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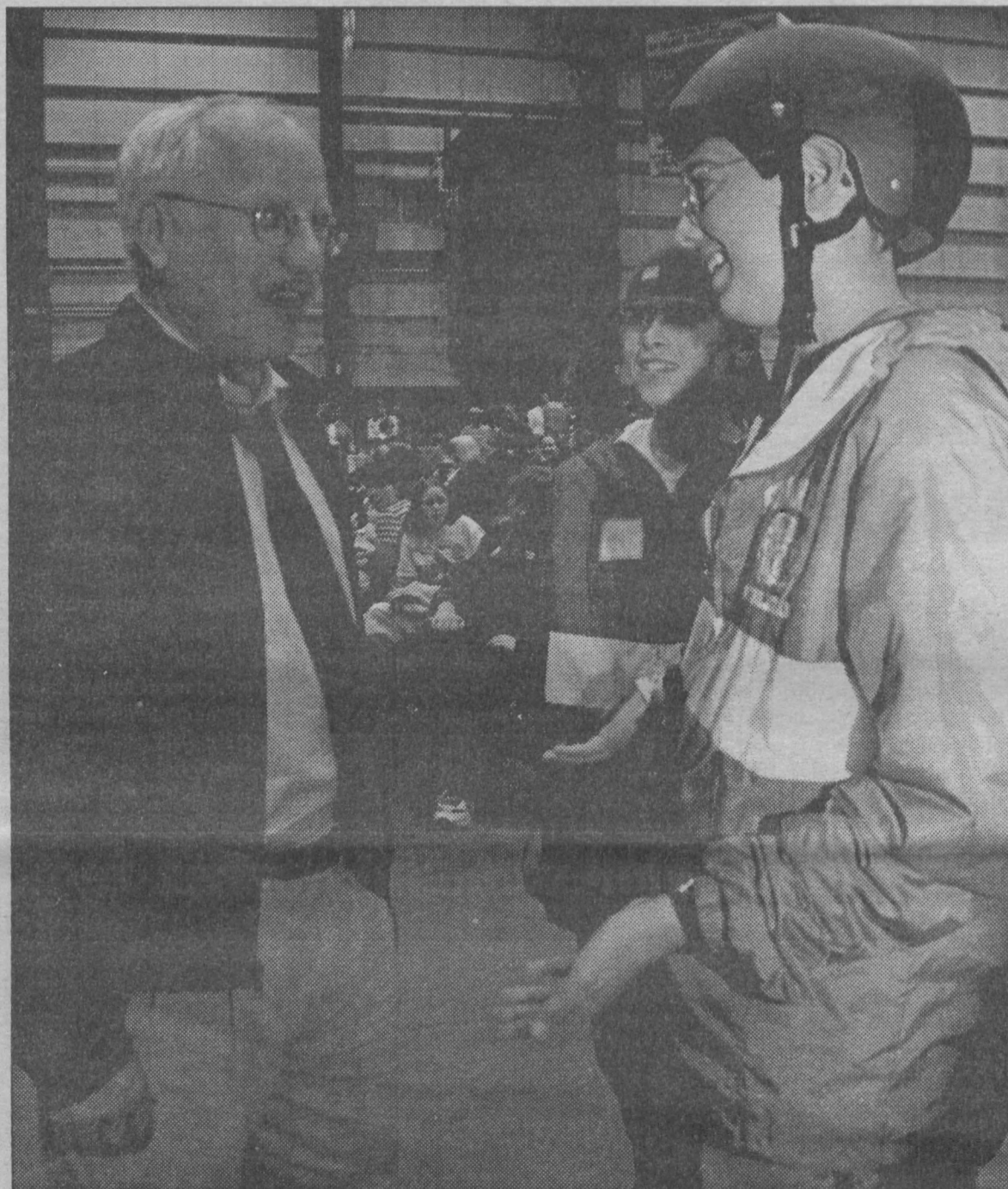


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Actor comes to Orono in support of Democrats



Actor Richard Dreyfuss talks with Ryan O'Keefe and Georgie Schaefer, Sumner High School students, about his movie "Jaws." CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

By Anthony Saucier
For *The Maine Campus*

You may remember him from the cult classic "Jaws," the Oscar award-winning "Mr. Holland's Opus" and the zany "What About Bob?"

What you may not realize about actor Richard Dreyfuss is that he's helping Al Gore "baby-step" into the White House as the nation's next president.

Dreyfuss was campaigning for the vice president in both Bangor and Orono Thursday afternoon.

The first stop on the actor's itinerary for his Maine visit was at the National Student Mock Election at the Bangor Auditorium.

Held at similar gatherings around the country, the mock election brings together middle and high school students to cast their vote for the candidate of their choice in each election and for all the referendum questions. Maine's first district is reporting to South Portland High School.

Dan Gwadowsky, secretary of state and coordinator for the event, described the basic goal of the mock elections.

"They're designed to get the kids involved in the electoral process, to get them excited," Gwadowsky said. "All state results will be tabulated into national results, so it really shows the kids how they can have an effect on the election."

Dreyfuss echoed the same point in not so many words when he addressed the children at the event's kickoff.

"This is one of the coolest ideas of all time," the actor said before breaking into his trademark giggles.

Dreyfuss later drove home the importance of the voting process in his own analogy.

"Voting is the key that turns on the engine of the most important machine in the world," he said. "We have a funny country and a funny system. The only reason it works is because people are involved."

While his speech was brief, Dreyfuss did manage to put in a plug for the vice president before being mobbed by autograph-hungry fans.

"Remember kids, when your parents ask you how to vote in the election," he said, stifling a smile, "Gore-good, Bush-bad."

Following his slightly comedic appearance at the mock elections, Dreyfuss hopped a police escort to the home of Maine Sen. Mary Cathcart on Main Street in Orono.

The gathering was attended by college students, faculty and local representatives and featured a fine array of crackers and cheeses.

John Hanson, director of the Maine Bureau of Labor Education, offered opening remarks on the work of the Democratic Party.

Dreyfuss climbed up on a chair to address the crowd and was met with a warm round of applause. Surrounded by slightly older constituents than at his first stop, Dreyfuss described how the impact the state of Maine could

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Q6 supports sexual orientation clause

By Kimberly Leonard
Style Editor

Referendum Question 6 will ask of voters Tuesday whether they choose to extend protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Do you favor ratifying the action of the 119th Legislature whereby it passed an act extending to all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation the same basic rights to protection against discrimination now guaranteed to citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation and credit, and where the act expressly states that nothing in the act confers legislative

approval of, or special right to, any person or group of persons?"

According to the "act to ensure civil rights and prevent discrimination" the policy is intended to "protect the public health, safety and welfare." However, the act also states that it does not ask for legislative approval for special rights to a person or group of persons.

Sexual orientation is defined in the act as being "an orientation for heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality, having a history of that orientation or being identified with that orientation."

"Sexual orientation refers to a person's actual or perceived status, condition or gender expres-

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Absentees available for those from away

By Matt Shaer
National Politics Reporter

The presidential election is just four days away, and with the candidates pounding home a mass delivery of platform speeches, it's hard to escape the recent blitz of last minute media attention.

The most recent CNN-USA Today tracking poll shows Bush and Gore in one of the tightest contests in history — a ballot that could come down to that last single vote.

Accordingly, registrars are expecting a flood of both absentee and balloted voting this Tuesday.

"The race is so close," said a state house worker. "The high schools are going to be very [busy] this year. We're preparing for big crowds."

The influence of the 2000 election is of special concern to collegiate voters, who will enter the real world during the next presi-

dent's term. Historically a young liberal majority, the college-age group that has swung power in the voting booth, has turned many an election.

However, there are certain threats to the amount of registered students who will actually participate in the election, foremost being the challenge of actually finding a way to the local school or civic center, registering and voting.

As most University of Maine students are not from the direct area, the absentee ballot is the easiest way to partake in Tuesday's activities.

The following list, from the state of Maine's registry, should help the confused potential voter. Any additional questions can be directed to the Elections Division in Augusta at 287-4186, or one can view the Web site at www.state.me.us/sos.

Although some consider registering to vote a lengthy process

that has to be done months before the election, one can register the day of the election by filling out a brief question sheet, or electronically register on the state of Maine Web site. Once this has been completed, one has three choices.

Assuming the student is not from the local area, he or she can either:

1. Go in person to vote at the local municipal clerk's office up to the day of the election.

2. Request an electronic absentee ballot at the state of Maine Web site.

3. Or write, fax or telephone the Elections Division to request an absentee ballot at the local municipal clerk's office or town hall.

After the absentee ballot has been received, either in the mail or electronically, all the potential voter has to do is check off his choices and mail the card back to the local office.

Police Beat

By Nicole Brann
Crime Reporter

At about 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, Orono Fire and Rescue and University of Maine Public Safety responded to a fire in a fourth-floor room of York Hall.

Upon arrival, it was found that the fire had been extinguished in a fourth-floor shower and all residents had been evacuated.

According to reports, one of the fourth-floor residents was in the shower, and her visitor was reading a book when the fire broke out on a table.

The visitor reportedly took a flaming shirt down the hall and into the bathroom and threw it into a shower.

During the investigation, fire officials and Public Safety offi-

cers noticed burn marks and charred material on the floor leading into the bathroom and in two separate spots in the bathroom.

There was still smoke in the area when officers arrived.

Several residents were interviewed and the fire is still currently under investigation.

However, it appeared to be caused by a human element, according to Public Safety.

Paul Ceymour, 25, was arrested on a charge of operating under the influence after witnesses reported seeing the green 1996 Hyundai he was driving fail to make a turn and travel into the woods near Concert Park.

Officer Paul Paradis, patrolling on Rangeley and Hilltop roads, was stopped at around 11:40 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, by two students

who reported seeing a car in the woods.

According to reports, Paradis saw the rear end of the car sticking out of the woods and observed a group of women helping the driver away from the vehicle.

Witnesses to the accident stated seeing the car miss the turn and travel into the woods and hit a small tree.

Ceymour was transported by UVAC to Eastern Maine Medical Center, where he reportedly refused treatment. However, when officers entered the room where Ceymour was, he said "Just stick a fork in me, I'm done," according to reports.

Ceymour then reportedly consented to an intoxilyzer test. His blood-alcohol content was .19. As a result he was arrested on a charge of OUI.

Barry Fredinberg, 19, was summoned on a charge of illegal possession of alcohol after Officer Jeff King observed him drinking a can of beer.

At about 1 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, King was in the area of Kennebec Hall when he observed Fredinberg and another man yelling on the front steps. King could see that one of the men, later identified as Fredinberg, was drinking from a silver can.

According to reports, King asked the men to come over to him. Upon doing this, Fredinberg dropped the can and came over to King.

After speaking with Fredinberg, who initially denied having been in possession of any alcohol, he later admitted he had been and was issued a summons.

Merri Bushle, 23, was summoned on a charge of theft of services after she left only a dollar to pay for a cab fare of \$23.50.

At about 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, an Old Town Taxi driver called University of Maine Public

Safety from Estabrooke Hall and reported that he had driven a woman to Estabrooke. The woman had told the driver she left the correct fare on her seat, but she had only left one dollar, according to reports.

A computer check of the Maine Card access system at the hall showed that Bushle was the last person to enter.

Officers Tom Murphy and Jeff King went to Bushle's room, and, based on the description given to them by the cab driver, it was determined she was the passenger.

Bushle was issued a summons, and according to reports, initially refused to sign it. However, she later did and also came up with the cab fare.

Sometime between 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, and 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, a resident of Hart Hall reported the theft of 250 CDs. The theft is valued at \$3,060. Anyone with information about the theft should contact Public Safety at 581-4040.

Student questions handicap access regulations

By Beth Haney
Culture Reporter

A University of Maine student got to experience an issue many disabled students must deal with when a temporary injury caused some complications and confusions at a UMaine hockey game.

A current student, who wishes to remain anonymous, was concerned about seating options in the Alford Arena when she was required to be on crutches after an accident. She called ahead of time but was disappointed with the response.

"I specifically asked if I could get handicapped seating, and they said that I could buy a seat, and they would put out a folding chair for me," she said. "Do disabled students have to pay to use a facility that is otherwise free?"

Joe Roberts, assistant athletic director for Media Relations, said no. "If students have paid their fees they can sit in the handicap access," Roberts said.

He added that there is ample handicap seating in both the Alford Arena and in the football stadium, as well as an elevator at Alford for those on crutches.

"In the new grand stand there are places to put wheelchairs on the top level, on the third floor,

the second floor and there is some space on the ramp," Roberts said. "At Alford: on the balcony and under the balcony."

The student said she was also disappointed in the response she got about seating options at the football stadium. She had purchased tickets for friends before her accident. She called ahead to ensure she would have a handicapped seat.

"I asked if there were any handicapped seating available, and was told that my only option was to come early and sit in the general admission on the opponent's side of the field," she said.

Roberts said that students who show up with tickets should not have a problem getting seating.

"If I were a student and showed up with tickets and wanted to sit in the handicapped section I could do that unless it was full," Roberts said.

The student said the problems with handicap accessibility began in the parking lot.

"Well, when I went to the game the normal handicapped spots were all VIP, so I had to park near the field house," she said. "I hopped over and up the ramp, by the time I got up the ramp I was exhausted."

Once in the football stadium, she said she did not receive the help from the ushers she was anticipating and was frustrated that she had not been offered some of the numerous empty seats.

"I hopped up nine flights of stairs, which were so narrow I had to be very careful," she said. "Once I got to the top I sat down and stayed there for the entire game, because I didn't want to take the chance of falling. Now you can imagine how upset I was when I saw that the small seats in the front row were empty the entire game."

Evelyn Silver, the director of equal opportunity, said the last complaint about handicap access in the hockey arena has been dealt with.

"The last issue that I recall was when the seating policy for disabled patrons was changed in the Alford at the request of a basketball fan," Silver said.

Silver said the university is required to ensure all students can attend all events.

"Students with disabilities must have access to all activities and programs on campus," Silver said. "If a program is scheduled in a place that is not fully accessible, the university will move



Most buildings on campus offer handicap access buttons to assist with opening doors. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

the program or make other accommodations to make the program accessible."

Silver said students who do not have full accessibility should complain to Ann Smith, the coordinator for students with disabilities in the Onward Building.

Roberts agreed that the university tries to deal with student

complaints.

"We try to be as accessible and helpful as possible," Roberts said.

He recommends calling ahead to make sure there will be available seating.

"If they want, they should call the ticket office ahead of time to find out their options," Roberts said.

College Greens support Nader, rights

By Joe Gunn
Campus Politics Reporter

Students on campuses nationwide are preparing to go to the polls and allow their voices to be heard.

And while the College Democrats and College Republicans are busy advocating for their presidential candidates in a neck and neck election, another group's voice continues to grow in the political scene.

In terms of providing informa-

tion about the campaign, the Greens have worked in conjunction with the Libertarian supporters and College Republicans as the Campus Voting Alliance, a joint effort in providing information on the candidates' stands on the issues as a means of facilitating a high voter turnout for the campus community on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

"The most important thing about [our work] is education," said Jennifer McEwen, the unofficial spokeswoman for the group.

"You can't just vote along party lines."

The members of the group are concerned about the environment, labor rights, social and human rights like pro-choice, universal health care, anti-death penalty and fair economic trade.

"You would be surprised how interconnected such things as human rights are to free trade," said College Greens member Nathan Shea. "It's not really a

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sion. This chapter is intended to ensure specifically defined rights, and not to endorse or extend to any form of sexual behavior, and does not endorse or extend to any form of sexual attraction to a minor by an adult."

The act does provide exemption for religious entities "with respect to discrimination based on sexual orientation."

A religious entity is defined as a religious corporation, association or society, a college, school or university that is controlled or substantially funded by a religious entity, or a

nonprofit organization controlled or funded by a religious entity.

The referendum is endorsed by the Catholic Diocese of Maine.

The act also includes a provision dealing with educational policy.

"The act does not mandate any public or private educational institution or promote any form of sexuality or sexual orientation or to include such matters in its curriculum."

The legislation also does not require or prohibit employers from extending employee benefits to an individual's partner.

Landlord continues campaign after brush with cops

By Nicole Brann
Crime Reporter

Write-in city council candidate Ralph "Ralphie" Coffman will host his third party of the year at noon Friday, Nov. 3, to rally support for his political campaign.

Coffman recently gained attention after the political gathering he was holding last Friday, Oct. 24, was busted by Old Town and Orono police departments.

Coffman and several University of Maine students were arrested Friday after both police departments reportedly received noise complaints from residents in the area.

Coffman was transported to Penobscot County Jail and was later released on bail. However, one of the bail conditions was that he was not to return to the Riverplex Townhouses, which he owns.

"I'm prepared to go to jail for the students," Coffman said. "[The police are] not going to defeat me."

Over the past few weeks, numerous billboard-like signs were placed in surrounding towns advertising Coffman's parties; however, all but two of the signs have recently been removed.

The signs advertise a "party with Ralphie from noon to noon" and protest Bangor Hydro Electric Company.

Coffman is strictly against Bangor Hydro and supports the Independent Electric Co-op, which he says can cut electrical bills in half.

"Come party with Ralphie and show support for the Independent Electric Co.," Coffman said. "I can cut your electrical bills in half. Also every person that [has] ever seen a cop do something wrong, or been victimized by the

police should be here, let's talk.

"We've already been offered the Elks Club and the VFW to hold functions to discuss what is happening," he said.

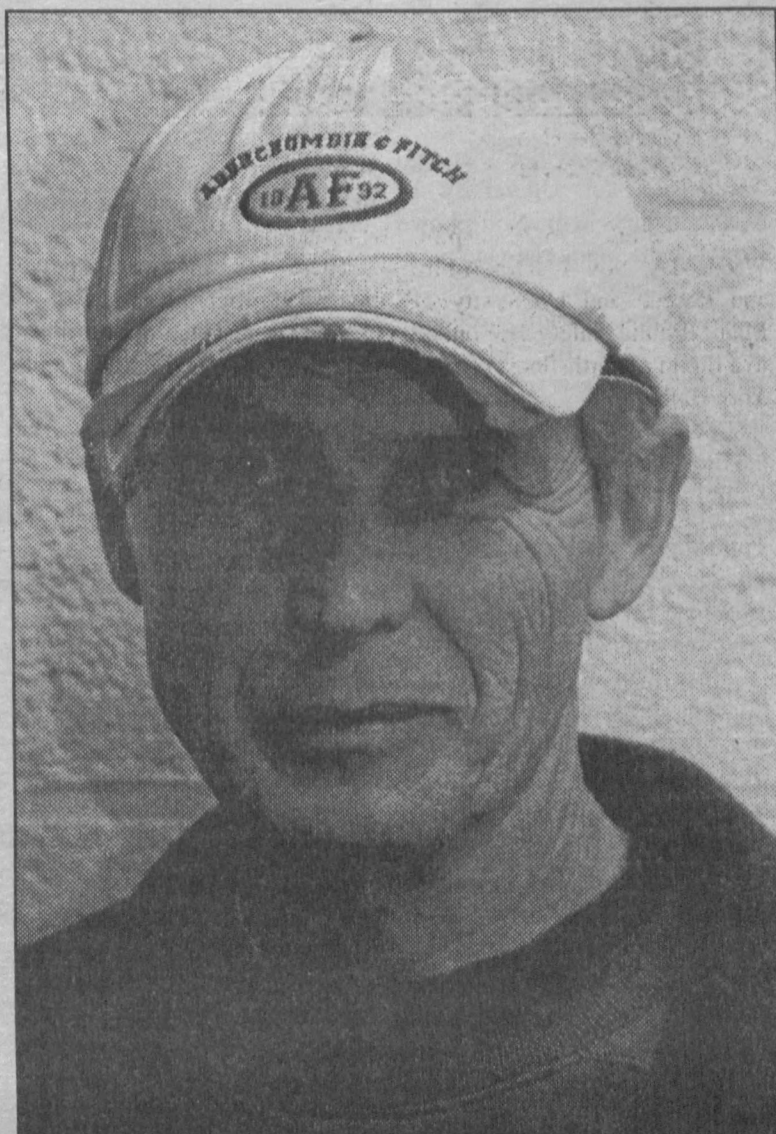
"If I'm elected, my town will be student friendly," he said. "Students' rights, man, [it's the] 1970s all over again. Everyone should come to show their support."

Coffman said he allegedly received a torn muscle, which is protruding behind his knee, a hernia, nerve damage to his right wrist and numerous lacerations and bruises on his wrists, during last Friday night's altercations with the cops.

"If we don't stand up now who knows what could happen," Coffman said. "We need truth, justice and equality. People need to mind their own business, I don't want people like that, the cops, living in my town."



Landlord Ralph Coffman's Riverplex apartments in Stillwater are mostly occupied by UMaine students. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.



Ralph Coffman, an Old Town resident, is running for city council in next week's election. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Winter parking ban in effect

The University of Maine's winter overnight parking ban will be in effect from now until May 1, 2001, according to the University of Maine Public Safety.

All faculty, staff and commuter parking areas are closed to overnight parking during this period every year. No vehicles may be parked in these lots between midnight and 6 a.m.

Those with questions should either consult a parking map or call the parking office at 866-0290 or the Public Safety dispatcher at 581-4040.

Vehicles parked in violation of the ban will be towed at the owner's expense.

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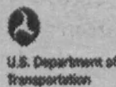
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Study abroad fair shows students ways to exchange schools

By Jessica DiSanto
Community Reporter

A study abroad fair was held Wednesday for University of Maine students in the North Lown Room of the Memorial Union.

Kara Sheldon, study abroad and national student exchange adviser, said the fair was intended to draw students to join the study abroad program and to expose students to other programs.

"[Study abroad] is a unique opportunity to broaden your knowledge of the world," said Elizabeth Eustis, regional college relations manager.

More than 30 countries from all over the world participate in the Student Exchange Program. Students have the opportunity to travel to one of the countries for a summer term, one semester or a full academic year.

Eustis, who also acts as an adviser for the student exchange International Exchange Student program, knows first-hand what students must face when traveling abroad.

In 1984 Eustis studied in Durham, England through the IES program. Since then she has been to Mexico, Italy, Denmark, Greece, Bulgaria and Canada.

Once a year, Eustis is able to make a trip overseas and she tries to go to places where she sends her students.

There are some restrictions to the study abroad program. Some programs require that the student

must first complete four semesters of a college-level foreign language before they can be admitted to the program for certain countries. France is one country where you are required to know the language.

Another restriction for students might be the problem of coming up with enough funds to cover the expense of traveling abroad. The cost of studying abroad varies according to the program. However, there are about 10 scholarships that students can apply for. Financial aid and student loans may help cover the other costs.

Once students gain permission from their adviser and are accepted in the program, they must participate in an orientation that covers fundamental knowledge of the language, gives advice on traveling around the country, information on field trips and how to adjust to coming back to the United States.

For students who are nervous about living in another country, they need not worry. Programs for the student exchange programs have staff members located in the cities who can help students if there are any problems. Emergency contacts and phone numbers are also given to students before they leave the United States.

Eustis recalls a time back in 1970 when a group of students from the States had gone to Italy in the IES program. The group streaked naked through the

Vatican and was arrested by the police. The students were held for a couple of days and then released.

"Students need to remember that they are in a different country," Eustis said. "You can't do what you want to do. You have to use common sense."

However, the "pragmatic side" to studying abroad is the advantages that come with the experience, Eustis said. Students who travel and study in another country prove to do better on job interviews and resumes, are more sensitive to other cultures, show an ability to work in different environments and have the opportunity to learn a second language.

Some of the qualifications for being eligible to study abroad include having a GPA of 2.7 or better, and students must be a junior or first-semester senior. Sophomores can join the program if they have permission from their advisers. All students are required to receive permission from their academic adviser before admission to the program is granted.

Lea Patnode, an exchange student who studied German in Salzburg, Austria, said it was one of the best things she's done.

"It's a really good learning experience," Patnode said. "Everybody should do it."

David Williams and Brian Thornton, senior lecturers from Southampton Institute in England, were able to attend the University

of Maine's study abroad fair. They are on a "grand tour" and are visiting the different places where they send their students.

An average of three students a year from Maine participate in the English student exchange program, Williams said. He and Thornton are trying to extend the program to get more UMaine students to become involved.

"British students want to come to the United States," Thornton said. "There are limited places for them to come because we're not getting the same number of U.S. students to exchange with the British students."

Williams urges students to participate. He advises those who have never been out of the country to be prepared for a "major culture shock."

"It's different out there," he said. "A different culture, attitude, education system and expectations from the people and university. [Students need to] be open-minded. Don't prejudice. Find out as much as you can about the country. Mix with the people."

There are other reasons why students become involved in the study abroad program besides just seeing the world.

Kristin Swenson, sophomore, plans to go to Austria to study psychology. Her goal is to gain a "proficiency in a foreign language."

But students don't necessarily need to know where they want to go.

"I'm not really sure where I want to go," said Matt Steinn, sophomore.

Stein just transferred back to Maine after studying for a semester at Arizona State University. He is interested in participating in a program that will let him study in Canada or somewhere else in the United States.

Advisers for the student exchange program agree that not everyone should study abroad.

"It's not right for every single student, but every student should at least consider it," Eustis said. "It adds to your educational experience. You're only in college for four years. Try to take advantage of what's out there."

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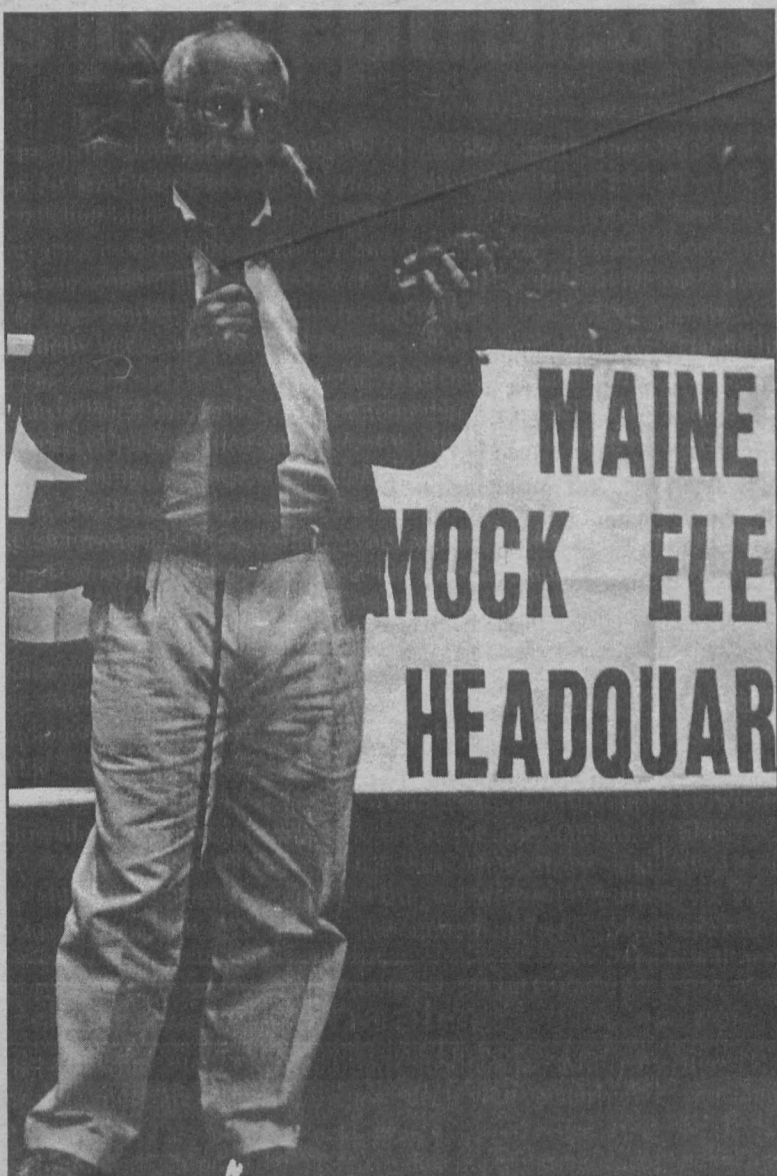
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Dreyfuss

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Actor Richard Dreyfuss spoke at the Maine Mock Elections, attended by students from all over the state in Bangor Thursday in favor of presidential candidate Al Gore. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

have on the election.

"Maine and a couple of other states are like the eye of the hurricane in this election," the actor said. "Your vote is important, but more important is your willingness to step out."

In an interview after the rally, Dreyfuss expressed his views concerning the use of surrogates, and more specifically, celebrity surrogates, in an election.

"I question a celebrity's right to access of the media," Dreyfuss said. "But it's also my job as a celebrity to pull focus."

Dreyfuss highlighted his support of Al Gore with the issue of abortion and George W. Bush's platform against it, except in certain cases.

"It's a matter of choice," Dreyfuss commented. "I don't want anyone to repeal Roe vs. Wade — it will reduce women's level in society."

Corrections

In the Monday, Oct. 16, Page One story, "Snowe strikes jab at Lawrence in campus debate," Maine PBS was incorrectly identified as "Maine Public Television," a term not used since 1992 when Maine Public Broadcasting restructured.

The story also misspelled the name of Don Carrigan, who is of Maine PBS, not of national PBS.

In the Wednesday, Nov. 1, editorial "On Nov. 7 write off Coffman," Ralph Coffman was incorrectly identified as a write-in candidate for Orono city council. He is campaigning for Old Town city council. The editorial also said his party was broken by the Orono Police Department. It was broken by the Old Town Police Department.

Greens

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question of left or right or up or down — [the point is] we're up front."

They see their advocacy as representative of a progressive viewpoint.

"Most of all, we are an extremely inclusive group," said McEwen, explaining that some members of the larger group are conservative yet still are dissatisfied with the two-party system.

The College Greens, while active in the past, began anew this past semester, with members of the group exceeding 40.

Green members Summer Allen, Bernadette O'Donnell, Emily Burnham and Rich Updegrove all agreed in their dissatisfaction at the commonly held misconception that the Greens are those "environmental freaks."

"We're often seen as being left, radical and [professing] unreasonable politics," Allen said.

In reference to opponents' labeling of Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who is backed by the Greens, as a radical, she said: "Is it radical to work towards the [rights of]

people?"

College Greens defended their advocacy stances against the two-party system.

"Just because the economy is good right now, you're supposed to think that everything is fine and dandy," Burnham said.

Members are dissatisfied with Nader not being allowed to participate in the presidential debates.

"The whole context in which the debates are presented is that there is a winner and loser — that's the problem," Updegrove said.

"Just think of all the topics that were not discussed," said O'Donnell, in reference the groups' view that Bush and Gore, while attempting to court the moderate voter base, came off in the debates as having only minute differences between them.

Some College Greens believe that Nader, who they say is not a politician and therefore does not follow the tendencies of the large parties, would have plainly and bluntly presented issues Bush and Gore were apprehensive to speak on.

"Nader would have kicked

their ass," Burnham said.

It is in this context that the group responded to the assertion by the Democrats that voting for Nader would tip the election toward Bush.

"Nader is not costing Gore," McEwen said. "Gore is costing Gore."

While the Greens agree with the notion that big corporations dominate the two candidates, some did concur that Gore was the lesser of two evils.

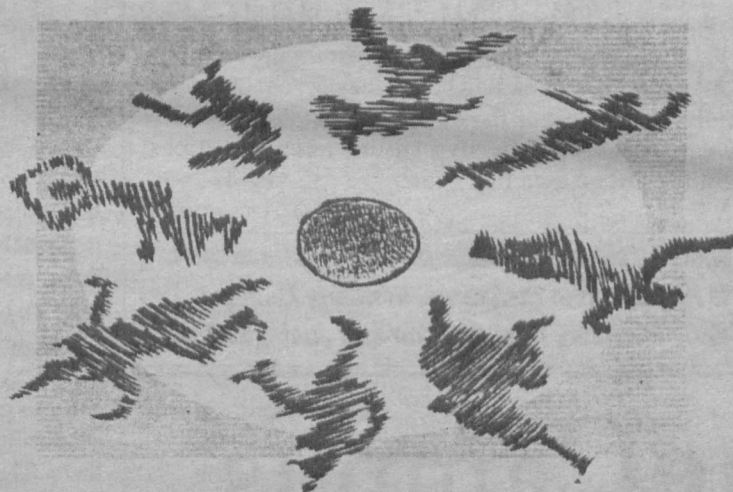
"He has his ideals, but is still beholden to corporations," Allen said. "They talk about the separation of church and state. What about the separation of state and business?"

Besides being involved with the ongoing dispute between local residents and the city of Bangor over the proposed construction of the new Wal-Mart, the group was excited with their co-sponsorship of the appearance of famed speaker Jello Biafra, formerly of the band "The Dead Kennedys."

Those interested in the UMaine College Greens can contact Jennifer McEwen on FirstClass.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrate culture Saturday

The University of Maine attracts students from all over the United States and across the globe. When students from other countries come to UMaine, they are bombarded by our culture and seasonal traditions. They learn about blueberry picking, witness the fall foliage and help decorate Maine Christmas trees.

With such an influx of students from different countries learning about us, it is time we learn about them. As international students come to Maine, they bring a piece of their heritage with them. All week long the university is celebrating the ethnicity and heritage that adds flavor to our campus.

Events took place all week and will end tomorrow as the Office of International Programs and the International Students Association host "Culturefest." The day-long celebration will showcase food, culture exhibits, talent and style.

Most of the students at The University of Maine probably don't know that students from over 70 countries are learning right beside them. These students have grown up in places where most of us can only hope to visit. They've traveled thousands of miles from home to learn about our country and more specifically, our state.

While it is our obligation to show international students what Maine is really like, we should take advantage of another learning outlet and expose ourselves to the various cuisine and tastes the students will be dishing up. We need to appreciate the learning opportunities these students have brought to our doorstep. So tomorrow, immerse yourself in the culture of our school and help celebrate culture.

Seasonal Affective Disorder

This past weekend the clocks were set back and students in Orono lost an hour of light at the end of the day. While students may have gained an hour of sleep on Sunday morning, the return to Eastern Standard Time and the earlier sunsets that accompany it can pose a side effect that is much less welcomed. This health risk, which occurs at the onset of winter, is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a clinically diagnosed disorder typically characterized by several symptoms, including feeling sad or depressed, lethargy, difficulty concentrating, carbohydrate or sugar cravings, weight gain, difficulty waking in the morning, sleep disturbance, social withdrawal, reduced productivity and irritability.

These symptoms are a result of the brain chemicals serotonin and melatonin becoming imbalanced due to decreased availability of light. During winter months, less light passes through the eyes inhibiting the release of serotonin and melatonin, sometimes resulting in very severe cases of bipolar depression.

People inhabiting Northern latitudes such as ours are at particular risk for SAD because of the lack of sunlight that exists throughout the winter. In addition, other seasonally affective conditions can also occur this time of year. The winter blues are a less severe form of SAD and winter worsening is characterized as a pre-existing condition such as depression or PMS that gets worse during the winter months.

Fortunately, for those affected, there is treatment available in the form of phototherapy. Defined as exposure to a specific form and intensity of light, phototherapy, in many cases, can treat SAD, the winter blues, and winter worsening before they get out of control.

If you feel that you may be displaying any of the symptoms listed above, you should see a physician for diagnosis. Seasonal Affective Disorder can be serious, and it will certainly affect many in the Orono area this winter.

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Letters to the Editor

• Bending the rules

For the last month or so I've been putting up with this stupid university van which is always parked in the Bryand Lot. Now keep in mind that this lot is a residence lot, clearly marked, and along with many other lots on campus, it is over-full.

However, despite all of this, the van would consistently take a student's parking space and, of course, never be ticketed. I mean, how do you give a ticket to a university vehicle? Would they just pay themselves? This is why it became so frustrating.

But, as I should have known, it would all get much better. One day I got back from classes and there's my favorite van, but this time its not even in a parking space, its just parked on the end of the lot in a fire lane, clearly a hazard to other motorists and of course a probable real danger should there actually be a fire.

Well, after waiting to see if it'd be momentarily moved, (which of course it wasn't) I called up my good buddies at Public Safety. Now, to be very honest, the sergeant with whom I spoke was very kind and helpful, and he assured me that the issue would be looked into. I hung up feeling as if I had helped out, but also not really believing anything would be done. I'm kinda a pessimist I guess.

At any rate, I woke up the next morning quite early to go to the gym and sure enough, the van is still there. Then I got back two hours later, and guess what? Yep, the van was still there. But now he was joined by another university vehicle. Great! Well, now I was getting a little bit pissed. I called up Public Safety again, and after bitchin' out some chick for awhile, I was informed that I needed to call the parking office. Oh, of course I do, what was I thinking?

I called the parking office and told them the situation, and gave them vehicle descriptions of the two, and license plate numbers and all that, and the lady was nice and she, too, assured me that the matter would be addressed immediately. I

was still pretty pessimistic, but I thought that at least some possible progress was being made. Man was I stupid!

Not more than one day later I was walking to class and sure enough, there's my favorite van, as well as one of his little university buddies parked right there on the edge of the lot in the fire lane.

As I got closer I saw what had happened. Two, nice, shiny, new little signs had suddenly appeared. Each reading "service vehicle parking only." Did I mention that this area was just two days ago a FIRE LANE!

Now, as far as the university is concerned, these are two legal parking spots. Yeah, real cool guys. Parking problem? What parking problem? We just carry our cute little signs around with us, and if we need a place to park, we put 'em up. Even if it's in the middle of the street. Well, you know what? I say that maybe we students should go and put up a few "resident parking only" signs on 'ole President Hoff's front lawn...and maybe the mall too. I mean hey, if the university can justify bending the parking rules to make their lives convenient, why the hell can't we?

Justin Ripley
York Village

• Vote trading

Something troubling has been going around campus and through many of the major newspaper publications.

Maine is one of those states where neither Gore nor Bush is guaranteed a victory and both parties have been doing as much as possible to win these states. Recently some "genius" has come up with a new plan to help out Al Gore win these states.

Rather than allowing someone to use their vote as they see fit, and vote for a third party candidate like Ralph Nader, they are offering a ludicrous option. It is now being promoted that a Nader fan in a state like Maine should trade their vote with a Gore voter from a state where Bush is guar-

anteed a win. This promotion is a very smart way to trick Nader voters into voting for Gore.

I can see many Gore voters deceiving the Nader voters, too. How many ardent Gore supporters will truly vote Nader when they enter their "secret ballot?"

Yet another question is also being posed here: Why are voters feeling political pressure to vote for someone they don't want to just because their state is going to be a Bush victory? It is much more pertinent for Americans to use their vote in the way that each individual sees fit.

I am going to vote for Nader this Tuesday, not because he is going to win, but because I am tired of the dismal two party system our government is being run under. I don't see either option A or B as fitting for my vote. I just hope that Nader will achieve five percent of the vote and the Green Party WILL be a party in the future. Then there will be more of a choice.

Maybe then a Green Party candidate will be allowed to participate in debates. I can't see a Democrat or a Republican as being equally environmental as a candidate of the Green Party. Maybe you disagree with my political view... good everybody's entitled to their own opinion, but I can't see anyone who disagrees with choosing the candidate you're going to vote for based solely on your own decision-- not based on political pressure.

Matthew Dinan
Orono

• Thank you

On behalf of Phi Mu sorority, I would like to thank everyone in the community who donated pocket change to the Children's Miracle Network for our annual Halloween philanthropy event. It was a great success again this year! The money raised will benefit the children's ward at Eastern Maine Medical Center right in Bangor. A special thank you to the generous brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi for their donations.

Betsy Hatch
Orono

OPINION

The dog days of autumn

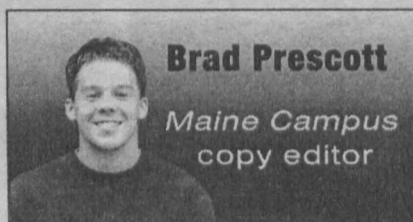
I love October. The cool, comfortable autumn weather and the colorful foliage make it my favorite month. And I like December, with the holidays and the return of skiing. But November, the thirty-day stretch of cold, dreary darkness that separates the two seasons, sucks.

It's almost like November is a season of its own, like some bad joke between autumn and winter when no activities exist other than sitting around on my ass and watching all the lame new television sitcoms. I'll try not to let it come to that.

Now that the clocks have been set back to Eastern Standard Time and it's dark before dinnertime I'm beginning to realize the days of students studying and conversing on the benches of the mall are quickly fleeting. I think I even heard a few students scream on Monday, as they walked out of late afternoon labs to find the campus dark and deserted.

It's not even that bad yet. That's the way November works. At first it seems tolerable, as the anticipation of holiday shopping sprees and a new ski season keeps one distracted

from the brown lawns and bare tree limbs. But by mid-month the humor has faded. Thirty degrees and cloudy gets pretty old and I find myself wishing it would either warm up or start snowing.



Brad Prescott
Maine Campus
copy editor

The one positive to this weather is that there are no excuses to put off all that studying you've been meaning to start any longer. Now that we've hit the halfway point of the semester it's time to get to the library and start those term papers and projects that were forgotten as quickly as the class syllabus was stashed away.

Many students, however, find themselves with a case of the mid-semester blues. It's hard to kick those bad habits that get started in early September and all that homework won't do itself. There is a lot of work due at the end of the term and once you get in a slump it's hard to get back on track.

For some students it's hard-

er still. The reduced exposure to daylight in the winter months can lead to Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), with increased feelings of depression, anxiety and exhaustion. The symptoms generally arrive between September and November and last until March or April, making the stresses of the semester's end and the holiday season that much more overwhelming.

So what the hell is this month good for? Besides Thanksgiving and Guy Fawkes Day, not much. It's not fall. Fall is colorful foliage, sunny afternoons and Halloween. And it's not winter. Winter involves snow, Christmas cards and eggnog. November is just the dreary purgatory that seems to go on forever in the interim. It's in a class of its own, and for that it doesn't deserve any kind of celebration other than a turkey and maybe a "dee-ah" in the back of your pickup. So just keep patiently crossing the days off your calendar, and it will be December before you know it.

Brad Prescott is a third-year economics major.

Imagination is going out of style

I saw an ad for Cablevision, and their slogan floored me. "Get Cablevision, for images rivaled only by your imagination." I couldn't believe it. Here was a media producer that charges monumental fees for their services and they were admitting that they are second rate to something that the average consumer can get totally free.

"Idiot!" I shouted at the television. My logic told me that after seeing that commercial nobody was going to pay hundreds of dollars for something they could get just by using a little creativity. Then I remembered something—they already are. In an age of digital cable, where you can get forty extra channels for a low monthly installment of \$39.95, imagination is a thing of the past.

The media that our society used to enjoy are now considered archaic. Why read a book when you have HBO? Why go to a concert when you can download all of the songs for free? Why pick up a newspaper when you can watch Dateline? It seems that lately the closest we get to cultural enrichment is MTV's "Say What Karaoke."

We believe that drama is 10 people eating bugs on an island, that comedy is the countless former film stars with their new generic Seinfeld rip-offs and that important news is who the president is fooling around with. All of this results in a bunch of people who love to sit in front of the television and couldn't tell you where the library is.

It's very amusing, all of the things that pass for "art" in our society. Any teenage girl with

blond hair and a few dance moves can be considered a superstar in less than a day, and any movie longer than two hours is considered Oscar worthy. The real tragedy though, is the decline in the importance of books in our lives.

Impatience seems to have taken control of our lives. People don't seem to want entertainment that they can't get in 30 minutes or less. Reading a novel, therefore, would be ridiculous. How many times have you said to yourself "I don't have time to read it, so I'll just rent the movie?" It's just so easy, isn't it? Watching television requires minimal thought since everything is displayed right in front of your eyes. Who needs those pesky words anyway? They just get in the way, right? Wrong. Language is what society is built on and when we veer away from words we are missing out on life.

Going to the public library and getting a library card costs nothing. Getting Cablevision costs an arm and a leg. So why are so many more people watching Showtime than reading the classics? Every time you watch TV instead of using your imagination you put your creativity out of practice. It's hard to start being innovative if you don't try out your mind every once and awhile. So the next time you reach for your clicker, ask yourself this question—"Read any good books lately?"

Julia Hall is a first-year journalism major.

Don't give your vote away

Sorry to disappoint anyone who reads my work for angry ranting and personal attacks.

Andrew Morton
Maine Campus
Columnist

That simply won't be the case in my small corner of *The Maine Campus* today. At the same time I don't plan on being all warm and fuzzy. There are an awful lot of people on campus who apparently don't give a second thought to the fact that the world is falling down around them. These are the people who do not vote.

Chances are good that no one denies the fact that voting and the right to do so are a good idea. Sure everybody gets their own vote, and a "chance to make a difference." A lame phrase, but in a roundabout way it is true. Your single vote will most likely never elect or change an election. The problem is that too many people have this same attitude. Sure, that

vote of yours doesn't even make a drop in the bucket on a national level, but you have taken a stand and made your point.

In a way I admire those people who have bumper stickers that say "Don't blame me I voted for (insert name here)!" They have at the very least taken the time to record their vote. What makes me angry is anyone who attempts to have a political discussion with me, and didn't vote.

Don't bother talking politics if you haven't done this; your opinion isn't worth a damn. People always get upset when a particular referendum passes. Well why did it pass? Some group or organization had a stake in it and gathered voters. It is really a simple process. The most votes wins.

The other thing that bothers me is party line voting. Democrats and Republicans alike who are not familiar with a candidate and vote for them anyway based on the respective "D" or "R" next to the name. If you are not familiar with a particular race, leave it blank.

At least you went and took a ballot. If there isn't a candidate worth voting for, leave it blank. If there is only one candidate running and you don't think that person will do a good job, or you have no idea what they stand for, leave it blank. If you feel that you can do better or know someone else who could, write in that name. I've done it before and I plan on doing it in the upcoming election.

The bottom line is that you should vote. No excuses. Once you are at the polling location, don't just give your vote away. Vote for the best man or woman. Sometimes that person is none of the above, sometimes it is you.

Make the decision that you want, but think about it. For all of you who disagree with my politics in past articles, now is your chance to cancel my vote. Good luck.

Andrew Morton is a senior education major.

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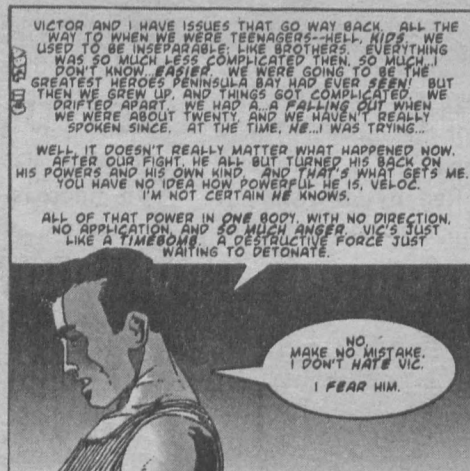
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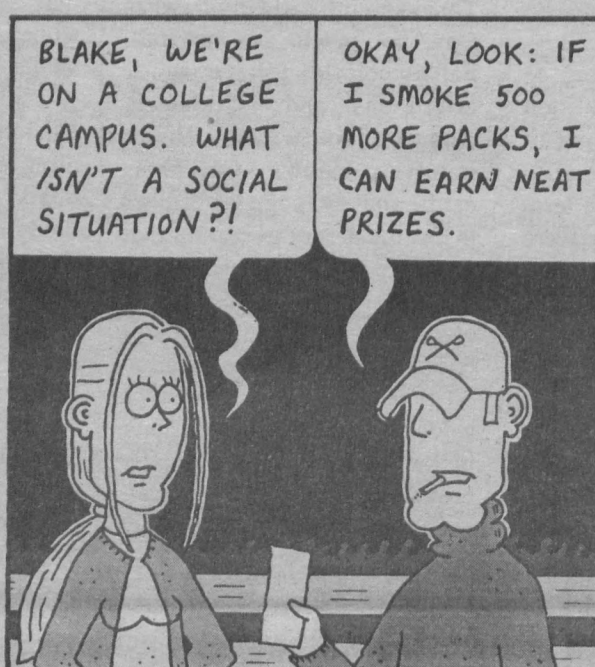
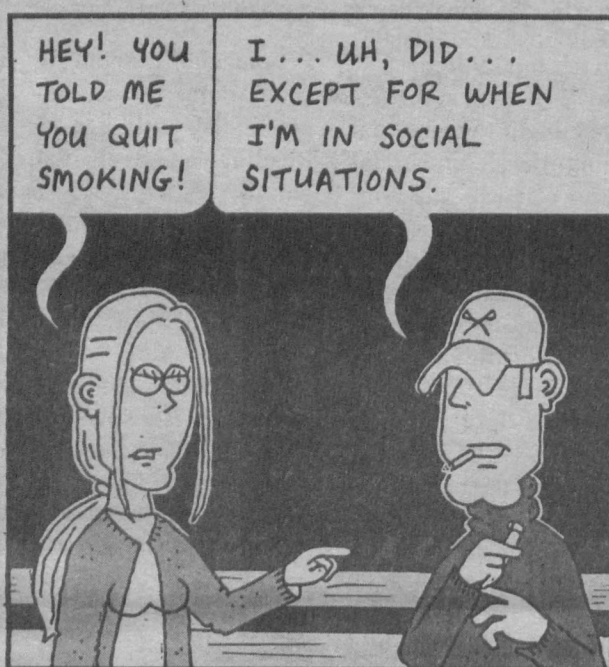
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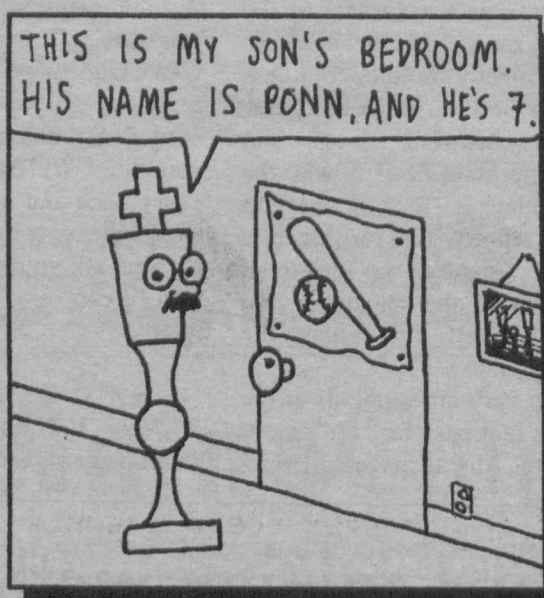


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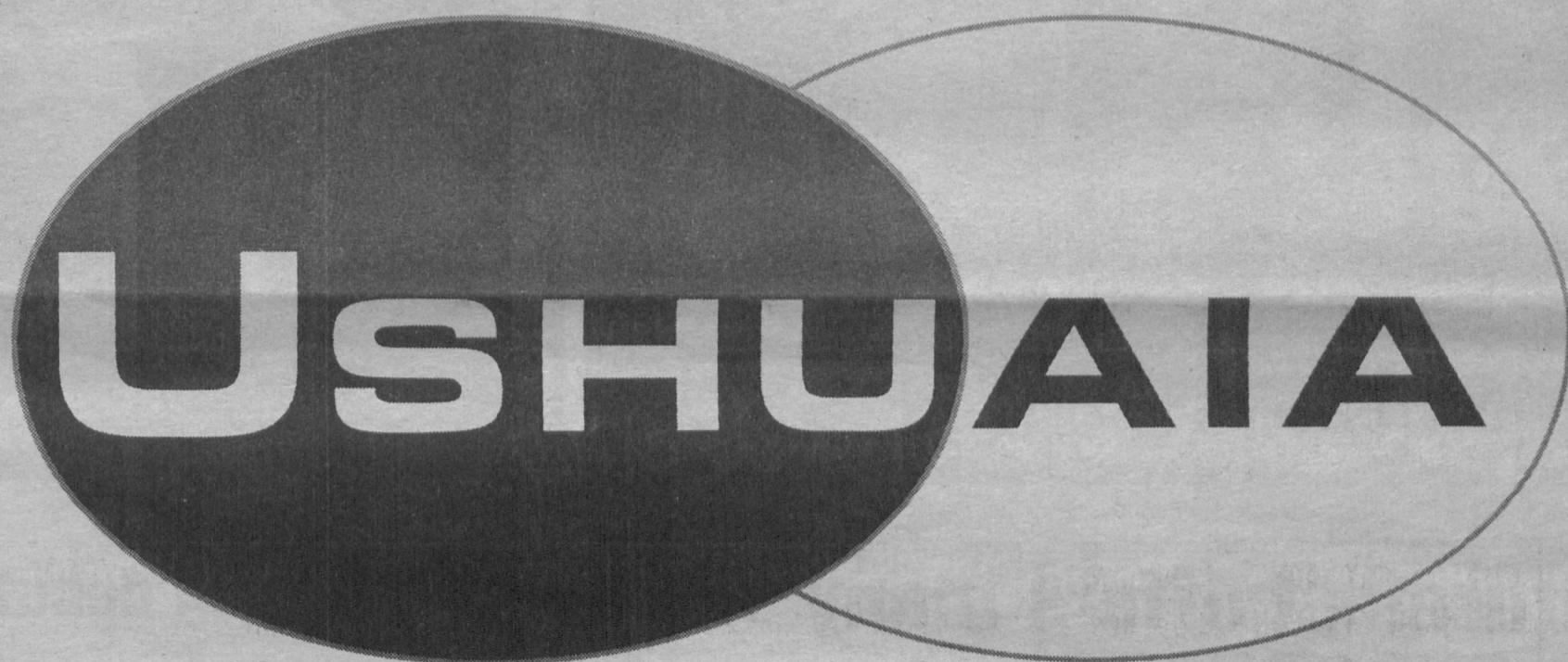


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'Turn of the Screw' provides chills and thrills

By Julia Hall
For the Maine Campus

The best stories always begin in a garden. That was the premise for the Penobscot Theater Company's production of Jeffery Hatcher's "The Turn of the Screw," a play based on the novel by Henry James. When a new gov-

erness comes to the house of Bly she is haunted by the spirits of her predecessor and her forbidden lover, both of whom have a devilish force over the two young children. These spirits (who do their evil deeds in the garden) make this play an inviting and bone-chilling thriller.

A great virtue of this adaptation is its minimal cast. There are

only two performers onstage—The Woman, who plays the governess, and The Man, who plays the rest of the story's characters.

Collene Frashure plays The Woman, a governess who is hired by the master of Bly to take care of his estranged niece and nephew. "Miss" as she is often referred to, is obviously meant to be portrayed as a young, naïve

and hopeful woman of 20. Due to the many bizarre and ghostly occurrences at the house of Bly, she makes the transformation to a strong, virtuous force in the household. Frashure's performance was not effortless in trying to portray this. Her bright-eyed naivety was overdone. Every expression and movement was forced and meticulous. Only when Frashure sings the children a lullaby do we see the true purity and sweetness of the governess shine through.

Toward the end of the play, Frashure's attitude changes to

include passion and intensity that is believable. Time and again she catches glimpses of spirits that the audience is not meant to see and creates a spooky ambiance.

Frashure may not have the part of the freshman inexperienced governess well developed, but she can certainly give a convincing performance when put in a ghost story.

Mark Cartier gives an exceptional performance as the different characters (the master, Mrs. Grosse the housekeeper, and

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Mark Cartier and Collene Frashure star in the Penobscot Theater Company rendition of "Turn of the Screw." PHOTO COURTESY PENOBSCOT THEATER COMPANY.



Culturefest offers many diverse and creative exhibits

By Kate Perry
For The Maine Campus

International Week draws to a close this Saturday when the University of Maine's international students present Culturefest.

The annual event, which has been held for over 15 years, is an all-day celebration of international culture. More than 70 countries share their food, music, myths and culture in a series of exhibits and presentations. Although it is normally held in Hauck Auditorium, due to the construction it will be held in the field house this year.

The day kicks off with a three-hour exhibition of food from nearly every continent in the world.

"The food is the only part of Culturefest that has a charge," explains Shamaroukh Mohinddin, co-chairman of the event. "It's free to get in, but the food costs a little bit of money. It's never much, though; I mean, last year I had some really excellent French

pastries for a quarter a piece."

The students prepare all the food themselves, using traditional recipes specific to their country. The dishes range from desserts to main fare to specialties.

While sampling the food, patrons may explore informational displays showcasing a particular country, or participate in Bulgarian and Latin dance workshops. During this time, children's activities such as games and sing-alongs will also be provided.

The talent and style shows begin in the afternoon. "We have a lot of fun during the talent show," says Mohinddin. "People sing and dance and tell stories, and we always have one or two really unusual acts. Like last year we had two students present something called "Drums Talking," in which one person played a drum and the other person translated what the drum was saying. It was really interesting and very funny."

The style show allows students to show off various cultural costumes to the sounds of their coun-

try's traditional music.

"The announcer explains when the costume is worn as well as any significance a certain part of the costume may have," says Mohinddin.

The style show closes Culturefest in the evening, yet despite the length of the event Mohinddin says that many people stay all day.

"It's very exciting," she said, "so many people do not want to leave until it's completely over."

Culturefest attracts hundreds of people each year, from as near-by as the campus to as far away as Presque Isle. Mohinddin is thrilled that Culturefest reaches so many people.

"One of the goals of Culturefest is to help give the campus an international feel," she says, "to involve people and teach them about other countries and cultures. It's very easy to be exposed to other cultures in large metropolitan areas like New York, but Maine is very rural so it's more difficult

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Extravaganza debuting

By Andrea Page
For The Maine Campus

Student creativity and talent at its best can be seen this weekend in the Pavilion Theater.

Theater Extravaganza!, a performance of four short plays, will be held on Saturday and Sunday. The plays are all written, directed and produced by University of Maine students.

Everyman Productions, the theater group created by Brad Rego, fifth-year English major, and Ryan Fitzgibbons, third-year wildlife ecology major, are the creators of this theater production. They received funding from the Residents on Campus Board and have been diligently preparing this play since the start of the semester.

The first play showcased is called "Joey Underbite." This was written by Brad Rego and is directed by Jennie Leland and Brad Rego. Tim Fitzgibbon, first-year physics major, stars as the lead character, Joey. The play deals with characters who have been victims of society.

For Tim Fitzgibbon, it has been a fun time and a break from the physics work.

"The plays are original and really cool," Fitzgibbon said. "I did some plays in high school and this is cool especially because it was just two students putting this together."

The second play, "Hunter Mackenzie's Wild Safari," is written and directed by Ryan Fitzgibbons. The last two which will be shown are "Alligators" and "Dr. Octopus" both written by Brad Rego. "Alligators" is directed by Rego and "Dr. Octopus" is directed by Shawn McVicar.

Rego said that "Alligators" is set in the 1970s and is about how if people really knew how scary the world is, they might not go outside.

"Dr. Octopus" is about a 24-year-old struggling to fit in. The play is seen through the head of the main character, who has a male and a female side.

Melanie McGlinchey, a third-year theater student, has been involved with the production. She said it has been a great experience for those students who are not theater majors.

"They are ingenious and very talented," McGlinchey said of

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Folk Traditions Festival offers Maine Workshops

By Amy Saunders
For The Maine Campus

In a celebration focusing on life in Maine, the Folk Traditions Festival will take place this weekend.

"There isn't anything else that highlights these traditions. We wanted to do something unique," said Associate Director, Pauleena MacDougall.

On Saturday there will be three workshops offered from 3 to 5 p.m. and, according to MacDougall, will be followed by a harvest dinner and entertainment.

Song making will be taught by Gordon Bok and Jeff McKeen. After living his entire life in Maine, Bok, according to MacDougall, became fascinated with the boating, fishing and sailing culture. Intrigued by old maritime songs, Bok began playing and then eventually writing his own.

His music has been used in films and published in folk music anthologies, including "Rise Up Singing" and his own collection, "Time and the Flying Snow." Bok will also perform at 8 p.m.

Producing an unmistakable style with his well-developed vocal expression and his mastery of the six and 12-string guitars, according to MacDougall, Bok has been carried through decades as being one of our most cherished folk artists.

McKeen moved to Maine as a child and now lives in Montville. He is one third of the group the Old Grey Goose and is currently working on his master's in traditional song at the University of Maine. "He's been especially interested in lobster fishermen," MacDougall said. She added, McKeen focuses on and collects fishermen related songs written by Bony Quinn of Deer Isle.

Bok and McKeen will share a wide variety of rich and beautiful songs of both land and sea, MacDougall said.

Irish dance is another option available for members of the community. Led by Cristina Post, participants will be taught a beginners class. "She's been dancing for several years," MacDougall said.

Maine Fiddle Tunes is the final workshop offered. For people who enjoy the fiddle Carter Newall will be teaching traditional Maine dance music.

A harvest dinner, in the form of a catered buffet, will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. following the workshops. The supper will feature traditional Maine foods including ham, turkey and squash.

"Your typical garden foods will be there along with blueberries and of course potatoes," MacDougall said.

During dinner Joe Bennett will be storytelling. Bennett teaches fifth grade at Hermon, and according to MacDougall, grew up in Bath. "Growing up he loved

Political film splits the vote

By Hannah Jackson and
David B. Hall
For The Maine Campus



He: It's a no-brainer that during an election year and with a recent sex scandal involving the Oval Office comes a movie like "The Contender," a political drama starring Joan Allen, Christian Slater, Jeff Bridges and Gary Oldman.

Bridges plays the president, who must appoint a nominee to the vice presidency after the death of elected vice president. Pressured by both sides, he eventually appoints Laine Hanson, a senator from Ohio. All that stands in her way is a fierce congressman, Shelly Runyon ~ (Gary Oldman). Eventually, Runyon digs up a story about Hanscom involving a sex show she allegedly put on while rushing a sorority, sparking off a national controversy.

Filled with clever dialogue and underplayed camera work, "The Contender" comes off as a very complex movie about the double standard between men and women, and overstepping the boundary of public officials' privacy.

She: Well, I for one did not think this movie was too swift. The idea is original, true, but there were so many things that bugged me about this movie that it prevented me from liking it. For starters, throughout the whole movie, Hanson chose not to say anything about the alleged sex show. This made her look guilty.

She kept saying, "I will not talk about that." And sorry, don't let me spoil it for you, but she didn't do it. I also don't recall any clever dialogue. Care to share an example?

He: What are you, my English teacher? Clever dialogue would be when the president is convincing the young congressman, played by Christian Slater, to vote his way. Instead of coming out and saying it, he talks about a shark steak sandwich. We are talking subtext here.

There are other examples but why give away the movie?

She: To prevent people from expecting too much.

OK, I did enjoy Jeff Bridges' performance. He was a funny, yet professional and deeply concerned president. He might have even made me laugh. But, I think that Joan Allen's performance was rather stiff.

I have to say, I may be rather thickheaded. I didn't get a lot of the "subtext" you speak of. Also,

I think I'd like the movie better if I saw it again. It just didn't hit me.

He: "The Contender" is by no way an instant classic or even an Oscar contender. This movie is

feel that after watching this movie he has my write-in vote on Nov. 7. Hey, if Ronnie Reagan got eight years, why not a man who played the Dude in "The Big Lebowski"?

She: I agree with you about the filibuster. Good observation. Other notable actors in the film include Gary Oldman, who was quite despicable as Shelly Runyon. I also thought William Petersen was pretty good as Jack Hathaway. He had me thinking he was a good guy when he wasn't.

As you might have guessed, I didn't enjoy the film as much as my esteemed colleague. If you like political "thrillers" (although I do not recall being thrilled at all) then maybe this is the movie for you. I think it did do a good job of telling an untold story, which may actually come to be true in this country in the near future. But overall, I have to say, it was sort of a snore-fest.

Review

Her Grade: **

His Grade: ****

Rating: R

Running Time: 2 Hrs, 5 min

smart. It takes on many issues at hand in contemporary politics and doesn't preach too much. Yes, sometimes the movie feels like watching a filibuster on CSPAN but overall, this movie is very entertaining.

As for Jeff Bridges as the president of the United States, I



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Kane gives exceptional show at MCA

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

It would be a slight understatement to say that Joshua Kane, or at least his one man show "Gothic At Midnight" is a little bit eerie. Blood-curdling, macabre and nauseating are all words that come to mind and that is meant in the nicest way possible.

On Halloween night, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hauck Auditorium, Kane held the moderately sized audience in the palm of his hand. From Irish folklore to the works of Poe, Kane's performance ran the style gamut, and mesmerized young and old alike.

Joshua Kane is a classically trained actor, having studied with greats like Stella Adler and Marcel Marceau. He has had roles in "Pirates of Penzance,"

"I'm Not Rappaport" and "Much Ado About Nothing". Since 1991, Kane has had his own production company which produces nothing but Kane's one-man features. He is also active in the Jewish community and is an arts activist.

Spooky music filled the auditorium as all sorts of patrons filed in. At 7:00, the lights dimmed, and Kane took the stage, which was decorated with various props. Most of them seemed obligatory and cliched, like a candle, and the Jekyll and Hyde-style desk. However, Kane used them to the full potential. Instead of trying to spook the audience by acting bizarre and gothic, he was quite personable, beginning the show with an explanation about his love of the macabre.

As the night progressed, he also took many a chance to take

stabs at Vice President Gore, Governor George W. Bush and politics in general. It was a nice touch and it made the audience feel part of the show instead of just spectators.

The first story Kane told was something he had learned from his grandmother (later he found out it was an excerpt from a Dickens novel) called "Captain Murderer," a grizzly story about a man who would marry young women, kill them and put them in pies, which he then greedily consumed. He then followed with a story by Ambrose Bierce, called "An Imperfect Conflagration".

Unfortunately, this was the one and only low point of the night. While Kane's delivery and accent were impeccable, the story itself was less than scary, and ended somewhat awkwardly.

Kane rebounded quickly with

another Dickens tale called "The Devil's Bargain." It is doubtful that anyone in attendance will ever look at rats in the same way again.

After the intermission, the performance took a detour out of classic literature for a moment, as Kane told an Inuit legend about a small boy, a hideous monster and a "game of string." Then, quickly getting back into literature mode, told a W. B. Yeats story called "The Brewing of Eggshells." It wasn't as scary as it was humorous, but it fit in with the rest of the tales, and it certainly put leprechauns in a new light.

Sticking with the Irish theme, Kane recited a beautiful Irish poem, and then led the disgusted crowd in the most corrupt sing along ever heard.

All of this culminated in what was arguably the best part of the entire evening. After a ridiculous-

ly short version of "The Raven," Kane gave an excellent rendition of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart."

Seated at the desk, he told the story so well that even the most unsqueamish individual would tense up. This concluded the show and Kane received a standing ovation.

After a very classy thanking of the audience and an interesting personal story about how he got his start in "Theatre of the Mind," he invited anyone to stay after the show for a question and answer session.

All in all, it was a fun way to spend Halloween night. The program described Kane as a mixture of Artemis Gordon, Orson Welles and the Count of Monte Cristo. However, he invoked many other famous names in the horror genre, such as Tim Burton, Alfred Hitchcock, and, most notably, Vincent Price.

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to hear the old-timers tell stories about the coast," MacDougall said. Bennett began telling stories on his own after learning from the older men. His narratives are humorous and pertain to the Maine coast.

The January Men, a male chorus that first gathered together in 1996 to explore working songs of the sea, will perform at 9 p.m. The choir is composed of a sheep farmer, carpenter, fisherman, composer, psychologist, harp therapist, acupuncturist, teacher and graphics designer. MacDougall added, "Two of the men are women."

Bok organized the group, which sings without accompaniment throughout the state. They will be performing a special piece about

the Herring fishery written by Bok.

Ending the evening, the Old Grey Goose will play for a contra dance. The group has been playing and singing old-time country-dance music and songs of Maine and the Maritimes for over 20 years. They teach and call New England contra dances for schools and community groups and, according to the program, they present stories and songs, some humorous and some historical.

The group collects traditional music by visiting and documenting the work of musicians and singers throughout the Northeast.

The festival will be held from 3 p.m. to midnight at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. For directions and more information contact Peter Cook at 581-3756

Theater

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Rego and Fitzgibbons. "Most of the plays deal with underlying societal issues."

Rego said he hopes the audience will laugh because the plays are

fun. He said it has been nerve-racking putting these together, but he feels confident students will enjoy the plays.

Theater Extravaganza! will be

shown on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. Both shows will be in the Pavilion Theater. Admission is free to everyone. The plays do contain mature subject matter.

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Miles the little boy). By a simple change in his posture he goes from an old maid with paranoia to a 10-year-old boy possessed by spirits. Cartier has a way of seducing the audience with his many personas and sound effects. Cartier also plays the part of the wind, the clock and many other sounds. Cartier's performance was convincing, creepy and comedic all at the same time.

The play in its entirety was put together with terrifying precision and simplicity. "Turn of the Screw" is a jolting scare, and a great ghost story.

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Culture

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"The University of Maine is the most racially diverse college in the state," points out fellow co-chairman Ukemme Awakessien, "with 450 international students. But that proportion isn't very big when compared with a

student body of 10,000."

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Men's soccer finishes season on a winning note

By Kevin Gove
Men's Soccer Reporter

Jason Skilling was not going to start the last game of his career on the sideline. The University of Maine men's soccer co-captain was determined to have his name printed as a starter on the official score sheet for the 41st time in his career.

Skilling ignored the lingering pain of a pulled hamstring and put all of his focus on dangerous Harvard forward Ryan Kelly leading the Black Bear defense in a 1-0 victory over the Crimson Wednesday night at Falmouth High School.

"It was gonna be my last game so I didn't want to sit on the bench and watch it," Skilling

said. "[The hamstring] hurt a little bit, but once you start playing usually you can't feel it anyway."

Maine head coach Travers Evans was impressed with the final effort of his senior back.

"He really surpassed my expectations of what he'd be able to do," Evans said. "He sucked it up. It was his last game and he played really hard and really well."

Maine sophomore Drew Mayer gave the Black Bear's the only goal they would need at the 60:05 mark of the contest.

Greg Bajek started the scoring play with a pass to Mayer in front of the Harvard goal. Mayer collected the ball, spun away from an approaching defender and fired a low shot across the mouth

of the goal that hit the inside of the far post and ricocheted over the goal line.

The game-winner was Mayer's first career tally.

"It just rolled, hit the pole the right way and went in," Mayer said. "It could have bounced out, but it was the first goal of my career, it had to go in."

The shutout was the first of the year for Maine (3-11-2). Black Bear goalkeepers Mat Cosgriff and Mike Brenneman recorded one save in each half, splitting the shutout evenly. The last time Maine held an opponent scoreless was on Sept. 5, 1998 in a 1-0 win over Army.

Harvard (7-7-1) outshot the Black Bear's 12-6, but the Crimson were unable to manufac-

ture quality scoring chances.

"We didn't face a lot of difficult opportunities," Evans said. "Most of the shots they got were from a distance and a lot of them weren't on target."

Skilling's lone classmate, Russell Hutchison, was unable to overcome a knee injury and did not play against Harvard. Hutchison missed the final three matches of this season, ending a 62-game streak as a Black Bear starter. The Virginia native finishes his Maine career with 21 points on eight goals and five assists.

Mayer said it was important for the young team to get a win without their veteran offensive leader.

"It was difficult when we

first lost Russell because pretty much all the offense came through him," Mayer said. "It took us three or four games to finally figure out how to deal without Russell. [The win] was really positive because Russell is not going to be there next year so we pretty much had to pick it up."

The victory could also be an indication of how well Maine will do in America East play next year. Vermont and Northeastern, two teams playing in the conference tournament beginning today, were both defeated by the Crimson this year.

That just shows that we can beat those [America East] teams all season long if we put our minds to it," Mayer said.

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Women's Hockey

freshman forward, and Genevieve Richardson, a sophomore defender. Both players have two assists for two points in two games.

Boston College's starting goalie is a junior, Amy Coletta. She currently has a 1-1-0 record with a 6.50 goals against average. This game may take on special significance for Coletta, because she transferred from Maine during the off-season.

"I felt bad for Amy," Filighera said. "I think she's a quality goaltender, but at the point we were at last year, as a coaching staff, we didn't feel we could get her very much ice time. I think she'll do great at BC, and she gets to play. She found somewhere that she can start. This is a good thing for Amy, and I'm happy for her, and hopefully she won't stand on her

head against us."

The Big Green will come into Orono as the No. 1-ranked women's team in the nation according to the U.S. College Hockey Online Poll. The only game Dartmouth has played was the game on Halloween night at BC. The Big Green proved why they are number one with the 8-1 victory. Carly Haggard, a sophomore forward, led the way for the Big Green, netting two goals and adding three assists for a five point night. Carrie Sekela, a senior forward also added two goals in the victory. Senior netminder Meghann Cahill made 11 saves in the win.

Dartmouth's coach, Julie Oberting, is only in her third season running the program, but she

already has some accolades to her credit. She was named national women's coach of the year last season after leading Dartmouth to a surprise Frozen Four appearance last season. She is returning every player from last year's squad.

Filighera was very complementary of Dartmouth. "They're very good. They're the best team in the league. And they're young. And the players they brought in this year are very formidable. They're strength is their size and how they are on the puck all the time. We'll have to be a little bit more physical in that game."

One strength Filighera thinks Maine will have is that his team will have played more games. It will be Maine's sixth, while it will only be game number three for the Big

Green. Dartmouth will also have to play a game on the road against a very tough New Hampshire team the night before, so the possibility exists that Dartmouth will come into the Alford tired.

"The Dartmouth game is going to be a good litmus test for us. They're a very formidable opponent and we know it's going to be a tough game," Filighera said.

Maine will head into the week-

end with a 2-0-0 record, along with two exhibition wins over Canadian teams. Maine will also skate with a full team for the first time this year. Filighera plans to skate four lines with the return of Emily Stevens, Karen Magno, and Rebecca Ouellet, who are coming off of their fall sports seasons.

The BC game takes place on Saturday night at 7 p.m., while the Dartmouth game will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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Morant keys a Duke pass rush that has sacked opposing quarterbacks 21 times this season. The senior has recorded seven of those sacks.

The James Madison pass defense has nine interceptions on the season.

The Black Bears head to Harrisonburg after their best all around performance of the season, a 37-7 whitewashing of Rhode Island. In that game, a patchwork offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage for Maine. Cosgrove wasn't sure who would be available for this

week's game.

"It's the same situation," Cosgrove said, referring to the status of offensive linemen Paul Paradis and Chris McLaughlin. "We'll just have to see as the week progresses."

The Black Bear passing attack has been less of a factor over the past three weeks. Quarterback Jake Eaton has been effective on the shorter routes, but teams have adjusted and taken away the deep stuff that the Black Bears were hitting early in the season.

"We have to learn how to win tough games on the road,"

Cosgrove said. "This is that type of football game. They'll have about 20,000 people there and it will be intimidating. If we can adjust and play our game, we should be able to play with them."

An interesting sidebar to Saturday's game is the record chase of Maine kicker Todd Jagoutz. The senior needs only two points to pass former Black Bear kicker Peter Borjestedt (206) for the top spot in career points at Maine. Jagoutz currently holds the record in career field goals with 35.

you know what I mean. Anyway... have a good weekend and check out the women's hockey game on Sunday against Dartmouth. The Big Green, I wouldn't want my team named that, are the top-ranked team in the country. A little support might inspire the women to do great things.

Play Safe...

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to a roster of 10, and an injury, coupled with yet another inane NCAA rule that didn't allow anyone else to suit up to make the game a five on five. It's tough to tell how good Sharon Versep's first team at Maine will be, but count on one thing, they'll be in shape.

What great fans you are here at UMaine. You stayed through

most of the second half of a football blowout with wind chills that froze spit before it hit the ground. Then, you made your way to the Alford and welcomed Coach Walsh back with a pair of rousing ovations. Probably most noteworthy was your support of the poor soul who sang the anthem on Friday night, I won't get into this any further, but if you were there,

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stop DeCoff and her defense from keeping the score where it was.

DeCoff was named Goalkeeper of the Week by the ECAC last week. DeCoff, originally from Danvers, MA, was rewarded for her performances against Providence and Lafayette earlier in

the week. DeCoff stopped nine shots in a double overtime match against Providence. After that exhausting performance, DeCoff then turned in her 27th career shutout against Lafayette, cementing her a spot in the Holy Cross record books.

Holy Cross will be seeded second in the Patriot League tournament starting this weekend. The Crusaders finish their regular season with an 8-10-1 record.

The Black Bears can now look forward to next year as they finish their season with a 5-10-0 record.

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Maine opens up Hockey East play on the road

By Jim Leonard
Men's Hockey Reporter

Let the real games begin.

It was fun starting out with North Dakota three weeks back. Beating St. Lawrence 8-2 in the finals of the Black Bear Classic was a real hoot too. Welcoming back Coach Shawn Walsh last weekend was a fitting culmination to a tough October schedule for UMaine men's hockey. The team faced some great competition, won a few, lost a few and got our coach back where he belongs. Now the work really begins.

It's Hockey East time.

Maine hits the road for the first time this weekend and opens up the Hockey East schedule as well. On Friday night, they face Providence and then travel to Boston for a Saturday night game with Northeastern.

Asked about the possibility of a weekend sweep, Black Bear forward and assistant captain Dan Kerluke looked incredulous. "It's Hockey East," Kerluke said. "It's tough enough winning one game a weekend."

"This is going to be a really tough test for this team," Walsh said. "These are two good teams we're playing, and they're both tougher in their own building."

Northeastern and Providence were picked to finish fifth and sixth, respectively, in the Hockey East preseason coaches' poll. That's probably misleading. Currently there are six teams from Hockey East in the top 15 of the USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Poll. Both the Huskies and the Friars are



Maine's Lucas Lawson (left) and Peter Metcalf (right) pressure Ohio State goalie Mike Betz last weekend. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

included in that group.

Providence, ranked 14, is a newcomer to the poll. The Friars are 3-1 overall, 0-1 in Hockey East. They come off an 8-0 blowout victory over Union College. Providence has outscored its opponents 22-5 thus far.

"That line that gave us trouble in the Hockey East quarterfinals is really going well for them," Walsh said. That line, comprised of Devin Rask, Jon DiSalvatore and Peter Fregoe has accounted for 19 points and eight goals in four games. DiSalvatore, a sophomore, leads the Friars with four

goals. Rask has five assists along with his three goals to lead Providence with eight points.

Where the Friars are vulnerable is along the blueline. The top defense pair of Matt Libby and Jay Leach is unquestionably one of the best in Hockey East. Libby, a Saco, Maine native, was named Hockey East defensive player of the week. Both he and Leach have scored a pair of goals and take turns quarterbacking the effective Friar power play, converting at an incredible 28 percent coming in.

However, graduation losses and early departures have left the

rest of the Providence defense corps in shambles. Providence mixes three freshmen and a sophomore in with Libby and Leach.

"We're hoping to exploit them at the blueline," Walsh said. "Their inexperience there will be a focus."

Northeastern is an experienced club poised to step into the national spotlight. The Huskies, ranked 13, come in with a 5-1 overall mark, 1-0 in conference.

"Northeastern is the opposite of our club," Walsh said. "They have a mostly junior, senior team. We have mostly freshman and sophomores. I guess you could

say they're in their cycle."

The Huskies are coming off a huge win last weekend over top-ranked Wisconsin, 5-4 in overtime. Prior to facing Maine on Saturday night, they will travel to the Conte Forum to meet Boston College.

"They're really playing well," Maine captain A.J. Begg said. "We'll need to be at the top of our game to shut them down."

Northeastern forward Mike Ryan has exploded out of the gates. The sophomore has notched seven goals in five games. Junior Chris Lynch has added five, three of which came with the man advantage. Northeastern has made special teams a focus and it's paid off. They have converted on over 30 percent of their power play opportunities thus far and killed off 85 percent of the opposition's man advantages.

Maine comes into the weekend outshooting their opponents by a two to one margin. "We're getting chances," Walsh said. "I'm concerned about finishing those chances. We need to take advantage of more opportunities."

The Black Bear power play, a strength last season, is converting at only 12 percent thus far. "That's what happens when you don't finish," Walsh said.

Kerluke sees some improvement in special teams however. "We're not scoring now," he said in reference to the power play production. "We're moving the puck pretty well lately and you can tell we're ready to break out."

The Black Bears would like

Men's hoops team hopes to contend for league title

Team looks to follow up last year's success without Bedard, Fox

By Lucas Peterson
Men's Basketball Reporter

Mission: America East Champions. The University of

Maine men's basketball team has set their sights on this lofty goal as they prepare for the start of the season. And just in case anyone forgets what the Black Bears are play-

ing for, they can read it on the locker room wall.

The 2000-2001 Black Bears will look different from the successful teams in years past. Graduated from last year's team are starters Nate Fox and Andy Bedard. Luckily for Black Bear fans, the team still has a strong core of successful players to rely on. Maine has three talented senior forwards returning to the lineup, all of whom have logged quality minutes. Julian Dunkley was selected third team All-America East last season. He averaged just under 13 points per game and was second on the team in rebounds. Carvell Ammons will begin his first full season with the team and head coach Dr. John Giannini sees him as a potential all-conference player. Colin Haynes returns as one of the team leaders and Haynes stresses the importance of winning.

"We take it a game at a time. But ultimately our goal is to achieve America East champions and then go on to the postseason," he said.

To achieve its goal, Maine must survive a tough early season schedule. Maine begins the season with six of their first seven games on the road. Included in those away games are stops against two teams

playing in big name conferences. The season opener is Nov. 17 at Big Ten conference foe Illinois followed by a stop at the Big East's Providence College on Nov. 22. The early season schedule is tough, but the Black Bears feel it will make them a better team.

"It will be tough, but it will be fun," said sophomore guard Derrick Jackson. "We've been looking forward to it. We're all anxious, eager to play right now."

Maine is led by fifth-year coach Dr. John Giannini. Giannini has directed the Black Bears to a record breaking number of wins the past two seasons and led the team to match its best ever conference finish. Under Giannini, the Black Bears play an aggressive, up-tempo style of basketball and in years past have achieved national prominence in several NCAA statistical rankings. Returning to Maine this year are long time assistant coaches Ted Woodward and Ed Jones. Both coaches have been at Maine for the duration of Giannini's tenure. Also joining the coaching staff this season is Andy Bedard.

Although the Black Bears lost two key players, they feel this year's team has tremendous depth.

Giannini has a number of options at the guard spots. Junior Huggy Dye was a second team All-America East selection last season and was second on the team in scoring. Freshman Tory Cavalieri and sophomore Tom Waterman provide depth at the point guard position. Errick Greene missed most of last season, but is also expected to help Maine.

Derrick Jackson, a 6-2 sophomore, saw his minutes increase toward the end of last season and worked on his offensive skills in the off season. Jackson feels that this team has great depth and will be able to change lineups without losing anything on the court. If someone is having an off day or needs a break, there will be able bodies on the bench. However, he doesn't envy the coaches who have to decide who gets minutes.

"The only one it makes it tough on is the coach."

Jackson added that good depth could only be a positive.

"When we scrimmage, it's always against a good team. That's only going to make us better."

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Volleyball takes on Vermont, UNH

By Lucas Peterson
Volleyball Reporter

The University of Maine Women's volleyball team will host a pair of America East opponents this weekend and hope to gain momentum heading into the home stretch of the season. The Black Bears are currently ranked seventh in the conference with a record of 3-8. The Black Bears are 10-15 overall.

On Saturday, the ninth ranked University of Vermont will enter the

pit looking for their first win of the season. The Catamounts are winless in conference play and have yet to pick up a victory in non-conference play. Early in October, Maine traveled to Vermont and won 3-0, giving up only five points the entire match. But, the Black Bears were in a similar position a year ago, so don't expect them to take this game lightly.

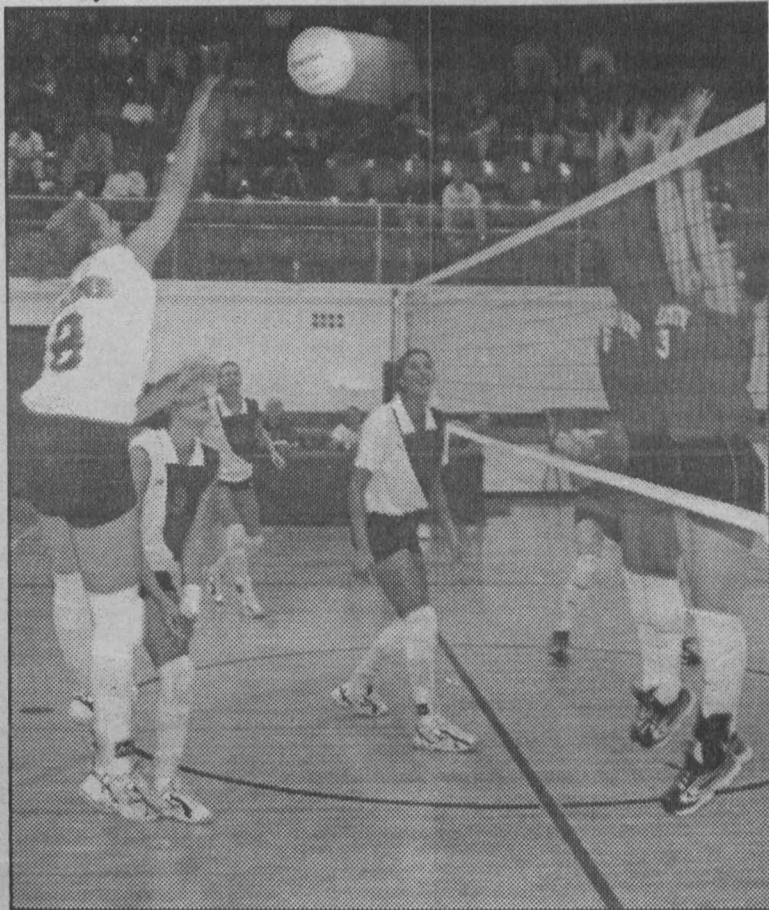
With the season coming to a close the Maine women are stacking up in the middle of the pack in most team related statistics. Current stats show the Black Bears ranking fifth

in America East in kills, assists and digs. Maine is near the top in service aces with a rank of third. Freshman setter Cheryl Elliott leads the way for Maine in that category, currently holding onto the fourth spot in service aces.

The University of New Hampshire heads to Orono on Sunday to face the Black Bears. The Wildcats are currently riding a four-game winning streak and have won eight of their last nine. With this hot streak, the Wildcats have propelled themselves to second place in America East. There lone loss during the streak came at the hands of top-ranked Hofstra. UNH is 19-9 overall, 10-2 in the conference.

In order to pick up a win on Sunday, Maine will need a solid team effort to combine with prime-time games from its best players. Junior Leah Voss is piling up very impressive numbers in her first season at Maine. Voss is averaging 4.88 kills per game and leads the conference in kills by a substantial margin. The next closest is Hofstra's Stefanie Rewitz, who averages 4.26 kills per game. Voss leads everyone else in the conference by over a kill a game. Voss is headed towards an all conference selection, as she also leads America East in digs.

A pair of wins this weekend could propel the Black Bears to as high as fifth in America East. Four teams make it into the conference tournament, so Maine would be in a position to challenge for the fourth spot. Both games start at 1 p.m. and will be held at the pit.



Maine's Randi Olin hits a Cheryl Elliott set against Northeastern. Maine hosts Vermont and New Hampshire at the Pit this weekend. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

Football travels to James Madison

By Jim Leonard
Football Reporter

UMaine football, fresh off their first conference victory of the season last weekend, will attempt to stay on the roll when the team travels to Virginia to square off with James Madison University on Saturday.

The Dukes, ranked 20 in the latest ESPN poll, are currently tied for third place in the Atlantic 10 with a 3-2 conference record, 5-3 overall. JMU lost to Atlantic 10 leader Delaware last weekend, 33-14, in Newark.

"This is going to be a tough test for us," Maine head coach Jack Cosgrove said. "They'll be an angry football team after that game with Delaware. They'll also be trying to atone for what happened up here last year."

Cosgrove refers to the Black Bear's 26-20 upset victory over the Dukes last year at Morse Field. The loss represented the only blemish in JMU's conference record (7-1).

James Madison's multiple 1 offense is paced by a trio of talented running backs. Brandon Goins averages 5.6 yards per carry and has scored four touchdowns on the season. B.J. Minor has amassed 417 rushing yards and found the end zone seven times. Senior Delvin Joyce is a two-way threat, averaging 6.1 yards per carry with four scores

on the ground. Joyce has also caught 28 passes on the season.

Duke quarterback Charles Berry is effective on the ground or through the air. Berry has completed 60 percent of his passes and thrown for six scores while being picked off six times. The Durham, NC senior has also scored four times on the ground.

Berry's favorite target is wideout Lindsey Freshman. Freshman has caught 30 balls and averages 15.7 yards per catch. The senior has three touchdown receptions on the season.

JMU averages nearly 400 yards of total offense and 30 points per contest. The Duke attack will present a stern test for a young, but improving, Black Bear defense.

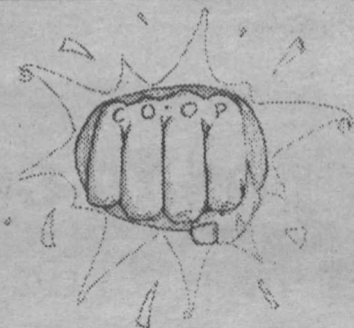
"The defense has really come together the last three weeks," Cosgrove said. "We've gotten contributions from some unexpected sources and our big guns have played well."

Defensively, the Dukes allow their opponents only 15 points per game. They yield only 89.3 yards per game on the ground, making them one of the top rushing defenses in the A-10.

Junior linebacker Derrick Pack leads JMU with an astounding 65 unassisted tackles among his team high, 102 in only eight games. Pack has also picked off two passes. Defensive end Chris

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Women's hockey hosts BC, Dartmouth

By Jeff Mannix
Women's Hockey Reporter

The UMaine women's hockey team will open up its conference schedule this weekend with two games at the Alford Arena. The Black Bears will open ECAC play against the Boston College Eagles on Saturday night before welcoming in the top-ranked team in U.S. College Hockey Online Women's Poll, the Dartmouth Big Green, on Sunday afternoon.

Maine women's hockey coach Rick Filighera thinks the team will be ready for this weekend's games. The team worked on some areas that he feels they needed to improve on. "I think we're going to do a better job handling the puck off the walls, a little bit of angling, and our passing is getting better. All in all, I think we accomplished what we wanted to. Hopefully we'll take that into the weekend games."

Boston College comes off of a 6-22-2 season. They have played

two games so far this season, a 6-5 win over Bemidji St. in Chesnut Hill on Oct. 12, a game where the Eagles almost squandered a 6-2 third period lead. Maine dominated two games at the Alford against Bemidji St. on Oct. 14 and 15, winning 4-1 and 5-2, amassing a total of 111 shots on goal for the two games. The Eagles hosted Dartmouth on Halloween night and were devastated with an 8-1 loss.

BC has also played an exhibition game at home against a club team, the Connecticut Polar Bears on Oct. 15. The leading scorer for the Eagles is junior forward Kelly McManus, a transfer from New Hampshire, who has two goals and two assists for four points in BC's game with Bemidji. The leading goal scorer is one of the team's two senior captains, Jenn Buckley, who scored a hat trick against Bemidji St. Other multiple point scorers so far for BC are Alaina Clark, a

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Maine captain Kelly Nelson pushes the puck along the boards against Bemidji State. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

Sports news, Jim's views

By Jim Leonard
Men's Hockey Reporter

This week, I bring you a veritable potpourri of opinion from around the sporting world.

Let's start with baseball. The "Subway Series" garnered the lowest television rating in history. This isn't news to baseball fans. Two New York teams playing each other? Boring, unless you're a New Yorker. Even Clemens couldn't spice it up.

About Clemens. The guy says that he thought that bat fragment was the baseball at first. Is that why he threw it in Mike Piazza's direction? Actually, Clemens noted that he was tossing the splintered ash toward the on deck circle, which makes his contention even more bizarre.

Calling Clemens bizarre is akin to calling the Atlantic damp. Have you checked out any of his press conferences? The guy speaks in completely unconnected sentence fragments. His children's names all begin with the letter "K." I used to think this was a reference to his knockout prowess, now I'm convinced it's more to help him remember at least part of their names.

I'll agree that a \$50,000 charge is a bit hefty for Rocket's part in the shattered bat incident of game two. But to say that you thought it was the ball is really taking the rest of us for complete zippies. If he truly believed it was the ball, he's a complete zippy.

Anyway, the Rocket's red glare and low ratings should at least sooth some of the sting Boston sports fans must be feeling.

Speaking of which, Harry Sinden stepped down as Bruins general manager! We've been waiting for this since, well, about 1985. Sinden considered good faith bargaining more of a Christian conversion ritual than a negotiating tactic. As such, he scared all the good players away from the Bruins. Yeah, I know they made the playoffs in something like 30 of the last 33 seasons, but it's the NHL, everybody makes the playoffs. Don't worry die hards, his handpicked successor, Mike "Morose" O'Connell, is a chip off the old block. We won't have to worry about any raucous post-Stanley Cup celebrations in Boston for awhile.

Did you check out the UMaine women's Blue/White hoop game this week? Actually, it should have been called Blue/Wiped. The women only used nine players. This was due

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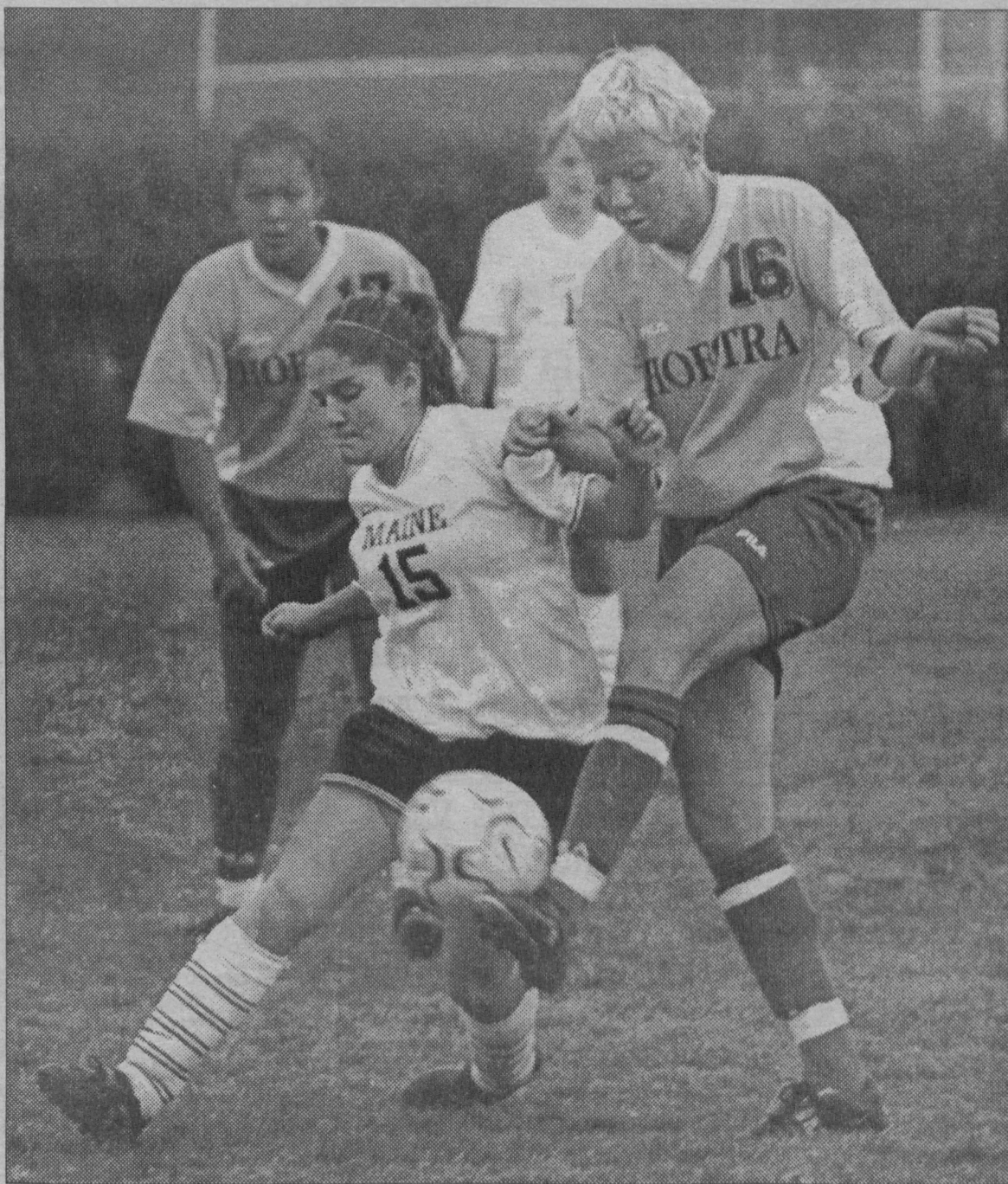
Women's soccer drops season finale to Holy Cross

By Kelly Brown
Women's Soccer Reporter

The University of Maine Women's soccer team traveled to The College of Holy Cross for their final game of the season. While the Black Bears had intentions of finishing the season with a win they were unable to stop the Holy Cross Crusaders as they captured the 2-1 win Tuesday.

A pair of Crusader goals in the first half was all it took to stop the Black Bears from finishing their season on a winning note. The first goal was scored by Crusader Kate O'Shaughnessy in the minute 21 as she got her head on a corner kick from classmate Lee Hummer and shot it past Maine goalie Karyn McMullen. Just four and a half minutes later, O'Shaughnessy returned the favor to Hummer as she passed the ball through the Black Bear defense to Hummer who blasted a shot past McMullen, posting the second point of the game.

Maine created a comeback in the second half of the match as they meticulously fired seven shots at Holy Cross goalkeeper Tiffany DeCoff's way. Just 10 minutes before the end of the match, freshman Kate Crawford's foot found a rebound off an Annie Hamel shot and managed to get her shot past Crusader keeper DeCoff. While Crawford's goal cut Holy Cross's lead to 2-1, it wasn't enough to



Freshman forward Kate Crawford battles for the ball against Hofstra last Friday. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

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