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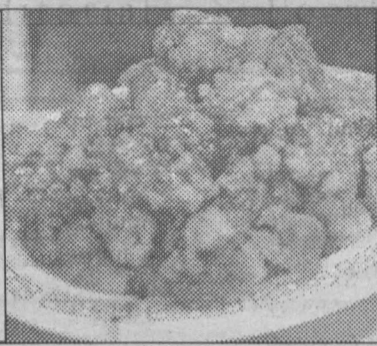
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000

Pupils plead for laptops

By John Contreras
Sports Editor

Three elementary school children spoke to a legislative task force in support of Maine Gov. Angus King's proposal to give laptop computers to seventh graders.

Brothers Tom, John and Dan McClellan created the Mouse Brigade, a group of Ellsworth elementary school students who would be the first to benefit from the proposal should it pass.

"If I had a laptop, it would make my life a lot easier," fourth-grader Dan McClellan told the governor's task force.

Dan is legally blind, but he can still see a little with the help of glasses. He currently uses a television system to enlarge his work and make text very big to be able to see them. With the laptops, he could enlarge the font and not need the television system.

The Mouse Brigade collected more than 200 signatures from students in favor of laptops at their school, Bryant E. Moore elementary in Ellsworth.

The same kids who signed this petition have parents opposed to the idea, according to Richard Dudman, an Ellsworth resident who is helping the Mouse Brigade

be recognized.

Dudman said he believes parents and their own children clash on whether or not the kids can handle the high-tech equipment.

"It seemed to me that all these different constituencies have been sounding off on the issue," Dudman said. "But those most directly involved haven't been heard from and that's the kids."

Opponents of the proposal, including some parents, think that giving fragile laptops to children is a risky proposition, worrying that they will not be able to take care of them.

Some teachers are also opposed to the idea, stating that money could be spent elsewhere, Dudman said.

The laptop proposal is part of a \$50 million Maine Learning Technology Endowment that has been created to better the technology available to Maine students.

The endowment may appear large, but the only money being spent is the interest from investing it. The governor's task force estimated the amount at \$5 million to \$10 million per year. King created a legislative task force to implement plans for technological improvements in education. They are considering the laptop proposal in addition to a number of other

ideas.

Educators and task force members agree they need to be equitable in reaching all Maine students and pupils, and that teachers need training before teaching with laptops or any other technological advancement.

Jerry White, superintendent of SAD 33 in St. Agatha, already has his staff working with laptops.

"We have had some intensive training and [teachers] feel comfortable," White said. "Prior to that, they were deathly afraid of looking at the machines."

Fifth-grader John McClellan has confidence that teachers can learn to use laptops in the classroom.

"A kindergarten kid can operate one," John said with a smile on his face that peeked just above the podium. "So it shouldn't be too hard for an older teacher to learn to use one."

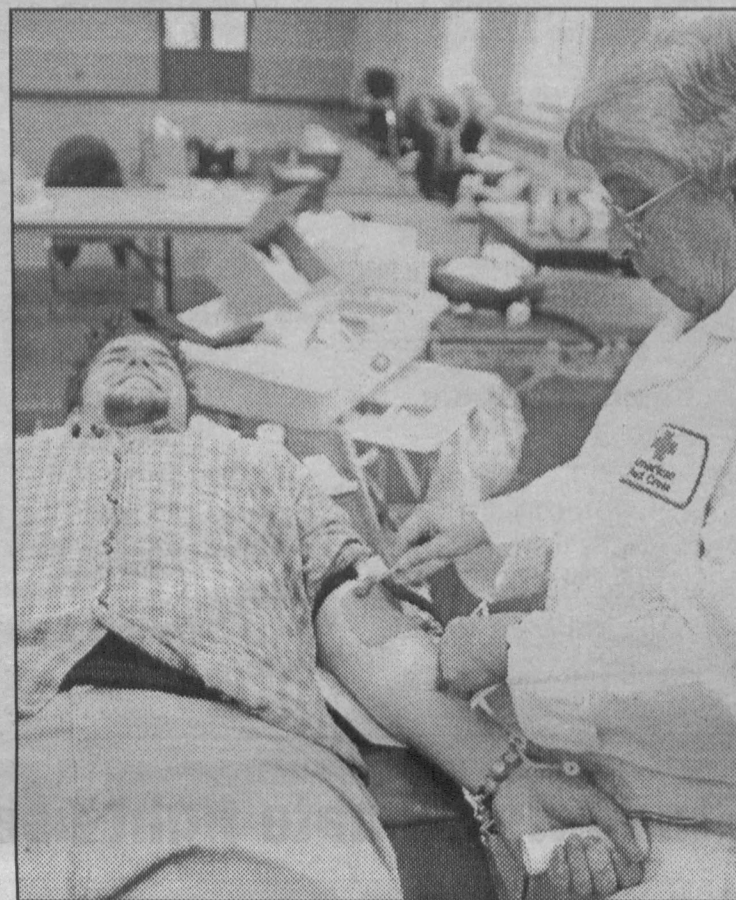
At the meeting, many people were quick to point out that technology is useless without children who have knowledge to use the newest equipment.

"Computer technology is not the future," John McClellan said. "We are the future."

Libraries around the state are

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Giving to a good cause



First year student Dave Blanchard prepares for the worst as Nancy Holyoke, an R.N. with the American Red Cross, prepares to draw blood. The Red Cross is continuing its drive today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.**

Student groups get unallocated money

By Amanda Erskine
Student Government Reporter

Unallocated funds have reached an all-time high in the General Student Senate, totaling \$142,000. This is due to the new rollover budget process, which went into effect this year.

In previous years, the amount of money in unallocated funds (money the GSS has not awarded to student groups) was \$30,000. This amount has now increased by well over \$100,000.

According to Student Government Vice President of Financial Affairs Amy Saunders, the student groups are to blame for this increase. They did not follow through with promised events.

The amount of officer turnovers and uninformed new officers not knowing about the funds available and the inactivity of student groups were also to blame, she said.

As a result, Student Government changed the budget process to a rollover budget. In the past, student groups who wanted funding would write long lists of possible needs for which to be funded by the GSS and attended the annual spring budget process in April. The money would be allocated, given GSS approval.

Now, with the rollover budget

process, the money will be allocated as needed, said GSS President Justin Kelleher.

"Each group will have to come before the GSS when they want funding," Kelleher said.

This does not mean student groups do not have to attend the annual spring budget process, officials say. Each group in need of funding will be allocated \$200 from the unallocated money for office supplies and advertising. There are certain exceptions, such as the need for a phone line, that may be funded.

"This makes the Student Government more involved with student groups and knowing what they want and need," Saunders said. "And this forces the student groups to get involved if they want money."

Kelleher and Saunders point to the recent appearance of Jello Biafra as a positive outcome of this new rollover budget process.

If the Green Party had the opportunity to have Biafra come to campus a few years ago, chances are the GSS would not have been able to fund it, Saunders said.

For the GSS to allow Biafra to come to campus, the Green Party would have needed to present their case at the annual spring

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Presidency race reaches the courts

By Eric Lidji
The Pitt News

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) — The road to the White House finally went through a courthouse on Monday. The emergency hearing filed by the Gov. George W. Bush team to end the manual recount in four Florida counties ended in favor of the Democrats when a Florida federal judge ruled that there was no "irreparable harm" in a recount, denying the Texas governor's request. The Bush team is expected to appeal that decision.

The Democrats though, also took a big hit when Florida's Secretary of State announced that all ballot certifications must be in by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Any votes that are not returned by the deadline will not be counted.

Palm Beach County now has 25 teams counting 14 hours a day, and they do not estimate to finish for another six days, way past the deadline.

Vice President Al Gore's team filed suit, requesting an extension. A judge will rule on the request at

10:30 a.m.

At 3:30 p.m., Warren Christopher, leading the Gore team, said that enforcing the Tuesday deadline in light of the fact that absentee ballots won't be counted until Friday, is "arbitrary and unreasonable." He said that the Republican secretary of

"I would not want to win by a few votes cast in error, or misinterpreted or not counted and I don't think Gov. Bush would either," Al Gore said.

state was contributing to "partisan politics."

Now the dispute between Democrats and Republicans over counting the ballots by hand grows more heated. The Bush team is accusing Democrats of

only demanding recounts in highly Democratic counties. They also say that manual recounts are subject to personal opinions.

The Gore team claims that it is only asking for recounts in states where there have been problems. Supporters also have noted that the machines are unreliable because when a ballot is not completely punched, the machine counts it as unpunched, whereas the human eye would catch the irregularity.

At 4 p.m. Monday, Gore told reporters that he wants to ensure "that the votes are counted, and counted accurately."

He wanted to tell America that this is "not about a contest but about our democracy."

"I would not want to win by a few votes cast in error, or misinterpreted or not counted and I don't think Governor Bush would either," Gore claimed.

He finished by saying that the "saving grace" of the events of the past week is that students are learning firsthand how the

See **PRESIDENT** on page 4

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What do you think of the new parking regulations on campus?

CAMPUS PHOTOS BY VALERIE DOYLE.



Matthew Falls
5th Year
Business Admin.

"I don't have a problem with the new regulations but I disagree with the raise in ticket prices."



Laura Crockett
4th Year
Marketing

"I don't think it is good because whenever I want to see my friends, I can't park at their dorms."



Richie Day
5th Year
Business Admin.

"I think the regulations are useless, parking will always be a problem."



Molly Krizinauskas
2nd Year
Music Education

"I think there will be a need for more; 130 spaces isn't going to be enough."



Jessica Michael
1st Year
Eng. Physics

"It is a step in the right direction but there is still a need for more spaces."

Students, Senate fight use of SSN as IDs

By Erin Bryce
Independent Florida Alligator

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — The Student Senate at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton has joined the University of Florida's Senate in the fight against Social Security numbers in the identification process at universities.

FAU lobby director Robin Foust spearheaded the campaign that began with former UF Student Sen. Cory Kravit.

"This is something that needs to be changed," Foust said. "I don't want my Social Security number used like a hot cake."

Foust is a victim of identity theft, a crime that is increasing throughout the nation and includes credit card fraud and finance theft. When Foust first heard of UF's actions against it at a Florida Students Association meeting, she said she decided to take action on her end.

FAU's Senate is working to

finalize the passage of a resolution similar to the one UF recently passed. UF's Senate asked the faculty to stop using Social Security numbers in the identification process. But FAU's resolution suggests that the FAU administration sends a recommendation to the Florida Legislature to stop the use of Social Security numbers in the education process in Florida.

"Inappropriately they are used," Faust said of Social Security numbers at the university level. "I'm kind of upset that I have to use it for everything."

FAU is not the only university in the state that is joining the fight with UF. Kravit said his goal is to get all of the state universities lobbying the state Legislature.

So far, Kravit and the Senate ad hoc committee dedicated to stopping the use of Social Security numbers have been in contact with the University of West Florida and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical

University.

Mike Grenon, a current senator on the ad hoc committee, has been helping Kravit communicate with the rest of the Florida schools.

"We're trying to protect not only UF students, but all students across the state of Florida," Grenon said.

Kravit, Grenon and Faust also are in the process of speaking to state Legislature members.

UF's ad hoc committee was formed this semester, after Kravit returned from an internship with U.S. Sen. Clay Shaw from Ft. Lauderdale.

Shaw launched a campaign concerning identity theft during the summer. Kravit said his help on that campaign created a sense of reality for him. He talked to several people who were victims of identity theft.

Kravit said he feels uncomfortable now when he has to write his Social Security number down on the attendance sheet in one of his classes.

New parking rules go into effect on south campus

On Monday, University of Maine Public Safety Director Alan Reynolds announced parking changes that will go into effect at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

"As indicated in my communication to the university community last week, we continue to monitor parking and traffic conditions on campus with an eye toward maximizing the availability of safe, relatively convenient parking for students, employees and visitors," Reynolds said.

UMaine officials have decided to change the designations of several parking areas on campus, particularly on the south end. These changes are intended to provide more resident parking on the south end of campus. These changes also address concerns about staff parking and the winter parking ban.

The 79 commuter spots in the Nutting Hall lot will be converted to resident spots. The faculty-staff spots remain unchanged.

The 51 commuter spots in the Libby Hall lot, next to Nutting Hall, will be redesignated as resident spots. The faculty-staff spots will remain unchanged.

The 33 commuter spots in the Sawyer Environmental Sciences Building lot will be converted to faculty-staff spots.

These changes represent a net gain of 130 resident parking spaces and 33 staff parking

spaces in the south campus area. Abundant commuter parking spaces have been created by the expansion of the lot near the Maine Center for the Arts. The available space in that lot and the nearby Belgrade lot have more spaces than the lots near Nutting Hall, Libby Hall and the Sawyer Environmental Sciences Building.

Public Safety also announced an additional parking regulation modification in the Hilltop area.

The faculty-staff parking lot located to the north of Hilltop Commons will be designated as the lot for staff and commuter overnight parking during the time when UMaine's winter parking rules are in effect (Nov. 1 to May 1 each year). Faculty and staff may also use this lot during day-time hours.

These modifications will accommodate the most pressing needs and Public Safety "appreciates the cooperation of all those affected" and "will continue to review the regulations and make adjustments as may be necessary."

All UMaine students, employees and visitors are reminded of the availability of the Campus Walking Companion service. Anyone who does not want to walk alone on campus can call 581-WALK, 581-4040 or use one of the call boxes located on campus.



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Real Chinese food popular with students

By Jessica DiSanto
Community Reporter

OLD TOWN — University of Maine students don't need to go to China to sample real Chinese food.

The Light Delight, located on Stillwater Avenue in Old Town, is where students can get a real taste of what authentic Chinese food tastes like.

Owner Yuguo Huang knows what goes into a real Chinese dish. In 1989, Huang and his wife moved from China to the United States. They have been operating the Light Delight Chinese Restaurant since 1994.

But unfortunately for Light Delight, Chinese restaurants are popping up on almost every street corner.

Competition is fierce, Yuguo said. While there are not too many Chinese restaurants in Orono and Old Town, many college students who visit Bangor prefer to order from one of the numerous Chinese restaurants in the area.

Yuguo tries to discourage competition by providing authentic-tasting Chinese food and encouraging students to use their MaineCards to purchase meals.

"We try to differentiate ourselves from other places," Yuguo said. "When you go to other Chinese restaurants it tastes the same."

Some of the authentic-tasting meals are hard for

Americans to adjust to, Yuguo said. They are used to the more sweetened versions and less spicy meals found in most Chinese restaurants.

Yuguo added a Create Your Own Meal plan to the menu. Customers have the opportunity to pick exactly the type of meal they want.

"You go to a Chinese restaurant and you don't know what you want," Yuguo explains. "You like some ingredients, but some stuff you don't want."

How Create Your Own Meal works is that instead of ordering a meal and having to buy the items that the customer doesn't like, the meal can be put together item by item. If the customer doesn't like the particular vegetable, sauce or meat that comes with the meal, they can order something different or choose not to have it at all and not be billed for it.

Popular dishes of Light Delight consists of the northern Chinese dumpling meal, sesame chicken, sweet and sour chicken and the American dish of chow mein.

However, just because the dish may sound Chinese, it doesn't necessarily mean it is from China. Chow mein, a meal made largely of vegetables, is found in most Chinese restaurants in Maine but is not found in China, at least not like we know it.

"[There is] no such thing as chow mein in China," Yuguo said. "Chow mein is an Americanized

dish. It means fried noodle, but it has no noodles. People who know what chow mein is expects something totally different."

Light Delight has other things to offer besides its own unique version of Chinese food.

Happy Hour, which takes place Monday through Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m., usually draws the most college students. Yuguo said about 80 percent to 90 percent of the crowd coming to Light Delight at this time are college students.

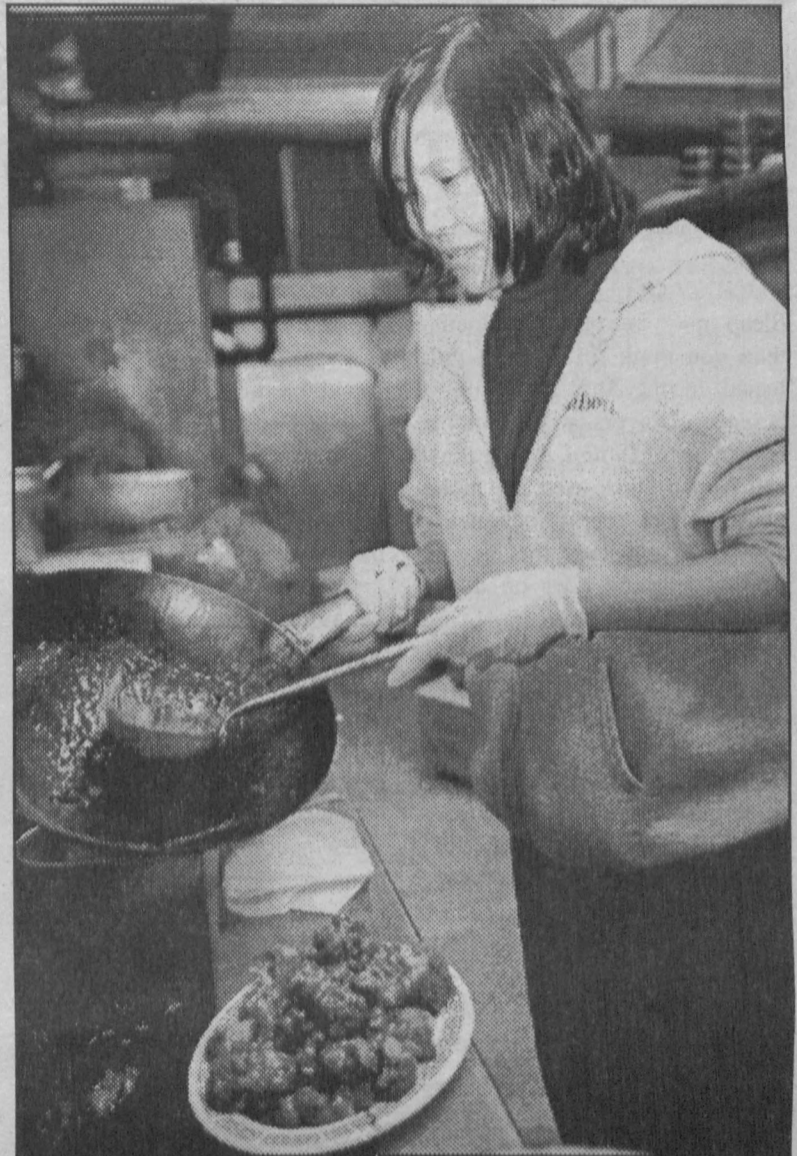
"They come for fun or for [drinking]," Yuguo said.

Light Delight is also known for hosting functions for groups from UMaine, including many fraternities and sororities. Students are provided with a private place, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., where they can get together with their organization to party. Light Delight is willing to provide the building, an open bar, DJ and a dance floor if students are willing to meet "certain criteria."

The criteria to participate in these functions consists of students meeting the required drinking age of 21 and over, arriving together in a designated vehicle to prevent drinking and driving and not being allowed to bring their own alcohol.

Last year Light Delight organized about a dozen functions which ranged from 30 to 70 people each night.

Now students can have their



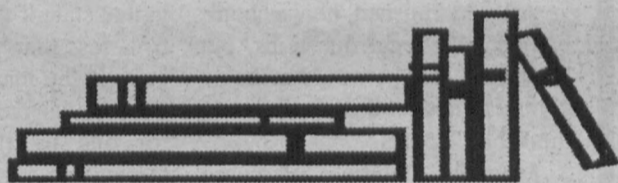
Susan Dong Shuqing prepares an order of General Tso's chicken at Light Delight. She and her husband Yuguo Huang, both from northeastern China, have owned and operated the restaurant for six years. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

meals brought to them through the Light Delight delivery service.

Yuguo encourages students to use the delivery service that Light Delight offers to college dorm rooms and to pay with their MaineCard, which has really helped Light Delight's business.

"I think it's good for the student to give them some choices," Yuguo said.

Students who don't have transportation or who don't feel like leaving their dorm can take advantage of Light Delight delivery service and order out.



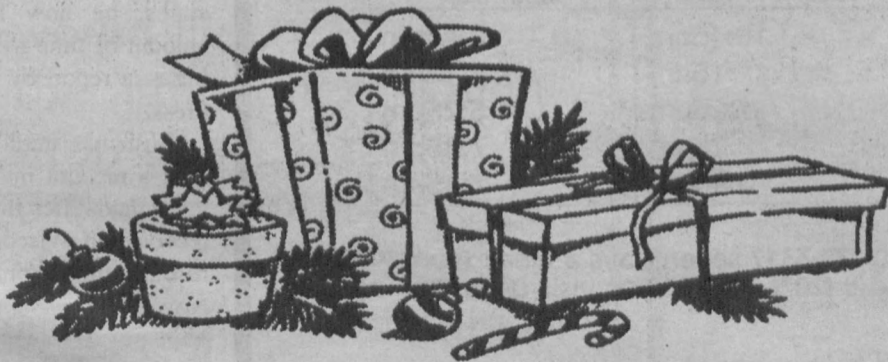
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Bird brain study reveals cognitive benefits of sleep

By Jennifer Bussell
Chicago Maroon

CHICAGO (U-WIRE) — Sleep may be more productive than you think. In a paper published in the Oct. 27 issue of *Science*, University of Chicago researchers Daniel Margoliash and Amish Dave used the model of Australian zebra finch neural activity to conclude that a good deal of learning goes on during sleep.

Margoliash and Dave monitored the activity of neurons in the robustus archistriatalis forebrain nucleus of finches using chronic recording electrodes capable of detecting the stimulation of individual neurons. In this way, they were able to determine that the birds' brain activity during sleep very closely matches their activity while awake and singing.

The Margoliash group's research deals with the "issue of how we resolve the problem of timing between when we make a command to produce an action and the feedback" we receive after that action is completed.

For instance, in the studied bird model, there is a delay of between 100 and 200 microseconds between when the bird's motor neurons issue a command to produce sound and when the auditory neurons are able to process the produced sound.

By this point, the motor neurons have already moved on to the next sound in a series and are unable to modify their initial command. This delay applies not just to vocal processes but provides a broad question for neuroscientists as to how organisms learn to modify instructions through sensorimotor connections. Margoliash and Dave's study offers one possible answer to that question.

According to Margoliash, behavior modification through sensorimotor connections occurs when "you predict what's going to happen and compare what does happen" to the prediction. This is possible at the molecular level through mapping, which occurs when neural nodes grow projections onto other nodes, creating new connections between different types of neurons.

However, bird songs have as their most basic sensory feedback frequency versus time and the motor output can be pared down only to muscle dynamics. This provides no simple method of mapping the neurons because it may be done only on a "many to many" basis that changes by the moment. The complexity of mapping that must occur in this case makes the RA nucleus ideal for study.

The RA nucleus is normally a pre-motor nucleus, a neural center that sends out commands to per-

form a motor task or action. However, when the birds' own songs are played back, the RA nucleus becomes sensory in nature; "the neurons respond to sound when the animal is sleeping but not when it is awake."

It is then able to "change subsequent singing patterns by mapping" the sensor neurons to the motor neurons. This is the reason that Margoliash and Dave used the RA nucleus as a "motor cortex analog in the avian brain."

Since through mapping the RA nucleus is able to change subsequent singing patterns according to the feedback it receives, it is able to improve the bird's song and "learn." By monitoring the neural activity, the researchers discovered that the bird does this during sleep.

The RA neurons of male zebra finches were monitored under various conditions and the electric impulses indicating neural firings were then compared. The birds were monitored while awake and singing and then allowed to fall asleep. Then the birds' own songs were replayed during sleep, and finally, the birds were monitored while sleeping in silence.

It was found that the neural activity during playback while sleeping and singing while awake were nearly identical. In addition, the RA neurons exhibited spontaneous bursts of activity while

sleeping without any auditory stimuli.

Another part of the study consisted of replaying the bird songs with deletions of note sequences. This caused reduced neural activity in the place of subsequent note sequences.

Margoliash believes that these results indicate "that sensorimotor matching occurs in a fashion sensitive to the timing in the spikes of neural activity"; in other words, the nervous system uses a temporal code to remember its motor signals and then modify them. This contrasts the rate code that neurobiologists previously hypothesized and indicates a "temporal combination sensitivity" by which a neuron's response is nonlinearly dependent on the preceding spike in neural activity.

Margoliash says, "neurons are learning the statistics and making predictions about the future." This means that the birds are learning during sleep by going over the singing activity in their minds and using the connections made between auditory feedback and motor initiation to improve their songs.

The University researchers' hypothesis about learning during sleep has been likened to dreaming, and Margoliash in fact says they are "making a series of hypotheses that could be valid potentially for humans." They are

"fairly confident that the findings are rather general" because there is substantial scientific literature suggesting a model similar to theirs for some types of human learning.

However, Margoliash prefers working with birds. "You just can't put a hole in someone's head," he says. "I have very dedicated graduate students but so far no one has volunteered."

U of C scientists plan to unihabit the birds during sleep because the "animal moves in a fashion that suggests singing in sleep." If the normal restraints prohibiting the acting out of mental activity during sleep are removed, and the birds indeed sing during sleep, it will be confirmed that they "dream" about singing.

Also, researcher Philip Low of Dr. Margoliash's lab is working to discover during which phase of sleep the singing activity occurs, which will reveal more about whether this type of learning is conscious or unconscious.

Amish Dave, the study's lead author, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and is pursuing graduate work here and as a medical student at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Daniel Margoliash, the study's principle investigator, is an associate professor at the university.

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President

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American presidential process works and how important it is to vote.

After he finished, he was bombarded with legal questions, but he smiled, said he would make no comment and walked back inside the White House.

Monday night, Broward County decided not to conduct a manual recount.

Also Monday, all five lawsuits concerning the controversial "butterfly" ballot were combined into one motion and the hearing was set for 3:30 p.m. It is still unknown what the result of that hearing was.

The outcome could decide the Republican strategy in the following weeks.

But should Bush decide to challenge results from other states, he now has a limited amount of time to do so, according to a report by the Associated Press.

Bush has until this Friday to seek a recount in Iowa and until three days after the last ballot is received in Wisconsin to seek a recount there (probably late in November).

The still-undecided state of Oregon must certify its results by Nov. 27. A recount is mandatory in that state if the margin of victory is less than one-fifth of 1 percent. If the margin is greater and Bush wants a recount, he must file for one by the first week in December.

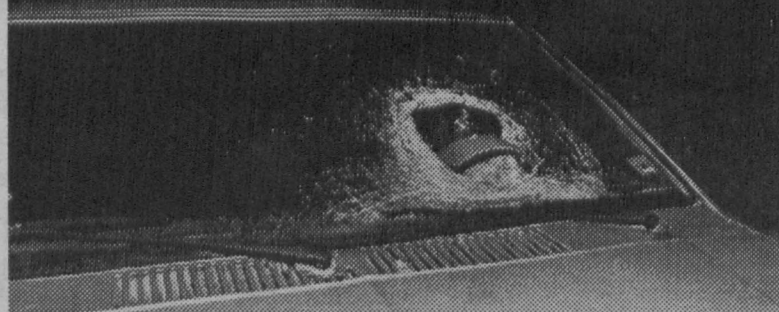
On Nov. 28, the New Mexico canvassing board will meet to finalize the state results. Whoever loses that state has until Jan. 8 to contest the outcome, but that might be too late to do any good.

This is because on Dec. 18, the Electoral College meets and votes for the president and if neither candidate has 270 electoral votes, then the leader — currently Gore — will become the president.

As of now, Jan. 6 is the date when Congress will count the electoral votes. This could become Jan. 5 if the House of Representatives follows the Senate's lead on a resolution to change that date.

Finally, on Jan. 20, the 43rd president of the United States will be inaugurated and replace Bill Clinton as the resident of the White House.

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New medical procedure more efficient, fewer side effects

By Noah Grand
Daily Bruin

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — A new medical procedure developed by University of California-Los Angeles neurosurgeon Dr. Aaron Filler and colleagues will allow doctors to deliver medicine through the nerves to specific parts of the body.

Such a procedure allows doctors to use less drugs that have the same effect while avoiding unwanted side effects.

"The way this works makes this the first 21st century medication," Filler said. "There are a number of medical effects that can't be done before this process."

Filler's process uses a new combination of molecules to deliver medicine by which the

molecules are able to target specific areas of the body by going through the nerves.

Carrying medicine through the nerves reduces side effects because less medicine is needed to relieve a patient's pain.

This new procedure is the first to carry medicine through the nerves.

The only similar way to deliver medicine without side effects is through the spinal fluid, but that requires surgery.

Normally, medication goes into the bloodstream, which transports the medicine to all parts of the body.

During surgery, medicine delivered through the blood can cause side effects such as nausea and drowsiness because of the high amounts used.

"There are many medicines that are effective in reducing pain, but by the time that a large enough dose has been administered to be effective, you have side effects," said Dr. Joshua Prager, director of the California Pain Medicine Center.

"We try to deliver the optimal amount of medicine without side effects," he added.

The new delivery system can reduce the amount of an opiate, such as morphine, needed to effectively reduce a patient's pain to one thousandth of the normal dose, according to Filler.

Transporting medicine through the nerves may be cheaper than delivering medicine through spinal fluid.

"I use expensive devices and surgery to deliver medicine to the

spinal fluid," Prager said. "Dr. Filler goes up the nerve fibers."

The advance of Filler's procedure is that it is an injection and does not require surgery or complicated machines.

"We inject the drug before surgery, and it should relieve pain for four days with no side effects," Filler said.

Human testing of the procedure will not start until 2002. Filler said this time frame was typical with a new procedure.

Besides pain relief before surgery, Filler said the process could be used to send medicine to the motor nerves to relieve muscle spasms.

Because the medicine goes to the brain itself, the process could also be used to treat multiple sclerosis or Alzheimer's disease in the future.

Filler's process is the first one capable of delivering medicine specifically to the nerves in the brain affected by these diseases.

"This could lead to 50 or 60 new medicines over the next 10 years," Filler said.

He has worked on this process for 20 years after he discovered some of the base ideas as a graduate student in the late '70s.

The discovery was only completed now because the technology to make molecules that carry medicine through the nerves by a natural process called axonal transport was recently developed.

"Axonal transport has been the subject of 20 to 30 thousand papers in the last 30 years," Filler said.

Filler, however, is the first to use the system for medical purposes.

Mouse Brigade

also looking to be included in the endowment's plans. Some students use the public library just as much as the school library, according to Valerie Osborne, an Old Town librarian. And in some cases around the state, the school

library is the public library.

"If you're in a small community such as the communities I represent, there are no community libraries," White said. "The school operates as the library and we open our doors to the community."

White reminded the conference crowd to not underestimate children.

"We all know as adults, if we have a problem, we go to the student in the classroom and they usually can solve it," he said.

The Mouse Brigade answered some of questions surrounding giving laptops to children. They cite the expensive video and computer games they play as experience in working with technology that needs to be taken care of.

Tom McClelland also pointed out that parents don't always take good care of computers.

"I've never spilt anything on my keyboard," Tom said. "But I know my mom has split her coffee on hers."

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Rollover

budget process.

The Green Party realized this opportunity this semester, too late for the previous spring budget process. But with a rollover budget now in place, there was plenty of unallocated funds for Biafra to come.

What Student Government

fears the most is that the administration will misunderstand this new process.

"[They may] think we have all this money and are not doing anything about it," Saunders said. "Because we are, but we want to spend it on things to benefit the students. The student activity fee

is paid for by the students, and it should not be sitting in student group accounts doing nothing.

"This is an excellent move for the future and makes student organizations and the Student Government more active for the benefit of the students," Saunders said.

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Quebec 2001 trip sign-up sheets ready for today

Residents on Campus are currently organizing their Quebec 2001 trip. Sign-ups for on-campus students will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, and Thursday, Nov. 16, in 101 Neville Hall.

Off-campus students can sign up after Nov. 16 in 220 Lord Hall.

The trip will be from Feb. 23 to 25, 2001. Buses will leave the university at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23.


The trip costs \$55 for on-campus

students and \$60 for students living off campus. There is a \$30 deposit due when signing up and all money is nonrefundable.

Final payment is due at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and cash or check is only accepted.

Hotel room sign-ups will start on Nov. 15 when students sign up for the trip. Room assignments will be made final by Feb. 2.

Trip sign-ups close at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.



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The recent defeat of Question 6 on the Maine ballot has brought discouragement and hurt to many on campus, particularly to those who feel that their rights and dignity are in jeopardy and to those who worked for its success.

While the law against discrimination may not be so strong as some would like, each one of us can contribute to the atmosphere which makes such discrimination unacceptable. We urge all members of this community to live above the letter of the law and to reach for that spirit which honors the human dignity of all.

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EDITORIAL

Jobs endangered, not fish

Against the wishes of both state and industry officials, the federal government announced Monday that wild Atlantic salmon in eight Maine rivers will be listed as an endangered species. This is a move that will greatly affect the economy of Maine's aqua culture and blueberry industries and almost certainly devastate Washington County.

Due to the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery and escapees from Maine salmon farms, many argue that "wild" salmon no longer exist, with cross-breeding having taken place for the last century. Some salmon preservationists argue that fish from native Maine stocks retain distinct genetic codes, while the farm salmon contain the code of salmon from Norway or Siberia or some other local that could ruin the unique genetics of wild Maine salmon.

In 1997, Maine launched a plan to re-establish the salmon population in Maine rivers, signing the Maine State Plan in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior. This plan would allow Maine to avoid an endangered species listing while raising salmon numbers with the help of the aquaculture industry.

However, the federal government is beginning to feel the heat from several conservation groups, including the Conservation Action Project in New Hampshire, who have sued the government in attempts to put Atlantic salmon on the endangered list. They have now rescinded their support of Maine's plans to save the salmon. The endangered species listing will go into effect sometime following the next 30 days.

Why is the federal government stepping in when they showed us support just three years ago? It will take at least five years for Maine's effort to show real results, so why aren't we getting our chance? Governor King, Sen. Susan Collins and Sen. Olympia Snow have all expressed their unhappiness at this rash move on the part of the federal administration.

The administration has no solid facts that either prove or dispel the belief that there are still genetically unique wild Maine salmon. While the people that depend on this industry as a way of life wait to find out their fate, the government is scrambling to prove themselves. If they don't come up with any solid proof, (research is currently underway), then they will take the fish off the endangered list.

Why wasn't this research solidified before they put the salmon on the endangered list? Why did the government go around the wishes of their Maine representatives and constituents? Do the conservation groups from out of state have weightier opinions than the people who live and work in Maine? It would appear that way.

The new restrictions of the Environmental Protection Agency would require Atlantic salmon farms to stop using European strains of salmon, as well as reconstruct their farms in a way to ensure that no farm salmon would escape and mate with the "wild" salmon. These requirements would prove to be too costly for most farms to accommodate and they would have to shut down. The restrictions would also affect how the water and the land surrounding the rivers can be used, damaging the blueberry industry. All while there is no proof that "wild" salmon still exist.

The Dennys, East Machias, Machias, Narraguagus and Pleasant rivers will all fall under the protection of the EPA, leaving Maine's salmon industry in ruins. We urge Maine residents to educate themselves on this issue and make your voices heard to state and federal government administrations. Mainers are a consistently independent breed and shouldn't let the actions of the federal government and out of state interest groups affect the condition of our wilderness and the economy and of our state.

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Letters to the Editor

• Veterans Day

For those of you who were wondering why three uniformed individuals were standing post out in front of the Fogler Library this past Friday afternoon, it was because they were honoring those who went before them in the line of duty.

Veterans Day was Saturday, Nov. 11. It is a day to remember all those who have previously served this country in the armed services. It is a day to be thankful not only for those who have died protecting the ideals of America and Americans, but also for those who never saw battle but have still given our country an invaluable service.

Those who choose to serve in the United States military should be given thanks for the service they provide on a daily basis. Not everybody on this campus has the same ideals and the same priorities, but the armed forces of the United States are sworn to protect the American people against all that would threaten those ideals. So remember this the next time you see a person in uniform.

Instead of shouting names at them and telling them why they are wrong, maybe you should just thank them.

Jeff Prager
Old Town

Even those in uniform may not agree with all military choices that are made in the world today, but they have chosen a path that will hopefully make a difference.

So thank them for sometimes giving their time and sometimes even their lives so that you can have the rights and freedoms that some of you take for granted today.

• Student health care

I thought it would be important for your readers to know that for the past six years the University of Maine Student Health Insurance has been available to any graduated student who was a subscriber to the plan during the year prior to graduation. Seniors who are concerned that they may not be able to buy health insurance coverage next year should consider enrolling in the student health insurance program this January. Subscribers to the plan will have the option to continue with the student health insurance plan for an additional year at the student price.

Students dropped from their parents health insurance programs may subscribe to the student health insurance plan at anytime.

The opportunity to purchase the student health insurance plan after leaving UMaine is also extended to subscribing students who had to withdraw from UMaine for health related reasons.

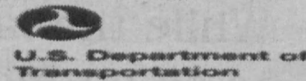
When we implemented this benefit to the plan we wanted to be sure that students could maintain continuity of coverage, which is so important when it comes to matters of "pre-existing" conditions and coverage of those conditions under future health insurance plans.

The cost of the plan is \$719 for a full 12 months of coverage. There is a supplemental Anthem BCBS plan that may also be purchased. Total expense for the two programs is about \$1,200.

The Nov. 13 article, "Health insurance daunts college grads," makes the point that it is not a smart move to go without health insurance. I strongly agree with that view and we have designed our student health insurance plan to help students get good coverage at a very reasonable price.

Mark Jackson, M.D.
Orono

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OPINION

An election gone sour

There's a partisan stench in the air and it's not the onerous smell from the armpits of "Vote for Bush" supporters opposed by "Lick Bush," Gore activists, neither of whom appear to be able to move on with their lives. If you've found your head spinning and your voting engine all pooped out over this election crisis, you are not alone. While last week's presidential elections had some value of importance, in a Clinton-Lewinski quid pro quo kind of way, this present crisis is evolving into stupidity.

First, this election crisis isn't a crisis in the sense that "Oh my God, there are 130,000 people in Maine without health insurance because the majority of them make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but make too little to afford it themselves."

This is merely an election-created problem that started in Florida, coincidentally governed by Bush's brother and is spreading like herpes in the Playboy mansion to the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, Oregon, New Mexico and Nevada. One man who visits monks just to say hello says he should win while the son of an ex-President who would rather forget that smog

isn't good, argues that that he is the rightful President.

Cuter than a pair of two-year-olds fighting over who gets to ride the go-kart first, Gore isn't talking to Bush and Bush isn't talking to Gore. Is this how our future leaders should act? But then again,

Jason Moor

Special to the Campus

because this is such an important issue, analyzing chads, which are the circular clips of paper hanging from a butterfly ballot, is vital to figuring out who really is the next president. Why couldn't Gore or Bush treat execution cases with this scrutiny? But hey, for the sake of efficiency we are bound to make a few mistakes, right? Obviously, a chad hanging from a butterfly ballot deserves more scrutiny than a Texas criminal on death row whose lawyers doubt he really committed the crime.

Second, besides the fact that this election is becoming the butt of all jokes, is this quasi-crisis enhancing political participation? While only 20 percent of all registered voters in the US may have voted in the actual election, 95 percent of all Americans have

tuned their eyes, ears and noses up into the buttocks of the media and quietly listen wholeheartedly as each excretes updates with the repetitive words, "we still don't know who the hell is president." I fail to call this an increase in political participation.

The good thing is the more enthralled we become with Gore's and Bush's lives, the less dysfunctional our own appear. And hey, this soap opera-like election is more important than finding out what books our kids are reading or what classes Jimmy is taking. Besides, regulations on music and movies are being created to rid us of this annoying parental responsibility so that we may enjoy more important interests.

What would be exciting and newsworthy is if more people could apply this political energy to state issues. Do you wonder why people complain about Wal-mart expansions, insufficient health care, and high priced prescription drugs? When we get off our duffs and stop saying the words "I" or "me" at the beginning of every other sentence, the social changes we desire might become reality. For now, turn to CNN for more pertinent updates.

Jason Moor is a senior English major.

The monotone voice of defeat

So here I am balls deep in anxiety and anticipation. It's 11:49 p.m. and I know I should call her but I don't want to be hurt and ignored again. I rack my brain for reasons to put that phone down. A voice in my head is saying, "just call her man, you don't really have a choice anyway."

Another little voice in the back of my head pipes in, "don't listen George, if you call that little tramp she is just going to give you a hard time again." What to do? It's 11:59 when I decide to ante-up and call her. She always ignores me at this time at night, but I have to talk to her. It seems as though she is always more interested in being on the phone with someone other than me, as if I'm not important.

My palms sweat as I dial the phone. I know the number by heart after having dialed it so many times. I hit the last button and hold my breath, trying to mentally prepare myself for the moment of truth. Then, just like every other time I call her, I hear that dreaded sound, ...beep..beep..beep..beep. Busy. That little bitch won't take my call again! I should have known; it happens every time I call her to try and register for classes.

That no good, uncaring, little! I throw the phone across the room and start raging. I yell horrible obscenities at the top of my lungs but it only serves to upset me more. That girl thinks she is so important with her monotone voice and constant demand for me to regurgitate numbers. There is a class that I have to get into and I know she won't take my call for at least a couple of hours. I have to think of something, some way to beat her. Then I remember someone mentioning that you might be able to register for classes online. I sprint full speed across the room and commando roll into my computer chair. It's go time! I quickly get online and go to the Maine Web site. I think if I got to WebDSIS I can figure it out. But wait, the WebDSIS won't load! I pound

the mouse and scream out like a five year old girl, "load you f----- computer! There isn't much time!" It was useless to wait any longer. She had control of the computer too and she had cut me off at the pass. She may be an inconsiderate little tramp

but she's not stupid. There are only three spots left in that class and I just have to get into it. There must be some other way!

Its 2:00 a.m. now and I can only manage the mumble the swear words as opposed to yelling them. She strung me out and wore me down again. I'm tired, hurt, vulnerable and a little grossed out by the fact that I still haven't showered tonight. There's nothing to lose now so I dial the phone number again. She can't hurt me anymore. To my surprise, I get on. Her voice hasn't changed and she still has that anal habit of only giving me three choices to every question she asks. What a controlling woman.

I easily get into my four lecture classes, but I'm afraid to tell her about the one I really want. Who knows, maybe this time she'll be different. Maybe, just maybe, she's done a little growing up over the last semester. I ask about the class. It's full. The phone gets tossed again. I run upstairs to cry on my huge pillow. Somewhere that she-devil is smiling and laughing in her annoying mechanical voice. I sigh and go get the permanent marker. I can't believe it's happened every time since I've been here. I look at the board with a tear in my eye and put my feelings into words. Class Registration Girl 3, George 0.

George Woodward is a second-year journalism major.

Responsible voting lasts a lifetime

Everywhere I turn, I keep hearing the same thing: "One vote really makes a difference." All along I have heard about how our college generation of young adults do not constitute the majority of the voters in our country, despite the fact that we are one of the largest groups of American citizens out there. Quite frankly, that's pathetic. We should care about what happens to our country, primarily because we should care about what happens to ourselves.

We are 18 now, and possibly even older as our "group" extends to the age of 22. Don't we realize how much power we have upon turning this milestone age? It is now our responsibility for a number of things. The power is immeasurable.

We've all grown up wanting some sort of power, whether it be ruling against our parents when they set an 11 p.m. curfew or not doing a paper because we didn't like our history teacher. And now that the power is finally in our hands it seems we just aren't taking full advantage of it in the correct way.

A mere 1,625 UMaine students on campus voted on

Nov. 7. I don't know about you, but to me that is not a high number considering we attend a university with an on campus population of about 3,630. Maybe people were sick;



Angela Fiandaca
Maine Campus columnist

maybe they were tired or had someplace to be. Of course these reasons are understandable, yet then there are those who maybe just didn't care and that is plainly wrong. Why is it that our generation has always been well known for making up lame excuses? And of course those people who neglected to visit the voting booths on Election Day, for whatever reason, are going to be the ones who complain the most about the election's outcome.

Tell me, does that really make sense? You would think they would've just voted, but apparently it's just not that simple to most of our fellow peers.

On the other hand, I disagree with those who merely voted for the sake of voting. If

you do not know what you are voting on and why or what the issues at hand entail, then you should not be simply flipping a coin as to which candidate should win the presidency. The fate of our country should not be determined this way. Yet didn't I just complain that not enough people are voting? Yes, and what I also stated is that we are at an age of responsibilities now, whether we like it or not.

Get informed. Watch a debate or two. Watch the six o'clock news every night if you have to, it doesn't matter what you do as long as you are making the effort.

Of course none of these helpful tips can be of use now that November 7 has passed us by, but Election Day is not a once-in-a-lifetime event. Make sure you are prepared next year. Get out there and vote. It really comes down to being as simple as that, whether we like it or not.

Angela Fiandaca is a first-year journalism major.

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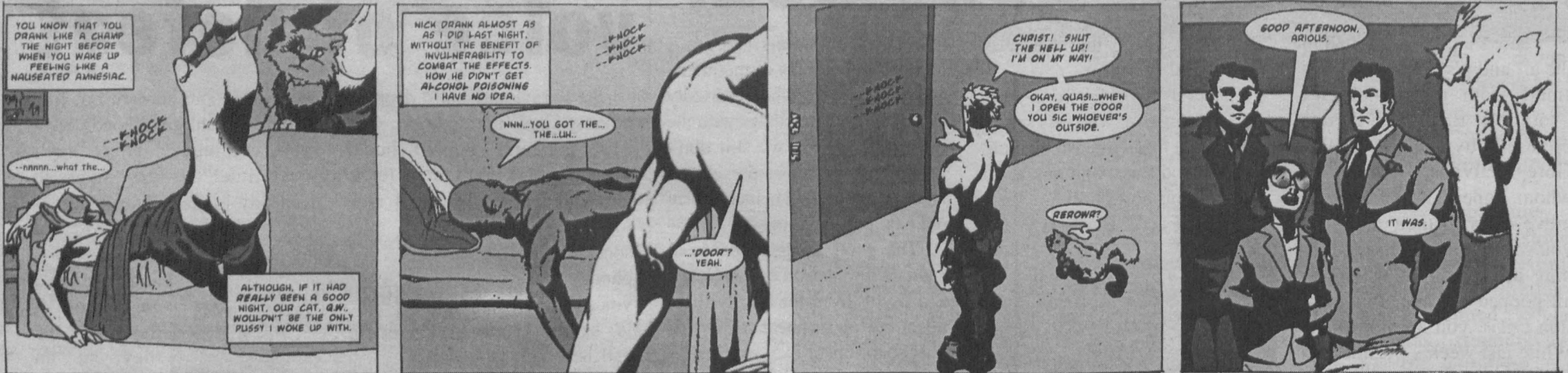
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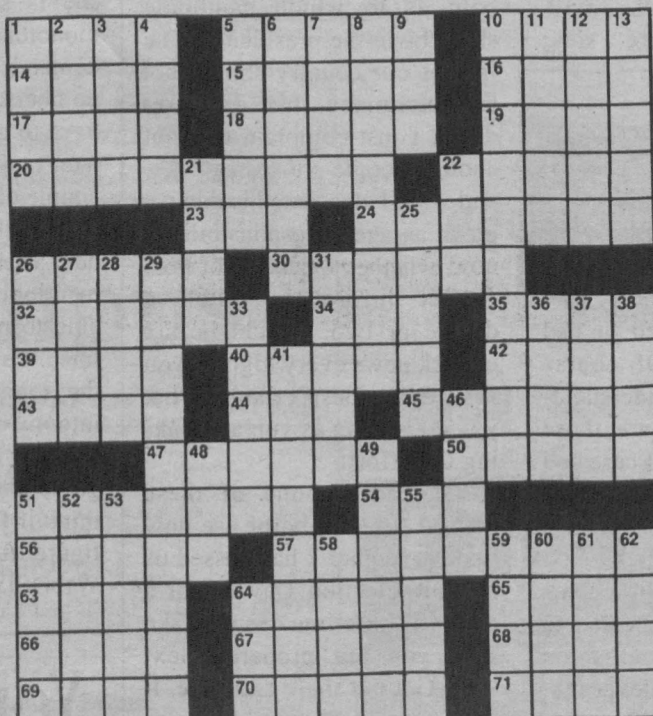
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- 19 Corrida cheers
- 20 "Dallas" ranch
- 22 Fountain servings
- 23 Union letters
- 24 Airline seating class
- 26 Matzohs lack it
- 30 Early screen star Power
- 32 Axis foes
- 34 At any time, in poetry
- 35 Physics units
- 39 Teen hangout
- 40 50's bandleader Perez
- 42 Cross inscription
- 43 East European
- 44 — Lingus
- 45 Samples
- 47 Off the mark
- 50 A century after the Wright brothers' first flight
- 51 Like an old oak tree
- 54 G.I. entertainers
- 56 Cinema chain
- 57 Diving maneuver

- 63 First name in gymnastics
- 64 City south of Bartlesville
- 65 Point after deuce, maybe
- 66 — dire (legal process)
- 67 Have — of tea
- 68 Karate school
- 69 Start of North Carolina's motto
- 70 Catapult missile
- 71 Muhammad and others

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- 5 Hearty draft
- 6 Open, as a barn door
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- 10 "Hoobert Heever," e.g.
- 11 Rostropovich's instrument
- 12 Mr. T's TV show, with "The"
- 13 Cluttered
- 21 Bigot's emotion
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- 49 Arizona territorial capital
- 51 Fielder's aid
- 52 Legal pleas, informally
- 53 Umbrella
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Program offers cultural insight

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

What do you think of when you hear the words "American Indian" or "Native American"? Do you think of a warrior, brandishing a bow and arrow, riding across the plains? Or maybe a wizened old chief, wrapped in a blanket, telling tales of glories past to a group of wide-eyed children? Perhaps you think of a man in a three piece suit, defending his tribes treaty rights in a court of law? What? You don't? Well perhaps that is something that needs to change, according to Dr. Maureen Smith, director of Native American Studies at the

University of Maine.

Since 1999, Native American Studies has been offered as a minor by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. It involves a minimum of 18 credits of course work, looking at all facets of Native American culture, with three required NAS-designated courses. There are a variety of classes offered, such as NAS 102: Introduction to Wabanaki Culture, History and Contemporary Issues. This class looks at the tribes that make up the Wabanaki Confederacy in Maine: The Penobscot, the Passamaquoddy, The Maliseet and the Micmac. Smith said knowing about the original

inhabitants of this land is important, as it helps non-Native Americans to gain a better understanding of the issues facing Native Americans today.

According to Smith, taking this course of study will benefit students a great deal as they make the transition into the professional world and subsequently into the United States' diverse culture. Having an understanding for the culture and contemporary issues Native Americans face will help everyone to knock down barriers and get rid of preconceived notions.

Take for example the issue of

See NATIVE STUDIES on page 12



Beth Sapiel and Ed Levy both represented the University of Maine Native American studies program and their tribes at the National Indian Education Association Conference. PHOTO COURTESY SHAWN O'LEARY.

Percussion Ensemble Performance



A member of the UMaine percussion ensemble performs with the group Tuesday night in Minsky Recital Hall as part of the School of Performing Arts concert series. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Nelly Furtado's first CD 'Whoa Nelly!' a winner

By Hannah Jackson
For The Maine Campus

She looks like Fiona Apple and her voice has the soul of Eryka Badu. Her name is Nelly Furtado and she's from Canada. Her new album, "Whoa Nelly!" is a mix of R & B, rock and pop. She plays the guitar, ukulele and the trombone and signed a debut record deal with DreamWorks last year at age 20.

The first song on the album, "Hey Man," begins with strings and turns into drums, guitars and, of course, the voice of Furtado. Her music sounds like it's influenced by R & B, Bob Marley and Eryka Badu. She does sing pop, but her voice isn't annoying and studio-created like Britney Spears' or over the top like Christina Aguilera's. Her voice can sound like Billie Holiday at one moment, and then switch to being completely unique and soulful.

The track "Turn off the Light" can be heard on the radio (although it hasn't hit any Bangor stations) and was released as a single. This song's style is hip-hop fused with pop. Instruments include the swamp guitar, pitched-up guitar and some electronic music.

"On the Radio" is a hip-hop influenced song. It's about people not liking her music now because she's getting bigger and that they only listened to her when she was more indie.

Furtado is poised to become a bigger star in the United States. Her music is different from any other artist out there because of how unique her voice is and all of the different instruments used to create her signature sound.

Many of Furtado's songs begin with orchestral grandeur and flow into something between rock and pop. This shows on the track "I'm Like a Bird." This is

arguably the best song on the album. The chorus, "I'm like a bird, I only fly away" has a distinctly pop feel, and abruptly stops when Furtado sings the verses.

Furtado's looks alone would make her a star in the United States. She is beautiful, but her best feature is her voice. Hopefully, if she does get big here, then she won't sell her body instead of her voice, like most American pop stars do. Furtado is worth more than that because she has a lot of talent, and her debut album is something special.



-THE FABLE OF UNSTABLE MABEL-

By Adrian Wiangard

She came from the hills with a deadly swagger,
With a rolling pin in her teeth, and a stare like a dagger.
The moose and the bear, they wouldn't dare,
Mess around with 'ole Unstable Mabel...

Like 'ole Dastardly Dave, she'd crawl from her cave,
And let out a burp that would scare Wyatt Earp.
You could hear that sucker for miles!

The forest would hush in quiet anticipation...
Quietly awaiting the arrival of thundering boots;
Legend has it that they were made from the hides
Of Bonnie and Clyde!

(crime doesn't pay, that's what I say.)

With a stomp and a bellow, with eyes cold and yellow,
She'd crash through the brush in search of that fellow:
The one they call Dastardly Dave.

Now all of a sudden her footsteps would cease
And the forest would let out a sigh of release
Relief and a sigh as the footsteps of thunder,
Gave way to a peace of adventure and wonder!
So the birds and the beasts from the West and the East,
Got down to the business of preparing a feast.

Awaiting the arrival of 'ole Mabel's rival,
The one called Monstrosity Lee...

Now Lee was a wild and crazy old coot,
Who roamed through those hills and gave not a hoot;
But the business at hand of taking a stand
Was his mission in life and no other.

But down in the hollow, and deep in the cave,
With chattering teeth sat Dastardly Dave.
Holding his breath and knowing for certain,
That crazy 'ole Mabel would be drawin' the curtain...

The boots bearing hides of poor Bonnie and Clyde,
With stealth and precision now stepping inside!
Despairing and quaking, he lets out a yelp,
But there's no one around, and no one to help.

He knows he's finished, he knows he's toast,
Getting on out of here is what matters most!
Escaping the clutches and turning the tables,
And running like hell from this creature called Mabel.

Feet don't fail me now,
Save me from the wrath of this cow!
Quicker than the wind, Dave did run...

Monstrosity Lee, with his bad company,
The Badger, the Crow, and the Goose,
Had picked up the scent with determined intent,
To track down this gal on the loose.
Closing the gap, and baiting the trap,
The party was willing and able.

When out of the dark with a terrible bark,
Came the ferocious and Unstable Mabel!
With a roar, Mabel charged at the party of four;
Steam in her nostrils, and foam on her lips,
But too late to notice as she started to slip,
The snare on the path that was holding her fast,
The beast of the hills was falling at last!
Monstrosity Lee and his bad company
Savored the moment of sweet victory!
They threw one hell of a party.
Even the bears showed up!
When the sun broke open the eastern sky, it was time to fly!
The Badger, the Crow, with the Goose on the loose;
Went to the store to pick up some juice
(To get rid of the nasty hangover.)

Upon their return, they soon quickly learned,
That Monstrosity Lee; he was missing!
Deep in the trees that carried the breeze
Came this loud and terrible hissing...

The years slowly go and most have forgotten,
That woman who once gave us chills.
But let it be known, she is bad to the bone
She's out there still roaming the hills.
The darkness of night, and those footsteps of fright,
Run while yer ready and able,
Or you may not come through to tell what you knew,
The Fable of Unstable Mabel!

Student Angle

Silverio "Ace" Barrera

Year/major: 5th year
International Affairs/Political Science

Should the electoral college or the popular vote decide who our next president should be? We should keep our traditions and have faith in our Constitution - Electoral College

What do you do on campus? I'm a Student Orientation Leader, a brother of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and involved with the International Student Association.

Since you work at the info booth, where will it be sta-

tioned in the new union? Same place, but we will be renovating the area to better accommodate the new union. If I don't graduate this year, you'll probably see me there too.

What do you do in your free time? Hang out with my bar buddy Dan Porier at the Bear Brew Pub.

Should marijuana be legal? Definitely NO, but I really don't have a stand as of yet with marijuana being used for medicinal purposes.

Do you have fake or real Christmas tree (if you celebrate Christmas)? At AGR Fraternity, we use real Christmas trees every year.

What will you do over the five-day weekend coming up? Go home and spend time with my Mom and Dad in Belfast.

What's the best part of Orono? Although taken for granted by a lot of students, the Oronoka is the best part of Orono.

In one word, how would your friends describe you? The Shindig.

Where are you more likely to be seen; in a bar, in the gym or in the library? At Latti Fitness Center and at the Bear Brew Pub, gotta keep the ying-yang balanced

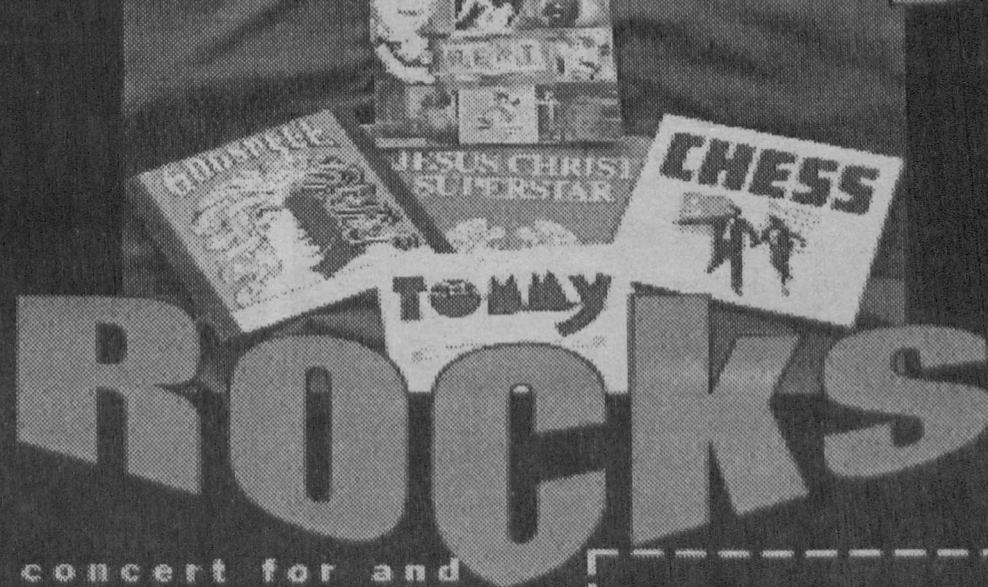
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Native studies

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mascots. One point Smith makes is the fact that while many people might say teams like the Cleveland Indians and the Atlanta Braves are merely paying homage to the Native Americans, it is actually a method of stereotyping. When a team uses an Indian as a mascot, they most often use the "classic" image - a brown skinned warrior with a mohawk or a feather head-dress. It may not seem racially biased, but as Smith points out, has anyone ever heard of the New York Jews or the Cleveland Caucasians? Of course not. If a team were to try and call themselves that, they would be highly criticized. Why then, should we not work to change these things?

"It makes people appear less human," said Smith.

The program, although specific in its topic offers a variety of courses. Native American Literature, ENG 422, and North American Indian History, HTY 220, are just two of the many courses offered that look at Native American culture from a variety of perspectives. Other courses look at art, ethnology and Native American prehistory. In short there is something for everyone.

The most important thing to take from this course of study is merely a realization the Native American experience is an incredible thing and an understanding of the bevy of issues facing Native Americans said Smith. According to her, stereotypes, such as mascots, are hurting the Native American people. American Indians may not live as their ancestors, yet the heritage still remains an integral part of Native American culture.

Contemporary American Indians hold the same positions as other people. They are lawyers, doctors, teachers and politicians. Smith said it is important to remember that while many traditional clothes and customs are still a part of Native American life, it does not mean they are caricatures. They are simply people with a rich and fascinating heritage.

In today's increasingly diverse society, a firm grasp of culture from ethnic groups is a valuable asset. For Native American students on campus, the program offers a great opportunity to increase knowledge on the history and heritage.



Beth Sapiel, a UMaine education major and member of the Penobscot Indian Island Tribe, traveled with the Native American Studies program last week to attend the National Indian Education Association conference in South Dakota. PHOTO COURTESY SHAWN O'LEARY.

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Women's hockey

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UNH. "Our last three games (all losses) have been against two of the toughest teams in the league, and we played them pretty well. If we can go and stink the game out on Friday night and lose 2-0; (UNH) used to beat us 13-0, 7-0, 6-1. They used to blow us out. It's not like that anymore."

Filighera believes that the weekend shows that the program has made significant strides.

"For a team that won the national championship three years ago, they're not that much better than us, now. They used to blow us out, and it only took us three years to close the gap. That's pretty good," he said.

"I think that that's what people want to see out of us, improvement, and we definitely have improved," he said. "Our goal is to make the (ECAC) playoffs, and we can do it. UNH is going to be there, they're a good team. But I think that we can be there, too."

Filighera and his coaching staff made a change going into the weekend from what they have been doing previously. In the four preceding games, Dawn Froats and Amanda Cronin had rotated as starting goaltenders. This weekend, Cronin got the nod in both games. Filighera said, "She played real well on Friday, I thought she'd carry it into Sunday, and she played fine. I think the first goal she gave up was a savable shot, but she came up with big saves."

Cronin would admit that she



Maine's Kelly Nelson takes the puck as Esther Granville looks over her shoulder. Maine lost to New Hampshire twice last weekend. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

would like to have the first goal of Sunday's game back. She was beaten to the short side when UNH defender Kristen Thomas skated in alone of a face off and ripped a wrist shot.

"That is one that I should have been able to stop," she said.

The goaltending situation is something that is relatively up in the air. Coach Filighera said that the starting goaltender is usually a game-time decision. "We evaluate what the goalies have done over the week in practice and we discuss it as a coaching staff the night before a game. We make a decision as to

the starter that way."

Cronin has played in four games so far this season. She has a 1-3-0 record, with a GAA of 2.76 and a .896 save percentage. Dawn Froats has played in two games this year. She has a 2-0-0 record and has only given up one goal in the two games. Her save percentage is .967.

Cronin was flattered that Filighera had enough confidence in her to start her in both of last weekend's games.

"It would have been nice if I could have showed my thanks by giving him a closer game. But

hockey is a team game." The apparent goalie competition does not appear phase Cronin at all.

"Sure you look at the stats. It's a little tough to see when you're ranked like number 13 (in the conference stats) and my teammate (Froats) at number one," she said. "It always hurts to see yourself way down there,

but I'm not upset. I'm looking at the team and not the individual. And as a team, we've improved and we're playing very well."

Froats believes that the competition is a good thing for the team.

"You have to battle (for playing time) and come practice every day and be ready. Every practice counts."

The third goaltender, freshman Lara Smart, who's only action so far has been in the two exhibition games in Canada on Oct. 21 and 22, has rejoined the battle for time. She suited up on Sunday, the first time she has done so since the exhibition games. She came off of a groin injury that she suffered in practice two weeks ago. Jaime Hill, who missed both the BC and Dartmouth games the week before due to a pinched nerve in her shoulder, returned to the lineup for both games this past weekend. She was held pointless over the weekend. That leaves the Black Bears with no major injuries to report heading into this weekend.

Up next for the Bears are two conference home games this coming weekend. Maine will host Cornell on Friday night and St. Lawrence on Saturday night. Game time will be 7 p.m. for both games at Alford Arena.

UNLV basketball

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Both Richardson and the university appeared before the committee at the hearing.

The university initiated self-imposed penalties on the basketball program prior to going before the committee because of violations in the 1997 recruitment of Lamar Odom.

UNLV was on probation at the time of the violations because of 1993 infractions under former coach Jerry Tarkanian.

Penalties include the loss of scholarships and restrictions on recruitment.

Richardson sat out UNLV's first-round loss to Tulsa at the NCAA Tournament game last

year because of head coach Bill Bayno's concerns about the pending investigation.

Richardson is considered among the team's best athletes and won the dunk contest at the team's Fan Jam this year for the third time. He scored 16 points last week in UNLV's first exhibition game.

Gambling

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lost by 12.

The only loss for gamblers in the four games came in another game against Washington in which Arizona

State missed its first 14 shots but rallied to win 73-55. There have been reports that the players were informed at halftime that the game was

under scrutiny.

Indictments were also brought against two Phoenix gamblers who allegedly initiated the fix.

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UNLV basketball player benched for mattress purchase

By Eric Leake
The Rebel Yell

LAS VEGAS (U-WIRE) — Runnin' Rebel Chris Richardson has been benched, indefinitely.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions handed down an open-ended suspension on the 6-foot-7 junior basketball forward Thursday after ruling that he misled investigators about the acquisition of a used mattress set.

Richardson, who hails from Corpus Christi, Texas, may practice with the team and sit on the bench at home games, but may not suit up or travel to away games.

The ruling came out separate from the committee's pending decision on UNLV's infraction case and allows Richardson to appeal to the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee weeks earlier than if both the university and Richardson had come out together.

Richardson went before the committee Sept. 22, in Dallas to appear on the charges that he deliberately misled investigators about obtaining the mattress set in 1998 from then-assistant coach Greg Vetrone.

Richardson told investigators that his mother paid Vetrone \$300 for the mattress set, a testimony he said was based upon what his mother had told him.

Vetrone said that no money was ever exchanged.

"I think it was a courtesy to Chris and the program to get this thing started as soon as possible,"

UNLV athletics spokesman Andy Grossman said. "It enables us to get it started now rather than later."

"What I can tell you now is that the process has been started. It takes approximately three to four weeks and they (the NCAA) will come with a response to our appeal," he said, adding that there is no way to forecast what the NCAA will decide.

The early release of the committee's ruling against Richardson is unusual, and allows for Richardson's reinstatement appeal to be approved earlier in the season.

"Normally, the committee doesn't release any of the findings of an infractions case until the completion of the infractions report," Jack Friedenthal, the NCAA Committee on Infractions chair, wrote in the committee's notification letter.

"However, in light of the rapidly approaching season, the committee felt it appropriate to make an exception in this case so that the student-athlete reinstatement process can be started for Mr. Richardson," the letter reads.

The Runnin' Rebels' regular season begins Nov. 17.

The committee's overall ruling on UNLV's infraction case, which will include the details of the findings against Richardson, was originally set to be released six to eight weeks following the Dallas infractions committee hearing.

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Women's hoops beats All-star squad

By John Contreras
Sports Editor

The University of Maine women's basketball team beat the National Women's Basketball League All-Stars 85-68 Monday night at Alford Arena.

Christy Grover led Maine's balanced attack with 18 points. Three others notched double figures as Lacey Stone added 13, Heather Ernest scored 11 and Kizzy Lopez added 10.

The NWBL All-Stars also had four players reach double figures. Jenny Schmidy led with 14, Kimberly Fuller had 13, Tamara Smith scored 11 and Yolanda Brown added 10. Maine shot just under 42 percent for the game, bettering the all-star squad who shot 30 percent from the floor.

The referees called 49 personal fouls between the two teams. Maine outscored the NWBL team 25-16 from the free throw line.

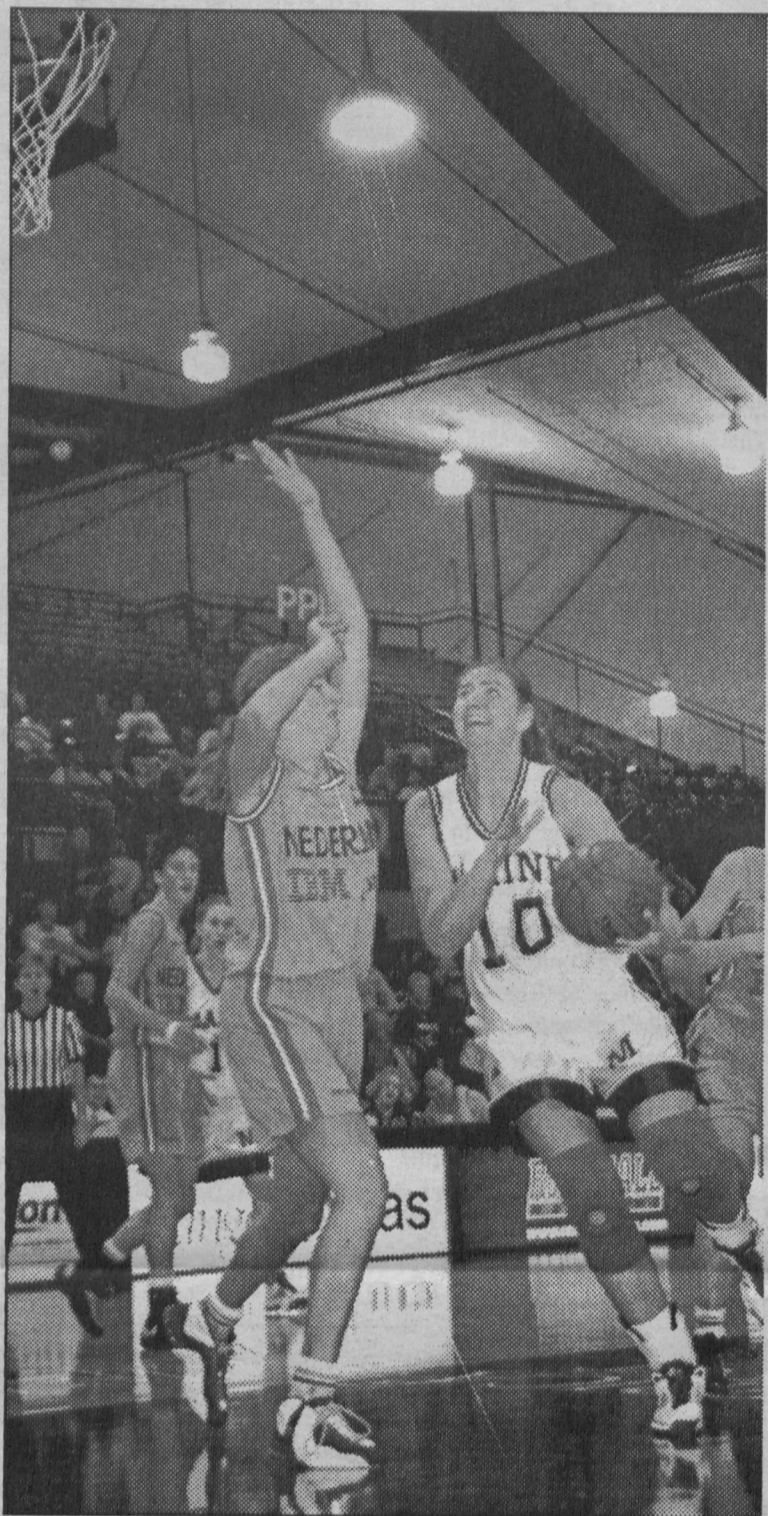
Maine heads into its first season under new head coach Sharon Versyp. The team has won both exhibition games against the Netherlands and this NWBL team. These exhibitions do not count on the team's record, but provide preparation for the team's opener against Fordham on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

The women's team signed five recruits for next season (see story page 16) but just added their 11th player, in Maine softball player Erica Sobel. Sobel will practice and play for the basketball team through the end of the season, but plans to join the softball team again once the sea-

son begins.

"Erica knows the game of basketball very well, and she's excited to be joining the team," head

coach Sharon Versyp said. "All this is possible because of Deb Smith [softball coach], who was open to having Erica help us out."



Volleyball

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year a 2-7 in the pit.

The Black Bears ended the season with three road matches. The team was disappointed after a loss in Delaware to start the weekend, but came back and played tough against Towson University the next day.

"I think we really turned a corner in the Towson match," Medley said.

In that contest, the Black Bears lost the first two games handily, but fought back to take the third game 16-14. Medley was very pleased with the character her team showed in that game. Maine lost the fourth game, but the confidence they gained in the match carried over to the season finale in Drexel.

Maine beat Drexel 15-9, 15-12 and 15-10 to avenge an early season loss at home. Coach Medley said it was nice to end the season with a win.

"It was probably the best win we have had all season," she said.

Maine ended the season with five conference wins. Season sweeps against Vermont and Hartford added to a huge win in Drexel to end the season.

The outlook is bright and prosperous for the University of Maine women's volleyball team. Maine finished sixth in America East this year, well ahead of last year's ninth place tally. The squad will return the entire roster except Kristi Carver. Someone will need to replace Carver's leadership, but the core of players will back for another season. Junior Leah Voss finished the season leading America East in kills. Freshman setter Cheryl Elliott earned numerous conference honors and finished the year with more than 1000 assists. Medley added that the team was glad to end the season on a winning note, but felt they could have made the conference tournament. If this rapid improvement occurs next season, these Black Bears will be headed to the postseason.



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Future looks bright for Black Bear volleyball

Second-year program ends season with a win

By Lucas Peterson
Volleyball Reporter

What a difference a year makes. The women's volleyball returned to Maine this September for only the second time in 17 years. The team lost its varsity status in 1983 and started anew in 1999. Last season was rough for the newest Black Bears. The team was com-

prised of on-campus talent, put together when school started. It was tough for the team to compete against America East opponents whose rosters were loaded with scholarship talent. Maine struggled against their established opponents and did not win a game.

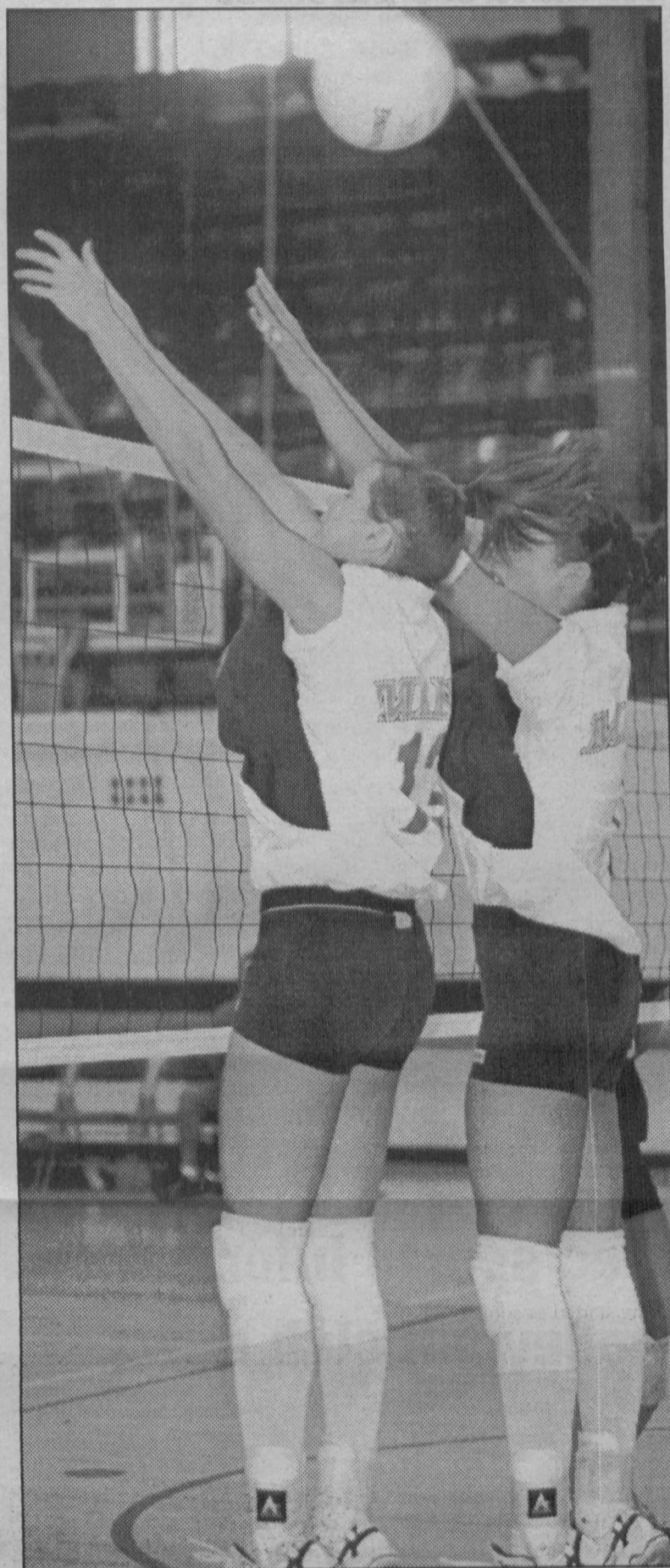
This season began with a different atmosphere and new optimism. Head coach Sue Medley had the

opportunity to recruit players to Maine and work with the returning players. The second season for the Black Bears brought ten new players to the roster. Among the new faces were freshmen with no college experience and a couple junior transfers. Medley molded a team that was extremely young, but that would boast more court experience than the year before.

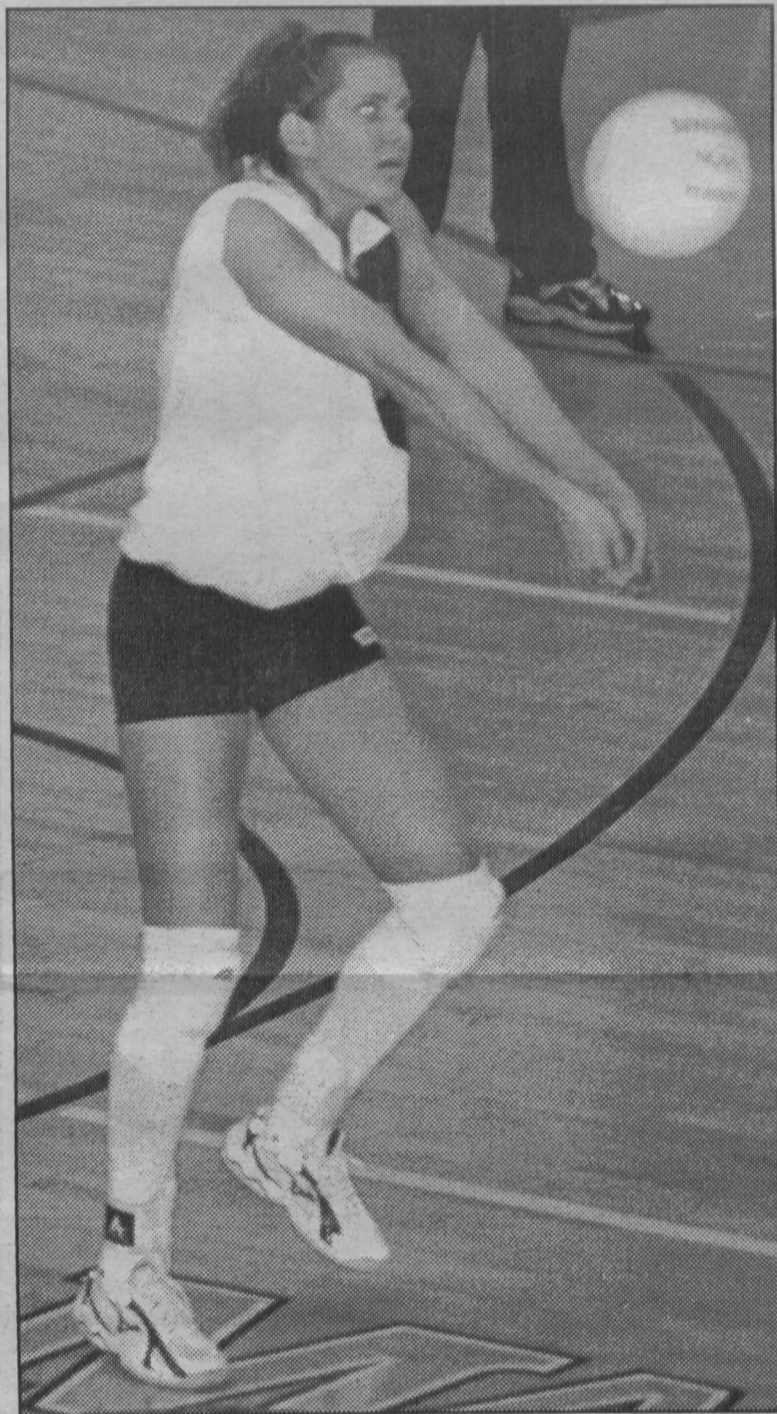
The Black Bears began this season at the James Madison University Classic. The UMaine women struggled against tough opponents and lost all three matches in the tournament. With the entire team comprised of new players, senior captain Kristi Carver remained as the only hold over from the previous squad. A period of adjusting was in order for the new team. After the 0-3 opening weekend, the Black Bears began to gel, taking two out of three matches in the next two tournaments. Those wins improved the Bears record to 4-5, only a game under .500.

In the two weeks following, the team hit the road for five matches. Dartmouth hosted a four-team weekend tournament. Maine came out flat to start the weekend and did not recover until Sunday's match against Quinnipiac. The Black Bears beat Quinnipiac in three games and began the three-match winning streak. With wins away from home against Columbia and SUNY-Binghamton, Maine improved its record to .500 for the first time in the short history of the program.

The start of October also brought the start of the conference schedule. Maine opened with a couple losses on the road before beating Vermont to pick up their first America East victory. Conference play continued with the Black Bears beginning a stretch of six straight home matches. The team struggled at home, finishing at 1-5 for the home stand and ending the



Leah Voss and Adrienne Poplawski attempt a block for Maine as the ball goes above their hands. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.



Maine's Leah Voss passes the ball in the team's last home game two weeks ago. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

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College sports plagued by gambling scandals of the '90s

By Ryan Ernst
The Post

ATHENS, Ohio (U-WIRE)—With the increased attention being drawn to gambling on college sports because of proposed legislation in Congress, more and more information is being exposed in gambling and point-shaving scandals that rocked college sports in the 1990s.

In recent years, what were once allegations and rumors have transformed into grand jury testimonies and admissions of guilt, as college athletes uncover the truth about ploys to manipulate college athletics for illegal financial gain.

The NCAA and judicial system is becoming aware that such scandals do not always occur where one might expect. Northwestern, a school with a longstanding record of academic excellence, was the scene for two gambling hoaxes in the '90s.

In the third quarter of a 1994 football game between the Northwestern Wildcats and the Iowa Hawkeyes, Northwestern running back Dennis Lundy fumbled inside of the one-yard line. Iowa went on to win the game 49-13, easily covering the six-point spread.

After Lundy was indicted for perjury for lying to a grand jury on the matter, he told a federal judge that he intentionally fumbled the ball in order to have a better chance of winning a \$400 bet he had placed against his own team.

The following year Northwestern was once again connected to a point-shaving scandal involving a student-athlete. This time the fix involved multiple athletes from different sports.

In 1995, Notre Dame kicker Kevin Pendergast traveled to Las Vegas and placed a \$20,150

wager at Caesar's Palace that the Northwestern basketball team would lose to Michigan by at least 25.5 points.

Before placing the bet, Pendergast had arranged with Northwestern basketball players Dewey Williams and Dion Lee to shave points in exchange for money.

Pendergast had been in debt to illegal bookies in Indiana and Illinois before transferring to Northwestern. The players also allegedly shaved points in two other games bet on by Pendergast. All three conspirators were eventually convicted and sent to prison.

Although all three players agreed to cooperate with the FBI and the NCAA in their efforts to warn students against the dangers of gambling, for some student-athletes the message comes too late.

In 1996, Boston College was

the setting for a gambling ring of 13 football players, up to five of which are said to have bet against their own team. All 13 players were suspended from the team.

In 1997, two former Arizona State basketball players, Stevin "Hedake" Smith and Isaac Burton, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit sports bribery in a federal investigation of point-shaving at the university.

The investigation found point-shaving in four games during the

1993-94 season. For one of those games, a matchup against Pac-10 rival Washington, Las Vegas Casinos suspended betting on the game after \$250,000 in bets caused the line to drop to three points.

In three other instances gamblers won. The Sun Devils beat Oregon and Oregon State but did not cover the spread. They were a 7.5-point favorite over USC, but

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Women's hockey rebounds from New Hampshire losses

By Jeff Mannix
Women's Hockey Reporter

The University of Maine women's hockey team, after receiving votes in the U.S. College Hockey Online poll for the first time ever last week, fell on hard times this weekend against the University of New Hampshire. Maine lost both games of a two game home-and-home series with the Wildcats, 2-0 on Friday at UNH, and 5-2 Sunday afternoon at Alford.

Maine did not receive any votes in the new poll that was released on Monday evening. Head coach Rick Filighera did not believe that his team's receiving votes had anything to do with the two losses this weekend. "It absolutely did not have an effect," he said. "The kids didn't even know it. I've never looked at that stuff, I will in the future, but right now it's about being ready for the next game."

In Friday's game, Maine was outplayed, despite the close score. They were outshot 33-9 by UNH. After the game, he received comments from many that his team was drastically improved, but he

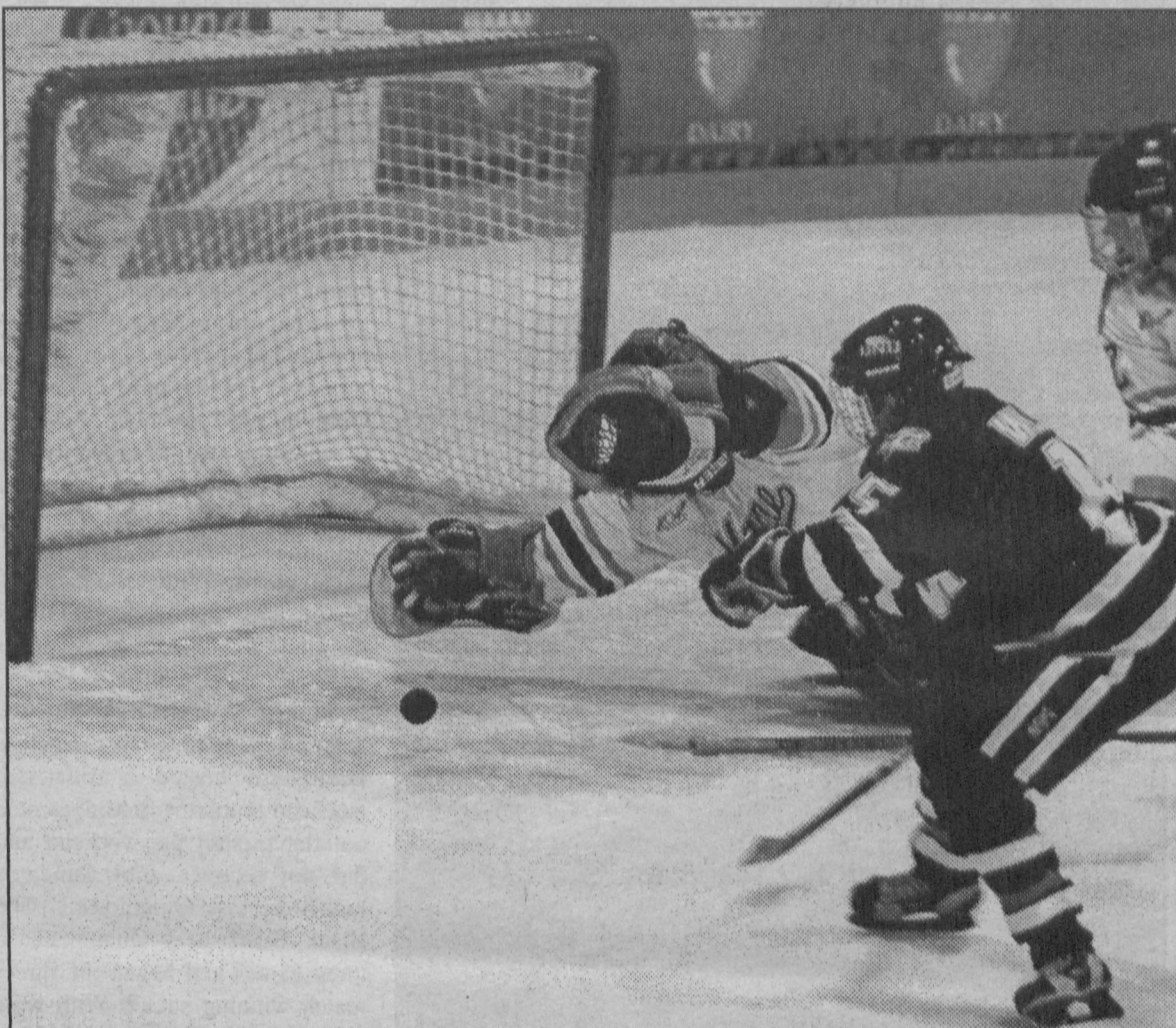
still was disappointed with his team's effort. "For me, that's not good enough," he said. "What's not good enough for me is to watch a team not play as hard as they could."

He believed he and his coaching staff were able to get that message across after Friday's game. He said of Sunday's game, "the effort was there, we're still young. We don't finish on our chances. They played better than we did today too."

He believes that some of the reasoning for that is that some players had a good game Sunday, while other didn't. He also believed that New Hampshire was stronger and played more physical than Maine, enabling them to win battles along the boards for pucks. He also felt that UNH simply wanted to win the game a little more than his team did.

But he did draw some positives out of the weekend. He knows that even though his team didn't play to its capability, these were the best two results that Maine has ever gotten against

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Maine's Amanda Cronin dives to try and make the save against New Hampshire on Sunday. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

Rec sports information, volleyball club news

By Felicia Skira
Rec Sports Reporter

In fraternity intramurals this week, SAE and Phi Eta Kappa are the only teams left in the water polo tournament. They played on Monday night, and SAE has to beat Phi Eta Kappa twice in order to claim the championship. The dormitory teams left are Somerset Treasurehunters and Oxford Big O. They played on Wednesday and on Sunday, since the event is double elimination. Somerset won Wednesday's game, with a score of 9-2. Delta Zeta won the sorority water polo championship 14-2 over Alpha Omicron Pi. Delta Zeta and Spatney Zeny played the overall women's championship on Sunday.

The first volleyball game was played on Saturday at noon against Bowdoin College in Lengyel Gym.

For upcoming events, the Recreational Sports office announces the beginning of a racquetball workshop for students. It is an opportunity to learn the basic skills and rules of racquetball in two one-hour classes. A recreational sports instructor, Dave Ames, will offer the workshop. There will be no charge, but places are limited, since only the first eight students to sign up will be able to attend this workshop. Please register by Tuesday, Nov.

28, at the Recreational Sports Office, 140 Memorial Gym.

Recreational Sports is sponsoring a Broomball Fun Night on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 to 11:30 p.m. at the Alford Arena. The event is free to all, so bring a group or come as an individual to enjoy the fun of broomball. Sneakers are required; helmets and brooms will be provided. Bring warm clothes, like a sweatshirt and long pants or slacks. For further information, call 581-1234.

Training clinics will be offered soon for intramural basketball referees. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn the rules and interpretations and floor mechanics of the game of basketball. You could earn \$7.20 per game and work to become a certified official if you attend these clinics. The clinics will be offered on Wed., Nov. 29, Sunday, Dec. 3, and Thursday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in classroom A of ROTC. Fraternities who plan to enter an intramural basketball team should plan to have at least one brother attend these clinics. For further information, call 581-1234.

For general information on Recreational Sports, please visit www.ume.maine.edu/recinfo/.

Women's hoops sign five recruits

A quick peek at next year's incoming freshmen

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The University of Maine women's basketball team received commitments from five prospective players who have all signed a National Letter of Intent for the 2001-2002 school year.

According to the press release, the five players are: Nicole Jay of Matawan, New Jersey; Kim Corbitt of Albany, New York; Monica Peterson of Wilmington, Delaware; Missy Traversi of Attleboro, Massachusetts and Kelly Manning from Charleston, West Virginia.

Nicole Jay, who averaged almost 12 points and 12 rebounds per game last year, is a 6-foot-6-inch post player. Among other honors, Jay led her AAU team to the 17-and-under New Jersey state championship, and she also has received All-Tournament honors at the 1999 Matawan Invitational Christmas

"Nicole has incredible potential that has not yet been tapped completely," Maine head coach Sharon Versyp said. "She has great hands for a 6-foot-6-inch player, plus she can run the floor well. Nicole knows the game well and her abilities in the paint will increase the intensity and style of play for all that play with her."

Kim Corbitt is a 5-foot-7-inch point guard who has received Nike All-America honors last season and also led her high school team to the Class A semifinals. Corbitt, who is ranked among the top 30 players in New York according to USA Today, is also ranked the 93rd best player in the country according to the Blue Star Report.

"Kim is a very athletic, strong, and 'heads' player whose talents are incredible," Versyp said. "I think she could become one of our best defenders in the future."

Monica Peterson, out of Wilmington, Del., is a 6-foot forward who boasts an average of 14 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists per game last year. Peterson is a two-time team captain for Alexis I. DuPont High School, and also led her AAU team to a third place finish at the AAU Nationals last summer.

"Monica has a very solid, mature and confident demeanor. Her commitment, dedication and excitement is seen in her style of play," Versyp said. "She brings savvy to the floor and the entire package to our class."

Missy Traversi averaged 18 and a half points and 10 assists per game last year. Traversi is a 5-foot-7-inch point guard who earned a spot on Boston Globe's list of leading scorers for the sec-

ond year in a row. Traversi is also a member and three time captain of the two-time Massachusetts AAU state champion Boson Revolution.

"Missy is a talented true point guard who knows and exemplifies the word leadership," Versyp said. "Missy brings an incredible personality with an unbelievable competitive nature that separates her from the rest. Her scoring ability along with her distribution of the basketball and good court sense confirms the type of leader that she is - and will be."

Kelly Manning, a 5-foot-11-inch shooting guard, is listed in the top 20 players in Colorado in every statistical category. She earned All-State honors from the Rocky Mountain News and was listed in the top 16 players in Colorado by USA Today. Manning averaged 21.8 points per game, 10.2 rebounds, and 4.7 assists.

"Kelly has a very dynamic personality which is seen in her style of play," Versyp said. "She exudes confidence and her presence on the floor makes a huge difference."

Although all five players have signed National Letters of Intent, the letters are only valid upon admission to the University of Maine.