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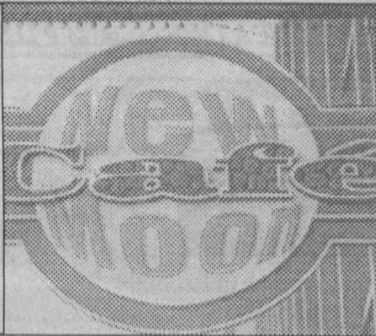
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# The Maine Campus

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## Odera, Shannak win campus spots in online election

By Amanda Erskine  
Student Government Reporter

Fred Odera and Kamal Shannak are clearly "enjoying being," as their campaign motto stated, since they won the positions of president and vice president, respectfully, of the Student Government on Tuesday night.

Many have described this election year as a "stepping stone" toward increasing student involvement because of voting through the FirstClass intranet. Others have called it the "lazy man's election."

The most recent results have shown that 1,908 students voted in this election. This number counts those who submitted blank ballots, which makes up 25 percent of the student population. Last year's voter turnout was about 14 percent, making this election turnout double last



Student Government President-elect Fred Odera, left, and Vice President-elect Kamal Shannak, right, won the campus election, held on FirstClass on Tuesday night. COURTESY PHOTO BY KAMAL SHANNAK.

year's.

Since the elections were online this year, students had the convenience of learning about the candidates and voting on them without leaving their computers. A student could vote any time between the morning of

Monday, Dec. 4, and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Many GSS and Student Government officers have voiced their surprise that the voter turnout wasn't higher with this new \$12,000 system in place.

"The information module

could have been better," Justin Kelleher, president of GSS, said at the last Senate meeting. "Maybe it was that it was there too long and students deleted it because it was not fresh in their minds, or maybe it wasn't there long enough and student didn't have time to decide?"

Kelleher also discussed Informational Technologies having major technical difficulties with the FirstClass voting program, and this caused the election icon not to appear the Friday before the election as planned. It instead appeared late on Saturday, much to the relief of all involved.

"Chris [Moody] and I were soiling our pants on Friday over this," said Kelleher, one of the program's biggest supporters.

After the election, a question was raised whether a person could, in some circumstances,

vote more than once.

On FirstClass there were people claiming that either they or their friends were able to obtain more than one ballot to submit. To assuage these fears, Kelleher responded at Tuesday's GSS meeting that this was impossible and claimed that yes, you could get a ballot multiple times but once you submit your vote the first time, your student ID is recorded.

Sen. Gerti Pellumbi claimed that the Fair Elections Practices Committee checked all who voted and found no duplicates.

This Student Government election was not only unique because it was online but because it contained a referendum to amend the current Student Government constitution.

All referendums passed with

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## Diplomacy first option before going to wars

By Kelly Michaud  
Assistant News Editor

Fifty-nine years ago, on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor was bombed. A signal for American diplomacy, it led to U.S. involvement in World War II, only to be followed by the Cold War period. But now that the Cold War has passed, where does our country stand?

Former assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of State, Phyllis Oakley, addressed this issue. Speaking to a crowd of students and faculty at Hauck Auditorium Thursday, on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Oakley spoke on American Diplomacy in the Post-Cold War World.

Eric Brucker, dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Health, introduced Oakley.

He described her as the "ideal person" to talk about what happens now, after the Cold War and what may be in store for our nation's future because of her worldwide experience.

Oakley has served as a spokeswoman for former Secretary of State George Schultz and in intelligence for Secretaries of State James Baker and Madeleine Albright. In addition to working for both Republican and Democratic administrations, she has held positions with the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the office of Congressional Affairs, working in Afghanistan, Pakistan

and the Middle East.

According to her, she has been "married to, or working in, diplomacy for 42 years."

Pulling upon her vast experiences, Oakley posed questions and possible solutions concerning the need for public diplomacy to function more efficiently. The areas of focus centered on six global regions including Africa, Europe, Near East, Western Hemisphere, East Asia and Pacific and South Asia.

"History has called the last decade a transition period," Oakley said concerning the Post-Cold War era.

After discussing in length problems within the country of Yugoslavia and various peace-keeping missions in Rwanda, Kosovo and Cambodia she went on to discuss the role of the United Nations.

"We need to use the U.N. in more limited circumstances for problems that I think are going to come," she said.

"There are always unexpected consequences," she said of U.S. action.

She further discussed how the world will face even greater problems with population, especially in India and China, which have the largest populations. The need for poverty to decrease, since it affects half of the world, is another concern.

Issues including the environ-

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The exterior of the new addition to the Union is almost completed. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK DWYER.

## Half of Union fee charged to students

By Kevin Gove  
For The Maine Campus

Three years ago University of Maine President Peter Hoff and the board of trustees approved a student fee that would account for the major portion of funding for the Memorial Union addition.

The charge of \$3.50 per credit hour to all students has yet to be instituted because of the slower than expected progress of the project. But that will change at the start of the spring 2001 semester, said vice president for finance and administration, Robert Durringer.

Even though all facets of the construction are not expected to be completed until next summer, Durringer said the student fee is

being activated for two reasons.

First, Durringer foresees the Union addition will reach the point of beneficial occupancy by the middle of next semester. This means that some, but not all, of the building will be available for use.

"It's not done, but it's done enough where you can use most of it," Durringer said. "And that's where we think we will be in mid-March."

The food service area and some rooms are expected to be open for students, Durringer said.

In the interest of fairness, students will only be charged 50 percent of the fee, \$1.75 per credit hour, for the spring semester alone.

The student fee is also being activated to help reimburse the

lenders who have made payments over the past two years on the project's 20-year loan.

In 1998 when the Union job was first bid to potential contractors, the university acquired the loan to pay for the building.

"When we bid it the first time we thought we were going to build it the first time, so we borrowed the money at that point," Durringer said.

However, none of the bid responses were within the university's budget, resulting in a second round of bidding. Despite the delay in finding a contractor for the job, Durringer had to begin paying back the money.

He said \$570,000 has been used from "other campus

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# Police Beat

By Nicole Brann  
Crime Reporter

Sometime between 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, and 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, a second-floor resident of Androscoggin Hall reported the theft of her laptop computer from her room. The computer, a Presario 1200, and its case, were taken from the room, which the resident said was locked when she left. Total theft is valued at \$1,200. Anyone with information concerning the theft should contact Public Safety at 581-4040.

Sometime between 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, the theft of a wallet and its contents from a 1995 white Chevy blazer was reported while the vehicle was parked in the north Memorial Gym lot.

According to reports, the

owner returned after classes and found the driver's side door ajar and the wallet missing.

The wallet is described as being blue nylon and containing \$135 cash, some credit cards and other personal papers.

Anyone with information should contact Public Safety.

Scott Carman, 19; Joe Fasolino, 20; and Kyle Alman, 19; were all issued summonses for disorderly conduct on Tuesday, Dec. 5, for their involvement in a fight that occurred on Saturday, Dec. 2, in a hallway of Cumberland Hall.

At about 3:10 a.m. officers were called to Cumberland to investigate a call concerning a fight on the first floor. Upon arrival, officers spoke with three men who they believed were involved. According to reports, it was determined the three men had ongoing tension among them,

which had

begun with a note which was posted on Fasolino's

door earlier in the night.

During the altercation, Fasolino reportedly hit Carman on the forehead with a broomstick handle, and Alman stopped after Carman was struck. Carman did not require any medical attention.

According to reports, all of the men appeared intoxicated, and there was visible evidence there had been a physical scuffle.

An investigation into the incident led to summonses issued on Tuesday, Dec. 5. All are scheduled to appear in Bangor District Court on Feb. 9.

Jacob Achorn, 19; Jacob Thomason, 19; and Tyson Moulton, 19; were all issued summonses on a charge of illegal possession of alcohol by a minor after their party in York Village was busted by Officers Jeff King and Rick Ouellette.

At about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Public Safety received a

report of a loud party in York Village. Upon arrival, one officer knocked on the door in order to speak with the residents. According to reports, when the door opened Ouellette observed Moulton hiding a beer.

The officers spoke with the residents about the party and the alcohol in the apartment. According to reports, Thomason claimed ownership to a 12-pack, a six-pack of hard lemonade and four mixed drinks. Achorn reportedly stated that there were only three beers left from what he was drinking.

As a result the two, as well as Moulton, who was seen hiding the beer, were issued summonses.

Michael Cutshaw, 20; Jarrod

Gomes, 19; and James Henry, 18; were all issued summonses on a charge of possession of a usable amount of marijuana on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

At about 10 p.m. Officer Mike Burgess was patrolling the Stewart Lot when he noticed three men sitting in a car. According to reports, Burgess stopped to talk to the men, and when one of the men exited the car to speak with him, a cloud of smoke exited with him as well.

The three reportedly said the car belonged to a friend and they were just sitting in it. A search of the car produced a still-smoking roach; as a result the three were issued summonses.

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# Massachusetts designing college exit exam

By Dan Atkinson  
The Daily Free Press

BOSTON (U-WIRE) — While the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education is seeking to create a comprehensive exit examination for state and community colleges, Boston University is not interested in such a test, according to BU spokesman Colin Riley.

"It wouldn't apply to us, what [the board] does," Riley said. "Boston University is a very competitive school. It is unlikely that we would adopt such a test."

The board is planning to design a test focused on writing, computer skills, critical thinking and other basic skills. The test would serve as a graduation requirement for students.

The test is still in its planning stages. The board remains uncertain on how to administer the exam, what form it will take and how to deal with students who don't meet minimum requirements, though oral exams and portfolios are being considered as methods of examination, along with a standard written exam.

The idea for a comprehensive

exit test is modeled after the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exam that is taken by Massachusetts' high school students. Officials said it would be at least four years, though, before a comprehensive test for colleges could be created. Riley thinks such a test is unnecessary for BU.

"The fact that our students

must complete all their degree requirements, matriculate through college and petition for graduation is more than enough for us," he said.

Many students agreed with Riley's position, saying standardized tests don't fit a specialized college education.

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29116	AVS 365	880	New England Regional Dairy Travel Course - January 8-12, 2001	3	TBA	TBA	Wallace, C.
29239	NUR 521	881	Nurse Practitioner Gynecologic and Reproductive Care of Women - January 3-17, 2001	3	TBA	TBA	Wood, C.
29242	PAX 498	880	Special Projects in Peace Studies - Mediation: It's Premises and Practices - January 8-12, 2001	3	8:30-5:00 pm	M-F	Charbonneau/Galloway
34428	SWK 597	880	Adv Top Swk - Creative Approaches to Play Therapy	3	1:00-4:40	M-F	Lehman, B.
29349	WLE 280	880	Winter Ecology - \$150.00 Course Fee - January 15 - 21, 2001	1	8:00-5:00 pm	M-S	Servello, F.

### TWO-WEEK ITV COURSES - JANUARY 2, 2001 - JANUARY 12, 2001

32619	ANT 102	981	INT ANT: Diversity of Cultures	3	8:30-12:00 pm	M-F	Roscoe, P.
28991	ANT 120	981	Religions of the World	3	12:30-3:45 pm	M-F	Musson, H.
33421	CHE 201	990	Introduction to Child Development	3	Asynchronous		Howard, B.
33318	ENG 129	981	Top Eng - Writing Autobiography	3	8:30-12:00 pm	M-F	Brinkley, T.
29006	ENG 229	990	Top Lit - Cult Horror Films	3	Asynchronous		Liverman, W.
32560	SPA 490	990	Top Authors Spa - Intensive Writing Practice	3	Asynchronous		March, K.
32571	SPA 597	990	Prof in Spa - Intensive Writing Practice	3	Asynchronous		March, K.

### TWO-WEEK COURSES - JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 19, 2001

33439	KPE 253	880	Theories of Conditioning	3	8:00-12:00 pm	M-F	Abbott, W.
29195	KPE 262	880	Methods of Teaching Physical Education	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Reif, G.
33442	KPE 376	880	Kinesiology	3	1:00-2:30 pm	M-F	Orn, Nellie

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No classes will be held on 1/15/2001 for Martin Luther King Day

29064	ARM 351	870	Top in Art History - January in Oaxaca	3			
29097	ART 190	880	Drawing I	3	8:00-11:00 am	M-F	Mason, W.

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CRN	COURSE	SEC	TITLE	CRN	TIME	DAYS	INSTRUCTOR
29101	ART 360	880	Top in Studio Art - Raku Pottery - \$10.00 Course Fee	3	8:00-11:00 am	M-F	Hanes, J.
				3	12:00-2:00 pm		
29127	BUA 325	880	Principles of Management and Organization	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Gilmour, C.
29138	COM 103	880	Fundamentals of Public Communication	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	
29174	INT 329	990	The Individual and the Community	3	Asynchronous		Toner, J.
33130	ART 180	880	Photography I - \$20.00 Course Fee	3	8:00-11:00 am	M-F	Sasso-Mason, J.
				3	12:00-2:00 PM		
33194	COS 100	880	Introduction to Personal Computers - \$20.00 Course Fee	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Shuman, R.
33209	COS 211	880	Principles of Data Processing - \$20.00 Course Fee	3	1:15-4:00 pm	M-F	Shuman, R.
29140	EDT 535	880	Multimedia - Design for Teaching & Learning	3	TBA		Chisavacci, J.
29169	ENG 205	880	An Intro to Creative Writing - \$10.00 Course Fee	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Marko, A.
34023	MAT 107	880	Elementary Descriptive Geometry - \$5.00 Course Fee	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Gellen, A.
34251	MLC 293	870	Study Abroad-January in Oaxaca	3			Shoemaker/Anchors
34265	MLC 493	870	Study Abroad-January in Oaxaca	3			Shoemaker/Anchors
29215	NUR 423	880	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Symonds, J.
29221	NUR 495	880	Ind Study in Nursing - Cultural Issues in Health	3	1:15-4:00 pm	M-F	Brunner, J.
29250	POS 100	880	American Government	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Lasles, S.
29268	POS 241	880	Intro to Comparative Politics	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Cody, H.
29273	POS 359	880	Top in American Govt - Understanding the European Union, 1945-Present: An Advantage or Liability	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Yordan, C.
29284	PSY 100	880	General Psychology	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Farthing, G.
29304	PSY 325	880	Psychology of Infant Development	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Hayes, M.
29310	PSY 332	880	Environmental Psychology	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Robbins, M.
29332	PSY 361	880	Sensation and Perception	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Best, L.
33604	THE 111	880	Intro to Theatre	3	9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Mikotowicz, T.

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# Classy downtown cafe offers performances

By Jessica DiSanto  
Community Reporter

BANGOR — The New Moon Cafe, like its name, is unique and relaxing. Located in the heart of downtown Bangor, it offers students a chance to experience what big city fine dining is really like.

"It's got more of a cosmopolitan atmosphere than most places," said owner Paul Noonan. "People who used to live in Boston and New York like to come in here and eat because it reminds them of that."

What once began as an Internet Cafe in 1998, the New Moon Cafe has expanded into a popular restaurant offering a variety of meals from breakfast and brunch to fine dining.

"It just developed itself," Noonan said. "You just follow the demands of what people really want."

But good food is not all that the New Moon Cafe offers.

Every night from 7 to 9 p.m. New Moon offers live entertainment for its dinner guests to listen

to. The live music is mostly piano performances.

About four or five times a year, however, the New Moon Cafe hosts a number of special events consisting of one-act plays of actors from the Penobscot Theater or from other groups.

According to Noonan, singers from the musical "Oklahoma," who are performing at the Maine Center for the Arts, will also sing at the New Moon Cafe for an evening. Other upcoming entertainment includes a mystery dinner theater, a visit from the Jewish folk singer Rabbi Larry Milder and maybe even some belly dancers.

On the second Monday of every month the New Moon Cafe offers a wine-tasting event. The wine is served with each course of a five-course meal. A contest is being held for a free trip to Italy to be won by the end of the year.

Noonan discovered ties with his cafe and Hollywood not too long ago.

While watching the movie "The Game" starring Michael Douglas, Noonan was surprised

to discover that a restaurant in the movie had the same unique name as his.

"I remember in the second scene I saw the New Moon Chinese restaurant, and I was like 'cool,'" Noonan said, laughing.

It is the unique and elegant atmosphere that draws most people to the New Moon Cafe.

"There's nothing like it in Bangor," Noonan said. "It's unique. It's kind of a special occasion."

When customers come to the New Moon Cafe they can expect to relax and take their time. Some customers spend an average of two or three hours in the cafe.

"It's different from a chain restaurant because people tend to come in here and relax," Noonan said. "People will take their time. They'll have a couple bottles of wine and in the meantime they'll sit, listen to the music and they'll talk. The whole concept behind it is that you come in for an evening, you relax, eat and then you, well, relax."



Chris Wade, executive chef at New Moon Cafe prepares a wrap with hummus and fresh vegetables, one of many healthy flavored choices for lunch at the cafe. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.



Seating at the New Moon offers scenic views of downtown Bangor as patrons enjoy their meal and the atmosphere of the cafe. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

## Election

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ease. Without the passage of Question 1 ("Are you in favor of changing the University of Maine Student Government Inc. constitution to move the presidential and vice-presidential elections from February to December?"), the election would need to have been considered null and void, since we would then have to hold a new election in February.

With the Student Government election over and with the inauguration coming up, President-elect Odera said he thanks everyone who voted for him, as well as the other candidates, especially Travis Kennedy and coordinator of new student programs, Liz

Downing, for all their help.

"I look forward to talking to Chris and Justin to learn what I need to do as president," Odera said.

Vice President-elect Shannak said he thanks the other candidates, especially Matthew Gagnon and Liz Downing, for all their support.

"I am ready for this job more than ever and I will try my best to keep my eyes and ears open to the students to represent them better than ever," Shannak said. "I want to encourage students to come to me or to my office anytime. I want to extend an open door policy because we need the student's input to know what to do."

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## Oakley

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Phyllis Oakley, a former U.S. assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of State spoke Thursday afternoon in Hauck Auditorium about foreign policy. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

ment, terrorism and disease will continue to loom over our world, she explained.

"The world we're going to have to face is one of more functional problems rather than geographic problems," Oakley said.

"The State Department and diplomacy are the first lines of defense," she said. "We only need the military when diplomacy

breaks down."

According to Oakley, the State Department needs revamping to prosper in an increasingly technological society. There are security concerns and questions about how to manage and secure embassy property abroad.

There are also differences in the people who will be moving into the role of department officials.

"When I was signing up I was almost signing up for life," she said. "We were well into the Cold War. We did it as a service to our country, but the level of patriotism has changed."

But she encourages people to look into diplomacy.

"I think it is the most interesting working world," she said. "I have had the most satisfying career."

## Planning committee to preserve historic resources on campus

By Joe Gunn  
Campus Politics Reporter

While the campus body has been preoccupied in recent days with the student elections, a revamping of leadership has also been occurring on the facility side as well. This change has come in the form of the new Campus Planning Committee.

Established by University of Maine President Peter Hoff this past September, the new 13-member body replaces the old Facilities and Campus Planning Committee that advised the administration.

The new committee is chaired by Mark Anderson, assistant director of policy for the Maine Agricultural and Forestry Station and coordinator of the Natural Resources Program.

The primary purpose of the committee is to develop and maintain the Campus Capital Plan. This is the organized list of recommendations concerning renovation, funding and internal academic projects submitted to the administration by the individual colleges and departments from throughout the campus.

UMaine and the other campuses within the university system have until Dec. 31 to issue their master plans to the office of the chancellor of the University of Maine System.

The last time a master plan was submitted to the chancellor's office was in 1995. The recommendation at that time also included minor issues, such as landscaping and lighting improvements. This year's submission appears to be no different.

Besides maintaining the

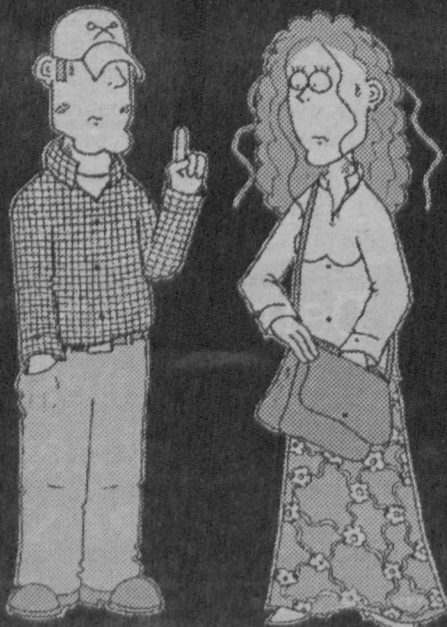
assembled wish list of colleges, the committee is also charged with: developing and recommending planning for new buildings and facilities; preserving historic and natural resources on campus; addressing and including environmental concerns as expressed by various student organizations; and recommending policies for major construction and renovations.

Recommendations considered priority in the new master plan this year include proposals of new facilities for engineering science and marine staging. Other issues incorporated into the proposal include the renovation of the Alumni House, maintenance projects at the Cutler Health Center, Fogler Library, Aroostook Farm and Lengyel Gym, as well as a feasibility study concerning a proposed Art Department and Museum Building.

As outlined by Hoff, the true purpose behind reorganizing the committee is to have every facet of the facility involved with shaping and preserving the long-term goals of the administration. In that way, more informed decisions that are overall more fair to the entire community could be discussed in an open forum away from the bureaucracy of the Facility Senate and the President's Cabinet.

Another relevant reason for the establishment of the committee is to address growing environmental concerns on campus, especially in regard to planning new facilities while preserving the scenery and condition of the campuses' natural environment. With the committee's input, more focus will be planned in regard to preserving that delicate balance.

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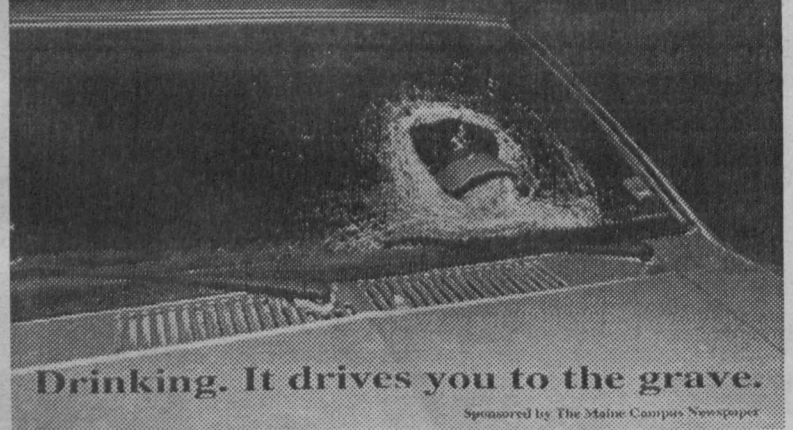
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## Fee

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sources" to keep up on payments. "Really there were no other alternatives other than to try and recoup some of this from student fees," Durringer said.

The Union addition is regarded as an "auxiliary" facility in college accounting terms. These types of entities stand on their own merit both in revenue and expense. The Bookstore, Campus Living and mailing and printing services are examples of auxil-

aries at UMaine.

Because of the nature of the services within auxiliary buildings they do not normally receive state funding.

"Auxiliaries pay for themselves," Durringer said. "They're on our books and they're part of us, but they don't receive state appropriation."

Therefore a student fee and private donations are the only two avenues available to pay for the

Union job.

Students will provide \$8 million of the \$12.5 million price tag. Credit card giant MBNA has contributed \$2 million while the University Bookstore and Campus Living will each pay roughly half of the remaining \$2.5 million through a 20-year bond.

"They will pay for it over the duration of the project too," Durringer said.

## Exam

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"I don't like the idea of a standardized test," said College of Arts and Sciences junior Brad Vocino. "I especially don't like the idea of having one at BU."

"A test like that wouldn't be fair to students who took the required courses for their college early. They would be taking an exam with content that they haven't looked at in years."

Ronald Tien, a CAS sophomore, said standardized testing is a beneficial concept for high school students but not for college students.

"I wouldn't mind if a test was focused on your major, but it's not fair for students to be tested on something outside their major," he said. "Especially not in a school as diverse as BU, where

students take so many different classes."

"It would have to be a very broad exam to test all students," said Krista Farese, a junior in CAS. "And if you make a test that broad, what's the point of it? I don't think it's a good idea."

Vocino said after graduation, the objective is to find work, something which doesn't necessarily require wide knowledge in a wide spectrum of areas.

"A test like that wouldn't make you more qualified for a job, which is the main concern after graduation," Vocino said. "Jobs don't cover all fields that you learned in college."

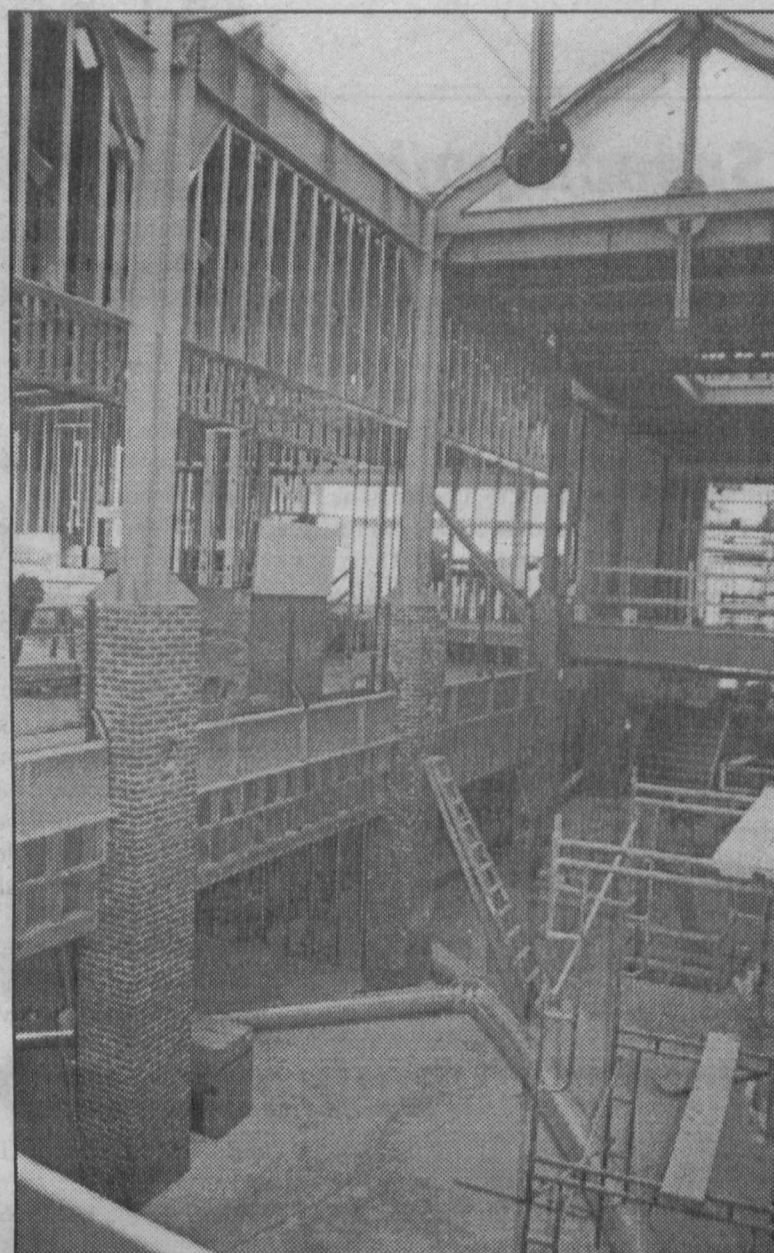
However, Ashley Pollock, a freshman in CAS, believed a comprehensive exam could be benefi-

cial, if enough schools participated.

"The test would be a good idea if it were widespread," she said. "If only a few institutions participated, though, it wouldn't mean anything."

Pollock also echoed other students' concerns regarding the nature of such an all-encompassing and heavily-weighted test.

"It would be like the SATs," she said. "Some people are good test-takers and some aren't, and just using a test to rate everyone doesn't take into account people who are knowledgeable but just do poorly on standardized testing."



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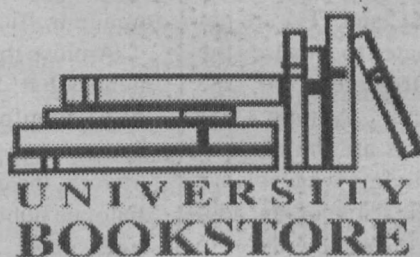
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# Unraveling the Book Buyback Mystery



## Answers to Questions Students Ask About Buyback

*As a student, you may have questions about the book buyback process. Unfortunately, the very nature of the process, which requires us to serve many students quickly, makes it almost impossible for all of your questions to be answered when you sell your books. The following is designed to explain the role of the bookstore and the wholesaler in supplying you with lower-priced textbooks.*

Textbook buyback at the  
University Bookstore runs from  
Dec. 11 through Dec. 23

### Which books may I sell?

You may sell any book owned by you that:

- \*Is needed again on your campus.
- \*Has a value in the national wholesale buyer's guide.

(This book database lists thousands of college textbook titles and their current national wholesale value).

### What determines the value of a book?

- \*If it is being purchased by the bookstore for use again on your campus, you can typically expect half of the new purchase price.
- \*If the book is not being used again on your campus, it has no value to your bookstore. Fortunately, your bookstore has arranged to offer national wholesale market prices on your campus.

The price offered in the national wholesale buying guide is determined by several factors, including:

- \*Publisher's retail or list price for the book.
- \*National demand for the book.
- \*Unsold quantity of the book already in wholesaler's stock.

### I know this book is being used again, why did I only get the wholesale price for the book?

For one of the following reasons:

- \*The bookstore has not received a requisition from the faculty member for the book.
- \*The bookstore has already obtained the quantity required.

### I bought this book brand new and have kept it in mint condition. Why is it now being called "no value"?

Although poor condition could be a factor in determining value, your new book is probably a victim of one of the following:

- \*The publisher has produced or announced plans for a new edition.
- \*Many copies of the book exist, but few schools are using it.
- \*The wholesaler is overstocked.

### When does it make sense to keep my book vs. selling?

- \*Any time you have a costly reference book you will need in the future, you may want to hold on to that book.
- \*Or, if you feel the price you are being offered is less than the value you place on the book, you should keep it.

*Either way, we appreciate the chance to make an offer for your books.*

### What happens to wholesale books?

- \*They are packed and shipped to the wholesaler's distribution center, where they are processed and placed in their computerized inventory. They are then made available for purchase by bookstores nationwide.

### How does this benefit me?

- \*By selling your used textbooks to your bookstore and a national wholesaler, you are participating in a process which makes quality used books available to you and to future students at colleges all over the nation. Used textbooks represent one of the few opportunities to save money as you pursue your higher education.

### Are there any other advantages?

- \*When you sell your books to your bookstore or wholesaler, you are recycling. Selling back your books involves you, the bookstore and the wholesaler, in a process that has great value for the ecology, your economy and your education.



# EDITORIAL

## Speech policy too vague

The University of Maine should consider taking another look at its free speech and assembly policy. The policy, which can be found in the Student Handbook in print or online at [www.umaine.edu/studenthandbook](http://www.umaine.edu/studenthandbook), contains a small section that should be reviewed for its vagueness.

The questionable clause is right in the first paragraph, a sentence-long proclamation that appears to be straightforward and decisive but ends with dangers of uncertainty. The policy states: "There shall be no restrictions placed on the fundamental rights to free speech and assembly except those necessary to protect the rights of others and to preserve the order necessary for the university to function as an institution of higher learning."

The university guarantees freedom of speech until it deems any speech or assembly harmful to its ability to function. Decisions made by the university in specific cases are where the danger lies. Although the free speech code exists on behalf of maintaining a professional learning environment, the vague code introduces the opportunity for the university to overreact in the effort to "preserve the order".

An incident the university may define as disruptive could be legal expression of free speech under federal law. In dealing with a specific incident, the clause allows the university to judge the case not by federal laws but by the climate of campus sentiment.

Other universities across the nation, within the last two decades, have written harsh speech policies that were questioned in court because students believed the codes hindered or disrupted the communication of controversial or questionable ideas. This university is open to similar lawsuits from any student who feels his right to free expression has been compromised by the unclear speech code.

Current federal laws are sufficient to provide a balance between freedom of expression and protection from harassment. The university needs to address speech that hinders discourse of education through the criteria of current speech laws, not under their own overbroad definition.

## Online shopping eases burden

Finding the perfect gift for that special someone is never easy. The task is stressful and frustrating, and the act of shopping can sap the energy of even the most thoughtful gift-giver. Finding a parking space among the hordes of mall-goers and bargain hunters, standing in endless register lines and fighting ones way through the crowded aisles to find the toy that every child needs have been traditions long associated with the month of December. This year, while many engage in those age old battles others have taken their shopping online.

Online shopping, also known as e-commerce, has provided shoppers with an at home option for finding that perfect gift. Traditional companies across the world have moved their businesses online in order to compete with e-company giants like Amazon.com and E-Toys. Most companies that area shoppers could find in the mall, can now be found at the click of a mouse.

The advantages to online shopping are obvious. The stores are open 24-hours, there are no register lines, there is often no shipping charge, and there is no sales tax. Currently, a movement is afoot that will allow states to attach sales tax to online purchases, but until the bugs are worked out, a moratorium will continue to exist. This means that a large purchase made online will often times cost less than the same purchase made at a store.

A recent study reports that e-commerce sales could reach as high as \$3.2 trillion in 2003, representing nearly five-percent of all global sales. It remains to be seen how much online business will make this holiday season, but with its obvious advantages, it is hard to imagine its impact being anything less than significant.

Holiday shopping can be stressful enough without the added pressure of finals. For college students, the ability to shop online may make the last few weeks of school a little bit easier.

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## Letters to the Editor

### • Delta Kappa what?

In Jason Moor's special column, "Thoughtless Music or Thoughtless People?" I feel that he turns off the Greek community from a very valid scathing examination of what's wrong with music culture. Although I will be the first to stand up for First Amendment Rights, I feel that Jason was perhaps an example of the "thoughtless people" his title refers to when he makes two negative, unfounded remarks concerning Greek life. The first phrase "Delta Kappa Crappa" and the second, "would take up a stool at Margaritas with the rest of the sorority girls" serve no purpose in this article and distract and offend people such as myself. In no way do fraternity gentlemen and sorority women deserve to be referred to in this way.

As a founding father of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man Chapter, I have received nothing but positive benefits from this fraternity. A new world opens up to people who choose to go Greek. The University is making leaps and bounds to accommodate our unique community. Recently, we had a full-time Greek advisor, EJ Roach, added to the University staff. I.F.C. is rejuvenating itself and is gaining more focus and direction than it has shown in recent memory.

With Greek life headed in the right direction on this campus, there is no reason to put it down. Hopefully, writers of *The Maine Campus* such as Jason Moor will take more discretion in considering the contents of their articles and columns in the future.

Theodore Pietz  
Sigma Phi Epsilon

### • Sweat shops

In his letter to the editor on December 4, Ron Risinger contested the claim of the Maine Peace Action Committee that the bookstore carries products made in sweatshops. While it is true that MPAC has not done a comprehensive investigation of the products sold in the book store and the companies that produce them (a task beyond the scope of the organization), we are not in agreement that it is safe to make the claim that none of the products sold in the bookstore are made in sweatshops. As Mr. Risinger points out, the University is a member of the Collegiate Licensing Company as well as the Fair Labor Association, both of which have codes of conduct which the companies producing apparel that bears the University of Maine logo must meet. This alone, however, does not guarantee that the products are not made under sweatshop conditions. Maine Peace Action Committee, along with thousands of students nation wide, are concerned that the codes of conduct adopted by the CLC and FLA are not adequate to insure the fair treatment of the workers. Among our concerns are the absence of a living wage clause and the lack of an adequate framework to enforce the codes. MPAC is currently in the process of drafting a more strict code of conduct as well as encouraging the University to join the Workers Rights Consortium, a non-profit organization that works with human rights groups to enforce Collegiate codes of conduct for over fifty colleges. The issue isn't whether or not the Book Store currently carries products made in

sweatshop conditions, but guaranteeing that it does not, and will not in the future, by setting high standards and enforcing them.

April Thibodeau  
Orono

### • New comic strip

I was pleasantly surprised on Monday when I picked up a copy of *The Maine Campus*. My feelings were not brought on by the in-depth investigative reports or the award-worthy opinion articles, oh no.... they were brought on by the new glimmer of hope that exists on the entertainment page. I am referring to the simple, yet effective panel "Lance and His Stop Sign Adventures." This wonderful piece depicted a young man, Lance, evaporating as he stared in wonderment at the spectacular, explosive stop sign. I felt the tears well up as I read and began to remember my younger years. In 1987, my older brother Robert evaporated in a similar incident involving an orange traffic cone.

Amidst the other elements that live in the inky comfort of the comics page (the quality artwork, the overcrowded dialogue bubbles, the college jokes that never seem to get old), Lance is an amazing standout piece. If I were to pick out three adjectives to describe it, they would probably be quite interesting. Unfortunately, I'm not in that type of mood.

I hope to see Lance, his family, and the stop sign included in future issues.

Rick Bouchard Jr.  
Orono

Use your head...  
...always wear a condom.

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# OPINION

## Adoption battle confuses many

Adoption is without a doubt a wonderful thing. It gives unwanted children a home, and it gives childless parents someone to love. A win-win situation for everyone right? Unfortunately, the complications that go along with adoption cause unwanted headaches and heartache. I saw a story in the news the other day of a man who is going to court to get his child back from the adoptive parents.

Under normal circumstances, this would be an open and shut case. The baby is sixteen months old, which means that the adoption is final and closed. One would think that the father would just be told sorry, you made your decision, and that decision is final. However, the father in question just recently found out that he even had a child. His ex-girlfriend left him, failing to mention that she was pregnant and then giving the child up for adoption without even telling him. Now he is fighting to get his child back, the adoptive parents are in danger of losing their baby, and all the while a child's future hangs in the balance.

Obviously, both sides have valid points. On one hand, the

father has a right to know his child, but on the other hand the adoptive parents have already invested more than a year in this child, who they have no doubt come to love immensely.

Honestly, I am not sure what the right course of action



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would be at this point; maybe some sort of joint custody arrangement would be wise.

What bothers me most is that this situation ever occurred. I had always been under the impression that when putting a baby up for adoption one needed the signature of both parents in order for the procedure to be legal. The fact that this woman found a way to give her baby up without needing the father to sign his permission, and that an agency would allow the adoption to take place knowing that both parents might not be in agreement makes me angry.

This child's life will be decided by the court agreement because the system and the world that created it is imperfect. Not

only is what the biological mother and adoption agency did borderline illegal, it is immoral. They played with someone's life, an innocent life, and now this court case will probably drag on until everyone involved is sufficiently drained, hurt and unhappy.

The baby is only 16 months old, so fortunately he probably has no idea what is going on or what any of it means. But in the long run, no matter what happens, this child is going to be hurt because somebody didn't do his or her job. Whoever allowed this adoption to take place without getting the signature of both parents should be fired and put in jail for ruining the lives of so many people.

Hopefully the case will decide on an agreement that will be sufficient for both sides. The fact remains, however, that no one is going to be completely happy, and the child will be stuck in the middle of it all. It doesn't surprise me when illegal and immoral things go on in the election. But when the system is corrupt enough to do this to a family, and to an innocent child, the effect is more mind blowing than any ballot re-count could ever be.

*Julia Hall is a first-year journalism major.*

## American media isn't telling the whole story

Conflicts between Israel and Palestine have escalated in the past months. News reports from the area show gory details and not-so-pleasant pictures. The three major TV stations cover what will keep people from changing the channel during primetime hours, but they're not getting the whole story.

While the fighting and war between the two groups is newsworthy, it inaccurately portrays the condition of life in the country. The whole country is not in ruins. Every Israeli isn't running around looking for some Palestinian to knock off.

Last summer, I went to summer camp and was a counselor with three Israeli men, all had just turned 21. In keeping in touch with them I've come to understand the faults of America's media. They realized it's commonplace how the American media covers only their country's fighting and not what it's like to live there. They know what we show on television and they know it's not the whole story.

"I know that in the states the news is looking bad," Avraham told me in an e-mail. "When I saw it [the news] while I was there, I thought like you. But now, when I'm here [in Israel] I can tell you that it's not as bad as it looks."

Avraham knows the American media and he knows what they report. It makes for good TV, but everyday life in Israel isn't so bad. In a mass e-mail to many camp counselors, Avraham asked everyone to stop e-mailing him and asking if he's still alive.

The national media focuses on the tragedy of the few instead of the whole picture. Judging by the evening news, no one's going to plan a vacation to Tel Aviv. But you could take a trip there if you wanted to.

After a less than spectacular performance during the elections, the media has dropped the ball twice. This is not okay. Taking journalism classes that preach a balanced approach and objectivity, it seems that blood and guts has become a fundamental concept of acquiring viewers. Whichever station gets the most blood gets the most viewers and the most advertisers and a better bottom line. Meanwhile the American public is misinformed. A clear, complete story should always

take precedence over revenue. "Don't believe everything you see on TV" has new meaning.

Growing up in such a turbulent region such as Israel puts life in a perspective our generation can't understand.

Even our parents think more closely about foreign affairs. Our current generation of today's college students only had a small little Gulf War to relate to and it was nothing but the U.S. military flexing its muscles at small little Iraq.

The Middle East region has problems, but who's to blame. In 1948, Britain gave up control of the region and Israel was born. There's been continued fighting ever since. Both Israelis and Palestinians stake a claim to the area.

The United States is part of the problem. We pump money into Israel to help them fight. What if Israel had to finance a war on its own? It was brought to my attention by a professor that it's conceivable the fighting would stop if the United States quit fueling the fire.

If both sides couldn't financially sustain a war, they would be forced to get along or starve. Pulling money from Israel is worth a shot. The United States would save money and see if the two sides would continue to fight on their own resources. Here's a smaller scale example. Say a friend hands you \$20 for something you're thinking about buying. You'd be more likely to buy it since you're not paying for it.

Almost every day a headline can be found about a Palestinian death or Israeli bombing, but I had to do research to write this column. There are many fronts to this war with religious, political and historical beliefs playing a part. But no news outlet told me why they recently resumed the fighting.

Never have I seen a report called, "What it's like to live in Israel." Because if that came on during the prime evening slot instead of some shooting and bombing, someone might just change the channel.

*John Contreras is a senior journalism major.*

## Winter parking brings new headaches

The snow is starting to fall in Orono. It's peaceful to watch the light flakes float down, dusting all the cars and buildings and leaving the world in a cloud of white. Anticipating the semester's end, UMaine students are rejoicing at the first hints of a snowy winter.

Excluding, of course, those of us who drive a car.

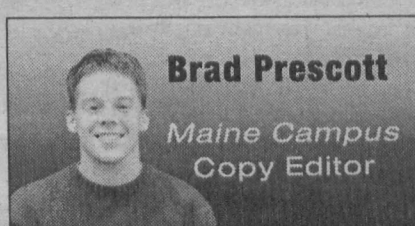
(Writer's note: I know what you're thinking. You don't want to hear anything more about parking. But please bear with me. This is the last story; I promise.)

For motorists, the arrival of snow means a whole new list of parking situations to battle, now with the added bonus of scraping ice off windshields. Students that before were riding bicycles and motorcycles or walking to campus must instead brave the inclement weather via auto, and while the long walk from the back of the Steam Plant lot hasn't really been that bad, it gets much less fun when the thermometer is bottoming out. It is inevitable; all the small problems with parking become magnified in the winter months.

The winter parking ban is

already in effect, which aggravates the situation further but does allow commuter and staff lots to be nicely plowed by morning.

Residents, however, are



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Maine Campus  
Copy Editor

forced to suffer with ever-shrinking parking lots as the snow piles in between parked cars. Those who leave their car in place too long after a storm often find their trusty steed surrounded by impassable drifts of ice and snow, requiring nothing short of a jackhammer to clear a path. This must be suffered until the lot is closed and plowed, finally bringing relief to residential drivers until the next snow. And this is assuming the owners of the cars saw the sign warning of the lot closing and managed to get their cars moved before the tow truck came.

So what is the answer to all this parking insanity? Everyone and his brother has expressed discontent for the

crunch, but what can Joe Student do? Maybe we need to regress to snowshoes and dog sleds. Gas money could be conserved for dog food and beer, and students would be getting regular exercise. Or maybe snowmobiles? The last time I saw one of those on campus was in the middle of a celebratory bonfire. They don't take up as much space as cars, and often have heated grips. What a combination.

I'm really not looking forward to the the added frustrations of winter parking. I usually park in the dirt parking lot next to the Stillwater River, but the snow turns the single row of spaces along the fence into parking anarchy.

Personally, I'm just going to wait for the Stillwater to freeze over and make a little space available for parking. If the ice holds up, I'll have a guaranteed place to park without being towed. If my car ends up underwater, at least I won't have to worry about getting another parking ticket. With what we have to look forward to, it's beginning to sound inviting.

*Brad Prescott is a third-year economics major.*



# Entertainment

## The Monthly Forecast by Kelly Preston

### ARIES

(Mar. 21-Apr.20)

The success you experienced early in the month will set you in the right frame of mind to complete long-term projects. Think about what you would like to happen next in your life; energy is gathering around you like an electric stormcloud. Long-distance travel continues to bring you joy and luck, but only if you are in win-win situations. Charity efforts, volunteerism, and sharing your knowledge and experience freely will reap great rewards into the New Year and beyond. This coming weekend would be an excellent time to start plugging in to the law of giving, which says what you give is what you get! Christmas Day holds a special surprise for you, with the eclipse that day highlighting your 10th Sector of Fame and Reputation. Don't resist working over the holidays, as your career could get a humungous boost that really improves your financial picture in 2001. Don't blow it all New Year's Eve, as pushy partners could prove expensive. Plan a romantic get-away for the two of you midmonth, then ring in the New Year close to home (and close to the phone) so as not to miss important contacts and much needed sleep!

Best Days: Dec. 23, 24, and New Year's Day  
Lay Low: Dec. 19 and 20.

### TAURUS

(April 21-May 21)

It's unusual for you to not be in your very best spirits around the holidays, but this year money matters may have dampened your holiday cheer. Try not to be such a Grinch! Things will improve dramatically after Dec. 20. Attune yourself to the true meaning of it all, which is peace and love among our brethren, and the gift of sharing not what you buy in a store, but what you have in your heart. Early in the month you shine brighter than the Christmas star in your work place; others look to you as an inspiration in your field. Tell them how you do it. On Christmas Day, look to the friendly skies for adventure! Listen for the call of distant shores, foreign ports, and far-away lands. You are being asked by the Universe to have great courage as you start a whole new chapter of your life, one to which the introduction has been written, and the ideas outlined, but which now needs substance. The Moon on New Year's Eve shines on your sector of friends, so plan on going out that evening with the crew as opposed to one special person—you'll have a lot more fun!

Best Days: Dec. 7, 8, and 9.  
Lay Low: Dec. 21 and 22.

### GEMINI

(May 22-June 21)

I know who Santa's favorite is this month—and it's YOU! December could prove to be 30 days of sheer holiday happiness. Many Twins will be savoring true love this season. The Full Moon in your sign on Dec. 11 speaks of short trips which could lead you to the deeper love you've been craving. Big gifts come in small

packages this year, and one special gift from an elder, probably male, is sure to bring tears of appreciation to your eyes. Business and pleasure mix very well on New Year's Eve. Your salary and reputation are about to reach new heights in the new year, but you need to make the right contacts now to ensure future opportunities will be there for you. Relationships get worked on in the first half of the month, leaving you plenty of time for you both to practice what you preach. If you decide to end a relationship now, you may be retreading the same road with this person a few month's hence, so don't burn your bridges!

Best Days: Dec. 9, 10, and 11.  
Lay Low: Dec. 23 and 24.

### CANCER

(June 22-July 23)

Mars in your 4th sector of home and family continues to make you a Domestic God/Goddess. You have the warrior planet's power until Dec. 23 to make significant improvements on the homefront. This coming weekend could be the romantic winter wonderlust you've been dreaming of, but you'll have to talk yourself into the right positions first before you can benefit from the love-ly vibrations. You have charm; use it! The Full Moon on Dec. 11 falls in your sector of secrets; let those who wish to hid in your shadow do so for now. You will still be benefiting from their unseen efforts on your behalf. There is no need to spill the beans until you can for see a win-win situation. Eclipses that will rock your world throughout the next two years kick-off on Christmas Day. This one reveals the truth, like it or not, about your committed relationships (aren't you glad you kept your mouth shut?). Prepare to be pleasantly surprised!

Best Days: Dec. 11 (late evening; full moon in Cancer!) and 12.  
Lay Low: Dec. 26 and 27.

### LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Your focus on love and harmony in all your interpersonal relationships will continue into 2001, but to reap the rewards of all this effort you must first make the sacrifices that Saturn requires. By now you have probably made many of those decisions. All lions should be taking time off from detailed, routine work to dream a little and put their creative genius to work on the higher planes. Leaders need visions, and you are a leader creating a vision for your life. A party gathers at your house on or around the Full Moon on Dec. 11, and as always you are the favorite, adored pet. Prepare to be mauled by new and old admirers. Guard against accidents or injury Christmas Day, as throwing caution to the wind might tempt the wrong Fates on the wrong day with the eclipse occurring in your House of health, and in the sign of Capricorn, which rules the bones. Forewarned is forearmed. Mabey wait a few days to try out that new snowboard!

Best Days: Dec. 13, 14, and 15.  
Lay Low: Dec. 28, 29 and 30.

### VIRGO

(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Prepare for a few more twists and turns before the holidays are officially here, because the planets have quite a few more acts to play out yet! Both on the home-front and at your work you have been busting to get things fixed without really seeing any progress. All this will change next week, when things suddenly slide together perfectly. Obstacles that you thought would never be surmounted simply dissolve, with a little help from an older friend. The eclipse on Christmas Day falls in your House of true love in earthy Capricorn, which signifies that someone's heart close to your home or within stable, traditional environments beats a little louder when you're around! Attached Virgins will finally be able to reach those dreamy depths of love with their partner, after a cold autumn in which the two of you may have grown apart. 'Tis the season to remember your love and rejoice in it. Mars in your 3rd sector of communication keeps the cell phone ringing all month, bringing you news about the future of your finances and you'll be pleased with what you're hearing—ching, ching!!

Best Days: Dec. 16, 17.  
Lay Low: New Year's Eve.

### LIBRA

(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

An opportunity to make an excellent first impression comes mid-month when the Full Moon shines on your awesome personality, making you sparkle! You have probably become involved in the arts in some form lately; let your creativity continue to flow from the deep wells of your unconscious. Relationships aren't your top priority now; they have either stabilized or paled in comparison to the great strides you've been making in your independent lifestyle make-over. Parents and the home will be your focus over the holidays, as you transition through a significant ending that also is also a new beginning. The stars say you're spending time with a new lover or discovering an exciting, novel way to appreciate the one you have. Remember you have Mars on your side all month, giving you the energy and charisma you need to finish the year with a bang—or more likely an elegant splash at that exclusive New Year's Eve bash you'll be invited to. Wear red because you are hot, hot hot!

Best Days: Dec. 18, 19, and 20 (early-mid-afternoon).  
Lay Low: Dec. 6 and 7.

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Scorpions always have power issues, but this month it's clearly over money and who brings in the biggest bucks, and what that means in your relationships with others. Perhaps it's deciding what you can

afford, or should afford for holiday gifts, or who's car is going to be used for the trip to Grandma's. Disagreements about who is spending what of yours are sure to surface in the next few weeks, and your response is to seek ways of making more money rather than clamp down on spending, either yours or a beloved's. The stars give you cosmic permission to do so, because we both know you have a secret plan, and that by the end of this month it will be in full swing. Something that happened at Christmas time almost a decade ago is revived again, like the ghost of Christmas past, this holiday season. Prepare to experience an "Ah ha" moment, as the eclipse this year on Christmas Day reveals the truth about something that has remained hidden for a very long time. Don't let financial worries keep you from enjoying the sensual gifts given by those who really love you.

Best Days: Dec. 20 and 21.  
Lay Low: Dec. 8 and 9.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

The Full Moon on Dec. 11 falls in your 7th sector of committed relationships, and those who are ready to declare their intentions will formally do so around that time. All Sags have experienced personal transformation this fall, and many are ready to step up the pace of their lives in 2001. Because so often you are misunderstood, make sure your plans and feelings are crystal clear to significant others who matter in your master plan. Most of your month will be spent finishing up long-term projects, clearing the decks for your new ideas. Mars in your 11th sector of friends and socializing will give you extra stamina so you're sure not to miss a single holiday party. By New Year's Eve, many things that have been hanging in the balance will have been resolved, allowing you to look to the new year with a clear vision of what you want and how you can go about getting it.

Days: Dec. 22, 23, and 24.  
Lay Low: Dec. 10 and 11.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Work and career-related matters are still on the front burner for most of December. You are hard-pressed to conclude projects that may have dragged on for too long, but you are supported by those in high positions who are willing to wait for your quality work. Could it be you are a bit bored with your day-to-day routines? Dragging your heels to work a bit, are we? I fortell many Goats will be leading a completely different lifestyle by this time next year. The eclipse in your sign on Christmas Day clearly indicates you will be discovering how deep your beliefs are ingrained about who you are and the condition of your health, and how those two things interact. Perhaps you will make the mind/body connection, or get results back from some sort of check-up, or maby considering another profession

because of health related issues. With lucky Jupiter in these same sectors, it's all good news with few surprises, just insight. Romantically, you will be rewarded if you lower your expectations of a lover and let things happen naturally. Single Goats will see a slew of new faces towards the end of the month, so there's no excuse for any of you to go dateless as you ring in 2001, which will certainly be a year to remember for all Capricorns.

Best Days: Dec. 25, 26, and 27 (early to mid-morning).  
Lay Low: Dec. 12 and 13.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Sexy Venus slips into your sign on Dec. 8, increasing your attractiveness for the whole month. After the hell you've been through lately, you deserve some cosmic perks! Another one of these is a Grand Time working it's magic on you. Soon you will discover a new channel for your crazy creativity; look for this to be connected with people far away and evolved in publishing or higher education. Your circle of contacts, which began to widen last month, gets even bigger now, bringing you closer to your dreams of a perfect job or lifestyle. This is a great time to join a group or organization you admire. The eclipse on Christmas Day is in your 12th sector of secrets; expect a surprise (and I know you really don't like them all that much) that even you could not foresee. This sector also rules your inner life, so spiritual insights and deep introspection that occurs away from the hustle-and-bustle of the season will bring you great satisfaction at this time. Love is balanced and workable for once; expect to swoon on Christmas Eve!

Best Days: Dec. 27 (late afternoon and evening), 28, and 29.  
Lay Low: Dec. 14 and 15.

### PISCES

(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

The spats between your ruler, Neptune, and Jupiter have been causing you trouble for years but as of Dec. 9 they will be burying the hatchet, removing many small irritations you have tolerated for years both in your personal and professional life. This shift in energy will allow you to start realizing many of your dreams, starting in your home and radiating outward to the much larger world. This trend is punctuated by the eclipse on Christmas Day, highlighting your 11th sector of influential friends and secret wishes. You may be astonished at how quickly your dreams are becoming a reality. A good friend asks you to take a larger role in a community group or humanitarian organization. Do so, even if you don't think you'll have time for it. New Year's Eve is sure to be a big night for you with the Moon in your sign, signifying your influence on others is strong and will remain so all year. Seeking to smooth over differences with your partner or potential mate opens the door to an even higher level of love between you.

Best Days: Dec. 30 and 31.  
Lay Low: Dec. 16, 17, and 18.



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## Web site offers free and easy greeting cards

By Gina Valenzuela  
For The Maine Campus

Any college student loves free stuff. Christmas is right around the corner and money is tight as usual. Christmas cards need to be sent out and presents wrapped, and that can put a strain on student's already thin wallets. Have no fear, just go to [www.bluemountain.com](http://www.bluemountain.com) and your money problems will be eased.

Blue Mountain features free e-cards which, for those who are not so computer literate, are e-mail greeting cards. It is simple and is delivered in minutes, which is very convenient for any procrastinators out there. The Web site currently highlights a winter holiday category which features everything from cards about snow to Santa to Christmas and Hanukkah. Designing your own paper cards and wrapping paper, which you can print out, is also available and free.

The site is not limited to Christmas, but has many categories including "Stay In Touch," "Just For Fun," "Birthday," "Encouragement," "Events and Milestones," "Comfort and Support," "Kids," "Teens," "Love," "Family," "Living," "Arts and Literature," "Professional," "Seasonal," "Nations Ethnic and Regional," and Religions. You can even find a sweet, innocent e-card asking parents or relatives to send you a few bucks.

The Web site breaks into other features. In "e-videos" you can add your own home video to an e-card. And in "My Invites" you can create your own invitations and either send them via e-mail or print them out.

The Print Center is where you can create designs for T-shirts, stickers, gift wrapping sets and more. The Gift Center allows you to send an e-card with an attached gift which the site will also help you find.

An address book makes sending e-cards even easier through storing the names of friends, family, associates e-mails and dates. You can also access your free email account through Blue Mountain. If language is a barrier, you will have no problem. The Web site provides e-cards in not only English, but also Italian, French, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Korean and Chinese. If your language isn't covered, you can create a voice card, where you can record your own personal voice message.

Another free e-card Web site is [www.americangreetings.com](http://www.americangreetings.com). This site is almost as good as Blue Mountain. It features e-cards, paper cards you can print out and photo cards where you can add your own photographs. It also offers games and comics that you can e-mail to friends just for a laugh. There aren't as many e-card categories as Blue Mountain, but most of the important greetings are covered.

No matter what the occasion, e-cards are a convenient, quick way to send a greeting.

## Natural Living options in Brewer

By Debra Hatch  
Copy Editor

Healthy, natural foods and living are something that Barbara Geiger and her family are passionate about. They first began to pay more attention to it when their son was diagnosed with hyperkinetic disorder, where he is sensitive to artificial colorings, artificial flavors and additives. Geiger said that this meant the family had to start going back to natural foods rather than the mainstream supermarket foods.

Together, they opened the Natural Living Center in 1977, beginning with a small eight-foot by 10-foot kiosk at the Airport Mall near Union Street in Bangor. Two years later, they moved the Natural Living Center to Brewer and spent several years in a smaller location until they finally moved into their present 4,400 square foot location on Wilson Street in Brewer.

As for Bangor, this year marks the 11th year they have been operating out of the location in the plaza "The Avenue" on Stillwater Avenue. The Bangor location is a large building holding an immense amount of items from groceries, to health and beauty products — all of

which are natural.

Fifteen years ago, Geiger said, people used to come into the Brewer location and stand there and laugh, calling it a stupid idea that would never last.

Geiger has proved them wrong. The popularity of the store

once called her idea stupid, also called it sad. But what she considers sad is significantly different, and is what drives the idea for the store even more.

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has been steadily growing and continues to gain more and more customers who want to eat more healthily and even buy their food in bulk. The fact that the store also sells ethnic foods, including Asian, Indian and some middle eastern foods, provides her customers with the chance to get things they wouldn't normally be able to, at a lower price.

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As for the store's offerings, Geiger said the store is a full-line grocery store with a lot of ethnic

foods. Using 1,500 square feet of building, the primary space is filled with bulk foods of every category possible. Some of these bulk items include flour, spices, herbs, dried fruits and grains. The store also provides bulk coffee beans, candies, nuts, confections and other treats. The store also carries a full range of teas, beauty products and health products, including nutrition supplements, vitamins and herbal remedies. A vast array of health books are available for purchase also.

In addition, the store has a full range of brewing ingredients for soda, beer and wine so customers can make their own beverages. Geiger's pet project right now includes learning more about essential oils and how they can be beneficial to the body. The store offers a variety and information about how to use them.

"They have great properties and uses and if you are using oils for health or healing they really have to be natural," Geiger said.

Two years ago, they annexed the location next to them and created the Brewnet Cafe — a place where people can go and check e-mail or use the Internet for a small fee. They offer seven computers for usage by the public. Fifteen-min-

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## University of Maine history



This weekend the Pavillion Theater will house "The Marriage of Bette and Boo." Look for a feature on the Pavillion in Monday's Maine Campus. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM



# Holiday classic revived and expanded by Carrey

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



**He:** Does it take an actor like Jim Carrey to play the Grinch? If you want the movie to work, it does. Working with the 1957 classic Dr. Seuss story and the equally loved 1966 animated cartoon, director Ron Howard ups the ante one more and adds humans to the roles of the Whos and the infamous Grinch.

With heavy detail and lavish sets, Whoville certainly comes alive but sadly, the movie get bogged down in its

attempt to fill the motion picture standard. Characters and subplots are added too carelessly to stretch the action long enough, leaving almost the entire middle alien to those familiar with the original story. Carrey does his best to bring the Grinch alive, but has to still rely on an imitation of the 1966 cartoon.

**She:** I liked the movie. But I agree that the middle was mushy. I also didn't like how mean the Who mayor was. When little Cindy Lou Who wanted to invite the Grinch to Whoville out of the kindness of her heart, she was ridiculed. This was one of the major changes from the book to the motion picture. Obviously these changes had to be made because the book is much shorter. Jim Carrey was very funny as the menacing Grinch, and the costumes and make-up were Oscar-worthy.

**He:** What amazed me was how the real life dog in this

movie looked exactly like the dog in the cartoon. By far, I found him to be the funniest part of this film. Carrey was his usual crazy bit but I felt some times throughout the film that

don't know. Also, Taylor Momsen, the young actress who played Cindy Lou Who was absolutely adorable. This movie may open doors for her much like "The Sixth Sense"

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maybe the Grinch's actions were over the heads of children. This I believe was done to attract the adults who would be accompanying the children to the movie.

**She:** The dog was adorable! I couldn't believe that the dog could smile. This may have been a trick of the camera, but I

did for Haley Joel Osment.

I liked the cameos from Molly Shannon and Christine Baranski as well. The only problem was, it didn't seem like Shannon got to use her comedy as much as she should have.

**He:** How could you forget the best cameo of them all?

Josh Ryan Evans, who plays Timmy, the loveable doll that comes to life character on the hit NBC "Passions," plays a young Grinch. Yes, the thought of a flashback to when the Grinch was younger sounds corny, and it really is, but seeing Timmy in the Grinch suit was a hoot nonetheless.

**She:** Forgive me, please because I adore that little man. I love watching him on "Passions" and he was equally good in this film. As the young Grinch he was so cute, and perfect for the part. It seems like I am calling a lot of things cute in this movie. There's a reason for that. The movie was cute and well put together. It's a Dr. Seuss story, not an epic film you can rave about. The movie did what Ron Howard set out to do: re-create a magical, whimsical story that is nearly four decades old. He didn't have to change much, he simply added some depth to the story.



Jim Carrey and Taylor Munson star in Ron Howard's version of "The Grinch." PHOTO COURTESY UNIVERSAL PICTURES.

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# 'Grunge' is gone

By Amy Leisinger  
The Daily Iowan

IOWA CITY, IA (U-WIRE). Think back to the days of middle school. Flannel shirts, the beginning of the "baggy jeans" era — who could forget?

And Nirvana, the best band to ever grace the music scene.

April 14, 1994 — the day we lost Kurt Cobain. This was the day that many teenagers lost the one person who could truthfully express their pain. To quote Don McLean, this was, for me, "the day the music died."

Now, here we are again, at another dead end in the world of "grunge" rock. Dec. 2, 2000 — the day the music died — again.

Last Saturday, the music group Smashing Pumpkins gave its last concert. This demise of yet another influential band from the early '90s has led me to one conclusion: soon, the entire music industry will be overtaken by the upbeat sounds of teenage pop stars.

Like a bad case of fungus, the boy and girl bands of the '00s are slowly taking over the world. Just look at all the 12-year-olds in leather pants and tie-back halter tops. Their images and songs of sex and money bombard every child. I always said Christina Aguilera was an alien. Now, I know for sure.

With the arrival of all of these pop-star aliens, I've begun to lose my youth. How can 'NSync possibly speak to the youth of America the way that Nirvana, Soundgarden or Smashing Pumpkins did? Yeah, "Oops, I did it again." There's a brilliant, depthful sentiment right there. But let me ask you something, Britney. Just what the hell did you do the first time?

And the bands that are actually still around from the "grunge" era, Nine Inch Nails and Pearl Jam, sell only a fraction of the albums they used to. The younger generation is incapable of finding the

messages in this type of music because popular culture, diffused by MTV and VH1, constantly crams Nelly and the Backstreet Boys down their throats.

I believe that every producer at MTV is from another planet, from the land of Crappimusicania.

The music sells an image, and this image is taking over the country. "Grunge" music encouraged comfortable clothing, relaxing instrumentals, and that it was indeed OK to be depressed once in a while. Nowadays, girls dress scantily, guys wear Fubu, and everybody needs to grind with one another to effectively jam to music.

Headbanging, moshing ... what the hell are those? They're the moves from back in the day, back when music was real. Music had soul; it had life. Who would have guessed that pop music would go from the Go-Go's to something like BBMAK?

Life is all about cheaper, faster and better these days. Just look at the bar scene here in Iowa City. You go out in comfortable clothes, and everyone thinks you're insane. The whole idea is quick and cheap action. My friend Bill, easy-going and comfortable, can't get a nice girl. The rampant sounds of Jessica Simpson are probably not helping him much.

I, too, still find my motivation in good ol' "grunge" rock. Let's see: "The sun is gone, but I have a light," or "Who let the dogs out?" Gee, which one is more symbolic to you?

I hope the spirit of martyrs such as Cobain and Billy Corgan live forever in the hearts of the '90s adolescents who thought no one understood.

If you "don't want no scrubs," give someone like Bill a chance. He's one of the few people I know who's keeping the relaxed yet realistic attitudes of "grunge" alive and that is a wonderful thing.

# Pearl Jam, Radiohead among Indiana student's top ten LPs

By Jason Gaddis  
Indiana Daily Student

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE) — 1. Radiohead — "Kid A." Easily the most explorative and musically beautiful album of the year, with Kid A, Radiohead shows how they can continue to morph and mold their style to remain at the cutting edge of music while still keeping a grasp on their distinctive sound. Despite the hype, Radiohead created an album that is powerful, entertaining and musically superior to any other album this year.

2. A Perfect Circle — "Mer de Noms." Not only did it feature the triumphant return of lyrical master Maynard James Keenan, but "Mer de Noms," the debut album for A Perfect Circle, is one of the most sonic albums to come out of the heavy metal genre in years. It combines hard-rocking riffs with complex yet meaningful guitar work, all layered with Keenan's mystical and frightening lyrics. Far from being a Tool side project, A Perfect Circle made its mark in rock music with the intelligent and carefully crafted "Mer de Noms."

3. U2 — "All That You Can't Leave Behind." Honest and sincere, U2 shows why they are still here and why they intend to stay for much longer. "All That You Can't Leave Behind," filled with politics, profoundness and a rock infused with pop sound, has put them where they are today — on top of the world. While many bands tend to wane in their later years, U2 is still going strong, making catchy yet well-designed songs and making a statement as they go.

4. B.B. King & Eric Clapton — "Riding With the King." This album is a bit of an exception, in that it is mostly covers, but when an album features the king of blues and the king of rock, exceptions can be made. In fact, King and Clapton reworked many of the songs to the point that they can almost call them their own. This album truly blurred the lines between blues and rock by taking masters of both and letting them have fun.

5. Eminem — "The Marshall Mathers LP." Love him or hate him, there's no doubt that Eminem made his mark on pop culture, but more importantly, on the rap market. In a market now dominated by big names flaunting lots of money and lots of women, Eminem is actually keeping it real, trying to infuse real life into always well-constructed Dr. Dre beats. All the controversy has actually detracted from the real power of Eminem's music, but is unlikely to discourage him from continuing on his quest to bring rap back.

6. Geddy Lee — "My Favorite Headache." Rush's lead man came back with a new crew and a bang on My Favorite Headache. Lee's first solo project is as intelligent and hard-hitting as any Rush album, but with a distinctively different sound. Still, Lee shows off his bass and vocal talent more than ever and proves why he is one of the great minds of modern music.

7. Tony Iommi — "Tommi." Not really explorative or stylistically amazing, there is one thing that Tony Iommi's debut solo CD is, and that's honest. He remains true to his Black Sabbath roots, so much that the track featuring Ozzy Osbourne is wildly nostalgic. Iommi rarely

explores his guitar, but he stays true to the heavy metal and ended up with one of the hardest and truest metal albums of the year.

8. Smashing Pumpkins — "Machina: Machine of Gods." They never quite got it right before the band split this year, but with their final commercial album, the Smashing Pumpkins prove they are still some of the greatest minds in alt-rock. Being one of the innovators of the '90s alt-rock wave, the Pumpkins were always under great pressure to deliver innovative and quality albums. With Machina, they did just that, mixing the ballads and the rock to bring back memories of their glory days, and show the modern rock bands how its done.

9. Pink Floyd — "Is There Anybody Out There? (The Wall Live)" Again, another sort of exception, but with "Is There Anybody Out There?" Pink Floyd did the unthinkable, making a live album that is superior to the studio version. The album had more guitar riffs, more effect, and extended solos, not to mention thousands of wild fans who make the listener feel like he or she is right there in the audience. All together, Pink Floyd did more than just repack-age, they recreated.

10. Pearl Jam — European bootlegs. Although it actually consists of 25 double-disc albums, Pearl Jam went all out in creating professional quality copies of their European live shows. More than just a marketing gimmick, Pearl Jam gave the fans what they wanted with these albums. All high quality and all superb shows, the bootlegs were a godsend to the Pearl Jam faithful and those just looking for good live performances.

## Natural Living

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utes of computer usage costs \$1 or \$3 for every half-hour. Printing costs 10 cents a page. There is also a cozy little area of the store with round wooden tables and comfortable chairs for gathering, you can also get an array of beverages, from coffee to teas, hot chocolate, chai, steamed milk, cappuccino and lattes. Geiger says that they created it to have a "nice, quiet atmosphere" for people to do work in.

Geiger also said they use as many local foods as possible. She said the store sells local eggs, milk, meat (chicken, turkey and beef), as well as flowers and flower arrangements.

They also offer a frequent shopper program. People who are part of the frequent shopper program receive a punch card. For every \$20 minimum purchase (excluding purchases of beer, wine and produce) the card gets punched. After 10

punches in a six month period the shopper receives a \$20 gift certificate to the store.

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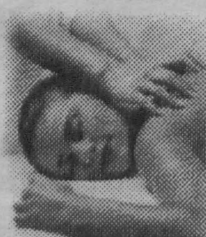


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## Wolf feature

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scorer all my life," she said. "I never got as many assists, but that's changing a little bit. I've played with a different style this year. I used to play with a European style, but now I've gotten used to the American style a little more."

Wolf says that she thinks she'll score some more goals later in the year. She said the major difference between the North American and European style of play is that North American hockey is more skill oriented, because of the smaller ice sheet. Europe uses

rinks that are 15 feet wider than American rinks. In Europe, they also allow checking in the women's game, which they don't here.

Raffi is living one of her dreams. She wanted to play at a Division I school that was just

starting up, and Maine was the perfect fit. "I've been surprised that I've played as well as I have, because I came from Germany, and everything," she said rather humbly. "I just want to be remembered as a player who helped build the program. I want

to be remembered as someone who was a dedicated athlete with a good attitude and work ethic."

Raffi Wolf has certainly achieved that goal already. There isn't a more deserving player to be a foundation to building a program either.

## Women's basketball

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to prepare for their final game of the trip against conference rival Boston University.

"When we played against BU we were flat from the beginning. I thought they were prepared to play, but I think that physically, mentally and emotionally, they were totally drained," Versyp said. "I don't think the display we showed against Boston University is what we're really all about."

The Bears are spending this week preparing for a tough weekend of America East conference opponents. Friday, the Towson Tigers, who are 0-3 on the season,

make the trip to Orono to face the Black Bears.

Coach Versyp is hopeful about the pairing of Maine and Towson.

"I think it'll be a good matchup," Versyp said. "They do a variety of things that our kids have had to play against. They do some full court man, and they've got some quickness, but I think our size will help us out as well as our rebounding. I think it'll be a great game."

Delaware (2-0) comes to Alford Arena on Sunday with a number one ranking within America East at their side.

"They're playing very, very well," Versyp said of Delaware. "They've just got a good core of eight or nine kids that are really getting it done for them."

The Black Bears are looking for some home court support from the student body this weekend. "It's our home conference opener this weekend and we're hoping that as many students as possible come to the games," Versyp said.

The Black Bears can be seen Friday night at Alford Arena at 7:30 p.m. versus Towson, and again Sunday at noon against Delaware.

## Boston sports

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and the rebuilding process at the Fleetcenter will continue in perpetuity.

Things in Foxboro aren't much better. The Patsies can't run the ball. They don't pass it particularly well either. Their secondary, long a strength of the team, is in shambles with alleged superstar Ty Law playing more like Tyra Banks.

What happened? For one thing, owner Robert Kraft allowed former player personnel director Bobby Grier to shop for the groceries. It seems that Bobby went to Thriftway when everyone else was shopping at Shaws. This

team just isn't very good. There's not much depth, they're weak in the backfield and at tight end. The defensive and offensive fronts are in need of complete overhauls. This team needs to be disbanded.

Here's an idea. Trade Drew Bledsoe to Seattle for an offensive lineman, a defensive back (preferably Shawn Springs) and a couple of first round picks. The Pats aren't going to contend in the immediate future and Bledsoe may not last that long with the line he has in front of him. Michael Bishop at least has a chance with his legs.

The Red Sox represent the only

semblance of hope. Granted, with the weaponry the Yankees are currently assembling, it will be hard to beat the Bronx Bombers. But the Sox always seem to overachieve and drag out the inevitable until late in the season. As a die-hard fan, I'm drunk with the notion that they'll actually pull off the miracle we expect from them every year. If they sign Manny Ramirez, it could happen this year.

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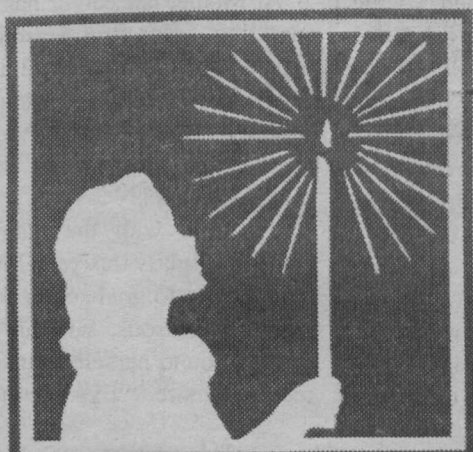
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## Possible America East restructuring in holding pattern after talks

Four schools may head to Colonial conference

By John Contreras  
Sports Editor

What were once thought of as inevitable changes in the America East conference are on hold for now. Four schools: Towson, Delaware, Drexel and Hofstra were expected to defect to the Colonial Athletic Association but no changes have taken place.

"I'm astounded that some form of announcement hasn't happened yet," Maine Athletic Director Suzanne Tyler said.

Talks about possible changes progressed during Thanksgiving break between the four schools and the Colonial conference. These talks left Tyler with the impression that the remaining America East schools should prepare for life with only six schools.

"I thought it was a done deal," she said. "I kept saying we need to make plans because it's going to happen."

Tyler and the commissioner talked about getting the six remaining athletic directors to Boston to start talking about plan-

ning, including coming up with a plan to add possible future members for the conference. "We need to start saying step one, step two, step three for us to survive as a conference if they leave," Tyler said, reacting to what she thought was a forgone conclusion.

Maine, along with the other schools that intend to remain in America East, is lobbying Hofstra to remain in the America East, according to Tyler. Hofstra has been the school expressing the most concern about the move. Hofstra would be the northernmost school if they were to join the Colonial conference which creates geographical concerns Maine is familiar with. There are a number of variables that come into play with a conference switch. Starting dates, permission to host conference tournaments and entry fees are all up for negotiation in the complex process. Dr. Tyler isn't sure it's in Hofstra's best interest to leave the America East.

"In reality, I don't think it's a great move for them," she said.

"They are culturally much more attuned to Maine than they are with UNC-Wilmington."

While Hofstra is in limbo, Towson and Delaware have expressed more desire to join the Colonial.

"Towson has already said they're going if they can," Tyler said. "Delaware has made it pretty clear that they're going."

Drexel is playing monkey in the middle and will most likely follow Hofstra's lead. "Drexel will go where Hofstra goes," Tyler said. "They can't stay with us in America East without a travel partner."

Schools that switch conferences also face other intangible concerns. Dr. Tyler considers the America East schools to be philosophically aligned and all on the same page. She also sees the same situation in the Colonial schools. So any America East schools that join the Colonial will be considered outsiders.

"That CAA group, they're pretty tight," Tyler said. "It's like transferring to a new school."

## President bars New Mexico State men's basketball from postseason

By Geoff Grammer  
The Round Up

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (U-WIRE) — New Mexico State University President Jay Gogue imposed two years of probation on the men's basketball team Wednesday for possible violations of NCAA regulations.

The self-imposed sanctions include no postseason play this season and the loss of scholarships over the next three seasons.

The NCAA sent a Letter of Official Inquiry to Gogue's office questioning possible past violations that allegedly occurred under former Aggie head coach Neil McCarthy and involved the recruitment of two former players.

"Although these violations occurred several years ago, we take them no less seriously," Gogue said.

None of the current Aggie players, coaches, assistants or current Athletic Director Brian Faison were part of the team at the time the violations ostensibly took place.

The NCAA may deem these sanctions sufficient punishment or they could tack on additional penalties. For now, this year's team is the only one who will suffer postseason penalties.

"Being a senior, this is my last year and I wanted to go out with a bang," said senior guard and co-captain Zack Norvell. "This has nothing to do with our program now or the players on this team. This is a punishment for some of the former players that we as a current team must accept."

Among the violations investigated in NMSU's 142-page self-report were allegations of academic fraud by former coaches and two former players. Former NMSU assistant coach Fletcher Cockrell, according to the report, was given a job at NMSU by ensuring to McCarthy that two junior college players, Antoine Hubbard and Louis Richardson, from Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss., would play for the Aggies.

It is alleged that in order for Hubbard and Richardson to become academically eligible to play for NMSU, Cockrell arranged for the "fraudulent completion" of two correspondence courses for them.

In Oct. 1997, Cockrell was fired by then Athletics Director Jim Paul and McCarthy was reassigned within the department. Current coach Lou Henson then became the Aggies new head coach.

Also investigated by NMSU in their 142-page report was assistant coach Rus Bradburd.

The university found no wrongdoing on Bradburd's part concerning the alleged violations. The NCAA letter of inquiry, however, suggests "(Bradburd) acted contrary to the principles of ethical conduct" and he did not act in a manner with the "generally recognized high standards of honesty and sportsmanship normally associated with" being a coach. This statement concerns his alleged involvement in securing Cockrell a job if he "delivered" Hubbard and Richardson to NMSU.

It was also allegedly found that cash payment to players, illegal

long-distance phone calls and other recruiting violations occurred during McCarthy's tenure as coach.

The basketball team served a three-year probation from 1996-1999 for other violations. The NCAA has a special bylaw, commonly referred to as the repeat-offender law, which enforces much stricter penalties for schools found in violation of regulations multiple times.

The self-imposed sanctions issued by Gogue are: two years of probation for the men's basketball program; no post-season play in 2001; and reduction in scholarships. In 2001-2002, scholarships will be reduced by one, from 13 to 12; in 2002-2003, reduced by two, from 13 to 11; and in 2003-2004, reduced by one, from 13 to 12.

In addition, limits will be imposed on the following recruitment activities: no junior college prospects will be signed for admission in 2002-2003; reduction in official recruiting visits from 12 to eight for two years, starting in 2001-2002; reduction of in-person contacts from five to four for two years, starting in 2001-2002; and a 25 percent reduction in the number of prospect evaluations from the maximum number allowed for two years, starting in 2001-2002.

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Women's Hockey vs. Wayne State 1 p.m.

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Women's Basketball vs. Delaware 12 p.m.  
Men's Hockey vs. Boston College 7 p.m.

ON THE ROAD...

Friday

Men's Hockey at Boston University

Saturday

Men's Basketball at Delaware

## Maine's Wolf approaches school points record

By Jeff Mannix  
Women's Hockey Reporter

Only 69 games into her college hockey career at the University of Maine, Raffi Wolf is one of the programs most decorated players. Wolf already has the career record for goals, which currently stands at 50.

Going into Thursday's game with the Wayne St. Warriors at Alford Arena, Wolf was only two points shy of breaking the career record for points. Her 10 points so far this season have brought Wolf's career total to 74, one shy of the record held by Alison Lorenz, who graduated last year.

Wolf is much more concerned with how the team does than her chase of the record. "The record will be important to me, but it's not in my head. Not at all. I have to think about the team. It's not about me as an individual, it's about the team effort," she said.

"She's prepared and ready to go every night," head coach, Rick Filighera said. "That's the difference in her from the last two years. Other teams have to focus on her. She's a big reason for our success."

If there is an optional team skate, chances are very good that you will find Raffi Wolf on the ice. "She's always been on the ice," Filighera said. "She's always had a good work ethic. Hockey is her passion. It's good to see. For our team to get to the next level, we need a lot of players like that."

Wolf comes from a very small town in Germany called Voerde. She says there is a very big difference between here and her home back in Germany. "Everyone knows everyone. When I go to the store, I know everyone there. Here, there are so many people, it's unreal!" she said with a chuckle.

Maine is also not the only team that Wolf is a member of. She also plays for the German national team. She is a first or second-line player in most games she

plays for them. "People expect a lot out of me when I go home (and play for the national team) because I play hockey in the United States, and the game is better over here."

In fact, while the rest of the Black Bears will have a month away from playing games and will get to go home for Christmas break, Wolf will have no such luxury. Once the semester ends, Wolf will rejoin the national team to play in a tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. from Dec. 26-29 along with the national teams from the United States and Russia, as well as Dartmouth College. "I'm not happy about not going home, because I want to see my family, but I've got the commitment to the national team, so I have to be there for that."

Wolf will also be working toward another goal with the national team—qualifying for the Olympic Games in 2002. It will be the second time women's hockey will be an official Olympic sport. Germany did not qualify for the first Olympic tournament in 1998. Wolf thinks that the team has a very good chance at qualifying this time around. But she doesn't want to go to the Olympics just for herself, she would to dedicate an Olympic performance to her grandmother.

"She raised me for the most part. She lived with my family," she said. "She passed away (four years ago). She always supported me playing hockey. She would have gone to the Olympics, but now she can't. I hope I can go and dedicate them to her."

At Maine, her career has been sparkling. Her first season, she racked up 31 goals and 12 assists in 32 games. Last season, she scored 15 goals and had six assists. So far this season, she has four goals and six assists.

Her role with the team has changed slightly this year. She has been the go-to goal scorer for the past two seasons, but this year, she has found herself distributing the puck more. "I've been a goal

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# Towson holds off Maine for win

By Lucas Peterson  
Men's Basketball Reporter

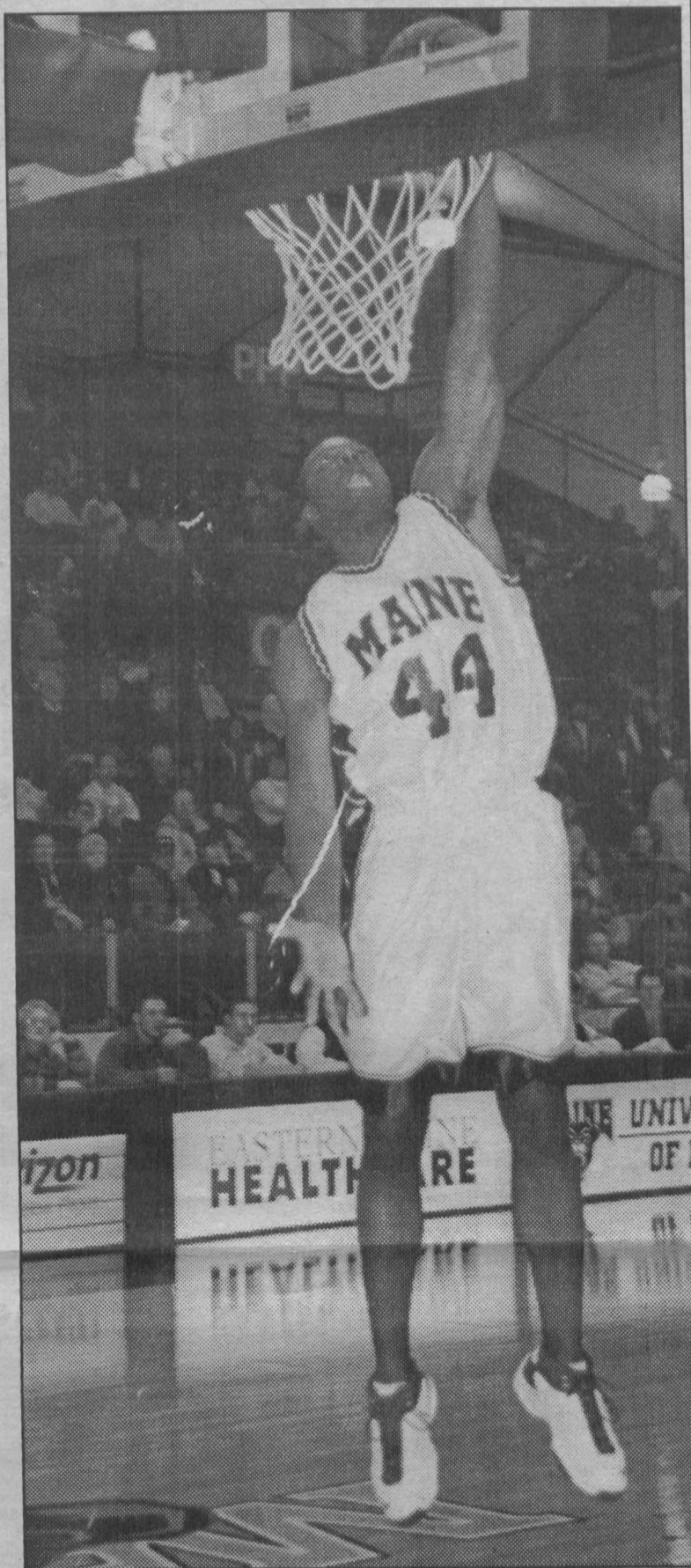
The University of Maine men's basketball team opened America East play on the road last night against Towson University. The Black Bears followed a tough first half with a strong run late in the game, but it was not enough. Towson held on for a 72-67 win.

The Tigers held Maine's top two offensive players in check throughout the game. Senior forward Julian Dunkley was a non-factor in the game, registering only two points. From the opening tip, Towson implored a stifling two-three zone, keeping the Black Bear's offense out of sink. The zone completely shut down Dunkley and the rest of Maine's inside game, forcing the Black Bears to a perimeter game.

Towson jumped out to an early 15-7 lead and never looked back. The Tigers were led by the one-two scoring punch of Brian Barber and Sam Sutton. Barber, a 6' 7" forward, poured in 25 points to lead the Tigers. Barber averaged 17 points per game last year and returned for his senior season as the leading returning scorer in America East. Sutton, a 6' 4" swingman, added 19 for coach Mike Jaskulski. Jaskulski was an assistant coach at Maine from 1988-93 under Rudy Keeling.

The Tigers steadily increased their lead and controlled the tempo of the game. The two-three zone turned it into a half court game. Brian Barber finished off a three-point play late in the first half and Towson headed to the locker room with a 39-25 lead.

The Tigers came out of the blocks quickly in the second half. Sutton tallied the first six points of the half and increased the lead to 45-25 with 17:52 remaining. With the game seemingly more and more out of reach, Coach John Giannini received inspired play from a couple of seniors. Forwards Carvell Ammons and Colin Haynes led the Black Bear comeback. Ammons supplied the scoring, while Haynes did the work on the boards. At 58-40, the Black Bears went on a 10-0 run. Ammons started the comeback with a three-point play with 10:32 left in the game. Maine cut the lead further on a nice dish from Haynes to Ammons on a fast break. After a Haynes three-pointer, the lead was down to



Maine's Carvell Ammons puts the ball in the basket against Alaska-Fairbanks. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

58-50 with nine minutes to play.

Erick Greene made a three point game, 59-56, with 6:32 left to play, but it would get no closer. Towson settled the game down with a couple of buckets and sealed the 72-67 victory. Ammons finished the game with

14 points and five rebounds. Haynes came off the bench to grab 10 boards.

Huggy Dye led the Black Bears with a game-high 17 points, including five threes. But the junior guard was lost for most of the second half after rolling his ankle.

# Maine overpowers Wayne State 4-1

By Jeff Mannix  
Women's Hockey Reporter

The Maine women's hockey team got back on a winning track Thursday night with a 4-1 non-conference win over the Wayne St. Warriors at Alford Arena. The win improves the Black Bears to 6-7-0 overall and drops Wayne St. to 3-12-0.

Maine started the game without one of its top players. Second line center Andrea Keller was forced to sit out the first game of her collegiate career to due a violation of team rules. She will be back in the lineup for Saturday's game. The suspension broke up a 71 consecutive games-played streak.

Maine also lost forward Christine Lane in the first period when she was hit in the wrist with a stick. She didn't return to action after the first period.

Very early in the first period, Maine was forced to kill off a five-on-three situation. Cailee Heggstad and Jarin Sjogren both took early penalties, but Maine's penalty kill was successful, not allowing Wayne St. a shot on the power play.

The Black Bears opened the scoring at 11:22 of the first period. Megan Aarts scored her second of the season from the left slot. Karen Droog took a slapper from the top of the circles that deflected in front, right to Aarts, who snuck the puck under Wayne St.'s Freshman goalie Anna VanderMarliere.

Raffi Wolf made the score 2-0 on a power play goal at 17:29 of the first. She took a backhand from the right face-off circle that was stopped by VanderMarliere. The save bounced behind the net where Wolf gathered it in again, and rapped it around the far post. The goal was unassisted. Wolf's goal pulled her even with Alison Lorenz for the lead in career points for the University of Maine.

Maine once again gave Wayne State the five-on-three advantage early in the second period. Megan Aarts was called for a cross check at 2:34. Maine coach Rick Filighera, who had not been

pleased with the calls up to that point, uttered something to referee Stacey Livingstone. Livingstone promptly whistled him for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, putting Maine down two skaters for a full two minutes.

"All I said was, 'there are two teams out there,' I mean come on. I didn't swear at her, or anything," he said after the game. "I really think the officiating took it away from us a little bit. They were allowed to clutch and grab us all over the ice, and every ticky-tack call was made on us. I was really frustrated with that."

Wayne St. used that five-on-three to their advantage. Joanie Denby was able to deflect a Kelly Meech shot from the right point out of the air and passed Maine netminder Amanda Cronin to cut the Black Bear lead in half at 3:39.

The teams skated at 2-1 until the latter part of the third period. Maine had been dominating the third period territorially, when finally, the hard work paid off with a goal. Jarin Sjogren looped around the left side of the goal and slid a pass to Cindy Biron, who was uncovered in front of the net. She one-timed the puck under VanderMarliere's left pad to give Maine a 3-1 cushion.

Karen Droog would add one more for good measure at 17:54 on a slapper from above the left face-off circle that hit VanderMarliere's blocker and went just under the crossbar. Aarts got an assist on the goal.

Maine outshot Wayne St. 48-14. In the third period alone, Maine outshot the Warriors 22-2. Anna VanderMarliere played very well in goal for the Warriors. She recorded 44 saves in a losing effort. Amanda Cronin got her second win of the season. She made 13 saves on the night.

"I was happy with the third period," Filighera said. "I thought we played okay in the other two. I told them that we need to play like (in the third period) for all three periods on Saturday."

Saturday's game will be at the Alford at 1 p.m. It can be heard live on WMEB, 91.9 FM.

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## Men's hockey

The loss of superstar freshman goaltender Rick DiPietro was obviously a factor in the early going. Junior Jason Tapp and freshman Sean Fields took over the duty between the pipes and were shaky. Things have settled down in net with both goaltenders dropping their goals against average a full point since the middle of November.

Tapp has seen the bulk of the overall duty and has a 2-5-1 record coming into Friday night's contest. He sports a 3.61 GAA and .877 save percentage. Fields has steadily improved through the season as his numbers indicate. The freshman has a 2-3-0 overall mark with a 2.62 goals against average and .891 save percentage. Despite their collective improvement, neither

of these two is the same caliber goalie as DiPietro.

Offensively, the Terriers are led by a quartet of talented forwards. Carl Corrazini (9 goals, 7 assists), Dan Cavanaugh (4 & 7), Jack Baker (3 & 6) and Mike Pandolfo (5 & 3) are all solid two-way players. Corrazini, a senior, is as good as anyone in the league.

Special teams play has been both a boon and a bust for BU this season. Their power play converts an astounding 30 percent of the time. However, their penalty killing has been successful at only an 80 percent mark. Look for Maine, with one of the best penalty killing units in the country, to take advantage in this area.

BU has a ton of talent on the ice and hasn't yet played to their potential. The mere sight of the

Black Bears skating onto the Walter Brown Arena surface should raise the Terriers level of play. Despite their record, this will be a tough game.

It won't get any easier on Sunday. Boston College is, once again, loaded. They average 4.5 goals per game while giving up only 2.4. Their power play is successful 22 percent of the time and that's balanced by a penalty killing unit that shuts down 90 percent of the opposition's power plays.

They are led by Hobey Baker candidate Brian Gionta. The diminutive demon has notched 10 goals to go with 10 assists thus far on the season. Despite his small stature, Gionta is tough in the corners and irritatingly efficient in front of the net. The senior forward is a presence on the power

play, scoring twice and assisting on three goals this season.

He's backed up by forward Krys Kolanos. Kolanos has exploded onto the Hockey East scene this season. In 13 games, the sophomore has scored 12 goals and added 15 assists. Senior Mike Lephart and freshman Chuck Kobasew have added eight goals apiece for the 11-3-0 Eagles.

BC, 5-1-0 in Hockey East, relies on the goaltending of Scott Clemmensen. The big senior has a 9-2-0 record with a 1.92 GAA and an outstanding .920 save percentage. Last year, after struggling through much of the season, Clemmensen found his game in Orono, shutting out the Black Bears, 3-0. He's big, moves well and doesn't leave a lot of net open.

For a Black Bear club still trying to establish momentum, the upcoming weekend will present a report card of sorts. Maine played its best overall game last Friday, beating Northeastern 5-1. However, a loss of intensity in the waning moments on Sunday cost them a point as the Huskies rallied from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game 3-3. The Black Bears haven't played a club as talented as BC since the opening weekend of the season, when they went 0-1-1 against North Dakota. For the newer players, these games will be their first taste of the fever pitch that Hockey East action provides.

These two games should provide a good indication of how far Maine has come since the season's beginning.



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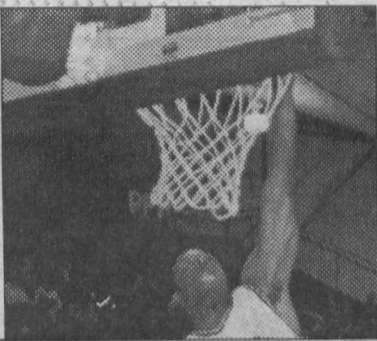
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# The Maine Campus Sports

## The degrading condition of Boston sports

By Jim Leonard  
Sports Columnist

When I was growing up, the Red Sox were contenders every year and the Bruins and Celtics always made the playoffs. Once the C's got Larry Legend, they were championship contenders every year. The Patriots, well, they were the Patriots; good once every 10 years.

Things are different now. Following Boston sports is like a year-round root canal. The pain never subsides.

The Celtics are awful. Pitino remains optimistic, in spite of letting everyone know that he's bailing if things don't change this year. The Green essentially have two legitimate players in Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker. Tony Battie is a role player and the rest of this crew are CBA material at best.

They don't play very good defense, they aren't aggressive and they turn the ball over too much. The only thing they have going for them is a bunch of first round picks in next summer's NBA draft.

Here's hoping they mail the rest of the schedule in so that Pitino leaves. Otherwise, he'll waste the picks as he did two years ago by selecting Ron Mercer and Chauncey Billups and then letting them go. All we have for those guys is Vitaly Potapenko. Alex, I'd like to buy a vowel.

The Bruin's situation is really sad. Harry Sinden has really let this team fall on hard times. His negotiating tactics with core players has worn thin around the league, scaring away quality free agents and souring his own players on the team.

The B's were expecting offseason pickup Paul Coffey to provide leadership and offense. The four-time Norris Trophy winner for best defenseman was waived on Tuesday. He had spent most of the season in the training room and the other part looking toward his own net after getting beat. Realistically, what did the Bruins expect. Coffey's strength has always been his offense and that had been on the wane for the last five seasons due to age and injury. He was never a good defensive defenseman.

The Bruins aren't really that far off, but they won't put it together this season. One wonders if the current core players will survive another round of negotiations with the Bruin's front office. If not, they'll leave

## BU beats Maine in conference opener



Maine's Ellen Geraghty sizes up the Fordham defense in the Nov. 19 game. Maine returns home for today's conference game against Towson. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Maine hosts  
Towson, Delaware  
this weekend

By Kelly Brown  
Women's Basketball Reporter

After a grueling six-day road trip across the country and back, the University of Maine women's basketball team is gearing up for a welcomed home-court advantage this weekend against Towson and Delaware.

"It was a good, long road trip, but it was pretty tough for the student-athletes," head coach Sharon Versyp said. "I think it is really bonding for the team, we did a lot of team building activities and the kids got to spend some time together, both as a team, and with us as coaches."

The Black Bears, who are now 4-4 on the season, went 0-3 on their trip, with two overtime losses against Northwestern State University and Stephen F. Austin State. The overtime losses left the athletes tired, both mentally and physically, while they were trying

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## Maine travels to BU, hosts BC this weekend

By Jim Leonard  
Men's Hockey Reporter

After a three-point weekend versus Northeastern, the University of Maine men's hockey attempts to continue its rise in the Hockey East standings. The win and the tie last weekend moved the Black Bears into fourth place, trailing third place New

Hampshire by only two points with two games in hand.

Maine now directs its attention to a pair of Beantown Beasts. On Friday night the club will travel to Walter Brown Arena to take on archrival Boston University. The Black Bears then return to Orono to host third ranked Boston College on Sunday evening.

Maine, 6-4-4 overall and 3-1-2

in Hockey East, will be looking to derail one train that just started to move, and another that's been rolling since the season began.

Boston University (4-8-1 overall, 3-4-1 HE) currently occupies the fifth spot in the Hockey East standings. They have crept to that level from the cellar on the back of a two-game sweep with UMass Amherst last weekend.

The Terriers have struggled up to this point in the season. They won only one of eight games (1-7) in November and closed out the month with an uncharacteristic six game losing streak. Mediocrity is unacceptable at BU and last weekend the Red Dogs appeared to begin turning things around.

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Maine's Todd Jackson steps over Ohio State goalie Mike Betz. Maine's next home matchup is Sunday against Boston College. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

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