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Student Government candidates ready for election

Fred Odera CAMPUS
PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM

Odera,
Shannak to try
to spice up
local activity
scene, clean
campus

By Amanda Erskine
Student Government Reporter

"Enjoy being" is the way Student Government presidential hopeful Fred Odera and vice presidential hopeful Kamal Shannak describe their motto of how they would like to run Student Government.

"We are not making a lot of big promises for change but we will support the student government and make it more student friendly because that is why it is called the student's government," Shannak said.

Odera and Shannak may not be making promises, but they are coming up with ideas for what they would like to work with the student government to accomplish.

A main problem they are finding on campus is that it needs some "spicing up." Both men are student orientation leaders and understand the need especially for freshmen to have something to do or else they will, Odera said, go crazy.

They say that Ushuaia has gotten dry and there needs to be an alternative to Margarita's and the Bear Brew, which only allow those of drinking age after dark. They both feel this leads to a lot of people not staying at UMaine on the weekends or attending numerous illegal parties.

An alternative to this can be spicing up UMaine-sponsored parties and removing the bad stigma behind them. This would be accomplished by purchasing a better sound and light system and possibly providing alcohol to those 21 and older.

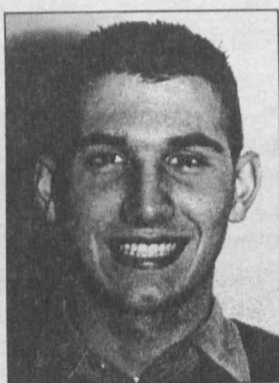
Also to spice up the campus they had the ideas of having rap battles where people can just have fun competing with their talents and a Mr. UMaine competition, where the men who work-out all the time can show off their efforts.

"We don't normally have activities which involve the whole campus and we need to come up with these activities so we can all feel a part of the campus," Odera said. "There are so many things we can do."

Shannak and Odera also want to do something about the environment on campus by adding more garbage bins and cigarette butt units. Many complain about the garbage and the scent of old cigarettes under the benches on the mall. They believe this is due to the smoker's lack of somewhere to put their butts.

Following up with the new "green bikes," which should be making an appearance on campus after break when the snow disappears, Odera and Shannak want more bike racks. They want those racks to be equipped with a shelter to keep

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Matthew Allen CAMPUS
PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM

Allen feels confident his political past can supplement salaries, call boxes

By Amanda Erskine
Student Government Reporter

What stands out most about Student Government presidential candidate Matthew Allen is his confidence. He says he feels he is the right man for the job.

"I've got so much passion for this job, and I've gotten so into [Student Government]; it's just in my blood," Allen said.

Allen would like to make the Senate more proactive and get students more involved and informed about the activities of Student Government.

Allen proposes that senators get paid \$250 per year. Allen argues that many students holding government positions already receive payment for their services, and "the money should work to get more senators involved by helping senators pay for the time they will spend and for various duties such as printing papers out," he said.

Allen wants to work on informing students by attending at least one meeting of every club recognized by the student government.

The next project on Allen's platform is to post the UMaine constitution and the GSS by-laws on FirstClass where every student can easily access them.

Allen would like to work with various committees on the student government to create a Public Safety pamphlet to be distributed to students. He said he believes this will help the students get a better understanding of what their rights are. He would also like to expand the idea of having more lighting on campus and add more call boxes on campus since we only have three.

Allen grew up in Maine and after graduating from high school joined the Marine Corps Reserves. That fall Allen enrolled at the University of Maine. During Allen's second year he did an internship in Washington D.C. working with Sen. Olympia Snowe.

Now a junior, he is majoring in electrical engineering and political science, while serving as a corporal in the Marine Corps Reserves, which he feels has given him a strong work ethic and an organized way of doing things.

Allen is a dean's list student who attends most General Student Senate meetings and as many Residents On Campus and Off Campus Board meetings as he can, he said.

He is a member of the social fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha where he served as the public relations chair, a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the

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Eric Conrad
CAMPUS PHOTO BY
ANNE MALCOLM

Conrad vies for more organization funds, better lighting, speed humps

By Stanley Dankoski
News Editor

Eric Conrad has been a senator in the university General Student Senate since the spring semester of 2000, but the junior philosophy major says he believes he has the knowledge and connections to fulfill the position of Student Government president.

His platform issues include working with the University of Maine Alumni Association to change current fund-raising practices, ensuring traffic report recommendations are implemented in a timely fashion, and reinstating the school yearbook.

Conrad states that working with the university's Alumni Association is an important issue.

"Alumni give back [donations] because they were involved when they were [students] here," Conrad said.

He said he wants to allow donations from alumni to be allocated to any college or student organization. Each group would have set limits on money given to them. Student organizations would then have a non-profit fund, into which the tax-deductible donations will go. The money may then be used for scholarships.

"I believe that would flourish the campus community," he said.

Conrad also wants to work with the administration to ensure recommendations of the Traffic and Parking Planning Committee Report to be implemented as soon as possible.

Not all recommendations have been put into effect, he said.

One recommendation is to install speed humps throughout campus roads, he said. The humps, a little bit large than speed bumps, would regulate speed of traffic.

Lightposts along campus roads should also shine directly onto the ground instead of shining in all directions, which sometimes blinds drivers at night, said Conrad, who pointed out the section between Neville Hall and Memorial Union as a prime example.

And as far as the apparent parking ticket problem students have here, Conrad wants to bring campus parking ticket fines down to \$15.

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University men to make difference in AIDS Day

By Kimberly Leonard
Style Editor

AIDS has claimed 21.8 million lives worldwide to date and 3 million lives since the beginning of the year 2000, according to www.unaids.org.

Since 1988, Dec. 1 has been known as World AIDS Day, a day to bring the messages of compas-

sion, hope, solidarity and understanding about AIDS to every country in the world.

The University of Maine has joined in the fight against AIDS by hosting a series of events put together by the Peer Educators Program.

"We're trying to make a difference in the campus community," said peer educator Jamie Rogers.

A memorial service, in recognition and support of those affected by HIV and AIDS, will be held at noon today at the flagpole in front of Fogler Library. Pending inclement weather the service will be held in the lobby of the Memorial Union.

There will also be a table set up in the library until 2 p.m. distributing information and red rib-

bons. According to www.avert.org, the red ribbon is the international symbol of AIDS awareness.

The theme for this year's World AIDS Day is "AIDS: Men Make a Difference." According to www.unaids.org it is important for men to recognize the AIDS epidemic. Many men may not engage in risky behavior, but

without men, the virus would have little opportunity to spread, according to the Web site. More than 70 percent of HIV infections worldwide occur through intercourse between men and women and another 10 percent occur through intercourse between men. Another five percent takes place

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Police Beat

By Nicole Brann
Crime Reporter

Leanne Irwin, 20, and Kimberly Hinton, 20, were both issued summonses on a charge of furnishing a place for minors to consume, on Sunday, Nov. 19.

According to reports, at about 3:40 a.m. Officers Gene Fizell and Rick Ouellette responded to a noise complaint on the fourth floor of Cumberland Hall.

Upon arrival the officers found 10 people in the room as well as a large assortment of alcohol.

Two of the 10 people were of age.

The residents of the room, Irwin and Hinton, and the six others, were found to be underage and, as a result, the residents were issued summonses. The others were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Robert Rawcliffe, 19, was

issued a summons on Sunday, Nov. 19, on a charge of illegal possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, Rawcliffe entered the Gannett Hall lobby and walked past Officer Scott Curtis. As he walked by, Rawcliffe reportedly dropped a glass pot pipe onto the floor in front of Curtis.

As a result he was issued a summons.

Between the hours of 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, the owner of a black Saab 900 reported that while his car was parked in the Stewart Lot, the driver's side window had been broken and \$1,500 worth of compact discs had been taken.

Damage to the window was estimated at \$250.

Scott Holton, age unknown, was summoned on a charge of criminal threatening on Saturday, Nov. 18.

At about 3 a.m. officers were called to Androscoggin Hall to investigate a group of 12 loud and disorderly males yelling in the hallway.

According to reports, a resident assistant told the men to quiet down; however, when they did not cooperate, the RA told them he was going to call Public Safety. Upon doing this, the males reportedly came to the RA's door, banging and yelling.

When officers arrived, the males were gone.

According to reports, at 4:30 a.m. Public Safety received another call from the same RA stating that after officers had left, one of the males, Holton, came to his room. Holton was reportedly very upset by the fact that the RA had called the cops. During the confrontation, Holton allegedly threatened the RA.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with both Holton and the RA, and Holton was issued a summons.

Justin Brown, 20, was arrested and taken to Penobscot County Jail for violation of a harassment order on Saturday, Nov. 18.

According to reports, at about 1:30 a.m. a female stu-

dent called Public Safety from Phi Gamma Delta to report that her ex-boyfriend was at the house and was harassing her. Based on what the woman told Public Safety it was determined that Brown had been issued a protection from harassment order a few days prior, meaning that the two were to have no contact at all.

Upon arrival, officers located Brown and the female caller and as a result, Brown was arrested.

Matthew Huntsberger, 20, was arrested on a charge of violation of condition of release, due to a prior arrest. He was additionally given summonses for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor and illegal possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nathan Gray, 20, was also issued summonses on charges of illegal possession of alcohol by a minor, illegal possession of drug

paraphernalia, and unlawfully furnishing scheduled drugs; which means having more than one and one-quarter ounces of marijuana.

At about 8:40 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, Officer Jeff King was called to Penobscot Hall to investigate the smell of burning marijuana.

A consent search of the room turned up several cans of beer, a glass bong under Huntsberger's bed, and two plastic baggies containing marijuana.

During the search, Gray, the other resident of the room, called and was asked to come back to his room. Gray reportedly admitted that the pot was his, that the bong belonged to Huntsberger and that the two shared the alcohol.

As a result Huntsberger was arrested and Gray was issued summonses.

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Book drive continues to benefit local children through Dec. 8

By Betsy Hatch
For The Maine Campus

The College of Education and Human Development is collecting books for needy area youngsters this holiday season. Books, gift-wrapped if possible and marked for a particular age level, may be brought to the office of College Dean Robert Cobb, 151 Shibles Hall, through Friday, Dec. 8. The books will be distributed by the Orono-Old Town Kiwanis Club at its annual holiday party for area children on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The holiday book drive was started more than 20 years ago by Cobb.

"The idea was to contribute to the holidays of kids who were less fortunate something that

would be a lasting and educational gift," Cobb said.

Books were the obvious answer because they kept with the mission statement of the College of Education, and they could be passed down when children outgrew them.

"Books are being collected for youngsters of all ages from toddlers to teens," said Kay Hyatt from the College of Education and Human Development.

This is a campuswide book drive, Hyatt said. Last year's 400 books were given by individuals and student organizations.

The University of Maine Children's Center Chapel Preschool is one campus organization that is contributing to the holiday book drive, and they have for more than 10 years. The 4- to

6-year-olds at the preschool are bringing books from home, or ones they bought, and gift-wrapping them in paper they made themselves. So far the children have wrapped about 50 books, but are expecting to contribute at least 60 by the time they're done.

Kevin Duplissee, a teacher at the preschool, said the children are excited about this project, and they have learned that if no one gives, no one gets.

"The children are happy to have the chance to give books to people they'll never meet," Duplissee said. "They're doing it because they want to."

Duplissee, along with co-workers Barbara Turner and Wyatt Tripp, will escort the preschoolers to the

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NYU student to take Philadelphia to court

By Yusef Robb
New York University

NEW YORK (U-WIRE) - When Marc Krupanski went to Philadelphia to protest the nation's prison system, he ended up behind bars himself. And now he's going to sue.

New York University sophomore Krupanski says more than 400 people were arrested during the August protests timed to coincide with the Republican National Convention, and that many of them are planning to join a class-action suit against the city that will most likely allege police brutality, wrongful arrest and incarceration, and violation of due process rights.

Krupanski traveled to Philadelphia on Aug. 1 to protest the ever-growing prison system, the death penalty and the incarceration of people he considers political prisoners, including Mumia Abu-Jamal and Leonard Peltier.

After he asked a police officer "how are you doing" while standing close to him, he said, he was thrown on the ground and beaten by three officers. After fellow protesters covered him with their bodies, Krupanski said, he was arrested.

He spent two days in a detention facility where he was fingerprinted and booked before being arraigned, after which he spent another seven days in the Philadelphia jail.

He was charged with misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, obstructing a highway, resisting arrest and conspiracy to

commit the aforementioned charges. He was offered a plea bargain that would have resulted in a \$350 fine and six months of non-supervised probation — after which his record would have been expunged — but he rejected the offer.

"When I heard the plea bargain I said no, because I thought it was completely unjust," Krupanski said.

Krupanski said he couldn't admit to crimes he didn't commit, and that he wanted to show solidarity with other arrested protesters who felt they did nothing but exercise their First Amendment rights.

Some did accept the agreement, but more than 200 ended up facing a trial.

Krupanski was tried alongside 41 others; 38, including Krupanski, didn't get a chance to mount a defense as the judge dropped the charges against them immediately after the prosecution presented its case.

Krupanski said in addition to being beaten by police on the street, he was assaulted and threatened with physical and sexual assault while in custody and was also denied legal counsel. He further said Philadelphia officials conspired to keep protesters off the street during the convention, and did so through trumped-up charges and unusually high bails — Krupanski's bail was \$10,000.

"What Philadelphia did was criminalize dissent," he said.

Krupanski said that all the plaintiffs in the suit have yet to

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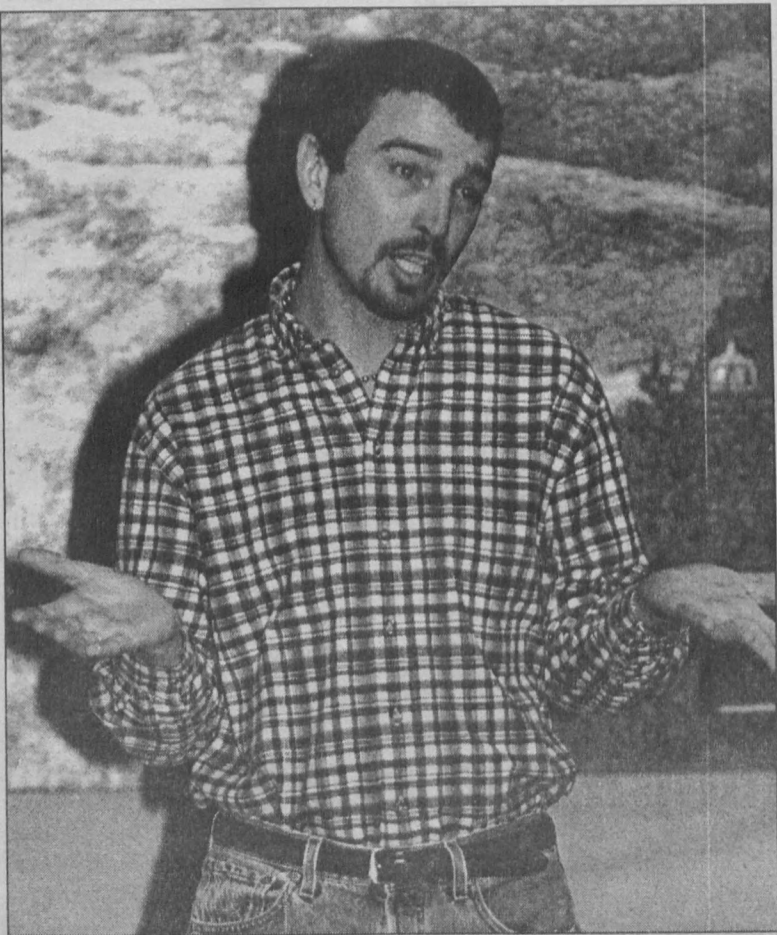
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AIDS

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Alvin spoke Wednesday night in the Bodwell Lounge about living with HIV. The event was sponsored by the UMaine peer educators as part of National AIDS Day. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

among people who inject drugs, four-fifths of whom are men.

The Peer Educators program began on Monday evening with "Men and Women Sharing," a question-and-answer workshop designed to break down gender barriers.

Andrew Thomits from the Eastern Maine AIDS Network spoke Tuesday at the Doris Twitchell Allen Village and gave general information about AIDS

and HIV.

Alvin, a "young man from the Down East area of Maine" as he was billed, spoke Wednesday evening about his experiences living with HIV.

"We're trying to make people aware of the fact that this is a problem that is close to home," said Peer Educator Amy Levine.

The film "Philadelphia" was shown on Thursday night.

Ben Stein shares insights with Florida State students

By Michael Green
Florida State University

(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Ben Stein the author, Ben Stein the game show host, Ben Stein the actor, Ben Stein the journalist, and now Ben Stein the guest lecturer. Monday (Nov. 27) night here in Tallahassee, the host of "Win Ben Stein's Money" and "Turn Ben Stein On" became the guest oracle on family relationships, getting married in grad school, and sarcastically whimsical middle-aged humor that somehow appeals to undergrads.

The packed crowd roared like a lion and gave Stein a semi-impressive half standing ovation when he walked in the University Center Ballroom.

After a brief introduction by John Wilson, the Director of the Institute for Conservative Studies, the assorted crowd of students and adults gleefully applauded their favorite, near-amusing conservative game show host.

Stein smiled. He then proceeded to tell a barrage of bad, out-of-left-field quasi-political jokes

about Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Jerry Falwell and Florida State University football rival, the University of Florida Gators. The crowd looked at their watches and wondered if he really wasn't as hip as everybody imagined him to be.

In his trademark monotone voice, Stein came back and offered just as much of his advice to students as his opinions on political issues. Which, in this case, was surprising but nonetheless welcome. After the jokes, he stressed how important it is for students to be grateful for what they have, how hard work is the most beneficial habit that can be developed, and how the friendships developed in life are more important than anything else.

He humored the audience by describing one of his all night cocaine binges and claiming that he has done every drug possible. He then urged the audience not to do drugs and claimed that he never enjoyed drugs and that they have never done anything positive for him.

One of the most important messages that was relayed by

Stein that night was to always take risks and take chances, at whatever people may be doing. He stressed the fact that they can't win unless you are sitting at the table, and the more persistence one possesses the more chances they will have.

Whether conservative or liberal, audience members took an objective stance and walked away with some of Stein's advice in their pockets. Guest lecturers like Stein are excellent for temporarily quenching the insatiable hunger for knowledge most FSU students and Tallahassee residents possess.

He is best remembered by college-aged kids for his small role in Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and also for his small role in the Wonder Years TV series. He has written columns for several national magazines and newspapers, and was a speech writer for Presidents Nixon and Ford. He currently serves as a board member for the pro-life organization Life Legal Defense Foundation, and can be seen on the Comedy Central network, where he hosts his two award-winning shows.

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Centerfolds talk about battling bulimia

By Rebecca Zak
Daily Trojan

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - Though they bared their bodies in Playboy, pinups Sia and Shane Barbi said models are not to blame for society's obsession with personal image; they, like many women, are victims of an over-emphasis on a waif-like physique.

The sisters, known as the Barbi Twins, spoke on campus Tuesday night about their battle with bulimia and anorexia as part of Body Image Awareness Week.

The twins entered the national spotlight after appearing on the cover of two issues of Playboy,

both sellouts according to an August New York Post article.

"I felt like, if I was on the cover of some magazine, no one would judge me for having an eating disorder," Sia told the audience of about 40, which included camera crews from "48 Hours."

The twins said they developed their eating disorder during their days as Girl Scouts, mentioning a memory of buying nearly 20 cases of cookies to sell only to binge on them later.

Sia said that she repeatedly wished during the early days of her illness that she could "eat whatever (she) wanted and always stay thin."

The twins' eating and exercising patterns became more extreme and more dangerous while their fame increased.

"We felt out of control, like we could blimp out to 300 pounds in a day — we were ashamed of ourselves," Sia said.

The twins decided that their days of starvation and exhaustive exercise were over in 1996, when Sia overdosed on nearly 100 laxatives.

Sia said the doctor told her that if she overdosed one more time, she would die.

At that point, the twins turned down Hollywood fame to recover from their debilitating disease. During the course of their recovery,

the twins were inspired to spread the word about eating disorders.

Sia said that the twins wrote their book, "Dying to Be Healthy," so that other people "don't have to hit our bottom."

"Does anyone say I wanna grow up and overeat and lie and cheat and kill myself?" Sia asked.

The twins, armed with an expansive knowledge of eating disorders and nutrition, provoked the audience with several compelling statistics, including:

— 85 percent of women are on or have tried a diet.

— 55 percent of eight-year-olds are starting to diet.

"We're feeding this disease by

selling diets," Sia said, while her sister Shane added, "it's a multi-billion dollar industry."

The centerfolds then went on to note that while the average woman in America is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds, the average model is over 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs less than 130 pounds.

"Models and stars are a size 0 right now and they're getting thinner. We can't make negative sizes," Sia said.

In keeping with recovery, the twins turned down an offer for another spot on the cover of Playboy, because "they worried it would alienate women" the New York Post reported.

Milwaukee's investigation into voting fraud questioned

By Nicholas Engels
The Marquette Tribune

(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee County district attorney E. Michael McCann stated Tuesday that his continuing investigation into voter fraud at Marquette has found no evidence to support claims of voting irregularities, a situation which members of the Marquette community blame on intimidation tactics and questionable procedures.

The investigation began after a Nov. 10 press conference held by the Republican Party of Wisconsin where it alleged possible voter irregularities in Milwaukee.

Marquette has received several visits from the DA as his investigation continues to focus on allegations of student voting irregularities.

A follow-up investigation by the Marquette Tribune disclosed that 174 of 1,000 students surveyed admitted to voting more than once for various reasons.

"That's an awful large number of people to contact, and it's essentially anonymous," McCann told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Tuesday. "They (the Tribune) are ready to be journalistic folk heroes, but I would love to see the survey itself. They are calling people essentially and keeping no records."

However, some pollworkers, students and faculty are critical of the district attorney's investigation.

In their effort to find Robert Bosworth, the student who appeared anonymously on the Nov. 13 edition of ABC's World News Tonight and stated he had voted four times, investigators for the District Attorney entered McCormick Hall asking students

to identify Bosworth as well as waited outside the student's classroom Nov. 14.

"They definitely tried to exhibit strong-arm tactics," Bosworth said Wednesday.

Bosworth's lawyer retracted the statements Nov. 15 that he made on ABC after the D.A. identified him.

'I am not going to lie to you. There could have been fraud. It was so busy we didn't know who was who.'

"The D.A. never questioned me," Bosworth said, regarding his statement on ABC News.

To date the investigation into his actions is still pending, according to his attorney Steve Cone. The district attorney has not specified whether the investigation is focusing on Bosworth's voting statements or his alleged involvement in the making of fake IDs.

On Nov. 14 Department of Public Safety officers entered Bosworth's dorm room and uncovered evidence of the manufacturing of false identification cards. DPS confiscated Bosworth's computer equipment and computer software and later turned it over to the DA's office.

Bosworth left Marquette Nov. 17 to return to his permanent residence in Hudson, Wis.

Cone declined to comment on

whether any charges were being considered against his client.

There is also some confusion surrounding the search warrant used by the district attorney to search Bosworth's dorm room at Mashuda Hall Nov. 16.

"(The investigator) said he had one but he didn't need to show it to me," Bosworth said. "There were two guys alone in my room for 15 minutes before they came out and told me the warrant was bad and they had to get a new one."

The room number on the warrant was wrong, Bosworth said. The warrant investigators showed him was issued for Mashuda Hall, room 622. Bosworth's room was 635.

Efforts by the Marquette Tribune to obtain copies of the warrant were unsuccessful. Cone said his law office had not seen a copy of the warrant and the Department of Public Safety declined to comment when asked if it had been shown a copy of the warrant.

McCann said that following the Nov. 14 Tribune article, his investigators asked 270 students who voted at the AMU if they voted multiple times. The investigators claimed to have checked whether the students voted both at Marquette and in their hometowns. McCann said they did not find a single example of a student who voted twice.

The district attorney's office declined to comment, however, as to its methodology of how to determine students were telling the truth.

Several students complained that the investigators from the dis-

trict attorney's office stopped them, flashed a badge and asked them if they voted more than once.

The Tribune asked whether the district attorney believed students would admit to voting multiple times but investigators would not comment.

"They were in the Union flashing badges and asking questions," senior Ed Brown said. "They were asking if we voted more than once or knew anyone who did. They just got in your face. I can't believe they expected us to answer if they are going to treat students like that."

Student leaders in MUSG and other organizations were questioned as to their knowledge of any possible voter irregularities.

"I observed someone from the DA's office randomly talking to people in the Union," said Peter J. Wright, president of Students for a Politically Active Marquette. "She wanted to know if I heard of anyone specifically who had committed fraud, or if I could confirm in any way, shape, or form the rumors."

A member of the Marquette administration told Wright that the district attorney had requested information of him and other leaders of student organizations.

"I confronted them because I would just assume not to deal with them contacting me at my home or work," Wright said.

After extensive publication in the local media of the penalties for voting violations, many students learned of the severity of the crime. The district attorney has not been able to identify any students who would admit to writing in candidates, even

though a substantial amount of those surveyed by the Tribune said they had.

"Just because the DA has not found them does not mean (the votes) could not have been thrown out," said James Scotton, a journalism and media law professor at Marquette.

This scenario is especially likely if the write-in appeared to be a joke, Scotton said.

Some poll workers from the Grand Avenue Middle School, 2430 W. Wisconsin Ave., AMU and the Highland Park Housing Project, 1275 N. 17th St., said they had been contacted by the district attorney's office but none of the interviews lasted more than 15 minutes.

"I am not going to lie to you," said Paula Washington, chief inspector at the AMU polling site. "There could have been fraud. It was so busy we didn't know who was who."

Several other poll workers said opportunities existed for irregularities because sites were heavy understaffed, but none of the workers interviewed said they personally witnessed any felony actions.


McCann sent a representative from his office to speak to reporters at the Tribune Nov. 16. A representative also contacted William Elliott, dean of the College of Communication, Tuesday to obtain information regarding the survey methodology.

Investigators spoke with Elliott on both occasions. No further attempts were made to speak to Tribune staff.

"He came to talk to the students, who weren't around at the

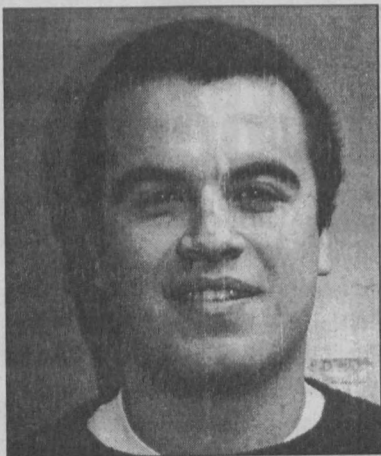
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Odera

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Kamal Shannak CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM

bikes relatively dry.

"There is nothing worse than a wet bike seat," said Odera.

With the controversial topic of Public Safety, Shannak and Odera want to ensure that there is a form telling students what their rights are. Along with this, Odera and Shannak are asking to have more interactive officers like Deb Mitchell to tell the students what their rights are and to ask question at "town meetings."

They also plan on making petitions to send to Public Safety asking for this and for more parking rights.

Big on Odera and Shannak's agendas are to make the student government more "user friendly." They want the senators to be held

responsible for communicating with their constituencies. They do not feel that senators should be paid, however.

"The senators should not get paid because it is their job to serve the campus and to get experience and have a devotion to the campus," Shannak said.

Odera is a junior working toward a degree in biology and pre-medicine with a minor in women's studies. Odera is from Kenya, where he attended a British school in Nairobi. He plays on the UMaine's rugby team, is on the athletic advising board and in the international studies association. He has had no previous experience in Student Government but is a student orientation leader and works as the circulation manager for *The Maine Campus*.

Shannak is a junior computer electrical engineering major. Shannak was born in Jordan and went to high school in Burma. Shannak is president of the Hancock Hall Governing Board, is active in Maine Bound and plays on the UMaine rugby team. Shannak has also had no previous experience in Student Government but has been working as a student orientation leader.

Allen

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College Republicans as well as a resident assistant in Somerset Hall.

Allen is also a volunteer for various organizations including the American Red Cross, where he has worked at blood drives. He also volunteered his services to the district office for the recent Bush campaign.

Allen argues that he is the best candidate for president because he has the most experience and knows how to get the students' needs communicated to the student government and the administration.

"I know what people want and I know how to get it," he said. "I

get out there and get my feet wet."

When asked at a recent GSS meeting if he would stay involved in GSS if not elected, he answered yes, that he would run for the position of parliamentarian because he knows Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Order, the rules that govern a GSS meeting, "like the back of my hand."

Allen said he wants students to realize that when they get involved in student government they "need to understand they are a part of something that changes student's lives," he said. "They are going to do something important."

Conrad

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He also said he wants to help Legal Services create a booklet informing students of their rights living in a dorm or apartment.

"More checks and balances are needed with Public Safety [and local police]," he said.

Another task Conrad admits may be a long shot is having a

beer tent at Bumstock. Conrad said he will try to work with the administration, campaign heavily on campus and see what students say.

Elections will be held on Monday, Dec. 4, and Tuesday, Dec. 5, exclusively on FirstClass e-mail.

Vice presidential hopeful Gagnon, runs with Allen

By Amanda Erskine
Student Government Reporter

It all started in Wendy's when Matthew Gagnon and Matthew Allen were eating lunch. The two were wondering who would take President Christopher Moody and Vice President Justin Kelleher's places in Student Government.

"Why not us?" Gagnon had said.

So over chicken nuggets and a frosty, Gagnon decided to run for the position of vice president of the Student Government.

Gagnon's campaign for the vice presidency centers on informing and educating the students about the student government and achieving a more proactive General Student Senate.

Gagnon is opposed to the new redistricting plan in the GSS, which would change who senators will represent based on what classes they take, opposed to where they live. Gagnon feels that "this hurts more than it helps, it is a noble idea but there are better ideas."

Gagnon voted against online voting. He fears that this will lead to more students simply voting for the candidate whose name looks better, making the election more of a "popularity contest."

He feels it is important that he is not afraid to vote against an issue.

"I don't just go along with the flow, I think about the actual issue at hand," he said.

If elected his first priority is to fill the Senate seats. He says there is more than 10 seats that need to be filled and that he will work to fill them any way he can.

He agrees with Allen, who both would like to have senators be paid \$250 a year for their work. This would cost \$9,000. He argues that other presidents and

nonprofit organization we should give it back to the students.

"A nonprofit organization shouldn't be making a profit," he said.

Gagnon would also like to work on cleaning up FirstClass, starting with the Student Government conference folder and getting rid of "off topic" posts. Here he would also like to post a copy of the UMaine constitution, the GSS by-laws and a "who's who" in GSS to help inform the student body.

Gagnon wants to contact all clubs recognized at UMaine in hopes of reaching a good dialogue between the clubs and GSS in an effort to get clubs to become more active and so GSS can better understand their needs.

Gagnon grew up in Maine and attended Hampden Academy before enrolling at the university. He is currently a sophomore business administration major, living on campus. He has been a senator for two years and has been chosen as president pro-temp, which means acting as president during GSS meetings when Kelleher chooses to debate on an issue.

Gagnon also holds a chair on the student affairs committee.

"I love Senate; it is my favorite place to go," Gagnon said. "[Allen and I] spent a lot of hours thinking about our ideas. Passion is driving us. I don't need it for a resume. I like running meetings. I love it."



Matt Gagnon CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM

student officials get paid.

"This tells the senate they matter," he said. "We can't scold them for not doing their work when they are volunteering. We have never been a whole senate and this would give an incentive to work and to remind them that they are getting paid for this."

Lowering the student activity fee is next on his list of ideas for the student government. Reasoning that we have a large budget surplus and if we have this at the end of the fiscal year, as a

Books

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College of Education on Tuesday, Dec. 5, to deliver the books.

According to Steve Colburn, a member of the Orono-Old Town Kiwanis Club and a professor at

the university, 30 children are expected to attend the party, which will be held in cooperation with the American Legion.

Kiwanis Club members will

buy a new coat for each of the children who responded to the invitation, and the Legion will provide the space and free lunch for everyone.

Prison

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get together and finalize exactly what they will seek in court — there is a three-year time limit to file suit, and lawyers are waiting

to file until many protesters' criminal cases are dealt with.

An apology, at the least, is what Krupanski would like to

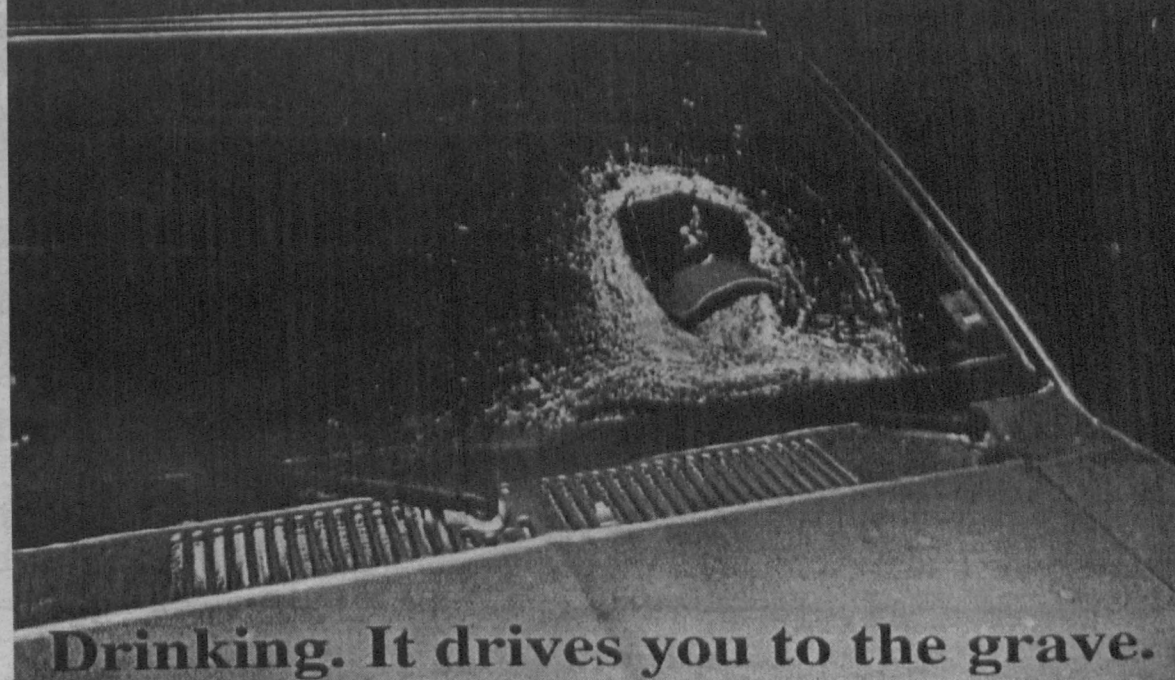
result from the suit.

"I want them to acknowledge," he said, "that it was unfair and unjust, what they did."

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Just a quick trip to the market.



Drinking. It drives you to the grave.

EDITORIAL

Presidential vote goes online

Student Government is looking to set a new voting precedent Monday with the first online vote for president and vice president of the 2001 term. Through their FirstClass accounts, students will be able to cast their vote either Monday or Tuesday. This is an exciting step with the potential to bring up the traditionally low voter turnout on campus.

The Student Government president is one of the most influential and vocal student positions on campus. The winner will have the power to influence the administration and their policies. By failing to take an interest and vote, students are allowing one of their most powerful positions to be decided by an embarrassingly small minority. If this continues, soon the presidential position will become a masthead, a joke whom no one expects action from.

It's important that every student educates themselves on these candidates and takes the time to vote. Travis Kennedy, Matt Allen, Fred Odera, Eric Conrad and Gustavo Burkett are the candidates for president, with Matt Gagnon, Kamal Shannak and Aaron Prill running for vice president.

The Maine Campus and WMEB are sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" show on Monday night at five. The show will be moderated by the current president, Chris Moody. Students will be able to post questions in advance to the FirstClass folder, "To the Editor." During the show, students are encouraged to call in and ask questions at 581-2333.

With all the issues on campus this year, from parking to the new union, it's more important than ever to take an interest in your university. Make a difference on your campus next week and take the time to participate in the university's first online presidential vote.

College of Education book drive

The University of Maine's College of Education and Human Development is kicking off its annual book drive. The drive benefits area kids and the distribution process is ran by the Orono-Old Town Kiwanis Club. Anyone can donate, so make sure you do your part. With technology advances every hour on the hour, this group remembers the roots of education. Laptops for kids and other proposals are in the news lately to advance education. While these programs advance education, it's necessary to not forget to help people learn to read. Literacy is more of a problem in other nations, but there are still people who can't read in America and this organization is helping to make sure that doesn't happen.

These books are for kids who cannot afford them. A kid who wants to read should never be deprived of the chance. Young kids are so impressionable and if they begin reading at an early age, the trend will continue throughout their academic life. The efforts of this group should be commended and the university community should help, including the student body. Everyone has a spare book. Giftwrap your spare books, indicate the age level it's appropriate for and take it over to Shibles Hall on Dec. 8. This tradition has been going on for over 20 years and will continue to bring not only a holiday gift, but further a kid's education.

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In 2004, 'It's all good!'

You know, at this point, there is no reason to fuss about the presidential election. It's not that I don't care; my point is that my attention span has run out and it is time to move on. So, in light of my newfound disgust for CNN, I found a new candidate for the presidency who holds a wider array of platforms and interests.

Here we find Andrij Witiuk. Florida is still out on how to say his name but I have certainly found the merits of Witiuk's platforms.

Witiuk is concerned with what the voting public wants to see and hear. On his campaign web site, www.andrij2000.org, there is a poll being taken on which subliminal message the American public would like to hear in his next advertisement. Pick your favorite out of "Andrij rules," "Al Gore likes young boys," "Bush licks nads," "buy Little Debbie snack cakes" or, my personal favorite, "let's spoon."

On hard line platform issues Witiuk has well-reasoned, interesting thoughts the other candidates are missing. On the issue of Quebec – and I am glad someone finally made an issue of Quebec – Witiuk has promised to construct a "fabulous 10,000-room Winter Palace on the site of present-day Montreal."

Witiuk has also got my vote concerning civil rights. His major promises include keeping flag burning a viable expression of the first amendment. However, it will



Kim Leonard
Maine Campus
Style Editor

also be legal to burn a flag burner.

Also on the civil rights agenda Witiuk promises to abolish last call. Liquor licensees will be required to remain open 24 hours a day. Penalty for breaking this law would be automatic forfeiture of the dealer's license and the immediate surrender of the rest of the booze. Workers will also be able to take up to three weeks of paid hangover leave a year.

Always important in American politics is how the candidates intend to help keep the nation great. Witiuk addresses this concern directly in his campaign platforms. Firstly he has proposed the nation's capital be changed from Washington D.C. to the presidential suite of the Las Vegas Hilton, a Wendy's be installed in the Oval Office and that the president will wear a crown, carry a scepter and be referred to as his Most Gracious Majesty.

Andrij's presidential limo will be a 60-foot-tall monster truck. He will need a special elevator made of platinum to get into the cab.

Further planned, to help keep America great, a national holiday will be declared for Witiuk's birthday and the city with the least impressive fireworks display will receive no federal funding during the following year.

Witiuk's campaign doesn't stop there however. His campaign is also based on platforms including foreign policy, health care, taxes and the economy, political reform, science and technology, poverty, drugs, crime, the environment and quality of life.

But please, don't just take my word for it; find out more about Witiuk for yourself.

So, you can clearly see, simply based on his well thought out platforms and initiatives Witiuk is the man for the job in 2004. Forget Al "the bore" Gore, G.W. "my daddy was president" Bush and Ralph "I'm cool cause I'm alternative" Nader. When you see your next ballot check Andrij Witiuk and remember his party slogan, "It's all good!"

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OPINION

Holidays shouldn't be about rage

The end of Thanksgiving marks the official season for holiday shopping. As we all know, the day after Turkey Day is famous for being the busiest shopping day of the year. Stores are packed with shoppers looking for the new toy that everyone is talking about, or the perfect gift for a loved one. This is how it will be for the next four or so weeks until Christmas (and the days after where store merchandise seems to magically increase). The holiday season, for many, is a time for Joy and celebration, but the hectic last minute shopping and over-crowded malls can cause unnecessary aggravation.

I have a friend who, instead of giving her parents a wish list for Christmas, sends them a letter including the many reasons of why she doesn't want anything and several links to her favorite charities. The logic behind this being that her parents will spend the money they would use for her gifts (which she doesn't want) on others who need it more. To me, this gesture shows that she is refusing to let the holiday become as commercialized as many have made it out to be.

Unfortunately, Christmas has become entirely commercialized, and we feel it every time we buy another gift. We

let the latest fads and fashions become important while we forget the fundamental reasons that we are actually buying the gifts. If you go to the mall this holiday season you will most surely see massive amounts of people with disgruntled looks



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on their faces repeating "Bah-Humbug" under their breath over and over. Perhaps you are even one of these people, and who could blame you? The holidays are a very stressful and expensive time of year. Let me assure you that what you are feeling is a common known disorder during the holidays. It's called Christmas shopping rage! It happens to the best of us, but if you look closely you will see that there are also a lot of people shopping that actually seem to be enjoying what they are doing! Those people have never lost touch with why they are Christmas shopping.

First of all, there is tradition. Most of us know the Christmas story, and though not everyone shares the same religious beliefs

or affiliation, the stories are the basis of tradition. That tradition of giving gifts is carried on through the holidays. It might be a pain in the neck, but it's nice to know that we're carrying on a custom that has lasted generations.

Sometimes we get so angry having to buy so many gifts for people, we tend to momentarily forget that we actually love them. So your family and friends aren't perfect. Big deal. No one is, and the more we remember that the less hair we will pull out of our heads trying to find a gift for them. Buying a simple Christmas gift for someone should not feel like a burden or an obligation.

So when you do your holiday shopping and start to feel the rage coming on, tell yourself why you are going through this. Keep in mind the end result of all of this shopping; a smile, a thank you, a hug, the gratitude you will receive is priceless. And if you are still sickened by the total commercialization of buying gifts for Christmas or Hanukah, donate some money to charity in your recipient's name, and remember, a gift is not something to be stressed out over. Save that for finals.

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Its time to stop and smell the roses

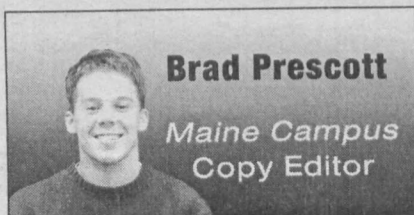
It's time to hang up the advent calendar and pay off your credit card bills - only 24 shopping days left until Christmas. Of course, if you've turned on a television or set foot in a department store in the past month you would already know that. Being the biggest excuse to con people into spending hundreds of dollars on things that nobody needs, businesses seem to jump the gun on the holiday season earlier every year.

This is news to no one, of course; we just take for granted that as soon as Thanksgiving is out of the way we are open to be ambushed with advertisements and television specials. And even before the turkey is carved in late November, a few Christmas promotions won't hurt anyone.

I, for one, think this holiday has become a farce. While Hallmark gets to create a few "holidays" throughout the year to sell greeting cards, the whole world collaborates to milk the Christmas season for all it's worth.

I really don't care if I don't have any presents wait-

ing for me under the tree this year, and I don't think I should be persuaded to spend money I don't have to buy my loved ones the perfect gifts. I don't know what happened to the idea of "peace on earth, good-



Brad Prescott

Maine Campus
Copy Editor

will toward men," but I guess it doesn't sell as well as a Playstation 2. That's too bad, because peace and goodwill are a lot easier on my wallet.

I know that the marketing of the holidays is inevitable, and children will always be pleading Santa for the latest Pokemon or Tickle-Me-Elmo, but why does the madness have to start in October? Christmas has arrived at the same time for the last two thousand years; are people worried it might sneak up on them? Not bloody likely.

And while I'm at it, why are we running around living our lives at 90 miles an hour anyway? We've got high-speed Internet connections, interstates and fast-food restau-

rants to streamline our lives, but what are we making all this time for? Surfing the Web for a better cell phone plan?

Don't get me wrong - I like cruising down I-95 at eighty to cut down on my travel time, but not so I can simply make time for so many meaningless aspects of life. If we're really so high-speed and efficient, why don't we use the surplus time to relax. Life is about stopping to smell the roses, not running over them in a sport utility vehicle. If people would turn their cell phones off for a few minutes and just take in the scenery maybe they'd be a little happier, or at least less stressed about buying Billy the hottest new video game. This holiday season, try ignoring the hype and just pay attention to the simpler things. Watch the snow fall with a mug of hot chocolate, or spend some quality time with friends and family. Wal-mart will always be open another time.

Brad Prescott is a third-year economics major.

Making the most of Thanksgiving break

Being a poor college kid and an underpaid newspaperman leaves me with little financial leeway when it comes to assessing my wants versus my needs. My needs consist of bi-weekly trips to the grocery store, gas for my car, shelter, beer and coffee. My wants consist

of new clothing, CDs, movies and Christmas presents for my friends and family.

While I have skyrocketing credit card bills that represent my constant struggle to have both categories fulfilled, I have one want that has remained a dream...cable TV.

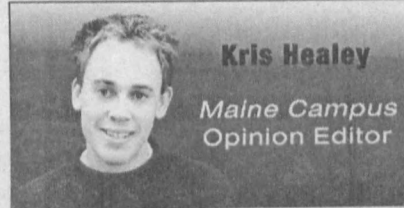
When I was home for break I had a chance to become reacquainted with the wonders of cable. Waking up at noon and settling into an easy chair with a heaping bowl of Cocoa Pebbles and a constant stream of imagery defined Thanksgiving break for me. The turkey was good, the potatoes were great but the cable was five-star.

Playing catchup on my school work was suddenly behind on my list of priorities. In fact, my "things-to-do" list became a "things-to-watch" list. Wrestling at 8 p.m., Star Wars at 10 p.m., live ballot counting coverage on MSNBC to fill the gaps, and at 1 a.m., the screaming baseball card guys on the Shop at Home Network.

These guys were my favorites. For those who are unacquainted, let me explain...Two adult males with mustaches and mullets scream like old men with their hearing aids turned down because a Kurt Warner rookie card is included in the limited edition NFL card collection that they are selling. A timer in the corner of the screen counts down to the exact second when the item the card guys are hawking will change

over to a new item. As the seconds tick away, the two become more and more animated.

Baseball Card Guy number one: "You only have 56 seconds left to buy this one of a kind Barry Larkin error card! Why haven't you called? Do you realize how important this is? BARRY



Kris Healey

Maine Campus
Opinion Editor

LARKIN! One of a kind! 27 seconds left...Oh, God, why are you still sitting there not calling? 5 seconds...This is your last chance. Its Barry Larkin people!"

While the first card guy spirals into what will surely be cardiac arrest, the second remains more calm. In the background he chooses his words carefully, and places them strategically amongst the rants of the first card guy.

Baseball Card Guy number 2: (in background) "Barry Larkin. This card is hot folks. Barry. three easy payments of \$29.95. Larkin! Barry Larkin! Hot."

Whether I stayed in all day watching cable, or came home late and turned them on, I grew used to falling asleep to the sounds of screaming salesmen. Leaving home came as a shock as I knew I would be exiled back to the world of five static channels for another month.

Consequently, my return to school has left me feeling like an addict forced to quit cold turkey. I surf the channels hoping to find a new one amongst the five. I watch Dr. Laura because I have no other options. I read...I do school work. I go to bed and toss and turn. I sleep but I sleep fitfully and for some reason, I dream of Barry Larkin.

Kris Healey is a senior anthropology major.

Do it for someone you love



When my children came into my life, I realized how important it is to eat well—not just for them, but for me too. After all, I'm not doing them any favors by taking chances with my own health.

Food can be powerful medicine, and the best prescription is to eat more low-fat vegetarian meals. The more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains you eat, the more your body will thank you.

Ziggy Marley, musician

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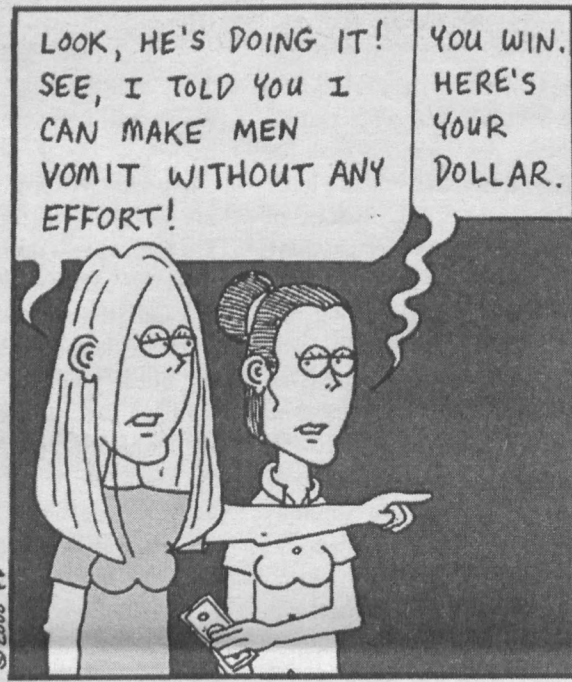
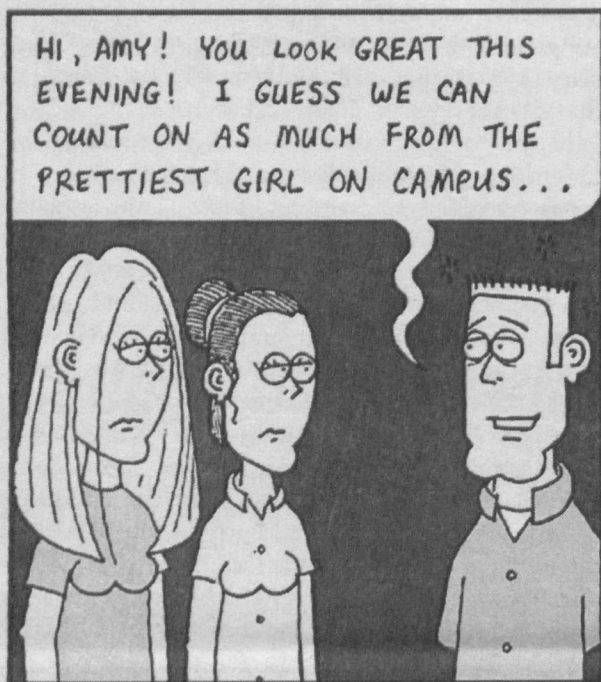
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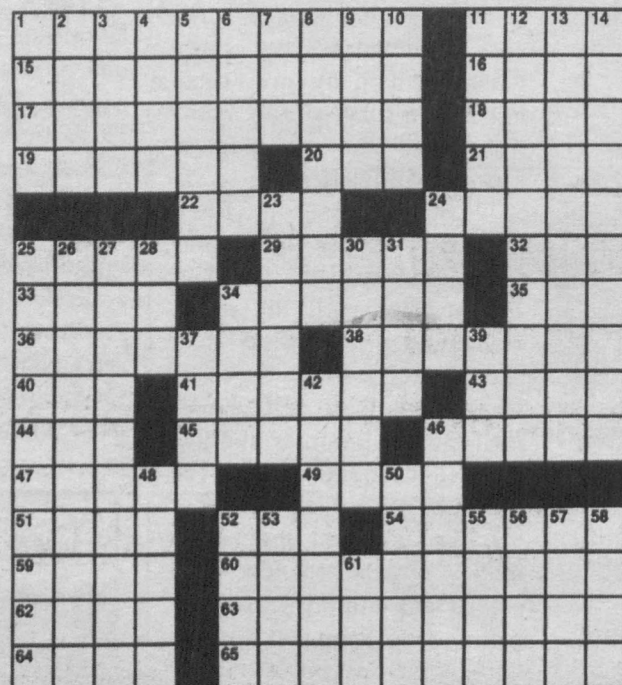
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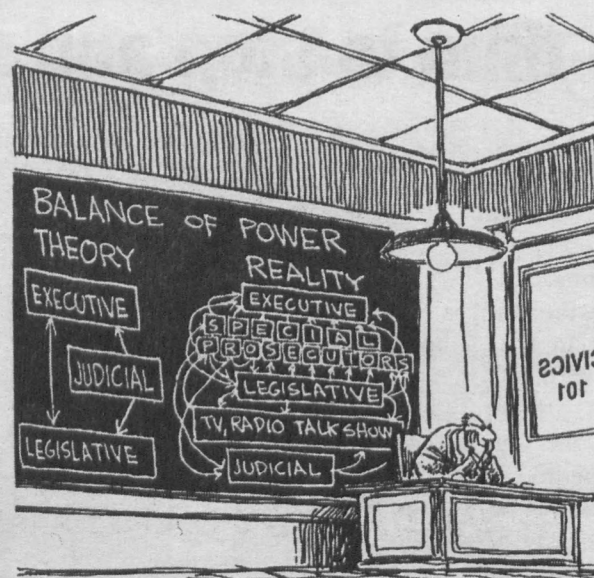
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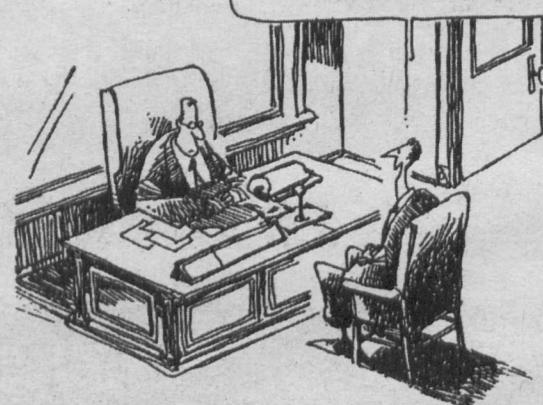
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style & arts

Steiners to team up for concert

By Kelly Michaud
Assistant News Editor

Music and the holiday season are synonymous. As

University of Maine students prepare to ring in this festive time one group is ready to kick things off because Oops! They've done it again.

The Maine Steiners, UMaine's only male a cappella group, will hold their annual fall concert tonight at Hauck Auditorium. They will kick

things off at 7:30 p.m. and students and the general public are encouraged to attend.

This is the second year the group will have their own concert. In past years they performed with the University Singers.

"We're very excited and we're making this an annual thing," said Steiner and group Business Manager Dominick Varney. "We're starting a tradition to get a cappella music out there."

The Steiners released a CD this past spring, "Bust It!" and will be performing songs from it. They will also debut some of their own originals as well as pieces from Seal, Goo Goo Dolls, Eve 6, Vertical Horizon and Matchbox 20.

Their pop music trend makes the group "more of a vocal band rather than a barber shop group," according to Varney.

Five new members join last year's ensemble of Thomas Clark, Ben Feeney, Keith Luhmann, Mac Mullen, Jacob Pelletier and Dominick Varney.

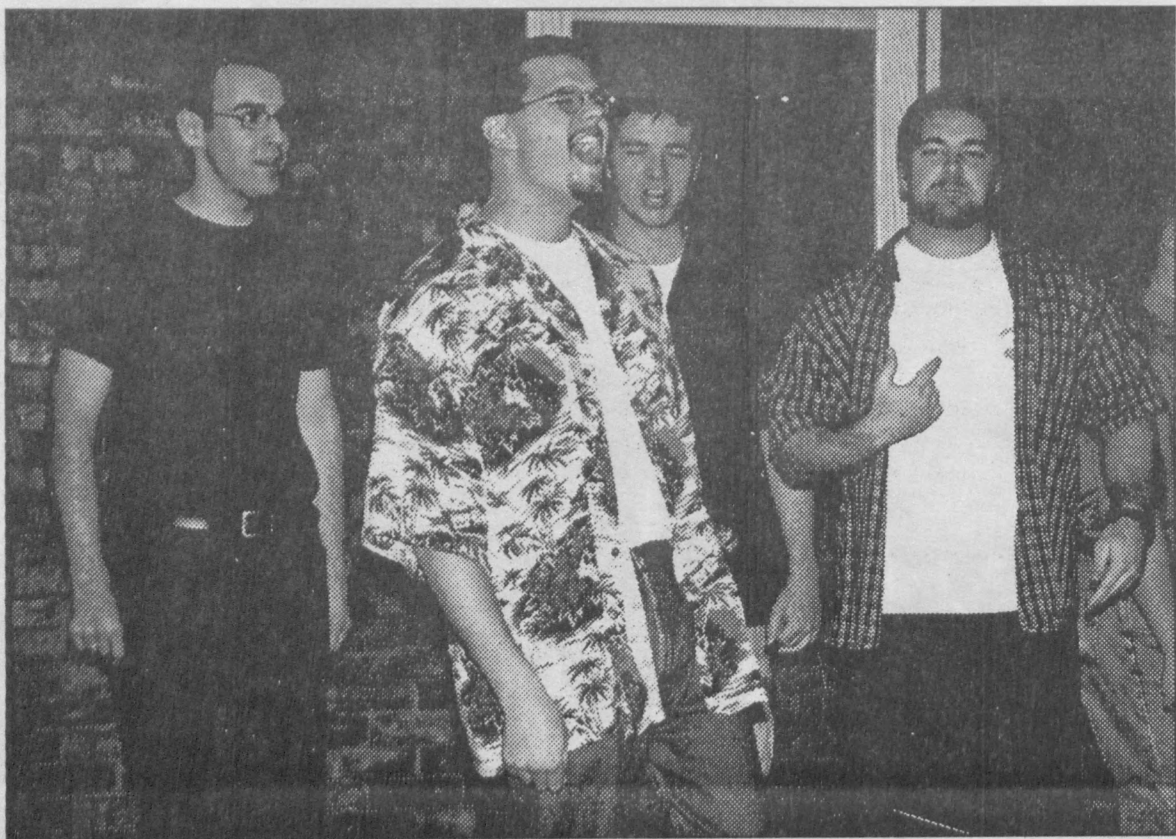
Debuting tonight are Nate Bates, Dave Janes, Josh Koelker, Ben Roy and Adam Scarpone.

A former Steiner, Matthew B. Small, will be the master of ceremonies.

But the men will not be alone on the auditorium stage. Renaissance, UMaine's all women a cappella group will join them as will a women's group from Bowdoin College, Miscellania.

The UMaine women will be singing original arrangements of songs by artists including Lauren Hill, Tony Bennet and Natalie Imbruglia. The eight members include Suzanne Bongiorno, Emily Burns, Emily Cain, Michelle Girard, Meggin Hall, Stephanie Hayward, Liz Sauter and Christine St. Pierre.

According to Varney the Steiners invited the Bowdoin group to show the audience that a cappella is not just happening at UMaine but at schools all over the state.



The Maine Steiners performed in Knox Hall Wednesday night as a preview to their concert tonight in Hauck Auditorium. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Chick flick given thumbs up, thumbs down

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



She: When an off-screen couple plays an on-screen couple, the one thing you can expect out of the movie is chemistry. This was delivered in Don Roos' "Bounce," starring Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow. The movie is about a boozing ad exec Buddy Amaral (Affleck) who, while waiting for a flight to L.A., exchanges his ticket with a man who needs to get home to his fam-

ily. The plane crashes sans survivors. This man just happens to be the husband of Abby Janello, played by Gwyneth Paltrow.

Fate takes hold of Abby and Buddy, and just a year after her husband's death, Abby meets and falls in love with Buddy. Is the story far-fetched? Slightly. But this does not by any means ruin the film. Though it is a romantic flick, it still can make you laugh and cry; and I thought the movie was well made.

He: Everyone can just imagine what I am going to think about a formulaistic chick flick. Affleck and Paltrow's on screen chemistry compare to that of a brother trying to kiss his sister for a family picture; they both seemed embarrassed and uneasy.

"Bounce" is not a well-made movie but a well-configured

movie. It relies on the rules of a perfect chick flick. One, you must have a situation that puts two people together that would never be together unless there were extraordinary occurrences (i.e. plane crash). Two, the characters must slowly flirt but then after prolonged closeness, like say

"Affleck and Paltrow's on screen chemistry compare to that of a brother trying to kiss his sister"

spending a day together at an amusement park, they hook up in a well lit sex scene. Third, the man has to lie to the woman, which in turns makes her cry to her best friend, who is a cynical, down to earth woman, chalk full of frankness and smart one liners. Movies like "Jerry Maguire" and "Sleepless in Seattle" both have these major parts. The only problem is that "Bounce" doesn't try to be creative, it only tries to fit a stale mold.

She: Did we watch the same movie? Affleck and Paltrow had a lot of chemistry, and that showed

throughout the whole movie. That was a good thing. But Gwyneth with brown hair? That's a whole other story. I mean, come on. It looked like burnt hay. I could almost smell it. Reddish with split ends in the light, brown in the dark. It washed her out completely, and she looked less than beautiful. Hell, I'm just going to say it: she looked mousy!

Enough about the hair. How do you know that the story couldn't happen? Maybe it's not a common occurrence but it is possible. Paltrow was funny as the neurotic real estate woman. You could tell that she had perhaps been more at ease and graceful when her husband was alive, but his death knocked her world out of whack.

He: You've got to be kidding me! Paltrow phoned this

part in. She cried so much at the end I thought she was going to dehydrate or something. I guess that once you get an Oscar every time you shed some tears on screen people are yelling "Bravo" from the cheap seats. As the great Nell Carter once proclaimed, "give me a break!"

She: OK, I never said she'd win an Oscar for her performance. The movie was a chick flick, yes, but one of the better ones. Affleck seemed slightly out of place in his role. I kept expecting him to be more intense and pushy, yet he acted like the boy next door. Still, I liked the movie, so there!

He: The differences between the sexes. Anyway, Affleck will never be a leading man. Since he

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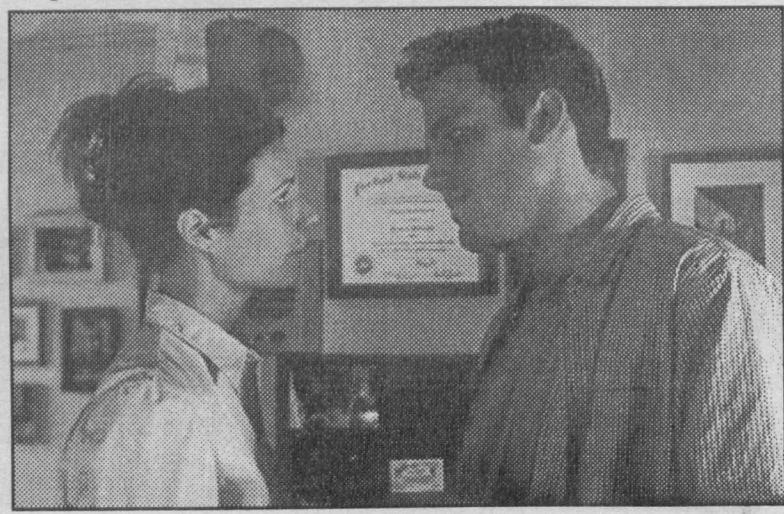


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A nog for the holiday season

By David B. Hall
For The Maine Campus

It wouldn't be a Christmas party without a giant bowl of yellow, thick liquid, dashed with nutmeg or cinnamon in the middle of the food table. People wait all year to have an excuse to drink it and the ways to whip up a batch are endless. Whether it's full of booze or toned down for the kiddie table, eggnog is the official drink of the holiday season.

Originating out of 17th century England, "nog" is an Old English word used to describe a strong beer or ale. People would toast to each other's good health with mugs of overflowing nog. The "egg" part came when a hot British drink called a posset met the nog. A posset consists of eggs, milk and ale or wine.

Enjoyed primarily at first by the upper class, eggnog was morphed to fit the lower class but substituting the alcohol with liquors such as wine or brandy.

When settlers began to thrive in the New World, Christmas celebrations used the Old World customs. But, in America, dairy was easier to obtain and rum was

a great, cheap substitute over the heavier taxed wines and brandies.

Today the recipe for eggnog starts with a basic core of eggs beaten with sugar, milk or cream and

some kind of spirit. From there the creative minds expands and geographical necessity takes over. In the South, bourbon is the booze of choice while in Utah eggnog has

not a drop of liquor in it.

Preparation for eggnog does take some time; so if you are planning on making some for a party, leave plenty of time for letting it sit and chill. The first step is to separate the eggs. Then beat the eggs until light in color. Slowly combine confectioners sugar and then slowly beat in the rum (or bourbon, or wine, or brandy, or whatever) until mixed completely. Chill for an hour or so. In a separate bowl add the cream to the egg mixture and refrigerate for up to three hours. Some like grated nutmeg on top, while some choose other spice. The choice is in the chef.

But beware, eggnog might be yummy in the tummy but it will stick to your ribs for a long time. Filled with lots of fat and cholesterol, after only a couple of drinks, you'll feel like Santa Claus himself. Still, it is the season to splurge a little. Just don't drink eggnog and drive, unless it's chem-free. Remember Grandma got run over by a reindeer after drinking too much eggnog.

Basic Non-alcoholic Eggnog

12 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 quart cream
to taste vanilla
dash of nutmeg

Separate eggs at room temp.

Beat yolks till creamed with about half of sugar.

Beat whites till peaked then add other half of sugar.

Beat cream till stiff.

Then fold all together.

Add vanilla to taste - but remember that a little bit of vanilla goes a long way.

Place into containers keep in refrigerator for at least one day.

Shake before serving.

Alcoholic Eggnog

6 large eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cup brandy
1/2 cup rum
4 cup milk
4 cup cream
1/2 cup icing sugar
nutmeg to sprinkle

Separate the yolks from the whites of the eggs.

Beat the yolks slowly while simultaneously adding the sugar; do this until the mixture is pale and golden. Slowly add in the brandy and rum.

Then beat in the milk and half the cream.

Set aside until just before serving, then whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold them into the eggnog mixture.

Whip the remaining cream and icing sugar until thick.

Top each glass of eggnog with whipped cream and a shake of nutmeg.

This yields eight servings.

WMEB mixes Boston hardcore with local talent

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

On Saturday, Dec. 2 Orono is going to get a taste of Boston Hardcore or perhaps more accurately, Boston Hardwood. For about a decade now, Boston's band Tree has been a favorite among fans of hardcore, metal and punk. While other seminal bands like Sam Black Church and Slapshot are now mostly defunct, Tree soldiers on. With four albums out on Cherrydisc records, and two out on Wonderdrug records, Tree just keeps putting out consistently solid music. Thanks to the University of

Maine's own radio station, 91.9 WMEB, Tree will be tearing the roof off of Wells Commons this Saturday.

When asked what prompted the radio station to bring Tree here, station manager William Schoeck said the WMEB staff has been discussing the possibility of a big show since October. One of the DJs suggested Tree, pointing out that they are well-known and highly respected throughout the New England hardcore scene. Schoeck said he hadn't listened to the music much, but he gave it a try and really liked it. That was enough to get the ball rolling, and bring Tree to UMaine.

The band is comprised of four members: Jake (bass), Billy (drums), Ooze (guitar) and River (vocals). They have played several festivals over the years, not to mention shared a stage with the likes of Sam Black Church, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Fear. While perhaps not mainstream mainstays, UMaine is lucky to have a great band like Tree headlining what promises to be a great night of music.

Aside from Tree, there are five other excellent bands on the bill as well. UMaine is extremely fortunate to have local alternarockers 6Gig also at the show. Recently, 6Gig has played on

some pretty impressive bills with the likes of Fuel, Orgy, Disturbed and of course, Rustic Overtones.

According to Schoeck, 6Gig already had a date lined up, but canceled in favor of playing UMaine, in place of Colepitz. Unfortunately for all you Colepitz fans, the band is experiencing some technical difficulties — singer Rob left the band — and will not be on the bill as was originally planned.

Another interesting aspect of the evening is the all-girl band Heidi. At first, this may sound like a bunch of Jill Solbule wannabes, but in actuality, Heidi is straight up punk rock. Like

Tree, they also hail from Boston, where they have managed to garner a strong following. They combine elements of punk, pop, ska and rock to produce what had been called a cross between the Ramones and Sleater-Kinney, only better. To top off this interesting concoction, the band generally dress up in school-girl outfits, so they should be a sight to see.

The rest of the bill is comprised of local rockers Bedlam, Strange Pleasure and Fork and Spoon Raspberry, making for an incredibly diverse night of music.

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Barenaked Ladies perform in Maine

By David B. Hall
For The Maine Campus

Portland's favorite Canadian band, Barenaked Ladies rocked a sold out Cumberland County Civic Center audience Wednesday night. Dubbed part two of a WCYY Holiday Bizarre, this concert was everything it was hyped up to be.

Starting off the show was Guster, a Boston trio, who lightly quipped in between songs about their jealousy over the Barenaked Ladies getting a key to the city of Portland. In fact, November 29 was labeled "Barenaked Ladies Day" in Portland. While Guster had a small fan base in the crowd much of the audience wished them to end their set early. Equipped with only two guitarists, sometimes trading off to a bass and a man on the conga drums, one wouldn't know where one folksy rock song ended and the next watered down Jimmy Buffet ditty began.

The highlight of their set was the infectious "Airplane Song," which showed many disbelievers that they could actually rock. Too bad it was the only song in their repertoire that proved this fact.

After their set, it felt like you've eaten a rice cake. Sure, it's light and crispy but after eating one, you know you aren't full at all.

When Barenaked Ladies took the stage, the crowd was warmed up and ready to welcome a much loved band back. Busting through the mouth of a giant green and red, guppy-like inflatable gate, with guitars screeching and lights blaring, one thought that maybe Spinal Tap was emerging, not four Canadians. But then again BNL was there to have fun.

As for the audience's amusement during the little less than two-hour set it was total appreciation. Combining great pop hits like "One Week" and their newest hit, "Pinch Me" with on-the-spot, free verse songs, the whole crowd was either grooving or holding their sides in laughter.

One of the funniest and most

spontaneous songs came out of singer Ed Robertson's dislike of Maine's own Fresh Samantha juices. Rapping about getting a condom in the Old Port at the local prophylactic shop, Condom Sense, Robertson flew through various other Portland city landmarks and shops, including Stonecoast Brewing Company.

Other highlights during the show was when singer Steven Page announced that because they were grateful for being so loved in Portland, as well as the rest of Maine, BNL would play every song they've ever written. What followed was pure insanity. In a fast-paced medley, complete with giant screens that scrolled the song titles as they went, like some commercial on television for Great Hits of the '80s, Page and Robertson ran through more than a dozen snippets of BNL favorites.

Halfway through the set, in what appeared to be a drum solo, an announcer proclaimed, "This is not a drum solo. I repeat, this is not a drum solo," as drummer Tyler Stewart banged out a Moby-like remix of Phil Collins's "In the Air Tonight."

Ending the set, like they always do, BNL strummed out the first few chords of "If I Had a Million Dollars." Almost everyone in the crowd rose to their feet. And in total audience participation, like a midnight showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," when the band sang the verse, "and we wouldn't have to eat Kraft Dinner," the lights came up and showers of Kraft macaroni flew through the air from the crowd, as the giant screens read "Please, don't feed the band."

Going to a BNL concert is unlike any concert. They don't go through a dozen or so songs with their greatest hits at the end and their recent hit as the encore. No, going to a BNL concert is like going to a vaudeville show, where any thing can and does happen.

If you didn't get tickets to this concert, don't worry because I feel pretty sure that BNL will be playing in Portland again, real soon. Of course they can come whenever they want to now, they do have the key to the city.

For Your Information

By David B. Hall
For The Maine Campus

It is said that one never stops learning. Well, in that case, to those of you who didn't go to class in the past couple of days, this article is dedicated to the continual process of learning ... totally useless facts.

Cranberry Jello is the only type that has real fruit in it. Unless you count it when your

aunt puts those nasty slices of banana in a Jello mold, but that's another story all together.

The next time you are bored in class and have a pocket full of change count the ridges in your quarters and dimes. Here's a hint: dimes have 118 ridges while quarters have 119.

If you think that maybe this year you will work out and try to keep off the holiday bulge, don't try licking a stamp. You consume one-

tenth a calorie every time you do so. Simply by sending out a lot of Christmas cards this year, there is no end to how many calories you can gain with your unselfish giving.

If you're thinking about flying home for Christmas but too afraid to fly think about this: every year more people are killed by donkeys than airplane crashes.

This will blow your mind! A pig can run a mile in around 7 and a half minutes.

He said/she said

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co-wrote "Good Will Hunting" he has jumped from one turkey to another. The only exception was his small role in "Shakespeare in Love" and I mean small role. Can you say "Reindeer Games," or "Forces of Nature?"

As for my partner saying this

is one of the better chick flicks out there, I disagree vehemently. This is one of the most bland and cliched chick flicks out there. I don't even think some women will like this movie.

Men out there, I give you this warning. If your lady, or your

potential lady, wants to see this movie with you, don't feel lucky, be afraid. A hundred and eight minutes of wish-wash dialogue and close ups of Affleck's puppy dog brown eyes will make you feel like a tiny worm is eating your brains out from within.

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Schoeck said he hopes people will be able to appreciate the music no matter what the style, and he points out that while it may sound very different band to band, it's all rock oriented.

Plus, this will be some great exposure for all involved. "I real-

ly hope students take advantage of this opportunity," said Schoeck "It's something the students have been asking for."

Doors open for the 18 plus show at 6:15 p.m. and the show is scheduled to start at 6:45. Tickets for the general public are

\$8 and students showing identification get tickets for \$6. Advance tickets can be purchased at Tropics North Tattoo Studio on Mill Street in Orono across from Margarita's. Tropics North will also give \$10 off a tatoo costing at least \$75 with a ticket stub.

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Florida sparks Auburn with comment

By Douglas Roberts
Independent Florida Alligator

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Other than the occasional interception, Florida redshirt freshman Rex Grossman has not made many mistakes on the field for the Gators this season.

Off the field, specifically in the interview room, he might have made a big one following the Gators 38-7 defeat of Auburn earlier this season.

"I think the scout team would have stopped us once out of five times," Grossman said after the initial meeting with Auburn this season.

Now, those words are being used as bulletin board material in Auburn, Ala., as the Tigers get ready to face the Gators in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game on Saturday in Atlanta.

Auburn linebacker Alex Lincoln said the Tigers know what Grossman said but are not necessarily using it as a motivating factor for this game.

"We know about the comments that were made, but we still

got to go out there and play the game," Lincoln said.

"You can't play the game by talking, we just want to get out there. We feel like we're a better defense than we showed and we're excited about the opportunity to get back out there and prove that we're a better defense and be able to stop their attack."

Auburn's defense has gotten progressively better since those first five drives against the Gators and are ranked first in the conference in total defense, while UF ranks eighth in that category.

Grossman backtracked from his postgame words on Tuesday.

He said he was not misquoted, but the quote may have been misinterpreted.

"I really didn't mean it as a knock against them," Grossman said. "We were very, very fortunate to put five great drives together, that doesn't happen too often and that was the point I was trying to get across, but I'm not really concerned about them putting it on their bulletin board or anything. I'm not sure how that's going to help them."

UF coach Steve Spurrier does not think Grossman meant to compare the Auburn defense to the UF

scout team, but if the Tigers are using it as a motivating factor, it might actually help the Gators.

"Rex really didn't do all that much in that game, we had a lot of good breaks to score those five touchdowns," Spurrier said.

"It seems like we play better when the other team tries to find something nasty to get mad at us about."

Spurrier also pointed out that Grossman forgot an important detail when he made his postgame comments about the Gators' victory.

"What he didn't say is that they stopped us the next seven in a row or eight in a row, whatever it was," Spurrier said.

Whether or not the Tigers are using Grossman's comments as a rallying point, Grossman is expecting their best effort on Saturday.

He is expecting the Tiger defense to try to prove to him personally that they are an improved unit from the one which gave up five touchdown passes to him earlier this year.

"They're a good team, I'm sure they're going to be excited to probably get a couple shots on me and prove that they're a good defense," Grossman said.

Pac-10 threatens to break away from BCS

From Staff Reports
Daily Californian

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) — Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen is threatening to withdraw the conference from the Bowl Championship Series if No. 5 Oregon State does not receive a Fiesta Bowl bid.

The threat comes after years of slight by the BCS, which has a history of passing over Pac-10 teams for its four major bowls.

The Beavers are likely to get edged out of a game with No. 2 Miami by No. 11 Notre Dame or No. 6 Virginia Tech because the two teams would generate greater national interest.

The BCS rotates the national championship game every year

between the Fiesta, Orange, Sugar and Rose Bowls.

"Our geographic location limits us to consideration from the Fiesta Bowl," Hansen said. "We are not going to really get consideration from the Sugar Bowl or the Orange Bowl unless the situation is extraordinary. We may be better off going back to the Rose Bowl and forgetting the rest."

The Pac-10's contract with the BCS expires in 2006.

If OSU is not selected to a BCS bowl it will likely get a bid in the Holiday Bowl. The revenue difference between the Fiesta Bowl and the Holiday Bowl is \$4 million.

A similar situation occurred in 1997, when No. 5 UCLA was overlooked by the Sugar Bowl in favor of No. 9 Ohio State.

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was a factual issue after 17 months of delay and should go to trial.

"I believe Mr. Bowers' case is pretty frivolous," said Allen. "The university simply did not do what he is claiming that it did. If this case does end up going in front of a jury, I do believe we will win. Of course, you never know what will happen while you're arguing in front of a jury that decides what facts presented are the truth."

Although he intends to re-file motions to have the case against the UI thrown out, Allen said he does expect it to head to trial in New Jersey and that it should take a couple of weeks.

An important part of the UI's defense is that if the UI wanted Bowers to play football, he would not be the first player with a disability, Allen said.

"One of the levels on which we're approaching this is that we've had a number of athletes with learning disabilities come through the university," said Iowa general counsel Mark Schantz. "And we've helped them with any needs they may have had and certainly not discriminated against them. We've helped those athletes get a good edu-

cation while they were here."

Allen also intends to point out that the UI has a highly acclaimed learning-disability program and that the UI does not have any problem with students with such disabilities.

"We have 800 students registered with Student Disability Services, and they have all met the standard requirements," said Susan Vess, the director of UI Student Disability Services. "We require that they continue to meet the requirements applied to everyone, so there is no diluting of the standards."

The second aspect of the UI's defense is the fact that the school ceased its recruitment efforts because Bowers did not live up to the potential it believed he would have when it first showed interest in his playing ability, Allen said.

Schantz said the UI first showed interest in Bowers during his junior year of high school.

"We saw him as a kid with some potential to play football," said Schantz. "But by the end of his senior year, he either didn't grow or lift or both. If you know the kind of players that play linemen here and in the Big Ten, you would know that this kid could not have done the job."

Fred Mims, the associate director of men's athletics, agreed with Schantz, saying that Bowers was never extensively considered to play at the UI.

"We usually show interest in around 1,000 players. But it is apparent to us that this person did not go beyond the initial stages of recruitment."

Schantz said that paying the costs of the trial and the stresses of travel will be the UI's greatest concerns.

Allen will be paid by the state, but the UI will have to pay for his travel to New Jersey and his lodging, along with the travel and lodging of any additional witnesses or experts the UI deems necessary for its defense.

"The cost will be five figures because we do have to pay for all the travel and housing," said Schantz. "We plan to send about half a dozen people total, including Mr. Allen, witnesses, a local lawyer who will assist Mr. Allen and possibly a neutral expert who could testify on the factual basis of the disability."

Schantz also said that the UI would only be interested in an out-of-court settlement if the costs of such a settlement were less than the legal and travel costs.

Men's hockey

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stymied the Black Bears during his career at NU.

On special teams, Northeastern converts on the power play at a 19 percent clip and kills penalties successfully 82 percent of the time.

The Black Bears also convert 19 percent of their power play opportunities, but kill penalties far more successfully at 92 percent. They'll benefit from the return of forward Niko Dimitrakos, out due to injury in the teams' last meeting, who adds a pure scoring touch to the Maine power play.

Maine is led offensively by a trio of sophomore forwards. Chris Heisten (2 & 10) has emerged over-

the past four weeks as an offensive force in taking over the team lead in scoring. Lucas Lawson (4 & 5) leads the team in goals scored and Martin Kariya (3 & 4) continues to develop into a consistent scoring threat.

Much like Northeastern, the strength of Maine's game thus far has been its defense. The Black Bears have given less than two goals per game, on average. This is due in large part to the outstanding play of the defense corps, headed by captains Doug Janik and A.J. Begg. However, the ability of the Maine forwards to backcheck, combined with outstanding goaltending from the duo of Matt Yeats and Mike Morrison has functioned

to allow the opposition only 24 shots and 1.9 goals per game.

After a rough start Yeats has raised his level of play over the past month. The sophomore comes into the weekend with a 4-2-1 record, 2.33 GAA and a .900 save percentage. Morrison despite a record of 1-2-2, has been outstanding. The junior has a stingy 1.02 GAA and an amazing .958 save percentage.

As they have since the season's beginning, the Black Bears won't operate on full strength. Freshman sensation Brendan Donovan is still feeling the effects of a lacerated kidney and may not play. Defenseman Peter Metcalf will sit out with a knee injury.

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Swim team to host Black Bear tourney

Coach hopes sickness won't affect team this weekend

By John Contreras
Sports Editor

The Maine men's and women's swim teams host the Black Bear Invitational Tournament at Wallace Pool this weekend.

Maine squares off with New Hampshire and four Canadian schools: New Brunswick, Dalhousie, McGill and Sherbrooke

universities.

Maine expects stiff competition from the Canadian schools, who will be gunning for Maine in this meet.

"Some teams are really prepping for it," head coach Jeff Wren said.

The Maine team is coming off a decent showing against Boston University. The Maine women beat Boston University 156-144

for the first time since 1987, in a meet that came down to the last relay. The women's team is now 4-1 on the season. Coach Wren is specifically pleased with the sprint freestylers on the women's side.

"The women have some areas of strength we've been lacking," he said.

New additions to the team have improved the women's team.

Freshman Katrine Alcside won the 50 and 100-yard freestyle against BU. She also anchored the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay in the Maine women's relay sweep.

"The women have a good crop of newcomers," Wren said. "They've put up some really good times for us."

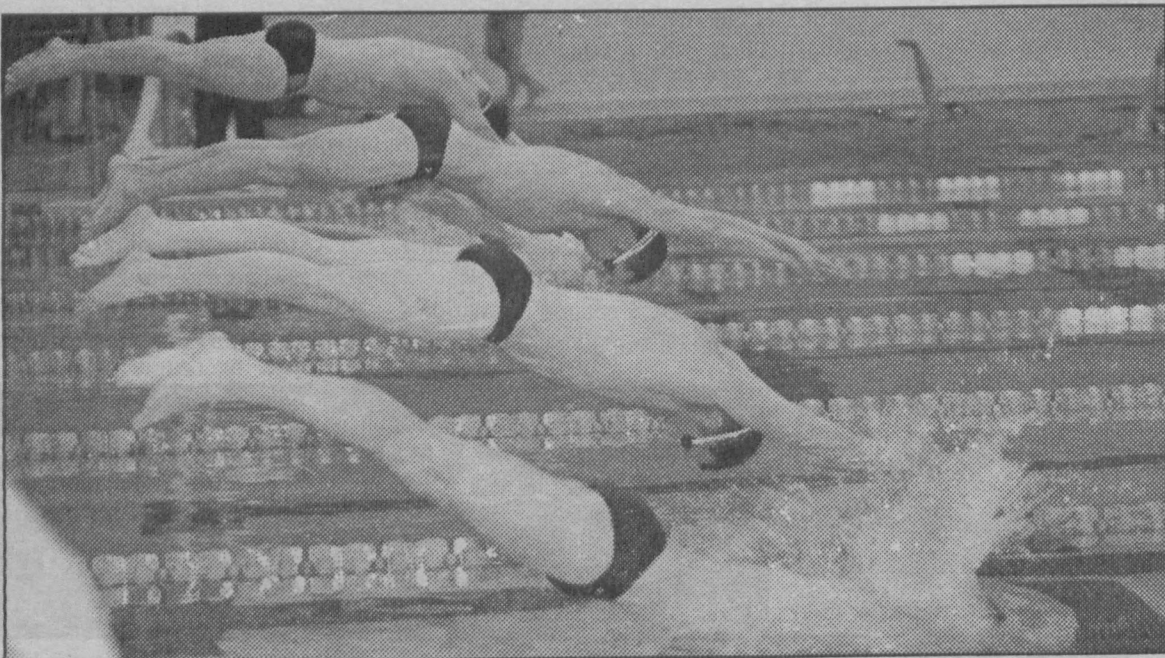
On the men's side, Maine will watch out for New Brunswick's Chris Grimes. Grimes set a pool record at a Maine meet last year in the breaststroke. The Maine men are 2-3 on the season after a 187-103 loss to Boston University. Maine beat Vermont and Holy Cross in what were easier meets for the Black Bears, according to coach Wren. The men and women lost a tight contest to Central Connecticut. The women lost by two and the men by three points. The men were also over-matched against Yale.

"They were just very very powerful," Wren said of Yale. "Ivy League tends to be that way."

Even though Yale was tough, coach Wren was still pleased with the times the team posted during the meet.



Maine's Ashley Simpson dives in a meet against Boston University on Saturday, Nov. 18. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.



And they're off. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Some post-season honors not based on current play

By Jim Leonard
Sports Columnist

What were they thinking?

This is becoming a familiar theme with me these days. Still, sports are so prominent on the tube, Internet and in the newspaper, there's always going to be a few decisions that just defy explanation.

This week's rant pertains to post-season honors.

After last year's Major League

Baseball season ended, I was surprised to find that Rafael Palmiero of the Texas Rangers had been given the Gold Glove for his defensive play at first base. In any other year, this wouldn't have affected me at all. Palmiero is truly a great glove man at first. My problem stems from the fact that he only played 26 games at first base during the entire season. The rest of the time, Palmiero served as a designated hitter. What's up with that?

It got me thinking: How do they

select these post-season honors? Obviously a panel of experts is sequestered, buffet at hand, with the sole purpose of peeling away the detritus that represents ordinary play until the real treasure is exposed.

It doesn't always happen that way.

A case in point is this week's announcement of the Atlantic 10 football All-Conference teams. The league's head coaches, some of whom obviously didn't view enough film, select the teams. I may

come off as a "homer" to some and that's okay, it's an Op-Ed piece and I can do what I want. However, I think the statistics will Bear me out, if you'll pardon the pun.

I'll begin with objectivity. Black Bear tight end Chad Hayes was named as the first team tight end. This much I'm sure of; Hayes is the best tight end in the A-10, no question. He did not, however, have the best season in the A-10 at that position. He didn't play a full schedule (8 games) due to hamstring trouble and caught 15 balls for 151 yards and one touchdown. He had a much better season last year and, in all probability, will have a better season next year. I think he might even admit to being a bit surprised at the selection. As I said, he is the best, but Richmond's Mike Millard caught 39 passes for the Spiders and deserves some recognition. This may have been a reputation pick.

Here's some more reputation picks. Wideouts Dave Klemic of Northeastern and Jamin Elliot of Delaware were selected to the first team ahead of Maine wideout Dwayne Wilmot. This is baffling.

Wilmot led the league with 67 catches for 955 yards and eight touchdowns. He caught the ball in traffic, outran defenders and made some unbelievable grabs during his best season at Maine. Klemic was right on his heels, making 65 receptions for 846 yards and nine touchdowns. Klemic also became the A-10's all-time leader in TD receptions with 41. I'll reconcile his selection to a "lifetime achievement award."

Less easily digested is Elliot's selection ahead of Wilmot. The Blue Hen wide receiver caught only 45 passes for 679 yards and six scores. Good numbers, yes, but not first team numbers when

the conference leader in receptions (Wilmot) is on the second team with better stats in every category. I guess I'll recognize you here Dwayne, great year.

Other Maine players selected were Todd Jagoutz as first team punter and third team kicker and also Phil McGeoghan at third team wideout. These are good selections. Jagoutz had a good season, one in which he became the leading scorer in school history and led the A-10 in punting. McGeoghan's numbers (51 receptions, 778 yards, 3 TDs) are spectacular considering he was the target of double coverage for most of the year.

One last glaring omission to report. Sophomore linebacker Stephen Cooper, the heart and soul of the Maine defense, was not selected to any team by the A-10 coaches. Now there are some great linebackers in the A-10, but Coop deserved a spot. He had better numbers than third team selection Mark Thompson of Richmond. Thompson had 82 tackles, 50 of which were unassisted and had two sacks. Cooper had 84 tackles, 59 unassisted, and 5.5 sacks to go with two blocked kicks. This while being the focus of every team's offensive game plan. Maine's defense didn't gel until late in the season due to injuries and youth, Coop held the fort while that process came together. His omission by the coaches is less glaring than it is disappointing. I hope he takes it out on the league next year.

I know there are other considerations with respect to these selections, such as balancing each All-Conference team with players from each school, lifetime achievement, etc. I'm tired of that, just pick the best players from the season.

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Women's hockey resumes ECAC play on roadtrip

By Jeff Mannix
Women's Hockey Reporter

The Maine Black Bear women's hockey team will get back into conference play this weekend when they visit two traditional ECAC powerhouses in the Providence Friars and Northeastern Huskies.

Both games will be important for Maine, which is 2-4-0 in conference play so far this season, to go with their 5-5-0 overall record, according to head coach Rick Filighera. "We need to take at least one of the games if we really have playoff hopes," Filighera said. "Even a split this weekend would go a long way in determining if we get into the playoffs." The ECAC only takes eight of its thirteen teams into the playoffs. Maine hasn't qualified for the playoffs in their two previous seasons in the league.

Maine will play at Providence to open the weekend, Saturday at 2 p.m. at Schneider Arena.

The Friars are heading into the game with an 8-2-1 overall record, with a 4-2-1 record in ECAC. Providence's key player is Senior forward Jessica Tabb, who is one of the nation's leading scorers with seven goals and 15 assists for a total of 22 points in 11 games. The Friars also feature two stellar freshmen forwards in Darlene Stephenson (4 G, 7 A, 11 P), and Gayle Shalloo (5-4-9), who was named ECAC Rookie of the Week for Nov. 7. The key defenders are

senior Valerie Bono (1-5-6) and freshman Meredith Roth (4-3-7).

Providence has three goaltenders who have all seen significant time and all have winning records. Freshman Amy Quinlan has played in four games. She has a 3-1-0 record with a minuscule 0.75 GAA and a .969 save percentage. Junior Crystal Nicholas has also played in four games. Her record is 3-0-1, to go along with a 1.69 GAA and a .927 save percentage. Junior Brigid Keady has played in three games so far. She has a 2-1-0 record with a 1.68 GAA and an .881 save percentage.

"Providence is a well coached team. They're going to be disciplined. We can be a match for them talent wise, it's a matter of do we want to play hard against them," Filighera said. "They lost their goaltender (Sarah DeCosta) from last year. We feel that if we shoot the puck more and get more scoring chances, we have a good chance against them."

The Northeastern Huskies are currently ranked ninth in the U.S. College Hockey Online Poll. Northeastern made a coaching change in the off-season. Joy Woog was brought in as the new coach for the Huskies. The team still has been playing very well, currently with a 6-2-0 overall record and a 3-1-0 mark in the ECAC.

A major reason for their early season success has been the play of Northeastern's senior netminder Erika Silva. She was named ECAC Goalkeeper of the Week



Freshman Jamie Hill takes the puck away from a defender. Maine looks to improve on its 2-4 ECAC record this weekend. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

for her 45 save shutout effort against Ohio St. Silva has a 6-1-0 record with a 1.11 GAA and a .962 save percentage.

Junior forward Brooke Whitney, who has recently played for the U.S. Under-22 National Team, is the team's leading scorer (5-3-8). Other key forwards are seniors Lisa Giovannelli (4-3-7) and Kathleen Savino (1-6-7), along with sophomore Kim Vallone (0-7-7).

Northeastern's defense corps is lead by sophomore Kim Greene (2-2-4) and senior Jessica Ferwerda (2-1-3).

Coach Filighera believes his team will have a good shot to win against the Huskies as well. "I think we can match Northeastern in talent too. We played them very tough last year."

The Northeastern game will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Matthews Arena in Boston.

"These games are important for us. These are two teams that, if we play well, we have a chance to win against," Filighera said. "We're starting to look at one game at a time. If we can beat Providence, that gives us an upper hand in the playoff hunt,

and then we'll worry about Northeastern. Don't get me wrong, they're both good hockey teams. It's up to us, if we come ready to play and we initiate the forecheck that works for us, we've got an opportunity to win."

Another point of interest in these games will be Raffi Wolf's chase of the record for career points. The junior forward from Voerde, Germany is one point from tying and two points from breaking the record currently held by Alison Lorenz, who graduated after last season.

Discrimination suit might avoid court

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE)—Although the University of Iowa will most likely face a trial involving a former potential football recruit's claims of discrimination, university officials involved in the case are more concerned with the costs than of the merits of the lawsuit.

Michael Bowers of Palmyra, N.J., is suing the UI along with the NCAA, Temple University and American International College in Springfield, Mass., on claims that each defendant discriminated against him because of his disability, which has not yet been identified.

Bowers claimed that the UI ceased its recruitment efforts after learning that the NCAA Clearinghouse had deemed him ineligible for collegiate competition. He also claimed that the Clearinghouse's decision is in violation of the federal American Disabilities Act, which makes it illegal to discriminate against people with physical or mental disabilities in public places.

Bowers was unavailable for comment about the lawsuit on Tuesday night.

Gordon Allen, the deputy Iowa attorney general who will represent the UI, said a New Jersey federal judge recently decided that the case

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Coaches forced to juggle solid goalies

By Jeff Mannix
Women's Hockey Reporter

Some people think that the University of Maine women's hockey team has a problem in goal. There's not a problem with goalies stopping the puck. It's quite the opposite.

The Black Bears have three goaltenders who head coach Rick Filighera and goalie coach Arnie Caplan both feel can be successful at the Division I level. If a team is going to have a goaltending problem, this is exactly the problem any team would kill to have.

Maine's three goaltenders, Amanda Cronin, Dawn Froats and Lara Smart all play different styles and bring different skills into games according to Caplan. "All three of them are capable of being a number one goalie and winning games for us single handedly," he said.

Cronin, a 5'7" junior from York, Maine, has seen action in six games so far. She has a 1-4-0 record, a 2.83 GAA, and an .895 save percentage.

"Amanda is a very athletic goalie," Caplan said. "Her recovery time is quick. She plays very intense. She comes to play every night. She's one of the best conditioned athletes on our team. She's also a great team leader."

Froats, a 5'7" Sophomore from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan has played in five games. She has compiled a 4-1-0 record, a 1.71 GAA, and a .917 save percentage so far this season.

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"She's been a real surprise this year. Rick and I have really been pleased with her play," Caplan said. "She's a sound, durable goalie with a stand-up style. She's capable of being playing extremely well and being consistent. She doesn't get rattled easily. She's a strong competitor who plays the position well."

Smart, a 5'11" freshman from Airdrie, Alberta, has been plagued by a groin injury since the second week of the season. She has only seen action in four periods in exhibition games in Canada. She won a 4-2 decision at Concordia on Oct. 21 and played one period the next day against McGill.

"Lara has a load of potential. She's got really good size and good fundamentals. I think she's going to be a real key in the future for this team. She's played well in the very short time she's been here and she can be a top-of-the-line goalie in the future," Caplan said.

Smart won't be ready to play in games again until January, according to Filighera. "I'm not putting her in there until she's a 100 percent ready to go."

By looking at the stats, isn't it obvious that Froats is a better goalie than Cronin?

According to both Filighera and Caplan, the answer is no.

"Froats and Cronin have split the duty so far, and that probably

won't change over the next four games," Filighera said. "The reason being is that neither one of them is outplaying the other. I think that Froats focuses really well for one game. She makes a difference in there. And Cronin's played good for us when she's been in there. But I just feel like neither one of them is better than the other."

Caplan believes the record that Cronin has compiled is not a very good indicator of how she has played. "Cronin has played in some games that were difficult for us to win," Caplan said. "We've played some tough opponents when she's been in there"

What effect will the return of Lara Smart have on the current goaltending situation?

"I'll have a dilemma," Filighera said quite bluntly. "I'll have three goaltenders who can play at this level. It's hard to get three rotated in there. So I've got to go with who I feel is going to give us success in the games."

Caplan is not sure if Smart will get significant time once she gets back because of the play of Cronin and Froats so far. "I definitely think that she will get an opportunity to slip into the rotation. Will she step up and become the number one over the second half? It's hard to say. I've been happy with the play of our goalies in most of our games this season. It will depend on how she performs and how the other two are playing."

The coaching staff waits to make the decision as to who will start games.

According to Filighera, the decision is not made until the night before a game at the earliest. Sometimes, Filighera does not make a decision until game time.

"Rick's the head coach, and it's his call. He does use my advice to a good degree," Caplan said. "We start with practice over the week. All three have looked good and all three have struggled at times, that's just the nature of goaltending. We go by who's playing well in the games, too."

He used the example of Cronin earning a start in the second game against UNH with her play against them two nights earlier. The next weekend, Froats played well in a Friday game against Cornell and was given the nod the next night against St. Lawrence.

"It's tough to decide for us", Caplan said. "We struggle with whether we should rotate more or go with the goalie who deserves the ice time because of their performance. We need to make sure that everybody plays, because being game sharp is a crucial thing in goaltending."

It should be interesting to see how the coaches juggle the goaltenders for the rest of the season. And remember, all three are returning next season. They are very good now. This threesome will become fearsome by next season.

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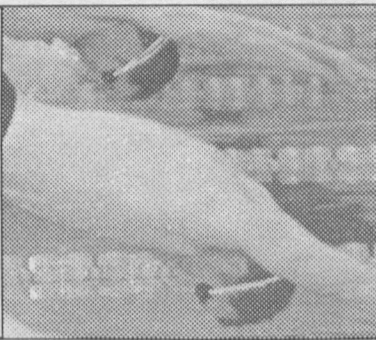
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The Maine Campus Sports

Northwestern State beats Maine in women's hoops

By Kelly Brown
Women's Basketball Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team lost 64-62 to Northwestern State in overtime last night in Louisiana. Julie Veilleux led Maine with 18 points. The loss puts Maine at 2-2 on the season.

The Black Bears hosted the Dead River Company Classic over Thanksgiving Break, going 1-1-0 in the tournament. After defeating Central Michigan University 78-65 in the first round, the Black Bears then lost the tournament championship game as they fell to the University of Florida.

Florida's size, speed and flexibility proved to be just too much for the Black Bears as they dropped their first game of the season. Florida opened the game with a 16-2 lead over Maine and the Black Bears were only able to get within nine points of the Gators the rest of the game. Lacey Stone recorded eight points while Christy Grover, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, posted eight points and eight rebounds. Maine's loss to the Gators marked the third year in a row that the Black Bears have lost in the championship game of this tournament.

In the first round of the tournament, the Black Bears defeated Central Michigan University 78-65. Tournament standout Christy

Grover put up 17 points and 12 rebounds on the game, while Sophomore Ellen Geraghty posted 13. Freshman forward Heather Ernest recorded 12 points and 10 rebounds, her second double double of the season.

In front of a crowd of 2,232, the Black Bears started their regular season with a 66-51 win over Fordham University on Sunday, Nov. 19. Senior forward Kizzy Lopez posted 16 points and nine rebounds, while Heather Ernest recorded an astounding 17 points and 10 rebounds. Ernest is the second player in UMaine history to post a double double in a season opener, second only to Black Bear legend Cindy Blodgett.

Maine fell behind Fordham early in the game, twice being behind by as much as six points. But the Black Bears tied the game with 11 minutes left in the first half and didn't look back from there. Fordham made a last attempt to catch the Black Bears towards the end of the second half, but it wasn't enough to stop Maine.

The Black Bears hit the road early Wednesday morning to begin a grueling road trip across the country. After last night's game against Northwestern State, the team travels further west to meet up with Stephen F. Austin State in Nacogdoches, Texas on Tuesday Dec. 2. The Black Bears will try to catch their breath over a three-day break before they face Boston University on the fifth of December.



Maine's Kizzy Lopez drives past a Fordham defender in the team's first non-exhibition game Nov. 19.
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Black Bears tangle with Huskies this weekend

By Jim Leonard
Men's Hockey Reporter

There is particular significance to the coming of December at the University of Maine. For the students, fall semester classes are winding down with finals menacing the welcoming embrace of winter break. The warmth of the holidays tempers the biting chill that invades the campus, seemingly out of nowhere.

For the Maine men's hockey team, it represents a call to arms. December brings with it a schedule laden with Hockey East competition. With the exception of a two-game holiday tournament at the end of the month, the balance of the Black Bear's remaining games will be played in conference. It's a conference loaded with talented teams.

One of those teams will venture north this weekend to face 14-ranked Maine. The Northeastern Huskies currently occupy the fourth spot in the conference standings (5 points) with the Black Bears. They square off at the Alford Arena on Friday night and

again in Portland on Sunday afternoon. A pair of victories for Maine would go a long way toward establishing momentum in conference. That won't be an easy task.

The Huntington Hounds come

in with a 5-5-1 overall mark, 2-3-1 in conference. Maine, 5-4-3 overall, 2-1-1 in Hockey East, hasn't beaten Northeastern since 1999. The teams skated to a 1-1 tie on Nov. 4 at Northeastern.

The Huskies have gone 1-3-0 since that game and scored only five goals along the way. The Black Bears have also been plagued by inconsistent offense, averaging only 2.9 goals per game on the season. Maine is

coming off a shocking 2-1 overtime loss to ECAC doormat Dartmouth last Saturday. Northeastern will arrive in Orono burdened by a three-game losing streak.

Northeastern is keyed by forwards Chris Lynch, Mike Ryan and Willie Levesque. Lynch (7 goals, 3 assists) is tied with Ryan (7 & 3) for the team lead in goals. Lynch has scored all but two of those against Hockey East opponents. Levesque (3 & 3) is a speedy forward with a powerful slapshot who has given the Black Bears fits in the past.

Northeastern's strength is a defense grounded upon a solid core of veterans along the blueline. The best of the group is senior captain Jim Fahey (9 assists). He's backed up by Rich Spiller, Mike Jozefowicz, John Peterman and Joe Mancuso.

In net, the tandem of Jason Braun and Mike Gilhooly have been solid for the Huskies. Braun (3-2-0, 3.20 GAA, .902 save %) has seen the bulk of the action in conference. Gilhooly (2-3-1, 3.44, .872) has



Maine's Gray Shaneberger slaps the puck at the Merrimack goalie in Maine's last home contest.
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