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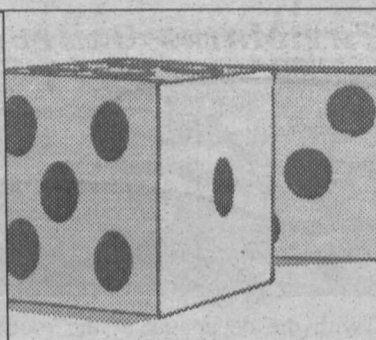
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Gore concedes, Bush wins

By Matt Shaer
National Politics Reporter

Thirty-six days after the close of the hotly contested November ballot, Texas Gov. George W. Bush officially accepted the presidency Wednesday night.

"[We] must rise above a house divided," Bush said. "Now it is time to ... make America a beacon of opportunity in the 21st century."

Bush, speaking in a nationally televised address from a chamber in the Texas House of Representatives, called on all Americans to put behind hard feelings and heal partisan lines.

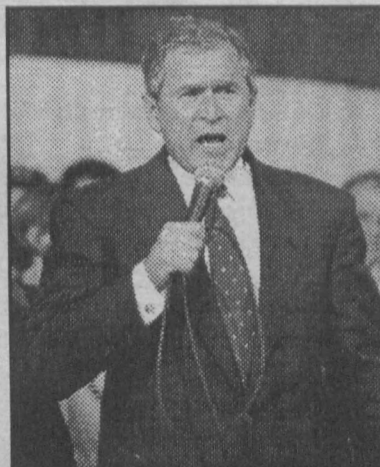
"Our country has been through a long and trying period, with the outcome of the presidency not finalized for longer than any of us could ever imagine," Bush said. "Vice President Gore and I put our hearts and hopes into our campaigns. We both gave it our

all. We shared similar emotions."

The prolonged election officially ended Tuesday night, when the U.S. Supreme Court denied Gore's request for a manual recount in Florida. The state was the pivotal point for both candidates, as Gore and Bush clashed continually over fewer than a thousand disputed ballots. Although Bush's win in Florida was officially certified by Florida's Secretary of State late last month, Gore continued to contest the ruling, both in circuit and higher courts.

The vice president made his concession speech late Wednesday from his office in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

"For the sake of our unity as a people and the strength of our democracy, I offer my concession," Gore said. "Now the U.S. Supreme Court has spoken. Let there be no doubt, while I strongly



George W. Bush Jr. campaigned in Bangor in October. After a long, confusing process, Bush officially became president-elect Wednesday. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

ly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it. I accept the finality of this outcome, which will be ratified next Monday in the Electoral College. ... I know that

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Food court taken away from Union blueprints

By Kelly Michaud
Assistant News Editor

The ideal present the University of Maine could give its students would be a completed Memorial Union that looks just as it was promised. But that is not what students will get when they finally open the doors in mid-March next year.

The heart of the Union was depicted as a food court like that in a mall. Months into construction, the food court plans have been scrapped, and students are left without their promised venue.

According to Dean of Students Dwight Rideout, who is also an administrator involved in the project, they have reverted "to the original design, which was a market-place cafeteria."

Money was the focal issue that

led to the change because of the high cost of putting in a food court.

"The cost of putting in a food court was more than the project could bear," Rideout said.

The administration is ready for a negative student response.

"I think students are going to be quite disappointed," Rideout said. "We are going to be up front, open and honest about what has happened and why."

On behalf of the administration, Rideout explained how they are disheartened by the change in plans.

"We have a vested interest in how things go here," said Rideout. "We are all very disappointed, but we need to recognize the reality of the situation

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Odera, Shannak sworn in last night

By Matt Shaer
National Politics Reporter

New Student Government President Fred Odera and Vice President Kamal Shannak were sworn into office Thursday night at the 897th meeting of the General Student Senate.

Following speeches from outgoing President Chris Moody, who acknowledged the importance of continuing the work done in the past year, and outgoing Vice President Justin Kelleher, who urged the audience to remember the value of personal initiative, the new executive team took office to a round of applause.

"I thank you for braving the snow," Odera said. "I want to thank everyone who had anything to do with my current position ... especially to Kamal for being my workhorse. I want to plead with the senate to come to meetings, to



Fred Odera, the newly elected Student Govt. president, was sworn in last night by Chris Moody. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

enjoy your time in Senate."

The new president concluded on a high note, promising, "When I get back from [holiday] break, we'll be ready to rock n' roll."

Vice President Kamal Shannak admitted he had previously decided against running.

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Justin Keheller, the previous vice president of Student Government, handed over the keys and gavel to Kamal Shannak at last night's GSS meeting. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.



The president's house from College Avenue. The tree displayed in the turret of the Victorian-style home is actually three sections, cut down by Facilities Management and then cut again into sections to fit in each of the three rooms. From outside the tree appears to tower through the entire house. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

Lights, food ring in Hoff holidays

By Matt Rabine
For The Maine Campus

Crowds of people gathered in front of Fogler Library at 6 p.m. Wednesday, huddled in the cold December night air. To some this may seem a bit crazy, but to others, this was a way to spark off the holiday season, to watch the annual lighting of the University of Maine's tree.

Before the event took place, a choir, singing holiday songs, entertained the crowd. At 6:15,

the countdown took place. Four, three, two, one, and the tree was lit, with all its luminous beauty.

After the cheers, and a few songs, the crowd was invited over to President Peter Hoff's home for refreshments and more celebration.

"The president is very generous for inviting us into his home," student Eric Hutchins said. "This is a great way to start off the holiday season and finals week."

The president's home was immaculate and decorated beautifully in the festive mood. White lights, trees and wreaths decorated the home and songs in the background painted a poetic picture of pure holiday splendor, due to the decorating talents of his wife, Dianne.

"I want all the students to know that this is their home, too," she stated. "That's why I worked so hard on it."

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Police Beat

By Nicole Brann
Crime Reporter

At about 7 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, a first-floor resident of Hancock Hall reported that when she entered her room she found an American Eagle shopping bag with a blue bow tied to it. Upon opening the box inside the bag, the female discovered it was no early holiday present but a dead squirrel instead. There are no suspects at this time.

At about 3 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, a resident assistant of Hancock Hall reported that while doing rounds on the second floor, a broken glass door containing a fire extinguisher was found.

While on routine rounds in

Hancock Hall at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, a university officer found that four lighted exit sign covers had been taken. A number of individuals were questioned, however nobody was summoned. Total theft is valued at approximately \$120.

Michael Burns, 18, was summoned on a charge of illegal possession of drug paraphernalia on Saturday, Dec. 9.

At about 9:15 a.m. officers were called to Androscoggin Hall to investigate the smell of marijuana coming from a third-floor room.

Upon arrival, Officer Mark Coffey reportedly spoke with staff, who said they had questioned the occupants in the room earlier, who reportedly denied smoking.

Coffey proceeded to speak

with the occupants of the room and asked them to hand over any leftover marijuana or paraphernalia that they may have had.

Burns gave Coffey a plastic bong and, as a result, was issued a summons. The other occupants of the room were referred to Judicial Affairs for smoking.

A female student reported to Public Safety that between the hours of 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, her wallet was removed from her '97 Volkswagen Jetta while it was parked at Fiji.

The wallet was reportedly in a purse on the front seat of the car.

The wallet contained \$12 cash and a season pass to Sugarloaf as well as other personal papers and cards.

While checking reports it was found that an officer on patrol in Hancock Hall had found the wallet at 3 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. The wallet was returned to her with all contents intact.

Arthur Gallant, 18, and Scott Holton, 20, were both issued summonses on a charge of illegal possession of alcohol by a minor on Thursday, Dec. 7.

At about 8:50 p.m. officers were called to Gannet Hall to investigate a call that drinking games were being played in a third-floor room.

Officer Mike Burgess went to the door, and, according to reports, the occupants initially would not open the door. However when the door did open Burgess could see that there were four other people in the room as well as red plastic cups and assorted beer bottles and cans.

The occupants said the resident of the room was not there but they had been given prior permission to be in the room.

As a result, Gallant and Holton were issued summonses. The resident of the room, Joseph Salisbury, 19, was later issued a summons on a charge of furnishing a place for minors to consume.

Levi Robbins, 18, was issued a summons on a charge of criminal mischief after he allegedly discharged a fire extinguisher on the first, second and third floors in Hancock Hall.

According to reports, at about midnight Wednesday, Dec., 6, Officer Mark Coffey was called to the third floor of Hancock Hall to investigate a discharged fire extinguisher as well as powder going from the third floor all the way to the first floor exit door.

The area was reportedly checked, and the extinguisher was found about 200 feet from the building.

A fire extinguisher was missing from the first floor.

According to reports, when the extinguisher was discharged the fire alarm went off, causing the evacuation of the building.

Coffey reportedly spoke with individuals who may have seen something suspicious in the area, however nobody was charged.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, Coffey interviewed Robbins, who admitted to discharging the extinguisher while he was visiting a friend.

As a result he was issued a summons and is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 8, 2001.

A resident of Gannet Hall reported the theft of about 20 compact discs as well as a leather carrying case from her room.

The resident reported she had last seen the CDs on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Total theft is valued at \$200. Public Safety is currently investigating.

Public Safety recovered a blue Fuji Suncrest bicycle with a cat-eye speedometer while conducting a theft investigation and is now looking for the owner. For information or to retrieve the bike, call Public Safety at 581-4040.

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29242	PAX 498	880	Special Projects in Peace Studies - Mediation: Its Premises and Practices - January 8-12, 2001	3 8:30-5:00 pm	M-F	Charbonneau/Galloway
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38991	ANT 120	981	Religions of the World	3 12:30-3:45 pm	M-F	Munson, H.
33421	CHF 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		Everman, W.
32560	SPA 490	990	Top Authors Spa - Intensive Writing Practice	3 Asynchronous		March, K.
32571	SPA 597	990	Proj in Spa - Intensive Writing Practice	3 Asynchronous		March, K.

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

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

29064	ART 361	870	Top in Art History - January in Oaxaca	3		
29097	ART 100	880	Drawing I	3 8:00-11:00 am	M-F	Mason, W.

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29101	ART 360	880	Top in Studio Art - Raku Pottery - \$10.00 Course Fee	3 8:00-11:00 am & 12:00-2:00 pm	M-F	Hanes, J.
29127	BUA 325	880	Principles of Management and Organization	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Gibson, C.
29138	COM 103	880	Fundamentals of Public Communication	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Toner, J.
29174	INT 329	990	The Individual and the Community	3 Asynchronous		Sasso-Mason, J.
33130	ART 180	880	Photography I - \$20.00 Course Fee	3 8:00-11:00 am & 12:00-2:00 PM	M-F	Shuman, R.
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	Chiavacci, J.
29140	EDT 535	880	Multimedia - Design for Teaching & Learning	3 TBA		Marks, A.
29169	ENG 205	880	An Intro to Creative Writing - \$10.00 Course Fee	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Gellen, A.
34023	MAT 107	880	Elementary Descriptive Geometry - \$5.00 Course Fee	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Shoemaker/Anchors
34251	MLC 293	870	Study Abroad-January in Oaxaca	3		Shoemaker/Anchors
34265	MLC 493	870	Study Abroad-January in Oaxaca	3		Symonds, J.
29215	NUR 423	880	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Bruneau, S.
29221	NUR 495	880	Int Study in Nursing - Cultural Issues in Health	3 1:15-4:00 pm	M-F	Ladey, S.
29250	POS 100	880	American Government	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Cody, H.
29268	POS 241	880	Intro to Comparative Politics	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Vordan, C.
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	Furthing, G.
29284	PSY 100	880	General Psychology	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Hayes, M.
29304	PSY 325	880	Psychology of Infant Development	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Robbins, M.
29310	PSY 332	880	Environmental Psychology	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Best, L.
29332	PSY 361	880	Sensation and Perception	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	Mikotowicz, T.
33604	THE 111	880	Intro to Theatre	3 9:15-12:00 pm	M-F	

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Winds of change made of paper

By Amanda Hebert
For The Maine Campus

Paper is not waterproof, but don't tell these engineering majors that. They are working to make the impossible possible.

A team of 17 students from the University of Maine is taking part in the Energy Challenge, sponsored by the Institute for Paper Science and Technology. This year's challenge is to design a paper sail strong enough to sail an Olympic-sized sailboat through a closed course competition on Lake Lanier in Georgia.

"It's going to be a big satisfaction," said David Talbot, a senior chemical engineering major. "How often do you make a sail out of paper?"

Talbot said professional sail manufacturers have laughed in the faces of his teammates for even trying, but they are not going to give up. They have a title to uphold.

The UMaine team won the 1999 competition with their paper kayak, and they are not daunted by this year's task of making a sail that has to be 85 percent wood fiber. Talbot said that is more than most paper found in stores.

"We're looking for a material that will make it waterproof, maybe a coating," said Karen Johnson, a senior chemical engi-

neering major. "It has to be made out of paper, it has to be water resistant and withstand the normal stress and strains of sailing."

Talbot said the team is thinking of using synthetic fibers and wet strength resin as well as chemicals not normally used in the paper-making process to increase the strength of the paper and the yield of the wood chips.

Each team in the competition was given 100 pounds of pine chips to make the sail. Talbot said they have begun to make the pulp for the paper, and will have a prototype by February. They also have the advantage of having a pulp and paper pilot plant in Jenness Hall to experiment with the pulp and to construct the final sail.

Johnson said the only problem with the Jenness plant is that they can only make thin sheets of paper one-foot square; the final sail has to be a 72-foot square triangle.

"A rule was just imposed on us that we couldn't layer the paper so we have to get as much strength out of each sheet as we can," she said.

More important than making the sail strong and effective, is the learning process the team will go through to create the paper and design the sail.

"It teaches us to work as a group," Johnson said. "It's a

hands-on experience, it's better than class that way. We're solving problems on our own."

Talbot said the team is making something from nothing; there is no literature on how to make a sail out of paper. The team members are using past experiences to help, but also hope this experience will be useful in the future.

"It's as close as I'll come in school to finding a similar project to what I was doing in my co-op job at Madison Paper," said Ryan Baker, a senior chemical engineering major.

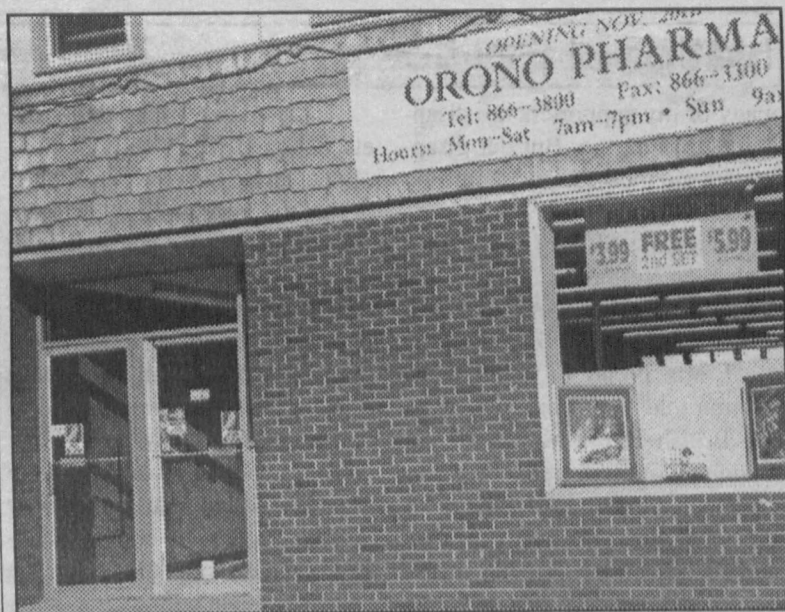
Talbot hopes the project will prepare him for life outside of UMaine.

"It's a pretty involved project, and I will be doing a lot of projects," he said. "It's a lot harder than I thought, and I already know how to make pulp and paper and stuff."

Talbot said the most frustrating part of the project has nothing to do with the sail itself but a lot to do with paper. The green kind.

The group was given \$2,000 in start-up money by the Institute for Paper Science and Technology, but that isn't enough to get them and their sail finished and to Georgia this April.

They are now looking for sponsors. Anyone interested can call John Hwalek at 581-2302 for more information.



The Orono Pharmacy opened in downtown Orono in place of the old Rite Aid. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Personalized services at town pharmacy

By Stanley Dankoski
News Editor

The community-oriented pharmacy is back, but new developments in technology will help ensure accuracy in prescriptions, said the owner of Orono Pharmacy.

"The trend is to bring back pharmaceutical care," said Ali Aghamoosa, who opened his new store three weeks ago, where Rite Aid was before it closed about a year ago, adjacent to Subway and across the street from Pat's Pizza.

Aghamoosa offers services he says are "unmatched" anywhere else here, such as personalized service, free delivery service, a drug information center and a waiting area.

"Customers should feel comfortable," he said. "I give them the same courtesy as they expect out of me. ... It's an extra value I can add."

Personalized service is important to Aghamoosa, for the past few decades pharmacists have been molded into simply being the salesmen, he said. Pharmacists are trained to know which drugs are better suited for the specific individual.

Aghamoosa said he and other pharmacists know that customers are not only concerned about prescription safety but also the costs of the drugs.

If Drug A is as good as Drug B, but Drug A is cheaper, consumers should know if Drug A is actually better for them, he said.

Consumers are relying more on pharmacists these days, he said. Patients are sick several days before they go to the hospital, sometimes because they must go through several levels of ensuring their insurance policies cover the visit.

Pharmacists may do their jobs more effectively and accurately with development of new technology, he said.

Automated pharmacies have been implemented in hospitals across the country, he said. Robotic arms would take the distribution job away from the pharmacist.

"I don't believe pharmacists went to school to become distributors," he said.

For the past five years Aghamoosa has been a manager at pharmaceutical management

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Flu shots still being given here

By Kimberly Leonard
Style Editor

There's nothing worse than being sick in college, and missing a week of classes is enough to make anyone want to crawl back into bed. But fear not, Cutler Health Center is offering flu shots for minimal cost.

According to Dr. Mark Jackson, director of student health services, the center is offering the shots for \$10. The shot is a simple injection — "show us your arm

and we'll show you the shot," joked Jackson.

Jackson said it is especially important for those with asthma and diabetes to get the shot as they are in a high-risk group. Students living in residence halls should also consider the shot, due to the close quarters, Jackson said.

But aside from those people in high-risk groups, anyone concerned about getting the flu should get it, he said.

According to the Center for Disease Control the vaccine is 70

percent to 90 percent effective in preventing influenza in healthy young adults.

Side effects of the shot are generally mild and may include soreness at the site of injection. Some people may also experience fever and body aches. According to the CDC, these symptoms tend to occur six to 12 hours after the vaccination and can last for one to two days.

The flu generally consists of a fever, cough, runny or stuffy nose as well as headache and muscle aches. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea can sometimes accompany it.

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National Politics

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many of my supporters are disappointed. I am, too. But our disappointment must be overcome by our love of country."

President Bill Clinton praised both men yesterday, offering his support to his successor and conciliation to his long-time friend.

"I was proud of both men," Clinton told CNN reporters as he left British Prime Minister Tony Blair's country residence in Chequers, England. "I pledge to President-elect Bush my efforts and the best efforts of every member of our administration for a smooth and successful transition."

Tom Daschle, a democratic Senator from North Dakota, agreed on Allpolitics.com Wednesday.

"Passions ran high during the election, and views on both sides of the aisle may have hardened during this legal process," he said. "But it's time for our nation to come together and heal. One of the greatest testaments to our democracy is that, following a national election, all Americans join together. We are prepared to do that starting today."

But while sentiments were high this week that the heavily partisan battle over contested ballots could be smoothed over, the president-elect still faces a divided nation. For the first time since 1888, a candidate has claimed the Electoral College and not the popular vote, raising as many questions as it resolves.

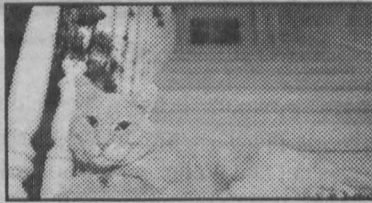
"More people voted for Gore than Bush; it's that simple," Democratic Sen. Dick Gephardt said on CBS yesterday. "[A total of] 300,000 more people voted for Al Gore Jr. than George W. Bush. The next president has a lot of work to do."

Bush, however, isn't worried. Plans for Inauguration Day are already underway in Washington this week, with the transition committee awaiting orders from President Clinton.

"I believe things happen for a reason," Bush said to a Headline News correspondent. "I hope the long wait of the last five weeks will heighten a desire to move beyond the bitterness and partisanship of the recent past."

Tree lighting

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Relaxing amidst all the confusion, Happy Hoff, the presidential cat, looks on as President and Mrs. Hoff welcome guests into their home for a reception following the annual holiday tree lighting. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

One of the highlights of the house was the 30-foot tree, cut in three parts, set on three different stories of

the home, all decorated and lit.

"I try to do something different every year," Mrs. Hoff said. "This was something we had never done before."

There was also a record turnout for the number of students who went to the party afterward. Nearly the whole house was filled with students, young and old, all gazing in awe at the sights within the walls of the home.

"I'm delighted," Hoff said about the number of people who showed. "Never have so many people shown up for the after party. It's absolutely great."



Following a brief ceremony on the Mall, President Hoff lit the holiday tree for a crowd of onlookers. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

Pharmacy

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companies, where he helped design the robotic distribution of medicine.

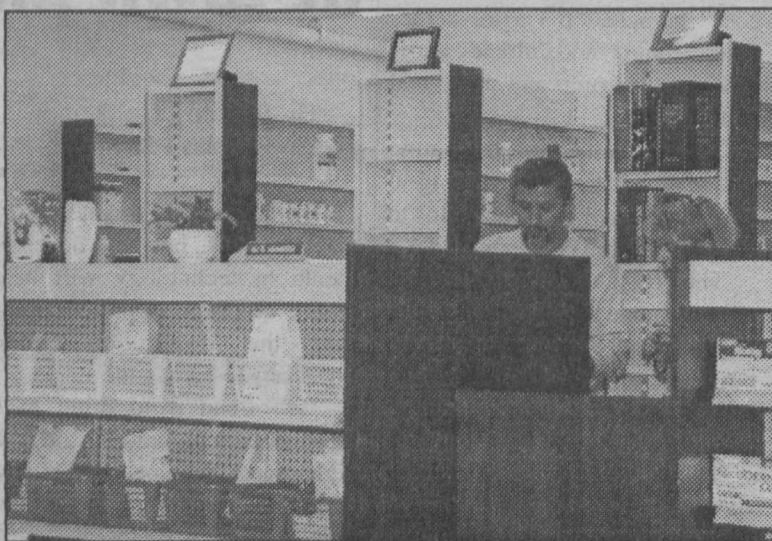
Robots would go down an aisle of medicine and scan barcodes that represent certain medicines, he said. An arm would reach out and grab the correct medicine. Other hospitals have reported a 99 percent error-free program, whereas the errors made by people would be 3 to 5 percent.

With the automated unit, a nurse would enter the patient's name at a computer screen, and the computer would only give the medicine information pertaining to that specific patient.

"It's like a candy machine," Aghamoosa said. "Choose A6 and you get the candy you asked for."

Orono Pharmacy doesn't have this technology installed, but he does predict that "very soon distribution would be robotic," he said.

Aghamoosa came to Maine from Texas in 1995, when he helped design a pharmacy at York Beach. As a manager at pharma-



Pharmacist Ali Aghamoosa fills prescriptions at the newly opened Orono Pharmacy. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

ceutical management company, he traveled to Africa and New Guinea, among other places.

"Some of these countries — you go to a pharmacy and you see nothing but empty shelves," he said. "We are very fortunate having what we have."

Aghamoosa came to Texas from Iran in 1977 when he was 19 years old to get an education because the University of Tehran

was not "economically feasible" for him and many people to get an education there, he said.

"I put a lot of emphasis on education," he said, and added: "I don't believe in territory conflicts, a lot of harm is done."

His motto is that we are all human beings, and we're here for each other. That is the attitude he takes when working with his customers.

Inauguration

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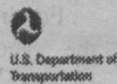
"To be honest with you, this wasn't my original idea," Shannak said. "I couldn't see myself doing it; it was a big life step ... [but] then I researched FirstClass, in the government folder, and I knew I wanted to do it."

Both members of the new executive board promised to improve upon the work done by

last year's government and to incorporate new ideas. Although neither Odera nor Shannak outlined specific goals, both president and vice president alike expressed confidence in their ability to lead the student body.

"I'm scared some of the time," Shannak admitted, "but I know we can do it."

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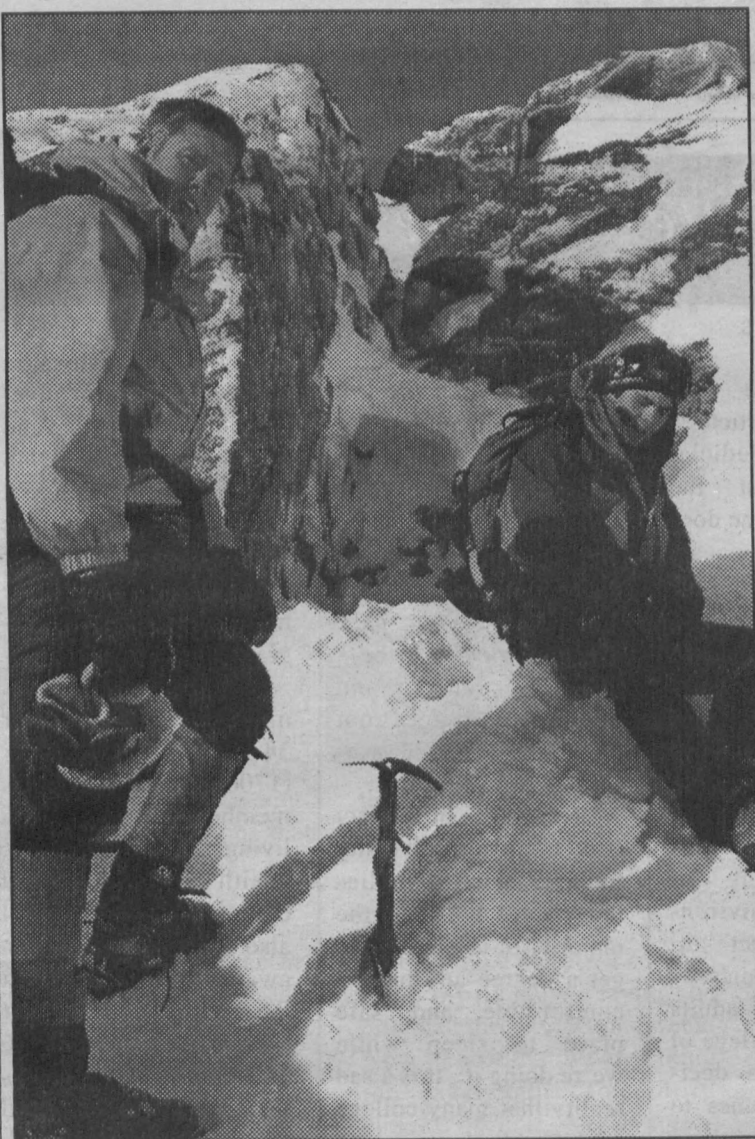
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Ascending Mount Washington



Ben Morton and Mike Smith were members of a mountaineering course this past weekend on Mt. Washington. The group of six summited the 6288 ft. peak last weekend in sub-zero temperatures. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK DWYER.

Happy Holidays

From the news desk

The news desk is looking for new writers for the Spring semester.

Contact:
Kelly Michaud
(581-1270)
or
Amanda Hebert
(581-1275)

Stan is leaving the desk to become the Web editor. He is proud of all his writers this year and wants to thank them for their hardwork, perseverance and putting up with him!

(We'll miss you Dank!)

All-nighters OK if done sparingly

By Kimberly Leonard
Style Editor

With the semester coming to an end and finals week quickly approaching more students are finding it necessary to pull those dreaded all-nighters. But, what many don't consider is the toll it may take on their health.

According to Dr. Mark Jackson, director of student health services, studying all night long might not be too bad for your health if you do it once or twice but it does increase blood pressure and may throw off sleep patterns creating longer-lasting health effects. Not sleeping for one or two nights could throw off sleeping patterns for the next

three or four nights, said Jackson.

Ideally, it is best to schedule and manage time so staying up all night studying doesn't have to become a reality but, in the case that it is necessary, there are some things to consider, Jackson said.

First, it is important to think about what type of test you'll be studying for. For tests requiring reiteration of facts, staying up all night might be possible because it involves short-term memory, Jackson said. But for tests involving conceptual material and long-term memory, cramming doesn't cut it.

If pulling an all-nighter is inevitable it is time to consider focus. Most people lose focus between 3:30 a.m. and 6 a.m.,

Jackson said. For many, it would be better to go to sleep early, around 9 p.m., and wake up early, around 4 a.m., to begin studying again. But the best way to know if it is time to go to bed, Jackson said, is when you have to re-read material two or three times.

Caffeine and sugar are also popular all-nighter snacks many believe help, but they don't necessarily make studying or staying awake any easier. A better alternative is to take naps.

The most important thing is for those students who have been cramming hard to reevaluate their semester and to think about how to avoid having to cram next semester, Jackson said.

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that while this food area may not be what we originally intended and all we thought it was going to be, we're going to have a very fine facility that students are

going to use a lot and will affect the social and cultural life of our community."

UMaine officials with further information on this topic were

unavailable for comment. The Maine Campus will continue to look into this matter and will publish future information next semester.

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EDITORIAL

America East conference woes

The America East conference got something for Christmas this year, but it was a present the Grinch might have stirred up. Four teams; Hofstra, Delaware, Drexel and Towson have declared they will leave the conference and join the Colonial Athletic Association in June 2003.

The change will effect most University of Maine sports excluding both hockey teams and the football team.

What remains is a much smaller, less competitive conference with six teams—Boston University, Northeastern, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Hartford—in search of more.

Since the defecting teams have demonstrated they are not committed to America East, they should not have the chance to represent the conference at national NCAA tournaments. According to set guidelines, the team that wins the conference tournament is automatically given an NCAA tournament bid. So if Towson or another defecting team wins the tournament, they will be representing a group they no longer want to be a part of.

By keeping these teams eligible for tournament play, it takes opportunities away from teams who legitimately want to be a part of the conference. They will be missing a chance at a national tournament they rightly deserve.

Legal precedent has already been established. A court ruled in the Colonial Athletic Association's favor against American, Richmond and East Carolina on the same matter.

If it wasn't for an imposing \$250,000 fine and the problems of scheduling, these teams would be long gone.

So if the defecting teams don't want to play with us anymore they should take their ball and leave the NCAA tournament to the rest of the conference.

This Christmas, take a cab

On Dec. 25, a Maine family will spend their second Christmas without their only son. Ethan Barton was killed on May 21, 1998 by a drunk driver. The driver, whose blood alcohol level was 2.0, more than twice the .08 legal limit, hit the 16 year old boy while he was riding his bike to a local beach. The impact threw Barton over the drivers truck, knocked his shoes off and broke his neck.

But the Bartons aren't the only ones who will be without loved ones this holiday season. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve in 1999, 1,610 people were killed in drunk driving related accidents. It is with these families in mind that you should hand over your keys or take a cab when drinking this holiday season.

And although the numbers of drunk driving incidents has been down in the past few years, (in 1998, 15,936 people killed in alcohol-related crashes. That number is down from 16,189 in 1997) there are still far too many people who take their lives and the lives of others into their hands when they get into cars after drinking. There's no excuse for leaving your family or someone else's without a loved one during the holiday or any other season.

Take responsibility, if you plan to drink this holiday season find a designated driver to get you home safely. If you can't find a friend get the number of a cab. There are plenty around. If you can't find a cab, walk. If these solutions seem harsh to you, ask Ethan's parents how their Christmas was.

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Letters to the Editor

Judicial Affairs

In response to Melissa Isaac's article, I agree that the judicial system here at the University of Maine does not mandate fair consequences to students who do not abide by residence hall standards. However, as a Resident Assistant and a scholar, I feel that contrary to Isaac's perspective, Judicial Affairs is too lenient with repeat offenders and encourages the development of unsafe living environments that distract students from academics.

True, we are adults and have the privilege of making our own decisions when it comes to using drugs or drinking or choosing to do the things we do, but does that give us the right to put other people's education and safety in jeopardy? Judicial Affairs offers too many opportunities for students to harm themselves and others through their unsafe behavior, causing other students to believe that harmful conduct is acceptable and an aspect of college life that we must learn to deal with.

Through my work I have come to question the effectiveness and validity of our judicial system. How many times can a person be documented for habitual actions before being sent to Judicial just to get a slap on the wrist and sent back into the hall? People will not respect the rules of conduct if their only consequence is being scolded in a very

politically correct and insincere voice.

Isaac states that "a university should be concerned about my academics and not my personal life." The personal is political. Your personal behavior affects everyone else in your hall, thus requiring it to be a university concern and this institute does not function solely on academics, we all know.

Regardless of the fact that Orono is a university town, which implies inevitable parties, the majority of us are here to get a degree and have a comfortable and safe place to sleep while we're doing it. It is a sad reality that many college students do have issues that aren't being cared for properly due to our judicial system's apparent lack of concern or urgency to resolve chronic behavior problems. I can only continue to hope that our system will some day deter students from behaving so inconsiderately and discourage them from doubting that they will be reprimanded for inappropriate actions. But until then, I will have to settle for mounds of pointless paperwork.

Carly Migliore
Orono

AmeriCorps

I am writing to tell the students at your school about a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of youth in foster care or juvenile offenders. Maine's CARE AmeriCorps is a

program that will implement mentoring/life skills programs for juvenile offenders and teenage youth in DHS foster care and assist community organizations in Maine to build their capacity to sustain those mentoring/life skills programs.

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We have openings in Biddeford, Bath, Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, Ellsworth and Machias. For more information students can contact Kate Webb at 207-780-5871 or Tony Dimillo at 207-780-5860.

We believe that the experience of mentoring juvenile offenders or youth in foster care will lead towards exciting job opportunities. Check it out!

Kate Webb
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Portland

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OPINION

Stress on a scale of one to ten

Wednesday was my final LAS 100 class (majoring in Liberal Arts and Sciences). For those of you who never had to take LAS or don't know what it is, consider yourself lucky that you spent the one hour of every week during your first semester doing something a lot more useful (like counting your teeth or reading every single item of the Prose and Poetry folder on FirstClass). But enough about the incredible importance of LAS 100, let's now proceed to what we actually did during this hour that prompted me to write an article about the whole ordeal.

As you know, finals are approaching and they can be, oh what's the word? Oh yeah, stressful! My advisor decided to take a little survey pertaining to the stress level of his freshmen advisees. He asked us to write on a piece of paper the number of our level of stress on a scale of one to ten (one being harmonic Nirvana, five being slightly frazzled, and ten being one step away from the mental institution and looking forward to it).

At first I thought I would write down the number six. I think that "six" adequately

describes my level of stress at this time before final examinations. I have four finals out of five classes (not including the quality one-hour credit course known as LAS 100), so that means that I have one less than I could, so technically it's not



Julia Hall

Maine Campus
Columnist

that bad. Four finals is what I would call a little more than slightly frazzled, but not prompting a nervous breakdown.

Hold on a minute. I seem to recall my roommate saying she only had three finals this week. Now I know that we are taking the exact same amount of classes, so how does it figure that she is out of here by Thursday and I must suffer the extra day? Ok, my stress level just went up to seven.

Then again, some of my finals aren't even cumulative; they are just "the last test." Hey, that means I won't have to shuffle through all of those papers that I forgot I even had and remember what we talked

about on the very first day of class. Alright, we're back down to six!

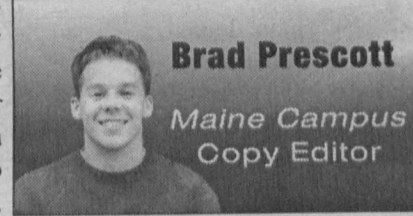
On the other hand, three out of four of my finals are in essay format. That means no multiple choice, which means no guessing, which translates to thinking and I'm not sure I am going to have much ability to think left by the time I'm done with this article. Looks like we're moving on up to seven again.

By the time I actually chose a number to write down (6.5 in case you were wondering) my actual stress level had climbed to about eleven. I don't know about you, but this next week is approaching like a train wreck. You know it's coming and you can't do anything about it. Since I've never gone through the college finals experience I'm looking forward to it being over. Does it get easier after the first semester? Not from what I have heard. So in the meantime I guess I will just study like crazy and de-stress over break. See you next semester!

Julia Hall is a first-year journalism major.

It's like teaching fish how to swim

Watching the snow fall is much more interesting than writing. Right now, at least, my attention is being drawn to the flakes falling on the mall rather than the task facing me on the computer screen. It's Thursday afternoon, and my story deadline is only an hour away. I have a lot left to do this semester,



Brad Prescott

Maine Campus
Copy Editor

but like many of my peers, I'm having a hard time avoiding the P-word: procrastination.

It's inevitable; when the studying crunch is on, anything is more appealing than textbooks and writing assignments. Snow gets shoveled, dishes get washed, even rooms are cleaned just so as to neglect homework for a little longer. I'm guilty of it more than I'd like to admit, as I sit and think about those robots I imagined when I was six that would do homework and cleaning for me. That and dispense money from its mouth. It hasn't happened yet, but I'm not going to give up hope.

But it's not like I don't have things I can be doing. The finishing touches have yet to be put on my classes, like the research I need to do for a paper, and yet a quick game of Snood on my computer is somehow justifiable.

You, my reader, I envision as sitting in the library, getting away from the endless lines of the computer cluster for a moment to catch up on campus news and figure out what the hell Lance is doing with that stop sign. Sure, you've got a paper due on Monday and four finals next week, but you'll just flip through the newspaper and forget about that for a few minutes.

"It's okay," you tell yourself, "my studying will be 57 percent more effective if I take a short

break every hour." Which brings me to a good procrastination tip: making up false statistics is a good way to convince oneself not to study. If it sounds scientific, and ends with an odd number, a fabricated percentage can sound convincing.

I probably don't need to be giving pointers on how to waste time, not only because it is detrimental to your grades but because I assume you already have that figured out. Teaching a college student how to waste time is like teaching a fish to swim.

My situation, however, differs from someone nestled with a textbook on the third floor of the library. For them, the lack of distractions leaves little excuse to procrastinate. I'm in front of a computer where I can take a quick break to check my e-mail or read the ski report. A television remote is staring up at me from the desk, tempting me with the luxury of cable television. There are so many alternatives to writing this that I can't keep focused on what needs to be done. I curse the man who invented Minesweeper.

Enough already. It's time to get to work. You've been reading this while the time could have been better spent on biology or economics, and I should get to work on my paper. As of right now, I pledge to avoid the evil distractions of the Internet and focus on my studying. You put down the newspaper and I'll shut down the computer and go to the library. I'm going to buckle down and write my paper. Right after one more game of Snood.

Brad Prescott is a third-year economics major.

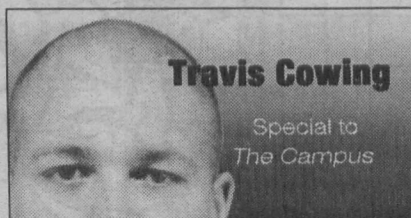
Santa can skip my house this year

Well, it's that time of year again folks. The singing, the dancing and the lights ... and no ... I'm not talking about my grandmother's striptease at Divas. I'm talking about Christmas! But, like my grandmother's dancing, Christmas also needs to go. That's right, I think Christmas sucks. However, before I get to that, let me give you a brief history of Christmas and explain why we celebrate it.

Christmas all started way back in 1987, which ironically, is the same year my girlfriend was born. Their was some bearded dude named Jesabelle Chris who accidentally got himself stuck to a wooden cross. (Sometimes the son of God can be quite clumsy.) So Jesabelle was stuck on this cross for a long time, and because he was only wearing a light robe and some sandals, he caught a cold and died. I'm guessing that if Jes had been wearing some Long-Johns or even a sweatshirt we wouldn't be celebrating his demise today.

Now, all of this being said, I agree with what Jess stood for. I'm all about giving a guy props when he takes one

for the team. So I guess it's not entirely accurate to say that Christmas sucks. My beef aint with Jesabelle ... it's with that fat bastard named Santa Claus. That's right ... I said it, Santa



Travis Cowing

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sucks.

For 23 years of my life I haven't got dick for presents from that guy. I asked for Transformers ... he got me clothes. I asked for a bike ... he got me Barbies. Barbies! Hey Claus, do you know how many ass whoopin's I took at recess over those dolls? Have you ever had a "Beach Party Barbie" shoved into your own ass? Luckily I didn't have that Corvette.

Santa sits up there on his lard ass, 364 days a year and collects unemployment. Elves, by the way, are nothing more than sweatshop kids who work for 73 cents an hour and a green card. And Santa, who are you trying to fool? Reindeer that can fly? I wanna

get my hands on some of that shit you're smoking.

I guess I just have a problem with a man getting a big slice of hero pie for doing nothing besides being lazy and exploiting children. He works one night a year folks! And if he's seeing flying deer... he's obviously all coked up. Is that any kind of an example to set for kids?

Well frankly Santa, I'm fed up. You know that list you have... the one you check twice ... well cross me off it.

So don't even think about plopping your portly ass down my chimney or I'll kick you square in your "sack," and I'm not talking about the one that you carry gifts in. And personally, I ho-ho-ho-hope you fall off every roof you land on.

To sum up, skip my house on Christmas, Santa. If I wake up and find any of my cookies missing, or a drop of milk gone ...well... you just may wake up with a Rudolph head in your bed.

Travis Cowing is a multi-year student of life.

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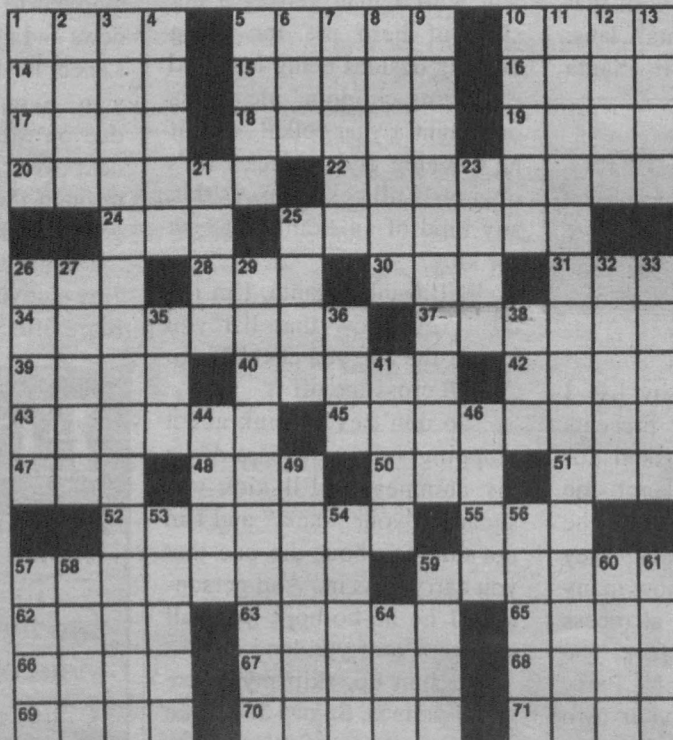
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- 5 Like Mozart's flute
- 10 Elhi orgs.
- 14 Riffraff
- 15 College town near Bangor
- 16 Mock words of enlightenment
- 17 Prefix with lateral
- 18 Position
- 19 Summer job seeker, often
- 20 Don sackcloth and ashes
- 22 Lunchbox alternative
- 24 Trojans' sch.
- 25 Porky's love
- 26 Blvd. crossers
- 28 Mary Todd's love

- 30 Shakespearean suffix
- 31 Big bang producer
- 34 It's dead, some say
- 37 Overly
- 39 Penta-plus one
- 40 Last of a series
- 42 Coal site
- 43 Gilligan's boat
- 45 Run through
- 47 Pedro might pan for it
- 48 Clock-setting std.
- 50 Erie Lackawanna, e.g.: Abbr.
- 51 Toady's response
- 52 Publicist's handout
- 55 Two-time U.S. Open winner
- 57 Added to a recording

- 59 "Hurray!"
- 62 Black-and-white treat
- 63 Vastness
- 65 Pro —
- 66 Govt. watchdog
- 67 Hit plenty hard
- 68 Feminine org. since the 1850's
- 69 Dillon of "Wild Things"
- 70 Some shoes
- 71 Art school subj.

DOWN

- 1 Peter, for one
- 2 Ne plus ultra
- 3 With 11-Down, "On the Town" lyric, appropriately
- 4 Cannes confidantes
- 5 Lion's share
- 6 Emerson's "jealous mistress"
- 7 Freak out
- 8 Not learned
- 9 O'Neal/Streisand comedy, appropriately
- 10 Gloria — (lesser doxology)
- 11 See 3-Down
- 12 Between ports
- 13 Tin Pan Alley product
- 21 Orange Bowl org.
- 23 Opposite of exo-
- 25 Salon service
- 26 Jerk



Puzzle by Kelly Clark

- 27 Not our
- 29 Comment from Popeye, appropriately
- 32 Kind of pollution
- 33 Steps on a scale?
- 35 U-Haul unit
- 36 "So's — old man!"
- 38 Macrogametes
- 41 "Sommersby" star
- 44 Rubberneck
- 46 Argus — (vigilant)
- 49 Chinese exercises
- 53 W.W. II torpedo vessel
- 54 Kind of preview
- 56 Gulf of Sidra locale
- 57 Bad end
- 58 — Minor
- 59 Some are indelible
- 60 Machu Picchu resident
- 61 Exactly
- 64 Whiz

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Behind the B-ball

by Paul Ezzy



ENTERTAINMENT

Merry Christmas!

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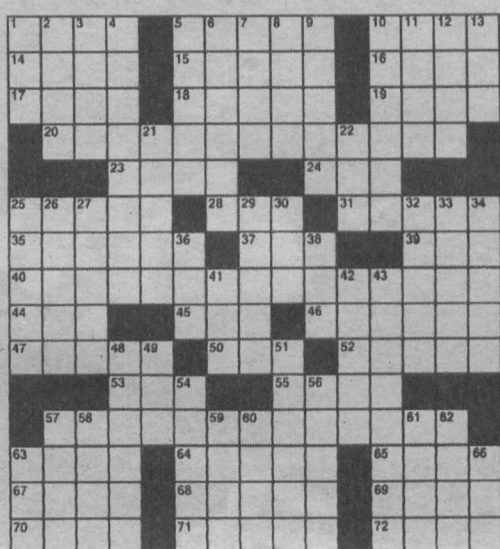
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5 Silents actress Normand
10 Disappearing phone feature
14 Busy person's list heading
15 "The Barber of Seville," e.g.
16 Loafing
17 Dreadful end
18 Hornswoggle
19 Butcher's stock
20 Short-lived success
23 Skull
24 Building wing
25 Skirt fold
28 Second-stringer

DOWN

- 31 Command to Bowser
35 Windpipe, e.g.
37 Spigot
39 Not worth a
40 Backstabber
44 6-3, in tennis
45 Letter before "cue"
46 Forewarns
47 Crumble, as support
50 Any planet
52 Analyze
53 "Independence Day" invaders
55 Farm fraction
57 Old fogey
63 Trendy
64 Die down
65 Sombrero
66 Sombre feature

DOWN

- 1 The usual: Abbr.
2 [It's gone!]
3 False god
4 Hiawatha's weapon
5 Coffee shop order
6 Plant pests
7 Existed
8 The "E" in Q.E.D.
9 Carpenter's machine
10 Feature of a baby face



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

- 34 Impudent girl
36 Kennel sound
38 Black-eyed
41 Prefix with colonial
42 Blinding light
43 Look like
48 Salt, e.g.
49 And so on, for short
51 Close securely, with "down"
54 Rollerblade

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ALI PLUMS FITAS
RYE IONS CONAN
ONPOST MARG
SCORNS CASCARAS
AERIE ALCHEMIST
KATZE DAREDEVIL
INNER SNOW ETO

- 11 The very notion
12 TV's Thicke
13 "Me Call You Sweetheart"
21 Caterpillar hairs
22 North Pole toymaker
25 Old hat
26 The Titanic, e.g.
27 Muse of poetry
29 Out-and-out
30 Old-fashioned "Phooey!"
32 Russian royals
33 — Rica

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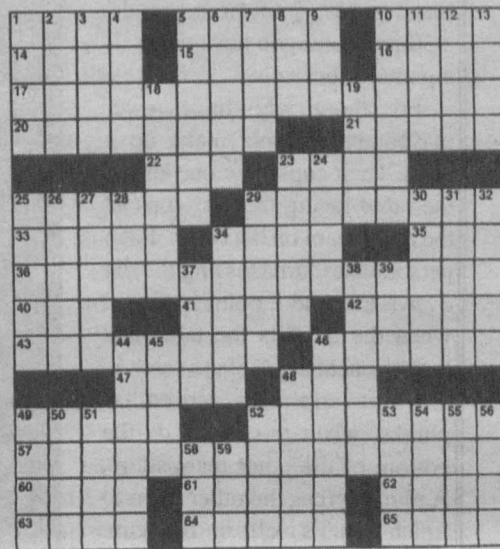
- 1 Arctic dweller
5 Cuneiform stroke
10 "Pronto!"
14 Treaty signer
15 About the line of rotation
16 200-meter, e.g.
17 Onetime feminine ideal
20 Big chunk of a drug company's budget
21 Golf's — Cup
22 Same old, same old
23 Release money
25 Strait of Dover port
29 Novelty singing feature

DOWN

- 33 Modern surveillance tool
34 Actress Winslet
35 Certain theater, for short
36 1941 Lillian Hellman play
40 Barely make, with "out"
41 Wine sediment
42 Big name in stationery
43 Insane
46 Incenses
47 Filly, e.g.
48 "What's more ..."
49 — Park, N.J.
52 Sun cirler
57 Anthony Burgess thriller, with "A"
60 Et —

DOWN

- 1 Cowardly Lion portrayer
2 Cream ingredient
3 "Not only that ..."
4 Combustible pile
5 Bewhiskered creature
6 On the money
7 Menu offering
8 Xenon, for one
9 Pixie
10 Having a diamond-shaped pattern



Puzzle by Arthur S. Verdesca

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPIT MABEL DIAL
TODO OPERA IDLE
DOOM CHEAT MEAT
FLASHIN THE PAN
HEAD ELL
PLEAT SUB FETCH
AIRWAY TAP SOU
SNAKE IN THE GRASS
SET PEE ALERTS
ERODE ORB ASSAY
ETS ACRE
STICK IN THE MUD
CHIC ABATE BRIM
SIDE TIMES LAVA
AVER EDENS ELAN

- 11 50's-60's
12 A lot of lot
13 Equal
18 Showy
19 Showy flower
23 Spa
24 On the sheltered side
25 Sounded crowlike
26 Suffering from insomnia
27 Subsequently
28 N.C. State's athletic org.
29 Doomed

- 30 Stale
31 Drift
32 Uncaps
34 Prepare to be knighted
37 Gymnast Korbut
38 Provide
39 Witch
44 1955 merger
45 Out-of-the-way place
46 "Friends, Romans, countrymen" orator

- 48 Begged
49 Shoemaker Thom
50 Lui's partner
51 Film —
52 Song for Carmen
53 Hoot smoother
54 Aware of
55 Helicopter pioneer Sikorsky
56 Educ. or H.U.D., e.g.
58 Gulf —
59 Ring cheer

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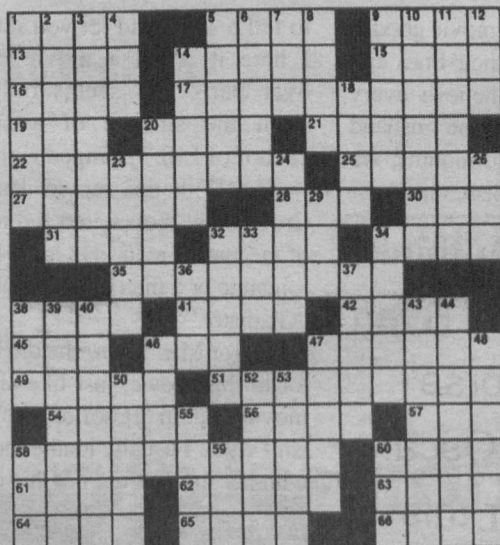
- 1 "Hey, Mac!"
5 Nautical pole
9 Home of Iowa State
13 Bank take-back
14 Vacation destination, with "the"
15 Diminished by
16 Author — S. Connell
17 Vicksburg lithographs?
19 — de-lance
20 Goes phht!
21 List recipient
22 Jonesboro metal worker?
25 Conductor Zubin
27 Israel — (Irving Berlin, originally)

DOWN

- 28 Yodeler's perch
30 Brit. lexicon
31 Positive reply to an invitation
32 Ed.'s request
34 To boot
35 Oak Ridge highway posting?
36 Peppy
41 Cheat, in a way
42 Sahara rarity
45 Stella D' — (cookie name)
46 Tic-tac-toe win
47 Cool treat
49 "Peanuts," e.g.
51 Erie lighthouse locale?
54 African tribesman
56 "Hurry up and —"

DOWN

- 1 Ready-made
2 Unspecified number
3 Champagnes do this
4 Whole bunch
5 Shrank (from)
6 Group whose work is picking up
7 Horace's " — Poetica"



Puzzle by Fred Piscop

- 26 — Annie, of "Oklahoma!"
29 Annie —, Enoch Arden's wife
32 Busybody
33 Cleo's undoing
34 Hersey locale
36 Sgt., for one
37 Explode
38 Leftist label: Abbr.
39 Without compensation
40 Woo
43 70's-80's despot

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ALLY AXIAL RACE
HOURGLASS FIGURE
RESEARCH RYDER
RUT BAIL
CALAIS FALSETTO
AWACS KATE REP
WATCH ON THERMINE
EKE LEES EATON
DERANGED ANGRERS
FOAL AND
MENLO ASTEROID
CLOCKWORK ORANGE
ALII ALIEN STOP
NERO READY PORT

- 8 Bench-press iterations
9 Dress cut
10 Vicks VapoRub ingredient
11 Ritzy homes
12 Conscripted org.
14 Photog's request
18 Water-skier's apparatus
20 None too brainy
23 Quick with the comebacks
24 Like W. C. Fields's voice

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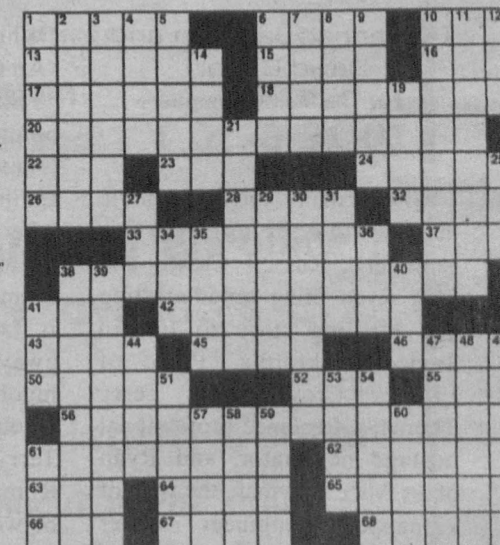
- 1 "The Balcony" playwright
5 Cries of aversion
10 One of the finest
11 Asseveration
16 Santa's coat?
18 Lilac or lemon, e.g.
17 Kipling's "The — of the Species"
18 One available in Avila
20 Hero of many old dime novels
22 Tikkanen of hockey
23 — Miguel
24 Kind of days
26 "Spartacus" setting

DOWN

- 28 Socials
32 Japanese soup
33 Poe classic
37 Schedule letters
38 Make cry
41 J.F.K.'s U.N. ambassador
42 Shepherd, of a sort
43 Shelter grp.
45 Racketeer's org.?
46 John Paul, e.g., to the Italians
50 Reeves of "Chain Reaction"
52 One that brings in the bucks?
55 Dystopian 1920 play
56 N.B.A. All-Star

DOWN

- 1 Movie worker
2 Exceedingly
3 Polite refusal
4 McGregor of "Trainspotting"
5 Squeals
6 Former G.D.R. ally
7 Attendee
8 " — soit qui mal y pense"



Puzzle by Pat M. Hugel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PSST SPAR AMES
REPO SHORE LESS
EVAN MISSPRINTS
FER DIES SANTA
ARKWELDER MEHTA
BALINE ALP OED
LETS SASE ALSO
TENNISPEED
SPRY COPY RAIN
ORO OOO SUNDAY
COMIC PENNPOINT
BANTU WAIT AKU
CONNARTIST AMID
ONCE GENTS PINE
DOER EDGY ENGS

- 9 Shelves, maybe
10 Less amicable
11 Survives
12 Shell game item
14 Champagne Tony of golf
19 Stationer's order
21 Menu heading
25 1950 film noir thriller
27 Schedule board abbr.
28 Bother badly
30 Popular salad ingredient

- 31 Dickens's — Pecksniff
34 March syllable
35 Tannish
36 Part of an extended name
38 Twice-convicted felon
39 Snowball
40 Artist in the Cercle et Carré group
41 "Don't —!"
44 Prolific poet?
47 Songlike

- 48 Boat propeller, of a sort
49 Like some socks
51 Missed, as a target
53 Depose
54 Cousins of ospreys
57 Belt
58 Gets off the fence, so to speak
59 Sitcom diner
60 Ham's father
61 Place for sweaters

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IT'S ALL ABOUT A BIZZ, A BUZZ AND A BEER

By John Contreras
Sports Editor

Sitting in front of a full foamy cup of beer can be a lonely place when the die is heading for the bottom of the cup and you know it's going in long before the beer splashes all over you. It's not an uncommon feeling during a game of beer die.

Take a sheet of plywood, steal a die from your least favorite board game, find four plastic cups, grab three friends, a 30-pack and you have yourself a game of beer die.

For those who have never played, two people make up a team. Their cups sit at one end of the table facing the two cups of the other team on the other. Each person takes turns tossing the die over a line and a point is scored when the die hits the table and the opponent is unable to catch it.

Points are also scored on plunks; when the die finds the bottom of the other team's cup. A plunk forces the other team to finish what's left in the cup. Low tosses, getting scored on and missing the table on a toss are all reasons to take a sip. Partners always drink together.

Some games of beer die are as simple as finding any extra sheet of plywood or a ping pong table which makes a good double. On the other hand, some tables are intricate and reflect the personality and interests of the makers and players. Beer die

tables have been made to look like anything from black bears to football fields to 1930s pin up girls. Many of the more creative tables are painted with artwork worthy of much higher display than the weekend party scene. One local table pictures a Black Bear as if it were jumping out at you. A paw

uncomfortable paces, the player can snag a marker and write his name on the table. Initials, nicknames or any form of identification will do. But don't start the tally marks just yet because your name counts as one.

A plunk is a plunk is a plunk.

toss won't count as a point, but drinking must commence.

If a toss hits the cup without going in, it's a drink for the receiving team. This is also called a plunk.

The rules for smaller details of the game are up for debate. The

but it's possible to play without. If the receiving team feels the toss isn't high enough to be counted, this "low" call must be made before the die hits the table. Playing without a line can cause a lot of arguments. It's worthwhile to spend a little time putting up some sort of line to avoid problems during crucial moments of a tight game. A string, an electrical cord or tying a couple shoelaces together will work.

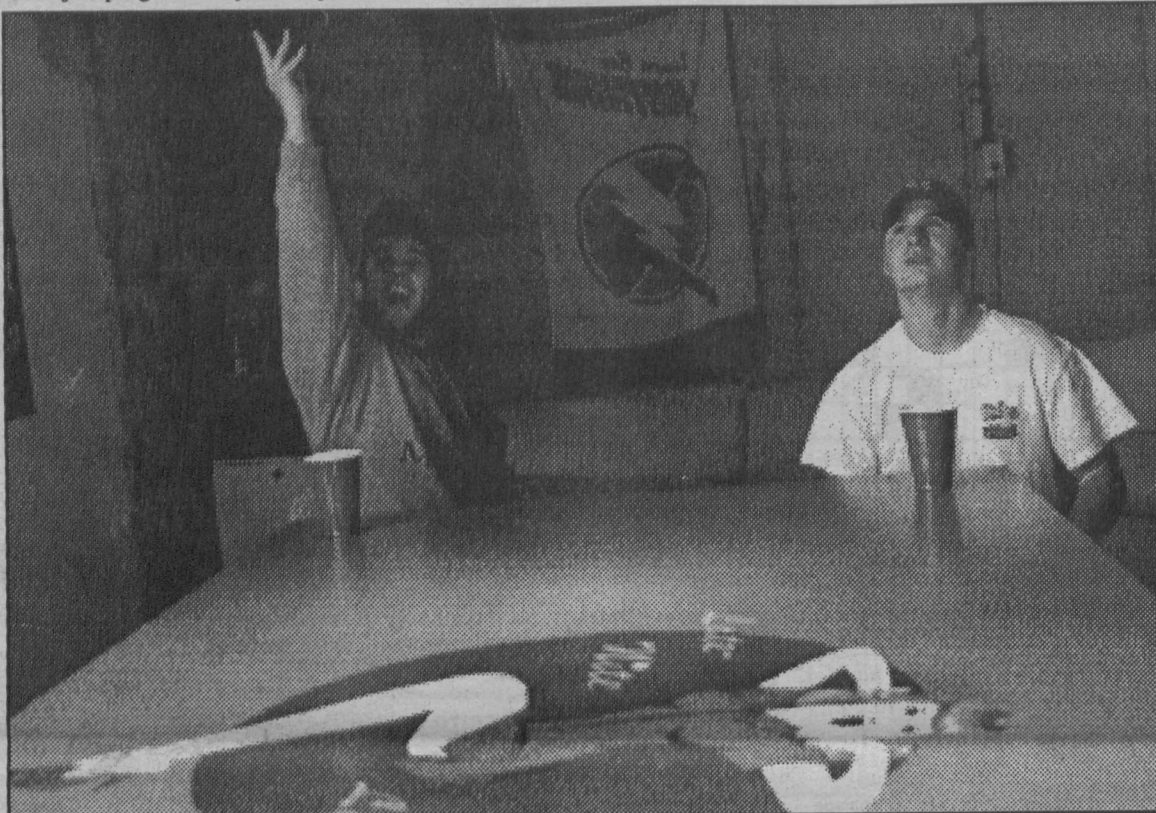
Can you trap the die against your body? Some say traps are allowed and must be accompanied by a drink, but some think traps should be counted as points.

Games are played to five or seven points, more commonly known as "bizz" (five) or "buzz" (seven). Saying "five" or "seven" during the game could cost you a drink or sometimes a beer. Another potential addition to the game is after a plunk the player with the die can spit out the die and if it lands on bizz, the other team has to finish their beers.

Each table has different rules and players must abide by the rules of the table they're playing on, otherwise known as "house rules." Any way you play the game, drinking happens on a regular basis.

One of the more intriguing aspects of beer die is how people respond to beer. In this game based on hand-eye coordination, some players only improve with more games

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Mark Keller and Matt Kenedy play beer die in their basement on their handpainted "Late Nite Lady" table. Campus phopto by Anne Malcolm

digs into the table as the bear dives forward while another claw holds up a die as if he was threatening you with it.

When you plunk, not only do you get the satisfaction of watching your friends drink beer at

This rule grants the perfect toss landing in beer a special status. While low tosses, high tosses and plain old ugly tosses are subject to ridicule, anytime the die goes in the cup, the team on the receiving end must finish their beers. The

die must always go a certain height established before the game, but if it hits the table some people consider it live, while others argue that it's dead and the throwing team must drink. Putting up some sort of line gives you a target height,

Crowe, Ryan excellent in astoundingly real hostage movie

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

She: Finally, there's a movie that's worth a trip to Hoyt's this semester. Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan bring an interesting and thrilling story to life in Taylor Hackford's "Proof of Life." Crowe plays Terry Thorne, a freelance professional hostage negotiator, and Ryan plays Alice Bowman, the wife of kidnapped engineer Peter Bowman (David Morse) in this gripping story about love, loss, and fear. I honestly think that Crowe, Ryan and Morse deserve Oscar nods for this movie.

He: I wouldn't go as far as to say they will receive awards for their work but Crowe and Ryan did have great chemistry. Blame it on their surprising off-screen budding romance or blame it on Hackford's time tested ability to get explosive chemistry out of his leading actor and actress. He's already had hits using this formula before with movies like

"White Nights" and the classic "An Officer and a Gentleman."

She: I mean they should get nominations at least. The story takes place in the fictitious Latin American country, Tecala, where hostage situations often occur at the hands of anti-government groups. Peter Bowman is taken, and it blows Alice away. She realizes exactly how much her husband means to her when he's not there, yet she and Terry are compatible. Romantic tension builds between them throughout the movie, and you keep expecting to see it explode at some point. But it really doesn't. The fact that they don't let sex take over only better the story.

He: I'm sorry but the story actually is the weak point of this movie. We know the husband is taken because of some oil company's involvement against the local terrorists. What we don't get is why they'd only take Alice's husband instead of someone higher up in the oil company like the CEO. Also, I wonder why they had to use a fake country?

What makes this movie good is that the actors say their lines and we, the audience, believe every line. We believe that the husband is kidnapped for four months. We believe that Alice misses her hus-

I honestly think that Crowe, Ryan and Morse deserve Oscar nods for this movie.

band so much she starts to fall in love with Terry. We believe all these things because they are made believable by liking the characters more than we like the situation. While watching this movie, you constantly ask yourself, "do I want Alice to be with Terry or her husband?"

She: I did ask myself that question and couldn't decide. But what I liked best was that the movie actually took the time

to tell a story and let you into it. I hate it when a movie skips over parts and seems only to skim the surface of a story. "Proof of Life" plunged right in.

He: With this movie, Russell Crowe now moves into the realm of a man's man. He can be a romantic or a man of action like in "Gladiator."

As for Meg Ryan, she did cry a lot in this movie, just like all her movies, but in "Proof of Life" she isn't cute. I usually loathe movies with her in them but not this one.

"Proof of Life" is an entertaining movie, with actors you like to watch. What they do in the film isn't as important as how they react with each other. David Caruso, who we last saw leaving his acclaimed role on "NYPD Blue," is excellent as Terry's hyped-up militant friend and David Morse is superb as the kidnapped husband.

"Proof of Life"'s only sin is that it lags in the middle and doesn't quite make up for it in the end.



Photo courtesy Warner Brothers Pictures

SWA looking for people to help with Vagina Monologues

By Hannah Jackson
For The Maine Campus

It's not a subject a lot of women like to openly talk about; vaginas that is. But all women have them, so why not talk about them and what they mean? That's the philosophy of the "Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler. Last year, the University of Maine put on a production featuring this literature, and it was a sold-out hit. This year, the people planning the production hope for the same result.

"(The Student Women's Association) is the main supporter of the Monologues production and the idea to perform them on this campus originated with SWA, so in that aspect SWA sponsors the event," said Billie Taylor of the SWA.

She and Carly Migliore are in charge of the production this year, and are looking for help for all aspects of the show. They need people for set design, readers of the monologues and much more. All community members are encouraged to get involved, however only women will be allowed to read the monologues during the show.

"It raises awareness about a part of the female body that is rarely even mentioned, and if so, by some derogatory term or in a very negative manner," said Taylor.

There are 16 monologues in
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The past alive and well

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

What is it about nostalgia that is just so cool? Go into any dorm room on this campus,

and you will most likely see some form of nostalgia, whether it be a poster of Shaft on the wall or a tape of the movie "Grease." Everywhere you look in popular culture, nostalgia is definitely a driving force. In theaters we have seen the return of '70s television in the form of big budget movies, with Samuel L. Jackson as "Shaft" and Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, and Lucy Liu as "Charlie's Angels." It's inescapable — the past is everywhere.

Like the rest of America, Maine is engulfed in a nostalgia craze. Go to Spencer's Gifts or Hot Topic in the Bangor Mall to see for yourself. According to an employee at Hot Topic, the hottest sellers in the nostalgia category are clothes with logos

from 1980s cartoon icons "The Transformers" and "The Thundercats," along with products that depict classic Marvel and DC Comics superheroes. To be sure, comic book heroes have

never gone out of style, but many of the items depict characters like the Incredible Hulk and Batman as they were drawn in the 1960s and 1970s, not as they are drawn today.

Over at Spencer's, there is a different kind of nostalgia being sold. Many modern products have what can best be described as a nostalgic "twist" to them. For example, check out the poster rack, and you will find old-fashioned advertisements promoting rather illicit substances. Perhaps the most humorous one shows a man in a suit smoking a

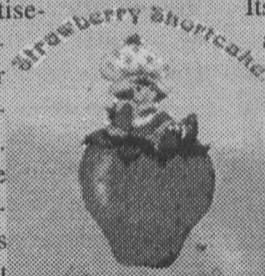
joint with the phrase "Marijuana: At least it's not crack!" printed across the bottom. Other nostalgic products are abundant in the store, such as the classic "Have a nice day" Happy Face, Scooby Doo dolls and lava lamps. According to one employee, some of the most popular nostalgic items are dolls and clothes depicting classic rock acts. Ozzy Osbourne, The Beatles, Elvis Presley and KISS are all hugely popular, as well as items with ties to old time TV shows such as "I Love Lucy" and movies like "The Wizard of Oz."

Of course the Internet is high on the nostalgia craze as well. Type in the keyword "nostalgia,"

and a bevy of Web pages appear. One of these, CartoonClassics.com, has a catalog with all sorts of cartoon related treasures. Everything from the X-rated Fritz the Cat series to The Jetsons, it's all there and available to order.

Another great treasure trove of nostalgia can be found at Classicmovieart.com. Whether you like great horror movies like "Alien" or comedies like "Animal House," the original movie posters can be found here. Its great for film buffs and general nostalgia buffs alike.

What is it about nostalgia that attracts so many people, particularly the college set? After all, many of the most popular pieces of the past were created long before most dorm rats were born. Perhaps it's a longing for what seemed to be happier times or maybe the pure hokiness of characters like Dolemite. Whatever it is, the grip that nostalgia, especially that from the '70s and '80s, has on the American public is undeniable.



'Pi' a black and white look at math

By Debra Hatch
Copy Editor

Pi is both the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet as well as an unsolvable riddle. Pi represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and, in 1794, Pi was proven both irrational and infinite. Since then, people have searched for an answer. Especially people like Maximillion Cohen (Sean Gulleite) in the 1998 black and white movie "Pi."

Darren Aronofsky, the director and writer of the movie which won the best director award at the 1998 festival, brilliantly weaves mathematical theory with a thriller that even math-haters would consider interesting and intriguing.

"Pi" follows Max through his quest to break the theory and logic behind the stock market, which turns out to be another relation to Pi. Through impressive dialog and superb acting the theory of Pi is explained, as well as the ground setting for why people want to know the secret behind Pi.

And while the movie may confuse, especially with some of its imagery and stylistic tools, most everything is explained in the end, especially the cause of Max's insanity and paranoia.

There are those who claim, as the movie illustrates, that the numeric theory behind Pi is really the true name of God, which is 214 digits long. Others claim it is

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GET COVERED!

Web site looks at responsible viewing

By Kelly Michaud
Assistant News Editor

School vacation is approaching and when children are done unwrapping their holiday gifts and playing with them, they will need something else to help them pass their days. Movies have always been the golden ticket. But the newest blockbuster hit may not be appropriate for your child.

Quite often parents don't have the time to monitor their children's television or movie habits. At a time when technology is overwhelming our society parents can log on and find out the perfect family films for their children.

A new Web site, www.film-values.com, outlines the Top 10 Family Friendly Films for 2000 and offers parents crucial tips in how to select appropriate films.

Ranging from Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to "Dinosaurs," the site gives appropriate age information, tells the highlights of the movies and what values children can learn from the film. It also outlines parts that may be diffi-

cult for children. For example, the site describes the film Chicken Run as having spectacular animation and as a "parable for the importance of personal freedom and self-reliance and shows the best qualities of human beings." But as a warning it states, "The film becomes rather dark at times."

Dr. H. Arthur Taussig, who was the driving force behind the Web site, evaluated the film in over 20 content categories of concern to parents. For nearly all the top films there are links which go into further detail. It lets parents know if the film contains nudity, sex, physical violence, blood, etc.

"Each family is different and, as every parent knows, so is every child," Taussig said. "The usual G, PG and PG-13 ratings are not very helpful. Rather than depending on some outside organization, parents can now get the information they need to make decisions for their own families."

It also offers alternative films if parents do not believe their child will be able to handle the content in the movie. It recom-

mends the original 1963 animation "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" in place of the newest version featuring Jim Carrey.

The site is clear to point out that the movies listed are not recommendations and that parents should "read the complete review before deciding which films are appropriate for your children and your family."

Children's movies or cartoons aren't the only ones reviewed. The site also features family films including "Unbreakable" starring Bruce Willis, and "Men of Honor" starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robert DiNiro.

Overall it is a strong Web site. With the amount of detrimental television it is the perfect tool for parents to judge if certain movies are appropriate for their kids. The first time users visit the site they should click on the First Time Users link, which clarifies some of the rating symbols. It is fairly easy to navigate. It is quite drenched in text, which is fairly small but if you read it, the information is very useful.

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in the production, not including the introduction. Some titles are: "If Your Vagina Could Talk, What Would It Say?," "My Angry Vagina" and "Because He Liked to Look at It." Each monologue tells a separate, important female story.

"It empowers women, giving them the opportunity to hear about other women's experiences with their vaginas and encouraging them to think about their own feelings and experiences," they said.

One of the best things about the production is that the proceeds will benefit a local organi-

zation dedicated to ending violence against women, according to Taylor and Migliore.

"It gives them permission in a sense to think about their vaginas and not feel wrong about it. It gives them permission to say the word and not feel dirty or perverted or wrong in any way," they said.

UMaine is not the only place the production is performed. In fact, it is somewhat of a national phenomenon. Currently, the Broadway production in New York City stars Lolita Davidovich, Sarah Jones and Ann Magnuson.

"Because the Monologues are being performed on campuses nationwide, thousands and thousands of women who have been hurt in more ways than we can even imagine are going to get a great big Valentine's Day present from all of the women who make this production happen," said Taylor and Migliore.

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17 in the basement of Fernald Hall for all interested participants. The SWA will have copies of the monologues to pass around, and would like to get a fair amount of planning done before break.

Kathy Mattea to give MCA Christmas show

By Gina Valenzuela
For The Maine Campus

The vocal stylings of Kathy Mattea will fill the MCA at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17. Her folk and bluegrass background from West Virginia will shine through in her musical selections celebrating the Christmas season.

Mattea's career has run for over 15 years and is still going strong. In 1989 she won her first of two consecutive Country Music Award female vocalist of the year awards for her No. 1 hits, "Going Gone" and "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses." Since then she has recorded a total of 11 studio albums.

Her most recent, which she co-produced with Ben Wisch and Keith Stegall, is now available in stores, and is titled, "The Innocent Years." This is one of her most powerful and emotional albums yet. Mattea uses her personal experience of her father's battle with cancer, and relationships in her life to express the trials of love and family.

"It's really an emotional record for me," she said "I feel

like I've done a lot of growing up during the process. People will be able to relate to this album which deals with the trying points in life when the threat of loss makes a person evaluate what is really important to them."

Reviews have given Mattea four stars, saying this is her best album yet. "Mattea makes love real love, not the fairy-tale stuff, seem like a new topic" said Tom Roland, reviewer for The Tennessean. "Mattea combines country, folk, pop and gospel ideals to craft an album that explores the kind of love most people profess to want: full of safety, security, dedication and intensity."

Mattea has also appeared on other performers' albums and soundtracks. She was last heard on the hit movie soundtrack for "Runaway Bride." Her single, "I Love You" appears on the album along with The Dixie Chicks, Marc Anthony, Eric Clapton, Billy Joel and U2.

To hear Mattea's new album or to learn more, visit www.mattea.com. And for more information about her holiday concert contact the MCA box office at 581-1755

'Pi'

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the theory behind predicting stock prices and market rises and falls. But the truth behind Pi, and part of its allure, is the fact Pi has an infinite amount of digits.

Brilliantly scripted and filmed, the movie looks into Max's world and helps even the most uneducated viewer understand the madness and the intrigue behind the number. But it also bears heavily on the curse of spending one's life trying to figure out what the number really is and what happens to those who become so obsessed. Their life becomes Pi and patterns.

The acting by Gullette and cast is phenomenal, terse and irrational in a film which epitomizes a difficult theme. Their acting and ability to create characters which are alive increases the believability of this type of situation actually happening. At no point

are any of the cast members fake or contriving. Their performances are engaging and fulfilling.

Some things never become clear and they are troublesome and annoying to the viewer. The movie lacks in explaining all of its imagery, especially the consistent use of drugs to calm Max, why he needs them and even how he got that way. But these are only minor irritations and do not detract from the imaginative and fantastic theme of "Pi."

Aronofsky does a fantastic job combining image with imagination to provide a refreshing change and approach to a subject many people don't normally think about. And he also combines a fantastic, futuristic and surreal score by Clint Mansell to invoke a feeling of isolation and paranoia.

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under their belt. Others struggle to catch the die after a few beers.

A standard sheet of plywood at Home Depot runs \$9.44. A 30-pack of Milwaukee's Best Light

at IGA is \$9.99 plus deposit. So for just over \$20, you can get a night full of plunks, plinks and you can feel a little buzz and try to be the first team to reach "buzz."

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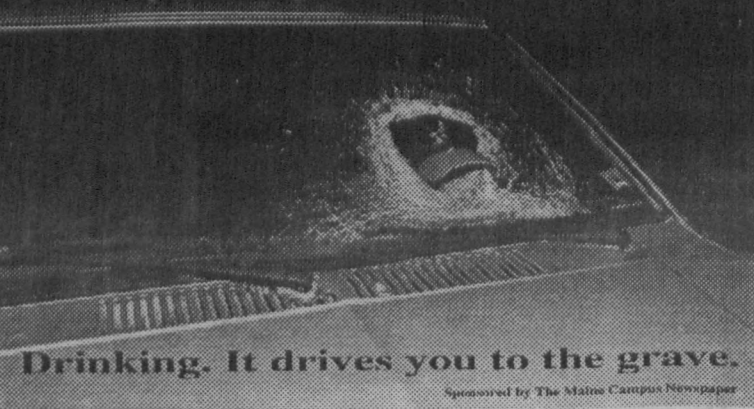
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Bowl games

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what Kansas State has done."

The Pac-10 argument has been brewing in the BCS for a long time now. Many football fans perceive East Coast bias in the rankings, more than likely coming from the factoring in of both the AP and Coaches polls, which have traditionally held a bias toward the dominant East Coast schools. More coaches and writers come from the East Coast, and naturally, a bias exists

in relation to the tradition of the larger conferences.

An example of this bias was the difficulty Washington, Oregon and Oregon State had in working their way into the polls' favor, despite all finishing the season with only one loss in one of the toughest conferences in college football. Only one school, Oklahoma, finished the season undefeated.

"I'm glad Oregon State was selected," UCLA head coach Bob

Toledo said. "It's about time the Pac-10 gets some of the respect that it deserves."

Of course, next year will be an even more chaotic time for BCS backers, particularly if a poll split occurs when determining the national champion, a scenario that may be possible with Seminole and Hurricane victories.

Further, next season Rose Bowl traditionalists will witness, for the first time in most fans' life-

times, a New Year's matchup in Pasadena that won't feature the Big Ten winner versus the Pac-10 champion. Instead, the Rose Bowl will be the site of next year's national championship, making a Pac-10 BCS invitation even harder to attain, especially if Washington and Oregon State don't live up to the expectations of this bowl season.

"There will definitely be some pressure on the Pac-10, but

there's always pressure on us to win," Toledo said. "Winning those bowls would definitely help give us the credibility we're talking about."

By losing a \$13 million payoff and potential claim to the national championship, the Big East may have a legitimate right to complain this season, but prospects seem much more drab for the already excluded Pac-10 next season.

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and two each with Boston College and Boston University. These games will be played consecutively and in a one-month time frame.

For a young Maine club that has learned its share of hard lessons over the first half of the season, this part of the schedule rep-

resents a "grow or go" type theme. The ability of the first-year players to perform is no longer in question. Maine has shown flashes of its potential over the past few months. To survive this stretch, the Black Bears must be healthy and put the elements of their game together.

The bitter January schedule could be the springboard for a successful playoff run. It could also prove disastrous.

In years past, Black Bear hockey has shown a propensity to stare adversity in the face without blinking. In January, they will need to call upon that experience.

Santa

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er personnel director as soon as possible. The current one thinks he's the coach and president as well and it's hurting everyone in Greenville.

Finally, I wish for more money for Red Sox fans. This is crucial Santa. We signed a player for \$160 million the other day and his name wasn't Pedro or Nomar. Their contracts are coming up in

the next few years, the same years that the team is trying to build a new stadium. This means shelling out a bunch more money. The Sox don't have an owner and anyone who buys this club will be passing along the cost of all the above to the fans. They've raised ticket prices in friendly, ghastly Fenway already. Please Santa, help us out. Otherwise, going to

the ballpark will be something only the corporate types do. Remember when you gave my dad those tickets years ago? It really meant something to me to be there with him and I'm sure he felt the same way. Without your help Santa, Kodak moments like those are history.

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Women's hockey holds 7-7 record heading into break

By Jeff Mannix
Women's Hockey Reporter

The Maine women's hockey team is finished with games through the year 2000. They closed out that part of the schedule with two non-conference wins over the Wayne St. Warriors at the Alford Arena. Maine outshot Wayne St. 94-22 over the two game series. Maine was able to win 4-1 on Dec. 7

and 4-0 on Dec. 9.

Maine's seven wins in just the first half of this season have already bettered the team's win total from all of last season. The team was 6-19-2 overall last season, with a 3-19-2 record in the ECAC.

Maine head coach Rick Filighera is happy with the team's play so far this year, but he knows that the team has to get better if they are going to be an

ECAC playoff team for the first time in the program's history.

"We're 7-7 now. That's more wins than we had last year," Filighera said. "There's a lot of positives, but we've got a long way to go. Our goal is not to be mediocre. It's to beat the big teams."

Maine has come close a few times to doing just that. They played from behind and barely lost to Dartmouth, the No. 1-

ranked team in the country, on Nov. 5 at Alford, by a score of 3-2. Maine lost 1-0 at Providence to a fluke goal on Dec. 2.

Filighera feels Maine will need to improve its offensive zone play.

"We don't know when to shoot. We don't know when to pass. We make poor plays in the offensive zone, but we dominate play there," Filighera said. "The bottom line is we have to score more goals and take advantage of our chances."

There is one player on the Maine team who appears to be starting to step up and take advantage of her chances. That player is freshman forward Karen Droog. In her last three games, she netted four goals, including two in the Dec. 9 game against Wayne State. Her 10 goals currently rank her third overall in the ECAC. She is ranked second in points among the league's freshman with 15, one point behind UNH defender Kristen Thomas.

"I have told her that for her to have success on any given day, she needs to work hard on every shift," Filighera said. "And the last three games, she's brought her game with her. When she does that, she's as good as anybody."

"I've been really fortunate putting the biscuit in the net recently," Droog said. "My scoring touch is coming back a little. I can't complain."

After this week, Maine will be off for two and a half weeks from practicing. The players will get to go home, but not to relax. Coach Filighera has a conditioning workout that he expects the team to do every day to keep them in shape over the break. After that break, the team will return to campus and have only four practices before they have to play a game on Saturday, Jan. 6 at home against Yale.

"It's going to be very important that they are ready to go. I think it's important to them, so I

think they will do the workouts. Those two games coming back against Yale and Princeton (whom they will play the afternoon after Yale) are important. We can't afford to give up points in those games and still be in the hunt for the playoffs," Filighera said.

Maine is currently 2-6-0 in ECAC play, which puts them in 11th place out of 13 teams.

Droog is certain that the Maine players will follow through with their workouts. "I know that I'm going to be on the ice while I'm at home," she said. "Our team is very disciplined, so I'm sure everyone will stay in shape so we can come back and maintain our top notch play."

The only player for Maine who won't have to worry about maintaining game shape is Raffi Wolf. She will be playing for the German national team in late December and early January at a tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. Her practice schedule will be rigorous. On game days, they practice for two hours in the morning and then play in the afternoon. On days when there is no game, the team has three practice sessions.

Once Maine returns after New Year's, they will play six games before the spring semester, all of them in the ECAC. The first two will be the home games against Yale and Princeton on Jan. 6 and 7. Face-off for both games is at 3 p.m.

The next weekend, Maine will be on the road. They will play Dartmouth, who has been ranked No. 1 in the country all season, in Hanover, N.H. on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. The Bears travel to Chestnut Hill, Mass. to take on the Boston College Eagles the next afternoon at 2 p.m. Then Maine will head home again to play the Northeastern Huskies on Sat., Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. Maine will then host the Providence Friars at the Alford Arena the next afternoon at 3 p.m.



Maine's Tracy Caridade pushes the puck up the ice against Wayne State in a nonconference matchup. Maine won both games against them last weekend. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

Bowl invitations remain controversial as games approach

By Joshua Mason
Daily Bruin

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE)—Bowl season has arrived, and with it the annual controversies pertaining to the Bowl Championship Series rankings.

With two BCS bids, one to the Rose Bowl and one to the Fiesta, the Pac-10 is seemingly in appreciation of their BCS fate. At least this year. So too are Bobby Bowden and his Seminoles, who will compete in the national championship game for the third straight year since the BCS has been in existence.

Other conferences, particularly the Big East, are in disarray over the selection process. Virginia Tech was denied a BCS

invitation, despite a BCS ranking better than Fiesta Bowl selectees Oregon State and Notre Dame. All this comes on the heels of Big East champ Miami being deprived of a shot at the national championship game, despite finishing No. 2 in both the AP and Coaches polls.

"Regardless of how it turned out, it can't take anything away from our great season," Miami coach Butch Davis said in a statement. "We had some great games, against Florida State and then Virginia Tech. We've won nine in a row and did everything we think we could have."

Which brings into consideration issues of selection. Besides the national championship game itself, which guarantees a

matchup between the BCS No. 1 and No. 2, the other three bowls feature a combination of conference champions and at-large bids, giving the bowl committees the ultimate say in BCS politics.

It's the at-large bids that are the center of the controversy. The bids themselves aren't necessarily dependent on BCS or poll rankings — rather, they are reliant on a combination of factors, including ranking, matchup

desirability, national interest, regional consideration, and most importantly, expected draw.

The three teams that received at-large bids this season were Miami to the Sugar Bowl, and Oregon State and Notre Dame to the Fiesta Bowl. Miami's selection is easily warranted, but disagreements have arisen over the Fiesta selections. Many experts felt a Virginia Tech berth was in the bag after a late-season win over Virginia leap-frogged them ahead of Oregon State in the BCS rankings. Media attention due to heralded quarterback Michael Vick, was also considered an advantage for Virginia Tech over the small-market Beavers.

The Fighting Irish, though they possessed the lowest BCS ranking of the three teams at No. 11, decidedly had an advantage in the selection procedure because of their independent status and massive national following.

The Pac-10 put a spin on BCS

selection procedures, however, when conference commissioner Tom Hansen suggested the Pac-10 pull out permanently if Oregon State, a Pac-10 co-champion, was not selected to the Fiesta Bowl. A week later, the Beavers were invited to play Notre Dame in the coveted Fiesta contest, which will garner each of the teams a payday of around \$12 million, which the Beavers will split with the Pac-10.

"We selected Oregon State because they deserved it and won it on the field of battle," said Fiesta Bowl president John Junker in a statement.

Junker denied the relevance of Hansen's threat as a consideration, and reinforced the notion that the Beavers were the first choice for the Fiesta because their season was "an incredible turnaround that somewhat mirrors what Kansas State has done."

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Maine squares off with Norfolk State Sunday afternoon

By Lucas Peterson
Men's Basketball Reporter

Entering Tuesday night's game with Boston University, the University of Maine men were 5-2 and fresh off a big win on the road against conference rival Delaware on Saturday night. Boston University rode into town with a 4-2 record, yet to play a home game and hungry for a victory against a team who has won its last four meetings. These and other factors combined for a 79-67 Boston University win.

Julian Dunkley knocked down a three with 17:22 to go in the first half, giving Maine the early 6-4 lead. The Black Bears would never trail the rest of the half, stretching the lead to nine points twice in the half. A layup by forward Carvell Ammons gave Maine a 22-13 lead midway through the half. BU sophomore forward Stijn Dhondt answered at the other end with a three, cutting the lead to six.

Those shots catapulted Ammons and Dhondt, as they became the offensive catalysts for their teams, trading three-pointers and free throws. Ammons ended the run with seven straight points, while Dhondt scored eight in a row to lead the Terriers. Maine still held an eight point advantage with 8:09 left to play in the first half. Dhondt, a 6' 6" forward from Belgium, finished the game with 18 points and a team-high eight

rebounds. Ammons, a 6' 6" senior, led Maine with a career-high 25 points, shooting an impressive nine for 12 from the field. Ammons had one of his best performances as a Black Bear and was clearly frustrated with his team's focus.

"I give them a lot of credit, but it came down to the little things we didn't do," said a disappointed Ammons after the game. "Our intensity was poor tonight."

Boston University cut the lead to 29-28 on a foul-line jumper by freshman Ryan Butt with 3:03 left to play in the half. The teams split for the locker rooms, with the Black Bears holding on to a 35-30 lead.

Maine increased its lead after the break to eight points, but BU answered right back. Three straight layups, the last coming off a Black Bear turnover, brought the Terriers storming back. The turnover led to easy lay-in by Dhondt, as he beat the Maine defense up the court. Clearly frustrated, Giannini called an immediate time out.

After the break, a foul line jumper by BU forward Jerome Graham knotted up the game at 40. The two teams traded leads seven different times before Boston University grabbed the lead for good at the 8:48 mark on a jumper by freshman Ryan Butt. Butt proved to be the difference down the stretch, scoring 10 of his 18 points in the last eight plus minutes of the second half. Coach Giannini said he

wasn't sure about the team's preparation headed into the game.

"We've played poorly after good wins. Sometimes you get to feel a little bit too good about yourself," Giannini said.

The Black Bears cut the lead to four after a Huggy Dye three with 3:49 to go in the game. The Terriers increased the lead the rest of the game by virtue of the free-throw line. Giannini

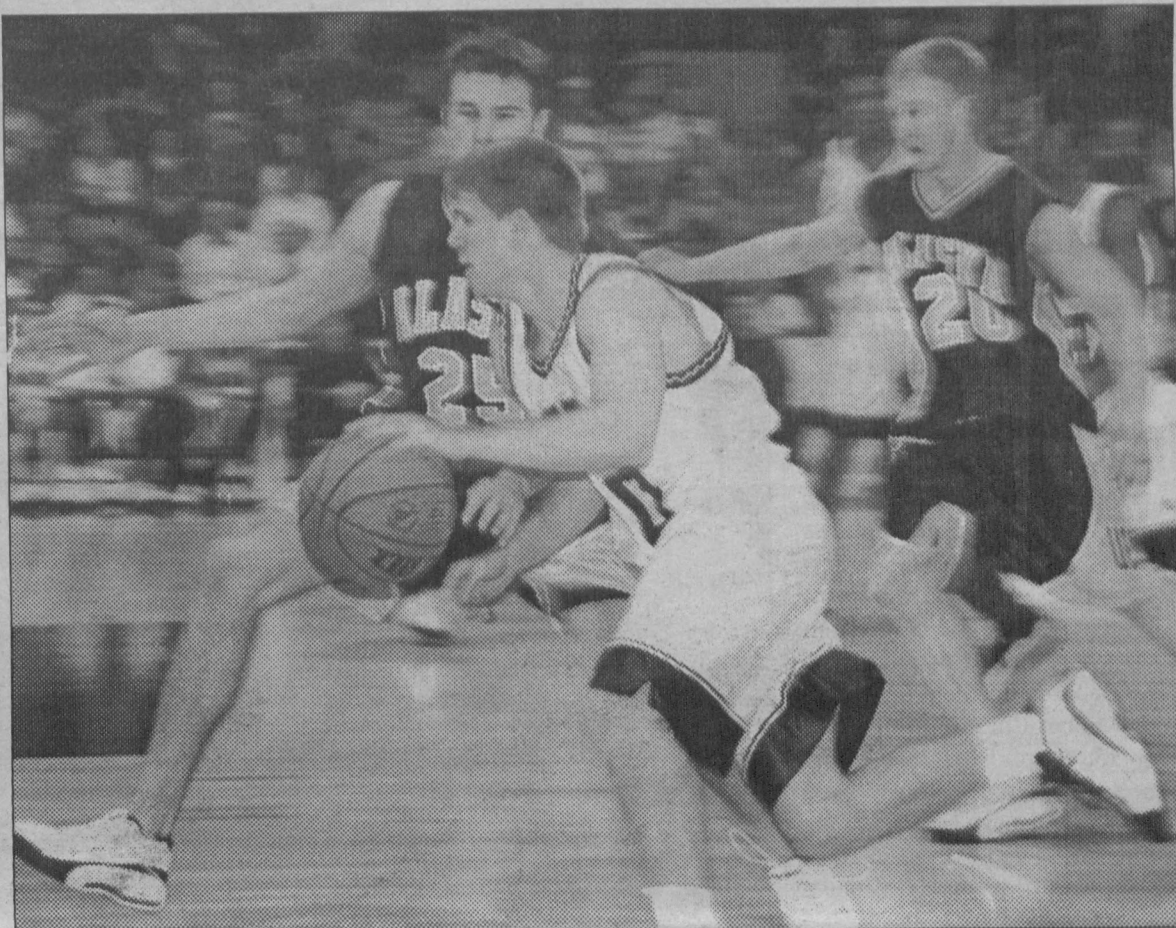
voiced concerns about the team's defense.

"If you look at things, it really came down to our defense. They shot 56 percent (from the field) in the second half and they also went to the free throw line 22 times," Giannini said. "They either scored or we fouled them."

The loss dropped the Black Bears to 5-3, 1-2 in America East action. Boston University

improved to 5-2, 2-0 in conference play. The loss at home snapped the Black Bears six game winning streak at Alford Arena.

Next up for the Black Bears is a home contest Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. against Norfolk State. Norfolk State is currently 2-4, with one of its losses coming at the hands of seventh-ranked Seton Hall by a final score of 97-87.



Maine's Tom Waterman moves down the court against Alaska-Fairbanks. The Black Bears pummeled the Nanooks 101-72 in the game. CAMPUS PHOTO BY SCOTT SHELTON.

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Gifts for the sports world

By Jim Leonard
Sports Columnist

Deck the halls and spike the nog, 'tis the season for giving. Unlike my good buddy Ryan, who gets to play Santa for real, I'm left with a more figurative portrayal. I don't look good in red anyway.

Nonetheless, it doesn't diminish my giving mood. I've got Christmas wishes for all the good little boys and girls in Sportsland.

For UMaine men's hockey, good health in the new year. Shawn's boys have spent more time with trainer Paul Culina than with him thus far. The team gets a few people back and, a few more go out. Perhaps the time off during the holidays will help out, but just in case, I'm asking the Big Red One for help here. One other thing: I'm also asking him for retribution for that slimy check BU's Freddy Meyer layed on Chris Heisten.

For head football coach Jack Cosgrove I'm asking for a couple of wideouts. The warranty has expired on Santa's gift of Dwayne Wilmot and Phil McGeoghan. Stefan Gomes and Paris Minor should tide us over, but we like these kinds of toys in numbers.

For Maine women's hockey, I'm asking for faith. Though they continue to play the really good teams tough, they just can't seem to turn the corner. Maybe a nudge from Santa would help them realize they're as good as these teams and a force to be reckoned with in the ECAC.

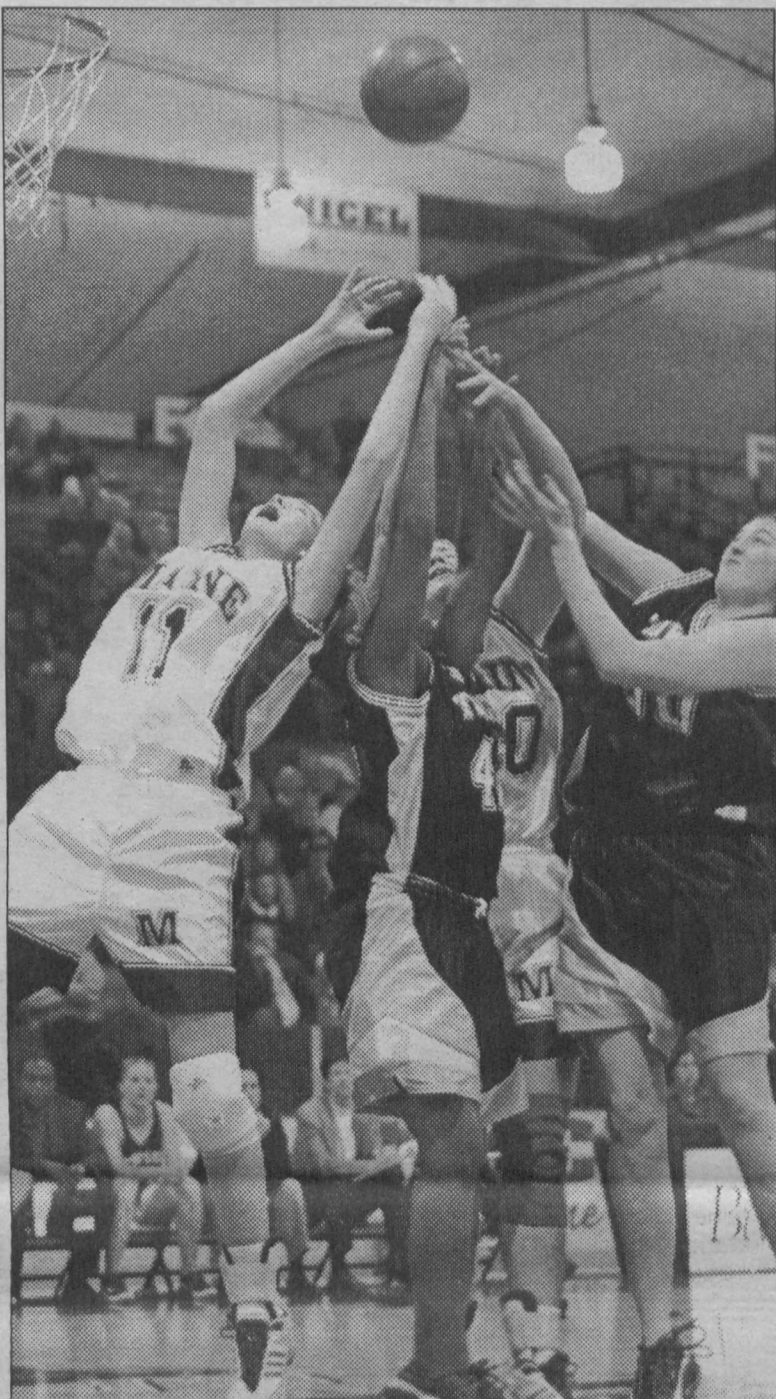
Women's hoops needs players Santa. They're running around without a full roster. In their new system (pressing, uptempo, exciting) this is tantamount to self-mutilation. Just give us a couple of bodies for practice, to take the edge off a grueling regimen.

I'm asking for some national exposure for men's basketball. They've been obscured by the shadow of the women's program in this state for the better part of the last decade. It's their time. This team has the potential to be a part of March Madness if you would just help us out Santa.

For Patriots owner Bob Kraft, I'd like some courage. He'll need some in making his decision about the future of his franchise this winter. If he chooses the easy road, he'll get burned by his current personnel. With the courage you provide Santa, he'll realize the futility of trying to make chicken salad from chicken @#! and start with a new cast next fall.

Santa, the Celtics need a play-

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Maine's Heather Ernest and Eva Moldre battle for a rebound against Towson University. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.

Women's hoops faces Rhode Island tonight

By Kelly Brown
Women's Basketball Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team is not off to the start that they had anticipated, however, the team is looking to rectify that over the month long winter break that is fast approaching.

Tonight the Black Bears are at Rhode Island for a nonconference matchup before a 13-day break. Rhode Island is looking to record back-to-back wins for the first time since the 1996-97 season. Maine has won the last four games against Rhode Island, including a 52-48 win over the Rams last season. The Black Bears will resume play after a 13-day break by traveling to Virginia Tech on Dec. 28 to participate in the Virginia Tech Lady Luck Tournament.

The Black Bears start off the tournament by first tackling Marshall University in the first round. Depending on the result of that game, they could then go on to compete in the consolation round or the championship game. Both games to take place on Dec. 29.

After the New Year, the UMaine women will come back to Orono to face America East rival University of Vermont on Jan. 5. Vermont is 2-1-0 in

America East, and 6-5-0 over all. The Catamounts are coming off of a two-game winning streak and also have sophomore guard Morgan Hall up their sleeve. Last week, Hall was named America East player of the week after she averaged 22 points and nine rebounds a game in Vermont's last two wins.

The Bears are back on the road on Jan. 7 to face another conference rival, Northeastern University. Northeastern, who has yet to open its America East conference play, is 2-3 on the season thus far. Last year, Northeastern went 1-1 in the season series with Maine, first beating the Black Bears by a 10 point margin, then falling to the Black Bears by just three points in a game that went down to the wire.

UMaine wraps up the road trip in Durham, N.H. against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats on Jan. 14. UNH is 1-1 within America East and 3-6-0 overall.

The final weekend of winter break, the Black Bears will travel back home to Alford Arena for a two game America East conference series.

On Thursday, Jan. 18 the Black Bears face Drexel

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Men's hockey plays crucial games over break

By Jim Leonard
Men's Hockey Reporter

As the student population heads home for the holidays, Black Bear men's hockey will enjoy a much-needed two-week hiatus through Christmas. When Maine resumes play, it will do so in a warmer climate. UMaine's next opponent will be Clarkson in the opening round of the College Christmas Classic in Naples, Florida.

The extended layoff will be good for Maine from the standpoint of health. Maine was forced to play the last two games with only a 19-man roster. The time off will allow for the return of Peter Metcalf, Eric Turgeon and possibly Brendan Donovan to the lineup. It will also give the active players time to nurse the nagging injuries they have played through over the past month.

The Black Bears will also benefit from the addition of Vermont transfer Don Richardson to their lineup. Richardson, forced to sit out the first semester due to NCAA transfer policy, will add speed, grit and scoring punch. The presence of another forward

allows head coach Shawn Walsh to move Kevin Clausen to defense if the need arises.

The layoff is also advanta-

geous as it precedes a portion of the schedule that can be diplomatically described as tough. You make the call. Beginning on

Jan. 5, the Black Bears will play three games with New Hampshire

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Maine's Cliff Loya tries to take the puck past center ice against Boston College. The Black Bears lost to the Eagles 7-2. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANNE MALCOLM.