance rates will rise, so they will ask for money to curb the cost.

Her view is that university employees should be given the same consideration as other state workers. The bill would use

\$6 million of the \$250-million surplus in the state budget to defray the cost of health benefits.

She made it clear that the money will have nothing to do with raises for employees, but would rather subsidize health costs. The bill was drafted a first time, and after initial denial, was appealed successfully.

Later in the session, a question arose from the audience asking whether or not any consideration had been given to supporting the infrastructure of the university.

Cathcart said President Peter Hoff had approached her with the same question.

Dunlap took over in response. He spoke of the labor contract for employees. He pointed out that it could be renegotiated, as university employees have not had a raise in many years.

"Your people are your infrastructure," Dunlap said. "And we've lost 400 people over the last few years."

"Why would a professor of engineering want to stay here and make \$40,000 a year when this person could make \$120,000 a year at General Electric?" he said.

Williams was the last to speak. He

explained that this being his first year in the house, he had the privilege of speaking either first or last, whichever his more experienced cohorts did not want to do.

After introducing an element of humor into the forum, he lauded Hoff for his relentless visits to the State House in Augusta. He said he appreciated the fact that Hoff made himself visible to legislators as a representative of the university, lest they forget it is here.

"I think he does more for our cause than anything else," Williams said.

Williams then urged students to make an appearance in the State House at Augusta, mentioning that it is a very effective persuasive tool in politics.

Zillman concluded the luncheon on a comical note, citing an anecdote dating to Winthrop Libby's time as president of the university.

He said Libby went to the State House to meet with the chancellor regarding funding for a library expansion. The chancellor, according to Zillman, quipped, "You've got more books in that library than a man can read in a lifetime."

"So that is what we were up against," Zillman said.

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Rights

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ference meeting on Human Rights and the Culture of Peace on Dec. 9 in the U.N. headquarters in New York.

Today about 440 students from Canada, Mexico and the United States will continue their conference followed by various small workshops and group discussions for parents, teachers and students.

The conference is aimed at helping the audience to understand the U.N. role in promoting human rights and creating a global culture of peace. Many governmental officials of foreign countries and the United Nations, including Secretary-General Kofi Annan and his wife, Nane Annan, are going to give speeches.

In her letter to the students on Dec. 9, Annan called for student participation to

protect human rights and asked them to send their letters with projects and proposals that students would like to accomplish in the new millennium to make a difference in their communities and schools.

"You are our bridge to the future," she wrote in her letter. "Your thoughts about the future give the leaders of today a road map to steer the world in a direction that you, tomorrow's leaders, would like."

"But more importantly, your actions can create a whole new culture of involvement," Annan's letter continued. "Everyone says the world has to change for us to survive in a better way. Your actions could show us how."

Today, 165 member-countries of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of

All Forms of Discrimination against Women will sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention, a legal document adopted by the United Nation on Oct. 6 to allow female victims of sex discrimination to submit their complaints to the committee. The protocol will be put into force after 10 of the U.N. member-nations ratify it.

The following is a list of events being held in conjunction with Human Rights Day and Amnesty International:

Dec. 10: Human Rights Day Party — AI Group 371 (Camden) will host a card-writing evening, with music and refreshments, at the Second Read in Rockland, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (the cards will be sent to prisoners of conscience in various parts of the world.).

Dec. 10-16: AI Group 169 (Bath/Brunswick) and Bowdoin College AI will table at showings of "Windhorse" (Tibet film) at the Eveningstar Cinema in Brunswick on Friday at, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., Sunday matinees, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and Monday

through Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13: AI Group 549 (Waterville) annual Human Rights Day potluck supper, holiday card writing and candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m., St. Mark's Church, Eustice Parkway, Waterville

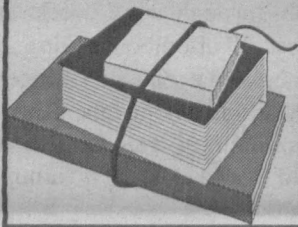
Dec. 18: Twentieth anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

Dec. 27: Human Rights Day Party, abbreviating its normal meeting, Group 169 also will write holiday cards to prisoners and eat potluck desserts at 7 p.m. Bath Iron Works Conley Building, Center Street (opposite Brackett's Market), Bath. For directions or other information, contact Christina at 725-2922 or modular@modularadvantage.com

Amnesty International-Maine contact information:

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The Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee is calling for nominations for next year's Class Book. The selection criteria are as follows:

The Class Book should be of sufficient intellectual rigor and cultural interest to engage faculty, staff and students yet broad enough to appeal to a diverse academic community.

The Class Book should be available in paperback and reasonable in cost.

Keep in mind that the Class Book becomes a part of the curriculum for ENG 101, College Composition, as well as for other university courses. To make a nomination, send along a copy of the book (it will be returned to you at the end of the selection process) and a statement of no more than one page outlining the arguments in its favor to

Owen Smith, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee
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MaineBus schedule. The wrong times were
printed in past issues.**

The MaineBus

The Route

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Stop 2	Hancock Hall (half circle by front entrance)
Stop 3	York Hall
Stop 4	Stillwater Ave: Spotlight Cinemas
Stop 5	Stillwater Ave: Hoyt's Cinemas
Stop 6	Mall: Sears Entrance
Stop 7	Mall Blvd Borders Bookstore

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Angus

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"We have this brand," King said. "We should take advantage of it. We should be tying it directly to our agricultural products."

King used L.L. Bean as an example of this idea, noting that when people see something that is made in Maine, they trust its quality and value.

King also described his vision for a farmer's market in every community, and one in cyberspace for tourists to visit. He also expressed a desire to increase direct-to-consumer marketing.

King outlined some policy changes he hoped to see happen soon. One such change would make the farm and open space law more friendly for people who wanted to get into it. Currently there are stiff penalties for anyone who tries to opt out of any agreements made under the law.

In relation, King said he wanted some form of reimbursement plan for communities who lose property taxes from use of the farm and open space law.

Another quirk King mentioned is that electricity is exempt from sales taxes if it is used in production of materials such as I-beams, while it is not exempt in the milk making process.

King, however, did not want to use money from the state surplus to benefit any upcoming changes.

"We should be investing the surplus, paying off capital debt and putting it in the savings account," King said.

King also wanted to "take some fluctuation out of the product" by streamlining the permit process for irrigation systems. He also mentioned that some revolving loan money from Finance Authority of Maine could be used to help farmers install the systems.

With such systems in place, it is estimated that blueberry farmers could see four to five times the crops as they currently see without irrigation.

Losing our farmland will happen in small increments, King said. "By the time we wake up and realize the significance of the loss, it will be too late."

Earlier in the morning, MRDC Executive Director Bob Ho kicked off the forum by welcoming everyone and outlined the roles of the Council.

"Our purpose, is to meet the complex needs of rural Maine, to help sponsor

"We should be investing the surplus, paying off capital debt and putting it in the savings account."

— Gov. Angus King

demonstrations of innovative programs, and to develop sheer meaning and consensus on what the real issues are concerning rural Maine," Ho said.

In the first panel discussion, USM Provost Mark Lapping, University of Maine sustainable agriculture professor Stewart Smith and State Agricultural Commissioner Robert Spear presented the issues affecting the future of agriculture and communities in Maine.

Lapping presented an agriculture history as he read from the 1909 edition of "The Agriculture of Maine." He cited "Twelve Leaks on the Farm," an essay by Edward Mayo, to illustrate how the flaws on the farms of 90 years ago are still relevant to the way today's farms work.

One of the 12 points he focused on



Maine Agriculture Commissioner. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

was the fact that farming is a business and should be conducted as such.

"Farmers take place in a system, farmers don't farm in isolation," Smith said as he discussed the growth of agriculture.

"Agriculture is the biggest single part of the economy," Smith said.

He presented numbers up to 1997 on output and returns for farmers.

"Farmers can grow because they can specialize," Smith said, despite his discussion on what he characterized as a "treadmill" — a circle in which farmers adopt new technology to lower production costs. As a result, the cost to the consumer becomes less and the profits the farmers make decreases. Farmers then go in search of a new technology to bring their costs down.

Spear presented some problems and plans the state has to improve rural economy. According to Spear, in the past 20 years, 1,000 farms and 300,000 acres of farmland have been lost in Maine. Net farm income has also

steadily declined between 1990 to 1998.

"We have to show how important farming is to our rural infrastructure," Spear said. "[Without farms] we lose our sense of a rural state."

"One of our biggest challenges is to make farming profitable, so farmers have a decent income to live on," Spear said.

Spear also noted that there are only 12 major food retailers in the world now, since most have consolidated. The number one food retailer is Wal-Mart.

Spear also touched on plans to create a Maine brand as an umbrella for Maine made goods to be sold under, so they are easily identified by the consumers.

Following King's keynote, a final panel discussion was held to bring together some information gathered during the six interactive breakout sessions held before King's arrival.

During the sessions, group leaders received feedback from many rural folks on a variety of topics from "buy local" campaigns to food security in rural Maine.

The purpose of the forum was to present information on agricultural trends as well as to gather new information from rural developers. The council hopes to take the information gathered from the forum and present an agenda on how to develop the future of Maine's agricultural and rural communities.

Provost

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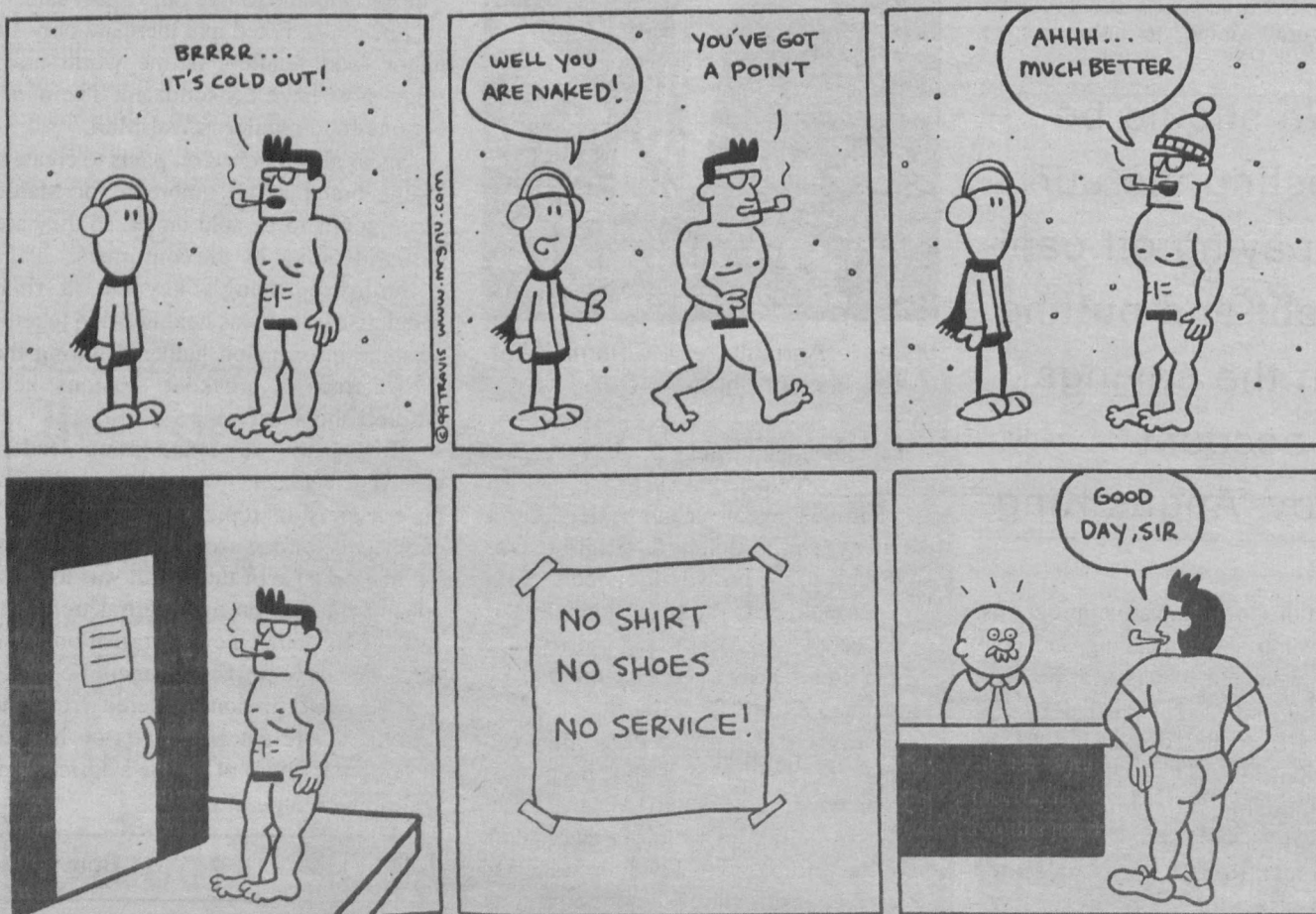
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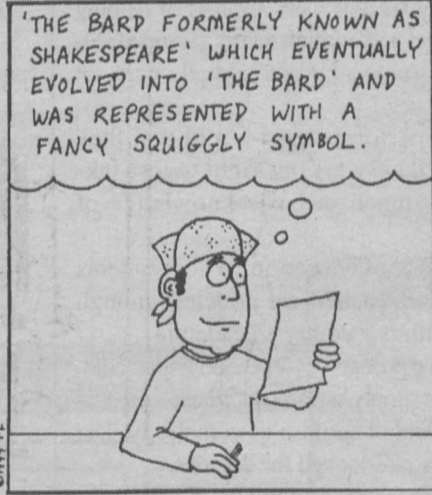
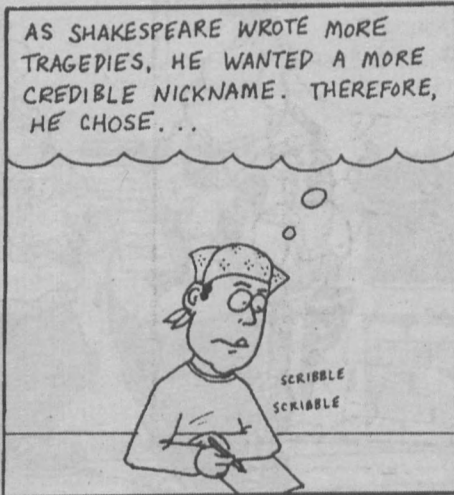
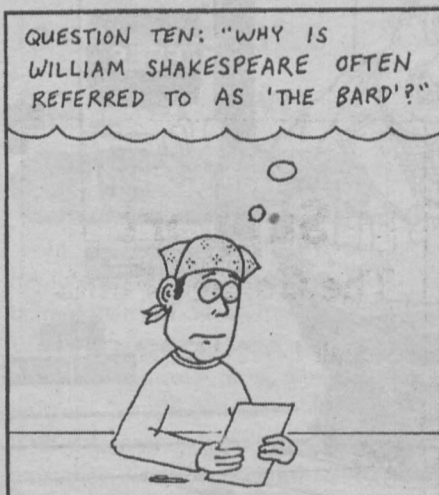


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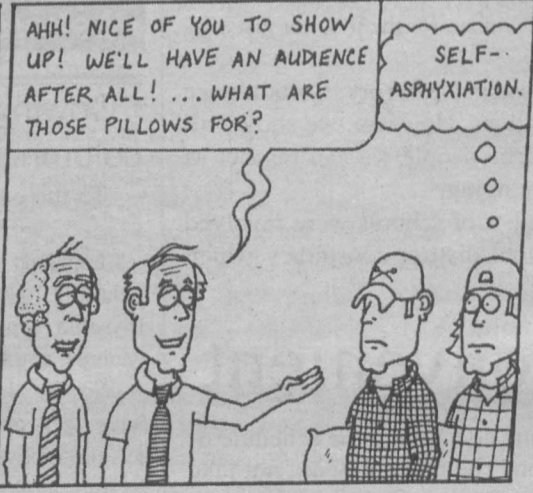
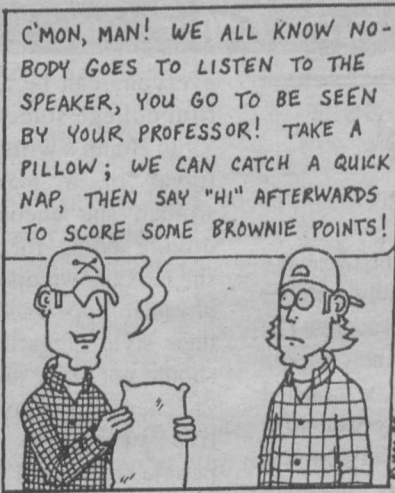
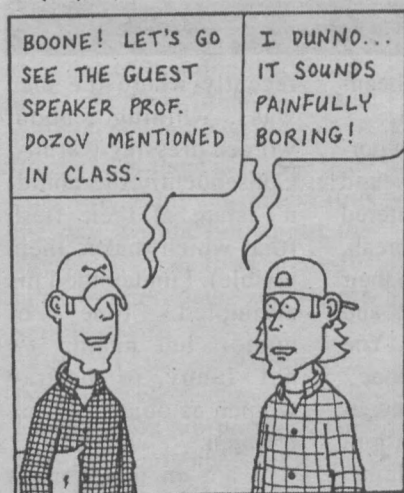
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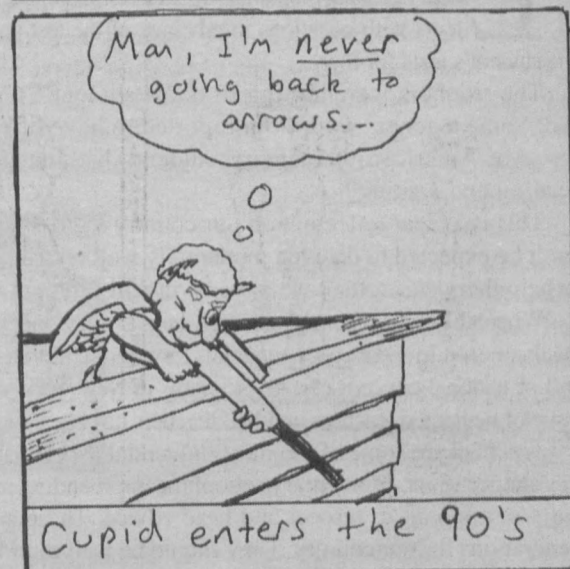


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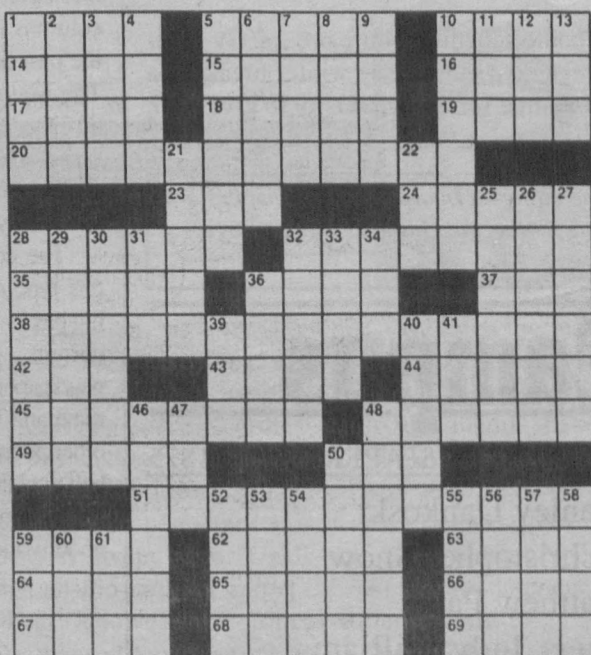
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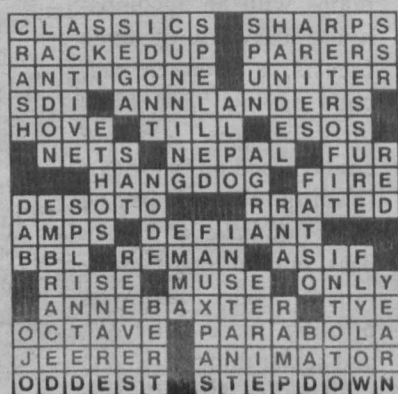
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- 9 Psychic
- 10 Stumble
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- 21 Christmas decoration
- 22 Indignation
- 25 Michener novel
- 26 Penitent
- 27 Ladybug, e.g.
- 28 Veto
- 29 Ham
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- 31 Be bedridden
- 32 Yorkshire city



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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- 36 _____ a-brac
- 39 Moo goo _____ pan
- 40 University of Florida student
- 41 N.Y.C. subway
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- 50 Hawk's descent
- 52 White-spotted rodent
- 53 Egg on
- 54 Community org. with a gym
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- 56 Notion
- 57 Parkway product
- 58 Cincinnati nine
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- 60 Oomph
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EDITORIAL

Teachers need more attention

Last Tuesday 52 employees of 32 New York City schools were accused of helping students cheat on standardized tests. Both teachers and administrators provided students with questions in advance of the test and went so far as to actually mark on the student's tests for them.

The teachers were aiming to boost student's test performances — and that they did. Some teachers were even reported to have offered answers out-right to test-takers. Are American elementary students lacking this much in basic knowledge of reading and writing?

This is a clear reflection on our country's gross neglect of education. When students can't be expected to do even moderately well on tests, and teachers are prideless enough to help them cheat, then we have an urgent problem with our country's academia.

Where the cycle of teaching apathy begins is a wonder we probably won't soon understand. Be the reason low pay, poor materials, problem children or simply unmotivated teachers, it is still of national concern and the scenario in New York shouldn't surprise us completely. The issue of neglected teachers and bad teachers has been sorely overlooked for decades.

Teachers are some of the most influential aspects of our lives growing up. Specifically in younger years. Elementary school means spending six hours with one adult from whom we are supposed to respect and head advice. These are the people who help create new generations for our country. They should be well rounded and apt for the job, not just anyone who wants summers off.

This is not to say all teachers are at the level of those in New York. Certainly we all have fond memories of at least one teacher in our lives. However, we should all have more fond memories of teachers. These should be people we can respect as students as well as fellow citizens for the job they are doing.

It is particularly frightening that such a large number of schools were involved in the scandal. It almost suggests some kind of school district conspiracy which means the issue needs even more urgent attention.

Finals schedule inconvenient

The University of Maine has failed the students concerning the schedule of semester exams, winter break and graduation. The university did not take into account students who have to travel a fair distance by either car or plane who may have an exam on Thursday, the day before Christmas Eve.

By scheduling exams during that week it also allows only four days for exams, not the usual five. It also gives less time to re-schedule an exam, due to too many in one day.

Some of these problems could have been avoided by starting classes a week earlier. Having nearly a month of classes off is also a disadvantage for the students who have jobs in the area and live in dorms. By having the extended break it pushes back graduation to May 20 and some students who have internships or jobs may not have the chance to march because it is so late in the year. May term has also been pushed back. The university should call it June term instead.

If the university had not been so concerned with extending winter session, the scheduling would not be difficult. Students were not made aware of these potential problems when the faculty senate decided to pass the proposal. This is another case of the university trying to fool the students into wanting more time off. In the big picture it only makes things difficult not only for the students, but for the faculty and workers of the campus as well.

The university needs to rethink how they should schedule future breaks. By starting classes earlier in the fall semester by a week, and cutting the winter break by a week, graduation would not be in late May. It is time for the university to give back the old schedule to students.

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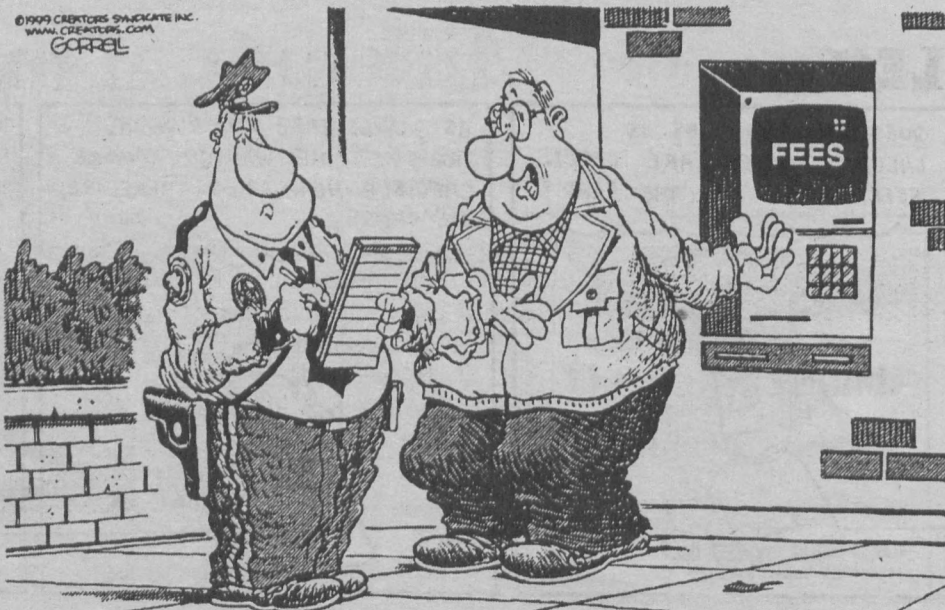
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"I WASN'T ROBBED AT THE ATM MACHINE . . . I WAS ROBBED BY THE ATM MACHINE!"

• Letters to the Editor

• Cowing as a columnist

To the editor:

I am only a first year student, but I already consider myself a loyal reader of The Maine Campus newspaper.

So far this semester I have seen many well-written pieces by University of Maine students, however the columns of Travis Cowing stand out. Cowing's columns stand out with not only his writing, but his excellent sense of humor.

His columns are by far the most humorous and easy to read parts of The Maine Campus. Some of the topics that Cowing writes about, most notably masturbation, could be conceived by many people as offensive. Publishing such columns have drawn fire in the past for other papers, so The Maine Campus should receive positive credit for going ahead and publishing such controversial columns such as by Cowing.

The columns prove that this type of humorous writing has a necessary place in a current events oriented newspaper. Both my roommate and I, as well as many other people in our residence hall, feel the same way about the columns. Keep up the good work.

Scott McNey,
York Hall

• Superficial

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Nicole Brann's column titled "Interstate love" and being a homewrecka," which ran in the Dec. 8 issue of The Maine Campus. I would just like to state that not

everyone can be a beautiful college student.

In Brann's written portrayal of a man and woman she encountered driving home for break, she looks down upon their physical appearance and their style of garb. You should not judge anyone.

There are many negative stereotypes about people from rural Maine. I do not understand why a journalism major, like Brann, or a college newspaper would want to promote the degradation of any people.

Daniel L. Worcester,
Penobscot Hall

• Enough already

To the editor:

I rarely and randomly pick up The Maine Campus, usually to kill a few minutes. In my browsing, I've noticed some consistent themes. Heterosexism and sexism. Heterosexism means that heterosexuality is superior to and accepted when compared to homosexuality. Sexism includes, but is not limited to, the objectification of women as sex objects. I'm using that specific definition because that is what I keep witnessing in these pages.

Heterosexism is particularly prominent in the (not so) funnies. The list of the few that I have seen include a joke about boobs with an accompanying drawing of nude breasts, a drunken raccoon saying "god bless dirty whores," and a comic based on "rhofies," (a drug slipped into a drink to make a woman pass out so she can be raped). Why are you printing these offensive and sexist things?

Another atrocity was the article published

recently where the man was whining about women dressing warmly. Consequently, he couldn't stare at their flesh (that which makes them visible). I understood his attempted tone of humor, but again, it's not funny to portray women as objects of sex for men.

I am on this campus too, and when he said he couldn't see the women I knew he was looking at the wrong things. Every day on this campus, I greet, see and talk with the most beautiful and brilliant women here. They are the reason I can survive being on this campus. Seeing other lesbians and feminist women working, teaching, laughing, eating and advocating for their rights, the rights of others and the protection of the earth is a most beautiful thing. We don't deserve to be inundated with heterosexual material in our campus paper. We especially don't need to be reminded that we live in a sexist culture.

It's not just for women that it's important to print progressive, diverse and respectful material. Obviously we are all trying to figure out how to have healthy, satisfying relationships and successful academic and public lives. Let's help each other out, teach each other some things about being human rather than offend each other and instigate anger and frustration.

My requests can't possibly cause anyone any pain or be difficult to implement. I'm just asking that you be more critical about what you print. It will only help your careers as journalists.

Sydney Mackey,
Orono

OPINION

• Asch backwards

Defy unwritten laws — make up your own

By Marc Asch

In previous columns I have depicted the senselessness behind many of our written laws. With these written laws, the government controls how we can behave. These senseless laws, with no moral basis for their existence, limit our freedom.

However, these laws are just the tip of the iceberg. For every written law, there are 10 unwritten laws that bind us in the same manner. Although they are unwritten, and one may not even realize they exist, breakage of them can have very concrete implications. From the day we are born until the day we die, our lives are regulated by these laws and we are kept in chains.

Some of these unwritten social laws have good reason for existence. Others are pointless. Still others are outrightly bad; they hinder us from achieving happiness and higher levels of humanity.

We must not only declare war on the pointless written laws, we must declare war on the destructive, unwritten social rules.

If you wish to become a warrior in this battle, you can start by wearing its uniform. What is the uniform? The idea behind the uniform is to be completely out of uniform.

Wear a UMaine dining services hat sideways. Better yet, wear nothing but shoes, underwear and your sideways University of Maine dining services hat to your 200-person lecture class. Girls, shave your heads. Guys, shave your legs. Take your Abercrombie and Fitch shirts and replace the F with a B. Change the P to a Y on your Gap shirts. Take a plain white shirt and write your own message on it.

For instance, "I do not fit your definition of what is cool and I do not give a shit." Whatever else you can think of, go for it.

Once you have successfully taken this step, do not settle down and be pacified. You are only at the tip of the iceberg. The real odyssey is that of the mind. This odyssey will not be a quick or easy one. You may never reach your destination. But, you must try.

Love all and remember always to think for yourself. Don't let anyone do it for you.

Marc Asch is a freshman sustainable agriculture major who is attempting to found and lead a millennialist cult that practices free love. To apply for membership, e-mail Asch through FirstClass.

• From the Choppin' Block

Millennium makeover Jenny Jones style

It's a damn good thing Jesus wasn't born in the 1990s.

Just picture the scene from the updated Bible, which would be found, of course, on the Internet ...

There the wisemen, bearing gifts of Pokemon, Elmo and Barbie, found the babe, wrapped in Gap fleece and lying in the comfort of Bethlehem's newest Motel 6.

A nativity scene with new BMWs and Saabs replacing the camels and sheep? Come on.

Christmas is going way over the edge, and it is falling faster each year. The religion is all but lost on a majority of the population. Kids just don't think Jesus is that cool anymore.

But why?

Everything Jesus did, according to the Bible was cool. It's just been forgotten because the translation was done so long ago.

So what we need to do is give Jesus a millennium makeover, a la Jenny Jones.

Before anyone goes on thinking I'm some kind of atheist or heretic or something, let me qualify what you're about to read. If we make the savior fresh for the

kiddies and relate him in terms they'll understand, maybe they can start to appreciate Christmas for what it was, and not what it has turned into.

The Bible wasn't written in

Steve Austin. However, if he had the power to cure the blind, I'm guessing he could reverse the trend with the flick of the wrist. Can anyone say Jedi?

He's the kind of bouncer who

besides having a dope beat.

I'm sure that between the disciples, they could have come up with something better than what Puff Daddy can sample. And that would allow Jesus to be the first M.C. with a positive message.

I can see the first album cover now — Jesus Christ Supa-Star: Straight Outta Nazareth.

And think about what Jesus already had that was cool. He wore Birkenstocks, had long hair and a beard and his old man was God.

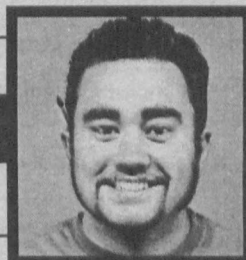
Jesus has always had it all going for him, but people may have a hard time relating. That's the way generation gaps work.

If he's this cool, there's no reason not to celebrate his birthday, which is what Christmas originally was, in case anyone forgot.

So, this Christmas, get yourself to a church. Maybe you can talk your parish into a rap version of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Matthew Paul is the city editor for The Maine Campus and encourages everyone to have yourself a very merry little Christmas.

By Matthew Paul



English. And the first translation into English bore no resemblance to the Americanized version of the language we know today.

For example, the original Jesus was a carpenter. Today, Jesus would be a contractor, holding all the accounts in the world, designing cool buildings and driving a fantastic SUV. He went to college and got his degree in three years.

The original Jesus was also forced to remove unwanted folks from temples. Today, Jesus is a bouncer-for-hire. So, maybe he's not built like Stone Cold

can keep turning the other cheek, but he still escorts vagabonds to the door with the greatest of ease. He's not going all bad-ass on anyone. Jesus is just calm, like the pacifist's Steven Segal.

Think about it. This is a man who's got enough time to do all kinds of jobs and still be the chairman of the board for the 12 apostles.

The 12 apostles, rather than always questioning and denying Jesus (Peter and Judas), are Jesus' Y2K posse. Jesus always had eloquent, almost poetic speech, so what would stop him from being a mad skills rapper,

• World Trade Organization

Protest legacy lives on despite media

It has only been approximately one week since the protests against the World Trade Organization in Seattle came to an end. One week has passed and already there is little to no reporting on this issue. This struck me as quite odd, since I considered this event to be one of the most groundbreaking events to occur in at the last 10 years.

This media silence encouraged me to bring up this topic again to remind people that even though they are not being reported on anymore, the Seattle protests will carry a very powerful legacy.

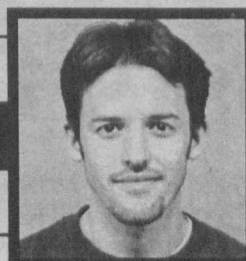
I guess I am not all that surprised that media coverage ended so abruptly. After all, there was no more action to report on and no more live footage of angry mobs trying to crush the American dream of globalization. As soon as the last pepper-spray bullet cases were swept into the gutters and the last tear gas victims treated, the American media ignored the protests and their aftermath.

The media failed to present the impact the riots had on this country. If this was done intentionally, I don't know.

The facts are hard to overlook. The media did not look

at the protests through their eyes. Instead, they were downplayed to a degree of ridiculousness. Personally, I felt patronized.

By Nikolaus Halter



I was being told that this was the work of anarchists and that the police were justified in brutalizing peaceful protesters. My outrage was further heightened when the coverage suddenly stopped and this issue was swept under Uncle Sam's all-too-familiar carpet.

That showed me once again that the American media is subservient to the American government and its most powerful propaganda machine.

But that's old news. I can't help but feeling alienated by the media and I cannot watch the national news without sarcastically commenting on just about any report. The coverage of the Seattle protests was pitiful at best and so were the reactions.

Seattle's police chief was fired and there is talk about

impeaching the mayor. This is trivial. It is far more important to discuss the impact this event had on American society. But that is not happening.

This was the most powerful display of the American people in quite a long time. And who do the media make responsible? A handful of anarchists, who may have been just paid provocateurs anyway.

Don't laugh. This was exactly what happened at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968. There are many facets to these protests and it takes more than just watching the news to try and understand what happened.

This is a common game played by the media. Downplaying something like this creates the impression that it was not a massive movement, but only a disturbed action by some misguided fringe group. This is where the patronizing factor kicks in.

The media doesn't give the people any credit for putting something like this together and successfully interrupting an important event like a WTO conference. What we are being told is that we don't have the strength and the unity to significantly influence this country's happenings. And that is not the case.

So don't believe the hype and don't feed in to the propaganda too much. Because if you do, you might miss the train.

Nikolaus Halter is a senior history major.

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STYLE & ARTS



• Music News

Beck is back with 'Midnite Venture'

By Marc Asch
For the Maine Campus

*Hot milk
Mmmm ... tweak my nipple
Champagne and ripple
Shamans go cripple
My sales go triple
We drop lobotomy beats,
Evaporated meats
On hi-tech streets ...
— from "Hollywood Freaks"*

From folk, to country, to heavy metal, to classic rock, to rap, to R&B, to soul — it seems Beck Hansen has done just about every genre out there. Even more amazing, he has done it better than the people he imitates. Undoubtedly, he is the most versatile, creative and innovative musician on the scene today. Beck Hansen, better known simply as Beck, is at it again in "Midnite Vultures," his follow-up to the unfairly neglected folksy and Beatlesque "Mutations."

For those who have only heard Beck's major hits such as "Loser" from "Mellow Gold," and "Devil's Haircut" and "Where It's At" from "Odelay," "Midnite Vultures" may seem like a strange departure from the musical formulas which have made him a household name. However, the true Beck aficionado knows Beck's one constant is change and innovation. Anything less than a strange departure from his past work would have been a disappointment. Beck does not let down.

"Midnite Vultures" abandons the alternative label to do pure hip-hop. It does

share some of the same themes from "Odelay," such as vanity, excess, materialism and greed. However, instead of looking at these societal problems from the view of a rejected outsider, Beck takes the stance of a successful, machismo, mack-daddy, Puff Daddy imitator.

As always, Beck makes use of crazy lyrics. Unlike other artists who are always trying to be deep but are usually just dumb, and clichéd in their outlooks on life, Beck knows how to make fun poetry and feels no obligation to attempt to be meaningful. (Although he certainly can when he wants to.)

From "Milk & Honey":

... Did you hear those war-torn stories
Where the lifeguards slept in the streets

In the Jungle lands

With the cold cola cans

You'll get the keys to the city for free ...

Get out your old disco shoes for songs on the first half of the CD such as: "Sexx Laws," "Nicotine & Gravy," "Mixed Bizness," "Get Real Paid" and "Hollywood Freaks." While all these songs are disco-liscious, the highlights are definitely "Sexx Laws" and "Hollywood Freaks."

In "Sexx Laws" Beck cheerfully sings in true Broadway style about how he "wants to defy the logic of all sex laws" and how he's "a full-grown man but ... not afraid to cry." This song is all about freeing yourself from societal paradigms and rules, such as the code of masculinity, the laws of monogamy and what is con-

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Beck puts his creative talents into his latest album, 'Midnite Vulture.' (Courtesy photo)

• Cumberland County Civic Center

Phish hosts fun show in Portland

By Kris Healey
For the Maine Campus

It has always amazed me that Phish, a band with no hit single and no hit album, has generated a fan base of millions and a cult following that puts today's pop music superstars to shame. Phish, like no other band, has gained respect and popularity through word of mouth, grassroots support and relentless touring. I was again reminded of why Phish has earned this national respect when I attended their Tuesday night performance at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland.

I was reasonably excited during my drive down to Portland because that I hadn't seen Phish since the 1998 summer tour. In fact, the two-night stand in Portland marks the first return, of the entire band, to Maine since 1998's Lemonwheel at the former Loring Air Force Base in Limestone.

Walking across Two Portland Square toward the Civic Center was an amazing experience. The parking lot between Fore Street and the Civic Center was packed, and the entire street in front of the Cotton

Street Cantina had transformed itself into a virtual carnival. Thousands of hardy fans braved the cold to sell their goods and search for tickets.

After a cold wait in line, my friends and I made our way into the arena and onto the floor where we wound our way to the front of the crowd and took up a spot on the left side of the stage directly in front of Page.

A little bit before 8 p.m., Phish took the stage to play their one hour and 20-minute first set. The first set was spectacular, opening with "Farmhouse," "First Tube" and "NICU." The highlight of the set, however, came for me in the form of "Haley's Comet." The jam that followed the song started out strong but mellowed out into an almost irritatingly slow jam before playing into "The Squirmying Coil." Page ended the set with a sweet piano solo as the rest of the band walked off the stage.

We found our way to the seats for the second set, which opened with "Wolfman's Brother" and a long jam, before moving onto the much mellower

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By Michael McFarland
For the Maine Campus

Eight thousand screaming fans. A light show that rivals any Fourth of July fireworks display. An arena filled with huge balloons and floating beach balls. And a stage set for four members of a band who have revolutionized the once underground music scene of jam bands.

On Dec. 7, 1999, at 8 p.m. in the Cumberland County Civic Center, Phish opened its first set of their Portland, Maine show in front of a sold-out forum. Phish, comprised of four members including lead guitarist-vocalist Trey Anastasio, bass player Mike Gordon, drummer Jon Fishman, and keyboardist-piano player Page McConnell, has become a kind of pillar in the world of concert music over the course of the last decade.

With shows that have included venues in thousands of different locations all over the world, Phish has slowly sculpted its role as the premier concert jam band of the '90s, gaining fans and a dedicated following of "tour rats" with each new appearance. Their vitality on stage and their unique ability to provoke thousands of screaming fans into a pandemonium of groovy dancing have earned Phish their promi-

nent high chair in the music scene of today.

Wednesday night's appearance was the first live Phish experience of my life. Looking back now, I can honestly say that I have never been so moved by a musical concert. Each member of the band has an overwhelming mastery of their respective instruments and the riffs that they rip out in the midst of their songs are awe-inspiring. Never have I had an opportunity to witness individuals who can manipulate the direction of each of their songs with such subtle communications and subliminal messages.

Trey Anastasio literally brings alive the guitar with his huge solos, and Mike Gordon can make the bass seem as though it is an extension of himself. Jon Fishman, adorned in his traditional concert attire of a one-piece skirt, jams out improbable rhythmic interludes that can take the entire band from one song into the next with the flawless fluidity of a mountain stream. Meanwhile, Page McConnell is busy fulfilling his role as "chairman of the boards" (keyboards) and backing up lead singer Anastasio in huge vocal jams that earn

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• Theater 118

Students apply makeup skills in plays

By Matthew Dodge
For the Maine Campus

A cloud of powder hangs about the ceiling like smoke. The gaudy halogen bulbs that light the innumerable mirrors of the costume studio serve to illuminate this haze. Seated before these mirrors are students in various states of transformation. Over the hissing of the faucet, the faint strains of some long-forgotten, though no less nostalgic, hip-hop tune can be heard.

Welcome to Theater 118. The students of Jane Sneider undergo their metamorphosis every Friday afternoon. They are also the creative masterminds behind the makeup featured in campus productions such as "The Tempest."

Edna Delano, Melanie McGlinchey and Victoria Rickards comprise the main makeup crew for this Maine Masque production. The entire class did work on this production as well. Theirs is the ominous task of bringing Shakespeare's cast of characters to life on stage.

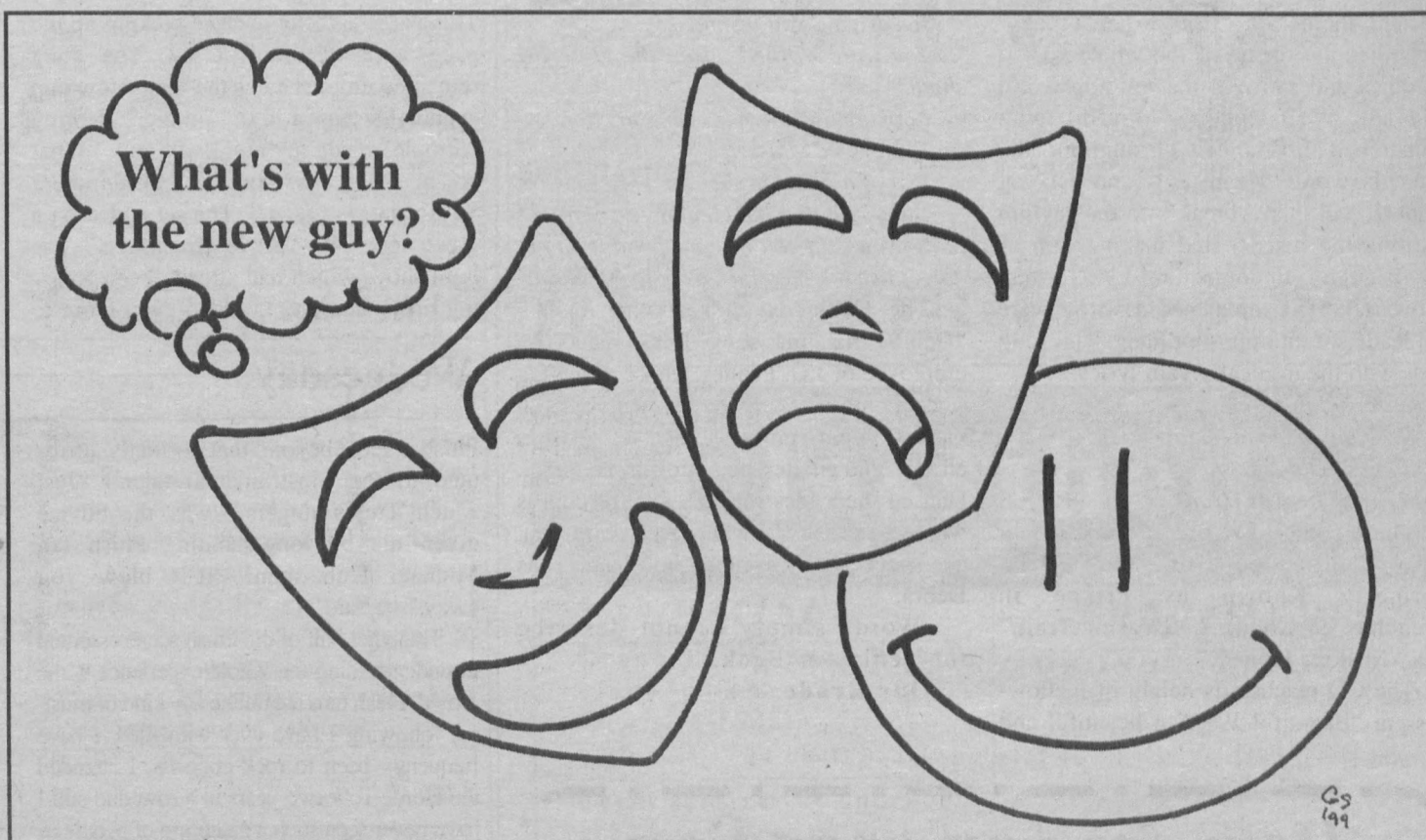
The work is divided among their capable hands. Rickards and Delano make themselves available to the entire cast, offering assistance wherever it is needed.

Cries for help are never in short supply. Wrinkles and other telltale signs of age weather the facial features of Gonzalo. A thin coating of rouge lends a rosy-red hue to the cheeks of the ever-inebriated Sebastian. A rain of glitter bespangles Ariel, one of the magical inhabitants of the island, making her appearance all the more whimsical.

And one must not forget Caliban.

Shakespeare's infamous half-man, half-fish is a study in makeup artistry in and of himself. His headpiece must be glued securely in place, formidable claws, crafted from scrap bits of rubber hose, are attached to his hands and feet, and layer upon layer of green makeup is applied, effectively transforming any remnant of exposed human skin.

Caliban is largely the responsibility of



McGlinchey, though Delano and Rickards eagerly offer their assistance to this massive undertaking. Combing their efforts, the crew requires nearly three hours to prepare Caliban for his initial entrance, often completing work just prior to the opening scene.

When asked why she was selected to do makeup for Caliban, McGlinchey merely shrugs. "It was just my good luck," she says. "It's been fun."

The two other members of the crew agree with their compatriot wholeheartedly. Delano is the first to concede this.

"It's a lot of work," she says. "It requires a great deal of time and energy. But it's a lot of fun."

Even Rickards, a cosmetologist by profession, thinks of "The Tempest" as a learning experience.

"I like to learn a little about everything," she said. "The more I know, the less I have to assume. Knowledge makes

you a more well-rounded person."

She is also impressed by the expertise of her crewmates. Despite her wealth of experience, Rickards did not dominate the backstage activities. "Everyone pretty much pulled her own weight," she said.

Will "The Tempest" be their final production as makeup artists? Delano summarized the unanimous opinion of all three.

"We are looking forward to offering our skills in the future," she said.

All are thankful for this opportunity,

provided them, in large part, by their Stage Makeup class. McGlinchey recalls her theatrical experience in high school with something of a grimace.

"I always wanted to do this," she said, "but I never had the chance. [THE 118] gave me that."

McGlinchey had scarcely expressed her gratitude when a commotion arose in the studio. The actors had returned for intermission, all in need of her services once again.

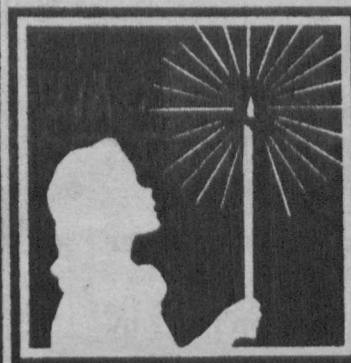
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Beck

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ceived as sexually normal. That's the way I see it anyway. Beck is always purposely ambiguous.

The theme of "Hollywood Freaks" embodies the theme of the whole CD. It parodies and satirizes the hip-hop world and all of its phony bravado with unmatched brilliance. Throughout the song, the words "He my dog" and "Do you want to feel this?" break into the rhythm startling the listener and making him or her laugh uncontrollably. Norman Schwartzkoff is threatened as if he were the leader of an opposing gang. The song ends with the ironically vain lyrics:

... Jockin my Mercedes
Probably have my baby
Shop at Old Navy
He wish he was a lady

The CD mellows out and takes on a tone reminiscent of the Artist Formerly Known as Prince in "Peaches & Cream," "Broken Train" and "Milk & Honey."

The CD reaches its height of mellowness in "Beautiful Way," a beautiful and

original love song. In this poignant ballad Beck sings about a former love:

... There's someone calling your name
It's driving you insane ...
You were washed up on the glittering shoals
Looking for another crime to confess
You bribed yourself
Out of a place in the sun
But you had some change to spare
So you said you wanna spend it on me
And shook the blues out of your hair

The CD ends with another ballad, "Debra." In this song Beck meets an employee of J.C. Penney whose name-tag says Jenny. He steps to her with a fresh pack of gum, promises not to "do her cheap" and invites her into his Hyundai. Hansen then goes into his soulful chorus where he croons "I want to get with you, and your sister, I think her name was Debra."

Words simply cannot describe the genius of Beck.

Our Grade: A+

Tuesday

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"Jennifer Dances." The second set was the evening's better set in my opinion. It continued its mellow feel through "Heavy Things," and "Bug" before picking up the pace with "Bathtub Gin." The song remained unfinished as the long, slow jam eventually teased into "Simple." Hearing "Simple" made my night, after all, "What is a band without a skyscraper? Skyscraper is grand." The set ended on a great note with "Suzie Greenberg." The light show, which had already been amazing up to that point, added even more to

the song, and made for a happy ending to the mellow second set. My friend Susan yelled to me that she could now die happy having heard that song in concert.

After five minutes of cheering and lighters, Phish returned to play two covers, the James Gang tune "Walk Away," and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band song "Rocky Top." Playing the Tennessee State song to end the show was certainly interesting, but overall, the show was well worth the drive to Portland and well worth the classes I missed on Wednesday.

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Phish respect beyond that normally attributed to their instrumental talent. "Just watch Trey's fingers," was the advice given me by long-standing Phish fan Michael Huberman. "It'll blow you away," he said.

The other half of the Phish scene essential in understanding the whole experience is the crowd. Phish fans are unlike any kind of musical following I have ever witnessed. I have frequently been to rock concerts. I attended the Horde Tour two years in a row, and still I have never seen such a gathering of people as those present at Phish.

The people in the audience range in age from gray-haired 40 year-olds to young adolescent kids. I even saw a father who had brought his little girl into the show. She couldn't have been older than 6 or 7 and still she seemed to be filled with excitement for the event.

In the anxious minutes before the beginning of the concert, thousands of people were busy writing on beach balls and oversized balloons and throwing them out into the crowd for the next person to scribble his/her message on. These balls and balloons, constantly kept aloft by thousands of prodding hands, gave the whole arena a surreal air of fantasy. Taking on the appearance of dozens of floating bubbles, the balloons became the source of playful games to see how high one can be hit, or how close to the stage one can be sent.

Then there are the usual tour rats, the regular followers, who track the band's concert route throughout the dozens of locations where they play. This unique crowd of people, often clad in worn-out Phish attire and sporting dread-locked hair, is a prominent part of each Phish

show. They are the people who know the names of every Phish tune and can identify a song as soon as the first note is played on Trey's guitar. They are the lifeline of the Phish scene and they bring an identity to the thousands of nameless disciples of the Phish tour.

The Phish show in Portland was one of the most awesome musical events I have ever been fortunate enough to witness. It was a terrific combination of atmosphere, good music and fun-loving people. Their show gave me a new appreciation for the world that is the Phish tour. I now hold Phish high up on the pedestal of musical entertainment, a place where they have already stood for years in the eyes of many.

Phish is a band that is never going to die out. Even when the members of the band pass on, Phish will be long-regarded as a revolutionizing force that has changed what it means to be a big band today. It's easy to get a sense that Phish doesn't need or expect support from the typical establishments in the music world.

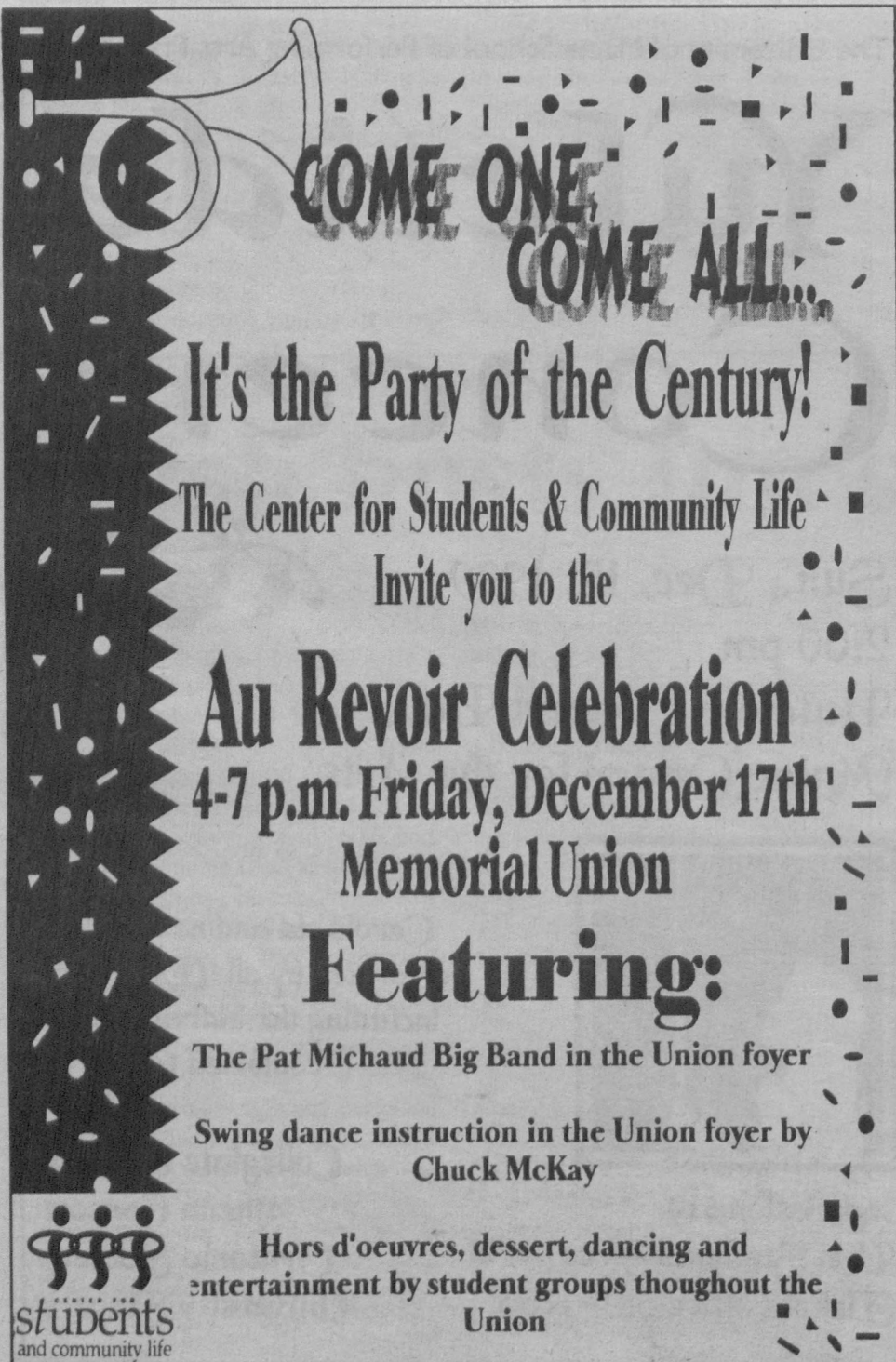
They don't need MTV, they don't need Rolling Stone, and they don't need the Weekly Top 40. They seem to care about nothing more than having a devoted throng of followers who care wholeheartedly about their music and the energy that they try to project at each event that they play.

More importantly, Phish only wants to show their audience that they are doing what they do, because they love it, because there is nothing they would rather be doing. They come across as a happy bunch of four guys who feed off each other's talent and play music because it is their life, not because it has brought them fame, money, or the praise of countless critics throughout their career.

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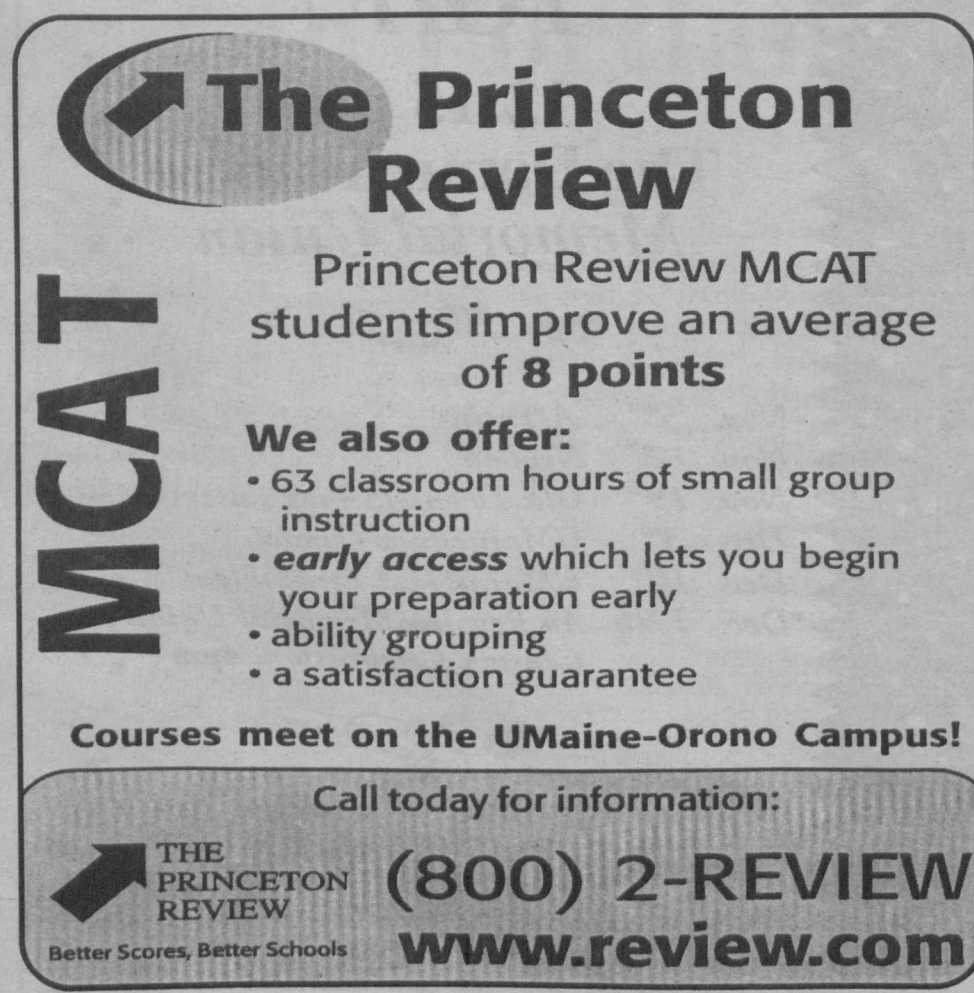
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• Swimming/Diving

Fogler leads talented group

By Michele Savage
For the *Maine Campus*

The teams competed against New Hampshire, Boston College, New Brunswick and Sherbrooke. The invitational was based on individual scoring rather than a team score.

Krystal Fogler, a transfer from Villanova, broke school records in the 200 meter freestyle, 200 meter backstroke and 100 meter butterfly, to add to her existing school records in the 50 meter freestyle, 100 meter freestyle and 100 meter backstroke.

The invitational was the midpoint of the Maine swimming season. The women are lead this year by junior captain Jessy Madden and the boys by senior captain Christien Talbot and junior captain Ben Lavigne.

Head coach Jeff Wren has a positive outlook on this year's teams.

"We have some really tangible positives," Wren said. "We have power in Krystal

Fogler, who is clearly one of the better swimmers in the conference. We also have many other women with potential. The men's team as well has solid new people and successful returning swimmers."

Other swimmers to keep an eye on include freshmen Heather Krebs, Sarah Guerette, Courtney Dinan, Marcy Barrows and sophomore Jamie Turnage.

As far as the men go, Wren has seen solid performances from all swimmers and sees positive things in Nick Baser, Scott Osgood, Peter Scharf and Jamie Cunningham, all freshmen.

"The returning men are all ahead of last year's pace at this time, which shows we are progressing, and the new members are all showing real potential," Wren said.

Both the men and women will head off to Naples, Florida for winter training on Jan. 5. Ten days later, they will return to Maine to begin preparation for their last three meets before the America East Championships in late February.

James

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even quicker dinner after practice and then two hours of study.

She allows herself some down time with friends in the dorm, watching some television or just hanging out before getting in bed at 11 p.m.

Then, she does it all over again the next day.

So far, the season has been good to James.

She's tallied up 72 minutes of playing time in three games, 12 rebounds and 15 points.

She contributes a lot of hustle and hard work and energy when the team needs a pick-me-up.

Defensively, she gets those

rebounds and offensively she tries to help out those when they're double-teamed by making imperative shots.

"It started off rocky because I was really nervous," James said. "But, I feel like I have settled in a lot and I know more in my role. It's been really fun and exciting."

So far, James has made a place in the Black Bear team that will definitely become stronger as her game and talent matures.

She's given something the team was looking for to fill in the gaps from players lost.

Energy, strength, talent.
And a smile.

Bears

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atmosphere, which energizes the players and adds to the tempo of the game.

"They've started off to a flying start, right up there on top of the league," said Maine captain Cory Larose. "We expect a high-paced game, they're going to come out and obviously try to quiet the crowd, but I doubt if that's going to happen, unless we really have a hard time out there. I expect a really high tempo game, really exciting to watch."

"I think against BU, they're going to be the first opponent that's really hot that we're playing against," said Maine assistant captain Ben Guite. "I mean, obviously we played against BC, but they're struggling. BU's going to be a real good test of what we're made of."

"The crowd really gets into it, which excites the players," Parker said. "I expect it to be a quick up-and-down game, and it will probably be decided by the teams' power plays and penalty killing, as well as goaltending."

Sunday's game against Quinnipiac, while not as highly anticipated by the fans, should be interesting in its own right. This will be the first meeting between the two schools, with Quinnipiac playing in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Quinnipiac was the top team in the MAAC's inaugural season, winning the conference title before losing to Connecticut in the conference semifinals. This season the Braves are back on top with a 11-3-2 record (8-1-2 in MAAC). They have won their last three games, including a 4-3 overtime win over Bentley last weekend.

Quinnipiac features a familiar face. Junior

captain Shawn Mansoff played at Maine from 1996-1997, compiling nine goals and five assists for 14 points in 48 games.

Mansoff was suspended from Maine in December 1997 for allegedly being involved with Bryan Masotta and Matt Oliver, also former hockey players, in making a racially threatening phone call to an African-American football player.

Charges against Mansoff and Oliver were dropped, but they were suspended from the university for a year and suspended from the team indefinitely.

Now Mansoff is serving as captain of Quinnipiac and is second on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 11 assists for 23 points.

"Coming into the season, we really didn't know what to expect," said Quinnipiac head coach Rand Pecknold. "Since the season's started, he's been playing on our top line. We knew he'd score, but lately he's scoring in bunches."

Making his first return to Maine, there incentive is there for Mansoff to show his old team what he can do now.

"I think he'll certainly have them charged up, and I think it will be an interesting test for our team," Walsh said.

"He's going to be going hard, whether he's playing Maine or playing Fairfield," Pecknold said.

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Saturday:

Women's Hockey vs. UNH, 7 p.m.

Sunday:

Men's Hockey vs. Quinnipiac, 2 p.m.

Ed's Pick: Quinnipiac should prove to be an

interesting contest when Shawn Mansoff returns to the Alford ice for the first time since December 1997. Check out our story for more on this angle. The Friday game against the Terriers should be good as well: Parker vs. Walsh!

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• Womens Hockey

Bears prepare for tough UNH challenge

By Jim Leonard
For the *Maine Campus*

With a 2-7-0 record, the University of Maine women's hockey team prepares to close out the 20th century with a three-game homestand highlighted by a visit from ECAC powerhouse New Hampshire on Saturday evening.

The Black Bears will follow up that game with a pair of contests against Wayne State University on Monday and Tuesday.

WSU represents the unknown for the Maine coaching staff. After applying for Division I inclusion this year, their application was subsequently rejected, relegating them to what represents a Division II schedule. That puts them in a position that Maine can sympathize with, that of a team in the initial stages of building a women's program.

After 10 days off, head coach Rick Filighera's troops are anxious to build upon the momentum generated in their 8-1 victory over Bowdoin on Nov. 30.

While the Bears will play three games in four nights, they've only been looking at one. "We've been focused on New Hampshire," Filighera said. "Because that game represents a benchmark for our program. It gives us a chance to evaluate how far we've come."

The Wildcats sport an 8-2-0 record and are currently tied with Harvard for fourth place in the ECAC standings and ranked third in the latest coaches poll. They roll into the Alford on the heels of a two game road sweep over sixth place Niagara last weekend.

UNH dominated Maine in their two meetings last season, a fact not lost on any of the Black Bears. "They beat us 13-0 last year," said sophomore forward Raffi Wolf. "I won't forget that anytime soon."

Adding insult to injury was the manner in which the Wildcats went about it. Despite a huge lead, their bench noisily chanted for more goals and their players continually chirped at the less experienced Maine club.

In contrast to Maine, New Hampshire is a veteran club. They are led by senior forwards Carisa Zaban and Samantha Holmes who each have 10 goals on the season. They also boast an experienced defense corps, led by seniors Kerry Mahar and Jaime DeGriselles, who provide scoring punch as well.

Mahar is dangerous at the point on the UNH's potent power play (24.5 conversion percentage).

New Hampshire has a rising star between the pipes in freshman Jen Huggon. Huggon is currently 6-1 with a 1.50 goals against average and an out-

standing .933 save percentage.

The Cats also feature depth and a balanced attack. Fifteen different players have registered points on the young season and 11 have scored goals. They average 4.5 goals per game while only allowing the opponents 1.90 on average.

This will pose problems for a Maine club that has had difficulty scoring goals against tougher competition thus far.

Hence, the Black Bears are decided underdogs. A position not unfamiliar and with certain advantages. With nothing to lose, Maine is free to press the attack and take chances.

"We want to worry less about their game and play ours," says Filighera. UNH will face a club vastly improved and much deeper than the one they dominated last season. Filighera hopes this fact eludes them.

Adding fuel to the fire in this game is the fact that to most of Maine's players, UNH represents their fiercest rival.

"I would really like to come out and

play well against New Hampshire," Kira Misikowetz stated earlier this season. "They really took it to us last year and I want to show them we're a lot better than that. To me, they are the team I want to beat the most."

Wolf agreed with that assessment, saying early this week that "some of the girls might look at Niagara as a rival, because our programs are similar, but for me, it's definitely UNH."

Standing between two very winnable games early next week is the latest ECAC Goliath. Maine has shown the ability to play with these powers for stretches. Filighera understands that any success against UNH will be the result of solid work early on.

"We've shown a tendency to be sluggish early in games so far, that can't happen Saturday," Filighera said. "We have to come out focused and with a tremendous amount of energy."

Judging by the player's attitudes and the team's approach to this game, energy won't be an issue.

Contest

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the ball away.

"I'm still waiting for some of my shooters to come alive," Malchodi said. "We definitely won't be scoring above 85 anytime soon."

Tisha Tinsley had a total of 19 points, the only player on the team in double digits.

"We did not earn the game. We were not aggressive, and did not get the rebounds," Palombo said. "We took the

game for granted."

Coach Palombo-McCallie flew solo and spoke for everyone, as no players came out for the post-game press conference.

"If we have to learn hard lesson, so be it," Palombo-McCallie said. "We'll learn hard lessons."

The Black Bears travel to Augusta on Saturday for a matinee game against Boston University.

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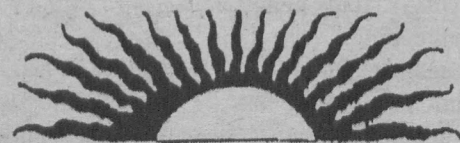


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• Women's basketball

James matures into role as freshman

By Heather Day
For the *Maine Campus*

Not too many athletes can begin playing a sport during their freshman year of high school and get recruited their senior year to go to a competitive Division I university.

Few can accomplish that successfully, yet for University of

Maine women's basketball player Anna James, that's exactly what happened.

Being the second youngest of four children, James grew up playing soccer since that was the only competitive sport offered to her.

Yet, as soon as she entered high school, more sports were offered. Still playing soccer, she also ran track, played volleyball

and then found basketball.

Basketball was the sport she excelled at and enjoyed the most.

She acquired several MVPs, participated in three championships, played on the Regional Provincial Team and was named to Team Ontario for three years.

During senior year, her hard work paid off and a number of colleges and universities began recruiting her.

"A few Division II schools recruited me as well some that weren't so serious about recruiting me," James said.

Yet, in the end, it was Maine that won her over. Not just the team, but a lot of it was the atmosphere. The similarities between Maine and her hometown confirmed her decision.

"I really liked the team and the team chemistry," James said. "The people here are really friendly and give good support. The coach's approach was really positive."

In the end, Maine offered a better package than the other schools she also had been considering. She felt comfortable in Orono and the response of the team and the coaches sealed that package.

Although moving so far away from home causes homesickness for her family, James has adjusted to college life exceptionally well.

For someone in her first year, James' priorities are already those of someone in their third year.

She knows how important her aca-

demic life is as compared to the social distractions that many choose first.

"That was the hardest thing, realizing you've got to manage your time somehow," she stated. "You can't really totally socialize, you have to do your homework and you need to keep that energy to stay focused."

Staying focused academically hasn't been extremely hard for James since she enjoys her psychology major. The professors help by being approachable.

She doesn't even mind the campus living, although the dorms can be a little bit noisier than she would like. Especially when she's trying to catch up on studying or when there's a 5 a.m. practice the following morning.

"I can't say that I like the public washrooms," she said with a laugh. "But it works out really well living with Christy [Glover] because we have similar schedules."

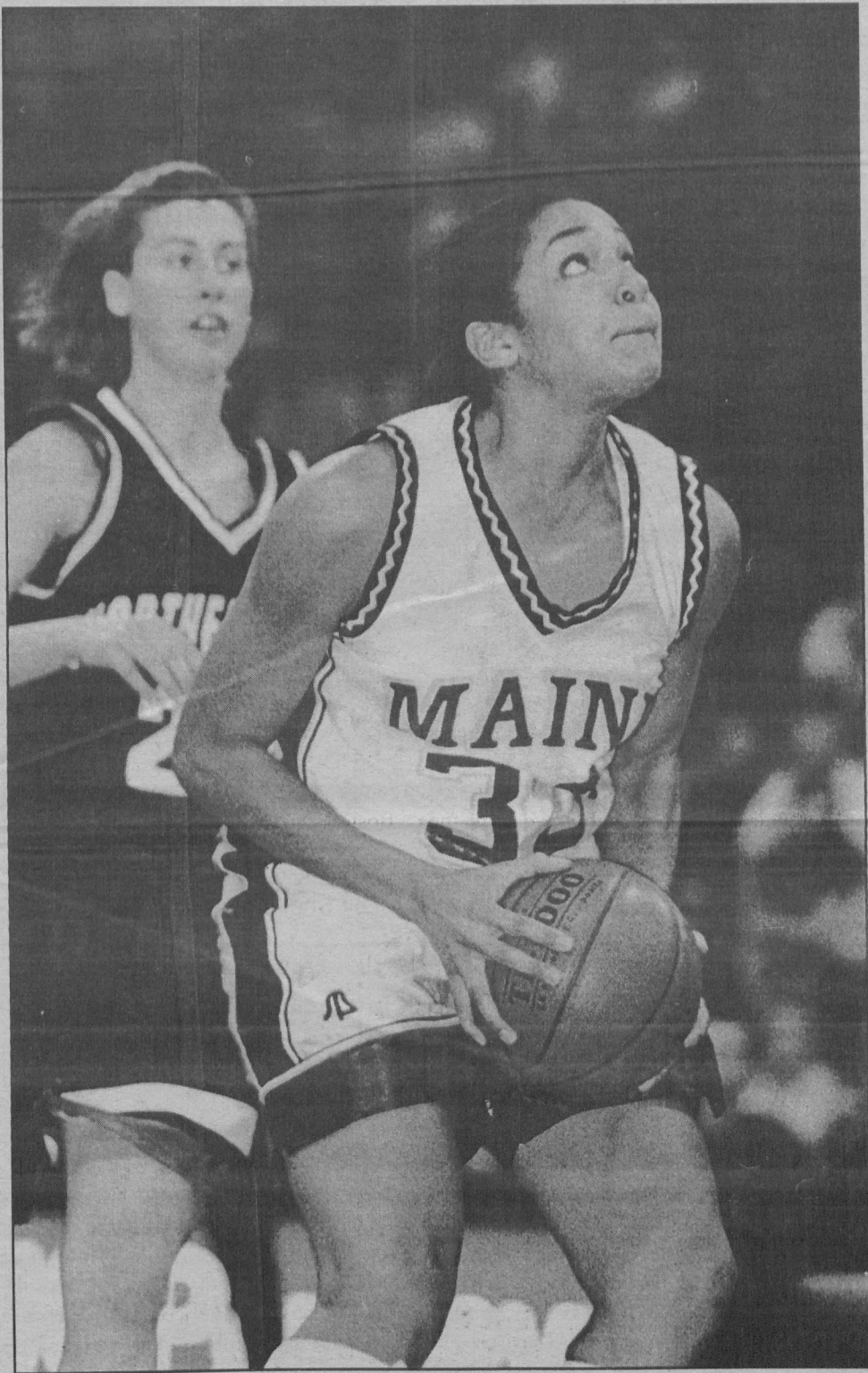
Living with a teammate always makes life a little easier.

A typical day for James starts early and ends late. She gets up as close to her class as possible, so not to lose any valuable sleeping time.

"I give myself about 20 minutes to get to class," she said smiling. "A quick shower, a quick breakfast and off to class."

She does take time to eat lunch, then maybe even do a little homework and take a quick nap before afternoon practice. An

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Anna James has made an impact as a freshman for Maine. (Scott Shelton photo.)

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• Women's basketball

Northeastern downs Maine in lethargic contest

By Heather Day
For the *Maine Campus*

Losing a game in the last four minutes gives way to a bit of frustration.

Yet, it's better than, say, losing in the last minute.

However, there was nothing good about the loss that the University of Maine women's basketball team suffered Wednesday night against Northeastern University.

As Maine head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie stated, "It was a sleeper game."

Northeastern, now 4-4, played almost as lethargic as Maine, but was able to walk away with a 55-45 win.

Both teams had an extremely hard time executing their shots and plays, and errors were a prominent appearance.

Team play was almost nonexistent. Even individual performances were hard to come by. Nothing incredible occurred. Nothing spectacular happened. It was as if both teams forgot what the basket was there for.

"Neither of us will be winning

any shooting contests anytime soon," Northeastern head coach Joy Malchodi said after the game.

Yet, the Huskies knew how to grab the rebounds. They had 45 while Maine had only 24. The Bears had a tough time on the boards and Northeastern capitalized on that.

Offensively, Maine struggled. Yet, they did a little better defensively.

Periodically throughout the game, the Bears badgered the Huskies so much in their offensive zone that Northeastern was constantly struggling to get their shots on net.

Freshman sensation Anna James played 25 minutes in which she had three rebounds, two steals and a total of four points.

Senior Jamie Cassidy had five rebounds, two steals and a total of 10 points. She was the only Black Bear to score in the, double digits.

Junior Kizzy Lopez also contributed with two steals and a total of five points.

During the first half, Lopez took a rough spill onto the court and left the game limping. Yet, she

returned for the second half, still limping, and played six minutes.

Senior Kristen McCormick contributed with eight points, six of those being three-pointers.

"I can't say that we had any one step up and play their game," Palombo said. "A team is a team, it's not just any particular person."

So, what exactly went wrong?

How can a team who fought so hard against nationally ranked Georgia play like the team that they did Wednesday night?

"We showed a lot of immaturity," coach Palombo-McCallie stated. "A lot of immaturity. Hard to believe that with four seniors, isn't it?"

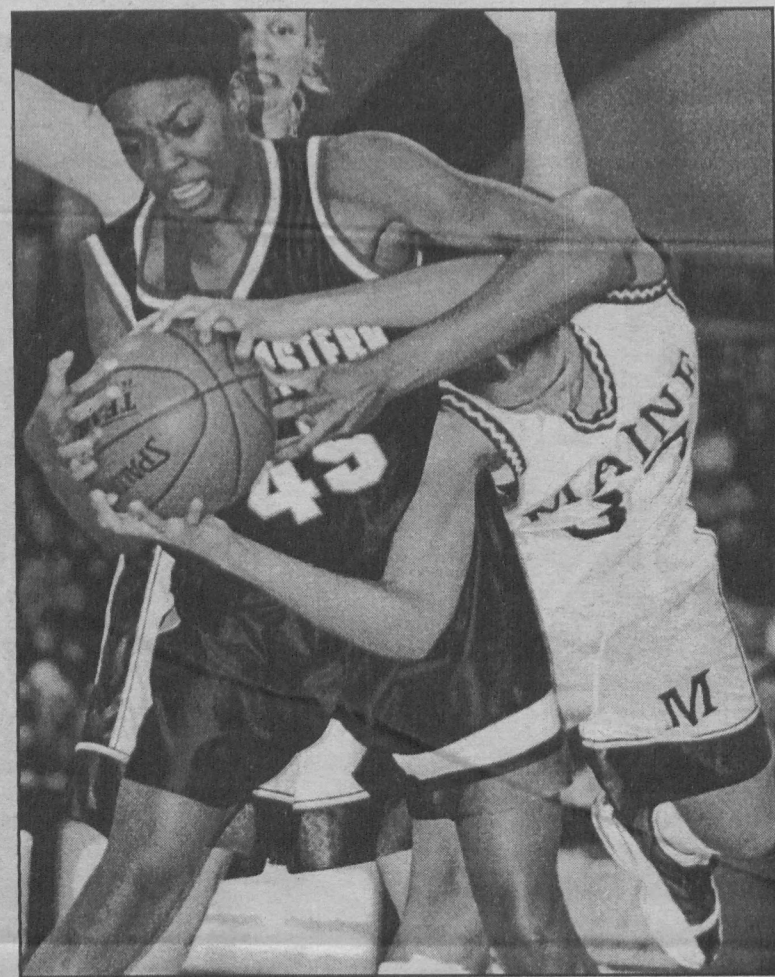
Yet, that bug bit both teams.

Northeastern is home to freshman Garrette Ginton; the two-time winning America East Rookie of the Week, yet you wouldn't have known it Wednesday night.

Ginton played a total of 25 minutes and only had four points and one assist.

Most of the time, she stood there, open for a shot, but would look around and give

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Lani Lawrence wrestles the ball away from Anna James during Wednesday's 55-45 loss. (Scott Shelton photo.)

• Mens Hockey

Bears prepare for Boston U., Quinnipiac

By Eric Nelson
For the *Maine Campus*

This weekend will be full of intrigue as the Maine men's hockey team hosts games against rivals Boston University and MAAC powerhouse Quinnipiac.

The most interesting storyline will be how Maine will react to last weekend, when they lost for the first time this season as Northeastern University swept both home games.

The Black Bears (9-2-2, 3-2-2 in Hockey East) are currently sixth in Hockey East behind New Hampshire, Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern and Merrimack.

Both Maine goaltenders lost for the first time in their career last weekend. Matt Yeats is 3-1-2 on the year, and will get the start against Boston University.

"I'm looking forward to play-

ing against such a high-caliber team," Yeats said. "I think everyone's going to be ready after the two losses this weekend. It think it's going to be a good series and I'm really looking forward to it."

Mike Morrison, who was 9-0-1 in his collegiate career before last Saturday, enters the weekend at 6-1.

Friday night's game against Boston University is one of the most anticipated matchups of the season. Maine took two of three games against BU last season, but BU was the only team to win a game at Alford Arena last year, defeating the Black Bears 4-1 on Feb. 20.

"I think it will be an intense game," said Maine head coach Shawn Walsh. "They haven't lost in their last 11 games, we're coming off two losses. In this series, anything happens. It's one of those series where you can throw out

who's better, who's hot, who's not. They're typically classic games, there's great intensity, and we're playing maybe the best team in the country right now."

Last year was an off-year for Boston University. After being one of the dominant teams of the '90s, they struggled to a 14-20-3 record last year. Combined with the loss of All-American goaltender Michel Larocque, BU was picked to finish eighth in Hockey East in the preseason coaches' poll.

But the maturation of the players from last season and key contributions from rookies have the Terriers (11-3-2, 6-0-2 in Hockey East) second in the conference. They have won five straight games and are unbeaten in 11. Last weekend BU swept a home-and-home series with UMass-Amherst, 2-1 and 4-3 in overtime.

"I think that in their off-year, they got back to what has made them good over the years, and that's just working hard," Walsh said. "They've recruited well, they have confidence in their goaltender, and they've got their confidence back. They lost their confidence and now they've got it back, and that's a big part of their program."

"We're playing harder," said B.U. head coach Jack Parker. "We have more talent on defense. Last year that was a big problem, we couldn't get the puck out of our zone, we had trouble killing penalties. They're pretty young, but they're talented."

One of the key players for BU has been rookie goaltender Ricky DiPietro. He has filled in nicely for Larocque, starting the season with a 7-1-1 record and honored as Hockey East Rookie of the Month for November.

"Everyone was concerned with the loss of Larocque, but these kids have stepped it up great," Parker said. "DiPietro has been more spectacular than Tapp, he gives the team a lot of confidence. He's a pretty confident kid, he came in knowing he was the heir apparent."

Sophomore Dan Cavanaugh leads the team in scoring with 16 assists and 20 points. Senior forwards Chris Heron and Tommi Dergeman each have 17 points, while sophomore defenseman Chris Dymant is tied with Heron for the team lead in goals with eight.

Both DiPietro and Aufiero were named to Team USA for the World Junior Championships in Sweden.

Maine-BU matchups have traditionally brought out large crowds, and Friday should be no exception. Both teams anticipate an electric

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